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THURSDAY, MARCH 16

♦ The Grosse Pointe Farms Public Safety Department and the Grosse Pointe News sponsor a public forum on gun safety at 7:30 p.m. at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms.

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

♦ The Grosse Pointe Blue Dolphins synchronized swimming team's annual show will be today at 4:30 p.m. and Friday, March 17 at 4:30 and 7:30 p.m. in the Grosse Pointe South High School pool. Tickets are \$3 for adults and \$2 for students and will be sold at the door.

♦ The Pointer Bridge Club meets at 11 a.m. at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms, for a St. Patrick's Day lunch and bridge.

SATURDAY, MARCH 18

♦ Grosse Pointe Woods hosts its annual Mother Son Event from 1 to 3 p.m. at Lake Front Park.

SUNDAY, MARCH 19

♦ The Lake St. Clair Symphony Orchestra presents its benefit dinner concert, Flavorful Melodies, at the First English Lutheran Church, 800 Vernier, Grosse Pointe Woods. Dinner is from 5 to 6:30 p.m. with the concert starting at 7 p.m. Admission is \$24 per person. For tickets, call (586) 777-8944.

MONDAY, MARCH 20

♦ City of Grosse Pointe city council meets at 7 p.m. in City Hall, 17147 Maumee.

♦ The council of Grosse Pointe Woods meets at 7:30 p.m. in council chambers, 20025 Mack.

♦ The Grosse Pointe Farms council meets in a work session at 7 p.m., at City Hall, 90 Kerby.

TUESDAY, MARCH 21

♦ The Grosse Pointe Shores council meets at 7 p.m., at

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Brown-bag-it for Gleaners

Kids Helping Kids grocery bag is inside this week's Grosse Pointe News

Grosse Pointe residents will be "brown bagging" donated food from March 20-31 to help hungry neighbors.

It's the 19th annual Grosse Pointe Community Canned Food Drive benefiting Gleaners Community Food Bank's Kids Helping Kids Program.

Readers will find a Kids

Helping Kids grocery bag in this, the March 16 issue of the Grosse Pointe News. Residents are asked to fill the bag with food and drop it in collection bins at the Grosse Pointe Central Library at 10 Kercheval on the Hill.

The Grosse Pointe community generously supports The Kids Helping Kids Food Drive,

bringing in more than 60,000 pounds of food each year.

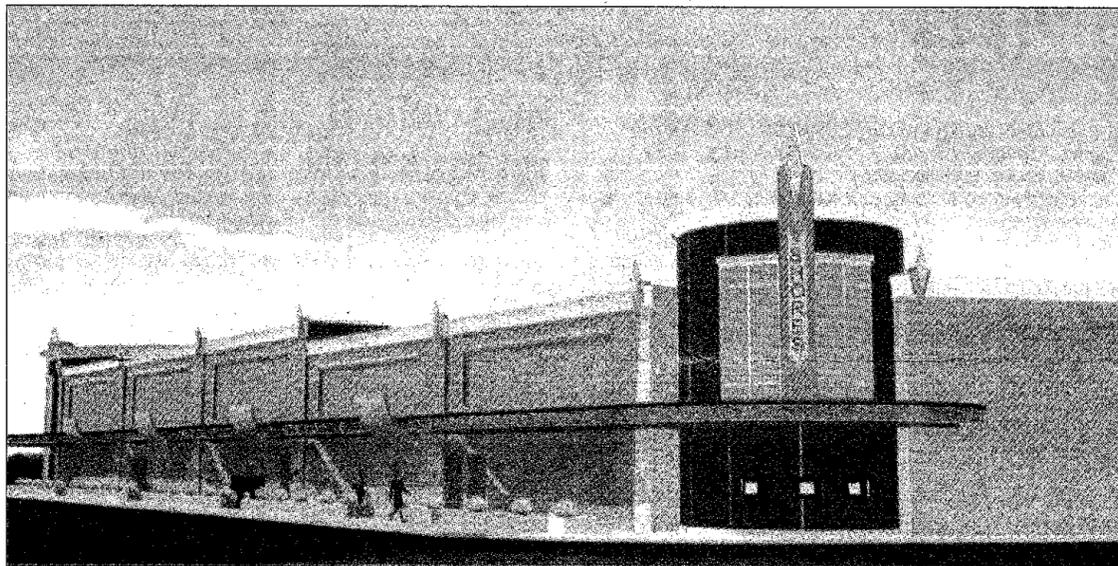
Kids Helping Kids is a Gleaners' program that provides a way for school-age children to learn about hunger issues and directly participate in the fight against hunger through community service. The annual canned food drive, along with special fundraising

projects and Hunger Awareness Workshops are all parts of Kids Helping Kids. The program also invites students to Gleaners for Hunger Awareness Workshops. Last year, the workshops introduced more than 1,000 children, ages 8 to 18 years old, to community service.

More than half (51 percent)

of those served by Gleaners through member agencies, soup kitchens and pantries are children.

For more information about Kids Helping Kids youth programs and food drives, call coordinator Bernadette Williams at (313) 923-3535, ext. 238, or visit the Web site, www.gcfb.org.



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The new Shores Theatre would look like the picture above. The complex would have eight screens instead of its current two.

Shores Theatre to become multiplex?

G. P Shores owners want 8 screens

By Bob St. John
 Staff Writer

Grosse Pointe Shores' Bob Liggett and business partner David Tolfree, owners of Shores Theatre Group LLC, have a plan to expand their Shores Theatre into an eight-screen gem.

The plan to go from two to eight screens has to be approved by the St. Clair Shores City Council, but at the moment it is at a standstill.

"We will have difficulty staying in business unless this expansion is approved," Tolfree said.

Grosse Pointe Farms' Bruce Ferguson, CFO of Liggett Management, LLC, presented the facts and figures to St. Clair Shores residents and city officials during a presentation Monday night in the South Lake High School auditorium.

"St. Clair Shores city administrators came to Bob (Liggett) and Dave (Tolfree) a couple of years ago, asking if they could expand the theater to help the business district in downtown St. Clair Shores," Ferguson

said. "We have had communication with the city administration, South Lake officials, as well as other business owners in the area about this idea, and the reception has been well received."

"We want to take our historic two-screen theater and turn it into an historic eight-screen theater that will enhance the business district at Nine Mile and Mack."

"The city can win, South Lake schools can win, the business community can win, and residents can win with this expansion project," South Lake Superintendent Bill

Putney said. "There is no deal in place because we still have to work out some details and we want to make sure this project will help our students and keep them safe with the extra traffic, but in the end it will be up to the city council to give the project a yes or no vote."

Harper Sports owner Bill Sepala expressed concern about the parking. He said he is in favor of the project, but he wants to make sure moviegoers aren't taking parking spots away from his customers.

A dozen local residents

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GROSSE POINTE CITY

Council may fill top job

Oak Park, Ill., man new city manager?

By Brad Lindberg
 Staff Writer

The leading candidate for City of Grosse Pointe manager gave a primer in how to ace a job interview last week during an hour-long question and answer session at municipal headquarters.

Peter Dame, 40, impressed the mayor and six council members so much they've offered him the job.

If he accepts, as City officials said is likely, he'll start April 24.

"He seemed very excited about the opportunity," said Mayor Dale Scrace. "I'm very, very pleased."

Dame has been offered a \$100,000 salary, \$500 per month car allowance, 20 vacation days and the City's regular retirement package.

In addition, he'll be allotted up to \$7,000 for moving expenses from his home and job as assistant deputy manager of the Village of Oak Park, Ill., a

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Victory skate

Grosse Pointe South's players take the traditional skate around the rink with the championship trophy after winning the girls state hockey title for the sixth time in 10 years. From left, are Shami Entenman, Ali Merritt, Maria Hartman, Liz McCaughey and Kelly Breen.



PHOTO BY DR. J. RICHARD DUNLAP

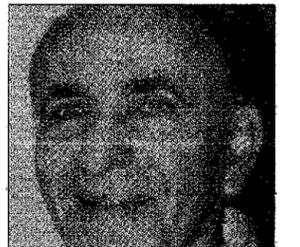
POINTER OF INTEREST

'Every casino game is biased to the casino. There is no long-run winning scheme.'

Michael S. Skaff, Ph.D.

Quick biography

Home: Grosse Pointe Woods
 Age: 69
 Family: Wife, Carolyn, three grown children, three grandchildren.
 Claim to fame: Mathematician, wrote a book, "Craps 101," about how to play craps intelligently.



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Yesterday's headlines

1956

50 years ago this week

◆ Grosse Pointe public school enrollments at the end of February continue to run well ahead of those at the same time a year ago.

An increase of 750 students, or just under 9 percent, is recorded by Lynn Bartlett, director of pupil personnel.

◆ Pointe public library leaders report substantial increases in services rendered to residents.

Book circulations during the three-month period of November through January totaled 81,238, an increase of 15 percent over the corresponding period a year ago.

The number of registered library users is 20,250, or 35 percent of all Pointe residents. The figure is a remarkable percentage by national standards, according to Robert Orr, director of the library system.

◆ Construction of the Edsel Ford expressway through Harper Woods is due to start in September. Completion is expected in mid-1958.

Lakeshore paving war between representatives of Grosse Pointe Farms and the Wayne County Road Commission, going on for four years, is at a stalemate.

While both sides agree that the stretch of Lakeshore in the Farms badly needs repaving, neither side wants to foot the bill for repairs.

1996

10 years ago this week

◆ For the first time in 20 years, a bank is robbed in Grosse Pointe Park.

The lone male suspect reportedly handed a teller a written note demanding money. The man received up to \$1,500 cash and walked out.

◆ In an effort to help ease the ongoing parking struggle between Grosse Pointe South High School students and Fisher Road merchants, school officials make more permit parking stickers available for students to park their vehicles in the school lot.

◆ Lisa Monticciolo becomes the first female public safety officer hired in the City of Grosse Pointe.

Monticciolo comes to the Pointes from the Detroit Police Department.

1981

25 years ago this week

◆ More than 50 applications are received for the job of Grosse Pointe school superintendent.

The position opens June 1 when William Coats leaves the district for a teaching job at the University of Michigan.

◆ Grosse Pointe Park officials file suit in Wayne County Circuit Court to prevent a state-run group home for adults from opening in the 1000 block of Bedford.

Many residents of the block oppose the home for fear it will cause a decline in neighboring property values.

◆ The pothole and potshot

2001

5 years ago this week

◆ Leaders of the five Grosse Pointes, Harper Woods and Pointe school district discuss a master recreation plan commissioned by the Neighborhood Club.

"The consensus of people at the meeting is that we would continue to meet to discuss and consider the formation of a joint recreation commission," says John Bruce, Club president.

Farms officials make it clear that a proposed authority would not have say regarding the use of property at Mack and Moross.

◆ Grosse Pointe Farms council members listen to a representative of their public safety department make a case for moving municipal, police and fire headquarters to city-owned property at Mack and Moross.

Lt. Dan Jensen, speaking on behalf of the Grosse Pointe Farms Command Officers Association and Grosse Pointe Farms Police Officers Association, says when he heard city officials were planning to spend \$2 million on renovations for the current city hall at 90 Kerby, he felt the money could be better spent elsewhere.

"We feel it is more costly to remodel than to move and start anew in the long run," Jensen says.

◆ The University Liggett School debate team continues its tradition of bringing home the Class C-D title from the Michigan Interscholastic Forensics Association.

This is the sixth straight year the team has won.

—Brad Lindberg

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Village Hall, 795 Lakeshore.

THURSDAY, MARCH 23

◆ The Grosse Pointe Public Library presents Grosse Pointe native Megan Abbot, author of the noir mystery, "Die a Little," at 7:30 p.m. at the Ewald branch, 15175 E. Jefferson, Grosse Pointe Park.



PHOTO BY FRED RANNELLS

1956: In drive for summer day camp

The drive is on to raise funds to sponsor the Neighborhood Club Summer Day camp for youngsters. Publicizing the drive are, from left, Mrs. Sidney Hill, Mrs. Herbert Allee and Mrs. Hugh Chalmers. Driving the Thunderbird is Mrs. Edwin Mercer, treasurer of the Neighborhood Thrift Shop. Bobby Carrier and Kathy Marcereau are in the miniature Corvette. (From the March 15, 1956 Grosse Pointe News.)

THEATER: SCS council yet to give OK

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voiced their opinion about the project and the potential of increased traffic volume in the area, as well as a poor parking design and an increased amount of trash in the area.

Ferguson addressed every question and repeatedly told the audience that the project will benefit not just the Shores Theatre, but the local businesses, South Lake schools and the residential area.

St. Clair Shores city councilman Ron Frederick gave the project a vote of confidence, telling audience members that it will help increase property values, not decrease them, and the tax base would be enhanced.

Tolfree bought the Shores Theatre 15 years ago, using affordable ticket prices to keep customers flowing into the complex to view current Hollywood movies.

The theater took a slide a couple of years ago due to a lack of screens. Liggett stepped in, bought the building and is the co-owner of the theater

company with Tolfree.

"Bob and I understand we have to expand our theater to compete," Tolfree said. "What some people in the community don't understand is we're going to create a state-of-the-art movie complex that will attract residents of St. Clair Shores, the Grosse Pointes, as well as other surrounding areas because we're one of the closest theaters around."

Liggett and Tolfree received permission to buy the Republic Bank next door, which would be torn down and become a tenant in the new complex.

Their plan also involves South Lake High School. In the layout, Shores Theatre Group would give the school district new tennis courts to replace the ones they would tear down to construct a new, larger parking lot, as well as a new green area for soccer practice or other athletic teams.

"South Lake's Bill Putney is for our plan," Tolfree said. "He understands this project would help the school district now and in the future."

Liggett and Tolfree's proposal would allow South Lake High School to have 303 parking spaces with 267 to be shared with the movie complex. The shared spaces will be located on Cavalier Drive, as would the new eight tennis

courts. In addition, the entire parking lot would increase from its current number of 285 spots to 431.

If the plan is approved by the St. Clair Shores city council, the portion of the project on school property would begin when school lets out for the summer and be completed before the 2006-07 school year begins.

The theater-based part of the project would begin afterward and would be completed in time for the spring movies that will be released in 2007.

"We're looking at every aspect of this project and its effect in the area," Ferguson said. "We don't have the final say. That is up the city council, but I think this expansion would be great for the area."

The ball is now in St. Clair Shores city official's hands and Liggett and Tolfree want them to sink the winning shot instead of shooting an airball.

Corrections

◆ The correct time for the firearm safety presentation by the Grosse Pointe Farms Public Safety Department at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial ballroom is 7:30 p.m. Thursday, March 16.

◆ The front-page story, "Mental Health and Teens," last week should have said "A 'firearm' was used in two out of every three completed suicides."

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Preteen sex curriculum OK'd

Some parents, teens still remain unconvinced

By Ann L. Fouty
Staff Writer

The adolescent health curriculum was unanimously approved by the Grosse Pointe Board of Education on Monday, March 13, despite fervent arguments to delay the vote.

For an hour and a half, parents, lawyers, medical professionals and a few members of the Human Sexuality Advisory Board (HSAB) hammered the board with their views on where the curriculum fell short.

In reply, other HSAB members reiterated their belief that the curriculum fit the needs of the fourth through eighth graders and addressed the state's requirement of addressing HIV/AIDS.

Mike Dib, HSAB member and Brownell Middle School principal, noted the curriculum incorporated a number of new areas that had been lacking in the present curriculum also in

place since the early 1990s. It moved some currently taught topics to a more age appropriate grade, he said.

The newly adopted abstinence-based curriculum includes Internet safety, an opt-in form for parents, guidelines for answering student questions in which a bank of answered and unanswered questions would be available to parents, a scope and sequence chart for grades four through eight, individual grade level charts, pre- and post-tests for fifth- and eighth-graders and a uniform informational parent letter.

Audience members alleged flaws in the proposed material to be:

- ◆ Questionable terminology.
- ◆ Lack of hard data on results of the piecemeal curriculum.
- ◆ Material copyrights were questionable.
- ◆ Lack of a quality curriculum.
- ◆ An abstinence message

was lacking.

- ◆ Question of materials being medically accurate.
- ◆ Question of community input in the product.
- ◆ Curriculums from other districts had not been studied.
- ◆ Prepackaged curriculums were ignored.
- ◆ Question of material being age appropriate.
- ◆ Curriculum lacks self-esteem component at all levels.
- ◆ Curriculum lacks Internet safety component at all levels.
- ◆ Organization in material is lacking.
- ◆ Question of following appropriate committee guidelines.
- ◆ Non-compliance with state laws.
- ◆ Lack of healthy relationship explanation.
- ◆ Marriage not stressed.

Community member Charles Collinson faulted the HSAB for not following prescribed guidelines to learn what types of curriculums are being taught in other Michigan schools.

"On March 2, I learned that no dates of contact were available. Good business practice would mean that the HSAB

would have contacted as many districts as possible in early '05 before starting work on the curriculum," he said. "This was not done. Just because the HSAB did not invent all of the data that should have been used in early '05, is not a good reason for not using it. The timeline shows that after the HSAB did contact other districts there was no time for a complete review before votes were taken."

John Hackenberger told the board parents and community members were looking for a quality curriculum not an abstinence-only curriculum.

Porsche Reimer of the Park and her high school-aged daughter were unhappy with the curriculum.

"It doesn't reflect the community values," Reimer said. "Keep the present curriculum."

Board of education member Brendan Walsh said he had sought out and listened to both sides of the issue, concluding the curriculum was age appropriate and supported the motion to approve.

Angela Kennedy made the motion to approve the curriculum. The vote was 4-0. Lisa

Petition drive under way

Petitions with 850 names of people opposing the adolescent health curriculum were presented to the Grosse Pointe Board of Education during the Monday, March 13, meeting.

Additional names were gathered during the meeting as parents and community members voiced their objections to the curriculum and the way it was put together in four months.

Parents, educators and medical professionals sat on the committee and considered five topics to be presented in five hours in fourth through seventh grades. Eighth-graders in the adolescent health curriculum are to receive an extended unit.

Members of the grassroots organization Grosse Pointe Cares for Kids say they will continue to collect signatures and pointed fingers at administration and the board of education for its lack of supervision over the Human Sexuality Advisory Board (HSAB), not gathering quality and quantitative information, compliance with state laws and presentation of material.

The four requests on the petition include:

- ◆ Reject the proposed grade four through eight adolescent health education curriculum.
- ◆ Establish and implement a sex education evaluation and selection process that complies with state law and gives parents and community members rights afforded to them by state law.
- ◆ Direct the HSAB to review and select abstinence-focused, professionally published, research proven, age appropriate and medically accurate sexual health curricula that comply with state law and are reflective of the views and values of the majority of the community.
- ◆ Comply with all state sex education parental notification laws including notifying parents of their right to observe instruction and/or remove their children from such instruction.

Vreede and Ahmed Ismail were absent and Alice Kosinski left prior to the vote.

"This is not the end of the process," board president Jeff Broderick said, pointing out HSAB is a standing committee and will continue to function.

GROSSE POINTE FARMS

Water plant to get new stairs, fountain

A group charged with protecting the architectural heritage of Grosse Pointe Farms has endorsed restoration of aging double-crescent stairways to the water filtration plant on Moross.

The 67-year-old building's

"elegant Neo Georgian exterior" was chosen to "mask the building's utilitarian use," according to a Michigan Historical marker near the stairs slated for renovation.

"The project entails one modification, a fountain feature to

replace what was originally a community spigot," according to a report by Matthew Tepper, assistant city manager. "Plans have been reviewed and approved by the Grosse Pointe Farms Historic District Commission."

Work has been contracted to Dorian Construction Inc. of Madison Heights.

Dorian's \$88,580 bid was the lowest among nine companies competing for the project. The top bidder wanted \$138,779.

Members of the Farms coun-

cil last week allocated \$106,380, including a 20 percent contingency, which was considered adequate to cover unforeseen circumstances of construction.

"Dorian Construction has a long history of performing

work for clients in the Grosse Pointe area, including the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club and Grosse Pointe Shores," according to a contract recommendation by Farms engineering consultants Hubble, Roth & Clark.

—Brad Lindberg

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western suburb of Chicago.

Dame arrived in town last week for his interview having done his homework. He'd obtained the City budget and recent audit to prepare for questions about helming the community if given the chance.

Dame impressed inquirers with knowledge of the City's financial health, development goals and current events.

He said there are "striking" similarities between Oak Park and the City.

He said, "The experience of working in a community (with the same) issues Grosse Pointe is facing could be a great advantage to Grosse Pointe — with expanding the tax base, maintaining your quality of life in light of renewed interest, the preeminence of maintaining quality schools and working on downtown issues."

Dame has been second in command of Oak Park administration since January 2004. Before that, he worked nine years as assistant to the village manager.

A Michigan native, Dame earned an undergraduate degree in history from the University of Michigan.

During the late 1980s he began five years employment with Michigan Congressman Fred Upton, R-St. Joseph, ending as director of legislation and projects. During that period Dame obtained a Master's degree in public administration from George Washington University.

Prior to his interview in the City last Tuesday night, Dame said he and his wife had taken the initiative to tour the community during Presidents' Day holiday weekend.

"We were greatly impressed with our self-guided tour," Dame said. "You don't have a lot of big problems. You have an empty block (the former Jacobson's building in the Village). You have a lot of potential in surface parking lots for enhancing what you have now. But your downtown is not

distressed. It has great opportunities."

He toured the whole City, not just downtown.

"There is opportunity to work on neighborhood business districts along Mack or Fisher," Dame said. "In Oak Park, we emphasize distinguishing ourselves from Chicago, so we place great emphasis on our gateways into our community."

He said gateways are important in creating first impressions: "You want to take proactive steps to assure people that your place (is) a good place to do business (and) reinvest money."

He gave verifiable examples of his involvement in complex projects rather than offering a litany of generalized boasts.

"We are currently trying to implement a redevelopment agreement of a \$50 million luxury apartment complex with a Trader Joe's grocery store in the basement, which will require expansion of (a municipal) parking garage," Dame said. "That is an extremely complex development agreement. It involves transferring properties, sequencing of events, relocating utilities, expansion of a public parking garage."

He provided specific examples of how daily duties at his present job would transfer almost seamlessly to what he would manage in the City.

"In the last several years we've built two parking garages," said Dame, who served a year as parking director. "We already had two existing garages, one of which we added onto. You will never have a parking garage that is self-sustainable. I know that's a challenge directly facing you and that's where an awful lot of my experience lies. A primary component of what we do to promote business is public parking."

He supports downtown mixed-use development.

"Putting in residential units helps stabilize the population of communities like ours that have experienced a decline in population," Dame said, referring to Oak Park but echoing what many Pointers have been prescribing for the Village. "It also provides a ready base of consumers to shop in the retail

portion of the development. Given that there is not room in the community to develop wide tracks of new housing, it is making the best of the situation that you have."

He noticed the public works area behind City Hall has a "space-needs issue."

"I took space-needs for our public works and designed a new structure in an innovative way to minimize impacts on residents," he said.

He stated pride in his work and allegiance to his employer. If offered the City job he would give Oak Park officials more than the usual two-week notice so they wouldn't be pressed to find a good replacement.

Dame asked questions of the mayor and council:

• Why does the City have such a high and "enviable" fund balance?

"A lot of it has to do with prudent management," Scrace answered.

• Would council members support his ongoing professional development and quest to become a credentialed member of the International City Manager's Association?

"We support that," Scrace said.

Dame outlined conditions under which he works best, including to a large degree "having consistent direction with consensus from the council."

Yet in what seemed to be an outline of his professional doctrine, Dame let it be known he's not interested in taking the job and serving as a glorified office boy or note taker.

"The key to a council-manager form of government, which I strongly believe in, is a partnership," Dame said. "By the book, the council is in charge of policy. The city manager is in charge of day-to-day operations. But in reality, the lines get blurred. What needs to happen is the manager, council and mayor need to learn to work together in a partnership."

"Hopefully, I will be able to guide you in terms of options and considering recommendations on policy matters. You can be the eyes and ears of the community to help me with day-to-day operations. It is a partnership that will have to build trust in how we work together. We'll have to get to know each other to build that

trust."

Dame described himself as "action oriented" and "able to seize opportunities."

He spiced the interview with self-deprecating humor.

"My upbringing requires me to be guilty of everything I've done wrong. The list is extensive and I ask forgiveness," he said, drawing laughs for more than 10 seconds.

Oak Park's population exceeds 50,000, almost 10 times more than the City.

"I've always wanted to work in a smaller government than a larger government," Dame said. "I'm not a job-hopper. I would be looking for a long-term situation."

Finishing a close-second was candidate Patrick Sullivan, manager of St. Clair.

Sullivan impressed City officials with handling complex multiple development projects simultaneously, knowledge of budgeting and a focus on getting things done.

"I do not have time to micro-manage even if I wanted to," Sullivan said during his one-hour interview.

City officials last week planned to authorize background investigations of both Sullivan and Dame.

When it became known that Sullivan was leaning toward an offer to become Northville city manager, he was dropped from the list. All focus shifted to Dame, who many council members had selected as first choice.

City officials received nearly three dozen applications to fill the city manager job that became available last year when Mike Overton resigned to manage Cheboygan County.

The job of assistant city manager remains unfilled following Brian Vick's resignation to manage DeWitt.

Of five city manager candidates interviewed last week, three were turned down. Although one applicant was rejected due to inexperience, only one candidate was considered wrong for the job.

When a new manager is hired, Interim City Manager Al Fincham will return to his role as director of public safety. Likewise, Interim Public Safety Director Lt. James Fox will return to his job as head of the detective unit.

U-M regent incumbent to address Eastside GOP

The Eastside Republican Club will meet at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, March 21, at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms.

Guest speaker David Brandon is a former University of Michigan football champion and current chairman and chief executive officer of Domino's Pizza.

He will address the Eastside Republican Club Forum on his candidacy in November for a second term as U-M regent.

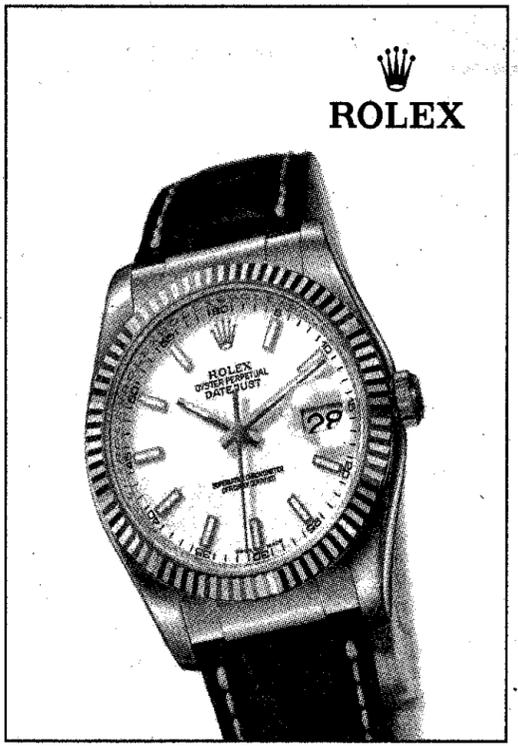
In 1998, Brandon was elected statewide to the office of re-

gent of the University of Michigan.

Brandon is married with three sons and a daughter and lives in Ann Arbor.

The Eastside Republican Club Forum is held at 7:30 p.m. on the third Tuesday of each month from September through June in the Alger House at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial. Admission to the forum is free. The public is welcome regardless of political affiliation.

For more information about the forum or the club, call (313) 886-3785.



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Michael S. Skaff wrote the book on playing craps. He says, in the end, the house always wins. However, knowing how to play can mean you will lose less and have a more enjoyable time at the casino.

Math prof knows odds on craps

By Margie Reins Smith
Special Writer

When Michael S. Skaff visited Las Vegas for the first time, he was in his mid-20s and a student at the University of California, Los Angeles, working on a Ph.D. in mathematics. He played casino craps and became intrigued by the principles of probability that govern the game. The more he played, the more interested he became in the math involved.

"I love the game of craps," he said, "and I love studying the game."

Skaff, a resident of Grosse Pointe Woods since 1968, is a professor of mathematics and computer science at University of Detroit-Mercy. He looks at all casino games from a mathematician's point of view.

"You've got to remember," he said, "that every casino game is biased to the casino. There is no long-run winning scheme. You may win for a while, but if you play long enough, you'll lose."

He considers casino gaming a form of entertainment, not a method for earning a living or getting rich. He goes to a casino with a certain amount of money that he's willing to spend. If he wins, that's great; if he loses, that's the price of the evening's entertainment.

"No casino game offers a 50-50 chance for the player and the house," he said. "The two best games for the player are black jack and craps. Not roulette, not poker, not baccarat, not slots. Especially not slots."

Skaff has written a book about the fundamental rules for and strategies pertinent to playing casino craps. The slim, 102-page volume, "Craps 101," tells how to play the game, step-by-step, intelligently. He will also teach a course, "Craps 101," at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial on the first three Thursdays in May.

While Skaff was at the University of California, a faculty member, Dr. Edward O. Thorpe, wrote the first book ever published about the game of black jack.

"He used a computer to analyze the mathematics of probability and apply them to the game," Skaff said. "Much later, another book, 'Bringing Down the House' by Ben Mezrich, re-

counted the tale of six MIT students who successfully used a version of this system to win millions playing black jack in Las Vegas. It's essentially a card-counting method.

"I bowl with a group of men at the DAC (Detroit Athletic Club) on Tuesday nights. We often go to the Greektown Casino after bowling. One of the men was interested in craps, but didn't know how to play. He watched me play, and he asked questions. I suggested some books for him to read and explained the rules of the game, but he still had trouble understanding it.

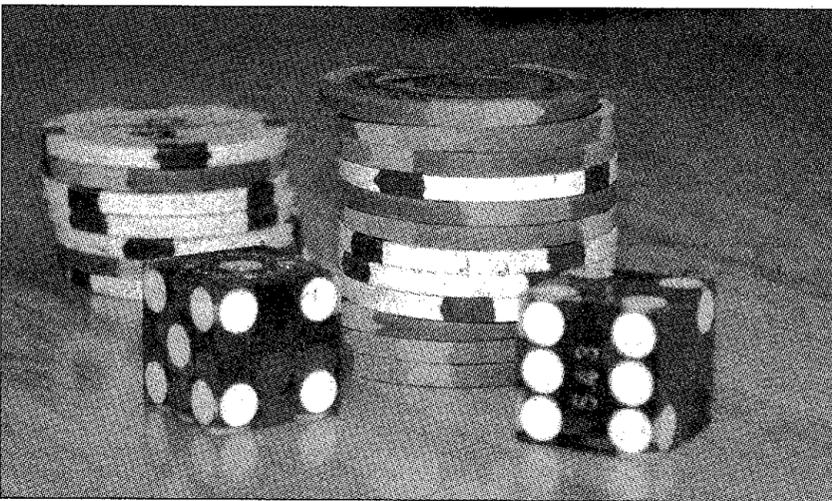
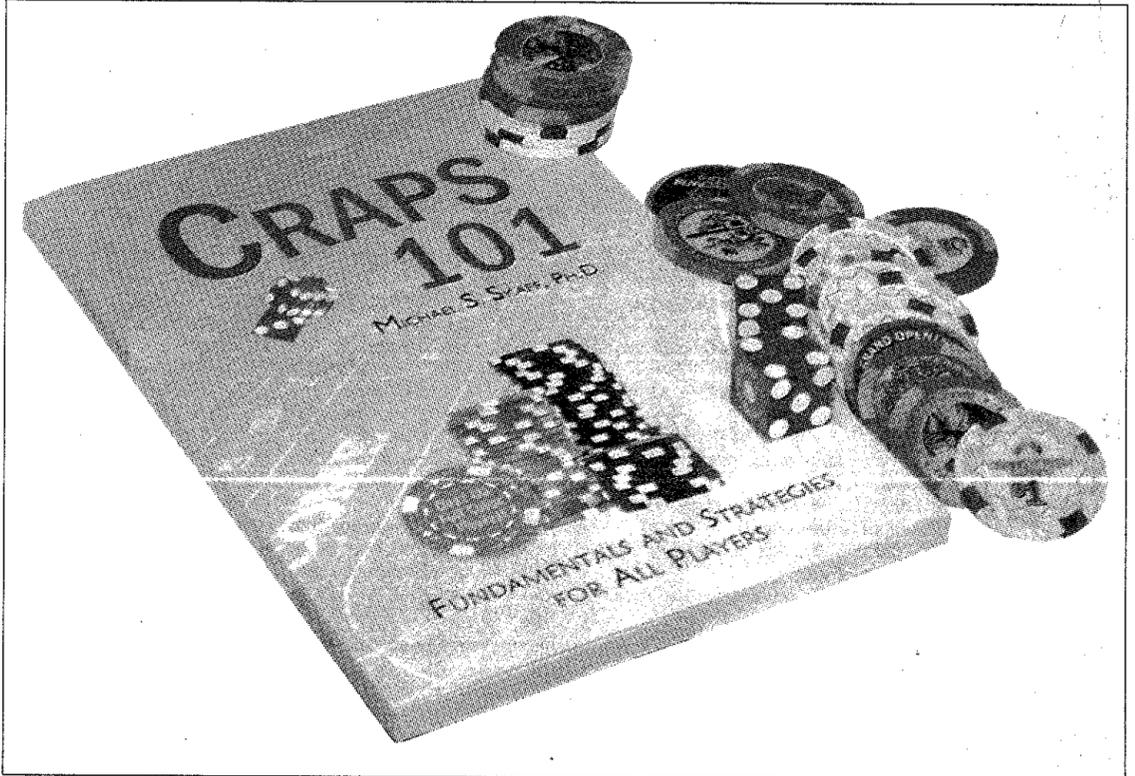
"Why don't you write a book?" he asked. So I did. I sat on my screened porch with my laptop and started writing. My wife, Carolyn, corrected my gibberish. It took me two summers to write."

One could safely say Skaff loves mathematics. He earned a Bachelor of Science degree in mathematics from the University of Michigan, a Master of Science degree in mathematics from the University of Illinois and a Ph.D. in mathematics from the University of California in Los Angeles.

He worked as a computer engineer for Douglas Aircraft Co. and as a senior staff mathematician for Hughes Aircraft Co., both highly classified positions that involved the United States' moon landing and space station projects. When an offer from the University of Detroit-Mercy came along, the Skaffs moved back to Michigan, settled in Grosse Pointe Woods and raised their family. Skaff has been a full professor at U-D-Mercy for the last 38 years.

"I have no plans to retire," he said. "I don't need to retire. I enjoy my job. I enjoy the challenge with the kids. I'm doing something that can be done even when I'm old."

He is also deeply involved in the community. As vice chairman of the Grosse Pointe Woods tree commission and chairman of the Woods' Memorial Tree Program, he wrote the copy and took the photographs for "Celebrating the Trees of Grosse Pointe Woods," a brochure that is available, free, at the Woods Community Center. Skaff was named Volunteer



"Craps 101" is a book for those who want to learn to play casino craps as well as for those who have played before. Grosse Pointer Michael S. Skaff, a professor of mathematics and computer science, gives step-by-step instructions on how to play the game intelligently, based on his study of the game for the last 40 years.

Casino dice and colored chips are the tools for playing casino craps. Michael S. Skaff's book, "Craps 101," tells new players the rules for rolling dice and placing bets. He also describes bets and situations by dividing them into "the good, the bad and the ugly."

of the Year in by the Metro East Chamber of Commerce in the tree commission. Skaff also dotes on the koi pond he created in his back yard and enjoys experimenting with perennial flowers and inventing new ways to attract birds to the garden.

He is also into exercise. "I run or walk on my treadmill every single day," he said. He has completed some 25 or 30 full marathons, including the first ever marathon at Disney World and the Honolulu and Chicago marathons.

"Lately I've been doing half marathons," he said. "I ran a half marathon in Detroit last fall, and I recently placed third in my age group in the DAC triathlon. There were only three in my age group," he

said, with a smile. "Yes, we go to Las Vegas a lot," he said. "We also enjoy the shows there. Now that Detroit has casinos, there's no longer an overwhelming desire to go to Las Vegas. We also have gone on a cruise every year for the last seven years. The gambling odds on cruise ships are even worse than in casinos."

Over his lifetime, considering all the games of craps he has played, Skaff guessed he has probably broken even.

"The last three years I've had above average winnings. But I'm doing this for fun. I'm always studying the game."

"Craps 101," the book, is suitable for those who have never played craps as well as those who have some experience. It's a step-by-step introduction beginning with the layout of the craps table, a run-

down of casino personnel, the handling and rolling of the dice, the rules and strategies for betting.

"The protocols — rules that new players might not know — are important. The book tells players they should keep their hands and arms outside the perimeter of the table, for example, and should put only one hand on the dice. Drinks and cigarettes are to be kept below the railing. The book even discusses chip values, which are indicated by color. The play of the game is discussed; also probability; odds; the house advantage; and, finally, betting. Appendices are available for those who want more detail about the whys and whats of probability and odds or those who seek detailed mathematical explanations. The final chapters deal with case studies: betting and playing strategies.

"I stress three principles for playing craps," Skaff said. "1) The more you know, the less you lose. 2) You should play

with patience, and 3) You should bet intelligently."

Michael and Carolyn Skaff have been married for 42 years. They have three children, Michael C., 40, David, 38, and Kristen, 33; and three grandchildren, Evan, 6, Morgan, 3, and Jessica, 5.

"Craps 101," the book, is available at Barnes and Noble, Borders, Amazon and Lochmoor Hardware. Skaff hopes to have the book for sale in other locations, such as Las Vegas and the big box stores. It is published by First Page Publications and costs \$15.95.

"Craps 101," the class, will be offered from 7 to 8:30 p.m. on Thursdays, May 4, 11 and 18, at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial.

"The class will emphasize learning, not gambling," he said. WMTV5 will soon begin running a promotional piece about Skaff and the class on its "Things to do at the War Memorial" program. For more information or to register for the class, call (313) 881-7511.

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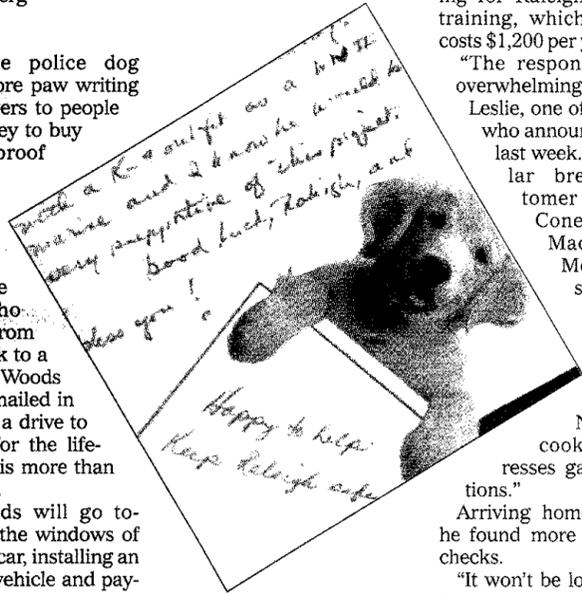
Halfway to bulletproof

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

Raleigh the police dog might get a sore paw writing thank you letters to people donating money to buy him a bulletproof vest.

Due to everyone from a 4 1/2-year-old Grosse Pointe Park girl who emptied \$20 from her piggy bank to a Grosse Pointe Woods woman who mailed in a \$500 check, a drive to raise \$2,000 for the life-saving device is more than halfway home.

Excess funds will go towards tinting the windows of the K-9 patrol car, installing an alarm on the vehicle and pay-



ing for Raleigh's continued training, which police said costs \$1,200 per year.

"The response has been overwhelming," said Brian Leslie, one of two Pointers who announced the drive last week. "I am a regular breakfast customer of National Coney Island at Mack and Moross. After seeing (a story about the drive in last week's Grosse Pointe

News) the cooks and waitresses gave me donations."

Arriving home from work he found more than \$500 in checks.

"It won't be long before we have what we need for everything," Leslie said. "What a great community."

Leslie and fellow Pointer Janice Cassetta teamed up to outfit Raleigh with the same type of protective garb worn by his human colleagues in the City of Grosse Pointe public safety department.

Leslie is a local businessman and part-time deputy with the Oakland County Sheriff Department Mounted Unit. Cassetta works at Dapper Dog Wash in St. Clair Shores.

Under the Pointes' mutual aid agreement, Raleigh has been deployed to the other Pointes on tracking missions and to sniff out illegal drugs during traffic stops.

"It's all a big game to him," said his handler, PSO Mike Almeranti.

Raleigh, purchased last year with \$4,500 in City funds, underwent \$3,200 in training at a K-9 academy before earning a badge.

He loves being rewarded for a job well done. His favorite treat is a red ball.



PHOTOS BY BRAD LINDBERG

Life's a ball for Raleigh the ever-ready City of Grosse Pointe police dog, seen at headquarters with partner PSO Mike Almeranti. The camera lense is smudged with the dog's nose print. Public response has been overwhelming to raise money for Raleigh to wear a bulletproof vest.

Consequently, Raleigh is a buttinski. He's into everything.

"If you're happy, he's hap-

py," Almeranti said.

Last Saturday night during a lunch break at headquarters, Almeranti opened the mail.

A \$25 donation came from a woman who wrote, "Happy to help. Keep Raleigh safe."

Another \$25 donation came from a woman who wrote, "For Raleigh, my husband trained dogs with a K-9 outfit as a World War II Marine and I know he would be very supportive of this project. Good luck Raleigh and bless you."

Even Almeranti's Aunt

Mary in Buffalo N.Y., sent \$15. "I am a dog lover," she wrote.

Additional letters contained checks for \$10 and \$25.

Donations can be mailed to: City of Grosse Pointe K-9 Fund, City of Grosse Pointe, 17147 Maumee, Grosse Pointe MI 48230.

On Sunday, March 19, from 1 to 5 p.m., Dapper Dog Wash, 28401 Harper, St. Clair Shores, will be the site of a charity dog wash to raise money for a vest.

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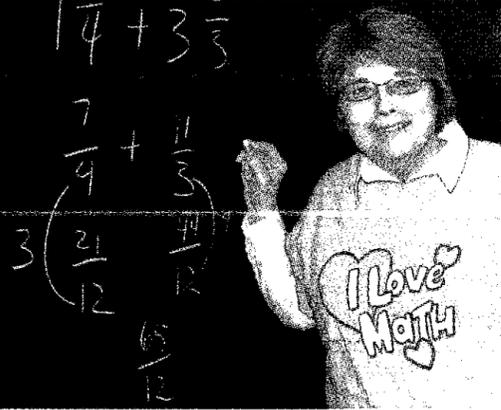


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I love teaching at ULS middle school. We don't just learn math, we explore math. I don't want my students to just memorize math rules, I want them to "see" and understand those rules. I want them to love learning math as much as I do. My goal is to help my students acquire the necessary tools to be successful, lifelong math learners.

I'd love to talk with you about our sixth-grade math program and about how your child would benefit from attending ULS middle school. Please call me at home (313) 885-7762 or at school (313) 886-4220. You could also email me at juliebooher@uls.org. I look forward to meeting you.

Maison honored

By Bob St. John
Staff Writer

Grosse Pointe Woods' financial department recently earned the Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting for a 42nd consecutive year.

"The honor is the highest form of recognition in governmental accounting and financial reporting," said Government Finance Officers Association Director Stephen J. Gauthier.

"This speaks well of the city," Woods Mayor Robert Novitke said. "Kudos to Mr. (Cliff) Maison for his continued fine

work handling our city's finances."

"There can't be any other community in the country that can boast of this record run," Maison, Grosse Pointe Woods Comptroller and Treasurer said. "We have helped Grosse Pointe Woods residents save thousands of tax dollars by keeping excellent financial records. I'm proud of this honor."

Maison received a plaque signifying the accolade.

He is currently working on Grosse Pointe Woods' annual budget, and will soon review it with the mayor and city council.

GPCC to host event

The Grosse Pointe Chamber of Commerce is hosting a Speaker Series at the Grosse Pointe Farms Boat House at 8 a.m. on Tuesday, March 28.

A continental breakfast will be served.

The panel of speakers includes Jeff Rogg of Miller Canfield Paddock and Stone; Dan Aitken, owner of Aitken Ormond Insurance; and Jim Dusing of Dusing Security and Surveillance.

Deputy Mike McCarthy of the Grosse Pointe Farms Department of Public Safety will also serve on the panel.

Speakers will present information regarding local home and business invasions and offer suggestions for prevention. They will also discuss state of the art surveillance equipment that can be purchased and the impact of legal action and filing claims.

There will be an opportunity for question and answers.

The fee for the program is \$7 for Grosse Pointe Chamber of Commerce members and \$10 for guests. Reservations are required. Call the Chamber of Commerce at 881-4722.

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Fitness guru LaLanne still in top shape

By Beth Quinn
Staff Writer

At 91, Jack LaLanne proves exercise and healthy eating pays off. His fit, trim physique and mental dexterity would be the envy of men 30 years younger.

While waiting to go onstage at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial for the Grosse Pointe Public Library's March 9 health symposium, LaLanne enthusiastically greeted anyone who approached him. When he and his wife of nearly 51 years, Elaine LaLanne, posed for pictures, he would cajole others to strike a muscle-man stance.

"Don't lose your sense of humor," he said. "Laughter is key."

Every so often, Jack LaLanne would break out into a cheery song. He can carry a tune, showing the former Mr. America is more than all muscle.

"I would have been an opera singer if I had not become a health lecturer," he said.

However, he knew early in life he would become a health expert. He attributes a health lecture that he and his mother attended when he was 15 as being a life altering event. He decided to focus on his eating and exercise habits.

"Within 10 days I was a different person," he said. "Before I had an uncontrollable temper and lots of headaches. I was a sugaholic. I was always getting beaten up by other kids."

He studied anatomy and concentrated on bodybuilding and weight lifting which was uncommon in the 1930s.

When he opened his first gym in 1936 — the first in the United States — he was told it would never succeed. But he persevered and the rest is history.



Fitness expert Jack LaLanne, 91, right, reads from a magazine advertising promoting unhealthy habits such as smoking cigarettes, drinking alcohol and eating snack food. He and his wife, Elaine LaLanne, were the speakers at the Grosse Pointe Public Library's third annual health seminar on Wednesday, March 8.



LaLanne coaxed his audience to try out a few exercises. At left, attendees are doing one for the neck.

"I knew I wanted to help others to help themselves," he said.

Nowadays, Jack and Elaine LaLanne travel the lecture circuit without the usual celebrity entourage. They rely on each other.

"We are a team. I'm Jack. She's Elaine," he said.

Elaine LaLanne, who turns 80 soon, is also someone who looks and acts years younger than her age. Her role during the lecture is to warm-up the crowd and introduce Jack.

She has a warm personality and self-effacing wit. She acts as if she's seeing the old clips of her husband's famed exercise TV show for the first time.

The clips brought back fond memories for anyone who grew up in the 50s and 60s. He coaxed viewers with humor and song do exercises with him.

Jack LaLanne is attributed as being "the father of fitness" for making the general public aware of the importance of ex-

ercise. He was one of the first fitness experts to advocate that everyone, not just bodybuilders, should lift weights. He invented the first leg extension and pulley machines which are now standard in workout gyms.

During his lecture, he talked about his life and gave fitness advice. He entertained the crowd with pithy saying and little snippets of songs. He demonstrated simple exercises to do during TV commercials.

"See, during a 30-minute TV show, you have done about 12-minutes of exercises," Jack LaLanne said.

While he works out two to two and a half hours every day, he professes others need to only exercise 20 to 30 minutes three times a week to stay fit.

"I challenge anyone who says they can't find 30 minutes during the day when they are not doing something," he said. "Name one thing that is worthwhile that isn't hard."

Jack LaLanne's self-disci-

pline extends to his eating habits. He follows a strict diet of raw fruits and vegetables, hard-boiled egg whites and broiled fish. He has not had any sweets, not even dessert, for decades.

"What you put into your mouth today is walking and talking to you tomorrow," he said.

As with exercise, he does not expect most people to follow his strict diet. However, he worries that Americans are becoming overweight and sick as a result of unhealthy eating habits.

He advises people to really think about what they eat by asking themselves "what will this do for me?" He urges people to eat more whole grains and raw fruits and vegetables.

While his life mission is to promote fitness, he never judges people who are out of shape.

"I never preach to anyone," he said. "I just set an example and shut up."

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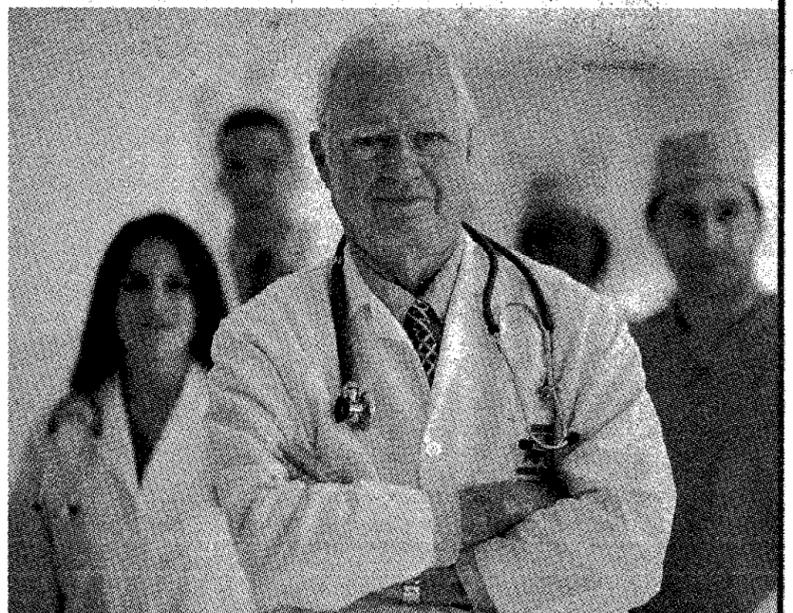
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EDITORIAL

Sex ed debate
far from over

Even though the middle school's adolescent human sexuality curriculum was unanimously approved Monday night, we fear the sex ed controversy is far from over.

The curriculum, under state law, provides an appeal process for parents who feel it is not being instituted properly. We are certain opponents of the new curriculum will appeal. And if the appeal process fails, then the matter may go to court.

The latter would cost taxpayer dollars and school district time.

The sex ed curriculum critics already have several victories to their credit, even though they lost the war.

The new curriculum incorporated a number of new areas that were lacking in the old, 16-year-old curriculum, including Internet safety. Some lessons were moved to more age-appropriate grades. While the curriculum has always been abstinence-based, there is now an opt-in form for parents, guidelines for answering student questions and a bank of answered and unanswered questions available to parents, a scope and sequence chart for grades four through eight, individual grade-level charts, pre- and post-tests for fifth- and eighth-graders and a uniform informational letter to parents.

Clearly, the human sexuality committee members and parents raised valid concerns and, we believe, they were addressed.

One item of concern to us was the accusation that material was being lifted from other sources without first checking on copyrights and the cost of purchasing the material. We were told that administration officials and school attorneys last week were scrambling to obtain needed permissions.

In our mind, the legality of using certain materials should have been determined before they were considered as additions to the curriculum. If any of the items were to be found unusable due to copyright or cost, then their consideration would have been a waste of everyone's time.

Last week we intimated that parents opposed to the sex ed curriculum merely wanted to bury their heads in the sand when it came to educating their children about the facts of life. That charge was incorrect and unfair.

These parents, as with all parents, are keenly concerned about a delicate topic affecting the lives and health of their children. They should not be criticized for being concerned.

We stand corrected.

Readers see red

We should have heeded the adage, "Be careful what you ask for." When we sought our readers' opinions on our redesigned newspaper launched last week, we expected some criticism, but not some of the reasons stated.

True, a majority of those who contacted us via phone and e-mail liked the fresh, modern look. Reader Jim Gerardi wrote, "The paper is much more up-to-date and professional-looking. Eye-catching, too, with the liberal use of big-font headlines, big color, and dynamic page layout."

Mr. Gerardi also shared our reasons for the redesign: "A certain sameness pervaded the old design so that one page looked much like every other, inducing tedium and rapid page-scanning — for me, at least. It wasn't bad, just boring."

Ann Berschback disagreed. She wrote, "I immediately noticed the changes. The red line is a poor choice. The green was more classic looking."

Ms. Berschback said she likes the crime reports listed by city, but she found the print and layout difficult to read. She said she preferred the old look, as did her mother and husband.

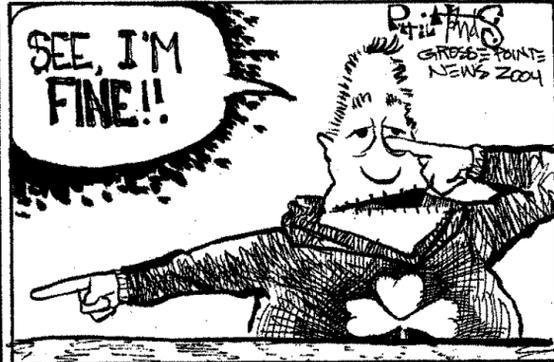
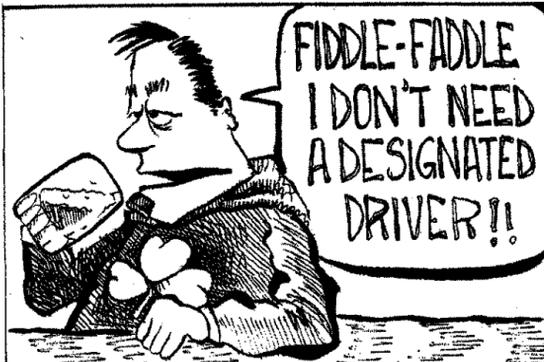
Several readers complained the paper looked too much like The Detroit News and Free Press. One caller said she and her husband both think the new look is "horrible" and is no different than reading the News or Free Press.

"The comfy, cozy community atmosphere is gone," she said, "and I doubt we'll be buying the paper again." Another caller said she "despises" the new look. Another said it is "horrible." Many people missed the green.

What makes the Grosse Pointe News a community newspaper is not its looks but rather its content. Everything you have come to expect in your community paper will still be there. We just hope it will be better packaged.

Thank you for your comments and continue to write us.

PHIL HANDS



LETTERS

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.

New look commands attention

To the Editor:

Congratulations on the new look of the Grosse Pointe News.

The paper is much more up-to-date and professional-looking. Eye-catching, too, with the liberal use of big-font headlines, big color, and dynamic page layout.

A certain sameness pervaded the old design so that one page looked much like every other, inducing tedium and rapid page-scanning — for me, at least. It wasn't bad, just boring.

The new design causes articles to pop from the page.

The red banner underscore on page one is a winner. Very attractive, and it commands attention.

JIM GERARDI
Grosse Pointe Farms

Kudos to new design

To the Editor:

Kudos to the staff and owners of the Grosse Pointe News for your forward thinking regarding the new design for our local paper.

As we all know, people are, by nature, resistant to change. With a small community like ours, I'm certain there will be plenty of resistance to the new look, but I for one am most pleased with the long overdue upgrades.

You have taken our local newspaper to a new level. I commend the designers on their choice of type, the new colors and the increased use of white space. We can all be proud of our local paper and its modern, yet sophisticated look that better reflects its readership.

RON HOFFMAN
Grosse Pointe Park

New design feedback

To the Editor:

Yesterday I read the "new" Grosse Pointe News. I immediately noticed the changes (the red line is a poor choice — the green was more classic looking) and I thought, "OK, keep an open mind."

You asked for feedback, so here goes:

I liked the crime page listed according to city even though I read them all. Generally speaking, I found the print and layout very difficult to read. I don't know if it's the font and size or what, but it did not appear as crisp as the former setup.

I know it would take some time to get use to the new format, but I really do prefer the older look — much easier to

read.

I think you've made a mistake with this new look. My mother called me after she received the paper and made most of the same comments. My husband is sending his own e-mail. That's three persons with pretty much the same reaction.

Thanks for your invitation for feedback. Hope some more changes are made.

ANNE BERSCHBACK
Grosse Pointe Park

Thanks for news space

To the Editor:

Thanks so much for the article printed in the March 9 Grosse Pointe News, "1/2 ton of fabric on sale," about the fabric sale at Arts & Scraps March 11. We doubled our income from previous years.

At least 30 people came in response to the News article. They, in turn, invited others. Many were new visitors to our program.

The Grosse Pointe News really "spreads the word."

The coverage made a huge difference in our day and will allow us to recycle more materials and serve more children.

It was very exciting and I just wanted to let you know how much we appreciated the Grosse Pointe News' time and the space provided.

PEG UPMEYER
Director
Arts & Scraps

No need for change in sex ed content

To the Editor:

This letter is in response to the letters, "The 'Great Pretension'" and "Sex education curriculum," printed in the March 9 Grosse Pointe News.

I am a junior at Grosse Pointe South High School and have taken all of the required health classes in the school system.

While I agree that we should be learning how to practice safe sex and given honest answers to our questions in an open and inviting environment, there isn't a need for change to accomplish that. We already have that.

I experienced it at the end of fourth and through seventh grade, and then for an entire semester of eighth grade and in my sophomore year. Nothing needs to be changed to give us what we need in health class.

We are not learning of an abstinence-only lifestyle through fear. We are learning that abstinence is the safest and smartest thing to practice, and the most practical; but we are also learning how to protect

ourselves in any other case; how to deal with changes; and all of the things that parents are saying we need to learn.

We have already learned them.

For people so concerned about the program, and so involved, they should know that we do have this information.

ALEX PITTS
Grosse Pointe Park

Junior achievement at school board

To the Editor:

I was extremely proud of two community members who attended the Grosse Pointe school board meeting on Monday, March 13. These two community members were there to speak in opposition of the Grades 4-8 Adolescent Health Education Curriculum. The unique thing about these two community members was that they were Grosse Pointe South High School juniors.

These two students stood up on their own accord in opposition of the proposed Grades 4-8 Adolescent Health Education Curriculum changes. They began by saying that they had reviewed the proposed changes and were disgusted. Keep in mind that these are juniors reviewing seventh- and eighth-grade material.

The first adolescent began by saying that she has made the decision to be abstinent until marriage, and she wished this proposed sex education program stressed the importance and benefits of abstaining from sex. She also stated that this program should make it sound "cool" to choose abstinence, while in fact it makes you sound like a freak. She also stated that this program makes it sound like the norm to be "doing it" when in actuality it isn't the norm at all.

The second teenager went on to say that the role-playing situations were ridiculous. In their high school experience, things don't happen the way this proposed plan lets on, and if the program is going to tell kids it is OK to behave in these ways, then the kids will.

Girls, I am very proud of you for standing up for something you believe in. I sincerely hope my three children grow up with the self-esteem, poise and confidence that you displayed last Monday night.

AMY KISH
Grosse Pointe Park

Human sexuality curriculum

To the Editor:

First and foremost, I would like to compliment the Grosse Pointe News on its stance and comments made on March 2, in regard to the Opinion article, "Sex ed still hard for us to talk about."

As a proud member of the Grosse Pointe community, I, too, am a confident supporter of the curriculum proposed by the Grosse Pointe Human Sexuality Advisory Board (HSAB). The members of this committee have spent countless hours researching, discussing and developing a pro-

gram which best suits the mainstream membership of the Grosse Pointe community.

As a parent of children who will benefit from HSAB's dedication and hard work, I would like to say thank you. However, I have also come to know that the efforts of these individuals have been under constant scrutiny and continue to be today, even upon the curriculum's adoption.

In the near future, the abstinence-based program developed by the HSAB will come before the Grosse Pointe Board of Education for adoption. It is my understanding that this program has already passed, by a wide majority vote, three committees to date: The HSAB, the Educational Progress Leadership Committee (EPLC) subcommittee and the district EPLC committee.

The make-up of all of these committees is representative of a cross section of the community, ranging from parents, Grosse Pointe educators, Grosse Pointe administrators, as well as professionals in the field of health education.

Individuals with varying backgrounds from the field of education and from the community must develop school curriculum. This ensures that the curriculum is truly representative of the wants and needs of the entire student population.

The Grosse Pointe HSAB and EPLC represent this model. These individuals are the experts in this field of education for our community. They devoted themselves for over one year to create an educational model for their children and ours.

Furthermore, in an effort to keep the community informed and to solicit more opinion, numerous public forums were held on this topic. I submit that, in my opinion, the HSAB has conducted itself in such a thorough, professional and procedurally proper manner that the Grosse Pointe Board of Education can find no recourse other than to adopt this curriculum as written.

Lastly, I would like to voice a concern that stems from this debate over the passage of the Grosse Pointe Public School System Human Sexuality curriculum.

As a concerned community member, I worry that a minority group of citizenry may attempt to sway the opinion of the Grosse Pointe Board of Education who represents the mainstream public.

In recent months I have come to understand that a small group of Grosse Pointe residents, who identify themselves as the Grosse Pointe Community Cares for Kids (GPCKK), has taken it upon themselves to discredit the HSAB adopted curriculum.

While I applaud and admire the group for advocating more parental involvement in education, I vehemently disagree with the membership considering them to be the voice of the entire Grosse Pointe com-

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I SAY By Margie Smith

In god we trust, all others must flush



Since I retired, I have more time to think about things, and I'm getting snippy about trust. I've lived in this world a while, and I know what most of the rules are. Apparently, many establishments think we've forgotten how to behave. They don't trust

us. I am insulted by the presumption that I don't know I'm supposed to flush. Designers of newfangled public restrooms apparently have run amok with their zealous attempt to make everything automated. They're giddy about their power to force us to conform to the standards of polite society. Public toilets are programmed to decide for themselves when it's time to flush.

I think that's a decision the individual user should make. Besides, that unexpected "whoosh" is mighty scary if you're not expecting it.

Sinks in public restrooms are also rigged to spray water on our hands when they decide we need water. We still get a chance to decide how much liquid soap we need, but the paper towel dispenser automatically unzips its wares in our faces when we stand in front of it. To top the insult, a warning — in large block letters — admonishes us to use one sheet only, not two.

Even worse are those hot-air hand dryers. They take forever, and I usually always walk off, exasperated, swiping my damp hands on the sides of my shirt or the front of my jeans. I am also insulted by some

Web sites. We're asked to fill out a form with our name, address, phone number and so on. But when it gets to the "state" designation, it doesn't trust us to type in Mich. or Michigan or MI. It insists we use its drop-down menu with all 50 states listed in alphabetical order. We're supposed to select MI from this list.

Michigan, of course, is mid-list, and, because the scroll feature is supersensitive, often it requires several scrolls down, then up, then down again. I can type MI faster than I can scroll around for it. I'm also outraged with the

manufacturers of CDs who presume I will walk off with their product without paying for it. Because of their lack of trust, when I get home I need an Exacto-knife, pliers and sharp scissors to open the doggone thing.

I come home in a generally sunny mood, thrilled with my CD purchase, eager to hear the music. By the time I get the thing out of its hermetically sealed, air-tight, shrink-wrapped, booby-trapped case, I am frazzled and cranky. I don't feel like listening to music — and I've probably broken a fingernail.

I am also incensed about superfluous signs. A nearby parking lot is an example. The lot has a nice big generic sign: "Parking." OK.

The spaces for cars are clearly marked with diagonal yellow lines. OK.

The handicapped slots are clearly marked with blue lines and stylized wheelchair icons. OK.

The amount of money required to park for certain time periods is posted. OK.

But yet another sign reads: "Please park between the yellow lines." Duh.

STREETWISE

What can be done to add an element of nightlife to the Pointes?

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



"Some of the restaurants could provide evening entertainment. Like a Jazz group for example."
DENISE VANSILE
Grosse Pointe Farms



"Our children have to leave the community to go to the cinema. We need to return to something along the lines of the Punch and Judy."
JULIE CARION
City of Grosse Pointe



"More live entertainment. Back to the days of Sparky Herberts!"
SUSAN BORNINSKI
Grosse Pointe Farms



"Maybe restaurants with live bands, lights in all of the trees; something to draw the younger crowds."
PATRICIA MARCHAND
Grosse Pointe Farms



"Are you sure we want an element of nightlife?"
JEFF SLOAN
Grosse Pointe Farms



"A good movie theater."
MICHELLE SLOAN
Grosse Pointe Farms

FYI By Ben Burns

Park doc recalls lifelong pal, Don Knotts



If it hadn't been for the medical knowledge of Dr. Richard Ferrara Sr. the google-eyed character that was television's bungling Deputy Sheriff Barney Fife might never have been born.

The retired Grosse Pointe Park dermatologist and comedic character actor Don Knotts were childhood friends in Morgantown, W.Va. They remained buddies for life, and Ferrara was at Knotts' bedside in Beverly Hills in the hours before he died Feb. 24.

Last week, Ferrara attended

the private funeral service at Westwood Valley Memorial Park with Knotts' family and celebrity friends, such as Andy Griffith and Tom Poston.

Knotts and Ferrara hooked up in the seventh grade to do a skit. Ferrara is an accomplished banjo player and singer, and Knotts, a shy youth, was already working on his comedy and ventriloquism.

"I was fat and he was skinny, and we thought that was pretty funny," Ferrara recalled.

After World War II, Knotts attended speech school at West Virginia University and Ferrara went on to medical school. Ferrara introduced Knotts to the woman who would become his first wife — Kay Metz — on a double date.

Ferrara accompanied his friend to New York on a search for a job in the entertainment field.

"I went to New York cold," Knotts reportedly said when he was honored in his hometown by having a street named for him in 1998. "On a \$100 bill. Bummed a ride."

In New York the skinny, young comic met rejection at every turn as he approached talent agencies. He wanted to achieve success on his own, so Ferrara would wait outside. But no one showed much interest in the nerdy, little character.

It was after 5 p.m. and the pair was ready to give up at the last talent agency, Mildred Simmons, Ferrara recalled.

"So we climbed three flights of stairs, and I knocked on the door," he said. "The woman told us they were closed, and I told her I wasn't there for myself, but from my friend who was a comic, that I was in medical school and training to be a

doctor. "Do you know anything about irritable bowel syndrome," the woman asked? "Absolutely," replied Ferrara, who had just completed a unit in med school on the subject. So she quizzed him for 20 minutes about the condition and at the end Ferrara talked her into watching Knotts do a skit.

Knotts got her laughing — irritable bowel syndrome and all — and Simmons agreed to represent him. For the next five years, Knotts played a wise-cracking handyman on a radio western called, "Bobby Benson and the B-Bar-B Riders."

After that he went on to television on "The Steve Allen Show" and eventually appeared in seven TV series and more than 25 films; although he is best known for his role as the bungling deputy on "The Andy Griffith Show."

Ferrara visited Knotts during his final illness at Cedars-Sinai Medical Center in Beverly Hills. He gave him a spirited pep talk, and the actor rallied

and returned home. But a few days later, Knotts collapsed again and was taken back to the hospital.

Ferrara returned to his bedside and talked to the comatose comedian, and again Knotts' vital signs stabilized briefly before he died on Feb. 24.

"He was a great friend," Ferrara said by telephone from Naples, Fla. Ferrara would echo Andy Griffith's statement to the Associated Press when he learned of his TV sidekick's death: "Don was special. There's nobody like him. I loved him very much. We had a long and wonderful life together."

Prolong life

An Internet friend told me about the aging husband who summoned his wife into the family room during football season. He told her he had been thinking and had concluded if he were ever hooked to a machine and being sus-

tained on fluids he would want her to end it for him. So she said, "OK," and went over and unplugged the TV set and threw out a case of beer.

Contentment

One of my favorite readers sent me "The secret of contentment" by Robert Louis Stevenson, better known for his pirate adventure tale, "Treasure Island."

"The best things in life are nearest: Breath in your nostrils, light in your eyes, flowers at your feet, duties at your hand, the path of right just before you. Then do not grasp at the stars, but do life's plain, common work as it comes, certain that daily duties and daily bread are the sweetest things in life."

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Government broadband: Unnecessary and unfair

By Diane S. Katz

From Detroit to Marquette, municipalities by the dozen want more control over Internet access. Undaunted by the frequent costly failures of such ventures elsewhere, many local officials insist they can solve an array of economic and social ills by managing citizens' connections to the World Wide Web. But there's clear evidence that private services are far superior to a government-run network.

The timing of this trend could not be more incongruous. The Michigan Legislature recently rewrote state law to promote private investment in telecommunications. But efforts to prohibit municipalities from muscling in on the market were largely defeated by the likes of the Michigan Municipal League and other advocates of government-run Internet access.

In the absence of government interference, however, the number of high speed lines statewide has increased by 1,251 percent in the past five years, to more than 1.1 million. At least 32 firms in Michigan

already offer Internet access of every sort, including coaxial cable, DSL and wireless.

Nonetheless, even cash-poor communities are lining up to finance and operate broadband networks or to franchise a favored firm that's willing to discount rates in return for a captive customer base. In addition to Detroit and Marquette, government broadband initiatives are underway in the counties of Oakland, Macomb, Washtenaw, Kent, Genesee and Ottawa, as well as in the cities of Battle Creek, Grand Rapids and Muskegon, to name a few.

Proponents contend that municipal broadband will stimulate economic growth, alleviate illiteracy and even conquer blight.

"The benefits are nearly endless," according to Oakland County Executive L. Brooks Patterson, whose Wireless Oakland proposal ranks as Michigan's most ambitious to date.

Assuming even the best of intentions, there's solid evidence that local governments are ill-equipped for the rough

and tumble of the high-tech market. More often than not, municipal broadband ventures have saddled taxpayers with unwelcome debt or otherwise failed to deliver promised results.

There's hardly a shortage of Internet access in Michigan. Even those preferring to Google in public can easily find wireless "hot spots" in airports and hotels, as well as Starbucks, Borders and Kinkos. Meanwhile, a joint venture between McDonald's and Intel will soon make wireless access as ubiquitous as Big Macs, while Verizon, among others, is preparing to expand wireless services across entire communities this year.

Free broadband also is widely available in public libraries and schools, as well as community centers, compliments of federally mandated taxpayer subsidies.

The adverse consequences of government-managed access are abundantly clear, as evidenced by a closer examination of the Wireless Oakland

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Points about the Pointes

Pixels, real prints and a past for our children.. how do we best use our time to protect them?



Digital photography has brought some amazing changes to the way we all capture family memories. We now leave our family gatherings knowing that we at least have everyone in the image. Now, what happens with the images? Five years ago, it was simple. Drop off the roll of film, ask for two of each. Come in an hour later, look through the prints, keep and pay for only the ones you want, and off you went with real prints of your gathering for under \$10! They key was that real prints were made of the family gatherings for future generations to enjoy years later, and we spent very little personal

time making these prints a reality. Initially, the "digital" way was to print at home. That was fun for a while, until it led to the "I'll print them next weekend" syndrome because of no time or no printer supplies. Our busy lives will see our family memories disappear with the hard drive that crashes or the CD that becomes damaged. Voila! No family memories for children and their children to enjoy. Your family memories are too valuable to risk. Send us your images online or bring them in. For less than 20 cents a print, you can't afford not to.

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LETTERS: Advocates for HSAB

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munity.

Let it be known that I care for the kids in the Grosse Pointe community; I do not need to be in a group titled as such to let this be known; I also care for and wish to have maintained the high quality of education in our community as well.

Therefore, I write now and wish to go on record publicly that in no way and in no manner do the opinions and actions of the group known as GPCK represent this Grosse Pointe resident who resides in the City of Grosse Pointe. I abhor their grandstanding and their most recent methods of protest.

To give credence to a non-compulsory group, on an issue such as this, is alarming; it smacks of censorship and it is wrong. American education, from its inception, has been based upon the concept of providing information to the people, not just the digestible bits and pieces, but all of it, even those pieces that may be difficult to stomach.

In 1820 Thomas Jefferson once wrote:

"I know of no safe depository of the ultimate powers of society but the people themselves; and if we think them not enlightened enough to exercise their control with a wholesome discretion, the remedy is not to take it from them, but to inform their discretion by education."

It is upon the foundation of these most basic principles of sound education that I implore the rest you, that is, the rest of the Grosse Pointe community and the board of education alike, to be an advocate, as I am, for the Grosse Pointe Human Sexuality Advisory Board's curriculum.

RODGER HUNWICK

Grosse Pointe School Graduate
City of Grosse Pointe Parent
and Caring Father

Missed opportunity

To the Editor:

How irresponsible of the Grosse Pointe News to suggest that parents raising legitimate concerns about the proposed Grosse Pointe sex education curriculum are uncomfortable with the fact that their children are being taught about sex ("Sex ed still hard for us to talk about," March 2 Grosse Pointe News).

Rather, parents who are raising these concerns want better sex education from our school system.

We expect professionally published, medically accurate, age appropriate information to help our children make informed, healthy choices. And we expect both the curriculum development process and the curriculum itself to comply with state law and reflect community values and needs. This should not be too much to expect.

Our community must work together to establish goals to inspire and motivate our children to abstain from risky behavior and remain healthy, physically and emotionally.

Unfortunately, the Grosse Pointe Human Sexuality Advisory Board established no such goals for the proposed sex education curriculum. What a missed opportunity.

MR. AND MRS. WILLIAM
SHIELD
Grosse Pointe Park

Thanks community for support

To the Editor:

Thanks to the Grosse Pointe News generous coverage, many readers are aware of the wonderful concert tour and educational field trip to Austria and the Czech Republic just completed by 80 members of the Grosse Pointe South High School Choirs.

This marvelous experience was widely supported by our

community.

On behalf of the students and boosters, I would like to express our sincere appreciation to the Grosse Pointe Board of Education and administration; Grosse Pointe South principal, Mr. Diver; parents; booster membership; those who attended our benefit concerts; the Grosse Pointe News; Grosse Pointe Rotary; Posterity: A Gallery; Speedi Photo Center; The Pointe After; Grosse Pointe United Methodist Church; and all those who donated their time and energy to this truly enriching endeavor.

Of course, none of this would have been possible without our director, Ellen Bowen; choreographer, Andy Haines; assistant principal, Matt Outlaw; accompanist, Richard Wolf III; equipment manager, Art Pasha; or booster administrator, Barb Cole.

They say it takes a village to raise a child. In this case, it took a Village, Hill, Woods, Farms, City, Shores and Park.

As they say in Vienna, "Danke Vielmal."

RUSSELL CHAVEY
Trip Coordinator
Grosse Pointe South Choir
Boosters

Trustworthy relationship

To the Editor:

I am a parent and employee of the Grosse Pointe Public School System troubled with the possibility of what changes the school board may have in store for the support staff in the schools.

I am always impressed with the way each school is taken care of by the engineer/custodial staff.

Picture a man with that '67 Chevy he has had for many years. He names it, polishes it, fixes every glitch, and makes it purr with great pride. Our custodial staff does the same things with our school buildings (I know the boilers have been named). They know the buildings inside and out like no other.

Parents need to feel confident and comfortable with their children's surroundings; especially these days.

I have trusted the school board to keep the staff in place for the safety of all of our children. Our longtime employees have earned their trust. Children are told to trust the adults at the school; they are safe. Thank goodness we have had many years to earn and be worthy of that trust.

My concern would be for the children to assume all staff members are safe, even without a proven track record. I certainly wouldn't want Grosse Pointe Public Schools (GPPS) to make the news because of a tragedy happening all in the name of money.

A mutual bonding between employees and families occurs over many years of children going through the schools, and forming a trust. As an employee of GPPS I think of the students as "ours." We are protective as if they are our own.

Even though the world is changing rapidly, our schools still have that small-town feeling. I have always known the support staff at my children's schools. Mason wouldn't be the same without Mr. Casey or Mr. Mike; Charles was always so kind and helpful at Parcels; Mr. Pfähler and Mr. Flora are the heroes at Maire.

These men take time not only to do an excellent job, but also know the students and families. I count on the board to continue this long, trustworthy relationship for the well-being of all the children in our community.

We are fortunate to live in our wonderful community with all that is at our disposal. Our schools are what attract outsiders to this area; families looking to relocate place schools as their No. 1 priority when making this important decision for their future.

Please think again about privatization, long and hard. Is this what you want for your children?

BROOKE BERTOLINI
Maire Elementary school,
Mason Elementary School and
Grosse Pointe North High
School Parent
Grosse Pointe Woods

Discover Grosse Pointe — again

To the Editor:

I am a 22-year resident of the Grosse Pointes. In response to those who repeatedly caution against new business development in the Pointes, I have a few things to say.

Grosse Pointe is no longer the "Gatsby-esque" community that can afford to remain isolated as a pristine getaway for Detroit's powerbrokers. Grosse Pointe is at a crossroads — and it's time for this community to make some significant investments in the future, or Grosse Pointe will no longer survive.

Grosse Pointe needs to find ways to keep its schools the best in the state. The Grosse Pointe Board of Education and the administration must devote more time identifying alternative sources of revenue.

Community members need

to shift their focus away from complaining about budget cuts, to working with the board to support foundations and other fundraising activities to declare independence from the shackles of Lansing lawmakers, who are unable or unwilling to fix the problems with the state tax system.

Without the best schools, we are doomed — even the perception of compromised excellence in education will be devastating to the future of Grosse Pointe.

Grosse Pointe needs more restaurants, clubs, retail shops, condos and apartment complexes. Grosse Pointe needs population density to attract national retailers and support existing businesses. Don't be afraid of new liquor licenses and new three- or four-story mixed-use developments.

Young families and singles must be encouraged to discover Grosse Pointe. If we refuse to compete with Rochester and Royal Oak, young people will not stay.

We need more places that enable residents to dine and shop and play in the community.

Get the Jacobson's property developed now. A number of people and developers are willing to spend a significant amount of money in Grosse Pointe to make it better and to help ensure its future.

We need to take a lesson from the new libraries — investment in this community can be exciting and invigorating.

The obstacles that some community members are building are destructive. Have they considered the consequences of "keeping Grosse Pointe like it has always been?" New loft apartments in Grosse Pointe would not hurt property values. What hurts property values is a community that stops investing in itself and stops reinventing itself to keep pace with other thriving communities. Standing in the way of new development is what kills property values.

Times have changed, demographics have changed and Grosse Pointe has changed. We need to look into the future with visions of growth and innovation, with the object of providing more reasons for our residents to stay in Grosse Pointe and attracting new residents and businesses to make Grosse Pointe their home.

Discover Grosse Pointe again. It's not OK to keep Grosse Pointe hidden anymore. Without young families and seniors, new business development, great schools, great parks and public services, thriving neighborhoods and places to play, Grosse Pointe cannot survive.

I am afraid that time is running out and we need action now. Many of us don't want Grosse Pointe to be like it used to be. Let's all work together to make it better.

LEO NOUHAN
Grosse Pointe Park

Car doors open on Mack

To the Editor:

I do not subscribe to the

Grosse Pointe News, but pick it up every week. A very serious hazard on Mack Avenue is the parked cars. Without caution, drivers open their doors into oncoming traffic, causing other drivers to dodge an accident. I see this far too often as I travel Mack Avenue.

All too often I see moms unloading their young children on the street side with heavy traffic. I cringe at the danger they are putting themselves and children in.

I wish others would exert more caution and either wait until traffic allows a safe exit, or exit on the passenger side — especially with children.

BILL VEIT
St. Clair Shores

SOC guidance on Medicare Part D

To the Editor:

I just wanted to write to inform Grosse Pointe News' readers what a wonderful experience I had this past week when I went to Services for Older Citizens (SOC) and was helped in applying for prescription coverage through the Medicare Part D program.

I had attended meetings at St. Peter's Lifelong Learning Center regarding this program and thought I was well versed in what I wanted. I was very surprised to find out I was not as fully informed as I had originally thought.

As a result of the guidance offered by volunteers at SOC, I signed up for an entirely different group than I had originally intended to do.

I urge readers to take advantage of this wonderful free program for assistance with this complicated program by contacting SOC at (313) 882-9600 to set up an appointment.

MARION MC CARTHY
Harper Woods

'06 swim season dedicated to lost friend

To the Editor:

It has been difficult knowing that I have lost Danny, a swim-team friend, last week.

We both hold together a relay record at the Hunt Club for the age group 8 and under.

Some of my fondest memories of Grosse Pointe are swimming with Danny and the Hunt Club team.

I now swim for a high school in Denver, Colo., and I plan on dedicating my '06 swim and football season in memory of Danny.

It is times like this when I really miss Grosse Pointe and all the wonderful friends of my younger years.

CHRISTOPHER REESE
JOONDEPH
Denver, Colo.

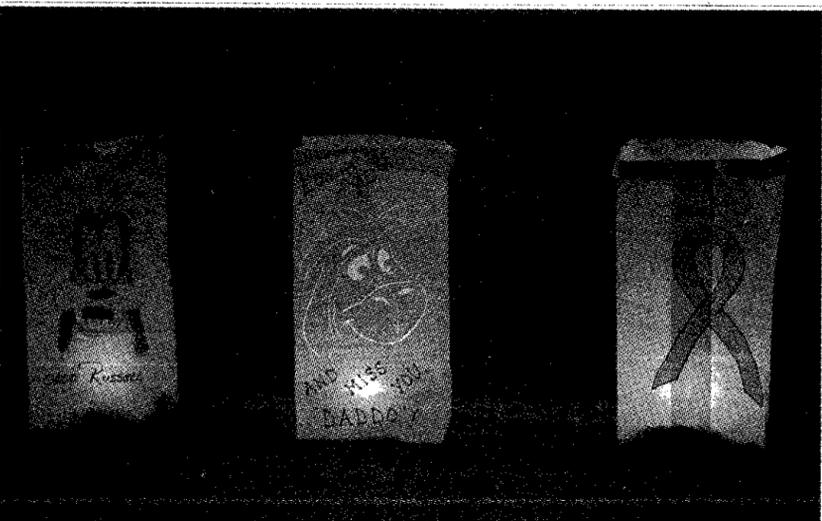
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Mr. Collinson: Well said

To the Editor:

Re "Board Meetings" by Charles L. Collinson (Feb. 23 Letters to the Editor): Amen! Well said! Let's see if they do the right thing.

KEITH L. ANDERSEN
Grosse Pointe Park



JOIN US IN THE FIGHT.

The American Cancer Society Relay For Life is coming to the Grosse Pointe community this May! Teams are needed to participate in this 24 hours of cancer fighting fun, remembrance and celebration!

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WIRELESS: Let market do the job

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project.

County officials are promising "free" wireless Internet access, both open-air and in-building. Plans also call for "no cost" or "low cost" computers and training for low-income residents. Mr. Patterson and his team claim that the project will attract new business, boost tourism, improve education, enhance public safety and eliminate the so-called "digital divide" in one of the nation's wealthiest counties — all without taxpayer financing.

The Pontiac-based firm of MichTel Communications, LLC will own, operate and maintain the wireless network, but will be required to answer to an advisory board appointed by the county. In theory, the

plan is viable because the county has pledged to provide unfettered access to hundreds of public facilities for MichTel's rooftop antennae and receivers. The access inventory includes 35 buildings, 350 public schools, 1,400 traffic signals, 200 tornado siren poles and other structures that county officials say is worth "hundreds of millions of dollars."

Competing firms — all those that have not won county favor — can only dream of such access. For example, telecom firms paid Oakland County communities more than \$2.1 million for rights-of-way in 2003-2004, according to state figures; payments statewide totaled nearly \$16 million. MichTel thus will enjoy a tremendous competitive advantage in the state's most lucrative market, assuming it actually secures the estimated \$113.5 million in financing needed in the next five years to build and operate the network.

The provision of free access by MichTel will also erode rivals' market share, thereby re-

Alternatives do exist for local officials dissatisfied with the course of the market.

ducing customer choice and technology investment. Meanwhile, tech experts are warning that new technologies could render the proposed service obsolete before project costs can be recouped.

Alternatives do exist for local officials dissatisfied with the course of the market: To the extent that municipalities reduce tax and regulatory barriers, broadband penetration and consumer choices will increase. Simply put, Michigan needs less government involvement in broadband, not more.

Diane S. Katz is director of science, environment and technology policy with the Mackinac Center for Public Policy, a research and educational institute based in Midland.

PEOPLE



DAVID R. JANIS joined the law firm of Kerr, Russell and Weber, PLC. He practices in various areas of litigation and is active in the firm's corporate practice. Janis is a resident of Grosse Pointe Woods.

DAVID M. FOY became a director of the firm Berry Moorman PC. by unanimous vote of the board of directors. Foy is a Grosse Pointe resident.

MICHAEL K. SHEEHY AND PETER W. PEACOCK were recently elected to the Board of Directors of Plunkett & Cooney, P.C. Sheehy is the managing shareholder of Plunkett & Cooney's Complex Litigation Practice Group and has been elected for a three-year term. He also leads the firm's Trucking and Transportation Practice Group.

His litigation experience includes trucking and transportation, product liability, mold/toxin liability, construction law, premises liability and motor vehicle liability. A shareholder in Plunkett & Cooney's Mount Clemens office, Peacock has been practicing law since 1984. His practice is concentrated on the areas of municipal law, zoning law, general liability, premises liability, product liability, personal injury, auto negligence, architect and engineer liability, family law, criminal law, and marine liability. He is the former president of the Macomb County Bar Association and will serve a three-year term on the firm's board. Sheehy is a resident of Grosse Pointe Farms and Peacock is a Grosse Pointe Woods resident.



DAN ROMA has joined Soave Enterprises, L.L.C. as vice president of the Soave Real Estate Group, announced Anthony Soave, President and CEO of Soave Enterprises, L.L.C. Roma's primary responsibilities within the Soave Real Estate Group will include asset management of the Soave real estate portfolio, as well as oversight of selected real estate operations and new real estate acquisition opportunities. He will report to Michael Hollerback, Senior Vice President of Soave Enterprises. Roma, a CPA, brings a wealth of experience to the job, including land acquisition, governmental entitlement, field development, subcontractor management, strategic planning, and corporate mergers and acquisitions. His 20-year career includes key executive positions with Pulte Homes, among others. Roma earned his Bachelors of Science from the University of Detroit, and resides in Grosse Pointe.



BILL C. PANAGOS has joined the Bloomfield Hills office of Rader, Fishman & Grauer, a leading national intellectual property law firm, as a partner. Panagos is a highly experienced patent attorney known for his offensive and defensive litigation strategies and worldwide management of corporate intellectual property portfolios. At Rader, Fishman & Grauer, Panagos will focus on patent litigation, as well as strategies for maximizing the value and marketability of intellectual property assets. Prior to joining Rader, Fishman & Grauer, he was chief patent counsel with Lear Corporation, a Fortune 500 automotive supplier and senior patent counsel with Detroit

Diesel Corporation manufacturer of diesel engines. He also established the intellectual property department at GTE Valenite, Inc., a manufacturer of cutting tools and computer-controlled machinery. Panagos is admitted to practice before the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit, U.S. Supreme Court, State of Wisconsin, U.S. Patent and Trademark Office and State of Michigan. He holds a juris doctor from University of Detroit School of Law and bachelor of science from Bradley University in Peoria, Ill. Panagos is a Grosse Pointe resident.

KIM SCHMIDT has been appointed to the new position of Regional President of the Grosse Pointes and Southern Macomb County of Community Central Bank, the wholly owned subsidiary of Community Central Bank Corporation, announced Ronald R. Reed, President and CEO. She brings 33 years of banking experience to the new post. She most recently served as vice president at The Private Bank, where she was responsible for business development and lending. Prior to that post, she was president of the First State Bank Mortgage Co. LLC and vice president of First State Bank of East Detroit. Schmidt graduated from University of Detroit — Mercy. She is a resident of Eastpointe.



RON HOFFMAN accepted the 2005 Silver Microphone Award national championship, which recognizes the best in local and regional radio commercials, audio programs and Websites produced throughout the United States. This year there were more than 3,000 entries from advertising agencies, production studios and radio stations. Hoffman, president of R.J. Hoffman and Associates, a Grosse Pointe-based advertising and public relations agency, accepted the honor for Chicken Reigns King, a series of three radio spots produced for The Bavarian Inn Restaurant in Frankenmuth. The spots were part of a comprehensive campaign promoting the Inn's observance of National Chicken month. The Chicken Reigns King radio series also won top awards at the National Crystal Jade Communicator competition where it was judged against 2,500 other radio spots from across the United States.



JAMES B. PERRY, a member in the Detroit office of the firm Dickinson Wright PLC and a leading labor relations attorney representing employers, has been elected as president of the Detroit Area Chapter of the Labor and Employment Relations Association for a one year term ending in September. The Labor and Employment Relations Association, founded in 1947 as the Industrial Relations Research Association, is a singular organization of professionals interested in industrial relations and human resources. As president of the Detroit Chapter, Perry helps to set and implement the organization's strategic direction and make arrangements for compelling speakers at chapter meetings. As an attorney with Dickinson Wright, Perry specializes in employment litigation, labor negotiations, and defending employee claims filed with governmental agencies overseeing labor and employment issues. Perry lives in Grosse Pointe Farms with his wife and two children.

Make computing easy

Take time to clean out your hard drive. In fact, if we routinely maintain our computers, in addition to regularly saving documents we are working on, we can help keep them running efficiently and smoothly.

The following are computer "cleaning" tips:

1. Get rid of files that you don't use. Move old files to a CD or ZIP disk. Dump files into your computer's trash that have ".chk" and ".tmp" extensions or that start with a tilde (~). These are files your computer has created that you never see and don't use. Your computer also creates "cache" files when you go online. Find

your cache and trash any "gif," "jpg," "tif" or "pif" files that you don't need. Uninstall any programs that you know you'll never use and trash them. Once you toss all those items, empty out the trash bin.

2. Your operating system likely came with some programs to help clean it up. A disk scan or similar program searches for errors on your hard drive and corrects them, organizes data on your hard drive to help it run more efficiently, and marks bad sections of your hard drive so that data won't be saved there. You should run such programs about once a month.

3. A virus-protection pro-

gram is an essential tool. Update virus definitions every month — you can usually download updates from the program's Web site, and your computer will remind you to make updates, too.

4. Upgrade your programs regularly. For example, if you use a Microsoft Windows-based system, you can go to the company's Web site and download any program upgrades free of charge.

5. It's a good idea to back up your system regularly onto a ZIP disk or CD, depending on how often you use it (heavy users should back up daily, while more average users can back up weekly). This way,

you won't lose any hardware settings, Internet bookmarks or other custom changes you've made.

6. The simple task of letting your computer start up and shut down correctly — using the shut-down and start-up commands — can prevent many operating problems.

7. Sometimes no matter what you do, your computer's hard drive will just crash. When you buy a computer, it will usually come with a CD of the original operating system (OS). Keep that CD in a safe place so you'll have it should you become the victim of that unfortunate event and need to use it.

Protect papers from 'dark ages'

New efforts are being made to preserve precious electronic documents.

Keeping digital records may present a problem — your digital files will probably not open in the near future.

The format you used to create your files will probably be considered obsolete, and the programs you used to create and view them may not exist anymore.

Many historians cringe when they think of government and scientific records lost because the technology used to capture the data deteriorated or became obsolete.

Hundreds of military files from the Vietnam War were lost and magnetic tapes from the Viking Mission to Mars disintegrated over time.

Also now on the endangered historical documents list is the World Wide Web itself. The Web adds 7 million new pages every day, but on average,

those pages disappear in 44 days.

"We have a recording of the first telephone call ever placed, but we don't have a copy of the first e-mail sent or the first Web site or even the first instant message," said Melonie Warfel, director of worldwide standards for Adobe Systems Inc. "We are in an age where our recent history is rapidly disappearing before our eyes."

Many electronic archives use Adobe's ubiquitous file format Portable Document Format (PDF) to archive large amounts of digital records.

The bankruptcy filings of Enron, Global Crossing and WorldCom were submitted to the administrative office of the U.S. Courts in PDF and will most likely be archived in PDF for historical preservation.

There is no guarantee that a file rendered in PDF today will be accessible in 20, 50 or 100 years.

In 2002, an international group of archivists, librarians, records managers and technologists set out to develop the PDF/Archive (PDF/A) standard to ensure electronic files can be retrieved long after the technologies currently used are abandoned and replaced with newer technologies.

PDF/A was ratified by the International Organization for

Standardization last year, and is in the early stages of implementation worldwide.

Historians hope that these efforts will let us protect irreplaceable records while preserving our ability to access them in the future. Otherwise, they say, as technological advances propel us into the future, we risk leaving the past in the digital dust.

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

The FairTax is a national retail sales tax to replace all income-based federal taxes. Contact www.fairtaxmi.org for more information.

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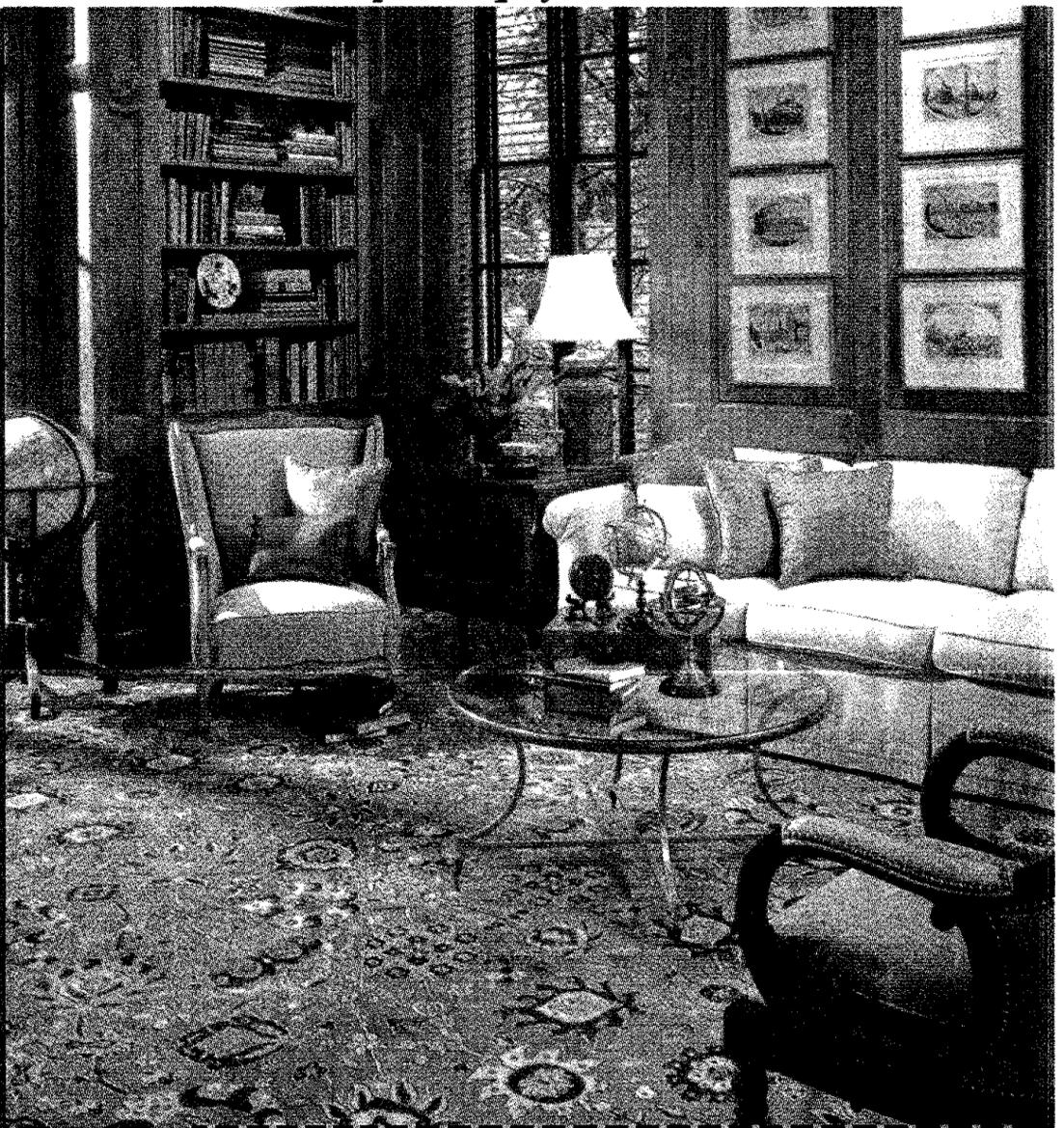
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Owls turn heads at St. Paul

St. Paul Catholic students were turning their heads to see the rescued owls, hawks and falcons brought to their school by the Wildlife Recovery Association (WRA).

Established in 1974, the WRA is one of the largest and oldest organizations in Michigan caring for orphaned and injured animals. The organization spreads awareness about maintaining respect for animal's wildness.

WRA's Joe Rogers first brought out the great horned owl as he began his talk about habitat, camouflage, markings, dietary needs, wildlife research and management and medical care of wild animals.

One of the highlights of the demonstration was how the owl is able to rotate its neck. Students tried to keep their shoulders still and move their head right and left as far as they could. They realized they were still able to move their eyes. Unlike humans, an owl needs to turn its head for peripheral vision. Also, students learned this owl has twice as many bones in its neck as a giraffe does.

A small swamp owl can live in a variety of habitats, Rogers told the students about his second owl. He said the wetlands, where these birds live, are decreasing in Lower Michigan. But the swamp owl is common in the Upper Peninsula where it eats mice and bugs. The presentation continued with how



Joe Rogers of the Wildlife Recovery Association brought several birds, including the great horned owl, to St. Paul Catholic School. He talked about habitat, camouflage, defense mechanisms and threats from humans.

a red tailed hawk uses its camouflage. Students learned nature protects this hawk by the striped tail it has in its youth so it is welcomed safely into other bird groups. As it ages, its fan-like tail turns red and at that point it must find its own home

and prey. Rogers noted that owls don't see colors but hawks do. Hawks see colors we can't see and uses them to speak to each other. He also pointed out the reason birds stand on one leg is

that their toes don't have feathers. They put one leg up into their feathers to warm it. One of the final birds shown was a turkey falcon, a bird that doesn't kill but cleans up car-



This small hawk was injured and lost a portion of its wing.

rior, Rogers told the students.

He continued his speech by saying that cars and trucks kill more animals than realized.

Falcons, instead of fighting, use tricks to scare potential predators. For example, they may eat a dead animal that will fill them up for days. Because they are so big they can't fly and crawl into bushes to hide. When a coyote or another animal approaches them they turn their head and release the food from their mouth on the threatening animal.

Rogers told students he played dead with falcons overhead, thinking they might swoop down. Their power of sense is so strong, he said, they

could tell he was alive and didn't approach.

The presenter perched a falcon with its huge wingspan on his hand and ran up and down the aisles as the falcon fanned the awed students.

Student Kathryn Williamson said of the program, "I learned that if you go close to a hawk they throw up on you to keep you away."

The most amazing part was when the hawk spread its wings and fanned us, the air created was strong as a blow dryer. It could blow dry my hair. I didn't know their wings were that strong."

Fascinating facts about feathers were shared. Owls have 9,206 feathers, a hummingbird has 940, the tundra swan has 25,216 feathers.

The story of recovery was told of each animal and they included rescue after being hit by a truck and losing a half a wing.

An owl was found after the tree it was nesting in was cut down.

When a bird is found, Rogers said to call the rescue instead of trying to raise it yourself because of the special food needed. Never touch a dead bird or animal because of the bugs that live on them, he cautioned.

This program was brought to St. Paul Catholic School through the school's enrichment program.

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Dancing with their special guests

A special dance was held in Poupard Elementary last month.

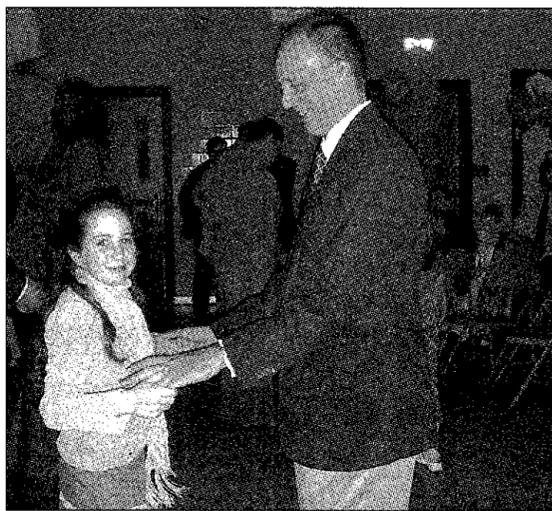
The Special Person's dance brought together Poupard students and people to whom the students feel especially close.

Fourth-grader Katie Perna brought her uncle, John Perna, because her father was away on a business trip. Nonetheless, she and her uncle had a good time because he loves to dance.

"He is really nice. He is funny," she said of the reason she shared this event with him. In her fifth year of attending the Special Person's dance, Perna still prefers the slow dances.

Isabella Kirck brought her sister, Michaela, and her special person was her father, Dave Kirck, whom, she said, supports her in soccer, baseball, swimming and dance lessons.

"My dad has always been there for me and I wanted to



Katie Perna brought her uncle, John Perna, to the dance.

take him somewhere."

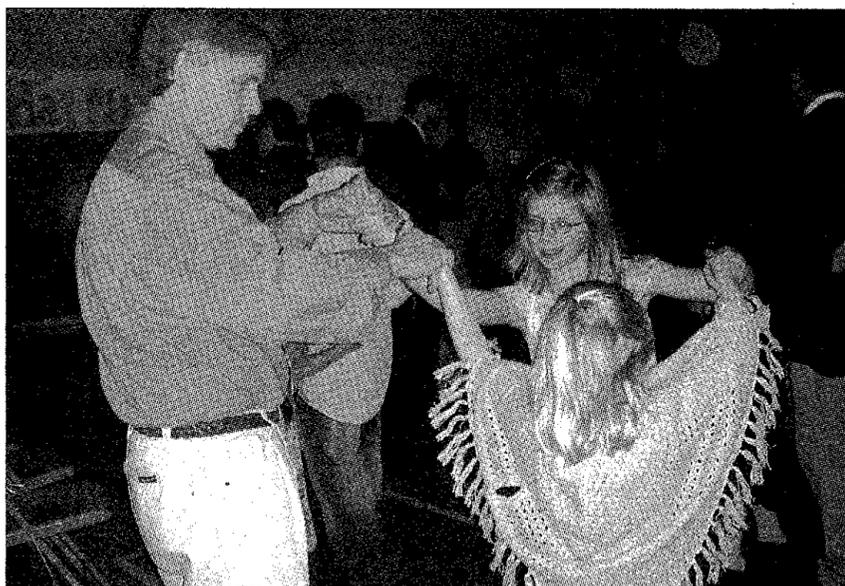
As a fourth-grader, Kirck has attended the dance four consecutive years and this one was

special because "We get to remember it."

Sister Michaela also chose her father as her special person.

When asked why her father is special, she said, "He plays with me. He tickles me a lot." The playing includes board games, with Sorry being their favorite.

Jim Russo accompanied his third-grade daughter Katie. "I



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Dave Kirck dances with his daughters, Isabella and Michaela, at the Special Person's Dance.

like dancing with my dad the most because I love him," she put simply as to why she invited him to the dance.

Gabrielle Tatum had similar sentiments about her father, Dale. "He's my dad and I really love him."

Her favorite part of the event

were slow dances. Tatum said her father is special because he has been helping her with piano lessons for the past two years.

Sisters Barbara and Donita Cox chose their cousin, Eric, as their special person.

Their reasons for bringing

him were quite simple.

"He said I looked special," Barbara said. "He plays jokes on me."

Barbara's second-grade sister said of their cousin, "He's fun. He always takes us to the store around the corner from my grandma's house."

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Musical notes pave the way

By Ann L. Fouty
Staff Writer

Emily Carter knows what path lies ahead and hers is paved with notes - musical notes.

The Grosse Pointe North High School senior is one of 12 students awarded Western Michigan University's 2006 Medallion Scholarship. Carter plans to enter the School of Music and specialize in singing jazz. The \$40,000 scholarship, given over four years in \$10,000 increments, will help as she sings her way through the blues, jazz, Italian auras and German operas.

But mostly jazz. Carter was among 300 students who, based on their academic record and ACT and SAT scores, was invited to



Emily Carter

compete at Western for the Medallion Scholarship. Students participated in a

small group problem solving activity as judges watched and scored them on which person had most helped the group solve its problem. Additionally, candidates were individually interviewed and each was asked to write a timed essay. Carter was asked to write on "intelligent design."

The family waited on pins and needles for days until Western Michigan finally called.

"WMU left a message," her mother said in a call to her daughter who was studying in a local coffee shop.

The following morning, Carter called Western and learned of her good fortune. "I screamed into the phone. Mom was on another receiver. She was sniffling. I didn't go to school that morning. We went out to breakfast."

Prior to winning the scholarship, Carter planned to enroll at Western. She attended the college's summer jazz camps and was influenced by her choir director, Mandy Scott, a Western graduate. Scott came to North three years ago and started the jazz group two years ago.

"I love to sing. I love to perform," Carter said. "My friends and I formed a quartet and we

perform at parties and weddings. It's so much fun."

Also, from Scott, Carter has discovered Jonie Mitchell's "Both Sides Now" CD.

"I just like her. She has an amazing voice, like chocolate," Carter said of Mitchell. "Her original songs are melting. The first time I listened to 'Blue' (another of Mitchell's CDs) I cried. It was so beautiful."

Carter's alto singing experience is more than jazz. It includes being a part of North's musicals, chorale groups and classical training.

She has attended Interlochen summer camps where she was tutored in classical music, Italian arias and German operettas. Last year, she attended the University of Michigan Chamber Singers with Jerry Blackstone as director. But her signature song is "Fever."

"Most people know me from that solo," she said.

Carter is the president of the National Honor Society, is a member of the drama club, the Italian Club and is taking AP Italian, works at Jimmy John's and takes singing lessons from Tamm LeHew Whittey.

"I can't wait," Carter said of attending college. "I'm wishing it was tomorrow."

Corrections

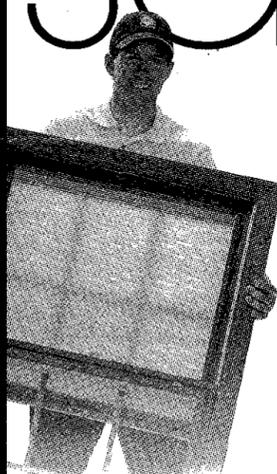
Abigail Grobbel was misidentified in the March 9 issue on page 17A.

Alyssa Morang-Pavlock's name was misspelled in Parcels Middle School spelling bee outline.

Pierce Middle School math students placed fourth in the second part of the 30th annual Detroit Country Day Math Competition on Saturday, Feb. 4. The information in the issue of March 9 was incorrect.

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Chess team brings home the trophy

For the second consecutive year, The Grosse Pointe Academy chess team came home with a third place trophy in the 2006 Michigan Elementary Reserve (K-5) division of the Michigan Chess Association state championship held on Saturday, Feb. 4, at Michigan State University.

Accompanying the team were parents, coach Ed Mandell of All the King's Men in Warren, and faculty advisor Wendy Demartini.

Winning individual medals were third-grader Jared Dempsey and fifth-grader Jeffrey Woolstrum who won silver medals, while fourth-grader Karstan Minanov and fifth-grader Steven Ragland shared a silver medal.

Third-grader Joseph Cavataio received a bronze medal.

The Academy formed an after school chess club for

kindergarten through fifth grade students five years ago. The club has grown in popularity through the years.

During the past three years the school has invited local elementary schools to participate in a K-6 chess invitational, in which individual trophies are awarded.

The first invitational for this year was held in December, with a second one tentatively scheduled for May.

Due to the success of the chess club and the burgeoning interest in chess in general, Demartini decided last year to form a chess team.

The team meets from 7:30 to 8:30 a.m. on Fridays.

For more information about The Grosse Pointe Academy chess invitational in May, contact the school at (313) 886-1221 or e-mail to Demartini at mailto:wdemartini@gpacademy.org.

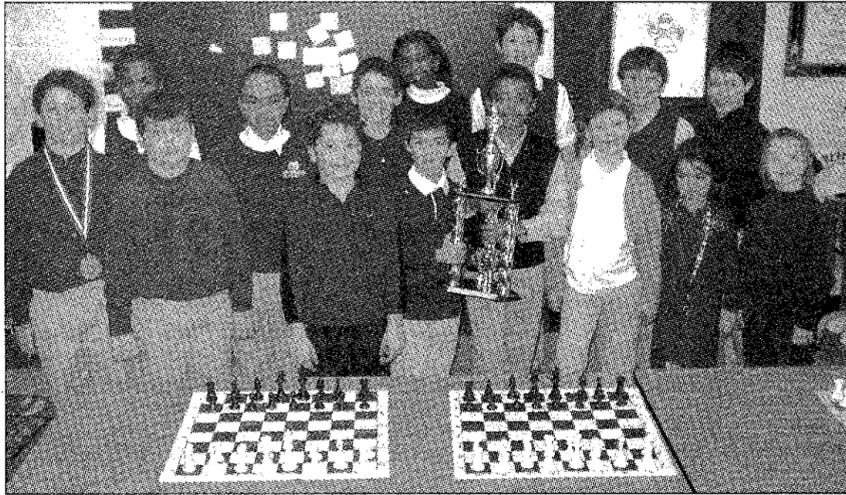


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Pictured with the team's trophy, in front row from left, Jared Dempsey, Derek Demkowicz, Jared Demkowicz, Joseph Cavataio, Steven Ragland, Elizabeth Stayton, Gabriela Cavataio and Carly Demkowicz. In the back row from left, Camille Ragland, Jalen Battle, Conor Tily, Chasity Polk, Jeffrey Woolstrum, Liam McIlroy and Dylan Demkowicz. Not pictured are Karstan Minanov, Tripp Rinke and Robert Whitaker.

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The art fest will be open from 7 to 9 p.m. on Tuesday, April 4, with awards presented at 8 p.m. in South's auditorium.

Hours on Wednesday, April 5, are from 8 a.m. to noon and from 7 to 9 p.m., 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. and 7 to 9 p.m. on Thursday, April 6, 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Friday, April 7, and from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday, April 8. Purchased art may be picked up between

noon and 3 p.m. in Cleminson Hall on Monday, April 10.

The chairpersons for the 2006 art fest are Karen Shepard and Debbie Liang.

Artists Casey Browning, Irida Mance, Owen Mahery and Julie Victor are featured on a poster.

Students deciding to sell their work will donate 20 percent of the proceeds to the Robert R. Rathbun Memorial Fund established for scholarships, art awards or enrichment activities for students. Personal donations may also be made to the fund.

For more information, call Barb Gruenwald at (313) 432-5402, Karen Shepard at (313) 824-9637 or Debbie Liang at (313) 884-4476 or e-mail Gruenwald at gpschools.org.

St. Clare PTO will host auction

The 2006 St. Clare of Montefalco School PTO "Auction Fiesta" will be Saturday, April 1, in the St. Clare of Montefalco Church social hall.

Doors open at 5:30 p.m. An assortment of dinners and desserts are served from 6 to 8:30 p.m. A silent auction takes place from 6 to 9 p.m. and the live auction at 9 p.m., featuring auctioneers Jim Williams and Tom Barrow.

Auction items include Detroit Tiger game tickets, a Mackinac Island Grand Hotel get-away package, a cruise on 53-foot yacht the "White

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Tickets for the evening are \$30 until March 23; \$35 from March 24-31; and \$40 at the door.

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GROSSE POINTE ACADEMY

Eighth-grader takes state title

Ian Flick, an eighth-grade student at The Grosse Pointe Academy, is one of the finalists in the 2006 Michigan Geographic Bee.

Flick won the school-level competition of the National Geographic Bee held at the Academy on Jan. 12.

Eighth-grader Gordon Maxwell was the runner up.

The school-level bee, at which students answered oral questions on geography, was the first round in the 18th annual National Geographic Bee sponsored by the National Geographic Society. The stu-

dents with the top 100 scores were invited to compete at the state level.

The 2006 Michigan Geographic Bee will be held at Central Michigan University on Friday, March 31.

The state winner and his or her teacher will represent the state in the national finals at the National Geographic Society headquarters in Washington, D.C. May 23-24. The state winner will receive \$100 and the trip to Washington, D.C. The national winner will receive a \$25,000 college scholarship.



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Grosse Pointe Academy geography bee winner Ian Flick, from left, moderator Harriett Whitake and runner-up Gordon Maxwell. Flick is a finalist in the 2006 Michigan Geographic Bee.

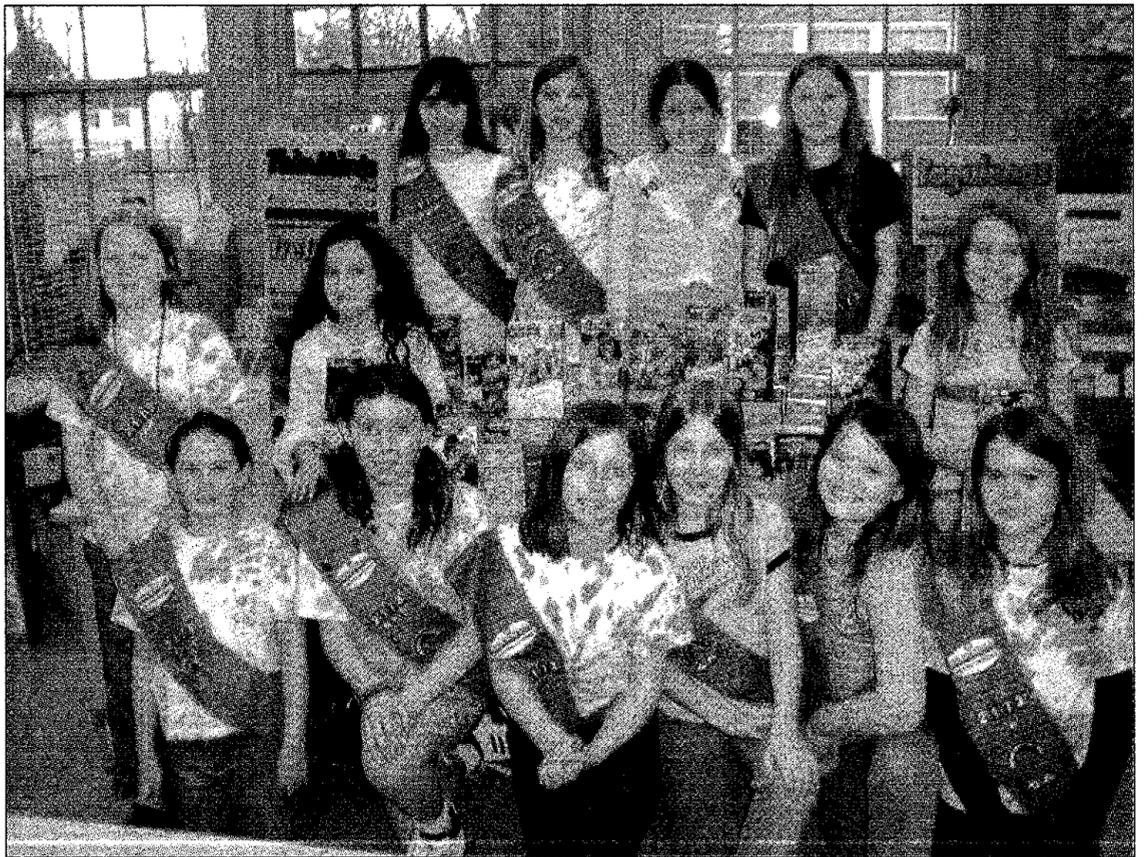


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Cookie delivery

The 14 members of Jr. Girl Scout Troop 2173 sold 1,344 boxes of cookies during the annual cookie sale. What makes this sale different is where some of the boxes will be delivered. If people declined in buying a box for themselves, the girls asked if they would buy a \$3.50 box to donate to the Children's Home of Detroit. The response from the community was positive, resulting in 106 boxes of Trefoils, Thin Mints, Tagalongs, All Arounds and Samoas heading for the Children's Home. These fourth-graders from Kerby Elementary School include, in the back row from left, Catherine O'Gorman, Marcy Schoemaker, Theresa Payne and Kathé Erichsen; in the middle row from left, Tara McClanaghan, Arianna Bresnan and Livvy Jones; in front, from left Jordan Taber, Cassandra Morse, Christy Finkenstaedt, Mary-Margaret Miller, Claire Brassell and Alexa Calas. Alexandra Etsios was absent.

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DECA students attend conference

Grosse Pointe North High School sent 28 marketing students and South sent 42 to Michigan Distribution

Education Clubs of America's (DECA) 60th annual state career development conference, March 10-12, held at the Hyatt Regency Dearborn.

This is the only event where high school marketing leaders in Michigan come together to prepare for their careers. Students have the opportunity to compete for a chance to represent Michigan at DECA's International Career Development Conference in Dallas in April.

The Michigan DECA State Career Development Conference is an opportunity for students to demonstrate and further develop the competencies important to success in marketing occupations. Through general sessions and programs, students develop their leadership ability, improve self-image and learn suc-

cess patterns.

More than 350 business professionals donate their time as judges for the competition aspect of the conference.

These business professionals meet one-on-one with the students and evaluate the student's marketing abilities.

Business professionals from companies such as Ford Motor Company, J.C. Penney, Visteon, Finish Line and Sears come back year after year to interact with Michigan's marketing students.

Students compete in 38 events. The leaders in the field of marketing education, in cooperation with marketing professionals working in every industry, have designed these events to contribute to the development of skills necessary for careers in marketing, management, merchandising and

entrepreneurship. Every competition provides a constructive avenue of individual and team expression, initiative and creativity. Once students demonstrate their acquired skills, they are recognized on stage in front of their peers as the top marketing students in Michigan.

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OBITUARIES

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Peter W. Donahoo
Peter W. Donahoo, 30, of Grosse Pointe Park, died on Tuesday, March 7, 2006, in Chicago, Ill.

He was born on Sept. 23, 1975, in Fort Wayne, Ind., to Thomas and Anne Donahoo.

Mr. Donahoo was a second year law student at Northwestern University in Chicago. He earned undergraduate degrees from the University of Dayton and the University of Michigan.

He is survived by his parents, Thomas and Anne Donahoo; his sisters, Karen (Simon) Clark and Jennifer Donahoo; and his brother, Joseph (Luisa) Donahoo.

A funeral Mass was celebrated on Monday, March 13, at St. Ambrose Catholic Church in Grosse Pointe Park.

Memorial contributions may be made to Rails to Trails Conservancy, 30 Liberty Street, Canal Winchester, OH 43110.

Samuel Adler Golden

Samuel Adler Golden, professor emeritus of English at Wayne State University, died Thursday, Feb. 9, 2006, at the Coville Assisted Living

Apartments in Oak Park. He was 96 years old, outliving his parents, wife and four younger siblings.

Mr. Golden was born in Boston, Mass., where he attended grade and high school. He developed the aspiration to become a baseball player, but because he couldn't run fast, settled for the job of team manager. At his high school graduation, he received a coveted sweater for being the team's manager. He was a longtime champion of the Detroit Tigers and Boston Red Sox.

Known to his friends as Sam or Sammy, Mr. Golden graduated from Boston College and the University of Maine at Orono. He married Elizabeth Russakoff, a graduate of the New England Conservatory of Music.

After announcing to his wife that he had bought a summer hotel at Lake Parlin in Maine, the two settled down as hoteliers which was a job that offered time to travel in Europe.

He was drafted into the U.S. Army when he was 30-year-old and thereafter rose to the rank of second lieutenant. His stories about army life were humorous as well as very sad. After World War II, Mr. Golden

visited Ireland where he enrolled in Trinity College in Dublin. Here he earned his doctorate and a lectureship in American Literature. He moved to Wayne State University because he wanted to go "out west."

His association with Grosse Pointe grew from his friendship with a colleague living in Grosse Pointe Farms. He spent all his weekends at her home for many years.

The neighbors and children became his friends and Pier Park was his favorite place. He also enjoyed the concerts at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial.

His memorial service will be held on Saturday, March 25, at 3 p.m. at the Grosse Pointe Unitarian Church, 17150 Maumee, Grosse Pointe.

Toni M. Kelly

Toni Marie Kelly, 56, of Grosse Pointe Woods, died at her home from a sudden attack of meningitis on Sunday, March 5, 2006.

She was born in Detroit in 1949 to the late Richard Plotzke and the late Esther (nee Moses) Plotzke.

Mrs. Kelly graduated from

Finney High School in 1967 and received a Bachelor of Science degree in education from Eastern Michigan University in 1972.

She married John Kelly, the former state senator from Grosse Pointe, after college graduation and lived in Grosse Pointe for the last two decades.

A substitute teacher for the Grosse Pointe Public School System, she loved watching her students mature and grow into adulthood. She was very proud of the nobility of her profession.

Her life and her soul were the love of her family. No greater passion existed for this extraordinary mother other than her two daughters and husband. She loved watching her parents and every family member with happiness and fulfillment. The void she leaves is without comprehension and her legacy will endure in all of our hearts forever.

Mrs. Kelly was content to take care of her home and relished her walks in the community. Almost daily treks to the Grosse Pointe Public Library proved joyful and satisfying.

She loved Detroit's venerable institutions including the library, The Detroit Institute of Arts, Belle Isle and the Detroit Zoo. She cherished them as repositories of community memory and reflections of the collective ancestral fabric of all who lived here.

She is survived by her husband, John F. Kelly; her daughters, Dana M. and Rebecca L. Kelly; her sister, Margo L.



Samuel Adler Golden



Toni M. Kelly

Plotzke of Newton, Mass; and many nieces and nephews.

A memorial service was held on Wednesday, March 8, at Christ Church Detroit.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Grosse Pointe Public Library, 10 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe Farms, MI 48236 and the Detroit Zoological Society, P.O. Box 8237, Royal Oak, MI 48068.

Marie Snay

Former Grosse Pointe Farms resident Marie Snay, 92, of Shelby Township, died on Thursday, March 9, 2006.

She is survived by her daughter; Judith (Thomas) Quinney; her son, Raymond J. (Mary) Snay Jr.; her grandchildren, Timothy and Scott Quinney, and Danielle Snay and Raymond Snay III; and

her great-grandchildren, Ashley, Nicole and Vanessa.

She was predeceased by her husband, Raymond J. Snay.

A memorial service was held at Chas. Verheyden Funeral Homes, Inc. in Grosse Pointe Woods. Interment is at Mount Olivet Cemetery in Detroit.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Alzheimer's Association.

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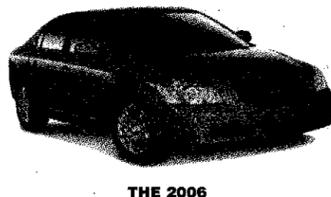
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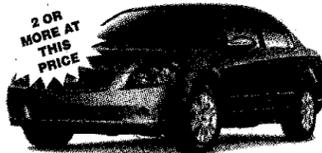
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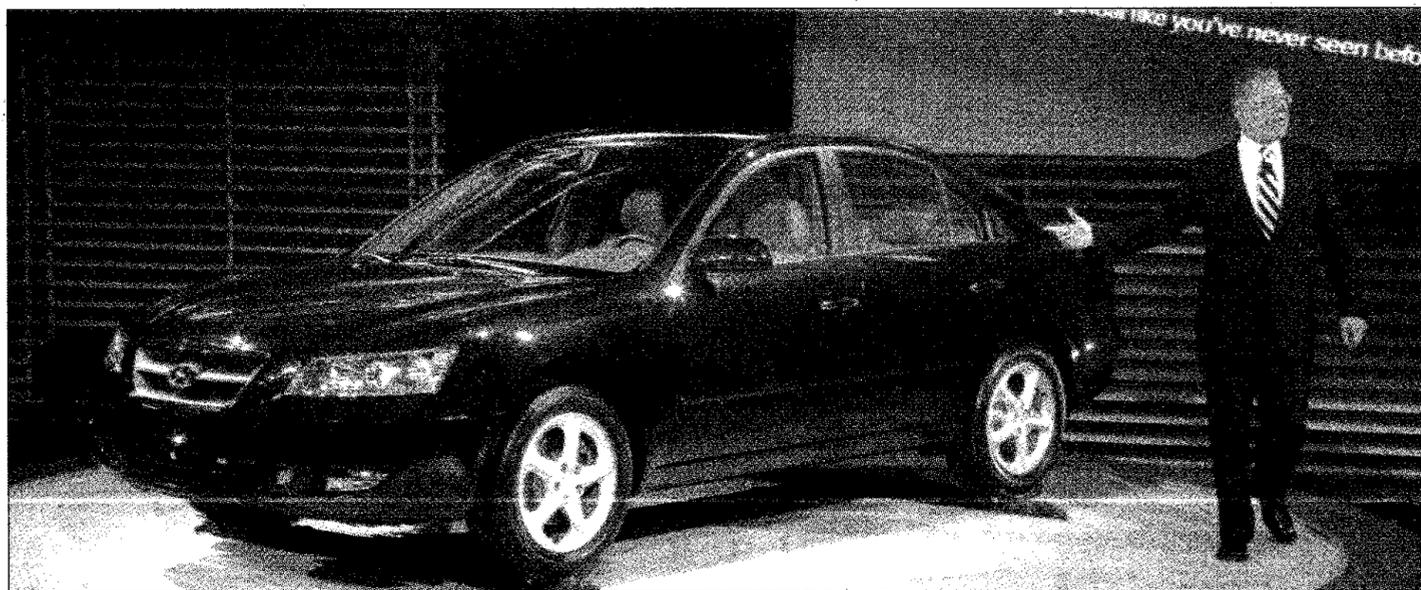
New Sonata is bigger and better

Something truly remarkable, even awe-inspiring, is happening at Hyundai. You could see it coming. The 2004 Sonata got the J.D. Power and Associates "Most Appealing Entry Midsize Car" rating, and surprised everybody by also grabbing kudos for highest initial quality in that category too. Now, the 2006 Sonata is bigger and better, and that's not just a sales pitch.

The new Sonata competes with the class-leading midsize Honda Accord and Toyota Camry, among others. But with 121.7 cubic feet of total interior space, the 2006 Sonata is now classified as a large car in the states. Hyundai added an inch or two here and there to do it. Even trunk space is up to 16 percent to 16.3 cubic feet.

The new car is completely redesigned and restyled, looking like a blend of popular models. There's a bit of Accord in the rear, some Audi in the side view, and plenty of Hyundai up front. Inside and out, the looks will please many and offend no one. My Dark Cinnamon test car looked dignified and a little sporty with its 16-inch alloy wheels.

The interior has the same blend-of-winners look. Without anything tacky or ostentatious, the gently curving, padded dashboard and doors evoke the aforementioned Japanese leaders, but also offer a hint of Mercedes-Benz and Audi. Materials are very nice, fit-and-finish are tight, and even the artificial wood wears



Bob Cosmai, president and CEO, Hyundai Motor America, unveils the 2006 Hyundai Sonata at the vehicle's North American debut for media at the North American International Auto Show.

an appropriate shade and gloss. Silvery needles in the gauges look expensive. The matte silver trim is nicely done. The climate control knobs move with precision and weight. There's even a lined toll drawer, visors with pullout extensions, and pull-down grips that return to their resting positions slowly. Much research and homework were obviously done.

The newness doesn't stop at the sheet metal and interior. You can choose from two new engines, a 2.4-liter inline four rated at 162 horsepower and pound-feet of torque, or a 3.3-

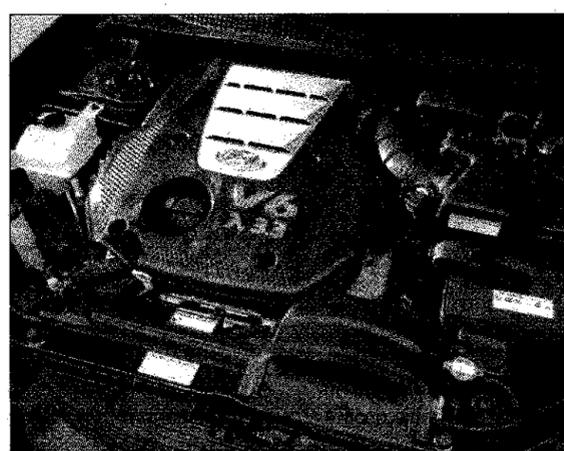
liter V6 that puts out 235 horsepower and 226 pound-feet of torque. The four comes standard in the base GL model and the mid-level GLS model. The GLS also can be ordered with the V6, while the LX top of the line model has the V6 as standard equipment, as well it should. You can get a five-speed manual only in the four-cylinder cars.

Fuel economy numbers for the four-cylinder GL with manual transmission are 24 City, 34 Highway. The V6 gets 20 City, 30 Highway. My V6-equipped tester averaged 20.3 miles per gallon.

My tester was a GLS with V6, which is likely to be the most popular model. Every Sonata comes with features buyers want, like power windows (with power up and down for the driver), power locks (with alarmed keyless entry), and power mirrors (heated). More amazing, even the base car comes with air conditioning, cruise control, a complete audio system with MP3, and a leather-wrapped steering wheel.

Most incredible of all is the list of standard safety features on every Sonata, including Electronic Stability Control (ESC), Traction Control System (TCS), and Anti-lock Brakes with Electronic Brake Force Distribution (EBD). This parade of lifesaving acronyms uses computer technology to keep you and your family safe, and is normally not standard equipment on cars in this market segment or price range. In case the high-tech systems can't prevent a crash, you also get six standard air bags, front, side, and front and rear side curtain.

Driving the Sonata is as pleasant as you might expect. It's very quiet inside, which adds to the sense of high quality. GLS level upgrades include



16-inch alloy wheels, steering wheel-mounted audio controls, trip computer, shinier trim pieces, and more. The LX level brings in eight-way power heated leather seats, automatic temperature control, 17-inch alloy wheels, auto-dimming mirrors, and more.

The new Sonata rolls out of a spanking new billion-dollar plus plant in Montgomery, Ala. Twenty-eight percent of the parts are U.S./Canadian in origin. Assembly of imported cars in America has been around for decades, but this is new for Hyundai. The company claims that this American-built

Sonata was specifically designed with the U.S. market in mind, and I can believe it.

My test car, with no options, came to a mere \$21,495. The GL starts at just \$18,495, and the LX lists at \$23,495. These prices include freight and handling charges. Any options will move these modest numbers higher; but with the Sonata, options are things like sunroofs and subwoofers, not necessities.

Hyundai rolls on, with newer and better cars every year. The luxury Azera sedan is just arriving. Advice to competitors: Be afraid!

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SHOP TALK By Greg Zyla

Wash and wax tips



Here are 10 great car-washing and waxing tips from the experts at Eagle One products.

1. Vacuum your car before washing, not after, so that any dust that may come out of the vacuum won't land on clean paint.
2. Clean wheels and tires before washing to avoid splashing water on clean paint.
3. Use a premium car wash soap, not household dish soap, to wash your car. Dish soap strips wax from paint. A car wash with a wax conditioner

will enhance and extend the shine on your paint and add protection.

4. Wash your car from the top down. This will save cleaning the dirtiest part — the bottom — for last, which will prevent scratching.

5. After you've washed your car, give it a "just-waxed" look by leaving it wet and spraying on a new product called Wax As-U-Dry, and then drying it with a towel or chamois.

Doing this every time you wash your car will add a protective layer of wax to the finish.

6. Rinse out your wash mitt every time you wash your car. This will remove the dirt that gets embedded in the mitt and prevent scratches.

7. Use an automotive glass cleaner for your windows. Household glass cleaners will not remove the vinyl fog and cigarette smoke residue that

build up on the glass.

8. Clean the interior glass with an up-and-down motion and exterior glass with a side-to-side motion. If there are any streaks, you'll be able to tell which side of the glass they're on.

9. Don't apply a heavy coat of wax or polish with the thought that it will give you a better shine. All it will do is take more time to remove. Wax or polish your car about four times a year depending on where you live.

10. Don't use dryer sheets when you wash the towels you use on your car. They contain silicone, which limits the absorbency of the towels and also leaves a residue that will streak the glass.

Write to Greg Zyla in care of King Features Weekly Service, P.O. Box 536475, Orlando, FL 32853-6475; or send e-mail to letters.kfws@hearstsc.com.

The power of liquid fuels: Biofuels

Biofuels, an alternative to high-priced gas and reliance on foreign oil, are liquid transportation fuels made from plants instead of petroleum.

Ethanol and biodiesel can be blended with or substituted for gasoline and diesel for use in unmodified automobiles and trucks at low-blend levels.

The Big Three American automakers all offer several models of flex-fuel vehicles capable of using up to 85 percent ethanol blended with gasoline at no price premium over similar cars.

Using these biofuels can reduce air pollution, greenhouse gas buildup, dependence on imported oil and trade deficits, while supporting agriculture and the American economy.

Ethanol

Ethanol is made from corn and other grains. Ethanol contains approximately one-third more energy than is required to produce it and deliver it to fueling stations. In the near future it will also be made from rice straw, cornstalks, municipal solid waste, and energy crops such as switchgrass.

Ethanol burns cleaner, emitting less carbon monoxide and hydrocarbons than plain gasoline.

Biodiesel

Biodiesel, used in diesel-powered vehicles as well as stationary generators, is made from such things as oil from soy-

beans and used cooking oil.

The amount of used cooking oil now disposed of in the United States exceeds the current potential demand for biodiesel fuel, making it an abundant resource. Another advantage of biodiesel is its high lubricity which helps the moving parts of engines.

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PUBLIC SAFETY REPORTS

City of Grosse Pointe

Almost catches car theft suspect

A City of Grosse Pointe patrolman was cruising the 900 block of University last weekend when he saw an unknown man drive a vehicle away from the curb and speed toward Mack.

"The vehicle went lights out just as it crossed Mack," said the officer.

The patrolman broke off pursuit and returned to the area where the vehicle had been parked. In a driveway he found a white 2006 Dodge Charger that had a broken driver-side window.

Speeds more than a mile per minute

On Saturday, March 11, at 9:29 p.m., a City of Grosse Pointe patrolman had stopped his cruiser for a red traffic light at Lakeland and Jefferson when he reportedly saw a man

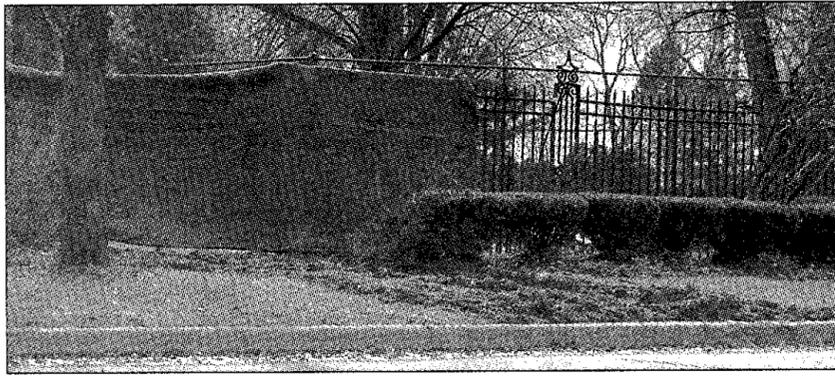


PHOTO BY BRAD LINDBERG

Blasts through fence

A 15-year-old Detroit male was arrested last weekend for stealing a pickup truck and running off the road through a fence into Osius Park during a high-speed chase in Grosse Pointe Shores. On Monday, March 13, at 3:24 a.m., Warren police were pursuing the man driving a stolen 2005 Dodge Ram at speeds reaching 90 mph on eastbound Vernier through Grosse Pointe Woods into the Shores. The man ran over the curb attempting to turn onto northbound Lakeshore. The truck knocked over a section of iron park fence at the foot of Lakeshore, plowed deep ruts in the soggy grass of a low-lying park picnic area, hit two trees and got stuck in the mud. The driver and 17-year-old male passenger of unknown address tried to run away. Woods officers were called to help set up a perimeter. "(The suspects were) taken into custody by the tennis courts," said Shores police.

in a 1994 Chevrolet Corsica driving westbound on Jefferson at speeds estimated

to exceed 60 mph.

"(I) observed (the) vehicle weave between vehicles and continue westbound at a high rate of speed," said the officer.

During a traffic stop at Bishop in Grosse Pointe Park, the 57-year-old driver from Detroit admitted drinking beer before driving.

"One open bottle of whiskey was discovered in a paper bag on the front passenger seat," police said.

Officers found another bottle of whisky in the glove box. They said an unregistered loaded handgun was in the trunk.

Fourth drunken driving arrest

City of Grosse Pointe police arrested a suspected huffer at about 11 p.m. Saturday, March 11.

Huffing is slang for someone who gets high by inhaling hydrocarbon fumes, such as from a can of lacquer thinner found in the 1997 Ford Explorer of a 27-year-old Sterling Heights man caught speeding on Mack near Neff.

In addition to thinner, police searching the vehicle found a can of spilled beer and a 2/3-empty pint of Jagermeister.

"The car reeked of hydrocarbon," police said. "(The man) was slurring his words and did not know where he was," adding that the man's eyes were "glazed and extremely dilated."

turning on a water spigot, police said.

"There was no damage to the statues but they are heavy and (the resident) has a hard time picking them up," police said.

On Friday, March 10, at 2:37 p.m., three brothers ages 5, 8 and 10 admitted taking the shortcut to their home in the 400 block of Bournmouth. The 5-year-old said his oldest brother had pushed over a statue. All three denied turning on the water.

"(They) stated they were sorry and will never cut through peoples' yards again," police said.

\$10,000 family

heirloom missing

A diamond ring valued both as a piece of jewelry and for sentimental reasons has been reported missing by a woman living in the 200 block of Ridgemont in Grosse Pointe Farms.

On Monday, March 6, the woman noticed the \$10,000 ring missing from her house. She reported last wearing it to a work function Feb. 10.

"After work she put it in her jewelry box," police said. "The ring had been passed down to her by her mother. It was yellow gold with a wave pattern and a near-perfect diamond just under one carat."

The woman provided detectives with names of people who have access to her house.

— Brad Lindberg

Grosse Pointe Farms

Missing necklaces and rings

A Grosse Pointe Farms woman last week reported jewelry worth \$1,600 missing from her home in the 400 block of Allard. She said the valuables had been gone since the end of October 2005.

"(She) did not file a report at the time (because) she thought she may be able to find the missing jewelry," police said. "(She) feels strongly that someone has taken the items, which were hidden."

There are no suspects. Items consist of a \$1,000 choker pearl necklace with a diamond clasp, a \$500 opera-length pearl necklace from Japan, \$50 pearl ring with a pyramid design and a \$50 ring with four opals.

Too short a cut

Grosse Pointe Farms police last week were monitoring a house on the northeast corner of Chalfonte and Ballantyne when they caught three juveniles trespassing in the backyard.

Officers had been watching the house upon request of its 80-year-old male owner. The man had complained of kids committing vandalism on his property while taking shortcuts to and from school.

Past vandalism included knocking over statues and

stopped a vehicle on the corner of Mack and Wayburn.

A LEIN (Law Enforcement Information Network) check revealed the driver license of the 31-year-old Detroit resident was suspended. She also had two illegal knives concealed in her purse.

She was arrested.

— Bob St. John

Grosse Pointe Shores

Two suspects, multiple warrants

A 30-year-old female motorist from Detroit was arrested in Grosse Pointe Shores last weekend on three outstanding warrants from 36th District Court.

On Saturday, March 11, at 11:11 p.m., an officer stopped the woman for weaving her 1994 Pontiac two-door on northbound Lakeshore near Briarcliff.

Records showed her wanted on a marijuana charge, disorderly conduct and harboring a vicious animal. Wayne County authorities asked Shores police to detain her for pickup.

Shores police also arrested the woman's 33-year-old male passenger from Detroit.

Sterling Heights police took him into custody at 2:55 a.m. on an outstanding traffic warrant. His record included a warrant for failure to appear in 36th District Court on unspecified charges.

Dog messes up

On the morning of Monday, March 6, a resident of Vernier in Grosse Pointe Shores complained to police about his property being used as a dumping ground by his neighbor's yellow Labrador retriever.

"(The dog owner) was advised of the complaint and that he had one week to get his dog licensed by the village," police said.

The next afternoon, the dog owner obtained a license at Village Hall.

— Brad Lindberg

Grosse Pointe Woods

No headlights

At 1:13 a.m. on Thursday, March 2, a Grosse Pointe Woods police officer pulled over a 20-year-old St. Clair Shores woman for driving without operating headlights on her 2006 red Pontiac.

The woman told the officer she did not have her driver license because she lost it and hasn't received her new one in the mail.

However, a LEIN check revealed the woman did not have a valid driver license and would not get one until she paid a reinstatement fee.

She was arrested for driving with an invalid license. She

See SAFETY, page 23A

Grosse Pointe Park

Stolen stuff

Overnight on Saturday, March 11, damage was discovered to several computers and a fire extinguisher was discharged in a building in the 1400 block of Whittier in Grosse Pointe Park.

Attempts car theft

On Monday, March 6, between 7 p.m. and 12:30 a.m. on Tuesday, March 7, a 2006 Jeep Liberty was broken into and the ignition was damaged.

The vehicle, parked in the street in front of a home in the 1000 block of Bishop in Grosse Pointe Park, would not start.

Busted

On Tuesday, March 7, at 12:26 a.m., a 56-year-old Detroit man was investigated on the corner of Kercheval and Lakepointe in Grosse Pointe Park.

The man began swinging a four-foot board at the officers, who asked him to drop the object.

The person was subdued with a Taser and arrested.

Arrested

On Monday, March 6, at 4:30 p.m., Grosse Pointe Park police

City of Grosse Pointe Woods, Michigan

NOTICE TO BIDDERS - RUBBISH BAGS: 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 23, 2006, at which time and place the proposals will be publicly opened and read aloud for furnishing the following item: 15,000 Sleeves (50 Bags/Sleeve) of Rubbish Bags over a one-year period. 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.

Lisa Hathaway
City Clerk

G.P.N.: 03/16/2006

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

Diann H. Lulis,
City Assessor

G.P.N.: 03/09/2006, 03/16/06

City of Grosse Pointe Farms, Michigan

SUMMARY OF THE MINUTES MARCH 6, 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, Peter W. Waldmeir, Therese M. Joseph, Joseph T. Leonard, Charles S. Terry Davis III

Those Absent Were: Councilman Douglas Roby.

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.

Councilman Roby was excused from attending the Meeting.

Linda Walters Chair of the Michigan Parks and Recreation Association presented Council with the 2006 Design Award for the Pier Park Community Building, indicating the design to be the most unique functional design for a community, in the State of Michigan

The Minutes of the Regular Meeting held on February 6, 2006, were approved as submitted.
The Minutes of the Closed Session held on February 6, 2006, were approved as submitted.
The Minutes of the Regular Meeting held on February 27, 2006, were approved as submitted.

The Council, acting as a Zoning Board of Appeals, approved the Minutes of the Public Hearings held on February 6 & 27, 2006, as submitted; granted the appeal of Lawrence & Alexis Morawski of 235 Ridge Road.

The Council voted to accept Utility Service Authority, LLC to perform the work for the 2006 Water Main Replacement Program maintaining their unit prices of 2005 with an increase in the cost of materials for 8" diameter HDPE.

The Council approved the bid from Dorian Construction, Inc. in the total amount of \$106,380, for the water plant stair restoration.

The Council approved the low bid from Bob Thibodeau Ford, in the amount of \$21,057.60, for one DPW F-150.

Upon proper motion made, supported and carried, the Meeting adjourned at 8:45 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, APRIL 3, 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

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City of Grosse Pointe Farms, Michigan

NOTICE OF PROPOSED HEARING AND PROPOSED STATEMENT OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT OBJECTIVES AND REPROGRAMMING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a Public Hearing will be held on Friday, March 31, 2006 at 10:00 a.m. by the City Administration at the Municipal Office, 90 Kerby Road, for review of Community Development Block Grant Reprogramming Request.

The following activities are proposed for reprogramming of funding under the Community Development Block Grant Program. The purpose of this reprogramming request is to continue the funding and activities of the Services for Older Citizens (SOC) Minor Home Repair program at the same levels as in prior years. Final reprogramming amounts are subject to the approval of Wayne County CDBG Program and the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD).

CURRENT PROJECT	REPROGRAMMED PROJECT	AMOUNT
Infrastructure Improvements (04-11-03)	SOC Minor Home Repair (04-11-14a)	\$28,000
Infrastructure Improvements (05-11-03)	SOC Minor Home Repair	\$19,200
Total:		\$47,200

The City invites all citizens as well as individuals or representatives of neighborhood groups to submit ideas and comments concerning this application.

Shane L. Reeside,
City Clerk

GPN: 03/16/06

CITY OF GROSSE POINTE

Iske murder suspects bound for trial

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

Defense attorneys say they'll punch holes in arguments prosecutors relied on to have their clients bound over to Wayne Circuit Court for last summer's execution-style murder of Barbara Ann Iske.

The prosecutor handling the case said essentially the same thing about the defense strategy.

"It will all come out at the trial," said Robert Stevens, assistant Wayne County Prosecutor. "There's not enough admissible evidence for bind-over in this case," said Michael Rataj, attorney for Joseph Michael Marasco, a 51-year-old City of

Grosse Pointe man.

Marasco is accused of ordering and paying for Iske's death by gunfire the morning of June 14. Her body was found that afternoon face down in the driveway of Marasco's residence at 21 Dodge Place, a private street in the City, where he lived with his mother.

Iske, the bookkeeper to Marasco's mother, had been shot once in the face and to the back of the neck.

At the conclusion of a two-day preliminary hearing Tuesday, March 7, City Judge Russell Ethridge ruled there was probable cause to suspect Marasco and Derrick Anthony Thompson, 47, of Detroit, conspired in Iske's death.

Ethridge forwarded the case to 3rd Circuit Court in Detroit, where the two suspects are scheduled for arraignment on first-degree murder and related charges Tuesday, March 21, at 9 a.m.

"This appears to be a homicide that took several weeks, if not longer, to arrange," Ethridge said.

If found guilty, Marasco and Thompson will spend their

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Joseph Michael Marasco of the City of Grosse Pointe speaks with his two attorneys, Michael Rataj, left, and Philip Thomas.

PHOTO BY BRAD LINDBERG

SAFETY:
Crime doesn't pay

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paid the \$100 personal bond at the police station and was released.

Stolen plate

On Wednesday, March 1, at 8:45 p.m., a 19-year-old Grosse Pointe Woods man reported to police that an unknown person swiped his license plate and put another one on his vehicle.

The man said he was playing in an athletic event in Port Huron earlier that evening. When he returned home he noticed the plate on his vehicle didn't look like the one he had.

A LEIN check revealed the plate is from a stolen vehicle out of Port Huron.

Woods detectives are investigating.

Can't get

story straight

On Saturday, March 11, at 1:37 a.m., Grosse Pointe Woods police officers were called to a home in the 2000 block of Hollywood.

A resident inside the home reported to police that she heard a loud bang and went to investigate. She saw a car sitting next to a tree and a man standing outside of the vehicle.

The woman said the man got back into his car and took off. A minute later, Woods police arrived.

According to reports, the man stopped his vehicle and re-exited it. He began walking, leaving his car behind, which is when police caught up with him.

The driver, a 37-year-old St. Clair Shores man, was asked where he was going and if he had anything to drink.

The man ignored police the first time and then said he was "walking home and had a couple."

The officer told the man a witness said he crashed his car into a tree, and he responded, "I might have."

The man became verbally abusive and was told he would be arrested for leaving an accident scene and operating a motor vehicle while intoxicated.

The driver responded, "That is why I am walking home."

He was arrested and taken to the station where he refused to take a breath test. The Woods police were able to obtain a search warrant to get blood from the man so the officer could get the man's blood alcohol level.

The suspect was taken to a local hospital where blood was drawn.

Honest drunken driver is arrested

On Friday, March 10, at 8:42 p.m., a 54-year-old Grosse Pointe Woods woman walked

into the police station to report damage to her vehicle, which occurred when she smashed into an object while drunken driving.

The woman was arrested for drunken driving the night before.

Caught

On Monday, March 13, at 12:20 a.m., a 36-year-old Detroit man was pulled over at Harper and Allard for failing to wear his seat belt.

A LEIN (Law Enforcement Information Network) check revealed the man had three outstanding misdemeanor warrants out of Detroit for an alcohol-related violation, a public order crime, and non-payment of child support totaling \$16,078 from Friend of the Court.

The man was arrested and issued citations for not wearing a seat belt and for not having proper proof of insurance.

Expired plate

At 2:30 p.m. on Sunday, March 12, a 41-year-old Detroit woman was stopped at Harper and Allard for having an expired license plate tab.

A Grosse Pointe Woods police officer performed a LEIN check on the plate that revealed the tab expires in May 2006, while the car's registration had the tab expiration date in 2005.

The LEIN check also revealed the woman had four outstanding warrants (one out of Grosse Pointe Woods and three out of Detroit) and 17 license suspensions.

The Woods bond was \$300 and the three Detroit bonds totaled \$298. The woman paid all four bonds, plus the current bond at Grosse Pointe Woods, and was released.

Suspicious driver

On Saturday, March 11, at 7:55 a.m., a 41-year-old Shelby Township man was pulled over for suspicious behavior.

A Grosse Pointe Woods police officer observed the man pull into three businesses in the Harper and Allard vicinity, but fail to get out of his vehicle.

The officer pulled over the man after a LEIN check revealed he had an outstanding warrant and three license suspensions (each for driving with a suspended license).

The officer asked the man what he was doing and the driver said he had to run some errands. The driver was arrested and later released after posting bond.

Nailed for not having brake lights

At 12:55 a.m. on Saturday, March 11, an 18-year-old Harper Woods man was pulled over for having defective brake lights on his 2003 Dodge Ram.

A LEIN check revealed the man's driver license was suspended and he had a warrant out of Grosse Pointe Woods. The man was arrested.

Followed by a stolen car

On Wednesday, March 8, at 2:26 a.m., a 33-year-old Grosse Pointe Woods man reported to police that an unknown man had followed him from 13 Mile and Little Mack in Roseville to his current location in Grosse Pointe Woods.

The man was being followed by someone driving a 2006 Mercury Grand Marquis.

Woods police officers arrived on the scene and performed a LEIN check, which revealed the Grand Marquis was reported stolen out of Illinois and was currently being driven by a 24-year-old Chicago man.

The vehicle belong to a Maple Park, Ill., resident.

The driver of the Grand Marquis was arrested for possession of a stolen vehicle and proper authorities in Illinois were notified of the man's arrest.

—Bob St. John

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 5 pm.

The tentative ratios and estimated multipliers necessary to compute individual state equalized values are as follows:

CLASS	RATIO	MULTIPLIER
Commercial	50.00	1.0000
Residential	48.79	1.0248
Personal	50.00	1.0000

GPN: 03/02/2006,
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City of Grosse Pointe Woods, Michigan

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RECEIPT OF BIDS.

The City of Grosse Pointe Woods will receive sealed bids until 10:30 am local time on March 28, 2006, at the offices of the City Clerk, City of Grosse Pointe Woods, 20025 Mack Plaza, Grosse Pointe Woods, Michigan 48236, at which time and place all bids will be publicly opened and read aloud.

DESCRIPTION OF WORK

Work to be performed involves bridge removals and pavement reconstruction on Roslyn Avenue, Hampton Avenue, Anita Avenue, and Fairholme Road.

The approximate quantities involved in the work are as follows:

Concrete Pavement with Integral Curb, Nonreinf. 8 Inches Thick	2,100 SY
Driveway, Nonreinf. Concrete, 6 Inch	3,700 SF
Driveway, Nonreinf. Concrete, 4 Inch	1,400 SF
Sidewalk, Concrete, 4 Inch	4,500 SF
Earth Excavation (Under Existing Bridges only)	1,900 CY
Backfill at Existing Bridges only (21AA)	2,000 TONS
Sewer, CL-V, 12 Inch	210 LF
8 Inch Ductile Iron Water Main, CL-54	260 LF

together with related appurtenances as well as clean up and restoration.

PLANS AND SPECIFICATIONS

Plans and specifications are on file and copies may be secured on Tuesday, March 14, 2006, at 1:00 pm, at the offices of Anderson, Eckstein and Westrick, Inc., 51301 Schoenherr Road, Shelby Township, Michigan 48315. A fee of Fifty Dollars (\$50.00) will be required for each set of proposed plans and specifications and will not be refunded. A mailing fee of Ten Dollars (\$10.00) to cover handling and postage will be charged to anyone wishing to receive the plans and specifications via United Parcel Services. Specifications and plans are also on file for viewing at the office of the City Clerk.

BID SECURITY

A certified check, bank draft, or satisfactory bid bond, executed by the bidder and a surety company, payable to the City of Grosse Pointe Woods Treasurer, in an amount at least equal to five percent (5%) of the bid amount, shall be submitted with each bid.

WITHDRAWAL OF BIDS

No bid may be withdrawn for a period of sixty (60) calendar days after receipt of bids.

AWARD OF CONTRACT

The City of Grosse Pointe Woods reserves the right to accept any bid, to reject any or all bids and to waive any irregularities in bidding. The successful bidder will be required to furnish satisfactory performance, maintenance and guarantee, labor, and material bonds and insurance certificates.

LISA HATHAWAY, City Clerk
City of Grosse Pointe Woods
20025 Mack Plaza
Grosse Pointe Woods, Michigan 48236

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City of Grosse Pointe Woods, Michigan

NOTICE TO BIDDERS - DOUBLE SHREDDED BROWN
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Sealed bids will be received by the City at the office of the City Clerk, 20025 Mack Plaza, Grosse Pointe Woods, Michigan, until 9:30 a.m. on Thursday, March 23, 2006, at which time and place the proposals will be publicly opened and read aloud for furnishing the following services: Double Shredded Brown Hardwood Mulch and Injection of Mulch in Landscape Beds Throughout the City. 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.

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Lisa 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.

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City Assessor

City of Grosse Pointe Woods, Michigan

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REPLACEMENT PROGRAM IN DISTRICT NO. 8
AND MACK AVENUE
AEW PROJECT NO. 160-289

RECEIPT OF BIDS

The City of Grosse Pointe Woods will receive sealed bids until 10:00am local time on Wednesday, March 29, 2006, at the offices of the City Clerk, City of Grosse Pointe Woods, 20025 Mack Plaza, Grosse Pointe Woods, Michigan 48236, at which time and place all bids will be publicly opened and read aloud.

DESCRIPTION OF WORK

The approximate quantities involved in the work are as follows:

Remove and Replace 4" Concrete Sidewalk	40,000 SF
Remove and Replace 6" Concrete Sidewalk and Driveway Approach	16,000 SF
Remove and Replace 8" Concrete Sidewalk and Driveway Approach	4000 SF

together with related appurtenances as well as clean up and restoration.

PLANS AND SPECIFICATIONS

Plans and specifications are on file and copies may be secured on Wednesday, March 15, 2006, at 1:00pm, at the offices of Anderson, Eckstein and Westrick, Inc., 51301 Schoenherr Road, Shelby Township, Michigan 48315. A fee of Twenty Dollars (\$20.00) will be required for each set of proposed plans and specifications and will not be refunded. A mailing fee of Ten Dollars (\$10.00) to cover handling and postage will be charged to anyone wishing to receive the plans and specifications via United Parcel Services. Specifications and plans are also on file for viewing at the office of the City Clerk.

BID SECURITY

A certified check, bank draft, or satisfactory bid bond, executed by the bidder and a surety company, payable to the City of Grosse Pointe Woods Treasurer, in an amount at least equal to five percent (5%) of the bid amount, shall be submitted with each bid.

WITHDRAWAL OF BIDS

No bid may be withdrawn for a period of ninety (90) calendar days after receipt of bids.

AWARD OF CONTRACT

The City of Grosse Pointe Woods reserves the right to accept any bid, to reject any or all bids and to waive any irregularities in bidding. The successful bidder will be required to furnish satisfactory performance, maintenance and guarantee, labor, and material bonds and insurance certificates.

LISA HATHAWAY, City Clerk
City of Grosse Pointe Woods
20025 Mack Plaza
Grosse Pointe Woods, Michigan 48236

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MURDER: Suspects bound over

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lives in jail without chance of parole. Both are in Wayne County Jail awaiting trial without bond.

"My client didn't have anything to do with this," said Thompson's lawyer, Antonio D. Tuddles.

Prosecutors are depending on testimony from admitted triggerman Andre Lamar Williams, 36, of Detroit.

Williams, an ex-convict and out-of-work part-time house painter who didn't own a gun or have a car to carry out the hit, waived trial and last month pleaded guilty to the second-degree murder of Iske.

By making the plea, Williams received 22 to 32 years in prison as opposed to risking life without parole.

In exchange, Williams detailed his role in the murder

and agreed to testify for the prosecution about the alleged roles of Thompson and Marasco.

Prosecution witness

Williams testified to being recruited by Thompson to do a "job" on Iske.

The verbal contract was brokered by Thompson at the behest of someone Williams knew only as "Joe," Williams testified.

Williams understood that Iske was interfering with Joe's "rightful portion" of family monies, Williams testified. Terms included stealing Iske's bag, which he was told would contain a laptop computer, financial documents and possibly cash.

"I was specifically told to take that bag," Williams said.

He told of a failed hit attempt on June 7.

Williams said Thompson drove him to the ambush in a car Thompson borrowed from Thompson's girlfriend. Williams said they waited in the car parked on the street in front of Marasco's house for about a half hour for Iske to arrive for work.

When she didn't show up, they left.

Williams said they drove a few blocks away where Thompson parked and made a cellular phone call to "Joe," reporting the failed attempt.

A few minutes later a man Williams later identified as Marasco pulled up. Thompson got in Marasco's car, for a short discus-

sion, Williams said.

Ethridge referred to this part of Williams' testimony when forwarding the case to trial in circuit court.

"Mr. Marasco, shortly after the telephone call, pulls up," Ethridge said. "Mr. Marasco is implicated by the phone call testified to by Mr. Williams and by Marasco, identified by Mr. Williams, showing up after the failed first attempt. That is going to provide the basis of the bind-over."

Williams said Thompson returned to 21 Dodge Place a week later to reprise their attempt.

Again, they waited in the parked car for about a half-hour.

When Iske pulled into the driveway at about 10:30 a.m., Williams admitted sneaking up to Iske, taking a bag she was carrying and shooting her twice.

Williams said Thompson stayed in the car although a witness reported two men running from the driveway to the parked car.

Williams said Thompson paid him \$3,300 in hundreds and a few fifties for the "work."

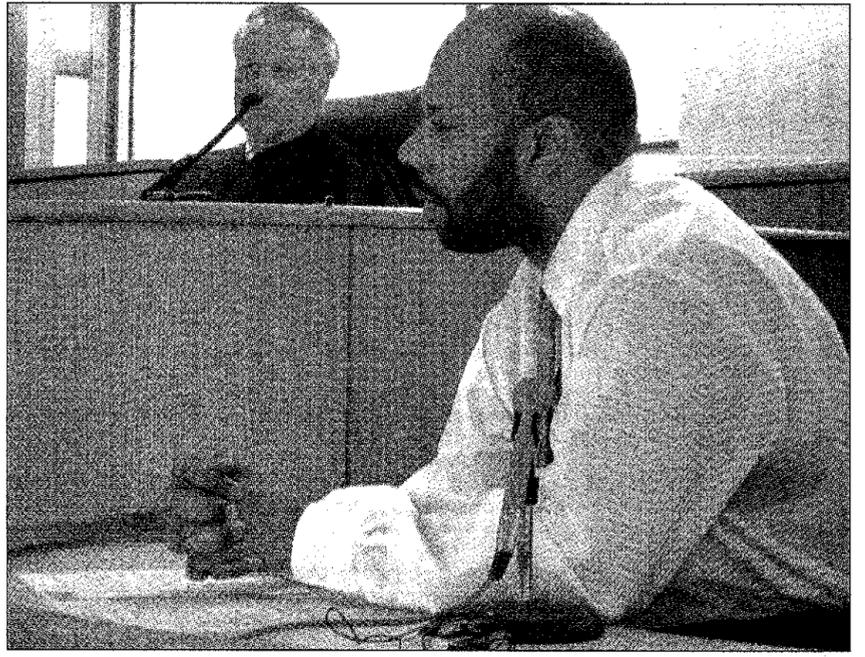
"It was a nice snag of money," Williams said.

Marasco's lawyers said they doubt Williams' account of the murder and the motivation behind it.

"I don't think anybody inside 21 Dodge Place has anything to do with Miss Iske's murder," said Phil Thomas, Marasco's co-council and former prosecutor. "You don't have somebody murdered in front of a house where you reside. I seriously question anybody saying that two African American males could go into a residential area such as Dodge Place, sit out on the street and not have somebody come up and ask them questions."

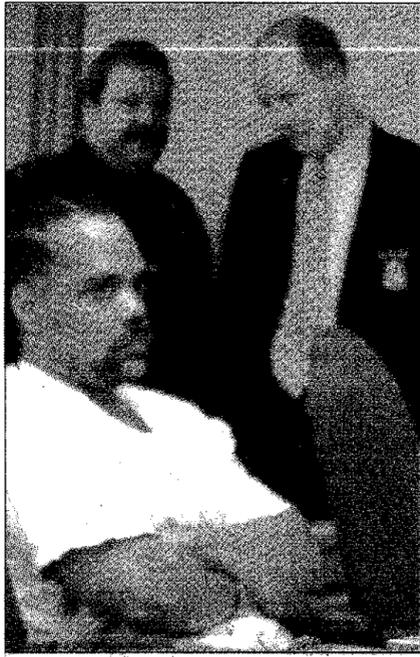
The defense

Thomas thinks Williams and Thompson, who knew Marasco from drug deals (Marasco is being treated for heroine addiction), were extorting Marasco.



Andre Lamar Williams, top, testifies as the triggerman. He claims he was hired to do it by Derrick Anthony Thompson, below, with City Lt. Eddie Tujaka and Lt. Detective James Fox.

PHOTO BY BRAD LINDBERG



"They started putting the squeeze on him for money," Thomas said. "On June 14, when they went to the house, I think these two men went there to put a scare into Joe, whether it was kicking a car, slicing a tire or whatever."

Then Iske arrived.

"Something happened between Miss Iske and Andre Williams," said Thomas, indicating she may have randomly stumbled into a bad situation.

Thomas doesn't think anyone went to the house intending to kill.

"I don't believe if they were going to commit murder they would take one of their girlfriend's cars," he said. "People don't do that. They go out and steal a car."

Williams claims he is a born again Christian telling the truth according to God.

Tuddles doubts Williams' reformation and accuses him of fabricating a story to avoid charges of premeditated murder.

"Testimony Williams gave

was shocking to the conscious," Tuddles said. "All of a sudden he has this spirit come across him and he wants to tell the truth, and this truth just so happens to corroborate the people's theory on what happened."

At crossroads

"Mr. Thompson doesn't have a leg to stand on," Stevens said. "It is clear Derrick Thompson, according to Andre Williams, conspired with Mr. Marasco. Mr. Marasco and him discussed an individual who would be the target of the hit. There was a discussion of why that person was going to be hit, which shows the motive in this case. It shows there was some type of family dispute where this individual (Marasco) was going to be cheated out of monies."

Rataj said Marasco is being prosecuted with hearsay evidence.

"Whatever Mr. Williams learned about Mr. Marasco's involvement in this case came

allegedly from Mr. Thompson," Rataj said. "The prosecution has not established this conspiracy as it relates to Mr. Marasco independent of those double-hearsay statements."

Thomas intends to request a jury trial.

"Evidence in this case is fraught with inconsistencies," Thomas said. "Twelve members of the community are going to have to decide what happened here."

Iske's relatives, including her brother and nieces, sat through the prelim as Williams told how he spent his "snag."

"I bought a car," he said, a used 1996 Dodge Intrepid. He found it displayed outside an appliance store on Grand River near Southfield for \$1,400.

"I bought things for my daughters (ages 4 and 14) — clothing; \$400 to \$500 on both of them," Williams said.

Williams said he gave money to his girlfriend to pay bills, including rent on her house in Detroit where he sometimes stayed.

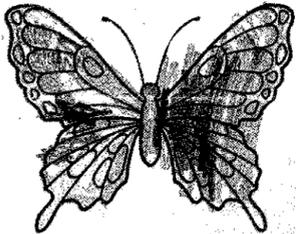
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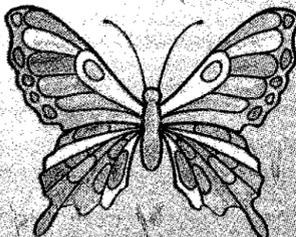
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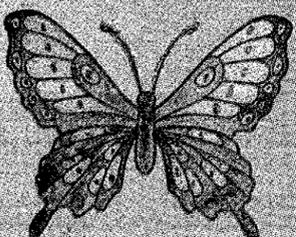
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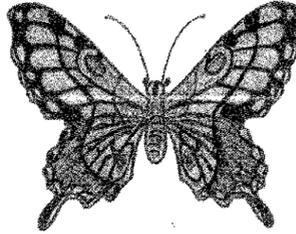


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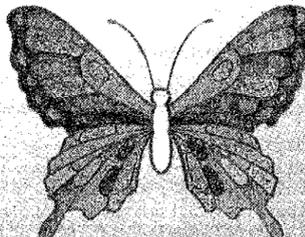


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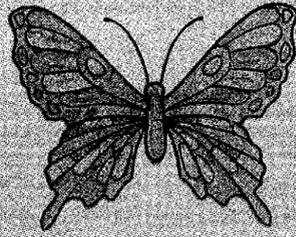
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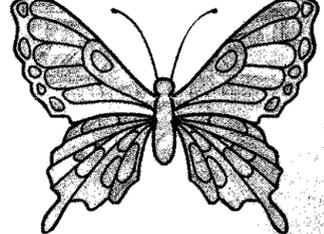


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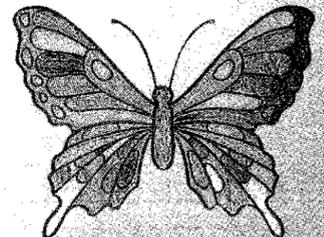


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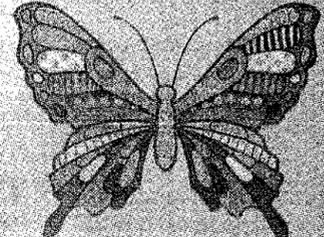
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From Asia to mid-America, another invasive species may make a great leap to the Great Lakes.

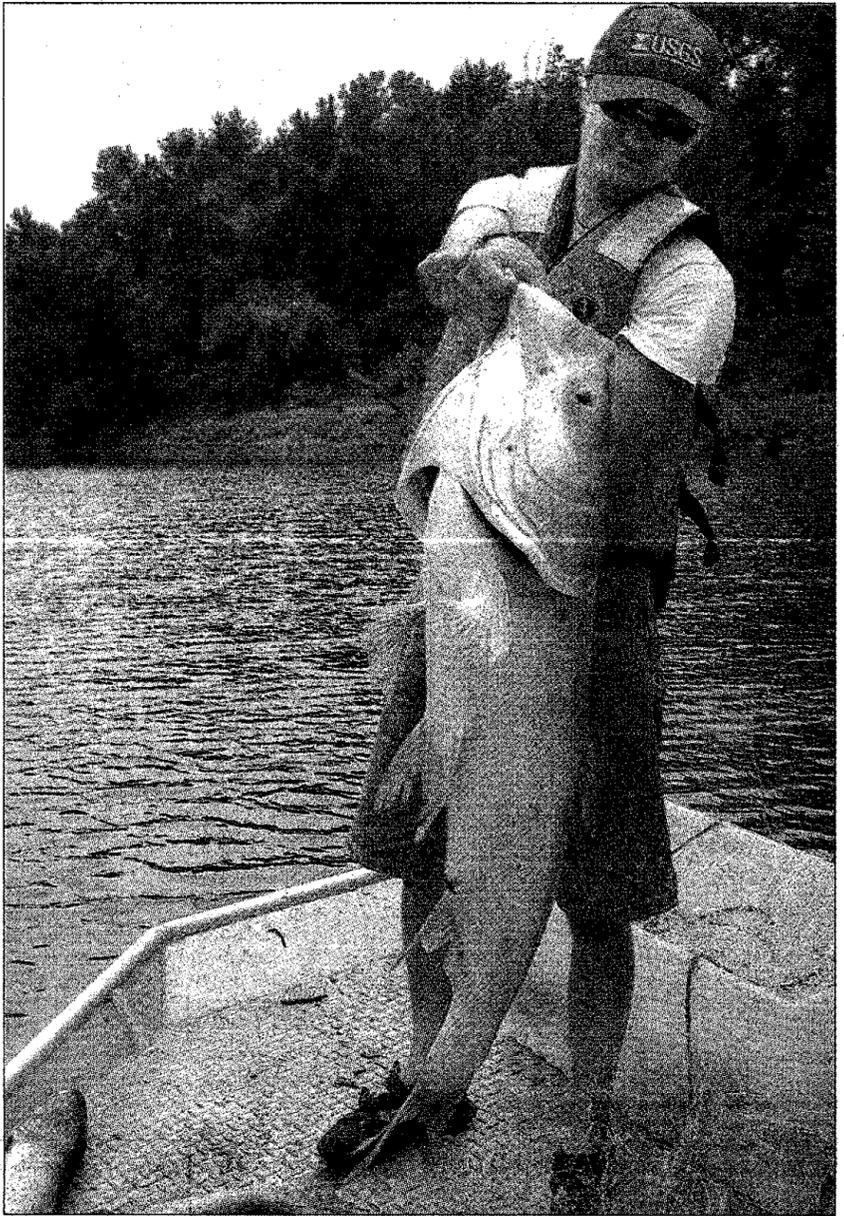
Big fish tale

By Brad Lindberg
 Staff Writer

Talk about a fish T-H-I-S big. Get ready for the Asian carp, a 90-pounder that strikes back. At the slightest provocation, the skittish 4-footers launch up to 8 feet out of the water and damn the torpedoes for anything in the way. People whose kissers have been smacked by its flippers aren't amused. "They can really hurt," said Duane Chapman, a federal research fisheries biologist. "If you were to give me the ability to snap my fingers and kill every last one of these things on the continent, I would do it so fast it would make your head spin." Chapman, with the U.S. Geological Survey Environmental Research Center in Columbia, Mo., is known nationwide as perhaps the top expert on four types of Asian carp now calling North America home. The invasive species eats up to a third of its weight per day and has been spawning like a sailor on leave since escaping from Arkansas fish farms almost 20 years ago. They've bucked the Mississippi River into tributaries such as the Illinois River and are swimming toward the Great Lakes.

"I've tracked these fish swimming 100 kilometers (62 miles) per year," Chapman said. The only thing keeping them from entering Lake Michigan is a pair of electric force fields blocking the Chicago Sanitary and Ship Canal about 20 miles west of the Loop. "The barrier has a pretty good chance of succeeding if there's not millions of fish," Chapman said. "The risk is fish getting around the barrier by human intervention." If the invasive species does what most invasive species do, Asian carp will continue spreading. It may not be long before they bring their leaping lizard act to Lake St. Clair. "Great Lakes waters would be excellent habitat for these fish, especially warmer Lake St. Clair and Lake Erie, where their numbers would probably take off like crazy because of how productive those water bodies are," said Jeff Braunscheidel, a fisheries biologist with the Michigan Department of Natural Resources Lake Erie Resurgence Unit in Livonia. "Lake St. Clair's ecology is complex with a lot of different species that interact in various ways," added Mike Thomas, DNR fisheries biologist at the Lake St. Clair Fisheries

Research Station in Harrison Township. "A fish like Asian carp has potential to change a fish community. There's potential for serious undesirable impacts from those fish getting into the Great Lakes." In addition to possibly upsetting the aquatic appletart, Asian carp could affect the region's recreational fishing and boating industries, scientists said. Michigan ranks eighth nationally in numbers of licensed anglers. They add \$2 billion to the state economy, according to DNR statistics. Registered boaters provide another \$2 billion. **Man-made problem** Four species of fish comprise *See CARR, page 2B* **Lake St. Clair is anticipated to be prosperous habitat for Asian carp, a large invasive species making its way from the lower Mississippi River to just outside Chicago. Joe Deters, one of many scientists with the U.S. Geological Survey Environmental Research Center in Missouri, shows a bighead variety of Asian carp.** PHOTO COURTESY OF DUANE CHAPMAN



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CARP:
Big fish taking over?

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the growing concern about Asian carp. Grass carp eat aquatic vegetation, thereby threatening habitat of native fish. Black carp, which aren't well established, feed on mussels and snails.

Bighead carp and silver carp are filter feeders.

They almost grow out of their scales belying up to a smorgasbord of microscopic animals and plants called zooplankton and cytoplankton, respectively, suspended in fresh water.

Silver and bighead carp aren't bottom feeders. Their hefty appetites and easy-to-please palates made them attractive to catfish farmers seeking a natural way to clean fish ponds.

"A flood came one day and out they went. What a shock,"

said Robert Rice, president of the Native Fish Conservancy in Joplin, Mo. "People seem to have the misguided opinion that fish follow a set of rules. The last time I checked, they don't read books that say fish don't go here; fish, don't bother other fish."

Female Asian carp can produce massive numbers of eggs. "Large silver carp have been estimated to have had over 5 million eggs," Chapman said.

From laboratory observations, Chapman has learned silver carp and bighead carp can be incremental spawners, laying only part of their eggs at any one time.

"Spawning events may occur not only in the spring, but at any time temperature and flow are correct," he said. "These strategies increase the chances of the survival of a large bighead carp."

Rice founded his conservancy about 10 years ago. He recruits "carpbusters" to compete in catch 'n' keep fishing tournaments. He wants sportsmen to take a practical role in cleaning the country of Asian

carp. "Hunting has led to the demise of entire species, so it's not unreasonable in my mind that it would at least slow down the impact," Rice said.

Rice advocates harvesting Asian carp to feed zoo animals. Chapman isn't the only one who sees the day when Asian carp are gone forever. For Rice, a sportfisherman and freelance writer for fish magazines, the threat of Asian carp isn't a fish story.

"They're going to forever change the sportfishing business because they're plankton feeders," he said. "They would essentially take out the whole bottom of the food chain."

"The concern is not direct predation, but competition for food, especially at younger life stages," said Jim Francis, senior fisheries biologist at the DNR Lake Erie unit in Livonia. "They're eating the same thing that juvenile fish eat."

A juvenile fish could have a hard time competing for nourishment with an adult Asian carp.

"Think of how much food a baby perch or walleye would have to eat versus and adult Asian carp," Francis said. "They're competing for the same resources, but because the carp gets so much larger, they have more demand for food. The concern is it will shift the food web and make it unfavorable for a lot of our native game fishes."

"One of those big carp can eat enough food for hundreds of perch," Braunscheidel said.

Jumpin' Gee-hosifats

Silver carp are Nervous Nellies. They're known for jumping out of the water and hitting boaters.

"Silver carp are very flighty and tend to explode from the water with the slightest provocation," Chapman said. "It's a flight response."

Unlike bottom feeders, silver

carp spend time near the water surface. When frightened by the sound of an oncoming motorboat, they try to get away by going airborne.

"Everybody who works for me has been hit at least once, and most several times," Chapman said. "The fish tend to come across the stern, especially if the boat is moving fast. By the time the fish jumps, the front of the boat has already passed it. You end up getting hit in the back of the boat."

News reports of human injuries are common.

"Imagine hitting something at 30 miles per hour," Braunscheidel said. "You could get killed."

Chapman has installed protective nets on his boats to keep the fish from landing on a crewmember or equipment.

No crystal ball

Scientists have a hard time predicting accurately the impact an invasive species will have on a new environment.

Chapman wrote his first paper on Asian carp more than 20 years ago but says he has a lot to learn. He's currently writing a paper with Canadian collaborators about fish plasticity, or how a fish's behavior changes when placed in a new ecological niche.

"They don't do what we expect them to do," Chapman said. "They're able to use entirely new strategies to survive. Some of that is due to adaptation and some is due to them having those abilities all along. We just didn't know about it because they didn't use those abilities very often. Asian carp is a beautiful example of that."

Due to Asian carp's exacting spawning requirements, scientists weren't sure if the fish could achieve high population densities in the United States.

"They need long rivers and a nursery habitat of slow-moving lakes and backwaters," Chapman said. "They live well in lakes and big reservoirs. People didn't think they would do very well here, but for some reason, they do. The fish proved them wrong."

"That's why they're called invasive," Rice said. "They're pretty good at moving into places and taking over."

Scientists are not only studying the invasive species, but the species within the context of its adopted environment.

"We don't know enough

what a fish like this is going to do when you drop them in a system like the Great Lakes," Chapman said. "There is no other system like the Great Lakes. Nothing close to it."

"The best bet is to keep them out in the first place," Francis said. "There's pretty good evidence if they make it into the Great Lakes they would probably spread rather quickly."

Consequences could range from a hostile takeover to happy partnership.

"Lake St. Clair, with a high abundance of predator fish, could be fairly well buffered from really serious impact," said Thomas. "In some of the bigger, deeper lakes, like Michigan and Huron, where there might already be competition for limited plankton resources, they might have a bigger effect than here."

Invasive species have been known to find a niche without much disruption.

"When round gobies colonized the lake, we expected they would have a serious effect on various fish species in the lake," Thomas said. "Now it looks like they fit into the fish community. Aside from displacing some small native darters in Lake St. Clair, they've turned out to be a valuable food source for important species like bass and perch."

Electric avenue

Asian carp will need to wear rubber insulation suits to make it past the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' two electronic barriers on the Chicago Sanitary and Ship Canal to Lake Michigan.

The total project costs \$11.3 million.

"Electrodes run across the bottom of the canal," said Chuck Shea, project manager of the Corps' Chicago District. "Pulse direct-current electricity is driven through those electrodes."

The first barrier was set up during 2002 in Romeoville, north of Joliet, as a full-scale field experiment.

Only one fish made it through, probably because a passing barge disrupted the electronic field.

"We studied that extensively and altered features of the second, more permanent barrier to eliminate potential problems from barge traffic," Shea said.

The second barrier is under construction about 1,000 feet

from the first one.

"It pulses several times per second," Shea said.

It electrifies the water but doesn't kill fish.

"As fish approach the barrier they get greater and greater shocks," Shea said. "The fish realizes going forward is a bad idea, turns around and goes back the way it came."

The Chicago Sanitary and Ship Canal is a 200-foot-wide, 24-foot-deep, 30-mile-long man-made waterway dug at the turn of the 20th century as part of an overall effort to reverse the flow of the Chicago River. The canal connects the Chicago River to the Des Plaines River, which supplies the Illinois River, which is a major tributary to the Mississippi River.

"This canal created the only direct hydraulic link between the Mississippi River basin and Lake Michigan," Shea said. "There's no way a fish or boat could get from the Mississippi River or Illinois River into Lake Michigan except through the Chicago Sanitary and Ship Canal. That's why the barrier is there. That's the pinch point."

Game over?

Although Chapman said silver carp meat is "quite good but very bony," he doubts the strong jumpers will find favor as game fish.

"Being that they're filter feeders, they're going to be really difficult to catch on a rod and reel," he said. "You can't put plankton on a hook."

An Asian carp action plan to eliminate or handle the problem, being formulated by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service for more than a year, is nearing completion.

"The plan includes several potential methods to control these fishes," said Chapman, a contributor to the document. "One is to enhance commercial fishing and find markets for the fish. Other things are to lower their population. One would be to develop habitat that's good for native fishes but not for Asian carp. It's going to be a long row to hoe before we get this under control. We do have a problem."

Even with the problems Asian carp present, Chapman finds them amazing.

"They have abilities our native fishes don't have," Chapman said. "On the other hand they don't belong here."

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GROSSE POINTE SOUTH MOTHER'S CLUB

Fashion show is 'Walk in the Park'

The Mother's Club of Grosse Pointe South High School presents an afternoon of fashion, food, and entertainment supporting scholarship, preservation, and enrichment projects.

"A Walk in the Park" will take place on Wednesday, April 5, from noon to 3 p.m., in the Grosse Pointe South Gymnasium.

WDIV-TV Local 4 reporter Beth McLeod will emcee.

"The show will be a wonderful way to escape the doldrums of winter and welcome the warm, sunny weather of spring," said event chair Debbie Fisher of Grosse Pointe Park. "We have some terrific raffle prizes, fabulous entertainment, and great spring fashions including work and play clothes and even some formal dresses.

"Plus, this fun afternoon is supporting a great cause — our Grosse Pointe South students. The money raised goes to our scholarship program, classroom enrichment, and historic preservation of the high school building."

Tickets are \$30 and includes lunch catered by David Muer's Blue Pointe Restaurant.

Trendy spring fashions from local merchants including Hickey's/Walton Pierce, Urban Daisy, Moosejaw, Madi Lu and Ethan Too!, Harper Sport Shop, Dawood, Cafana Tuxedo, and Crystal Affair will be modeled by Grosse Pointe students, parents, teachers and staff.

La Moda International Hair Design and Aretée Therapeutic Wellness Spa and Café will provide hair and makeup services.

Guests will be entertained by the Grosse Pointe South Jazz Band and Choir students. Music is provided by Pro DJ Services.



The 2006 Spring Benefit Committee includes, from left, seated, Linda Lund, Chairwoman Debbie Fisher and Olga Tecos; back row, Kim Long, Gail Janutol, Bobbee Schott, Lesley Morawski, Mary Card, Debi Schoenherr, Colleen Stevenson, Joanne Huitsing, Jo Darolfi, and Lyn Petit.

Raffle prizes are provided by American Laser Center on the Hill, Edmund T. Ahee Jewelers, and George Koueiter & Sons Jewelers and include a night on the town package for two. Attendees can also shop for clothing, jewelry, and accessories offered by: Evie Ansel Jewelry, Sweet Tees, Karen's Kloset and the G.P. South school store.

For more information or to make reservations, call Kathy Herzog at (313) 884-1497 or Pat McClary at (313) 886-0165.

CLASSICAL MUSIC CLUB LISTENS: Joseph Palazzolo's fingers danced across the piano keyboard musically painting a spring portrait with a medley of his creation for members of the Grosse Pointe Classical Music League on March 8.

A professional musician, a piano teacher and the Unitarian Church's choir director, Palazzolo brought his classical music style to the group for an afternoon's respite. Following his spring songs, Palazzolo played Aaron Copland's "The Cat and The Mouse," Ernesto Lecuona's "Suite Es Spaniol," Claude Debussy's "Reverly" and "Ironical Miniature" by Dag Wiren. From Frederick Chopin's 200 piano pieces, Palazzolo closed his performance with a waltz in E minor.

Next month's presentation will be the spring benefit luncheon on Thursday, April 6, will be at the home of Mado and Kim Lie. Their home, built in 1927, was designed by Wallace Frost.

The champagne/wine reception begins at noon followed by lunch. Entertainment will be provided by Anamaria Ylitalurri, lyric soprano, and Blake Ray, pianist. Together and separately, they will present their favorite musical selections.

The cost is \$35. For reservations, mail a check payable to GPCML to Marel Thomas, 344 Fisher Road, Grosse Pointe Farms, MI 48230. For more information, call (313) 886-8287.

RELAY FOR LIFE: If reveling in live music, games, food and camping out at the Grosse Pointe Farms Pier Park sounds like a good time, take part in the American Cancer Society Relay For Life in Grosse Pointe on Saturday

and Sunday, May 20 and 21.

It's a 24-hour celebration of life that brings numerous and diverse groups and individuals concerned about cancer together for a unified effort to fight back.

Relay For Life also is the culmination of team fundraising activities, such as bowling parties and bake sales, or simply soliciting donations in person or online.

Groups of enthusiastic friends, neighbors and local school and church groups will gather at the Farms Pier Park at 10 a.m. Saturday, May 20, for the overnight event that concludes at 10 a.m. Sunday, May 21. Among the fun and special activities, the relay in-

volves at least one member of each team walking the path around the park at all times during the 24 hours of the event.

Relay For Life opens with a special ceremony, setting the stage for the importance of each participant's contributions. Cancer survivors are encouraged to attend for special recognition and to remind everyone that they are walking and raising funds for a great cause.

Highlighting the evening is the Luminaria Ceremony, held after dark to honor cancer survivors and to remember those who have lost the battle against cancer. The luminarias, purchased and decorated

in honor or memory of individuals who have battled cancer, line the track and are left burning throughout the night. The personalized luminarias reinforce the true meaning of the relay and the importance of everyone's efforts.

"Relay For Life is as much an awareness raiser about the progress against cancer as it is a fundraiser," said Farms resident Nancy Ziemski, chair for the Grosse Pointe event. "Many of the participants will be people who have dealt with cancer themselves. Their involvement is proof of the progress that has been made in reducing cancer death rates and in the quality of life following cancer treatment.

"The funds raised will enable us to continue our investment in the fight against cancer through educational programs, research and services to patients. Due to the generosity of corporate sponsors like the Grosse Pointe News and Bon Secours Cottage Health Services, the money raised by participants goes directly to the American Cancer Society's lifesaving programs."

New teams are encouraged to join the fun. Informational meetings are held at Cottage Hospital to help them get started, provide a forum for exchange of fundraising ideas and promote camaraderie and enthusiasm among the participants.

Information about how to form a team or become a corporate sponsor of the Relay For Life is available from the American Cancer Society at (248) 483-4306, or visit www.cancer.org.

The American Cancer Society is the nationwide, community-based voluntary health organization dedicated to eliminating cancer as a major health problem by preventing cancer, saving lives and diminishing suffering from cancer through research, education, advocacy and service.



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Grosse Pointe Classical Music League officers are, standing from left, recording secretary Marel Thomas and president Helena Thurber; seated, from left, second vice president Louise Lee, guest pianist Joseph Palazzolo and past president Mary Ellen Tyszka.

LENTEN DINNERS IN THE ARK AT ST. AMBROSE

Cardinal Adam Maida has granted the Catholics of the Archdiocese permission to forgo Lenten abstinence on St. Patrick's Day, Friday, February 17th. Because of this special dispensation, the Lenten Dinner at the ARK will feature an Irish entree on its menu this week.

The expanded menu includes: a salad bar, clam chowder, corned beef & cabbage, Irish potatoes, battered cod, tater tots, coleslaw, macaroni with cheese, vegetable, bread and butter, coffee, tea and soft drinks.

The cost is still \$12 per adult; \$10 for seniors and children aged 6 to 10; children 5 and under free. Carry-out is available by calling (313) 822-1594.

The dinner is from 5 to 9 p.m. at the St. Ambrose ARK of Gathering. The regular, meatless menu will resume the following week. The ARK is located at the intersection of Wayburn and Hampton next to St. Ambrose Church in Grosse Pointe Park.

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Wayne State hosts annual Upson talk

Kenneth J. Meier, Charles H. Gregory Chair in Liberal Arts at Texas A&M University, will deliver the seventh annual Lent Upson Lecture at 5 p.m. Wednesday, March 29, at the McGregor Memorial Conference Center on Wayne State University's Detroit campus.

The lecture is free and open to the public.

Titled "The Role of Management and Representation in Improving Performance of Disadvantaged Students: An Application of Bum Phillips' 'Don Shula Rule,'" the lecture will highlight findings of a multi-year research project examining the politics of Latino and African American education in 1,800 school districts throughout the United States.

Meier, formerly an editor of the American Journal of Political Science, has won numerous awards for excellence in research, teaching and service in the fields of public policy and public administration.

Following the lecture, Michigan state Rep. John C. Stewart (R-20th District), will receive the Distinguished Alumni Award during the Public Administration Honors Banquet.

Stewart, currently serving his third term in the Legislature, is a member of the following committees: House Appropriations, Higher

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Reservations are required for the banquet. Tickets are \$20 per person.

Contact Darthy Vasquez at (313) 577-6327 or e-mail at darthy@wayne.edu.

The reception will be held at 6 p.m. followed by the Public Administration Awards Banquet at 7:15 p.m.

Parking is available at Structure 5 on the west side of Anthony Wayne Drive across from the Faculty Administration Building. Cost is \$3.50 cash entry.

The annual Lent Upson lecture is cosponsored by the department of political science, the Citizens Research Council of Michigan, and the Dean's Office, College of Liberal Arts and Sciences.

Church launches contest for logo

Grosse Pointe Congregational Church launched a logo contest to locate a design that best represents the church and its affiliation with the United Church of Christ and the American Baptist Church.

In 2005, Grosse Pointe Congregational Church returned to its historical name after spending many years as Grosse Pointe United Church. With the name change came a desire to further differentiate the church, located at 240 Chalfonte in Grosse Pointe Farms, with a single logo.

The contest, which extends until April 14, is open to anyone, regardless of faith or affiliation. Clear style guidelines are not provided, as to encourage creativity in style, color, design

and symbolism.

The winning entry, to be selected by the Diaconate Board of the church, will be judged on its visual attractiveness and the extent to which it represents Grosse Pointe Congregational Church. The designer of the selected entry will be awarded \$150 and the honor of having the logo serve as the emblem for the church on all printed materials, including, but not limited to brochures, newsletters, business cards and advertisements. The winner will be announced on April 24.

For rules and submission requirements contact Lynne Strickler at lynne.strickler@gmail.com.

Additional information about the church can be found at www.gpcong.org.

PASTOR'S CORNER

By the Rev. John Corrado

Past mistakes current prejudices

We like to think that we learn from our mistakes, that we learn "the lessons of history." I'm not so sure. I think that while we're looking into the rearview mirror of the past, the present shows a picture just different enough to get us to repeat our mistakes. It happens to individuals. It happens to nations. I think it's happening now. I keep seeing and hearing things that convince me we haven't learned.

Consider the announcement on Canadian radio a couple of months ago that the Canadian government had acknowledged — not apologized for — the injustice of interning Italian-Canadians during World War II.

The United States government had, years before, apologized to Japanese-Americans for similar treatment during that war. And what have we learned from that?

I think what we learned is that Canadians shouldn't intern Italian citizens and Americans shouldn't intern Japanese citizens if World War II happens again.

To my pair of eyes, we have failed when it comes to discerning deeper meanings and understanding the current applications.

Consider how we regard our Muslim brothers and sisters. I am increasingly appalled at how easily we lump the worshipper at the local mosque with a bomb-carrying terrorist on the other side of the globe.

From newspapers — how about the "responsibility of the press" as well as the "freedom of the press" — to talk shows, to the person who packs your groceries, glib tongues speak of who we are in a war with Muslims and Muslim fundamentalists.

Interesting. What religion were we fighting against in Vietnam? World War I? The

Revolutionary War? (And, by the way, you could make a strong case that the Revolutionary War had more to do with religion than all the other American wars combined, let alone the war we are in now.)

Newspapers have used epithets that they have not and would not use to describe people of other religions to describe Muslim leaders.

Do we not see what we are doing — again?

"Muslim fundamentalist" — what do people mean when they use that term? Are all Muslims "fundamentalists?" Are we able to discern Muslim fundamentalists from other Muslims?

Shall we lump all Muslim fundamentalists together as "terrorists?"

How about just looking upon all men and women who look like people from the Middle East with suspicion, or fear, or even loathing? How much further until the internment camps?

Doesn't it make you wonder sometimes why we put a religious label on one group of people but not another?

Do we ever talk about the number of Christians or Christian fundamentalists who were involved in the Oklahoma City terrorist attacks?

Given the harsh and hateful statements of such Christian fundamentalist leaders such as Pat Robertson and Jerry Falwell, why not call them "Christian terrorists?"

No. Don't. Let's just be more discerning in our thoughts, our speech and less accepting of religious prejudice.

If we're not, the 21st century version of internment camps will be a matter historians of the next age will be discussing.

They may even be discussing the 21st century crusades — if we survive.

The Rev. John Corrado is the pastor of the Grosse Pointe Unitarian Church.

Coming events

Christ Church Grosse Pointe's Purple Perspective Lenten Lecture Series continues at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, March 21, and continues each Tuesday in Lent.

The season's theme of reconciliation will be explored by various speakers.

Author and correctional facility counselor Bo Cox began writing meditations for "Forward Day by Day" while serving a life sentence for murder.

Since his parole in 2003, he speaks and writes on the reconciling power God has had on his life — the power of forgiveness, love and hope.

The lecture is free and open to the public.

The evening begins with a 5:45 p.m. prayer, a soup and salad supper is at 6 p.m. and the Purple Perspective lecture is from 6:30 to 8 p.m.

Supper reservations and on-site child care may be made by calling (313) 885-4841, ext. 114.

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The nationally known handbell ensemble, Classical Bells, presents a concert of sacred and secular music at 6:30 p.m. Sunday, March 19, at Grosse Pointe Woods Presbyterian Church.

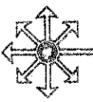
This group of 14 musicians from the metropolitan Detroit area plays six octaves of handbells and six octaves of choichimes.

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St. John among top 100 hospitals

St. John Hospital and Medical Center was recently recognized as one of the nation's Top 100 Major Teaching Hospitals by Solucient, a source of health care information and research based in Illinois.

The award recognizes hospitals that achieve or exceed

national benchmark scores for hospital-wide performance.

St. John Hospital has received the Solucient Top 100 Cardiovascular Hospital Award four times since 1999.

St. John Hospital and Medical Center was selected from among its national peers

in the Major Teaching Hospital category, based on objective statistical measurements during the Solucient 100 Top Hospitals National Benchmarks for Success 2005 study. Examined was performance across five critical areas: clinical outcomes, patient safety, operational efficiency,

financial stability and growth. Among other key findings such as lower mortality rates, the study determined that hospitals such as St. John treated sicker patients requiring more complex care, yet had better patient outcomes and lower costs.

"The real winners are our

patients and others who benefit from having St. John Hospital and Medical Center as a destination hospital for world-class medical care located in their own community," said Mark Taylor, president, St. John Hospital and Medical Center. "Our consistent and comprehensive dedi-

cation to excellence resulted in this award. We are proud to be recognized for our commitment to what matters most — assuring that our patients and their families have the most exceptional and satisfying experience possible at St. John Hospital and Medical Center."

SENIOR SCENE By Ruth Cain

Don't bank on your Health Savings Account



One hears a lot lately about proposed Health Savings Accounts (HSA) that are promised to empower us to make decisions and truly "own" our health care.

We will be free to no longer depend on someone else — such as a doctor — to tell us what treatment we need.

HSAs will also curtail those many people who try to get into hospitals as often as they can. (Maybe it's the delicious food.) There will be no more hordes of people who look forward to the two- or three-hour wait at most doctors' offices.

HSAs, we are told, are the way to go. Limit health care use, and costs will nosedive. But that's only the means. We need to make some basic changes in the way health care will be delivered. For example, the education and training of doctors now centers on saving lives. The emphasis must be expanded to include saving money.

Doctors will have another new and important responsibility. They would be required to post in a prominent position the costs of various diagnostic tests, blood work and other procedures as well as the office call.

We cannot make informed decisions without knowing the prices of the possibilities open to us. After all, we don't buy the first oven or washing machine we see without checking out the prices in other stores.

Classes taught by health care professionals in high

schools will empower young people to make decisions on their health care when they become adults.

These professionals must also disabuse our young people of the idea that preventive medicine has value. You can nickel and dime yourself out of all your HSA money because of preventive measures. Better to save your HSA money for the big problems. Just hope there aren't too many. It could mean goodbye to HSAs and hello bankruptcy.

Did you know that the leading cause of personal bankruptcy in the United States is unpaid medical bills?

You may say that most of the care we get is already covered by our insurance. But that was then, and this is now. More and more businesses are ending, or reducing, the amount they pay for an employee's health care. Higher premiums, copays and deductibles grow larger each year.

The theory behind HSAs is that high health care costs in our country result from too many using too much care.

Limiting the use of health care should save money. So, are any of these savings going to help at least some of the 45 million without health care insurance? Well, no. As they say, if it isn't broken don't fix it. Those without health insurance are serving as role models. Not only do they not overuse health care, they usually cannot afford to use it at all.

Back to the changes that must be made to our health delivery system. The pharmaceutical industry is an important part of the mix. We've been told by drug companies that the high cost of drugs is due in good part to the research and development of new drugs. I say stop the research and use

the savings to lower drug prices.

Under privatization of Social Security, we are asked to take personal responsibility for investing our FICA dollars. If you're lucky in your investments, your Social Security payments will be larger than those now paid. However, when the tech bubble burst in 2000, even the most experienced investor had considerable losses. In 2006, I have less money in investments than I had six years ago. Praise the Lord that the losses aren't reflected in my Social Security payments. Under privatization, they would be.

If the housing bubble bursts, it will cause even greater damage to investments. The thing about the stock market is that it's always moving — up, down or sideways. If you retire when the market is down, you've run out of luck.

Now we are being asked, with our lack of medical education, to take personal responsibility for how we use those limited HSA dollars.

It will be interesting to see what new personal responsibilities we will be asked to assume in the future.

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MICHIGAN STATE MEDICAL SOCIETY

Plan unveiled to transform health care delivery in state

The Michigan State Medical Society (MSMS) has a detailed action plan calling for unprecedented collaboration among various stakeholders to help transform the delivery of health care in Michigan.

The MSMS plan, titled "The Future of Medicine: Leading the Way to a Better Health Care System," is based on four basic principles of wellness; value, quality and universal coverage.

"We are asking patients, businesses, insurance companies, legislators, physicians and other health care professionals to work with us to address the underlying problems that currently plague medicine and health care in Michigan," said Alan M. Mindlin, M.D., MSMS president and Pontiac ophthalmologist.

Areas of improvements could include statewide coordination of preventive health programs, advancing the use of electronic medical records, streamlining health insurance and claims processing, and ensuring that everyone in Michigan has health care coverage, according to the MSMS plan that includes 47 specific action steps.

The plan was presented to more than 40 representatives

'Physicians cannot do this alone.'

DR. MICHAEL A. SANDLER,
Henry Ford Hospital

of stakeholder groups at MSMS headquarters in East Lansing. Each was presented with the opportunity to participate in workgroups addressing these and other focus areas including patient safety and physician supply.

"Over the past few years, report after report has shown that Michigan has problems with overall health and with its health care system," said John M. MacKeigan, M.D., MSMS immediate past president and Grand Rapids colorectal surgeon and chair of the MSMS Future of Medicine Task Force. "We physicians believe it is our professional obligation to take a lead in coordinating efforts to improve health care in Michigan."

"This will not be easy and it will not be accomplished immediately," said MacKeigan, "but we must get started. With coordinated efforts, we could see significant improvements in one to five years."

MSMS developed its plan after conducting a major

study to assess where health care should be in five years. With the help of Public Sector Consultants, a Lansing-based public policy think tank, MSMS asked 67 leaders in business, health care, government and labor for their input. Nine specific themes emerged from the study, from quality to personal responsibility to shared decision-making. One answer was very clear; physicians must help drive health care reform.

The MSMS Task Force on the Future of Medicine, made up of physician members from all over Michigan, reviewed the consensus reached in the study and boiled it down to the four major themes of wellness, value, quality and universal coverage. Suggested action steps were developed under each theme. The MSMS Board of Directors gave final approval to the plan in January.

"Physicians cannot do this alone," said Michael A. Sandler, MD, MSMS board chair and radiologist at Henry Ford Hospital in Detroit. "To get a handle on cost, quality and access, we will need all parties at the table working in a spirit of collaboration. The time has come to begin this process together."

HERO AT HEART

Dr. Luis Pires



This year, 1.2 million Americans will have a heart attack. Half of them will die.

The truth is that heart disease is still the number one cause of death of adults in America — and in Michigan. But the heart doctors of St. John Hospital and Medical Center are working to change that. And that's why we salute this week's Hero At Heart.

Meet Dr. Luis Pires, Cardiologist Electrophysiologist at St. John Hospital and Medical Center in Detroit.

Q: Dr. Pires, when did you know you wanted to be a doctor?

A: I was 15 years old. I had just come to the United States and started to learn English. I was talking with a cousin who already lived here, and I remember him asking me, "So, what are you going to do, Doc?" I decided at that moment I would become a doctor, and I never changed my mind. It suited me.

Q: What do you think are the challenges of practicing medicine?

A: The biggest thing is the time I am able to spend with my patients. Today practicing medicine is very technology-driven, and with all the other aspects that demand a doctor's attention, these circumstances can create a difficult doctor-patient relationship if you allow them to.

Q: What makes a good patient/physician relationship?

A: Understanding one another. Friction can arise if the doctor is not listening to what the patient is saying and vice versa. Therefore, it is most important for the doctor and patient, as well as their family, to listen more carefully. Paying attention to details provides better care and clarifies expectations about the treatment options.

Q: What's on the horizon in heart care?

A: In the past two to three decades, there has been an explosion in how we treat cardiac patients. It is a very different discipline today. The management of rhythm disorders has evolved dramatically, and we are performing procedures that didn't exist just years ago. As the

Director of the Heart Rhythm Center, I have seen emerging technologies that allow us to cure problems, not just treat the symptoms. We are now able to identify and treat a variety of patients through new procedures such as implantable stimulators, which are being used to prevent sudden death. It is a very exciting time to be in heart care.

Q: What is some medical advice the world can't do without?

A: Medicine should have a global agenda rather than an individual focus. We tend to ignore what is happening in other parts of the world and concentrate on small groups or specific diseases. However, as a global village, we would benefit from an "open-market" collaboration that allowed us to advocate for everyone — across all borders.

Q: Why did you choose St. John Health?

A: In southeast Michigan, St. John plays an important role as a large health care system, and more people should know about it. In heart care, St. John is nationally recognized and offers everything that any other health system provides. This includes state-of-the-art technology, respected cardiovascular doctors and support staff and a wide range of educational programs. As Vice Chief, Division of Cardiology, and Associate Professor at Wayne State University, I can attest that St. John is also an excellent teaching institution. We want to treat our community and surrounding areas. They just have to know about us.

To find out your risk for heart disease, visit us online and take our 2-minute heart assessment at www.realmedicine.org/heartcheck

You can find Dr. Pires at Eastside Cardiovascular Medicine, PC in Roseville. If you would like to make an appointment, please call 1-888-440-REAL or visit us online at www.realmedicine.org.

Dr. Pires is an independent physician on the medical staff at St. John Hospital and Medical Center.

SOC March events

Services for Older Citizens (SOC) will hold the following events at 11:15 a.m. in the SOC office, 17150 Waterloo, City of Grosse Pointe.

◆ A St. Patrick's Day Celebration will be held Friday, March 17.

Celebrate St. Patrick's Day with entertainment, prizes and dinner. Partygoers are encouraged to wear something green.

◆ Senior Living Options — St. John Hospital — Carelink will be offered Monday, March 20.

Karen Atkinson, guest speaker, will discuss independent living options available in the tri-county area.

◆ Mayors For Meals will be held Wednesday, March 22.

The mayors of the five Grosse Pointes and Harper Woods will be celebrating the Meals on Wheels program and the congregated meal program at SOC by delivering meals to the homebound seniors in their community.

March on Meals is a national campaign to highlight the Meals on Wheels program during the month of March. This year the National Meals on Wheels Association of America will include involvement by mayors nationwide.

Stay balanced

Improving balance can re-

duce the risk of falls and injury, according to physical therapists Gretchen Uznis and Jane Carvell of Uznis Physical Therapy.

The two women will address ways to improve balance and mobility, thus reducing the risk of falls in an 11:15 a.m., Monday, March 27, presentation sponsored by Services for Older Citizens.

Carvell will demonstrate some of the screening tests used in physical therapy to evaluate balance and exercises that help improve balance.

Tips for making one's home safer will also be discussed.

Planning ahead

Retirement Planning is the topic of the 11:15 a.m., Wednesday, March 29, Services for Older Citizens lecture.

Rick Bloom, from Asset Management Inc., host of the radio show, "The Rick Bloom Show," and financial columnist for the Oakland Press, is the guest speaker. He will discuss how to invest without paying commissions and how to ensure a stock portfolio grows to maintain income levels during the "golden years."

SOC is located at 17150 Waterloo in the City of Grosse Pointe. For more information, call (313) 882-9600.

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PREVENTING TEEN DRUG ABUSE

Family meals need a comeback

If you want to prevent your teenager from abusing alcohol or other drugs, then eat dinner with him or her on most days of the week. This is just one finding about the power of family dinners from a study published by the National Center on Addiction and Substance Abuse (CASA) in September.

This study, "The Importance of Family Dinners II," was sponsored by TV Land and Nick at Nite's Family Table. It follows up on CASA's first family dinner study, released in 2003. Both are part of annual back-to-school surveys conducted by CASA over the past decade.

This research has consistently shown that teenagers who eat dinner more often with their families are less likely to drink, smoke cigarettes or use other drugs.

The most recent study compared two specific groups: teenagers who have two or fewer family dinners per week and those who have five or more per week. Those who ate two or fewer family dinners were:

- ◆ Three times more likely to try marijuana.
- ◆ Two-and-a-half times more likely to smoke cigarettes.
- ◆ One-and-a-half times more likely to drink alcohol.

In addition, the study reveals that families who eat together less often also have lower-quality experiences at the dinner table. Teenagers in this group were more likely to dine with a television on, remain silent during meals and state that their family dinners were too short.

CASA researchers also correlated more frequent family dinners with:

- ◆ Lower levels of family tension.
- ◆ Teenagers who more often said that their parents are proud of them.
- ◆ Teenagers who more often said that they can confide in their parents about a serious problem.

Households that combine more frequent family dinners with all three of the above characteristics cut their risks for teenage substance abuse in half.

CASA's research confirms the common-sense notion that shared dinners make for stronger families. Yet many parents are challenged to put this simple idea into practice, notes Becky Sechrist, who directs a parenting program called "Shoulder to Shoulder: Raising Teens Together" for the Minnesota Institute of Public Health.

"The problem, as the study points out, is that there isn't

enough time to go around," Sechrist said. "Between after-school activity schedules, parent's work schedules, and a variety of other things, making connections within the family requires a concerted effort these days." She offers the following suggestions:

Make it a requirement. Set a non-negotiable rule about the number of dinners that your teenager is expected to eat with you each week. "This might feel, for the teen, that it comes at the expense of less time for after-school activities, friends or an after-school job," Sechrist said. "The payoff in the long run for both parents and teens will be worth it."

Involve teenagers in all phases of the meal. Whenever possible, involve teenagers in planning and preparing their favorite meals. Your children will more often come to the dinner table as willing participants if you do this.

Make meals enjoyable. While it isn't always possible to avoid discussions on controversial topics — for example, homework and peer groups — effort should be made to talk about things that interest all members of the family and won't cause conflict.

Ask open-ended questions. Examples are: What could we do to have more fun as a fami-

ly? What's your dream job? How do you define success? Questions like these are more likely to open up a sustained conversation than queries that can be dismissed with a simple yes or no.

Keep eating together as your teenager matures. The number of family meals declines as teens get older, Sechrist said. "At the same time, substance abuse risk is going up. Along with my colleagues at Shoulder to Shoulder, I try to emphasize that even though 17-year-olds are on the cusp of what society considers 'adulthood,' they still need guidance, support and a connection to their parents."

For more on the CASA study, visit www.casacolumbia.org. For parenting tips on raising teens, visit www.shouldertoshooulderminnesota.org.

This health column offers information to help prevent and address addiction and substance abuse problems. It is provided by Hazelden, a non-profit agency based in Center City, Minn., that offers a wide range of information and services on addiction and recovery. For more resources, call Hazelden at (800) 257-7800 or check its Web site at www.hazelden.org. Direct your inquiries to mduda@hazelden.org.

HEALTH COLUMN

By Abdul Effendi, M.D., FASN

Chronic kidney disease on rise

Chronic kidney disease (CKD) is on the rise in the United States, largely due to an increased incidence of diabetes and high blood pressure, two common complications of obesity. As much as 60 percent of new cases of chronic kidney disease are a result of high blood pressure or diabetes, according to data from the national Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

Failing kidneys cause almost no symptoms until the condition is advanced and kidney function is almost completely diminished. The best way to identify chronic kidney disease in its early stages is through analysis of the urine, which typically is done during a routine physical examination. Those individuals who don't see their physicians for regular physical exams miss out on the opportunity to identify abnormalities that could suggest manageable conditions such as hypertension, diabetes, kidney disease or even cancer.

Adding to this disease's under diagnosis is the fact that some physicians don't recognize the early markers of CKD when reviewing a patient's lab results. A diagnosis of CKD is not based on a single urine test. Other factors such as blood creatinine levels, a person's gender, age and amount of muscle mass also must be taken into consideration when evaluating a patient's kidney filtering capacity.

Persons with a first-degree relative diagnosed with CKD, polycystic kidney disease and individuals with hypertension or diabetes are advised to be screened regularly for signs of kidney disease.

Small kidneys have a large job

The kidneys are hardworking organs that filter waste from the bloodstream and maintain our body's chemical balance. We can live very comfortably and symptom-free with diminished kidney function or even one kidney. This is why so many people go undiagnosed until their kidneys are severely damaged.

As kidney function decreases, however, people may experience any of the following symptoms: fatigue, headaches, loss of appetite, fluid retention, itchy skin, nausea or vomiting, shortness of breath, darkening of the skin or muscle cramps. Once established, CKD will progress to the point where those afflicted must undergo regular dialysis to remove toxins from their blood or even kidney transplantation.

Some kidney disease is preventable

Some causes of CKD, such as Type I diabetes, polycystic kidney disease and lupus, are inherited. But most new cases of CKD result from obesity, Type II diabetes and uncontrolled hypertension.

Chronic kidney disease is one of many chronic diseases, along with cardiovascular disease, diabetes, chronic obstructive pulmonary disease, hypertension and even some cancers, to name a few, that are largely lifestyle related. Simple preventive measures that will help reduce one's risks for developing CKD, and many other potentially debilitating chronic diseases, include maintaining ideal body weight, getting regular physical activity, eating a healthy diet, avoiding cigarettes and having regular physical examinations.

Dr. Effendi is a board-certified Bon Secours Cottage Health Services nephrologist (kidney specialist) with additional board certification in internal medicine. For an appointment, call Bon Secours Cottage Physician Referral at (800) 303-7315.

3 of 10 children victims of bullying

(ARA) — Many children in America today are terrified to attend school. At the extreme, this is caused by the school shootings that have occurred over the past 10 years. But a much more common reason that children fear going to school is that they are being teased, taunted and often physically attacked at and on their way to and from school.

This behavior, also known as bullying, is prevalent in the lives of 30 percent of school children within a school year. It is a phenomenon that we must address and is one that requires a coordinated response across our communities. Left unchecked it creates an environment within our schools that leads to greater and greater levels of violence.

Would you know what to do if your child or someone you knew constantly appeared sad,

moody, teary or depressed, and has lost interest or refuses to go to school? These symptoms are not uncommon and could be signs that a student is being bullied.

In one way or another all students are impacted by the act of bullying. Children who are bullied are at a greater chance of school failure, dropping out, depression, sleep disorders, suicidal ideations, and committing acts of violence as a means of retaliation. Children who act as the bully also are impacted — having a greater probability of committing criminal acts later in life, perpetuating family violence and also committing suicide at a greater rate. Bullying even harms the bystanders, leaving them feeling helpless, out of control, intimidated and guilty for not taking action. It is important for everyone to know what to do to

protect all children from bullying whether it is taking place in their schools or in their communities.

Working in collaboration with the Child Welfare League of America and others, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services offers the following tips:

◆ Open up the lines of communication. Parents need to talk with their children about what is happening in their kids' lives — both the good and the bad. This is particularly true about their hours in school and whether there is anything troubling about their school experience.

◆ If you are unsure, check your sources. If you are not certain that what your child is experiencing is bullying, do some research. There are very clearly defined warning signs. Go to the Web site

StopBullyingNow.hrsa.gov to see if any of these fit the characteristics of your child.

◆ Help children take a stand. Empower children to notify an adult at their school if they are experiencing bullying and to stand up for themselves or others if they witness this action happening to their peers. Empowering them may mean standing by their side as they report this behavior to the school.

◆ Use every moment as a "teachable moment." Educators and school administrators need to use every opportunity to address the topic of bullying in their schools. They should use an incident of bullying as an opportunity to let all involved know that bullying is not acceptable and will not be allowed.

Bullying is no longer just a school-yard issue.

Women's health kit

To celebrate the 100th anniversary of the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA), the FDA's Office of Women's Health and the Federal Citizen Information Center have a gift for you — a free kit of 10 health publications. With practical tips on everything from asthma to depression, this kit is filled with helpful information that every woman can use for herself, her family, and friends.

It's a myth that heart disease is only a man's disease. In fact, one out of every three women will die of cardiovascular diseases. Protect yourself by learning what the signs of heart disease are and what heart-healthy steps you can take to lower your risk with the Women's Health Kit. Also included is important information on other health problems that can affect both men and women, including strokes and lung cancer.

Looking for the right vitamins to help supplement your diet? With so many different products available on the shelves of your local supermarket and drugstore, you may feel overwhelmed by all of your options. Use the Women's Health Kit to get the facts on over-the-counter

drugs and dietary supplements, so you can make an informed decision.

If you're like many women, you not only want to feel good but you also want to look good. And makeup, whether it's your favorite shade of lipstick or tube of mascara, can help you do so. But did you know that almost all cosmetics, particularly those that contain alpha hydroxy acids, can cause skin problems and allergic reactions?

Learn more with the Women's Health Kit, which includes tips for using cosmetics safely. There's even timely information on Botoxa and how it works.

Help yourself and those you love stay healthy by sending for your free Women's Health Kit today. There are three easy ways to get your free kit:

◆ Send your name and address to Women's Health Kit, Pueblo, CO 81009.

◆ Visit the Web site at www.pueblo.gsa.gov/rc/n37wo menshealthkit.htm to read or print out these and hundreds of other federal publications for free.

◆ Call toll-free 1 (888) 878-3256, weekdays 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. Eastern time and ask for the Women's Health Kit.

BIRTHS

Lilly Anne Guffy
Ian Thomas Guffy

Tom and Wendy Guffy of Farmington Hills are parents of twins, a daughter, Lilly Anne Guffy, and a son, Ian Thomas Guffy, born Jan. 16, 2006.

Maternal grandparents are Greg and Liz Oates of Grosse Pointe Farms. Paternal grandparents are Tom and Sue Guffy of Milford and John and Arlene Polaski of Bellaire. James Oates of St. Clair Shores is the great-grandfather.

Heartburn or Heart Attack?

A free seminar that could save your life.

Was it something you ate, or is it a potentially life-threatening situation? Join Dr. Steven D. Sandubrae for a free seminar on how to recognize the symptoms of heart attack, and what to do when minutes count.

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A LA ANNIE By Annie Rouleau-Scheriff

1 tiny bottle of Kenzoil, two terrific recipes



Kenzoil (Kens-oil) is a small (5 or 10 oz.) bottle of cold-pressed extra-virgin olive oil infused with fresh garlic, fresh basil and other secret spices. Company owner and creator of the oil, Ken Carlsen, wouldn't divulge what those spices are. The flavor of Kenzoil falls somewhere in the pesto family, with the absence of nuts. The quality of the olive oil Ken uses stands out.

"Carrot Kenzoil Slice" is a lasagna style side dish with a slightly sweet finish from the carrots. "Dirty Champ Kenzoil" is my take on the Irish mashed potato dish called "champ" that traditionally combines mashed potatoes with lots of butter and onions. The addition of Kenzoil brings the potatoes up a healthy notch or two. Both will pair nicely tomorrow (Friday) with hot corned beef, a welcome change from the boiled carrots and potatoes we consume each St. Patrick's Day.

Carrot Kenzoil Slice

- 3 cups whole milk
- 2/3 cup reduced-fat sour cream
- 1 teaspoon black pepper
- 1/2 stick butter
- 1/2 cup flour
- 1 1/2 cups shredded sharp cheddar cheese, divided
- 4 eggs lightly beaten
- 1/4 cup Kenzoil, room temperature and well-shaken
- 3 10 oz. bags shredded car-

rots
9 sheets Barilla oven ready lasagna
Grease a glass 9x13 baking dish (or similar size) and set aside. In a medium bowl, whisk together the milk, sour cream and pepper. Set aside. Heat butter in a large pan until hot and bubbling. Lower the heat, whisk in the flour and cook for 1 minute. Add the milk mixture and whisk until it becomes smooth. Cook and stir over medium heat until the sauce comes to a boil, about 5 minutes. Boil for 1 minute then remove from heat. Stir in 1 cup of the shredded cheddar and set aside for a few minutes to cool. Gradually add the beaten eggs, stirring well. Measure off 2 cups of the sauce and set aside. To the remaining sauce, add the Kenzoil and the carrots. Toss and stir well to coat the shredded carrots evenly.

Begin with a layer of 1/3 of the carrot mixture spread over the bottom of the prepared baking dish. Top with 3 lasagna sheets laying side-by-side but not overlapping. Repeat this process two more times finishing with a layer of 3 lasagna sheets. Pour the reserve 2 cups of sauce evenly over the top and sprinkle with the remaining 1/2 cup shredded cheddar. Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Leave the prepared dish sitting to rest for 15 minutes before baking (to allow the pasta to soften). Bake at 350 for 40 minutes. Remove from oven and cool for 15 minutes prior to serving. This will ensure clean slices.

Dirty Champ Kenzoil

- 4 lb. potatoes, your choice, half skins removed

2 tablespoons butter
2 large leeks, rinsed, halved and thinly sliced, white and light green part only
1/2 cup milk
1/4 cup Kenzoil, room temperature and well shaken
1/4 cup chopped fresh parsley
Salt and pepper to taste
Cook potatoes in a large pot of boiling water until tender. Meanwhile, heat the butter over medium-high heat in a small skillet and add the leeks. Sauté the leeks until tender, about 7 to 10 minutes, stirring often. Drain the cooked potatoes and use a masher to mash the potatoes with the milk. Stir in the cooked leeks, Kenzoil, and parsley. Taste and season with salt and pepper.

Yummy.
The Kenzoil takes on a different characteristic in each of these side dishes. It complements the sweetness of the carrots in a subtle way while adding a savory side to the champ.

Ken bottles his oil in Ann Arbor. What started as a salad dressing idea transformed to a sauce that's a No. 1 choice for bread dipping, followed by tossing with pasta or use as a marinade, according to the feedback Ken has received.

You may purchase Kenzoil at the Sprout House in Grosse Pointe Park. Pick up some Avalon bread while you're there and you'll have the perfect dipping combination. (Kenzoil is also available at the Village Food Market on Mack.)

If tomorrow's St. Patty's Day menu is already planned, clip these tasty recipes and serve them alongside your upcoming Easter ham.

Taste of the Hops

Merchants Fine Wine along with the Grosse Pointe War Memorial will host the annual Taste of the Hops event from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. Friday, March 24, in the Grosse Pointe War Memorial Fries Ballroom, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms.

Beer enthusiasts can taste between 60 and 80 varieties of micro-brewed beers, imported cheeses and meats, Hog Wild Zops, exotic nuts, Mexican mole chicken kabobs, Cajun-style ham with tricolor potatoes, 7-Layer Dip with chips and salsa, and a Guinness ice cream float.

The Brass Knuckle Band will perform from 8 to 10:30 p.m. Merchants Fine Wine has door prizes for the first 100 ticket purchasers. Annette May, Australian beer expert, will help event-goers select favorite hops. Tickets can be purchased for \$39 in advance and \$45 at the door. For more information, call (313) 881-7511.

Pointers in concert choir

The 80-voice Detroit Concert Choir, under the direction of Grosse Pointe Park's Gordon Nelson, will perform Carl Orff's "Carmina Burana," a celebration of love, nature and fate, at 3 p.m., Sunday, March 19, at the Seligman Performing Arts Center at Detroit Country Day School, 22305 W. 13 Mile, Beverly Hills.

Joining the choir for this composition featuring chorus, two pianos and percussion ensemble is the Royal Oak Children's Choir and soprano soloist Hannah Dixon of Grosse Pointe Woods.

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Concert Choir singers Donna Abdo of Grosse Pointe Woods, Stan Harr and Michele Metes of Grosse Pointe Shores, Russ and Jane Yamazaki, Judy Leonard, Jan Stewart, Veronica Smith, Geoffrey Nahan and Judy Jogan of the City of Grosse Pointe and Mike

Samyn, Dan Isenschmid and John Lovegren of Grosse Pointe Farms.

Tickets are \$25 and include a "Meet the Artists" reception following the concert. They are available at the door or in advance by calling (313) 882-0118.

G.P. Chamber Music to hold concert

The Grosse Pointe Chamber Music (GPCM) concert featuring music by Vivaldi, Mozart, Bach and Bruch will be held at 2:30 p.m. Sunday, March 26, in the Grosse Pointe War Memorial Crystal Ballroom, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms.

The opening performance is by Shirley Ignasiak, soprano, and pianist Virginia Shover. Arianna Kalian will perform music by Vivaldi, Bach and Mozart for oboe and English horn; with Ellen Luby, violin; Jamie Dabrowski, viola; and Sylvain Bouwman, cello.

The recital concludes with Eight Pieces, Op. 83 by Max Bruch, featuring Norma Keil, clarinet; Mary Holms, piano; and Jamie Dabrowski, violin.

The Grosse Pointe War Memorial Association sponsors the series of GPCM concerts throughout the year.

Tickets are available at the door for \$7, and \$3.50 for children and teens age 6 to 15. An annual membership for \$12 is also available at the door.

For more information, call (313) 885-4633.

MEETINGS

AAUW honors volunteers, elects officers

The American Association of University Women, Grosse Pointe branch, conducts its annual meeting Saturday, April 1, at 10 a.m. at the Lochmoor Club in Grosse Pointe Woods. The program includes election of officers for 2006-07, ceremony to honor Education Foundation honorees and speaker Carol Cain, local columnist and TV personality. The morning begins with a 10:30 brunch at a cost of \$20 for which reservations may be made by calling vice president for programs Pat Petro (586) 776-6429, by Saturday, March 25.

The community may attend. President of AAUW Grosse Pointe is Lynne Pierce of Grosse Pointe Woods. The Education Foundation provides funds to advance education, research and self-development with proceeds from the branch's annual used book sale each year to local women in the name of a member of the branch who has given of her efforts in dedication to the organization. This year the honorees are Marti Miller of Grosse Pointe Woods, a member since 1971, serving presidents as public information officer for 19 years and an annual volunteer at the used book sale; Betty Grady of Grosse Pointe Shores, a member since 1986, and, her husband, Richard, both of whom devot-

ed 12 years and many hours to the used book sale will be honored; and Sally Vogel of St. Clair Shores has been a member since 1995 serving as nominating chair for the branch, past pick-up chairman and 2006 co-chair of the association's only fundraiser, the used book sale.

Guest speaker Carol Cain is a Detroit Free Press columnist and longtime observer of state politics and business. Cain is the creator and host of the CBS 62 and UPS 50 television program "Michigan Matters."

'You've got to have heart'

The Women's Connection of Grosse Pointe hosts Dr. Sarine John as the speaker for the Thursday, March 23, meeting at a private club in Grosse Pointe.

Dr. John will impart the latest information on how to protect and detect heart problems before they become serious

problems, causing disability and fatalities.

Women's heart health has long been ignored and under-detected by the medical profession until recently.

The evening begins with a social hour at 6 p.m., dinner at 6:30 p.m., and the program at 7:45 p.m.

The cost is \$27 for members, for nonmembers the cost is \$29. To attend the program only, the cost is \$5, payable at the door.

For reservations, call Nancy Neat at (313) 882-1855 or for information, call Marcia Pikelek at (313) 884-4201.

Newcomers Alumni Club hosts mystery bus trip

The Grosse Pointe Newcomers Alumni Club has planned its annual mystery bus trip for Saturday, April 1. The bus leaves at 5 p.m.

After a short bus ride, the

group will eat a four-course dinner and the cost is \$35 with a cash bar.

According to Pam and Andy Bowden, chairs of the event, "great entertainment" is planned.

The purpose of the Grosse Pointe Newcomers Alumni club is to "perpetuate friendship through social activities." A variety of gatherings are planned throughout the year.

For more information, call (313) 882-1855.

Junior League, Belle Isle zoo team up for kids

The Junior League of Detroit in conjunction with the Belle Isle Nature Zoo holds a free, educational nature program, including a guest speaker, a fun craft project, snacks and a book giveaway, for children on the third Saturday of each month from 1 to 3 p.m. at the Belle Isle Nature Center.

The last event this spring is June 17. Programs will resume in the fall and are open to the public. Groups are welcome. Contact the Junior League of Detroit office for more information at (313) 881-0040.

Kids meet the DSO

Youngsters will have a chance to learn about the Detroit Symphony Orchestra from resident conductor Thomas Wilkins during the Young People's Concert at 10 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. Saturday, March 25, at Orchestra Hall at the Max M. Fisher Music Center, 3711 Woodward Ave., Detroit.

Tickets range from \$10 to \$45 and are available at the box office, online at www.detroitssymphony.com or by calling (313) 576-5111.

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Finney ends last year's semifinalists' tournament hopes PAGE 2

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SOUTH GIRLS HOCKEY

Blue Devils are state champs



Squad fulfills its year-long mission

By Bob St. John
Sports Writer

Grosse Pointe South's girls hockey team is back on top after beating host Plymouth-Canton-Salem 5-1 in last weekend's state championship game at Artic Edge Arena.

The Lady Blue Devils fulfilled their year-long mission after losing to Bloomfield Hills Cranbrook Kingswood in double-overtime in last year's championship game.

"It was a long summer, but the girls worked hard and had a goal to get back to the finals and win," coach Bill Fox said. "Everyone contributed to the championship. It was a nice win for us."

The Lady Blue Devils won their sixth state championship in the 10 years girls hockey has had a tournament.

Senior Ali Morawski, voted the tournament's most valuable player, said, "All of us worked hard to win this championship. It's a great way to end my high school career."

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PHOTOS BY DR. J. RICHARD DUNLAP

Grosse Pointe South's girls hockey team is a happy bunch after winning its sixth state championship in 10 seasons. In the photo below, Ali Morawski fires a shot under the right arm of the Plymouth-Canton-Salem goalie Kristie Kowalski for one of her three goals in the game.



SOUTH BOYS HOCKEY

Trenton wins in quarters

By Chuck Klonke
Sports Editor

Grosse Pointe South hockey coach Bob Bopp believes in giving credit where credit is due.

That's why he wasn't upset with his team after it lost its Division II state quarterfinal game with Trenton last week.

"I have no complaints," Bopp said after the Trojans posted a 4-2 victory. "My team played hard but Trenton was the better team tonight."

That might not be the case next year.

Most of South's team will be returning, including the Blue Devils' entire defense corps that played against Trenton, and starting goalie Trevor Sattelmeyer, who had a remarkable season for a freshman.

"We have a bright future," Bopp said. "We had a great year this year, but I think we'll be even better next season."

"I'm happy with the way we played this year. We won 18 games, and some of those wins came against really good teams."

One thing Bopp would like to change between now and next season is the Blue Devils' penchant for taking penalties.

Trenton's first three goals came on the power play, and the first two came within 30 seconds of the South player's banishment to the penalty box.

"They're just so strong on the power play," Bopp said. "They move the puck around so well. You can't afford to take penalties against them."

For years, South had been the least-penalized team in the Michigan Metro High School Hockey League but this year the Blue Devils took nearly 500 minutes in penalties.

The penalty-killing units were effective for most of the season, but few teams are able to blunt Trenton's attack when the Trojans have a man advan-

tage. Sattelmeyer made some excellent saves early in the game but 34 seconds after South got its first penalty of the game, Trenton's Andrew Wagoner knocked in a rebound to give the Trojans a 1-0 lead at 5:50 of the first period.

On Trenton's next power-play opportunity, it took only 14 seconds for the Trojans to make it 2-0. Defenseman John Laub, who took the initial shot on Wagoner's goal, beat Sattelmeyer from the right faceoff circle at 10:20 of the opening period.

South's Frankie DeLaura got a power-play goal of his own with 25 seconds left in the first period. DeLaura skated in front of the net, put a move on goalie Danny Pason and slipped the puck into the right corner of the net.

Sam Mott and Ryan Abraham got the assists on DeLaura's goal.

A South penalty as the first See **QUARTERS**, page 2C

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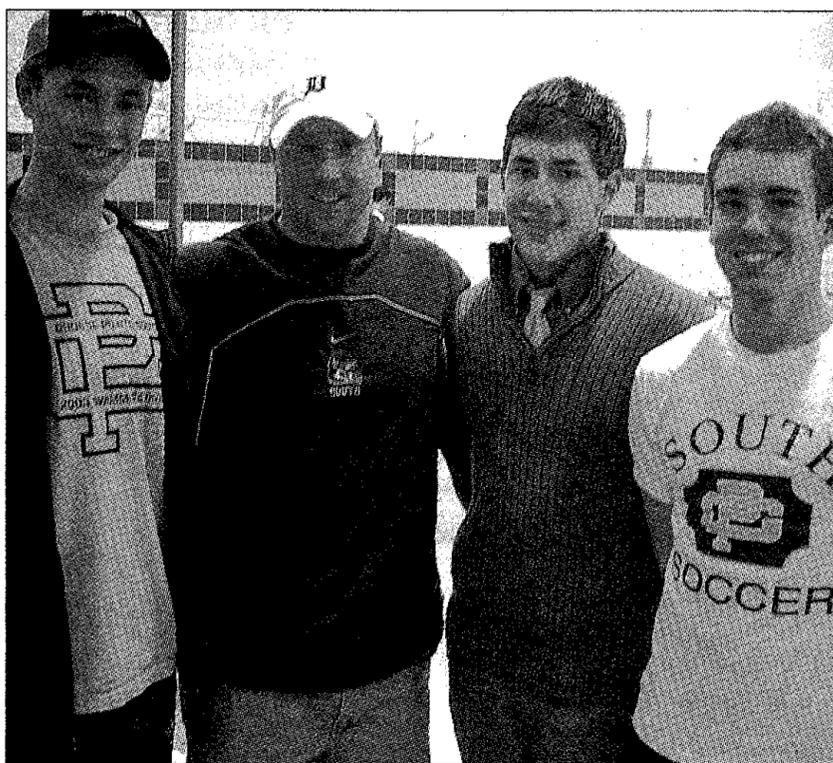


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Grosse Pointe South achieved the rare feat of qualifying three divers for the state Division I swimming meet. From left, are Ty Lattimore, coach Chad Hepner, Alex Oddo and Spencer MacGriff.

BOYS STATE SWIMMING

South places in three events

Grosse Pointe South's boys swimming team couldn't duplicate last year's fourth-place finish in the state Division I championships in Ann Arbor, but the Blue Devils' coaches were still pleased with their performances.

"Almost everybody swam their best times," said head coach Bill Thompson.

"That's what I look for more than anything else. Having them do their best and have fun doing it. We didn't win as many medals as we did last year, but I'm still happy with the team. It was a faster meet this year."

South's best showing came in the 500-yard freestyle. Casey Browning was 12th in 4:47.52, while Dan Basile came in 16th in 4:53.71.

The Blue Devils also placed in the 200 medley relay as the team of Alex Glendenning, Michael Manos, Robby Browning and Alex Bordyukov

finished 14th with a time of 1:41.53.

Casey Browning just missed qualifying for Saturday's finals championships in Ann Arbor, but the Blue Devils' coaches were still pleased with their performances.

Jamie Handley was 19th in the 100 breaststroke. Jon Sax was 23rd in the 200 individual medley and Robby Browning was 23rd in the 100 butterfly. Robby Browning also finished 28th in the 100 backstroke.

South's 400 freestyle relay team was 18th, and the 200 freestyle relay team was 23rd.

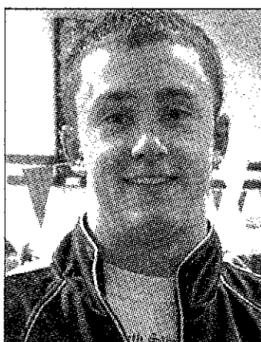
The Blue Devils qualified three divers — Ty Lattimore, Alex Oddo and Spencer MacGriff — for the finals. Oddo was 20th, Lattimore 24th and MacGriff 31st.

"I don't know if South has ever qualified three divers for the state meet," said diving coach Chad Hepner. "I know we didn't when I was at South,

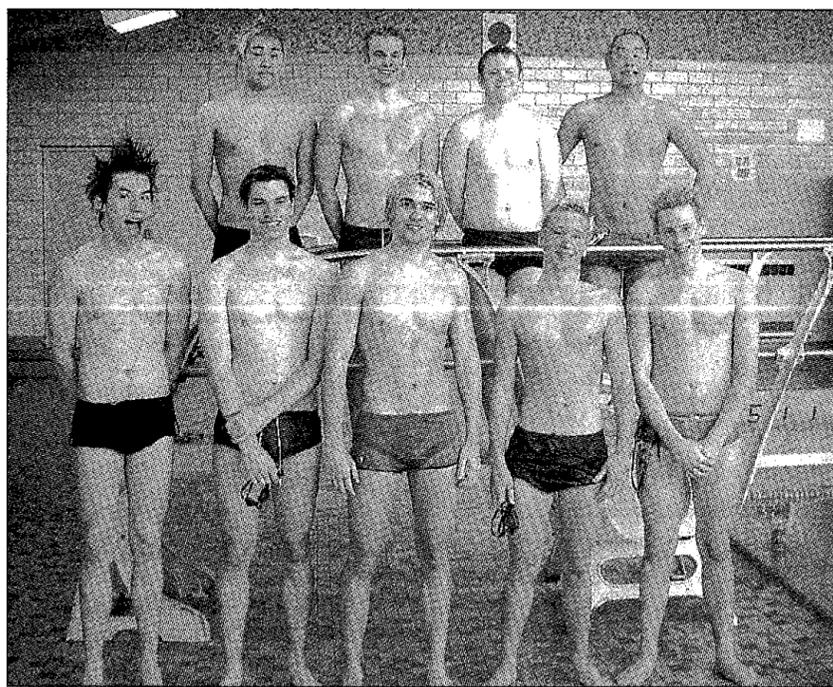
and this is the first time since I've been back coaching."

Grosse Pointe North had one state qualifier in freshman Michael Lane.

Lane was 29th in the 100 breaststroke and 32nd in the 200 individual medley. His time of 2:04.08 in the IM was a season-best.



Michael Lane



South qualified nine swimmers for the state Division I championships in Ann Arbor last weekend. In front, from left, are Alex Glendenning, Jamie Handley, Alex Bordyukov and Danny Basile. In back, from left, are Robby Browning, Jon Sax, Andrew Graham and Casey Browning. Not pictured is Michael Manos.

HOCKEY: Team finishes 18-9-1

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period ended, gave Trenton a man advantage to start the second period, and again the Trojans capitalized. Jacob Schering took a cross-ice pass from Brian Estevez and one-timed a shot into the open corner of the net at 1:32.

The Blue Devils had some good chances early in the third period but Pason turned them away until a shot along the ice by Abraham bounced into the net at 10:31. DeLaura and Tim Shield had the assists.

It looked like Abraham's goal might set up a furious finish, but at 12:52 Scott Lukitsch came off the Trenton bench and fired a high shot that deflected off the post and into the net.

"That was a great shot," Bopp said.

Lukitsch's goal restored

Trenton's two-goal lead and it was too much for South to overcome.

The Blue Devils' passing wasn't as sharp as usual, but Bopp gave Trenton credit for that.

"They're so quick there isn't as much time to pass," he said. "The tempo is really quick when you play Trenton."

South finished with an 18-9-1 record. The trip to the quarterfinals was the Blue Devils' deepest tournament run since it lost to Trenton in the state championship game in 1998.

NORTH BASKETBALL

Season ends with defeat in districts

By Chuck Klonke
Sports Editor

Matt Trombly had a sinking feeling early in Grosse Pointe North's state Class A district basketball opener with Detroit Finney.

"I've noticed in our games this year, that for us to be successful we have to play well in the first quarter," the Norsemen's coach said.

"I talked with the guys about that before the game. We got down 8-0 but it wasn't all our fault. Finney took the shots we wanted them to take, but they have some good shooters and they made them."

Finney increased the lead to 20-5 at the end of the first quarter and the Highlanders rolled to a 65-43 victory against North, which was a state semi-finalist a year ago.

The win put Finney into the championship game of the district at Grosse Pointe South, but the Highlanders lost 59-49 to Detroit Public School League rival Southeastern.

North started the game in a zone defense with hopes of forcing Finney to launch some wild shots, but guards James Scott and Kevon Rose foiled

the strategy by hitting from long range.

"They took some bad shots but they made them," Trombly said. "We knew we'd have some problems with their big guys, but we felt if we'd come out and distance them from the basket it might work. I still think if we played them again, I'd do the same thing."

That 20-5 deficit after the first quarter was too big a mountain for the Norsemen to climb.

"We've struggled to score points all year," Trombly said. "That's why it was so important for us to get a lead early."

There were some positives that Trombly was able to take from the game.

One was the play of Dwight VanHoesen.

"He made a couple of good moves attacking the basket, and got to the free throw line eight times," Trombly said. "He played well and showed the competitive leadership we need from our point guard." VanHoesen led North with 14 points.

Trombly also praised the play of seniors Adam Miller and Jacob Bloomhuff, who were playing their final varsity

games, and Marc Reno, a junior who completed his first varsity season.

"Sometimes I think we've taken for granted the consistency those three have given us all season," Trombly said.

"Adam always works hard on defense, which is what he does best, and Jacob always bring his competitiveness to the court. He guarded Finney's big kid (Damone Pledger) and took it as a personal challenge. Reno always defends the other team's best shooter. He had Scott, and did a good job."

Miller finished with 12 points, Reno had seven and Bloomhuff added six.

Finney had four players score in double figures, led by Pledger with 13 and Scott with 12.

North finished the season with an overall record of 3-18.

"I think if we had won some of those close games that we lost early in the year, our record might have been a lot better," Trombly said.

"We lost a lot of close games, and that hurt our confidence. We have a lot of kids coming back. Our JV team had a good season. I expect us to be a lot better next year."

NORTH GYMNASTICS

Trying year is satisfying

It has been a difficult season for Grosse Pointe North's gymnastics team, but at the same time it has been a satisfying year.

Three members of the team competed in the Division I and II regional meet last weekend, while two others earned a spot in the Division III regional.

Sarah Colosimo competed in three events in Division I and II, while Jenna Simon competed in two and Brittany Treusch in one.

Andrea Koueiter and Sara Shubnell competed in Division III.

"We had some personal triumphs as well as some (team) achievements that we are quite proud of," said assistant coach Kathy Mocerri.

North's numbers dwindled to only nine gymnasts this year, and two of the top ones — Marsia Thomas and Sarah Colosimo — suffered major injuries.

Colosimo missed the first

four meets of the season and instead of being able to compete in all four events — vault, uneven bars, balance beam and floor exercise — she was limited to beam and floor and occasionally, bars.

The last two meets she was able to compete in all-around and placed well enough to receive medals.

In the Great Lakes Conference meet, hosted by North, Colosimo won a silver medal on beam with a score of 9.05 and she was eighth in all-around. Her score on the beam was a personal best.

At the Fraser Invitational, Colosimo was fifth on floor exercise and seventh on beam.

Thomas, who had an outstanding junior year, missed her entire senior season because of problems with her ankles.

"Even though she knew she wouldn't be able to compete, Marsia didn't want to let her teammates down, so she re-

mained on the team becoming extremely supportive and helpful to the other girls," Mocerri said.

"Marsia came to almost all the practices, helping the girls choreograph their beam and floor routines, as well as coming to all the meets with her smiling face and words of encouragement."

"This exemplary and selfless behavior earned Marsia the coveted Senior Gymnast of the Year Award that is presented in the Great Lakes league at the end of the year."

Shubnell has labored in the shadow of some of her teammates since joining the team as a junior, but she qualified for the Division I regional.

"We saw Sara work tenaciously and tirelessly to achieve her personal goals and it was truly a joy to see her grow with confidence after each new element that she

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Squirt champions

The Flyers won the Grosse Pointe Hockey Association Snowball Tournament Squirt Division championship. In front, from left, are Anne Crowley, Ty Wells, Tommy Clark, Ryan Liagre and Travis Nawrocki. In the middle row, from left, are Will Scarfone, Robert Babcock, William Zinn, Darian Dempsey and Connor Hogan. In back, from left, are assistant coaches Bill Scarfone and Robert Babcock and head coach John Hogan.

GYMNASTS: Get award for sportsmanship

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mastered," Mocerri said. "It seemed as though each meet she would have new personal bests and Brooke (head coach Brooke Nosek) and I were just as happy for her when she did that."

Another senior, Erin Vishey, graduated in January but contributed to the team before she left for college.

"Erin improved dramatically since her freshman year with a lot of hard work and desire," Mocerri said.

"By the end of her junior year she was able to compete at the regional level in floor and received a few regional qualifying scores on bars. We'll miss Erin's work ethic and spirit."

North's team received the league's Sportsmanship Award for the second year in a row.

"We are quite proud of the girls as this shows that they have conducted themselves in the highest manner toward other teams and gymnasts," Mocerri said.

Treusch has been on the team for two years and has made a lot of improvement.

"When she started she was competing with a very basic vault," Mocerri said.

"She also progressed very well in other events."

Koueiter received the team's most improved award last year and Mocerri said that she improved even more this season.

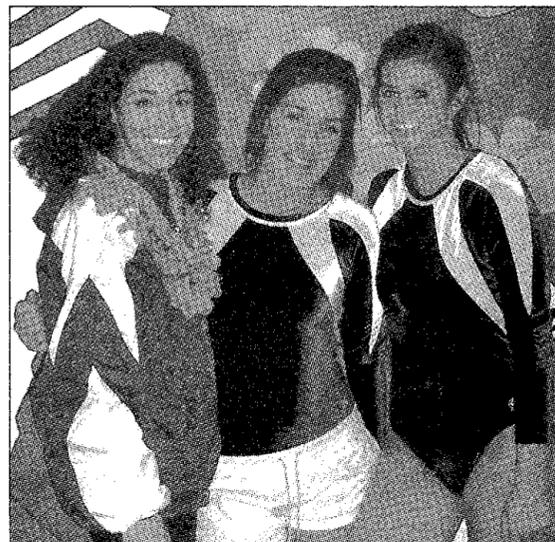
"Other fine performances this year have come from newcomers to the team," Mocerri said.

"Becca Zachary's floor routine has come along very well. Leigha Fisher has done well on the beam. Freshman Brooke Treusch is talented and we hope to see her competing a lot more next year."

Simon, also a freshman, was seventh in floor exercise and 10th on vault in the Fraser Invitational.

"Jenna has done an outstanding job as an all-around gymnast and she was pulling a lot of team points at every meet," Mocerri said. "We are excited to see how Jenna progresses in the years to come."

"All in all, we have a lot to be proud of with these girls, and they also have a lot to be proud of."



Three of Grosse Pointe North's four senior gymnasts were, from left, Marsia Thomas, Sara Shubnell and Sarah Colosimo. Not pictured is Erin Vishey, who graduated in January.

Scholarship offered to former Little Leaguers

Former male and female Grosse Pointe Farms-City and Grosse Pointe Park Little League players who are completing their senior year in high school are eligible to apply for the Bob Wagner Memorial College Scholarship.

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University of Detroit Jesuit high schools.

Applicants must have a minimum of three years participation in either the Farms-City or Park Little League.

Former scholarship recipients include Matt Vanderpool, Charlie Mackinnon, Brian Gatloff, Michael Dunaway and Stephanie Kostiuik.

To obtain information or to request an application, students should contact their high school guidance department, the foundation website — www.robertnwagnerfoundation.org — or write the Bob Wagner College Scholarship Committee, c/o George C. Mackenzie, 231 Kenwood Court, Grosse Pointe Farms, MI 48236. The application deadline is April 15, 2006.

Students who request an application by mail should enclose a self-addressed, stamped envelope.

Lacrosse clinic will be held April 1 at South

State champion coach will direct clinic which is open to girls in grades 3-8

The Grosse Pointe South girls lacrosse team is sponsoring a preseason clinic on Saturday, April 1.

There will be a session from 9 a.m. until noon for girls in grades three through five. There will be a session from 1 to 4 p.m. for girls in grades six through eight.

The clinic will be run by members of the 2006 South squad under the direction of varsity coach Debbe Pavle. Pavle guided the Blue Devils to the state championship last spring.

The clinic will be held in the main gym at South and on the school's stadium field. Instruction will focus on stickwork, small game situations and shooting.

No prior experience is necessary to attend any of the sessions.

Participants will be grouped by ability.

Players should wear gym shoes and bring a stick, mouth guard, goggles and water bottle.

Sticks and goggles will be provided for those who need them.

Sticks, goggles and mouth guards will also be available for purchase on the day of the clinic.

The cost of the clinic is \$35, which includes a T-shirt.

To receive a registration form, call (313) 881-3848.

Morawski had two goals and two assists, followed by sophomore Alex Merrit and junior Shami Entenman with two assists apiece; senior Katherine Gerow, freshman Erin Shook, Shepard and sophomore Jenna Huising with one goal apiece; and sophomore Laura Bristol, junior Elizabeth McCaughey and freshman Hannah Orlicki with one assist apiece.

Morawski got the Lady Blue Devils off to a fast start, scoring a goal 49 seconds into the opening period.

South had a 5-0 lead after the first period and put the finishing touches on the victory, scoring five goals in the first seven minutes of the final period. The game ended when the Lady Blue Devils made it a 10-goal difference.

North defeated Ann Arbor for the third time this season and beat arguably the league's best goalkeeper, Clarice Grantham.

"We had to get a lead on them and force Ann Arbor to have to score some goals," Van Eckoute said. "We know their offense isn't strong; so it was important to get a couple of goals on them."

The Norsemen essentially put the game away in the opening period, scoring three goals. Christy Sandmair (assisted by Liz Rabidoux and Nelson), Quinlan (assisted by senior Melissa Carron and sophomore Meredith Chicklas) and Kate Zemenick (assisted by Sandmair and Vanoverbeke) put the Norsemen on top 3-0.

Ann Arbor tallied 11 seconds into the second period to make it a 3-1 game, but Nelson surprised Grantham with a blistering shot from the blue line that lit the lamp, making it 4-1.

"I don't think we took care of the puck very well in the second and third periods," Van Eckoute said.

"We could have been in trouble if Ann Arbor's offense took advantage of our turnovers in our own zone."

The Norsemen outshot the Pioneers 28-12 as Angela Lee and Zarb combined to stop 11 shots.

State champ Grosse Pointe South finished its season 18-1-1 in the Michigan Metro Girls High School Hockey League and Grosse Pointe North ended 19-4-1.

The Penguins forced overtime with a powerplay goal at the 5:57 mark of the third period. They took a 1-0 lead when Zimmerman tallied midway through the opening period.

The Norsemen scored their three goals in the second period. Junior Phelicia VanOverbeke, junior Emily Nelson and freshman Alexa Quinlan tallied to give the Norsemen a 3-1 advantage.

South trailed the defending champ 1-0 just 17 seconds into the game, but only 1:37 later the Lady Blue Devils tied it up when sophomore Alex Rentz lit the lamp.

"Our worst nightmare was to fall behind early, and we fell behind 17 seconds into the game," Fox said. "Our girls didn't panic and they ground it out, dominating the game."

Once again the Lady Blue Devils' defense was outstanding, limiting the Cranes to three shots in the first period, four in the second and four in the third.

The Cranes took a 2-1 lead. But in the span of 28 seconds early in the second period, the Lady Blue Devils scored to take the lead for good, 3-2.

Sophomore Anna Shepard scored the tying goal at 11:41 and sophomore Jenna Huising made it 3-2 at 11:13.

Morawski added an unassisted powerplay goal to give the No. 1 seed a 4-2 lead after two periods.

Rentz scored again with 2:39 left in the game to give the Lady Blue Devils a commanding three-goal lead.

The Cranes tallied a meaningless goal with 23 seconds left in the third period.

South advanced to the semifinals with an easy 12-2 romp over Harper Woods Regina in a quarterfinal game, and North beat Ann Arbor 4-1 in its quarterfinal matchup.

"We had some good, hard practices before the playoffs started, and it showed because our girls were on their game tonight," Fox said. "All of our girls had a jump to their game and our goaltending was solid. It was a good way to start the playoffs."

The Lady Blue Devils had 12 individuals record at least one point, led by Inger, who had four goals and two assists and Marsh, who had two goals and four assists.



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Grosse Pointe North's Emily Nelson, left, faces off against an Ann Arbor player during a girls hockey state quarterfinal game. North won 4-1, but lost to Plymouth-Canton-Salem in triple overtime in the semifinals.

SOUTH: Title is sixth in 10 years

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sharing this team effort with all of my teammates."

PCS, the No. 2 seed, grabbed a 1-0 lead in the opening period when senior forward Lisa Ealy scored, assisted by freshman Edra Burris.

It was all South in the final two periods.

Junior Amanda Marsh tied it 1-1 with a goal 1:12 into the second period (Morawski and senior Hilliary Inger drew assists). Later in the stanza, Morawski scored a shorthanded and powerplay goal to give the No. 1 seed Lady Blue Devils a 3-1 lead.

Inger assisted on the shorthanded tally, while Marsh and sophomore Kathleen McDonald assisted on the powerplay goal.

Inger made it a 4-1 game, scoring an unassisted goal 54 seconds into the third period. Morawski capped the scoring, recording a hat trick with a tally midway through the final period. Inger drew an assist.

Defensively, junior goalkeeper Caroline Sweeny stopped nine of 10 shots.

"Caroline was solid in net and our defense smothered PCS forwards," Fox said.

The Lady Blue Devils outshot the Penguins 37-10, including 16-3 in the second period and 9-1 in the final period.

In the semifinals, South beat defending state champ Cranbrook Kingswood 5-3, and Grosse Pointe North lost a heartbreaking 4-3 triple-overtime decision to PCS.

It was one of the longest games in the league's 10-year postseason history.

"It's a tough loss," North head coach Tim Van Eckoute said.

"We had ample opportunities to win this game and let them slip away. It was a great game that came down to a fluky play in the end."

PCS freshman Katie Zimmerman flipped a shot from the right corner that trickled past junior goalkeeper Jaclyn Zarb at the 4:58 mark of the third overtime.

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THOMASVILLE dining set, couch, girls bedroom set, matching credenza and cabinet, coffee and end table. Reasonable prices, excellent condition. Must see! (313)882-1976

409 GARAGE/YARD/RUMMAGE SALE
FINAL moving sale, offers taken! 2119 Ridgmont Road, Grosse Pointe Woods. (Between Mack & Harper). Saturday 10am-4pm. Solid medium oak bookcase; matching entertainment center; 60" round solid oak coffee table; classic 50's white double oven/ stove; miscellaneous items.

410 HOUSEHOLD SALES
1026 Yorkshire, Grosse Pointe Park. Furniture, glassware, collectibles. Saturday, 9am-3pm.

412 MISCELLANEOUS ARTICLES
MOVING sale! Heywood Wakefield hutch, John Widdicomb dining room table, maple corner hutch, antique cast iron garden urns, oil paintings, designer clothes, antiques price guides, cookbooks, lots of housewares, misc. 801 Pemberton. Saturday, 10am-4pm. No early sales!

TWO 30" cream/ yellow dressers with hutch. 2- 24" girls 15 speed bikes. 8.0 Life-styler treadmill. 48" oak pedestal table with 6 chairs. 313-550-3785

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 Whole estate of former owner of yacht "Helene": Nautical ephemeris, pictures, blueprints, collectibles. Oriental lacquered cabinet, chests; Japanese triptych woodblock prints; Klmono; Cloisonne, other decorative items. Needlepoint chairs; leather arm chairs; Pr. Mahogany console tables, desk, end tables, Antique chest, mirror; Baker Oriental style coffee table. 40's globe. Pickled Bombe style desk. 50's painted chests. Fr. Prov. Bed set... good to paint; King Iron headboard. Unique lamps- bronze, Murano glass, Carved figures, porcelain with fish design, Nouveau brass etc. Oil lamp, copper; more. Several Kerman & other Chinese & Oriental rugs. Rookwood bowl; Roseville "Vista" floor vase; Fulper bowl, Van Briggie, Southwest & other art pottery. Moss Rose & Haviland china: Royal Crown Derby, Danish mosaic; Delft; Royal Doulton mugs. Crystal, cut & decorative glass, Heisey; bar ware. Stanley Vermeil flatware. Sterling- small pieces, Los Castillo salad set & silverplate pieces- fish set, salver, more; Brass, Copper molds, lg buckets; lamps; weathervane, small andirons, many dec. items. Oils by Robert Hopkins, Delfino Garcia; German, Oriental prints, Old photos, others. Framed Needlework. 4 Decorative Screens. Enamel ware, boxes, Decoys, shorebird, wood carvings, Deco desk set. So much jewelry- Los Castillo & Ballesteros sterling necklaces; crystal; rhinestone, collectible- Weiss, Kramer, Hattie Carnegie, Eisenberg, Vogue, Amber, gold perfume bottle. MUCH MORE. Lots of decorative items. Brown Jordan & Woodard furniture. Kitchenware, linen, lots of books, clothes and fun accessories. This house is packed. Don't miss the Great Sale. See the Website for pictures www.gphouseholdsales.com

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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

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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, 1300 Maryland- 2 bedrooms, 1 bath, laundry, \$750/ month includes heat, water. (586)822-1062

GROSSE Pointe Park, Lakepointe. Large upper flat. \$800/ month, plus utilities. All appliances included. (586)739-7283

GROSSE Pointe Park, lower flat. Large 3 bedroom, basement, off street parking. All appliances. \$795/ month. Credit application and references. (313)590-7021

GROSSE Pointe Park, Maryland- 3 bedroom lower, hardwood floors, new windows, completely updated, appliances. No pets. \$775. (313)885-7138

GROSSE Pointe Park, Nottingham, upper, 2 bedroom apartment. \$595/ month plus utilities, 586-739-7283

GROSSE Pointe property- Walk to Village & hospital. *2,000 sq. ft. townhouse, 3 bedrooms, office, 2.5 baths, basement & garage. \$1,650/ month. *1,300 sq. ft. Lower flat, 2 bedrooms, screened porch, 1 bath, basement & garage, \$1,100/ month. CMS (248)549-0900

HARPER Woods, Kingsville. One bedroom for rent/ sale. Carpeting, appliances, no pets. (313)881-9313

IMMACULATE 2 bedroom lower flat, 1454 Wayburn, washer, dryer. Shown by appointment. \$700. (313)850-9988

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NEFF- one floor, 2 bedrooms, new kitchen, all new decor & carpet, all appliances, central air, garage. \$925/ lease. 313-510-8835

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896 Alter Road, nice 1 bedroom, includes heat, parking, laundry, all appliances. \$550/ month. (313)823-9051

AFFORDABLE 2 bedroom apartment; Mack near Cadieux, available now. \$650/ month, includes all utilities. Security deposit and reference check. 313-640-1844

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GROSSE Pointe Schools, Hampton, 3 bedroom, appliances included, hardwood floors. \$835. (313)942-5783

GROSSE Pointe Woods home- 1960 Roslyn Road. 2 bedroom, 1 bath, garage, basement. Small pets negotiable. Please call (313)885-5001 for showings.

GROSSE Pointe Woods, cute 3 bedroom bungalow, recent renovations, basement, nice fenced yard, 2 car garage, air conditioning, appliances, \$1,100. (313)927-2731

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