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THURSDAY, MARCH 23

♦ The Grosse Pointe Board of Education meets to discuss the 2006-07 budget at 6 p.m. in Grosse Pointe South High School's Wicking Library, 11 Grosse Pointe Blvd., Grosse Pointe Farms.

FRIDAY, MARCH 24

♦ The Grosse Pointe War Memorial and Merchants Fine Wine host the annual Taste of the Hops from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. in the Grosse Pointe War Memorial Fries Auditorium, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms. Tickets may be purchased for \$39 in advance and \$45 at the door. For more information, call (313) 881-7511.

SATURDAY, MARCH 25

♦ Macomb County Crisis Center hosts the Survivor of Suicide Conference from 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. at Macomb Intermediate School District, 44001 Garfield Rd., Clinton Township. The conference offers support and education about suicide and its aftermath to families, friends and professionals.

Admission is free. A light lunch will be provided. To register, call (536) 307-9100.

SUNDAY, MARCH 26

♦ The Albanian Islamic Center, 19775 Harper, Harper Woods, holds an open house from 3 to 6 p.m. The topic, "Who is Prophet Muhammad?", will be discussed. Admission is free, everyone welcome.

♦ Our Lady Star of the Sea Catholic Elementary and Middle School holds an open house for new and prospective students and their families from 1 to 3 p.m. The school is located at 467 Morningside at Fairford, Grosse Pointe Woods.

MONDAY, MARCH 27

♦ Grosse Pointe Park holds its city council meeting, starting at 7 p.m. in the council chambers, 15115 E. Jefferson.

♦ The Grosse Pointe Public Library Board of Trustees meet at 7 p.m. at the Ewald branch library, 15175 E. Jefferson, Grosse Pointe Park.

TUESDAY, MARCH 28

♦ The Grosse Pointe Chamber of Commerce hosts a panel of

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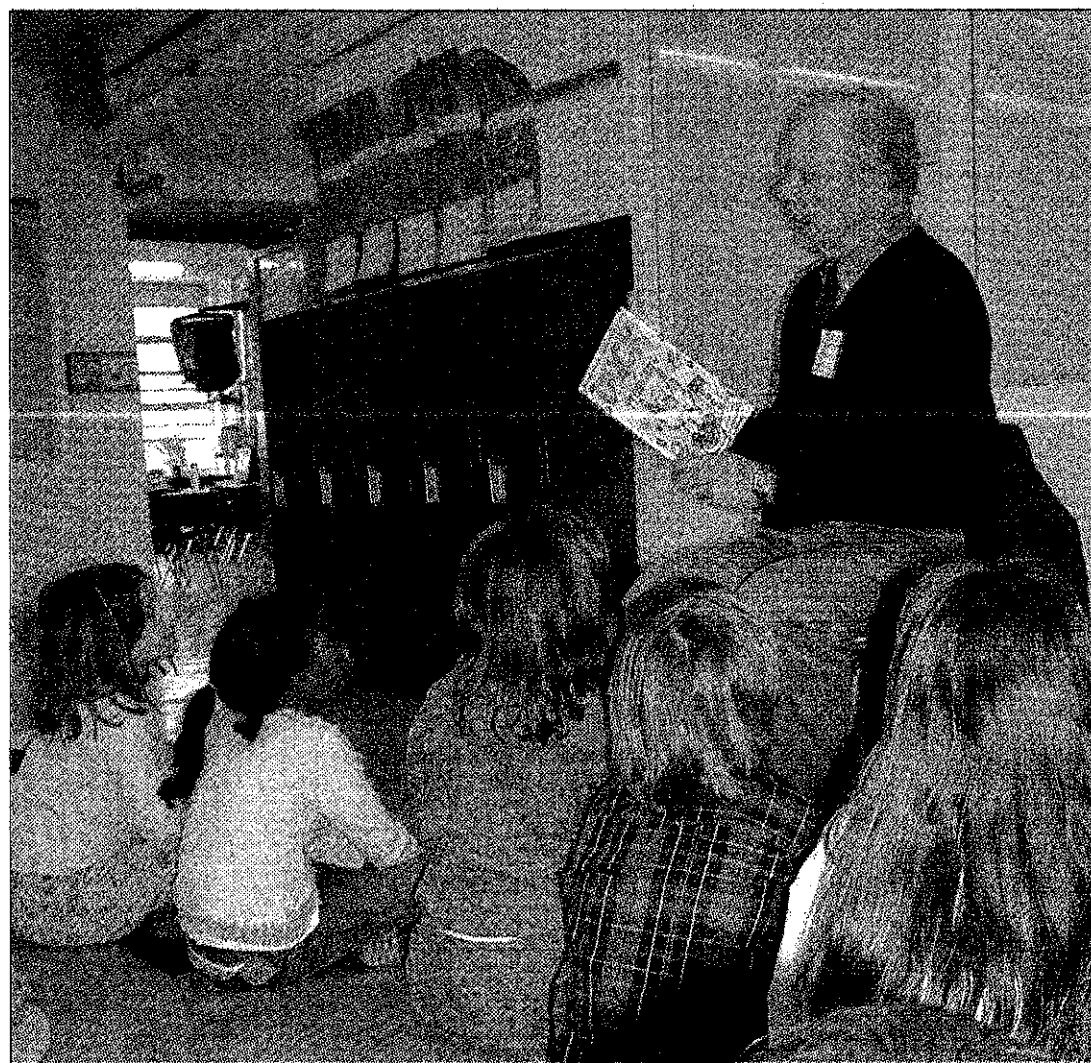


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Political reading matter

State Rep. Ed Gaffney, R-Grosse Pointe Farms, read what he knows best — a book on the political system. In an annual visit to Grosse Pointe schools during March is Reading Month, Gaffney read "Duck for President." Duck was unhappy with the leadership on the farm so he decided to run for president. Duck registered voters, hit the campaign trail and waited for the tally, just as the men and women who are running for political office. Gaffney told the students how happy he was in his job representing their parents who are living in the best cities in the state of Michigan.

Mental health in teenagers workshop hosted by G.P. schools

By Beth Quinn
 Staff Writer

Two seminars on adolescent depression and suicide were recently given by local mental health experts.

In response to the community's concern over the recent suicides of two local boys, the Grosse Pointe Public Schools Systems held on March 7 a workshop, "What Parents Need to Know About Dealing With Trauma and Adolescent Suicide," conducted by William Steele, MSW, Psy.D., the director of National Institute for Trauma and Loss.

Six months ago, The Family Center of Grosse Pointe and Harper Woods asked Dr. Laura McMahon, a psychiatrist in private practice, to address adolescent depression during its third annual parenting symposium held on March 11.

During his workshop, Steele stated children having suicidal thoughts is more common than most people think. In a classroom of 100 students, 70 percent have or know someone who has had thought about committing suicide.

"It's a part of growing up," he said.

Since children don't have the coping and communica-

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- ♦ Irritability
- ♦ Social withdrawal
- ♦ Decreased energy
- ♦ Low self-esteem
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- ♦ Hopelessness
- ♦ Sleep and appetite changes
- ♦ Poor performance in school
- ♦ Lack of joy

tion skills to express their feelings, Steele stressed that it is imperative for parents to be aware of their children's feelings and to be their emotional guide.

"Listen to the child," he said. "Step up as an adult in the child's life."

He warned parents of gifted and high-achieving children have the challenge of seeing through the veneer of perfectionism.

"They are the hardest on themselves. They have an element of perfectionism, and when things don't work out, they blame themselves," he said.

"There will be situations where you don't see anything

specific, but trust your instinct. Their job is to convince you everything is okay."

Steele flagged the most common factors of suicide:

- ♦ Stimulus: Shame. "I'm no good."
- ♦ Stressor: A frustrated psychological need such as approval of peers or significant adults or being emotional connected to others.
- ♦ Goal: Cessation of one's self due to the sense of worthlessness.
- ♦ Emotion: Hopelessness.
- ♦ Internal attitude: Ambivalence about one's self and life.
- ♦ Consistency: Longtime patterns such as continual depression or negative perception of one's self or life.
- ♦ Cognitive state: Thinking a situation is never going to change. They have lost the ability to see possibilities.

Steele pointed out some children believe the only way things will change is to commit suicide.

"You have to ask them how is this going to change things?" he said. "Yes, things will change but you won't be around to enjoy the change."

"When a child attempts sui-

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CITY OF GROSSE POINTE

Dame knocks 'em dead

Peter Dame of Oak Park, Ill., hired as city manager

By Brad Lindberg
 Staff Writer

The search is over for a City of Grosse Pointe manager.

Peter J. Dame, top candidate for the job, starts April 24, assuming he passes a physical examination.

He offers the City 12 years municipal management experience, the last two as deputy village manager of Oak Park, Ill., a western suburb of Chicago with a population about equal to the five Grosse Pointes combined.

The 40-year-old married father of three children is experienced handling major develop-

ment projects, which is something that appealed to him about the City job.

He'll soon be the administrator's point man on:

- ♦ Renovation and expansion of the former Jacobson's building now called Kercheval Place,

- ♦ Approval or denial of Sunrise Development senior-oriented condominiums, and

- ♦ Possible transformation of municipal parking Lot No. 2 into a mixture of retail, office and residential space.

All three projects are within pitching wedge distance of

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CITY OF GROSSE POINTE

PUD is mud for homeowners

Council 'reaffirms' ordinance change

By Brad Lindberg
 Staff Writer

A number of homeowners bordering the Village business district fear they've been set up to lose their property.

They say the City of Grosse Pointe council has laid the

groundwork for eminent domain.

Suspicion stems from a unit-ed council Monday night passing an ordinance broadening the scope of planned unit developments, or PUDs.

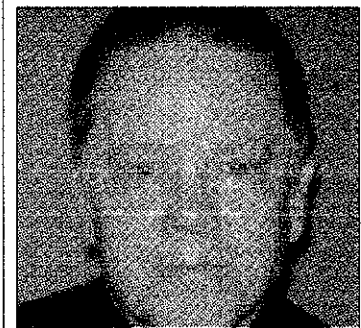
The measure extends the planning tool — which is often used to regulate large commercial projects — beyond the

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POINTER OF INTEREST

'There isn't a baby boomer who doesn't recognize Soupy, White Fang and Black Tooth.'

Tim Kiska



Home: Grosse Pointe Woods

Age: 53

Family: Wife, Patricia Anstett, children Caitlin, 19, Amy 17 and Eric, 14

Claim to fame: Author of

"From Soupy to Nuts, a History of Detroit Television."

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Yesterday's headlines

1956

50 years ago this week

◆ Grosse Pointe Shores officials ask permission from their Woods counterparts to lay a water main down Vernier from the Shores-Woods border to Mack Avenue.

The Shores, which receives about 5 percent of its water supply from the Grosse Pointe Farms filtration plant, has been notified by the city that it can no longer sell water to the Shores, and that as of May 1, this service will be discontinued.

◆ Low bids are higher than budgeted to install swimming pool equipment and construction of a bath house at Grosse Pointe Woods Lake Front Park.

As a result, Woods officials will readvertise the contract for park improvements. Also, the matter will be transferred to the Citizens Committee, which was instrumental in seeking park improvements in the first place.

◆ Former Grosse Pointe Woods Mayor Waid McKnight, who did not file as a candidate for the April election, is drafted to run for mayor as a write-in candidate.

Up to this time Mayor Kenneth Koppin had been unopposed as candidate for the top post in the Woods.

1981

25 years ago this week

◆ The much-maligned Michigan property tax receives support from a consortium of school systems, including Grosse Pointe.

District leaders hire a lobbying firm to represent their interests on the tax matter in Lansing.

◆ The most promising

young concert pianists in Michigan will meet in Grosse Pointe this weekend to face one of the toughest tests of their careers.

The musicians comprise 17 entrants in the Grosse Pointe Summer Music Festival Piano competition, to be held before a panel of judges and the public in the Grosse Pointe War Memorial Crystal Ballroom.

◆ A thriving artist colony working in the old boarding school at Grosse Pointe Academy is moving temporarily to make way for renovation of the 98-year-old structure.

Renovation is necessary to preserve the aging landmark. Most of the potential problems are on the third and fourth floors which house artists studios.

1996

10 years ago this week

◆ A majority of teachers at Grosse Pointe North and South high schools think the current student attendance policy is too lenient and needs revision.

Committees at both schools have been studying the matter for three years. Although no decisions have been reached, teacher suggestions include capping the number of allowable student absences to 10 per semester and dropping students with an "F" grade for exceeding allowable absences.

◆ The Grosse Pointe Symphony Orchestra, conducted by Felix Resnick, prepares to present Mozart's "Requiem" this weekend at St. Clare of Montefalco Church in Grosse Pointe Park.

The concert will feature 120 voices of the Grosse Pointe Community Chorus and the Grosse Pointe North Concert Choir.

◆ Charlie Roddis of Grosse Pointe Woods adds to his All-

American collection of awards for the University of Findlay at the recent NAIA swimming and diving championships in San Antonio.

The former Grosse Pointe North standout is third in the 10-yard backstroke with a time of 52.76 and sixth in the 200 backstroke in 1:56:79.

The top six finishers in each event are NAIA-All-Americans.

2001

5 years ago this week

◆ A man suspected in the murder of his boss at a Romulus machine works company is found dead by gunshot in the driveway of a Lakeshore home in Grosse Pointe Farms.

The 32-year-old suspect, whose hometown has not been revealed, is thought to have committed suicide.

◆ Kathleen Clark is one of many Grosse Pointe South High School students preparing to participate this May in the Nautical Coastal Cleanup.

Clark is president of the school's Students Against Violations of the Environment club sponsored by Greg Heffner, South's environmental science instructor.

◆ Architect Robert Wakely presents City of Grosse Pointe council members with preliminary designs of the proposed bathhouse at Neff Park.

Plans are based on input from a special parks and recreation committee formed to develop improvements to the lakeside municipal park.

—Brad Lindberg

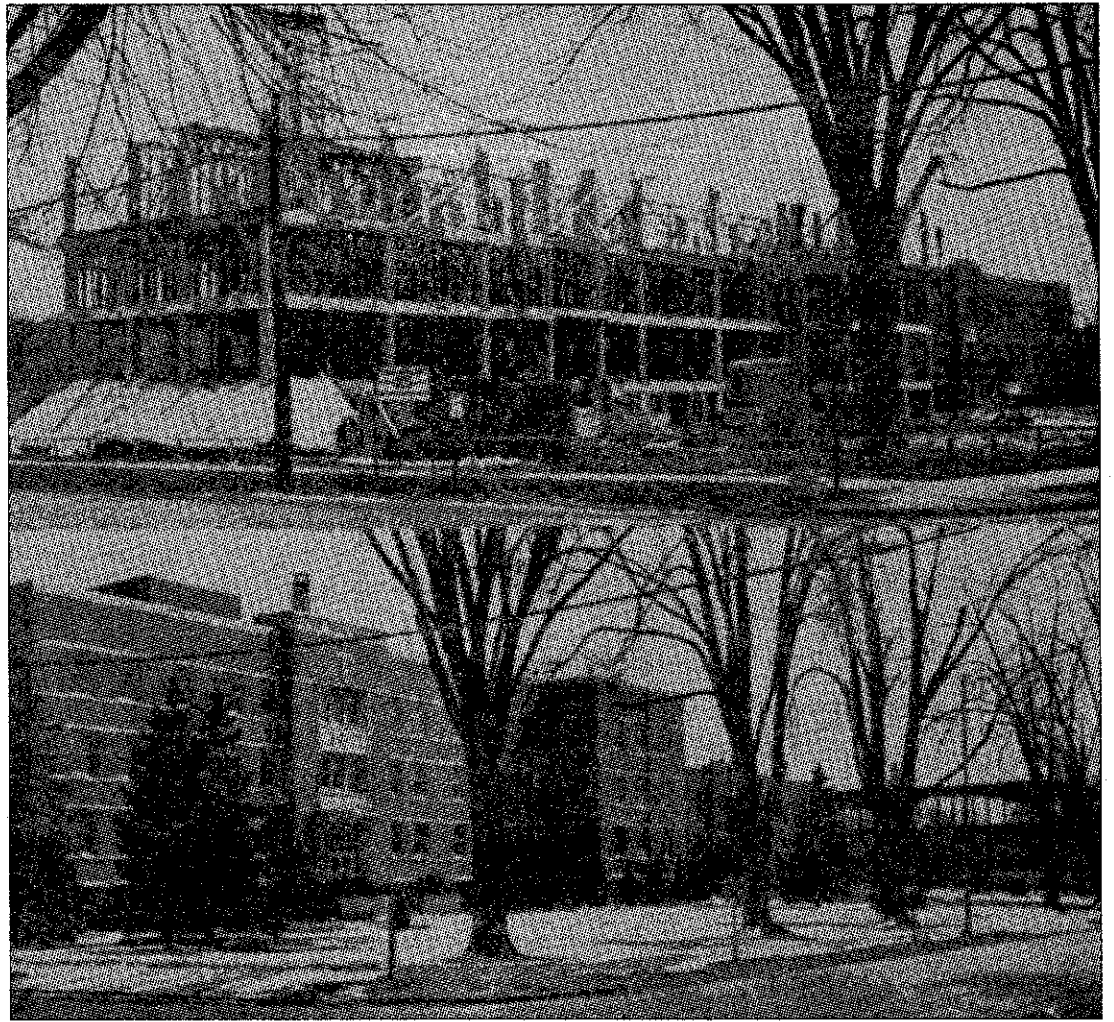


PHOTO BY FRED RANNELLS

1956: Picture depicts growth of Bon Secours

The top scene shows the first big addition going up on the hospital at Cadieux and Maumee some five years ago. Since then, a big wing was added to the rear of the new section, stretching along Maumee. The bottom scene shows the latest addition to the property, taking shape on the right. This will contain the sister's convent, a chapel and auditorium-science hall. (From the March 22, 1956 Grosse Pointe News.)

Park purchases 5 new city vehicles

Grosse Pointe Park's city council approved the purchase of four new public safety vehicles and one administrative ve-

hicle at Monday's meeting.

“It's business as usual for the updating our public safety vehicles,” City Manager Dale Krajniak said. “We need the new vehicles and we will get them cheaper than anticipated.”

The prices quoted for the 2006 cars are \$110 less than the 2005 quotes. The public safety department is taking advantage of a lease plan through Ford Motor Financial that allows the city to spread the cost of the vehicles over the serviceable life of the vehicle.

At the end of the term, the city buys the vehicles for \$1 each, according to city officials. This lease agreement allows the city to incorporate a Mobile Data Computer (MDC) into the purchase of the squad cars.

The MDC in-car terminals will enable Park public safety officers to fully utilize the enhanced capabilities of the recently purchased 800 Mgh. radio system, LEIN (Law Enforcement Information Network) operations and the CLEMIS (Courts and Law Enforcement Management Information System) records management system.

It's business as usual.... We need the new vehicles and we will get them cheaper than anticipated.

DALE KRAJNIAK, City Manager

“This gives us a connection with our station and with the LEIN computer in Lansing and CLEMIS,” Park Deputy Director John Schulte said. “The officers can complete reports in their vehicle while on the road and initiate a plate check on a vehicle at the blink of an eye. It gives us an enhancement to our department. Hopefully we can purchase four more next year.”

The cost of the four squad cars is \$20,251.50 each for a total of \$81,006. Each MDC is \$8,000 (\$32,000 total) and the administration vehicle costs \$20,594 for a total of \$133,600.

Since the city will lease the cars, the total spent on a three-year lease and finance charges is \$56,772.14. Adding \$5,000 for detail, graphics, and mounting gear creates a total of \$61,772.14 for the new squad cars and the administration car.

The city budgeted \$90,000 for this vehicle purchase, netting a savings of \$28,227.86.

—Bob St. John

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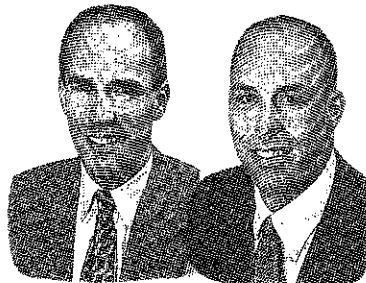
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experts to discuss breaking and entering prevention. It takes place from 8 to 9:30 a.m. at the Grosse Pointe Farms Boat House. Continental breakfast will be provided. Admission is \$7 for members, \$10 for non-members.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 29

◆ “Protecting your child in cyberspace: a free workshop for parents on Internet safety” will be presented at Warren De La Salle Collegiate at 7 p.m. in the school's Music Room.

To register or for more information call (586) 778-2207, ext. 207, or email at vgranger@delasallehs.com.

GROSSE POINTE FARMS

Preaching, teaching gun safety

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

If you don't want to lock up your firearm to safeguard others, do it to save your own skin.

"If your handgun falls into the possession of a minor and they use that weapon in a crime, or if they hurt themselves or somebody else, you can be charged with a federal offense," said Lt. Jack Patterson of the Grosse Pointe Farms department of public safety.

"If by some miracle you are not charged criminally, you most likely will be sued civilly," Patterson continued. "Some judgments go into the millions for wrongful death or if somebody is maimed or injured. Not to mention the emotional and physical problems you are going to face if someone is injured because of your negligence. You have to live with that."

As a law enforcement officer,

Patterson has seen the consequences of gun accidents.

"That's something I don't wish on anybody," he said. "I've seen what it does to families. It tears them apart. People will never be right the rest of their lives."

Firearm ownership bears heavy responsibility.

"You are responsible for knowing where (your weapon) is 24/7 and knowing it is secured at all times," Patterson said. "If you can't bear that responsibility, then you have no business having it in your house."

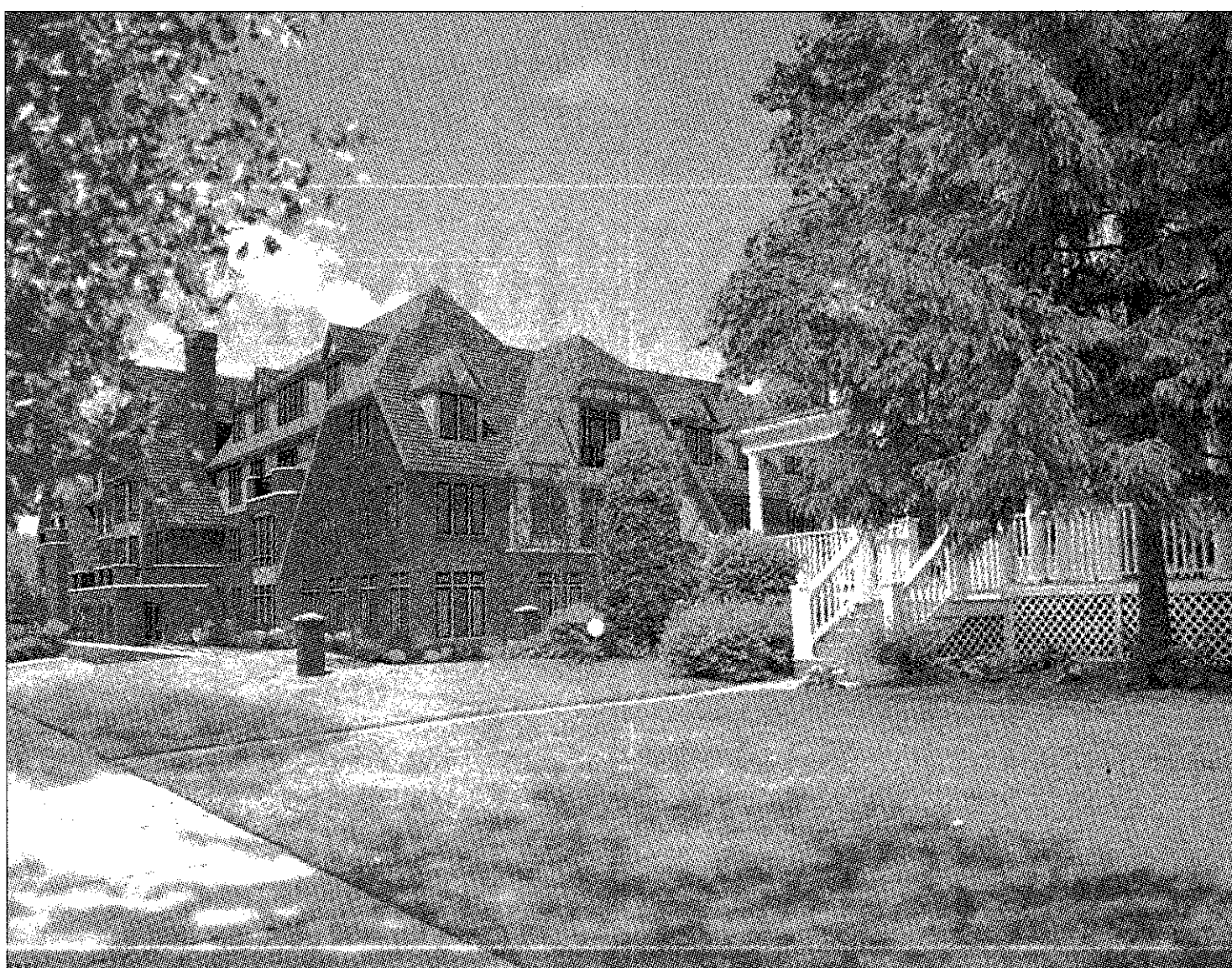
Patterson is the department's primary firearms instructor. He also teaches civilian concealed weapons classes.

"I preach safety," he said.

He has three general rules for safe gun handling:

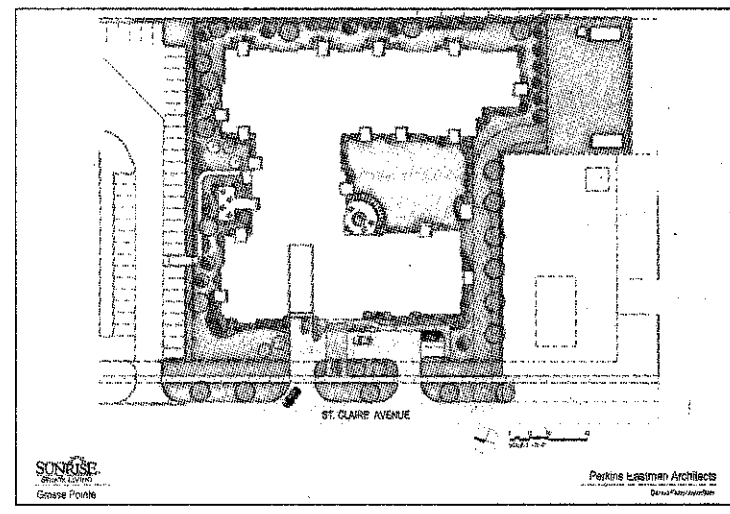
- ◆ Always keep the gun pointed in a safe direction.
- ◆ Always keep your finger

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RENDERINGS COURTESY SUNRISE ASSISTED LIVING AND PERKINS EASTMAN ARCHITECTS

Sunrise Assisted Living plans to build a four-story condominium community for independent seniors on property acquired on St. Clair in the City of Grosse Pointe. Above is an architect's drawing of the complex looking from St. Paul. The owner of the home above is protesting the development. Below, left, is a view looking down St. Clair from the Village business district. Right, is an overhead view of the complex's footprint and landscaping. The protester's property is in the lower right corner.



HEALTH: Depression can be genetic

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cide, he is saying, "Please help me find a way to change."

Steele stated that it is imperative for parents to show the child there are choices and options. The adult needs to be a resource of hope and support.

"You have to help at a sensory level," he said. "If you have to serve mashed potatoes or chicken noodle soup, pbj sandwiches for a week, do it. If you have to hug frequently, do it. Wrap your arms around them and give them anything they need. What these kids are deprived of is sensory interaction. This can become a strong resource."

Steele stressed children who contemplated suicide need an adult who will be a constant source of support and comfort. "Those who have survived, there was one individual for them and with them to help them move past this point," he said.

During her March 11 seminar, "Child and Adolescent Depression," McMahon, also urged parents to be proactive when their child shows signs of depression.

"You're in charge. You're the parent," she said. "The calmer you are, the better off they will be. Say to them, 'I will guide you, they need that.'"

She told parents to be aware of signs their child might be suffering from depression. Some symptoms are:

- ◆ Pessimism
- ◆ Irritability
- ◆ Social withdrawal
- ◆ Decreased energy
- ◆ Low self-esteem
- ◆ Poor concentration
- ◆ Hopelessness
- ◆ Sleep and appetite changes
- ◆ Poor performance in school
- ◆ Lack of joy

Since most teenagers demonstrate some of these symptoms at some point, McMahon admits that parents can become confused when trying to determine if their child is depressed or just going through a phase.

She said depressed children are never symptom-free for longer than two months. They are also sad, irritable and lack joy for a prolonged period of time.

She warned parents not to wait too long before seeking help once they think their child is depressed.

"You can't wait until the

child says 'I feel suicidal,'" McMahon said. "It takes time. You can't wave a magic wand."

Medical advances have given doctors greater insight into the biological component of depression. McMahon cited studies showing the illness to be highly genetic.

"When one identical twin has a history of depression, there is a 76 percent chance the other twin will develop depression," she said. "The chances are 67 percent in identical twins raised apart."

Recent studies have also shown some physiological aspects of depression.

"The brain, glands and hormones — it all gets involved," McMahon said.

Research on the brain has shown depressed people have smaller frontal and temporal lobes due to abnormal blood flow. Their neuroendocrine cells secrete more cortisol, a stress-inducing hormone, into the blood stream. In their nervous system, neurons grow and change at a rate slower than healthy ones.

McMahon cited research showing that antidepressant medicines help neurons grow.

"It is critical to get children in to have the treatment to help neurons to grow — to be like kids without depression, so they won't have depression problems when they're adults," McMahon said.

While few studies have been conducted on the effect of antidepressant medicines in children, McMahon said Prozac has been proven to be safe and effective. However, she emphasized depressed children do best when the treatment combines medicine and interpersonal therapy.

According to McMahon, the most successful therapies work with improving the family environment by getting the immediate family into therapy. This is especially important if a parent suffers from an illness such as depression or alcoholism. A child of an alcoholic is two to three times more likely to be depressed.

"We need to assessed if there is a chaotic home life, because environment does play a part," she said. "We have to see what is causing trauma and anxiety. We must sort out these factors and see what needs to be treated."

McMahon commended The Family Center for helping parents raise healthy, well-adjusted children.

"I'm glad the Family Center is trying to create a community of families supporting other families," McMahon said. "Parents need to know how to protect their kids without being paranoid."

PUD: Council goes on defensive

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Village's established three-block downtown into residential neighborhoods one block either side of Kercheval. The new zone is bounded by Waterloo, St. Paul, Cadieux and rear yard residential property lines on Neff.

Within that expanded area are numerous dwellings. Postwar condominiums sit near frame houses with sun porches and picket fences evoking, if not dating to, the City's farmhouse past.

During a wild council session, Mayor Dale Scrace for the first time ruled an interrupting speaker out of order. Many residents, finding themselves living in a PUD area, accused city leaders of shilling for commercial interests anxious to expand into residential neighborhoods.

"This is about Sunrise, right?" said resident Duncan MacEachern.

He was referring to plans by Sunrise Development to construct a four-story, Tudor-style condominium complex for senior citizens on St. Clair south of Kercheval.

"We can't let a corporation dictate how we are going to run our city," MacEachern said. "If they want to come in, they are going to have to comply with current zoning laws. The economic focus should be on the Village, not residential areas."

City officials said adopting the PUD ordinance had nothing to do with usurping residential property rights. Rather, they said it had everything to do with gaining control over large-scale and often mixed-use development proposals that are the future of downtown.

"Adjustments made in the geographic boundaries (of the PUD) give the council, citizens and future developers a much better tool to work with to create the vision of what we want for the Village," said Scrace.

"Since the day Jacobson's closed, (the) council has been hearing over and over you have to do something," said Jean

Weipert, senior member of the council. "It gives us control that we wouldn't ordinarily have to look at particular development projects and put them in the scheme of Grosse Pointe. I don't think any of us envision this whole area being developed."

PUDs require an application process, public hearings and administrative reviews. PUDs allow unified oversight of a development encompassing different zoning districts.

City officials said a PUD is a tool to manage big projects that encompass several zoning districts such as the Village. The area has a half-dozen zones designated for everything from parking to commercial to residential use. Rather than making applicants and city officials deal with a quilt of individual regulations zone by zone, a PUD overlays the target area to provide more unified yet flexible control, planners said.

"We're going to get developments in the Village that will be more intense than we've had historically," said John Jackson, vice president of McKenna Associates, the City's commercial planning consultants. Jackson also lives in the City.

"The challenge is going to be how to transition from those more intense type of developments to surrounding residential neighborhoods," he said. "The PUD gives us the ability to address that gray area between the development and single-family district and try to make a smoother transition."

Councilman Chris Walsh said, "I ask the rhetorical question: If five years from now we have an additional \$150 million of capital investment in this district, is it possible people are going to see improvement in their property values? It's an exciting opportunity."

Sharon Rice, a condominium owner within the PUD zone, drew applause with an economic hypothesis of more personal scale. She questioned whether homeowners would be wasting money making major improvements to residential property that could one day be gobbled up for commercial purposes or wind up next to an expanded commercial operation.

"Putting residential into this PUD is putting us in limbo,"

Rice said of homeowners. "We can't plan ahead."

Opponents of the PUD applying to residential neighborhoods failed Monday morning in Wayne County Circuit Court to win a preliminary injunction against the measure's enactment.

"Implementation of the PUD is inappropriate given the residential character of the community, even given its proximity to a residential district," said Christopher Nesi, attorney for MacEachern and Theresa Murphy. "It gives the city council nearly unfettered control over the scope and pace of development in the City of Grosse Pointe without being accountable to its residents."

"Once that PUD's in place, you can do anything," said Kurt

Murphy, whose house on St. Clair would be bounded on two sides by Sunrise. "We can develop (the Village) aggressively, but why do this to a residential area?"

"We have to move forward," countered Councilman John Stevens. "The council has an obligation to work in the best interests of the entire community."

"If I didn't think property values would increase down the road, I wouldn't support this," added Councilman John Stempfle.

"I'm convinced it allows us the opportunity to examine every facet of the issue and provide for the open discussion many (residents) have mentioned," said Councilman Kris Pfahler.

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Tim Kiska began his career in the Detroit media as a copy boy at the Detroit Free Press. Today, the Grosse Pointe Woods resident is capping his career as an author and scholar.

Detroit TV: 'From Soupy to Nuts'

By Kathy Ryan
Special Writer

Grosse Pointe Woods resident Tim Kiska knows a lot about local celebrities and even more about Detroit television.

For 12 years, after a three-year stint as the newspaper's "Yours Truly" gossip columnist, he covered the airwaves for The Detroit News. Now a faculty member in the Communications Department at the University of Michigan-Dearborn and a special projects editor for WWJ radio, Kiska decided to put a scholarly, albeit light and humorous, spin on the history and personalities that have made up nearly 60 years of local television in his newest book, "From Soupy to Nuts."

"I grew up here and had fond memories of all these people," Kiska, 53, said. "I began thinking about a book in 1995 when the last daily non-news show, Channel 7's "Turner and Co.," went off the air. Detroit television was

evaporating before my eyes, and I wanted to somehow preserve the rich history that had been such a part of my life." For Kiska, that history is both personal and professional.

Kiska went to work at the Detroit Free Press as a copy boy following his 1970 graduation from Grosse Pointe South High School. Over the next 17 years, he went from copy boy to "Action Line" researcher to general assignment reporter, earning a degree in journalism from Wayne State University along the way.

In 1987, he moved down the street to The Detroit News and took over the "Yours Truly" column. Best described as a gossip column, "YT" was a must read for anyone involved in politics, business or communications in Detroit. It also served as a template for Kiska's first book, "Detroit's Powers and Personalities," published in 1989.

"I wanted the book to be a real cross section of Detroiters, not just the powerful, but the

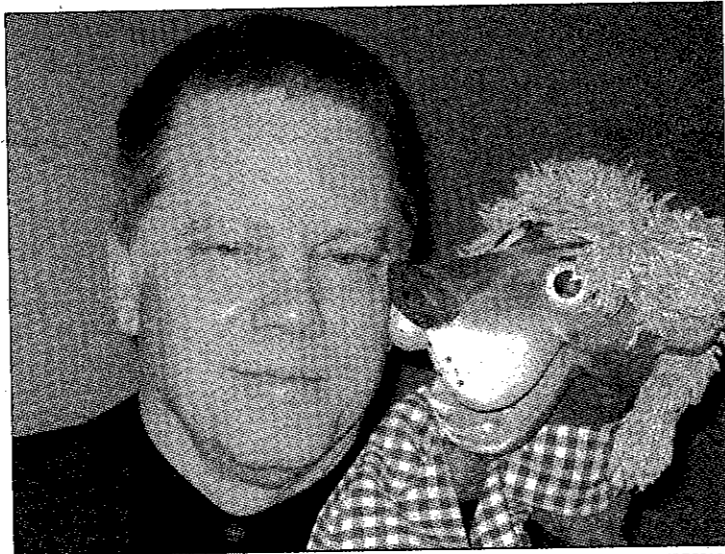


PHOTO BY KATHY RYAN

In his book, "From Soupy to Nuts," Tim Kiska writes about some of his favorite Detroit TV personalities, Soupy Sales, one of whom props included the hand puppet, Pooky.

real personalities, too," said Kiska. That could explain why Madonna and Mr. Belvedere shared pages with Coleman Young and Henry Ford II.

Kiska left The Detroit News in 2002 after joining the faculty at U-M Dearborn, and after 30 years of writing the news, he

now relishes talking about it. "If you like journalism, teaching is a great job. It gives you an opportunity to look at your craft from the ground up, to study about it in depth," said Kiska. "I also enjoy the interaction with students. I'm learning from them as well."

It wasn't all that long ago that Kiska was a student himself. He returned to graduate school at Wayne State in the mid-'90s, earning an M.A. in history in 1995, and a Ph.D. in 2003.

"From Soupy to Nuts" grew out of the doctoral dissertation Kiska wrote to complete his Ph.D. While that work focused on television news, the book covers all of Detroit television, including shows and personalities, the serious and the comical, the forgettable and the notable.

Kiska takes the reader back to March 1947, when what is now WDIV, Channel 4, became the first television station in Michigan, and chronicles shows and personalities ranging from bowlers, wrestlers and movie mavens to travelogues, philosophers and the just plain weird. Biographical sketches of The Ghoul and Lord Layton share pages with those of General S.L.A. Marshall and Edythe Fern Melrose.

Of all the people involved in

nearly 60 years of local television, it is George Pierre who Kiska finds the most memorable.

"Here was this guy, with his gravelly voice, thin hair and wide girth, who was the most successful and longest running television personality of all time. His show was on the air for nearly 30 years, often running seven days a week. And he did it by running people's home movies of their travels."

And then there is Soupy Sales.

"Soupy is by far the most recognizable name in local television," Kiska said. There isn't a baby boomer in the Detroit area who doesn't recognize Soupy, White Fog and Black Tooth. Soupy is not in very good health now and I don't know if he has read the book, but I hope he has."

"From Soupy to Nuts" published by Momentum Books, is available at Borders, Barnes and Noble and Amazon.com. Suggested price is \$24.95.

WSU professor guest of Pointes for Peace

Wayne State University professor and author Fran Shor, Ph.D., will be the featured speaker at the public forum sponsored by Pointes for Peace at 7 p.m. Wednesday, March 29, at the Harper Woods Public Library, 19601 Harper, Harper Woods.

The title of Shor's presentation is "Prospects for Peace — Beyond Iraq." The program is free and open to the public.

A professor in the Department of Interdisciplinary Studies, Shor teaches history and cultural studies at WSU.

Pointes for Peace is a community-based group of east-siders and others who are committed to educating for conflict resolution and other strategies to work for peace on local, national and international levels. Membership is free. All are welcome at Pointes for Peace weekly gatherings at 7 p.m. Sundays at Panera Bread, 17150 Kercheval, City of Grosse Pointe.

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FIREARMS: Glass gun cabinets out

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off the trigger until ready to shoot.

◆ Always keep the gun unloaded until ready to use.

Patterson's sermon on safety came during a forum last week at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial sponsored by the Farms public safety department and the Grosse Pointe News.

Patterson said firearm safety extends to the display of antique weapons, valued as pieces of folk or industrial art. He said such historical artifacts shouldn't be displayed over mantles or doorways as tradition would dictate.

"Those old guns fired a round way back when that was capable of killing somebody," Patterson said. "They still can. If you want to make sure an heirloom firearm is safe, a gunsmith can pull the firing pin out. It's a safe way to store things."

He said rifles and shotguns should be stored in a firearm safe. If guns are displayed in a case with a see-through door, a

glass door won't do. Door windows should be made of Lexan, a clear and impact-resistant polycarbonate resin.

"Glass cabinets are a thing of the past," Patterson said.

Floor safes, many types of which are sold at most gun shops and big sporting goods marts, are the most secure but can cost \$1,000 or more, he said.

Handgun safes are smaller and less expensive.

"They bolt to the floor or wall studs," Patterson said. "It's also fireproof if you have important papers to put in there. They cost under \$100. That's dirt cheap compared to what could happen if someone accessed your firearm who wasn't supposed to."

Patterson said in most cases firearms should be stored unloaded. In most cases, ammunition should be stored separately from the weapon.

If a weapon is owned for self-defense, Patterson said it should be locked in a quick-access safe when not needed. But, contrary to most circumstances, it should be locked while loaded.

Otherwise, loading and unloading the weapon each day as it is removed from and returned to the safe increases the chance of accidental discharge.

If you buy a firearm from a dealer in Michigan, used or new, it will come with some type of trigger lock.

LT. JACK K PATTERSON,
Grosse Pointe Farms Public Safety

"Familiarity breeds complacency," Patterson said. "Secure the entire firearm in a lock box. If you hear a noise in the middle of the night and you think there's really someone who's going to do you harm, you have to stop and think what you're doing before you can access that firearm. That can in itself prevent an accident."

He reminded handgun owners that trigger locks and cable locks are inexpensive and effective ways to disable a pistol or revolver. Cable locks are available free from each Pointe public safety department.

Paperwork

"If you buy a firearm from a dealer in Michigan, used or new, by law, it will come with some type of trigger lock," Patterson said. "You will sign a form acknowledging that you were furnished a trigger lock with the firearm. If a child takes that gun to school or gets picked up by the police, and that gun wasn't secured, it's on file that you signed for that trigger lock."

Federal and state statutes can differ on how old someone must be to legally own a handgun.

"Federal law states you may possess a handgun at 18 years of age," Patterson said. "Michigan law says you must be 21 to buy a handgun from a dealer. In Michigan, a 21-year-old can walk into a dealer and buy a handgun and ammunition. An 18-year-old can't do that. They can buy a gun from a private owner and register it through Michigan's registration system. But the Catch 22 is they can't buy ammunition until they're 21."

According to the Michigan Youth Handgun Safety Act, Patterson said, the only time a minor can possess a firearm is if he or she is hunting, has a hunters safety certificate and is accompanied by an adult. Other legal activities include organized Olympic-style target shooting under adult supervision.

In Michigan, there is no registration for a long gun, a rifle or shotgun, Patterson said: "None whatsoever." Original buyers of firearms at a federal firearms licensed

dealer must fill out Form instant check-outnaire.

"That's the only record you're ever going to be of a rifle and shotgun in Michigan," Patterson said. "If you transfer ownership of that rifle shot-gun to a private individual, you must reasonably know that individual is not a criminal. You must know for sure the individual is at least 18 years of age."

Patterson recommended that private citizens get receipt when selling a firearm. He said it's important to have record of ownership transfer. "If that weapon was ever used in a crime, it should be traced back to you through the form you filled out at the dealer and God help you if you look like the person to was involved in that crime," he said.

Additional advice

Patterson said he fits about 25,000 rounds per year while training, teaching and during recreational target practice. He recommended wearing safety glasses and ear protection when shooting.

"When you're done, verify the weapon is unloaded before locking it back up," he said.

To clean yourself or your gun, lead residue and other hazardous materials that are byproducts of firearm use, Patterson advised shooters after a session to rub their hands with industrial-strength wipes.

"If you're going to participate in sports, you have to clean up properly," Patterson said.

His personal routine includes hosing off shoes and washing clothes while shooting separately from other clothing. Also, he takes a shower to wash away remaining contaminants.

He said firearms should be kept clean. Make sure they're unloaded before disassembly.

Cleaning weapons can be dangerous because the first step in disassembling some pistols, such as Glock's, is to pull the trigger, which releases tension on the weapon's inner workings, according to Patterson.

He advised parents to instruct their children to never pick up a weapon discovered abandoned on the sidewalk or similar location.

"Stop, don't touch it, leave the area and tell an adult," Patterson said.

Parents should also teach their children to leave a friend's house if the friend produces a firearm.

"My kids are going to leave, find an adult and tell them," Patterson said.

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GROSSE POINTE WOODS

Novitke gives GPW 'A-OK'

By Bob St. John
Staff Writer

Grosse Pointe Woods Mayor Robert Novitke gave his first-ever "State of the City" address March 10 at city hall.

Novitke's 10-minute speech highlighted the city's solid financial status, even though he said many municipalities are facing economic hardships due to Proposal A, the Headlee Amendment and a reduction in state revenue sharing funds.

"Grosse Pointe Woods is not just doing well financially, it is in excellent financial condition, fully capable of providing the services which we have become accustomed to, even including the removal of snow from our residential sidewalks," Novitke said. "Our budget is scheduled to come in the black, there is no tax increase anticipated. We will continue with our infrastructure improvements with the dedication of at least one mill in concrete improvement and will anticipate approximately \$4 million in water, sewer and street improvements, and still have \$8 million in reserves."

The mayor spoke of how city officials have been pro-active and have placed an emphasis on the future.

He also addressed the audience, saying city officials are helping Grosse Pointe Woods residents preserve traditional values.

The positive drive the city is in the midst of, according to Novitke, centers around 42 consecutive years of achieving "Excellence in financial reporting," positive infrastructure inventory (sewer, waterlines, roadways, composition and age) and purchases of the Geographic Information System (GIS) — which provides detailed maps of the

city's sewer and water mains, pavement, signs and trees — a strict budget adherence, and cost containment.

Examples of the cost containment are self-insurance, workers compensation and more than \$700,000 saved in premiums not paid since 1995, he said.

The city's pension fund is fully funded to the tune of \$35 million and growing, according to city records. The city annually saves \$200,000 thanks to the construction committee's use of winter bidding.

Novitke said he was proud of how the residents have fostered and promoted a sense of community through the Memorial Day Service, Memorial Tree Program and Ceremony, beautification awards, perch derby, Winter Fest, family movie nights and campouts at Lake Front Park, Little League parade and program support, Easter egg hunt, flower sales, senior citizen picnic, senior citizen seminar, annual city picnic at Lake Front Park, daddy-daughter dance, mother-son event, Woods Aglow Tree Lighting Ceremony, Discover Mack and Hobnobbin with Goblins.

"What a great place to live," Novitke said.

The city's technology is expanding with the use of computer systems in each of the eight police cars, digital fingerprinting and digital mug shots. The GIS, he said, helped the city save thousands of dollars on the extensive Mack Avenue Water Main project a few years ago.

The mayor said the city's fire rating, a level four, is the best attainable by public safety, which results in lower insurance costs for the residents, thanks to well maintained equipment, hydrant testing



PHOTO BY BOB ST. JOHN

Grosse Pointe Woods Mayor Robert Novitke, above, said the city is in great financial shape during these uncertain economic times during his first-ever "State of the City" address.

and replacement, and a waterline that reaches optimal pressure.

The city finally has a voice in the state legislature when it comes to the Milk River Inter-county Drainage Board, which consumes nearly one-third of the city's general fund millage. Novitke thanked State Rep. Ed Gaffney, R-Grosse Pointe, for helping.

The city's commercial vacancy rate is at 4.2 percent, and city officials have put an emphasis on ordinances, which help maintain and preserve residential quality.

Novitke cited the Vernier Road plan as something residents can look forward to in the future, as well as a modification of Proposal A, street improvements and Mack Avenue resurfacing and repairs to take place in 2007 and 2008.

In addition, city officials will vote on a new recreational bond of \$5 million that will add

a splash pool and other improvements to Lake Front Park, the largest park in the five Grosse Pointes.

"Grosse Pointe Woods has set the standard high in the efficient and effective delivery of city services," Novitke said. "Our employees are not the traditional 9 to 5 workers, but rather ones who take great pride in being part of the collective community of Grosse Pointe Woods."

The city has 19 boards and commissions with more than 120 members who, Novitke said, dedicate their time for the benefit of the city.

"In closing, let me just say that despite the challenges facing cities throughout our state, Grosse Pointe Woods is in excellent financial condition and we will continue to remain one of the most desirable communities in which to live, own a home, to raise a family, and to conduct a business," Novitke said. "We are a community supported by excellent schools, with one of the lowest crime rates in the tri-county area, and with a true sense of community. Our resources are our people and Grosse Pointe Woods remains the epitome of good government at work."

GROSSE POINTE WOODS

Summer fees to increase?

By Bob St. John
Staff Writer

Grosse Pointe Woods residents might see an increase in recreation fees this year to help ease the financial strains on the department.

"I feel it is something we can do to maintain the number of activities we offer to our residents and keep the high level of activities, such as our swim team program," Parks and Recreation Director Melissa Sharp said. "The price hike is not written in stone, but it is something we are considering."

Mayor Robert Novitke and four of the five city council members in attendance at the meeting (Al Dickinson was excused) voted to approve the potential price increases.

City councilman Darryl Spicher voted no, saying, "I'm shocked at the magnitude of these increases."

City council member and Citizen's Recreation Commission chair Vicki Granger disagreed.

"I think the increases are necessary to keep pace with the money we have to pay the increased number of employees that work," she said. "We had a record number of residents and guests (245,192) use the park last year, and that number could increase again this summer since many of us will not take a vacation. Many of us will stay at home and utilize our beautiful park."

Sharp and Recreation Commission members re-

searched the prices for summer programs throughout not just Grosse Pointe Woods, but the other four Grosse Pointes as well.

The numbers show the Woods is on the low end of the five.

"I reviewed the price comparison study with the Citizen's Recreation Commission at the Feb. 14 meeting," Sharp wrote in a letter submitted to Woods City Manager Mark Wollenweber. "At the meeting, the commission recommended raising the price for summer classes to a \$4 per hour base fee for all basic classes."

"For the classes that require a specialized instructor, the commission suggested a higher fee to cover the cost of a more costly instructor," Sharp added. "Additionally, the commission recommended that the swim team fee be increased to \$65 per child and the synchronized swimming fee be increased to \$45 per child."

The Woods' parks and recreation department collected \$54,759.50 in 2005 for its summer program fees. With the proposed increase, fees will total about \$101,942.

Statistics show 2,720 people enrolled in the city's 2005 summer activities, Sharp said.

Woods Comptroller Cliff Maison concurred with Sharp, saying the fee increase is not set in stone, but the picture will become clearer in a couple of weeks when he and other city officials review and prepare the city's budget.

CITY OF GROSSE POINTE

Tree service gets extension

Arbor Pro Tree Service, owned by a Grosse Pointe Farms resident, has outbid two

competitors for a tree maintenance and removal contract in the City of Grosse Pointe.

Arbor Pro's price of \$86,500 undercut the next-closest competitor by \$220, enough to win a contract beginning May 1 to trim city-owned trees in rights of way.

James G. Bonahoom, Arbor Pro owner and president, submitted a bid based on rates the company used to win a contract with the City in 2003.

"It would be advantageous for the City to extend the 2003 contract prices on an annual basis as long as there are no price increase by Arbor Pro," said Frank Schulte, public works supervisor.

Arbor Pro also has contracts with Grosse Pointe Shores and Woods.

'It would be advantageous for the City to extend the 2003 contract prices.'

FRANK SCHULTE,
City of Grosse Pointe

"Over the years, Arbor Pro has worked closely and effectively with the City staff when performing scheduled trimming, removals and responding to emergency storm damage situations," Schulte said when recommending the contract extension to members of the city council.

Bonahoom estimated his crews will work 250 hours trimming and removing trees, with an additional 20 hours of emergency service. Removing an anticipated 70 trees accounted for nearly 60 percent of his bid price.

City officials budgeted \$130,000 for tree maintenance during 2005-2006.

"Actual costs for removal and trimming are \$45,687 year to date," Schulte said.

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CITY OF GROSSE POINTE

Murder suspects face trial in May

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

Jail has been hard on Joseph Michael Marasco, the City of Grosse Pointe man accused of ordering last summer's murder of his mother's bookkeeper.

Incarcerated since his arrest by City police Jan. 31, Marasco, 51, and under treatment for advanced HIV, appeared weakened and drawn during his Tuesday, March 21, arraignment on charges of first-degree murder and conspiracy to murder in Wayne County Circuit Court.

Marasco, unshackled but wearing the draw-string pants and pullover top issued to inmates of the Wayne County Jail, shuffled into the courtroom of Judge Gregory D. Bill.

Marasco walked awkwardly, almost mechanically, his stiff left side appearing out of tune with his right. Hunched over as he approached the defendant's table, he appeared to roll backwards into the defendant's chair, exhaling with a groan.

Marasco will be tried starting May 24 for his alleged sponsorship of the June 14 shooting of Barbara Ann Iske, 57, of Sterling Heights.

Iske was shot twice execution-style as she arrived for work at 21 Dodge Place, the house on a private street where Marasco lived with his mother.

One of Marasco's alleged two co-conspirators will testify for the prosecution that Marasco ordered Iske dead because she was interfering with

Marasco's access to family money.

Attorneys for Marasco questioned if he will make it to trial.

"In the five weeks I've represented this man, his condition has gone from bad to worse," said one of his lawyers, Philip Thomas.

Thomas said Marasco's HIV is so advanced he's being treated as an AIDS patient. In addition, Marasco suffered a stroke in 1992, a closed head injury due to a car crash and, until his arrest, was being administered medication for heroin addiction.

"I fear if his medical needs aren't met, his life is being put in danger," Thomas said.

At Marasco's early February arraignment in City of Grosse Pointe Municipal Court, Judge Russell Ethridge remanded

him to the Wayne County Jail without bond. Ethridge ordered jailers to tend Marasco's medical needs, something Thomas said ended with Marasco's transfer out of the infirmary.

"(A jail) doctor believes my client is faking his medical conditions," Thomas told Judge Bill. "My client is entitled to the medical attention he needs to keep him alive through these proceedings."

Thomas said Marasco isn't receiving medications and treatments on the daily basis his condition warrants. A few days lapse in medication "could make a difference," Thomas said.

Thomas backed up his position with an affidavit from Marasco's physician, a specialist in infectious diseases.

Bill ordered Marasco back to the infirmary "in light of caution" until a medical hearing is convened in his courtroom Wednesday, March 29.

Marasco is being tried with alleged conspirator and convicted felon Derrick Anthony Thompson, 57, of Detroit. Both stood mute during their arraignment before Judge Bill, who entered pleas of innocent on their behalf.

If found guilty, they will be sentenced to mandatory life in prison without chance of parole.

Prosecutors say Marasco had Thompson broker a \$3,300 deal with former cell-house pal Andre Lamar Williams, a 36-year-old Detroit resident, to shoot Iske.

Williams, facing a mandatory life sentence without parole

if convicted of first-degree murder, accepted a lesser charge and received a 22 to 33-year sentence. In exchange, he must testify against Marasco and Thompson.

"The trial will probably take three weeks," said Robert Stevens, assistant prosecuting attorney.

Stevens plans to call 15 to 20 witnesses.

Thomas said he plans to call 12 to 15 witness, including experts.

"I anticipate witnesses will take four or five trial days," he said.

At this point, the trials of Marasco and Thompson will be consolidated.

Thompson's attorney, Antonio D. Tuddles, said he will file a motion for a separate trial.

GROSSE POINTE FARMS

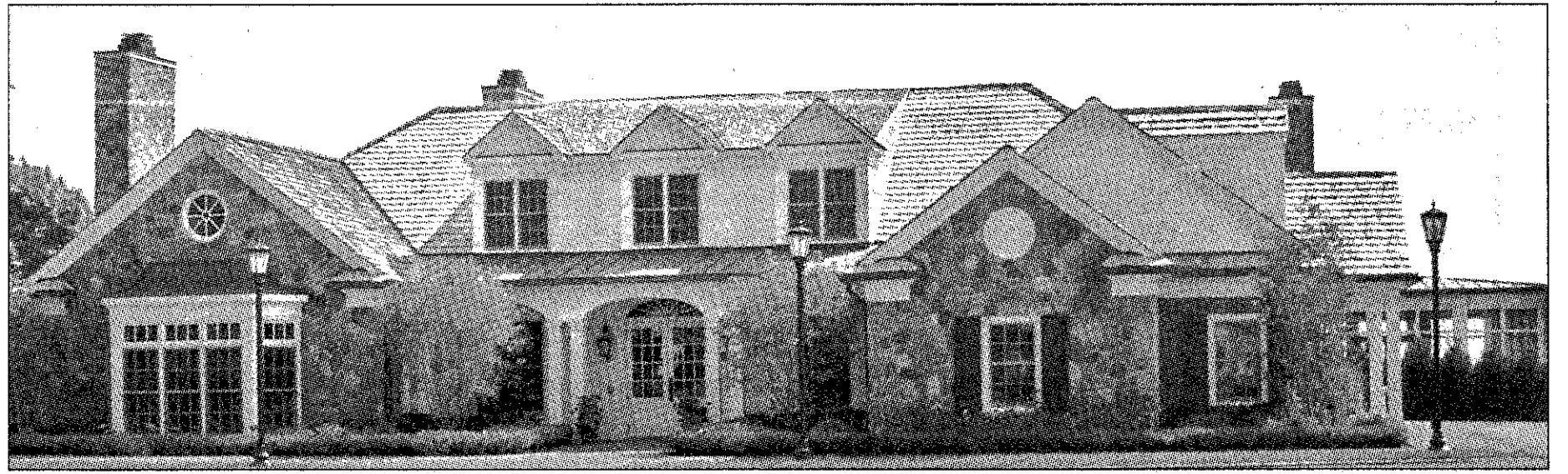
Building stands out

Chalk up another one for Pier Park.

The new community building is the last improvement to earn notice from the Michigan Recreation and Parks Association.

Linda Walter, chair of the association awards committee, said her group studied "tons" of projects but couldn't pass up the Grosse Pointe Farms facility they know so well.

Walter said Pier Park is the "most award-winning park in



SOURCE: GROSSE POINTE FARMS PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT

The Michigan Recreation and Park Association presented Grosse Pointe Farms officials a design award for the new community building at Pier Park.

the Pointes. This project stood out among the rest."

Previous winners were the tot lot and splash pad. Walter described the community

building as inviting and warm.

"It said something about the community to the community," she said. "The community building is a people building."

"We should all be extremely proud of this," said Mayor James Farquhar.

The building was designed and constructed by Chris

Blake, a Farms resident.

"It's a thrill to be recognized for all the work and hard effort," Blake said.

Walter said the Farms' com-

mitment to providing recreation opportunities is "one of the reasons people chose your community."

—Brad Lindberg

DAME: New manager will be busy

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each other in the Village.

"I'll work with the city council to determine what they want me working on first," Dame said. "Economic development is high on my list."

"He'll be busy," said Mayor Dale Scrace.

During a job interview two weeks ago with the mayor and council, Dame predicted his first 60 days on the job would involve asking a lot of questions about the City and answering a lot of questions about himself.

"I would extend an open door to residents and members of the business community alike and seize opportunities to get to know issues and people of the community," he said at the time.

Scrace intends to introduce Dame to community stakeholders, both in and out of the City.

"It's important to get Peter off to as smooth a start as possible," Scrace said.

Dame can expect audiences of merchants, landlords, members of the Grosse Pointe Village Association, school administrators, library officials and members of the newly-formed chamber of commerce.

"I am deeply honored by the confidence placed in me by the mayor and members of the city council and look for-

ward to serving the community of Grosse Pointe," Dame said. "My family and I are very excited about the opportunity and about getting to know the people of Grosse Pointe."

Dame replaces Mike Overton, who resigned in December after five years to administer Cheboygan County.

Interim City Manager Al Fincham will have to wait about a month after Dame's arrival to return to his normal job as director of public safety. The overlap is being prescribed by Scrace so Dame has time to "get his feet on the ground," Scrace said.

Dame also has to fill a vacancy created when assistant city manager Brian Vick resigned to become manager of DeWitt.

"It's Peter's position to fill," Scrace said. "The assistant city manager works for the city manager. We're not going to rush to hire anyone."

Dame called Grosse Pointe a "premier community" with a "strong reputation."

He knew of the community while growing up in Portage, but didn't meet his first mass of Pointers until working toward a bachelor's degree in history from the University of Michigan.

"It seemed like every person (enrolled) from the state of Michigan was from the Grosse Pointe area," Dame said.

Dame met his wife, Christine, a U-Mer, on campus. The couple has three children: Kelsey, 8, Brian, 6 and Shannon, 1.

Dame said he bleeds

Michigan blue.

"I raised my family correctly to be Wolverine fans," he said. "As fanatical as I am, they are excited about attending their favorite football games, being closer to Ann Arbor."

Dame will let Kelsey and Brian complete the school year in Oak Park.

"Our goal is to move into a new home in the City sometime in the summer, in time to meet new friends and take part in recreational activities," he said.

After graduating from Michigan, Dame worked on the staff of Congressman Fred Upton, R-St. Joseph. While serving in Washington D.C., Dame earned a master's degree in public administration from George Washington University.

Oak Park officials are sorry to lose Dame, but weren't surprised that his career is moving forward.

"Pete has been a key member of the management team of the Village of Oak Park, a role that I know has prepared him well to take such an important career step," said

Village President David G. Pope in a news release.

"His experience and expertise in Oak Park will be greatly missed," added Village Manager Carl Swenson. "Individuals with his credentials will always be sought by other communities."

Dame's accomplishments in Oak Park include managing the successful launch of a free shuttle system, designing a public works building and economic development, including a parking garage expansion.

"The opportunity to be the chief administrator of a community as attractive as Grosse Pointe in my home state is too good to pass up," Dame told his Oak Park colleagues in a news release. "The parallels between Oak Park and Grosse Pointe are striking as both are premier original suburbs adjacent to the central city, each with renewed interest in development of their unique downtowns and a highly cherished quality of life. My experiences in Oak Park will be of great benefit and offer valuable perspective."

GROSSE POINTE SHORES

Public Works crews catching spring fever

Unpredictable weather didn't delay a city-sized plumbing project in Grosse Pointe Shores. Crews recently finished lining a 30-inch pipe from Lakeshore to Ballantyne.

"(It is) one of the larger ones in the city," said Brett Smith, head of public works. "It was a discharge pipe from our lift station. It was one of the most important in the village."

The life of a pipe can double if lined with a reinforcing coat of hard plastic.

"We also had a small segment done on Lakeshore Lane," Smith said. Other than that, things have been quiet.

"There's not a lot going on in the DPW," Smith said.

Following an early winter and white Christmas, warmer weather allowed road crews more time to prepare and tune lawn equipment for spring.

"We had a good start in December, then everything just kind of stopped," Smith said.

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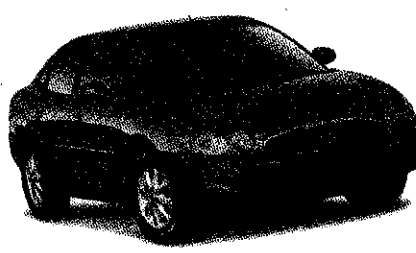
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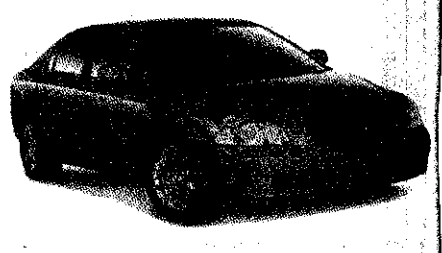
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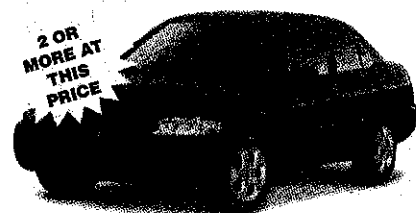
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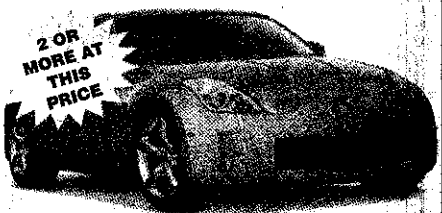
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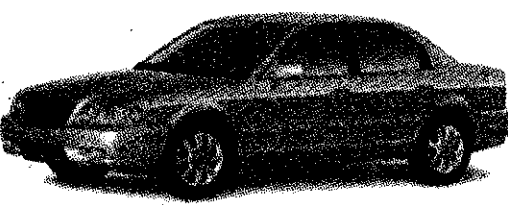
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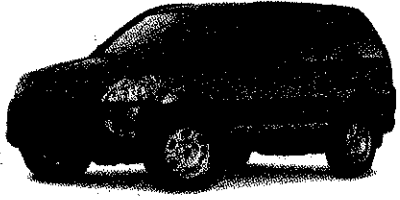
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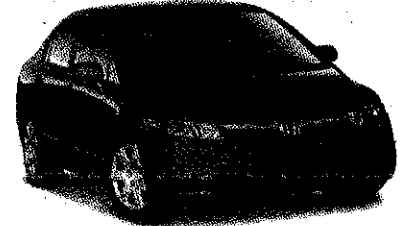
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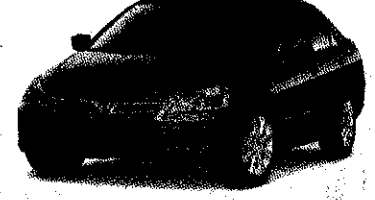
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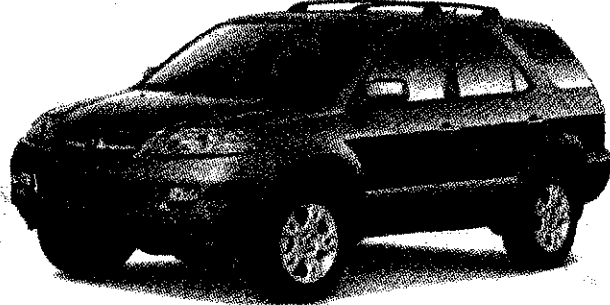
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EDITORIAL

PUD status irks homeowners

There's trouble in the City. It starts with "P" and rhymes with mud. It's PUD, as in Planned Unit Development.

The homeowners in the block bounded by Kercheval, St. Paul, Neff and St. Clair feel the city council has pulled a fast one on them. They believe their properties have been rezoned without their knowl-

edge or permission.

They are wrong, but they may have a point.

A PUD is not a rezoning. Rather it is called an overlay. It allows developers and the city to have broader discretion than what is allowed by the original zoning.

For example, a PUD in the Village commercial district, which is zoned for specific commercial uses, would allow a developer to have commercial, residential and parking uses within a single property.

That's great for the developer. And if administered properly, it gives the city council more control over every aspect of the development. PUD projects must stand or fall on their merit. If a project falls through, the underlying residential, commercial or other zoning remains in place.

The PUD ordinance was created in May 2004 and included the Village commercial district. No residential property was included. In August 2005, the PUD ordinance was revised to include all the property from Waterloo to Kercheval and between Cadioux and the Neff Road property line.

In September 2005, the city council approved a preliminary site plan for condominiums proposed by Sunrise, a developer of senior housing. The site plan included a four-story structure, which would not have met the underlying residential zoning. The PUD designation makes this possible.

Apparently, the city did not adequately notify homeowners in August of the PUD revision that included their properties. So Monday night, the council held a public hearing to "reaffirm" what it had approved last August.

Despite 1 1/2 hours of angry protests at the public hearing attended by 100 residents, the council "reaffirmed" the broadened PUD area.

Two homeowners had sought a restraining order Monday morning to prevent that night's action by the council, but the judge denied the request as premature.

Now homeowners in the PUD district wonder if their properties can be taken for redevelopment. The specter of eminent domain was raised.

We do not believe eminent domain would be a vehicle the city would use. It would be too costly and controversial. Rather, prospective developers eyeing the PUD district would do what Sunrise did: accumulate sufficient properties to make a development feasible.

Whether that will happen no one knows. However, the City's master plan for the block between Kercheval and St. Paul does call for three-story condominiums. The Sunrise project, except for its fourth story and height, is consistent with the master plan.

The city council has serious public relations work to do. It must convince residents their property will not be confiscated. The council must assure homeowners that it will not allow any development to have a negative impact on property values.

For decades, we have been told we need senior housing in the Pointes. Here is an opportunity to get some and a chance to increase the residential presence in or near the Village commercial district.

There must be a compromise somewhere. Perhaps Sunrise could purchase a couple more properties and develop a three-story condominium project.

Sunrise is a big outfit and has already invested heavily in Grosse Pointe Woods. Its interest in the Pointes is a good sign for the long-term residential viability of the Pointes. Surely we can accommodate change and our existing homeowners.

We urge the council, Sunrise and the homeowners to give compromise a chance.

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.

Thank you to the community

To the Editor:

I am writing this letter to voice my appreciation to everyone who responded to our fundraiser for a protective vest for "Raleigh," our department canine.

To officer Michael Almeranti, Raleigh's partner, the residents who coordinated the fundraiser, Brian Leslie, Janice Casseta and Marilyn Jackson the owner of Dapper Dog Wash in St. Clair Shores, I thank you. To the many residents of all the communities who responded so generously and to all of our school-age children who made sacrifices to raise dollars, I thank you.

The purpose of this fundraiser was to get the community involved so you, our customers could feel some ownership in this program. The Public Safety Department is here to serve you, and the interaction throughout this process has been fantastic. I believe we have taken a step closer in further developing an open relationship by reaching out and interacting with the community we are sworn to protect and serve.

All of the dollars raised will go toward the purchase of a protective vest for Raleigh and other canine equipment. It is a blessing to serve in a community as wonderful as this. Oh, by the way, Raleigh thanks you, too.

AL FINCHAM
Chief of Police
City of Grosse Pointe

Recall fever in the City

To the Editor:

After attending the last Grosse Pointe City Council meeting, I have only three words to say: RECALL! RECALL! RECALL!

MARILYN KITT
City of Grosse Pointe

Sunrise sunset for the Pointes?

To the Editor:

Why did it take me almost one year to negotiate with the Grosse Pointe City Council to get a few feet on a new garage to match my 1850 farmhouse? (Story covered by the Grosse Pointe News.)

Give them a few weeks, and they have secretly negotiated with Sunrise Living to develop a three- to four-story eyesore across the street from me. PUD=Sunrise. Sunrise development is not good for the Village and not good for the Pointes. Sunrise means sunset

for all the Pointes.

DONNA REBIDAS
City of Grosse Pointe

Development proposal

To the Editor:

Imagine my surprise upon learning that the Grosse Pointe Farms City Council is informally considering a development proposal for my former property at 190 Ridge Road; a proposal that would necessarily require rezoning (March 2 Grosse Pointe News "New Farms subdivision?").

Memories are indeed short, it would seem. I requested something far more palatable than six lots with frontages of 60 feet each (or less, in the case of one lot).

In April 2002 I requested permission to divide the Moran Road parcel into three (not six) buildable lots. At 154.7 feet by 136 feet (21,005 square feet), the corner lot was in compliance with the present R-1-AAA zoning ordinance.

The remaining two proposed lots on Moran Road had 100 feet of frontage each and a depth of 136 feet each. These were the two lots for which I sought a variance. The council turned me down in a vote of five to two. Three members who voted against my proposal are council members today; Messrs. Davis, Theros and Farquhar.

My question to the council is a simple and straightforward one: What has materially changed between my request and the current proposal? The intrinsic value of my property was adversely affected by your position then, and the house was repriced to reflect that position. It may have been only an "informal proposal" before you on Feb. 27 but I would like to remind you that the doctrine of equal treatment under the law must be regarded as more than an ephemeral notion by those holding elected positions.

KARLA SCHERER

Misleading document

To the Editor:

I would like to set the record straight concerning a recent mass mailing that went out to my constituents in Grosse Pointe, Harper Woods and Detroit.

The Michigan State Chamber of Commerce has disappointed me by sending out a false and misleading document to citizens in the 1st House District. The chamber makes many untrue accusa-

tions in this mailing.

The Michigan Chamber of Commerce, urged on by some of their out-of-state-based drug company members, is attacking me because I introduced a bill which would allow Michigan citizens who are injured by a drug to sue the drug manufacturer. The chamber represents its members. I represent the people of my district.

Right now a Michigan resident cannot sue a drug company if the FDA approved the drug. Michigan is the only state in the nation that prohibits lawsuits against drug manufacturers. No other manufacturer is exempt from a lawsuit. Why should the pharmaceutical industry be allowed to escape responsibility for its wrongful actions?

My bill creates a presumption that the drug is safe if approved by the FDA, but allows an injured party into court to prove that the drug caused the injuries.

I introduced the bill because a Grosse Pointe Woods resident had a stroke that he thinks was caused by Vioxx. Under current law, he cannot sue the drug manufacturer even though the manufacturer has taken the drug off the market. My bill simply lets him into court to try to prove his case.

I think the chamber underestimated the intelligence of my constituents. I do not want to change tort reform. I believe frivolous lawsuits should be immediately thrown out of court.

EDWARD J. GAFFNEY
State Representative

Let's buy water — for those without

To the Editor:

The March 9 Grosse Pointe News Let's Talk Stocks column, "2 bottles of water = 1 gallon of gas," made the point that school kids and others currently pay about as much for a couple of bottles of water as we pay for a gallon of gas.

I thought about this last July when I heard Dr. Peter Bosscher speak at a conference I attended about how many people in the world have insufficient water or safe water.

We have plenty of water and it's safe. We don't need to buy bottled water; but could just as well carry a sports water bottle filled with tap water.

In 2002, the United Nations reported that about 500 million people live in countries where water is scarce or is about to be. They predict that number will be in the billions by 2025.

The World Health Organization said that 72 percent of people in developing countries had access to clean drinking water in 2000, but that left about 1.4 billion people, about one in five, in countries which did not.

As I heard those numbers, it occurred to me that the money being spent unnecessarily on bottled water would pay for a lot of water wells in places that need them.

It would be great if concern for our neighbors in develop-

ing countries would cause people to give up bottled water and contribute the money saved to organizations such as Lifewater International (www.lifewater.org) and Living Water, International (www.living-water.org), which are dedicated to providing clean water supplies to the poor around the world, or other organizations, such as CR-WRC (www.crwrc.org), which provide wells and filters, among various development and relief activities.

The people they serve couldn't afford bottled water if it were available, and can't even walk a few steps to a faucet. Many have to walk a mile or several miles with a water jug and stand in line to get water for their families. I've seen it.

KEN VAN DELLEN
Grosse Pointe Park

Thanks good Samaritans

To the Editor:

Thank you, to the three young men who stopped their car to help my husband who fell.

We were two houses away from home when my husband lost his balance.

The three young men helped him up and walked him to our house, and into a chair.

Thanks, three "good Samaritans."

MARTY JENNINGS
Grosse Pointe Woods

NAMI for mental illness

To the Grosse Pointe Board of Education:

A letter to you (the Grosse Pointe Board of Education) was printed in the March 2 Grosse Pointe News, "Educate parents, children on depression symptoms."

The person wrote of being the parent of "... a Grosse Pointe South student who has been diagnosed with severe depression and anxiety disorder."

The person included these important points in the letter:

◆ "It's not something to be ashamed of."

◆ "Professional treatment should be sought ..."

◆ "Depression is a serious illness that needs to come out of the closet ..."

Without question, good professional treatment must be sought. Treatment for the serious mental illnesses has markedly improved, especially since 1990 when the decade of the 1990s was declared "The Decade of the Brain" by the first President Bush and the U.S. Congress.

The brain is the most complicated organ in the body. And, like any of the other organs, it can become ill, also. Unfortunately, the stigma of having severe depression and the other mental illnesses, is still present.

The stigma can be a cause for a person not seeking treatment. Within my lifetime, breast cancer, among other ill-

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Dame welcome

Peter Dame, who will begin his role as city manager on April 24, comes to the City Grosse Pointe from Oak Park, Ill., where he was assistant village manager.

He is married to Christine. They have three children.

We welcome the Dames to Grosse Pointe and look forward to working with the City's new manager. There is much to be done.

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I SAY By Beth Quinn

Let kids be kids in order to beat stress



During the past few weeks, I have talked to many mental health experts about our children being overstressed. There is a unanimous opinion that children are stressed being overscheduled and the pressure to be successful. (See the Family Center article on page 7B.)

As a parent and a writer who has written on the topic for years, I believe these experts are right. Somehow we well-intentioned parents have created

a generation of children who feel they must be perfect students, star athletes and gifted artists to be self fulfilled.

The more I learn about why our kids are stress-out, the more frustrated I become. I feel caught in a vicious cycle. I want my sons to feel accomplished, but I don't want to push them too hard. It's painful watching your child be rejected for an activity because they don't meet the expected level of expertise.

Do we just not want the best for our children? Do we just not want to give them the tools to get into a good college? Do we just not want them to be well-rounded?

What went wrong? Somehow we have demanded our children at a very early age compete and perform at top level. We took away from them

the magic of childhood. Gone are the days of doing something for the fun of it.

Granted, gone too are the days when children can safely wander around town. I'm all for organized activities, but why must adults expect total commitment from the child in order to participate in an activity?

Any parent who has a child in any sport knows what I am talking about. If your child has every had a time conflict with a practice or game, you must carefully weigh if it the conflict is important enough to miss the team's event. And then you must bear the wrath of the coach when you tell him that your child will not be present. You better have a good excuse — or else.

And it gets worse in high

school. Coaches schedule practices seven days a week. The high schools' basketball coaches schedule practices the day after Thanksgiving and during most of the Christmas and mid-winter breaks. The coaches tell players, if they miss practices they won't play. Consequently, families must choose between practices and family time.

And it's not just sports. Take a look at the musical programs. Choir students are expected to commit themselves solely to choir. Many times, they practice until 10 or 11 p.m. on a school night. How do they find the time to do their homework? When do they get a chance for some downtime?

Step back and think about what we are doing. By foregoing to trip to Grandma's during Thanksgiving to attend basket-

ball practice, we are teaching our children sports takes precedent over families. Later on in their lives, that will translate into work is more important than family.

When children don't have time to relax because they must juggle schoolwork and choir, we are setting them up for illnesses both mentally and physically. For what? Why must these students work and perform like professionals? How many of these singers become professionals? Only a lucky few.

Yet we parents helplessly follow along with these demands. So we complain to one another about the coach or the musical director. We are all afraid to stand up to the coach or director in fear of them punishing our child. However, we as par-

ents need to have the courage to protect our children and families.

I know some brave parents who have addressed these concerns to school administrators, but nothing changes. Perhaps administrators view these complaints as nonsense. Perhaps these administrators aren't aware these practices are taking place under their watch. Perhaps they haven't thought what effect these demands are having on their students' emotional well-being. I hope they aren't complacent with the status quo.

I know I have probably confused or angered some of you. But I hope that my ramblings might get us thinking about what we, as a community of high achievers, are doing to our children.

STREETWISE

Have you been involved in mentoring programs?

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



"No, but I'd be interested if mentoring programs were easier to find out about."
ERIN PITTARD
Grosse Pointe Woods



"I was a mentor at work, now I'm a full time mentor to four children."
ROSEANN HILU
Grosse Pointe Wood



"Yes, I was a big sister in college to an 11-year-old girl. I was also assigned a retired teacher when I started as a teacher in Grosse Pointe."
NAN SABELLA
Grosse Pointe Woods



"No, I've never been involved. I'd be interested in seeing a list of mentor programs published, and if I felt I could offer something."
SHERRY LIAGRE
Grosse Pointe Woods



"Yes, I was a Scout leader. Whether I influenced the kids or not, they sure influenced me. Helping people is the key to a happy life."
PAT SCARFONE
Grosse Pointe Woods



"Yes I have. I belonged to WILLOW, Women in Leadership Leading our World. We mentored the freshmen and sophomores."
MARGARET SCHICHTLE
Grosse Pointe Woods

FYI By Ben Burns

ULS alumna on 'Good Morning America'



When Lauren Parrott was 10 years old, she won the opportunity to be a child anchor at the Detroit Hudson's Thanksgiving parade.

While there she confessed to Carmen Harlan, Mort Crim and Chuck Gaidica that her TV idol was ABC television morning show host Diane Sawyer. Last summer Lauren got her wish to meet Sawyer when she served as an intern on the "Good Morning America" show.

"I was so nervous I could barely even talk," Lauren admitted, which says something since she has had the composure to sing the "Star Spangled Banner" at her high school graduation from University Liggett School in 2002 and at MSU basketball games.

Lauren also met Barbara Walters, Carly Simon, Jessica Simpson, Nick LeShay and Sean William Scott during the

summer — and none of them made her nervous.

But Sawyer quickly put Lauren at ease, and she took on the role as personal assistant to the producer of the weekend show and even suggested and co-produced one segment during the summer. It was about "The Adonis Complex," men who have an eating disorder.

Lauren, a senior at Michigan State University majoring in communications, credits her years of training from ages 12 through 18 as a host of "Young Viewpointes" on local cable television at the War Memorial studios with her success in winning the coveted post. Of course, she also had that singing experience and served as a cast member in an MSU student-produced soap opera called "AptSix"

Now the Shores resident's ambition is to follow in Karen Newman's footsteps and be "The Karen Newman of the Detroit Pistons." And if not the Pistons one of the other Detroit professional sports teams.

The daughter of Lisa and Mike Parrott hopes that when she next works in television it will be in front of the camera. And considering her preparation and success so far, it is a

pretty good bet we will be seeing her there in the future.

Oxie has moxie

Christopher Oxie, 36, serves as postmaster in Marine City, city councilman in St. Clair and history student at the University of Michigan-Flint.

Elected to his first office in November 2005, Oxie serves on a council of six representatives in the picturesque riverside community in St. Clair County.

Oxie's roots are in Grosse Pointe Woods where his mother, Josephine Dehelean, and stepfather, Sam Dehelean, still live. Oxie graduated from Notre Dame High School in Harper Woods, and his wife, Amy Kost Oxie, is a graduate of Regina. Amy is working on a degree in geriatric social work at Wayne State.

These days — besides working on his history degree, which he hopes will be the first step toward a Ph.D., Oxie is busy nights considering what roads need fixing, voting on a new water tower and considering redevelopment plans for the downtown mall that serves the community of 6,000.

The Oxies have two children: Matthew, 9, and Elizabeth, 7.



Lauren Parrott, a 2002 University Liggett School graduate, got the opportunity last summer to work on the "Good Morning America" set, where she met Diane Sawyer, above, along with Barbara Walters, Carly Simon, Jessica Simpson, Nick LeShay and Sean William Scott.

Eventually Chris hopes to run for higher office, such as state representative or state senator.

Oxie says his political philosophy revolves around "doing what's right for the city. I'm not interested in individuals' goals. If it doesn't make sense for the city, I'm not interested in doing it."

As a U.S. postmaster, Oxie has to be nonpartisan, but he admits that if pressed by an individual, he might be closest to being a Republican.

To make sure he hears the voice of the people, Oxie has established a Web site where citizens can list their concerns and comments on projects in St. Clair and not-have to attend

council meetings to get their points across. He answers all the questions at his Web site, www.oxielistens.blog.com.

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OFFERING FROM THE LOFT

The odes of March — or is it madness?

Forgive me if I offend you, but, in my opinion, March is a really dumb month.

Weather-wise March never seems to make up its mind, and temperatures are all over the map. Do go out with only a sweater for cover or do we need the heavy coat and gloves we wore yesterday? Sun is only an occasional teaser thrown in to keep hope alive within us for better days. Winds howl, rains pelt us, snow and pollens irritate our respiratory systems. Birds are thoroughly con-

fused, as are the plants with their timid little shoots breaking through the winter's gloom only to be buried in one last onslaught of white stuff.

We give up our favorite things for Lent, and St. Patrick's Day is a good excuse for letting loose and celebrating. That must be done in moderation, because we gave up all the goodies with which to celebrate.

Then there is March Madness. As a rule I am not a basketball fanatic. I can't like it or leave it. However, at this time of year, I not only find myself

caught up cheering with the young coeds watching the games on television, but I am talking and screaming at the players on the screen as well. I rarely change channels when male family members leave the room; I'm riveted to the tube, hanging on every shot. Where did this come from? I must be really bored in March if I put down a book to watch basketball!

March is also a popular time for schools to take spring breaks. How sad for those who aren't able to head to sunny climates. There is precious little

to entertain youngsters outdoors at this time of year. March is a great time to go away. We know that when we return the air will be filled with the promise of spring around the corner.

March is a good time to clean closets, work on taxes, do maintenance projects inside our homes and attack the chores we've procrastinated doing. It's too early for outdoor tennis or golf. Swimming is out of the question; so we wait to take a walk or bike ride on a dry day. Of course, we could always go to a March Madness

Sale. There are at least 31 days of those.

The robins in our yards bear witness to the ongoing cycles and the knowledge that April rains will anoint our gardens and wash away the grays. The sweet smell of new grass will soon perfume the air.

Perhaps the purpose of March in the Midwest is to prepare us for the gifts of renewal we behold each year and the parades of scents and sights and the joys they bring. One of the profound benefits of living in this part of the world is the experience, appreciation and

delight we feel for the beauty of four distinctly different seasons.

Although Julius Caesar and I don't think much of the month of March, I do realize if there were no March, there would be no Gordie Howe (born March 31, 1928). I can't imagine a world without my hero.

It's been a l-o-n-g winter; let's tiptoe through April 'til we get to May, my favorite month in Grosse Pointe.

Until then we'll "beware the ides of March" and look forward to Easter and the greatest celebration of them all.

LETTERS: Mental illness not a fault

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nesses, had stigma, too. The stigma was markedly decreased by Betty Ford, wife of President Ford, going public about her breast cancer.

Despite age-old myths and misinformation, mental illnesses are not caused by bad character or poor child-rearing. They are biological illnesses of the brain, as are Parkinson's,

Alzheimer's, brain cancer, etc. Early treatment is very important and the results are comparable to many other illnesses — and often better than some illnesses of other organs.

The parent who sent the letter suggested that there be an educational program for Grosse Pointe students. That's an excellent idea.

I want to make you, and the community, aware of NAMI — the Nation's Voice on Mental Illness. NAMI is involved in:

- ◆ Supporting families in what is going on in their lives. The parent mentioned the stress on the family.

- ◆ Educating involved fami-

lies, and the public, about the serious mental illnesses.

- ◆ Advocating for the needs of those ill and their families, including insurance parity with other illnesses.

- ◆ Supporting research on the causes and treatment (and maybe even cures) of brain disorders.

For local NAMI information, call Jeannine, (313) 881-3906; Carol, (313) 881-5429; or visit the Web site, nami.org.

I am available to meet with whomever regarding NAMI. We are available to be of help to the Grosse Pointe Board of Education and to the commu-

TOM COLES
President
NAMI — Eastside

State of the City address

To the Editor:

It was a pleasure to attend and hear Mayor Robert Novitke's State of the City address on March 10. It was disappointing that three members of our city council failed to make an appearance.

We applaud the council members who did have the courtesy to attend — Allen Dickinson, Vicki Granger and Peter Waldmeir

Evidently those council members who did not attend do not support the city government. What a shame.

RICHARD JOHNSON
Grosse Pointe Woods

New health curriculum

To the Editor:

I praise the Grosse Pointe Public School Board for its unanimous vote in favor of the new Adolescent Health Education curriculum. Because of the board's March 13 vote, our children will get this excellent, medically accurate and abstinence-based curriculum this spring, instead of an outdated, 15-year-old curriculum.

The district's curriculum development process was strictly followed and community members had opportunities to voice their opinions at five public hearings and forums. In the end, this new curriculum was approved by three separate boards: the Human Sexuality Advisory Board, 61 percent of which were parents; a curriculum subcommittee; and the district's full curriculum board that reviews all curricula.

This process was open and transparent. Meetings were officially publicized. An online survey gave parents an opportunity to voice their opinions on the subject matter.

Still, a small and vocal mi-

nority group of opponents wanted to thwart this democratic process. I understand their fears about this topic. As a parent, I have concerns about many aspects of the culture we live in. But this curriculum is not the enemy. It doesn't give kids "ideas." It doesn't capitulate to the culture we live in.

I hope that by the time our students begin these lessons, their parents will have already talked to them about their changing bodies. However, if they haven't, this is an excellent springboard from which to begin these parent-child conversations. I've heard from many parents who say these classes have opened up a good and deep dialogue with their kids.

I'm sad that our children will only get five hours of this excellent program in a school year. We spend more time teaching our children to drive. And do we tell them that 42,000 Americans will die in car accidents this year, so don't ever drive? No, we talk endlessly about driving defensively, wearing seat belts, not using cell phones, etc. Because the reality is, they will drive for the rest of their lives.

I believe we ought to do the same with this integral part of their lives: sexuality. I don't want my children to take these classes, and then close the book. I'm really educating them for the future, for the persons they will become. I want them to become responsible, kind and caring persons capable of meaningful, intimate relationships when they are 23 and 35 and 47. That takes much discussion and knowledge.

I commend the school board for starting the process with this wonderful program. We have a lot of work to do as parents and this curriculum can only help provide us an additional tool to use.

MARGARET WEERTZ
Grosse Pointe Public School
Human Sexuality
Advisory Board
Grosse Pointe Shores

Approved sex education program

To the Editor:

It is hard for me to believe that the Grosse Pointe Board of Education, having heard so much opposition to the new sex education program, could in good conscious vote to approve it. That is what I witnessed on Monday, March 13.

That evening I heard many well-educated parents and professionals from the community eloquently and emphatically state their opposition to the proposed program. There were even two high school sophomores who spoke opposing the new sex education program, saying that the new material gave an OK for sexual involvement before marriage.

We are abandoning our responsibility as parents when we discard the expectation that our children will live a sexually abstinent lifestyle. For the sake of their mental and physical health, we need to instill and reinforce the principle of abstinence before marriage.

I have been on the Grosse Pointe School System sex education board in the past and have seen very little involvement from the parents or community. This new program and its approval are the result of their lack of involvement.

I am warning every parent, especially if you have a child in or going into the eighth grade, to review the entire program. Insist on seeing the large black suitcase that displays every form of birth control. Adjacent to each is a short pro and con. Abstinence is the first, with "Possible frustration and stress from not experiencing sexual intercourse" as the con.

Parents, get your heads out of the sand. You should not have to send your child to a private school to expect them to be taught how to live a moral, character-based life.

MARY KLOBUCHAR
Grosse Pointe Woods



G.P. Dems directors

The Grosse Pointe Democratic Club recently elected its new executive board of directors for 2006.

Serving on the board, back row from left, are Carol Romano; Matt Millikin; Brian Powers, vice president, and Tim Guthat, secretary. Middle row, from left, are Frank Romano, Dick Olson, C.J. Harrison, Susan Hipsley, Julie Powers, Monica McGaugh, Rufus McGaugh and Paula Guthat. Front row, from left, are David Greenspan; Laurie Arora, executive vice president; Harry Kalogerakos, president; and Doug Barnes, treasurer. Not pictured are Carol Bendure, Gary Bresnehan, Ann Eatherly, Joe Forcillo and Judge Maryann McGuire.

TRUE TESTIMONIAL FROM HOSEA TAYLOR

Music has been part of Hosea Taylor's life for decades, but in 2003 he feared the music might be coming to an end.

After his PSA level turned up high during a routine exam, his doctor recommended further tests. It was prostate cancer. That's when he turned to the St. John Van Elslander Cancer Center.

"The doctors there advised me that radiation would be sufficient to fight the cancer. I didn't necessarily need surgery," Hosea says.

His advanced radiation treatment began with high-dose rate brachytherapy, an inpatient procedure in which radiation is delivered directly to the tumor using needles. After a night in the hospital and a week of rest, he began five weeks of daily external beam radiation.

"The care at St. John is the greatest thing that can happen to you," Hosea says. "Those people — that's half the medicine right there. They were just wonderful. I felt like I got to know the staff and they knew me. They called me by name and showed concern for me as a person."

Within weeks of his treatments, Hosea, 72, was making music again. An accomplished musician who has taught at major universities and in the Detroit Public Schools, he now performs at many local venues — including the lobby of the Van Elslander Cancer Center where he plays piano four days a week.

"I meet a lot of people there, particularly gentlemen who have prostate cancer," Hosea says. "I tell them I went through the same thing they are going through — and I'm doing just fine."

Hosea now plays piano at Mackinac Island's Grand Hotel every summer — a job he lined up when the hotel's music director saw him perform at the Van Elslander Cancer Center.

"I just enjoy it so much — whether I'm playing at the hospital or at The Grand Hotel," Hosea says. "Music just takes people away."

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City of Grosse Pointe

Four wheel covers snatched off SUV

Four wheel covers of undetermined value were taken off a 2006 Chrysler Pacifica parked overnight Friday, March 17 in the 600 block of University in the City of Grosse Pointe.

"The vehicle was parked half-way up the drive and locked," police said.

Drinking suspect ain't gonna lie

"I ain't gonna lie to you. I've been drinking," a 22-year-old Detroit man reportedly told City of Grosse Pointe police on Saturday, March 18, at 3:50 a.m.

An officer had stopped the man for speeding enough to squeal his tires around the corner of eastbound Jefferson to Lakeland.

"The driver got out of the vehicle and stumbled trying to keep his balance," police said.

The man registered a .141 percent blood alcohol level, according to police. His record showed 11 driving suspensions and two outstanding warrants totaling \$640. Charges consisted of a parking violation in Dearborn and failure to appear in Farmington court on a civil infraction.

Identification thefts cost \$9,000-plus

Someone usurped a City of Grosse Pointe woman's identity to open four charge accounts and go on a four-day spending spree March 6-9. Fraudulent charges totaled more than \$9,000.

Purchases were made at major department stores and at an Illinois jewelry store.

"Accounts were opened at the instant approval credit booths," police said.

The victim learned of the crimes Thursday, March 16.

Jeep Cherokee has Land Rover plate

A 26-year-old Detroit woman was arrested for drunken driving Monday, March 15, at 1:20 a.m., in the City of Grosse Pointe.

Police said the woman has a prior drunken driving arrest.

A patrolman cruising St. Clair near Jefferson noticed the woman's 2006 Jeep Cherokee had a license plate registered to a 1997 Land Rover.

The woman said she'd just bought the Jeep and hadn't picked up new plates.

Failed Chrysler car theft on Neff

On Wednesday, March 15, at 1:04 a.m., a woman living in the 600 block of Neff reported seeing a man break into her 2001 Chrysler Concorde.

She said the man parked his car on the street behind hers, broke into her vehicle, then returned to his car and drove away.

City of Grosse Pointe logged the incident as attempted auto theft. The woman thinks the unknown suspect may have been driving a red Ford Probe.

Fake 911 calls swamp dispatch

Fake 911 calls kept a City of Grosse Pointe public safety dispatcher hopping the evening of Sunday, March 12.

Between 7:51 and 10:54 p.m., the dispatcher logged 33 emergency calls made from a cellular telephone.

Instead of reporting crimes or requesting help, male and female pranksters made bomb threats, sexual remarks, used profanity and uttered racial slurs.

Police traced the cell phone to an eastside Detroit man but

said calls in question originated from the area of Fisher and Chalfonte.

"Over the past week, there (have) been several 911 calls from this cell number," police said.

—Brad Lindberg

Grosse Pointe Farms

Pooch may have barked warning

A 22-year-old Grosse Pointe Farms man awoke the morning of Sunday, March 19 at his house in the 200 block of Kerby to find his car sitting on four cement blocks in the driveway.

Gone were the bright blue Pontiac compact's four wheels valued at \$2,000.

"(He) reported that his dog was barking at approximately 2:30 a.m.," police said.

Stolen car found in Piche driveway

On Sunday, March 19, at 12:24 a.m., a Grosse Pointe Farms patrolman discovered a stolen 1990 Cadillac four-door parked in the driveway of a house on Piche near Moross.

Records showed the car had been stolen two days earlier in St. Clair Shores.

Farms police awaited the unknown driver's return. When that didn't happen, the car was impounded at the request of St. Clair Shores police.

Officers found an open 40-ounce bottle of beer on the floorboards.

City girl won't be taken for a ride

A City of Grosse Pointe female high school student has reported to Grosse Pointe Farms police several instances of a suspicious unknown man driving a white Ford van asking if she wants a ride home.

She refused each offer but the man keeps coming back, she told officers.

Instances extend to last summer. The most recent occurred at about noon Thursday, March 16. The girl said the man approached her on Fisher outside a Farms high school.

After school she reported a van in a school parking lot. Police traced vehicle to its owner and are investigating.

Employee may be taking checks

The owner of a landscaping company suspects a seasonal employee from St. Clair Shores has cashed at least four fraudulent checks totaling \$2,356 at a Grosse Pointe Farms restaurant.

"St. Clair Shores police has an ongoing case regarding a similar crime with the (same) suspects," said Farms police.

Other checks may have been stolen amounting to total losses of \$10,000.

The Farms restaurant owner offered to identify the suspect to police.

Man has 2nd drunk driving charge

A 22-year-old Warren man registered a .146 percent blood alcohol level during a drunken driving investigation in Grosse Pointe Farms on Wednesday, March 15, at 2:43 a.m.

An officer stopped the man for allegedly driving a 1990 Geo Prism through a red light on eastbound Mack and Moross.

"He has a pending (drunken driving) case," police said.

Two Jeeps stolen from same owner

Two Jeep Liberties were stolen overnight Tuesday, March 14, while parked on the street in the 200 block of McKinley.

Both vehicles belonged to

the same household.

Police found the victim's blue 2003 Liberty abandoned a few houses down. A side window was smashed, the ignition column damaged and gas gauge was on empty. A burgundy 2002 model remains missing.

Kid arrested for car theft attempt

On Monday, March 15, at 1:12 p.m., a Rochester man told Grosse Pointe Farms police that someone tried to steal his vehicle parked behind a restaurant in the 18700 block of Mack.

The victim reported seeing an unknown male wearing a beige cargo-style coat break into the vehicle and run away.

A short time later, two Farms officers caught a 15-year-old Detroit suspect walking in the area of Chalfonte and Ridgemont.

—Brad Lindberg

Grosse Pointe Park

Attempted car theft

On Tuesday, March 14, and Wednesday, March 15, between 11:30 p.m. and 4:50 a.m., a Grosse Pointe Park resident living in the 1300 block of Audubon found extensive damage to the ignition of his 2006 Dodge Durango.

Nothing was taken from inside the vehicle.

Propane heater prompts fire run

On Tuesday, March 14, at 6:51 p.m., Grosse Pointe Park firefighters responded to a garage fire started by a propane heater.

The fire was quickly brought under control.

It's gone

On Wednesday, March 15, an unknown person stole a trumpet from the music room at Pierce Middle School in Grosse Pointe Park.

Almost gone

On Thursday, March 16, two male subjects exited a dark green Ford Econoline and attempted to take a minivan from the driveway of a home in the 1500 block of Charlevoix in Grosse Pointe Park.

The suspects fled on foot northbound in an alley.

Two thieves busted breaking in

On Tuesday, March 14, at noon, a Grosse Pointe Park resident reported two suspects entered a parked vehicle in the driveway of a home in the 1200 block of Lakepointe.

The suspects were seen exiting the vehicle, and Park police

officers were able to stop the alleged thieves and arrest them.

Arrested

On Saturday, March 18, at 4:16 p.m., Grosse Pointe Park police officers responded to a suspicious vehicle parked in a church parking lot in the 1400 block of Whittier.

Police investigated and found three Detroit males age 17, 16 and 15, in the vehicle. They were arrested for possession of a stolen vehicle.

—Bob St. John

Grosse Pointe Shores

Teen partiers trip burglar alarm

Teenage partiers accidentally tripped the burglar alarm of their 17-year-old hostess' residence on Renaud, resulting in a visit by Grosse Pointe Shores police on Friday, March 17, at 11:16 p.m.

Police discovered five guests aged 17 and 18 from the Shores and Grosse Pointe Woods, plus a "small amount" of alcohol.

"After discussing the consequences of alcohol consumption by minors and the amount of alcohol found, it was decided that parents would be contacted instead of pursuing criminal action," police said. "The homeowners were out of town. Officers advised the homeowners of the actions that took place."

Flat tire leads to drinking arrest

On Friday, March 17, at 1:27 a.m., a 24-year-old Goodells man changing the flat tire in the driveway of an unoccupied house in the 700 block of Lakeshore registered a .17 percent blood alcohol level, according to Grosse Pointe Shores police.

The man's 20-year-old female passenger from Clinton Township registered a .241 percent blood alcohol level, police said.

She was arrested for underage drinking.

An officer was patrolling Lakeshore when he saw the man's gray 1995 Chrysler four-door parked in a driveway.

"The driver told (me) he 'hit some kind of bump,'" police said.

Stepbrothers nailed on drug charges

An anonymous cellular telephone caller reported a possible drunken driver parked Thursday, March 16, at 5:42 a.m., in the driveway of 1100 Lakeshore in Grosse Pointe Shores.


Responding officers discovered a 50-year-old Grand Rapids man changing the flat right rear tire of a white 1998 Jeep.

"(He said) he had lost control, striking the curb," police said. "(He) appeared to be disoriented and anxious."

A 44-year-old male passenger from Detroit appeared "nervous," police said. "The passenger said they had been 'smoking weed.'"

Both men were arrested on drug charges and taken to

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CITY OF GROSSE POINTE

Defer kids have vested interest

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

You didn't need a wet nose to figure out the beneficiary of last week's fourth-grade bake sale at Defer School.

Clues came in the shape of cookies resembling like dog biscuits and fire hydrants.

Students raised \$602.50 during the lunch-hour sale Friday, March 17. Every cent was donated to help buy a bulletproof vest for their favorite police dog, Raleigh.

"I like him because he's always nice," said student Ryan Powell, 9. "He listens to you."

The sale came one day after a school assembly during which Raleigh and handler PSO Mike Almeranti of the City of Grosse Pointe public safety department wowed students with demonstrations of how the team puts a bite on crime.

Raleigh, a German shepherd purchased last year by the City of Grosse Pointe public safety department, is trained to sniff out drugs and collar fleeing or hiding suspects.

He also can track missing persons or victims trapped in the rubble of collapsed structures.

"Officer Mike showed how good Raleigh is," said Brad Flonta, 10. "Raleigh did everything he said. When Officer Mike said heel, Raleigh came o his left side."

The public has shown equally dogged response to the fundraising drive.

The goal is to outfit Raleigh with a \$2,000 protective vest. At least 3/4 of the money was raised within two weeks of the drive's announcement by organizers Brian Leslie and Janice Cassetta of the City.

"What a great community," Leslie said of donors.

Cassetta last Sunday sponsored a dog wash at Dapper Dog Wash in St. Clair Shores to raise money for the cause. She said more than 40 dogs were washed with donations ranging from \$5 to \$10.

"We're lucky to have a K-9 officer in the City, finally," Cassetta said. "Since he's part of the police force and humans are able to have vests, he should have one as well."

Events such as the bake sale, which involved scores if not hundreds of participants, helped generate awareness about the K-9 unit in addition to money.

Police acknowledged before buying Raleigh last October that, much like the bicycle patrol, the dog's duties include public relations.

"Clearly, the City could afford to buy the vest," said Al Fincham, public safety director now serving as interim city manager.

But money isn't the issue.

"The purpose of the fundraiser is to get the community involved so they feel

Defer School fourth-graders present \$602.50 check to the City of Grosse Pointe Public Safety Department to help purchase a bulletproof vest for Raleigh, the Pointes' first police dog. The money was raised during a bake sale. From left are Al Fincham, director of public safety filling in as interim city manager; students Brad Flonta, 10, Bridget Hennessey, 9, Ellie Costakis, 9 and Ryan Powell, 9; and PSO Mike Almeranti, Raleigh's handler. "Thanks guys. I really, really appreciate it," Almeranti said of the students.



PHOTO BY BRAD LINDBERG

some ownership in the program," Fincham said. "The K-9 unit is a resource for our community. The fundraiser is another step toward community interaction with the public safety department."

Raleigh is the Pointes' first police dog. He was born Aug. 20, 2004, in the Czech Republic.

He's already been dispatched to the other Pointes to help with criminal investigations and, as with the trip to Defer in Grosse Pointe Park, make friends with youngsters.

"Interaction with young people in the community with

Officer Mike and Raleigh has opened up lines of communication that normally would not exist," Fincham said.

None of that policy stuff mattered to classmates Powell, Flonta, Bridget Hennessey, 9, and Ellie Costakis, 9.

They, accompanied by teacher Joanne Difazio, delivered a check representing bake sale proceeds and parents' donations to Raleigh at

police headquarters.

Raleigh greeted them as they entered the department lobby. The children huddled around Raleigh, petting his head, scratching his back and rubbing his ears.

"Raleigh is for you, kids," Almeranti told the group. "Raleigh will be coming to your school every year. We'll have a good time."

Almeranti gave Difazio a couple handfuls of Raleigh's

new identification card for distribution to students.

The card looks like a baseball trading card. The front has a photograph of Almeranti and Raleigh. Both wear a badge. The flip side has a brief biography of Raleigh and his personal message to children: "Stay in school and keep your paws off drugs."

It was time go back to school. "Bye Raleigh. Bye Raleigh," said the children.

SAFETY: Crime is a sucker's road

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headquarters. "The driver eventually admitted to smoking marijuana, snorting heroin and 'maybe a snort of coke' the morning or afternoon of" March 15, police said.

The passenger, who turned out to be the driver's stepbrother, was held for pickup by Michigan State Police on an outstanding \$5,000 warrant for failing to answer felony charges in 36th District Court.

The passenger was also wanted on an \$1,800 Farms warrant for failing to appear on unspecified charges.

Man is caught before escaping

On Wednesday, March 15, at 10:51 p.m., a Grosse Pointe Shores patrolman saw a man urinating in the street on Crestwood.

"As I approached, (he) hurried back to his vehicle and proceeded slowly westbound on Crestwood," police said.

Police arrested the man for drunken driving. His blood alcohol reportedly registered .10 percent. The man admitted drinking while attending a Red Wings game, police said.

— Brad Lindberg

told the officer she forgot to put on her seat belt after leaving the establishment.

The officer, after receiving the woman's driver license (she failed to produce a registration and proof of insurance) noticed the woman's eyes were bloodshot and an odor of intoxicants was coming from her facial area.

The woman, asked if she had been drinking, told the officer she had a couple of beers and a couple of shots since 11 p.m.

She failed several field sobriety tests and results of a Portable Breath Test (PBT) came back .117.

The woman was arrested for drunken driving.

Driver taken for ride

On Thursday, March 16, at 6:22 p.m., a 29-year-old Rochester Hills man was arrested for failing to pay his \$200 taxi-cab bill.

The cab driver told a Grosse Pointe Woods police officer he picked up the man at St. Joseph Hospital in Clinton Township and drove him to St. Joseph Urgent Care in Chesterfield Township and to Beaumont Hospital in Royal Oak because the man said he was a doctor.

The alleged doctor said he received a page to report to St. John Hospital, but told the cab driver to drop him off in front of a business in the 20000 block of Mack.

The man ran away and did not pay his bill. Woods police caught up with him a short time later and arrested him.

Phone caller offers potential fraud

On Wednesday, March 15, at 5:11 p.m., an 81-year-old Grosse Pointe Woods man reported to police that an unknown man called him earlier that day and said he won \$25,000, but had to send him \$2,500 to process the order.

The suspect told the Woods resident he was calling from Aguila San Jose, Costa Rica, and advised him to get a Western Union money order for \$2,500 and meet someone in front of a business in the 18000 block of Mack to exchange the money order.

The local man went to the police station instead of Western Union.

Not cooperative

On Wednesday, March 15, at 8:40 a.m., a 22-year-old Southfield woman driving a gray 2001 Chevrolet Cavalier was stopped for having one working brake light only.

A LEIN check revealed the woman's driver license was suspended.

The officer checked the information of her passengers, a 27-year-old Detroit man and a 24-year-old Chicago man.

During an interview with the two men, the Chicago resident was not cooperative and questioned the officer's intent. The officer said he was doing his job required by the law.

A LEIN check revealed their driver licenses were also suspended, but the officer only arrested the woman and allowed her to leave after she posted bond.

Grosse Pointe Woods

Not a happy birthday

On Friday, March 17, at 2:04 a.m., a Grosse Pointe Woods police officer pulled over three subjects in a blue 2001 Pontiac Sunfire at Mack and Huntington.

The vehicle's license plate illumination light was out and the driver was not wearing a seat belt.

The driver, a Warren woman celebrating her 21st birthday with friends at the Shores Inn,

Suspended license

On Thursday, March 16, at 4:59 p.m., a 42-year-old Detroit woman driving a blue 1993 Pontiac Grand Am was pulled over for having an expired paper license plate.

The woman gave the officer a driver license, but could not produce a registration or proof of insurance, saying the vehicle belongs to a friend.

A LEIN (Law Enforcement Information Network) check revealed the woman's driver license was suspended. She was arrested.

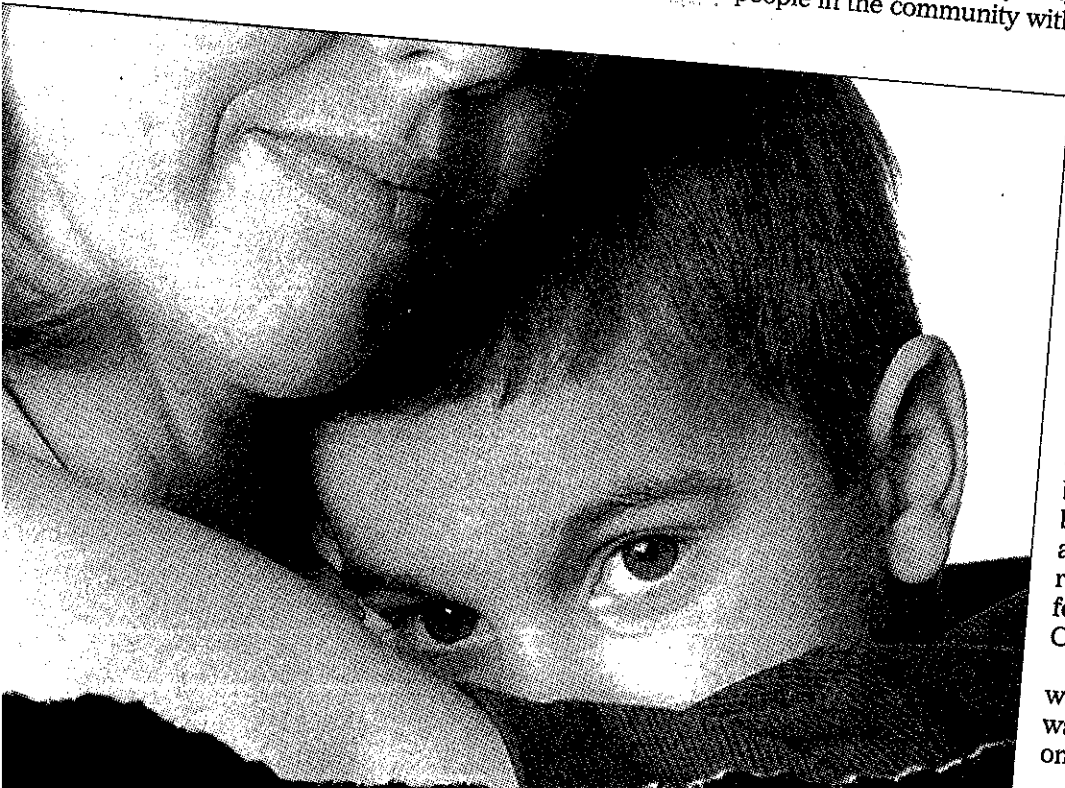
Headlight out

On Wednesday, March 15, at 9:30 p.m., a 32-year-old St. Clair Shores woman was stopped on Mack and Vernier for having only one functioning headlight.

She gave the officer her registration and proof of insurance, but said her driver license was expired.

A LEIN check revealed the woman's driver license was suspended nine times and she had four prior convictions. She was arrested.

— Bob St. John



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North High School hosts Inventor's Association

By Bob St. John
Staff Writer

"Genius is 1 percent inspiration and 99 percent perspiration," said Thomas A. Edison.

Edison's quote is a perfect fit for the Inventors' Association of Metropolitan Detroit (IAMD), which meets the third Thursday of each month in Room 312 at Grosse Pointe North High School.

A group of 32 men and women from the tri-county area brainstorm for two hours during its sessions to see what it takes to not just come up with a creative idea, but one that hasn't been developed.

It's harder than you think. "We have a common interest in inventing," IAMD member Alex Kiwior, 72, said. "We have people like us come in and share their thoughts about what it takes to be an inventor, and the long hours it takes to actually have an invention become successful. It's not easy."

Group members discuss various topics including patenting

an invention, research and development, finances, small business and marketing.

Each topic is broken down into subgroups, including research and development; engineering; scientific analysis and testing; drawings and prototypes; and updates on the latest research techniques.

They also speak about patents, trademarks and copyright, as well as trade secrets, assignments, licenses and royalties.

Financial issues such as how to handle tax matters, raising revenue capital and developing business plans also come into play.

The topic last week was advertising 101. Inventor and author James White talked about handling product sales, as well as selling ideas or patents.

"The focus was on product sales because that is where the majority of successful inventors succeed," IAMD spokesman Keith Dunlop said.

"We all have ideas, but it's helpful to have men and

women who have had success with an invention speak to our group on the proper steps to get a project up and running. The meetings are quite helpful."

White's two-hour discussion centered around targeting a market; just what "selling" really means; how selling is related to the Federal Trade Commission (FTC); how advertising to the trade channels is critical but very different from consumer advertising; how to convert a "product" into advertising copy; how much text to write; what makes a good headline; and why it's important to consider advertising early in the process.

White's No. 1 priority when coming up with an invention is determining the target audience.

"You need to know who is going to buy your product," White said.

The pet rock purchased for children was a good example of getting to know who will buy a product, he said.

Toy companies know parents will spend money for items their children want.

White said inventors need to have the same mindset. You can't sell an air conditioner to an Eskimo, he said.

One of the club's more notable members Kiwior mentioned is Troy resident Christine Moss, the inventor of the no-spill "Snack-Trap" which is used to hold treats such as Cheerios and Goldfish for toddlers.

Moss' daughter, who was then 17 months old, created messes by accidentally spilling her food. Moss searched for containers with covers that would allow tiny fingers to go inside which prevented food from spilling out.

Not finding anything, Moss came up with the idea for the snack trap after noticing that a Kleenex box had a thin, plastic cover.

This sparked an idea and she filed for a Provisional Application for a Patent on Sept. 4, 2001.

On April 11, 2002, Moss attended her first IAMD meeting at Grosse Pointe North where she was seeking ways to get her prototype manufactured.

With help from group members, Moss found a contact who got the ball rolling.

Currently, Moss has two Utility Patent Applications on "Anti-Spill Containers" in process.

"Christine is a great story of

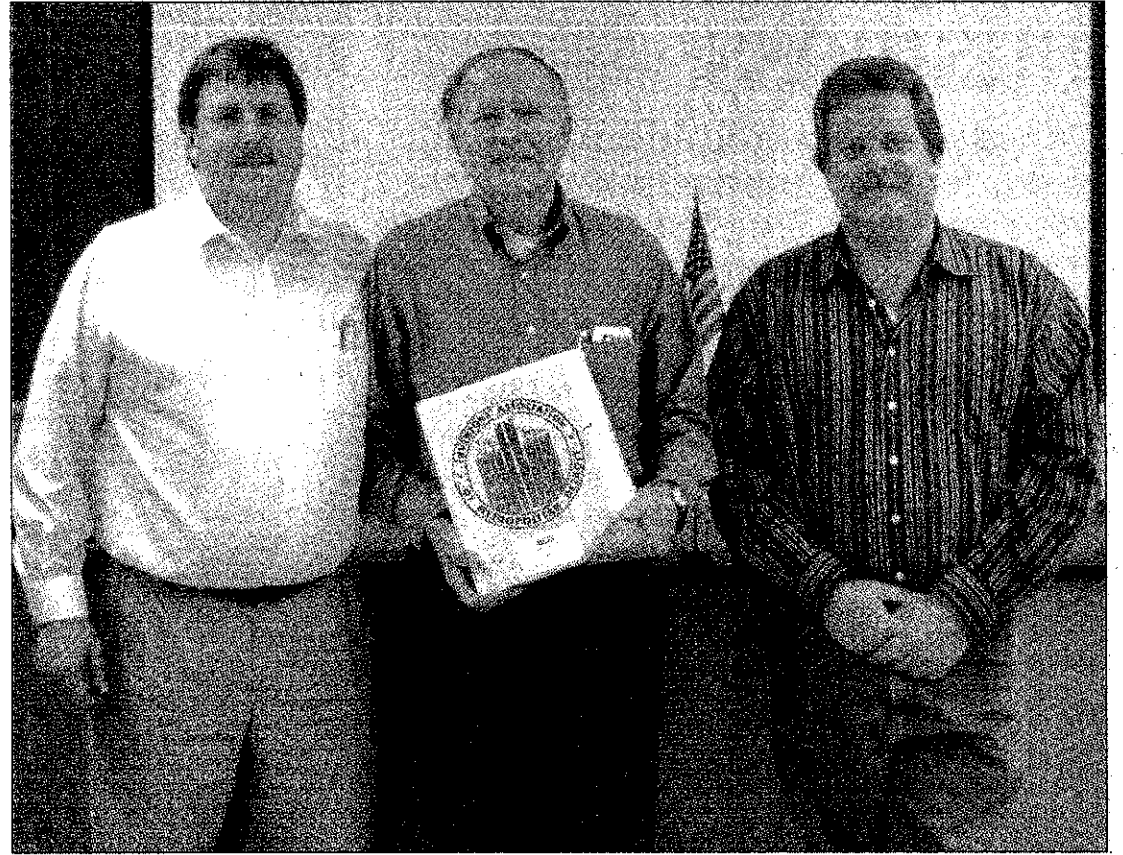


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Three members of the Inventors' Association of Metropolitan Detroit from left to right, Frank Wales, Alex Kiwior and Keith Dunlop, spearheaded the organizational meetings that take place on the third Thursday of each month in Room 312 at Grosse Pointe North High School.

how she turned an idea into a patent," Kiwior said. "Anything is possible if you really put your mind to it."

"We enjoy tinkering with ideas," IAMD president Frank Wales, 42, said. "We're inventors, and we're always looking for more people who are interested."

The IAMD was founded in 1986 by Peter P. Ruppe, Sr., Peter P. Ruppe, Jr., and Peter Keefe, who was the vice president.

Some of the early topics the group discussed were conducting a patent search, psychology of inventing, new products wanted, the continuous change to U.S. engineers, and the patent process.

Other guest speakers includ-

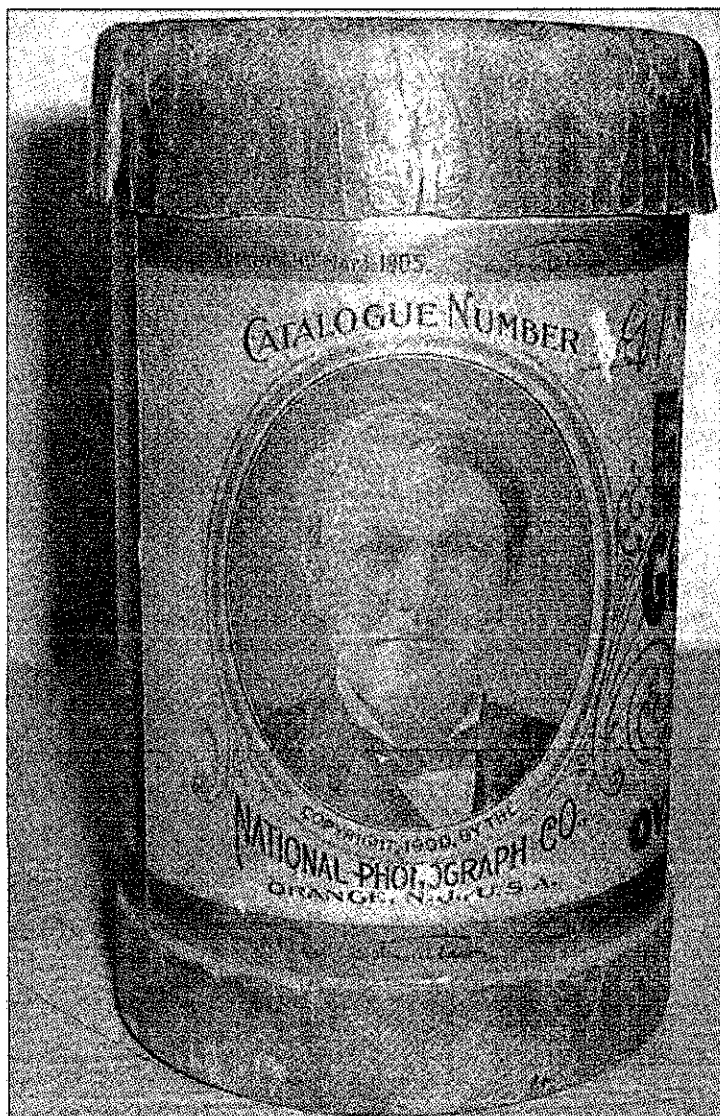
ed Dr. Khalil Taraman of Lawrence Technological University and Jack Carik, of Letica Paint Buckets.

The group has four levels of membership, which costs \$25 for an individual membership, \$40 for a family membership, \$10 for a service membership

and \$10 for a student membership.

Wales said the group also serves as a support group for inventors.

Call Dunlop at (248) 391-3909 or Wales at (586) 776-3658 to join or for more information.



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The Grosse Pointe Chamber of Commerce hosts B & E prevention tips for home and business from 8 to 9 a.m. on Tuesday, March 28, at the Farms Boat House, located at the foot of Moross on Lake Shore Drive.



Co-Executive Directors Jane Lightfoot and Mary Huebner Grosse Pointe Chamber of Commerce

A panel of experts, including Detective Ron Wiczorek and Detective Mike McCarthy from the City and Farms Public Safety Departments, Dan Aitken of Aitken Insurance, Jeff Rogg of Miller Canfield and Jim Dusing of Dusing Security & Surveillance.

Participants will learn how to prevent business and home invasions. Hear how past incidents could have been prevented and learn what can be purchased to deter thieves. Speakers will discuss steps

for "best practice," what items thieves are most likely seeking and what to do and not to do if a home or business invasion occurs.

Reservations can be made by calling 313-881-4722. All are welcome. A continental breakfast will be served.

Admission is \$7 for chamber members and \$10 for non-members.

Changes to Tax Law for 2005

Taxpayers should be aware of important changes to the tax law before they complete their 2005 federal income tax forms.

Here are some significant changes:

Donating cars

Beginning in 2005 the deductible for a car donated to a qualified charitable organization is generally limited to the gross proceeds from its sale by the organization.

Qualifying child

Beginning in 2005 one definition of a qualifying child applies for each of the following tax benefits: dependency exemption, head of household filing status, Earned Income Tax Credit, Child Tax Credit and Credit for Child and dependent care expenses.

Exemption amount

The amount you can deduct for each exemption has increased to \$3,200. All or part of the exemption benefits can be lost if the adjusted gross income is above a certain amount. The amount at which the phaseout begins depends on the filing status.

IRA income limits

If a taxpayer has a traditional individual retirement account and are covered by a retirement plan at work, the amount of income one can have and not be affected by the deduction phaseout increases. The amounts vary depending on filing status.

Standard deduction

The standard deduction for

taxpayers who do not itemize deductions on Schedule A of Form 1040 is, in most cases, higher for 2005.

The amount depends on your filing status, whether the taxpayer is 65 or older or blind and whether an exemption can be claimed for the person by another taxpayer.

EITC

The maximum amount of income to get the credit increases in 2005. The income limits depend on the filing status and the number of children.

Mileage rates increased

In 2005, for the first time ever, the IRS adjusted the standard mileage rate during the year to reflect increases in the price of gasoline.

From Jan. 1 to Aug. 31, the standard mileage rate for business use of a car, van, pick-up or panel truck was 40.5 cents a mile, compared to 37.5 cents a mile in 2004.

Effective Sept. 1, the rate increased to 48.5 cents a mile. From Jan. 1 to Aug. 31, the standard mileage rate for the cost of operating a vehicle for medical reasons or as part of a deductible move was 15 cents a mile, up from 14 cents in 2004. On Sept. 1, the rate rose to 22 cents.

The rate for providing services to charitable organizations is set by law and remains at 14 cents a mile.

For more information, visit the IRS Web site at IRS.gov. Also, see Publication 553, Highlights of 2005 Tax Changes, and the instruction book for Form 1040.

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Joint effort needed to build house

By Ann L. Fouty
Staff Writer

It will involve the entire Grosse Pointe community to build this house.

Banding together, the public and private schools and the business community are determined to meet their goal of raising \$75,000 to purchase a Habitat for Humanity house kit, entitled "Project Welcome Home."

Businesses will be needed to purchase big ticket items for the ranch style 1,000 square foot house. Sweat equity from the adult community will be needed this spring to build the house destined to be a home for a family whose dwelling was swept away as a result of Hurricane Katrina.

"Project Welcome Home" is the brainchild of Grosse Pointe Farms resident Alicia Carlisle. After seeing families left homeless by the hurricane, she realized how blessed Grosse Pointe families are and decided to pull together the entire community to construct one house.

Public schools' PTOs and student councils started planning and activating fund raisers early this year. Any idea was a good one. From garage-style sales to wear-a-hat to school day, students and staff have raised more than \$15,500.

It's a start, but Carlisle and her group of supporters are depending on the community to step up. She was happy to report that three business associations are on board with the idea.



PHOTO COURTESY ALICIA CARLISLE

Mason Elementary students and teachers donated more than \$1,400 for "Project Welcome Home." They are part of the community-wide effort to raise enough money for one Habitat for Humanity house which will be built for a family whose home was destroyed by Hurricane Katrina.

Fund raising at the elementary level has been taking place for weeks, followed by the middle school events.

For two weeks in February, Defer Elementary students had the opportunity to purchase materials for the house via a coin collection. Student council members wore hats and aprons, and greeted students as they placed coins in the collection cans during lunch hours.

They were able to choose

from any of nine construction materials categories. They could choose framing nails, fasteners or hardware; roofing, exterior door, siding, insulation, doors and accessories, paint and brushes and fixtures. For donations, each student received a sticker which read "helped build the house."

Students and staff also held in a series of "special dress days" during which they made a donation to participate.

Collections for the two-week

campaign totaled \$2,015. In addition, the PTO coordinated a collection through the sale of Mardi Gras beads during the Fall Family Fun Festival, which raised \$485. Between the two fund-raising campaigns, the Defer community came up with \$2,500.

Poupard, Mason and Richard Elementary schools have ongoing projects. Poupard is filling a house with

coins.

"The students at Mason are so excited," Carlisle said.

In its first three fundraisers, the Mason community gathered \$1,410.50 and proceeds from March's read-a-thon will also be donated to the cause.

Every Friday at Richard is FUNd Fridays.

Kerby Elementary is purchasing shingles for the house by donating quarters.

In addition, Kerby second-graders in Linda Brock's class drew small likenesses of their faces. Those faces now decorate the "Project Welcome Home" stationery.

Monteith's fundraising is complete, as is Maire's, which raised \$693.17. The Monteith community came in with \$2,677 and the PTO matched

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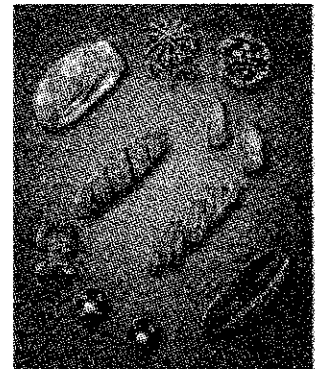
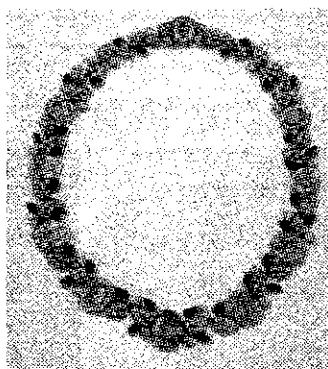
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Eagle Scout rank earned by three

"I have always thought the actions of men the best interpreters of their thoughts."
John Locke (1632-1704)

By Ann L. Fouty
Staff Writer

Thousands of boys and young men aspire to become one of the few who achieve the rank of Eagle Scout in the world of Boy Scouting. They think about the lofty goal. Three young Grosse Pointe men, members of Troop 96, put their thoughts into action — improving their community.

Kevin Carroll, 17, of Grosse Pointe Park, Michael Grady, 16, of Grosse Pointe Farms, and Charles Sullivan, 17, of Grosse Pointe Farms were honored during a January Court of Honor to formally receive the rank of Eagle Scout.

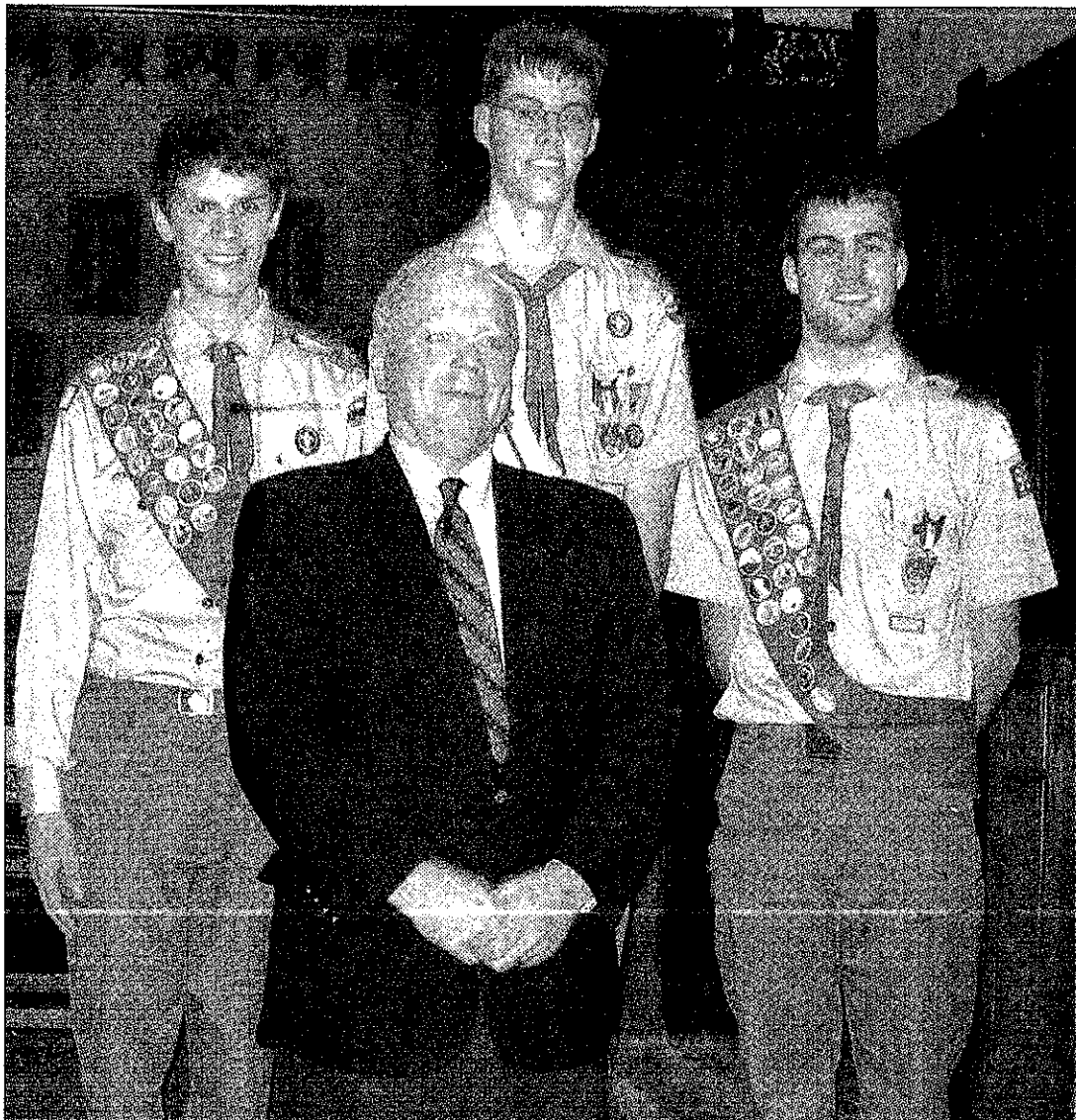
◆ Kevin Carroll is the oldest child of Kevin and Donna Carroll, and is the older brother of Sean, who is also in scouting. He installed storage cabinets for art supplies at After School for Stars, an after school program for children, kindergarten through eighth grade at Freedom Place on Forest and Trumbull in Detroit.

He found out about the need for storage cabinets via his parents who work at Wayne State University.

Carroll spent 66 hours on the project with 50 hours spent assembling the cabinets and shelves with his parents and several scouts, including his younger brother.

Some \$50 was donated by Home Depot to build two 30 inch cabinets and two 28 inch bookshelves.

Carroll has been a Boy Scout seven years, joining, he said, "because I wanted to increase my knowledge of the outdoors; but most importantly scouts do



From left are Michael Grady, State Rep. Ed Gaffney, Kevin Carroll and Charlie Sullivan.

cool stuff. For example, backpacking out west or cave exploring in Pennsylvania."

The hardest of the 33 badges he has earned was the family life badge because for three months, he was required to complete and record a set of chores each day, Carroll said. On the other hand, the easiest badge was motor boating.

"All I had to do was demonstrate how to safely operate a motor boat and how to react in an emergency," he said.

"Scouting has added many good memories to my life and introduced me to the many opportunities to explore the outdoors," including hiking at Philmount Scout Ranch in New Mexico.

As a senior at De LaSalle Collegiate High School, he has participated in wrestling, cross country and track. He was also the executive producer of NDTV, when attending Notre Dame High School in Harper Woods. In March 1998, he re-

ceived a Medal of Merit for saving a classmate who was allergic to bees and had been stung several times during school recess. He plans to attend University of Detroit on a four year scholarship, majoring in business administration.

◆ The youngest child of Cathy and Kevin Grady, Michael Grady is brother to sisters, Courtney and Kim.

His Eagle project was landscaping the area around the maintenance building at Grosse Pointe Farms Pier Park.

"I decided to do my project at the Pier Park because I wanted to do a project that would last and be enjoyed by the commu-

nity for many years," Grady said. "My project was an environmentally - friendly beautification project."

This was a lengthy project requiring two months of planning, researching and collecting donations from Three C's Landscaping, Greater Detroit and Allemon's Garden Center. More than 118 hours of digging and planting were put in by his fellow scouts and friends.

Prior to the planting the hearty plants of blue holly, Hicks yews, amelanchier lavis, Francee hosta, globe yews, dense yews, black eyed Susans, viburnum jedii, and Stella de Ora daylilies the garden beds were prepared.

"To prepare the gardens, I had to remove the rocks and fill the beds with 30 yards of top soil," he said.

The trek to Eagle Scout began for Grady in second grade as a Cub Scout, joining, he said "for the variety of activities offered from camping to community service."

As a Boy Scout, Grady has earned 29 merit badges with environmental science the hardest due to its numerous requirements.

"The achievement of Eagle has allowed me to begin my leadership skill. It has also taught me that community service can be awarding," he said.

The best scout memory for Grady was a kayak trip to northern Michigan. "My kayak was sucked under a log," he said.

Grady is a sophomore at Grosse Pointe South with a GPA of more than 4.0, and is active in the production of South's yearbook.

Sailing is his favorite sport both from Grosse Pointe Yacht Club and as a member of South's sailing team. He said he also enjoys racing in the DRYA youth regattas.

◆ Charles Sullivan is the son of Chuck and Andy Sullivan and brother to Katie and

Bobby, also a scout. For his Eagle Project, Sullivan refinished the picnic tables at Kerby Elementary School.

"I chose to refurbish the tables at Kerby because I was looking for a good idea for a project and my friend, whose brother was going to Kerby at the time, told me about the condition of the tables. The Kerby students always enjoyed eating lunch on the picnic tables in good weather, but the wood was beginning to splinter and rot," he said. "I attended Kerby for the fourth grade and fifth grades, which is one of the reasons that the picnic table project was appealing."

Sullivan used stain and wood sealer to provide better protection than the original varnish coat.

Kerby PTO donated the money needed for the materials and friends and family donated necessary tools.

He spent more than 25 hours on the project which began in October 2004. When the project was completed in February, some 125 hours had been logged in by scouts, his family and friends to stain the tables.

"I was doing the work in my parent's garage and so outdoor weather temperatures played a roll in the project's timetable," he explained.

Sullivan joined scouting as a Tiger Cub in kindergarten and stuck with it until he achieved 27 merit badges.

"I plan to stay in Venturing. I plan to become an adult leader for my troop."

"Scouting has added a great deal to my life including: a love for the outdoors, many new friends, great experiences such as backpacking in New Mexico, white-water rafting, and many useful skills for later in life," he said.

As a senior at Grosse Pointe South, Sullivan is a member of the National Honor Society, and a member of the Grosse Pointe South choir.



Auction gear

Monteith Elementary School in Grosse Pointe Woods is holding its first auction on Saturday, April 1, in the Assumption Cultural Center on Marter Road in St. Clair Shores. The silent auction runs from 7 to 9 p.m. There will also be a 50/50 raffle and a tin can auction drawing at 9 p.m. with the live auction beginning at 9:30 p.m. Tickets are \$40 and include gourmet food stations, a chocolate fountain and an open bar. Raffle items range from \$10 to \$2,500 and include a signed Detroit Red Wing Steve Yzerman jersey and tickets, time shares in Florida, Traverse City and Lexington and jewelry with values ranging from \$100 to \$1,000. For ticket information, call Sarah Carron at (313) 885-1992. Auction chair is, at left, Kathleen Bayer and co-chair Rachele Koester.



Four of Ferry's fifth-grade students, from left Kim Cusmano, Julia Henderson, Kyndall Echols and Victoria Chochla, produced and sold beaded key chains, each spelling out a heart-felt message. Sales were brisk. In the end they donated \$80.

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that amount, making Monteith's total \$5,354.

Ferry's total is \$6,000 and Trombly is ready to begin its fundraising efforts.

To promote Ferry's "Have a Heart," two-week campaign, the student council decorated the school hallways with hearts and posters. Students did extra chores at home to earn money. Children brought in coins from their piggy banks to help fill the special coffee cans in their classrooms. Teachers donated \$5 on Friday for the privilege of wearing jeans to school. When the PTO announced it would match contributions, students came up with more fundraising ideas. Fifth-graders made key chains to sell. The school hosted a "hat day." In addition, the school Brownie Troop, as well as Ferry families made contributions.

Students at Barnard School

will be providing lunches and snacks for the construction workers when the house is being built. They will also sell their art work and key chains as a way of raising money for "Project Welcome Home."

Pierce Middle School parents held an ethnic dinner which raised \$316. During its tin can auction another \$400 was raised, with more to come.

Brownell and Parcels middle schools are in the planning stages of fundraisers.

The next to get on board will be the North, South and the community schools, with a possible challenge between the schools, Carlisle suggested.

South's Key Club has been instrumental in kicking off campaigns at each elementary school when its members presented a play written by advisor Nick Provenzano. Members designed the sticker which students receive when a donation is made. Inland Press donated the sticker printing.

"The kids are enthusiastic," Carlisle said. "I hope the kids are empowered and impassioned by the project which is teaching how they can make the world a better place."

Some 30 Grosse Pointe

Academy student mounted work was sold during a special Math Night.

"International (Habitat for Humanity) is watching so they can get other communities going," she said.

Now it is time for the businesses to get involved, Carlisle said.

Businesses can donate either cash or chose from a list of what's needed from carpeting to the kitchen sink. One business has donated the bathroom vanity for the ranch-style, three bedroom home.

A majority of the house will be built in Grosse Pointe then crated and shipped south. There it will be set on a slab and finished, ready for habitation.



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OBITUARIES

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Mary Virginia Anderson

Mary Virginia Anderson, 93, longtime resident of Grosse Pointe, died on Friday, March 17, 2006.

She was a friend and mentor to the neighborhood children, in addition to being a Girl Scout leader.

She is survived by her sister, Patricia Carr of Palos, Ill., her nephew, Thomas Phillips of Lansing; her out-of-state nieces and nephews, Susan, Kathleen, Evelyn, Christopher, Steven and Robert; and many dear friends and caregivers.

She was predeceased by her parents, Verna and Jess Loddell; her first husband in 1968, Edward Koester; and her second husband in 1990, Herbert Anderson.

A memorial service was held on Tuesday, March 21, at Grosse Pointe Memorial Church, Grosse Pointe Farms.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Salvation Army, 1627 W. Fort St., Detroit, MI 48216 or the Michigan Humane Society, 26711 Northwestern Hwy., Southfield, MI 48034.

Grosse Pointe Yacht Club and the Lochmoor Club. Mrs. Gould's interests included reading, shopping and sewing. She especially enjoyed spending time with her grandchildren of whom she was very proud.

She is survived by her daughter, Janice L. (Charles F. Jr.) Gutwald; her grandchildren, Jennifer C. and Justin C. Gutwald; and her sister, Geraldine Sivy.

She was predeceased by her husband, Clarence S. Gould, and sister, Mildred Sprunk.

A memorial service was held on Thursday, March 16, at Forest Lawn Cemetery's chapel. Interment is at the cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to the American Heart Association, 24445 Northwestern Hwy., Suite 100, Southfield, MI 48075 or Wayne State University Medical School, Office of Development, University Health Center - 6G, 4201 St. Antoine, Detroit, MI 48201.

Peter McDonald Jones

Peter McDonald Jones, 47, of Grosse Pointe Park, died on Thursday, March 16, 2006, in Grand Rapids.

He was born on June 14, 1958, in Edinburgh, Scotland, to Elyse and Merritt Jones and was a graduate of Michigan State University.

Mr. Jones was president of Aim Development.

His favorite pastimes included skiing, boating, listening to music and playing the guitar.

He will be dearly missed by all for his loving spirit and generous heart.

He is survived by his wife, Mary Ann Jones; his daughter, Reese; his parents, Elyse and Merritt Jones; his three siblings, Christopher, Jeffrey and Lisa; his four nephews, Max Werfel and Steven, Austin and Jake Jones; his niece, Sarah Jones; and his many cousins, aunts and uncles.

A private memorial for the family was held on Tuesday, March 21, at Christ Church Grosse Pointe, Grosse Pointe Farms. Interment is at the church's columbarium.

Memorial contributions may be made to Bethany Christian Services, 1641 Route 3 North, Suite 205, Crofton, MD 21114-2466.

Prior to his retirement, Mr. Kerving was a corporal for the Grosse Pointe Woods Public Safety Department and a court officer for the Woods Municipal Court.

He was active as a member of the Fraternal Order of Police, the Civil Air Patrol and the Telephone Pioneers of America. His interests included flying, traveling, ballroom dancing, hockey and wood-working. He also enjoyed creating works of art by drawing, painting and doing eggery.

He is survived by his wife, Florence Kerving; daughter, Ruth Kerving; son, Michael Kerving; and his sisters, Elizabeth Targonski, Julie Bleyaert and Eugenie Gray.

He was predeceased by his sisters, Fredericka Kosal and Marjorie Boussie; and his brother, Wilbert Kerving Jr.

Interment is at St. Hedwig Cemetery in Dearborn Heights.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Felician Sisters, 36800 Schoolcraft, Livonia, MI 48150.

Lucille M. Knop

Harper Woods resident, Lucille M. Knop, 80, died on Sunday, March 19, 2006, at St. John Hospital.

She was born on April 14, 1925, in Detroit.

Mrs. Knop was a life member and past president of the Fontbonne Auxiliary for St. John Hospital and Medical Center. She served as its historian for many years.

She is survived by her children, James Knop, Charlotte (Herb) Carrington, Colleen (Ken) LaDuke, Dennis Knop, Eileen Knop and Kevin Knop; her grandchildren, Angie, Alysia, Dawn, Kelly, Nacole, Kenny, Danni, Mason, Meredith and Keenan; her great-grandchildren, Bethany, Conner and Chance; and her siblings, Elmer Jacques, Carol (Jim) Reeder and Mary (Al) Kettlewell.

She was predeceased by her husband, Robert A. Knop; children, Patrick and Kathleen Knop; and grandchild, Jessica.

Visitation will be held from 2:30 to 9 p.m. on Thursday, March 23, at Kaul Funeral Home, 27830 Gratiot, Roseville. A funeral Mass, with the Rev. Tony Sulkowski officiating, will be celebrated on Friday, March 24, at 10 a.m., visitation at 9:30 a.m., at St. Louis Catholic Church, 24415 Crocker, Clinton Township. Interment is at Hart Cemetery, Chesterfield Township.

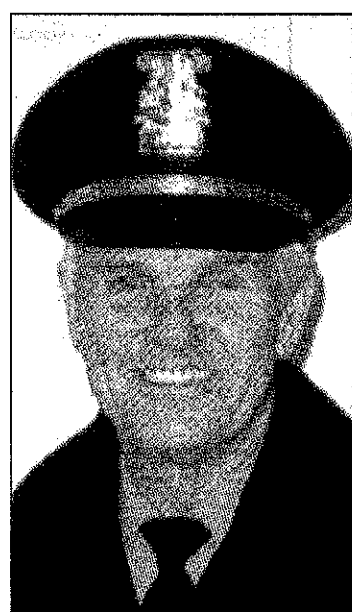
Memories may be shared with the family online at www.kaulfuneralhome.com.

Harold Bernerd Lee

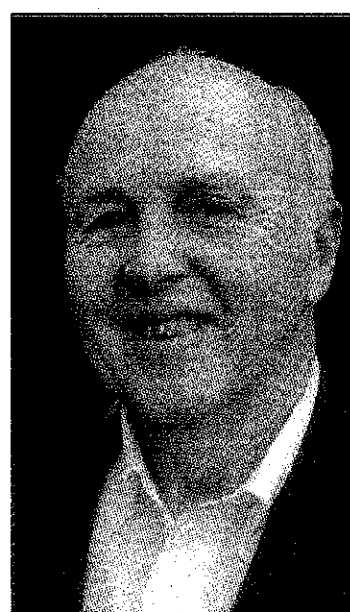
Harold Bernerd Lee, 85, of



Peter McDonald Jones



Thomas E. Kerving



Harold Bernerd Lee

Grosse Pointe Farms, died on Sunday, Feb. 19, 2006, of congestive heart failure.

He was born and raised in the City of Grosse Pointe. He graduated from the Cadieux School and Grosse Pointe High School, January Class of 1939. While in high school, he played varsity basketball and attained the rank of Eagle Scout from Troop 79 at the Neighborhood Club. He became an assistant Scout Master for a short period of time.

Upon graduation, Mr. Lee began work at Chrysler Corp. by day and attended night school at Lawrence Institute of Technology under a basketball scholarship. He completed two and a half years toward a degree in business administration, before enlistment in the U.S. Navy in 1942.

Positions served as the second and first class storekeeper on the supply ship, the USS Castor, gave him many stories to share with his family and friends about his experiences while serving his country as part of the Pacific fleet. Promotion to chief storekeeper was delayed because of his impending honorable discharge in 1945.

After his discharge, Mr. Lee returned to the Detroit area and married Elizabeth "Betty" Bell in 1948.

He graduated from Wayne State University and was employed by Chrysler Corp. until his retirement in 1979.

He will be remembered by his many friends and family, not only by his kind smile, but for his love of gardening. He grew not only beautiful roses and mums, but also was successful in raising delicious vegetables. Among his most famous vegetables and fruit were his pixie tomatoes and his sweet and juicy red raspberries.

Many who visited the Lees went home with either a bag filled with vegetables or a lovely bouquet of cut flowers from the garden.

As an active gardener and

volunteer, Mr. Lee received numerous awards for his roses, mums, vegetables, garden and volunteer commitments. Among his many accomplishments was the program he implemented and began with the Men's Garden Club of Grosse Pointe of sharing, growing and nurturing plants with the first-graders at Defer and Kerby Elementary schools.

He received the Keep Michigan Beautiful of Southeastern Michigan 2002 Individual Service Award for his dedication, love and commitment to educating children about gardening.

He was a member and past president of the Men's Garden Club of Grosse Pointe in addition to being a member of the Senior Men's Club of Grosse Pointe, the Chrysler Corp. Retired Officers' Club and the Friday Morning Ecumenical Breakfast Club at Grosse Pointe Memorial Church.

He is survived by his son, Thomas (Julie) of Melbourne, Australia; his daughter, Candace (Donald) Sweeney; grandchildren, Clifton and Edward Lee, and Margaret, Andrew and Caroline Sweeney; his brother, Howard Lee; his sister, Dorothy Parks; and many nieces and nephews.

He was predeceased by his wife, Betty Lee, and sister, Marie Kreul.

A memorial service will be held on Monday, March 27, at 4 p.m. at Christ Church Grosse Pointe, 61 Grosse Pointe Blvd., Grosse Pointe Farms.

Memorial contributions may be made to Christ Church Grosse Pointe, the Men's Garden Club of Grosse Pointe or the charity of one's choice.

Virginia F. Wright

St. Clair Shores resident Virginia F. Wright, 87, died on Saturday, March 11, 2006, at her home.

She was born to George and Edna Dover in Detroit on Sept.

11, 1918.

She is survived by her daughter, Sharon (Gene) Guswiler; her grandchildren, Mark and Tim (Susie) VanEckoute; and seven step-grandsons.

She was predeceased by her husband, Leonard Wright, and daughter, Kathleen Chalmers.

A private celebration of her life will be planned at a later date.

Memorial contributions may be made to St. Michael's Episcopal Church, 20475 Sunningdale Park, Grosse Pointe Woods, MI 48236.

Dolores F. Wyrock

Dolores F. Wyrock, 84, of Grosse Pointe Woods, died on Thursday, March 16, 2006, in St. John Hospital.

She was born on April 15, 1921, in Ashland, Ky. She was proud to be a mother and a homemaker.

She is survived by her daughters, Gayle A. (Frank) Van West and Linda S. (Larry) Houston; her son, Stephen A. (Diane) Wyrock Jr.; grandchildren, Daniel, Marci, Jennifer and Lisa; and great-grandchildren, Nathan and Brayton.

She was predeceased by her husband, Stephen A. Wyrock Sr., and grandson, Justin.

A private memorial service for the family was held at A.H. Peters Funeral Home, Inc., in Grosse Pointe Woods.

Interment is at White Chapel Cemetery in Troy.

Therese Fleming

Former Grosse Pointe Woods resident Therese "Zizi" Fleming, 87, of Bloomfield Hills, died on Sunday, March 5, 2006.

She was born on Oct. 16, 1918, in Alençon, France.

Mrs. Fleming was a longtime teacher at the University Liggett School in Grosse Pointe Woods. She was a volunteer for the Detroit Historical Society and was accomplished in needlecrafts.

She is survived by her sons, Theodore B. III (Jennifer), Alexander F. (Karla) and Peter B. (Sandra) Fleming; her six grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; and many relatives in France.

She was predeceased by her husband of 53 years, Theodore B. Fleming Jr.

A private memorial service will be held.

Memorial contributions may be made to Beaumont Hospice, 3601 W. Thirteen Mile Rd., Royal Oak, MI 48073.

Share memories with the family at their Web site at www.DesmondFuneralHome.com.

Doris K. Gould

Doris K. Gould, 90, of Grosse Pointe Woods, died on Thursday, March 9, 2006.

She was born on Oct. 31, 1915, in Detroit to Emma and Emile Knuth. She graduated from Detroit's Eastern High School in 1932 and earned an associate degree at business college. During World War II, she worked as a secretary to a U.S. Army general in Norfolk, Va.

She and her husband, Clarence S. Gould, were members of the Detroit Yacht Club,

Thomas E. Kerving

Grosse Pointe Woods resident Thomas E. Kerving, 76, died on Friday, March 17, 2006.

He was born on Aug. 4, 1929, to the late Wilbert and the late Dorothy Kerving in Detroit. He was a 1983 graduate of Macomb Community College. He served as a private first class in the U.S. Army.

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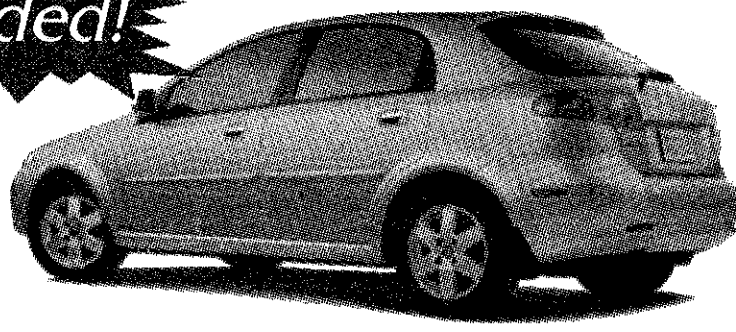


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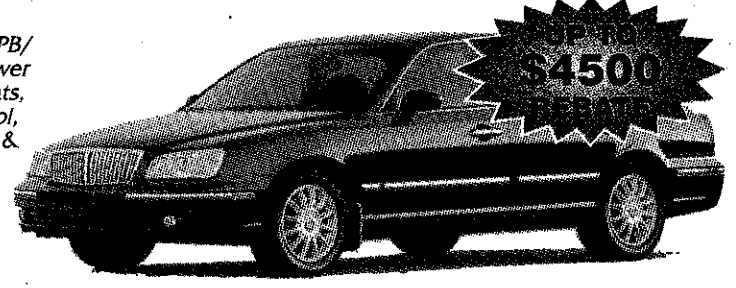
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The **2006 Chevy Malibu Maxx SS** offers roomier interior with ingenious versatility. Greg Zyla timed his SS to 60 mph in just under seven seconds. Base price; \$24,065; price as tested: \$25,015.

2006 Malibu Maxx Super Sport



2006 Malibu Maxx SS

Chevy's 2006 Malibu Maxx SS (Super Sport) brings new excitement to the larger mid-size lineup, something we found uplifting during our recent week-long test drive. Both the Malibu SS and Malibu Maxx SS receive power from GM's more technical, yet still overhead pumps out 240 horsepower. When coupled with the nimble Maxx SS infrastructure, drivers and passengers can buckle in for some real driving fun.

Most notable is Maxx's variation from sibling Malibu sedan. From the B-pillar forward, the Malibus are identical. However, as we move further rearward, Maxx rides on a wheelbase that is six inches longer than the sedan, while its overall length is a half-inch shorter. The result is a roomier interior for a car this size and a "hatchback/wagon" layout that offers versatile cargo options.

Power from the V-6 is channeled to the front wheels via GM's 4T65-E four-speed automatic transmission with adaptive shift control. We'd love to see a manual transmission offered, as the automatic does nothing for the "SS" moniker that dates back to the Impala model in 1961. However, with

an aggressive 3.69 final drive ratio, performance is enhanced as we timed our SS to 60 mph in just under seven seconds. In the quarter-mile, it ran 15.2 seconds at near 92 mph at Maple Grove Raceway near Reading, Pa.

Malibu Maxx models feature many standard features, including power-assisted driver's seat height adjuster, 6-speaker CD audio system, all the powers, air, and a factory-installed remote vehicle starter system that allows the driver to get a head start on the car's interior heating and cooling from up to 200 feet. When you live in the Northeast, this is a great feature.

Safety wise, all Malibus fea-

ture dual-stage frontal air bags for driver and passenger; three-point safety belts for all occupants; head curtain front, rear and side-impact air bag with front seat-mounted thorax side-impact air bag; standard four-wheel anti-lock brakes with traction control; and 19 out of 20 stars in the government crash test.

One of the top selling points of the Maxx is interior versatility. Its 60/40-rear seat slides almost seven inches fore and aft, and also reclines. Maxx's rear cargo area features a standard power outlet and a multi-functional cargo panel with four positions for two-tier loading. The cargo panel can be positioned as a table for picnics or

tailgate parties, while hooks on the cargo panel help secure nets or smaller items, such as grocery bags. This is ingenuity at its best.

We like what's underneath, as a fully independent sport tuned front suspension with MacPherson struts and a four-link independent rear helps plant SS in the turns. Unlike the LS, LT and LTZ models that feature less sensitive electric power steering, the SS comes with hydraulic power steering for better feel of the road and execution. The result is a much better handling in all aspects.

Malibu Maxx SS offers a distinguished interior and exterior, helped by largest in class 18-inch ultrabright alloy

wheels and tires. The model features an upgraded front motif with sporty, SS specific, crosshatch dual-port grille and embedded fog lamps. The platinum-style grille surrounds, rear spoiler and dual chrome-tipped 3.5-inch exhaust outlets finish the treatment.

Other features emphasizing the "SS" legacy are an ebony interior with gunmetal trim accents; sport seats with larger bolsters; three-spoke leather-wrapped sport steering wheel; and leather-covered shifter knob. Maxx SS also receives an exclusive instrument cluster with sport graphics, chrome-ringed gauges, red pointers, and the SS logo.

Important numbers include

a curb weight of 3,620 lbs., 112.3-inch wheelbase, 18 city and 26 highway EPA, (we averaged about 19), and 41 cu. ft. of maximum cargo volume.

The only option on our tester was a \$325 XM Satellite radio, which pushed the final tally to \$25,015 with the \$625 delivery charge added.

OK, Chevy; job well done. Malibu Maxx receives an 8.5 on a scale of one to 10.

Likes: Price, abundant power, neat concept, nice looks, interior roominess, versatility.

Dislikes: A bit of torque steer, fuel economy, and if it's an SS, where's the 5-speed manual transmission?

Greg Zyla is a syndicated automotive columnist.

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The exterior design of the Zephyr incorporates classic elements of Lincoln style — elements that have, over time, become essential to the visual heritage of the brand.

The family resemblance starts at the front, with Lincoln's traditional waterfall grille. Situated between a set of jewel-like, quad projector-beam or optional HID headlamps, the treatment is recognizable as Lincoln.

The Zephyr's side profile features chrome trim at the beltline and on the mirror caps, set off by the wheels. The 17-inch alloy wheels are an important design element, available with a machined appearance or a chromed-aluminum finish. Low-profile tires reinforce the low, purposeful stance of the car.

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the clean, uncluttered lines. Twin chrome tailpipes are set wide apart below thin horizontal reflectors in the lower fascia, similar in placement to the front fog lamps. Together, the flush bumper and chrome-tipped dual exhausts communicate a subtle athleticism.

In the interior, real wood, high-quality leather, and aluminum trim highlight a cabin that continues Lincoln's reputation for interiors that deliver visual and tactile interest using genuine materials. White electroluminescent lighting illuminates the round, chrome-ringed gauges, complementing the interior's white lighting, which uses white LEDs to backlight controls and switches at night.

The instrument panel features a horizontal band of contrasting trim in one of four natural surfaces: Finely ribbed aluminum, finely ribbed aluminum with a dark finish, dark Ebony wood or light Maple.

"The light Maple gives the interior a fresh and exciting look," says Marek Reichman, director of interior design strategy. "The dark Ebony is classic and elegant for a more traditional sense of luxury. The aluminum, with its lightly raised ribbing, is very technical and modern. We were able to establish four completely different ambient settings through



2006 Lincoln Zephyr

use of these materials."

The Zephyr interior blends real wood, supple leather, contrasting chrome- and satin-finished trim and four different ambient settings.

The 2006 Lincoln Zephyr offers more than three feet of rear-passenger legroom. The spacious feel of the cabin was achieved by stretching the width of the base architecture by 30 millimeters and the wheelbase by 55 millimeters.

The Zephyr features a large 15.8-cubic foot trunk with a flat load floor and a low lift-over height. The decklid has compact hinge mechanisms that won't impinge on trunk volume or crush cargo. The rear seats feature standard 60/40-split backs that individually fold flat with a convenient spring assist, giving access to the trunk and affording cavernous storage space.

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The engine is mated to a six-speed automatic transaxle — gradually emerging as the new industry standard for luxury cars. The innovative, wide-ratio transmission plays a key role in Lincoln Zephyr's performance and smooth operation. The overall span of the ratios is approximately 6:1 vs. 4.5:1 for a typical five-speed,

which allows this smaller, more fuel-efficient engine to deliver efficient gas mileage along with a strong performance feel. Another bonus is that the modern six-speed automatic is lighter than some competitors' four- and five-speed transaxes, boosting performance and economy further.

The Zephyr also uses an electronic throttle control that works with the electronically controlled transaxle to ensure seamless shifts.

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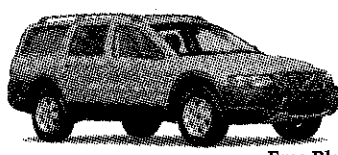


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Shakespeare discussed

By Carrie Cunningham
Special Writer

Another lecture. Another fabulous display of imagination.

On Thursday, March 9, U-M Distinguished English Professor Ralph Williams electrified a sizable throng of Pointers in Grosse Pointe South's Wicking Library for a talk on William Shakespeare's Julius Caesar, Antony and Cleopatra and The Tempest.

The event continued a Friends of the Public Library Classic Books tradition of inviting English professors to speak on major western literature. Lectures were the invention of Pointer Mary Beth Smith who started the program in 2003. Past presentations have included lectures on Percy Shelley, W.B. Yeats and Homer.

Williams' discussion on Shakespeare was enlightening and erudite. A scholar in Medieval and Renaissance Literature, Shakespeare and Literary Theory, he is dramatic and engaging with a commanding voice.

He outlined three themes of the works: power and principle, power and passion and power and revenge for Julius Caesar, Antony and Cleopatra and The Tempest respectively.

Many of the ideas for Shakespeare's plays came from his experience in London as a young adult, Williams said. In the storied city, he was astonished with the corroding use of ambition and revenge. Williams says these three plays exhibit searches for status as well as alternatives of honor, fertile and acceptant femininity and remembering pain and extending forgiveness.

In Julius Caesar, Brutus struggles with thinking of Caesar as tyrannical. He kills Caesar with what Williams says was a principled preemptive strike, but he later becomes divided against himself,

severely, as he tries to reconcile his honor with ending Caesar's life. With Rome dissolving into Civil War after the death of Caesar, Shakespeare elucidates questions about how principle is hard to decipher. He values honor but is aware of how it can be paradoxically disastrous.

Power and passion are displayed in Antony and Cleopatra. Shakespeare limns a dual portrait of a coarse, power-driven Rome and the lush, if decadently beautiful world of Cleopatra's Egypt. Antony has loyalties to Rome but loves Cleopatra, and he and Cleopatra commit suicide when confronted with utter and brutal disdain from the power-obsessed Octavian. Williams says Shakespeare asks which of these two manners of living is more worthy, and seems to suggest that abundant femininity morally overrides ambition.

In the last play, The Tempest, Williams explored the notion

of power and revenge. The story centers on Prospero: his brother, Alonso, usurped his position ruling Milan and Prospero wanted revenge. Yet an alternative reality suffers. Prospero talks to his daughter Miranda about the violence in the family past.

By the end of The Tempest, Prospero and Alonso relinquish their animosity toward each other, and Alonso asks forgiveness for any nefarious thoughts or actions. Shakespeare again asks the question of which is better: revenge or forgiveness. He seems to yearn for the latter as a more favorable course.

Williams poses these Shakespearean questions because they speak about how we live today. Will we be driven by violence, ambition and destructive overreaching for power and revenge or will we submit to more peaceful ideas such as unvarnished honor, fecundity and love and forgiveness?



PHOTO BY CARRIE CUNNINGHAM

Professor Ralph Williams gave a lecture on Shakespeare's Julius Caesar, Antony and Cleopatra and The Tempest on Thursday, March 9 as part of the Friends of the Library's Classic Books lecture series.

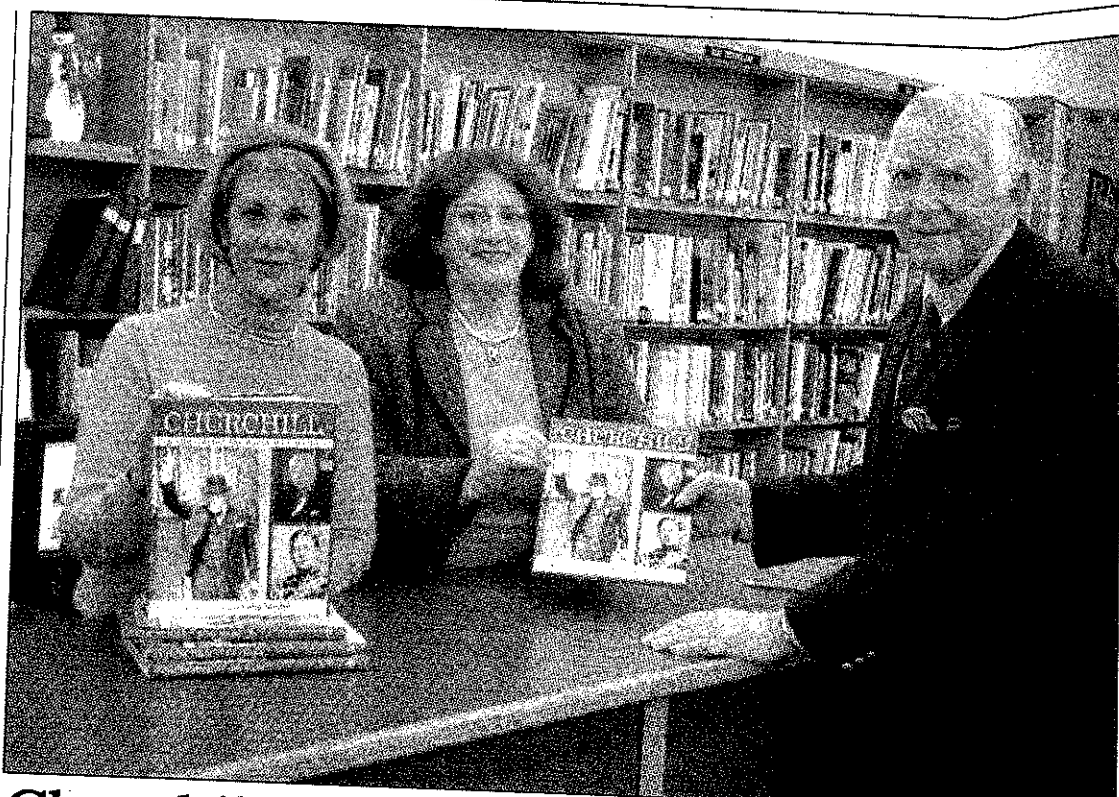


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Churchill's legacy continues

Jim Rauh of Grosse Pointe Farms hands over copies of "Churchill" by Cecilia Sandys, Sir Winston S. Churchill's granddaughter, to Jeannie Brousseau, social studies director for the Grosse Pointe Public Schools System, and Brownell Middle School Librarian Mary Lightbody of Grosse Pointe Park.

Rauh has read hundreds of books on Churchill and arranged for the donations from the Annenberg Foundation. He hopes today's students will be inspired by and learn from Churchill's life as a soldier, author, artist and statesman. The books were given to each branch of the Grosse Pointe Public Library, University Liggett School and all the Grosse Pointe public middle and high schools.

Rauh welcomes calls from other schools and organizations interested in receiving a copy. He can be reached at (313) 884-5565.

Woods library 100-year lease paid off

The Grosse Pointe Public Library has one less bill to pay thanks to Grosse Pointe native Marvin Mezger.

The Grosse Pointe Public Library announced Mezger donated the funds to pay the building lease for the new Woods Library for the next 100 years. At a cost of \$1 per year, the donation totals \$100.

"It was a complete surprise," said Vickey Bloom, library director. "Mr. Mezger's donation

was a creative way to show his appreciation of the lifelong learning he's received from our libraries."

Growing up in Grosse Pointe Park, Mezger, 66, often frequented the old Park and Central branches as a student.

His three daughters followed in their father's footsteps by becoming familiar faces at both the Woods and Central branches.

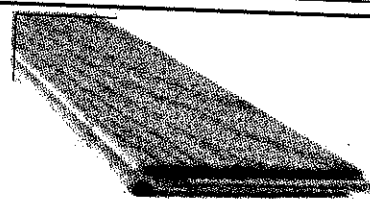
As a resident of Grosse

Pointe Farms, Mezger now uses the services of the new Woods Library to explore his current interests and hobbies.

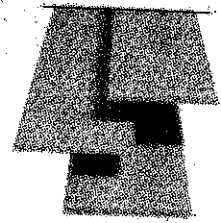
"The Grosse Pointe libraries have always been an important part of my life," said Mezger, a retired

DaimlerChrysler executive. "The gift is just one way to show my gratitude towards an institution that will undoubtedly mean just as much to many more children and adults for the next 100 years."

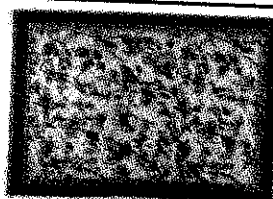
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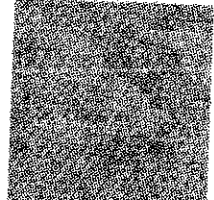
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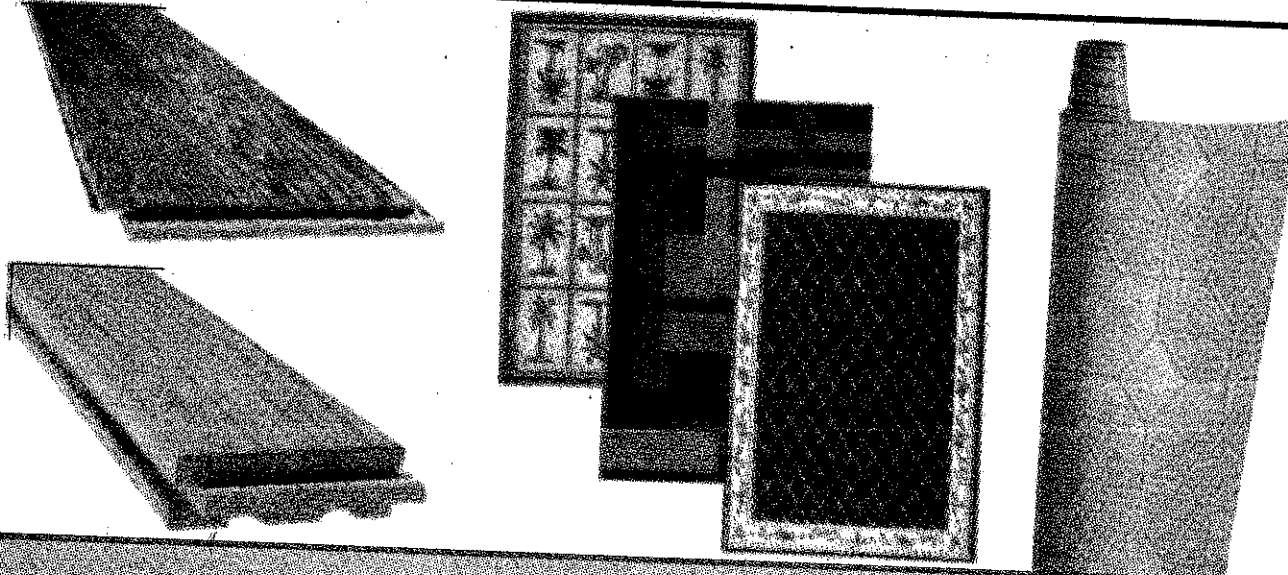
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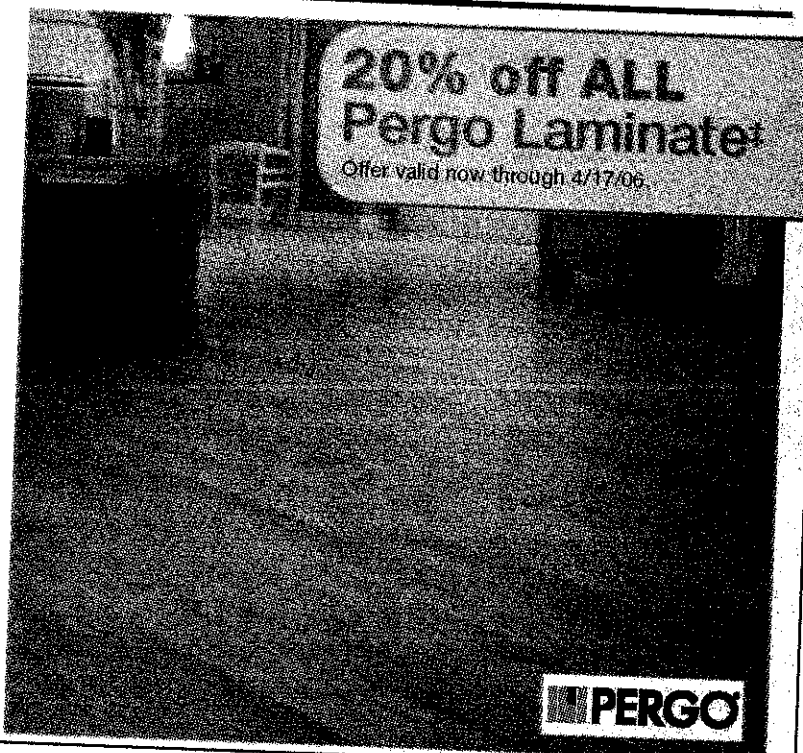
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Ted Everingham, of Grosse Pointe Park, combined his love of sailing with his background in radio from his high school and college days to create a cable show, 'Great Lakes Log,' on WMTV-5.

'Great Lakes Log' on location

By Sandra Svoboda
Special Writer

During his decades-long career on the water, Ted Everingham has navigated sailboats from the Detroit River throughout the Great Lakes and regattas around the country.

But now the Grosse Pointe Park attorney is at the helm of a new nautical project as the host of WMTV-5's "Great Lakes Log," a half-hour program dedicated to people, projects, events and issues of Lake St. Clair, the Detroit River and the Great Lakes.

"It's just kind of my way of sneaking in some publicity about the sport I love," said Everingham, 66.

The program airs at 4:30 a.m. and 1:30 and 10:30 p.m. every day and is sponsored by Fritsch-Kinney Marine Insurance and Inamar.

As the host, Everingham interviews one or more guests about their experiences related to the water. His visitors have included recreational and racing sailors, Coast Guard Auxiliary personnel, students, lighthouse enthusiasts and local yacht club administrators.

This summer he plans to take the show on the nautical equivalent of the road.

"I'm really looking forward to getting this program more and more out of the studio and on the water, or at least near it," he said.

With a background in radio — Everingham spent 10 years on the airwaves during high school, college at Albion and law school at the University of

Michigan — the former Bayview Yacht Club commodore is comfortable as a media personality even if he didn't seek out his new volunteer job.

Last summer the longtime sailor and race administrator was taping an interview about the Bacardi Bayview Mackinac Race at the TV5 studio at the War Memorial when operations manager Kermit Potter asked him about getting involved with a potential new show of interest to boaters.

"We're trying to come up with shows that are related to what's happening in the community. With the water right behind us, we think it's a natural to talk about the different events and things that are happening on the water and around the water," Potter said.

Everingham jumped at the opportunity, and started researching topics and recruiting guests. The first show was taped in early December.

Watching his first few episodes was "painful," Everingham said. But he learned to control his radio-derived habit of talking with his hands.

"It's distracting when you do that on television," he said.

He also changed some of his interviewing techniques. "I found that I was leading into questions in a way that I found distracting," he said.

Now he's getting rave reviews from station personnel and guests for his casual yet inquisitive and professional style.

One of Everingham's recent guests was Elisa Stroh, a vice



PHOTOS BY ROBERT MCKEAN

Participating in the live taping of Ted Everingham's "Great Lakes Log" show are, from left, Lawrence Tech faculty adviser Donald Carpenter and Lawrence Tech students Laura Hallam and Mike Means. The trio was part of a team that built an 18th century style canoe. The team then traveled 480 miles to Pittsburgh in the open canoe.

flotilla commander in the Coast Guard Auxiliary, who admitted to being nervous on the set and in front of the cameras in the studio.

"(Everingham) put me at ease as much as possible," she said. "We did meet for about a half-hour before we taped. That helped. He had done his homework."

With decades of sailing, race organizing and judging experience, some shows require more "homework" than others for the host. But when he decides on a topic, he turns to his long list of contacts.

"I just get on the phone and ask them if they would appear on the program," he said.

Jim Rodgers, a retired marina owner, has been on twice. Once they discussed and promoted the Detroit Regional Yachting Association's winter seminar series, and the other time was spent on Rodgers' passion: antique wooden boats.

Rodgers, thinking of the audience, equated the restoration of the classic vessels to another Detroit passion.

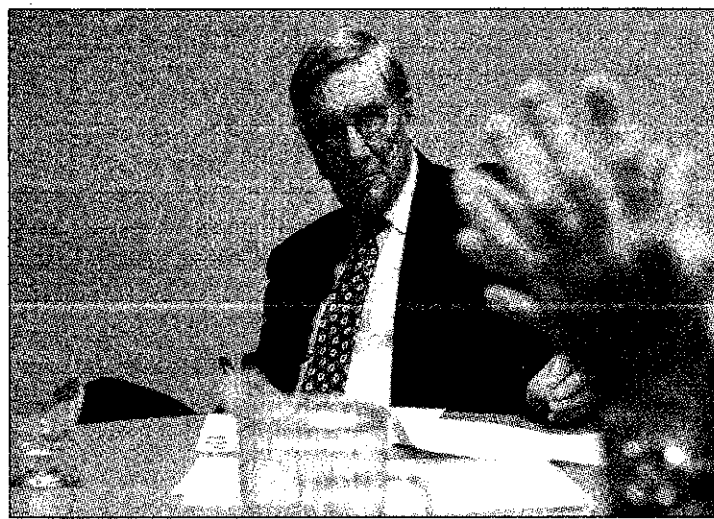
"We started out with: Why is there all of the interest in antique wooden boats?" he said. "It's the same as the interest in cars. These guys who are 55 or 60 years old can finally afford the boat or car they wanted when they were 16."

Potter said the audience feedback about "Great Lakes Log" has been overwhelmingly positive.

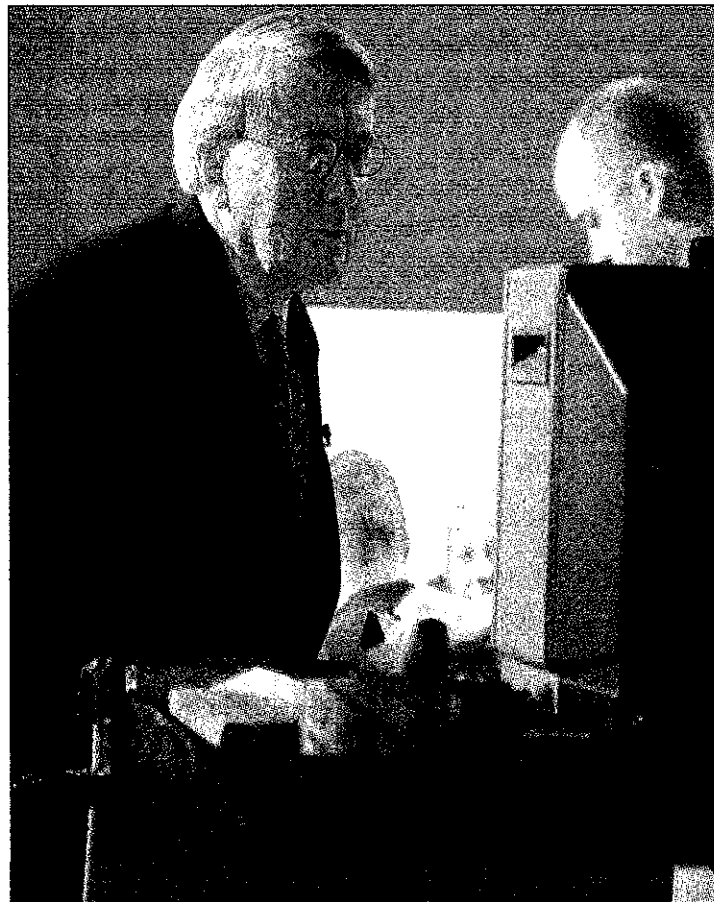
"They say the subject is near and dear to their hearts," he said. "I've gotten several (e-mails) that compliment us."

Everingham's list of future show topics may take viewers on the water — and under it — in a variety of marine sports and activities. His "to do" list of topics includes kayaking, scuba diving, a schooner ride, Tuesday night races at Windmill Pointe Park, the U.S. Coast Guard's role in homeland security on the U.S.-Canada border, local Olympic hopefuls, and harbor improvements.

"I intend to do this as long as they'll have me," he said.



Ted Everingham interviews his guest prior to the live taping, taking notes so he can get a good feel for the questions he will ask during the live taping. This process also gives his guest a good sense of what he'll ask them.



Upon entering the set, Ted Everingham checks the offstage monitor prior to the taping of the show.

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"This seminar gives both beginning and experienced researchers the chance to explore our extensive resources with assistance from library and state archives staff," said Randy Riley, special collections manager at the Library of Michigan. "We want to help people identify worthwhile sites and familiarize them with nationally recognized resources."

Participants will choose one class from each of three time slots.

Programs offered from 1 to 2 p.m.:

"HeritageQuest:" Learn how to put this online database which includes digitized census records, local and family histories, and the Periodical Source Index to full use.

"Vital Records Research on the Internet:" As vital records and indexes become widely available online, this program discusses examples from across the country and search strategies for using these sites.

"Online Research at the State Archives:" Explore Web-based

resources at the State Archives of Michigan, particularly new military resources and photographic images.

Programs offered from 2:15 to 3:15 p.m.:

"Michigan Genealogy Research on the Internet:" The latest resources and research strategies for Michigan family-history researchers interested in more effectively using the Internet are discussed.

"New England Historic Genealogical Society Databases:" Find out about the varied resources and learn optimum search strategies for this subscription database used to locate New England-area ancestors.

Programs offered from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m.:

"Ancestry Library Edition:" Develop basic research strategies to more efficiently and effectively use Ancestry Library Edition, a widely recognized genealogy database.

"New York Passenger Arrivals:" See examples of and learn strategies for searching New York passenger lists from 1830 to 1924 using the Castle Garden and Ellis Island databases.

Seating is limited, registration is recommended.

For more information, call (517) 373-1300.



Women of Wayne

Women of Wayne, Grosse Pointe chapter, recently celebrated spring as area women gathered at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial for luncheon and a fashion show featuring the fashions of Coldwater Creek located in Rochester Hills. Board members of the chapter standing from left, Marti Miller, Jean Wright, Theresa Lorio, Arliss Zink, Rose Hauck, Georgianna Imbriaco. Seated are Jane McGraw; Laura Kystad, president; and Joan Wright. Not pictured is Santana Miller.

United Way conducts tri-county survey

United Way for Southeastern Michigan is conducting a Community Action Survey via telephone or the Internet from Friday, March 24, through Friday, April 7.

Residents of Macomb, Oakland and Wayne counties are being asked to share what social issues they feel need addressing and suggest ways the group can improve.

Michael J. Brennan, president and CEO, United Way for Southeastern Michigan, said the community outreach effort is aimed at identifying the most pressing human service issues

across metro Detroit, resulting in a region-wide plan to effectively make progress on those key issues.

"Our goal is to involve local residents in the process of addressing both short and long-term issues that affect our children, families, neighborhoods and health, resulting in a com-

munity action plan," said Brennan. "We need to hear from all sectors of our region and work together to achieve regional success. We're urging everyone to participate in the survey, so we can capture the top concerns, as well as aspirations, from the diverse populations that make up southeast

Michigan." United Way for Southeastern Michigan is in the first of a three-phase process that, over the next two years, will step up regional efforts to address core needs.

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McKees celebrate 60th anniversary

Martin and Edna McKee, of Grosse Pointe Woods, celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary with dinner at the Island Prime Restaurant in San Diego. They were joined by their children, Judy Pentecost of Grosse Pointe Park; sons, David (Susan) and Mark (Sandra) McKee of San Diego; and four of their seven grandchildren.

The couple were married March 30, 1946, in the First Presbyterian Church of Springfield, Ill., after Martin's return from active duty with the 306th Army Air Corps Squadron during WWII.

Shortly after moving to Michigan, Martin started a suc-

cessful contracting business in Eastpointe. He retired in 1986.

Edna enjoyed a successful career as a middle school librarian in both the Detroit and Grosse Pointe school systems. She balanced her career with the demands of motherhood as well as earning a master's degree from Wayne State University. She retired from Pierce Middle School in 1988.

Martin and Edna continue to enjoy an active social life as members of the Grosse Pointe Memorial Church, Detroit Yacht Club, Lochmoor Club and the American Legion.

The couple have been blessed with five great-grandchildren.



Martin and Edna McKee

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Pointer assigned to USS Peleliu

Navy Petty Officer 1st Class Thomas W. Leiter, son of Barbara J. and Werner A. Leiter of Grosse Pointe Farms and 1980 graduate of Grosse Pointe South High School, departed on a scheduled deployment in support of the Global War on Terrorism while assigned to the amphibious assault ship USS Peleliu, homeported in San Diego.

Prior to deploying, Leiter and more than 6,000 fellow shipmates of Expeditionary Strike Group (ESG) 3 successfully completed a composite training unit exercise. Also completed was a joint task force exercise; the final step in preparing the strike group for deployment. The exercise is designed to test the unit's ability to operate in a complex, hostile environment with other U.S. and coalition forces.

ESG 3 will conduct maritime security operations (MSO) during its deployment to the Persian Gulf. MSO sets the conditions for security and stability in the maritime environment, and supports the counter-terrorism and security efforts of regional nations.

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Amphibious assault ships such as the USS Peleliu deploy throughout the world to maintain U.S. presence and provide rapid response in times of crisis. They serve as a highly visible deterrent to would-be aggressors, and are equipped with the most versatile and powerful weapons available.

WOMEN LEADERS HONORED: Two dynamic unsung heroes in the Grosse Pointes were among the honorees at the Wayne County Board of Commissioner's Women's History Month ceremony.

Commissioner Chris Cavanagh gave a testimonial resolution to Suzanne Klein, superintendent of the Grosse Pointe Public School System, for maintaining excellence in education.

In addition, Sharon Maier, the executive director of Services for Older Citizens (SOC), was cited for helping senior citizens maintain their independence.

Both women were honored during the commission's full board meeting and their resolutions will become a part of the county's history.

ANIMAL LOVERS HONORED: Local two-legged and four-legged heroes will be celebrated at the 17th annual Bow Wow Champagne Brunch beginning at 11:30 a.m. Sunday, April 23, at the Ritz-Carlton, Dearborn, 300 Town Center Drive.

The event, which benefits the Michigan Humane Society, honors people who have done heroic deeds for animals, including accounts of those who helped rescue animals affected by Hurricanes Katrina and Rita.

WDIV-TV Local 4 Good Health Reporter, Kim Adams, will serve as mistress of ceremonies for the event which begins with a silent auction reception followed by a gourmet brunch and a live auction featuring items for animals and people.

Ticket prices start at \$200 and seating is limited. Valet parking is included. Call (866) 648-6263, Monday through Friday, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., or purchase tickets online at www.michiganhumane.org.

Corporate or individual sponsorship opportunities are also available in support of this event.

KARMANOS GOLF OUTING: The Gianni Ferrarotti Lung Cancer Foundation will host its Second Annual Golf Outing to benefit the Barbara Ann Karmanos Cancer Institute, at 11 a.m., Saturday, May 6, at the Coyote Golf Club, 28700 Milford, New Hudson.

Registration and lunch begin at 11 a.m., shotgun start begins at 1 p.m. followed by dinner and a silent auction at 5:30 p.m. Tickets are \$125 per person which include lunch, 18 holes of golf and dinner. Tickets for dinner and the silent auction are \$50 per person.

The first hole in one will receive a vintage Rolex watch, courtesy of Hour Detroit magazine.

Rosanne Ferrarotti and her daughter Gianna, along with help from Linda Deakins and Diane Malenfant, established the Gianni Ferrarotti Lung Cancer Foundation in 2004, after losing Gianni Ferrarotti to lung cancer. The aim of the foundation is to raise awareness of the disease and support those affected by lung cancer.

Last year, nearly 150 golfers raised more than \$20,000 for the institute.

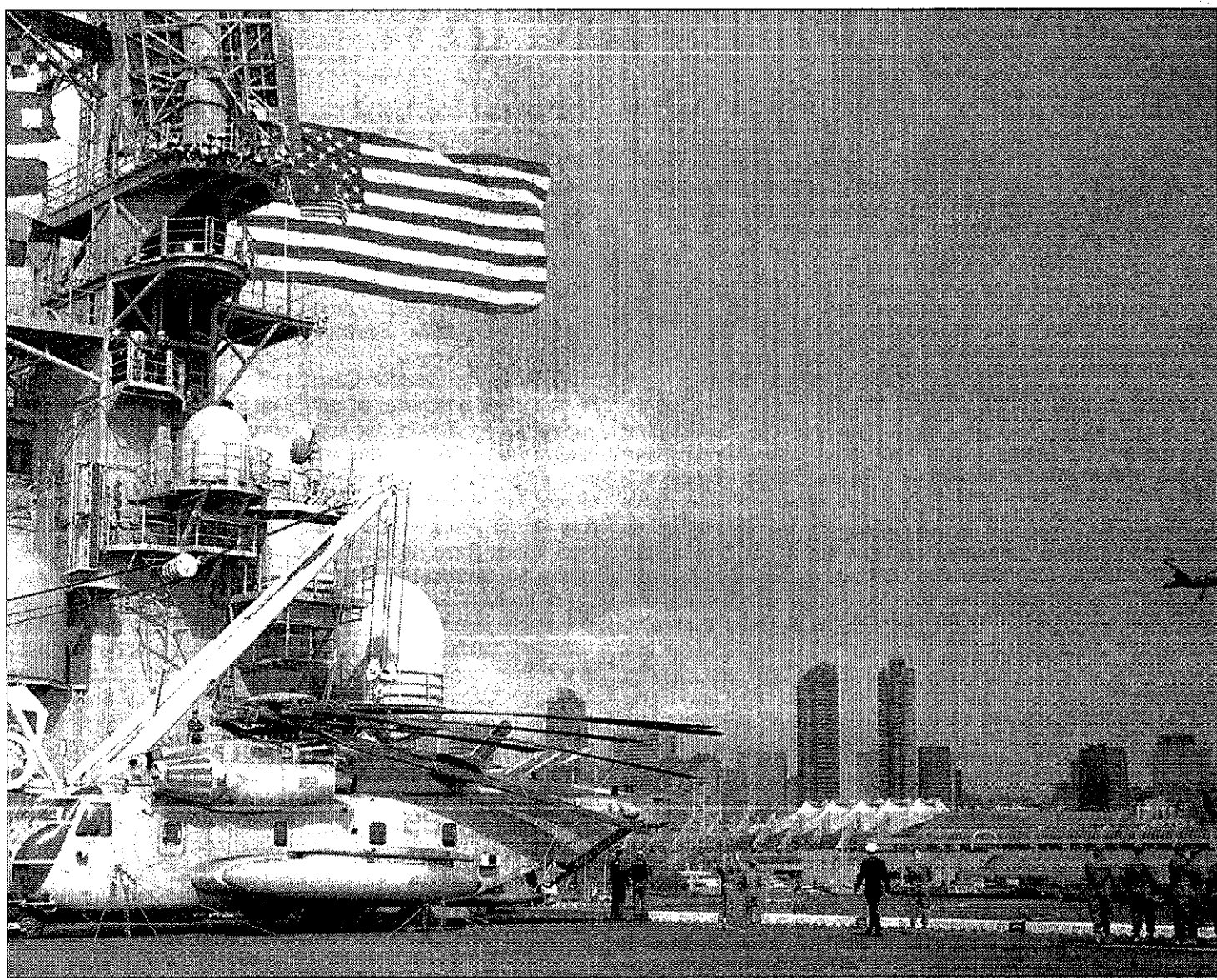


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An MH-60S Seahawk helicopter assigned to Helicopter Sea Combat Squadron Two One (HSC-21) flies around the amphibious assault ship USS Peleliu (LHA 5), as the ship gets underway from San Diego harbor. Peleliu deployed in support of global war on terrorism.

PRIDE OF THE POINTES

Army Pvt. Shawn M. Hunter has graduated from basic combat training at Fort Jackson, Columbia, S.C. He is the son of Dana and Kim Hunter of Grosse Pointe Farms. Hunter is a 2004 graduate of Grosse Pointe North High School.

Margaret Zeller of Grosse Pointe Farms and Kathryn Veyser of Grosse Pointe Woods were named to the dean's list for the 2005 fall semester at Valparaiso University. To be eligible for the dean's list, students must achieve at least a 3.50 grade point average on a 4.0 scale and be enrolled as a full-time student.

R.J. Scherer has been named to the dean's list for the 2005 fall quarter at the University of Las Vegas. He is the son of Jim and Kathy Scherer of Grosse Pointe Woods and a graduate of Grosse Pointe North High School.

Vidya Thirumoorthi of

Grosse Pointe and Kristen Jennifer Snell and Jesse J. Syring of Harper Woods were named to the dean's list for the 2005 fall semester at Schoolcraft College.

Marc Kaplan of Grosse Pointe Farms and Travis Broad of Grosse Pointe Shores earned Master of Science degrees in engineering from Horace H. Rackham School of Graduate Studies at the University of Michigan.

The following Grosse Pointes earned Bachelor of Arts degrees from the College of Literature, Science and the Arts at the University of Michigan:

Matthew Hollerbach, Mara Burns, Katherine Carr, Robert Grignon, Kristen DeNardis, William Kraus, Meredith Hudson, Allison Kade and Sharon Thomas.

Katherine Cwiek and Alison Rauss of Grosse Pointe earned Bachelor of Science degrees from the College of

Literature, Science and the Arts at the University of Michigan.

Stephanie LaGrasso of Grosse Pointe Shores earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in education from the School of Education at the University of Michigan.

Dr. Hania Terenka Danko received her chiropractic degree during Feb. 24 commencement exercises at Palmer College of Chiropractic in Davenport, Iowa. Dr. Danko is the daughter of Jack and Danusia Danko of Grosse Pointe Park. Dr. Danko will be establishing a clinic in Philadelphia early this summer.

Allison Livermore has been named to the dean's list in the Indiana University College of Arts and Sciences for the fall semester of 2005.

Ryan P. McKenzie and Lindsey E. Scopel earned Bachelor of Science degrees from Grand Valley State University in December.

The following Grosse Pointes were named to the dean's list for the fall term at the University of Detroit Mercy:

Douglas A. Biske, Stephen C. Coleman, Justin Direzze, Mark K. Fazi, Ryan P. Haas, Andrew C. Kitchel, Andrew G. Loosvelt, Gillian V. Rabbitt, Robert J. Scarfone Jr., Hari N. Vikraman, Peter G. Wendzinski, Vincent C. Gilewski, Ryan A. Bendzinski, Elise M. Nagel, Lawrence D. Sledz, Raymonia L. Dale and Rolland S. Vorriede. Dean's list recognition is granted to those students who achieve 3.25 grade point average in a particular term.



Wayne County Commissioner Chris Cavanagh presents Grosse Pointe Public School System Superintendent Suzanne Klein with a resolution honoring her during Women in History Month. Also recognized was Sharon Maier, executive director of Services for Older Citizens.

Correction

In last week's Entertainment item, "G.P. Chamber Music to Hold Concert," the first name given for soprano Dorothy Ignasiak was incorrect.

Corrections may be called into the newsroom at (313) 882-0294 or e-mailed to editor@grossepointenews.com

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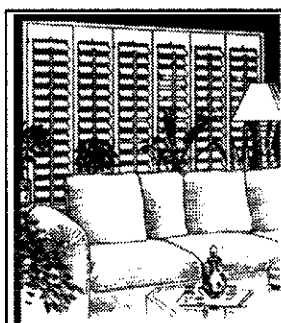
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Sharing practice of healing via divine law

Martha Moffett who has devoted her career to solving problems through the application of law, both human and divine law, will speak at 3 p.m. Sunday, March 26. "What is Christian Science and How Does it Heal?" is the title of her free lecture, which will be held at the Sixth Church of Christ, Scientist, 14710 Kercheval Ave., Detroit.

After receiving an undergraduate degree from Smith College and a law degree from Boston University, she became a trial lawyer with the U. S. Department of Justice in Washington, D.C. There she worked in the antitrust division and was part of a government team that prosecuted antitrust violations in federal court. She also served as a Special Assistant United States Attorney in Alexandria, Va., prosecuting federal crimes from indictment through jury trial and sentencing. After three

years, she went into the private practice at a firm in Washington, D.C., where Moffett specialized in complex securities litigation and white-collar crime.

While her husband was assigned to the Middle East for three years for the Christian Science Monitor, Moffett was the Jerusalem staff attorney for the New York-based Lawyers Committee for Human Rights. In this capacity she visited Palestinian prisons and refugee camps and met with Israeli officials to address human rights concerns. She also worked in an Israeli law firm in the area of international law.

During this time, Moffett was developing a deeper interest in another kind of law — the law of God that Christ Jesus applied with such consistent healing results. Through studying the Bible and Mary Baker Eddy's book "Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures,"

Moffett's understanding of this divine law increased until in 1994 she left her law practice to devote full time to the public practice of Christian Science healing.

A number of the healings she has had through the application of God's law have been shared on the Christian Science Sentinel Radio program.

While in the Middle East, Moffett took advantage of opportunities to literally dig into biblical history. She participated in an archeological dig at the biblical site of Bethsaida, a city that Christ Jesus visited and from which three of his disciples came. And she took courses in biblical archeology in Jerusalem.

Moffett and her husband live in a college community where she enjoys interacting with students and participating in her local church.

For more information, call the church at (313) 822-3837.

PASTOR'S CORNER

By Kent Coomer

Forgiveness for stresses

A few years ago, I ordered a free update for a Bible software program that I was using at that time.

I was very surprised to listen to a telephone message left for me the next day from a worker at the Bible software company. Not only had the software update I had counted on receiving that day not been sent, but the voice of this man was impatient and condescending. He said it was apparent that I had never paid for the original software, and so I wasn't entitled to a free update.

The tone in his voice made me angry and I felt myself reacting accordingly. I called him back and gave him the documentation that provided I had, indeed, paid for the original software and was thus entitled to the free update. But my tone toward him was angry and condescending. I fully expected him to apologize to me. But, instead, the conversation degenerated from there. I demanded a refund of the special delivery charge. He countered that my request for a refund would have to be channeled up to his boss, which would mean a delay on the whole order of up to a week. Furious, I hung up.

And then I thought, wait a minute!

Wasn't I requesting this software update for the very purpose of bringing my thought and life more into alignment with the teachings of Christ Jesus? And isn't one of the fundamental teachings of the Master that we love and forgive even our enemies? Far from being an enemy, this man was a fellow Christian who obviously loves God's Word just

as I do, or he wouldn't be selling Bible software.

I felt truly ashamed of my behavior. Truly repentant. The Greek word for "repentance" literally means "to change one's mind."

And Paul says: "Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus." Philippians 2:5.

Jesus taught in the Lord's Prayer and elsewhere in the Gospels that our sins are forgiven to the extent that we forgive the sins of others. It's an exact equation, repeated again and again in the teachings of the Master. Rather than forgiving this man's anger and pouring in the Christ-like love that would have redeemed the situation in that first phone call, my tone had provoked him even further.

I picked up the phone immediately and called to apologize. No one answered the phone, so I left a message and my voice was full of love and good will that I felt.

I said there would be no need for a refund and that I would be grateful to receive the software update whenever it arrived.

As I prayed earnestly that weekend, I saw that, in a certain way, we both had been abused by the belief that man is a mortal who can separate himself from God, who can think and act in ways that are contrary to God's law.

Jeremiah, the Old Testament prophet, prophesied a new covenant (Jeremiah 31:31-34). The old covenant said that if the children of Israel obeyed God's law, He would be to them a God, and they would be to Him a people; their lives would be prosperous and happy. But if they didn't obey

God's law, unhappy consequences would result.

In the new covenant prophesied by Jeremiah, people wouldn't have a choice anymore about whether to be obedient to God, because His law would already be written in their hearts and minds. It would be the very essence of their being. They would be pre-programmed, you could say, as the sons and daughters of God, to fully express His nature. This new covenant, or testament, Bible scholars say, was fulfilled in the New Testament with the coming of Christ Jesus.

What a healing thought that is, that each one of God's children (which is everyone in the world) has actually been pre-programmed to express His nature. This truth brought a great sense of freedom and joy and I knew that the situation with the Bible software company would be harmoniously resolved.

On Monday morning, the man from the Bible software company called. He said he had spoken to his boss, and the two of them deeply apologized for the misunderstanding. His voice was completely different. It was full of love and joy.

He said that not only would they overnight the software update to me free of charge, but they also wanted to make a gift to me of two free Bible software packages that I could then give to whomever I chose.

The Bible says that God's Word comes with power and authority. What a great privilege we have to bring that healing Word to bear on our human circumstances, to bring healing and comfort to all.

Kent Coomer is with the Church of Christ, Scientist.

Coming events

Christ Church Grosse Pointe's Purple Perspective Lenten Lecture Series continues at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, March 28, and continues each Tuesday in Lent.

The season's theme of reconciliation will be explored by various speakers.

The Rev. Dr. Daniel P. Matthews, rector emeritus of Trinity Wall Street, acclaimed for his creative leadership of Wall Street's landmark parish with its large global and urban ministry, will be the speaker.

An eyewitness to 9/11, Matthews is an Episcopal Church leader, and a secular and spiritual bridge-builder.

The lecture is free and open to the public.

The evening begins with a 5:45 p.m. prayer, a soup and salad supper at 6 p.m. and the Purple Perspective lecture from 6:30 to 8 p.m.

Supper and on-site child

care reservations may be made by calling (313) 885-4841, ext. 114.

The church is located at 61 Grosse Pointe Blvd., Grosse Pointe Farms.

◆ The Stewardship of the Household is the topic of the Lay Theological Academy's Friday, March 24, and Saturday, March 25, seminar.

If you wonder "What is Sabbath economics? How do I use my assets for the benefit of the common good? How do I make economic changes in my life? How can I think differently about my household economics?" then this is the event for you.

This is a repeat collaboration between LTA and the Whitaker School of Theology.

Ched Myers, a "theological animator," travels widely in an evangelistic ministry teaching biblical literacy and social analysis; resources groups

working for peace, social justice, church renewal and radical discipleship; and writes on issues of theology and social justice.

He is the co-founder and program director of Bartimaeus Cooperative Ministries, currently focusing on "Sabbath Economics" and a seven-fold household covenant as a concrete way to challenge disciples to "recovery" related to four lifestyle issues and three money issues.

The seminar will be from 6 to 9 p.m. on Friday, March 24, and from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday, March 25, at St. John's Episcopal Church, 26998 Woodward Ave., Royal Oak. The cost is \$35 for both days and bring a sack lunch Saturday; group rates are \$30; for Friday only the cost is \$20; and student \$10.

Call (248) 886-4301, for more information.

Farewell to the Grosse Pointe Memorial administrator

George Stultz, the Grosse Pointe Memorial administrator, will retire on his birthday, May 9.

For the past 17 years, Stultz has been using his business, financial and management skills for the betterment of the

church.

The church membership is offering two ways to bid him farewell.

At 6 p.m. Saturday, May 6, a Festive Farewell Celebration will take place at the Country Club of Detroit.

In appreciation of his work for the church, a departing gift will be presented.

Both the gift check and reservations for the celebration must be in by May 1.

Call the church at (313) 882-5330 for more information.

WORSHIP SERVICE

<p>Grosse Pointe Unitarian Church</p> <p>March 26 Guest Speaker: Mr. David Abramson "The Importance of Family" Service at 10:30 a.m. 17150 MAUMEE 881-0420</p>	<p>St. James Lutheran Church 170 McMillan Rd Grosse Pointe Farms</p> <p>Sundays 9:00 a.m. Education time for all ages 9:45 a.m. Refreshments & fellowship 10:15 a.m. Holy Eucharist Nursery available</p> <p>Wednesdays Noon: Holy Eucharist</p> <p>Phone: 884-0511 Visit our website: www.stjamesgp.org</p>	<p>Bethel Baptist Church</p> <p>24600 Little Mack Ave., St. Clair Shores (588) 772-2520 Ministering to Detroit's eastside since 1864 Sunday Worship 10:45 a.m., 6 p.m. Sunday School 9:30 a.m. Wednesday AWANA Clubs 6:30 p.m. and adult Bible Study 7 p.m. Dr. J. Robert Cosand, Pastor Scott Beaman, Youth Pastor www.bethelbaptistco.org</p>	<p>Grosse Pointe UNITED METHODIST CHURCH</p> <p>A Friendly Church for All Ages 211 Moross Rd. Grosse Pointe Farms 886-2363</p> <p>9:30 a.m. Worship 10:45 a.m. Sunday School 11:15 a.m. - Worship/Chapel</p> <p>LOGOS Congregation</p> <p>Rev. Robert D. Wright-Pastor Rev. Pamela Beedle-Gea-Associate Pastor</p>
<p>GROSSE POINTE CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH</p> <p>Rev. Ed Bray, Pastor www.gpccong.org</p> <p>10:00 a.m. FAMILY WORSHIP (crib room available) 10:00 a.m. Church School AFFILIATED WITH THE UCC AND ABC 240 CHALFONTE AT LOTHROP 884-3075</p>	<p>First English Ev. Lutheran Church Vernier Rd. at Wedgewood Dr. Grosse Pointe Woods 884-5040</p> <p>8:15 a.m. Traditional Service 9:30 a.m. Contemporary Service 11:00 a.m. Traditional Service 9:30 a.m. Sunday School Dr. Walter A. Schmidt, Pastor Rev. Gerald Elsholtz, Assoc. Pastor Robert Foster, Music Coordinator www.feelc.org</p>	<p>GRACE UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST 1175 Lakepointe at Kercheval Grosse Pointe Park 822-3823</p> <p>Sunday - Worship 10:30 a.m. Tuesday - Thrift Shop 10:30 - 3:30</p> <p>Wednesday - Amazing Grace Seniors every second Wednesday at The Tompkins Center at Windmill Pointe Park 11:00 - 3:00</p> <p>COME JOIN US Pastor: Marguerite (Margo) Allen</p>	<p>Christ the King Lutheran Church Mack at Lochmoor 884-5090</p> <p>8:15 & 10:45 a.m. - Worship Service 9:30 a.m. - Sunday School & Bible Classes Supervised Nursery Provided</p> <p>Randy S. Boelter, Pastor Timothy A. Holzerland, Assoc. Pastor</p>
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Headphones, hearing loss

By Katie Gazella

A University of Michigan audiologist warns that listening to iPods and other MP3 players with the volume turned up too high can cause lasting damage and irreversible hearing loss.

Listeners should avoid turning up the volume so high they can't hear surrounding conversations or so others can hear the music from the listener's headphones or earbuds, says Paul R. Kileny, Ph.D., director of audiology in the U-M department of otolaryngology.

"These portable devices are not inherently harmful to hearing because of the way they are coupled to the ear, but there are certainly safe levels at which one can listen to them," says Kileny. "My recommendation is to listen at such a level that one can still hear conversation and other people in their environment do not accuse them of shouting when they attempt to converse."

The effects of listening to music turned up too loudly can be permanent. Kileny says he and other doctors in his field are seeing an increase of young people with noise-in-

duced hearing loss.

"As you pass some of these young people, you can actually hear the music radiating from under those little headphones," says Kileny, also a professor in the Department of Pediatrics and Communicable Diseases and a member of the Geriatrics Center. "That is a sure sign that the individual listening to that music is listening at a level that is too loud, and, therefore, in the long run is risky to the status of their hearing."

Kileny and other audiologists recommend sound controls built in the devices would encourage people to keep the volume at reasonable levels. Controls could help reduce the number of people with early sound-induced hearing loss.

"With these personal audio players, there are no built-in electronic safety cut-offs or safety devices that preclude listening at a dangerous level or that at least inform the wearer that he or she has reached a level which might be risky to hearing," says Kileny. "It's very simple technology that could be built into these devices."

In addition to hearing loss, listening to music too loudly can lead to tinnitus, a ringing, whistling or clicking sound in

the ears. The American Tinnitus Association estimates that up to 90 percent of all tinnitus patients have some level of noise-induced hearing loss.

"Any kind of sound — whether it's pleasant, such as music, or unpleasant, such as noise — can cause hearing loss at excessive levels," says Kileny. "The way this happens is that the excessive sound level or noise level will act upon the sensitive receptor cells inside the inner ear — the so-called hair cells. Due to excessive, if you will, exercise that those hair cells undergo under these conditions, damage will occur."

"That damage might be temporary, after a brief exposure, and then if you rest your ear for a certain amount of time, much of the hearing loss caused by this damage might resolve itself," he says. "But then, as you add more and more episodes of this kind of exposure, ultimately the damage is going to be permanent."

Years ago, U-M conducted research on hearing loss related to the Walkman and similar personal stereos. They found hearing loss in young people, but not at the levels they are seeing with modern devices.

Facts about noise-induced hearing loss

◆ More than 30 million Americans are exposed to hazardous sound levels on a regular basis, according to the National Institute on Deafness and Other Communication Disorders.

◆ Noises above 85 decibels are considered hazardous. MP3 players can go to 100 decibels. Some of the decibel levels of other common sounds include: firearms, 140-170; rock concert, 110-120; some children's toys, up to 110; snowmobile, 100; motorcycles and lawnmowers, 90, according to the American Academy of Family Physicians.

◆ Early signs of noise-induced hearing loss include: Having trouble understanding what people say, especially in crowded rooms; needing to turn the television sound higher; having to ask people to repeat what they said and the inability to hear high-pitched sounds, like a baby crying or a telephone ringing in another room, according to the AAFP.

"The current devices are in constant use hours and hours every day, so I am concerned we are going to have even earlier occurrences of sound-induced hearing loss," says Kileny.

POINTES OF LIGHT By Betsy Schulte

Barbra Held

If you concentrate on finding whatever is good in every situation, you will discover that your life will suddenly be filled with gratitude, a feeling that nurtures the soul.

BARBARA HELD,

Home: Longtime resident of Grosse Pointe Farms, grew up in Detroit.

Family: Husband Ted, whom Barbra describes as a real treasure, two children, a son, Daren, 39, and a daughter Misty, 38, who is developmentally disabled.

Daughter Misty has been developmentally disabled since birth. "Having Misty for a daughter is a real joy, no matter how bad things seem to get, Misty has a way of keeping us smiling all the time."

Misty spends a few days a week at a local day care center for the disabled, which she enjoys. She also has girl's day out with her mom, her favorite day of the week.

"I was caring for my mom for a long time and woke up everyday knowing that we would spend the day together," Held said. "After she passed away, I knew I would need to get busy helping someone else. I feel my best when I'm helping others; so when I saw an article about volunteering at Services for Older Citizens (SOC), I knew I needed to get started."

Barbra has been spending time with a local 94-year-old senior resident, Mary, for the past year. Mary and Barbra have become quick friends and spend two days a week together. Barbra also has had Mary to her home for the holidays, and she stayed with her to help her



Barbra Held

recover from recent cataract surgery. The relationship started as friends but has quickly become more like family.

Nina Mondalek, social worker at Services for Older Citizens (SOC) explained that the change in Mary has been remarkable.

"Mary has someone else in her life that has given her a reason to wake up every day. Mary often buys gifts for Misty and enjoys being with her at each visit," Nina said. "The bottom line is people's greatest need is for the assurance of love, which is what Barbra is giving to Mary."

Barbra's hero is her mother. "She always did special things for people while I was growing up, setting a great example for me," she said.

As the quote above explained, Barbra finds the good in every situation and seems to be filled with gratitude to volunteer her time in the community. We are proud to honor Barbra Held as this month's Pointes of Light volunteer.

To nominate a volunteer, contact Betsy Schulte, director of volunteer services for Services for Older Citizens, at (313) 882-9600 or by e-mail at betsytschulte@hotmail.com.

Inhalant abuse starts early

If children are asked, "Would you drink a glass of gasoline?" they would say, "No." What they don't know is that intentionally smelling it is the same as drinking it, if not worse.

Equating poison with inhalants and explaining accidental versus intentional inhaling is an effective way for parents to teach the dangers of inhalants to their children advises Harvey Weiss, executive director of the National Inhalant Prevention Coalition (NIPC).

Inhalants are referred to as a "gateway drug" because they are often the first drugs that younger children use, Weiss said. Inhalants are breathable chemical vapors that are intentionally inhaled for mood-altering effects. Younger children often use inhalants rather than other drugs because inhalants are cheap and easily available. Inhalants can include hundreds of products with legitimate uses — household cleaners, spray paint, glue, correction fluid, cosmetics and gases.

Parents don't think of these products as dangerous substances, because they are found under the kitchen sink, in the garage or on the office

supply or drug store shelf.

Though use of inhalants, often called "huffing," is prominent among junior high students, many parents assume their child isn't participating and do not provide essential prevention information early enough — and sometimes not at all.

"Inhalant use peaks by seventh- and eighth-grade, and kids don't just start it then, so it's never too early to speak to your child about this," Weiss said.

According to the 2005 Monitoring the Future survey that measures drug, alcohol and cigarette use by eighth-, 10th- and 12th-graders, illicit drug use among adolescents has declined since 2001. However, the survey reports inhalant use by eighth-graders has increased since 2002, with 15.2 percent of eighth-graders reporting use in 2002 and 17.1 percent in 2005.

Also of concern is the percentage of eighth- and 10th-graders that perceive inhalant use as dangerous has declined steadily for the past five years. Since the early '90s, girls are using inhalants more than

boys, the study states.

The need for prevention at an early age is the reason Weiss and his organization launch National Inhalants & Poisons Awareness Week in March of each year.

"Parents don't know that inhalants are cheap, legal and accessible products and are as popular among middle-school students as marijuana," said Weiss. "Even fewer know the deadly effects the poisons in these products have on the brain and body. Every child is vulnerable to making a choice that will have unintended consequences. The inhalant user can die the first, fifth or 50th time they huff."

Inhaling can cause what is known as sudden sniffing death in an otherwise healthy child. Because most inhalants are extremely toxic, inhaling can cause long-lasting damage to the brain and nervous system, heart, liver, lungs and kidneys as well as affect cognition, movement, vision and hearing.

Parents should look for changes in behavior and appearance in their children, Weiss said. Behavior changes might include a drunk or dis-

oriented appearance, slurred speech, lack of coordination, irritability, poor concentration, secretiveness, nausea or loss of appetite and depression. Changes in appearance might include chemical odors on the child's breath or clothing; paint or other stains on the face, hands, or clothing; and the presence of chemical-soaked rags or hidden empty spray paint or solvent containers.

Weiss suggests parents deliver inhalant prevention information when they talk to their kids about poison prevention.

"The way we approach it is to draw a parallel between inhalants and poisons and explain the difference between accidental and intentional misuse," he said. "If you're not supposed to eat it, don't; if you're not supposed to drink it, don't; and if you're not supposed to smell it, don't."

For more information about inhalants, contact NIPC at (800) 269-4237 or visit www.inhalants.org. The National Institute on Drug Abuse offers fact sheets, research reports and bulletins about inhalant abuse and prevention at www.drugabuse.gov.

Professors of Jazz at MSU at The Max

The Detroit Symphony Orchestra (DSO) presents Professors of Jazz at MSU (Michigan State University) with Ingrid Jensen in its "Jazz Club at The Max" series at 8 and 10 p.m. Friday, March 24, at the Music Box at the Max M. Fisher Music Center, 3711 Woodward Ave., Detroit.

Jazz trumpeter Ingrid Jensen performs her distinctive playing style of soft ballads and rapid-fire bop lines.

The Professors of Jazz at MSU is a hard swinging group performing music from the jazz canon including Duke Ellington, Miles Davis, Thelonious Monk and original

compositions.

The members have performed at national and international venues and clubs, and locally to support Michigan jazz presenters and educators.

The group also offers concerts for young people, master classes, recruitment workshops and lecture demonstrations, all designed to help nurture new talent and enhance jazz awareness. The group is led by bassist Rodney Whitaker, director of jazz studies at MSU and music director of the Detroit Symphony Civic Jazz Ensembles.

Whitaker is joined by

Derrick Gardner, trumpet; Vincent Gardner, trombone; Randy Gelspie, drum; Diego Rivera, saxophone; and Rick Roe, piano. In addition to being MSU jazz professors, each member is a renowned performing and recording artist.

The "Jazz Club at The Max" series is sponsored by Bank One, a JPMorgan Chase company; and is made possible by a gift from the John S. and James L. Knight Foundation.

For more information, call (313) 576-5111.

Piano recital at Star

Our Lady Star of the Sea Church will host a piano recital with guest artist Deborah Moriarty at 7 p.m. Friday, March 31, at the church, 467 Fairford, Grosse Pointe Woods.

Moriarty's recital will include works of Mozart, Chopin and Debussy.

Moriarty made her debut with the Boston Symphony Orchestra at age 11. She is currently a professor of piano and chair of the keyboard area at Michigan State University School of Music, where she is a

recipient of the Distinguished Faculty Award.

Moriarty attended Curtis Institute of Music, the Juilliard School, and the New England Conservatory of Music, where she received her Master of Music degree with honors.

An active recitalist and soloist, Moriarty has performed in Belgium, Japan, Colombia, Mexico and the Soviet Union.

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X-TRA SPECIAL ADVICE By Theodore G. Coutilish and Mary Beth Langan

Make story hours inclusive for all



Someone close to us recently had an experience that we unfortunately believe may not be isolated.

A mother called her community's library to inquire about taking her 5-year-old to his first story hour.

The reason he's never been to one or many other mainstream opportunities for children is because of a bad experience she and her son had at a music/play class when he was 1 year old, prior to being diagnosed with autism.

He was obviously different than the other children and, instead of being sympathetic, the other parents in the class (except one who now has a special place in the mom's heart) were not accepting of them. The other

parents ignored them, were dismissive and stared rudely. Their actions and faces spoke quite loudly.

The mother felt completely out of place and drove away from most classes crying. She also felt sad because she didn't have an explanation as to why her son was unique.

Even when she had the answers, she still stayed away. Although she knew she and her son could go to any class, it was easier and more accepting to be in situations when the parents and children were also affected by a disability and wouldn't stare or ignore them.

Fast forward four years. The mom has now known of the existence story hours for five years. She finally had the nerve to phone her library and discuss her son attending a story hour.

Frustrated, she hung up the phone in tears, those same tears of nonacceptance she cried on the way home from the classes four years ago.

She was upfront with the li-

brarian. She mentioned he might make some noise and try to wander, but she would do her best to keep him quiet and sit with the other children. The mom shared that she believed he'd get a lot out of it even if he didn't seem to be paying attention.

The librarian told her "it would probably not be appropriate for him to wander." Even though the mom would stay in the room with her son, the librarian reasoned, the other children might see him acting differently and think they could also wander and make noise. The librarian also mentioned there were quiet spaces in the library where they were welcome to sit and read on their own.

Do you see why the tears came?

A level-headed, quiet response did not come to her at that moment. After hanging up, many things came to her mind.

Why is it a bad thing for the children to see that everyone is not the same? Why can't the

lesson come naturally — at a library story hour — that some children are unique and have a hard time concentrating, but that we're happy he's here sharing the story hour with us?

And if it's OK to exclude some children from story hour, then why not have a story hour for children with special needs so they can go and behave inappropriately together?

The mom and her son don't need the corner of the library to read by themselves. They can do that in the comfort of their own home. But sometimes you just need to get out and connect with others.

Why does it have to be so difficult?

Grosse Pointe residents Theodore G. Coutilish and Mary Beth Langan created this column to share experiences from their journey as parents of a child with Fragile X Syndrome [fragilex.org and fraxa.org]. Send your questions or comments to ag5046@wayne.edu or mblangan@hotmail.com.

HEALTH COLUMN By Dr. Shiva J. Maralani

New therapy for bladder control

As many as 25 million Americans suffer from bladder control problems or incontinence (the involuntary loss of urine from the bladder). Bladder control problems are extremely common among women; in fact, about half will experience incontinence as some point in their lives and about one-third will develop a regular problem.

Incontinence also causes patients to suffer from poor quality of life — loss of self-esteem, sleep deprivation, depression or anxiety, embarrassment, financial distress and restriction of activities. In extreme cases, patients may no longer be able to work or enjoy activities out of the house.

Treatment options

Patients who suffer from bladder control problems have several treatment options. Initially simple things are changed. Patients are asked to eliminate all caffeine and restrict the amount of fluid consumption during the day. Fluid intake in the late evening hours is limited in patients with nighttime bladder control problems. In younger patients, pelvic muscle exercises and biofeedback techniques can be used initially, before starting medication.

Drugs are effective by inhibiting contractions of an overactive bladder, which in turn allows patients to have more control over urinary urgency and frequency. Side effects of medications include, dry mouth, constipation or, in rare cases, urine buildup. The average cost of medications is about \$100 per month. The only other non-surgical treatment available is to use absorbent pads or a catheter.

For patients who cannot tolerate medication or for whom more conservative treatments fail, surgery becomes an option. Surgery is also a treatment when bladder problems are due to an abnormally positioned bladder or blockage caused by an enlarged prostate.

InterStim therapy

There are many patients for whom the first-line treatments don't work or who are reluctant to try non-reversible surgery to help their problem. For them, doctors may recommend a reversible surgical procedure called InterStim therapy, which uses a small device implanted under the skin near the tailbone. The device helps restore urinary control by sending electrical stimulation to the sacral nerves, the nerves that control bladder function. InterStim is not for every patient, only the ones with these specific bladder control problems:

- ◆ Overactive bladder: urinary urge incontinence, the leakage of urine when there is a strong urge to void, and urgency frequency, the uncontrollable urge to urinate resulting in very frequent, small volume voids.

- ◆ Interstitial cystitis or IC: recurring discomfort or pain in the bladder and surrounding pelvic area. Symptoms include an urgent need to urinate, urinary frequency or pelvic pain.

- ◆ Urinary retention: the inability to empty the bladder of urine. Before patients have the device surgically implanted, they must first take it for a "test drive." Doctors place a test stimulation lead under the skin near the tailbone. The stimulation lead is attached to a portable stimulator worn on a belt. Patients wear the portable stimulator for two weeks to see how much their symptoms improve. The device can also be adjusted at this time. In patients with a better than 50 percent decrease in symptoms, the more permanent device is then implanted.

The long-term device is implanted in a brief outpatient procedure in which the lead already in place is connected to the neurostimulator and placed in a small pocket incision in the upper buttock or lower abdomen. Once the device is implanted, the stimulation can easily be adjusted or deactivated by patients at home, or by their doctor in a simple, in-office visit.

Promising results

The success rate with InterStim for urgency and urge-related urinary control problems is 80 to 85 percent. It has a 50 percent success rate with patients who suffer from chronic urinary retention. This may seem low, but for those patients where there is no other treatment that can help them, a 50 percent success rate is very promising. IC patients also get relief and control of their symptoms.

As a doctor, I have found this procedure to be life-changing for many of my patients. These are men and women who regain their independence and are able to once again enjoy the daily activities they had to give up because of their urinary control problems.

As with any procedure there are minor risk factors. With InterStim therapy, there is a small risk of infection, and it doesn't always work for every patient. The implantable device also requires a battery change every five years, done as a minor outpatient operation. However, the makers of the InterStim device are working on improving the life span of the batteries.

Dr. Shiva J. Maralani is a urologist on staff at St. John Hospital and Medical Center who has performed numerous InterStim procedures with great success.

Arthritis pain relief

(NAPSI) — There's been a lot of news lately about arthritis pain medicines. If you have arthritis, you may be confused about how to manage the pain.

Go see your doctor for help. You don't need to cope with the pain on your own. People have different health needs. A doctor can assess the best way for you to treat your arthritis.

When you see your doctor, be ready to talk about:

- What you have done to manage your arthritis so far.
- What has worked for you in the past and what has not.
- What your medical history is, including your risk for heart disease or stomach problems.
- What food and drug allergies you may have.
- What medications (both prescription and over-the-counter) you are taking for other health conditions.
- What other types of alternative therapies you are using to manage pain.
- What other questions you have, if any.

High-tech CT heart scanning saves lives

The high-tech heart scanner, 64-slice CT, can take high-speed "snapshots" of the heart and look for potential problems without an invasive test.

Should you get your heart checked out this way? It depends on who you are, say University of Michigan Cardiovascular Center experts who were among the first in the nation to use the scanner.

People whose family history and current health status put them at high risk of heart disease are probably much more

likely to benefit from the scan, experts say. Problems can be detected early and patients can make changes to their diet, exercise habits and medication use to prevent a heart attack.

People with heart-related symptoms, such as chest pain or shortness of breath, who have gotten abnormal or unclear results from a stress test, might benefit from having the scan instead of an invasive exam, according to Kim Eagle, M.D., co-director of the U-M Cardiovascular Center.

Patients who have gone to an emergency room because of sudden symptoms, might benefit from a high-speed CT scan to see if they're having a heart attack, stroke or rupture of a major blood vessel, he said.

Mostly healthy people with few heart risks, and people who have already had a heart attack, probably don't need the scan. More research is needed on exactly how the scans should be used to diagnose disease and guide treatment — research that's going on now at U-M and other places. Until more studies are done, many insurance companies aren't covering the cost of the scan for most people.

Hopes are high that 64-slice CT scans will eventually prove to be useful in many patients, Eagle said.

"The ability to image the coronary arteries, or blood vessels around the heart, using a non-invasive method has been something that we've been seeking for decades," he said. "For many years, we've relied on identification of risk factors, like diabetes, smoking and high cholesterol, and used stress-testing and electrocar-

diograms to try to find coronary artery disease before it hurts a patient."

But those tests often miss the kinds of blockages that are likely to form blood clots that can cause heart attacks, Eagle added.


Another kind of test, called a heart catheterization or angiogram, can reveal those kinds of blockages — but to see them, doctors have to snake a thin tube through the patient's bloodstream and up toward the heart. This kind of invasive exam is expensive and carries a small, but very real, risk of complication such as stroke.

In some cases, including several at U-M, CT heart scans have revealed problems with patients' lungs or blood vessels outside the heart. Eagle recalls one patient who went in for a heart scan, and was found to have lung cancer and was able to get treatment.

After years of scanning hearts with 16-slice CT machines, U-M was one of the first U.S. hospitals to buy a 64-slice CT scanner. By this fall U-M will have five, including one in the emergency room.

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THE FAMILY CENTER OF GROSSE POINTE AND HARPER WOODS By Mary Beth Garvey

High costs of over-scheduling

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As our culture becomes more preoccupied with success, hyper achievement is becoming a norm in family values.

There is pressure for the "good" parent to provide their children with a wide range of competitive opportunities and to become intensely involved in managing a demanding schedule. The idea is that by exposing children to these early competitive experiences, you are preparing them for academic, athletic and extracurricular successes.

These demands on kids, which often begin at an early age, are usually motivated by the desire to give children a competitive edge or to build their self-esteem. In an effort by well-intended parents to help children excel, kids are racing to meet the multiple demands of traveling sports teams, music lessons, academic tutoring, and school enrichment programs. The thinking seems to be that self-esteem is driven by a long list of accomplishments and the children's ability to compete. Given our current culture it is understandable that parents feel this way, but it is also misguided.

These frantic childhood schedules come at a cost. Perhaps one of the greatest is the disintegration of family time. Nothing shapes a child's life more than the family experience. Parents teach their children what to love and value, expectations regarding their behavior, and how they are perceived and experienced by others. Families need to protect themselves from excessive interruptions and demands in order to teach these lessons. If the family connection is undermined by over-scheduling, it is the cultural influence, rather than the family influence, that begins to define our children.

In an increasingly complex world, most kids need more time with an engaged adult than an additional activity to attend.

The cultural message is "the more activities, the better." Yet children who are shuttled from one activity to the next often have only a superficial immersion in an activity. Multiple activities can lead to boredom and lack of passion.

Passion is critical to the competence building that parents seek for several reasons:

- ◆ It is internally motivated, which gives kids greater persistence and encourages a love of learning,
- ◆ It increases frustration tolerance through the struggle to attain mastery.
- ◆ Praise or success is less of a motivator than simply doing the activity.

Crowding out passion by trying to provide unlimited opportunities denies children the chance to develop a deeper interest and a stronger sense of identity and self-assurance.

Another cost of our cultural demands is the orientation toward perfection among adolescents. Perfectionism is highly regarded in our society because it is associated with high levels of achievement. However, perfectionism lends itself to unrealistic performance expectations, a low tolerance for disappointment and increased anxiety. Each of these factors undermines the real foundation for positive self-regard, which includes an ability to cope with disappointments, a critical self-assessment that allows for mistakes, and the ability to maintain the persistence needed for true mastery.

Perfectionism is a trait that actually perpetuates low self-esteem, as it is critical of every effort, focuses on every flaw or mistake, discounts anything positive in your accomplishments and discourages positive

risk taking.

Perfectionism in adolescents prompts a parallel trait in parents. This trait is the desire to protect their children from the setbacks or disappointments that are fueled by perfectionism. This may be done by giving children a false sense of confidence, empty praise or an inflated sense of what they are able to accomplish.

While important, praise or compliments are not what builds self-esteem. Children are in need of honest, but gentle, feedback that is grounded in reality. Positive self-regard comes from meaningful activity, responsibility, and persistence.

Whatever the outcome, there must be the expectation of hard work. The message "despite your disappointment, I know you will persevere" goes a long way.

If a parent cringes at a child's setback and treats them as if they were fragile, the child will indeed feel fragile. It is a parent's job to help a child see that setbacks are inevitable and the expectation is to persist despite mistakes. Confidence develops in the process of the hard work rather than the outcome of the task. Children who are oriented to perfection become more risk-averse and are often motivated by the fear of failure

rather than the satisfaction of engaging in meaningful work.

The current thinking is more is better and the busiest families have been held up as the model for success in our achievement-oriented culture. Parents want what is best for their children and are trying to promote healthy development and a sense of accomplishment by providing so many activities and opportunities for success. But the demands on kids, and their schedules, have become excessive.

Life for most families has become so busy that many parents have not stopped to reflect on whether this "busyness"

makes any sense or is meeting the needs they hoped. Kids are going from one activity to another with little consideration given to the value of family time or solitude. Studies indicate that families are spending less and less time interacting, while kids are reporting that they would like to have more time with their parents.

It is important to prepare our children for success in this competitive climate, but it may be time to revisit how to best prepare them. Though simplistic, protecting family time is critical to that end. Children need time and space for refueling, reflection and creating.

They need attention, affection, guidance, discipline and conversation. Children need laughter and playtime. And they need a responsible, caring adult to know and love them intimately and to be actively engaged in the development of their character and morals.

Success, self-regard, growth — all can be best developed in the context of family. Yes, we have the responsibility to connect our children to opportunities for accomplishment in the broader community. But we would all be well served by looking at our choices a little

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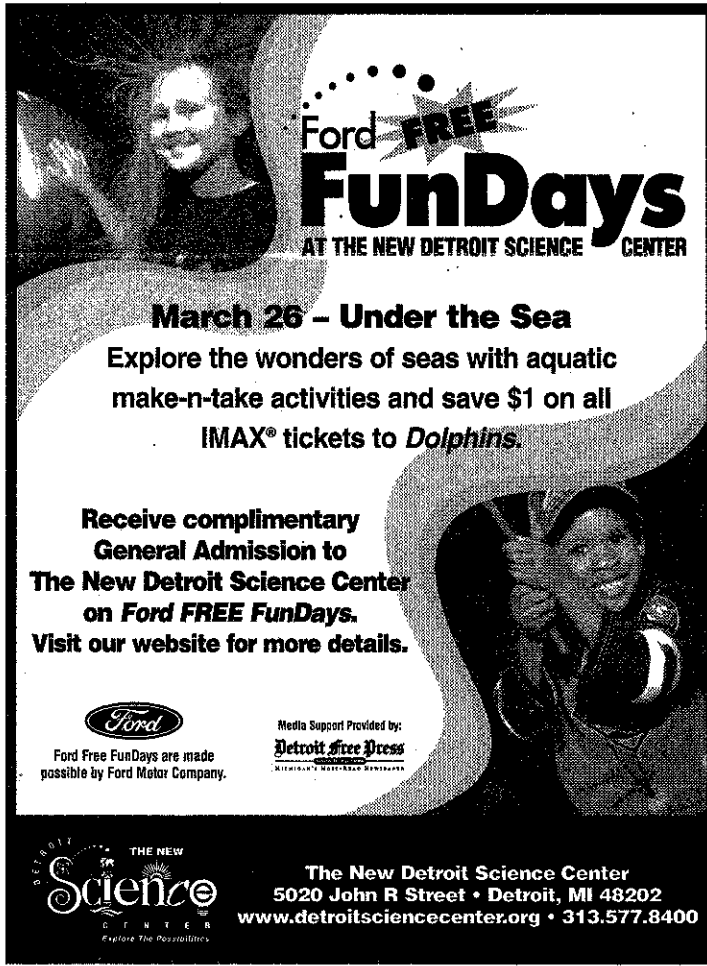


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Various "plants of the year" have become common in recent years. It may take a year or two for some of these plants to make their way to local nurseries, so they may be "new" for the home gardener for more than one year. Others are selected for an award that makes them stand out among others in their category, and they find their way to our gardens a little faster.

If you are a gardener who must have the novel and grand in your yard each year, consider growing one or more of the following plants.

New perennials

◆ All-America Selections has given its new Cool Season Bedding Plant Award to a long-blooming, heat-tolerant viola (*Viola cornuta*) "Skippy XL Red Gold." This viola with a ruby red and golden, 1 1/2-inch flower is similar to a pansy and larger than many viola blossoms. Its adaptability to continuously bloom in a wide variety of temperatures makes it notable. East Lansing and Litchfield are test growing areas in Michigan for All-America Selections.

◆ Chosen as 2006 Perennial Plant of the Year by the Perennial Plant Association is a dianthus (*Dianthus gratianopolitanus*) "Firewitch," noted for its blue foliage, heat tolerance and being a very long-flowering dianthus. The plant takes full sun and grows best in well-drained soils. This cheddar pink is excellent as a border, in a rock garden, in wall crevices or as ground cover on a sunny slope. The clove-like scent of this low-growing ornamental will flower in late

spring. Deadhead the flowers to promote a rebloom later in the season.

- ◆ A winner from a European group known as Fleuroselect includes an English lavender, "Elegant Sky" (*Lavandula angustifolia*) with light violet flowers.
- ◆ The American Ivy Society's Ivy of the Year (*Hedera helix*) is "Anita." It is a strongly self-branching bird-foot ivy hardy to at least 10 below zero.
- ◆ "Stained Glass," the 2006 Hosta of the Year, grows 20 inches high and 45 inches wide. It has green-edged bright yellow leaves and fragrant white flowers.
- ◆ And, lastly, daylily lovers will want to grow the All-American Selections' "Buttered Popcorn" in long-blooming yellow and the salmon-pink "Persian Market." Both are rated at the top for superior performance and beauty.

Improved perennials

Garden centers and catalogs may carry plants that are im-

The 2006 Perennial Plant of the Year is a dianthus (*Dianthus gratianopolitanus*) "Feuerhexe" (Firewitch). It's a low growing, mat-forming alpine plant with narrow bluish-gray foliage that remains evergreen. Magenta flowers cover the plant at bloom time.

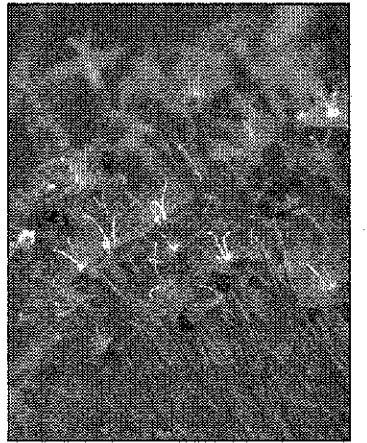


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proved rather than innovative. Some of these improved plants include a heuchera or coral bell and ornamental grass.

"Ginger Ale" has ginger-colored leaves and soft yellow flowers, very unusual for a heuchera. This is made possible as part of the Terra Nova Nurseries breeding program and may be difficult to find. The ornamental grass is a blue-stem (*Andropogon*) "Silver Sunrise" and is found at the Nebraska Statewide Arboretum. Nurseries specializing in ornamental grasses

What's going on?

- ◆ "Lawn Maintenance & Development, Weed & Pesticide Control," of Grosse Pointe Farms Home Landscaping Series, will be held at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, March 29, Pier Park community building. The cost to attend is \$15. LocalMotion and Marshall Landscape present cultural methods as alternatives to pesticide use and offer information on less toxic products and organic versus synthetic fertilizers. Cost is \$15. Call (313) 881.2263 for details.
- ◆ "Cool Plants and Hot Pots" with Nancy Szerlag, will be held at 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, March 29, at the Edsel & Eleanor Ford House. Learn to put together stunning combinations in new containers to brighten any area. The cost is \$9, and reservations are recommended by calling (313) 884-4222.
- ◆ "Chocolate Fields Forever" with Patrick Fields, Ph.D., (aka Dr. Chocolate), will be held from 1 to 3:30 p.m. on Saturday, April 8, at Grosse Pointe War Memorial. A botanist, Fields will lecture on growing and harvesting cocoa, and producing chocolate confections. Afternoon tea follows the lecture. It is presented by the Herb Society of America, Grosse Pointe unit, the Detroit Garden Center and Grosse Pointe Garden Center. Cost is \$18, and space is limited. Call (313) 886-2797 after March 26.
- ◆ "Secrets of Gardening Pros" with Nancy Szerlag will be held at 7:30 p.m., Wednesday, April 5 at the Edsel & Eleanor Ford House. New planting techniques, the latest potions and lotions and other top tips for backyard beautification will be discussed. The cost is \$9, and reservations are recommended by calling (313) 884-4222.

may soon have this beauty.

Don't forget annuals

Six annuals lead the list of All-America Selections in the annual category. They include:

- ◆ The 18-inch ornamental pepper (*Capsicum annuum*) "Black Pearl" has pure black foliage when grown in sun.
- ◆ Another dianthus, "Supra Purple," and the fragrant "Perfume Deep Purple" (*Nicotiana x sanderae*) are noted for prolific blooms.
- ◆ A zinnia (*Zinnia elegans*) "Zowie Yellow Flame" grows to 24 inches and has scarlet-centered gold semi-double blooms.
- ◆ A salvia (*Salvia farinacea*) "Evolution" has unusual violet flowers and excellent drought tolerance.

There are a multitude of plants coming to a nursery near you. Try something new in your garden this year and see how you like it.

Kathleen Peabody is an advanced master gardener who lives (and gardens) in Grosse Pointe Woods. Reach her online at kmaslankapeabody@sbglobal.net

FAMILY: Leave 1 day open

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more critically and following through in a mindful, selective manner.

Signs of over-scheduling

- ◆ An increase in negative temperament characteristics, such as whining, separation anxiety or oppositional behavior
- ◆ Complaints that scheduled activities are "boring" or resistance to attending scheduled activities
- ◆ Changes in sleeping or eating habits, moods swings, repeated illness or a decline in academic or extracurricular performance
- ◆ An increase in fighting or irritability, particularly around transitions.

Protecting family time

- ◆ Limit activities of family members. Have one day a week when nothing is scheduled, maintain regular meal-times, or institute family meetings or game night.
- ◆ Create family rituals which protect time. Read aloud together, have nightly bedtime conversations, make meals as a family, or attend religious services.
- ◆ Maintain family routines. The repetitive nature of routines provides children comfort, predictability and a sense of control.
- ◆ Turn off the TV, the computer and cell phones.
- ◆ Work together, rather than dividing chores, so that children can contribute to communal work and feel genuinely useful.
- ◆ Celebrate together and develop traditions that support family relationships.

Mary Beth Garvey is a family therapist in private practice in Grosse Pointe.

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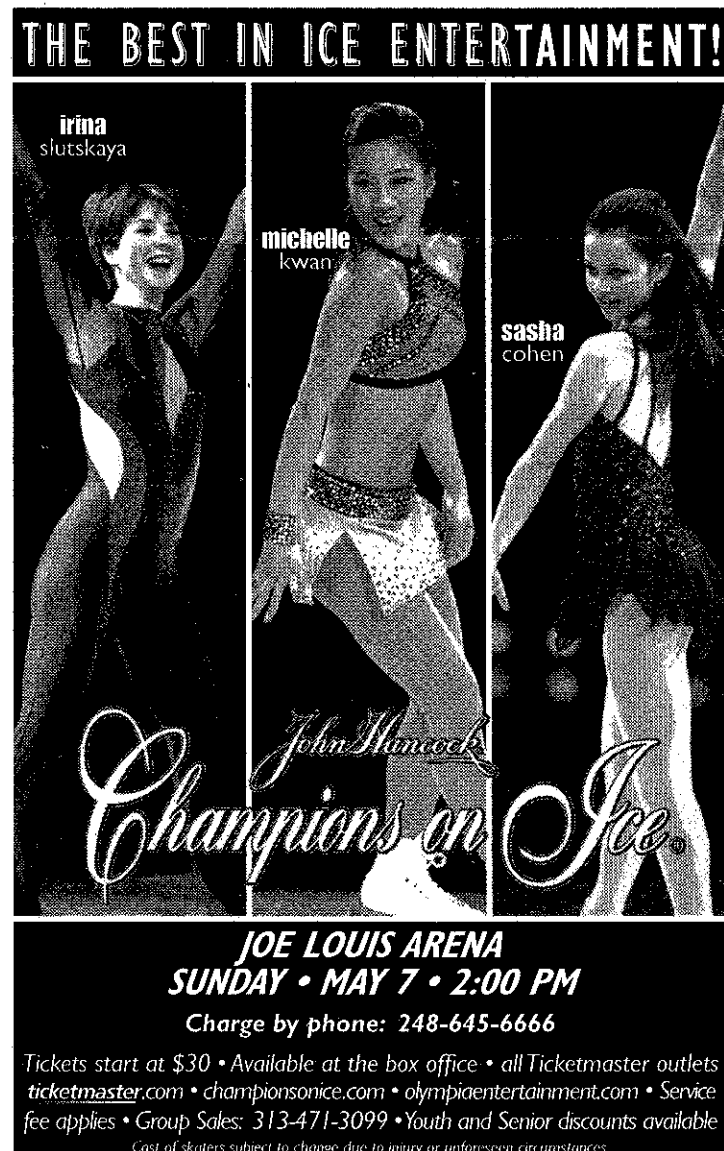
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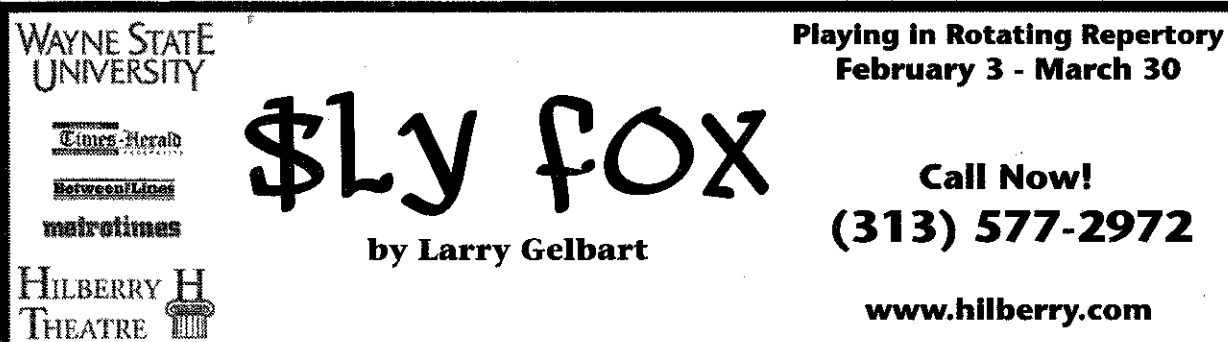
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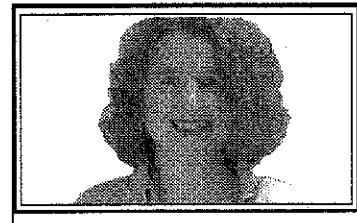
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A LA ANNIE By Annie Rouleau-Scheriff

Here's something to arugula about



Spring into spring with this take on wheat spaghetti that will have the entree to the table in less than 30 minutes. This week I'm pairing the pasta with wilted arugula, olive oil, garlic and just a hint of lemon to complement the bitterness of the arugula.

Whole-Wheat Spaghetti with Wilted Arugula

1 lb. whole-wheat spaghetti

4 tablespoons extra-virgin olive oil, divided
6 to 8 garlic cloves, thinly sliced
1 5-oz. container Earthbound Farm organic baby arugula
Juice of 1/2 lemon (about 2 tablespoons)
1 teaspoon crushed red pepper flakes
Parmigiano-Reggiano cheese for grating
Bring a large pot of salted water to a boil and cook pasta according to package directions.

Meanwhile, heat 1 tablespoon of the olive oil in a large skillet over medium-high heat and add the garlic. Sauté for a few minutes (until tender) then lower the heat and add the arugula. Cook until the arugula is just wilted. It won't seem like

a lot, but the flavor is pungent. Transfer to a serving bowl and toss with the lemon juice.

Drain the cooked pasta (don't rinse) and add to the serving bowl along with the pepper flakes and remaining 3 tablespoons of olive oil. Toss until all of the arugula, garlic and pepper flakes are spread throughout the noodles. Top with shavings of Parmigiano-Reggiano.

Fresh arugula salad has become a favorite in my house. Toss extra-virgin olive oil with fresh baby arugula then squeeze with fresh lemon juice, add a little salt and pepper and top with shaved Parmigiano-Reggiano.

Introduce the flavor of arugula to your family. It's good for you.

G.P. Artists Association to hold Poets Follies

Poets Follies, a reading, discussion and performance gathering of local poetry and prose authors and musicians, will be held from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. Friday, March 24, at the Grosse Pointe Artists Association Art Center, 1005 Maryland, Grosse Pointe Park.

Featured at this month's gathering will be readings by Mariela Griffor, Nancy Solak and the Grosse Pointe Theatre Encore Players, as well as music and comedy by Sheila Lovely.

Griffor, of Grosse Pointe Park and the facilitator of the Poets Follies, will read selections from her upcoming book, "Poems of Love for a Subversive Man," scheduled for release in June by Tightrope Books.

Last year, Solak and her husband Rich (retired Grosse Pointe Farms city manager) spent several months living in an apartment in Umbria, Italy. They learned about the region and made friends with the locals while living on a shoestring, without a car, and not knowing the language. She will read from her memoirs, which is currently a work in progress.

Solak is a freelance writer and editor with more than 100 nonfiction articles published in local, regional and national publications. She is also a Writer's Digest magazine short story award winner.

The Grosse Pointe Theatre Encore Players will perform skits from "A Book of Love" and "What Does Love Mean to Me?"

Lovely, of Grosse Pointe Park, returns for an encore performance of her cabaret-

style songs and comedy routine, which pokes fun at growing up and coming of age as an Irish-American Baby Boomer.

Admission to the Poets Follies is \$5.

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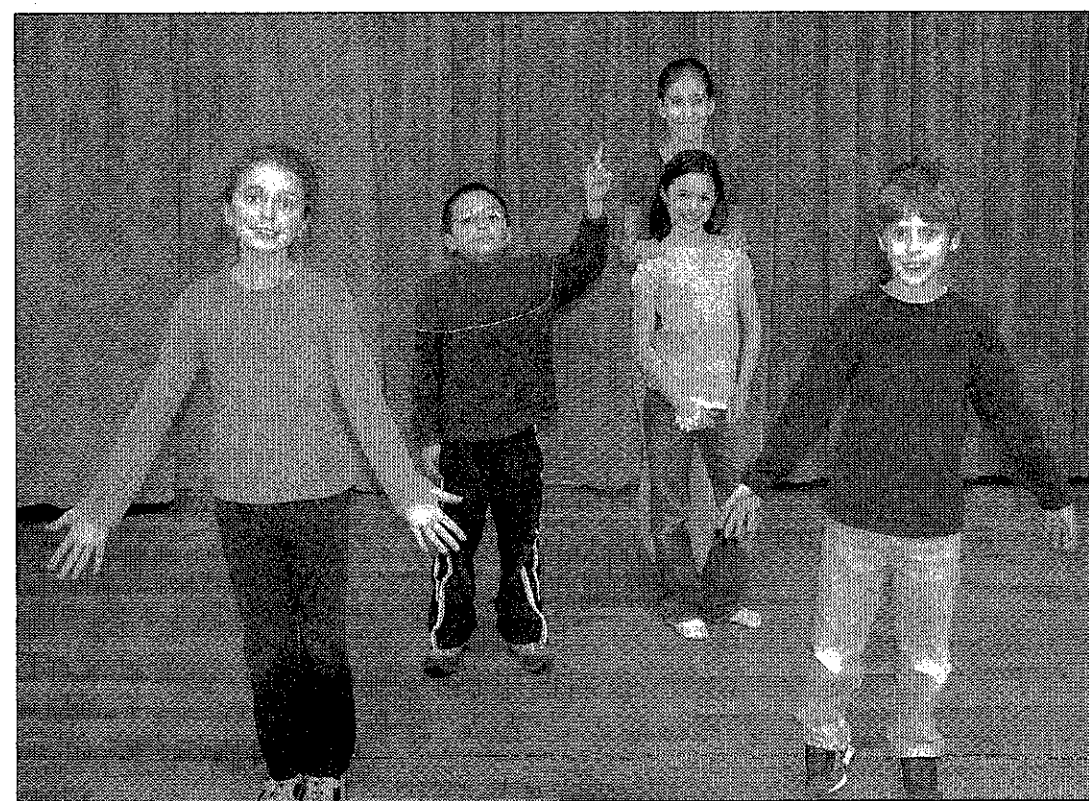


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In a rehearsal for "Once On This Island," presented by Grosse Pointe Theatre Youth on Stage are, from left, Bridget Hubbell, William TonHon, Caitlin Siluk, Emma Turco and Daniel Harris.

G.P. Theatre Youth on Stage present 'Once on This Island'

The Grosse Pointe Theatre Youth on Stage spring musical "Once on This Island," will be presented at 7 p.m. Friday, March 31, and at 4 p.m. Saturday, April 1, in the Fries Auditorium at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms.

"Once on This Island" is a captivating legend of romance between a peasant girl and a rich city boy whom she saves from death.

Featured in the cast are: Merisa Candic, Michael Constantine, Matthew Giacona, Logan Hart, Lea Kummer, and Rachel Premack, of Grosse Pointe Woods; Bridget Hubbell, Jack Kay, Kaelyn Mocer, Shannon Morris, Kyle Prue, and Anne Sandifer, of Grosse Pointe Park; Danielle Harper, Tom Harper, and Daniel Harris, of Grosse Pointe Farms; Leslie Jacobs, of Grosse Pointe Shores; Bella Canzano, Julia Kaiser, Sarah Labadie, Alonza

Parker, Kara Pompeo, Caitlin Siluk, Madeline Thibault, William TonHon, Elizabeth Trudel, Emma Turco, Alexandra Yenchik and Ellie Zak, of the City of Grosse Pointe; and Carmel Liburdi, of Harper Woods.

The show is directed by Kevin Young and supported by parents and Grosse Pointe Theatre volunteers.

Tickets are \$5 for adults and \$2 for children 14 and under.

For more information, call (313) 881-4004.

G.P. Chamber Music concert

Grosse Pointe Chamber Music will present a classical concert at 2:30 p.m. Sunday, March 26, in the Crystal Ballroom at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms.

Dorothy Ignasiak, soprano; and Virginia Shover, piano, will perform Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart's "An Chloe," To Chloe; "Die Verschweigung," Damon and Chloe; "Das Veilchen," The Violet; and "Vedrai, carino," from "Don Giovanni."

Arainna Kalian, oboe and English horn; Ellen Luby, violin; Jamie Dabrowski, viola; and Sylvelin Bouwman, cello will perform "Pastorale from Op. 13, No. 4, for oboe and cello" by Antonio Vivaldi; "Adagio K.V. 580a, for English horn, violin, viola, cello" by Mozart; and "Quartet in B flat, for oboe, violin, viola, cello" by Johann Christian Bach.

Norma Keil, clarinet; Jamie Dabrowski, viola; and Mary Holmes, piano, will perform "Eight Pieces, Opus 83" by Max Bruch.

Refreshments will be served.

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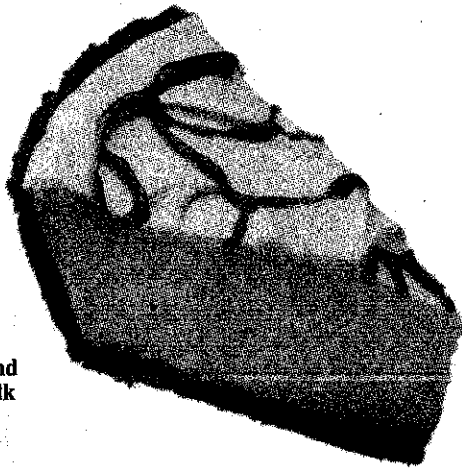
FAMILY FEATURES EDITORIAL SYNDICATE

Celebrate spring with a memorable sweet ending to a special meal. When you entertain friends and family, present a coconut and lemon torte, or peanut butter pie on an elevated glass cake stand or a decorative plate. Serve the easiest and most luscious chocolate mousse, garnished with raspberries, in a large glass bowl. Offer no-bake apricot almond cookies on a doily-lined plate. All these easy desserts feature two "must have" ingredients for spring — the ultimate dessert-maker's convenience of sweetened condensed milk and your own special touch.

Fluffy Peanut Butter Pie

Prep Time: 20 minutes
Makes one (9-inch) pie

- 1/4 cup butter or margarine
- 2 cups finely crushed crème-filled chocolate sandwich cookies (about 20 cookies)
- 1 (8-ounce) package cream cheese, softened
- 1 cup smooth or crunchy peanut butter
- 1 (14-ounce) can Eagle Brand Sweetened Condensed Milk (NOT evaporated milk)
- 3 tablespoons lemon juice
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
- 1 cup (1/2 pint) whipping cream, whipped

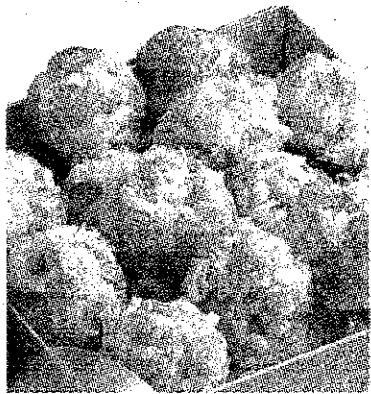


1. In small saucepan, melt butter; stir in cookie crumbs. Press crumb mixture firmly on bottom and sides of 9-inch pie plate; chill while preparing filling.
2. In large bowl, beat cream cheese until fluffy; add peanut butter and sweetened condensed milk, beating until smooth. Stir in lemon juice and vanilla; fold in whipped cream.
3. Pour into crust. Chill 4 hours or until set. Garnish as desired. Store leftovers covered in refrigerator.

Apricot Almond Chewies

Prep Time: 15 minutes
Makes about 7 dozen cookies

- 4 cups finely chopped dried apricots (about 1 pound)
- 4 cups flaked coconut or coconut macaroon crumbs (about 21 macaroons)
- 2 cups slivered almonds, toasted and finely chopped
- 1 (14-ounce) can Eagle Brand Sweetened Condensed Milk (NOT evaporated milk)
- Whole almonds (optional)



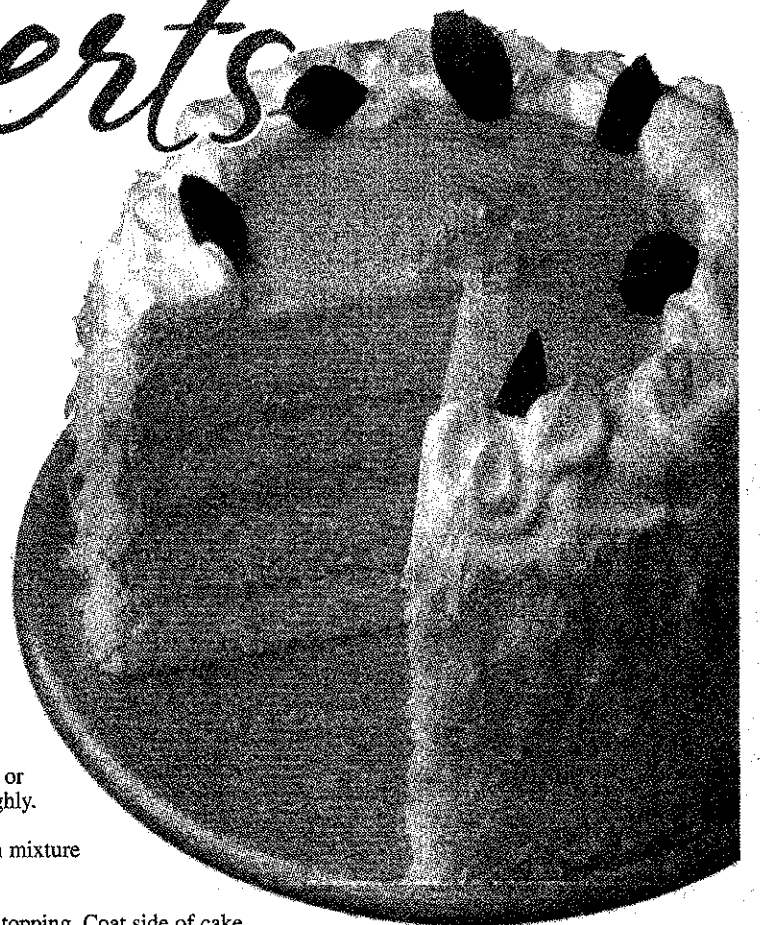
1. In large bowl, combine all ingredients except whole almonds. Chill 2 hours.
2. Shape chilled dough into 1-inch balls. Top each with whole almond (optional). Store leftovers tightly covered in refrigerator.

Coconut Lemon Torte

Prep Time: 15 minutes
Makes one (9-inch) cake

- 1 (14-ounce) can Eagle Brand Sweetened Condensed Milk (NOT evaporated milk)
- 2 egg yolks
- 1/2 cup lemon juice
- 1 teaspoon grated lemon rind (optional)
- Yellow food coloring (optional)
- 1 (18.25 or 18.5-ounce) package white cake mix
- 1 (4-ounce) container frozen non-dairy whipped topping, thawed
- Flaked coconut

1. In medium saucepan, combine sweetened condensed milk, egg yolks, lemon juice, lemon rind (optional) and food coloring (optional).
2. Over medium heat, cook and stir until slightly thickened, about 10 minutes. Chill.
3. Preheat oven to 350°F. Prepare and bake cake mix as package directs. Pour batter into 2 well-greased and floured 9-inch round layer cake pans. Bake 30 minutes or until lightly browned. Remove from pans; cool thoroughly.
4. With sharp knife, remove crust from top of each cake layer. Split layers. Spread equal portions of lemon mixture between layers and on top to within 1 inch of edge.
5. Frost side and 1-inch rim on top of cake with whipped topping. Coat side of cake with coconut; garnish as desired. Store leftovers covered in refrigerator.

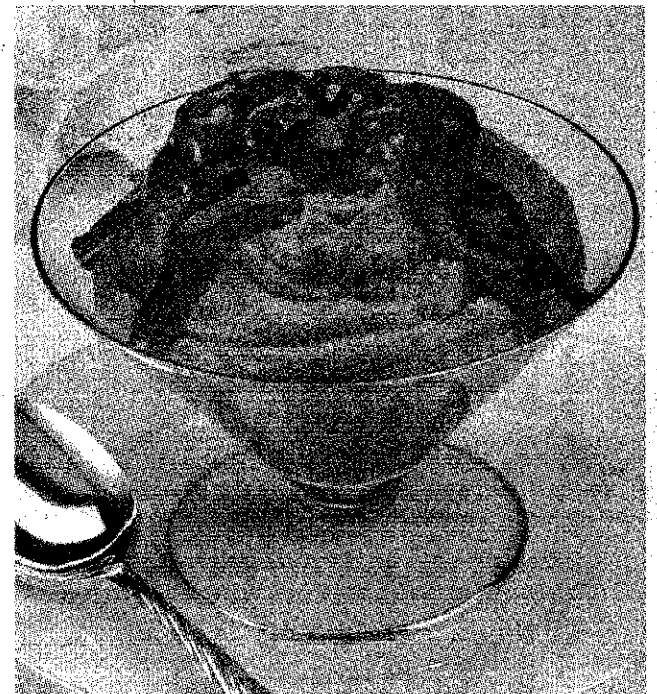


Chocolate Mousse & Raspberries

Prep Time: 10 minutes
Makes 8 to 10 servings

- 4 (1-ounce) squares unsweetened chocolate
- 1 (14-ounce) can Eagle Brand Sweetened Condensed Milk (NOT evaporated milk)
- 2 teaspoons vanilla extract
- 2 cups (1 pint) whipping cream, whipped
- 2/3 cup water
- 1/4 cup red raspberry jam
- 3 tablespoons confectioners' sugar
- 1 tablespoon cornstarch
- 1 cup frozen raspberries

1. In heavy saucepan, over medium-low heat, melt chocolate and sweetened condensed milk; stir in vanilla.
2. Pour into large bowl; cool to room temperature, about 1 1/2 hours. Beat until smooth. Fold in whipped cream.
3. Spoon into 8 to 10 dessert dishes. Chill thoroughly.
4. In small saucepan, combine water, red raspberry jam, confectioners' sugar and cornstarch. Cook and stir until thickened and clear. Cool. Stir in raspberries.
5. Top each dish of mousse with raspberry topping and serve. Store leftovers covered in refrigerator.



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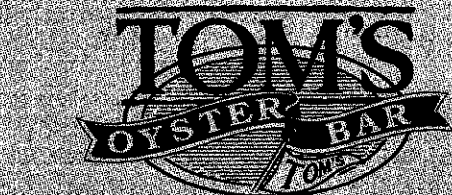
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HOCKEY

Danforth to play for Cornell



Laura Danforth hopes to add a national championship to the many honors she has won for her HoneyBaked travel hockey team, then she plans to play for the Cornell University women's team.

South senior picks Big Red women's ice hockey program

Laura Danforth's hockey skills are going to take her to Cornell University.

Danforth, a senior at Grosse Pointe South, is going to play on Cornell's Division I women's hockey team next fall, but first she has some unfinished business to attend to with her HoneyBaked 19-and-under travel team.

HoneyBaked won the state championship earlier this month, and Danforth was named the Most Valuable Player for the state tournament.

Next month, HoneyBaked will compete for the national championship in Buffalo, N.Y.

Winning state titles is nothing new for Danforth and HoneyBaked. This was the fifth state title for Danforth's HoneyBaked teams. They won their age group in 2001, 2003, 2004 and 2005. In 2004, HoneyBaked was national runner-up, and the 2001 team finished third nationally.

Danforth began playing hockey at age 4 in the Grosse Pointe Hockey Association. After three seasons in the GPHA, she moved to the Team Michigan Girls Travel Association for four years, and helped her team win a state championship in 1998.

When Laura was 12, she won the skills competition at the USA Hockey National Championship.

HoneyBaked plays in the Midwest Elite Hockey League against teams from Vermont, Ohio, Washington, D.C., Illinois, Wisconsin, Minnesota and Colorado, along with other Michigan squads.

HoneyBaked has won the last three regular-season championships and won the playoff championship each of the last two years.

Danforth has been invited to play in the Prospects Tournament in Toronto, Ontario, three times. She has been selected for the USA Hockey National Select Festival in Lake Placid, N.Y., in 2002, 2004 and 2005, and has played with or against several members of the United States Olympic women's hockey team.

At South, Danforth is a member of the National Honor Society. She played varsity field hockey and varsity soccer her first two years at South before deciding to devote all of her attention to travel ice hockey.

Danforth had offers from several other colleges before deciding to attend Cornell.

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Openings remain for South camp

Openings are still available for the 15th annual Grosse Pointe South Baseball Instructional Camp, which will be held in the school's gymnasium on Saturday, March 25.

There will be no registration at the door, but players can reserve a spot by calling camp director Dan Griesbaum, the head baseball coach at South, through Friday at (313) 884-7834.

The camp is open to boys and girls from grades two through eight.

The cost is \$50 per player and all proceeds go to the South baseball program. Checks should be made payable to the Grosse Pointe South Dugout Club.

Instructors are South varsity and junior varsity players and coaches.

The camp will be held in two

sessions.

One is from 9 a.m. until noon. The other is from 1 to 4 p.m.

Registration forms are also available on the counter in the main office at South, and at the Neighborhood Club.

Forms were also distributed at the local Little League and Babe Ruth Baseball registrations.

Campers will rotate through seven stations that feature instruction in hitting, pitching, infield play, outfield play, baserunning and sliding, and catching.

Players are expected to bring their own equipment and to be dressed in proper baseball attire.

Local youth coaches are invited to attend the camp for free to observe or videotape the drills.



Off to Buffalo

Several players with Grosse Pointe ties are members of the HoneyBaked 12-and-under girls hockey team that will play in the National Championships in Buffalo, N.Y. Honeybaked won the state championship with a 2-1 overtime victory against the Michigan Capitals. From left, are Haleigh Bolton, a student at Pierce Middle School; Catherine Fowler, a student at University Liggett School; Greer Hindle; and Emily Flom, a student at Brownell Middle School. In back is head coach John Hindle, a Grosse Pointe native and graduate of University Liggett School, where his parents taught for many years.

GPSA sponsoring a referee training class

The Grosse Pointe Soccer Association is sponsoring a two-week, eight-hour Grade 9 FIFA referee training class.

The class will be held on two Sundays — March 26 and April 2 — from 3 to 7 p.m. at the Assumption Cultural Center, 21800 Marter Road, St. Clair Shores.

Students must attend both classes. The suggested minimum age is 12 years.

The cost is \$40 and pre-registration is required at www.msasareferee.net.

The Grade 9 category was recently created by FIFA for recreational-level games. A

Grade 9 referee will be able to be the center referee for under-9 and under-10 age groups, and younger recreational games, or as an assistant referee for under-14 and younger age group recreational and travel games.

The GPSA is offering reimbursement of one-half the cost of the class after the spring 2006 soccer season for persons who complete the class and referee at least five games for GPSA.

Call Karen Ridgway at (313) 884-7769 if there are any questions.

Program for MLB fans

The Grosse Pointe Public Library, along with the Wayne County Community College District, will present a program for fans of Major League Baseball at 7 p.m. Thursday, April 6.

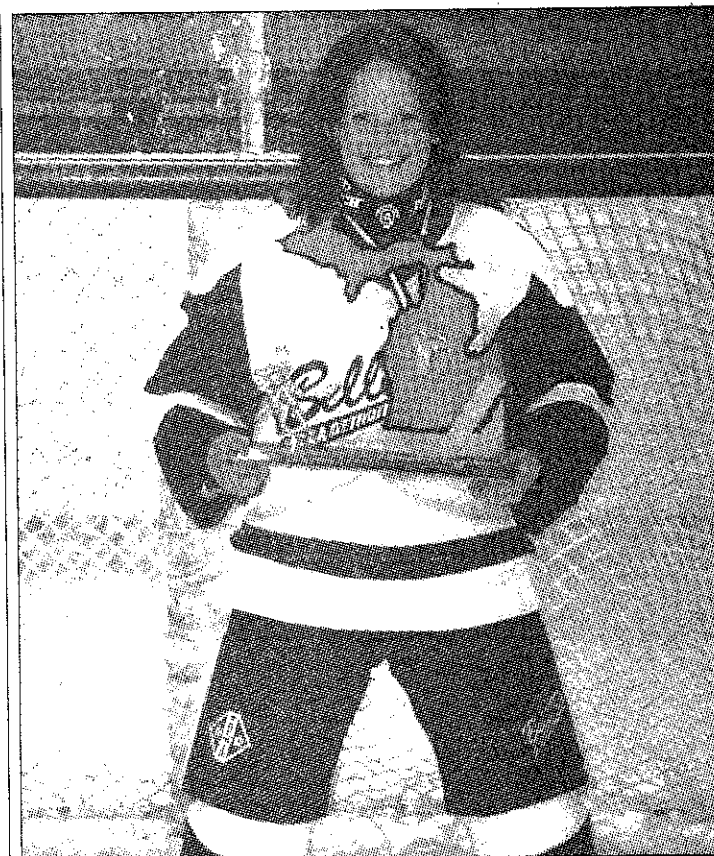
The program will be held in the meeting room of the new Woods Branch Library at 20860 Mack.

Special guest speakers are Dave Bergman of the 1984 World Series Champion

Detroit Tigers and retired Detroit Free Press sports writer Curt Sylvester.

Both men will speak on some of the major issues in Major League Baseball today. Also on the agenda will be discussion of the Detroit Tigers' chances in 2006.

Registration is required for this program and is open now. For more information, call the Central Library at (313) 343-2074, ext. 220.



State champion

Catherine (C.J.) McCarthy of Grosse Pointe Woods was a member of the Belle Tire 12-and-under hockey team that won the Michigan Amateur Hockey Association state championship in Traverse City. McCarthy, a student at Mason Elementary, scored two goals and collected four assists in the tournament. Belle Tire beat Canton 3-1 in the championship game after defeating Escanaba 4-0 in the semifinals. Belle Tire also played a 3-3 tie with the Grosse Pointe Bulldogs in one of its five tournament games.

City of Grosse Pointe, Michigan PUBLIC NOTICE ORDINANCE NO. 359

Please take notice that a zoning ordinance regulating the development and use of land has been re-enacted and amended by the City Council of Grosse Pointe.

The ordinance affirms the availability of Planned Unit Developments (hereinafter "PUDs") to allow more flexibility in the consideration of proposed land uses within the City. Within the PUD district, the standards of the zoning ordinance may be increased, decreased, waived, or otherwise modified under the provisions of the ordinance to promote development that achieves: the provision of community amenities; a higher quality development than would be possible under conventional zoning; and other recognizable benefits beyond those afforded by development which adheres strictly to the minimum requirements of the underlying zoning classification applicable to the property.

A PUD may be approved in any district within the area bounded by Waterloo Avenue, Cadieux Road, St. Paul Avenue and the rear property line of the homes on the westerly side of Neff Road.

This Ordinance will become effective ten days after the publication of this Notice. The complete text of Ordinance No. 359 is available at the City of Grosse Pointe Municipal Offices, 17147 Maumee Ave., 313-885-5800.

Julie E. Arthurs,
City Clerk

GPN: 03/23/2006

NOTICE OF CLOSE REGISTRATION FOR REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD ELECTION SOUTH LAKE PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT MACOMB COUNTY, MICHIGAN TUESDAY, MAY 2, 2006

To the Qualified Electors of Lake Township, Village of Grosse Pointe Shores, Macomb County:

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Monday, April 3, 2006 is the last day to register to vote or change your address for the above stated election.

If you are not currently registered to vote or have changed your address in the above stated jurisdictions in which you live you may do so at the following locations and times listed in this notice.

Qualified electors may also register to vote or change their address in the following manners:

IN PERSON:

- At your Township Clerk's office or at the office of any county clerk DURING NORMAL BUSINESS HOURS (8:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.), 795 Lake Shore Road, Grosse Pointe Shores, Michigan.
- At any Secretary of State Branch offices located throughout the state during normal business hours.
- At the specified agency for clients receiving services through the Family Independence Agency, the Department of Community Health, Michigan Jobs Commission and some offices of the Commission for the Blind.
- At the military recruitment offices for persons enlisting in the armed forces.

BY MAIL:

By obtaining and completing a Mail Voter Registration Application and forwarding to the election official as directed on the application by the close of registration deadline. Mail voter registration applications may be obtained by contacting:

Raymond Suwinski, Clerk
Lake Township

GPN: 3/23/06

City of Grosse Pointe Woods, Michigan

NOTICE TO BIDDERS—RIDGID SELF LEVELING SEESNAKE PLUS SEWER CAMERA. 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 Monday, April 3, 2006, at which time and place the proposals will be publicly opened and read aloud for furnishing the following item: Ridgid Self Leveling SeeSnake Plus Sewer Camera. 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 Kay Hathaway,
City Clerk

G.P.N.: 03/23/2006

CITY OF HARPER WOODS WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PUBLIC NOTICE FINAL PROJECT SELECTION 2006

At a public hearing held on Wednesday, February 22, 2006, the following projects were selected to meet federal guidelines and service objectives and were approved for inclusion in the 2006 Community Development Block Grant Application:

1. S.O.C. Minor Home Repair	\$33,000
2. P.A.A.T.S.	21,000
3. Kelly Road	29,700
4. Administration	9,300

Estimated Total Grant \$93,000

Published: GPN, 03/23/2006
Posted: 03/06/2006

MICKEY D. TODD,
City Clerk

CITY OF HARPER WOODS CITY CLERK'S OFFICE WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN VOTER REGISTRATION NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that all residents of the School District of Harper Woods who meet the following qualifications by April 3, 2006 shall be entitled to be registered as an elector in the precinct in which he or she resides for the Harper Woods School Board Election scheduled for May 2, 2006.

Shall be a citizen of the United States;

Shall be at least 18 years of age;

Shall be a resident of this State;

Shall be a resident of the Harper Woods School District for at least 30 days.

Interested and qualified persons may make application to become a registered voter at the City Clerk's Office, Monday through Friday between the hours of 8:30 A.M. and 5:00 P.M. or any Michigan Secretary of State Office. The last day to register for the May 2, 2006, Harper Woods School Board Election will be Monday, April 3, 2006. If you are unable to come at the above times, or if you are in doubt as to the status of your registration, please call 343-2510.

Published: 03/23/2006
Posted: 03/17/2006

MICKEY D. TODD,
City Clerk

City of Grosse Pointe Woods, Michigan

NOTICE TO BIDDERS: Sealed bids from qualified food handlers will be received by the City of Grosse Pointe Woods at the Municipal Buildings, 20025 Mack Plaza, Grosse Pointe Woods, MI 48236-2397, until **10:00 a.m. Wednesday, March 29, 2006** at which time and place bids will be publicly opened and read aloud for furnishing bids for **LAKE FRONT PARK CONCESSION STAND OPERATION.** Additional copies of the specifications and bid sheets may be obtained from the City Clerk. The City of Grosse Pointe Woods reserves the right to reject any and all bids, to waive any informality in the bidding and to accept any bid it deems to be in the best interest of the city.

G.P.N.: 3/23/2006

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.

GPN: 3/02/2006, 3/09/2006
3/09/2006, 3/16/06, 3/23/2006

Timothy E. O'Donnell,
City Assessor

Local player helps team reach finals

Arthur Griem, a sophomore at Grosse Pointe South, helped his Belle Tire AAA Hockey Club reach the championship game of the Michigan Amateur Hockey Association Midget Minor AAA state tournament.

Griem scored the insurance goal in Belle Tire's 4-2 semifinal victory against Victory Honda.

Belle Tire, which won three of its four games in pool play, lost 3-0 to defending national champion HoneyBaked in the championship game.

Griem's coaches appreciated his contributions to the team this year.

"There are very few, if any, in the 1990 age group that possess the speed and quickness of Arthur Griem," said Belle Tire head coach Mike Trotter.

"The fact that he is a defenseman makes this very remarkable. (Griem) plays hockey with reckless abandon. Over and over he continues to amaze me with his courage and toughness. I can't imagine what it's like to have a broken back and then come back and play in the same season like Arthur did."

Griem's determination to come back from injuries also impressed assistant coach Dave Phillips.

"I've been coaching for 23 years and there have only been

a couple of kids over those years that are in Arthur Griem's league in terms of heart and intestinal fortitude," Phillips said.

"Arthur played the last half of the championship game against Chicago Mission in the Little Caesars tournament with his hand gashed open, refusing to leave the rink. After the game it took nine stitches to close the wound at the hospital. Very, very few kids play with that type of intensity, and believe me, if more kids did, it would be a lot easier coaching. If I could ever coach a team made up of kids that have the same intensity, heart and courage as Arthur Griem, the team would hands down be national champs."

Belle Tire plays in the Midwest Elite Hockey League, which is regarded as the premier AAA Tier I Developmental Hockey Association in the country. It consists of teams from the Detroit area, Chicago, Cleveland and Pittsburgh.

This was the fourth time in six years of AAA hockey that Griem has played for a state championship. In 2005, his Little Caesars team lost to HoneyBaked in the state final.

Griem won state championships with the Grosse Pointe Spartans and HoneyBaked.



Fall champions

The Grosse Pointe OB/GYN women's volleyball team repeated as fall champions in the Neighborhood Club Yellow Division. The squad, which is also sponsored by Irish Coffee, will be trying for a repeat of the winter championship it won in 2005. In front, from left, are Shari Rewalt, Gretchen Miotto and Mary Kaye Rewalt. In back, from left, are Kirsti Jeurgens, Kelley Molitor, Staci Rewalt-Kolassa, Carlene Brubaker, Sue Parski, Lisa Bliss and Cheryl Cusmano.

South grad gets first win for Albion

It'll be a long time before Ryan Gunderson forgets Albion College's recent 5-3 victory against Illinois College on the Britons' spring trip to Cape Coral, Fla.

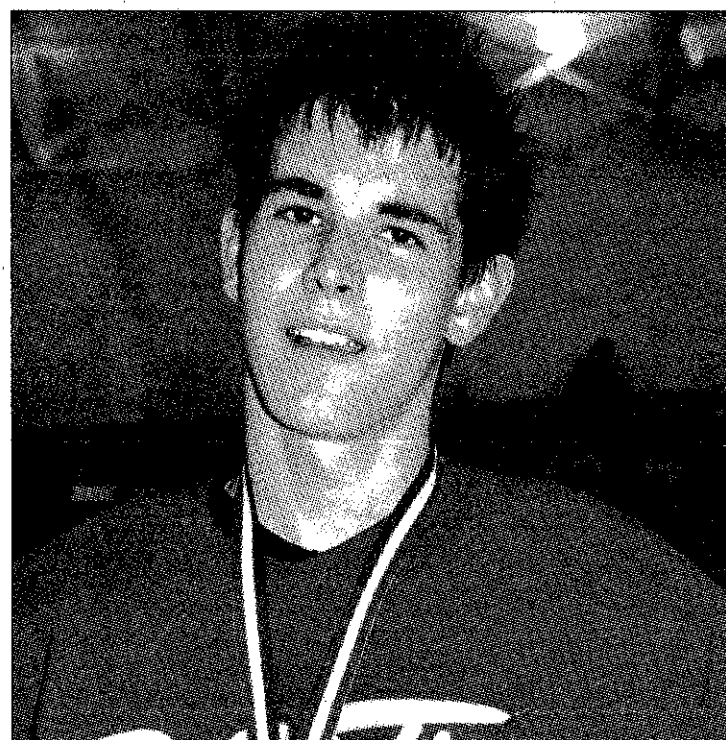
That's because it was Gunderson's first win and first complete game of his college career. Gunderson, who graduated from Grosse Pointe South, is playing his first sea-

son for Albion.

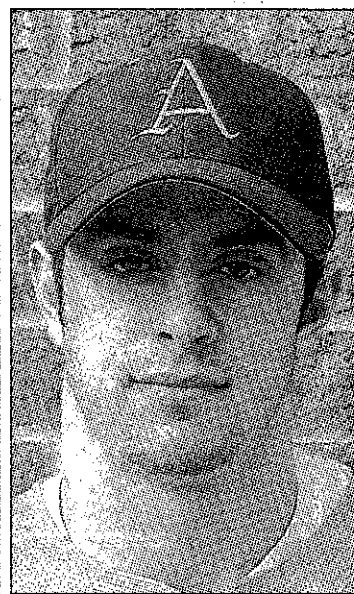
Gunderson scattered eight hits and allowed only one earned run. He walked two and struck out six.

The victory lowered his

team-leading ERA to 1.50. In two starts, Gunderson had allowed two earned runs in 12 innings, while walking two and striking out 10.



Arthur Griem fought through injuries to help Belle Tire reach the state Midget Minor AAA state title game.



Ryan Gunderson

North trio is all-region in volleyball

Three players from Grosse Pointe North's volleyball team were selected to the all-region team by a vote of committee members from the Michigan Interscholastic Volleyball Coaches Association.

The three North players selected were outside hitter Erica Gaitley, outside hitter Caitlin Bennett and setter Danielle Zohrob.

All three are seniors.

North won the district championship but lost to eventual state finalist Fraser in the regional round of the state tournament.

North has two first places

Michael Lane won the 200-yard freestyle and Andrew Fly was first in the 100 breaststroke to highlight Grosse Pointe North's performance in the L'Anse Creuse North Invitational swimming meet.

Karl Tech was second in the 50 freestyle.

Ryan Boury was fifth in the 50 freestyle and the 200 freestyle relay team of Tech, Boury, Lane and Fly was fifth.

No team scores were kept at the meet.

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Woods player in national tourney

Chelsea Detrick of Grosse Pointe Woods is on the Michigan US Youth Soccer Olympic Development 1990 team that competed for the national championship last weekend in Frisco, Texas.

Detrick plays soccer for Grosse Pointe North and is a

member of the Michigan Gators youth travel team.

Michigan is one of four regional championship age group teams that competed for the national title.

Nearly 300 players from 10 states qualified for the competition.

US Youth Soccer Olympic Development Program is designed to identify and develop a pool of players from which United States national teams may be selected, and is the original Olympic Development program.

NOTICE OF CLOSE OF REGISTRATION FOR REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD ELECTION GROSSE POINTE PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN TUESDAY, MAY 2, 2006

To the Qualified Electors of Grosse Pointe Park & Grosse Pointe Farms, Grosse Pointe, Grosse Pointe Woods, Township of Grosse Pointe - Wayne County, City of Harper Woods

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BY MAIL:

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City Clerk
City of Grosse Pointe Park
15115 East Jefferson
313-822-6200

JULIE E. ARTHURS
City Clerk
City of Grosse Pointe
17147 Maumee
313-885-5800

ROBERT GRAZIANI
Township Clerk
Township of Grosse Pointe
313-884-0234

SHANE L. REESIDE
City Manager/City Clerk
City of Grosse Pointe Farms
90 Kerby Road
313-885-6600

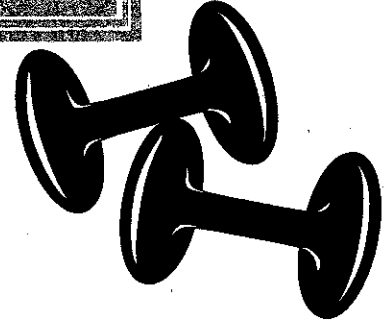
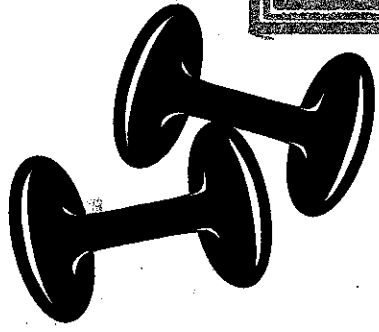
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