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THURSDAY, APRIL 6

Free Video with Check-out Day at the three Grosse Pointe Public Library branches. The movie "Shrek" plays at 7 p.m. at the Ewald library branch, 15175 E. Jefferson, Grosse Pointe Park. Former Detroit Tiger Dave Bergman and former Detroit Free Press sports columnist Curt Sylvester talk about "Major League Baseball," starting at 7 p.m., at the Grosse Pointe Public Library Woods branch, 20060 Mack. Grosse Pointe South All School Musical presents "West Side Story," today through Sunday, April 9, at the Grosse Pointe Performing Arts Center, 707 Vernier, Grosse Pointe Woods. The curtain rises at 7:30 p.m. tonight, 8 p.m. on Friday and Saturday and 3 p.m. on Sunday. Tickets are \$15 for the main floor, \$10 for balcony, \$9 for students and seniors, and are available at Posterity: A Gallery in the Village. For information, email Val at vikinglong@sbcglobal.net. St. Clare of Montefalco Catholic School's production of "Beauty and the Beast" runs today through Saturday, April 8. Performances begin at 7 p.m. at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms. Reserved seating only. Tickets are \$7 for tonight's performance, \$8 for Friday night and \$9 for Saturday night. For more information, call (313) 647-5100. The organizers of the three-day Breast Cancer Walk are taking reservations today, Friday, April 7, and Monday through Wednesday, April 10-12, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. for their fundraiser, family portraits by Malin Images LLC. The 10" by 13" canvas portraits will cost \$14.95 and will be taken on Saturday, April 29, and Sunday, April 30, at 17116 Kercheval in the Village. For reservations, call (313) 882-5386.

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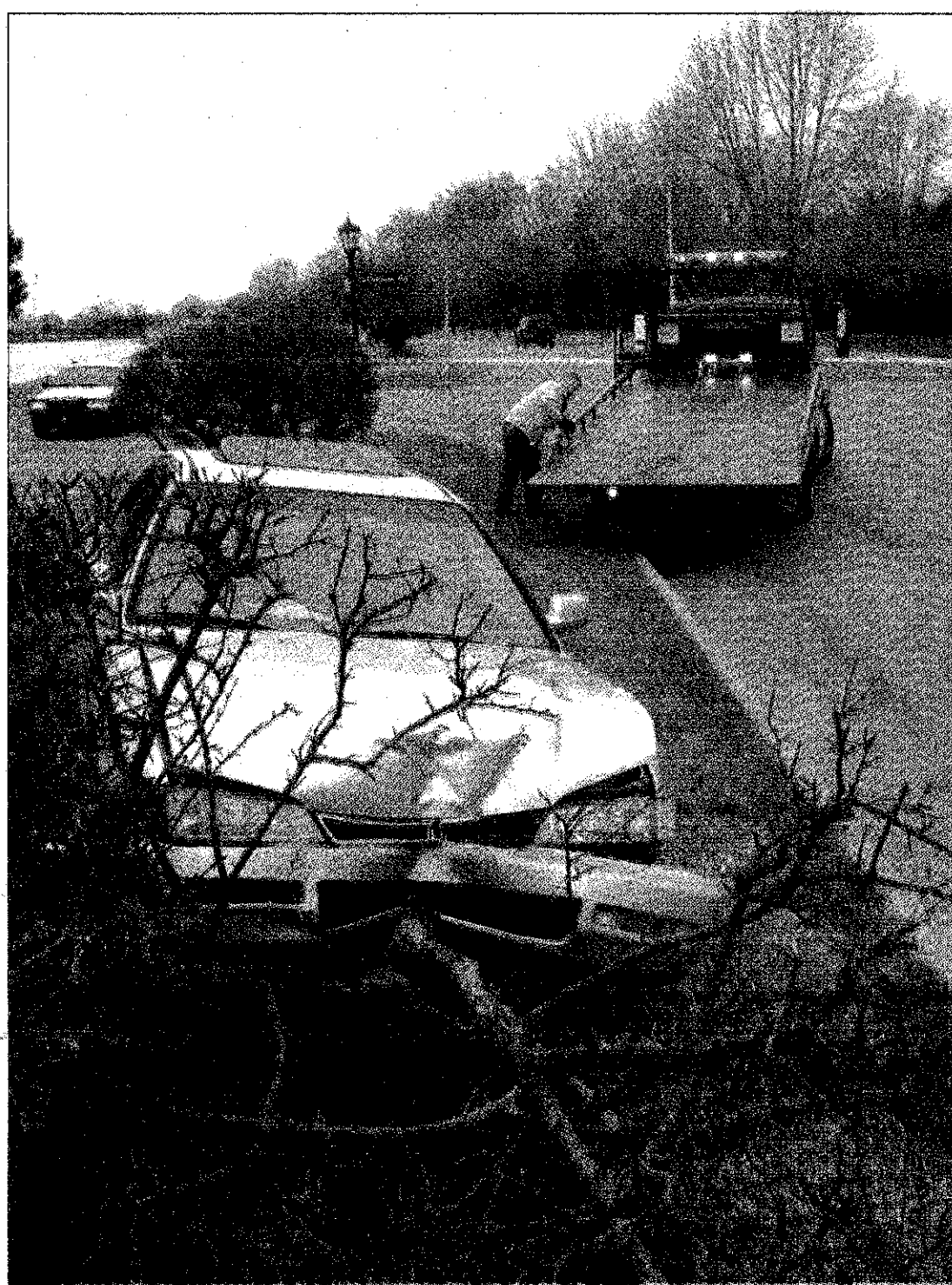


PHOTO BY BRAD LINDBERG

Crash landing

Grosse Pointe Farms police last weekend cited a 74-year-old Bloomfield Hills man for causing a traffic crash that sent another car onto the Lakeshore median. During the early afternoon of Saturday, April 1, the woman was driving eastbound on Lakeshore when the man pulled out of Provençal without yielding to oncoming traffic. The man's car hit the woman's Honda sedan causing her to lose control. Her Honda bounded over the median curb and landed on a bush. The impact activated both front seat air bags. There were no injuries.

CITY OF GROSSE POINTE WOODS

Construction begins on Vernier

By Bob St. John Staff Writer

The repaving of Vernier Road from the Harper service drive to Mack began Monday. Residents and businesses along Vernier in Grosse Pointe Woods will be affected the most, especially those along the eastbound lanes. "We know there will be some traffic congestion," Woods engineer Scott Lockwood said. "We have spoken with residents and businesses in the area, and we assured everyone we will work as fast as we can to get this project completed." In a letter sent to residents of Grosse Pointe Woods and Harper Woods by Anderson, Eckstein and Westrick, which is handling the construction observation, access to eastbound Vernier will be closed.

Once traffic control is fully set up and eastbound Vernier is closed to traffic, the contractor, Six-S, Inc., will begin removal of the existing pavement. Once the pavement is removed, Six-S Inc. will begin construction of the new storm basins and as completed begin excavating to meet the new elevation for the proposed road. The public safety departments of both communities have been notified regarding the construction and parking permits will not be required. Woods Department of Public Safety acting director John Fowler said his department has everything under control and the area will be patrolled on a regular basis. He also assured city council members that emergency vehicles will have total access to the residents in the construction zone.

Mail service will remain intact throughout construction and trash pickup will stay on schedule. However, recycling will not be picked up during the construction period. The letter also said, "We understand the project will create an inconvenience to those who live or work on Vernier Road and appreciate your patience and cooperation during the project." All traffic will be directed on the westbound lanes of Vernier until the eastbound lanes are finished sometime in mid June. The westbound lanes will be redone from mid June through the first week of September. The stretch of Vernier from the east-side of Harper through the first turnaround in Harper Woods will be redone in September and finished several weeks later.

GROSSE POINTE PUBLIC SCHOOL SYSTEM

\$100,000 seed gift removed

Revenue enhancement committee modifies request

By Ann L. Fouty Staff Writer

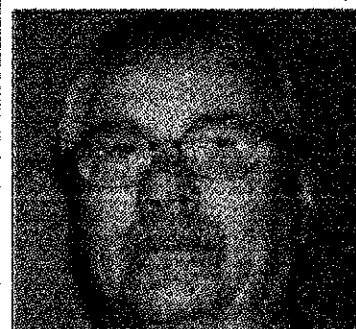
The revenue enhancement committee modified its request to the Grosse Pointe Board of Education, eliminating an appeal for seed money. Instead of asking for a \$100,000 gift to begin a campaign to raise millions of dollars in support of educational programs, the committee will get under way with the \$10,000 donated by board member Lisa Vreede and her husband, Mark. "The legal fees are immediate needs," said Vreede, who sits on the revenue enhancement committee. She anticipates the fees to be less than \$10,000. A modified request, to be sent to the board on Monday, April 10, will include authorizing legal counsel to establish the foundation, draft by-laws and obtain the foundation's IRS standing. The request will also ask for continued in-kind support from central administration. The motion was approved 5-1 with president Jeff Broderick absent and Angela Kennedy voting no during the 8 p.m. April 3 meeting. Kennedy also sits on the revenue enhancement committee. "This decision was made without me," Kennedy said of the modification. She was referring to information in the board packet and dated March 31 with the \$100,000 request. It was stricken prior to the 8 p.m. meeting and after a 6 p.m. meeting.

This isn't a retreat, said revenue enhancement committee member Joe Parke of the Farms, this a declaration of passion and progress. During a 6 p.m. Monday, April 3, meeting, several community members voiced their opinions that tax payers money should not be used in such a manner. "I'd think twice about what you are doing with this money," Sam Dehelean said. Jeanne Lizza added, "I didn't realize Grosse Pointe schools were giving gifts." She suggested community resources be tapped, including finding an attorney who would work pro bono. Should the wheels continue to move, the revenue enhancement committee will dissolve and become the Fund Development Transition Committee. Members of the revenue enhancement committee, Lorna Utley, Parke, Vreede, Pat Burke, Cynthia Hempstead, Kennedy and Joan Dindoffer, are all planning to serve on the new committee. Ultimately, this transition committee will morph into the Grosse Pointe Public Schools Foundation Board of Trustees and be autonomous from the board of education. The door was left open to ask Richner and Richner, the original consultants, to provide solicitation training to volunteers. "The committee members felt comfortable without the school district's gift," Vreede said. The foundation's proposed

POINTER OF INTEREST

'The Grosse Pointe Public School System has a long reputation for being very solid.'

Jim Garlough



Home: Grosse Pointe Park Age: 63 Family: Wife, Mary, daughters, Emily and Sarah Occupation: Grosse Pointe South High School history teacher See story on page 4A

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Advertisement for Backer Landscaping Inc., Eastside's Premier Landscape Company, with phone number 586.774.0090.

Advertisement for Hometown Window & Siding, listing services like windows, siding, trim, entry doors, garage doors, gutters, and handyman service.

2A | NEWS

Yesterday's headlines

1956

50 years ago this week

◆ Grosse Pointe Woods Mayor Kenneth Koppin defeats challenger and former mayor Waid McNight 1,661 to 718 in the municipal election.

Last year, Koppin edged McNight out of office by less than 100 votes.

◆ The City of Grosse Pointe has almost finished replacing old wooden street markers with new metal signs.

Norbert Neff, city manager, says wooden signs have seen service since 1920.

◆ Grosse Pointe Park will go ahead with its program of spraying elm trees on private property, along with city-owned elms, in spite of a pending court hearing into the matter scheduled next week.

The owner of a tree maintenance company is challenging the Park's right to spray privately-owned elms.

The complainant claims the city is engaging in a private enterprise, thereby depriving legitimate firms of doing their job.

1981

25 years ago this week

◆ Grosse Pointe's artist colony centered at the Grosse Pointe Academy is in danger of dissolving unless it lands a new home by the middle of April.

Nearly 30 artists comprising the colony must move out of the 98-year-old Academy to make way for renovations.

Artists hope to preserve their community by converting the old Kerby School into a professional artists center that would offer art classes to the public.

◆ Attorneys representing Grosse Pointe Park and a neighborhood group seek documents under the Freedom of

Information Act to reveal how the state handled its search for a group home in the 1000 block of Bedford. State officials intend to lease property owned by a clinical psychologist and former Department of Mental Health employee.

"We're looking at what appears to be a rather brash action on the part of the state (to lease a house) from someone they have a relationship with," says Pieter vanHorne, attorney for a group of Bedford homeowners.

◆ Efforts to replace the Milk River Bridge at Grosse Pointe Woods Lakefront Park stall again.

Woods council members learn they may have to delay sewer and street improvements to finance the proposed \$234,000 bridge project.

1996

10 years ago this week

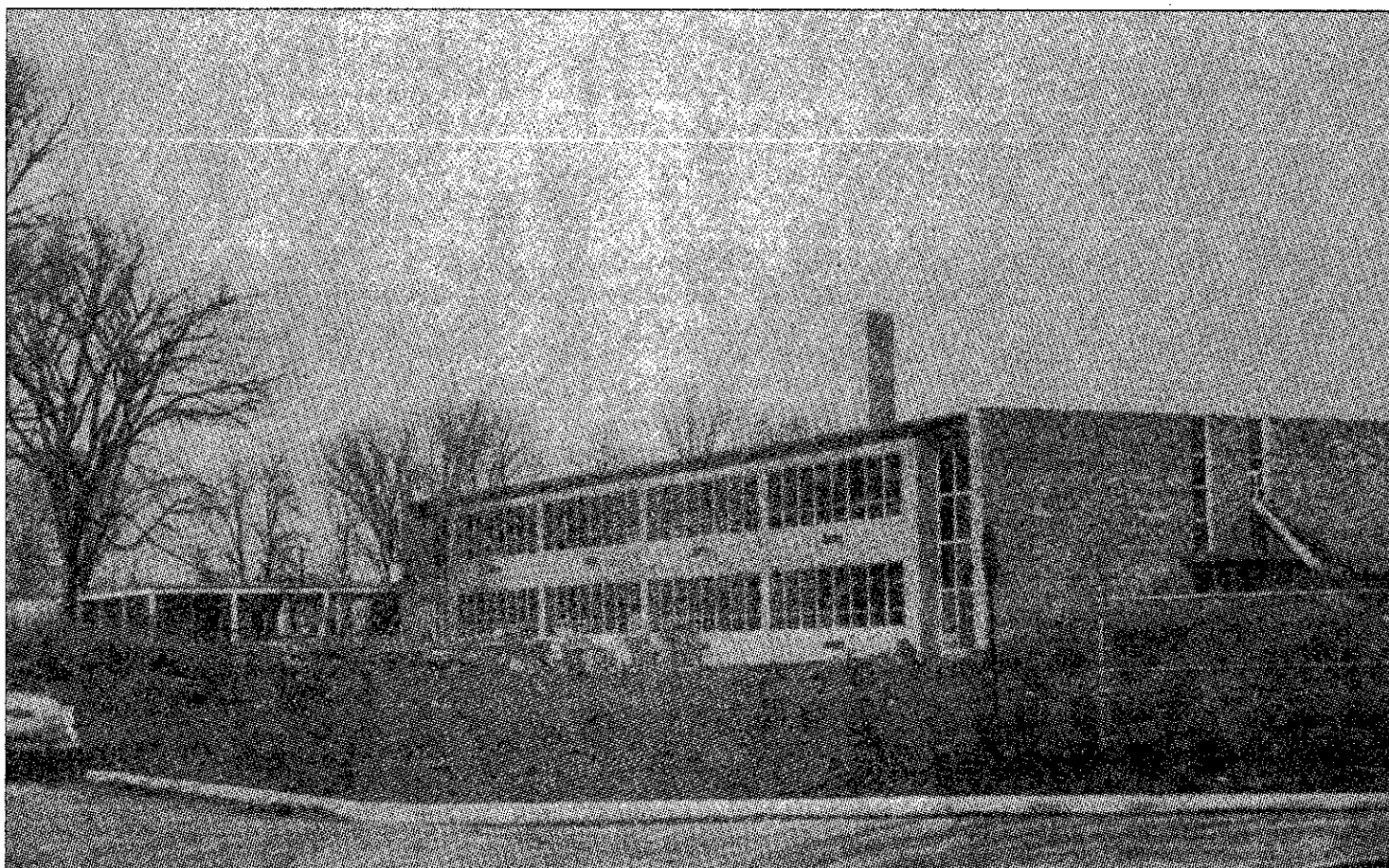
◆ Bon Secours Health System signs a letter of intent announcing an alliance is being considered between Bon Secours Hospital and Henry Ford Cottage Hospital.

"These discussions will allow us to consider how the two systems would work together to meet mutual goals and better serve the health care needs of the eastside," says Henry DeVries Jr., regional vice president of Bon Secours Health System.

◆ One week following the Grosse Pointe Woods city council's approval of a variance allowing permanent lights to be constructed around the Grosse Pointe North High School football field, opponents of the project file a lawsuit in Wayne County Circuit Court.

Neighbors of the school are asking for a temporary restraining order halting construction of the lights.

◆ The two northbound lanes of Lakeshore in Grosse Pointe



1956: Construction progressing on Barnes School

Construction of John R. Barnes Elementary School is nearing completion on a 12-acre site in Torrey Woods on Morningside at Fairford in Grosse Pointe Woods. Furnishings and equipment will be moved into the school this summer in time for an estimated enrollment of 500 students in September. (From the April 5, 1956 Grosse Pointe News.)

Shores will close next week to allow commencement of a sewer separation project.

updating the state's congressional and legislative districts.

◆ The population of Grosse Pointes and Harper Woods is more diverse than a decade

ago, according to the 2000 Census.

The population of black residents in the communities amounts to 3.3 percent com-

pared to .5 percent in 1990. The change represents an increase from 314 a decade ago to 2,060 now.

—Brad Lindberg

2001

5 years ago this week

◆ Figures revealed in the 2000 Census show population drops in the five Grosse Pointes and Harper Woods.

Overall population declined 3.5 percent during the 1990s for a total 9.4 percent reduction since 1980.

◆ Grosse Pointes' veteran state representative is about to give Michigan a facelift.

Andrew Richner, a three-term Republican from Grosse Pointe Park and head of the House Republican caucus committee on redistricting, will use new census data to oversee

Secretary Land calls on residents to 'donate life'

Secretary of State Terri Lynn Land recently announced that Monday, April 10, has been selected as the start of this year's "Buddy Week," a time when organ donation supporters meet with the public at branch offices to promote enrollment on the state's donor registry.

To enhance organ donation efforts, the Department of State, Gift of Life Michigan and the Michigan Eye-Bank have extended promotional efforts from the traditional "Buddy Day" to the entire week. April is designated as "Donate Life Month" as part of a nationwide campaign.

"The gift of organ and tissue donation means hope and life for someone who is critically ill," said Land. "Lives are transformed when people care enough to become a donor. The Department of State has a long tradition of partnering with Gift of Life Michigan and the Michigan Eye-Bank. We're very proud of our role in educating residents about the critical need for more donors. We're trying something new this year by expanding our efforts to a full week. I'm very excited about the additional opportunities this provides us to focus on the important message of organ and tissue donation."

On April 10, which is Buddy Day, Gift of Life Michigan and Michigan Eye-Bank volunteers, known as Buddies, will be in about 135 Secretary of State offices from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. to distribute organ donor information. Buddies have received a transplant, are waiting

for one, are the family and friends of a recipient or donor, or are organ and tissue donor supporters.

Land will also hold a Buddy Day news conference that morning in southeast Michigan to promote the life-saving message of organ and tissue donation.

Offices in select communities will continue to host Buddies throughout the remainder of the week.

All offices will have organ

and tissue donor information on display.

Enrollment cards are available at any branch office and are mailed with every driver's license and state identification card.

Gift of Life Michigan is the state's certified, full-service organ recovery organization. The agency acts as an intermediary between donors, physicians and hospital staff.

For more information, call (800) 482-4881.

CITY OF GROSSE POINTE

Garage sale canceled

Due to the impending redevelopment of the Carriage House parking garage located behind the former Jacobson's building, Grosse Pointe's Greatest Garage Sale has been canceled.

The sale was originally scheduled to take place on

Sunday, May 28th and Monday, May 29th.

The date for the annual Paint the Window Contest held in downtown Grosse Pointe has been changed. The contest was originally scheduled for Saturday, May 6th. The new date is Saturday, May 13th.

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Pointe Woods. The Easter bunny will be available for free photos with children under 12 years old and refreshments will be provided.

All children and their families are welcome. Admission is free. For information, call (313) 778-0800.

◆ The Grosse Pointe Historical Society invites students to learn about the history and tradition of afternoon tea with Cyndee Harrison starting at 1 p.m. For more information, call (313) 884-7010.

◆ Kids Club meets from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Soulliere Landscaping Patio & Garden, 23919 Little Mack, St. Clair Shores. Club attendees will make Easter cards and mini-greenhouses.

SUNDAY, APRIL 9

◆ Grosse Pointe Woods Milk River 5K Run/3K Walk takes place at Lake Front Park, 23000 Jefferson. The 5K Run starts at 9 s.m. and costs \$22. The 3K Walk starts at 9:30 a.m. and cost \$17.

MONDAY, APRIL 10

◆ The Grosse Pointe Board of Education meets at 8 p.m. in Grosse Pointe South High School Wicking Library. ◆ Advance tickets for the Breast Cancer Walk's Roller Skating Party fundraiser go on sale from 5 to 7 p.m. today and Wednesday, April 12. The party will be from 4:30 to 7 p.m. on Sunday, May 7, at Great Skate, 29100 Hayes, Roseville. Advance tickets are \$5 per person and can be purchased at Ace Hardware in St. Clair Shores.

THURSDAY, APRIL 13

◆ The Grosse Pointe Public Library Board of Trustees holds its strategic planning committee meeting at 6 p.m. at the Ewald branch, 15175 E. Jefferson, Grosse Pointe Park. The public is welcome.

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GROSSE POINTE FARMS

Armed carjack attempt on Lakeshore

Shots fired, 3 arrested, no one injured

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

Police throughout the Grosse Pointes responded last Friday night to a report of shots fired during an attempted carjacking on Lakeshore in the Farms.

A chase into Grosse Pointe Park ended with the arrest of three 16-year-old Detroit males.

"Two of the three youths gave us confessions, including the perpetrator who fired the gun," said Mike McCarthy, Grosse Pointe Farms detective.

A fourth suspect, believed to be an 19-year-old Detroit male, escaped.

"We have an arrest warrant for him," said Dan Jensen, Farms deputy public safety director.

"All four will probably be

charged as adults," McCarthy said.

"This was the first carjacking in the Farms where shots were fired," said Lt. Rich Rosati, head of the Farms detective unit.

Carjacking in Michigan is punishable by up to life in prison.

"We'll probably have additional charges because of the shooting," McCarthy said.

Police said the quartet was fresh from committing an armed carjacking of a white 2001 Jeep on Belle Isle when they cruised to the Pointes looking for more.

"They said they were out to steal a car," said Rosati.

They saw their chance in a gunmetal-blue Jaguar sedan driven by a Dearborn man on Lakeshore near Moross. The man was capping a date with a midnight cruise March 31

along the Lake St. Clair waterfront. The 28-year-old victim asked that he and his 31-year-old female companion from Detroit not be identified.

The man had finished the outboard leg of his lake-side look-see when he reversed course past Pier Park and headed back toward Detroit. He was in the left lane approaching Moross when headlights of another vehicle appeared from behind.

"There was nobody else on the road," he said.

A teenager driving a white 2001 Jeep Cherokee passed on the right and swerved into the man's path.

"My first thought was here's some drunk guys," said the victim. "Very shortly after that they turned on an angle, blocking me in the lane. They stopped. Three doors (of the Jeep) opened. I saw a guy

come out of the rear passenger side. He had a gun."

"One of the youths confessed, 'We were gettin' the Jag,'" McCarthy said.

"They were upgrading," said Jensen.

The victim, a former U.S. Air Force military policeman, squealed his car backwards and ducked.

"We heard the shot," he said.

He didn't know it at the time, but a bullet hit the car about one inch from the bottom right side of the front bumper. The bullet pierced the windshield washer tank causing a leak.

"I saw them get back in their car and take off," said the victim. "I put my car in drive and was slowly going the same way they were. I called police and saw them turn right off Lakeshore."

Police from the City and Park searched for the Jeep.

A Park patrolman spotted it northbound on Cadieux from

Jefferson. He chased the vehicle through numerous side streets. The fleeing driver lost control and jumped the curb onto a lawn at the northeast corner of Kercheval and Devonshire.

"The Jeep reentered the roadway on Devonshire striking the curb and blowing out its left front tire," said Park police.

Two suspects were caught at the scene. Two ran away. Officers from multiple jurisdictions closed off the neighborhood from Devonshire to Balfour and Kercheval to Vernor.

The third 16-year-old was caught hiding near a garage in the 1200 block of Buckingham.

Officers said they found two pistols, including a Smith & Wesson, under the Jeep's front seat.

"The Smith & Wesson had been fired," Rosati said. "When confiscated, it had a

round in the chamber."

"Two suspects had picture-capable cell phones," police said. "The phones were examined and found to contain pictures of the suspects in possession of the handguns."

A few minutes after midnight three officers from Grosse Pointe Shores helped Farms police close Lakeshore in an unsuccessful search for a bullet or casing.

The next day, the victim discovered the bullet hole while attempting to fill his punctured windshield washer tank. After attending church Sunday he drove the car to Farms headquarters where McCarthy and Rosati discovered an exit hole on the inside of the right front wheel well.

The three suspects were sent to the Wayne County Youth Home awaiting prosecution.

Farms and Detroit police are helping each other find the 18-year-old.

CITY OF GROSSE POINTE

Murder suspect denied bond

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

The alleged chief conspirator of Grosse Pointe's first murder since the World War II era will stay in jail while his prosecution continues in Wayne County Circuit Court.

During a bond hearing last week, Judge Gregory D. Bill denied a request that murder suspect Joseph Michael Marasco be released on bond for legal and medical reasons.

Marasco's attorneys argued that he be freed to help with his defense and obtain treatment beyond what is available in jail for an assortment of life-threatening conditions.

Marasco, a 51-year-old heroin addict from the City, is fighting HIV so advanced his doctors consider him to have AIDS.

"As beat up as his immune system is, you can't predict which way he's going to go," testified one of Marasco's physicians, Dr. Anthony Ognjas, an AIDS specialist for nearly 20 years.

Ognjas called Marasco "one of my more tenuous patients." Judge Bill allowed Marasco to remain housed in the jail's 20-bed infirmary while two specialists affiliated with

Wayne State University and the Detroit Medical Center evaluate his condition and prescribe treatment.

Marasco is charged with financing the June 14 shooting death of his wealthy mother's bookkeeper.

In asking that Marasco's bond request be turned down, Robert Stevens, assistant prosecuting attorney, called Marasco a "major consideration" for flight risk.

When denying bond, Bill referred to Marasco's legal problems dating back more than a decade.

"He has multiple felony convictions and contacts with the criminal justice system," Bill said. "No bond is adequate to ensure the defendant's return to court."

Marasco faces charges of first-degree murder and conspiracy to murder. He is scheduled for trial beginning May 24.

The main prosecution witness, career criminal Andre Lamar Williams, 36, of Detroit, waived trial and pleaded guilty to shooting Barbara Ann Iske, 57, of Sterling Heights. The ambush occurred in the driveway of 21 Dodge Place, a private street in the City. Marasco lived at the residence with his

elderly mother, regarded as matriarch of the family finances.

Williams' confession earned him 22 to 32 years in prison instead of mandatory life without parole if convicted of premeditated murder.

During a preliminary hearing last month in City of Grosse Pointe Municipal Court, Williams testified to being paid \$3,300 for the hit by former prisonmate and alleged conspirator, Derrick Anthony Thompson, 47, of Detroit.

Williams admitted never meeting Marasco or being told outright that Marasco ordered the hit. But Williams said circumstances leading up to the killing, including a roadside rendezvous between Thompson and a man Williams later recognized as Marasco, convinced him that Marasco was behind the operation.

Williams testified that Iske was to be killed for interfering with "monies" Marasco was supposed to "receive from his mother."

Marasco's attorneys said Williams — five times convicted of armed robbery, weapons and drug charges — invented the hit story to mask what he was really up to. They said he and Thompson — three times

convicted of armed robbery, concealed weapons charges and burglary — went to 21 Dodge Place as part of a plan to extort money from Marasco. The criminal pair allegedly stumbled onto Iske arriving for work and things went from bad to worse.

Ognjas said Marasco suffered a stroke in 1996. The left side of his body is partially paralyzed from a car crash in 1998. Ognjas said Marasco's Hepatitis C is "raging out of control."

When admitted to county jail two months ago, Marasco's throat had open sores, according to Dr. Timothy Barth, jail medical director since 1998.

Bill let Marasco stay in the jail medical ward to ensure receipt of regular doses of prescription medicine, including methadone to treat heroin addiction and morphine for chronic pain, but also to safeguard the general jailhouse population against spread of infectious disease.

"His blood would be considered contagious," Ognjas said. "He could be, for lack of a better word, a little germ factory. One of my prime concerns is tuberculosis. That's something you don't need running around a jail."

GROSSE POINTE WOODS

McCann Arena renews ice use

University Liggett School has once again opened its doors for Grosse Pointe Woods residents who want to use McCann Ice Arena for public skating.

Woods Parks and Recreation Department Director Melissa Sharp said 2,300 people used the arena last year.

"It is well attended and a good thing for our residents," Woods Councilwoman Dona DeSantis-Reynolds said.

Mayor Robert Novitke and city council unanimously approved the agreement between the city and University Liggett School to use the ice arena from 5 to 7 p.m. each Sunday starting Sept. 10 and ending

March 25. The facility will be closed Dec. 24 and Dec. 31.

In the agreement, ULS is responsible for the maintenance of the arena at all times. The city, however, will staff the arena during the city time, specifically providing personnel at the admission door to ensure that the provisions of the agreement are enforced. The city is responsible for any and all damage to all real and personal property of the arena that occurs during city time.

In addition, the city assumes all liability for injury or damage to any person who uses the arena during city time.

The hourly ice rental fee is \$200 and is paid monthly.

GROSSE POINTE WOODS

Voters may have to fill out state card

By Bob St. John
Staff Writer

Residents age 60 and over and disabled people living in Grosse Pointe Woods will still receive an absent voter ballot in the mail for the May 2 school board election.

However, if law makers in Lansing have their way, these same residents will have to fill out a card to be placed on a list to receive absentee voter ballots.

"Mailing our AV (absent voter) ballots to our senior citizens and disabled voters is a courtesy the city of Grosse Pointe Woods has done for many, many years," Woods City Clerk Lisa Hathaway said. "It's important for our seniors and disabled to be aware of what is going on when it comes to voting, and I plan to help them stay on top of this story."

This turn of events occurred as a result of lawsuits filed against the cities of Detroit and Brownstown Township, following the August 2005 primary election.

The lawsuit claims unsolicited ballot applications sent to senior citizens could lead to election fraud.

Wayne County Circuit Court

Judge Mary Beth Kelly also issued an injunction against the two communities, preventing them from mailing AV applications to seniors without a request from the voter.

In addition to the injunction, two bills in the Michigan legislature may affect the automatic mailing of absent voter applications, House Bill 4228 and Senate Bill 746.

"Both of these bills are still in the waiting mode," Hathaway said. "Until this matter is resolved at the state level, the intent of the city clerk's office is to make the election process, administered within the confines of election law, as easy as possible for all voters, including people 60 years of age and over. Therefore, based on past practice, the city of Grosse Pointe Woods will continue its practice of automatically sending the city's seniors absent voter applications."

Clerks in Northville Township, Van Buren Township, Westland, Canton and Livonia are continuing to mail AV ballots to its residents age 60 and up, and will do so until notified by the state, Hathaway said.

The bills require clerks to maintain a permanent absent

voter list of qualified and registered voters who request to be placed on the permanent absent voter list of the local jurisdiction.

Additionally, members of the Michigan Association of Municipal Clerk's Legislative Committee indicates if this legislation passes, the State will be sending out cards to registered voters notifying them of the change and new procedures, which have yet to be defined, Hathaway said.

The elector must apply in person or by mail with the clerk of the township, city, or village in which he or she is registered, said a legislative analysis group.

The application for an absent voter ballot is made by a signed written request, on an application form, or on a federal postcard application. Clerks must have forms available at all times, and furnish them to anyone who makes a verbal or written request.

In order to complete an absent voter application, the person must explain the reason for his absence, selecting any one of the grounds listed in the statute, including: absence from the community; physically unable to attend the polls without the assistance of another;

unable to attend the polls because of religious beliefs; appointment as an election precinct inspector other than where the voter resides; 60 years of age or older; or unable to attend the polls because of incarceration, the analysis states.

A person who makes a false statement is guilty of a misdemeanor.

"I have had no problems mailing out AV ballots to our senior citizens and disabled voters," Hathaway said. "We have had no problems getting these ballots back in a timely manner so they can be processed for elections."

Woods city councilman Pete Waldmeir expressed concern about the possible change, saying it would be tough on the city's senior citizens who can't get around very well.

State legislators have been mulling these two bills for a year. Hathaway expects a decision to be made before she has to mail out AV ballots for the Aug. 8 primary.

"We (at city hall) want to keep our residents informed with the latest information about this issue," Hathaway said. "We will let everyone know when we hear from the state on this AV issue."

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JIM GARLOUGH has helped his history students get to the roots of how the country came to be and its complexities. His teaching expertise even dives into the depths of Europe.

Teacher connects students to roots

By Carrie Cunningham
Special Writer

For Grosse Pointe South History teacher Jim Garlough, 63, instructing students on societies through the ages is a way of both providing them with a context of where they came from and introducing them to concepts that can apply to their own lives.

He feels the Grosse Pointe Public School System is a great place to impart this knowledge.

Garlough has been with the school system since 1968. He has taught at Grosse Pointe North High School, Parcels Middle School and for the past 20 years, at South. He had the opportunity to coach football for many years. From 1980 until 1986, he taught American history and then switched to

world and European history, which he still teaches today.

"That's the longest tenure of any position I've had," he said.

South students learn both American and European and world history, and Garlough has loved teaching all histories.

While instructing American history, Garlough liked the Civil War, Reconstruction and Progressive eras most. These epochs' incredible leaders formed a basis and elan to which many of today's leaders aspire.

"I love Teddy Roosevelt. I love reading about him," Garlough said. "He's still one of the most dynamic 20th century figures."

In European history, he favors English and French history from the 1600s to the present.

Garlough is versed in major

European thinkers, such as Voltaire, Montesquieu, Moliere and Racine.

The idea of progress in American and European and world history has spurred students to think of their own development and ambitions, he said.

"We think of our Horatio Alger idea of no limit, no ceiling. Whether it's accurate or not, it's part of the mystique of who we are," Garlough said.

"(Students) set high expectations for themselves and parents have high expectations. That's all fostered in the school and the community," he said. "It's a good school. That's why it's a good school system. That's why it's a great place to work."

Every year Garlough has students who display high ethical standards and believe in no-

tions of justice, fairness and kindness, he said.

"They value people. Sometimes it is very flamboyant. Sometimes it's very subtle. Sometimes it's invisible until you see them write," Garlough said.

He feels privileged for the benefits he receives from his students while teaching, he said.

"I love the fact that my learning comes along with it," he said.

While teaching at South has provided much meaning in his life, Garlough said he sees challenges for the school and district, namely the budget deficits, which include a shortfall of more than \$3 million for this school year. He is concerned and has empathy for colleagues who have been laid off and realizes the possibility

that some programs may be eliminated.

Garlough is married to wife Mary, a music teacher at Defer Elementary, and has two twin daughters, Emily and Sarah. Emily attends the University of Michigan and is engrossed in a dual major in anthropology and environmental studies. She spent a semester in South Africa and is currently working on a fundraising project for Habitat for Humanity.

Sarah is enrolled at Michigan State University, where she is studying business and marketing. She is going through a business recruiting process to hopefully land a job in her area of interest.

"They have been wonderful kids. They're very independent. They're very grown up," he said.

Garlough brought his family

to the Pointes mainly because of the school system. He grew up in Ohio and attended a small liberal arts school called Capital University College in Columbus, Ohio. Both of his parents were school teachers. He studied history at U-M concurrently with teaching.

During the summers, Garlough travels and reads books by notable authors, such as Afghan author Khaled Hosseini, Tom Clancy, Bill Bryson and the cultural historian Jacques Barzun.

While he relishes vacations, his true enchantment is with South and the school system at large.

"The Grosse Pointe Public School System has a long reputation of being very solid. It has been a history that performed," he said. "What better place to be?"

Panel of experts discuss security issues

By Bob St. John
Staff Writer

Crime rates have decreased throughout the Grosse Pointes, according to recent public safety department reports.

That statistic didn't stop a panel of experts from discussing how business owners and residents should handle security measures, including home invasions, during the Grosse Pointe Chamber of Commerce's Speaker Series meetings March 28.

Grosse Pointe Farms detective Mike McCarthy, City of Grosse Pointe detective Ron Wieczorek, Miller Canfield attorney Jeff Rogg, Dusing Security & Surveillance owner Jim Dusing and Aitken-Ormond & Shores Insurance representative Dan Aitken spent an hour with Grosse Pointe residents, area business owners and Grosse Pointe Chamber of Commerce members speaking about security issues.

"We're very lucky in the Pointes because our crime rates are so low," McCarthy said. "However, we, as public safety officers, feel it is impor-

tant to get a complete understanding of how to handle yourself in case of an emergency. Nobody knows when their home is broken into or their business is robbed."

McCarthy said most crime is fueled by drug users and the national rate of solved home invasions is 10 percent, while that number is 73 percent in the Farms. The other four Grosse Pointe communities also have a similar number around 73 percent.

"We communicate with the other Grosse Pointe public safety departments on a daily basis; so we're all well connected when it comes to helping prevent crime," McCarthy said.

Wieczorek gave an example of how a suspect in a rash of home invasions late in 2005 was caught and arrested, thanks to the team work of detectives from each of the Pointes.

"If a home invader commits a crime in the City, they will usually commit another one in the Farms and the Woods because we're so close in proximity," Wieczorek said. "Residents can call 911 and we get the signal immediately; so we know exactly which house the call came from."

The use of cell phones makes directing a 911 call more challenging, but McCarthy said technological improvements are helping in that area.

"You should always have a land line in your home, just in case of an emergency," McCarthy said. "You can't always count on your cell phone to connect your call."

Wieczorek also said he per-

sonally visits a new business and has a card filled out that has the owners' and managers' names. He said the city also has census cards of each family that has the name of each member in the household along with business numbers of the mother and father.

"If we get a 911 call, we want to know who is in the house or who owns the business," Wieczorek said. "Sometimes we get a call in the middle of the night when a business has been broken into or someone is on a premises who doesn't belong, and we know exactly who is in the home or what business it is. This information is very helpful to our officers."

Dusing said that 99 percent of alarm systems are monitored through telephone lines, and burglars are now cutting phone lines before breaking into a home so the alarm can't be activated.

"Storms knock out power and even work companies can knock out power, which could deactivate an alarm system," Dusing said. "If you have DSL, make sure you have a filter in order to activate your alarm system."

Aitken said, "Most insurance companies offer incentives for having an alarm system in your home."

He also told the audience if employees make daily bank drop-offs, they shouldn't carry the money out in the open (even if it is in a bank deposit bag). Aitken suggested business owners keep \$50 in their cash registers and leave them propped open. If a burglar breaks into the business, they

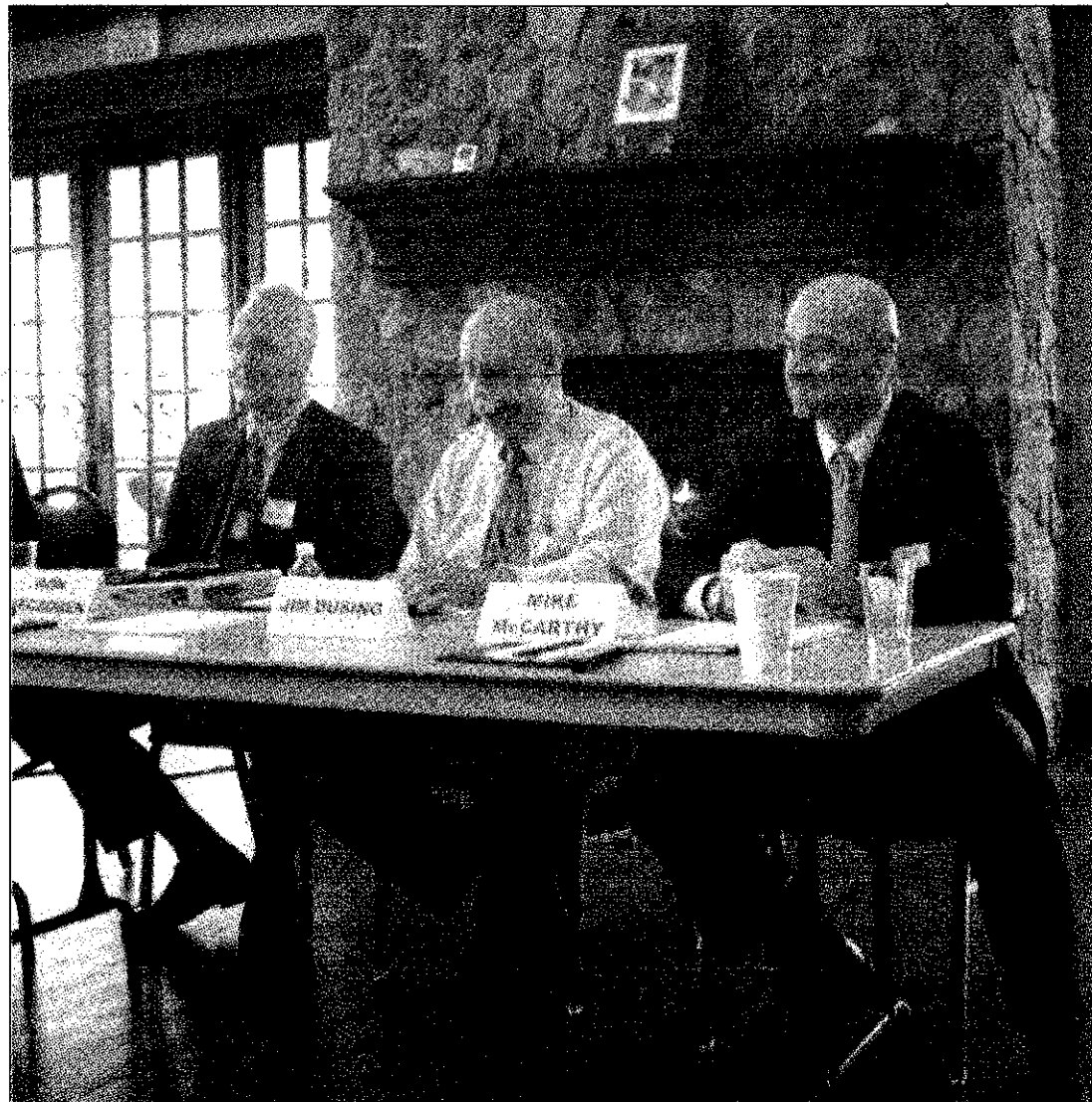


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A panel of security experts spoke to Grosse Pointe Chamber of Commerce members about home invasions. From left to right, Ron Wieczorek (City of Grosse Pointe detective), Jim Dusing (owner of Dusing Security & Surveillance) and Mike McCarthy (Grosse Pointe Farms detective) were among the five panelists.

will destroy a register to get it open, and if they can't get quick money they may destroy the business looking for cash.

"Thieves want to get in and out fast," McCarthy said. "Most of the time they need drug money and if they can get some cash within the first couple of minutes they are in a

house or a business, they will leave."

Rogg spoke of the legalities involving self defense and how it is a felonious assault if you don't have a weapon, but hide your finger in a coat pocket and point it at somebody.

"You can protect yourself from an assailant, but you can't

run the person down and beat him up. That is an offense," Rogg said. "You can protect yourself until the threat is over."

Business owners have the legal right to detain someone who they think shoplifted and a person can use force to retrieve a stolen item. Once the item is retrieved, the person can't continue to assault the individual, Rogg said.

Rogg also said, "You are the king of your castle, but those rights might diminish if you are in your detached garage or even on your front lawn."

"Each case is different, but basically you can protect yourself and your family to the fullest extent when you are in your home."

McCarthy said, "If you hear an intruder in your home, the first thing to do is call 911 and then announce yourself and say you called the police. Criminals do not want a confrontation, and don't put yourself into a confrontation with a criminal because bad things happen."

Both Wieczorek and McCarthy emphasized the importance of calling 911 in case of an emergency because the police dispatcher will automatically know which home the call came from, which saves crucial seconds.

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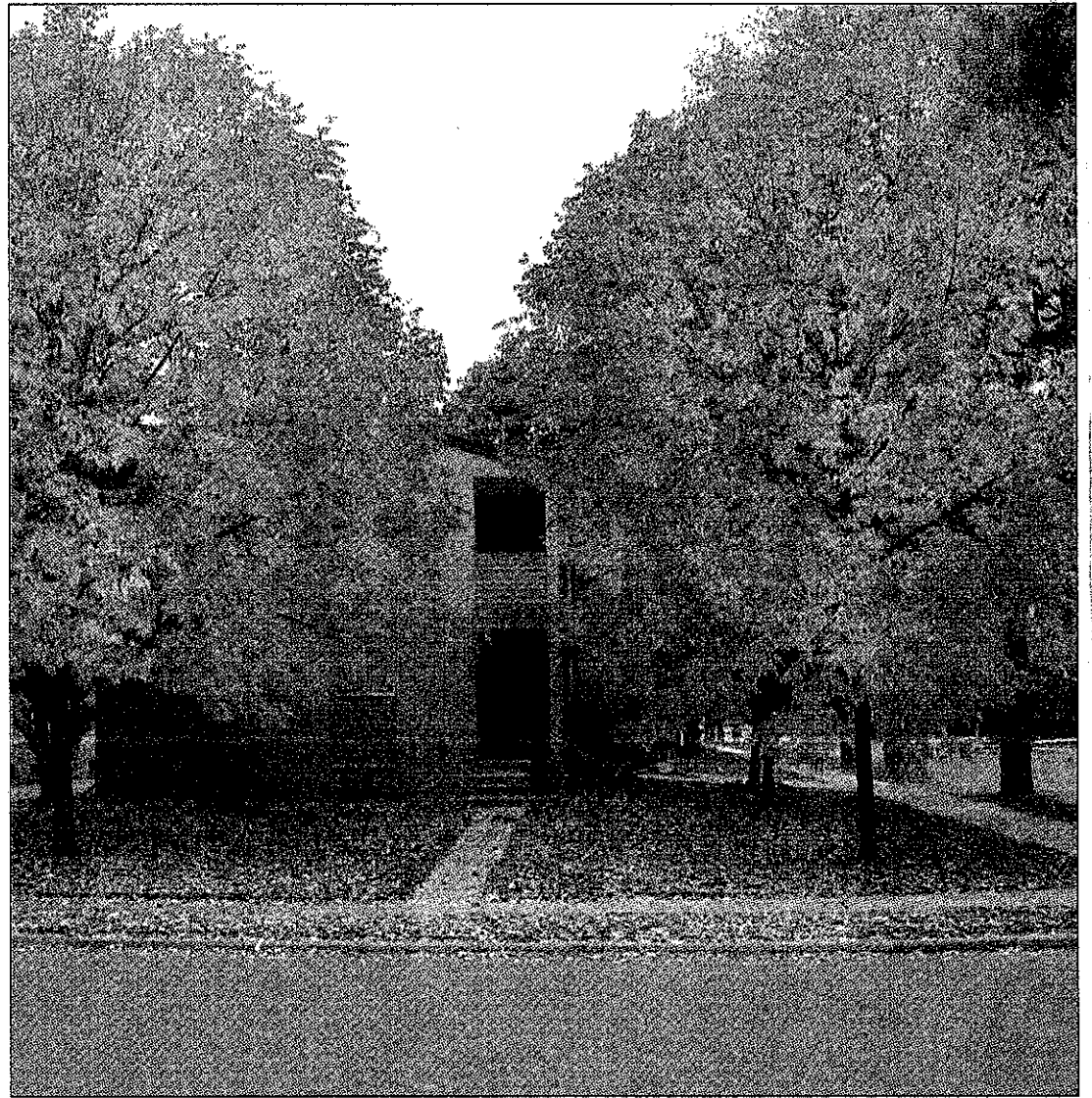


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By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

More of the community's ash trees are expected to be cut down this year than in the last four years combined.

The forecast is based on the number of city-owned ashes removed since wood-eating emerald ash borers were discovered in the Grosse Pointes during late 2002.

Tallies from all five Pointes put four-year losses at 619 ash trees.

This year's anticipated loss

of 746 city-owned trees would raise the overall toll to 1,320.

"Things will get worse in the next couple of years before it starts to taper off," said Brian Colter, city forester of Grosse Pointe Park. "I don't have money to cut them all down, so I'm just cutting down the obvious ones or ones that are hazardous. There's going to be a lot of dead trees standing."

Ash mortality has doubled in each of the last few years throughout most of the Pointes.

The exception is the Farms,

where preemptive tree injections prevented extensive infestation. Of the Farms' 620 city-owned ash trees, only one has been lost to the bug.

"We have a couple others that are heavily infested," said Phil Van Assche, in charge of trees for Farms public works.

Hardest hit is Grosse Pointe Park, where in August 2002 Colter was first on the eastside to diagnose emerald ash borer. In that year Colter removed seven ash. Last year he or his contractor cut down 180 ash for a four-year total of 319.

Emerald ash borers either prefer green ash trees to white ash or green ash is more susceptible to the invasive pest. In Grosse Pointe Park, left, a dead green ash stands next to two healthy white ones. In the City of Grosse Pointe, right, the colorful crowns of autumn purple ash, a white ash, show why many people value white ash over green.

"I'm predicting taking down 350 next year," he said.

Colter's computerized inventory of city-owned trees shows 1,197 ash remain on easements and other municipal property including two lakeside parks.

His counterparts in neighboring communities experienced the same trend as the bug moved east.

Borers in the City of Grosse Pointe killed their first three trees during 2003. The total number rose to 119 by the end of 2005. Fatalities last year included two massive specimens at Neff Park. Both trees were infested beyond hope despite being treated in early spring with powerful insecticide cocktails.

"This year I expect to lose 160 to 180 trees," said Frank Schulte, City public works supervisor in charge of trees.

The trend continued in Grosse Pointe Woods, owner of about 1,100 ash trees, according to Joe Shock, city forester.

In 2003, the Woods lost five ash trees to emerald ash borer. Losses last year were 109 trees, bringing the three-year grand total to 164.

"I expect this year to cut down 200 trees," Shock said. "I've already done 18, mostly in Ghesquire Park."

Emerald ash borers didn't claim their first victims in Grosse Pointe Shores until 2004.

Brett Marshall, head of the Shores tree board who is volunteering services of his tree care company to inject ash trees, said 16 out of 300 municipally-owned ash have died

from borers. He anticipates borers will kill 36 trees this year, especially near the north end of the village. Also, residents of Hawthorne, where a few years ago 82 ash were planted along both sides of the street for aesthetic uniformity, may have to get used to chain saws and saw dust.

"We have a problem on Hawthorne," Marshall said.

Ash tree losses reported by Pointe officials don't include trees which borers killed on private property.

Shock said his figures omit nearly 140 specimens removed from Lochmoor Club since 2004. Nor do Shock's total ash losses include 552 dead and brittle examples he ordered taken down on residential property for safety reasons.

"Once they become a hazard, they're condemned," Shock said.

Pointe losses will be added to about 7 million Michigan ash trees already killed by emerald ash borers. The hardy species of flying bug was believed brought mistakenly to the United States in the mid-1990s in a shipment of manufacturing parts delivered to western Wayne County.

Female borers help ensure survival of the species by laying batches of eggs in fissures of bark in many parts of multiple trees. Larvae kill trees by burrowing through cambium, the layer of vascular wood located just beneath bark, and disrupting the flow of water and nutrients. Adults are about 1/2-inch long and good fliers.

Based on scientific study and practical observation, emerald ash borers seem to prefer

green ash over white ash. Or it could be that white ash are more resistant to borers than green ash.

Only four of all ash lost in the Park were white ash, Colter said.

About a month after Colter discovered borer larvae four years ago killing a tree on Yorkshire, Farms officials gambled on a \$24,000 annual campaign to safeguard trees.

They injected trees with Imidacloprid. The chemical was a proven bug-killer, but hadn't faced emerald ash borer, a species virtually unknown in the western Hemisphere.

"We started injecting in August 2002 and started again in the spring of 2003," Van Assche said. "We've been injecting each year since."

Trees reserved for treatment are often valued as exceptional specimens or integral to the landscape, such as at parks, on traffic islands or memorial trees planted in the memory of loved ones.

Assche said 630 Farms ash are being treated. Likewise in the City, Schulte is injecting 316 ash. In the Woods, Shock is injecting 430 trees. In the Shores, Marshall is injecting 150 ash.

In the Park, Colter is injecting only 30 ash.

"I've already used up my budget for fiscal year 2005-2006," he said. "Even if I had the money, I probably still would have taken this road. A lot of green ash are not good-looking trees."

"Green ash has a bad growth habit," Schulte said. "They're a nasty tree. Autumn purple ash (a white ash) has beautiful color and good growth structure."

Officials from all five Pointes have applied for \$20,000 state-administered federal matching grants to replace lost ash with species that are less common and considered more desirable members of the urban forest.

Last year the City planted 140 trees, the Farms 87, the Park 149, the Shores 25 and Woods 266.

"We're putting in dawn redwood, rubber trees and others," said Shock.

"I'm doing 20 different varieties, including three varieties of maple," added Schulte.

Colter's choices include muscadine and swamp white oak. All Pointes are planting disease-resistant elms.

The goal is diversity. "We're doing the right thing now so when the next guy comes along there will be a nice variety of trees," Schulte said.

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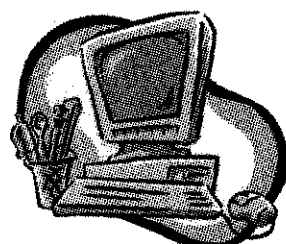
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GROSSE POINTE WOODS

Zoning board gives new businesses 'OK'

By Bob St. John
Staff Writer

Two new businesses will call Grosse Pointe Woods home.

Deja vu Boutique, 20964 Mack, and the Grosse Pointe Collection, 20155 Mack, received approval at the March 20 city council meeting by the Zoning Board of Appeals.

"I was very impressed with the store (Deja vu Boutique) and it would fit in nicely with

the surrounding businesses in the north end of the city," Woods Building Inspector Gene Tutag said.

Susan Ferretti and Judith Allen, owners of Deja vu Boutique, will utilize 25 percent of the 1,500 square foot building for the sale of used clothing and the other 75 percent for inventory.

City attorney Charles Berschback concurred with Tutag and told Mayor Robert Novitke and city council mem-

bers that in his professional opinion Deja vu Boutique didn't need a variance and that Tutag could grant a business license.

"It is our intent at Deja vu Boutique to bring into Grosse Pointe Woods a fashion store of quality, variety and value for today's gal," Ferretti and Allen said in a letter to city officials. "We have two years operating in St. Clair Shores and would like to continue our success in Grosse Pointe

Woods where most of our clientele-base is already. We are a specialty boutique that inspires our customers to enjoy, with a flare, their shopping experience. We are chic, funky, fun and fabulous."

Novitke and the council unanimously approved a business license for Ferretti and Allen instead of granting a variance.

William J. Sosnowski and Richard Matelonek, owners of Grosse Pointe Collection, also

sent a letter to city officials requesting a use variance, which needs five votes from council to be approved.

"We, the Grosse Pointe Collection, have been in the antique business in the Grosse Pointe area for over nine years," Matelonek said. "Our customer base consists mainly of the residents of all the Grosse Pointes. The building we are interested in leasing is perfect for what we want to do. The historic nature of the building is something we

would like to preserve."

The 1,700 square foot building is located in the RO-1 Restricted Office District, in which retail sales are not listed as permitted uses by the current zoning ordinances.

Nearly 50 residents and business owners who live or do business in the vicinity signed a letter of approval on behalf of Sosnowski and Matelonek.

The Zoning Board of Appeals unanimously approved the use variance.

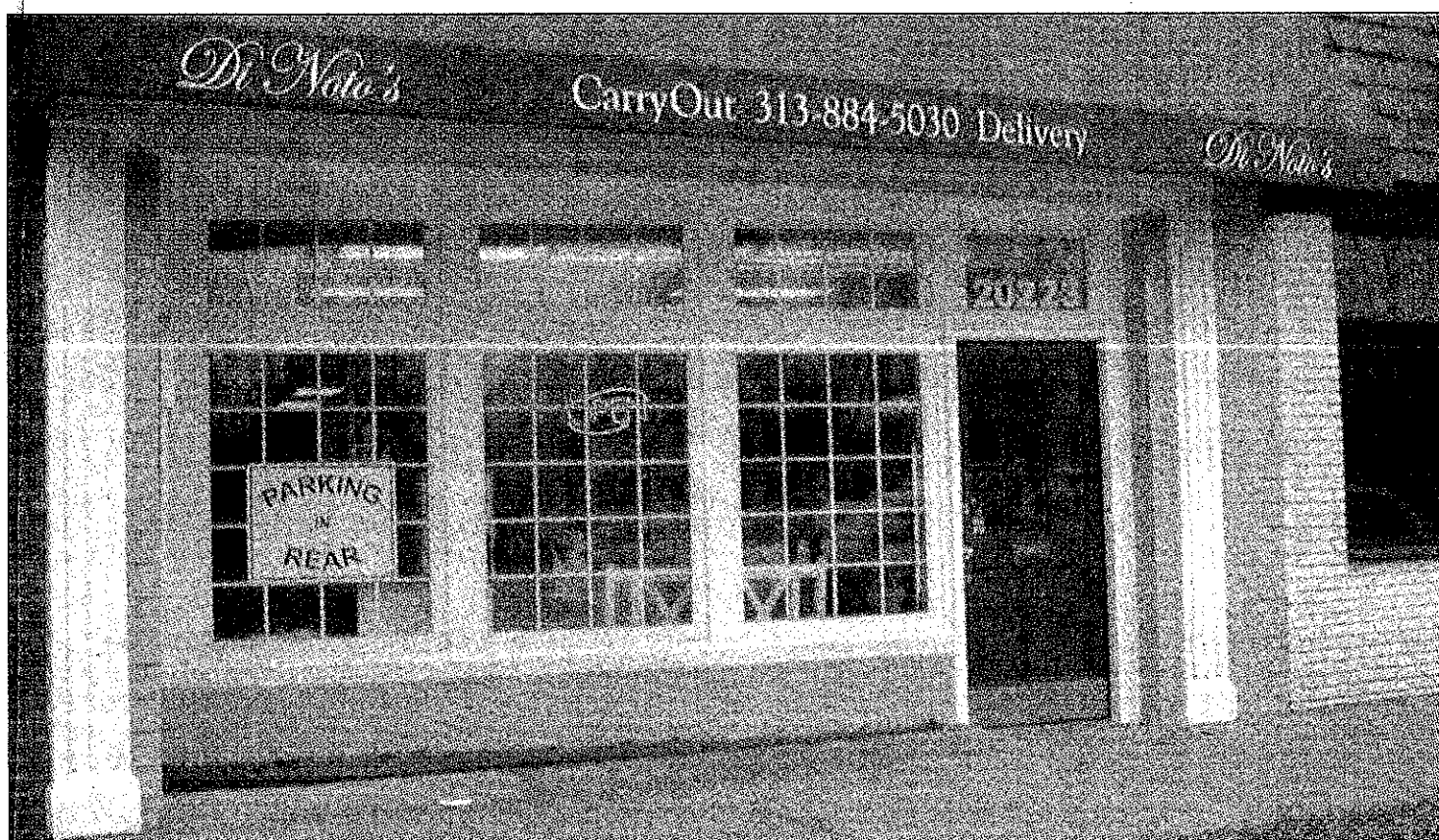


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DiNoto's Genuine Italian Carry Out, located at 20223 Mack Avenue next to Bucci's in Grosse Pointe Woods, is open for business.

Owners Rose and Pino DiNoto's menu offers salads, soups, side orders, sandwiches, pizza, pasta, entrees, children's portions and desserts, including cannolies. DiNoto's delivers. Call (313) 884-5030 or check out the Website at www.dinotos.com.

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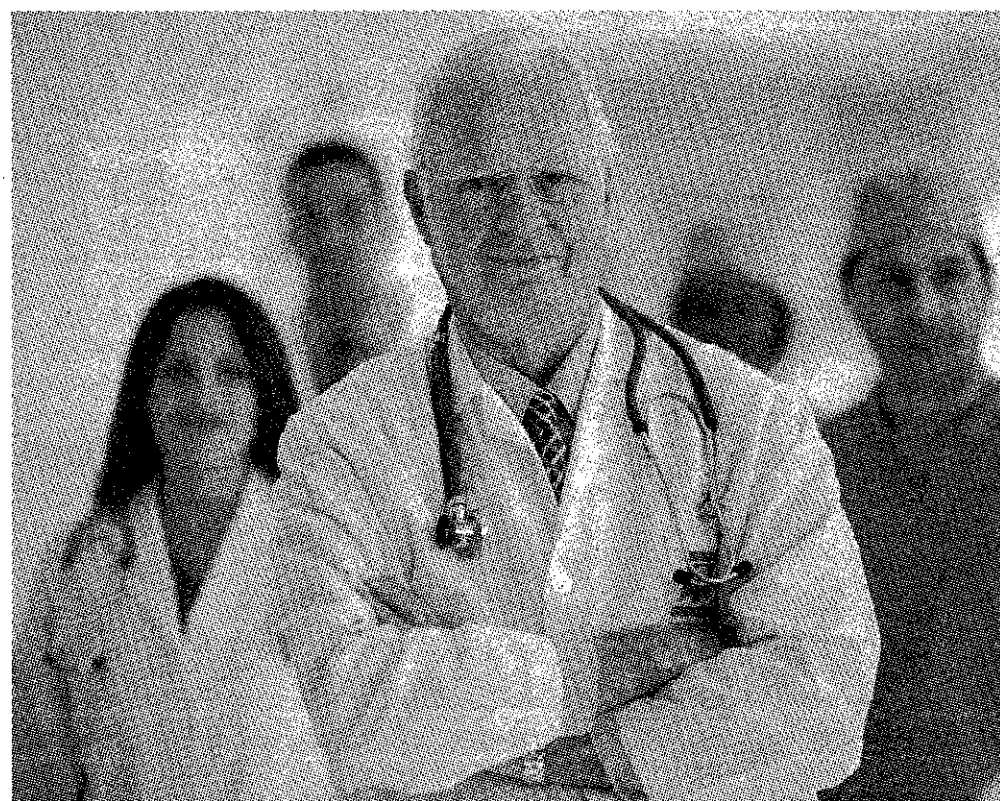
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EDITORIALS

Kudos in order for school board

Congratulations to the Grosse Pointe Board of Education and the Revenue Enhancement Transition Committee for removing the \$100,000 seed money "gift" from the table.

The school board Monday night voted 5-1 to not contribute \$100,000 of school tax money to the committee involved in creating a charitable foundation for the Grosse Pointe Public School System.

We erroneously stated last week that the \$100,000 seed money was to be a loan. Actually, the money was slated to be a gift toward the revenue enhancement efforts. Earlier, the proposal had been for the schools to loan \$750,000 toward the creation of a fundraising foundation, with \$60,000 being paid immediately.

The proposal was reduced to a one-time, \$100,000 contribution by the school system. The matter was discussed Monday at a 6 p.m. school board work session. But at the 8 p.m. regularly scheduled meeting, the board voted to remove the \$100,000 request. Angela Kennedy cast the sole negative vote. Board President Jeff Broderick was on vacation.

As we opined last week, spending tax dollars on a speculative venture, such as paying a private fundraising company to solicit donations, was a bad idea, if not unethical.

Apparently, many taxpayers agreed with us and said so at Monday night's meeting.

The newly dubbed Fund Development Transition Committee will now work with the \$10,000 generously donated by board member Lisa Vreede and her husband. The committee will have to come up with a foundation charter and by-laws and a logo and stationary.

Much of these needs can be met by private artists, businesses and legal and financial professionals. We suggest those willing to help contact the school administrative offices at 389 St. Clair.

Again, kudos to the school board and revenue enhancement transition committee for showing good judgment.

City mayor clears up PUD

It was a little late, but City of Grosse Pointe Mayor Dale Scrace cleared up several misunderstandings about the Planned Unit Development issue in a letter to Grosse Pointe Manor condominium owners last week.

The mayor admitted a great deal of opposition to the PUD ordinance appeared in letters to the Grosse Pointe News and through protest petitions.

Mayor Scrace outlined many points about PUDs:

- 1) The PUD ordinance is an administrative procedure that may be requested by a developer.
- 2) The PUD ordinance does not rezone property.
- 3) The PUD ordinance calls for rigorous city council review and does not strip residents of control over their property, leaving them to the "whim of the city council."
- 4) The PUD ordinance is not a means for the city to take people's homes.
- 5) The PUD ordinance has been used by many communities for years, including Grosse Pointe Farms.

The mayor also pointed out key protections for condo owners: their condominium association and agreement.

We think the PUD ordinance is not as onerous or fearful as many believe. Used properly, a PUD can allow greater, more beneficial use of property than can single-use zoning. It can allow multiple uses in commercial areas, such as the combined condominium/Kroger project planned for Parking Lot No. 2 (which we hope the city council will find the time to act on soon).

But while Mayor Scrace offered assurances to the condominium owners, we still think they have a point. The approval of a PUD project is at the whim of the council.

True, the mayor says the council works "tirelessly with the greater good of the City of Grosse Pointe residents in mind," but let's not be so arrogant that we assume we know what is the best for all our residents.

Let's take the time to listen and not dismiss naysayers out of hand. The residents' input and the mayor's letter in response is a good start. Hopefully with a new city manager, communication and open government will be proactive, not reactive.

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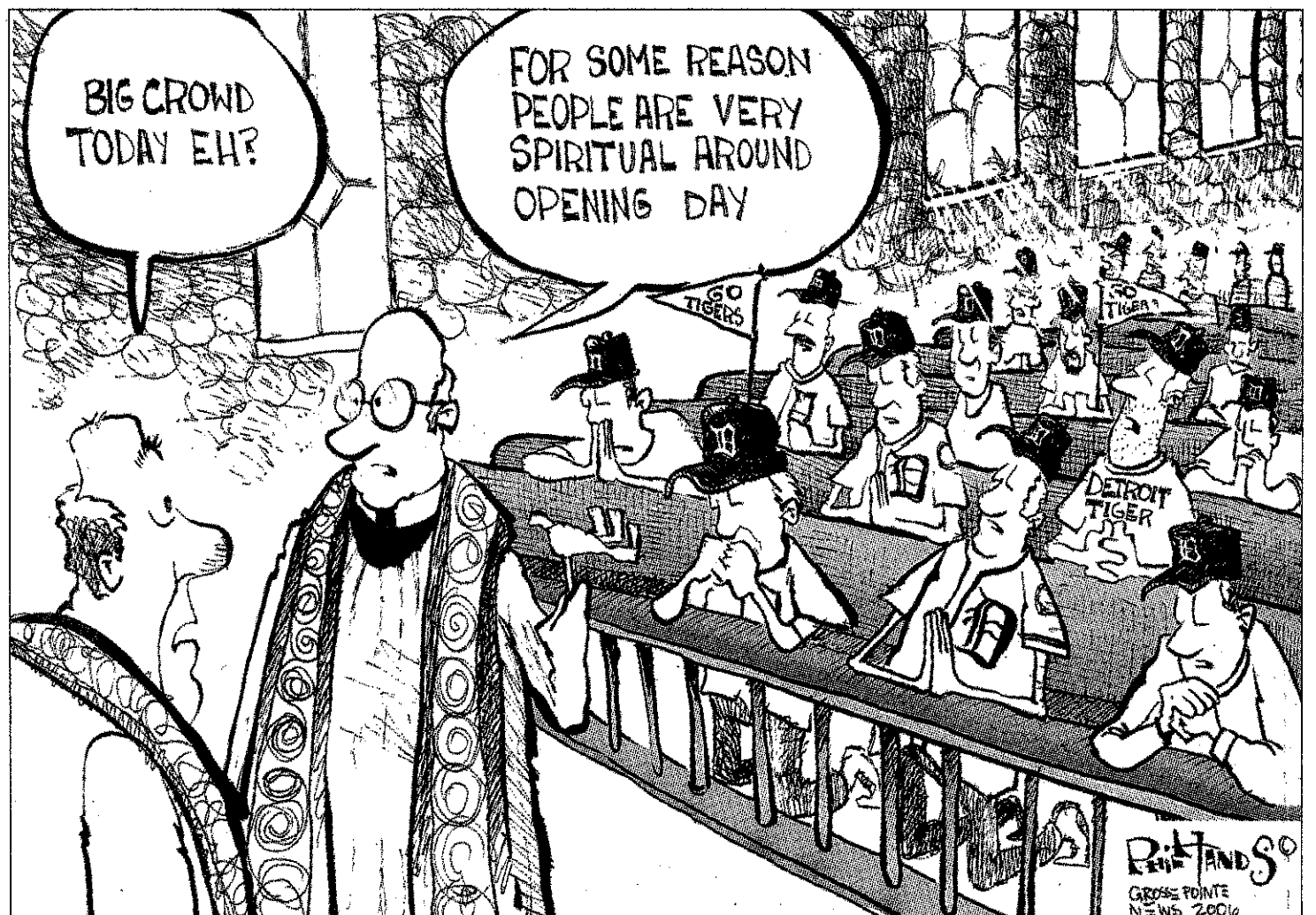
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Successful fundraiser

To the Editor:

As a Monteith parent, I was invited to attend the "Enchanted Evening" hosted by the Monteith PTO on April 1. This special event, held at Assumption's elegant facilities, featured live, silent and tin-can auctions.

How much was raised is not yet finalized; the proceeds have been earmarked to benefit the very robust PTO programs, activities and events put on for the benefit of the entire Monteith community — teachers, staff, parents and, most importantly, students.

I would like to publicly acknowledge the success of this outstanding event, and most of all give my thanks to chairper-

son Kathleen Bayer. Kathleen had no prior blueprint to follow, as this was the first auction in Monteith's history. Her dedication, steely determination, enthusiasm and leadership over the past year have been remarkable. The fact that she juggled it all with a smile on her face is even more amazing.

At the slightest hint of a compliment coming her way, Kathleen quickly points to Rachelle Koester, her co-chair, whose secret is that she never, ever stops working until the job at hand is finished to perfection.

I know these two very special Monteith moms could not have pulled it off without all the other talented and hard-working moms, dads, teachers and staff who comprised the

auction committee.

The night went off without a hitch, and it was great to see 260-plus smiling guests who came, saw and conquered at the auction block.

Without the tremendous quantity of quality goods and services donated from the "inside community" — Monteith parents, teachers, staff and students, as well as the local businesses — it would have been just a great party, instead of something our students will benefit from in the coming years.

Congratulations Kathleen, Rachelle and committee members on a successful fundraiser for our children and for pulling off an absolutely flawless Enchanted Evening.

TERI FIELDS
Grosse Pointe Woods

Bad sidewalk fall leads to city action

To the Editor:

Someone in Grosse Pointe Woods was on the ball for obviously calling the city about the bad, new, sidewalk on Aline Drive.

My wife had a bad fall from an uneven slab-joint poured in 2005. She was cut and bruised

for a week — she is a senior citizen.

A crew was out last week to cull the two bad joints, even before my wife had lost the last of her facial discollocations.

I sometimes get the needle from neighbors for my being alert — we are "neighborhood watch" people — for anything out of the ordinary on the street.

All things being equal, how nice it would be if our citizenry was on the ball insofar as another continual problem exists — the gross inattention by residents who fail to see the importance of cleaning ice and snow below the two-inch level, or at least applications of ice-melt when appropriate.

Being a walker, I frequently have had to walk in the streets due to the majority of homeowners in the area not taking clean sidewalks as a serious responsibility. Ordinances are one thing; being responsible citizens is quite another.

Our thanks to the city of Grosse Pointe Woods — it is just this sort of thing that makes it a pleasure to be a Grosse Pointe Woods resident.

TOM DE BOEVER
Grosse Pointe Woods

GUEST EDITORIAL By Karen Alton, M.D., and Michael McMillan, Ph.D.

Teen suicide: Time to address it

Nothing seems more tragic than the death of a young person. It is even more tragic when it is by suicide.

Recently, the Grosse Pointe community lost two youths to suicide. Nationwide, suicide remains the third cause of death in people aged 15-24 years, and accounts for 12 percent of adolescent mortality. The rate of death by suicide tripled between 1952 and 1995.

Historically, suicide was often regarded as a response to overwhelming problems or a romantic, heroic gesture. We now know that suicide is a fatal complication of an unrecognized or untreated mental illness. Common types of illnesses that may indicate suicidal tendencies are depression, anxiety and conduct disorders. Combined with substance abuse, particularly alcohol, there is a significant increase in suicide attempts and deaths.

A previous suicide attempt is the single most important risk factor for a completed suicide.

Of the youth who died of suicide, 33 percent had made a previous attempt. Actions such as taking a handful of pills may not seem serious, but they are. Such actions reflect poor coping skills and mental health issues and dramatically increase the probability of death by suicide.

All suicide attempts must be taken seriously. In males, a previous suicide attempt increases the probability of death by suicide by 30 times. A reported 90

percent of teens who committed suicide, and 80 percent with suicide attempts had pre-existing psychiatric conditions.

Significant symptoms of depression may be present long before a suicide attempt. Eighty-five percent of depressed teens report suicidal thoughts, and 30 percent of polled depressed teens had reported a previous suicide attempt. Half of all teens committing suicide have had contact with a mental health professional, but only 10 percent received antidepressant medication.

According to the 2003 Youth Risk Behavior Study sponsored by the national Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, 29 percent of high school students felt sad or hopeless the year prior to the survey; 17 percent had seriously considered suicide, and 17 percent had made a suicide plan. That is roughly one in five of high school juniors and seniors.

Adolescent suicide can be triggered by a sense of loss, whether due to the loss of a parent, sibling, a relationship or "loss of face" by humiliation. A good student may receive a poor grade, get suspended from school or have trouble with the law and be unable to recover from such an occurrence without assistance.

While adults may ponder suicide for days or weeks, youth are more impulsive and may act within 30 to 60 minutes, especially if under the influence of alcohol or drugs. Many ado-

lescents who have attempted suicide view it as a temporary way out of a painful situation. For this reason, there may not always be any obvious warning signs.

Suicide thoughts are common in the 15- to 19-year-old group. Females attempt suicide more frequently, usually by pill overdose or by slashing their wrists. Males don't attempt suicide as frequently, but have higher fatality rates because they tend to use firearms or hanging.

Suicide risk factors are common. Most youth endure family arguments, divorce, substance abuse and depression and will never try to kill themselves. But for others, these things may be overwhelming. It is hard to predict who will attempt suicide, except for those with a history of a previous attempt.

The best prevention and intervention is being alert to changes in youth's behavior. If you think a child is depressed, get help. Ask if they are sad or thinking of hurting themselves; many will tell you, but may not volunteer this information.

Some common warning signs of major depression are at least a two-week history of: depressed or irritable mood all or most of the day, loss of interest or pleasure in activities or relationships, changes in diet, changes in sleep patterns, withdrawal from family and friends, low energy or fatigue, feelings of worthlessness or excessive guilt, poor concentration, and recurrent thoughts of

or obsession with death or suicide.

Keep guns out of the house if you have a child, especially if that child is depressed. No matter how well you think that weapon is locked or hidden away, any teen worth his or her salt knows where everything in the house is and how to get to it. Limit the amount of common medications in the house, especially Tylenol, antidepressants and cold medications.

Remember, most adolescent suicides are impulsive acts; so if you can take away opportunities for dangerous behavior, you may successfully prevent a death.

One reason suicide rates dropped in the 1990s was the advent of selective serotonin reuptake inhibitors antidepressants. Some of the more common examples of these are Prozac, Paxil and Zoloft. Use of these medications requires ongoing counseling and regular follow-ups with a mental health professional.

If a suicide does occur in your community, discuss it realistically with your child. Talk about the fact that the person had a problem and how sad it was that the seriousness of the problem was not recognized and addressed. Now is an excellent time to begin a dialogue with your child or teenager.

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I SAY By Ann Fouty

Hands of time stretched across the sea



It was time to move my dear aunt out of her home. She was 92 and my uncle had died the year before.

Prior to her move, she gave me a cookbook from the 1960s. Old cookbooks are always a good read. And she gave my husband two shotguns with hand carved wooden stocks.

They were old, dusty and rusty. One had a hand carved ramrod; the other a metal ramrod. One stock was elaborately carved and decorated. The other was not. It was plain and

utilitarian. By their size, it was determined the two had been used for small bird hunting. With a tiny bit of polishing the name of the gunsmith and his city were revealed on only one of the guns. It was made in Bohemia, circa 1840s.

Whadda a find. This was really exciting. These guns could be trotted out and claimed as real antiques.

This was part of my history. At least one of the guns was made in the same town from where my ancestors hailed. I couldn't believe the good fortune.

The two would hang in a place of high visibility, I mean, honor. The tales I could tell, which translates into speculation.

How the two came to be in my uncle's barn is lost. Their

origins can be pieced together with a little world history.

A revolution breaks out in any European monarchy in the 1830s and 1840s. The Hapsburgs are bankrupted and dethroned in Austria/Hungary. The Russian czar reinstated the Hapsburgs and Europe loves him. This was the beginning of the Russian push to become a power, thus annoying Britain. The result was the Crimean War. Wars mean munitions. Improvements and innovations popped up.

Rather than flint lock, these guns are percussion cap and came into existence into and after the 1840s. The emperor of Austria made sure weapons came from his armories prior to his dethroning. The cheapest way for every Thomas, Richard and Henry to get a

weapon was from a cottage industry, your local neighborhood blacksmith. So here we are with a percussion cap shotgun for quail hunting in the foothills of the Alps.

Did Franz or Wenzel head out with the neighboring land owners for little light shooting?

Maybe Karl's long fingers would wrap familiarly around the engraved gun for a tromp through the woods, coming back with a bevy of dead birds for Katrina to defeather and roast.

What happened between the late 1840s, the early 1900s and 2005?

Obviously, both came over the Atlantic via boat in 1849, packed carefully with the homespun shirts and woolen pants. They passed through New York, Pennsylvania and

Ohio, coming home to Michigan. Did my paternal ancestors hoist the gun next to their black bearded cheeks, slip a finger onto the trigger and squeeze it every so calmly? Did those new Michigan residents shoot passenger pigeons, turkeys or crows, squeezing the trigger so firmly? Did they decrease the population of fox, squirrel or muskrat?

How did it come to be? Who handled it? Who gently wiped it with a soft rag? Who installed the new plate? Who hung it up after a round of hunting?

It's history is lost until it's picked up here.

The eyes of the gun collector lit up when he saw the two. Handling with care, he said it was closet manufactured and entirely hand made. Yes, he

knew of the maker. He knew the region of their origin.

Should it be insured? No. They're not worth anything.

Nonetheless, those two guns came a long way, were held and repaired, oiled and cared for by a long-ago relative whose hands resemble mine and my children's. They speak of the hands of time, an imprint on the wooden stock.

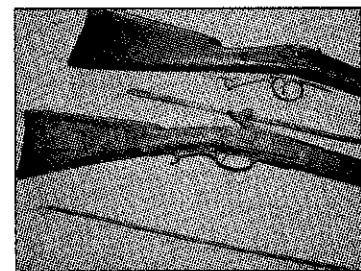


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Two flint lock guns with a long history until 2005.

STREETWISE

How will the Tigers do this season under new manager Jim Leyland?

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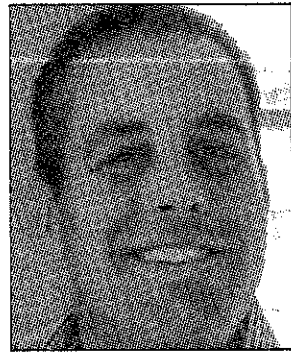
'I think they will be above .500.'

YOUNES SAAB
Owner, The Coffee Beanery



'I hope they will do better than last year.'

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'80+ victories.'

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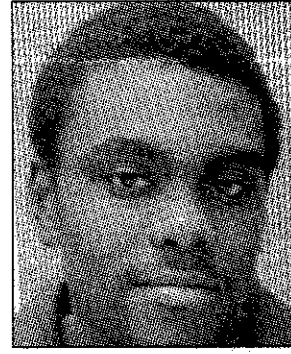
'I think they will do better than last year.'

TOBIE WASILINA
St. Clair Shores



'They have shown improvement the last couple of years; so I'm confident they will continue to get better.'

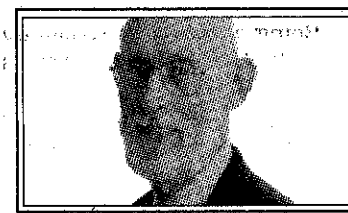
CLARK JONES
Detroit



'Hopefully they will do better.'

THOMAS LEONARD
Detroit

FYI By Ben Burns



North junior dances way to N.Y.

Pointe Dance Center run by Parker and Angela Kennedy for more than a decade.

The Grosse Pointe North junior started dancing around the house, and when she was 5 her mother, Lanette and father, Edward, of the Woods, decided maybe they'd better get Brea some formal training in a summer class.

"She has a rare gift for dance

and a rare gift for musicality," Parker said, "which is augmented by hard work, determination and dedication to her art."

Burke's evaluation was confirmed a while back when Brea placed third in the contemporary dance category at the "Youth America Grand Prix" ballet competition in Chicago. It was reinforced recently

when Brea was one of 40 dancers from around the world accepted into this summer's program at the Julliard Arts Academy in New York City.

Perhaps she'll see the person who got Brea involved in contemporary ballet in the seventh grade, Chris Masters, who recently moved to New York to teach at the New Dance Company in Amsterdam, N.Y.

"He choreographed my solo for me," Brea said.

She admits to practicing 14 hours a week and attending rehearsals on weekends. She is scheduled for a competition this month and a recital in June at the Macomb Performing Arts Center.

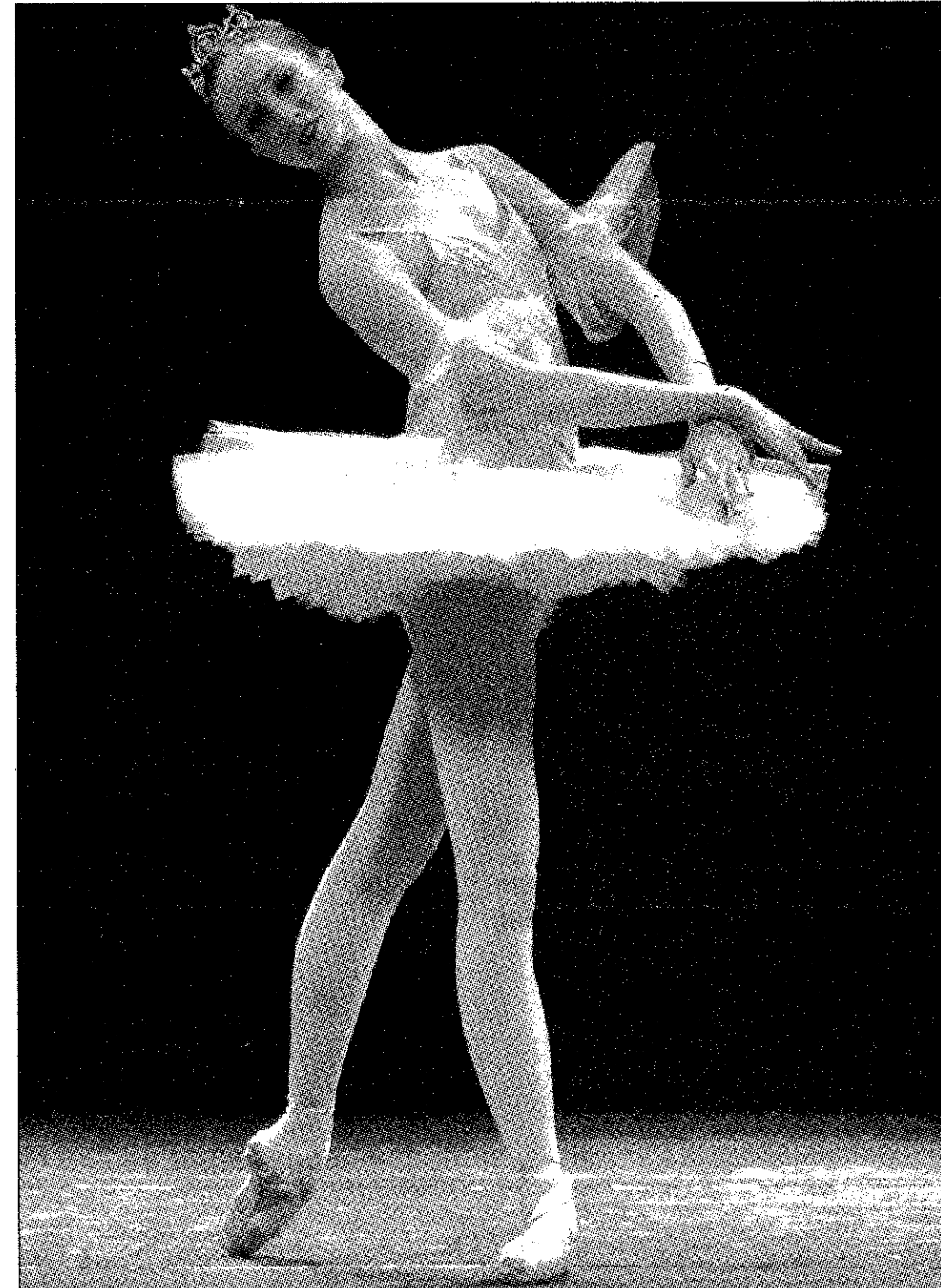
By the way, Brea carries a 4.12 grade point average at Grosse Pointe North.

Strike out

That cute picture of two young boys that popped up in a Grosse Pointe Public Library sale book that I ran in the column a few weeks back remains an orphan.

Phyllis Reeve of the Park found it in one of her purchases, and I had one caller who left a

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Breanna "Brea" O'Mara, 17, is one of 40 dancers worldwide to be accepted this summer at the Julliard Arts Academy in New York.

OFFERING FROM THE LOFT

Cherished chums

After more than a half-century of following our individual journeys, we came together for a celebration of our lives. Most of the group had formed their friendships in elementary school. All have known each other for more than 50 years, and the realization that we would all enter our eighth decade this year was the perfect reason for a reunion.

Through the years, holiday cards had been exchanged and infrequent telephone calls made. Some of us had been in touch, others less frequently. As the years slid into decades and loose promises of visits never materialized, we became more lax about keeping in contact.

One of us decided to charge ahead with a no nonsense, concrete plan for a reunion. She contacted us by e-mail, snail mail and telephone. Participants and venues were discussed, and it was decided to keep the group small and manageable. A large number of people might be complicated.

We wanted to be able to sit at one table in restaurants and ride in one car if necessary. The three-day weekend was to be one of rediscovery and reflecting on the intimacies that old friends share. Leading up to the weekend our "captain" relayed arrival times, motel locations, e-mail addresses and festive poetry. She did a swell

job of choreographing the group.

Six of us, representing five states, converged on our hostess in Florida on a Thursday evening. There were the initial squeals of little girls and hugs all around as we greeted each other. From the moment we came together there was not one awkward minute. We found we could still finish each other's sentences and time truly did stand still.

Our hostess provided a glorious repast as we settled at her table in her sumptuous new penthouse. We sipped wine and slipped easily into the past. Once again we were reliving tales of old beaux and happy teenaged years.

One of the group brought T-shirts for us with our pictures as young girls on them. Many old photographs were unearthed for the occasion and our yearbook, complete with predictions of our futures, was brought forth.

As hostess extraordinaire, our classmate had arranged varying and interesting choices to fill our days. The venues for our meals were all excellent and afforded ample time for us to have meaningful exchanges. There was time for brief periods of shopping and to visit a lovely antique show.

The atmosphere was one of total relaxation with no requirements and it seems we all wanted to enjoy each other's company as often as we could. By choice, we spent most of

our time together.

One of the highlights was a three-hour charter on a 39-foot sailboat. The captain's first mate was a captivating Havenese puppy named Jack. He was perfectly behaved and was at the helm for most of the trip.

The weather cooperated beautifully, and we enjoyed a delightful cocktail cruise complete with glorious sunset and leaping dolphins before going on to a Japanese restaurant for our final evening together. There were many toasts and kindnesses exchanged. Naturally, we decided we all looked younger than our years, and we were relaxed and easy with each other. Laughter punctuated most of our conversations.

As our time together came to a close we were all in agreement that we had experienced a unique adventure. We came away with many impressions, all positive. While each of us feels comfortable in her own skin, we have enormous admiration for our childhood friends and the women they have become.

Three of us are married and content. Three are single and content. We each have children and tales both happy and sad that are a part of the life cycle. We are grandmothers, authors, artists, business women and dear friends. Our gratitude for our lives and the relationships that have evolved and continue to thrive is incalculable.

Lobbying reform = campaign funding

By Lee Hamilton

After many months of watching its public image take a shellacking as a result of the Jack Abramoff lobbying scandal, Congress is finally starting to move on lobby reform. With all the enthusiasm of a convert to a cause, it is now awash in ideas for curtailing the practices that have so embarrassed the Capitol.

Pretty much every aspect of lobbyists' relations with Capitol Hill is up for debate. There are bids to rein in, or even abolish, the privately sponsored travel for members of Congress. There are efforts to ban or drastically restrict lobbyists' gifts to office-holders, or at least to disclose them fully. There are proposals to lengthen the amount of time between when a member of Congress or high-ranking staffer leaves Capitol Hill and when he or she can start lobby-

ing. Congress has been asked to create an Office of Public Integrity with the ability to investigate possible breaches of lobbying laws and have the power to refer what it finds to congressional ethics committees and the Department of Justice.

These are worthwhile ideas. Yet even if we enact them all, we will at best have skirted the real issue.

Don't get me wrong. You have to start somewhere. Banning trips by members of Congress that are paid for by private interests, for instance, makes plain common sense. If a trip is in the public interest, then the government should pay for it. If it's not, then why risk the appearance of a too-cozy relationship with some special interest?

Similarly, full disclosure of all lobbying activities is a simple necessity. And if we're going to have such laws on the books, then creating an enforcement body with sharp

teeth is vital. We have plenty of lobbying laws already, but they are so rarely enforced that lobbyists consider them a joke. If we're going to have rules, let's enforce them.

Still, the heart of the matter is not travel or gifts or even enforcement. The issue that underlies all is money. Simply put, politicians who want to be re-elected are desperate for money. On the other side, lobbyists just as desperately want to influence legislation. And the tool they have at their disposal is the same substance that politicians crave.

Lobbyists have endless ways of pumping money into the system. It's not just the growing amounts of money they spend each year to influence the federal government — an estimated \$2.4 billion in 2003 alone. It's also their expanding role in filling a candidate's campaign coffers. They solicit and bundle large campaign contributions from their

clients. They underwrite "independent" campaigns targeting members' campaign opponents. They even serve as politicians' fundraising treasurers. And the amounts at stake are growing, not shrinking.

So what does this mean for lobbying reform? It means that there are limits to what it can accomplish. We may be able to stop a lobbyist from buying a meal for a member of Congress, but we are not going to stop him from throwing a lavish fundraising dinner. We can prohibit a lobbyist from buying a member a fancy tie or a bronze sculpture as a gift, but we cannot stop him or her from collecting and distributing donations from players in the bronze-sculpture or tie-making industries.

There is no law, in other words, that can keep these two powerful forces — politicians seeking money, and lobbyists seeking influence — apart.

What can we do? To begin,

we ought to resolve to constrain and expose the relationship. Sunshine is a powerful disinfectant, and disclosing the details of members' encounters with lobbyists — who is involved, whom they represent, what they discussed, how much was spent, how much money was raised for the politician who is lobbied — can make a difference.

Yet we need to go beyond that. Making sure the public knows about every dollar spent to affect legislation — through campaign contributions, grassroots lobbying and public relations campaigns — is crucial. So is placing limits on how campaign money can be collected, with constraints on what lobbyists can raise and distribute. We should not try to wring lobbyists out of the campaign system — after all, they have a right to perform their responsibilities — but surely we can keep their activities within bounds.

And finally, just as I argued

above that it is in the public's self-interest for the government to fund congressional travel, I believe it is in our interest to start moving toward public financing of congressional campaigns, as we already do for presidential campaigns.

Let's be clear what we're talking about: the integrity of our representative democracy. We are in trouble when money can buy access that ordinary citizens cannot get. We are in trouble when ordinary citizens come to think of the legislative process as a game tilted against them.

Until we can change the culture of money and politics in this country, we are sure to have more scandals. We will have to work even harder to restore the public confidence that underpins our system of government.

Lee Hamilton is director of the Center on Congress at Indiana University. He was a member of the U.S. House of Representatives for 34 years.

Headlee Amendment tax cap may need tightening

By Jack P. McHugh

Most informed Michigan citizens know that the revenue cap imposed by the 1978 Headlee constitutional amendment limits state spending, taxes and fees. What these same Michiganians probably do not know is that the Headlee limit looks increasingly unlikely to restrain the growth of state government.

Passed in the midst of a nationwide tax revolt, the Headlee constitutional amendment established that "the legislature shall not impose taxes

of any kind which, together with all other revenues of the state, federal aid excluded, exceed" 9.49 percent of the aggregate personal income of Michigan citizens in any given year. If revenues overrun the limit by 1 percent or more, the state must prorate and rebate the "overcharge" back to every person who paid personal income or business tax in the previous year.

The revenue cap in dollar terms has risen as personal income has grown. Some of that is due to inflation, but much of the increase has a happier cause: Our society and most families are wealthier now. Given the presence of a mostly

free-market system and the rule of law, this is not surprising. Despite attacks from those who hate or resent these institutions, history shows that when allowed to flourish, free markets and the rule of law always create more wealth and distribute it more widely.

There is lots of direct and indirect evidence for this. For example, the increasing wealth of most families can be seen in home ownership rates. In Michigan, even in its current economic malaise, 77.1 percent of households owned their own home in 2004, up from 70.7 percent 20 years ago.

For aggregate personal in-

come growth we have direct evidence. In constant 2003 dollars, Michigan's per-capita personal income grew from the equivalent of \$24,144 in 1977, the year of the Headlee index, to \$31,189 in 2003 — a 29 percent increase in real terms. Over the same period, the state's population rose from 9.20 million to 10.08 million. These are the components that combine to determine the Headlee revenue limit.

So has Headlee restrained tax and spending growth? The answer is an unequivocal "maybe." In its 26-year history, the cap was exceeded just three times, and only once enough to trigger a rebate. In 19 of those years, revenue was at least \$500 million beneath the cap, and in 15 years, that cushion exceeded \$1 billion. As a result of Proposal A in 1994, \$3.5 billion in school spending and revenue was shifted to the state, and still there was enough cushion to accommodate this change without triggering a rebate. It's impossible to definitively

conclude whether this history proves the cap was just too high to be effective, or the opposite: that it held back legislators from tax and fee hikes they might otherwise have passed. The cap might have been effective in another way, too: Using personal income as the Headlee index gave the beneficiaries of government spending a stake in economic growth, possibly inhibiting the adoption of more economically damaging taxes and regulations.

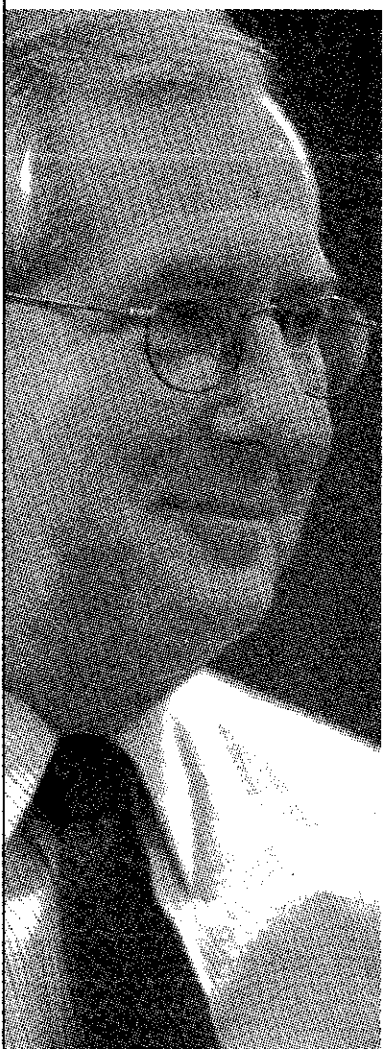
Having said that, there is no question that since 2001 the Headlee cap has "run away" so far from actual revenues that it has become irrelevant. In 1980, revenues were \$526 million less than the maximum amount allowed, a difference equal to 7.1 percent of actual spending. Fast forward to 2005: The revenue cap is \$29.84 billion, and actual revenues are \$24.16 billion. This means Lansing could raise taxes and spending by \$5.67 billion, or 23.5 percent, without bumping against the cap. This would translate into a tax

increase of more than \$560 on every man, woman and child in the state.

Looked at another way, for the current Headlee cap of 9.49 of aggregate state personal income to limit spending and taxes by one penny, the per-capita annual income of Michigan residents would have to fall by more than \$5,900 (\$17,700 for a family of three). Alternatively, the state's population would have to decline by about 1.9 million. Either scenario would be highly unfortunate.

Jack McHugh is a legislative analyst for the Mackinac Center for Public Policy, a research and educational institute based in Midland.

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FYI: GPAA plans garage sale

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message saying that it looked like some children she knew, but if it was them I would get lots of confirming contacts. Since I did not, the cute toddlers' picture will stay in the files.

Garage sale

The Grosse Pointe Animal Adoption Society is accepting antiques, tools, toys, Christmas decorations, furniture, appliances, jewelry, wicker items and collectibles for its garage sale to raise money to make sure orphaned dogs and cats find good foster homes.

But they don't want any stuffed animals or clothes. If you have tax-deductible donations, contact Corinne Martin or Rose McBrien at (313) 884-1551 and they can tell where and when to drop off the items. The garage sale is Friday, Saturday and Sunday, April 28-30, at the Children's Home of Detroit. It runs 1 to 4 p.m. Friday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday and 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sunday.

Factoid

Here's an item I use in my reporting classes to try to convince budding journalists not to be wordy: "The Lord's prayer contains 56 words; the 23rd Psalm, 118 words; the Gettysburg Address, 226 words; the Ten Commandments, 297 words; and a government directive on pricing cabbage ...15,629 words."

That is a lot of verbiage for an item the size of a basketball that I can buy for a buck at the Holland Farmer's Market when they are in season.

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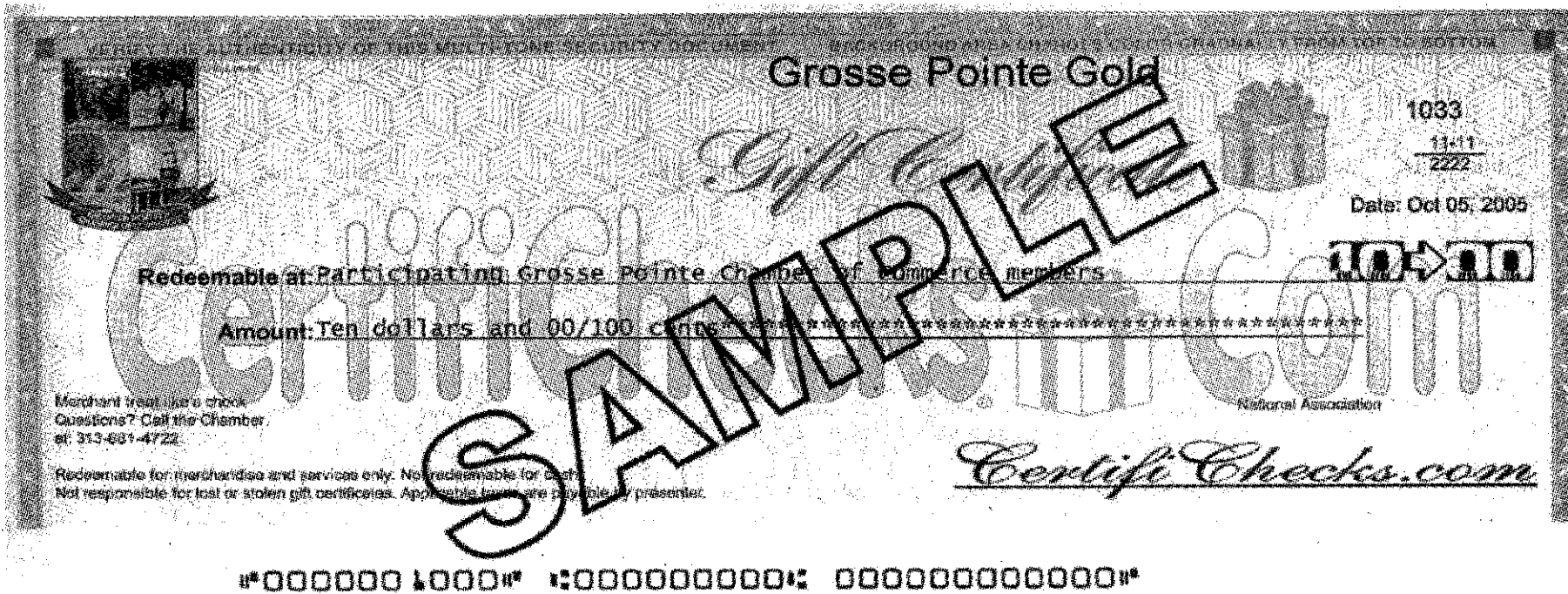
G.P. chamber begins gift certificate program

Grosse Pointe Gold Gift Certificates redeemable throughout the Grosse Pointes that can be used the same as cash at more than 50 retail businesses will be available April 10.

With each certificate sold a brochure identifying participants, who are also Grosse Pointe Chamber of Commerce members, will be attached. The gift certificates can be purchased in \$5, \$10, \$20 and \$50 denominations and are available at the chamber offices, 710 Notre Dame, City of Grosse Pointe, and the Grosse Pointe War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms. They can also be ordered on line at www.CertifiChecks.com or by calling (877) 770-4438 (GIFT).

There are no fees associated with this program developed by chamber Executive Director Mary Huebner and Jane Lightfoot.

"We think this program is a



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huge value to our members and the residents," Huebner said. "The certificates can be

used for employee incentive programs, any personal gift giving - birthdays, holidays,

graduations, or anniversaries. They can be given as a thank you to select customers or

friends."

Retailers who would like to participate in the program or

residents with questions can contact the chamber at (313) 881-GPCC.



PHOTO BY BOB ST. JOHN

Happy to be back

Village Toy Company, located at 16900 Kercheval in the Village shopping district in the City of Grosse Pointe, celebrated its grand re-opening on Friday, March 31, with a ribbon-cutting ceremony. Pictured above from left to right, Elaine Backhurst (office manager), John Renick (owner), Nancy Renick (owner), Dale Scrace (City of Grosse Pointe mayor), Mary Huebner (executive director, Grosse Pointe Chamber of Commerce), Ellen Durand (owner), Claudia Corrado (manager) and Linda Jensen (manager) helped celebrate the anticipated re-opening by taking part in the ribbon-cutting. Village Toy Company celebrated its re-opening with toy demonstrations, balloons, give-aways and entertainment, including a magician and puppeteer. In addition, Durand had the pleasure of officially opening the "Celebration Station," a newly constructed birthday room for birthday parties. Village Toy Company closed for two months after suffering severe smoke damage due to a fire from a nearby business. "We're very happy to be open again," Durand said. "It was a long two months."

Investing mag 25 years old

In April, The Moneypaper Inc. will be celebrating its 25th year in financial publishing and its affiliate, the Temper Enrollment Service is celebrating its 20th year of offering DRIP (Dividend Reinvestment Plan) enrollment services.

While The Moneypaper has helped hundreds of thousands of people, DRIP investing is still largely unknown.

"In our early articles, we attempted to empower people to look beyond their financial heritage and set their own personal goals. We dealt with risk-taking, specifically how to accept risk and manage it," said Vita Nelson, publisher of The Moneypaper.

"The Moneypaper is practical. We don't talk in generalities. We deal in the specific. If we recommend that you invest in a product, we tell you how to buy it. So many of the articles that we published in those early years are still relevant today."

Of the numerous investors that The Moneypaper has guided into DRIP investing, there are many who have been with the company since the beginning and can boast tremendous success, company representatives say.

"When you're 65 and start getting your social security, you realize that it won't even

pay the rent. Then you will ask yourself why you didn't do something before," said Bill Bergan, a 25-year subscriber and 2006 Inductee into the Air Force Aviation Hall of Fame. "It's never too late, but the quicker you get involved the better. The Moneypaper has made it possible for people to make a million dollars."

DRIPs are well understood and well used by The Moneypaper subscribers, but because there is no financial gain except for the individual investor, no-fee direct investing has not been promoted to the general public, the magazine reports. The Moneypaper seeks to change all that, to create and foster awareness of DRIPs and allow more people to achieve financial success.

"Our 25th anniversary starts in April of this year. When we organized all those many years ago, our mission was to encourage people to take responsibility for their investing," said Nelson. "We wanted to demystify the process."

For the past 25 years, The Moneypaper has been dedicated to the mission of helping individual investors get the same edge in the market that was long enjoyed by wealthy investors and institutions, Nelson said.

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Pillows, blankets and good books

By Ann L. Fouty
 Staff Writer

Children in all grade levels spread out sleeping bags and soft blankets. They flopped down on Mason Elementary's gym floor. A pillow to cushion their heads or backs and students were ready to quietly read.

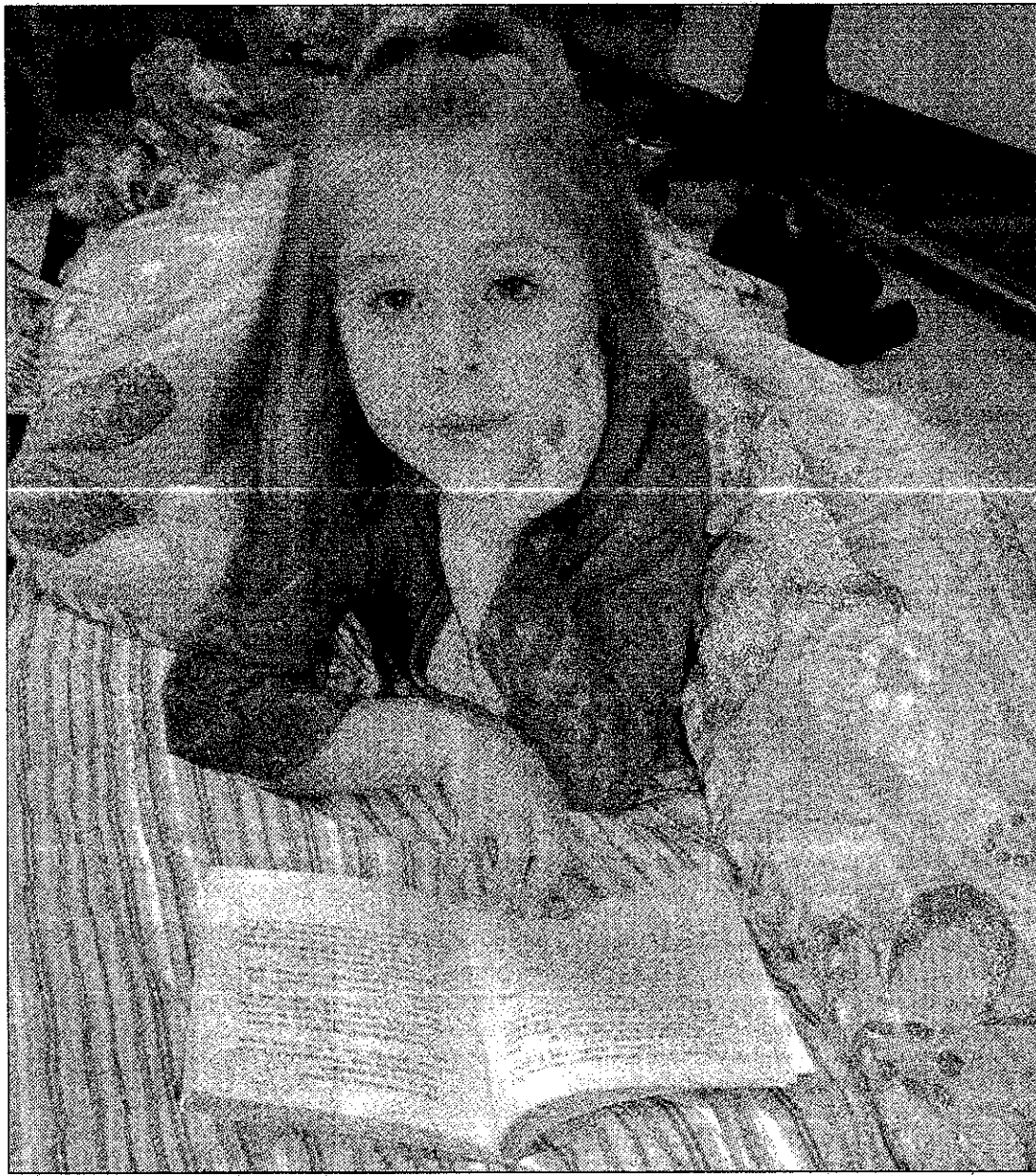
In observance of March as National Reading Month, reading teacher Anne Marie MacGillis encouraged her fellow teachers to give up an hour of class time to bring their students into the gym on Wednesday, March 29, to read. They came.

Students were clutching books about bugs, sharks and fairies. They carried blankets, sleeping bags and stuffed animals, along with books of poetry, historical fiction and non-fiction. They sprawled in corners, along the walls and in a circle. They were ready to read.

Tony Jaenisch was a real trooper. "I broke my ankle yesterday playing basketball at another school," he said. Jaenisch's leg, wrapped from just below his knee to his toes, was propped on an aluminum chair while he read "Captain Underpants."

On the floor beside him was friend Charles Stahl waving his slippared feet in the air as he poured over "The Strange Case of Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde."

Stahl was wearing a pair of



PHOTOS BY ANN L. FOUTY

Above from left, Kameryn Mathewson, Delaney Bennett and Lydia Burton were comfortable in their slippers while they read an interesting book. They each donated 25 cents to Gleaners to be able to wear slippers for a day.

At left, first-grader Emily Maul was reading "Toothless Wonder" during Mason Elementary's Read-In organized by reading teacher Anne Marie MacGillis.

reindeer slippers.

In fact, there were a number of students and teachers wear-

ing slippers. Having donated 25 cents to benefit Gleaners, slippers were permitted on this

special day.

Kameryn Mathewson was wearing fuzzy slipper that

looked like raccoons. Delaney Bennett had oversized Homer Simpson slippers on and Lydia Burton wore polka dotted boot slippers while reading "Mister Seahorse."

She and Bennett said the Geronimo Stilton books were their favorite reads. Mathewson didn't comment because she was engrossed in C.S. Lewis' "The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe."

Sisters and first-graders Elizabeth and Emily Maul eagerly noted that they were

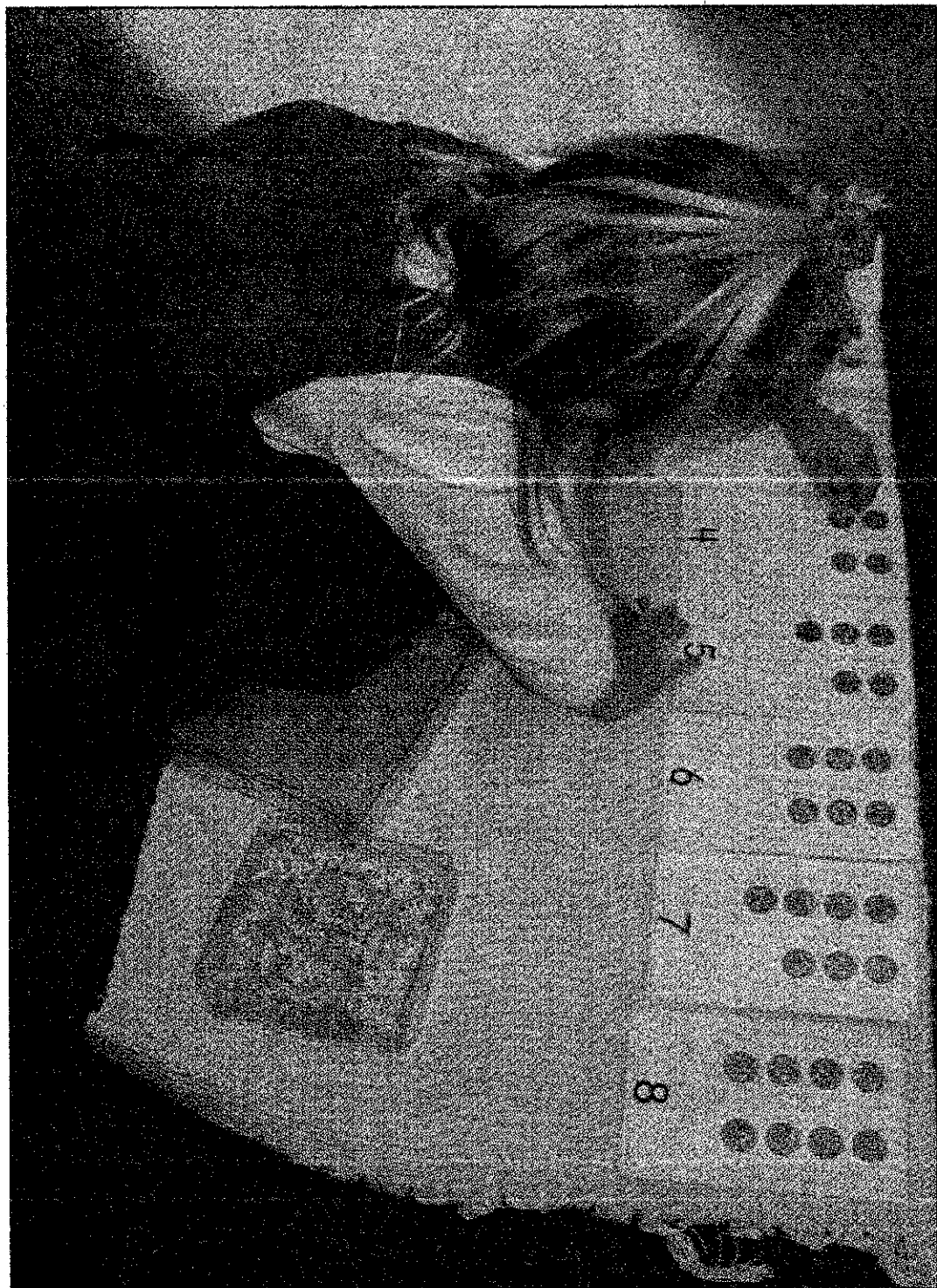
reading the same book, "Toothless Wonder."

Elizabeth said graduating to chapter books was the best part about first-grade reading.

"I'd rather read than do my homework," she said. "My mom tells me to do my homework. I say, 'I'm reading!'"

On the other end of the gym, fifth-graders and best friends Mariama Hutson, Imani Williams and Charlene Ilagan were lying on Ilagan's sleeping

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South teacher takes to the skies

By Ann L. Fouty
Staff Writer

If someone asked you to take a ride on a McDonnell Douglas C-9, would you go?

If someone said the flight would take you to heights of 25,000 feet above the Gulf of Mexico, would you go?

If that flight would not be a smooth ride but one that completes 30 to 40 parabolic maneuvers in two to three hours, would you go?

If that flight meant you would be doing an experiment for NASA, would you go?

Grosse Pointe South High School science teacher James Adams said "yes" to all the questions.

He passed a physiological training in February at the Johnson Space Center in preparation for an April 13 ride in the sky on what is commonly known as the "vomit comet." NASA prefers the moniker "Weightless Wonder."

Adams will be allowed on

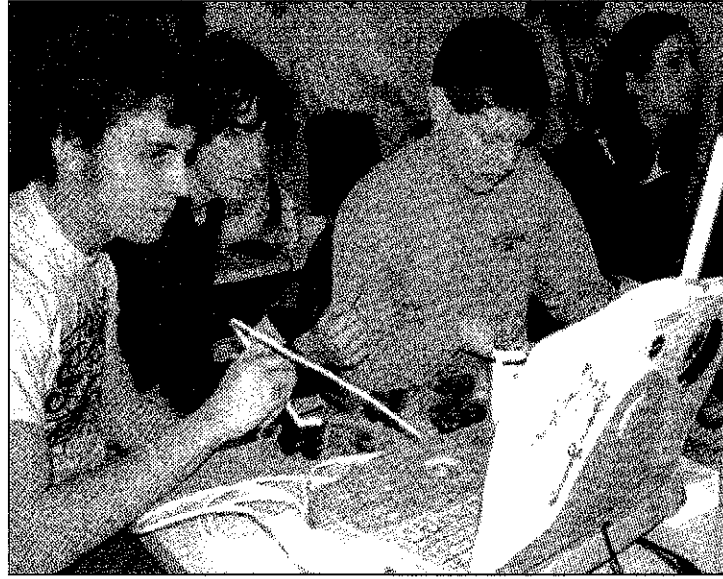


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Matt Daher, Peter Miller, Conor O'Bryan and Alexandria Dickson worked on the ocular model lab using ultrasound to detect particles in the Jell-O eye models during the 2004-05 school year. The laptop sized ultrasound machine is signed by Detroit Red Wings players and has a hockey stick probe. The Grosse Pointe South High School students were invited to conduct the experiment for NASA under a NASA grant through Dr. Scott Dulchavsky, who is a South parent and a member of the Henry Ford Hospital staff.

the micro gravity flight in which he will be assigned medical tasks using an ultrasound machine the size of a thick laptop and similar to the one used on the space stations.

He explained that during the near weightlessness flight, he will be instructed on what to do in a specific amount of time. For example, he might be asked to find the spleen and relay an image to NASA doctors.

NASA is using non-medical personnel to learn how astronauts would react to a medical problem, having only studied a training CD, just as Adams has done.

With a background in biology, Adams is familiar with the human anatomy, but does not have a medical background, just as most astronauts.

Adams once-in-a-lifetime experience stems from one of his student's parents — Dr. Scott Dulchavsky, Chair of surgery at Henry Ford Hospital, Dulchavsky has been working with NASA for a number of

years. He approached Adams during the 2004-05 school with an idea that students could assist in data collection on two experiments.

Adams invited 10 students, each having a different skill, to join the group to conduct experiments, collect data and produce a power point presentation.

Half reviewed the training CD and half did not.

"There was a link with NASA doctors and they guided us on the telephone to look at specific organs. They could see the images obtained in Houston. (The question was) How accurate can they be with no medical training," said senior Saman Mirkazemi.

A second experiment the students undertook involved red Jell-O.

In a weightless environment, everything floats and it would be conceivable that astronauts would get a speck of debris in their eyes.

Jell-O samples were formed

in the shape of an eye and contained a particle.

The ultrasound was used to locate the particle and determine what it is.

The objective was, "can we do with minimal training," sophomore Ali Dulchavsky said.

"This is science at a higher level and (the students) now understand what is involved for experiments and research to be successful," Adams said.

Students, including Conor O'Bryan, Alexandra Dickson, Peter and Max Miller, Matt Daher, Jessica Ogden, Rachel Diehl, Jessica Palffy, Dulchavsky and Mirkazemi, spent a considerable amount of time putting together the data and power point presentation.

"Being able to work on a project with Dr. Dulchavsky and NASA that could have future implications for astronauts in space is phenomenal for both myself and students," Adams said.

GROSSE POINTE ACADEMY

Celebrating Dads during the school day

What better way for children to break up the winter doldrums than to look forward to a visit during the school day from their father, uncle or special friend.

Dad's Day, a Grosse Pointe Academy tradition held this year on Feb. 24, presented fathers with not just quality time with their children, but challenged to their creativity and intellect.

For example, fathers of fifth-graders in Wendy Demartini's class, given straws for \$1, tape for 20 cents each, and pins for 10 cents each, saw how they measured up in creating the tallest, yet cheapest structure.

Third-grade dads in Jeanette Stepanek's class pantomimed proverbs and helped with computer research for famous people in history reports.

Debbly Wolney's dads made wooden models of their historical figures complete with clothing appropriate for the period and accessories (such as Eleanor Roosevelt's signature pearls).

Second graders used their knowledge of maps to find different locations and showed off their map trivia knowledge in an activity called "Where in the World?"

Perhaps one of the most unusual activities took place in Janice Sturm's early school class.

The students began the morning sharing their knowledge of Michelangelo. Fathers and children discovered firsthand what it felt like to paint upside down the way Michelangelo painted the Sistine Chapel. In this case they painted the undersides of small tables.

Because Michelangelo was a sculpture as well, they each

made a sculpture and painted a portrait of one another.

The finished results are displayed in a portrait and sculpture gallery outside the classroom.



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Second-grader Brynne Reilly shows off her map skills to her father, Scott.

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Using imagination

A Pierce Middle School Destination Imagination team qualified for the state finals by advancing at the regional competition held at Utica High School. The team of sixth graders competed against other middle schools from the region on a problem called "Back to You." The challenge was to create two separate inventions that could propel ping pong balls up to 14 feet through the air into a target that was at least three feet off the ground. Based on their research, the team created a crossbow and a catapult. They incorporated music, art work and costumes into their skit. In addition, the team of, from left, Spencer Sullivan, Davis McGregor, Axel Ivers, Liz Winter and Kelsey Khoury, finished first on their instant challenge. Finals will be April 22 at Central Michigan University.

Sportsmanship, imagery defines robotics team

Grosse Pointe Gearheads came home with two awards from the Waterloo Regional Competition, March 23-25.

The combined North and South High Robotics Team 1189 received the Imagery and the Johnson & Johnson Sportsmanship awards from several awards offered by FIRST Robotics.

The Imagery Award recognizes attractiveness in engineering and visual aesthetic integration from the machine to the team appearance. FIRST officials stated, "There were several excellent candidates for the Imagery Award, but one in particular stood out. This team could teach a course in corporate branding. Their brand was integrated into their booth, robot design and team colors."

The Gearhead logo, de-

signed by South senior Lex Dodson, three years ago, is a yellow and black diamond street sign indicating "Gearhead Crossing," "Gearheads at Work" and "Gearheads at Play." The logo, colors and the "gear" theme is incorporated into every aspect of the team's image. The 20 team members, teacher and parent mentors made jewelry and key chains from real gears and distributed them to teams and fans. General Motors is the sponsor.

The Johnson & Johnson Sportsmanship Award applauds sportsmanship and continuous professionalism in the heat of competition, both on and off the playing field.

Along with the team's overall professionalism, freshman Josh Creighton, with the help of parent mentor, Jim

Creighton, developed a computer program to track the "skills" of each individual robot during the matches. The results are publicized and shared with every team in the competition. The information aids in the selection of an alliance team in the finals.

The team meets all year but works intensely on strategizing, designing and building a robot every day for six weeks in January and February. They recruit new members from both high schools every fall. The team needs students with skills in computer-aided design, building, mechanics, electronics, programming, business, marketing, communication, art design, writing, organization and creative thinking.

For more information, see the team's Web site at www.gpgearheads.org.

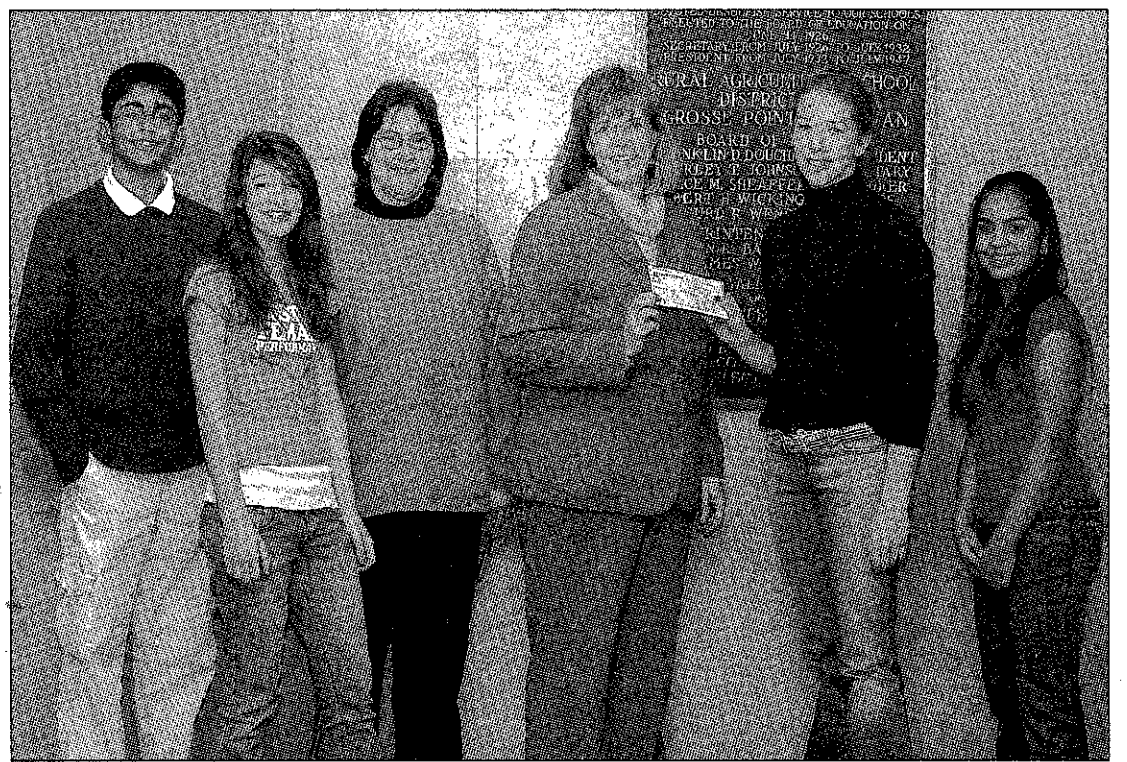


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Food drive

In a tradition that dates back 20 years, the students at Parcels Middle School gave generously to Crossroads, a social services ministry under the auspices of the Cathedral Church of St. Paul. The student council presented a check for \$1,500 and more than 1,000 canned goods. The presentation was made by, from left, Parcels Student Council President Shuaib Raza, student council vice president Kim Cooper, student council advisor Peggy Van Eckoute, Crossroads representative Mary Honsel, student council secretary Morgan Ellis and student council treasurer Mithila Krishnan.



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Gearheads in the bottom row, from left, Alexei Dodson, Tito Huffman (GM Mentor), Sarah Battles, Andrew Merriam; second row, Taylor Dodson, Rocky Fischer, Peter Saigh, Kitty Lichtenstein, Matt Snella, Jennifer Battles, Ryan Richards; third row, Ana Progovac, Josh Creighton, Charlie Wyman, Matt Veryser, David Wyman, Andrew Davenport, Diane Richards (mentor); fourth row, Ken Ginger (teacher), Don Veryser (mentor), Mark Kramarczyk (GM Mentor), Paul Glenn; back row, mentors Jim Creighton, Tim Dodson, Delf Dodge, Mike Leslie. Not pictured are Matt Triano and Andy Wisniowiecki.

GROSSE POINTE SOUTH

Pool friends pledge money for 12 lanes

By Ann L. Fouty
Staff Writer

Friends of the Grosse Pointe Pools plan to raise \$320,000, enough money to expand South's new pool from eight to 12 lanes and add a diving board.

The commitment, recently approved by the Grosse Pointe Board of Education on Monday, March 13, is to reach 40 percent of the goal this year. A minimum of 20 percent is to be given during the subsequent years, ending in 2010. Four donors have already promised \$10,000 each.

A minimum of 100 people donating \$1,000 each and 200 people donating \$500 each with a five-year pay-in would go a long way to achieve the commitment, but fundraising organizer Bob Weiland said, any amount would help the bottom line.

"This is a once in a lifetime opportunity," he said.

If the friends group is unable to reach the total amount, the school district would dip into funds to fulfill the obligation, said Chris Fenton, assistant su-

perintendent for business affairs.

Expanding the pool would benefit not only the community, Fenton said, but would allow the district to host large swimming competitions.

Before a final decision can be made on the size of the pool, which is estimated to take about 18 months to construct, a pool consultant from Counsilman-Hunsake and an architect will be brought in to determine if 12 lanes are feasible.

A new pool at South came about as a result of the bond issue and eight lanes was determined by the board to be affordable. The new pool replaces an 80-year-old pool that was shut down a number of years ago.

Approval for the architect for the pool is on the Monday, April 10, agenda. Three bids have been received.

Ehrsman & Associates, GMB Architecture and TMP Architecture submitted proposals.

Ehrsman & Associates were selected for North's pool and listed a price of \$299,900.

"This is a once in a lifetime opportunity."

BOB WEILAND,
Pool committee member

GMB's bid was \$341,538 and TMP submitted the highest bid at \$481,000.

Donations for the new pool will be provided through the tax exempt Fund for Excellence.

Any amount raised beyond the \$320,000 will be used to enhance the pool and equipment beyond the basic designs and donor recognition.

Donor recognition would be in the form of individual plaques, tiles or group plaques. The initial thinking is sponsors would get a stainless steel plaque on the deck under their lane's starting block or the diving board steps.

Approval of the gift does not guarantee nor obligate the district to the construction of a 12-lane pool.

Friends of the Grosse Pointe Pools have scheduled an April 28 fundraiser at the Grosse

GROSSE POINTE BOARD OF EDUCATION

Award received

Grosse Pointe Board of Education member Ahmed Ismail has attained an Award of Distinction and Advocacy Skills Specialty from the Michigan Association of School Boards (MASB) for his efforts to improve his leadership skills and become a more effective school leader.

To achieve that award Ismail had to attain MASB Level One status.

Awards are earned for classes completed in MASB's leadership training program, as well as for conference attendance, years of service and leadership activities.

This year, more than 1,000 school board members statewide participated in the school board association's professional development program for elected school leaders. It honors board members for seven levels of achievement.

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BOOKS:
Finding good spots to read

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bag. They agreed they enjoy reading outside the classroom.

Reading in the gym was just one of the activities held during the month to encourage stu-

dents to read.

On Wednesday, March 22, teachers called students at home.

If they were reading at the time of the call, the student was awarded a special gift certificate. Monday, March 27, author Stacey DuFord explained the steps and lengthy process of getting her first book published.

In the gym, Courtney Lamparksi was found reading

DuFord's book "The Fairy Painting."

"I like fairies," said Lamparksi, with the book "Fairyopolis" propped on her knees. "I read every day at school and some at home. 'The Fairy Painting' is the best book."

If the book was a Calvin and Hobbes which Will Colborn was reading or Randy Victory's pick of "Buggin'," the book of choice is a good read.

From left, best friends Mariama Hutson was reading "Kids Pick the Funniest Poems", Imani Williams chose "Series of Unfortunate Events" and Charlene Ilagan picked up a historical fiction book, "Fever 1793." Once those books were finished, the girls, and their classmates, had a stack of other titles from which to choose. This was part of reading month.

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DAR honors writers

Do you know who invented bifocal eyeglasses, swim fins, the odometer, and the first free standing heating stove? Do you know who started the first public library in America?

The answer: Benjamin Franklin — a fact revealed recently when local students read their winning essays about the famous 18th century inventor, economist, philosopher and statesman, who was also a businessman, writer, publisher, scientist, humorist, politician, poet and musician. Quite a resume for a man who had very little formal education.

The essay contest was sponsored by the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) and this year's subject was "Benjamin Franklin — More Than a Revolutionary" in honor of Franklin's 300th birthday anniversary.

Five students from Grosse Pointe schools have won honors in the annual American History Essay Contest sponsored locally by the Louisa St. Clair Chapter of the DAR, Grosse Pointe. Amy Zaranek, a sixth-grader at Brownell Middle School, placed second in the state for her entry. Zaranek was the sixth-grade chapter winner as well.

Julia Jacovides won the eighth grade award from Brownell.

St. Clare of Montefalco student Alexis Mabry won the eighth-grade award for her school. The eighth-grade winner for St. Paul Catholic School is Michael Fortunato while Matthew Forbes won the fifth-grade award for St. Paul.

The students were honored recently at a recognition luncheon at the Edison Boat Club in Detroit where they were presented with bronze medals, certificates and history books and games. A book about Benjamin Franklin was also given to each school for the school library.

Writing judges sought by school

The Grosse Pointe Public School System (GPPSS) is looking for qualified judges to score end-of-year writing tests for grades first through ninth. Candidates will attend a short session during which the scoring system will be explained. They will be given examples of papers to score and those candidate with the best results will be selected.

Candidates are expected to be former or current teachers not now employed with the GPPSS. Depending on the grade to be judged, compensation will range from 71 cents to 94 cents per paper.

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GROSSE POINTE PARK

2005 crime statistics show moderate drop

Crime	State*	Grosse Pointe Park			
		2005	2004	2003	2002
Murder	39%				
C.S.C.	31%	100%	100%		
Robbery Armed/ Not Armed	13%	50%	63%	50%	50%
Aggravated Assault	41%	83%	100%	100%	100%
Burglary	8%	48%	52%	31%	50%
Larceny	14%	20%	16%	27%	15%
Motor Vehicle Theft	8%	16%	16%	15%	19%
Arson	8%	0%	100%	0%	

*2004 Michigan statewide clearance rate average

By Bob St. John
Staff Writer

Grosse Pointe Park's Public Safety Annual Report for 2005 shows a slight decrease in overall crime from a year ago.

There were 827 total crimes reported in 2005 compared with 963 in 2004.

"Chief (Dave) Hiller and I get daily calls about how good our day-to-day public service is throughout the community," Grosse Pointe Park Deputy Chief John Schulte said. "We hire only the cream of the crop. I believe we hire the best of the best, which is why we're such a well-run organization. Our morale is outstanding. Our officers enjoy coming to work every day."

"Overall crime, which includes both index and non-index crimes, was 16 percent less in 2005 as compared to 2004," Hiller wrote in the report to the city council.

"Index crime in Grosse Pointe Park, considered to be the most serious crimes we deal with, continues to remain down as compared to previous years," Hiller said.

There were 12 more index crimes reported in the Park in 2005 compared with 2004, but the change, Hiller says, is due to procedural changes made by his department and the Wayne County Prosecutors Office.

Hiller explained any index crime investigated by the department that results in an arrest must be presented to the Prosecutors Office for formal charges. Law enforcement, he said, is now taking a more aggressive approach to charging defendants.

"Our detectives flood the crime lab with DNA samples and evidence from crime scenes," Schulte said. "Lt. (Jim) Smith really takes the extra effort to solve cases and make arrests."

Hiller's example of index crime increase came in the area of armed and unarmed robbery, which climbed to 12

in 2005 from eight in 2004.

"That increase is a direct result of the new policy," Hiller said. "In a number of cases we investigated, the perpetrator assaulted the victim in some fashion. We believe that the additional charge of robbery, which can carry a prison sentence of up to life, is better than a single charge of larceny or UDAA (Unlawful Driving Away of an Automobile) which can carry a penalty of only five years (in prison)."

"Likewise, with the more serious charge it allows our YSU (Youth Services Unit) to immediately place a juvenile in the Youth Home."

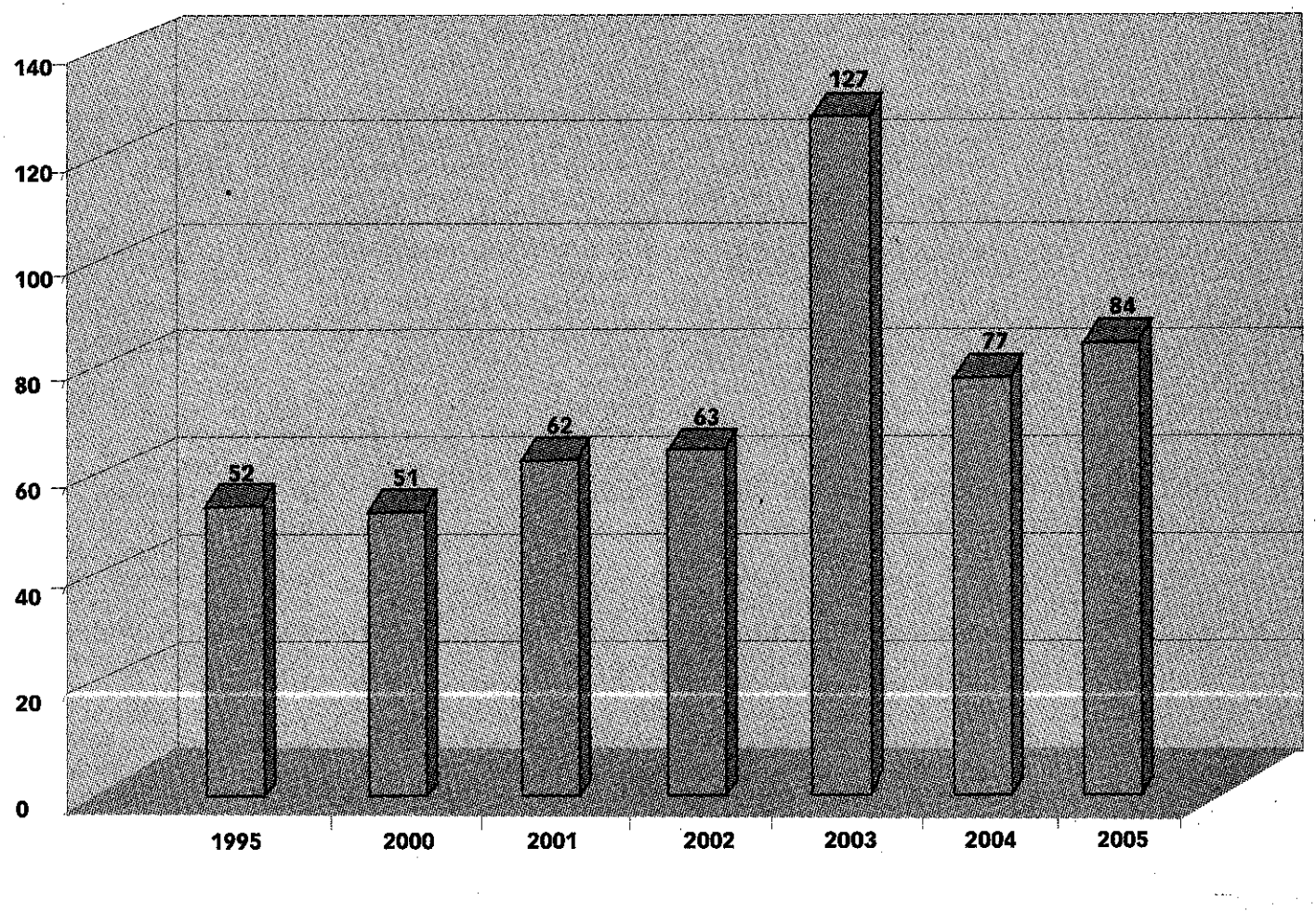
Stolen cars statistics rose slightly during the past year, but were attributed to a stolen car ring.

During the investigation, 91 adults were arrested and 45 juveniles were detained.

In total, 548 adults were arrested in 2005 and 104 juveniles were detained.

"These arrests also result in

Grosse Pointe Park Department of Public Safety Crime trends — motor vehicle theft



the department having an overall crime clearance rate of 60 percent," Hiller said. "I am extremely proud of this statistic. We continue year after year to average approximately 60 percent while the overall state clearance rate averages somewhere in the 33 percent

range. "That clearance rate is indicative of the ongoing commitment we continue to demonstrate year after year. It is also important to remember that we do not close the books on something at the end of the year simply because we have

not solved it," Hiller said.

A group of suspects were responsible for a rash of home invasions during the latter part of 2005 and into the beginning of this year. Other area communities also experienced an increase in home invasions.

Through the Park's detective work, three potential leaders of a ring were arrested and charged with home invasion.

"Our clearance rate is incredible," Schulte added. "We

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GROSSE POINTE WOODS

Residents to get efficient cell phone usage

By Bob St. John
Staff Writer

Can you hear me now? ClearLinx Network Corporation said it will make sure Grosse Pointe Woods residents have plenty of opportunities to use their cellular phones in the community.

ClearLinx and its distributed antenna system (DAS) will provide wireless voice and data transmission services for all cellular and PCS wireless service providers.

Grosse Pointe Woods City Council approved a request made by city attorney Charles T. Berschback to allow ClearLinx to use DTE poles to hang nine nodes (boxes) and

small cone antennas in conjunction with a DAS for cellular communication.

The company also has permission to do the same in the four other Grosse Pointes and St. Clair Shores.

"We install these systems to help the consumer," ClearLinx Director of Community Affairs David Schneider said. "We will install fiber cable and nodes so customers have more antennas available to carry cell phone signals."

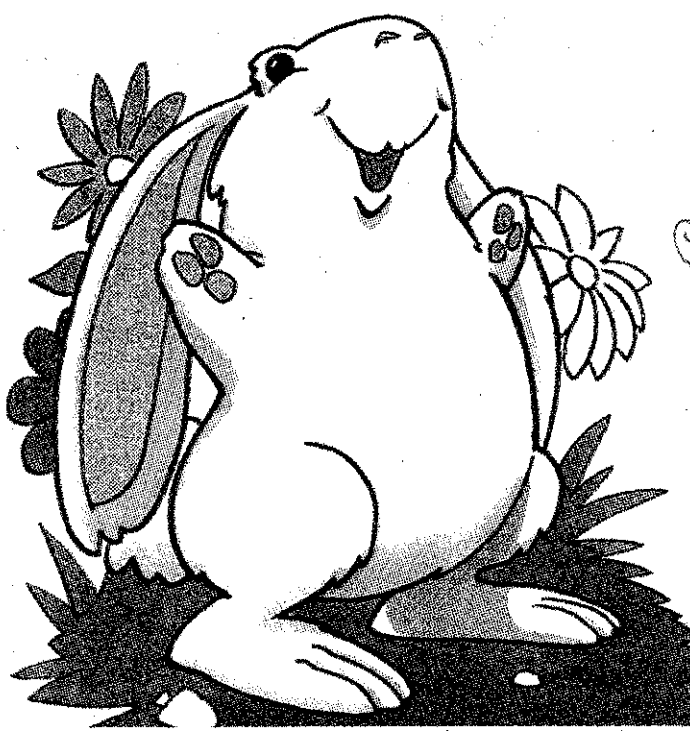
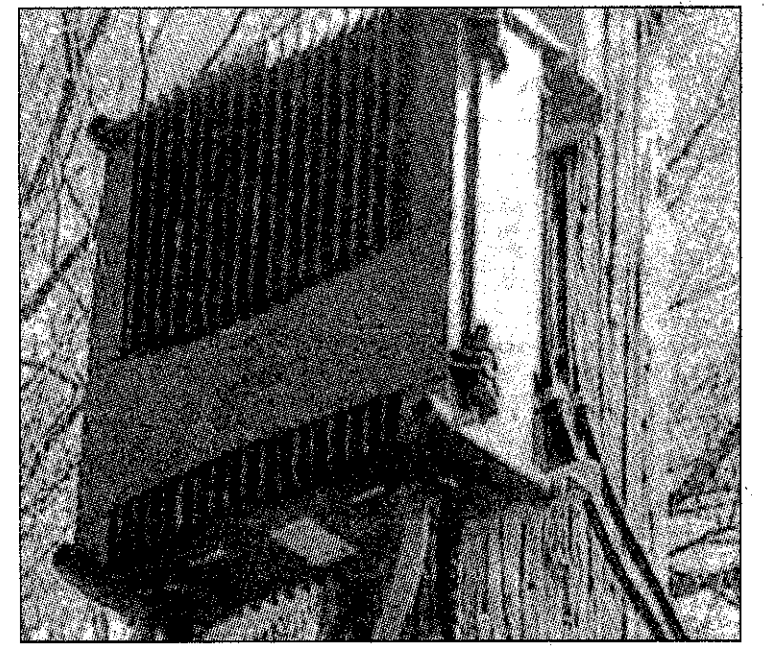
The fiber cables are similar to those installed by DTE and the nodes are installed on telephone poles.

"We can start the project by installing the fiber cables and then we will put on the nodes,"

Schneider said. "The entire process should be up and running by June 1, which is our target date."

ClearLinx is the middle man in the cell phone process. Residents still have to utilize a cell phone subscriber, such as Verizon or Singular, to use their cell phones.

ClearLinx Network Corporation will install nine nodes, pictured right on a telephone pole, throughout Grosse Pointe Woods, which will help cell phone users get signals.



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Jane Taylor Holley

Jane Taylor Holley, 78, died Monday, March 27, 2006, at her home in Grosse Pointe.

Mrs. Holley was born on Jan. 26, 1928, to Florence and Harry W. Taylor of Bloomfield Hills and moved to Grosse Pointe with her family when she was a teenager.

She graduated from the Academy of the Sacred Heart Class of 1945 and continued her education at the Duchesne Residence School in New York. After graduation, she returned to Detroit to work at J. Walter Thompson. She later enjoyed working in broadcasting for WWJ-TV. She also held positions as assistant to the principal at Derby Junior High

School and taught nursery school at the Grosse Pointe University School.

In 1958, she married Grosse Pointe Farms resident Danforth Holley in San Francisco, Calif. They made their home in Grosse Pointe.

Mrs. Holley was an active woman who enjoyed needlepoint, golf and being with her friends and family to the utmost. During her younger years, she was an avid tennis player. She enjoyed spending her days in the company of others whether socially or helping in the community.

She was a member of the Country Club of Detroit, Grosse Pointe Club, Otsego Ski Club, Junior League of Detroit, Junior League Gardeners, St. Paul Altar Society, Tau-Beta and Libri Club. She served on the board of the Holley Ear Institute and was a past president of Milk Fund Charities.

She is survived by her children, Deborah (Jeff) Palms, Danforth Holley, Janie (John) Fleckenstein, Scott Holley and Mark (Guadalupe) Holley; grandchildren, J.P., Katherine, Danforth, Drake, Ashley, Andrew, Christy, Ana Alicia, and Dylan; her brother, Bud Taylor; and her twin sister, Joan Morris.

Mrs. Holley was predeceased by her husband, Danforth Holley, who died in 1988 and her brothers, Bill and Bob Taylor.

A memorial Mass will be celebrated at 2 p.m. on Saturday, May 13, at St. Paul Catholic Church, 157 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms. Interment will be at Woodlawn Cemetery.

Memorial contribution may be made to the American Cancer Society, 18505 W. Twelve Mile Rd., Southfield, MI 48076 or St. Paul Catholic Church, 157 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms, MI 48236.

Jane La Chapelle Ogden

Jane La Chapelle Ogden, 92, of Grosse Pointe Shores, died on Monday, March 27, 2006, at Bon Secours Nursing Center.

She was born on Oct. 18, 1913, in Green Bay, Wis.

She was a wonderful family matriarch and friend who gave so much of her self to others. Her wisdom about the purpose of life inspired many people. She leaves behind a legacy of love, devotion and faith. She always had a yellow ribbon tied to a birch tree in her front yard to welcome visitors to her home.

Mrs. Ogden was a true member of the "Greatest Generation" as she enthusiastically went from the days of the horse and buggy straight into the 21st century. She was a champion skater, gardener, reader and avid bridge player who seldom lost.

She is survived by her children, D. James (Joann), John (Katherine) and Jill (Terry) Stuck; eight grandchildren; 12 great-grandchildren; and special friend, J. Ortwein.

She was predeceased by her husband, Chester Frank Ogden.

A memorial service will be held at 2:30 p.m. on Friday, April 7, at St. James Lutheran Church, 170 McMillan Rd., Grosse Pointe Farms.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Karmanos Cancer Institute, 110 E. Warren, Detroit, MI 48201, the American Heart Association, 3816 Payscale Circle, Chicago, IL 60674, or St. James Lutheran Church, 170 McMillan Rd., Grosse Pointe Farms, MI 48236.

Mitchell Malicki

Longtime Grosse Pointe Woods resident Mitchell Malicki, 77, died on Saturday, April 1, 2006, of a heart attack at St. John Hospital.

He was born on Jan. 10, 1929, in Hamtramck to Frank and Maria Malicki. He was 2 years old when he and his family moved back to Warsaw, Poland, during the Great Depression.

He was raised in Warsaw and grew up very quickly as a young boy when World War II began. During the German occupation of Poland, he joined the Polish Underground and learned, at an early age, the merits of having survival skills, street smarts, courage and bravery. He was captured by the Germans and thrown in prison when they discovered he carried a gun. He was later rescued from prison by his Polish Underground friends and fled to the U.S. Embassy for protection. He was 17 years old at the time and lived at the embassy for weeks until papers were drawn up for him to return by boat to the United States. He joined his brother's family in Detroit.

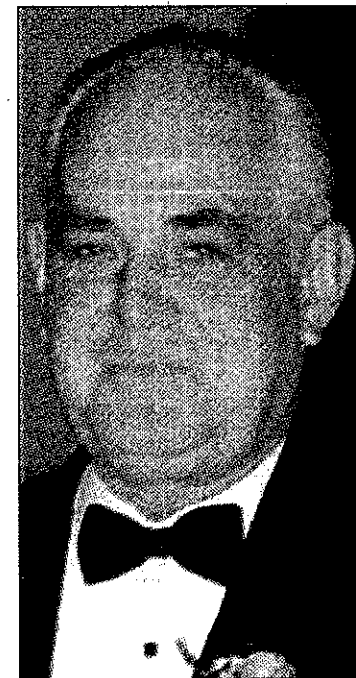
Mr. Malicki was privately tutored in Warsaw and graduated from Gorski School. While in Michigan, he sought more education working and attending the Ford Trade School in Highland Park, and studying engineering at the Detroit Institute of Technology. He was very hardworking and had two full-time jobs for many years to seek advancement and success in this vast "Land of Opportunity."

He served in the U.S. Army during the Korean War from 1951 to 1953. The Army sent him to do intelligence work in Germany because of his knowledge of German tactics and his fluency in Polish, German, Russian and English.

Shortly after he returned home, Mr. Malicki married



Jane Taylor Holley



Mitchell Malicki

Laura Kolasa, who he had previously met at a Polish Aviator's Ball, on July 4, 1953.

He was a draftsman at Jatko Engineering and Huck Manufacturing before starting his career at F. Jos. Lamb Co. He began as a draftsman and later became a sales engineer. It was Mr. Malicki's knowledge of the machine tool business, great personality, integrity with his customers and hard work to fix any problems that elevated his career. He was well respected and trusted by his peers and customers.

Mr. Malicki was promoted through the ranks and became vice president of sales for Lamb Technicon with General Motors Corp. being his largest customer. He expanded the company's growth into new markets including Canada, Mexico, Eastern Europe and the Soviet Union.

He sought new business in 1986 with the Soviet Union, Poland and the former Czechoslovakia as Eastern Europe's democracies bloomed. He worked with Lech Walesa, leader of the Polish Solidarity Movement, to bring free trade into Poland. He worked with Soviet Union companies Volga Auto Works (VAZ) and Azik for machine orders. Mr. Malicki retired in October 1996 after working 40 years at Lamb Technicon.

He was involved with the Detroit Sportsman Club and Junior Achievement. He was a member of American Legion, Pine Lake Country Club and the Lochmoor Club.

Mr. Malicki enjoyed hunting, fishing, snow skiing, water skiing and boating. He enjoyed World War II movies and built many military models of planes, tanks and ships. He was an avid Detroit Tiger baseball fan and cherished his time with family and friends at their second home on Walloon Lake

in Petoskey. Mr. Malicki was hardworking, intelligent, generous, loving and kind. Most of all, he loved his family. He was a gentleman who always gave to others and influenced the lives of all he met. He had a soft heart for animals and enjoyed having many pets. He will be dearly missed in the lives and hearts of his relatives, friends, and, especially, his wife, children and grandchildren.

He is survived by his wife of 52 years, Laura (nee Kolasa) Malicki; his daughters, Christina (Edward) Vermet and Linda (Matt) Abar; his five grandchildren, Mitchell, Jennifer and Stephanie Vermet, and Matthew and Christa Abar; and many nieces and nephews.

He was predeceased by his parents, Frank and Maria Malicki; his brothers, William and Fabian Malicki; and brothers-in-law, Julius Lewandowski and Zenon Kolasa.

Visitation will be held on Thursday, April 6, from 2 to 9 p.m., rosary at 7:30 p.m., at A. H. Peters Funeral Home, 20705 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods.

A funeral Mass will be celebrated at 11 a.m., instate at 10:30 a.m., on Friday, April 7, at Our Lady Star of the Sea Church, 467 Fairford Rd., Grosse Pointe Woods. Interment will be at Resurrection Cemetery in Clinton Township.

Memorial contributions may be made to the American Heart Association, 3816 Payscale Circle, Chicago, IL 60674, the National Kidney Foundation of MI Inc., 2350 S. Huron Parkway, Ann Arbor, MI 48104, or the Michigan Humane Society, Attn: Honorariums & Memorials, 26711 Northwestern Hwy., Suite 175, Southfield, MI 48034.

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City of **Grosse Pointe Farms**, Michigan

SUMMARY OF THE MINUTES
CITY OF GROSSE POINTE FARMS
APRIL 3, 2006

The Meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m., beginning with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Present on Roll Call: Mayor James C. Farquhar, Jr., Councilmembers Douglas F. Roby, Jr., Peter W. Waldmeir, Therese M. Joseph, Joseph T. Leonard, Charles S. Terry Davis III Louis Theros.

Those Absent Were: None.

Also Present: Messrs: Burgess, City Attorney; Reeside, City Manager; Tepper, Assistant City Manager; Jensen, Deputy Director of Public Safety; Ferber, Director of Public Safety.

Mayor Farquhar presided at the Meeting.

The Council approved the Minutes of the Regular Meeting, which was held March 6, 2006, as submitted.

The Council, acting as a Zoning Board of Appeals, approved the Minutes of the Public Hearing held on March 6, 2006; removed the appeal of Mr. Brett Stahl of 90 Mapleton Road from the Agenda.

The Council accepted the Public Safety Department's Annual Report for 2005, and ordered it placed on file.

The following items were approved from the Consent Agenda:

- The Council rescheduled the Regular Meeting of May 8, 2006 to May 15, 2006 at 7:00 p.m.
- The Council scheduled a Public Hearing for Monday, May 15, 2006 at 7:00 p.m. to consider the formal adoption of the proposed General Fund Budget for FY 2006-2007.
- The Council approved the Community Development Block Grant Re-Program, as submitted.
- The Council approved the purchase of the Fire Truck Exhaust Removal/Filter System, as submitted.

The Council adopted a resolution that immediately following adjournment of the Regular Meeting, a Closed Session shall be held for the purpose of discussing certain personnel matter.

Upon proper motion made, supported and carried, the Meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

THE NEXT REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL WILL BE HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 90 KERBY ROAD, GROSSE POINTE FARMS, MICHIGAN 48236, ON MONDAY, MAY 15, 2006 AT 7:00 P.M. THE MEETING IS PUBLIC. INTERESTED PROPERTY-OWNERS AND RESIDENTS ARE INVITED TO ATTEND. RESIDENTS MAY ALSO VIEW THE AGENDA AND MINUTES ON THE CITY'S WEBSITE: WWW.CL.GROSSE-POINTE-FARMS.MI.US/

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MAYOR

SHANE L. REESIDE
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Full Mitsubishi model lineup on display at NYIAS including the U.S. debut of the Concept-X and the Concept-CT MIEV. The Spyder GS gives red-carpet style at a nice MSRP starting price at \$25,389.

'07 Outlander SUV to be revealed at NYIAS

Mitsubishi Motors North America Inc. (MMNA) will reshape the image of a sporty crossover SUV at the 2006 New York International Auto Show Thursday, April 13, with the introduction of the all-new 2007 Mitsubishi Outlander.

Featuring a passionate design, the 2007 Outlander will deliver an engaging driving experience and innovative features.

The 2007 Outlander joins an invigorated lineup of Mitsubishi vehicles designed to exude the "thrill" of driving, including the recently launched all-new 2007 Eclipse Spyder convertible and the new 2007 Galant Ralliart sports sedan.

The Mitsubishi Concept-X, a head turning design study introduced at the 2005 Tokyo Motor Show, will make its first public appearance in the United States at the Javits Center. Also on display is the Mitsubishi Concept-CT MIEV, a groundbreaking concept for a hybrid-powered small car, first unveiled at the 2006 North American International Auto Show.

dle shifters for shifting control at the driver's fingertips. All Wheel Control (AWC), an advanced version of all-wheel drive is available.

An innovative two-piece flap-fold rear tailgate makes cargo loading easy, and an in-floor stowable third-row seat adds to the XLS model's versatility.

Technology is one of the hallmarks of the new Outlander, including a standard Bluetooth hands-free cellular phone interface, advanced FAST-Key access system, and optional 650-watt Rockford Fosgate audio system and DVD entertainment. A new hard-drive navigation system option will be state of the art.

Mitsubishi Concept-X

With an exterior that carries over the full flavor of the Lancer Evolution's image and a high-quality interior, the Mitsubishi Concept-X points the way to a new-age Evolution design that is as handsome and purposeful as it is functional.

The Concept-X mates a 2.0-liter 4-cylinder DOHC MIVEC intercooler-turbocharged engine to a high-performance six-speed auto-manual transmission and introduces the Super All Wheel Control (S-AWC) vehicle dynamics control system.

An on-board multi-media system complements the interior design, featuring a high-definition LCD monitor displaying real-time vehicle and S-AWC operating status, navigation system maps and DVD audio controls.

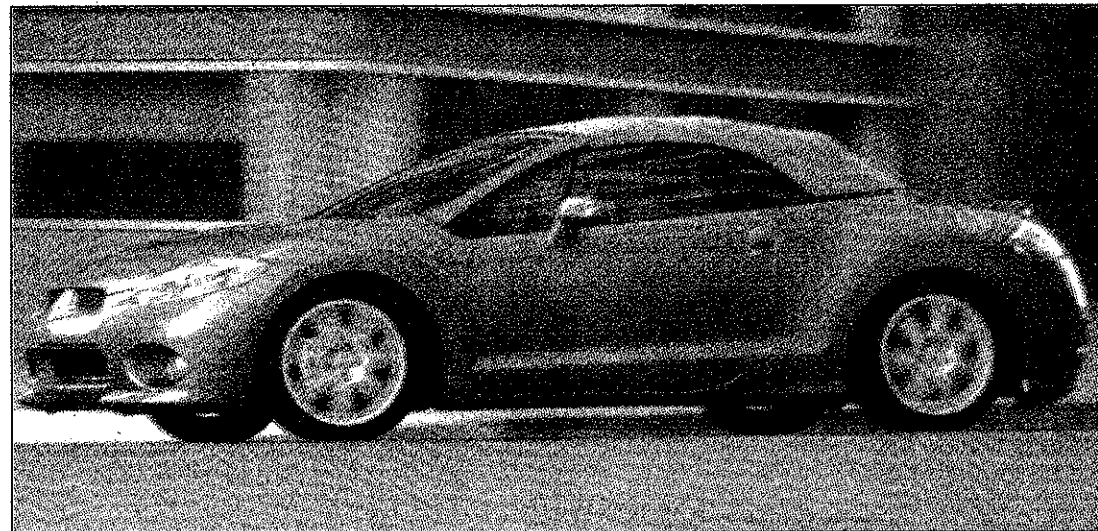


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Mitsubishi Concept-CT MIEV

The groundbreaking Mitsubishi Concept-CT MIEV introduces an innovative hybrid powertrain packaged in an entirely new type of vehicle architecture.

The ultra-compact four-door hatchback captures the essence of the Mitsubishi brand while combining practicality, fun-to-drive performance and low fuel consumption. The key to the Concept-CT MIEV's roomy packaging,



2007 Mitsubishi Eclipse Spyder.

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2007 Outlander

The all-new 2007 Mitsubishi Outlander is on the leading edge of versatility, technology and value in the crossover SUV segment.

The 2007 Outlander debuts the all-new 3.0L V6 MIVEC engine and features a standard six-speed Sportronic automatic transmission with one-touch manual shifting and adaptive electronics. The Outlander XLS adds rally inspired Sportronic steering wheel pad-

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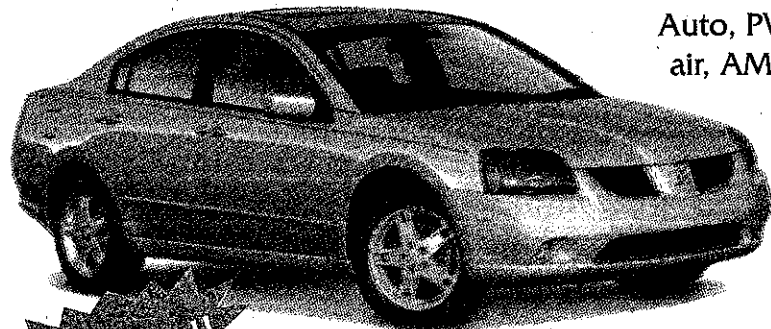
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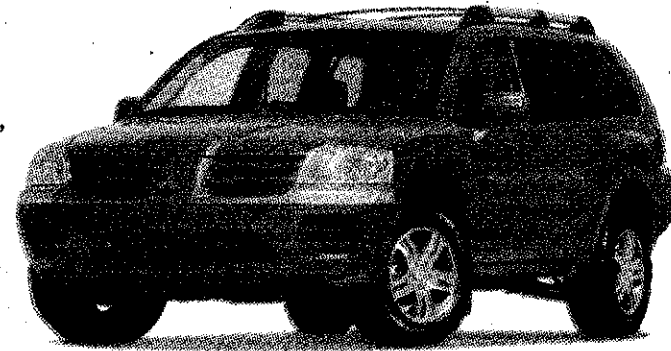


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LINEUP: Full Models displayed

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performance potential and fuel efficiency is the Mitsubishi In-wheel motor Electric Vehicle (MIEV) hybrid powertrain, which employs an electric motor in each of the vehicle's four wheels.

MIEV eliminates the need for a center differential and driveshaft, allowing for location of vital components to optimize safety and weight distribution and maximize interior space. This concept provides a vision into the future of advanced hybrid technology in a fun and futuristic design.

2007 Galant Ralliart

The 2007 Galant Ralliart promises to compete with some of the best sport sedans, accentuating Mitsubishi's racing heritage and renowned bold, modern styling. The Galant Ralliart is distinguished with a powerful 3.8-liter V-6 engine, sport suspension, 18-inch alloy wheels and exclusive exterior styling and interior features.

The vehicle debuts the new Rockford Acoustic Design premium audio system.

For 2007, all Galant models will receive more sophisticated styling, an enhanced interior, a refined ride for greater comfort, and additional standard safety equipment for an incredible value. The vehicle will be available this autumn.

2007 Eclipse Spyder

Based on the widely acclaimed 2006 Eclipse coupe, the 2007 Eclipse Spyder combines "Driven to Thrill" design and performance with a high-tech convertible top that folds completely out of sight under a flush-fitting powered tonneau cover in 19 seconds.

The GS model is powered by a 162-horsepower 2.4-liter four-cylinder engine and the GT's 3.8-liter V6 produces 260 horsepower.

The 650-watt Rockford Fosgate premium audio system provides unique automatic sound equalization for top-up or top-down driving. The new 2007 Eclipse Spyder is now available at dealerships.

2006 Model Lineup on display

Galant SE — This new edition takes its styling cues and features from the GTS model — including 17-inch alloys, rear spoiler, leather seating surfaces and automatic climate control and is priced very competitively.

Raider — New for 2006, the Raider mid-size pickup truck embodies aggressive design cues and useful functionality to appeal to a new generation of truck buyers with upscale tastes and urban style. Raider has a 4.7-liter V8 engine which helps provide a 6,500-pound towing capacity.

Eclipse — The 2006 Eclipse sports coupe is a serious thrill ride featuring exotic styling and great performance. Completely redesigned from the ground up for 2006, practically the only item this fourth-generation Eclipse has in common with the car it replaces is its name.

Lancer — The 2006 Mitsubishi Lancer compact sedan hits the mark by featuring a redesigned front fascia, advanced safety upgrades and subtle interior enhancements to complement a spirited, solid and nimble ride — at a very competitive price.

Endeavor — Defining the mid-size SUV segment by balancing the design, commanding driving position and utility of an SUV with the driving performance and handling of a car, the 2006 Mitsubishi Endeavor tackles daily driving, extended road trips or off-roading with ease. The new front grille gives it a fresh new appearance.



2007 Mitsubishi Galant Ralliart.

April is National Car Care Awareness Month

Washing and waxing is most important to help preserve and enhance a car's paint and finish.

Too often this process is overlooked during regular automotive maintenance and that can have a direct effect not only on the car's appearance and resale value but on overall performance. Here are some practical tips and tricks experts and all-around car guys have put together.

First, prepare for cleaning and waxing efforts by identifying areas that need attention. Evaluate the condition of the vehicle — tires, wheels, paint, trim and interior. After that, decide what tools and materials are needed.

Next, pick a good location to work on your vehicle. We recommend somewhere open and without a great deal of clutter. After assessing the vehicle's needs, if there's a lot of work to do, break down the job into

smaller tasks. Remember, it is better to work from the top down.

Do any scratch repair or spot removal before polishing and waxing. Spray the wheels and tires first to let a wheel cleaner soak in and take away brake dust and road grime. It can then be washed off to a brilliant shine.

It is now time to wash and wax the vehicle. First, we recommend an automotive-specific car wash soap. It is specially formulated with the car's finish in mind and will not strip and harm paint finishes as dish soap can. It will also work with the wax and polish to create a brilliant shine and feel soft and smooth to the touch.

Second, we recommend drying with a microfiber towel. Microfiber is so soft and gentle that it will not leave any fine scratches in your paint, as a bath or terry cloth towel will. It is also twice as absorbent.

Next, wax the car. Today's wax is so easy to use that an entire car can be waxed in just minutes. A fine coat — wiped on, then wiped off — is all it takes to create a showroom finish even in direct sunlight without any dust or residue left behind. Pay special attention to door jambs, under the hood and under the trunk. Water stays in those areas much longer, and that can lead to paint deterioration and oxidation.

Lastly, protect tires and plastic with a dressing designed for the job and that helps to prevent cracking, and other harmful ultraviolet (UV) sunlight effects.

A car's interior is probably as dirty as the exterior. Trapped within the carpet are pebbles and debris tracked in, and dirt on clothes and skin sticks to the upholstery and grooves in the leather.

Upholstery and carpet clean-

er, as well as leather cleaner and conditioner, will clean and preserve the vehicle's interior with minimal effort. Just spray on and wipe off to clean and protect.

Often the dashboard and consoles show splatters from food and drinks, heavy layers of dust and symptoms of UV exposure. To clean and protect the dashboard and consoles, use a dressing that helps to prevent cracking in plastic and and sun damage. As with all car-care products, just spray on and wipe off. It is that easy.

The time spent cleaning a vehicle is an investment in its health and beauty. Car owners used to have to trade elbow grease and hours of time to achieve a gorgeous shine. By using today's products, one can clean and restore that showroom shine and finish in a fraction of the time with minimal effort and for a lot less money.

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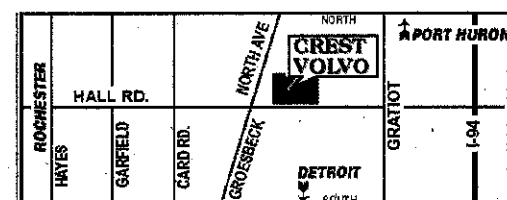


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City of Grosse Pointe

Burglars seen on security tape

A security video shows two men last week breaking into a business in the 17400 block of Mack in the City of Grosse Pointe.

The burglary on Thursday, March 29, at 4:34 a.m., triggered an alarm which forced the two unknown male suspects to flee within seconds of using a piece of concrete to smash the front window.

"(They) quickly exited after 17 seconds in the store," police said. "It appeared the suspects did not leave with any property."

Apartment building broken into

Three storage lockers were broken into last week in the basement of a City of Grosse Pointe apartment building in the 17600 block of Mack.

Police said all incidents occurred between 11 a.m. Monday, March 26 and 8 a.m. Wednesday, March 28.

Evidence in each case was the same: "There were numerous pry marks on the rear door and the lock was damaged," police said. "There did not appear to be anything missing."

On Tuesday, March 27, at about 12:30 p.m., City police had responded to the location regarding a suspicious man wearing a blue Yankees coat and tan pants. Officers were unable to locate the individual.

— Brad Lindberg

Grosse Pointe Farms

Cadillac has plates for Mercury

On Thursday, March 30, at about 7:30 p.m., Grosse Pointe Farms police caught a 53-year-old City woman driving a black 1998 Cadillac two-door bearing a license plate registered to a 1992 Mercury Topaz.

She said she'd borrowed the Cadillac from her husband, police said. Officers couldn't find records of the woman having acquired a driver license.

Open garage beckons bike thief

Thieves took a red Raleigh 10-speed bicycle out of an open garage in the 300 block of Moran on Monday, March 26, between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m.

I.D. theft at G.P. Library

A Detroit man estimated to be 30 years old is suspected of using a 43-year-old City of Grosse Pointe woman's name to check out approximately 30 DVDs, audio tapes and books from the Grosse Pointe Central Branch Library.

The City woman learned of the incident while at the library on Wednesday, March 29.

CRIME: Park crime drops in 2005

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take a lot of pride in solving crimes and keeping the residents of Grosse Pointe Park well-protected. We can't prevent all crime, but we try our best."

Hiller also reported the department's 94 fire runs for 2005, which were identical to 2004. He expressed pride in the department's efforts and cited a May 4 blaze on Balfour as an example.

"The first floor room was fully involved and the fire had vented out the windows," Hiller said in his report. "An aggressive interior attack by responding personnel resulted in a quick and efficient knock down of the fire.

"The clerk told the (woman) that she would not be held responsible for the non-returned items as it was their fault for not checking I.D.," police said.

Ignores license restriction

On Wednesday, March 29, at 11:45 p.m., a 21-year-old Grosse Pointe Farms man was cited for disobeying terms of his restricted driver license.

Police cruising Moran near Mack saw the man operating a black 2005 Pontiac Grand Am in the company of a non-family member. The man was restricted to driving only with relatives. Police said the vehicle's license plate wasn't illuminated.

Two stories about burned car

Fire destroyed a 1986 Dodge 360 parked Monday, March 26, at about 4:30 p.m., in a parking lot in the 18200 block of Mack in Grosse Pointe Farms.

Police said fire started near the battery.

The vehicle had been operated by a 40-year-old Detroit woman who said she'd parked the car to run an errand.

Police said she told one officer she'd borrowed the car from a Detroit man.

"(I) learned later that (she) told (another officer) that she bought the vehicle a few months ago," police said. "Actual ownership is unknown at this time."

Fake \$20 bill among store receipts

On Tuesday, March 27, the manager of a store in the 18800 block of Mack in Grosse Pointe Farms discovered a counterfeit \$20 bill among money being gathered for deposit.

Police turned over the money to the Secret Service.

— Brad Lindberg

Grosse Pointe Park

Fire run

On Thursday, March 30, at 3:34 a.m., Grosse Pointe Park firefighters responded to a report of heavy smoke in a residence in the 1100 block of Maryland.

The fire in the fireplace was not properly ventilated, which caused the smoke to stay in the residence instead of filtering out.

Lightning strikes once

On Friday, March 31, at 8:24 p.m., Grosse Pointe Park police officers responded to a home in the 1100 block of Whittier that had been struck by lightning.

An upstairs bedroom had a two-inch hole in the ceiling. The home's interior was checked for hidden fires with a thermal imaging camera, but none were found.

"It was evident to me, as I watched the personnel at the scene extinguish this fire, that the training the members of this department continue to do on a daily basis certainly has rewards."

The department responded to only six injury accidents in 2005, one of the fewest reported by area communities.

There were no murders in Grosse Pointe Park in 2005. The most frequent index crime reported in the Park was larceny (216 reports were filed, including 11 from buildings), followed by 84 reports of motor vehicle theft. Officers helped recover 21 of those stolen vehicles.

There were 62 reports of malicious destruction of property, as well as 199 incidents of obstruction of justice.

Grosse Pointe Park police officers also handled 44 cases of operating a motor vehicle under the influence of alcohol or drugs.

Air compressor taken from garage

Between Tuesday, March 28, and Wednesday, March 29, the side door of a garage in the 1400 block of Maryland in Grosse Pointe Park was pried open and a Bostich 2Hp. air compressor was taken.

Toro lawn mower taken on Maryland

Overnight on Tuesday, March 28, a red Toro lawn mower was taken from a garage in the 1400 block of Maryland in Grosse Pointe Park.

Middle school student detained

On Wednesday, March 29, at 1:14 p.m., a juvenile in Pierce Middle School in Grosse Pointe Park was detained after taking a teachers' cell phone.

The property was returned.

Home invasion on Hampton

Sometime after Wednesday, March 22, an unknown person forced in the rear door of a building in the 1400 block of Hampton in Grosse Pointe Park.

Several hand tools were taken from the basement.

Male driver busted for drugs

On Wednesday, March 29, at 10:57 p.m., a vehicle was

stopped for a traffic violation.

The driver, a 51-year-old Detroit man, was found to be in possession of alleged narcotics. He was arrested.

Delinquency contributions

On Monday, March 27, at 12:15 a.m., a vehicle occupied by two adults and three juveniles was stopped because of a traffic and curfew violation at the corner of Maryland and Charlevoix in Grosse Pointe Park.

The officers' investigation found the youths were in possession of several automobile theft tools. They were taken into custody and released to their parents.

The adults were arrested and charged with contributing to the delinquency of minors.

"Excellent effort in this arrest, which most likely prevented several auto thefts in Grosse Pointe Park," Grosse Pointe Park Deputy Chief John Schulte said.

— Bob St. John

Grosse Pointe Shores

Man charged with drug driving

On Wednesday, March 29, at 12:20 a.m., Grosse Pointe Shores police cited a 45-year-old Madison Heights man for operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of drugs.

An officer halted the man

driving northbound in the southbound lanes of Lakeshore at Fontana.

Police said the man admitted taking "several Vicodin" pain-killer tablets. He was taken to an area hospital for his blood to be tested for drugs.

He was released from custody at 9:40 a.m. At 10:50 a.m., he returned to headquarters with valid prescription bottles of Vicodin and the muscle relaxant Soma.

At 12:25 p.m., Warren police informed Shores officers the man was under investigation for operating a vehicle while under the influence of drugs in connection with a traffic crash.

Two arrested on drug charges

A 46-year-old man and his 37-year-old female companion, both from Detroit, were arrested on drug charges Thursday, March 30, at 2:54 a.m., in Grosse Pointe Shores.

Police pulled the man over for operating a 2006 Chrysler at 55 mph on southbound Lakeshore near Willow Tree.

"(I) observed (him) chewing a white powdery substance which led (me) to believe (he) was possibly under the influence of drugs," said the arresting officer.

Officers took him to an east-side hospital for his blood to be drawn for testing of narcotics.

Police said the female passenger was in a "euphoric state." Police said they found two crack pipes and other items in her purse.

"(She) admitted that she uses crack cocaine," police said. She was arrested for possession of drug paraphernalia.

— Brad Lindberg

Grosse Pointe Woods

Speeding leads to arrest

On Saturday, April 1, at 10:15 a.m., a 26-year-old St. Clair Shores woman was clocked traveling 47 mph on Mack in her purple 2005 PT Cruiser.

A Grosse Pointe Woods police officer stopped the woman at Mack and Lennon.

A LEIN (Law Enforcement Information Network) check revealed the woman had two outstanding warrants out of Eastpointe for a civil infraction (\$500 bond) and one out of St. Clair Shores for having no insurance during a traffic violation (\$140 bond).

The driver was arrested. She posted \$100 bond and was released.

Drug-induced overdose

On Thursday, March 30, at 11:52 p.m., a 20-year-old Hazel Park woman was found unconscious by a 24-year-old Eastpointe woman who was in a home located in the 1900 block of Lancaster in Grosse Pointe Woods.

The Eastpointe woman told police she went out to buy a pack of cigarettes and returned to find the Hazel Park woman unconscious with a needle sticking out of her arm.

Police were immediately contacted and the needle was taken out of the woman's arm.

A search of the scene produced a syringe and needle found on the kitchen counter, along with two tourniquets. Five syringes and two spoons were found in the woman's

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Brazilian to speak on Brazil and U.S. Relations

The Detroit Council for World Affairs of the Center for Peace and Conflict Studies and BBK, an international business advisory firm, will present Paulo Sotero, Washington correspondent of O Estado de Sao Paulo, a leading Brazilian newspaper, to speak on "Brazil: Economic and Commercial Development and U.S. Relations" at 6:30 p.m. Thursday, April 6, in the Mediterranean Room of the Troy Marriott, 200 W. Big Beaver Rd., Troy.

"The emergence of Brazil as a major economic power and market in our hemisphere is an important opportunity and interest for the United States," said Fred Pearson, director of the Center for Peace and Conflict Studies. "As Latin America's largest, most diverse and populous country, Brazil significantly impacts U.S. interests in a variety of ways. From the auto and energy industries to illicit trade in guns and drugs, the political influence of this emergent democracy is felt in moderating regional conflicts, as with

Venezuela and Colombia, and over territorial questions such as Guyana's borders. Brazil's future as an impact player in the United Nations is also vital for Washington. We have a rare opportunity on the 6th to hear from one of the most knowledgeable analysts of the Brazilian political scene."

Sotero, who also is a commentator for BBC radio Brazil, started his career in journalism at Veja weekly magazine in 1968. He held positions as staff reporter in Recife, correspondent in Paris and Lisbon, assis-

tant editor for Latin American in Sao Paulo and correspondent assigned to the presidency, in Brasilia.

In the United States since 1980, Sotero worked as a correspondent for Istoe weekly magazine and the financial newspaper Gazeta Mercantil before joining O Estado in 1989.

He was briefly an external relations consultant for the Inter-American Development Bank in 1988.

A Brazilian national, Sotero has a BA in history from the

Catholic University of Pernambuco, Brazil, and an MA in journalism and public affairs from American University, Washington, D.C. He is a frequent lecturer on Brazilian and Latin American affairs at U.S. universities and think tanks, and has appeared as guest on national radio and television news programs, most recently at To the Point (PR), the NewsHour with Jim Lehrer and Foreign Exchange with Fareer Zakaria (PBS), and the Diane Rehm Show (WAMU). Sotero teaches at

Georgetown University as an adjunct professor and is a lecturer at George Washington universities and the State Department Foreign Service Institute. In addition to his work for Estado, he contributes to newspapers, magazines and journals in Brazil, the United States, Canada, and Mexico.

The presentation is free and open to the public. Reservations are required.

For more information, call (313) 577-8270. A complimentary dinner will be served.

SAFETY: All the crime fit to print

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The victim, taken to the hospital for treatment, is currently on probation with Oakland County Sheriff's Department and the Pontiac Police Department.

Not invisible, but not fully visible

On Thursday, March 30, at 6:01 p.m., a 32-year-old Detroit woman was pulled over at Harper and Allard because the license plate tab on her light blue 1993 Pontiac was partially hidden.

In addition, the car's windows were tinted and there was

no driver-side mirror.

A LEIN check revealed the driver had a warrant out of Warren for failure to appear in court and three misdemeanor warrants out of Detroit for a total of \$449 in bonds.

The woman also had 10 current license suspensions.

She was arrested. The woman was issued citations and released after posting \$100 bond.

Money taken from bank account

On Tuesday, March 28, at 2 p.m., a 70-year-old Grosse Pointe Woods woman living in the 1000 block of South Renaud reported to police an unknown person took money from her bank account without her knowledge.

The woman said that on Feb. 15, \$49.95 was taken out and sent to WEB Enterprises; on Feb. 23, \$39.80 was taken out

and sent to Forecloser Free; and on March 16, \$149.95 was withdrawn and sent to U.S.A. Credit.

Driving with suspended license

On Tuesday, March 28, at 11:50 p.m., a 28-year-old Harper Woods man was pulled over at Harper and Allard for having non-working rear lights on his green 1992 Jeep station wagon.

The driver told police he did not have a valid driver license. A LEIN check confirmed the man's claim and revealed he had four misdemeanor warrants out of Detroit.

He was arrested. The man was issued citations before he paid the \$100 bond and was re-

leased.

Bomb threats reported at school

On Wednesday, March 29, at 12:29 p.m., Parcels Middle School Principal Mark Mulholland reported to Grosse Pointe Woods police that two secretaries received calls that the school would be bombed.

Another bank fraud

On Tuesday, March 28, at 3 p.m., a 31-year-old Grosse Pointe Woods woman living in the 500 block of Hollywood reported to police an unknown person made three withdrawals from her checking account.

Withdrawals totaled \$504 on March 24 at 4:45 p.m.

The withdrawals came from a bank in New Jersey.

The woman told police neither she nor her husband have been to New Jersey in recent memory.

Stolen video games, X-Box and more

On Monday, March 27, at 4 p.m., a 41-year-old Grosse Pointe Woods woman living in the 19200 block of Raymond reported to police that a 17-year-old Grosse Pointe Woods man stole her son's X-Box, several video games and CDs.

The woman also reported the man took a gold bracelet, a wedding band, a digital camera and cash during the five

months he has been friends with her son.

The detective bureau is handling the case.

Disregarding red light

On Thursday, March 30, at 9:05 p.m., a 27-year-old Grosse Pointe Park woman was stopped at Norwood and Kenmore for disregarding a yellow/red light.

The driver told the police officer she was too close to the light to stop; so she continued through the traffic light.

A LEIN check revealed the woman's driver license was suspended. She was arrested and her sister was called to drive her car home.

—Bob St. John

SEMCOG suggests RideShare to beat gas prices and construction

At \$2.52 a gallon, March gas prices set a record as the highest single-month average ever recorded in Michigan. Prices are expected to continue to rise over the peak summer driving months. Now that construction season is under way, the commute to work becomes more challenging.

SEMCOG, the Southeast Michigan Council of Governments, has several suggestions for commuters facing these challenges.

SEMCOG and its partners — Michigan Department of Transportation, SMART, DDOT, the Detroit People Mover, Michivan, VPSI, Compuware and the Association for Commuter Transportation — have developed the Commuter Challenge 2006 which runs now through Friday, May 12.

The goal is to encourage commuters, especially in the Lodge Freeway construction zone, to find an alternative to the drive-alone commute and alleviate congestion in a corridor that will be severely compromised with construction.

Businesses in Detroit and Southfield have been educated on the available alternatives and more than 600 employees have signed up for the "challenge," and the opportunity to win some prizes for trying a different way to work.

SEMCOG continues to promote traveling to work via carpool or vanpool. RideShare, a free service of SEMCOG, matches commuters who live

and work near each other.

RideShare commuters save money on gasoline and maintenance, and reduce wear-and-tear on their vehicles and on themselves. RideSharing need not be done on a daily basis. Carpoolers may choose to participate only one or two days a week, on days their schedules permit. This flexible arrangement requires only two people with similar schedules and automatically cuts commuting costs in half.

Larger groups may want to consider the MichiVan vanpool program which provides fully insured vans to groups of seven or more. Riders split the costs which fall well below the lone commuter tab. Some drivers ride free and enjoy personal use of the van evenings and weekends. Enrolling in the RideShare program enables users to take advantage of the Guaranteed Ride Home program; it reimburses taxi fares up to six times a year if participants need to leave work in a hurry or if they're asked to work unexpected overtime.

These programs also benefit employers who are reducing benefits or requiring higher employee contributions. SEMCOG can help employers implement a variety of alternative transportation programs, including Commuter Choice, which provides tax savings for the organization and the employees. In addition, they may be eligible for the Best Workplaces for Commuters designation.

This program is sponsored by the U.S. Department of Transportation and the Environmental Protection Agency to encourage the use of ridesharing, telecommuting, and transportation besides the single-occupant vehicle.

These programs are free of charge, there's no obligation, and personal information is

kept confidential.

SEMCOG is a regional planning partnership of local governmental units serving 4.9 million people in the seven-county region of southeast Michigan striving to enhance the region's quality of life.

For more information, call (866) 510-POOL or visit the Web site semcog.org.

Red Cross tells of fire prevention

Four out of five Americans are unaware that home fires are the greatest and most common disaster threat.

Simple steps to prevent fires are to keep all sources of fuel (paper, clothing, bedding and carpets or rugs) at least three feet away from heat sources, such as a space heater. When cooking, or in rooms with lit candles and fires, provide adult supervision.

Do not leave burning candles unattended.

Keep matches and lighters out of the reach of children, and teach young children to tell an adult if they see matches and lighters and not to touch them. Teach adolescents to resist peer pressure by choosing a more productive activity and not to play with fire if curious or bored.

Simple steps to make a home safer are to install a smoke alarm outside each sleeping area and on each additional level of a home. If people sleep with doors closed, in-

stall smoke alarms inside sleeping areas, too.

Use the test button to check each smoke alarm once a month. When necessary, replace batteries immediately. Replace all batteries at least once a year. Smoke alarms become less sensitive over time. Replace them every 10 years.

Consider having one or more working fire extinguishers in a home. Get training from the fire department in the proper use of extinguishers. Consider installing an automatic fire sprinkler system in a home.

Determine at least two ways to escape from every room of a home. Consider escape ladders for sleeping areas on the second or third floor. Learn how to use them and store them near the window.

Select a location outside a home for everyone to meet after escaping. Practice an escape plan, especially with chil-

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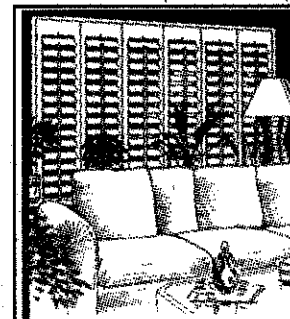
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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Planning Commission of the City of Grosse Pointe Woods, Michigan will hold a public hearing pursuant to City Code Section 2-285 and Michigan Compiled Laws, Sec. 125.38 on Tuesday, April 25, 2006 at 7:30 p.m. at 20025 Mack Plaza, in the Council-Courtroom of the Municipal Building, for the purpose of considering the adoption of the City of Grosse Pointe Woods Master Plan. Copies of the proposed Master Plan are available for inspection at the Clerk's Office for the City of Grosse Pointe Woods and any interested person is invited to attend the public hearing.

Lisa Hathaway
City Clerk

GPN: 04/06/2006

Ask the Learning Advisor

Ideas for raising successful children

Q. I have a son in middle school and a daughter in third grade.

My children know how much importance I give to their education; however, there are times when I feel absolutely consumed by it. My son is asking me to drive him to the store for poster board for his science project — right now.

My daughter needs me to help her with her spelling homework, or she'll fail the test tomorrow. I am a very involved parent, but I need advice.

How much is too much?

A. Congratulations. You are to be commended on your involvement in your children's education.

However, your commitment should not mean that their schoolwork is your responsibility.

Learning is your children's responsibility.

There are ways to make their responsibility for learning clear. For example:

- ◆ When your son tells you to make a trip to the store right now, resist the urge get in the car.

Instead, say something like, "I'm sorry. I can't go to the store today. I can do it tomorrow."

If your son says, "But I'll get an F," simply and firmly say, "I can do it tomorrow."

A couple of things may happen. Your son may rethink the actual urgency of his request. More importantly, he may learn that actions do have consequences — putting things off until the last minute results in a lowered grade.

- ◆ When your daughter asks, "Mom, how do you spell 'fulfill'?" remember that your daughter's homework needs to reflect what she knows — not what you know.

Be available to help her and guide her, but let her do the homework.

FIRE: Surviving a fire

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dren, at least twice a year and revise as necessary.

Safety tips in the event that a fire strikes a home include stay out of the dwelling and do not go back in. Call the fire department from a neighbor's house.

If smoke or fire impedes an escape route, use the second way out.

If a person must exit through smoke, crawl low under the smoke to the exit. If someone is escaping through a closed door, feel the door before opening it. If it is warm, use a second way out.

If smoke, heat or flames block an exit route, stay in the room with the door closed. Signal for help using a brightly-colored cloth at the window. If there is a telephone in the room, call the fire department and tell them where they can find the person.

For more information on fire preparedness, visit www.red-cross.org or contact Bryan Peckinpugh at (313) 999-7905.

If smoke or fire impedes an escape route, use the second way out. If a person must exit through smoke, crawl low to the exit. If escaping through a closed door, feel the door before opening it. If it is warm, use a second way out.

Keep in mind that besides teaching facts, homework should teach children how to find facts.

So instead of spelling fulfill for her, say, "The first three letters are f-u-l. Let me help you look it up in the dictionary."

Until your children accept responsibility for their own learning, success in school will be a struggle.

Continue to help by showing interest, but stop short of doing the work for them.

That only sends a message to your children that you don't think they can do things for themselves.

Let them experience the results of their actions, even if grades occasionally suffer.

When your children finally do take responsibility for their own learning, they will do better than they could have if you had helped them every step of the way.

Q. My son is in fifth grade. I was shocked to learn from his teacher that she caught him cheating on a test.

What should I do?

A. If your child comes home from school with a note from the teacher that says he was caught cheating, your first instinct may be to ground him for life. Instead, set aside time to talk with your child. Ask your son what happened — and really listen to what he has to say.

Then follow these guidelines:

- ◆ Find out why he felt the need to cheat.

Is he afraid of what you will do if he gets a bad grade? Think about the message you're sending.

Do you expect your son to bring home every report card with all A's?

If your son decides that you care more about the grades than how he earned them, he may decide to cheat to get the A's.

- ◆ Make it clear to your son that a low grade would not be the end of your love for him. Assure him that mistakes are OK and that you will love him whether he gets A's or C's.

Your son needs to know that you love him for who he is, not for what he does — and that if he's done his best, that's more important than being the best.

Tell him you would be more concerned than angry about a low grade.

Help your son develop his

study habits — so he can make better grades on his own.

- ◆ Don't listen if your son says that "everybody" cheats. If your son thinks cheating is "no big deal," tell him he's wrong. It's dishonest and unfair.

Cheaters not only rob themselves of really learning the material — they are unfair to honest students.

- ◆ Did your son let someone else cheat from him?

Find out why. Was he afraid this person wouldn't like him?

Let your son know that a real friend would never reject him for not doing what he wants. Help him role-play turning down an invitation to cheat. "I'd like to help you, Jeremy, but I don't like cheating. Besides, we could get into a lot of trouble."

Q. I take my toddler to a playgroup twice a week. She appears happy enough to go, yet she always plays by herself instead of with the other children.

I worry that she won't be able to get along with others when it's time for her to go to preschool next year. Should I be concerned?

A. Your daughter is showing normal behavior for her age group. Although children are social creatures by nature, they don't always know how to behave in social situations.

Quite often, toddlers know other children are there, but don't yet understand how to play with them.

So they play alone.

They engage in something called "parallel play." They may even be sitting right next to another child when they do this.

You may notice that, in time, your daughter will start to understand that another child can be a part of what she is doing.

For example, there might be an occasion when another child tries to take a toy from her.

Once the toy dispute is settled, the two children may start to play together.

You can help guide your daughter at home in some of the rules of play. Practice some of the following:

- Sharing. Toddlers are known for having trouble sharing.

After all, they've just learned what "mine" means. To practice sharing, you might

give your daughter a toy and then ask for it back.

When she becomes comfortable with this, ask her to give you a toy. Keep it in her sight and then return it, showing her that things she shares will be returned.

- ◆ Taking turns. At home, if your daughter wants to lead a game, let her.

Follow her lead, but don't let her take over. Tell her when it's your turn to play. Practice acting as another child might.

For example, let her know if she's being bossy. Or let her know you are tired of one game and want to play another game.

- ◆ Initiating play. Occasionally start activities with your daughter (such as drawing).

Then invite her to suggest a different activity.

Continue taking your daughter to her playgroup, but support independent play, too.

It's where creativity and imagination come from.

Q. My 8-year-old grandson likes to tell everyone what to do, but won't follow instructions from me or other adults. He has problems staying focused on whatever he does. My greatest concern is about his schoolwork.

He usually gets his homework done, but it's always on his terms.

He doesn't take what I say seriously.

Do you have any advice on how to handle him?

A. You are right to be concerned about your grandson. It's important for you to teach him to respect you and other adults now.

Most importantly, remember that you are the adult and you are in charge.

Here are some ideas that may help:

- ◆ Establish routines for your grandson.

Have a set time for getting up, bedtime and homework. If he doesn't have any homework, have him do some quiet work during his 'homework' time.

He might want to draw or you can spend this time reading with him.

If you get him into a regular homework schedule now, it will be easier to maintain as he gets into upper grades and has more homework.

- ◆ Be consistently firm with your grandson.

Some children like to pressure and nag their parents or grandparents until they get what they want.

Make sure your grandson knows how to take "no" for an answer. "I understand that you want to watch that TV show, but our rule is that homework comes first." Then be sure to follow through — every time.

- ◆ Don't allow him to tell others what to do.

Quietly, but firmly, step in if you see this kind of behavior

from him. Quietly lead him to another room and explain that his behavior is not acceptable.

Let him know that he can rejoin the group when he is ready to be respectful and cooperative.

- ◆ Talk with your grandson's teacher.

Ask what kind of behavior she has observed in the classroom or on the playground.

Ask about his learning habits.

Is he able to listen, pay attention and focus on his work?

Ask for tips she may have to help your grandson at home.

Your grandson will learn some of his most important lessons through consistent routines and rules.

When you teach him to know what's expected of him and how to behave you'll create structure for him in your home and help him succeed at school.

For more information about helping children learn or to submit your own question to The Learning Advisor, visit the Web site [advisor-parentinstitute.com](http://www.advisor-parentinstitute.com).

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2006 Michigan state transportation maps available to motorists

The 2006 edition of the Official Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) map is available.

Produced by MDOT and distributed free of charge through Travel Michigan Welcome Centers and MDOT offices, the new edition features a colorful display of photos that reflects the 2006 theme: "Michigan — A State For All Seasons."

"Every new edition of the state transportation map is a useful navigational tool, but at the same time, it's also great for tourism, and planning your family vacation," said Kirk T. Steudle, state transportation director. "The 2006 map theme is designed around Michigan's seasonal changes, and displays some of our state's unique destinations such as the Holland Tulip Festival, lighthouses, Fayette State Park in the Upper Peninsula, and Great Lakes fishing."

The 2006 edition includes several updates. The text of the index of municipalities and communities is larger and easier to read. There are no new freeways this year, but configurations for new ramps are shown, including US-24 at I-94 in Taylor, M-59 at Adams Road near Rochester Hills, Beck Road at I-96 near Novi, and M-53 at 18-1/2 Mile Road in

Sterling Heights.

There are 14 city maps that can be viewed and downloaded for printing from the MDOT Web site. Guidelines require that a city has a population of 100,000 or more in order to be featured on the printed version.

Urban areas have been updated and highlighted in yellow on the 2006 map. These areas are based on Federal-Aid Urban Boundaries (FAUBs) and U.S. Census boundaries for urban areas that have a population of at least 5,000. FAUBs add an area to the census boundaries in order to "smooth" them out and to include area which is urban in character, but not high in population density (such as airports, industrial parks, and shopping centers).

Since 1919, MDOT has provided a map for navigating Michigan roads. Starting with the 2005 map, the department is creating a new cover and interior design for each annual edition. Two million maps will be produced this year, at a cost of 11 cents per copy.

To view the online version of the map, get more details, report a suspected error, or request a copy, go to the MDOT Web site michigan.gov/statemap.

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Bringing light to noir

By Beth Quinn
Staff Writer

While listening to Megan Abbott discuss her debut novel, "Die a Little," one could not help but wonder, "How can someone so upbeat write about a heroine who is 'a darker Nancy Drew?'"

The Grosse Pointe Woods native came home to speak at a Grosse Pointe Public Library's book seminar on Thursday, March 23.

Abbott joked there was "a weird circle going on here," because she discovered her zest for books, especially hard-boiled crime fiction, at the old Woods branch library.

At a young age, she also got hooked onto the "dark edges" of film noir, particularly those starring femme fatales Jean Harlow and Carole Lombard. She cited the 1944 film "Double Indemnity," starring

Fred MacMurray, Barbara Stanwyck and Edward G. Robinson, as the epitome of the genre.

She describes "Die a Little" as a fusion of these passions.

"It is a crash together of the different book and movie genres — suburban melodramas, hardboiled fiction and film noir," she said.

Her book is a noir mystery of Lora, a proper schoolteacher, who suspects her younger brother's bride, Alice, is lying about her past. As Lora digs deeper into her new sister-in-law's past, she finds herself being lured into the darker side of life.

"It works on the premise that no one is innocent," Abbott said.

"Die a Little" is set in suburban Los Angeles during the 1950s. Her stylized writing depicts a glamorous lifestyle laced with darker images.

"It is a picture perfect world, but so much was going on behind the scenes," Abbott said. "It is filled with conflict."

The library staff carried the 1950s suburban theme in the refreshments they provided for the audience. They set out a spread of desserts which seemed to be taken from a 1950s Betty Crocker cookbook.

The table was decorated with pink flamingos and miniature paper tiki umbrellas.

Abbott was recently nominated by the Mystery Writers of America in the category of Best First Novel for the 2006 Edgar Allan Poe Awards. She will find out if she won at an awards banquet on Thursday, April 27, in New York City.

Abbott graduated from the University of Michigan with a bachelor's degree in English Literature and earned her Ph.D. in English and American

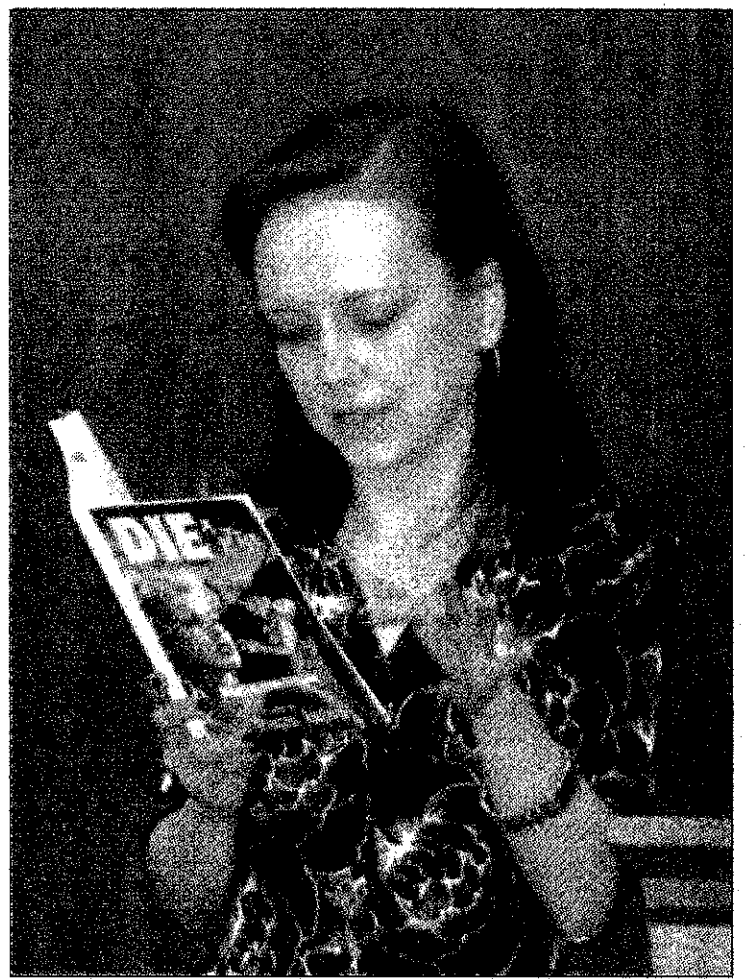
Grosse Pointe Woods native Megan Abbott's homecoming included a book discussion for the Grosse Pointe Public Library about her first novel, "Die a Little."

Literature from New York University.

She has taught literature, writing and film at New York University and the State University of New York at Oswego.

She currently lives in New York City where her "day job" is working for a nonprofit organization.

Her second novel based on a true L.A. mystery will be published in January 2007.



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GROSSE POINTE WOODS

Public safety gets digital system

By Bob St. John
Staff Writer

Police officers in Grosse Pointe Woods will get an equipment enhancement to help fight crime.

Department of Public Safety Director Mike Makowski received city council approval to purchase two L-3 Communications in-car digital video recording systems (DVR), two backseat cameras, a DVM server for the storage and distribution of video, a wireless access point with an external extended antenna, a DVM backup/archiving station, a backup power source, collision sensors for each camera, a voice link transceiver, software and training for use of the system.

The cost to equip two of the department's eight squad cars is \$27,974. The city has \$15,000 in its budget and city comptroller Cliff Maison has assured city council the additional \$12,974 is available in the Public Safety budget to cover the entire cost.

"The digital system is much more reliable and easier to store," Makowski said. "It saves space and is easier to use. It will immediately be accessible to myself or anyone else in the department, which will help us keep our streets safe."

Since 1993, the department of public safety has been using videotape systems in all of the scout cars. The current videotape systems are approximately seven years old and are in critical need of replacement, Makowski wrote in his letter to city administrator Mark Wollenweber.

Most public safety departments in the tri-county area are switching from videotape to digital.

The current videotape system only records up to eight hours on a VHS tape. Because of the limitation, a supervisor must call each officer off the road every eight hours to change the videotapes.

The used tape is then either entered into property or stored for 30 days before it can be reused.

The digital system has a wireless access point that allows video downloading whenever a patrol vehicle is parked near the station. Storage would no longer be a concern as the video recordings are saved on a computer server.

Access to the recordings can be done at any desktop workstation. Locating a section of the recording and copying onto a DVD would be easier because of the L-3 Communications software programming, Makowski said.

He also said the department uses approximately 900 videotapes to hold recordings from all eight patrol cars. The department spends approximate-

ly \$300 to \$400 per year replacing malfunctioning videotapes. The entire inventory of videotapes is replaced every three years at a cost of more than \$2,000.

"Over the long run, the digital system will save the city money," Makowski said. "It is a good investment."

The remaining six patrol cars will be outfitted with the new equipment in the next couple years. The \$36,000 needed to outfit the six vehicles will be budgeted during the two-year time frame.

G.P. WOODS

Kleitch, Bryant are in

By Bob St. John
Staff Writer

Grosse Pointe Woods' city council approved the mayoral appointments of Madelyn Kleitch to the Community Tree Commission and Arthur Bryant to the Beautification Commission during Monday night's meeting.

Kleitch, a 22-year resident of the Woods, is a registered nurse and involved in agricultural management. Bryant, a 26-year resident of the Woods, is a retired Ford Motor Co. engineer. Bryant is taking the position vacated by the resignation of Diane Yordy.

"I feel the commission is very effective," Mayor Pro-Tem Al Dickinson said. "Arthur will do a good job taking the place of Diane."

G.P. FARMS

Start library rep search

The members of the Grosse Pointe Farms city council have formed an ad hoc committee to recommend a representative of the city to be appointed to the Grosse Pointe Library Board.

Committee-head Therese Joseph is being joined by fellow council members Doug Roby and Terry Davis to sift through recommendations submitted by other members of the council. A final recommendation to be made at an April 24 council session will be forwarded to the school board, which makes all appointments to the library board.

Davis said he would prefer that library board members be elected by the public.

—Brad Lindberg

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The G.P. Public Library's Central branch is a **do-it-yourselfer's heaven**. One entire wall in the circulation office houses shelves overflowing with handy gadgets and gizmos in the library's tool collection.

It's tool time at Central

By Beth Quinn
Staff Writer

Oh, glorious springtime. Time to open the windows. Time to get outside. Time to do spring cleanup.

Savvy weekend warriors know that the Grosse Pointe Public Library's Central branch is the place to go for all sorts of tools to get the job done right. Central is home to the library's vast tool collection.

Any handyman or woman browsing through the list of more than 300 tools would feel like a kid in a candy shop. Library cardholders can take out the tools for free for one week and can renew the tools if there is no waiting list. However, there is a 25 cent per day fine for overdue tools, so make sure you don't procrastinate working on your chores.

"You don't have to spend money or store all these things when you use our tools," said Carol Evans, circulation director whose department oversees the collection. "It especially makes sense if you are going to use a tool once."

The Grosse Pointe Library started lending out tools during World War II, as a way to "encourage manual dexterity in the younger generation." In other words, it was a way to get boys to help their mothers around the house while their

brary also received a donation of numerous levels from a California manufacturer who saw the story.

"There is a level for every type of job," Evans said. "We even have a water level for installing a deck or patio."

The collection contains a wide range of tools for automotive, plumbing, gardening and general maintenance projects. There are simple tools, such as hammers and screwdrivers, to ones requiring some skill to use such as a wet saw for cutting tiles and a precision miter box.

All the tools are high-quality, heavy-duty and professional grade. Evans and her staff of six make sure the tools are in tiptop condition.

"We use Pointe Hardware in the Park to repair and maintain the tools," Evans said. "They do a great job."

The library can help do-it-yourselfers get started on a project.

"If someone doesn't know how to do something, we can direct them to one of the library's many self-help books and how-to videos," Evans said. "Then the circulation desk can help them select which tools to check out."

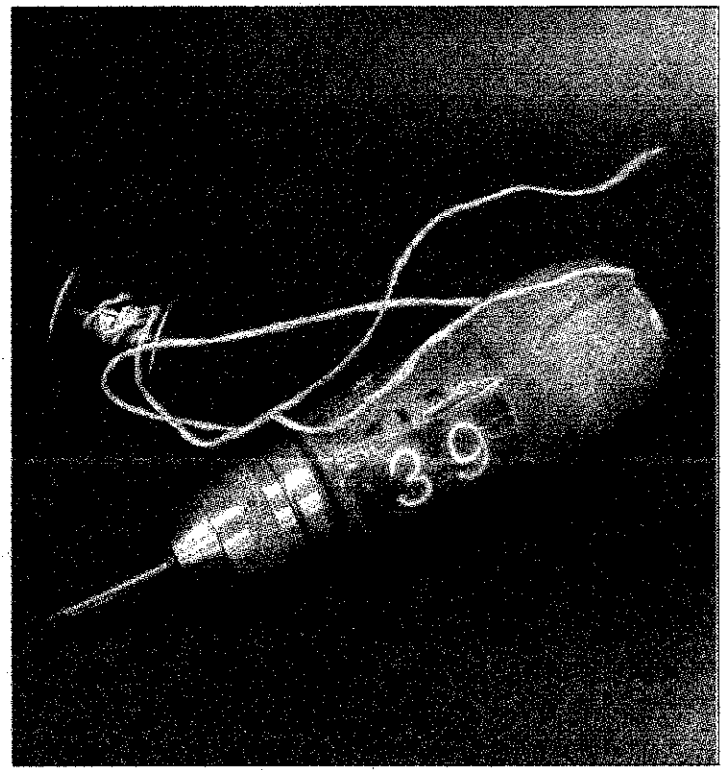
Evans often answers patrons' questions on how to do something.

"If they're not sure, I ask them what they want to do



PHOTOS BY BETH QUINN

The shelves at the Grosse Pointe Public Library Central branch, above, are loaded with tools for all types of home maintenance projects. The public may check out tools free-of-charge for one week. The leather stitcher, left, is one of the five tools original to the collection which started during World War II when objects made of steel and metal were scarce.



fathers were at war.

"It was started during World War II when steel, metal and men were scarce," said Evans.

The library holds five tools from the original collection. They are a bar clamp, speed indicator, leather stitcher, chisel and a draw knife level.

"The chisel could possibly be considered an antique," Evans said.

The library is nationally recognized as being one of the innovators of tool-lending libraries. In the 1980s, CNN aired a story in which Evans was interviewed.

"After the CNN story, we got a lot of press," Evans said.

Libraries as far away as New York and California have contacted Evans for her advice on starting a collection.

"Years ago, one library in either New York or New Jersey, asked me about garden tools," Evans recalled. "They wanted to encourage residents to use them so people would have pride in their neighborhood."

The CNN story not only prompted phone calls, the li-

and generally I can guide them to the right tool," she said.

Her wealth of knowledge comes from years of experience helping her father do chores around the house. She has retiled her kitchen and stripped the wood in her entire house.

The autumn and spring are the busy seasons for the tool collection. During the spring, people are doing spring cleaning and sprucing up their houses. In the fall, people are cleaning up the yard and preparing their houses for winter.

"Before the holidays, the heavy-duty staple gun is in high demand because people are reupholstering their dining room chairs," Evans said.

While most patrons occasionally borrow the tools, some true believers are frequent users of the collection.

"We have one patron who loves the curved-head branch trimmer," she said. "During the summer, she uses it every week."

Tools courtesy of G.P. Rotary

Since the 1940s, the Grosse Pointe Rotary Club has been the sponsor of the Grosse Pointe Public Library's tool collection, making it one of the club's longest running projects. This year, the club donated \$1,000 so the library can add to its collection of more than 300 tools.

"In many cases, we support and start up projects, but since this (tool collection) was such an early endeavor, we have kinda stuck with it," said Bob Hackathorn, treasurer of the Grosse Pointe Rotary Foundation. "It has kinda become like a child."

Hanging above the tool collection, there is a plaque that reads, "The Rotary Club maintains this tool library in memory of Robert M. Orr, Director of Libraries, 1949-1973."

When the library has added a few items to its wish list, it makes a request for funding from the Rotary. Hackathorn esti-

mates that the Rotary makes a donation every two or three years.

The library uses the money to purchase new tools or replace old ones. The tools are usually purchased from either Ace (formerly Damman) Hardware or Pointe Hardware which places special orders for the library.

"I like to purchase our tools from local businesses," said Carol Evans, library circulation director.

This year she plans to purchase a new heavy-duty miter box.

The Rotary generally lets the library decide what tools to acquire. The exception was the time the Rotary requested the library purchase a heavy-duty dolly with its donation.

"They thought we needed it with all the moving that happens here in Grosse Pointe," said Evans. "It's a great addition and has been used quite a bit."

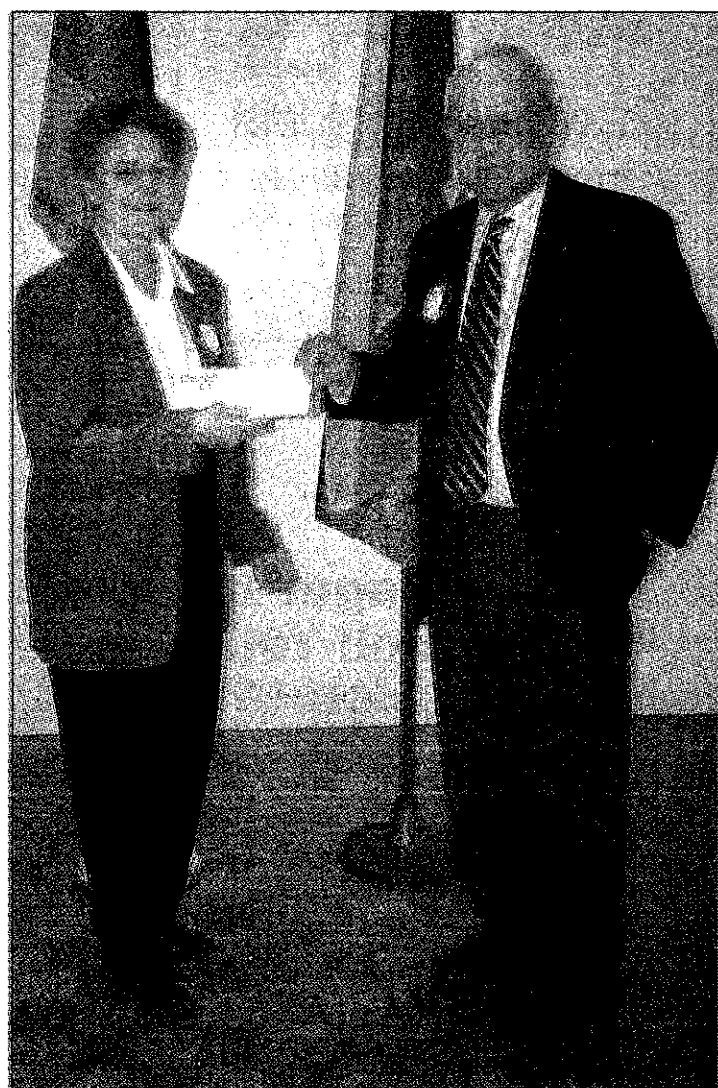


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Grosse Pointe Public Library Circulation Director Carol Evans accepts a check of \$1,000 on behalf of the library for its tool collection from Bob Hackathorn, treasurer of the Grosse Pointe Rotary Foundation.

Students go Greek at Albion

NEW ARRIVALS

Local students have pledged Albion College fraternities and sororities for spring 2006.

Katharine Van de Putte, daughter of Arthur Van de Putte and Elizabeth Van de Putte of the City of Grosse Pointe, and graduate of Grosse Pointe North High School, pledged Albion's Kappa Delta sorority. Kappa Delta was founded at Longwood College in Farmville, Va., Oct. 23, 1897. The "KDs" raise money each year to support Children's Hospital in Richmond, Va., and for Prevention Child Abuse America. Van de Putte is a sophomore at Albion.

Anne Nichols, daughter of Bruce Nichols and Mary Nichols of Grosse Pointe Shores, and graduate of Grosse Pointe North High School, pledged Albion's Alpha Xi

Delta sorority. Alpha Xi Delta was founded at Lombard College in Galesburg, Ill. The "Alpha Zs" raise money for Choose Children. Nichols is a sophomore at Albion.

Bryan Zmyslowski, son of Mark Zmyslowski and Gail Zmyslowski of the City of Grosse Pointe, and graduate of University-Liggett School, pledged Albion's Delta Sigma Phi fraternity. Delta Sigma Phi is a social fraternity founded at the City College of New York, Dec. 10, 1899. The "Delt Sigs" primary philanthropic interest is the March of Dimes. Zmyslowski is a first-year student at Albion.

Spencer Channell, son of Larry Channell and Mariann Channell of the City of Grosse Pointe, and graduate of Grosse Pointe North High School,

pledged Albion's Delta Tau Delta fraternity. Delta Tau Delta is a social fraternity founded at Bethany College in Bethany, W.Va., March 5, 1858. The "Deltas" support the Habitat for Humanity and Adopt-a-Highway programs. Channell is a first-year student at Albion.

Jeffrey Stephens, son of Leo and Angela Stephens of the City of Grosse Pointe, and a graduate of Grosse Pointe South High School, pledged Albion's Delta Tau Delta fraternity. Delta Tau Delta is a social fraternity that was founded at Bethany College in Bethany, W.Va., March 5, 1858. The "Deltas" support the Habitat for Humanity and Adopt-a-Highway programs. Stephens is a sophomore at Albion.

Brenna Przeslawski, daughter of John Przeslawski and

Michelle Przeslawski of Harper Woods, and graduate of Grosse Pointe North High School, pledged Albion's Kappa Delta sorority. Kappa Delta was founded at Longwood College in Farmville, Va., Oct. 23, 1897. The "KDs" raise money each year to support Children's Hospital in Richmond, Va., and for Prevention Child Abuse America. Przeslawski is a first-year student at Albion and member of the Gerstacker liberal arts program in professional management.

David Haberkorn, son of Charlene Haberkorn of Grosse Pointe Park, and graduate of Grosse Pointe South High School, pledged Albion's Sigma Chi fraternity. Sigma Chi is a social fraternity founded at Miami University in Oxford, Ohio, June 28, 1855. The "Machis" support the Wallace Village for Children. Haberkorn is a freshman.

Ryan Gunderson, son of Michael Gunderson and Patricia Gunderson of the City of Grosse Pointe, and graduate of Grosse Pointe South High School, pledged Albion's Sigma Nu fraternity. Sigma Nu is a social fraternity founded at Virginia Military Institute in Lexington, Va., Jan. 1, 1869. The "Snakes" support the United Way Foundation. Gunderson is a freshman.

Melissa Konen, daughter of Robert Konen and Janice Konen of Grosse Pointe Farms, and graduate of Grosse Pointe South High School, pledged Albion's Alpha Xi Delta sorority.

Helena Leann Merritt

Kevin and Andrea Merritt of St. Clair Shores are the parents of a daughter, Helena Leann Merritt, born Feb. 16, 2006. Maternal grandparents are Frank and Carol Castronova of St. Clair Shores. Paternal grandparents are Doug and Jean Merritt of St. Clair Shores.

Paul Henry Malkowski

Tammy and Dave Malkowski of St. Clair Shores are the parents of a son, Paul Henry Malkowski, born Feb. 12, 2006. Maternal grandparents are Joe and Cher Caramagno of Grosse Pointe Farms and Linda and Tony Mannino of Harper Woods. Paternal grandparents are Dave and Mary Malkowski of Mount Clements. Great-grandfather is Joseph A. Caramagno of Grosse Pointe Shores.

Elizabeth Sarah Peberdy

Robert and Barbara (Forster) Peberdy are the parents of a daughter, Elizabeth Sarah Peberdy, born Feb. 9, 2006. Maternal grandparents are Kathleen and Ronald Forster of Grosse Pointe. Paternal grandparents are Nora and Ted Peberdy of Kenilworth, England. Great-grandmother is Mary Louise Hespden of Mayfield Heights, Ohio.

Jason Benjamin Bierkle

Jason and Jennifer Bierkle are parents of a son, Jason

Benjamin Bierkle, born Feb. 16, 2006. Maternal grandparents are Sally Snethkamp of Grosse Pointe Woods and Mark Snethkamp of Harrison Township. Paternal grandparents are Arlene Bierkle and Alfred Bierkle, both of St. Clair Shores. Great-grandparents are Judy and Jerry Rauen of Grosse Pointe Woods, Iris Snethkamp of St. Clair Shores, Beata Lyons of Roseville and Emil Bierkle of St. Clair Shores.

Jane Ann Oliver

Julia and Daryl Oliver of the City of Grosse Pointe are the parents of a daughter, Jane Ann Oliver, born Jan. 24, 2006. Maternal grandparents are Edward and Ann White of Grosse Pointe Farms. Paternal grandparents are George Oliver of St. Clair Shores and the late Bonnie Oliver. Great-grandmother is Gladys Anderson of Clinton Township.

Charles Garlinghouse Morse and Ian Roney Morse

Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Jenckes Morse Jr. of Grosse Pointe Woods are the parents of twin sons, Charles Garlinghouse Morse and Ian Roney Morse, born March 14, 2006. Maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Lewis H. Echlin III of Grosse Pointe Farms. Paternal grandparents are Mr. Anthony J. Morse of Gaylord and the late Susan Garlinghouse Morse. Great-grandmother is Mrs. John Kingsley Roney of Grosse Pointe Farms.

MEETINGS

La Leche League

La Leche League, a mother-to-mother breastfeeding information and support group, will meet at 10:30 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. Monday, April 17. For more information, call (313) 821-9196.

G.P. Questers

The Grosse Pointe Questers

will hold an Easter Bonnets & Teacups program at 10 a.m. Friday, April 7.

The hostess is Lisa Gandelot; co-hostesses are Louise Papista and Andrea Rasmussen.

Questers are encouraged to bring their favorite Easter bonnet and teacup set. Lunch will be served.

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New Spring Line from Troll Beads will be available as well as an exciting assortment of ceramic beads from featured artist Jennifer Heyden. All merchandise throughout the store is 20% OFF ticketed prices. Sale runs April 9th through April 22nd ...at 1835 Fleetwood Dr., Grosse Pointe Woods, 313-882-8989.
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Bon Secours Gift Shop offers spring sale

The Bon Secours Hospital Gift Shop is having an April Spring Sale with gifts and select items marked up to 50 percent off from 9:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. Friday, April 7, at Bon Secours Cottage Health Services, 468 Cadieux, City of Grosse Pointe.

New offerings include handbags, scarves and jewelry, infant and children's pant sets, dresses, raincoats and crib wear.

To decorate the home for Easter and outdoor entertaining, bunny plates, crystal dishes, Arthur Court serving pieces, and much more are available.

Proceeds from gift shop purchases are given to Bon Secours Hospital. The Assistance League will present a check at its annual luncheon in May.

For more information, call (313) 343-1000.

NEWCOMERS 60TH: Past and present members of the Grosse Pointe Newcomers Club are invited to the 60th anniversary gala from 7 p.m. to midnight on Saturday, May 20, at "The Arc" at St. Ambrose Church, 15020 Hampton, Grosse Pointe Park.

The evening will celebrate the 1940s swing era (the decade the club was founded) with dinner and dancing. An expert will provide swing lessons for beginners and teach a few tricks to old pros.

Tickets are \$110 per couple prior to May 10 and \$125 after May 10. The cost includes appetizers, dinner and an open bar. Tickets can be purchased from Cary Peskin, current president of the club at (313) 640-1067 or carypeskin@hotmail.com.

The Grosse Pointe Newcomers Club (www.grossepointenewcomers.com) was started in the 1940s with a potluck supper and seven couples who wanted to make couples new to the area welcome and introduce them to friends. Over the years, the club's membership has grown to more than 100 couples and activities range from wine tasting evenings, bowling, family picnics and more.

REGINA FASHIONS: Regina Mother's Guild



Nancy Cole, volunteer saleswoman, arranges spring gifts on sale at Bon Secours Hospital Gift Shop's April Spring Sale event.

Fashion Show, "New York, New York — A Celebration of Style," will take place on Wednesday, April 26, at the San Marino Club in Troy.

The show is produced by Vicki Howard of TAH DAH! Productions and features fashions from the Somerset Collection of Troy, and Marshall Field's at Eastland Center. Regina seniors will take part in the show, modeling prom fashions.

Several raffles will be held, and prizes include a trip to New York, jewelry items and gift certificates.

Proceeds from the benefit dinner and fashion show will be used to educate Regina High School students. Last year the fundraiser attracted nearly 500 attendees.

New York, New York begins with cocktails at 6 p.m. and dinner at 7 p.m. The fashion show begins at 8 p.m. The evening will conclude with prize and cash raffle drawings.

Tickets are \$45. Tables of 10

are available. For more information, contact the school office at (313) 526-0220.

WALK THE WALK: The March of Dimes WalkAmerica fundraising event begins at 9 a.m. Sunday, April 30, at Hart Plaza in Detroit.

Approximately eight miles long, WalkAmerica will begin and end at Hart Plaza and goes through the downtown area via Woodward and Jefferson and passes Comerica Park, the Detroit Athletic Club and Greektown. Afterward, walkers are offered free lunch and entertainment. Pets will be allowed for the walk.

The money raised in WalkAmerica supports research and programs to find out how to prevent premature births and local programs that help families who experience it.

For more information, visit walkamerica.org or call (800) 525-WALK.

GET DECO-ED: The Michigan Modernism Exposition Gala Preview Party benefiting the Detroit Area Art Deco Society (DAADS) will be held from 7 to 10 p.m. Friday, April 21, at the Southfield Civic Center on Evergreen, south of I-696.

The exposition features the best of mid-century design in furniture, jewelry, clothing, photographs, decorative arts, paintings and textiles by legendary designers such as Eames, Bertoia, Knoll and others.

A "Little Black Dress" fashion show begins at 8:30 p.m. and includes fashions from local vintage clothing merchants Lucy Ortiz and Amy LaBarge. The garments will be available for purchase after the show.

Also on display are the images of architectural photographer Balhazar Korab, who is acclaimed for his innovative approach in capturing the simplicity of mid-century architectural design. His photographs include the works of noted architects such as Minoru Yamasaki, Mies Van der Rohe and Eero Saarinen. Specifically arranged by Korab for the gala are 13 prints representing gems of modern architecture.

Korab will be available to sign his new book "Genius Loci," which celebrates the art, landscape and architecture of the Cranbrook campus in Bloomfield Hills.

Tickets for the event are \$50 in advance, \$65 at the door and can be purchased by visiting www.daads.org or by calling the reservation line at (248) 582-3326.

Proceeds from the preview party benefit DAADS scholarship, restoration and preservation programs.

REFUGE BENEFIT: The Detroit River International Wildlife Refuge Alliance Benefit Dinner and Auction begins at 5 p.m. Saturday, April 29, at the Flat Rock

Community Center, 1 Maguire St., Flat Rock.

Festivities begin with a VIP reception and silent auction at 5 p.m. followed by dinner at 6:30 p.m. and a program at

7:30 p.m. Guest of honor is Congressman John D. Dingell.

The event is a celebration of the establishment and progress of the first International Wildlife Refuge

and to raise funds to promote community outreach, organize educational and interpretive programs, undertake habitat rehabilitation and restoration, coordinate volunteer staff and organize special events.

Co-sponsors are DTE Energy Foundation, BASF Corp., DaimlerChrysler, General Motors Corp., ITC Transmission, Cabela, Ducks Unlimited, Praxair and Wade Trim.

The mission of the International Wildlife Refuge Alliance is to support the first International Wildlife Refuge in North America by working through partnerships to protect, conserve and manage wildlife and habitats, and create conservation, recreational and educational experiences to develop the next generation of conservation stewards.

CAREER DAY: The sixth annual Career Day and Youth Summit will be held from 7 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. on Saturday, April 29 at the Cobo Conference Center.

Hosted by Ford Motor Co. and the Detroit Branch NAACP, the event includes professional development workshops and a college and career fair. Ford will award scholarships totaling \$20,000 to the winners of an essay contest. Registration is required. For more information and to register, visit www.fordnaacp-careerday.com

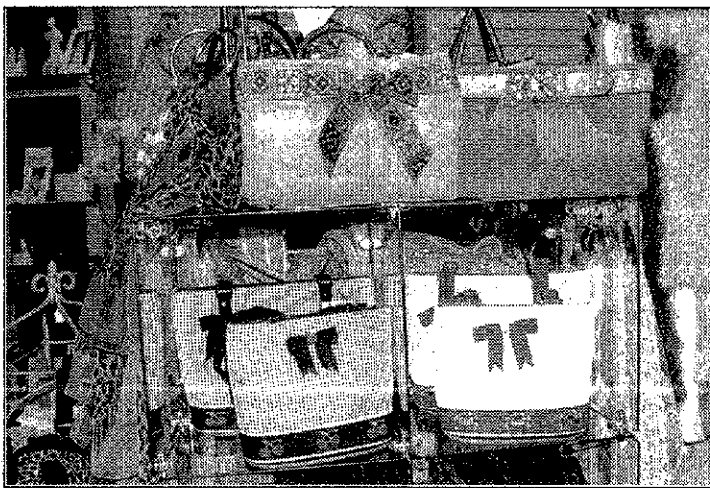
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Cancer patients: 'Look Good'

Van Elslander Cancer Center will present the "Look Good ... Feel Better" program for women undergoing cancer treatment.

Program facilitator Mary Ruhana will hold program sessions from 1 to 3 p.m. Monday, April 10, at the Van Elslander Cancer Center, 19229 Mack Ave., Grosse Pointe Farms.

According to the American Cancer Society, approximately 21,000 people in metro Detroit will be diagnosed with some form of cancer, some of which

will need support and services to overcome the side effects of their harsh cancer treatment.

The "Look Good ... Feel Better" program is a community-based, free, national service that teaches female cancer patients beauty techniques to help restore their appearance, self-image and how not to lose self-confidence during chemotherapy and radiation treatments.

Cancer patients can seek advice from experienced and licensed cosmetologists on hair,

skin, wig care and up-to-date styling tips on wearing turbans or bandanas, and how to deal with social problems related to their cancer.

"We want all cancer patients to take advantage of this program in their community," said Katy Munns, quality of life director for the American Cancer Society. "We feel this program is a good fit for local survivors because it offers practical advice by an expert in a comfortable and supportive group setting."

"We encourage cancer patients to participate and benefit from this great program because not only does it offer great advice, but also brings together women going through the same experiences," said Ruhana.

The program is sponsored by the American Cancer Society, the Cosmetic, Toiletry, and Fragrance Association and the National Cosmetology Association.

For more information, call (248) 557-5353.

HEALTH COLUMN

By Haranath Policherta, M.D.

Don't let dizziness keep you down

"Doc, I feel dizzy," is a complaint heard by many physicians. But dizzy can mean different things to different people, and its presence requires an in-depth patient history to pinpoint the type of dizziness being experienced.

There are three main types of dizziness: spinning around as on a merry-go-round, bouncing off the walls and lightheadedness. Each type can have a different cause, as explained below.

A single episode of feeling lightheaded may be the result of standing up too fast. But a heart arrhythmia or other serious medical conditions can cause frequent lightheadedness. A sudden onset of extreme dizziness, especially when accompanied by such neurological symptoms as severe headache, blurred vision or one-sided weakness, may be the signs of a stroke and require immediate medical attention.

Vertigo

Almost everyone has experienced vertigo. Remember as a child you would spin around and suddenly stop? You were stationary, but the world around you seemed to continue spinning. This is vertigo, and about half of all dizziness complaints are of this nature.

If vertigo occurs on a regular basis, it could be a problem with the labyrinth system within the inner ear that tells the brain whether we are straight or upside down. When we dive deep into a pool with our eyes closed, our inner ears tell us which way is up or down and senses the position of our head in relation to our surroundings.

Common causes of vertigo

- ◆ Inner ear infection: Certain viral infections can cause swelling within the inner ear, which may cause vertigo.
- ◆ Positional vertigo: This is caused by the displacement of a tiny pebble-like calcium particle in the inner ear. A simple out-patient maneuver of the patient's head by a trained specialist usually can reposition the particle and relieve vertigo.
- ◆ Migraine headache: These severe, debilitating headaches are often accompanied by vertigo, nausea, sensitivity to light and sound.
- ◆ Alcohol and some medications: Excessive consumption of alcohol, especially when mixed with some medications, can cause vertigo.
- ◆ Stroke: A sudden onset of vertigo, especially when accompanied by a severe headache, blurred vision, difficulty speaking or one-sided weakness, may be signs of a stroke and require emergency medical attention.
- ◆ Lightheadedness: When a person is lightheaded, he or she feels they are about to faint. This can happen when a person simply stands up too quickly or hyperventilates by breathing deeply in and out very quickly. A more serious cause of lightheadedness may be due to heart arrhythmia or severe anemia. Sudden fainting should be evaluated by a medical professional.

Less serious causes of lightheadedness

- ◆ Dehydration
- ◆ Anxiety
- ◆ Alcohol, illegal drugs, some medications
- ◆ Disequilibrium: A person who experiences mild disequilibrium may weave and appear to be slightly intoxicated. Someone with severe disequilibrium feels as if they are bouncing off of the walls.

This type of dizziness can be the side effect of some medications. However, it also can suggest a disorder affecting a part of the brain called the cerebellum. Individuals who are intoxicated on alcohol weave and bounce off the walls because alcohol suppresses the cerebellum. Some neurological disorders such as multiple sclerosis and a stroke affecting the cerebellum can also cause disequilibrium.

Type of dizziness determines source, options

Proper evaluation of dizziness starts with an in-depth interview to determine what kind of symptoms the person is experiencing. Most patients don't realize there are different types of dizziness until the differences have been described to them.

It's unfortunate that some persons with ongoing symptoms of dizziness resign themselves to put up with it, ending up letting dizziness affect their quality of life.

Specialists who are trained to diagnose and treat dizziness can determine the type and cause of dizziness and design a treatment plan. Plus, neurorehabilitation specialists are often able to work with these persons to rewire different parts of their brain to compensate for an area that may not be functioning properly. With successful neurorehabilitation, persons with dizziness can resume driving and get on with life.

Our brain is very adaptable. Persons who have suffered traumatic head injuries or debilitating strokes often make amazing recoveries with the correct rehabilitation.

Dr. Policherta is a board-certified Bon Secours Cottage Health Services neurologist. He is also certified by the American Society for Neurorehabilitation. For an appointment, call Bon Secours Cottage Physician Referral at (800) 303-7315.

Down syndrome expert at WSU

Dr. Victor Tybulewicz, head of a research team investigating the impact on Down syndrome by tracking the results of a human chromosome transplant in mice, will present his findings at a lecture at 6 p.m. May 2, at Wayne State University Community Arts Auditorium.

Since 1991, Tybulewicz has served as the group leader at the National Institute for Medical Research in London. His research has centered on children with Down syndrome who inherit three copies of chromosome 21 instead of two.

In his studies, Tybulewicz re-

moved chromosome 21 from human cells and mixed it with mouse embryonic stem cells. A chemical was added that caused the chromosomes to fuse. The stem cells that absorbed chromosome 21 were then injected into a mouse embryo, which was re-implanted into the mother. The resulting mouse has a copy of the human chromosome. Although the mice appear normal, they show various features that are typically associated with Down syndrome.

"Our future aim with these mice is to use them to work out which of the genes on human

chromosome 21 need to be present in three copies in order to induce the different symptoms that we have observed," Tybulewicz said. "In the long-term, knowing this may allow us, or others, to design novel therapies to help alleviate some of the conditions associated with the syndrome."

The Community Arts Auditorium is located at 450 Reuther Mall, off Cass between Ferry and Kirby, on the Wayne State University campus. Tickets for the lecture are \$45. For more information, call (866) 468-3401 or register online at www.ticketweb.com

Down syndrome symposium

Date: Tuesday, May 2, 2006

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Topic: Down Syndrome

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DWI efforts are making a difference

Among violent crimes committed in the United States, the most common is drunken driving.

Alcohol-related crashes cause a death every 31 minutes and a nonfatal injury every two minutes. In 2004, 16,694 Americans died in alcohol-related motor vehicle crashes — 39 percent of all traffic deaths, statistics indicate.

Efforts to prevent drunken driving are making a difference, however, especially among the youngest drivers, according to Stephen Simon, director of the Minnesota Criminal Justice System DWI (Driving While Intoxicated) Task Force. Over the past 20 years, deaths from alcohol-related crashes have decreased by 60 percent for drivers ages 16 to 17 and by 55 percent for

drivers ages 18 to 20, he said.

These gains are attributed in part to vigorous law enforcement.

"The most effective intervention to reduce drunk driving, particularly among nonchemically dependent people, is to increase the arrest rate for DWI," Simon said. "When the arrest rate increases, DWI and crashes decrease."

Other prevention strategies, such as blood alcohol concentration laws, sobriety checkpoints and zero-tolerance laws, are recommended in a 2001 study published by the national Centers for Disease Control (CDC) and Prevention and the Task Force on Community Preventive Services.

Blood alcohol concentration (BAC) laws make it a crime in all 50 states, the District of

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Columbia and Puerto Rico to drive with a BAC level of .08 percent and higher. To reach this level of intoxication, studies indicate a 170-pound man needs to have at least four drinks in one hour on an empty stomach; a 137-pound woman needs about three drinks.

Research pinpoints drivers at the .08 percent BAC level are at the highest risk of causing fatal crashes. Almost any driver with this much alcohol is believed to be impaired behind the wheel, the study states.

State laws that lowered the BAC for drivers from 0.10 percent to 0.08 percent have reduced alcohol-related deaths by an average of 7 percent, according to the CDC.

Establishing sobriety checkpoints — specific locations where police or highway patrol officers stop all drivers or a predetermined percentage to test BAC levels — deter potential drunken drivers as much as catch existing ones, research indicates.

Reviews of 23 studies from around the world show sobriety checkpoints consistently reduce alcohol-related crashes by about 20 percent. The results are similar for short-term "blitzes" and for checkpoints continuing over several years.

Studies indicate the effectiveness of checkpoints does not seem to diminish over time.

Drivers younger than age 21 are the target of zero-tolerance laws that set the legal BAC limit at 0.00 or 0.02 percent for drivers in that age group. Consequences for those who break the law typically include fines and driving restrictions and in some states, total loss of a driver's license until age 21. Such legislation has decreased fatal crashes in this age group by nearly 20 percent, studies reveal.

Vehicle sanctions including impounding the drunken driver's car or license plate have also proved effective against repeat DWI offenders.

Technology also holds promise, especially interlock devices, which automatically detect levels of alcohol on a driver's breath and lock the vehicle's ignition if the amount is too high, Simon said.

The best prevention is don't drink and drive. For those who do drink, Simon offers the following advice:

- ◆ Choose a nondrinking friend as a designated driver.
- ◆ Ask the host of a party for permission to stay overnight.
- ◆ Take a taxi or check the local Yellow Pages for a free Safe Rides or Sober Ride program.
- ◆ Always wear a seat belt. It is the best defense against drunken drivers.



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Cancer society encourages men, women to get tested

As the nation marked the seventh annual National Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month in March 2006, the American Cancer Society is raising awareness that this third leading cause of cancer death for both men and women in the United States is largely preventable.

In 2005, the society estimated that more than 145,000 Americans would be diagnosed with colorectal cancer (commonly referred to as "colon cancer") and more than 55,000 would die, a number that could be cut in half if Americans followed American Cancer Society screening recommendations.

Despite overwhelming evidence that screening tests can save lives, many Americans still are not following recommendations from the American Cancer Society and others for early detection. Perhaps the least understood aspect of colon cancer, and the most compelling, is the fact that colon cancer can be stopped before it starts if precancerous polyps are found and removed through screening endoscopy (colonoscopy or flexible sigmoidoscopy), thereby avoiding disease completely.

Currently, fewer than 45 percent of Michiganders age 50 or older have taken appropriate action in preventing colorectal cancer through screening.

"Last year more than 1,800 people died of colon cancer in Michigan," said Beth Grant, area executive director,

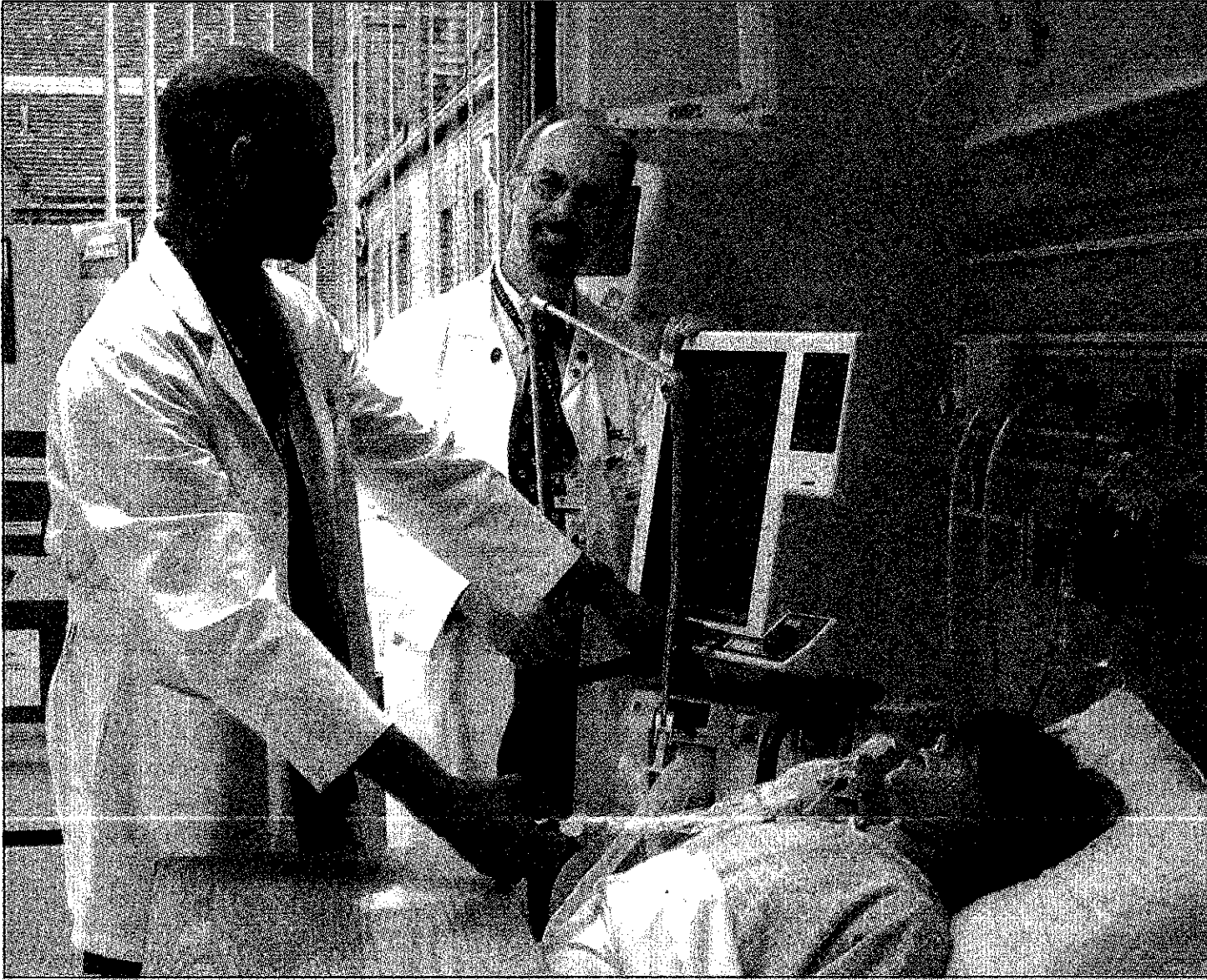
American Cancer Society. "Most of those lives could have been saved if the disease had been detected early because colorectal cancer is very preventable."

Early colon cancer often has no symptoms, which is why testing is so important. Getting tested is especially critical for Americans aged 50 and older as more than 90 percent of colon cancer cases are diagnosed in people in that age group.

When colon cancer is caught at an early stage, it has a 90 percent survival rate. Still, fewer than four in 10 (39 percent) of these cancers are discovered at this stage because of low testing rates. The American Cancer Society says increasing colon cancer screening among

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Hospital-within-a-hospital fills niche



PHOTOS BY SUSAN BOLLINGER

Rick Lassiter, RRT, manager of respiratory therapy (right) and Ken Perry, respiratory therapist, demonstrate the use of a ventilator on a mannequin at the Select Specialty Hospital open house. All rooms, in addition to being equipped with medical equipment required by the patient, are bright and spacious with large windows.

By Susan Bollinger
Special Writer

Current medical research proves that patients recover quicker and more comfortably at home, and hospitals benefit financially when patient stays are kept short.

But a new hospital in Grosse Pointe Farms has a different philosophy and provides a different kind of care.

"We're a long-term, acute care facility, and patients stay an average of 30 to 35 days," explains Linda Steiger, chief executive officer of Select Specialty Hospital of Grosse Pointe and Mount Clemens. Robert Marchese, M.D., a pulmonologist at Bon Secours Cottage Health Services and St. John Health System, serves

as medical director.

Instead of erecting their own buildings, Select Specialty Hospitals tap into existing facilities, in this case Cottage Hospital, and lease space, creating a hospital-within-a-hospital. Steiger also serves as CEO of another local Select Specialty Hospital housed at St. Joseph's Specialty Hospital in Mount Clemens.

Select Specialty Hospital of Grosse Pointe is a 30-bed unit housed on the third floor of Cottage Hospital. It was shown off to physicians and health professionals at an open house on Friday, March 31. While the first few patients arrived this week, the hospital technically won't open for three to four months. A Medicare qualifying period must be fulfilled first.

Although the hospital has just two private rooms, all rooms are spacious, bright and open, with large windows and privacy curtains to ensure patient dignity.

The Select Specialty Hospital should not be confused with a long-term care option, such as a nursing home, Steiger said. In fact, it does not accept patients with chronic illnesses.

"Our patients usually have multiple, complex problems and are acutely ill, but the goal is to resolve their conditions and send them home or to another level of care," said Steiger. "While they could be cared for in a traditional acute-care hospital, our facility fills a niche that allows those hospitals to use their beds more effi-

ciently, and gives our patients the specialized care and rehabilitation services they need."

Typical patients have suffered a neurological or other serious trauma, have pulmonary issues, use a ventilator or require major wound care or intravenous antibiotics. It also services patients with a combination of medical problems that call for expert, round-the-clock care. Almost all patients

receive rehabilitation services, such as physical, occupational, or speech therapy, all part of a typical care plan. Daily physician visits, 24-hour nursing and respiratory care, and nutritional care contribute to healing.

The hospital has its own pharmacy, case managers and discharge planners, while lab, radiology and food services are purchased from Cottage Hospital.

"Most often, admissions come from a hospital. We expect to receive patients from Bon Secours Cottage Health Services and St. John Health System," said Steiger. "But we also receive patients from home care situations that become too complex and direct admits from emergency departments."

Subtle but important differences exist between care in a typical acute-care setting and a Select Specialty Hospital. Steiger explained:

"Hospitals focus on many different things and provide a wide range of services. The patients we care for make up only 2 to 3 percent of the acute-care hospital population. All of our energy and focus is dedicated to the specialized care these individuals need."

Most patients have the ability to communicate and are aware of what is happening with their medical care. Comatose patients are generally not accepted, but Steiger stresses that sometimes exceptions to the admission policy are made simply because the hospital wants to give patients the chance to recover whenever possible.

Steiger remembers one patient in particular.

"A man in his 40s was admitted following a stroke. While he came to us severely compromised, when he was discharged he could operate a wheelchair and communicate,

and left to go live his life the best way he could."

She has memories of many other success patients, some of whom left the hospital without the aid of a wheelchair.

Most patients who are discharged to their homes receive home care services, arranged by case managers who identify equipment needs and develop a plan for the patient and family members.

"From the day of admission, we communicate with the family and plan ahead for discharge," said Steiger.

The predominant payer for Select Specialty Hospital patients is Medicare, but the hospital also participates with many managed care plans. While long-term acute care is generally considered a stay of 25 days or more, some patients leave sooner and others stay for several months.

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Select Specialty Hospital of Grosse Pointe staff, from left, Vijay Malaichamy, physical therapist; Sandra Hardy, RN, director of clinical services; Linda Steiger, chief executive officer; and Terry Kaczmarek, RN, welcomed physicians and health professionals at the facility's March 29 open house.

SOC offers program on treatment

Services for Older Citizens will present the program "How to Treat a Senior" at 11:30 a.m. Wednesday, April 12, at SOC

offices, 17150 Waterloo in the City of Grosse Pointe.

Sister Lucy will talk about treating seniors with patience,

kindness and compassion, the attributes for living a good life.

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

COLON: Screenings not covered

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adults 50 and older represents the single greatest opportunity to decrease colon cancer death rates in this country.

The reasons for low testing rates include many misconceptions. One is that only those

with a family history should be tested. While those who have a family history of the disease are at increased risk, the majority of cases occur in people whose only risk factor is their age; so everyone 50 and older should be screened.

Others think testing is necessary only once symptoms arise. Yet symptoms are often a sign that the disease has progressed into more advanced stages. Testing is most effective when a patient has no signs of illness.

The society currently funds

101 colon cancer research grants nationwide totaling more than \$50 million. In addition, the society is leading efforts at the state level to enact legislation that would require private health insurance plans to cover the full range of colon cancer screenings in all 50 states. Currently 17 states and the District of Columbia guarantee such coverage, as does Medicare.

The state of Michigan currently does not require such coverage.

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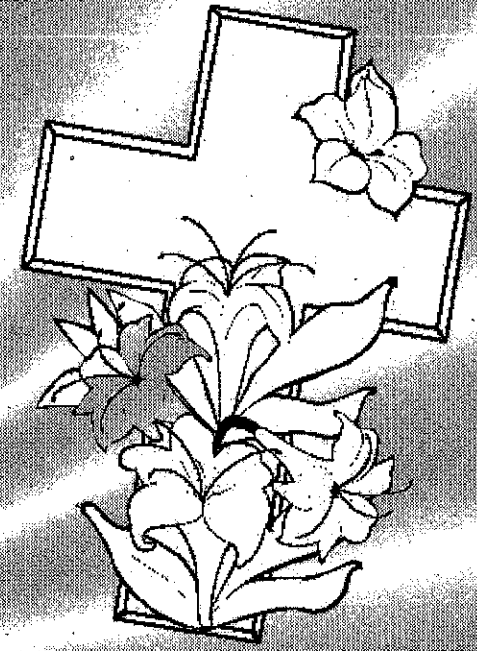
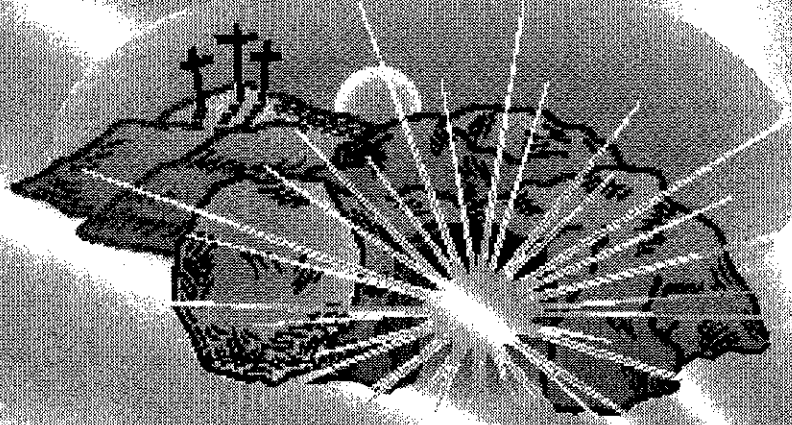
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THURSDAY, APRIL 13 — HOLY THURSDAY
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 Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until midnight.
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 Liturgy of the Lord's Passion and Death - 1:30 p.m.
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 Lenten Fish Dinner served in the ARK from 5:00 to 9:00 p.m.
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'Requiem' presented at Christ Church

Jesus' death is observed as a solemn, soul-searching occasion. Scripture points out the pain of his physical death and how Christians obtain spiritual life. Music brings a service to a heightened state of awareness and Mozart's "Requiem mass in D minor" is a part of the poignancy of Good Friday.

At 7 p.m. Good Friday, April 14, Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart's final piece "Requiem" will be performed by the Christ Church Chorale.

Mozart wrote the "Requiem mass in D minor" in 1791 upon a commission by Count Walsegg-Stuppach. It was the count's practice to play commissioned works in his home with the intent his guests guess the composer.

However, Mozart died at the age of 35 before he could complete the piece. Several attempts were made to finish the work in his style.

It fell to Mozart's pupil, Franz Sussmayr, to complete the work and collect the commission for the support of Mozart's wife and two chil-

dren. It is Sussmayr's version that is most often recorded because of its style and is the version which will be sung at the church, 61 Grosse Pointe Blvd., Grosse Pointe Farms.

Only the opening movement was completed by Mozart, the Requiem aeternam, much of the Kyrie and portions of the Sequence, or about half of the lengthy piece.

He did leave drafts for some of the remaining movements.

The last time "Requiem" was performed at the church was the worldwide "Rolling Requiem" which covered all 24 time zones with 24 time zone starts.

Many Church Christ members and the community turned out to sing on the first anniversary of 9/11.

That performance was sung to a packed house, said Glenn Battjes of Grosse Pointe Park and 20-year member of the chorale.

"It's a beautiful piece of music. There was more urgency at the time (because) it was a memorial to 3,000 people," he



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Christ Church Chorale will perform Mozart's "Requiem" on April 14.

said.

Marilyn Dupguip, a bass with the chorale, will be singing "Requiem" for the sixth time.

As her favorite piece of music, Dupguip of Oxford, can't really explain why she enjoys it.

"It's just the music itself. It

just stirs you. It's like putting on a wonderful, comfortable pair of slippers. It wraps around you."

Though the subject of the re-

quiem is death, Dupguip finds the hostias and glory to be uplifting in the hour presentation. "It's so glorious. It comes from the heart," she said.

Area churches prepare for Easter celebrations

◆ Rabbi Sherwin Wine returns to the **Grosse Pointe Unitarian Church** for three lectures on Thursdays, April 6, 20, and 27 at 7:30 p.m.

The series entitled, "Three Crises" will include talks on Iran, Israel and Venezuela.

The church is located at 17150 Maumee between St. Clair and Neff. Entrance and parking are behind the church. No preregistration needed.

Lectures are \$10 each or \$25 for all three. For more information, call (313) 881-0420.

◆ The Board of Social Action at **First English Ev. Lutheran Church** sponsors a blood drive from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday, April 9.

The American Red Cross

will manage the day and no appointments are necessary.

The church is located at 800 Vernier and Wedgewood, Grosse Pointe Woods.

For more information, call (313) 884-5040.

◆ **Holy Week at First English Ev. Lutheran Church**, 800 Vernier, Grosse Pointe Woods, begins with Palm/Passion Sunday, April 9. Worship service is at 8:15 a.m., contemporary service at 9:30 a.m. and traditional service with a procession of palms at 11 a.m.

Sunday school is at 9:45 a.m.

Maundy Thursday worship service with Holy Communion begins at 7 p.m. on April 13 with a study of "The Last Supper." Good Friday, April 14,

"The Death of Jesus" is presented at two services, 1 p.m. and the Tenebrae service, solemn Service of Shadows at 7 p.m.

For more information, call the church at (313) 884-5040.

◆ **Dr. Leonard Swidler**, Catholic theologian and professor of religion at Temple University, will speak at 10 a.m. Sunday, April 9, at **Grosse Pointe Congregational Church**, 240 Chalfonte, Grosse Pointe Farms. He is an expert on ecumenism and is the author of more than 30 books.

There will be a question and answer period following the presentation.

◆ "Good Friday Walking the Way of the Cross" will begin at

3 p.m. Friday, April 14, at **St. Ambrose Catholic Church**, 15020 Hampton Road, Grosse Pointe Park.

This ecumenical offering of the Lay Theological Academy under the sponsorship of St. Ambrose Church features the Stations of the Cross at specific sites on the east side for devotions and prayers on Christ's Passion that brings its redemptive meaning into focus.

A soup lunch will be served to participants upon returning to St. Ambrose after the final Station. A freewill offering will

be taken.

◆ **Grosse Pointe Jewish Council** members and guests will celebrate Passover on Thursday, April 13, at the 17th annual Passover Seder.

The Passover Seder commemorates the freedom of the Jewish people from Egypt over 3,000 years ago.

The Seder, a service at which the story of Moses and the Exodus is retold each year, reminds all present that religious freedom and freedom from persecution is the right of all people.

The Grosse Pointe Jewish Council works to preserve and promote Jewish heritage, tradition and culture on Metropolitan Detroit's east side.

Religious services are held throughout the year with Rosh Hashana and Yom Kippur Services held each fall. The GPJC also sponsors a Sunday school for kindergarten-eighth-grade students.

For membership and Seder information, contact the Grosse Pointe Jewish Council at (313) 882-6700.

PASTOR'S CORNER

By the Rev. John Corrado

Thing of beauty is a joy

A thing of beauty is a joy forever. Beauty is truth, truth beauty, that is all ye know ... and all ye need to know, wrote poet John Keats.

Call me an aesthete or a romantic, but I believe those words. That belief often seems to put me out of touch with popular culture.

Take the Olympics, for example. As a kid, back in the days when you might be able to see selected Olympic feats in a newsreel at the local movie house, and when all you saw of the first four-minute mile was a photo of Roger Bannister stumbling through the finish line tape, there was a special distant heroism and clarity about the games. You heard about how Jesse Owens had outraced Hitler's minions. No

judges, no replay, just one man outdistancing the pack. You saw the film of Bob Richards pole-vaulting higher than anyone else. It was a singular, measurable feat: indisputable. And were these men professional athletes? That was unthinkable or, at least, unmentionable. But things have changed. Now pro athletes compete, and products are endorsed, registered, "official."

And we have things of beauty turned to competitive games.

Among the few things I watched of this Winter Olympiad was figure skating. Figure skating: ballet on ice with graceful turns and twirls. Figure skating: skating without a finish line. Figure skating: something measurable not by meters or inches of seconds, but by

judges. To my mind, something sad happens when something beautiful is reduced to numbers on scoring cards. It's like reducing a rainbow to light rays or a symphony to sound waves. You can do it, but why would you want to?

Oh, I get it. You want to get the gold, you want to be number one. You want your team and your country to be ahead in the number of medals won. From graceful dexterity on ice we go to score cards and then to a numbers count in a newspaper.

Ah yes, the beauty of the horse race results. Somehow, I feel John Keats would find this neither true nor beautiful. I know that's what this John thinks.

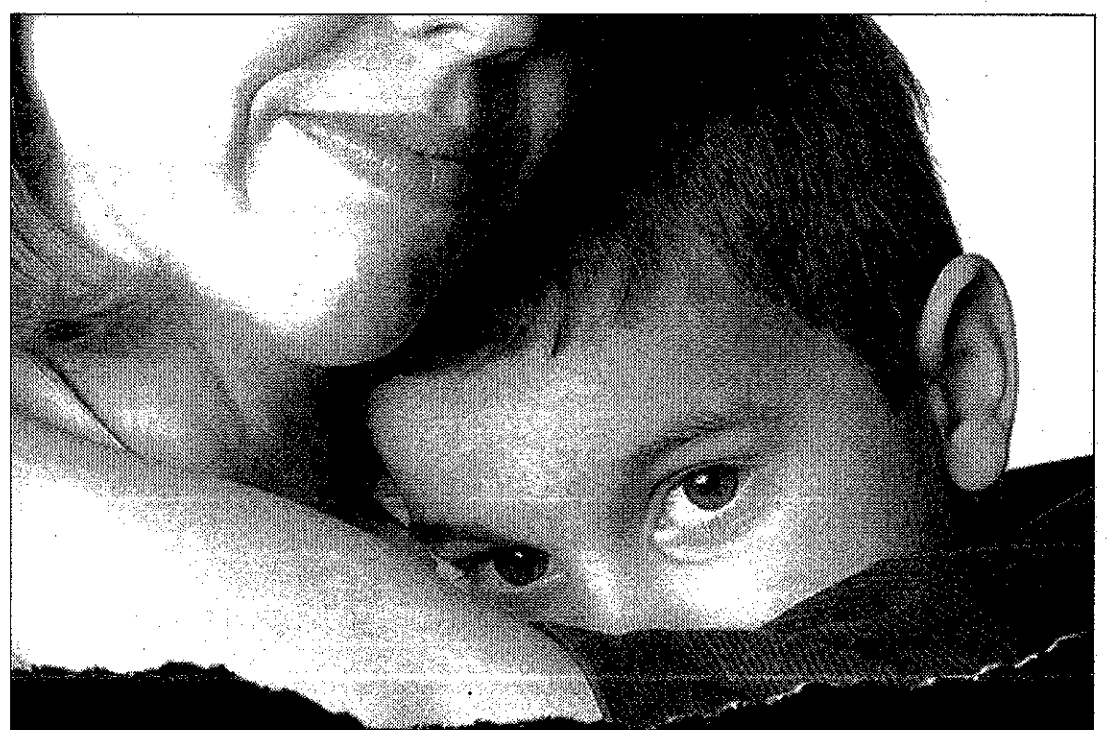
The Rev. John Corrado is the pastor of the Grosse Pointe Unitarian Church.

Resurrection wonders

The children and youth of St. James Lutheran Church, on the Hill, in Grosse Pointe Farms, prepare for their upcoming "Wonders of the Resurrection" art exhibit and silent auction. The art auction will benefit the congregation's sister churches in Tanzania, Africa, providing school scholarships for children. Artwork will be displayed beginning Sunday, April 2, with the auction taking place after the 10:15 a.m. worship service on Palm Sunday, April 9, in the gallery at St. James Lutheran Church. The community is welcome to attend. A group of children are listening to Lois Rimbo of the City of Grosse Pointe, who presented a talk on Tanzania life to help the children gain a better understanding of the children their artwork will benefit. Rimbo has traveled extensively to Tanzania on behalf of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. At its first auction last year, St. James raised more than \$3,000 to send to Tanzania.



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FAMILY DAZE By Debbie Farmer

With preschoolers, choose battles wisely



If you ever feel that your life isn't crazy enough, try hanging around with a preschooler for a while.

It's been awhile since my kids have been that age — they're 11 and 13 — but I've been around my nieces and nephews, and my friends' young children lately. Trust me, reality as you've come to know it will suddenly take a drastic turn toward the lunatic fringe.

Sure, it may sound like a gross exaggeration. We all

know that preschoolers do a lot of normal things like, say, dress in adorable costumes and laugh at stupid knock-knock jokes. That's part of their charm. However, don't let this act fool you. Most preschoolers have quirks that even Howard Hughes would think strange.

For example, take my friend Cheryl. Lately she can't get anywhere on time because she has to stand in the driveway waiting for her 4-year-old, Maddie, an only child, to buckle all of her imaginary friends into the minivan.

"We are now up to six," Cheryl said one day over coffee. "There are the two imaginary baby sitters, Gia and Jenny; two imaginary friends, Rayanne and Taylor; the imag-

inary siblings, Sally (age 1 1/2) and Merky (age 7); and one imaginary rabbit, Munchie." She leaned over and clutched my arm nervously. "If she adds one more imaginary thing I'll have to get a bigger car."

If you think that's bad, there are my friends Lisa and Carol. The first has a 4-year-old daughter who has a grudge against any type of clothing with buttons and will only eat rainbow frosting and french fries. The latter has a 5-year-old who isn't picky about her wardrobe or what kind of food she eats as long as it's served with a frayed fuchsia plastic spoon with a smiling parrot on the handle, ironically referred to as "The Happy Spoon."

OK, so this may not sound like such a crisis to you, but it's

the only piece left out of the original baby jungle-themed dinner set, thus guaranteeing no replacement if ever lost or destroyed. Which, most parents know, is only a matter of time. And to suggest using another spoon is simply laughable.

Really, it's amazing that with all these self-imposed rules and regulations preschoolers make any progress at all.

And it's no use reasoning with them. Sure, you can try launching into your 10-part lecture series on, "You Can't Just Go Around Avoiding Buttons and Living On Rainbow Frosting Forever, You Know," but they will only stare at you with the same look reserved for major losers and Mr. Rogers reruns. It's then you re-

alize that you have now entered into a battle of wits in which you have no weapon.

And then there's my friend Nadine. She's resigned herself to sitting propped up in the hall outside her 8-year-old triplets' room until they fall asleep.

"The worst part is that they've just come to expect it. It used to be that if I tried to sneak off, one of them would look out the door and yell, 'I'm scared!' Now they just look out say 'Hey, where'd you go?'"

I admit hearing stuff like this suddenly makes my own children seem more normal. I mean, let's face it, what's carving three dozen sandwiches into the shape of a kitten compared to that?

Oh, sure, I know what you're thinking: Only spineless fools

let their children get away with this kind of stuff. And you're right. But I always preferred to think of it more as choosing my own battles.

And that's exactly why I once helped my son pick out all of the orange fruit jellies from the cereal box so he could carry them around the house in an old tennis shoe.

Me, I've been saving my strength for the teenage years. And sooner rather than later, I'm going to get to see if my strategy paid off.

Debbie Farmer is a humorist and a mother holding down the fort in California and the author of "Don't Put Lipstick on the Cat." She can be reached at www.familydaze.com, or by writing to familydaze@oasis-newsfeatures.com.

The Chamber Music Society offers its 2006-07 season

For the 2006-07 season, the Chamber Music Society of Detroit offers two series: the nine-concert Opus 9 Series and the three-concert Opus 3 Piano Series.

The season will open with a performance by the Chicago Chamber Musicians on Saturday, Sept. 16. Other col-

laborations include a return engagement of the Tokyo String Quartet with pianist Jon Kimura Parker; the Prazak Quartet with violist Roger Tapping; and Andras Schiff with cellist Miklos Perenyi.

The Opus 9 Series will feature performances by The Nash Ensemble of London,

Trio con Brio Copenhagen, second winner of the Kalichstein-Laredo-Robinson International Trio Award, the Pacifica Quartet and Canadian violinist James Ehnes with pianist Eduard Laurel.

The three-concert Opus 3 Series will feature a series of piano recitals by Jon Kimura Parker, Emanuel Ax and Yefim Bronfman.

This season's concerts will be presented at 8 p.m. at the Seligman Performing Arts Center, 22305 West 13 Mile Road, Beverly Hills, on the campus of the Detroit Country Day School.

For more information, call (248) 855-6070.

Grosse Pointe artists showcase avant-garde

The Grosse Pointe Artists Association is showcasing experimental art from students at the College for Creative Studies (CCS) and established artists in the community in its first avant-garde show April 5-29 at the GPAA Art Center.

"It's our first collaboration with a school of art and design," said GPAA President Jon Bell of Grosse Pointe Park. "We felt it was important as a community art center to reach out and include younger artists and showcase their talent. It's also an opportunity for our members and other established artists in the community

to step up and take a fresh approach to their work."

The avant-garde show will be sure to draw a number of works representing a range of progressive art styles from abstract expressionism to surrealism in two- and three-dimensional media.

William House of Grosse Pointe will serve as juror of the show. He is a retired chairman of the industrial design, interior design and furniture design departments at CCS and a longtime painter.

"I think this is a wonderful way of introducing young artists into the mix while chat-

ting established artists," House said.

An opening and awards reception for the show will be held at 6:30 p.m. on Friday, April 7. The show will be open during Art Center hours Wednesdays, Fridays and Saturdays from noon to 5 p.m., and on Thursdays from noon to 7 p.m. Admission to the reception and show are free, but donations are gratefully accepted.

The GPAA Art Center is located at 1005 Maryland, at the corner of Jefferson, in Grosse Pointe Park.

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10:00 am Who's in the Kitchen?	Who's in the Kitchen? L. Perry Manning III - Grilling Steak
10:30 am Things to do at the War Memorial	Things to do at the War Memorial Bob Ramsey - Up in the Attic; Jean Azar - Abbott Tribute Lecture & Doug Cordier - Sportsmen's Club
11:00 am Musical Story Time Jamboree	Out of the Ordinary Gail Schmidt - Micro Current Pace Therapy
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1:00 pm Watercolor Workshop / Senior Men's Club	Great Lakes Log Gary Morgan - Clinton River Watershed
1:30 pm Great Lakes Log	The Legal Insider Matthew Nagaj - Legal Aide Program
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2:30 pm The John Prost Show	
3:00 pm Things to do at the War Memorial	
3:30 pm Musical Story Time Jamboree	
4:00 pm Vitality Plus (Step/Kick Boxing)	
4:30 pm Young View Pointes	
5:00 pm Positively Positive	
5:30 pm Watercolor Workshop / Senior Men's Club	
6:00 pm The Legal Insider / Consumers Corner	
6:30 pm Who's in the Kitchen?	
7:00 pm Vitality Plus (Tone Exercise)	
7:30 pm Things to do at the War Memorial	
8:00 pm Musical Story Time Jamboree	
8:30 pm Young View Pointes	
9:00 pm Vitality Plus (Step/Kick Boxing)	
9:30 pm Pointes of Horticulture	
10:00 pm The John Prost Show	
10:30 pm Great Lakes Log	
11:00 pm Out of the Ordinary	
11:30 pm The S.O.C. Show	
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DSO shines spotlight on women composers

The Detroit Symphony Orchestra will host an international competition to recognize and support the creation of new orchestral works by women composers.

The winner of The Elaine

Lebenbom Memorial Award for Female Composers will have an original work premiered on the DSO's Classical Subscription Series and is accompanied by a \$10,000 prize plus expenses incurred in cre-

ating the work.

The award will be conferred annually and is made possible by a generous donor who wishes to remain anonymous.

"We are deeply honored and very excited to announce the creation of the Elaine Lebenbom Award," said Anne Parsons, president and executive director of the DSO.

"Despite great numbers of women composers today, the DSO is keenly aware of how few of their works are currently being performed by orchestras. We believe that Elaine would applaud this effort to support the creative process and we look forward to many years of bringing new works by women composers to the public's attention."

The Elaine Lebenbom Memorial Award was inspired by composer, teacher, poet, artist and lecturer Elaine Lebenbom, a resident of Bloomfield Hills, who died in 2002.

Two of Lebenbom's works have been performed by the DSO: "Kaleidoscope Turning" and "Reflections on a Rainbow."

"The Detroit Symphony's Elaine Lebenbom Award is unparalleled in providing an incredible opportunity for women composers," said Jennifer Higdon, a leading American composer who has been honored with awards and grants from the Guggenheim Foundation, the American Academy of Arts & Letters, the Pew Fellowship in the Arts, Meet-the-Composer, the National Endowment for the Arts and ASCAP.

"The possibilities of where a composer's career might go after such an award are infinite. I would hope any woman composer would jump at this opportunity."

Higdon will judge the competition along with Thomas Wilkins, resident DSO conductor; Michael Daugherty, com-

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 2 tablespoons fresh chopped parsley (or 1 tablespoon dried)
 In a medium bowl, cream together the cream cheese with the mayonnaise, lemon juice and onion. Stir in the shrimp

and the parsley. Use a small round scoop or spoon to fill the egg white halves with the dip "deviled egg" style. Arrange the egg boats on a fancy serving platter and sprinkle some additional fresh parsley over the top. Store covered in the refrigerator until ready to serve.

I coarsely chopped my shrimp before adding it to the dip. You can also leave them whole. I also tried out the rich and creamy spread on toast points topped with extra chopped eggs. A real hit with my friends. Whip up the dip on Easter eve and you'll be all set if your guests arrive early.

Hey, Virginia, great recipe!

As eggs go, the whites are the angel and the yolks are the devil, speaking health-wise, that is.

This year pull the yolk from the hard-boiled eggs and stuff the whites with a creamy shrimp dip that is a snap to prepare. I got the dip recipe from my gal pal Virginia, who recently served the flavorful spread at a dinner party,

Supremes collection extended through April 9

More than 40 years after the Supremes first topped the record charts on the way to worldwide fame, some of the distinctive gowns that became nearly as famous will be on display until Sunday, April 9, at the Detroit Historical Museum.

The collection is presented in partnership with original Supreme Mary Wilson.

"Reflections: The Mary Wilson Supreme Legacy Collection," features more than 50 Supremes' costumes and rare memorabilia. It was created by the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame and Museum in Cleveland.

In addition to their distinctive "girl group" sound with a Motown flair, the Supremes, inducted into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame in 1988, were known for their glamorous and sophisticated style with costumes covered in chiffon, sequins, beads, fringe, rhinestones and feathers.

The collection includes the first gowns purchased by Wilson, Diana Ross and Florence Ballard when they were still known as the Primettes; and a set of black velvet Bob Mackie gowns worn on the GIT on Broadway television special in 1969.

The group amassed a dozen No. 1 hits between 1964 and 1969, including five consecutive chart toppers. "Where Did Our Love Go" began that streak in August 1964 and was

followed by "Baby Love," "Come See About Me," "Stop! In the Name of Love" and "Back in My Arms Again." The Detroit Historical Museum, located at 5401 Woodward (at the corner of Kirby) is open Wednesday

through Friday from 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m., Saturday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday from noon to 5 p.m. Admission is \$5 for adults, \$3 for seniors, college students with ID and children 5-18, and free for children 4 and under.



Visit the Easter Bunny on Saturday, April 15, at the Edsel & Eleanor Ford House.

Edsel & Eleanor Ford House hosts two Easter events

Edsel & Eleanor Ford House hosts two Easter programs, the "Easter Eggstravaganza" on April 15, followed by the Easter brunch and tour on April 16.

"Easter Eggstravaganza" begins at 10:30 a.m. on Saturday, April 15, and features an egg-citing Easter egg hunt where children will have a chance to fill their baskets with eggs hidden around the grounds. After the egg hunt, children can visit with the Easter Bunny at the playhouse.

The egg hunt costs \$7 per child and \$4 per adult. This

event is recommended for children ages 2-8. Reservations are necessary.

The Easter brunch and tour will be held on Sunday, April 16, with seatings at 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. Following the brunch, families are invited to tour the historic home, grounds, exhibits and outer buildings.

The menu includes herb-crusted sirloin of beef with horseradish cream sauce and honey roasted Yukon gold potatoes, chicken with fresh grapes and rice, asparagus with citrus orange hollandaise

sauce, frittata with spinach, bacon and gouda, crepes flambé with berries, and a trio of fruit sorbet or chocolate pecan madness pie for dessert. The buffet will also include a variety of fresh fruit, cheese and a mixed green salad. The brunch will be held in the Ford House Activities Center.

The buffet and tour is \$28 for adults and \$15 for children. The buffet alone is \$23 for adults and \$11 for children.

Reservations are needed for both and may be made by calling (313) 884-4222.

'Sweeney Todd' opens April 30

"Sweeney Todd," presented by Grosse Pointe Theatre, opens Sunday, April 30, and runs the weekends of May 3-7 and May 11-13.

Performances are at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms.

Based on Christopher Bond's retelling of the

Victorian melodrama, "The String of Pearls," this Stephen Sondheim musical tells the tale of Sweeney Todd, a murderous barber and his partner in crime, Nellie Lovett, a baker who disposes of the bodies by baking them into her pies.

Meanwhile, Anthony Hope, a sailor who saved Todd's life, falls in love with Todd's es-

tranged daughter, Johanna, who is being brought up as the ward of the twisted Judge Turpin. Memorable songs include "Not While I'm Around," "Pretty Women" and "A Little Priest." The play takes place in London in the mid-19th century.

Matinee performances are at 2 p.m. Sundays. All other performances begin at 8 p.m. Tickets are \$20 each and group rates (more than 20 people) are available. Call (313) 881-4004.

WOMEN: Submissions due June 30

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poser, formerly the DSO's resident composer and currently professor of composition at the University of Michigan; and select members of the DSO.

To be considered for the award, women composers must submit one to three completed works with supporting

audio and/or video representations of the work, if possible. The submission deadline is Friday, June 30.

The winner will be announced in the fall and be asked to compose an original work in time to be performed during the DSO's 2007-2008 classical subscription season. Works that have already been composed but have not received a performance are also eligible for consideration.

The competition is open to all women composers regardless of age or nationality.

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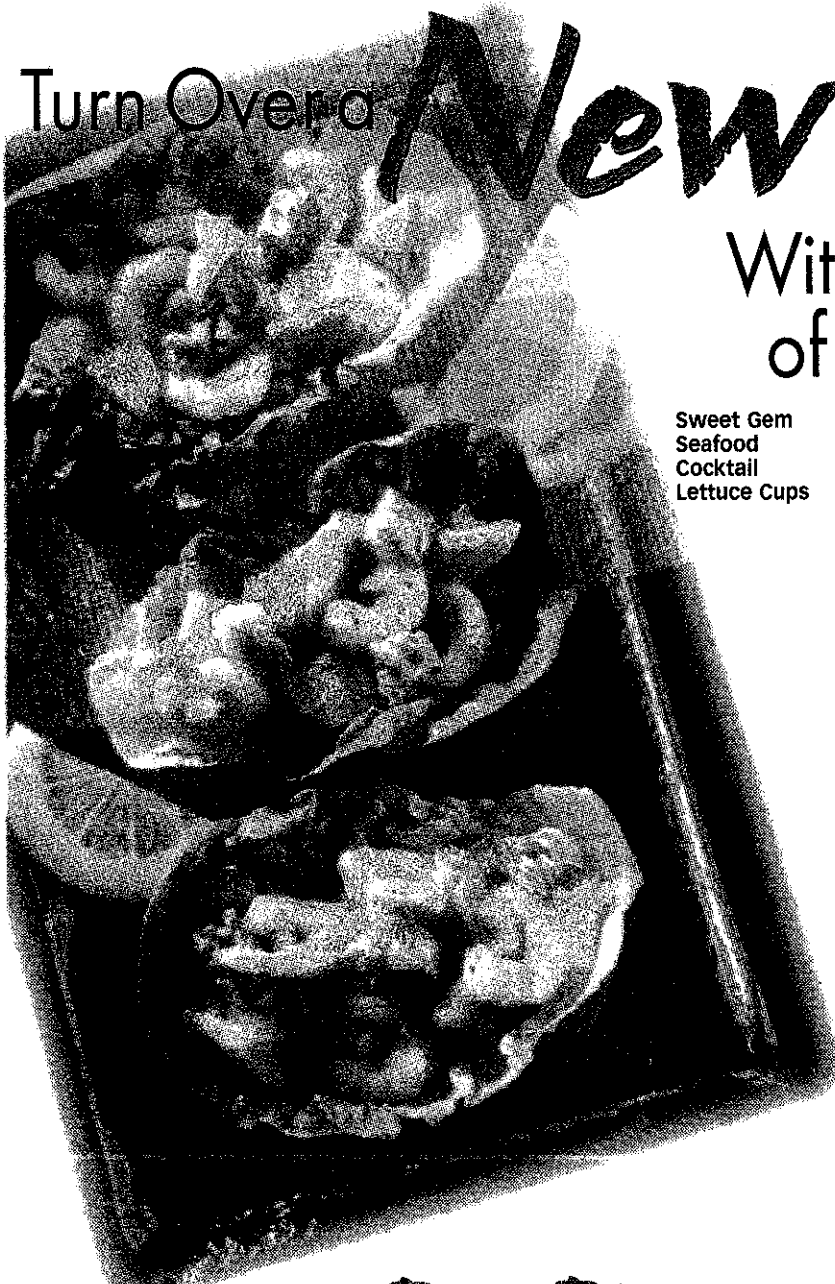
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- 3 tablespoons diced red onion
- Freshly ground pepper to taste

Remove and reserve 20 outer lettuce leaves. Chop lettuce hearts.

Mix together shrimp, imitation crabmeat, cocktail sauce, lemon juice, celery seed, red onion and chopped lettuce hearts. Season with pepper, then chill 1 hour. Serve seafood cocktails in reserved lettuce leaves.

Makes 6 to 8 appetizer servings

Recipe created for Tanimura & Antle by Gwen Kvavil Gulliksen.

Sweet Gem BBQ Teasers

- 1 cup cooked shredded chicken breast
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- 3 to 4 tablespoons barbeque sauce
- Salt to taste
- 1 head Sweet Gem lettuce

Combine chicken, cheese, onions and barbeque sauce in small bowl; season with salt. Remove leaves from lettuce head and chill at least 1 hour. Fill center of inner leaves with chicken-cheese mixture. Serve chilled.

Makes 4 to 6 appetizer servings

Recipe created for Tanimura & Antle by Rita Held.

This spring, you'll be seeing green. A new salad green, that is. From grocery stores to home kitchens across the country, a diminutive lettuce is making big waves. Small enough to serve one person, each head of this new lettuce — known as Sweet Gem — has the texture and color of romaine with the taste and sweetness of butter lettuce. Rich in nutrients, this green is a valuable source of vitamin A. Sweet Gem has the tenderness of Bibb lettuce without its tendency to wilt under a heavy dressing or the heat of the grill. It also has the crispness of romaine without its tough outer leaves or ribs.

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Spring Entertaining Ideas

Turn over a new leaf when you entertain this spring. Use Sweet Gem to add a twist to your party or color to your buffet-style recipes. Instead of processed chips or crackers that are high in fat and sodium, use a great green that offers better flavor, color and nutrition!

- Arrange individual leaves around a bowl of your favorite dip instead of ho-hum (and calorie-laden) chips.
- Set out individual leaves of Sweet Gem as lettuce cups to hold Thai-style chicken, vegetable, tofu or beef fillings.
- Reconstruct that taco salad by serving the filling in lettuce cups, topped with a dollop of sour cream or shreds of cheese and pico de gallo.
- Grill whole heads of Sweet Gem, then drizzle with your favorite vinaigrette and top with shaved Parmesan — a new take on a dressed salad.
- Serve as a whole head, separated into leaves or chopped for a delicious salad.

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North wins big

Girls lacrosse team scores 19 goals in each of its first three games. PAGE 2

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SOUTH GIRLS SOCCER

Season starts with solid win



PHOTO BY DR. J. RICHARD DUNLAP

South's Anna Cunningham controls the ball against a Port Huron Northern player. Cunningham had two goals and an assist in the Blue Devils' 10-0 victory.

Blue Devils follow shutout of Northville with a mercy win against P.H. Northern

It's far too early to make predictions, but Grosse Pointe South's girls soccer team's opener last week brought back memories of the 2004 season.

That was the year the Blue Devils advanced to the state Division I semifinals and showed that they were capable of competing with the best teams in the state.

If South's auspicious start is any indication, that could be the case again this year.

The Blue Devils opened with a 2-0 victory against Northville, which finished the 2005 season ranked No. 2 in the state in Division I.

It was a victory that was also reminiscent of South's win against Troy in 1999, marking the Blue Devils' first victory against a premier west side squad.

South quickly took command of the game, challenging the west side power all over the field.

Just under six minutes into the match, South's Lindsay Krall blasted home a short shot from within the box area after taking an excellent crossing

pass from the corner by Anna Cunningham.

That set the tempo and the tone for the match and it became more intense as the game progressed and the Mustangs attempted to tie the contest.

The Blue Devils' defense performed beyond expectations and thwarted every move by Northville.

Sarah Stanczyk continuously scrapped with the speedy Northville offensive players, and stole the ball from them with great regularity. She then cleared it to the South midfielders.

Stopper Katherine Zurek, in her first varsity match, used her height and speed to bedevil the opponents. Katie Galea, also making her varsity debut, patrolled her side of the defensive quadrant perfectly.

If a ball eluded that trio, sweeper Meghan Carey took charge and distributed the ball in a controlled fashion or booted it far downfield.

As a result goalkeeper

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POINTE AQUATICS

Ten qualify for state meet

Ten swimmers from the Pointe Aquatics Swim Club achieved individual state championship qualifying times during the 2006 USA Swimming Short Course season, and nine of them were eligible to swim at the Michigan State 12-and-under Championships.

Medals were awarded to the top eight finishers in each event at the state meet, which was held at Lake Orion High School, and places nine through 16 earned ribbons.

Gabby Deloof was Pointe Aquatics' top finisher. She was 10th in the 500-yard freestyle, 11th in the 200 freestyle, and 12th in the 100 backstroke and

100 freestyle in the 10-and-under age group. She achieved personal-best times in each of the events.

Deloof also qualified to swim the 50 backstroke and 200 individual medley, and had a personal-best in the IM.

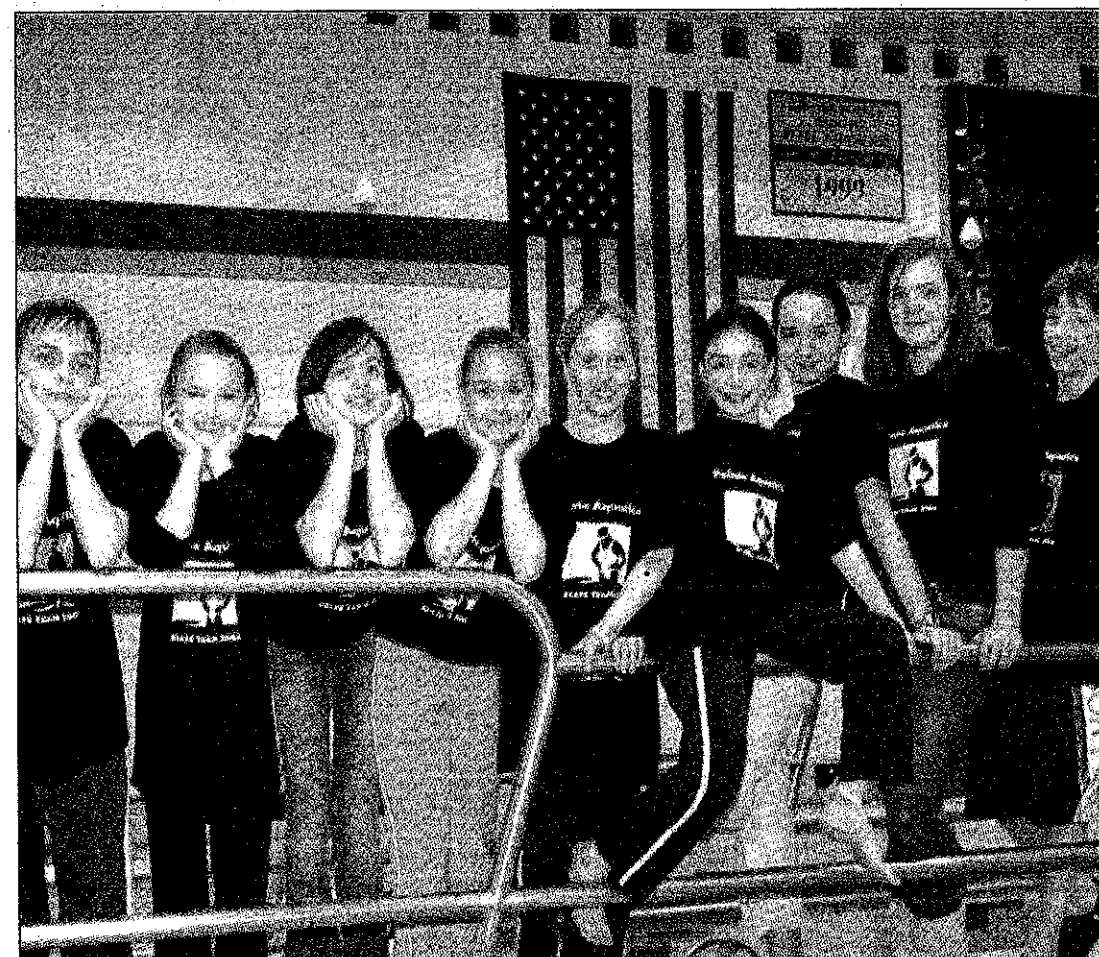
Also swimming in the 10-and-under group were Katie Deloof, (50 freestyle, 100 backstroke, 500 freestyle, 200 freestyle, 100 freestyle and 200 IM); Katherine Graham (50 and 100 butterfly); and Kaelyn Mocerri (50 butterfly).

Catie Deloof posted personal-best times in all four freestyle events. Graham had her best times in both of her events.

Anthony Lesha achieved a state cut in the 500 freestyle but wasn't eligible to swim because of his birth date.

Competing at the 11-12 age level were Ali Deloof (50 backstroke); Ryan Graham (200, 100 and 50 breaststroke); Mallory Jamett (500, 200 and 100 freestyle and 200 backstroke); Christian Mellos (200, 100 and 50 breaststroke); and Emily Turnbull (200, 100 and 50 backstroke and 50 and 100 butterfly).

Personal-best times were posted by Ali Deloof, 50 backstroke; Ryan Graham, 100 breaststroke; Jamett, all four events; Mellos, all three events; and Turnbull, 200 backstroke.



Nine swimmers from Pointe Aquatics qualified for the 12-and-under Michigan State Championships at Lake Orion High School. From left, are Ryan Graham, Katherine Graham, Ali Deloof, Catie Deloof, Gabby Deloof, Kaelyn Mocerri, Mallory Jamett, Emily Turnbull and Christian Mellos.



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The Grosse Pointe Hockey Association JV Norsemen won the High School JV Division championship. Team members pictured are Clayton Carter, Mike Colosimo, Jozef Curry-Zoltan, Brian Flemion, Jason Gay, Jeff Holme, Nick Ireland, Marshall Ochylski, Jonathan Ramberger, Evan Rutkofske, Andy Spagnuolo, Charley Thibault, Chase Thornton, Charley Trost, Anthony Vitale, Mike Walsh, Tom Walworth, Tommy Winterfield and coaches Bob Kollar and Steve Walsh. Not pictured are coaches Dave Brozo, Brad Case and Matt Springer.

JV Norsemen win GPHA title

The Grosse Pointe Hockey Association JV Norsemen won the High School JV Division championship with a 6-0 victory over the GPHA JV Blue Devils.

Since 2003, the two GPHA high school JV teams had closed their season with a win-

ner-take-all playoff game.

The game was scoreless until the second period when the Norsemen scored five of their six goals.

Captain Marshall Ochylski started the outburst with a goal. Ochylski also assisted on goals by Jon Ramberger and

Jason Gay.

Brian Flemion and Evan Rutkofske capped the second-period scoring with goals in the final minute and a half.

Strong defense and solid goaltending kept the hard-working Blue Devils off the scoreboard.

Flemion scored the only goal of the third period at 4:34, assisted by Chase Thornton and Tommy Winterfield.

It was the third time in four years that the Norsemen won the Nelson Wilson Memorial Trophy, which is awarded to the division champion.

SOCCER: PHN fails to get a shot

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Alyssa Carr had to make only one save on the Mustangs' two shots in the first half.

Other defenders seeing their first varsity action were Elisabeth Carrier and Danica Stone.

Two and a half minutes into the second half, Cunningham scored on a 20-yard shot off an excellent ball from Zurek.

Usually a tight, well-played, physical match turns with the momentum of the next goal, but despite going up 2-0, South couldn't afford to relax. Northville conceded nothing as it outshot the Blue Devils 6-3 for the rest of the game.

Carr finished with seven saves. Most came on difficult shots. She knocked several over the goal and grabbed one as it was crossing the goal line.

The Mustangs were relentless in their attack and had six dangerous opportunities with corner kicks.

Joining Cunningham in the midfield were veterans Jae March, Emily McLaughlin and co-captain Lisa Repicky. March and Repicky did most of the tough work inside, while McLaughlin helped control the midfield and made many dangerous offensive forays to keep the Northville defense alert.

New varsity midfielders Liz Lightbody, Marian Schmidt and freshman Emma Bruce also saw action.

Krall and veteran Amy Hathaway both played well along the front line, as did a pair of tough speedsters — Kara Trowell and Michele Arthur.

Kathryn Tietjen relieved Carr briefly in goal while the starting keeper shook off the effects of a goal-mouth collision.

South's next game was much easier as the Blue Devils defeated Port Huron Northern 10-0.

Cunningham's line-drive shot past Huskies goalkeeper Stacy Sherbutt, less than four minutes into the match was all South needed.

Twenty-six seconds later, Cunningham's pass found McLaughlin, who scored the first of her two goals on a shot to the corner of the net.

March made it 3-0 after picking up a loose ball in the box area.

Just past the 16:30 mark of the first half, Krall eluded the Huskies defense and raced toward the goal, only to be tackled by the keeper. It saved a goal, but Sherbutt received a red card and PHN had to play a man short for the rest of the match and forced the Huskies to use a freshman goalie.

Although Stanczyk's restart kick went wide, Hathaway scored the first of her two goals 42 seconds later. The next time Stanczyk had a restart kick, she converted to make it 5-0. Cunningham and McLaughlin added their second goals of the game before the first half ended with South leading 7-0.

Hathaway, Krall and Trowell added second-half goals.

Krall made up for her "lost" goal by tapping in Stanczyk's rebound off the crossbar that was initiated by Repicky's pass.

Emma Brush earned her second assist on Trowell's goal that ended the game on a mercy rule.

Erin Hughes got an assist in her first varsity game, while McLaughlin had two assists to go with her pair of goals.

Midfielder Emily Walton made her varsity debut for South.

Tietjen was in goal, but she could just as easily been doing her homework since she didn't face a shot from South's Macomb Area Conference crossover opponent.

South's other MAC crossover game last week against Dakota is still in limbo.

Lightning forced the game to be suspended with a little less than 20 minutes played in the first half, and the Blue Devils holding a 2-0 lead.

At 13:24, Krall stole the ball from a Cougars defender about 10 yards from the Dakota goal and scored the first goal of the game.

A little more than five minutes later, Cunningham made an excellent crossing pass to Krall, who scored her second goal.

No date has been set to resume the match, and in order to be official, a half has to be completed.

Player shines

Local athletes are making their presence felt during the spring sports season at Albion College.

Vicky Seiter, a sophomore who graduated from Grosse Pointe South, won both of her singles matches as the Albion women's tennis team began defense of its Michigan Intercollegiate Athletic Association title with 9-0 wins over Adrian College and Tri-State University.

Seiter, who played fifth singles, beat her opponent from Adrian 6-0, 6-0, and defeated a Tri-State player 6-0, 6-1.

NORTH GIRLS LACROSSE

Goals galore

By Bob St. John
Sports Writer

Nineteen is Grosse Pointe North's girls lacrosse team's magic number.

During the first week of action, the Lady Norsemen beat Livonia Ladywood 19-8, L'Anse Creuse 19-1 and Regina 19-5.

"So far things are going well," head coach Bill Seaman said.

The Lady Norsemen avenged last year's one-goal defeat to Ladywood. This game was no contest.

"It was nice beating Ladywood after we felt we let one slip away last season," Seaman said. "We had an over-

all good game from everyone. It was quite a satisfying win for us to open the season."

The host squad had no trouble disposing of L'Anse Creuse and Regina. They quickly built a double-digit lead and cruised in the second half of each game.

Leading the way for the Lady Norsemen in the opening three games were Natalie Tocco, Lauren Lynch, Kate Zemenick, Vanessa Tocco, Erica Gaitley, Phelicia VanOverbeke, Marissa LaValley, Ellen Rewalt, Quinn Wolf, Jill Seaman and Colleen Ryan.

The Grosse Pointe North girls lacrosse team is 3-0 overall.

Signup now for Top Soccer

Top Soccer is taking registration for its spring program for special needs athletes.

The program will be held Saturdays from April 29 through June 11 from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m.

Top Soccer is sponsored by the Grosse Pointe Soccer Association, Michigan State Youth Soccer Association and US Youth Soccer.

The mission of the groups is "to foster the physical, mental and emotional growth and development of all of America's

youth through the sport of soccer at all ages and levels."

The local program is based on that, along with having fun, being part of a team with a party and awards ceremony and good, healthy exercise.

Top Soccer hopes to have a high school volunteer to assist each athlete. Each child will receive a uniform and a soccer ball.

The registration fee for the season is \$15. For more information, call coach Diane Karabetsos at (313) 886-3445.

13 brings luck to Pointe Aquatics

Thirteen was a lucky number for the Pointe Aquatics Swim Club.

Thirteen of the clubs' 13-and-over swimmers achieved state championship qualifying times during the USA Swimming Short Course season, and six of them competed at this year's state meet at the Jenison Aquatics Center.

Cameron Howle was Pointe Aquatics' top 13-14 finisher with a fourth place in the 1,650-yard freestyle. Howle was ninth in the 500 freestyle and 10th in the 1,000. He also qualified to swim in the 200 freestyle.

Also swimming in the 13-14 age group were Molly Dewald,

100 breaststroke; Nora Oliver, 500 and 1,650 freestyle; and Jacqueline Shea, 50 freestyle.

The top Open event finisher from Pointe Aquatics was Kim Grady. She was sixth in the 100 breaststroke, 13th in the 100 butterfly and 11th in the 100 freestyle. She also qualified in the 50 freestyle.

Also swimming in the Open events was Leeann Mocerri, who competed in the 1,000, 50, 500 and 100 freestyle races.

Four Pointe Aquatics swimmers achieved Speedo Champions Series Sectional Championship qualifying times. They were Dan Basile, Julianna Schmidt, Jenny Rusch and Michael Shook.



Members of the Pointe Aquatics 13-and-over State Championship team were, from left, Leeann Mocerri, Kim Grady, Jacqueline Shea, Molly Dewald, Nora Oliver and Cameron Howle. Howle's fourth-place finish in the 1,650-yard freestyle was the best finish by a Pointe Aquatics swimmer in the meet that was held at the Jenison Aquatics Center. Howle swam in the 13-14 age group. Grady recorded a sixth place in the 100 breaststroke in the Open Division.

South teams play hockey for Kaleidoscope Kids

The Grosse Pointe South High School varsity boys and girls hockey teams will play a charity intersquad game on Sunday, April 9 from 5 to 7 p.m. at the City Sports Center in Detroit.

A suggested donation of \$10 will be collected at the door.

Proceeds will benefit the Kaleidoscope Kids Hospices of Henry Ford.

Both of South's teams had outstanding seasons this year.

The girls squad won the state championship, while the boys advanced to the state quarterfinals.



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South defender Sarah Stanczyk maneuvers around Port Huron Northern's Shelby Feher.

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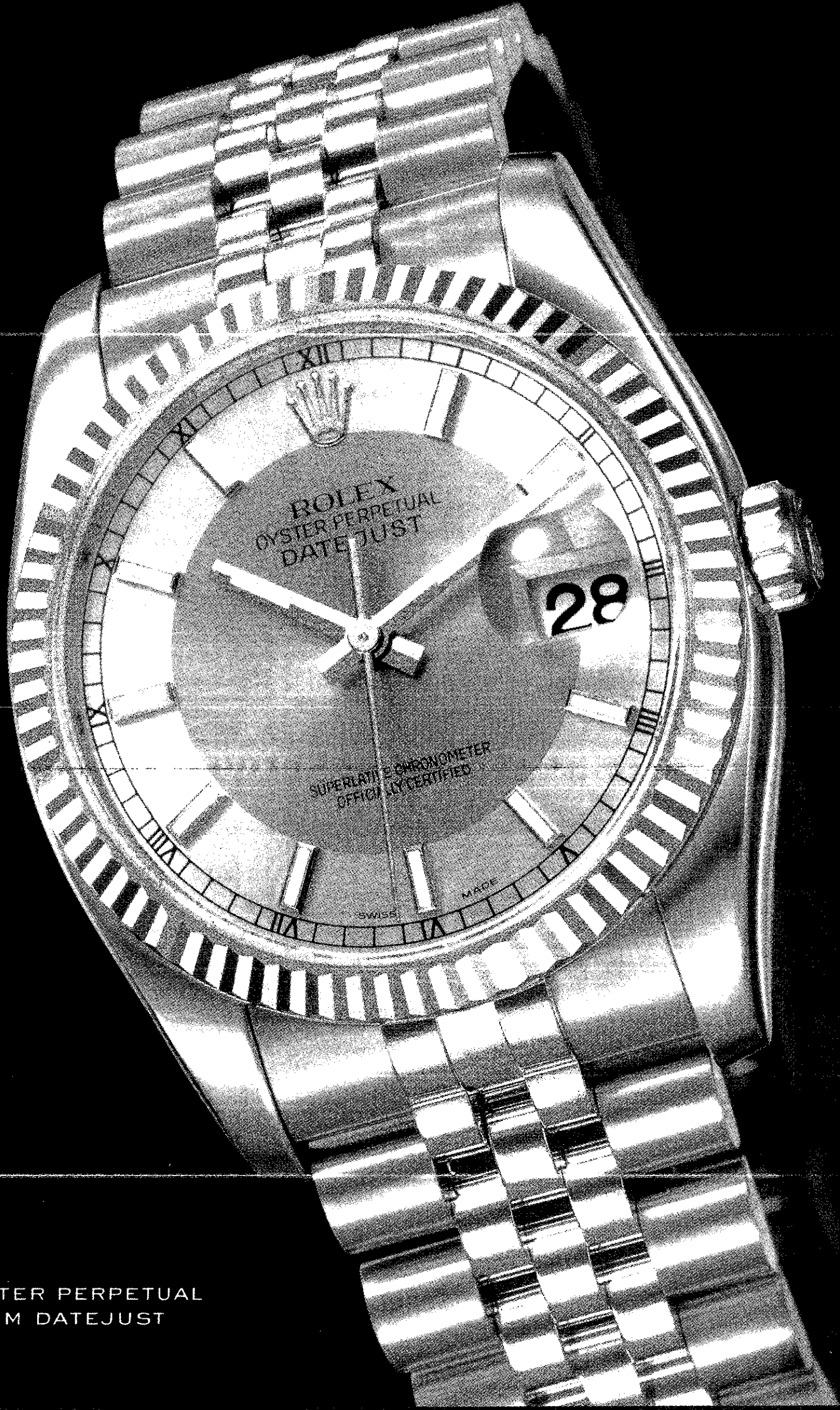
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