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Week ahead

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THURSDAY, APRIL 13

◆ Event participants of the three-day Breast Cancer Walk are taking reservations from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. through Tuesday, April 18, for their fund raiser, family portraits by Malin Images LLC. The 10-by-13 canvas portraits will cost \$14.95 and will be taken Saturday, April 29, and Sunday, April 30, at 17166 Kercheval in the Village. For more information, call (313) 882-5386.
◆ The Grosse Pointe Public Library Board of Trustees conducts a strategic planning meeting at 6 p.m. at the Ewald branch, 15175 E. Jefferson, Grosse Pointe Park.

FRIDAY, APRIL 14

Good Friday
◆ Spring breaks starts for all Grosse Pointe public schools.
◆ Municipal offices are closed in the City of Grosse Pointe, Grosse Pointe Farms, Grosse Pointe Shores, Grosse Pointe Woods and Grosse Pointe Park in observance of Good Friday.

SUNDAY, APRIL 16

Easter Sunday

MONDAY, APRIL 17

◆ The City of Grosse Pointe council meets at 7 p.m. at City Hall, 17147 Maumee.
◆ The Grosse Pointe Farms council meets at 7 p.m. at City Hall, 90 Kerby.
◆ The council of Grosse Pointe Woods meets at 7:30 p.m. in council chambers, 20025 Mack.

TUESDAY, APRIL 18

◆ Grosse Pointe Shores trustees meet at 7 p.m. at Village Hall, 795 Lakeshore.

THURSDAY, APRIL 20

◆ Services for Older Citizens conducts two trips. The first one is to see Jeff Daniel's world premiere comedy, "Norma & Wanda." Price: \$40 for residents, \$43 for non-residents. The second SOC trip is Gardens of Clinton for an afternoon of bingo fun. Price: \$5 for residents, \$8 for non-residents. For information or to make a reservation, call (313) 882-9600.
◆ The Inventors Association of Metropolitan Detroit meets from 7 to 9:30 p.m. at Grosse Pointe North High School, Room 312, 707 Vernier Road.

Shoreline horticulture

State says 'grooming' is OK

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

State permission to tinker with wetlands depends on the technique and extent of work to be performed.

"If you're going in with a piece of equipment to scrape the soil down and remove all plants in a wetland or in the

area below the high water mark of the lake, that requires a permit," said Andrew Hartz, district supervisor of the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality Land and Water Management Division. "If you're going in with hand tools, that is something we don't normally require a permit for."

Hartz, of the City of Grosse Pointe, is among state and federal officials who will rule on permits to alter the build-up of sediment along the Pointe shoreline, namely near the foot of Moross in the Farms and above Vernier in the Shores.

"The Farms has been contacted by some people who live directly adjacent to the area who want something done,"

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PHOTO BY MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Phragmites australis can grow to heights of 15 to 20 feet.



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Loosestrife lives in wet soils or where there is shallow standing water, including lakeshores.



PHOTO BY ROBERT MCKEAN

Look what I have

Grosse Pointe Woods residents Emily McCloskey, 3 years old standing, and Kaitlyn Perkins, 5 years old sitting in wagon, count the eggs they collected during the annual Easter Egg Hunt at Ghesquiere Park on Saturday, April 8. The Grosse Pointe Business and Professional Association of Mack Avenue sponsored the event for children ages 2 to 8.

G.P. SHORES

Taxes remain steady

Officials anticipate no change in rate

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

Higher taxable values are expected to allow greater property tax receipts while keeping the tax rate unchanged in Grosse Pointe Shores.

The village tax rate is currently \$14.30 per \$1,000 taxable value.

"In doing an analysis of the budget, I anticipate we'll keep the same tax rate," said Mike Kenyon, village manager. "Taxable value has gone up 3 percent. I think taxes will end up going up that much."

Kenyon said the village's minimum operating millage, which is key to determining municipal tax rates, is 10.66 mills.

"We're going to go a little above that but will not exceed the maximum, which with the Headlee rollback from 20 mills is now 11.96 mills," Kenyon said. "Should we ever have to

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Shores egg hunt

The Easter Bunny was really hopping in Grosse Pointe Shores, leaving hundreds of eggs for scores of children to hunt for at Osius Park.



POINTER OF INTEREST

Animals are dear to my heart, and I give and give to help cancer patients and survivors.

Leslee VanBiervliet

Home: Grosse Pointe Woods
Age: 46
Family: Husband, Gary; son, Jason; daughter, Lindsey
Occupation: Restaurant owner
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Yesterday's headlines

1956

50 years ago this week

◆ **MAYOR KOPPIN MAKES THE GRADE:** Grosse Pointe Woods Mayor Kenneth Koppin is administered the oath of office following reelection to a second term.

Also sworn in are councilmen Kenneth McLeod, James Hunt and James Bowling.

◆ **SHOTS FIRED ON LAKE SHORE:** Grosse Pointe Farms police on Lake Shore fire three warning shots in the air to halt a 14-year-old male fleeing in a 1955 Chevrolet convertible stolen in his hometown of Detroit.

◆ **GUARD CARS FROM TREE SPRAY:** City of Grosse Pointe residents are advised to park their cars in garages during the next couple of weeks.

A municipal tree spraying program is about to begin, and unprotected cars risk being doused with pesticide overspray.

1981

25 years ago this week

◆ **NO RACE FOR SCHOOL BOARD:** Interest in school politics seems to have hit a recent low, or perhaps the Grosse Pointe populace is satisfied with the way things are going. For the first time in several years, two candidates for Grosse Pointe school board may walk into office without competition.

Incumbents Catherine Brierly and Dr. Earnest Buechler are the only two candidates to file under deadline.

◆ **PEDLAR LANDS ON FEET:** Pointe Pedlar, the kitchen gourmet shop on Fisher in the City of Grosse Pointe that lost a fight over its lease with Detroit Bank and Trust, finds a new home on the Hill in the Farms.

Owners sign a lease to occupy a building at 98 Kercheval, now the offices of Toles Realty.

◆ **TOOTING A TRUMPETER'S HORN:** Trumpeter Andrew Tudor, a Grosse Pointe South High School student, participates in the all-state high school band performance at Western Michigan University.

Known as the Fisher Tull All-Star Band, the 120-member ensemble consists of the finest musicians representing more than 60 high school bands in Michigan.

1996

10 years ago this week

◆ **TEEN CUT-UPS MESS UP DANCE:** Vandalism causes Grosse Pointe War Memorial officials to consider canceling the last teen dance of the season.

In the latest incident, it is suspected that one of the 400 middle school students attending a dance used a slingshot and marbles to shatter a 13-by-10-foot picture window in the ballroom overlooking Lake St. Clair.

◆ **WALKING TO CURE MS:** Hundreds of Grosse Pointe residents are anticipated to participate in this weekend's MS Walk.

A 20 kilometer course begins at Grosse Pointe North High School in the Woods and runs down Lakeshore to the City and back again. A shorter course is available, too.

◆ **A WIN-WIN DEAL:** The Richard Elementary PTO pitches a plan to expand the school play field and improve the baseball diamond.

The proposal includes increasing greenspace by closing a portion of McMillan between Kercheval and Ridge. A benefit to the Hill business district would be deeding a portion of school property for additional parking places in the municipal lot.

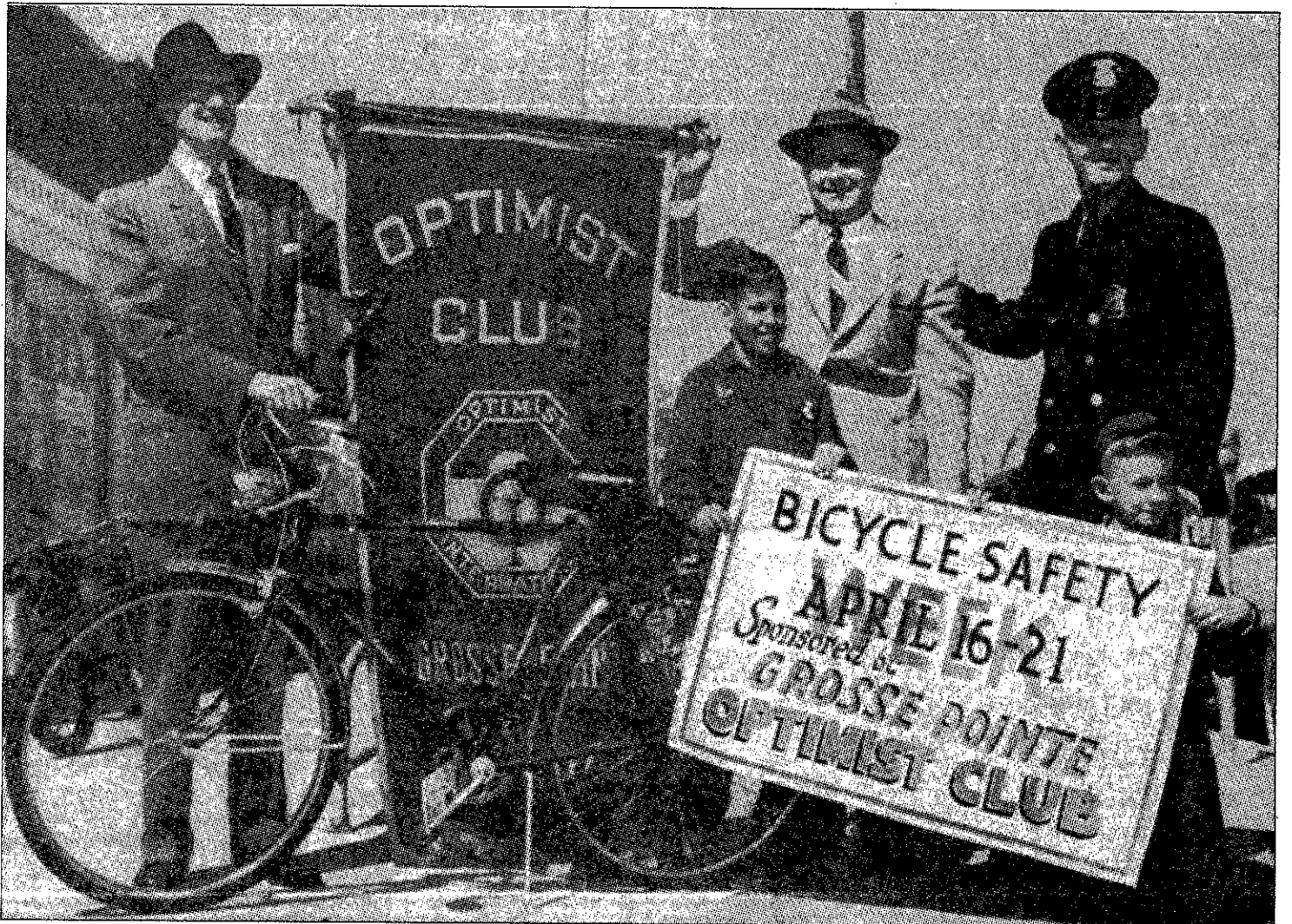


PHOTO BY FRED RUNNELLS

1956: Optimists sponsor Bike Safety Week for kids

Posing with the shiny new bike which will be given to the winner of the Bicycle Safety Week drive are, from left, Larry Korte, Jack Tamblyn, Bob Ordway, Patrolman Jack Patterson and Robert Schwartz. Korte and Ordway represent the Grosse Pointe Optimist Club. Patterson represents all Grosse Pointe policemen. (From the April 12, 1956 Grosse Pointe News.)

2001

5 years ago this week

◆ **NIGHT WORK:** Roadwork on Lakeshore in Grosse Pointe Shores will be done at night to avoid causing traffic problems.

The street is to be given a new lease on life with a topping of asphalt. The process is called microsurfacing and is expected to add several years of service to the road.

◆ **SCHOOL MAKES LABOR AGREEMENT:** Ten months of negotiations conclude with a contract agreement between the Grosse Pointe Board of Education and the Grosse

Pointe Association of Office Personnel.

The four-year contract includes wage increases that range from 4.3 percent the first

year to 3.1 percent the final year.

◆ **UNCONTESTED SCHOOL ELECTION:** Incumbent Grosse Pointe

School Board members Joseph Brennan and Joan Dindoffer are the only candidates filed for the June election.

— Brad Lindberg

Secretary of State Land to address Eastside GOP

Secretary of State Terri Lynn Land will be the keynote speaker at the Eastside Republican Club PAC annual dinner at 6 p.m. Thursday, April 20, at Sindbad's Restaurant, 100 St. Clair, Detroit.

"We are delighted to have our friend Terri Lynn Land review her accomplishments in her first term as secretary of state," said Lita McKeehan, chairman of the ERC-PAC. "This is a great opportunity to meet Terri and hear about her plans for the continued improvements in her department and her reelection plans for November."

Land was elected to office in November 2002. With more than 1.7 million votes, she carried more votes than any other candidate on that year's ballot, securing her place as Michigan's top-elected Republican official.

Since taking office on Jan. 1, 2003, Land has worked to make government services more reliable, easy to use and efficient. From offering expanded hours to instituting cutting-edge technology in branch offices, the department as a whole has provided services faster, easier and more conveniently than ever before. Such improvements, which also include reducing bricks-and-mortar expenses across the state, reflect a customer-driven approach while saving taxpayer dollars.

Land's commitment to effi-

ciency is also reflected in her unique blend of an open-door policy and hands-on management style.

Since her first statewide tour of every branch office in early 2003, she has worked closely with the department's 1,800 employees — the front line of customer service. As a result, Land has gained an intimate knowledge of what improvements are required to make services as easy as possible for the customer. One accomplishment includes the consolidation of the Department of State's executive offices in Lansing. By centralizing services, customers can take advantage of one-stop shopping, while the move has saved \$1.3 million a year.

Her open-door policy also extends into elections' administration, where Land serves as chief elections official. Since 2003, Michigan has received nearly \$100 million in federal funding through the "Help America Vote Act," which requires states to upgrade outdated voting equipment. With Land's leadership, Michigan is now unified under one optical scan system, which allows voters to use the same ballot whether voting absentee or in person. The one-system ap-



Terri Lynn Land

proach has also resulted in less confusion for election-day workers, ensuring a fair and consistently administered election throughout the state.

Her vocal support of accurate and efficient elections has also contributed to the recent implementation of consolidated elections for the first time in Michigan, which has eliminated "stealth" elections and reduced voter confusion.

The Eastside Republican Club annual dinner is a fundraiser for local candidates and reservations are required.

For more information, call (313) 882-2709.

TAXES: Total budget at \$5,838,004

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go above 11.96 (mills), we'd have to get a vote of the people. We're not to that point yet."

The budget has been sent to the finance committee for amendment prior to setting the village tax rate.

"The major (amendment) is to the general fund," Kenyon said. "We are amending the budget to reflect expenses of \$5,838,004."

Expenses had been budgeted at \$5,816,000.

"We were informed after we

adopted the budget there would be a \$100,000 expense to the pension fund for last year," Kenyon said. "We've been able to absorb that and we're over budget by \$21,000, so we're doing well."

Another amendment involves the municipal park.

"We were not aware until snow cleared last year that we had to do resurfacing of the tennis courts, which cost \$20,000," Kenyon said. "Where we've had under-budgeting in some of the line items, such as building and grounds, we'll move some of that money up and down the line."

Kenyon said about 89 percent of this year's taxes have been collected.

"We are doing fine so far," he said.

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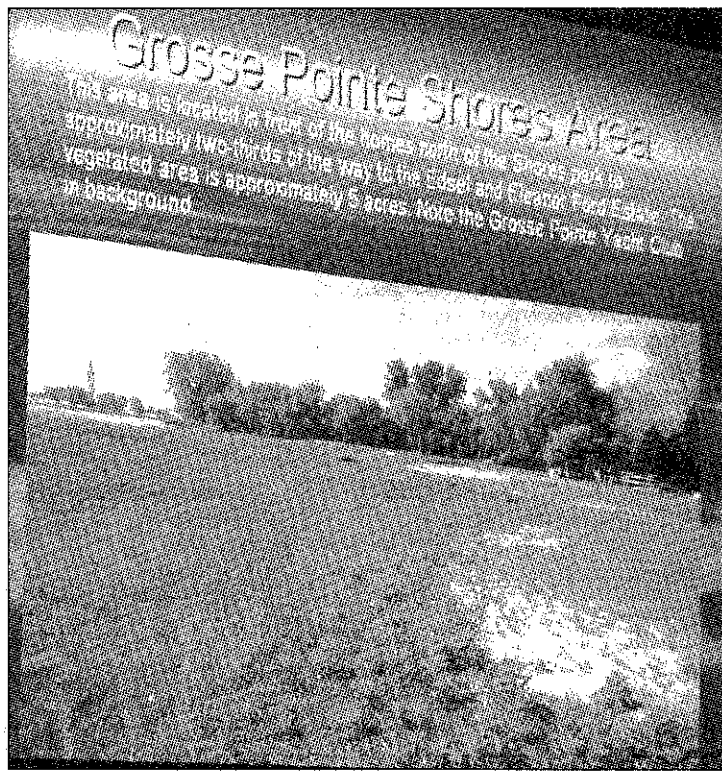
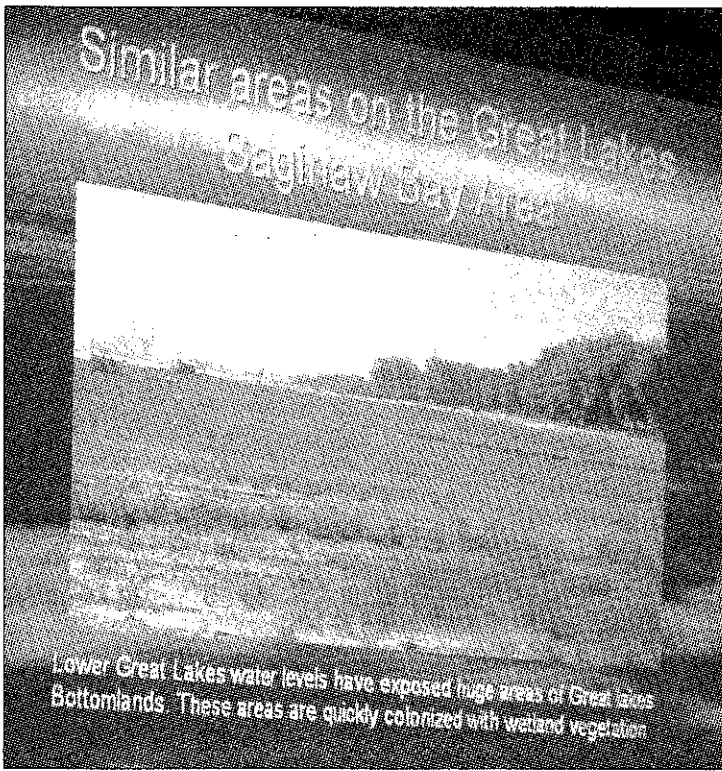
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Andrew Hartz of the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality discusses accretion to members of the Grosse Pointe Shores Garden Club. Grosse Pointe is not alone. Below is a slide of an overgrown accreted area in the Saginaw Bay, left, and a comparable slide of Lake St. Clair along Grosse Pointe Shores.



SHORELINE: Individual vs. public rights

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Hartz said. "Some cutting has been done down there."

Farms officials have met with Hartz about obtaining a permit to control non-native vegetation, including aggressive phragmites, thriving in the accretion zone stacked against the upstream breakwall of Pier Park.

"It would be nice to have long term stewardship of the area," Hartz said. "They have a plan to get some of those invasive out, replant the area and control the invasive. I see a lot of opportunity."

He envisioned the establishment of an attractive community of native plants.

"But I caution people from going down there and mowing it down," Hartz said.

A similar but larger condition exists above Osius Park near Vernier in Grosse Pointe Shores.

"What you see is a combination of accumulated material as well as lower Great Lakes water levels," Hartz said. "From 1986 to 1997, we had a long period of very high water that people came to think of as normal. What we're seeing today is the long term average being what I would call normal. What was so dramatic was that after 1997, water levels dropped quickly. People were alarmed."

Of about 80 acres of accretion in the Shores extending hundreds of feet into the lake, only five acres is wetland, he said.

"At higher elevations its very sandy," Hartz said. "It drops down a little into a dry meadow, then a wet meadow into emerging wetland and marsh."

Most of the accretion zones lie below the lake's normal high water mark. Such land is owned by the state but isn't off

limits to minor grooming by adjacent property owners.

"You can mow 40 percent of your frontage to a height of two inches and create a pathway no greater than six feet wide," Hartz said. "Almost the entire area is below the ordinary high water mark of Lake St. Clair. We don't require permits for work above the high water mark. Below the high water mark, a permit is needed. The state owns that property. While landowners have exclusive access to the dry parts of it, they cannot alter it because it's state-owned bottom land."

Hartz's job puts him in the sights of various stakeholders, many having a different perspective of the same issue.

In the Shores, many lakeside residents want the accretion removed, saying it is ruining their shoreside views and reducing the value of multi-million dollar properties.

"People like myself with the state are charged with balancing the rights of landowners, the integrity of the natural resource (and) the interests of the public that has the right to traverse the waters of the lake unencumbered," he said. "But then you have landowners who have expectations of their waterfront. I don't blame them for having those expectations. Everyone has paid a lot of money for those homes and pays a lot of taxes for those properties. My hope is people can work together on a solution everybody can live with."

Hartz made his comments during a meeting of the Grosse Pointe Shores Garden Club.

Lynn Kiley, club member, sees the build-up of sediment as an opportunity to beautify the shoreline.

"The accretion area could be changed into something of benefit to the community," Kiley said. "It could be beautiful with the proper introduction of proper species and proper management. With proper management it could really become an asset to the community."

GROSSE POINTE PUBLIC LIBRARY

LWV to host public forums for four seats on board

By Beth Quinn
Staff Writer

What is going to happen to the Central library? That is the question being asked many residents and most likely will be answered by the trustees of the Grosse Pointe Public Library in the upcoming years.

Four of the seven library board positions expire in June. The vacancies are for the City of Grosse Pointe, Grosse

Pointe Farms, Harper Woods and the At-Large position. There are a total of 17 applicants vying for these positions.

The Grosse Pointe Board of Education will decide in May which of these 17 people will occupy those seats for the next four years. Since the public does not have a direct voice in the selection process, the League of Women Voters is conducting public forums on Tuesday, April 25 and

Wednesday, April 26, during which residents and the school board can ask the applicants questions.

"We decided to have two forums because of the number of applicants," said Christina Schlitt, vice president of voter services for the league.

The April 25 forum is scheduled for the City and Farms applicants and April 26 for the At-Large and Harper Woods candidates. Both will be held

between 7:30 and 9 p.m. at Grosse Pointe South High School Wicking Library and will be videotaped for broadcast.

Even though current library trustee James Haley is the sole Harper Woods applicant, he will participate in the forum.

The three candidates for the City of Grosse Pointe position are current At-Large trustee Edwin Frederickson, Mary Beth Smith and Laura Zajac.

Grosse Pointe Farms candidates are Kathleen Allen, Page Heenan, Jenny Nolan, Mary Ann Short, GERALD Van Vliet and Corrine Zimmerman.

The At-Large position is being sought by Prudence Cole of Grosse Pointe Shores, Mary Daas of Grosse Pointe Woods, Brian Garves of the Shores, and William Kelly, James McCuish, Antony Notarangelo and Betty Ruud, all of Grosse Pointe Park.

The League of Women Voters will facilitate the forums by asking questions which the public will write on note cards before the event begins. Each candidate will have an opportunity to address each question. There will be a time limit for each answer.

"These public forums are a step toward opening up the selection process," Schlitt said.

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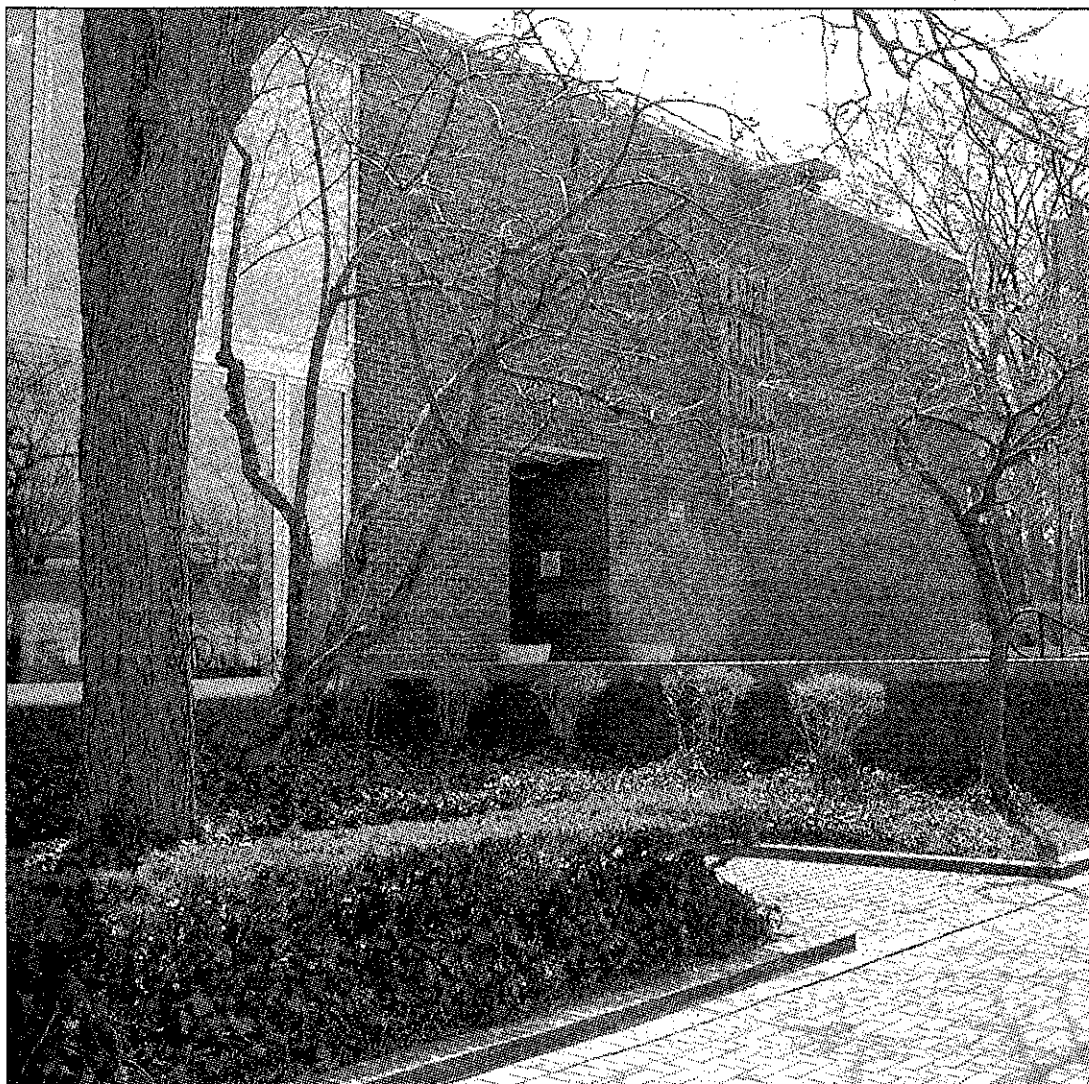


PHOTO BY BETH QUINN

The fate of the Central branch of the Grosse Pointe Public Library might be in the hands of four of the 17 applicants for the library trustee position. The League of Women Voters is conducting two forums for the public to ask questions of the candidates.

GROSSE POINTE WOODS

Voters await AV ballots

By Bob St. John
Staff Writer

Grosse Pointe Woods residents age 60 and over received absent voter applications.

City Clerk Lisa Hathaway has received the signed applications and is waiting for Wayne County to send her the ballots so she can mail them to those who applied to get the AV ballot.

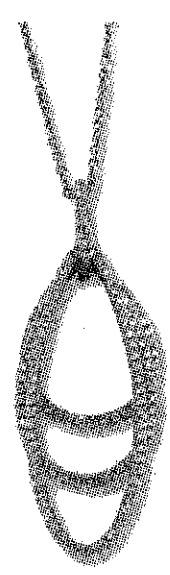
"We automatically mail out AV applications to residents

age 60 and up," Hathaway said. "It is necessary for the voter to fill out, sign and return the AV application to the local clerk before a clerk can issue a ballot. Ballots can never be mailed without a signed request. This procedure has been handled, but now we're just waiting for the county to send the ballots."


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Healing Arts Center aims for harmony

By Bob St. John
Staff Writer

Members of the Grosse Pointe Chamber of Commerce were treated to a review of the Valade Healing Arts Center in the Van Eslander Cancer Center at St. John Hospital and Medical Center.

Mary Natschke, a certified holistic nurse, spoke about the advances in eastern medicine and its benefits to cancer patients.

"We're implementing new ideas when it concerns healing of cancer patients," Natschke said. "We treat the body, mind, spirit and soul."

She helps patients expose and develop their untapped strengths for a new approach to life by utilizing massage, reflexology, meditation, yoga, music and art therapies, holistic assessment and nutrition counseling.

"It's important for us as a group to embrace places such as the Healing Center because it does such wonderful things for our residents," Grosse Pointe Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Mary Huebner said. "We're glad to be here and listen to what these professionals have to say."

Holistic medicine uses orthomolecular nutrition (vitamins, minerals and nutritional supplements) and healthy eating habits to detoxify the body and create a self-sufficient, clean living.

Natschke said cancer patients are being taught the importance of the healing abilities of the body's energy systems through processes such as the Healing Touch, Reiki, Therapeutic Touch and Qi Gong, and the study of the connection between body and mind, and what is needed to restore balance and harmony between the two for emotional and physical healing to take place.

"It's amazing how much healing the human body can do by just believing in your energy field and using techniques to highlight these properties," she said. "I've been teaching these techniques for 15 years and I really believe they work."

Herbal Medicine is woven into the histories of people and civilizations throughout history, according to Natschke. Eastern medicine utilizes the study of Chinese and Ayurvedic (India) Medicine, the second and third largest medical system in the world behind today's traditional Western Medicine. It is becoming more popular with patients who are interested in seeking alternatives to taking medication, according to a holistic health practitioner program analysis.

Reflexology is a complementary therapy, which works on the feet to help heal the whole person, not just the prevailing symptoms, according to reflexology.org.

Reflexology can be used to help restore and maintain the body's natural equilibrium the site stated. This therapy encourages the body to work naturally to restore its own healthy balance.

According to reports, reflexology has been shown to be effective for back pain, migraine, infertility, arthritis, sleep disorders, hormonal imbalances, sports injuries, digestive disorders and stress-related conditions.

"We see patients exhibit less anxiety after they have used reflexology and/or holistic medicine," Natschke said. "Battling cancer is scary enough. We try to make the entire process of diagnosis, therapy and recovery less stressful."

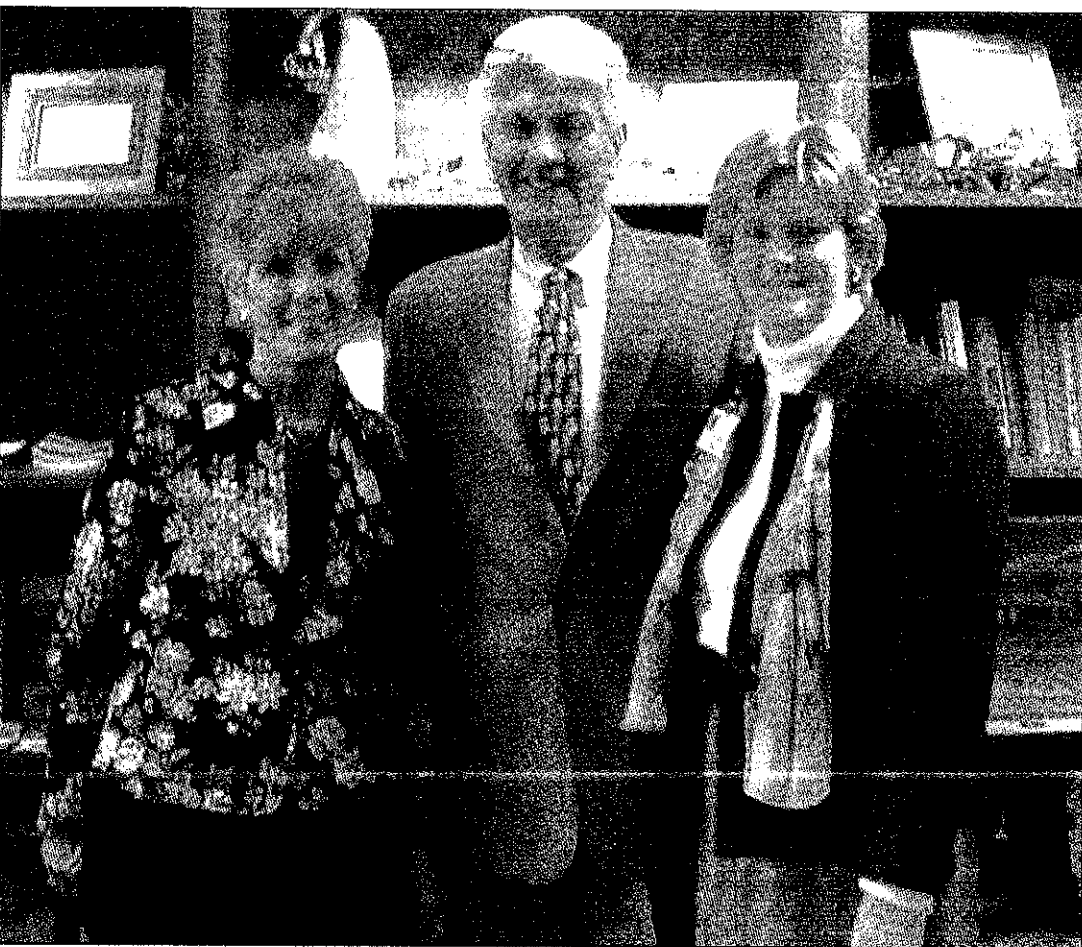
Another holistic approach to healing is Reiki. Reiki practitioners channel energy in a particular pattern to heal and harmonize, according to a Reiki Website. It seeks to restore order to the body whose vital energy has become unbalanced. Reiki has several basic effects: it brings about deep relaxation, destroys energy blockages, detoxifies the system, provides new vitality in the form of healing universal life energy, and increases the vibrational frequency of the body.

Most Reiki treatments do not involve actual touching. The practitioner holds his or her hands a few inches or farther away from the patient's body and manipulates the energy field from there.

Holistic practitioners entrust the human body's ability to heal itself, which is their approach when it comes to fighting cancer.

The Valade Healing Arts Center opened in 2000 in St. Clair Shores.

The center moved to its current location when the Van Eslander Cancer Center was built in 2001.



St. John Hospital and Medical Center Executive Vice President Ron LaPensee, center, and Certified Holistic Nurse Mary Natschke, right, spoke about the effectiveness of the facility and its variety of treatments to help cancer patients to Grosse Pointe Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Mary Huebner, left, and other members of the commerce last week at the Valade Healing Arts Center.

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Great Lakes clean-up bill benefits Michigan

Michigan conservationists and environmentalists hailed the introduction of a bipartisan bill to restore the Great Lakes by stopping invasive species introductions, halting sewage contamination, cleaning up toxic pollution and restoring wildlife habitat.

The Great Lakes Collaboration Implementation Act puts into practice priority recommendations of a \$20 billion Great Lakes clean-up plan released in December as part of the Great Lakes Regional Collaboration, a planning process established by President George W. Bush in 2004.

"This bill gets it right," said Sam Washington, executive director of the Michigan United Conservation Clubs, a statewide conservation organization. "The bill's introduction is an important step in the long-term and ongoing effort to restore the lakes. This bill deserves support from anyone who cares about clean drink-

ing water, safe beaches, and healthy fish and wildlife."

A bipartisan group of U.S. lawmakers introduced the bill, including U.S. Sens. Mike DeWine, R-Ohio, and Carl Levin, D-Michigan, and Reps. Vern Ehlers, R-Grand Rapids, and Rahm Emanuel, D-Chicago. Sponsors from Michigan include Reps. John Dingell, D-Dearborn, Dale Kildee, D-Flint, Sander Levin, D-Southfield, and Bart Stupak, D-Menominee, and U.S. Sen. Debbie Stabenow, D-Lansing. "The restoration of our Great Lakes is not a partisan issue," said Jennifer McKay, policy specialist at Tip of the Mitt Watershed Council. "It is an issue of urgency. We will work with Michigan's republican and democratic leaders in Congress to pass the bill and implement its common-sense solutions."

The bill introduction followed a March 16 hearing that examined the implementation of the \$20 billion clean-up

plan. At the hearing, industry leaders, conservationists and a bipartisan group of local, state and federal officials urged Congress to restore the lakes without delay.

"The longer we take to restore the lakes, the more expensive the job gets," said James Clift, policy director for the Michigan Environmental Council. "Great Lakes restoration is the right thing to do for our environment, our economy and our quality of life."

The Great Lakes Collaboration Implementation Act would:

- ◆ Stop the introduction and spread of aquatic invasive species by enacting a comprehensive national program.

- ◆ Prevent the Asian carp from entering the Great Lakes by authorizing the Corps of Engineers to maintain and operate the dispersal barrier on the Chicago Sanitary and Ship Canal and prohibit the importation and sale of Asian carp.

- ◆ Restore fish and wildlife

habitat by reauthorizing the Great Lakes Fish and Wildlife Restoration Act at \$20 million.

- ◆ Prevent sewage contamination by reauthorizing the State Revolving Loan Fund and provide \$20 billion over five years to assist communities nationally with improving their waste water infrastructure.

- ◆ Clean up contaminated sediment under the Great Lakes Legacy Act by authorizing \$150 million per year.

- ◆ Phase out mercury in products by establishing a new grant program and improving existing research programs.

- ◆ Coordinate and improve

Great Lakes programs by establishing the Great Lakes Interagency Task Force and the Great Lakes Regional Collaboration process.

"This bill identifies the manageable solutions we have to the most pressing problems facing the lakes," said Lisa Wozniak, executive director of the Michigan League of Conservation Voters. "The bill's holistic approach to restoration will lay the foundation for the long-term restoration of this important national resource."

The Great Lakes comprise almost 95 percent of the nation's surface fresh water and

supply drinking water to more than 25 million U.S. and Canadian residents.

The Great Lakes also support a diversity of wildlife, including a world-class fishery, maritime trade, industry and agriculture.

"Today, the citizens of Michigan can be hopeful," said Cheryl Mendoza, manager of Water Conservation Programs for Alliance for the Great Lakes. "We are one step closer to cleaning up the Great Lakes. A lot of work remains, but we will not stop until we succeed in restoring and protecting the Great Lakes for generations."

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Vernier Road update

The construction on Vernier Road began on Monday, April 3 as scheduled with the contractor setting up traffic controls that morning.

Access to eastbound Vernier was closed by Wednesday afternoon. The locations of utilities were verified and, after eastbound Vernier was closed to traffic, asphalt removal was started.

By Thursday most of the asphalt was milled from the road surface. The little that is left to mill on the turnarounds and at Mack will resume on Monday, April 10. Next week the primary focus will be storm sewer construction with possible pavement removal starting by the end of the week.

The Grosse Pointe Woods Department of Public Works is asking residents or business owners on eastbound Vernier to mark any sprinkler heads they may have between the

sidewalk and the curb. The contractor will salvage as much as possible and is responsible to repair any damages.

The Public Safety Departments of both communities (Grosse Pointe Woods and Harper Woods) are not requiring parking permits for overnight on-street parking in the immediate area during construction. The change to daylight savings time makes it darker in the mornings; so early morning patrols have been increased in the area to ensure the safety of residents while they are walking to their cars.

For Harper Woods residents residing on Vernier, trash pick up has changed from Friday to Monday beginning on Monday April 3.

All residents are requested to use garbage bags only during construction. Rubbish and paper compost bags will be

picked up and moved to a designated spot for pick up by Waste Management. Recycling cannot be picked up during construction. It can be dropped off at the DPW for proper disposal.

Throughout the road reconstruction project, the contractor and the cities' DPW and Public Safety will make every effort to minimize inconvenience to the residents and businesses on Vernier Road, officials said.

Construction observation will be done by Anderson, Eckstein and Westrick. Questions regarding construction operations should be directed to their attention (586) 726-1234.

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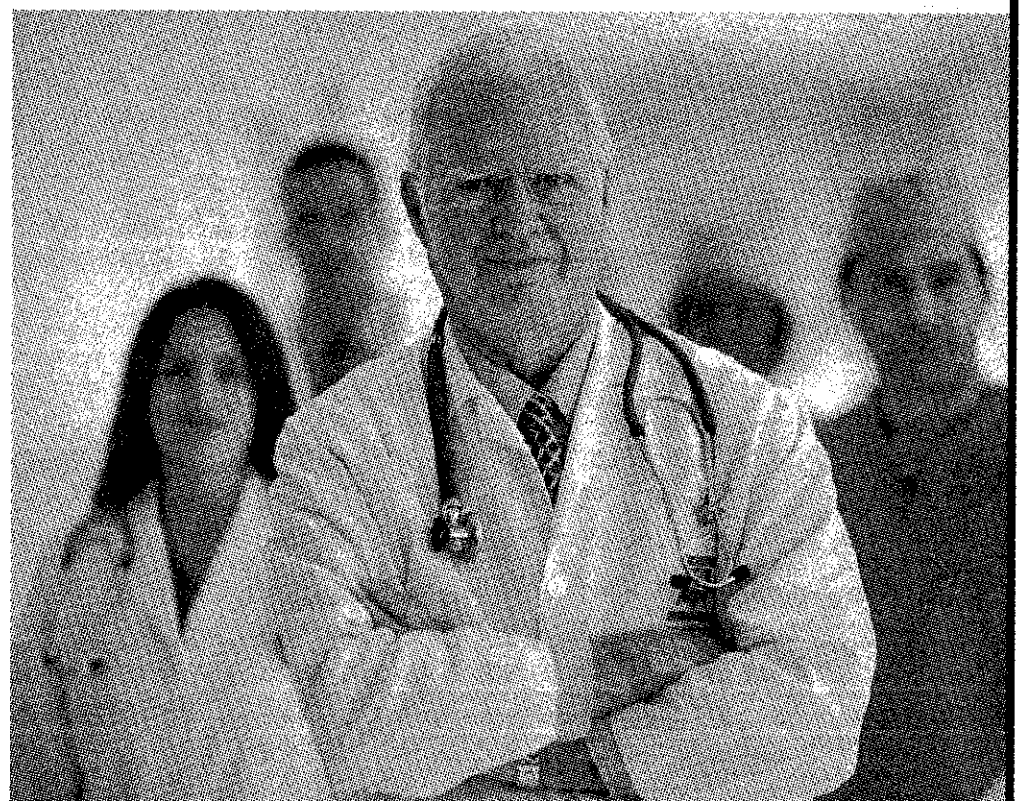
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POINTER OF INTEREST

Leslee Van Biervliet has gone above and beyond expectations to help raise money for the Grosse Pointe Animal Adoption Agency and The American Cancer Foundation.

Resident gives care for everyone

By Bob St. John
Staff Writer

Leslee VanBiervliet has taken life's best punches for the past several years but is still standing, and standing prouder than ever.

The 46-year-old Grosse Pointe Woods resident and her husband of 23 years, Gary, have been busy during the last year.

They opened Bogartz Cafe about 12 months ago and have been involved with charity work for the American Cancer Foundation and Grosse Pointe Animal Adoption Agency.

"I give a lot of support to both organizations," VanBiervliet said. "Animals are dear to my heart, and I give and give to help cancer patients and survivors."

She is a cancer survivor, win-

ning her bout with the disease, and has adopted a couple of dogs.

"It has been a long, tough road, but I'm still here and ready to go," VanBiervliet said. "I get tired every so often, but I know I have to keep going because people count on me."

In July 2005, she helped raise \$1,500 for the Grosse Pointe Animal Adoption Agency by hosting a benefit

dinner. She also held a free buffet on Feb. 18 to help kick-off the Relay for Life American Cancer Society drive.

"It's great to give back to society," she said. "It makes me feel good to help others because the need is there, and I know on a first-hand basis what it is like to battle cancer and survive. There are thousands of us cancer survivors out there and millions more battling the disease; so I'm doing my best to help all of us."

VanBiervliet is among the 60 percent of adults diagnosed with cancer who can expect to be alive in five years, according to a recent medical article.

She has dealt with the emotional, physical and spiritual complexities that are associated with cancer survival.

"Gary, our children, Jason (21) and Lindsey (16), and our families were very helpful during my battle to beat cancer," she said. "I couldn't have done it without them."

"My friends were always there for me when I needed someone to talk to and for emotional support. I'm lucky to have so many people care for me."

Lance Armstrong was diagnosed with advanced testicular cancer in 1996. His recovery and amazing achievement in winning the Tour de France seven consecutive years has helped promote the term "cancer survivor."

VanBiervliet's survivorship is promoted through her dedication to helping others.

She has received a senior citizen award for playing an instrumental role in helping senior citizens lead a full life, and is the animal adoption agency's No. 1 fan.

"I love dogs and I enjoy helping the Grosse Pointe Animal Adoption Agency in anyway I can," she said. "I wish I could find a home for each and every dog because dogs offer so much love for us."

She cites the Grosse Pointe Animal Adoption Agency's continued efforts to find homes for the dogs, cats and other animals it rescues on a daily basis.

The VanBiervliet's are host-

ing another cancer benefit on May 14 and on June 14 they will host another benefit for the Animal Adoption Agency.

"I like to stay busy because it gets my mind off my battle with cancer and helps me focus on helping others who really need it," she said. "I have met so many wonderful people who will always remain dear to my heart. I'm lucky I am still alive, and I am trying my best to help others beat this disease."

She is a Grosse Pointe Woods Star of the Sea High School graduate and has remained in the area throughout her adulthood.

"I love the area and the people," she said. "It's a great environment for my children to grow up in, and I hope Gary and I can give them everything we can to help them achieve their goals in life."

Jason helps out at Bogartz whenever he can, and Lindsey is in high school working to keep up her solid grades.

VanBiervliet has created the Bogartz team that will participate in the May 20 and 21 cancer walk at Pier Park.

"We will be involved in the cancer walk, that is for sure," she said. "It's important for us to be a part of this event, and my team members are ready to help me raise money to find a cure for cancer."

She also hinted at a Christmas benefit for the Children's Hospital which would take place either Dec. 3 or 10.

"I want to raise money so we can buy gifts for sick children and bring them to the Children's Hospital," VanBiervliet said. "Now that is a perfect way to spend the Christmas holidays."



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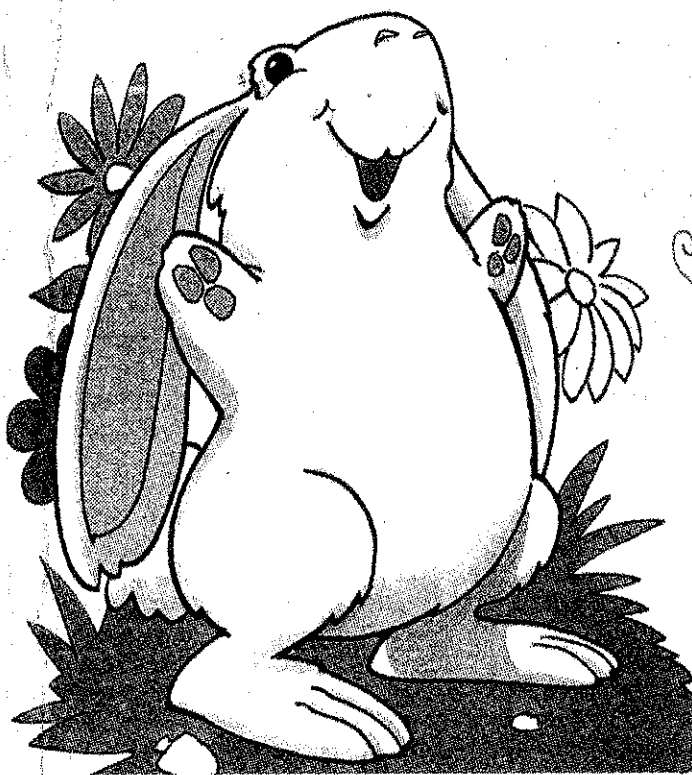
Leslee VanBiervliet, second from left, Sean Sterr, far left, and daughter Lindsey VanBiervliet, take care of dogs Bear and Harley, who they adopted from the Grosse Pointe Animal Adoption Agency.

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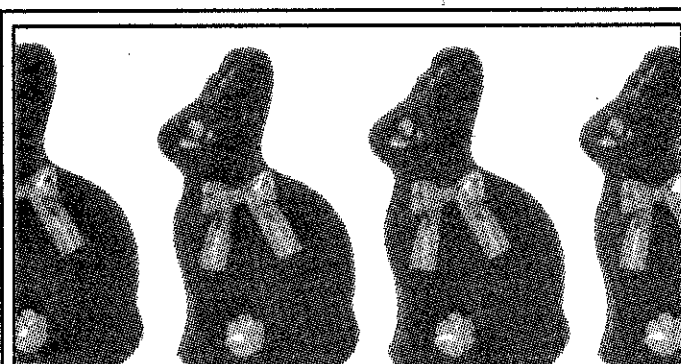
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EDITORIALS

Harper Woods name change?

If copying is the best form of flattery, then Grosse Pointe should take the move to make Harper Woods a "Pointe" as a compliment.

A small group of residents in our neighboring community is suggesting Harper Woods be renamed to Grosse Pointe Heights.

One would think the name change idea would have come from a new resident. But according to a Detroit Free Press article, the idea was pitched at a recent meeting of the Harper Woods City Council by a 48-year-old lifetime resident, Scott Campbell.

If officials don't put the idea before the people, then Mr. Campbell vows to force the name change on the November general election ballot, according to the Free Press. He needs 2,200 signatures.

According to Wikipedia.com, Harper Woods was incorporated in 1951 and was so named for it being in a heavily wooded area on Harper Avenue.

We do not have to look far for a community that saw coinage in becoming a Pointe. And we're not talking about East Detroit, which changed its name to Eastpointe in 1992. Before that, the area along East Warren sought to secede from Detroit and become East Pointe.

In 1939, the Village of Lochmoor became the Village of Grosse Pointe Woods.

Indeed, "Pointe" has become a symbol of upscale prosperity. Go up and down Harper in St. Clair Shores, for example, and one will find many office buildings and complexes with "Pointe" as part of their names.

Although many communities incorporate "Point" in their names, only in this area do we add the "e." Pointe with an "e" must carry some clout.

Whether making Harper Woods a "Pointe" will add or detract from the community is hard to say. East Detroit hoped to cash in on becoming a Pointe, but home values were not greatly affected — up or down.

Our own experience is that Harper Woods residents are fiercely proud of their city and name — as are Pointers. When we added Harper Woods news coverage to the Grosse Pointe News, we got snobbery from both sides of Harper.

Some Grosse Pointers (a few) complained they did not buy the "Grosse Pointe" News to read about Harper Woods. Likewise, some Harper Woods residents (more than a few) said if they wanted to be part of Grosse Pointe, they would move there.

But Harper Woods under any other name is still a good neighbor of the Grosse Pointes. We partially share a school district and enjoy a mutual aid police and fire arrangement that is a great benefit to all.

So regardless of whether Harper Woods changes its name, our mutual cooperation and consideration will remain.

Shoreline grooming OK

It seems the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality has thrown a lifeline to communities suffering from accretion and low water levels.

Now property owners and municipalities along the lake can "groom" the former lake bottom of "invasive" plant growth.

That is good news for residents particularly in Grosse Pointe Farms and Shores who have stretches of now dry lake bottom that is being overgrown by not very attractive vegetation. Two large areas affected are at the northeast corner of Pier Park at Lakeshore near Moross and some 80 acres north of Vernier along the lake.

Andrew Hartz, a Grosse Pointe and district supervisor with the DEQ, said up to 40 percent of dry lake bottom can be mowed, and a 6-foot path can be constructed.

The state is particularly in favor of weeding out invasive plant species, such as the ubiquitous phragmites, which is pretty but destructive.

Mr. Hartz warns that anything more than "grooming" requires a permit and warns residents from excessive removal of vegetation.

Of course, cultivating the shoreline does nothing for accretion. Removal of soil requires permits from the state, feds and, probably, the chief executive himself.

Short of that, grooming appears to be something of a sop to lakefront property owners and communities.

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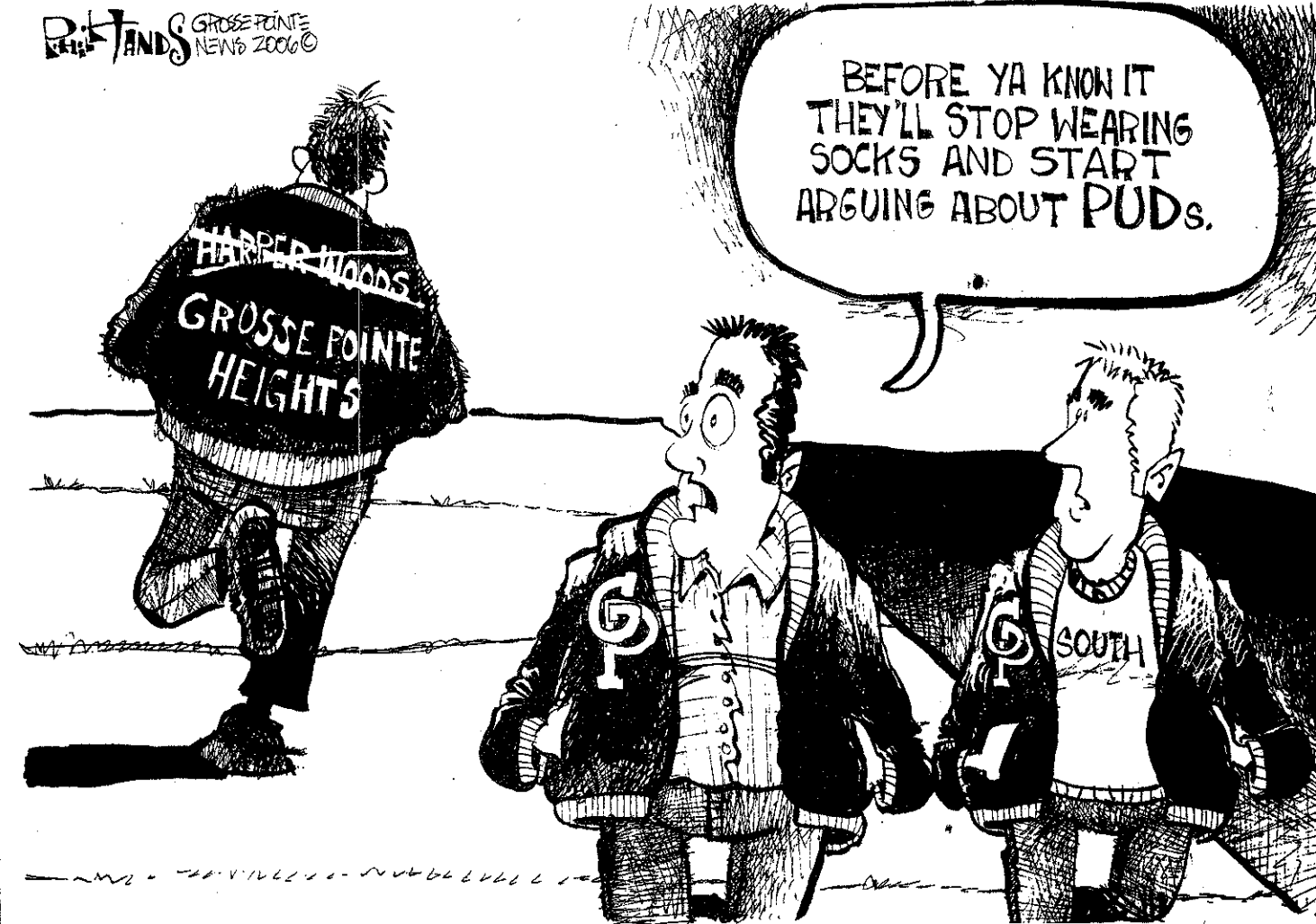
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Guest editorial on suicide

To the Editor:
Thank you for publishing the very informative guest editorial, "Teen suicide: Time to address it" (Grosse Pointe News, April 6), by Karen Alton, M.D., and Michael McMillan, Ph.D. regarding teen suicide.

I am a Grosse Pointe resident and I thought the guest editorial was the best information I have seen published to date since our tragic losses of two youths to suicide.

I most appreciated the statement that people should keep guns out of the home with children. As the doctors stated, unfortunately our kids know where everything is in the home and by keeping guns out of the home with children, it is the safest bet to prevent injury or death.

I also want the community to know that the Million Mom March united with the Brady Campaign to Prevent Gun Violence is currently working on a nationwide initiative to childproof all handguns.

We believe that as all consumer products are regulated to protect our children from harm, so should guns. My daughter's teddy bear goes through more safety regulations than an inherently dangerous object such as a gun. That seems nonsensical.

If anyone is interested in more information regarding our initiative, please feel free to contact the Michigan Million Mom March at (248) 988-0004; e-mail, MichiganMMM@aol.com.

SHIKHA HAMILTON
State President
Million Mom March

Thanks contributors for Raleigh

To the Editor:
I would like to thank all the people from the five Grosse Pointes and surrounding communities who contributed to the fundraiser for Raleigh, Grosse Pointe's first K-9.

When I volunteered to head up the fund-raising effort, I did not think it would be a very difficult task, as it combined two things that people in this area are very serious about — law enforcement and dogs.

I never could have predicted, however, the generosity that was displayed in all the donations that have poured in over the past month. Soon Raleigh will have his bulletproof vest and a number of other amenities to help keep him from harm's way when he is on duty.

My sincere appreciation goes out to all of you who have do-

nated to this very important cause.

BRIAN LESLIE
City of Grosse Pointe

Thanks for hard work and donations

To the Editor:
Ferry Elementary School held its annual Ice Cream Carnival and Raffle on Friday, March 31.

As chairperson of the raffle committee, I would like to thank the following volunteers for their hard work and the following families and area merchants for their generous donations which made this event such a success:

Arabella Wujek, Nancy Henderson, Dawn Tocco, Margaret Rahaim, Cathy Beach, Daria Cooper, Kim Lane, Joe Schoenith, Lori Schoenith, Dora Romanelli, Tom Amato, Lori Hanna, Cindy Gula, Allemon family, Amine family, Andiamo Restaurant, Bajis family, Beach family, Bergeron family, Brinker family and The League Shop, Capp family, Casano family, Ciaramitaro family, Cooper family, Da Edoardo's, Daskas family, Edmund T. Ahee Jewelers, Flaska family, Gable family, Gula family, Hanna family, Henderson family, Herfi family, Hulway family, Ismail family and Speedi Photo, Janes family, John family, John Haas family, Koepp family, Kohler family, Kusch family, Linington family, Lucido Fine Jewelers, Mary Black, Matouk family and Woods Party Store, McAslan family, Milne family and Russ Milne Ford, Morath family, Nancy Stapleton, Neveux family, Pepsi Co., Rahaim family, Raphael family, Raptis family, Reardon family, Romanelli family, Rutkotske family, Rybinski family, Scapini family, Schoenith family, Scoggin family, Seago family, Seely family, Seremetis family, Sobotka family, Stevenson family, The Hill, Thibault family and Village Shoe Inn, Tomasi family, Tsakos family, Walkowiak family, Warnez family, Wickham family, Williams family, Wynne family and Yaskanin family.

JOMARIE AMATO
Raffle Chairperson
Ferry Elementary School
Ice Cream Carnival
and Raffle

Curriculum petition

To the Editor:
I am submitting this letter on behalf of the more than 1,200 Grosse Pointe community members, Realtors, doctors, nurses, child psychiatrists, so-

cial workers, teachers, clergy, lawyers and parents who thoughtfully, peacefully and intelligently signed a petition to ask our school board to reconsider the proposed human sexuality curriculum.

Contrary to vicious rumor, this petition was circulated in the most upstanding manner with the highest level of integrity. Not only were community members fully aware of the objectionable material they viewed, but each page was clearly labeled with the grade it was taken from and whether it was found in the student handbook or teacher's manual.

This large group of the community not only signed this petition willingly, but many went out of their way to seek out a petition to sign. Not everyone had to see the material, they signed because of the diminished role of marriage in our new curriculum, alone.

The teacher's manual contains all of the information our children will be taught and therefore is very useful for parents to see. It is puzzling why sharing this information would come under fire. In fact, for parents who are interested in viewing this curriculum before opting in their children, reading the teacher's manual is the most effective way to see what the children are taught. The information in the student handbooks is more benign.

This petition comes from 1,200 Grosse Pointe residents. Compare this number with the less than 200 e-mails from the Human Sexuality Advisory Board (HSAB) e-mail link. School Board President Jeffrey Broderick took time in the March 13 school board meeting to thank all who had used the e-mail link.

What about the 1,200 residents who thought their voices would be heard? Instead, there has been no response. Nothing. Not even a comment.

We have yet to have our petition, our voices, acknowledged.

Also, it is very disconcerting that all of the school board members in attendance at the March 6 and March 13 school board meetings openly gave their opinions of the proposed sex education curriculum prior to public comment.

This tells us that their minds were already made up and their decisions made, without taking into account the desires of the public. What then, is the use of a public hearing?

The school board asks for input, and yet when it is given, it seems it doesn't matter?

Last, I would like to ask Dr. Dib and the HSAB to put another district-wide standard in place for the sex education program. I am asking that sex education be taught the last period of the school day.

This will be a kind consideration to the families who, unfortunately, no longer want to opt in their children to this program. Parents then will have the option to excuse their children early from school during sex education.

ELIZABETH MARTINELLI
Grosse Pointe Farms

Jake's deal and lot No. 2

To the Editor:

The City of Grosse Pointe officials should start making some progress with the Lot No. 2 proposals. My personal preference is for the Jonna/Kroger deal.

A neighborhood grocery store is an amenity that is very important to me, and an expanded Kroger store would be terrific. I particularly like the fact that the developer is building a new parking structure without asking for the city to pay for it.

I have the impression that the city has taken the position that the Kercheval Place development must come first. This might make some sense if they were able to demonstrate that they have a viable deal, but, as near as I can tell, they have only one tenant signed up.

They continue to erect a substantial hurdle to the deal by demanding that the city demolish the existing structure and build a new facility at an approximate cost of \$5.5 million. In that the current structure can be thoroughly renovated for less than \$1 million, the entire concept is utterly ridiculous.

My house, like almost every other house in the city, is in excess of 50 years old. While many homeowners have substantially renovated and modernized their houses, I don't see a groundswell of opinion that advocates tearing down all our houses and starting over again.

The developer continues a public relations campaign which tries to make it appear as though the city is the problem, when it is his ridiculous demands which have created the main obstacle to the deal.

I'm relatively sure that if the parking structure wasn't involved, the city would have approved the deal long ago.

I've read that their so-called tenant, Fresh Foods, won't come without a new parking structure. If this is so, they can sign a lease contingent upon a new deck being constructed.

Also, the developer's consultants have painted a very rosy picture of how the structure will be easily paid off by new tax and parking revenues. If we want to proceed with their proposal, we should require them to guarantee the revenue stream.

I believe that for the city to become involved in an investment of this magnitude, especially considering how small a city we really are, would be extraordinarily risky and I hope the council takes their fiduciary responsibility to the citizens and taxpayers seriously enough to not let it happen.

I have also recently read that the Village Association does not want to proceed with the Lot No. 2 proposal until the Kercheval Place deal is finalized. They represent a very small group of taxpayers with a relatively biased point of

I SAY By Brad Lindberg

Who's on first? If not Feller, then who?



Now that the baseball season has arrived, discussion has resumed about Bud Abbott and Lou Costello's "Who's on First?" skit.

"Who's" isn't the only baseball bit by the comedy team.

In an April 17, 1947, broadcast of their radio show, the pair lead up to the famous bit with a routine about Costello being asked to stand in for Joe DiMaggio of the New York Yankees. As with "Who's," the comedy stems from misunderstanding.

BUD: Costello, if you're going to play with the New York Yankees you really have to know something about big-league baseball.

LOU: I know all about baseball.

BUD: All right. Suppose there's a left-handed pitcher pitching. What do you do?

LOU: I'd put in a right-handed batter.

BUD: Now, suppose there's a right-handed pitcher pitching.

LOU: I'd put in a left-handed batter.

BUD: But now, I trick you. I take out the right-handed pitcher and put in a left-handed pitcher.

LOU: Then I double-cross you. I take out my left-handed batter and put in a right-handed batter.

BUD: Now wait a minute. Where are you getting all these right-handed batters?

LOU: The same place where you're getting all those left-handed pitchers!

BUD: Well, Costello, if you want to be a big-league ballplayer, you've got to get yourself in shape. Now, from 8 am to 9 am you lift weights. From 9 to 10, deep knee bends; 10 to 11, skip rope; 11 to 12, run five miles...

LOU: 12 to 1 I'll never make it.

BUD: Look, you idiot, you'll never be a ballplayer. Staying up late and going to nightclubs, eating rich foods, running around with beautiful girls — do you know what can happen to you?

LOU: Yes. I can become manager of the Brooklyn Dodgers.

BUD: Costello, you don't even know how to swing a bat.

LOU: I know all about swinging bats. When I was a

kid, my father used to hit me with a baseball bat. My brother used to hit me with a baseball bat. My Uncle Artie Stebbins used to hit me with a baseball hat. And my mother used to hit me with a tennis racket.

BUD: With a tennis racket?

LOU: Yes. She didn't like baseball.

LOU: I think we're going to play the Cleveland Indians.

BUD: Cleveland Indians?

LOU: Uh-huh.

BUD: Feller pitching?

LOU: Certainly there's a feller pitching. What do you think they'd use, a girl?

BUD: I know they don't use a girl. I said, "Feller pitching..."

LOU: What feller?

BUD: Feller, with the Cleveland Indians.

LOU: Look, Abbott, there's nine guys on the Cleveland team. Which feller are you talking about?

BUD: Feller that pitches. There is only one Feller with Cleveland.

LOU: You mean nine Yankees are going to play against one feller?

BUD: That's right.

LOU: You mean there's no fellers in the outfield?

BUD: No.

LOU: And there's no fellers in the infield?

BUD: No. Cleveland only has one Feller.

LOU: Well, this feller must be pretty good if he don't need any other players but himself.

BUD: Look, all the players will be out there helping him.

LOU: You just said that there was only one feller on the team.

BUD: That's right.

LOU: Then where did all those other fellers come from?

BUD: Why, you idiot. When I say there's only one Feller on

the team, I mean that there is only one Feller that pitches.

LOU: Well, Abbott, when the manager of the team wants this pitcher, what does he call him?

BUD: Feller.

LOU: You mean he just hollers "Hey Feller!" and this guy knows that they mean him?

BUD: That's right. His name is Feller! Feller! Bob Feller! And when I say that there is only one Feller on the team that pitches, that's it. And the feller that pitches is Feller. There's other fellers on the team, but there's only one Feller.

LOU: Boy, are you mixed up. Oh, you mean the feller that pitches is Feller, and there's other fellers on the team but they aren't fellers?

BUD: Now you grasp it.

LOU: Yes, I grasp it, but it keeps slippin' out of my hands.

STREETWISE

What will you be doing for Easter/spring break?

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



I've already had spring break. I went to Charleston, West Virginia, to visit my old school and friends.

HEIDI BUSH
Grosse Pointe Farms



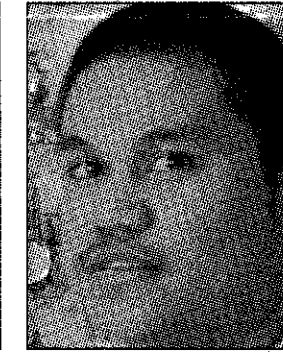
I'm staying in Grosse Pointe, hanging out with friends.

MICHELLE ARTHUR
Grosse Pointe Farms



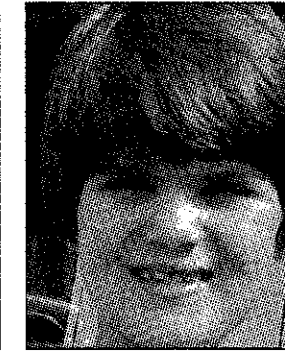
I will be staying in Grosse Pointe, playing soccer and hanging out with friends.

KATHARINE ZUREK
Grosse Pointe Farms



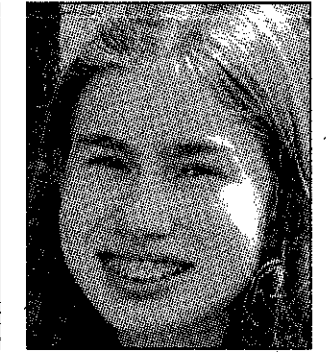
I'm staying home, hanging out with friends, going to C.J. Barrymore's playing ball.

JULIAN GIACONA
Grosse Pointe Woods



Playing soccer. Roller skating.

DAVID LEVITAN, 7
Harper Woods



I'm going on vacation to see my brother in college, at Duke, and Myrtle Beach.

KARIN WILLMARTH
Grosse Pointe Farms

FYI By Ben Burns

St. John doctor gets a new slice of life



Dr. Larry Lloyd believes he is alive today because he agreed to be a guinea pig. The 57-year-old chief of surgery at St. John Hospital thought he was going through life healthy and happy.

His cholesterol was below 200. His ancestors had no history of heart disease, and he had no disease-related symptoms.

When St. John technicians installed one those new, space-age machines — a 64-slice

computed tomography (CT) device that allows a three dimensional evaluation of the whole heart and its major vessels with great clarity — they asked for volunteers as they calibrated it.

Lloyd, of Grosse Pointe, stepped forward. A contrasting dye was injected, and he was placed in the machine. The enhanced CT scanner takes 64 pictures of the heart in less than a second and can be timed to take images between heart beats, eliminating blurring caused by motion. The scanner rotates, taking hundreds of pictures in seconds.

An hour and a half later, "I was called into the cardiac cath lab ... to discuss my results," Lloyd told St. John media relations folks. He found

out he was suffering from advanced stages of heart disease. "I was shocked. The images not only showed signs of almost total blockage in one artery, they also showed signs of impending disease in many others," he said.

A team of St. John cardiologists — including Dr. Thomas LaLonde, Dr. Anthony Kawa and Dr. Srihari Ravi — scheduled immediate corrective surgery.

The team installed five cardiac stents, and now Lloyd is a walking, talking poster boy for the new technology that eliminates the need for invasive cardiac catheterizations. He calls it "the single best and most cost-effective screening available to test for heart disease."

"This diagnostic screening changed my life for the better,"

Lloyd said in an internal St. John publication.

St. John officials remind us that early diagnosis is one of the best defenses against heart disease. A trip into the 64-slice CT scan requires a referral from your regular doctor, and you may obtain more information about the technology by calling (888) 440-7325. A friendly lady named Sally was at that physician's referral line ready to get more details when I called.

Bump

They are the folks who go Bump in the night. A combination of techno, funk, rock and jam is how their music is described by knowledgeable critics. (I am not one. Wolfie A. Mozart is my idea of a modern composer)

They hail from the Grosse Pointes and are making an impact on the modern music scene as they tour the country. They recently did a mountain West tour that featured 16 shows in 19 days in eight states. That also included nights spent sleeping in vans and several scary experiences on snowy Colorado roads.

They are the band Bump, and you can catch them Good Friday night as they present their debut album "Incredible Consequence" at the Majestic Theatre at 4120-4140 Woodward in Detroit. About 700 turned out to see them at their last appearance there.

They will be filming the performance for a future DVD/documentary release. The Beechwood Records CD will be in stores on May 2, accord-

ing to the Bump folks.

Bump was formed in late 2001 or 2002, depending on whose account you read, and its members are **Yorg Kerasiotis, Clint Carpenter, Eric Novak, Chris Sterr, Joe Choma, J.C. Tibbitts and Pat Spain.**

Yorg, 25, who does lead vocals, guitar and keys is a '99 Grosse Pointe North High School grad who holds an advertising degree from Michigan State University. He claims he got started at age 6 on guitar when he learned to play "Love Me Tender." One reviewer described him as having a "sandy, but pleasant" voice, whatever that means.

Carpenter, 27, who plays drums and sings, hails from

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VIEWPOINT ON PUBLIC ISSUES By Jack P. McHugh

How to replace the SBT

There is a broad consensus that the state's complex Single Business Tax harms Michigan's economy. The conventional wisdom in Lansing is that this tax must be replaced with a different tax, because it's impossible to cut spending by the \$1.855 billion the SBT brings in.

That "wisdom" is wrong. Here's how to save \$1.855 billion by injecting competition into government operations, providing public employee fringe benefits comparable to (generous) private-sector plans and eliminating non-core functions. Some of these dollar amounts come right out of current and proposed spending. Others are speculative. This is intended as an illustration of what's possible, not a precise road map.

◆ Reform the financing of higher education. Adopt a standard "per-pupil foundation grant," with the money attached to the students, rather

than each university getting a fixed amount. When colleges must compete for students to get state money, they will "sharpen their pencils," rein in costs and eliminate inefficiencies, like those highlighted in recent audit reports. Cutting costs by just 5 percent would yield \$70 million.

◆ Shift state police road patrols to less expensive county sheriff deputies. With benefits and related expenses it costs more than \$100,000 per year to employ a state trooper; most sheriff deputies cost much less. Effect on public safety: zero. Savings: \$65 million.

◆ Adopt the Hay Group report recommendations on rationalizing public school health insurance, including realistic co-pays: \$422 million.

◆ Eliminate the Michigan State University's cooperative extension service and agricultural experiment station: \$61 million.

◆ Repeal the "21st Century Jobs Fund," an industrial planning boondoggle whose annu-

al debt service will cost \$40 million.

◆ Privatize prisons. A Rio Grande Foundation report shows that placing 5 percent of prisoners in privately managed prisons can save 14 percent on overall prison spending. Savings: \$192 million.

◆ Eliminate "History and Arts" subsidies, and cut state library subsidies in half: \$35 million.

◆ The Citizens Research Council has noted, "A number of changes have occurred ... that have reduced the need for intermediate school districts." Cut ISD operations grants: \$32 million.

◆ Cut so-called "20j" payments to affluent school districts in half. These payments are an optional luxury. Savings: \$26 million.

◆ Cut transit funding in half. Eliminating protectionist local restrictions would allow empty city buses to be replaced with private-sector innovations like

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Points about the Pointes

Draining your brain color correcting at home... does it really make a difference?



One of our old time customers was in this past week, excited about spending the prior evening cropping and color correcting all of his digital images at home. He insisted that we print them without any color corrections.

Against our better judgment, we followed the customer's instructions, walking the prints through the lab to make sure that no one tried to manually fine tune the color of the images,

which has been "standard operating procedure" for us for the past fifty years. The prints were terrible! What happened?

The weak link in correcting color at home is your computer monitor. Color balance on a CRT screen changes the longer the monitor is powered up, and LCD monitors under \$1,000 are unlikely to have true color at any time of the day. Unless you have the \$1,500 budget version of the calibration equipment we use daily on our equipment, you'd better have a uncle at HP or Epson who has access to free ink jet supplies!

Every morning, we calibrate our equipment to make sure that all of our digital ordering stations in our store match the color on our \$200,000 printer. If you want to replicate the color accuracy of a pro lab, spend the \$1,500 for the Gretag color calibration equipment, and you'll be a step closer to getting the kind of prints we make for you in an hour for only 18 cents.

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LETTERS: New Kroger a winner

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view. They are opposed to the Kroger deal, I'm guessing, because they don't see enough retail fallout from grocery shoppers.

I'll bet far more of the city's citizens care more about Kroger than they do about a few little boutiques.

In any event, if they really care, let them create a Downtown Development Authority (DDA) and we can capture their tax dollars to pay for the structure. My guess is that the tax dollars thus generated would really not be enough to do the job, but it's a thought.

I have to acknowledge that I have become increasingly cynical about government — particularly at the federal and state levels — coming up with public policy on behalf of the voters as opposed to the special interest groups that support the politicians. I'm hoping that this is not true in our little town.

I will be very disappointed if the council rolls over for the Kercheval Place demands while at the same time delaying a realistic and viable project, Lot No. 2.

PETER FORTUNE
City of Grosse Pointe

Development proposals, decisions

To the Editor:

There is no doubt that the mayor and the City of Grosse Pointe council members have three monumental tasks before them.

The first is the Kercheval Place proposal, developed and financed by Cullan F. Meathe.

I have only one objection to the revised proposal — the cost to the city of \$2.85 million for a new parking structure.

The developer has pledged to subsidize the new structure to an overall cap of \$550,000. The city would also be responsible for the \$244,000 annual operating cost or any other amount over and above the proposed amount. There is no other way the city would be able to generate revenues for the above dollar amount except through an increase in property taxes, as parking revenues will never offset this cost.

If Cullan F. Meathe wants a new parking structure, let him

finance it himself. There is no way that the City of Grosse Pointe taxpayers should finance a private developer.

The second proposal for Lot No. 2 involves three developers, the Jonna Companies, of which seems to be the best.

At first I was concerned about the city giving the land away but in return Jonna has offered to pay for the cost of a new parking structure, and then, will give it to the city, which seems like an even exchange for the city-owned land.

The relocation of the Kroger store, with its much needed expansion, is certainly a plus and needs to be acted upon soon before Kroger decides to remodel its current location and decline the opportunity to move into a new and larger area.

The third proposal involves the Sunrise Development senior condominium project on St. Clair behind CVS.

No doubt, the Sunrise Development will be an asset to the community, filling the void of senior citizen housing, but four stories is too high for a residential neighborhood.

This location is not Kercheval in the Village, but on St. Clair, a residential street. I'm even opposed to a four-story building on Kercheval.

I understand the maximum height for any residential neighborhood is 35 feet or 2 1/2 stories. In my opinion this development should be limited to two stories instead of taking advantage of the PUD which apparently was passed without the full knowledge of the residents. Even then the proposed building would be higher than the surrounding homes.

The Sunrise Development on Mack Avenue in Grosse Pointe Woods is two stories, yet it appears to be much higher next to the small businesses on Mack, a commercial street.

I have heard that the people at Sunrise Development are very understanding and easy to work with. I'm sure the council and Sunrise can come to some reasonable agreement so that a monstrosity in height is not next to residential homes, spoiling the appearance of the neighborhood from blocks around.

I know the council will act in the best interests of the residents on all of these three proposals.

It has a tremendous task before it an their work and efforts are greatly appreciated.

DOROTHY B. GRIGGS
City of Grosse Pointe

PUD development project not charming

To the Editor:

I am in favor of the redevelopment of the Village in the City of Grosse Pointe.

When I initially heard that Sunrise was going to build a project in the CVS parking lot, I was also in favor of this development, which I thought would be similar to the Sunrise project on the Grosse Pointe Woods/St. Clair Shores border.

I have always thought this project was acceptable, but not necessary for the Village. However, since that time I have been following this issue closely and find myself quite disgusted, particularly at "our city management" who seem willing to do whatever is necessary to bring this project about, even at the expense of local voting citizens who happen to be taxpayers as well.

About two weeks ago, there was a vote on an amendment of the Planned Unit Development (PUD). In general, the public at this well-attended meeting was upset over the PUD matter to the point where it grew unruly and city police were summoned to oversee matters at the rear of the building.

This was due, in part, because the mayor refused to let a representative of one of the citizens "most affected" by the PUD speak, and later tried to keep that citizen from speaking on his own.

Another citizen expressed, "This PUD issue is all about Sunrise — isn't it?" This was outrageously denied by the city.

Another questioned why our city has existed with regular zoning laws for almost 100 years, so why do we need a PUD now?

We were also told that the PUD is not a rezoning but will allow for a better transition of the business district with the residential district. As a point of reference, discussions thus far with the city regarding Sunrise are basically going to give the adjoining properties a wall and some shrubs to "transition" a four-plus story building with the neighborhood.

To the dismay of those present, the city council voted unanimously and without discussion on this without hearing the public outcry.

Points of reference:

- ◆ This meeting was better attended than any I have seen.
- ◆ The citizens equate PUD with Sunrise and are upset by it. No one had anything negative to say about Jacobson's — they want some action there.
- ◆ The PUD is a legal rezoning,

it allows the City of Grosse Pointe Council, convening as a Board of Zoning Appeals, to make decisions about its property without much input (educated people are not confused about this).

◆ The PUD reportedly allows for transition, as represented by John Jackson of McKenna & Associates. (The citizens aren't confused about believing that a four-plus story Sunrise Project "does not transition" 25 feet from quaint, restored farmhouses.

◆ The size of the developer and the millions of dollars of capital committed to the project does not equate with good taste or transition well with the community.

◆ Let us not forget that Sunrise was also associated with the recent Neff Lane/DPW Yard land-swap deal.

In discussions with Sunrise a couple of months ago, Laura Hestor indicated that this project is a done deal — we are

down to landscaping and a fence now.

It is apparent the city is backfilling any details necessary (streamlining zoning matters with a PUD) to make this happen as well, and that is a shame. Sunrise tried this height issue in Grosse Pointe Woods and was told "no." Sunrise is looking for zoning wavers of setbacks, parking, height and lot coverage. Will all of this be blessed coincidentally under the PUD?

Ask why aren't our city officials telling them no to four-plus stories like the city of Grosse Pointe Woods did.

There is no public need to build one of the tallest buildings in Grosse Pointe to house 79 high-priced condos — average cost is \$550,000 at the current time.

Sunrise has proposed to sell condos to the over 55 age-group market, offering 1,300 square feet, one car parking, and \$1,000 per month maintenance fees — plus taxes.

There is one condo listed and one sold. The city has 26 condos for sale, and 51 have sold in the last three years. There will be about 60 other more affordable new condos built with other developers.

Where is the target market for Sunrise's condos — people downsizing off Lakeshore? I think not.

We should not destroy the charm and ambiance of adjoining neighborhoods, particularly for something which the city does not need. We need a new Kroger store, lofts, and affordable condos to attract young working professionals who like to spend money in the Village.

Tell Sunrise that we welcome their project at three stories or lower, and help us maintain the charm of the Village. We don't want to look at their unsightly four-plus story building for the next 50 years.

RAND SOB CZAK
City of Grosse Pointe

FYI: Bump — you knew them when

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Grosse Pointe Park and is a '98 South High School graduate.

Eric Novak is a '97 South grad and studied audio production at Specs Howard. He plays bass and synthesizers.

Chris Sterr, 27, plays guitar and sings. He grew up in the Grosse Pointe Woods and is a

'97 North grad.

The Bump management includes Choma, who studied sports communication at Indiana University, does publicity and booking; Tibbitts, who graduated from Miami of Ohio with a marketing degree, is the manager, and Spain, the lighting engineer, has a communication degree from MSU. All three graduated from South in '98.

The band is getting radio play in half a dozen states including Michigan and was chosen to be on the "Relix Magazine" CD Sampler with

the likes of Frank Zappa, Umphrey's McGee and Ben Harper.

If they continue on their rise to success you will be able to say you knew them when. For example, Choma, who pitched baseball at South, ran a summer camp for young ballplayers at the Grosse Pointe Academy for several summers.

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SBT: Loss offset by jobs, growth

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jitneys, commercial van pools, "call-and-ride" services, car-sharing and more, improving service for transit users at a much lower cost: \$112 million.

◆ Repeal the "prevailing wage" law that requires above-market-rate wages on school construction projects: \$150 million.

◆ Don't send extra money to school districts with falling populations, as proposed by the governor. Instead, consolidate and downsize administrative functions: \$50 million.

◆ Reduce the Merit Award Scholarships by 50 percent. Non-need-based college scholarships are a subsidy Michigan

can no longer afford: \$60 million.

◆ Reform Medicaid and welfare. Medicaid is a command-and-control monstrosity rife with perverse incentives.

Giving recipients incentives to economize and take better care of themselves could save millions of dollars and increase the freedom and choice of recipients. Reducing just 1.6 percent of these programs would save \$240 million.

◆ Stimulate growth. The SBT is arguably the nation's most complex and burdensome business tax. Eliminating it would send a powerful message that Michigan is open for business. The dynamic effects on income, property and sales tax receipts would easily raise \$300 million.

Total: \$1.855 billion. That's how much the Single Business Tax now takes in.

Opponents of these common-sense reforms complain,

"That's not the way we've done it in the past." That won't cut it anymore. The price of failing to improve Michigan's business climate would be to become a state characterized by declining incomes, homes that every year are worth less than the previous year, and lonely parents whose children and grandchildren had to go elsewhere to find careers.

On the other hand, most people would not even notice these cuts and reforms. However, if the SBT were eliminated, Michigan residents would likely notice something else instead: Our economy growing, property values increasing, and jobs and income rising. If citizens, not special interests, come first, then these reforms are slam-dunks.

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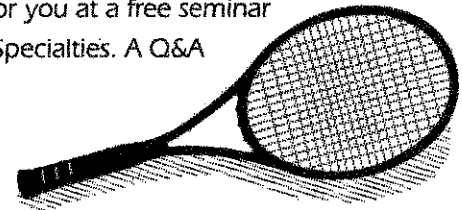
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Taxpayers can send e-filing tax returns

Taxpayers may file their 2005 tax returns electronically as IRS e-file celebrates its 20th anniversary as the most successful and popular electronic financial programs in the world, and the cornerstone of Internal Revenue Service's modernization efforts.

To mark this milestone of IRS e-file, the IRS also is launching the Electronic IRS, a centralized source for all IRS electronic options. Taxpayers and tax preparers who click on the Electronic IRS logo, located at IRS.gov, will be taken to a page that contains an overview of all the electronic tasks that can be accomplished online.

In Michigan last year, the IRS received 2.9 million electronically filed tax returns out of 7.3 million total tax returns filed.

IRS e-file surpassed a benchmark last year when more than 68.4 million tax returns, 52 percent of all returns, were filed electronically. Taxpayers who use IRS e-file and who choose direct deposit can receive their refund in half the time. Also, tax return information is protected through encryption, and an e-filed tax return is far more accurate than a paper return. Taxpayers receive an acknowledgement within 48 hours that the IRS accepted the return.

IRS e-file allows taxpayers to file their return and pay later should they owe taxes, and it allows taxpayers to file both the federal and most state returns at the same time.

The IRS began the e-file program in 1986 as a pilot project in three cities: Cincinnati, Ohio, Phoenix, Az., and Raleigh-Durham, N.C. That year, there were 25,000 tax returns filed electronically. The e-file program expanded nationwide in 1990 and 4.2 million tax returns were filed. IRS e-file has undergone tremendous growth each year.

Taxpayers may use IRS e-file through their tax preparer, over-the-counter software or Internet programs. The IRS does not charge for e-file, but some tax preparers and software manufacturers may charge a fee. IRS Free File, a partnership between the IRS and some software manufacturers, will offer free tax preparation and e-filing for taxpayers earning \$50,000 or less.

The Electronic IRS is a one-stop option for both taxpayers and tax preparers, providing access to information about e-file and numerous IRS Internet options.

For taxpayers, the Electronic IRS provides access to "Where's My Refund?" where they can check the status of their refund, find an IRS e-file provider, check their eligibility for the Earned Income Tax Credit, download tax forms, sign up to pay electronically or obtain an employer identification number.

For tax preparers, the Electronic IRS provides access to the register for IRS e-services.

LET'S TALK STOCKS By Joe Mengden

Bulls vs. Bears is Stocks vs. Bonds



Hal Caught you watching the Masters' golf tournament last Friday afternoon when you should have seen the action on CNBC's stock market news.

The S&P 500 Index made a five-year new high last week, then headed south on Friday to the tune of "Beauregard's Retreat." The DJI price chart for Friday, April 7, tells it better: Thursday's close was 11,216. DJI opened higher, rising about 20 points, then collapsed for a net daily loss of 96 points!

Meanwhile, the bond market sold off all day Friday, with yields increasing, and prices declining. LTS' Barron's (April 10) is hand-delivered each Saturday morning at 5 a.m., and LTS knew something big had happened in bonds, because Jennifer Ablan's weekly column, "Current Yield" was headlined, "Long Rates Finally Rise."

Money wise, you could put the combined equity markets in the back pocket of the combined money markets. As they say in Washington, "follow the money."

This past week, Ablan wrote, "In only three weeks, the yield on the 10-year (Treasury) has risen more than 30 basis points (1 basis point is 1/100th of 1 percent)."

The long bond (4 1/2 percent Treasury due Feb. 15, 2036) closed at 91.75, yielding 4.98 percent.

This is the new bond that the Treasury just sold last month, and it has already lost 8 1/4 percent, price wise!

Higher interest rates are "good news" for floating-rate money market accounts; buyers of 90-day Treasury bills (April 7 yield, 4.67 percent); 2-year notes (yield, 4.88 percent) and 10-year notes (yield, .96 percent).

Gold bugs are still partying, as gold topped \$600/ounce last Thursday for the first time since 1981.

But higher interest rates are not good news for residential home sellers, and stockholders of home builders and financial institutions.

Many investors look favorably at stock sell-offs as buying opportunities to purchase stocks, which they feel may have been a bit overpriced. It takes a bit of patience, and some gamesmanship, to sit on the sidelines to wait your turn at what you feel is the "right price."

Many traders say there is a ton of money waiting to get into energy stocks by investors who never got in last year, or any number of years before.

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Are you one of them?

Fine wines

You'd never expect to find an article on fine wine prices in Barron's (April 10). It's article, "Wine Drinkers' Cups Runneth Over," was penned by Jay Palmer.

The problem, good for wine drinkers and bad for vintners, is too many high quality grapes. The French call it "a wine lake," while Americans just say call it a plain, old grape glut!

Just as with stocks, too much wine supply means cut prices or find new creative ways to move inventory.

The wine manufacturers (most larger vintners don't grow their own grapes) may change suppliers (growers), so price comparisons by label are rarely grape-to-grape.

Wine makers are usually too cultured to openly cut prices, not good etiquette. Instead, many offer huge discounts to wholesalers (Costco?), while others invent a second label to sell at a lower price (Same wine, but different wrapper).

Last year's superb California weather increased average grape yields to a record 7.9

tons per acre versus a typical 5.9 tons in 2004 (up 1/3 in gross tonnage), resulting in bloated warehouses.

Then there is Charles Shaw, one of California's most successful vintners, "Two Buck Chuck," who sells \$1.99 (per bottle) wines, some of which get decent reviews from the taster clubs.

Barron's held a blind tasting of 40 mid-price range wines (\$10 to \$35 per bottle) selected by experts. Palmer's article contains a table of 10 identified wines (four domestic and six imports, including five whites and five reds), listing average online prices and the tasters' estimated value prices.

Hurry to you favorite news dealer to pick up a copy of the April 10 Barron's, before they're sold out! Bon appetit!

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A relaxing client

Spa 131, located at 131 Kercheval, Suite 301, was officially welcomed to Grosse Pointe Farms during a ribbon-cutting ceremony on Thursday, April 6. Celebrating the grand opening were from left Sara Lemere (owner), Lori Saari (owner), Mary Huebner (Grosse Pointe Chamber of Commerce executive director), Jane Lightfoot (Grosse Pointe Chamber of Commerce director), James C Farquhar (Mayor of Grosse Pointe Farms), Denise Porter (owner) and Therese Joseph (Farms council member). "We would like to welcome you to our community," Farquhar said after cutting the ribbon.

Secretary of State announces key infrastructure project under way

The drive to modernize the Secretary of State's business procedures and supporting technical infrastructure has entered a key phase.

The multi-year project began in 2003 with a comprehensive review of the department's business needs and customer service goals.

The project's final phase includes the recent awarding of a five-year contract to Electronic Data Systems (EDS) for program implementation.

One goal of the project is

greater department accessibility and responsiveness. The project also paves the way for additional self-service options so customers can conduct business around the clock.

Enhancing data quality is another benefit. For example, the department will be able to compile a single record history of each customer, producing an overall view of their clients' needs with one query. Other advantages include ensuring the integrity of records with "real time" updating and confirmation, and improving the

department's ability to track inventory and specific information such as customer service times.

An updated technical environment is another benefit. The department will improve its ability to respond more rapidly and cost-effectively to changing business requirements resulting from demands such as new laws.

The upgrade will be done in stages during the next several years to ensure the successful migration of existing databases.

"We're not content with merely meeting our customers' expectations," Terri Lynn Land, Secretary of State, said. "We want to exceed them. This initiative is a vital step in moving to that next level of service capability."

"It will benefit customers as well as employees, and make the most effective use of our limited funds. I appreciate the time and effort put into this immense project by our employees and partners, as well as the Legislature's support of our goals."

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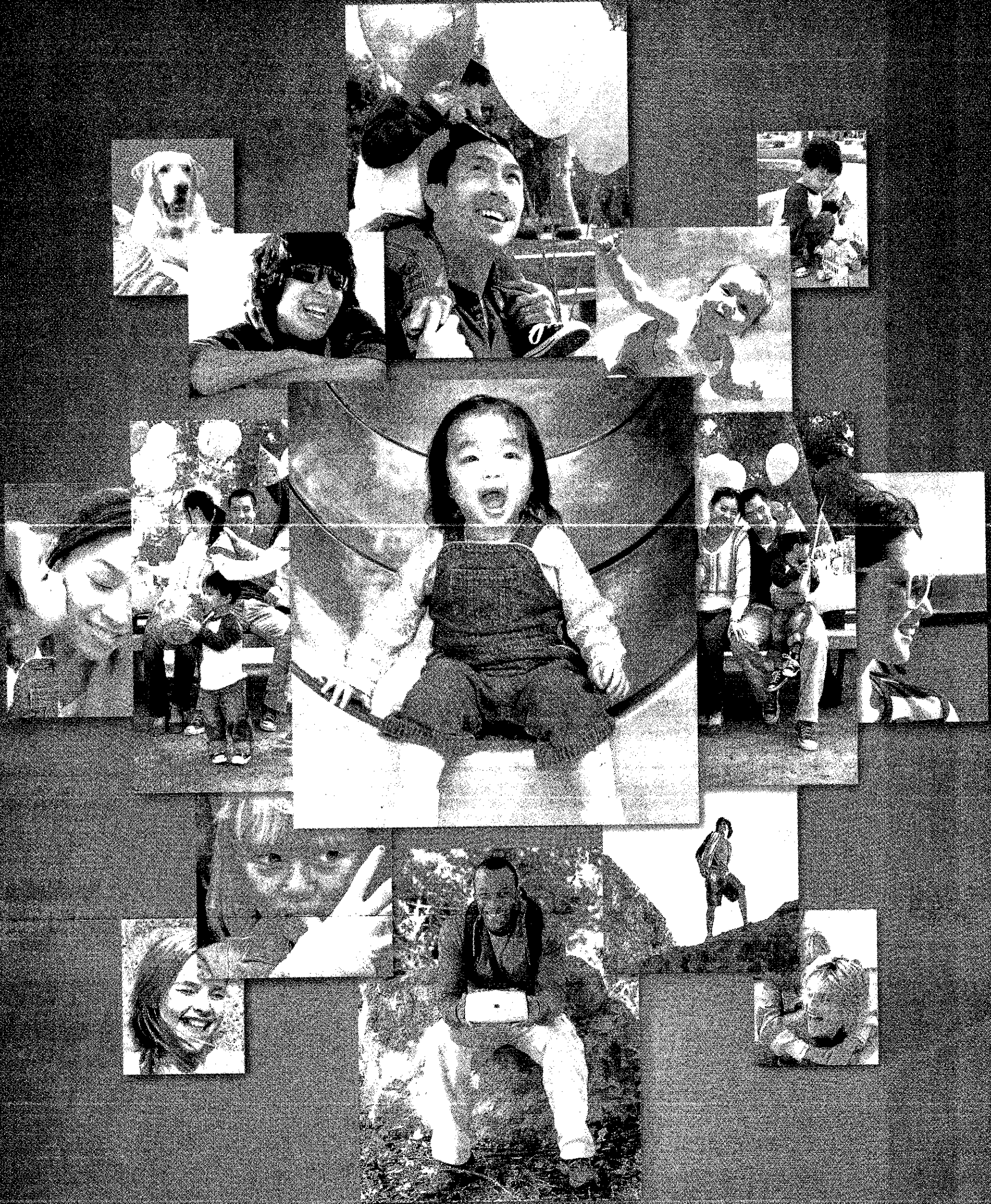
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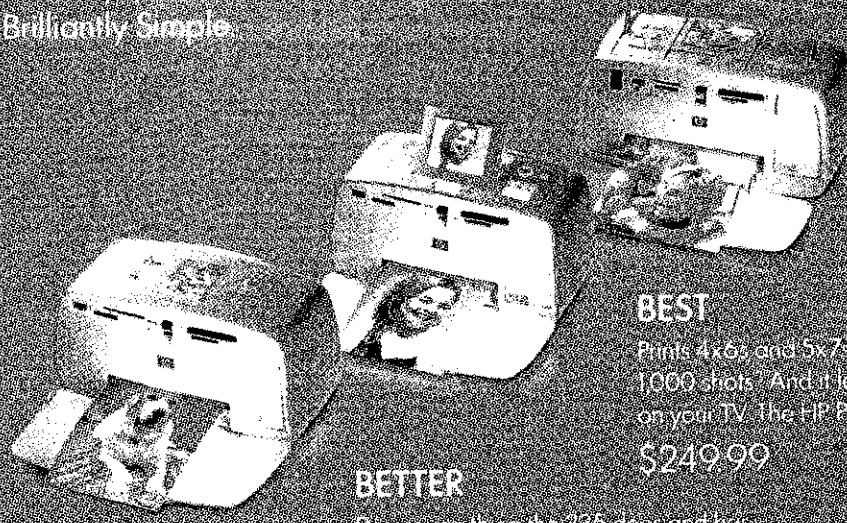
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Their hair loss means others' gains

Three Grosse Pointe North students received a hair cut last week. The loss of their locks means that other children can have hair.

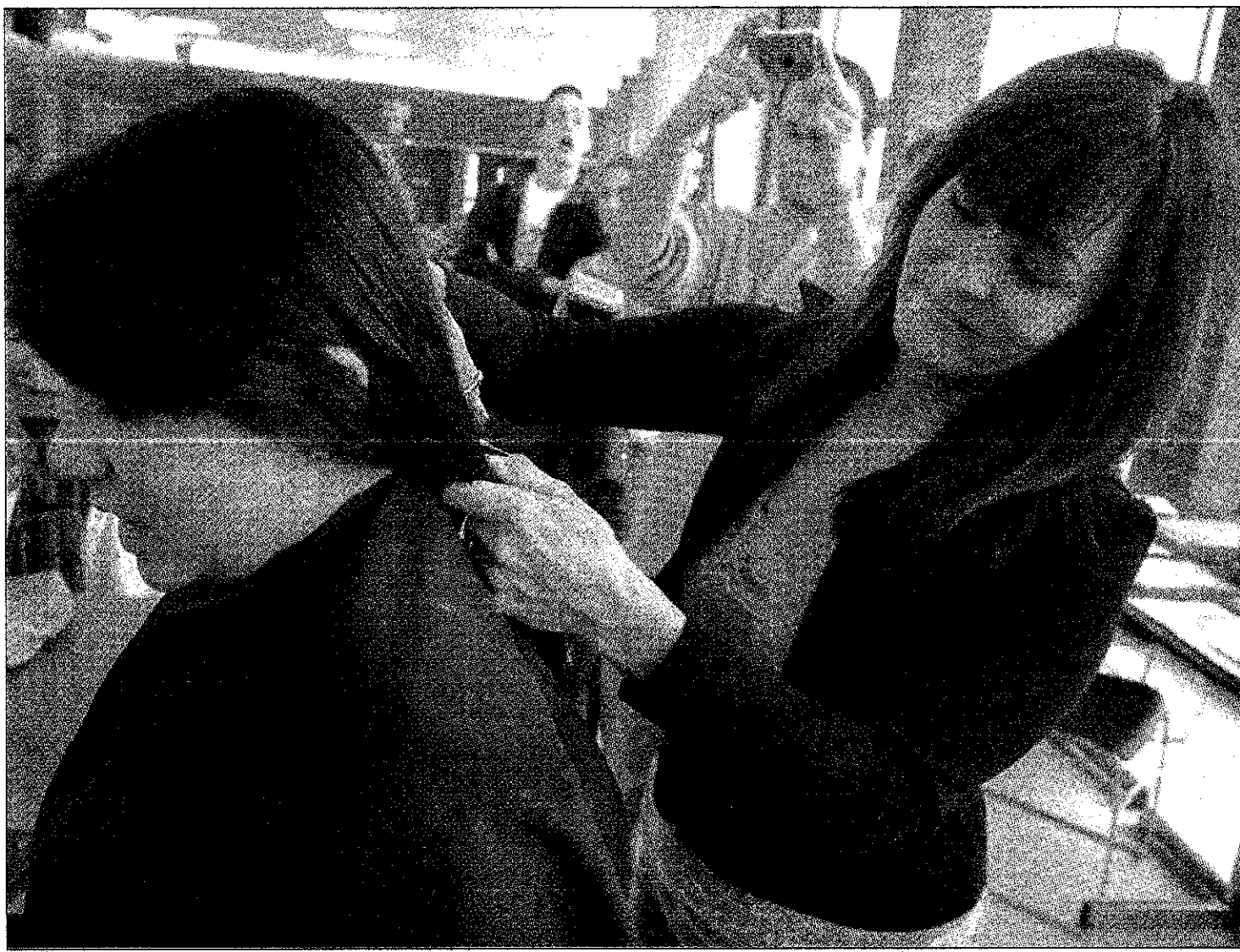
Junior Sasha Allaer and seniors Alexandra Costakis and Katie Agacinski each had 10 inches of hair cut by Girlie-Girl's hairstylist Josette Kikos. The hair was donated to Wigs 4 Kids.

The non-profit 501 (c) (3) organization focuses on getting wigs to Michigan children through the age of 17 who have lost their hair due to cancer treatments, alopecia, trichotillomania, lupus, hydrocephalus, burns and other disorders. Wigs 4 Kids was established by St. Clair Shores hair-

stylists Maggie Varney.

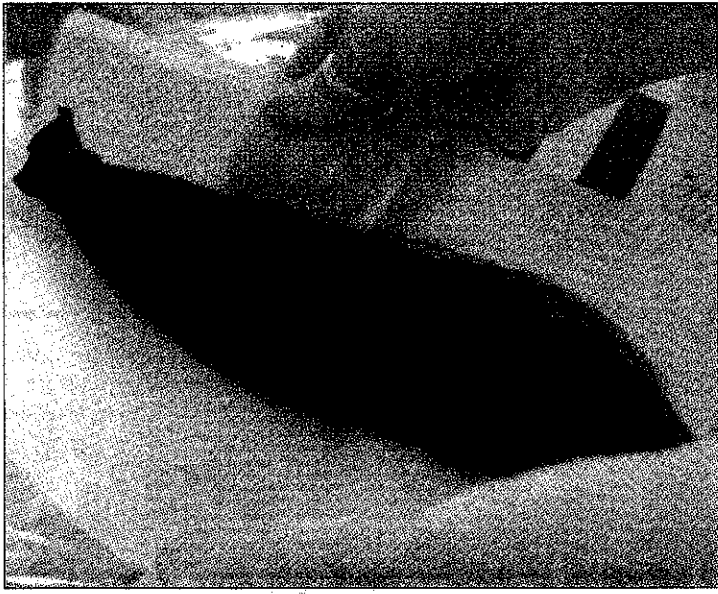
North's IMPACT club organized the community service event in which Allaer, Agacinski and Costakis donated their hair.

According to club sponsor Jill Davenport, IMPACT does monthly projects, including working at Trinity Soup Kitchen, packaging kitchen packets for Crossroads and making Christmas cards. Members also sang at St. John Senior Center, adopted a family at Christmas and tutor at Parcels Middle school. Currently, the 40-member club is making pillows for the Bon Secours Cottage pediatric ward and will sponsor bake sale to benefit the CROP walk.



PHOTOS BY ROBERT MCKEAN

A snip and it's done. Girlie-Girl's hairstylist Josette Kikos, right, performs the haircut on Katie Agacinski. At left, this piece of hair will be turned into a wig to be given to a Michigan child who has lost hair due to cancer treatments, burns, lupus or other diseases. Sasha Allaer, a junior at North High, and North senior Alex Costakis also had their hair cut the same day.



Teacher conference features students

Four Maire Elementary students attended the 2006 Michigan Association of Computer Users in Learning (MACUL) Conference March 9 in Grand Rapids.

The annual conference offers teaching solutions, ideas and techniques to improve student learning.

Educators could attend hands-on workshops and visit more than 100 exhibitors covering a wide variety of technology subjects.

An additional conference feature was the Student Technology Showcase, sponsored by the Michigan Education Association.

Maire computer lab coordinator Barbara Teranes sub-

mitted a fourth-grade lesson that integrates the students' regular mathematics curriculum with their computer curriculum. The four students chosen to represent their classmates were Megan Fleming, Maggie Rapai, Ben Schneider and Patrick TomHon.

The Maire team took a geometry problem from their math text, created a design with two lines of symmetry and solved it using Microsoft Word and PowerPoint skills to create a learning experience for teachers and students.

Using the drawing toolbar in Word, the students drew and manipulated shapes until they had each created their

own design containing at least two lines of symmetry.

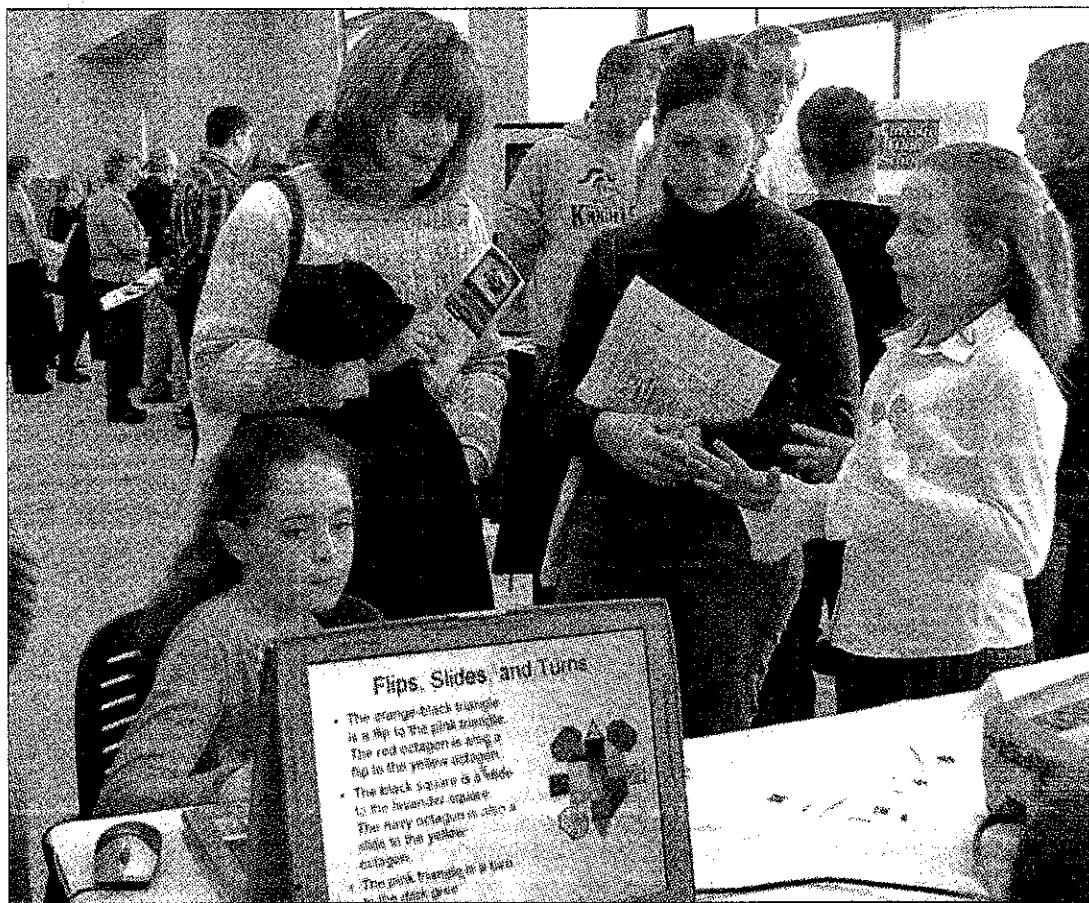
They were also required to use flips and slides and turn their shapes.

The finished design was presented in an animated PowerPoint presentation.

Maire fourth-grade teacher Neal Gross taught the students the geometry and technology skills for this project.

At the conference the students spent two hours fielding questions from educators to explain how they created their presentations.

Students said they enjoyed having adults ask them how to do something and felt they became more proficient at explanations.



Although this is the 30th annual MACUL conference, this is the fifth year the conference included student showcases and the first year Maire has been represented. The showcase allows student-teacher teams from elementary, middle and high schools to demonstrate how students use technology to enhance learning.



PHOTO BY ANN L. FOUTY

Choices

Miss Michigan 2005 Octavia Reese of Detroit explained to Maire Elementary students decisions and consequences. She and the fourth- and fifth-graders explored, through skits and personal stories, how decisions to use drugs, drink alcohol and smoke cigarettes could affect their lives. Reese, who is a Hope College graduate, reminded students that each decision causes a ripple and influences others and that education is the key to overcoming adversity. The program Reese presented, "Right Decision, Right Now," is a campaign each Miss America contestant is pushing. A product of Kensington Academy and Macomb Christian School and a cellist, Reese also talked about how her faith and hope got her through some tough times. She was invited to Maire by her business manager and Maire parent Sheila Minetola. With Reese are, from top down, Kiera Valente, Alexa Thompson, April Minetola and Kaki Newell.

Pierce steps up to Habitat project

By Chloe Srebernak

Throughout March, the Pierce Middle School community, along with the other Grosse Pointe Schools, helped raise funds to build a house for a family in New Orleans who lost theirs to Hurricane Katrina.

Students and teachers throughout the district contributed money toward the cause.

"Everyone had a chance to be involved. It was a really good chance to help people that have experienced tragedy," said science teacher Mary Brecht.

Earlier in March, Pierce set a goal of \$2,000. Pierce's students and faculty exceeded that goal and raised more than twice the original amount set.

"Our goal to contribute to the Grosse Pointe Schools fund for Habitat for Humanity was \$2,000 and we have raised over \$4,000," Gina Walker, coordinator for Pierce's fundraising efforts told to students in a school-wide assembly.

Counselor Angie Niforos said, "It was a very successful fundraiser for Pierce because there was school-wide involvement. The excitement and enthusiasm for participation was contagious."

The generosity and teamwork was widespread.

"This project is a wonderful opportunity to teach to the

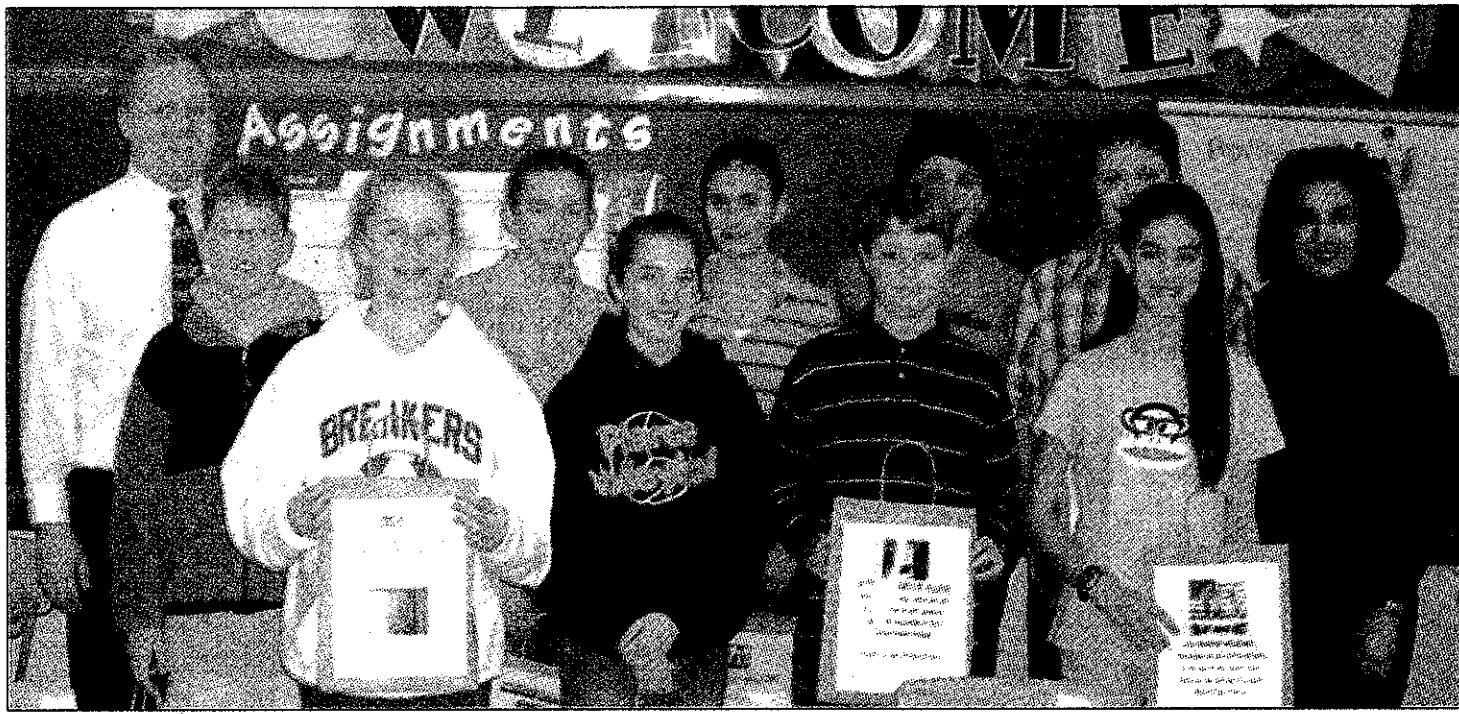


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Pierce Student Council that organized the spring Habitat for Humanity Welcome Home project are from left in the front row, Sarah Ventimigli, Shelby Stone, David Pingree and Charlotte Klein; in the back from left are advisor Andrew Taylor, Zach Sparrow, Katie Hamm, E.A. Kennedy, Tyler Hoffman, Spencer Sullivan and advisor Gina Walker.

next generation that when we all work together we can do great things," said Alicia Carlisle, project coordinator.

Schools across Grosse Pointe participated in multiple ways; some by having coin jars in each class for donations.

Pierce took a creative turn by incorporating competition in their efforts in forming an all-school advisory competition facilitated by the student council.

"I was really proud of Pierce's achievement and the

many people who came out to support the raffle," said E.A. Kennedy, a student council senator.

Each advisory put together a basket or prize that was raffled off on March 31.

"(The fundraiser) really brought the advisories together (by having) them work as a team toward a goal," Lifeskills teacher Leslie Dolle said.

Students could purchase raffle tickets for \$1 to win the basket.

The winner was drawn from a bag to win each prize

during an all-school Pierce Pride assembly.

"We thought that by offering wonderful gifts and prizes that we could generate much more cash flow," Walker said.

Prizes included a signed Chauncey Billups jersey, a basket with more than 10 pounds of chocolate, a Comerica suite for four to attend a Tiger baseball game and a shopping spree of more than \$160.

"It was different than just asking for a money donation. It raised a lot more and got

the students and adults excited about the project," English teacher Andrea Bolton said.

Students had multiple reasons for participating.

"I donated because I knew the money was going to a good cause and I really wanted to win one of the baskets because they were all pretty awesome," Rachel Green said.

"I donated because the money was going to a good cause. Winning a prize was a bonus," Niforos said.

Many Grosse Pointe

schools held multiple and various fundraisers with the goal of not only building a foundation for a new house, but a new foundation for hope.

"Helping others empowers each and every one of us. Even the smallest contribution really makes a difference to someone in need," said Lisa Vreede, Grosse Pointe Board of Education trustee.

The schools joined with Habitat for Humanity with a goal of \$75,000 to construct a 1,100 square foot house.

Contributors in the fundraising efforts hope the project will also have a positive impact on the school system.

"This project," Vreede said, "presents an unique opportunity to impact our students and community in that it brings teamwork, mentoring, leadership and creativity at all levels."

"My hope is students will feel empowered I want them to feel passionate about community service, knowing that if they want the world to be a better place, they must learn the responsibility that goes along with it," Carlisle said.

"All it takes is one idea," she said, "one student, one school, one community to show the rest of the community, our state, our country, our world, how kids can face a challenge, get involved and make a difference. It will be that action that they will carry with them into adulthood."

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GROSSE POINTE BOARD OF EDUCATION

Transition board set to go

By Ann L. Fouty
Staff Writer

Wheels are in motion for the establishment of the Grosse Pointe Public Schools

Foundation Board of Trustees with the vision of raising millions of dollars to augment education.

Approved by the Grosse Pointe Board of Education on Monday, April 10, the newly-named committee, the revenue enhancement transition committee, will establish by-laws and IRS nonprofit standing, laying the ground work for the foundation.

The transition committee will be short lived, about six months, said committee member Joe Parke. Its focus is to set the foundation's governance and infrastructure and lay the groundwork for a marketing and communication plan to target potential donors.

"Some names have surfaced as a result of phase one," Parke said of potential donors and volunteers. "A number of community members have been interviewed."

Lorna Utley, who served on the revenue enhancement committee, will chair the transition committee. This will set in motion the foundation board of trustees whose main objective is enhancing the public education system.

"The bottom line is to raise

lots of money, \$3 million over three years," Parke said.

Parke said the foundation will not compete for special interest money but rather work together with those groups and focus on the bigger picture — the entire school district. Since funds raised will be used to benefit all students, the foundation will adhere to the district's strategic plan.

"We will be sensitive and cognitive of the strategic plan. There will be representation from the school board (on the foundation board)," Parke said.

Also lending a guiding hand will be Superintendent Suzanne Klein as an ex-officio member of the foundation board. The foundation will be autonomous from the board of education but will work in concert with the board, he said.

The Grosse Pointe Public Schools Foundation Board of Trustees' job is to contact individuals, entities and philanthropists focused on education, Parke said. The ball should get rolling this fall.

He added professionals or experienced volunteers will be sought to sit on the foundation board, notably those with a

passion for the Grosse Pointe Public School System.

Now is a good time to begin the campaign because who knows where the economy will be in 12 to 18 months, Parke said.

Grosse Pointe is following in the footsteps of schools in California, Florida, New York, New Jersey and Pennsylvania, among other states, which have begun soliciting funds from corporations. In exchange for big dollars, buildings, gyms, food courts, science labs, etc., are named for those big dollar donors.

Public schools are tapping into areas which universities, hospitals and private schools have been using for years.

Judges needed

The Grosse Pointe Public School System (GPPSS) is looking for judges to score end-of-year writing tests for grades first through ninth grade.

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 with the best results will be selected.

Candidates are expected to be former or current teachers not now employed with GPPSS. Depending on the grade to be judged, compensation will range from 71 cents to 94 cents per paper. Papers will be scored at the candidate's home during late spring and early summer. Candidates may try out for more than one grade.

For more information and to apply, call (313) 432-3062. The deadline is April 14.

Teacher honored

After 35 years teaching at Defer Elementary School, Joanne Difazio is retiring.

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Beauty and the Beast

St. Clare of Montefalco Catholic School presented 3 live stage sold out performances of Disney's magical musical, Beauty and the Beast, April 6, 7, and 8 at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial. The play was directed by St. Clare Music and Drama Teacher, Kim Korba and her husband, Russ, with orchestral direction by Paul Roache. The play featured Stephanie Marji and Atiba



Starring in Beauty and the Beast are, front left Stephanie Marji as Belle, behind Belle (l to r): Shaun Giroux as Gaston, Nathan Santoscoy as Lefou, Atiba Cabbil as the Beast, Jackson Robar as Lumiere, Rosemary O'Meara as Mrs. Potts.

Cabbil in the title roles of Belle and the Beast. Shaun Giroux powered up the role of Gaston. Bringing alive the characters of Lumiere, Lefou, and Mrs. Potts are Jackson Robar, Nathan Santoscoy, and Rosemary O'Meara with Jerry Vedua, making Cogsworth tick! A total of 100 children were involved in the production.

Performances were at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial. We also would like to thank Lorrie Peck for all her time she put in behind the scenes.

Advertiser

Hinting at Pierce's talents

By Ann L. Fouty
Staff Writer

An inkling is a just a hint, a slight understanding.

That is what reader of Pierce Middle School's literary magazine "Inklings" is all about.

It's a hint and a peek at the many talented sixth-, seventh- and eighth-grade writers, poets and artists. In some 91 pages, "Inklings" is filled with poetry, short stories, essays, sketches and art works penned by students.

The 2005 publication has received a gold medal rating by Columbia Scholastic Press Association. Columbia honors were also given for the publication's content, organization and design.

About 30 students gave up

their lunch hours from February through the end of the year to pour over submissions from their fellow classmates rating each piece on a scale of one to five. Three students rate each piece and the top scoring pieces go on to a final nod from principal Gary Buslepp. The 2005 team, headed by advisors Angie Niforos and Karen Villegas, must also organize and laid out the publication which is given to students free at the end of the year.

"This was a phenomenal group of kids that were editors," Niforos said.

The editor-in-chief was Danielle Fisher and the editor at large was Sarah Siwak. Copy editors were Lily Altavena and Alexis White and the artwork coordinator

was Erin Nonahn.

Art and English classes are approached to submit pieces and many teachers require their students to submit, Villegas said. The student body at-large is also invited to submit material. There is no limit to the number of submissions.

The "Inklings" staff was in charge of more than 500 submissions on topics ranging from Christmas, candy, school, dreams, emotions, history, weather phenomenons and teachers. Art shows landscapes, people and nature and material objects.

"It's an enormous undertaking," Villegas said. "All the hard work paid off."

Students vote on which piece of art should grace the cover, Villegas said.

Inklings is funded by the PTO and has been a Pierce tradition since 1941.

As the 2005 "Inklings" was being put together, a former advisor donated her copy of the first issue including short biographies of those whose works appeared in that issue. Fisher, whom Villegas termed

dedicated, wanted to replicate that in the 2005 issue. Fisher spent hours shortening information turned in by students for inclusion on the final "Inklings" pages.

Deadlines for the 2006 issue have passed.



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International star

Our Lady Star of the Sea parent, left, Amy Graham of Grosse Pointe Park, dressed in the traditional Ukrainian costume. She decorated the traditional eggs and helped first-grader Katie Lesho of Grosse Pointe Woods learn the process. She was assisted by eighth-grader Jessica Rivard of Harper Woods. Students from kindergarten through sixth-grade experienced the sights and sounds of the Philippines, China, France, Lebanon, Africa, Italy and more during International Day, March 29, at Our Lady Star of the Sea School in Grosse Pointe Woods after completed passports in which they made notes about each experience. The seventh- and eighth-grade students served as "ambassadors," escorting the younger students as they traveled to see Brazilian and Irish dancers, hear Spanish and Greek storytellers and presentations about the Philippines, Peru, France and Japan. During a "visit" to China, students made a construction paper Chinese lantern. Programming and presentation assistance was provided by language department of the University of Detroit Mercy.

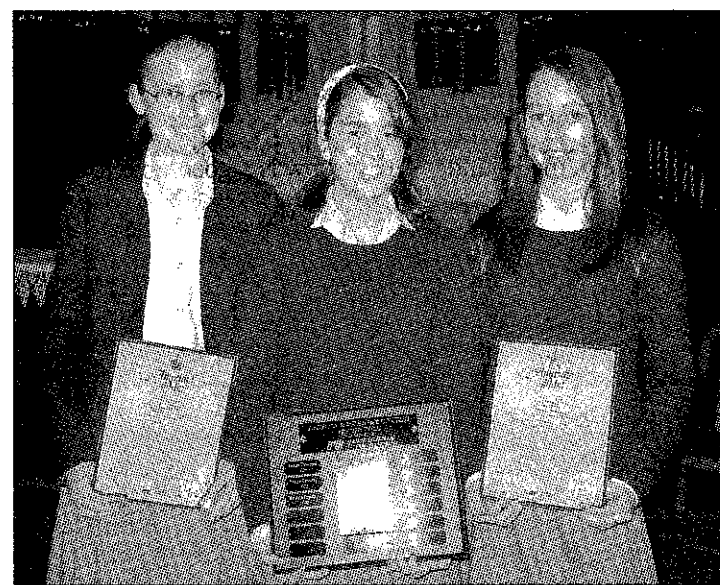
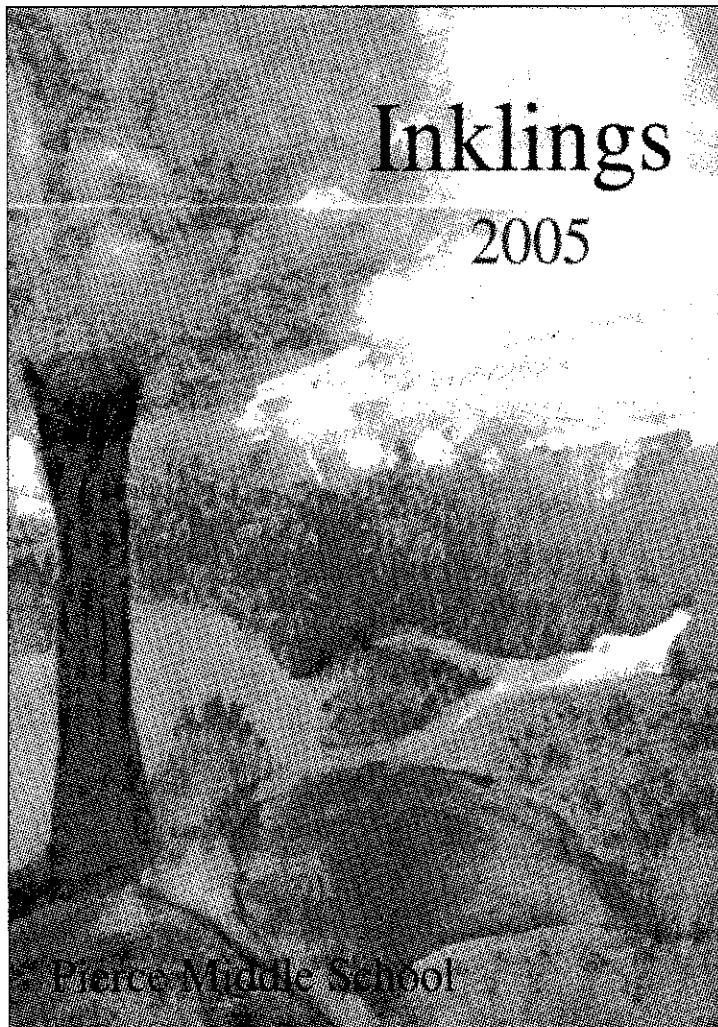


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The Grosse Pointe Academy winners of the America & Me essay contest, from left Emily Williams, Kathleen FitzGerald and Lindsey Thibodeau.

Academy essay winners named

Three eighth-graders from The Grosse Pointe Academy have been named local winners in the 37th annual America & Me Essay Contest, sponsored by Farm Bureau Insurance.

The topic of the 2005-06 contest was "My American Hero."

Kathleen FitzGerald won first place with her composition about a friend who faced adversity through the death of her mother and some personal troubles yet, emerged all the stronger from the experience.

Emily Williams was awarded second place. Third place was given to Lindsey Thibodeau. All three received award certificates for their achievement. As the school's first place winner, FitzGerald's name will be engraved on a plaque for permanent display in the school.

FitzGerald's essay now advances to the state level competition, from which the top 10 essays in Michigan will be selected. The winners, who will be announced in April, will receive plaques, cash and U.S. savings bonds valued from \$500 to \$1,000. In addition, they will be honored at a banquet in Lansing, meet with Michigan's top governmental leaders and be the featured guests at a Lansing Lugnuts game.

A team of finalist judges that includes a top Michigan government official and the sponsoring teachers of last year's top two statewide winners will

determine the ranking of the top 10 statewide winners this year.

Several thousand eighth-grade students from nearly 500 Michigan schools participated in the 2005-06 America & Me.

Ferry DI teams at state level competition

Three Ferry Elementary students on Destination Imagination Teams advance to competition at the state level.

Those going on are the "Super Cheesy Cheese Puffs," "Team Crickets" and "The Fuzzy Pickles."

This is the first year Ferry has sent teams to Destination Imagination in more than five years.

Each team is comprised of no more than seven students who research, develop, write, practice and perform a play that must solve some sort of mechanical, scientific, geographical or dramatic conundrum. Parents are not allowed to help solve the problems.

Five Ferry teams performed at the regional level in March.

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PUBLIC SAFETY REPORTS

City of Grosse Pointe

Window broken, no burglary

Vandalism, not attempted burglary, is being blamed for a broken storefront window in the 17000 block of Kercheval in the City of Grosse Pointe. "The business showed no signs of attempt to gain access to the interior of the building," police said of the damage that occurred overnight Friday, April 8.

Side-by-side break-ins

While patrolling the 17800 block of Mack on Sunday, April 2, at 10:40 p.m., a City of Grosse Pointe public safety officer saw a garbage can placed suspiciously beneath the broken window of an office building. The officer climbed through the window and saw evidence of a break-in. "I observed broken desk drawers in offices throughout (the) building," he said.

Stolen items consisted of two Dell laptop computers. While investigating the incident, police discovered the front door had been kicked in on a neighboring office.

Woman claims her Caddy is keyed

A City of Grosse Pointe woman said someone vandalized her 2004 Cadillac Escalade while parked behind a store in the 17000 block of Kercheval in the Village. She said the incident hap-

pened Friday, April 7, between 8:15 and 9:15 a.m. She thinks someone used a key to scratch her vehicle's right front door.

—Brad Lindberg

Grosse Pointe Farms

City woman's tires slashed

On Friday, April 7, between 6:30 and 7:30 p.m., someone punctured the right-side tires of a 1997 Chevrolet Neon parked in a lot behind stores in the 18600 block of Mack in Grosse Pointe Farms. The Neon belonged to a 26-year-old City of Grosse Pointe woman.

Driving does in wanted man

On Tuesday, April 4, at 4:15 p.m., Grosse Pointe Farms police in the area of Mack and Moross stopped a male driver who hadn't signaled when turning his red 1993 Chevrolet S-10 pickup truck.

A check of the license plate revealed the vehicle's owner, a 52-year-old Detroit man, was wanted on multiple warrants. "The driver was somewhat hostile and demanded to know why he was stopped," police said.

Police said a search of the vehicle turned up a three-inch crack pipe, three baggies containing suspected cocaine residue and a silver flask of red wine.

Officer arrested the man for possession of drug paraphernalia.

Police held the man for pickup by police from Warren, where he was wanted on a \$6,000 warrant for failure to appear in court on drug paraphernalia charges.

Other warrants included: violating parole in Lansing, failing to appear in Oakland County court on a shoplifting charge and failure to answer

charges in Wayne County for possession of narcotics equipment.

Man beats woman on Mack

An unknown man estimated to be in his early 30s reportedly knocked a pregnant 23-year-old Harper Woods woman to the ground during a traffic dispute on Mack near Kerby at 4:40 p.m. Tuesday, April 4.

The woman told Grosse Pointe Farms police the assailant exited a 2003 Chevrolet Malibu four-door and hit her on the head.

She reportedly tried to defend herself by swinging a shopping bag.

The victim said she'd been in the pedestrian crosswalk crossing Mack when nearly hit by the man and a woman in the Malibu. Words were exchanged prior to the reported battery.

Police traced the Malibu license plate to a Detroit woman.

\$3,505 overdue at public library

The Grosse Pointe Public Library may have handed a swindler \$3,505 intended for purchase of special reading equipment.

Based on a sales representative's August 2005 demonstration of a low-vision magnifying machine, library administrators on Jan. 30 of this year sent the manufacturer a check for full payment.

The purchase was funded by an anonymous donor, according to statements library officials gave Grosse Pointe Farms police.

On Feb. 8, the salesman told library officials the check would need to be reissued in his name.

"The library reissued the check and it was cashed by the suspect on Feb. 14," police said. "As of March 20, the (equipment) had not been delivered to the library."

A vice president of the manufacturer said the sales representative had been an independent contractor. Company officials said the contractor had been terminated on Nov. 16, according to police.

throughout the city.

Car stolen, returned

On Monday, April 3, between 2 and 3 p.m., a 1990 Buick parked on the street near Wayburn and Hampton in Grosse Pointe Park was stolen.

The vehicle was recovered in Detroit the following day.

Computer stolen

On Saturday, April 8, at approximately 2:15 p.m., a Grosse Pointe Park resident left a Dell Inspiration laptop computer unattended while at the public library in the 15100 block of Jefferson.

The resident returned to his chair to find the computer missing.

Arrested

On Friday, April 7, at 10:53 p.m., Grosse Pointe Park police officers initiated a traffic stop.

While attempting to identify the violator, the driver fled southbound on Nottingham and the 36-year-old Detroit man exited the vehicle and fled on foot.

After an extensive search with the City of Grosse Pointe K-9 unit, an arrest was made.

Police officers found a 9mm machine pistol near the suspect's abandoned vehicle.

—Bob St. John

Grosse Pointe Shores

Drunk driver faces car forfeiture

Grosse Pointe Shores police are filing documents to seize a 1993 Mercury four-door driven by a 48-year-old Rochester man with a history of drunken driving.

Shores officers arrested the man Saturday, April 8, at 11:58 p.m., for driving while intoxicated on southbound Lakeshore from Vernier to Webber.

"The vehicle was observed swerving, nearly striking the curb," police said. "The driver told (me) that he had a few drinks at a wedding."

The man registered a .12 percent blood alcohol level.

Fake check, unknown thief

A Grosse Pointe Shores man learned last week that someone had stolen his identity to cash a fraudulent check.

"Someone signed his name on the back of a check and used his operator's license number under the endorsement," police said.

The check was cashed last month at a bank in Highland Park. The teller thinks she remembers the transaction.

"What stands out in her memory is that the subject cashing the check appeared to be a female dressed as a male and that (he or she) was impatient or angry at the time of the transaction," police said.

Drunken driver refuses to be tested

A 48-year-old Detroit man was arrested Saturday, April 8,

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Locked room mystery

A seventh-grade science teacher at a school in the 200 block of Chalfonte in Grosse Pointe Farms reported six Ohaus CS-200 digital weight scales missing from a locked closet.

The suspected thefts occurred during March.

"(The teacher) stated that during March several substitute teachers and custodians had the key to the locked room," police said.

—Brad Lindberg

Grosse Pointe Park

Stereos and cell phones stolen

As of Monday, April 10, Grosse Pointe Park Department of Public Safety said several separate larceny reports have been given detailing the theft of stereos and cell phones from vehicles

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AUCTION OF IMPOUNDED/ABANDONED VEHICLES**

Pursuant to PA 104, an auction will be held on April 20, 2006 at 5:00 p.m. at Woods Towing, located at 22755 Lexington, Eastpointe, MI. The following impounded/abandoned vehicles will be auctioned:

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1992 Honda Civic	JHMEG8544NS0360098

The above vehicles can be viewed 1/2 hour prior to the auction, at Woods Towing. Payment by cash or certified check only. Cars listed may be pulled/released prior to the auction by the Harper Woods Police Department.

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Sgt. Dennis Root,
Traffic Safety Section

OBITUARIES

Obituary notices are purchased and often prewritten by family or friends. While we try to run obituaries as submitted, we nevertheless reserve the right to edit for accuracy, style and length.

James Allen Bigham

He was born on June 2, 1946, in Detroit to Earl and Mary Bigham. He was a 1964 graduate of St. Paul High School in Grosse Pointe Farms and a 1969 graduate of Aquinas College in Grand Rapids.

Mr. Bigham left a legacy in the many students he taught as a physical education teacher at Wegienka Elementary School in Brownstown. He was a long-time member of the Michigan Education Association (MEA).

Basketball was a very important part of his life. He was a former St. Paul basketball star who led his team to both the Catholic and City championships in 1963, and to the Catholic and Class C State championships in 1964. He achieved All-City, All-State and Catholic All-American honors in 1964.

Mr. Bigham was a very successful high school basketball coach at Riverview Gabriel Richard, Southgate Aquinas and Woodhaven High School. Later, he coached his son's basketball teams in the American Youth Basketball tour, coaching them to a regional championship.

The outpouring of support from the large number of people who attended his funeral was a testament to his passion for teaching, coaching and helping others to be the best they could be.

Mr. Bigham was an avid collector of sports memorabilia. He enjoyed working on household projects. Most of all, his family was the center of his life, and his children and his wife were the sparkle in his eyes.

He is survived by his wife of 19 years, Nancy Bigham; his children, Amy and Nick; his mother, Mary Bigham; his sister, Barbara (Skip) Luther; his brothers, Robert (Mary), William (Maureen) and Timothy (Deborah) Bigham.

He was predeceased by his father, Earl Bigham.

A funeral Mass was celebrated on Saturday, April 1, at St. Kenneth Church in Plymouth.

Interment is at Parkview Memorial Cemetery in Livonia. Memorial contributions may be made to St. Benedict's Monastery, 2711 E. Drahter Rd., Oxford, MI 48370.

John Eugene Fox

John Eugene Fox, 80, formerly of Grosse Pointe Park, died on Thursday, April 6, 2006, in Bellaire.

He was born on June 1, 1925, in Janesville, Wis., to John A. and Sarah (nee Clapp) Fox.

During World War II, he served in the U.S. Army as a tech 4 radio operator in India and China. When he enlisted in 1943, the Army dropped his nickname "Gene," which was chosen by his mother to differentiate him from his father who was also named John. As a radio operator, he answered to his code name, and to the name "John," thereafter, he continued to go by that name except when he went to his birthplace to visit family and friends.

After the war, he earned his bachelor's degree at Milton College in Milton, Wis. He taught in Lake Geneva, Wis., while simultaneously working

on an advance degree from University of Wisconsin. After he earned his master's, he began teaching English in Grosse Pointe High School in 1952.

He started teaching at North High School when it opened and remained until retirement in 1986. During his career, he served as president of the Michigan Council of Teachers of English and held committee chairmanships with the National Council.

Mr. Fox's three children inherited three siblings when he married fellow North English teacher Patricia Lipski in 1969.

His interests were varied. As a young man, he had been a boxer and a classical pianist. Later, he became an enthusiast of opera, tennis, an investment club, computers and the Detroit Symphony Orchestra. The Shaw Festival and sailing were his passions, both of which were lost to encroaching Alzheimer's disease.

He is survived by his wife, Patricia W. Fox; daughters, Judith (Marvin) Cischke, Alicia (Kenneth) Baiel and Kyle (Mark) Peterson; sons, Brion (Stephanie) Fox, Harry (Laurel-Le) and James (Caren) Lipski; 13 grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren.

A funeral Mass was celebrated on Tuesday, April 11, at St. Ambrose Catholic Church in Grosse Pointe Park.

Interment is at White Chapel Cemetery in Troy.

Memorial contributions may be made with a notation, "in memory of John E. Fox," to The Shaw Festival Foundation, P.O. Box 628, Lewiston, N.Y. 14092-0628, Attn: Norm Bradshaw.

Maureen Dale Greenfelder

Maureen Dale Greenfelder, 77, of Grosse Pointe Park, died on Wednesday, April 5, 2006.

She was born on April 15, 1928, in Detroit to Garret Joseph and Inez (nee Sloan) O'Connor.

She was a homemaker who enjoyed cooking, traveling around the world and especially spending time with her family.

Mrs. Greenfelder was a member of Services for Older Citizens (SOC), the League of Catholic Women and the Elderhostel. She volunteered for Meals on Wheel and organized retreats in Ontario, Canada, for the Sisters of IHM.

She is survived by his daughters, Mary Ann (Duane) Swanic, Roni, Terrie (Mike) Thompson, and Gayle (Max) Schultz; sons, Russell (Cindy), Joseph (Linda Jill), Scott and Chris (Sue); grandchildren, Russell, Tom, Mike II, Michelle, Katie, Dani, John, Lindsey, Connor, Sarah, Melissa and Cory; great-grandchildren, Isabella, Alexis, Elle and Olivia; sister, Glenyce O'Connor; and brother, Joseph O'Connor.

She was predeceased by her husband, Russell O. Greenfelder.

A funeral Mass was celebrated on Monday, April 10, at St. Ambrose Catholic Church in Grosse Pointe Park.

Interment is at Mt. Olivet Cemetery in Detroit.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Services for Older Citizens, 17150 Waterloo, Grosse Pointe, MI 48230.

S. Carter Kerr

S. Carter Kerr, 8, of Grosse Pointe Park, died on Sunday, April 9, 2006, at Bon Secours Hospital.

He was born on May 2, 1997, in Grosse Pointe to Tim Kerr and Peggy Offerle. He was a student at Mason Elementary School in Grosse Pointe Woods.

Carter was an active boy who enjoyed horseback riding, swimming and sleeping overnight on his family's boat in the summer. He was an avid reader and bowler. He was keenly interested in volcanoes, dinosaurs, trains and construction trucks.

He is survived by his parents, Tim Kerr and Peggy Offerle; his sister, Shannon; his grandparents, Tom and Nancy Kerr of Gainesville, Fla., and William and June Offerle of Deerfield Beach, Fla.

A memorial service was held on Wednesday, April 12, at A.H. Peters Funeral Home in Grosse Pointe Woods.

Memorial contributions may be made to The Arc of Grosse Pointe and Harper Woods, P.O. Box 36130, Grosse Pointe Farms, MI 48326.

John W. Pierce Jr.

John W. Pierce Jr., 60, of Harsens Island, died Tuesday, Feb. 21, 2006.

He was a graduate of Notre Dame High School and Wayne State University. He served his country as a lieutenant in the U.S. Army during the Vietnam War. Afterward, Mr. Pierce started his insurance business in Grosse Pointe.

Mr. Pierce and his wife, Kris, were members of St. Clare Parish where their children attended school. He helped coach basketball at St. Paul and St. Ambrose parishes, as well as the AAU and Neighborhood Club programs.

He enjoyed golf, playing cards and hunting, but he enjoyed playing with his seven grandchildren most of all.

He is survived by his wife, Kristine; children, Jane (Peter) Mueller, John III (Amy), Jeff (Sara Maul), Joe (Erica) and Jeanette; seven grandchildren; and brothers, Don (Sis) of Grosse Pointe Woods and Dave of San Diego, Calif.

He was predeceased by his sister, Carole.

Memorial contributions may be made to John Pierce Memorial Tree Fund, 891 N. Channel, Harsens Island, MI 48028.

Ralph Lambert Recor

Ralph Lambert Recor, 93, of Naples, Fla., died on Friday, March 31, 2006, after a brief illness.

He was born in Marine City on June 19, 1912. He graduated in 1934 from Michigan State University where he was a member of Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity. He remained an active member of the Michigan and Naples Alumni Associations of the fraternity until his death.

In his business career, he was an assistant to the vice president of sales for the Beach-Nut Packing Co. of Canajoharie, N.Y. Later he was vice president of sales for Farm Crest Bakeries Inc., a food company with bakeries in Detroit, Chicago, Ill., and Columbus, Ohio.

In his government career, he was a special agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, U.S. Department of Justice, with assignments in San Francisco, Calif., Chicago, Ill., Washington, D.C., and Detroit. He was compliance officer with the Labor Management Services Administration, U.S.



James Allen Bigham



Maureen Dale Greenfelder



S. Carter Kerr



John W. Pierce Jr.



Mary Miller Simon

Department of Labor. At the time of his retirement in 1979, he was in charge of the Detroit area Office of the Inspector General, U.S. Department of Labor and was their representative on the U.S. Department of Justice Organized Crime Strike Force.

He was an enthusiastic fan of Michigan State football and held season tickets for more than 53 years.

He was a former member of the St. Clair River Country Club and the Dunes Country Club of Fort Myers, Fla., as well as being a member of its tennis team.

Mr. Recor was active in the Detroit area Grocery Manufacturers Representatives (DAGMR) and was chairman of their board in 1961.

He is survived by his three daughters, Karen (Roger) Britt of San Diego, Calif., Colleen (Louis) Dubrow of Nashville, Tenn., and Janet (Roger) Terwilliger of Bozeman, Mont.

He was predeceased by his wife of 63 years, Jo, who died in 2003.

A memorial service was held on Thursday, April 6, in Naples, Fla. Interment will be at the Rosehill Cemetery, East China.

Memorial contributions may be made to the charity of one's choice.

Mary Miller Simon

Mary "Bard" Miller Simon, 46, died on Saturday, March 18, 2006, after a long and determined fight against multiple sclerosis.

She was born on April 13, 1949, in Birmingham to Stephen C. and Dorothy C. Miller.

She was a student at Brookside Elementary School in Birmingham, The National Cathedral School for Girls in Washington, D.C., and a graduate of Seaholm High School in Birmingham.

She spent three years at Michigan State University, and graduated with a Bachelor of Science Degree in political science from the University of California at Los Angeles.

After college, she returned to Washington, D.C., to write for the Women's National Health Review. She enjoyed journalism and the excitement of the capital.

Ms. Simon later moved to Los Angeles, Calif., where she met her future husband, Grosse Pointe native Mark Simon. She moved to Palm Desert, Calif., to be with him.

She became an advertising executive and, later, general manager of a printing company Communications Marketing Inc.

She was a volunteer for the Desert Aids Project, the Boys and Girls Club of Coachella Valley and the Temeculan Society.

Hospital and a sales representative for Aramark/Service Master. He started working at the hospital at the age of 17 as an emergency room clerk. Through the years, he was promoted to numerous positions, eventually becoming director of Materials Management.

He took advantage of living in Grosse Pointe and Michigan. He enjoyed shopping at Eastern Market, visiting Belle Isle and spending the day with his family at the Farms' Pier Park. He looked forward to vacationing Up North. He was fond of good food and feeding the neighborhood squirrels.

He was very proud of his family and his four daughters' educational pursuits and accomplishments.

He is survived by his wife, Janet E. Wittmann; daughters, Kimberly (Richard) Wittmann Kowalski, Beth (Mark) Phillips, and Laura and Andrea Wittmann; his grandchildren, Alec and Laurel Kowalski; his mother-in-law, Dorothy Gormely; his brothers and sisters-in-law; and numerous nieces and nephews.

A memorial service was held on Wednesday, April 12, at Chas. Verheyden Funeral Homes in Grosse Pointe Park. Interment is at White Chapel Cemetery in Troy.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Belle Isle Botanical Society for the Anna Scripps Whitcomb Conservatory, P.O. Box 14693, Detroit, MI 48214.

Robert Michael Wittmann

Grosse Pointe Farms resident Robert Michael Wittmann, 54, died on Friday, April 7, 2006, at St. John Hospital.

He was born on Aug. 22, 1951, to Josef and Margarete (nee Tallarek) Wittmann.

He graduated from Cass Technical High School in 1969 and continued his education at Wayne State University where he was to graduate this June.

Mr. Wittmann was a longtime employee at Henry Ford

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Commemorative cemeteries

The American Battle Monuments Commission (ABMC) maintains cemeteries of American service men and women who died in battles overseas.

The commission traces its roots back to World War I. Many of its cemeteries are off the beaten path, near famous battlefields of World Wars I and II. Others are near tourist cen-

ters that cater routinely to Americans.

While many traveling in Europe know about the American cemetery in Normandy that overlooks Omaha Beach, few realize that the commission also maintains cemeteries just as beautiful in locations such as Cambridge, England; Paris, France; and Florence, Italy.

18A | AUTOMOTIVE

AUTOS By Jenny King

Ford's new compact, the **2006 Fusion**, has roomy interior space and is handsome both inside and out. The **2006 Mercury Milan** has advanced technology that works to protect its passengers and the environment.

Fusion and Milan: mid-size is good size



While it's larger than Ford's earlier compact, the Contour, the 2006 Ford Fusion pretty much takes Contour's place in the Ford passenger car family. This is an important slot that has been vacant since the 2000 model year, the last in which the Contour was offered.

Ford most likely was putting its eggs in the light truck basket, a move that worked well then but appears to no longer be the best strategy.

The Fusion, available only as a four-door sedan, should be a welcome addition to choices available to passenger car lovers. It is slotted between various interesting models of the subcompact Focus and the intermediate Taurus replacement, the Ford 500.

In the past, "compact" sedan often translated into "cramped" sedan: easy to park, but squished for backseat passengers. The earlier compact was designed for five persons but better suited to four — and those four as being of average or small size. If vehicles like the Contour tended to look like candidates for daily rental fleets, that's because those fleets were a primary market for them.

The Fusion puts the lie to descriptors like claustrophobic



Ford's new compact, the 2006 Fusion.

and boring. This compact has lots of interior space and it is quite good looking both inside and outside.

Ford offers a choice of three interior themes. Features considered high-end are available on all models, like heated front seats and a six-disc in-dash CD player that has the ability to read MP3-encoded audio discs.

Four-wheel power disc

brakes are standard on Fusion. An antilock braking system with brake force distribution is available.

There are two engines from which to choose. The base model, the I-4 S, comes with a 2.3-liter, four-cylinder, 160-horsepower engine. Fusion also may be ordered with a 3.0-liter, 221-horsepower V-6. Both feature all-aluminum construction, dual overhead cams, four

valves per cylinder, variable cam timing and electronic throttle control.

The four-cylinder engine can be paired with a five-speed manual or automatic transaxle. The smaller engine with manual transmission returns 23 miles per gallon city, and 31 mpg highway.

The more powerful V-6 comes with a six-speed automatic and is rated at 21 mpg city, 29 mpg highway.

So we liked the Fusion. How, then, can we explain that we loved our few days in the

Mercury Milan? (Anyone remember its predecessor, the Mystique?) It is the same vehicle. Both had the 3.0-liter V-6 with automatic transmission. Both had 17-inch wheels (which do make a difference in a car's overall profile). Both had optional (\$295) heated front seats.

The Milan was silver; the Fusion deep blue. We're not particular.

It certainly wasn't the speed-sensitive windshield wipers on the Milan, or its battery-saver feature in case one should

leave a dome light on all night.

The Fusion V-6 SEL priced out at \$21,710 to which \$4,000 in options packages had been added. The Milan V-6 Premier had a standard price of \$22,845 and had only \$2,000 in additions.

The Milan had antilock brakes as standard; they were a \$595 option on the Fusion.

No point in any further hair-splitting. These are nice mid-side sedans, we think. They are well worth a look for anyone considering a capable five-passenger car.

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SHOP TALK By Greg Zyla

Heat affects battery life



Darden for much of the information, and if you would like to learn more about batteries, see his Web site at batteryfaq.org, as it's loaded with great information.

Q Greg, my mechanic says that if I move my battery from under the hood to the trunk, in the summer months, I can extend the life of the battery because it is cooler in the trunk. Is he right?

A Alma, your mechanic is correct. However, you can also protect your car's battery from high under-hood temperatures with a heat shield or a special battery case. Make sure you keep your battery fully charged at all times, as this is probably the best way to extend life.

In hot weather, the electrolyte levels need to be checked more frequently because, according to a study conducted by the Society of Automotive Engineers (SAE), under-hood temperatures have increased more than 30 percent since 1985 due to engines running at higher temperatures.

As for moving the battery to the trunk, this is an old trick of auto racing teams, as they've been running with batteries in the trunk for years. The racers did so because of the high heat and also to move the heavy battery to the rear of the car to improve handling.

Chrysler studies prove that moving the battery from under the hood increases the average OEM battery life by eight months. Moving the battery to the trunk or a protected passenger-compartment area, as Mazda did with its Miata, is becoming more popular with car manufacturers to protect the starting battery from high under-hood temperatures.

We want to thank William

Q Greg, when should I change the transmission fluid in my Honda Accord? I hear something different from everyone I ask.

— Doug P. Holiday, Fla.

A Doug, you don't say whether you have an automatic or manual transmission, and they are very different in how they break down the fluid. Remember that just like the oil in your car's engine, transmission fluid degrades or contaminates from heat, dirt, dust and debris.

Manual transmissions have less heat buildup than automatics, but more contamination occurs as tiny metal particles enter the oil every time the synchronizer is used and gears are changed. As the transmission fluid ages, oiling abilities break down as those tiny metal contaminants build up, leaving your vehicle's transmission vulnerable to breakdowns.

In an automatic transmission, heat is the big culprit, and the fluid can actually break down because of the heat after going past the fluid-change mileage or time period.

However, just as in a manual, tiny particles also contaminate the fluid, making it twice as bad to miss changing the fluid in an automatic-equipped car.

A complete transmission flush that replaces all the fluid in the transmission will assure you many miles of protection and reliability. Automatics will also need a new filter and gasket.

After a transmission flush, you'll notice the smoother shifting and better performance overall. Don't hesitate to get it done, and follow the owner's manual for change dates and mileage schedule. The rule of

thumb is 30,000 to 50,000 miles for manual transmissions, and 30,000 miles and up for automatics. (Some new automatics have lifetime fluids.)

Your dealer or independent garage can easily handle the chore. Expect to pay \$45 to \$75 for a normal automatic transmission.

Q Greg, I have a 2005 Mercury LS. While having my car serviced, I overheard two men talking about how to keep fuel-injector nozzles clean. One man said he uses Pennzoil's "Gumout" Fuel Injector Cleaner every fifth tankful of gas. The other said he drops two mothballs in his '98 Mercury every time he fills up. Would I be foolish to try this?

— Ray P., Port Ritzey, Fla.

A Years ago it was said that mothballs raised the octane rating of gasoline.

According to the research I dug up, there are two types of mothballs, and one of them is a hydrocarbon and made of naphthalene. If you drop two of these in your tank, it probably wouldn't hurt the engine. However, the second type of mothball is composed of dichlorobenzene, which could damage your motor because it produces hydrochloric acid when it burns.

As for using Pennzoil's Gumout, that's a good practice, as is using a good grade of fuel that already contains fuel-injector cleaning additives.

To make a long story short, don't put any mothballs into your gasoline. They are to be used for what they were made, specifically, to get rid of groundhogs without killing them if they burrow in too close to your backyard swimming pool. Just dump a box down the hole, and they become very upset and leave.

Greg Zyla is a syndicated columnist.

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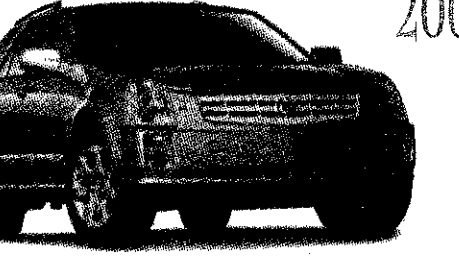
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Running at Indy for a cure for cancer

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

Christopher Hardenbrook and 33 of the world's best race car drivers will race next month at the Indianapolis Motor Speedway.

Of course, Hardenbrook and the drivers will be in separate events.

Hardenbrook will have al-

ready run the course, literally, by the time luminaries such as Dan Wheldon and Michael Andretti suit up for the 90th Indianapolis 500.

Hardenbrook, the City of Grosse Pointe parks and recreation director, is a runner, not a race car driver.

He plans to run at Indy on Saturday, May 6, to raise money for the Leukemia and

Lymphoma Society.

Hardenbrook belongs to the society's Team In Training, a nationwide group of fundraisers preparing to run a half-marathon to benefit the society. Runners will wear uniforms listing the names of victims of blood cancer or honoring people who are battling it now.

Hardenbrook's list includes his grandmother, recently diag-

nosed with breast cancer.

"Cancer touches people on a personal level," Hardenbrook said.

Leukemia is the leading cause of cancer death of children between the ages of 1 and 15, according to society literature Hardenbrook provided. Leukemia and Lymphoma are leading cancer killers of woman and men under 35.

Hardenbrook has been training for the race by jogging eight miles on weekdays. Despite back problems, he typically runs at least 12 miles on Saturday and Sunday.

"With my work schedule I get home late," he said. "I find myself running during dark."

He lives in Grosse Pointe Park and often jogs up and

down Kercheval. Longer routes extend up Lakeshore through the Farms into the Shores and back.

"The most I have ran is 14 miles," Hardenbrook said.

The race is scheduled as part of the Indy 500 Festival Races at the One America 500 Festival.

With less than a month to go until the starting gun, Hardenbrook has raised nearly \$1,100 toward his \$1,900 goal.

"Of every dollar donated, 25 cents goes to my entrance fee to the race," he said.

He wrote in a fundraising letter, "While at first I thought I could do this with only the help of those who have affected my life in a personal sense, I have soon realized that I must reach

out to everyone in my life, both professionally and personally, in order to accomplish my goal. By helping me you will be helping thousands in the fight against blood cancers."

He said donations are 100 percent tax deductible and can be made to:

◆ Hardenbrook's Team In Training Web site: www.active.com/donate/tntmi/Hardenbrook, or

◆ by giving him a check made out to the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society or

◆ by sending a check to the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society, attention Christopher Hardenbrook, St. Paul Lutheran Church, 375 Lothrop, Grosse Pointe Farms, MI 48236.

**CITY OF HARPER WOODS
WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN
SYNOPSIS: REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MARCH 6, 2006**

The regular City Council meeting was called to order by Mayor Kenneth A. Poynter at 7:30 P.M.

ROLL CALL: All Councilpersons were present.

MOTIONS PASSED

- 1) To receive, approve and file the minutes of the regular City Council meeting held February 22, 2006.
- 2) To adjourn to the Conference Room for the 2006 Goal Setting Session.
- 3) That the agenda of the regular City Council meeting having been acted upon, the meeting is hereby adjourned at 8:23 p.m.

RESOLUTION PASSED

- 1) To approve the following items on the Consent Agenda: (1) Approve the Accounts Payable listing for Check Numbers 76564 through 76701 in the amount of \$847,472.37 as submitted by the City Manager and Finance Director, and further, authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to sign the listing. (2) Approve payment in the amount of \$27,409.90 to Grosse Pointe Woods for the City's pro-rata portion of the operating and maintenance of the Torrey Road Pumping Station for the period July 1, 2005 through December 31, 2005. (3) Approve payment to Bob Schomer Tree Service in the amount of \$5,030.00 for trimming 58 trees on Woodmont in conjunction with the ongoing tree trimming project, and for the removal of trees on Lancaster and at Danbury Park.
- 2) To approve Change Order No. 1 in the amount of \$10,087.70 with Galui Construction Co. of Clinton Twp. for the Kelly Road Parking Modification Project, #180-073.
- 3) To approve the City of Harper Woods participation in the Vernier Road Construction project with an estimated cost of \$374,000 and further to authorize the City Manager to sign the required contracts and other documents for the project to go forward.
- 4) To appoint Council members Szymanski, Palmer and Marshall to a subcommittee to review a proposal by the Grosse Pointe School District to change the Grosse Pointe Library Board from an appointed one to an elected one and provide a recommendation to the full City Council.

Kenneth A. Poynter, Mayor

Mickey D. Todd, City Clerk

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MADD about drunks

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

In a city tough on drunken drivers, Officer Amy Ellison is the toughest.

Ellison's arrest record earned her a fourth straight Mothers Against Drunk Driving Lifesaver Award.

"Drunk drivers might not want to drive through our town," said Ellison. "We work hard to take drunk drivers off the road."

Shores officers are on the lookout for intoxicated drivers.

"Drunk drivers impact people in so many ways, especially when it comes to vehicle accidents and injuries they cause," Ellison said. "It's important that we enforce the laws to keep them off the road and keep everybody safe."

Last year Shores officers arrested 71 drunken drivers.

"When she works nights,



PHOTO BY BRAD LINDBERG

If you're a drunk driver, you don't want to see Grosse Pointe Shores Officer Amy Ellison in your rearview mirror.

which is only half the year because she switches between days and nights, she has one-third of the department's (drunken driving) arrests," said Stephen Poloni, Grosse Pointe Shores public safety di-

rector. "We arrest everyone from young kids to doctors and fugitives with warrants," Ellison said. "Drunk driving doesn't have any specific category of person."

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SAFETY: Book 'em, Danno

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at 4:04 a.m., for weaving into oncoming lanes of Vernier from Lakeshore in Grosse Pointe Shores.

Police said the man admitted drinking and failed a series of sobriety tests but refused to let his breath be tested for alcohol content.

Police obtained a search warrant for his blood to be drawn at an eastside hospital

for alcohol testing.

Man and woman hide in car

A 37-year-old Redford woman registered a .191 percent blood alcohol level during a drunken driving investigation on Saturday, April 8, at 2:04 a.m., in Grosse Pointe Shores.

A 27-year-old male passenger from Roseville was found violating terms of his parole but not arrested.

An officer had seen the woman operating a 1991 Mercury four-door erratically on Lakeshore. Police tailed the vehicle to Webber Place, where

the woman pulled into a driveway.

"(I) observed the vehicle's lights being shut off, and both occupants crouching down in their seats," said the arresting officer.

Police informed the passenger's parole office that he'd violated his parole by consuming alcohol.

Chimney fire on Hawthorne

Grosse Pointe Shores public safety officers put out a chimney fire on Hawthorne last week.

Officers on Friday, April 7, at 6:42 p.m., put out flames with

fire suppression sticks and chemical extinguishers.

The homeowner was advised to have the chimney cleaned.

Speeds to drunk driving arrest I

On Tuesday, April 4, at 9:29 p.m., a 76-year-old Eastpointe man was arrested for drunken driving in Grosse Pointe Shores.

An officer had noticed the man driving 51 mph on northbound Lakeshore near Willison. The man registered a .085 percent blood alcohol level, police said.

Speeds to drunk driving arrest II

A 42-year-old Detroit man registered a .18 percent blood alcohol level during a drunken driving investigation on

See SAFETY, page 22A



PHOTO BY BRAD LINDBERG

Raleigh puts his nose to work

Raleigh the City of Grosse Pointe police dog last week helped his counterparts in the Farms arrest a 38-year-old Grosse Pointe Park man for drug possession.

On Friday, April 7, at 8:54 a.m., a Farms officer noticed the man driving a blue 1993 Chevrolet station wagon 37 mph in a 25 mph zone of southbound Moross near Ridge. During a traffic stop near Kercheval, the officer detected the odor of marijuana coming from the vehicle.

A search of the vehicle didn't turn up contraband, so Farms police requested help from Raleigh, trained to sniff out narcotics, and his handler PSO Mike Almeranti.

"Raleigh hit on the center of the bench seat," police said. "Almeranti located a plastic bag containing suspected marijuana."

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LaSalle supports safety

Dan Jensen, deputy public safety director in Grosse Pointe Farms, accepts a \$500 donation to the department from Barbara Stefani, assistant vice president and branch manager of LaSalle Bank on the Hill. "This is one way we can show our support for the men and women who work so hard to protect our communities," said Chuck Smith, LaSalle Bank senior vice president. "We are happy to demonstrate our appreciation for their outstanding work." LaSalle is donating \$500 per branch to local police and fire departments in southeast Michigan. Contributions will total \$71,500 over the next several weeks. "It is wonderful when members of the community step forward with donations to assist us maintain the services we provide," Jensen said.

SAFETY: Feel lucky, do'ya?

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Sunday, April 2, at 9:13 p.m., in Grosse Pointe Shores.

An officer said the man had been driving a white 1991 Buick 52 mph on northbound Lakeshore.

—Brad Lindberg

Grosse Pointe Woods

Threatening customer

On Friday, April 7, at 5:10 p.m., a 25-year-old manager of a business in the 19300 block of Mack in Grosse Pointe Woods reported to police a customer threatened to kill a 20-year-old female sales associate.

The male customer became irate over the activation and payment fees on his cell phone. The customer was screaming profanities at the sales associate, and threatened to kill her.

The man left in a tan Toyota. He was last seen driving west on Newcastle.

Cracked windshield

On Saturday, April 8, at 1:52 a.m., a 58-year-old Detroit man driving a 1994 green Pontiac Bonneville was stopped at Harper and Lancaster for having defective equipment and a cracked windshield.

A LEIN (Law Enforcement Information Network) check revealed the man did not have a driver license, his license was suspended and he had three outstanding warrants.

The driver, who did not produce any documents, was seen to be intoxicated by the police officer. He did not know how to spell his name nor could he spell the street he lived on. The man also did not know whose vehicle he was driving.

The man failed several field sobriety tests and a Portable Breath Test gave a reading of .137 percent blood alcohol level. The driver was arrested for operating a motor vehicle while intoxicated, driving with a suspended license and having defective equipment.

Duo up to no good

On Friday, April 7, at 10:58 p.m., a 31-year-old Detroit man and a 20-year-old Detroit man

driving in a 1995 red Cadillac were pulled over at Harper and Allard after a LEIN check revealed the license plate belonged to a 1988 Chevrolet Astrovan.

The driver provided a registration but did not produce a driver license or proof of insurance.

He told the police officer he did not have a driver license and he just bought the vehicle and did not have it registered.

The passenger identified himself and told the officer there was a "blunt" in the car door.

A LEIN check on the driver revealed he had 14 current license suspensions and warrants out of Detroit and Oak Park for failure to appear in court.

The officer found suspected marijuana on the passenger. Both men were arrested. The driver was arrested for driving with a suspended license and the passenger for possession of marijuana, which was positively identified at the police station.

Attempted car theft

On Tuesday, April 4, at 2:30 p.m., a 43-year-old Oxford Township man reported to Grosse Pointe Woods police that an unknown person tried to break into his 2004 blue Dodge Ram parked at his business located in the 19600 block of Harper.

The man said he noticed a man standing near his vehicle after getting out of a silver Pontiac van but thought nothing of it. When the man checked his vehicle later that afternoon, he noticed a small hole punched into the driver-side door by a screwdriver. The damage is estimated at \$350.

Suspended license

On Tuesday, April 4, at 4:37 p.m., a 27-year-old Roseville woman was pulled over at Bramcaster and Huntington because the license plate registration tab did not belong with the registered vehicle.

The woman told police she went to the Secretary of State to transfer the plate, but the officer said the registration tab information she gave was correct, but the plate is wrong.

A LEIN check revealed the woman's driving status is suspended. She was arrested for driving with a suspended license.

Her husband took the vehicle home.

—Bob St. John

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GROSSE POINTE WOODS

Fireworks OK'd

By Bob St. John
Staff Writer

Grosse Pointe Woods' Fireworks Committee took care of several small details in preparation of the annual fireworks set to shoot off Sunday, June 25, at Parcels Middle School.

City council approved the measures, including the hiring of Melrose Pyrotechnics Inc. to handle the fireworks display.

In the contract with the city, Melrose Pyrotechnics will provide a sufficient area for the display, including a minimum spectator set back of 700 feet at all points from the discharge area; protection of the display area by roping-off or similar facility; adequate police protection to prevent spectators from

entering display area; and a search of the fallout area at first light following a nighttime display.

Teen Angels will provide the entertainment for spectators from 7 p.m. until approximately 10:15, which is minutes before the fireworks begin. In addition, representatives from Wally's Frozen Custard and National Coney Island, along with William Rosolino, received a vendor license.

"This is a great time for everyone in the Woods and from the surrounding communities," Mayor Robert Novitke said. "We take a lot of pride in providing a wonderful fireworks display for the spectators."

Monday, June 26, is the rain date.

GROSSE POINTE WOODS

Support for dog park

Several Grosse Pointe Woods residents are interested in creating a "Dog Park" to walk their dogs and sit along side fellow canine enthusiasts.

Margaret Potter, who has spearheaded the effort, and other park supporters met Saturday, April 8, at Caribou Coffee on Mack to discuss what needs to happen to turn their idea into a reality.

"We're interested in creating a relatively small park for residents to walk their dogs and spend time with them," Potter said. "We're getting a lot of support and we hope to make this a reality."

Other cities with dog parks include Warren, Clinton Township, Grosse Pointe Shores and West Bloomfield.

—Bob St. John

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The Rev. Gerald A. Spice began accumulating **crosses and crucifixes** in 1970. Since then, he has received them from many corners of the world. He now has about 1,000 wooden, metal and fabric symbols to share.

Art, history displayed in his collection

By Margie Reins Smith
Special Writer

The Rev. Gerald A. Spice, pastor of St. James Lutheran Church in Grosse Pointe Farms, began collecting crucifixes and crosses before he ever considered entering the seminary. His collection of about 1,000 (down from 2,000) is displayed in his office, throughout St. James Lutheran Church and in his home.

Spice graduated from the University of Wisconsin in Milwaukee in 1970. He earned a Bachelor of Fine Arts degree with majors in choral conducting and brass instruments.

"I bought my first cross when I was traveling with four friends in Europe the summer after I graduated," he said. "One of my friends was looking for a cross to take home to his father, who had requested one."

"My interest then was in history and the arts, so the first cross I bought was from Maria Laach Monastery in southern Germany. I thought it was pretty."

By the time he earned a Master of Divinity degree from the Lutheran School of Theology in Chicago, Spice's collection of crosses had increased to four or five. Most were gifts from friends.

Spice's first parish was in Fort Lauderdale, Fla.

"I taught early church history while I was there and I discovered that crosses and crucifixes had an interesting historical background as well as the theological significance."

"An empty cross is just a cross. A crucifix is a cross that includes a depiction of the crucified Christ," Spice said. "If it shows the reigning Christ, it's called a Christus Rex. It was during the Reformation that the empty cross became popular."

"Once people saw that I was beginning to collect these, they began bringing crosses to me from their travels. When I traveled, I would bring some back. Children would make crosses for me as gifts. I have some made of matchsticks, seashells and toothpicks. By the year 2000, I had 2,000 — most of them stored in boxes. There were too many to display."

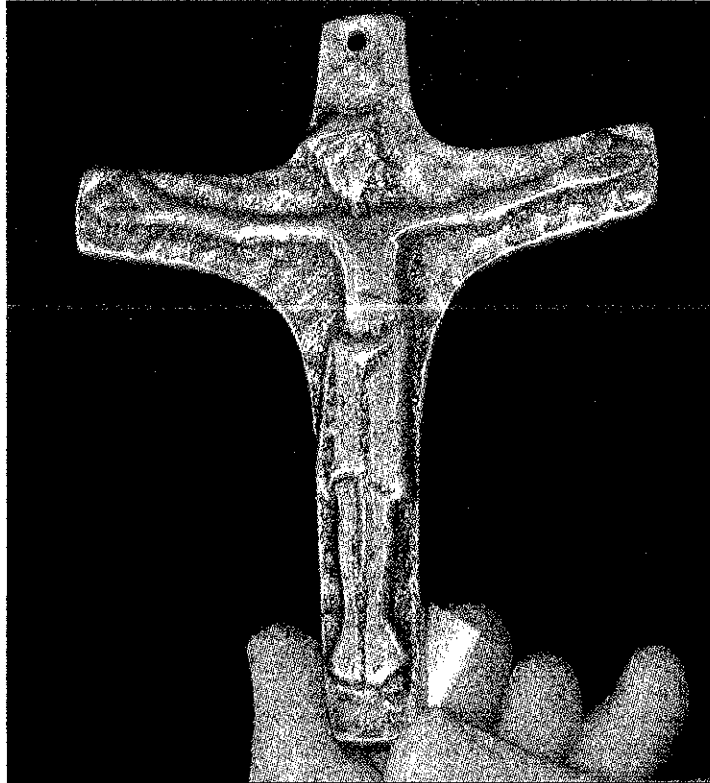
"When I was serving in Louisville, Ky., as a mission developer for Grace & Glory Lutheran Church, I put some of my collection on a table. During the church announcements I told people to take what they liked. I had only one caveat: Whatever they take, they must display."

All the crosses were taken. He put more on the table the next week. They also disappeared.

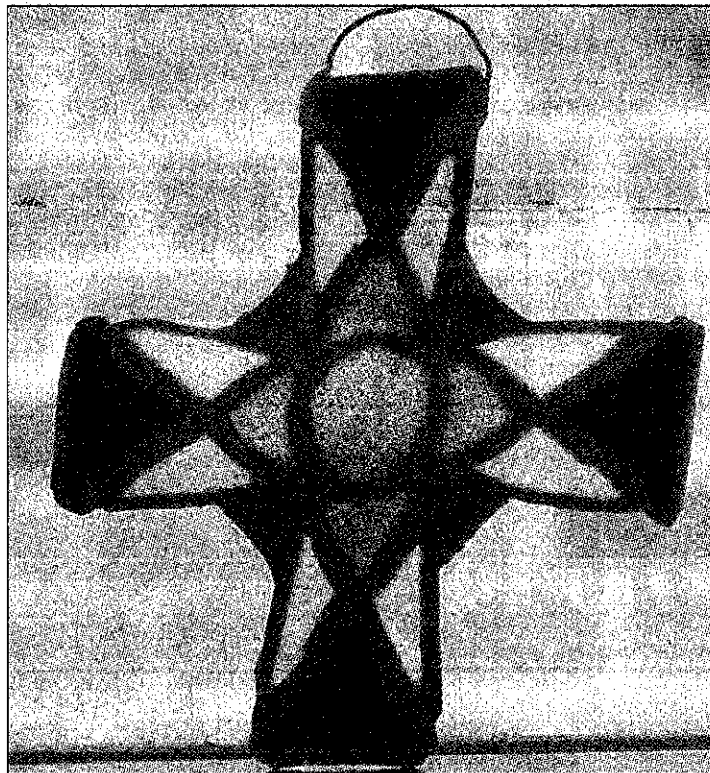
Spice's remaining collection numbers about 1,000. He enjoys telling the stories behind those on display in his church office.

Oberammergau crucifix: This hand-carved crucifix is made of linden wood. Spice acquired it when he was in Oberammergau, Germany, for the Passion Play in 1980. "It's traditionally inaccurate," he said, "because Christ's wounds were not on his hands, as shown here, but on his wrists."

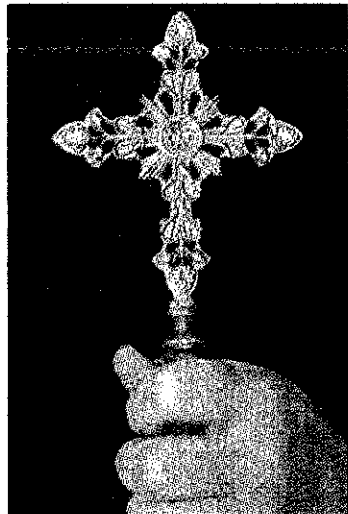
Scrap metal crucifix: An art student at Florida Atlantic University created this crucifix out of scrap metal. Spice bought it at an art fair in 1978.



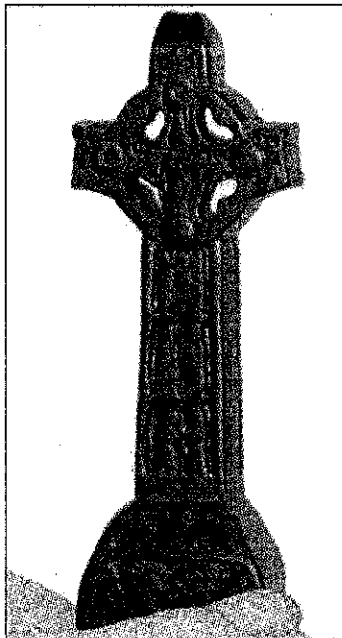
The Spanish cross was purchased by a bartender while traveling in Spain in the late 1990s.



This stained glass Greek cross was an ordination gift to Spice in 1975.



The bishop's cross is made of brass with a wooden handle.



African Christus Rex: This Christus Rex was a gift from a friend who traveled to Africa in 1987. It depicts the reigning Christ, wearing a crown and Eucharistic vestments, as well as Christ's wounds, a reminder of the Resurrection.

Christ & Latin cross: Spice purchased this carved wooden depiction of Christ while he was in Germany. A friend, a professor at Millersville University in Lancasterville, Pa., made the Latin-style cross that he placed behind the carving. It dates from the early 1990s.

Stained glass Greek cross: This stained glass Greek cross was an ordination gift to Spice in 1975. It was given to him by a retired engineer, a member of the parish where he did his internship in Tucson, Ariz. It's

Stella Carr, a staff member of St. James Lutheran Church purchased this while visiting Ireland.

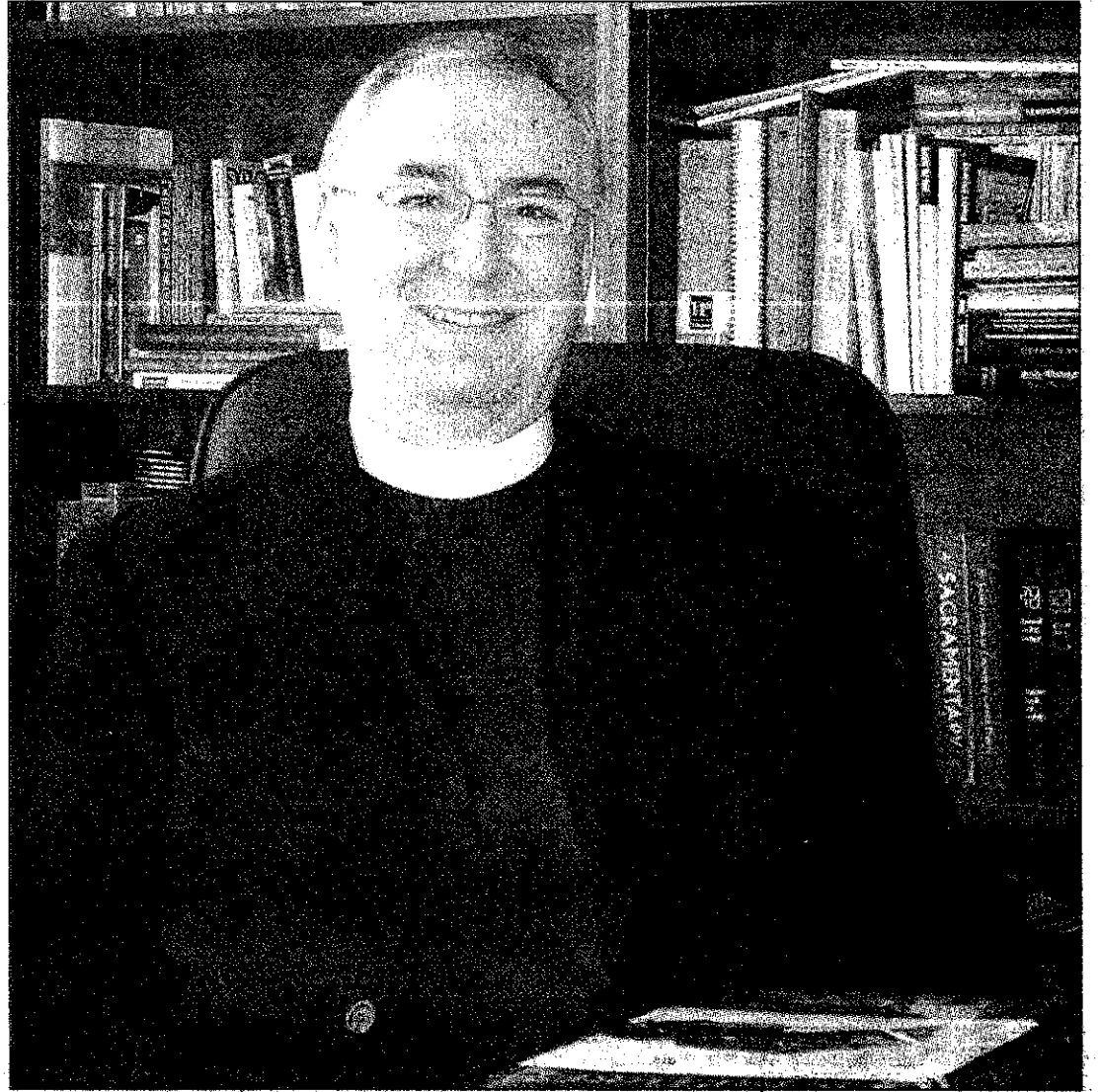
made of colored glass and lead.

Needlepoint cross: This needlepoint depiction of Martin Luther's coat of arms, with a small black cross in its center, was a gift from a woman who was a member of Spice's congregation in the early 1990s. She and her husband were separated and they were working with Spice to solve their problems.

"They eventually got back together," Spice said. "The needlepoint cross was her gift of appreciation for my help."

Spanish brass cross: The


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The Rev. Gerald A. Spice has 1,000 crosses and crucifixes in his collection.

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Spain in the late 1990s.

Bishop's cross: The bishop's cross is made of brass with a wooden handle. It is used by the bishop in the Greek Orthodox church to bless the people. It was a gift to Spice in 1997 from an Orthodox priest in Lancaster, Pa.

"I have served in congrega-

tions all over the country," he said. "Of all, this is my favorite. I like it here because the congregation is mid-sized, small enough for people to know one another; because it's made up of a diverse group of people from different walks of life; and because people have a remarkable degree of openness."

Easter events integral
on church calendars

◆ Rabbi Sherwin Wine continues his lectures at the **Grosse Pointe Unitarian Church** for lectures on Thursdays, April 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. For more information, call (313) 881-0420.

◆ On Good Friday, April 14, at 8 p.m., **Old St. Mary's Church** in Greektown will host a service of music and readings featuring Antonin Dvorak's "Stabat Mater," and performed by Old St. Mary's Festival Choir, soloists and orchestra.

There is free parking. A free-will offering will be taken.

For more information, call the parish office at (313) 961-8711.

◆ Holy Week at **First English Ev. Lutheran Church**, 800 Vernier, Grosse Pointe Woods, continues at 7 p.m. on Maundy Thursday, April 13, with Holy Communion and the 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.

Easter Sunday, April 16, "The Resurrection of Our Lord" will be presented at the 7 a.m. service. The contemporary service will be at 9 a.m. and the festival worship service at 11 a.m. with Holy Communion served at each worship service.

A light breakfast buffet follows each service and Sunday school will be suspended for the day.

For more information, call the church at (313) 884-5040.

◆ "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.

◆ The sights and sounds of Easter morning will be supplemented at **Christ the King Lutheran Church** this year by the aroma of coffee brewing and French toast frying as the church prepares for its annual Easter breakfast.

A longtime tradition at Christ the King, the breakfast dates back to 1974, when youth group director Walt Geffert first proposed that the congregation gather after Easter worship.

The breakfast has grown in popularity ever since and now serves an estimated 200 people in two hours.

This year's Easter breakfast will be served from 8 to 10 a.m. There is no charge, but freewill donations will be received with gratitude.

Community members are invited to the breakfast and to worship at any time during Holy Week.

Holy Week services begin with 11:15 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. Maundy Thursday, April 13, services.

Both will include Holy Communion.

Good Friday Passion Service with Holy Communion takes place at 11:15 a.m.; Tenebrae service, the traditional Good Friday "service of darkness," is scheduled for 7:30 p.m.

Easter Sunday, April 16, worship begins with the first service at 8 a.m. The second service with special music takes place at 10:45 a.m.

For more information, call

the Rev. Tim Holzerland at (313) 884-5090.

◆ **St. Joan of Arc Catholic School** students present Christ's final days and crucifixion at 11 a.m. Thursday, April 13.

This annual Passion play is depicted with offstage narration and pantomimed action. Nick Herman of Grosse Pointe Woods will play the role of Jesus.

◆ An interfaith prayer breakfast is scheduled for 8:30 a.m. Monday, May 1, for clergy and lay ministry leaders. Entitled "Call to Action Now - Together We Can Heal" it will be held in Cobo Center, Room W-154.

The keynote speakers are the Rev. Dr. Eileen W. Lindner, Deputy General Secretary, National Council of the Churches of Christ in the U.S.A., Dr. Kimberlydawn Wisdom, Michigan Surgeon General and Carl Levin, U.S. senator.

The "Call to Action" prayer breakfast, which is the inaugural event for Cover The Uninsured Week 2006, is designed to educate, empower and seek engagement by faith and lay leaders, including parish nurses, chaplains and educators, to address health care issues and solutions in an interfaith setting. It will examine the issues and stigma of the uninsured and underinsured, including disparities of care. Information will be provided on health insurance enrollment options in addition to discussion of best practices in health ministry.

The breakfast is presented by the Interfaith Health & Hope Coalition and the Detroit Wayne County Health Authority, in conjunction with other community sponsors. Cover The Uninsured Week 2006 is sponsored by the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation.

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Country Club of Detroit hires GM

The Country Club of Detroit has appointed Mark D. Petzing to the position of general manager, effective April 1.

Petzing brings to the club a strong background of comprehensive country club management experience. Most recently Petzing was director of club operations for the Country Club of Virginia in Richmond, Va., a 7,300-member club with 54 holes of golf.

Previously, Petzing was assistant manager of the Augusta National Club, Augusta, Ga., home of the Masters Tournament, and Woodmont Country Club in Rockville, Md.

Petzing is a certified club manager and a graduate of Auburn University with a degree in hotel and restaurant management and the Business Management Institute at Michigan State and Cal Tech universities.

"We are fortunate to have attracted a 31-year-old manager with the credentials and accomplishments of Mark Petzing," said Country Club of Detroit President Charles B. Begg Jr. "We look forward to his experienced and youthful approach to club management operations."

Petzing will be accompanied to Grosse Pointe by his wife, Carolyn, and son, Mark.

The Country Club of Detroit was founded in Grosse Pointe Farms on Oct. 1, 1897, and has since served many generations of Grosse Pointe families. Originally situated on the lake, the club was moved to its present site in 1923 in order to expand the golf course. The current clubhouse was built in 1927.

The Country Club of Detroit is a family club, offering swimming, tennis, platform tennis, bowling and fine and casual dining in addition to the golf course.

Regarded as one of the finest courses in the United States, it was the site of the 1954 National Amateur Tournament, which was won by a young Arnold Palmer. Palmer returned to the club to celebrate the 50th anniversary of that event in 2004.

The club also provides many programs for families, such as the children's Summer Camp and Gymkhana. Many Grosse Pointers first learned to play golf, tennis and swim at the club. Opportunities to exercise these skills are made available through the many tournaments organized by the club.

With youthful management and membership governance, the country club looks forward to another 100 years of serving its members.

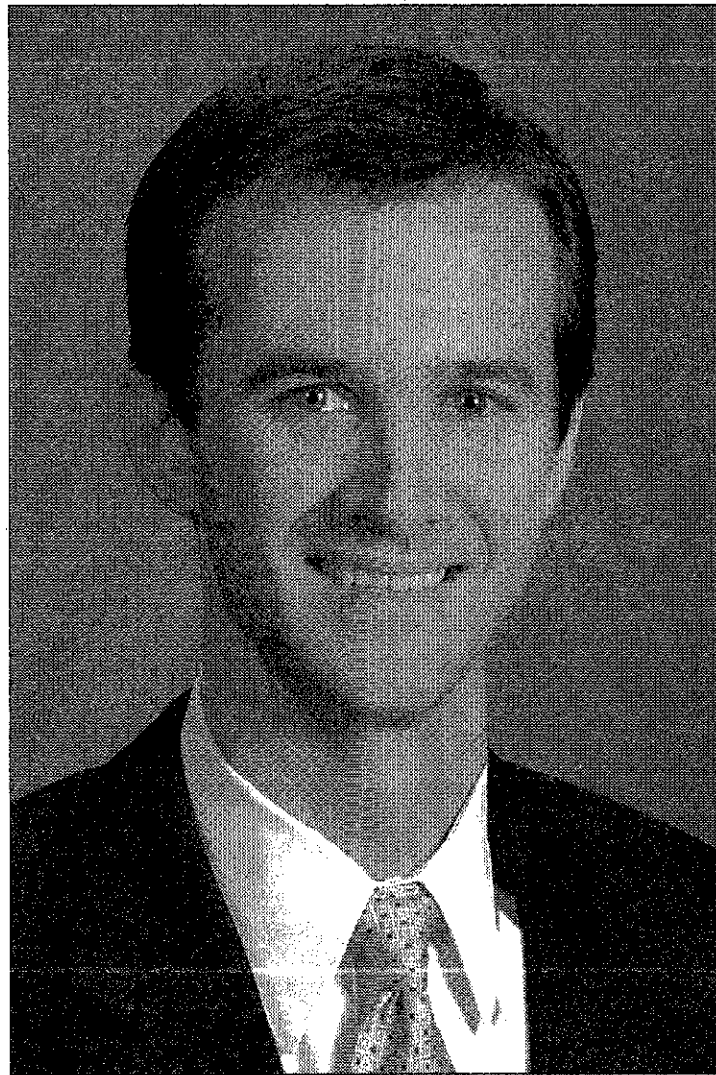
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SPRING MARKET: Shopkeepers and specialty boutiques from Michigan and across the U.S. offering jewelry, clothing, linens, garden specialties and distinctive home accessories will be featured at this year's Tau Beta Association Spring Market.

The benefit for The Children's Center is planned for Wednesday, April 26, through Friday, April 28, at the Grosse Pointe Hunt Club, 655 Cook Road in Grosse Pointe Woods. A preview party is planned from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. Wednesday, April 26. Tickets are \$65.

Shopping hours are Thursday, April 27, 10 a.m. to 8:30 p.m. and Friday, April 28, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Admission is \$5. A light lunch will be available at the Spring Market Café both days.

Funds raised will help develop the Tau Beta Center for Discovery, a multi-media based resource center including a computer lab and library at The Children's Center. In addition, Tau Beta members will staff this resource center during all business hours and as-



Mark D. Petzing, formerly of the Country Club of Virginia in Richmond, Va., has been named the new general manager of the Country Club of Detroit.

assist with everything from job searching to homework.

The Children's Center is one of the largest, most diverse child-serving agencies in Michigan, addressing the needs and problems of some of the most troubled children in the United States.

Contact co-chair Patsy Gotfredson for preview party tickets at (313) 886-5448.

Tau Beta Association promotes charitable and philanthropic projects and services to benefit the people of Southeastern Michigan.

MACED: The Michigan Association for Children with

Emotional Disorders is hosting a concert and reception to benefit its Juvenile Justice Project on Friday, April 21, at the historic Baldwin Theatre, 415 S. Lafayette in downtown Royal Oak.

"Rockin' for Justice" will feature headliners, The Hard Lessons. Doors open at 6 p.m. with a complimentary buffet, cash bar and silent auction at 6:30 p.m. The concert starts at 8 p.m.

"Rockin' for Justice" is a great opportunity for our members and friends to support the Juvenile Justice Project and to celebrate with an evening of

food and great entertainment," said David Birchler, longtime officer and MACED board member. "The staggering number of children with special needs shifted to the juvenile and adult correctional systems motivates us to raise the necessary funds to make a real difference," added Birchler, whose band, The Paisley Fogg, will open the concert.

The Hard Lessons' fiery trio is becoming known for its organ-drenched sound fused by Korin Cox's soulful pipes, Augie Visocchi's driving riffs and Chris Zajac-Denek's relentless backbeat.

Two of the band members are former teachers.

"It's important for us to be involved with an organization like MACED because we all worked with children before we started doing music full time," said Visocchi.

MACED, the oldest children's mental health advocacy organization in the nation, was founded in 1957 by a group of concerned parents, mental health professionals and educators who recognized the need for a voice to advocate on behalf of children with emotional disorders.

Tickets are \$125 for the Child Champion level and \$50 for the Friend of MACED level. For more information or to purchase tickets, call MACED at (248) 433-2200, or e-mail info@michkids.org.

SOLANUS CENTER: A wine tasting evening to benefit the Solanus Casey Center featuring more than 100 wines from around the world is planned from 6:30 to 10:30 p.m. Friday, May 12, at St. John's Armenian Cultural Center Hall, 22001 Northwestern Highway in Southfield.

Hosted by The Fine Wine Source and the Michigan Food & Beverage Association, tickets are \$75.

For additional information, call (313) 579-2100, ext 153.

TEEN THEATER: The realities of dating, domestic violence and sexual assault are the focus of the play, "Giving Voice to Silence" presented at 7 p.m. Wednesday April 26 at the John R. Armstrong Performing Arts Center, 24600 FV Pankow, Clinton Township.

The play was written and directed by Turning Point's Teen Theater Group in collaboration with Turning Point Inc. and All The World's a Stage.

A teen panel will follow the performance.

Turning Point, Inc. is a private, nonprofit organization that has been working to eliminate domestic and sexual violence since 1980. Services include a 24-hour crisis line, 42-bed emergency shelter, counseling, advocacy, a Forensic Nurse Examiners Program and prevention education.

KATRINA AID: Detroit

Friends are having a Give New Orleans a Hand benefit for Hurricane Katrina survivors at 8 p.m. Thursday, April 20, at 1515 Broadway.

The event features Tuka, a Detroit-based Gulf volunteer, who will speak about her experiences. A reception will follow with special musical guests, Motor City Sidestroke and The Syreens.

Detroit poet, playwright, chef and massage therapist, Kate Devlin, known as Tuka, offered her culinary and massage therapy skills and herself to Katrina victims. Since her visit, she has been advocating for those victims and will share her experiences and Katrina poetry.

There will also be a silent auction of donated items from local restaurants and other businesses.

Money raised at the event will be distributed among the following nonprofit charities, all of which directly support the people in recovery efforts: Bayou Liberty Relief (bayoulbertyrelief.org), Common Ground Relief (www.common-groundrelief.org) and United Peace Relief (unitedpeacere-relief.org).

Donations of tools, nonperishable food and paid Rite-Aid pharmacy cards are welcome and will be distributed in the Gulf area.

A \$10 to \$20 donation is requested at the door.



The Syreens will be among the musical guests at a fundraiser by Detroit Friends to benefit Hurricane Katrina survivors at 8 p.m. Thursday, April 20, at 1515 Broadway.



This year's Tau Beta Spring Market chairmen, above from left, are Patty French, Patsy Gotfredson and Lil Rink.



At left, Libby Follis, left, and Maureen Follis are the event's "Preview Party" co-chairmen.

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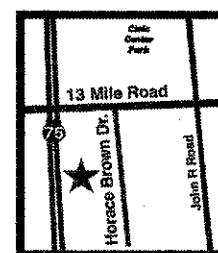
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Correction

The artist in "The Art of Healing" picture was misidentified in the March 30 issue. She is Jo Ann Collins.

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Mayors' Prayer Breakfast planned for May 4

Making plans for the 20th annual Mayors' Prayer Breakfast on Thursday, May 4, are, from left, Mayors Palmer T. Heenan, Grosse Pointe Park; James C. Farquhar Jr., Grosse Pointe Farms, Dale N. Scrace, City of Grosse Pointe; Robert E. Novitke, Grosse Pointe Woods; Kenneth A. Poynter, Harper Woods; and James M. Cooper, Grosse Pointe Shores. State Rep. John Moolenaar, R-Midland, and state Sen. Hansen Clarke, D-Detroit, are this year's guest speakers. The program begins at 7:30 a.m. in the Main Ballroom of the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club. The Mayors' Prayer Breakfast celebrates the National Day of Prayer as proclaimed by the president of the United States. Heenan and the city of Grosse Pointe Park serve as host for this year's event. Tickets for the breakfast are \$15 and are available at any of the Grosse Pointe or Harper Woods municipal offices. For more information, contact Barbara Tate at (313) 392-1023.

Local artists noted in avant-garde show

Local artists were well represented in the Grosse Pointe Artists Association's first avant-garde show, with many taking home awards.

Lori Zurvaec of the City of Grosse Pointe took second prize for her pen and ink drawing, "Red Marks Variation No. 261," and had two other pieces in the show.

An honorable mention was awarded to Anita McIntyre of Grosse Pointe Park for her hog gut, fiber and bead sculpture, "Hog Wild."

The idea of the avant-garde show was to feature artworks reflecting variations of artistic styles from abstract expressionism to surrealism. For the

first time, students from the Center for Creative Studies (CCS) were invited to participate.

"It's a cross-section of crafts, architectural elements and painting. There's even a gown in the show," said Grosse Pointer William House, who is a painter, professor emeritus at CCS and show juror.

Other local artists represented in the show include Linda Allen and Cathy Dossin of the City of Grosse Pointe; Hala Besmar, Jorg Erichsen, Nina Goebel and Colton Weatherston of Grosse Pointe Farms; Dawn Allen, Jon Bell, Brigit Huttemann-Holz,

Charmaine Kaptur, Thomas Krakowski, Michael Pilorget, Paula Stephenson and Julie Strabel of Grosse Pointe Park; and Catherine Smith of Grosse Pointe Woods.

The show is open Wednesdays, Fridays and Saturdays from noon to 5 p.m., and Thursdays from noon to 7 p.m. Admission is free, but donations are accepted.

The GPAA Art Center is located at 1005 Maryland in Grosse Pointe Park.

For more information, contact the GPAA Art Center at (313) 821-1848 or gpaal@sbcglobal.com, or go to grossepointeartcenter.com.

Junior League announces grants

The volunteer Junior League of Detroit fundraising organization has recently provided funding for three community assistance grants.

The first grant in the amount of \$2,690 was awarded to Capuchin Soup Kitchen/Earth Works Bees and Berries project. The program, developed by Growing Healthy Kids, provides youth education in sustainable systems in agriculture and cottage industry manufacturing.

The children will be educated on issues of soil contamination and harvest sunflower stalks and process the materials into paper for labels. They will also harvest berries and make jams for sale and honey extraction. The project will serve 34 students between 5 and 16 years of age.

The PEN Enrichment Community Center/Back 2 Basics Summer Camp, which

focuses on academic improvement, encouraging healthy lifestyles and enforcing behavioral improvement, received \$2,500. The program's goal is to raise academic performance by occupying students with schoolwork during the summer months while raising their academic expectations.

Westside Cultural & Athletic Club/Paving the Way will receive \$2,450 to provide free constructive activities and a safe and fun environment for children between 5 and 18 years old from area at-risk homes. Activities include 12 life-skills sessions, conflict resolution classes, math, spelling tutoring, urban marketing, crafts, sports, field trips and job training skills for 20 teens.

The Junior League of Detroit is an organization of women committed to promoting volunteerism, developing

the potential of women and improving communities through the effective action and leadership of trained volunteers. Its purpose is exclusively educational and charitable. It is currently celebrating 90 years of women building better communities.

Lecture planned

The 11th annual Sue Abbott Lecture and Floral Arranging Demonstration is planned for 7:30 p.m. Thursday, April 27 at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms.

Sponsored by the Grosse Pointe Garden Center, the event is free to the public. Refreshments will be served at 7 p.m.

PRIDE OF THE POINTES

The following Grosse Pointers were named James B. Angell Scholars for having 14 credit hours with 12 of which are not pass-fail and maintain an all-"A" record for two or more consecutive terms as undergraduates at the University of Michigan: Amanda Andrade, Nathan Dupes, Erin Burke, Corie D'Angelo, Emily Meza, Lauren Hirt, Ryan Baril, Josef Bogosian, John Cusmano, Joseph Delmotte, John Koppinger III, Caroline Martin, Elizabeth Neilson, Laura Padalino, James Van Loon, Cara Wulf, Trevor Broad and Justin Mitchelson.

The following Grosse Pointers were named with University Honors for having 14 credit hours with 12 of those with a grade rather than pass-fail and a 3.5 grade point average for one term during the winter or fall of 2005 at the University of Michigan: Emily Delmotte, Emily Aischbach, Amanda Andrade, Nicholas Andrew, Joanna Bartold, Meghan Beach, Laura Brescoll, Katherine Carr, Victoria DeCarlo, Lisa Dold, Nathan Dupes, John Paul Dutka, Stephen Gallagher, Patrick Griffith, Emily Haltom-Skrzynski, Ryan Healy, Salah Huuseini, Paul Jacobs, Julie Keersmaekers, Michael Koester, Michael Liang, Max Lichtenstein, Anna Luke, Anne Mackenzie, Megan Macleod, Lauren Moloney-Egnatios, Molly O'Loughlin, Michael O'Neill, Matthew Vanderpool, Jeffrey Zens, Patrick Burke, Molly Burns, Michael Dombrowski, Catherine Finkenstaedt, Courtney Grady, Elizabeth Halpin, Waseem Ksehati, Thomas Martin, Julie Martin, Emily Meza, Rory O'Bryan, Stacey Peppler, Stephanie Royer, Matthew Steiner, Katherine Sullivan, Blair Sutton, Suzanne Swanson, Timothy

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The following Grosse Pointers were awarded the

William J. Branstrom Prize, a book of their choice, for ranking in the top five percent of their freshman class at the University of Michigan: Stephanie Royer, Andrea Wittmann, Andrea Grunberger and Bradley Johnson.

Rachel Bruno of Grosse Pointe Woods was named to the dean's list at Elmhurst College. A student must attain a grade point average of 3.75 or better to be named on the dean's list.

Ann Wenzel, a graduate of Grosse Pointe South High School and a senior communication studies major at The College of Wooster, received the Tom Neiswander Memorial Award at Wooster's 36th annual Recognition Banquet on Feb. 24. The Tom Neiswander Memorial Award is presented to a member of the senior class who has maintained a high scholastic standing and who has taken a prominent part in extracurricular activities.

Anne Milazzo of Grosse Pointe, who is pursuing an associate degree in fashion merchandising from the College of Business at the Providence Campus of Johnson & Wales University, has been named to the dean's list for the 2006 winter term. To receive dean's list commendation, students must earn a cumulative grade point average of 3.40 or above.

Kathleen Ricci, daughter of John and Alice Ricci of Grosse Pointe Woods, has been named to the dean's list in the University of Notre Dame's College of Arts & Letters for outstanding scholarship during the fall 2005 semester. Students who achieve dean's honors at Notre Dame represent the top 30 percent of students in their college.

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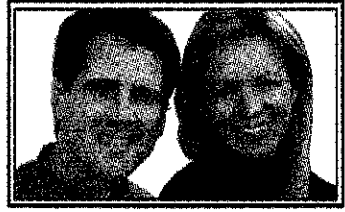


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HEALTH COLUMN By Jeff and Debra Jay

Parental drinking, its effects on kids



Dear Jeff and Debra:

My brother and sister-in-law are big drinkers. I don't know if they're alcoholics, but they drink every night. They both have successful careers. The family home is gorgeous, and their children attend excellent private schools. From the outside looking in, everything appears perfect.

However, I'm seeing some problems with my nephews, ages 7 and 9. They sometimes appear sullen and withdrawn; other times they behave in unsuitable ways. The older one is having some problems in school. I wonder if their parents' drinking is having an affect on them.

Everything they do as a family seems to eventually lead to mom and dad having drinks. They don't get sloppy drunk, but they do get high. In the evening, when I telephone, I can tell my sister-in-law has been drinking. If I can tell, the kids surely can. I often wonder who helps them with their homework or listens to their problems.

When mom and dad get a buzz on every night, how can they possibly be readily available for these children? My nephews have never mentioned their parents' drinking to me, so could I be overreacting?

— TROUBLED AUNT

Dear Troubled:

Y our nephews probably don't talk about their parents' drinking because they've learned that discussing such matters comes with swift disapproval. This doesn't mean they don't see how their parents change after consuming alcohol. What is less easily perceived is how the parents' drinking is changing the children.

A study published in Alcohol

Clinical and Experimental Research shows that the behavior of drinking parents can bring about early childhood bouts of depression and, in some cases, reduce a child's cognitive skills.

Edwin Poon, one of the researchers, explains: "Familial risk characteristics (i.e., paternal alcoholism and antisociality) may serve as effective indicators of family risk for poor intellectual outcome among offspring as early as the elementary school years."

Other researchers have found that children are affected in four primary ways: insecurity and fear, general negative feelings toward themselves, low school performance and high risk of becoming substance abusers. These problems can follow them into adulthood.

Stress, neglect or abuse — all hallmarks of an addicted home life — can cause children's brains to develop differently. Stress-related changes in the brain can cause learning difficulties, aggressive behavior, attention deficit, oppositional defiance disorder, anxiety, social isolation and depression. As adults, these children may have difficulty initiating and maintaining healthy relationships.

Family members need to step in. Learn how you and others can help your nephews. Increase the role you play in their lives. Be the adult they can depend upon and trust. Then find out about different methods of family intervention. Parental drinking can never take precedence over the well-being of children.

Jeff Jay and Debra Jay are the authors of "Love First: A New Approach to Intervention for Alcoholism and Drug Addiction," and Debra Jay is the co-author of "Aging and Addiction." Both are Hazelden publications. Jeff and Debra Jay are professional interventionists who live in Grosse Pointe Farms. They may be contacted with your questions at (313) 882-6921 or lovefirst.net.

Nuts about nuts!

By Susanne Consiglio
Registered dietitian

N uts were once thought of as an unhealthy fattening food that was sure to cause weight gain.

However, research shows nuts are healthy and can be part of the daily diet. Whether added to meals or eaten as a snack, nuts are a nutritious source of protein, fiber and vitamin E.

It's true that nuts contain a significant source of calories from fat. At 14 grams of fat in a 1/4 cup serving size, nuts are about 75 to 85 percent fat. The fat in nuts is considered to be a heart healthy fat because most nuts contain monounsaturated fat. This particular fat is helpful in lowering blood cholesterol.

Because nuts are a plant source of fat, they do not contain any cholesterol. Cholesterol is found in animal sources not plant sources. Brazil nuts tend to be the highest in saturated fat, a type of fat known for artery clogging disease. Almonds and walnuts are a good source of omega-3 fatty acids which are also known for helping to lower blood cholesterol and to prevent heart disease.

While most people think of peanuts as another type of nut, they are actually from the legume family which is known for beans, peas and lentils. Before emptying out the can of peanuts, think about your personal health needs especially if you are trying to lose weight. If portion sizes are not watched it can be very easy to overeat and take in too many calories at one time.

A quarter cup of nuts is about

A quarter cup of nuts is about 200 calories. A handful is easily 400 to 600 calories. ... Providing quantities are limited, nuts can be an easy snack that is good for you. Eating nuts that require shelling is a good way to limit your serving size as it takes more work.'

200 calories. A handful is easily 400 to 600 calories. One pound of fat equals 3,500 calories. Providing quantities are limited, nuts can be an easy snack that is good for you. Eating nuts that require shelling is a good way to limit your serving size as it takes more work.

Use a measuring cup, a baggy or small container to keep the amount in line. Canned nuts which are usually offered at parties or social events are normally loaded with added salt and sugar. Go for natural sources which are typically found in the produce section of supermarkets.

Nuts can be a convenient protein source in recipes. Slivered almonds, walnuts, or cashews add flavor and added crunch to yogurt, salads, cereal and cooked vegetables.

Now that nuts are once again a popular food, eat them and don't go overboard in quantity.

Susanne Consiglio is a registered dietitian in private practice in St. Clair Shores. For more information call (586) 778-4877.

X-TRA SPECIAL ADVICE By Theodore G. Coutilish and Mary Beth Langan

Test your PC knowledge



By now most of us know not to use the "R" word. Say it in front of others, and you may draw gasps.

But do you know what else not to say or do? Take this brief quiz and check your PC knowledge against the answer key below.

1) Which is the best way to refer to a child:

- A. Child with special needs.
- B. Special needs child.
- C. Child who is needy.
- D. Handicapped child.

2) When you see a child misbehaving in a grocery store:

- A. Stare long and hard so the parent will know how irritated you feel.
- B. Immediately yell at the parent to calm his or her child.
- C. Make a comment about the child's bad behavior.
- D. Believe the parent is handling the situation in the best way possible and go about your business.

3. When your second-grade son, who is typically developing, plans his birthday party, he should:

- A. Invite every boy in class,

except his fellow student with autism.

- B. Make sure to pass out the invitations when the student is not around.
- C. Invite all the boys in class.
- D. Not have a party to avoid the situation.

4) You call a friend whose child is screeching in the background, you should:

- A. Tell the friend to get control of the situation as you wait.
- B. Let the friend know it's OK for them to call you back — and mean it.
- C. Hang up and hold it against the friend forever.
- D. Give up on the friendship; it's become too high maintenance for you.

5) If a child is non-verbal, you should:

- A. Assume the child has severe cognitive impairment and understands very little of what is said or done around him or her.
- B. Use baby talk when speaking to the child.
- C. Speak to the child as if he or she understands everything.
- D. Use a loud voice; this might help the child understand you.

The answers, as we see them:

- 1) A. Child with special needs: Use person-first language. A child is not his or her disability, whether using a correct term or slang, such as "an autistic" or "four-eyes." He or she is a child first, and if need-

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- D. Handicapped child.

ed, add a reference to his or her disability, such as a "child affected by Fragile X Syndrome" or "child with autism."

2) D. Believe the parent is handling the situation in the best way possible and go about your business: Parents may be so focused if the child is having a meltdown in public they may simply prefer you to not call further attention to the situation. But all of us have been there to some degree and a look of empathy or a kind word may mean a lot to the parent, especially if the day has been full of meltdowns and frustration.

3) C. Invite all the boys in class: Most parents will tell the birthday party hosts about any special requests or might ask if they can be there if their child needs assistance. If the parents don't call the hosts, the hosts can always call the parents and ask what to do to make their child feel welcome at the party.

4) B. Let the friend know it's OK for them to call you back — and mean it: It may be difficult for your friend to find time to

chat for long when his or her child is home. He or she may have a schedule without much free time and may find it hard to fit in a conversation at the same time you find time to call. Don't give up on the friendship. Be supportive in creative ways while respecting the needs of your friend's child.

5) C. Speak to the child as if he or she understands everything: A child may be non-verbal yet have excellent receptive language and understand everything you say to — or in front of — him or her. Do not assume because the child cannot speak you can say things to him or her you would not consider saying if the child could speak.

How'd you do? One or two correct: Keep reading this column and watch and listen in other venues for information and stories to learn about this topic.

Three or four correct: You are on your way!

Five correct: Perfect, now help us educate others.

Grosse Pointe residents Theodore G. Coutilish and Mary Beth Langan created this column to share experiences from their journey as parents of a child with Fragile X Syndrome (fragilex.org and fraxa.org). Send your questions or comments to ag5046@wayne.edu or mblangan@hotmail.com.

Program teaches diabetics to cope

While more than 127,000 Wayne County residents have been diagnosed with diabetes, another 42,000 have the disease and don't know it — yet.

Those living with the disease can participate in Diabetes 101, a free one-hour seminar that teaches diabetics how to manage their disease at 10 a.m., Saturday, April 29, at the Northwest Activities Center, 18100 Meyers in Detroit.

The event, sponsored by the American Diabetes Association and Great Lakes Medical Supply, will educate people newly diagnosed with the disease and anyone living with diabetes for years about proper diabetes self-care.

A certified diabetes educator will speak to participants about diet, exercise, medications, stress, the importance of glucose testing and the importance of A1C testing. At the completion of Diabetes 101, participants will be informed of many ADA-recognized programs throughout Metro Detroit.

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Tuesday, May 2nd - 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. or 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

Where: The Lochmoor Country Club
1018 Sunningdale • Grosse Pointe Woods

As a service to our community we've invited special guest John Reno, Audiologist and Phonak Technology Specialist to discuss the major causes of hearing loss and the latest advances in digital hearing aid technology.

A complimentary meal will be served following the presentation.

Seating is limited so call before April 24th to make your reservation.



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SENIOR SCENE By Ruth Cain

Getting a cell phone deal — and all that jazz



Belgrave on trumpet. Drummer Djalio Djakate is a newcomer.

Jazz Forum has been around for 16 years and was created by Grosse Pointer Jim Ruffner. Special recognition goes to Ruffner who pursued his vision for the forums even in the many years when he picked up most of the costs.

In the last few years, the forums have caught on in a big way. The April performance was sold out as is the upcoming May event. Ruffner has continued to keep the admission price affordable because his mission is to bring jazz to as many people as possible, not make it a profitable venture for himself.

Isn't it great that some of the best jazz in the metro area is being played in Grosse Pointe?

If you didn't get to this spring's forum, fear not. Still to come are the jazz events performed weekly by well-known groups during June, July and August. Location is in the Village shopping district next to the former Jacobson's building. Events are free, thanks to local merchants. Look in the Grosse Pointe News for dates and the groups performing.

Listening to ragtime brought me to thoughts of New Orleans and a magic moment that happened to me in the French Quarter some years back.

Most of us have had magic moments. They happen before we even know what they are. Magic moments are not important events such as marriage or the birth of an infant. They are fleeting, but you never forget them.

I was in the French Quarter with two friends. We had started the day in a pleasant way, with beignets and coffee. The

weather was perfect, in the mid-70s, sunny and with a light breeze that gently ruffled the tree leaves.

It was early in the day before the hordes of tourists descended. A guide was describing the history of the French Quarter, and off in the distance a honky tonk piano was playing jazz. I was surrounded by an extraordinary feeling of utter well-being. It was a simple but magical moment, and I haven't forgotten it.

But on to more mundane matters.

For years my family insisted I should get a cell phone for help if anything happened while I was driving.

I finally gave in and searched for the cheapest service I could find inasmuch as I would be using it only in case of emergency. The cheapest fee was \$29.99, which came to \$34.50 per month with taxes. I had to sign a two-year contract and received a free cell phone.

The contract recently expired and again I shopped around for the lowest price. It continued to be \$29.99 until my son advised me to use a pay as you go service.

This involves buying a card that gives you a number of paid minutes. The fee depends on how many minutes you buy within a defined time frame.

I settled on Cingular (although I understand most companies offer pay as you go service) and chose 100 minutes of calls over a three-month period. There are no charges for roaming time, calls can be made any time of the night or day, and to any place in the country.

My cost for those 100 minutes is \$25, or \$100 a year.

I had to pay for the cell phone. It's only free when you sign a contract for two or three years at the higher price. Even the cost of the cell phone leaves me far ahead of the game on costs.

I've heard of some who use a cell phone exclusively, buying minute cards as they need them. However, that would mean remembering to carry the cell phone everywhere I went, to and from the car, and to every room in the house as I moved about. That's really burdensome.

Hope I may have saved some of you more than a few bucks.

You may reach Ruth Cain with a question or comment at ruthcain@comcast.net.

SOC OPTIONS

Spring trips planned

It is time to start thinking ahead to warm weather and planning your spring and summer fun. Services for Older Citizens (SOC) offers affordable local trips every Thursday.

The trips fill up fast and new trips are added weekly. To keep posted on what trips are open, call the SOC office at (313) 882-9600 or stop in 17150 Waterloo, City of Grosse Pointe.

'Norma & Wanda'

Thursday, April 20

Jeff Daniel's deliciously wicked world premiere comedy, "Norma & Wanda," follows two very different sisters as they get themselves into an outrageous pickle with an old high school boyfriend, a chaotic church social and a secret family recipe for Christmas sausage.

Price: \$40
Non-resident: \$43

Gardens of Clinton

Thursday, April 20

Enjoy this trip to the Gardens of Clinton for an afternoon of bingo fun.

Price: \$5
Non-resident: \$8

'The Inspector General'

Wednesday, April 26

This high-spirited and keen-witted satire on official crookedness and human stupidity is funny, fast-paced and refreshing. Corrupt officials fall over themselves to put their town back together after an inspector general is dispatched to scrutinize them, bribing and fawning over him to cover up their misdeeds. But it turns out the inspector general is not everything he appears to be.

Price: \$20
Non-resident: \$23

Villa Bella

Thursday, May 4

Take a peek at retirement living in the newest community for independent, vibrant seniors. A tour, lunch and bingo are part of this trip.

Price: \$10
\$13 non-residents
Depart SOC at 11 a.m.

MGM Grand Casino

Thursday, May 11

A journey to the MGM Grand. Cost includes a \$15 meal or \$10 gaming voucher.

Price: \$9
\$12 non-residents
Depart SOC at 9 a.m.

Cinderella

Friday, May 12

Join SOC at the Detroit Opera House for a dress rehearsal of Gioacchino Rossini's "Cinderella." The future princess seeks to secure the heart of a handsome stranger. As her newfound love

is revealed, Cinderella blossoms into dramatic operatic splendor.

Price: \$34
\$37 non-residents

The Canadian Brass

Thursday, May 18

The Canadian Brass at Orchestra Hall combines an unbeatable blend of flashy virtuosity, style and humor in repertoire from Bach to the blues.

Price: \$52
\$55 non-residents
Depart SOC at 9:30 a.m.

Pine Ridge

Tuesday, May 23

Tour Pine Ridge, along with lunch. Pine Ridge offers a worry-free atmosphere.

Price: Courtesy of Pine Ridge
Depart SOC at 10:30 a.m.

Alvin Ailey

Thursday, May 25

Alvin Ailey American Dance Theater, one of America's most electrifying dance companies will perform at the Detroit Opera House.

Price: \$35
\$38 non-residents
Depart SOC at 8:45 a.m.

'Wicked'

Thursday, June 1

The hit musical, "Wicked," will be staged at the Masonic Temple Theatre. Long before Dorothy arrives in Munchkinland, two girls meet in the Land of Oz. How these two grow up to become the Wicked Witch of the West and Glenda, the Good Witch makes for the most spellbinding new musical in years.

Price: \$57
\$60 non-residents
Depart SOC at 11:45 a.m.

Jack's Restaurant

Thursday, June 8

Drop anchor for a fresh seafood meal and a setting straight from the harbor at Jack's. Lunch choices include roast pork loin, Great Lakes whitefish, chicken Marsala, and summer delight salad.

Price: \$26
\$29 non-residents
Depart SOC at 11:45 a.m.

Detroit Princess

Thursday, June 15

Enjoy a lunch and live musical entertainment aboard the Detroit Princess Riverboat. Buffet lunch includes roast turkey, lasagna, green beans, corn, and sweet potato casserole.

Price: \$44
\$47 non-residents
Depart SOC at 9:45 a.m.

Big Rock Chop House

Thursday, June 22

Lunch is planned at the Big

Rock, located in Birmingham's historic train station and is decorated in a Montana hunting lodge theme. This trip will be dutch treat.

Price: \$11
\$14 non-residents
Depart SOC at 11:20 a.m.

St. Sabbas Monastery

Thursday, June 29

This secluded monastery established in 1914 in Harper Woods is one of metro Detroit's best kept secrets. Lunch includes fresh baked bread, salmon sandwich, salad and dessert at this oasis in the middle of an urban neighborhood.

Price: \$23
\$27 non-residents
Depart SOC at noon

American House

Thursday, July 6

American House, a provider of senior and independent living, will host a tour, tea and entertainment. Their residents have choices of many recreational, cultural and social activities specially designed for them.

Price: \$12
\$15 non-residents
Depart SOC at 12:45 p.m.

Windsor Casino

Thursday, July 13

A trip to Casino Windsor includes a \$15 meal voucher or a \$10 gaming voucher.

Price: \$11
\$14 non-residents
Depart SOC at 8:30 a.m.

The Whitney

Thursday, July 20

Go to lunch at the Whitney, one of America's most luxurious houses.

The house includes 52 rooms, 10 bathrooms, 218 windows, 20 fireplaces and a secret vault in the dining room. This house was built over four years at a total cost of \$400,000 in the Romanesque style of Detroit architect Gordon W. Lloyd.

Meal choices include Gremolata crusted salmon, angel hair pasta, escalloped of free-range chicken and decadent desserts.

Price: \$45
\$48 non-residents
Depart SOC at 11 a.m.

Rouge Factory Tour

Thursday, July 27

Experience one of the plants that built Detroit. The tour includes rare historic footage viewing, a historic driving tour, an observation deck tour, and even a virtual reality experience! View from an elevated walkway how the new Ford F-150s are made.

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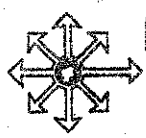
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Senior classes planned

The Center of Lifelong Learning for Older Adults is offering a number of events for area seniors in the upcoming weeks.

Those interested in the process of assessing the value of antiques or collectables can participate in "Friend or Faux" from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Tuesday, April 25.

Lynne Deforest Marthey, an antique and collectables appraiser, will present simple methods to identify valuables from their impostors and share techniques used by the experts to make an initial assessment of an item's value. She will also assess up to two small items brought in per attendee for authenticity and value. Tickets are \$15. Call (586) 421-1193 to register.

The center is seeking gardening enthusiasts to share their love of gardening and interest in soil conservation with high school students.

Weekly sessions in May will be held that cover a variety of topics: "Gardening Basics," "How to Plant a Container Garden," and "Simple Recipes for Composting."

Those interested can volunteer for one or all sessions.

Call (586) 776-1770 and leave a name and phone number.

New classes in computer use are forming for beginners as well as advanced students in the areas of the Internet, e-mail and buying and selling on eBay.

Those attending should bring their 2004 income tax returns and 2005 tax documents from employers, banks, social security, pensions, property taxes, home heating costs, etc.

AARP Tax-Aide helps seniors file on time before April 15 arrives

The American Association for Retired Persons (AARP) Tax-Aide will be held through Saturday, April 15.

Free tax counseling and preparation for taxpayers with middle and low income, with special attention to those age 60 and older, will be offered. You do not need to be a member of AARP or a retiree to use this service.

The program is offered at nearly 9,000 sites around the country. AARP Tax-Aide volunteers, trained in cooperation with the Internal Revenue

Call (586) 421-1193 for more information.

Stay Fit exercise classes will be held from 9:15 to 10:15 a.m. on Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays in the HEART Academy High School gym, 19800 Anita, Harper Woods.

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2 pm Children's Service and Stations of the
Cross
7 pm* Lenten Compline and Mozart's *Requiem*
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HOLY SATURDAY, April 15
8 pm* The Great Vigil of Easter with Baptisms**
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EASTER SUNDAY, April 16
7 am Holy Eucharist Rite II with Choir
8 am English Easter Breakfast
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9 am* Holy Eucharist Rite II with Choirs and Organ**
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7:30 p.m. Stations of the Cross and
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HOLY SATURDAY - 4:00 p.m. Children's Service
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GOOD FRIDAY, APRIL 14
1:00 p.m. - The Veneration of the Crucified
at St. Paul Lutheran
7:30 p.m. - Tenebrae Service

EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 16
Resurrection of Our Lord Easter Day
9:00 & 11:15 a.m. - Worship with Holy Communion
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7:30 p.m. Tenebrae Service
Holy Communion celebrated at both worship services

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7:30 p.m. Good Friday Service with Prayers Around the Cross

Easter Morning
7:45 a.m. Service of the Resurrection in the Columbarium
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Good Friday - April 14th - Noon
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Crucifixus from Bach's B Minor
Mass.

Easter Sunday - April 16 - 8:15 & 10:30 a.m.

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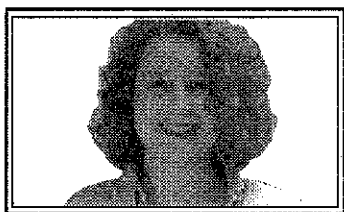
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A LA ANNIE By Annie Rouleau-Scheriff

Rise to occasion with Easter peas



Salt and pepper to taste
1/4 cup fresh chopped parsley

Begin by thawing the peas. Take a large bowl and place a paper towel in the bottom. Put the frozen peas in the bowl and spread them out to thaw quicker. The paper towel will capture any moisture. It will take 45 minutes to an hour for the peas to completely thaw.

In a large skillet, heat 1/4 cup of the olive oil over medium-high heat. Add the sliced shallots and cook for four to five minutes. Add the prosciutto and continue to cook for a few more minutes.

Lower the heat to medium-low and add the thawed peas. Stir in the remaining tablespoon of olive oil. Cover and cook for 10 to 15 minutes, stirring often. Make sure the heat is lowered before you add the peas or you'll scorch them. Taste the peas and season with salt and pepper. Remember, the prosciutto is salty, so go lightly on additional salt.

Stir in the fresh parsley, transfer to a pretty serving bowl and voila! Easter peas to go! They'll really think you fussed!

Easter is just three days away, and you're supposed to show up with a vegetable side dish. If the idea of preparing anything scares you, look no further.

Make your grand entrance and confidently present the host with your contribution, Easter peas. They are simple to make yet so elegant in presentation. And the flavor? Right on delicious.

Easter Peas with Prosciutto and Shallots

1/4 cup plus 1 tablespoon extra-virgin olive oil, divided
3 shallots, peeled and thinly sliced (whole, round slices)

1/4 pound thinly sliced prosciutto, cut into 1/2-inch strips
2 1-lb. bags frozen petit peas, thawed (6 cups)

DOWN TO EARTH By Kathleen Peabody

How gardeners can save planet

Global warming. Environmental waste. Water poisons and pollutants. As those who tend the earth, gardeners have a big stake in the celebration of Earth Day 2006, April 22. So much is happening, where can we start to make a positive difference?

Start in your own yard by creating a Green Garage. As both a philosophy and a place, the Green Garage was introduced by The American Horticultural Society recently to help readers embrace garden products, supplies, techniques and practices that are safe, smart and environmentally friendly.

A traveling exhibit unveiled at the Philadelphia Flower Show last month helped identify greener alternatives for gardener's use. Ongoing information will be found in the magazine to help identify products and techniques that accomplish your goals without harming the environment.

Example: Killing weeds by solarizing soil rather than using chemical herbicides.

AHS will also offer resources to help gardeners select plants most appropriate for their local climate and soil type. Selecting the right plants helps reduce the need for supplemental water as well as synthetic fertilizers and pesticides.

To see how you rate, take the Green Garage Self Assessment Quiz found at the AHS Web site to learn how to increase your gardening efficiency while decreasing negative environmental impact. Go to ahs.org/publications/the_american_gardener/0601/web_special_3.htm

A local group providing information for gardeners is Grosse Pointe-based LocalMotion. Executive Director Robin Heller, who participated recently at the Home and Garden Expo 2006 held at the War Memorial, said more environmentally sound choices

are now available. "I find the availability increasing in our local area," said Heller. "There's more variety of brands with more pure content." Products such as seaweed fertilizer or blood meal are positive choices for the right job.

She also said that if you're not sure how to start, read the ingredients.

"If you can't pronounce the names and don't know what they are, most likely they are not environmentally friendly. Don't buy or use them," she said. Perhaps local garden centers will develop an "organic" section so environmentally interested gardeners will find products more easily.

As global warming is an accepted fact, it brings with it new research from the U.S. Energy Information Administration. The building sector, which includes landscaping, is responsible for half of the annual emissions of greenhouse gases. Another tidbit is that land clearing (the removal of vegetation for development) is as important a contributor to climate change as emissions.

The American Institute of Architects has adopted "green" principles of building and landscaping. They include using materials made by low-emissions processes, utilizing solar and other benign energy sources and designing plantings that reduce heating and cooling needs (think green roofs here).

According to a horticultural news service, The Avant Gardener, structures and landscapes already have been designed and operate using less than 50 percent of the fossil fuel energy they usually consume.

Using these techniques and others on the horizon, the AIA claims that within 25 years they can make the developed environment "carbon neutral." That means its operation would require no fossil fuel en-

ergy. But all of this requires concentrated and cooperative efforts by designers, builders and land managers. (Yes, gardeners and landscapers, that's us!)

Consider this information from the Earth Day Web site earthday.net:

- ◆ Remember to grow plants requiring less water and plant more trees to provide shade. While it is true that planting more trees will help in the short term because they essentially soak up carbon, they also release carbon dioxide when they die. So it just postpones the problem. But there are other reasons to plant trees. They act as wind breaks to save energy, and as shade to lower cooling costs. And even the short-term help while we get our act together is a good thing.

- ◆ As for plants, do everything you can in your yard and garden to create ways in which plants use less water. Choose hardier, native plants, plant things in groups that need more water and put in mulch to help keep moisture in.

- ◆ When you mow your grass, make sure you do it smartly — with sharp blades and only when the grass needs cutting. Make sure you water your lawn sparingly. All of these will conserve energy.

- ◆ Eat locally grown food. If the food doesn't have to travel far, there's less CO₂ from the trucks that ship it.

- ◆ Eat fruits and vegetables in season. Again, that saves the enormous transportation costs.

- ◆ Plant your own vegetable garden. It's not as hard as you might think. Or buy a share of a local farm through Community Supported Agriculture.

All of this means gardeners should just "think" about what they're doing, what they're growing, and what tools they're using. Remember what the California Environmental Protection Agency brochure says: "A gasoline-powered lawn mower running for an hour puts out about the same amount of smog-forming emissions as 40 new automobiles running for an hour!"

Happy Earth Day!
Kathleen Peabody is an Advanced Master Gardener who lives (and gardens) in Grosse Pointe Woods. Reach her online at kmaslanka.peabody@sbcglobal.net

What's going on?

- ◆ Bird Walk at the Ford House at 8 a.m. on Saturday, April 22. Join Rosann Kovalcik of Wild Birds Unlimited and make your way through the grounds. \$6. Call (313) 884-4222 to register.

- ◆ Pruning and Fertilizing Roses at 1 p.m. on Sunday, April 23, and repeated three times afterward. Popular hands-on demonstration held rain or shine at Great Lakes Roses in Belleville. Free. For details and directions, call (734) 461-0174 or visit GreatLakesRoses.com

- ◆ Floral Arranging Demonstration with Angelo Di Clemente of The Dried Flower at 7 p.m. on Thursday, April 27, during the Grosse Pointe Garden Center's 11th annual Sue Abbott Lecture, Grosse Pointe War Memorial. Free. Make reservations by calling (313) 881-7511, ext. 206.

- ◆ Environmental Fair 2006, from 12:30 to 3 p.m. and 6:30 to 8 p.m. on Thursday, April 27. Hosted by Macomb Organizations Representing the Environment. At Freedom Hill, 15000 Metropolitan Parkway, Sterling Heights. Free admission, live animals, refreshments. Call (586) 783-2395 for details.

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Grosse Pointe's Bump plans record release

Grosse Pointe's own rock band, Bump, is planning a release party for its debut record, "Incredible Consequence" and a performance at 8 p.m. Friday, April 14, at the Majestic Theatre, 4140 Woodward, Detroit.

Formed in late 2002 by Grosse Pointers Yorg Kerasiotis (vocals, keys, guitar), Chris Sterr (vocals, guitar, lap steel), Eric Novak (bass, synths, drum machines) and Clint Carpenter (drums, drum machines) and managed by J.C. Tibbitts, Bump members spent the next few years in smoked-filled gigs at the dank bars of the Midwest while finishing college.

Bump's debut full-length album is a complete record of the band's past, present and future. Drawing from the musicians' collective roots, the album showcases the maturation process the band has experienced. "Last Chance" illustrates the bands soulful rearing, while "Don't Be the Sunrise" offers a glimpse into the driving electronic exploration of the band. With "Keep It Close," the band displays the exhilarating future, as it dives deeper into a much more profound and dark sound.

For this special show Bump and Fulvew productions will be filming for a future DVD/documentary release.

Tickets are \$8 in advance (available through Ticketmaster) for the 18-and-over show. For more information, visit bumpgroove.com or myspace.com/bumpband.

Spring Concert planned

The Grosse Pointe Community Concert Band will hold its Spring Concert at 8 p.m. on Tuesday, April 25, in the Parcels Middle School Auditorium at Mack and Vernier in Grosse Pointe Woods.

There is no charge and refreshments will be offered.

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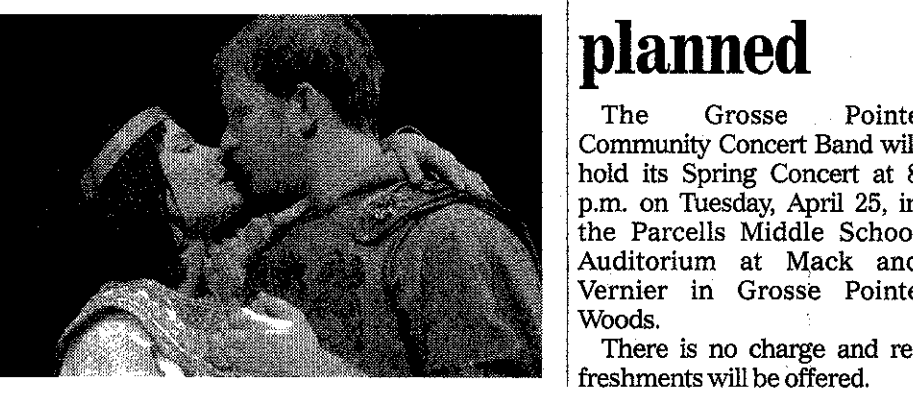
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This light and delicious Easter feast stars a roast ham with a citrus-rosemary glaze, featuring Heinz White Vinegar. Heinz Red Wine Vinegar lends an extra layer of flavor to asparagus with a shallot-tomato vinaigrette, while Heinz Apple Cider Vinegar dresses up a wild rice salad with dried apricots, cherries and almonds.

FAMILY FEATURES

As the days lengthen and the promise of a warmer weather beckons, our palates begin to favor lighter, simpler fare. Imagine tender asparagus, dressed with a mouth-watering, shallot-tomato vinaigrette; a melt-in-your-mouth roasted ham with an orange-rosemary glaze; and a wild rice salad jazzed up with dried fruit and the crunch of toasted almonds.

Whether you're a cooking veteran or novice, anyone can be a natural in the kitchen this Easter with an easy, yet sophisticated, holiday menu that uses all-natural ingredients. If you're wondering about the secret to the dishes featured here, look no farther than your own pantry.

Vinegar. That's right, the old Easter standby for egg dyeing deserves its own spot, front and center, in your holiday lineup. In fact, since its discovery 10,000 years ago, vinegar has been valued as a key ingredient for cooking, canning,

cleaning, dressing and dyeing delicious foods.

While the recipes here use three different kinds of vinegar — white, apple cider and red wine — you've no doubt heard of more: balsamic, rice, white wine and malt vinegar just to name a few. Most recipes will specify which vinegar to use, but occasionally it's left to you to decide. If you prefer a subtle fruit flavor, you may substitute apple cider vinegar. Just remember, it can darken light fruits and vegetables. As for the flavored vinegars, they are good for adding subtlety, variety, aroma and intrigue — without adding calories. No matter which vinegar you choose, be sure you select a brand that is all-natural, such as Heinz. This will allow you to score points for both health and taste.

By allowing vinegar to play a starring role in your holiday feast, you're well on your way to an easy and delicious meal. With a traditional ham featuring an innovative glaze, plus two tasty sides, simply ask your guests to bring a couple of additional side dishes and a dessert, and your meal will be complete. So much for holiday stress!

Orange-Glazed Ham With Rosemary

- 1 (6- to 8-pound) ham
- Glaze**
- 1/2 cup sugar
- 1 cup Heinz White Vinegar
- 2 cups freshly squeezed orange juice
- 2 tablespoons dried rosemary
- 2 tablespoons freshly squeezed lime juice
- Salt and freshly ground black pepper
- 4 tablespoons unsalted butter

Preheat oven to 325°F. Place ham, fat side up, in roasting pan. Pour 1 inch of water into pan. Roast ham 1 1/2 hours.

For glaze, in a saucepan over medium heat, boil sugar and vinegar together 5 minutes. Add orange juice and simmer mixture until reduced by a third. (It should appear slightly syrupy.)

Remove mixture from heat; add rosemary, lime juice and salt and pepper to taste. Mix well, then add butter and stir gently until melted and well-incorporated.

Remove roasting pan from oven every 10 minutes or so, and brush generous amount of glaze all over ham, until crust is golden-brown and bubbly, about 30 minutes.

Serves 8 to 10

Wild Rice, Apricot, Dried Cherry and Almond Salad

- 10 1/2 cups chicken stock (preferably homemade, but if not available, make from Wylers' Instant Bouillon)
- 2 cups uncooked wild rice (about 12 ounces)
- 1 cup dried apricots (about 6 ounces), coarsely chopped
- 3/4 cup dried cherries
- 1 cup slivered almonds, toasted
- 1/2 cup chopped green onions
- 1/2 cup chopped fresh parsley
- 6 tablespoons Heinz Apple Cider Vinegar
- 4 teaspoons Dijon mustard
- 1/4 cup brown sugar
- 1 cup extra virgin olive oil

Bring chicken stock to boil in large, heavy saucepan. Mix in wild rice. Reduce heat to medium low. Simmer uncovered until rice is tender, stirring occasionally, about 50 minutes.

Drain rice well and transfer to bowl. Mix in apricots, cherries, onions and parsley.

Whisk together vinegar, mustard and brown sugar in small bowl. Gradually whisk in olive oil. Toss rice with enough dressing to coat well. Season to taste with salt and pepper.

Cover and chill in refrigerator until ready to use. Check salad for dressing and seasoning before serving.

Serves 8 to 10

Asparagus With Warm Tomato Vinaigrette

- 48 medium asparagus
- Vinaigrette**
- 1/2 cup finely chopped shallots
- 1/2 cup light olive oil
- 2 cups peeled, seeded and chopped vine-ripened tomatoes
- 1/2 cup Heinz Red Wine Vinegar
- 2 large garlic cloves, finely minced
- 1 2/3 cup dry white wine
- Salt and freshly cracked black pepper

Steam asparagus until crisp-tender.

Sauté shallots in oil over medium heat until wilted, but not browned, about 5 minutes. Add tomatoes and bring to simmer. Cook another 5 minutes, stirring to prevent sticking, and then

add vinegar, garlic, wine, salt and pepper. Simmer 15 minutes to reduce and thicken vinaigrette.

Serve over warm or room-temperature asparagus spears.

Serves 8 to 10

To make a natural dye for easter eggs, add 4 cups of chopped fruit or vegetables (or 1 tablespoon spice) to 4 cups of water. Add 2 tablespoons of Heinz White Vinegar, bring to a boil and simmer 15 to 30 minutes. Strain the dye and cool slightly. Use this dye on previously cooked, refrigerated eggs. Dip eggs for 5 to 10 minutes, or until desired color is reached.



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BASEBALL

North nips South in 11th inning



Seesaw battle typical of rivalry

By Chuck Klonke
Sports Editor

"The way this game is going, it'll take 10 innings to decide a winner," Grosse Pointe North coach Frank Sumbera jokingly said to Grosse Pointe South coach Dan Griesbaum when their paths crossed during the early innings of Monday's baseball game between the two Macomb Area Conference White Division rivals.

Sumbera's words turned out to be prophetic, although a bit conservative.

It took 11 innings before the Norsemen came away with an 8-6 victory in the division opener for each school.

"It was a typical North-South war," Griesbaum said. "One of those games where it's a shame somebody has to lose."

"We had opportunities in extra innings to win it but we didn't come through and North did. We came from behind a few times and so did they. It had to be a fun game to watch if you were a spectator."

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Jeff Remillet had a pair of hits for Grosse Pointe South in its loss to Grosse Pointe North.

SOUTH TENNIS

Could challenge in state

By Chuck Klonke
Sports Editor

Tom Berschback has had a lot of good teams since he began coaching high school tennis in 1980.

This year's Grosse Pointe South squad could be his best.

"I'm excited about this season," Berschback said. "We're going to be very competitive. The team is very focused. Our practices have been extraordinary."

South's lineup is strong from top to bottom.

"You can have up to six All-State players, and I can see us having that many this year," Berschback said.

It starts with three returning All-State players.

Ben Hartman made the All-State team as a sophomore playing No. 2 singles last season. He'll replace the graduat-

ed Scott Vallee as the Blue Devils' No. 1 singles player.

"Ben is a very strong high school player," Berschback said.

South also returns its No. 1 doubles team of tri-captain Matt Prigorac and Jimmy Dixon. Dixon and Prigorac made it to the state championship match in their flight last year, and earned All-State honors for their efforts.

The Blue Devils also have their No. 2 doubles team of Andrew Miller and tri-captain Joe Halso coming back.

The singles lineup got a boost from Patrick Rudzki, an exchange student from Germany.

"Patrick is an outstanding tennis player, but even more important, he's a wonderful gentleman," Berschback said.

Rudzki starts the season at No. 2 singles with tri-captain

Brent Parshall returning at No. 3. That isn't etched in stone, however.

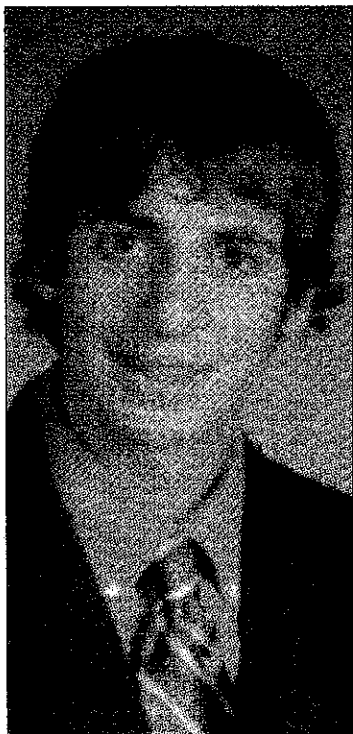
"Brent is still challenging Patrick for that No. 2 spot," Berschback said.

One of the pleasant surprises of the early workouts has been the play of freshman Alex Parker, who'll play No. 4 singles.

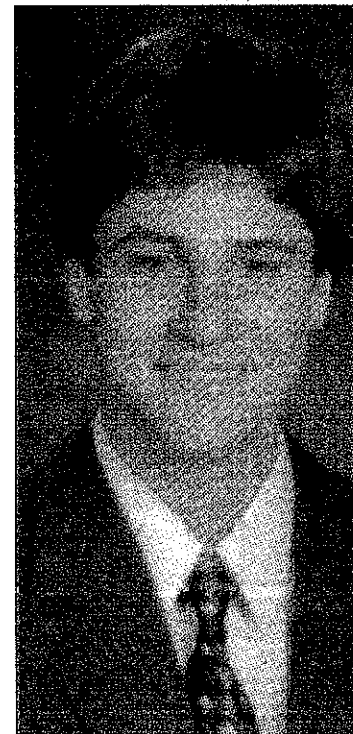
Berschback is still looking for the right combinations to round out his doubles lineup.

Senior Patrick Whelan, juniors Matt Loveley and Andrew Pitters, sophomore Bryan Cenko and freshmen Kevin Jones and Reid Dixon and the six players battling for the final four doubles spots.

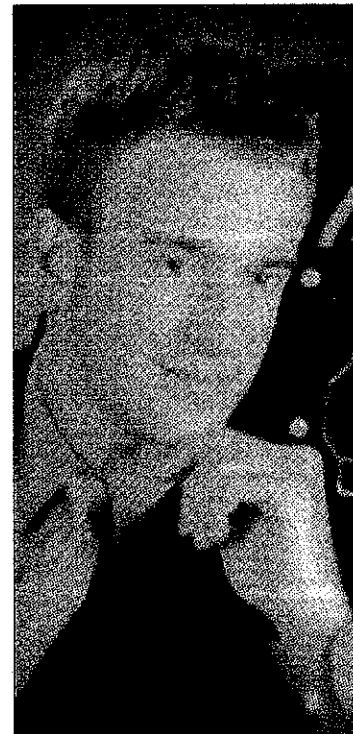
Berschback is once again assisted by Jeff (Dr. Detroit) Hodges and Sam Poole. Former South standout Joe Fodell has also been helping out.



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SOCCER

Norsemen blank Blue Devils

A pair of first-half goals ended Grosse Pointe North's long victory drought against Grosse Pointe South.

Chelsea Detrick scored 3 1/2 minutes into the match, and set up Olivia Stander's goal 15 minutes later to give the Norsemen a 2-0 victory in the Macomb Area Conference crossover game.

It was the first time that

North had beaten the Blue Devils since 2001.

Paula Kennedy took the Norsemen's second corner kick of the game and sent a perfectly-placed shot into the box, where it was headed home by Detrick.

Detrick made an outstanding crossing pass to Stander, who skillfully sent her kick to the inside of the far post. South

goalkeeper Alyssa Carr had no chance on the shot.

Carr had one save in the first half as most of the play was in the midfield. South had no shots on target in the half.

The wind, which was gusting up to 35 mph, was at South's back in the second half but the Blue Devils' shots were either off target or stopped by North goalie Ariana Conti. Conti

made all six of her saves in the second half on South's eight shots.

Although she didn't score again, Stander entertained the crowd with her outstanding play in the second half. She had all six of North's shots in the second half. Although she was going against the wind that had stymied the Blue Devils in the first half,

Stander's speed, skill and elusiveness permitted her to be on target.

South coach Gene Harkins changed tactics and formations throughout the match in an attempt to get on the scoreboard but it was to no avail.

Anna Cunningham moved up front for a while with Emma Brush inserted at midfield. Later, hard-working stopper Katharine Zurek came out, leaving the Blue Devils with three defenders in an attempt to augment the attack.

Katie Galea, Sarah Stanczyk and Meghan Carey played their usual fine game on defense, while outside midfielders Lisa Repicky and Emily McLaughlin also played well.

Hard-working Jae March created problems for the North midfielders, while Lindsay Krall kept the Norsemen's defense working overtime.

One of the keys for coach Chip Stencel's North squad was its swarming, tough defense that moved quickly to all contested balls.

The defeat was the first after three victories for South, while North improved to 2-1-2.

In South's next game, against undefeated non-league rival Livonia Stevenson, the Blue Devils had to settle for a 2-2 tie.

South came out strong with the wind at its back. Seven minutes into the match, Cunningham's perfect shot from a well-placed restart kick by Stanczyk opened the scoring.

That seemed to startle Stevenson and the Spartans stepped up their physical play

but South was able to withstand their efforts.

With just under seven minutes left in the first half, Amy Hathaway scored South's second goal on a short tap-in of a loose ball.

It had been played to the box area by McLaughlin after Stanczyk had booted the ball to her.

Stevenson had no shots on goal in the first half, although K.T. Tietjen had to make one save in goal for the Blue Devils on a near own goal.

The only downside to the first half for South was an ankle injury suffered by Zurek.

At halftime, Harkins cautioned his team to avoid giving the Spartans corner kicks because they had some taller players who could redirect the ball toward the goal.

Although the wind favored Stevenson and South had some difficulty clearing the ball from its end, the Blue Devils continued to play well.

A fluke play with 14 minutes left in the game led to a Stevenson goal by Allyson King.

Cunningham had stolen the ball, turned and attempted to clear it downfield but while it was still rising, it hit a Spartans player and bounded to King, who popped it over Tietjen's head.

With 1:20 to play, Stevenson tied the game. Just as Harkins had feared, a controversial corner kick from Victoria Slavin was headed home by Kathleen Griffith.

Each team had five shots on goal. Stevenson had six corner kicks to none for South.



PHOTO BY DR. J. RICHARD DUNLAP

Grosse Pointe South's Emily McLaughlin battles to keep possession of the ball against Grosse Pointe North defenders Olivia Stander, left, and Chelsea Detrick. Stander and Detrick scored the North goals in the Norsemen's 2-0 victory.

ULS BASEBALL

Knights ranked third in state

By Chuck Klonke
Sports Editor

University Liggett School's baseball team isn't going to sneak up on folks this year.

And that's just fine with coach Dan Cimini.

"We're ranked third in the

state in this week's Division IV poll," Cimini said after the Knights won their first three games in convincing fashion.

"It's going to be a challenge for us and there's going to be some pressure, but the guys are looking forward to it. They've worked hard to get in

this position."

Last year, in Cimini's first season as head coach, ULS finished 27-7.

"I think we all know we can do better than that this year," he said. "We have great pitching depth. We have a five-man rotation, which is rare at any

level in high school.

"And we're strong one through nine in the batting order. Our No. 9 hitter, Stone Hazlett, is leading us in average right now."

ULS' first Metro Conference game was a 16-3 victory against Lutheran Westland on Monday.

"We really hit well, and their pitcher threw hard," Cimini said.

Alex Symonds, who transferred to ULS after Notre Dame closed, has been a welcome addition to the Knights' lineup.

"He's 12-for-12 in our first three games and has scored 10 runs," Cimini said. "He's the catalyst at the top of the batting order."

ULS scored three runs in the first inning, which Symonds led off with a double. He scored on a sacrifice fly by Curtis Fisher and the other two runs came in on Joe Conway's double.

Fisher made it 7-1 with a three-run homer in the fourth inning.

"It was to right-center and into a strong wind," Cimini said.

The Knights scored six more runs in the sixth, featuring a two-run double by Yates Campbell and a two-run single by Conway.

Conway and Symonds each had three hits for ULS.

Alex Amicucci pitched the first four innings and struck out seven to earn the victory.

Earlier, the Knights hammered the ball in a non-league doubleheader sweep of Huron Valley Lutheran.

ULS scored 18 runs in the first inning of a 20-2 victory in the opener.

Symonds drove in three runs with a double, Fisher had a two-run single and James Hutchinson had a pair of singles in the inning.

Fisher didn't allow an earned run in posting the victory.

ULS won 12-2 in the second game as Symonds struck out eight. He helped his own cause

with three hits, three RBIs and three runs.

ULS scored six runs in the second, featuring two-run doubles by Michael Thomas and

Amicucci and a two-run single by Fisher. Thomas also had an RBI double in the third.

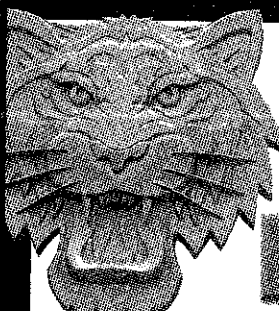
Hazlett went 4-for-5 in the doubleheader.



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Curtis Fisher didn't allow an earned run in pitching University Liggett School's baseball team to a win against Huron Valley Lutheran in its season opener.

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Katie Gerow, left, and Julie Zaranek gave Grosse Pointe South a 1-2 finish in the 100-meter high hurdles in a meet against L'Anse Creuse.

SOUTH GIRLS TRACK

Depth pays off in two wins

Grosse Pointe South's girls track team had an explosive start to the 2006 season.

In their first two meets against Regina and Macomb Area Conference Red Division rival L'Anse Creuse, the Blue Devils outscored their opponents 226-48.

With 106 team members, depth appears to be South's strength once again.

"We are looking forward to an outstanding year," said coach Steve Zaranek.

"At this point in the season, we already have strong competitors in all 17 events and we feel that strength will continue to grow throughout the season."

The traditional team depth has carried the Blue Devils to eight straight league titles and 11 consecutive state regional championships. South's girls have placed in the top seven at the state team championships in all eight years of its exist-

ence.

South outscored L'Anse Creuse 89-3 in the track events on the way to a 121-16 victory. The Blue Devils won 15 of the 17 events.

In the sprint races, South got a first place from Lisa Repicky in the 100-meter dash, while Ali Morawski was first in the 200 and 400 dashes.

Morawski also teamed with Kim Grambo, Sam Mackenzie and Cashia Thomas to win the 800 relay in 1:49.1.

"All four of our relay times, for this early in the season, were superb," Zaranek said.

Repicky, Thomas, Grambo and Kara Trowell won the 400 relay by a three-second margin over the Lancers. Trowell also had a leap of more than 15 feet to win the long jump.

South swept the 100 high hurdles with Katie Gerow, Julie Zaranek and Emily Franchett finishing 1-2-3. The same three swept the 300 intermediate

hurdles, with Zaranek taking first, followed by Franchett and Gerow.

Jillian McLaughlin was a triple winner with individual firsts in the 1,600 and 3,200 runs, and she teamed with Sara Petit, Lauren Leverett and sister Emily McLaughlin to win the 3,200 relay by a 25-second margin.

Jeannie Hollerbach gave South second-place finishes in the 1,600 and 3,200. Petit led a sweep in the 800 with Emily McLaughlin and Brittany Gilpin finishing second and third, respectively.

Freshman Sarah Youngblood looked good taking second to Morawski in the 400 with a time of 1:06. Youngblood joined Grambo, Zaranek and Larissa Petrovic to win the 1,600 relay by 24 seconds.

South had a fine day in the throwing events with Mackenzie Whims, Sarah

Hansen and Chelsea Gilbert placing 1-2-3 in the shot put. Whims also had a second in the discus.

Colleen Manardo cleared seven feet to place second in the pole vault. Mackenzie and Carly Czajka finished 1-2 in the high jump.

"We look forward to being very competitive at our league and state regional levels," Steve Zaranek said. "We also have a goal of reaching the state team championship meet again this year."

Other outstanding performances in the season opening meets came from sprinters Gracie Turin, Ashley Smith, Stephanie Wong, Jamie Steis, Kathy Kosinski, Kyla Moran, Sarah Jenzen and Lauren Brayton and distance runners Bethany Cavanagh, Clare Conway, Amy Carron, Beth Allison, Heidi Getz, Stephanie Garbarino and Bridget Dennehy.

SOUTH BASEBALL

South beats three teams in tourney

By Chuck Klonke
Sports Editor

High school baseball teams are always looking for good pitching, so it's easy to see why Grosse Pointe South coach Dan Griesbaum was so pleased with the Blue Devils' mound performances in last weekend's South Invitational.

"In 18 innings we gave up only three walks," Griesbaum said. "That's what made me happier than anything else. All three games were very well pitched."

South opened with a 3-0 victory over Bay City Western.

Evan Pearson pitched a two-hitter and struck out five.

"He had great control and command of his pitches," Griesbaum said.

The Blue Devils gave Pearson all the runs he needed in the second inning on RBI singles by Will Owen and Pete Stoepker. Owen singled home South's other run in the fourth.

Brendan Howe scattered five hits and struck out five in a route-going 5-2 victory against Chippewa Valley.

South picked up a pair of unearned runs in the first when the Big Reds' shortstop threw wild on Mark Riashi's grounder.

The Blue Devils added two more runs in the fourth. Riashi singled and Tom Remillet and Mike Herzog followed with RBI doubles. Ben Muer's double and Brian Barclay's single produced South's final run in the fifth.

South wrapped up the tournament and the championship trophy with a 9-0 win against Romeo. Chris

Stephens went the first four innings and allowed two hits, while Ryan Abraham finished up, allowing one hit.

The game was close until the Blue Devils erupted for six runs in the fifth inning. Alex Barnett started the outburst with a double. Jeff Remillet, Abraham, Derrick Hacias and Buzz Palazzolo had RBI singles. Owen drove in a run with a double and Stoepker had an RBI on a fielder's choice.

South opened the season with a 5-4 win against De La Salle.

Hacias earned the victory with four strong innings of relief.

The Pilots took a 2-0 lead in the first inning, but South went ahead with three runs in the fifth. Frankie DeLaura started the rally with a walk, and Barnett, Christian Conroy and Jeff Remillet each drove in a run with a single.

The Blue Devils got two more runs in the sixth. Palazzolo singled and scored on a double by Hacias. DeLaura followed with an RBI single.

De La Salle added two runs in the seventh.

South made it two victories in a row with a 6-4 win against Dakota.

James Bertakis pitched the first five innings and allowed four hits. Stoepker pitched the last two frames.

Conroy led South's offensive attack with two hits.

Hacias had an RBI single to highlight the Blue Devils' two-run first inning, while Abraham had a run-scoring double and Barnett an RBI single in the three-run second.

GIRLS LACROSSE

North, South both unbeaten

By Bob St. John
Sports Writer

Grosse Pointe North and Grosse Pointe South girls lacrosse teams were scheduled to play their rivalry game last weekend, but inclement weather postponed the event.

"We always enjoy playing North, but the bad weather made it too tough to play," South head coach Debbe Pavle said. "We are going to reschedule the game, but we don't know when that will be. The season is short and our schedules are packed."

In other games, South opened its season with a 12-9 win over host Birmingham United.

The game was 5-5 at the half before the Lady Blue Devils took control with a seven-goal second half.

"It was a rough game under tough weather conditions," Pavle said. "We took what we needed to get to win."

Senior Page Louisell and junior Aimee O'Brien scored four goals apiece. North

Pearce Pavle had two goals, followed by junior Liz McCauchy and sophomore Ashley Thibodeau with one apiece.

"I always expect us to be challenged," Pavle said. "We were challenged against Birmingham."

The Lady Blue Devils also defeated Troy 13-4 as Louisell scored four goals. Thibodeau had three goals, followed by O'Brien with two, junior Kelly Breen with two, Pavle with one and senior Alissa Tassopoulos with one.

"We had great midfield transitions," Pearce Pavle said. "I hope that today's game outcome is an indicator of the season's future."

The defense was paced by senior captain Katie West, along with Ali Manion and Melissa Oddo.

North played Monday evening, beating Farmington United 16-7.

"We were challenged today and that was good for our girls," North head coach Bill Seaman said. "We dominated

the second half and came away with a victory, a girl with a sprained ankle and a girl with a fat lip."

Vanessa Kuczera led the offensive attack with five goals. Erica Gaitley, Phelicia VanOverbeke, Natalie Tocco and Quinn Wulf had two goals apiece, while Lauren Lynch, Christine Rabaut and Lindsay Rader had a goal apiece.

Defensive standouts, according to Seaman, were Emily Nelson, Caitlin Kelly, Katy Szykowski, Katie Brennan

and Liz Simon. Colleen Ryan, Gaitley, VanOverbeke, Megan Moore, Rabaut and Ellen Rewalt were solid in their ground ball pickups and ball control, according to Seaman.

South's record is 2-0 and North is 4-0.

"This is the first time in nine seasons North has been undefeated prior to the spring break," Seaman said. "Better teams await us after spring break," he said of Country Day, Cranbrook Kingswood, Mercy, South and Troy.

ULS BOYS LACROSSE

Knights drop a pair of matches

University Liggett School's boys lacrosse team opened its season last week, losing 5-2 to Troy and 8-7 in overtime to Madison Heights Bishop Foley.

Head coach Chris Hartley and his Knights dropped a tough one to a solid Colts squad as Charlie Warren and Dan Ngoyi scored goals.

"Both were disappointing losses," Hartley said. "The boys made some mistakes, but they were working hard against a very strong Troy team."

In the one-goal defeat to the host Ventures, Warren and

Adam Rock each tallied twice. Other goal scorers were Pierson Fowler, Stephen Coval and Michael McCoy.

The Knights trailed 7-2 but they rallied to send it to overtime by scoring five unanswered goals.

"I told the guys we're 0-2 and not where we want to be," Hartley said. "Our entire goal is to be ready for the state playoffs."

The Knights fell to 0-2 overall.

—Bob St. John

YOUTH FOOTBALL

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April 4	Birmingham United WIN 12-9	16	Academy of the Sacred Heart
	Grosse Pointe North TBA	19-21	Midwest tournament
10	Troy High WIN 13-4	22	Troy Athens *
25	University Liggett School *	25	Ann Arbor Pioneer
27	Detroit Country Day *	30	Regional Playoffs begin
May 2	L'Anse Creuse *	June 2or3	Regional Finals
6-7	Culver Round Robin	7	State Semi-Finals
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Sectional qualifiers

Pointe Aquatics swimmers Jenny Rusch, left, Michael Shook and Julianna Schmidt participated in the Speedo Champions Sectional meet in Canton, Ohio. The sectional meet is the highest level of USA swimming attained by Grosse Pointe swimmers this season.

ULS SOFTBALL

First two foes are crushed

The start of the season has been an impressive one for University Liggett School's softball team.

After a two-week vacation, a day of rain, a day of snow and a day of practice, the Knights faced a solid Clintondale team in their season opener and rolled to an 11-0 victory.

The Dragons came into the contest with five games under their belts, including three victories.

However, the Knights played nearly perfect softball. They pounded out 11 hits and sophomore pitcher Taylor Brown pitched a five-inning no-hitter with seven strikeouts.

Brown set the tone for the game when she struck out the side in the top of the first inning.

Every batter in the ULS lineup hit the ball hard against three Clintondale hurlers.

Krista Murray led off the first inning with a single. She moved to third on walks to Brown and Alex Houghtalin and scored on Stephania Ford's sacrifice. Freshman

Kristin Peterson followed with a sharp single to left field that cleared the bases, giving the Knights a 4-0 lead.

Two more freshmen figured prominently in ULS's three-run second inning. Megan Amicucci started the inning with a single and Cat Vatsis walked.

The two pulled off a double steal and came home on a single by Brown and a double by Houghtalin. Brown scored on Ford's single.

Murray, Houghtalin, Ford and Chalene Jones scored in the Knights' four-run fourth inning.

It was more of the same the following day as ULS beat Sterling Heights Bethesda Christian 10-0, although the Eagles mounted an early scoring threat against Brown, who finished with a two-hit shutout.

Brown hit leadoff batter Tracy Visgera with a 2-2 pitch. She retired the next two batters on popups, but pitcher Tracy Baggett hit a sharp double to center field to put runners on second and third. The

next batter popped to Houghtalin at shortstop to end the threat.

ULS scored twice in the bottom of the first. Brown singled with one out and scored on Houghtalin's triple. Ford then singled to make it 2-0.

After Brown struck out the side in the second, ULS added three more runs in its half of the inning.

Murray singled and Houghtalin hit a two-out double to score Murray from first. Ford followed with a triple, and she came in with the final run of the inning on a single by Jones.

The only other hit off Brown was a bunt single in the third by Mary Goodwill. She was helped by some excellent defensive from her Knights teammates, including run-saving plays by Houghtalin and center fielder Vatsis.

Murray drove in four of the Knights' last five runs. She doubled home Amicucci and Vatsis in the fifth, and drove in Ke'Ana Bryant and Peterson with a sixth-inning single.

ULS SOCCER

Team looks to fix graduation holes

By Chuck Klonke
Sports Editor

There's going to be a new look to the University Liggett School girls soccer team this spring.

"We have to replace eight players from last year's team," said coach David Backhurst, who guided the Knights to the state Division IV championship in 2005.

Seven of those were the senior core of the team — a group that Backhurst called his "Magnificent Seven."

"Now we have the Four Freshman," Backhurst said. "We have four freshman and two sophomores off the JV team that we're counting on to fill some of the holes."

The four freshmen are Chloe Kirchner, Charlotte Waldmeir, Kate Fridholm and Claire Peracchio.

"They're all talented players, but we'll still have to see how they adapt to playing varsity soccer," Backhurst said. "I can see a lot of potential there."

Although ULS lost some key players from last year's team, the cupboard wasn't left completely bare.

"We have a good core of six or seven players," Backhurst said. "Grace D'Arcy, who was the backup goalkeeper last year, has looked very strong in the net so far."

"And the trio of Jessica Leonard, Elizabeth Palmer and

Monique Squiers is the backbone of our team. All three of them are very strong defenders."

Leonard is also a potent offensive threat. She scored the only goal in ULS's victory over Kalamazoo Hackett in last year's state final.

ULS opened the season with a Metro Conference game against Hamtramck and the Knights' 3-0 victory doesn't begin to tell of ULS's domination of the match.

"We outshot them 33-0," Backhurst said. "I think Hamtramck might have crossed midfield twice. They packed it back defensively with eight or 10 players behind the ball. And their goalie was decent."



Jessica Leonard

The Knights led 1-0 at half-time on a goal by Leonard, assisted by Jillian Twardowski.

ULS added a pair of second-half goals. Twardowski scored, assisted by Kirchner, and Leonard notched her second of the game with Raleigh Dettlinger earning the assist.

After a postponement because of standing water on the Elkton-Pigeon-Bayport field, the Knights took on Frankenmuth and played to a 1-1 tie.

"We've always had competitive games with Frankenmuth," Backhurst said. "They've been a good Division III opponent for us."

Leonard opened the scoring for ULS with about three minutes left in the first half. Twardowski sent a crossing pass to Leonard, who beat the Eagles' goalie to the ball, and put it into the net.

The second half was all Frankenmuth, but the Eagles managed only one goal.

"The wind was definitely a factor in the second half, and they turned up the aggressiveness in the second half," Backhurst said.

Frankenmuth tied the game 12 minutes into the half.

"We were hanging on for dear life," Backhurst said. "That second half was a good test for our defense and for Grace. I thought they did a nice job holding them to only one goal."

NORTH: Norsemen off to 3-0 start

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However, it's nerve-wracking when you're one of the coaches.

"It was tough all the way," Sumner said. "We had the lead a couple of times and they battled back. It was a great way for us to start the league season."

That's the way most North-South baseball games are. It's rare when one team coasts to a victory.

"The umpire who had our game (Monday) is from South Lyon and he said that he doesn't mind driving out to Grosse Pointe because he knows it's going to be good baseball," Griesbaum said.

It won't be the last time North and South will play this year. They'll play at North on Monday, May 8, and in the North-South Invitational on Saturday, May 13.

There's also a potential meeting in the state regional tournament in June.

North and South traded first-inning runs, but then the two starters — Derrick Hacias for the Blue Devils and Michael Kaiser for the Norsemen — didn't allow another run until the fifth inning.

Adam Miller had an RBI sin-

gle for North in the top of the fifth, and South tied the game in the bottom of the inning on a walk to Alex Barnett, a single by Jeff Remillet and an error.

The Blue Devils took a 4-2 lead in the bottom of the sixth. Frankie DeLaura walked and Barnett and Christian Conroy followed with singles to score the first run. Conroy and Barnett then worked a double steal for the second run.

North tied the game with two runs in the top of the seventh. A pair of walks and an error loaded the bases, and Miller greeted reliever Ryan Abraham with a two-run single to make it 4-4.

"Hacias pitched very well, but after 6 1/3 innings and 97 pitches he got tired," Griesbaum said. "Ryan was throwing well but Miller is a very good hitter, and with the bases loaded we had to pitch to him."

One of the walks was to pinch hitter Tom Ziemiacki.

"That was a big, but it's one of those things that sometimes is overlooked," Sumner said.

It was the first game of the season for Miller, who missed the opener because of illness.

"He was out three weeks and he's still a little under the weather, but he had three hits, scored three runs, stole a base and played a good game at shortstop," said Sumner.

Miller played outfield last year for North but he'll play either shortstop or second base for the Norsemen this season.

North took a 6-4 lead with two runs in the top of the ninth. Kaiser hit a two-run single after an error and a walk to Miller.

South tied the game in the bottom of the inning on a single by Remillet, a walk to Abraham, a groundout and Hacias's two-run double to the fence in center field.

North finally went ahead to stay in the 11th on a pair of walks and Laurence Briski's two-out, two-run double.

Briski missed all of last season with an injury after being one of the mainstays on the North team during his sophomore season. He collected three hits, including two doubles, and drove in four runs.

Brad Herman pitched the last three innings for North to pick up the victory.

"He looked real strong in the 11th when he got out some of South's big hitters," Sumner said.

Earlier, North opened the season with a non-league doubleheader sweep of a strong Kalamazoo Central squad.

The Norsemen won the opener 3-0 behind the three-hit pitching of Kaiser, who struck out seven.

"That was the first time he's pitched," Sumner said. "He's such a tough kid. He's one of the finest I've ever coached."

Briski had two hits, including an RBI double, in the first inning of the opener.

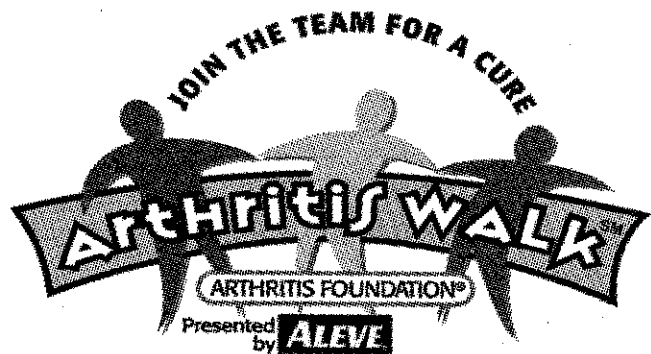
North won the second game 9-8 as Sumner used five pitchers in an attempt to get his entire staff some work.

Briski had another big game with three hits, including a double and a two-run homer, and four RBIs. Matt Koppinger had three hits, Kaiser had two hits and two RBIs and Herman had an RBI double and a single. Don Chapel also had two hits and an RBI.

North has some tough non-league opposition coming up.

The Norsemen have doubleheaders against four Catholic League Central Division teams — De La Salle (April 13), Catholic Central (April 18), Brother Rice (April 19) and Notre Dame Prep (April 22) — and defending state Division I champion Sterling Heights Stevenson (April 21).

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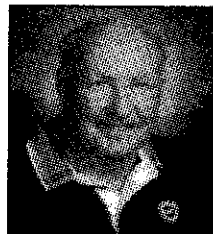


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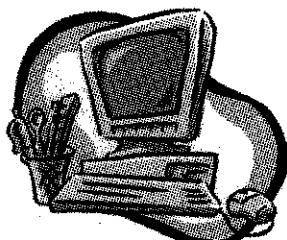
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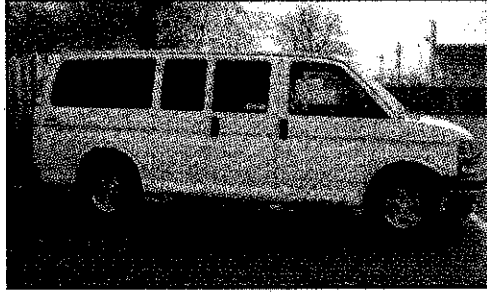
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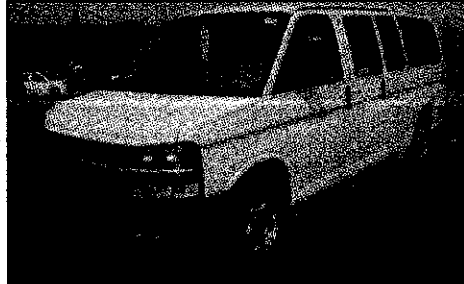
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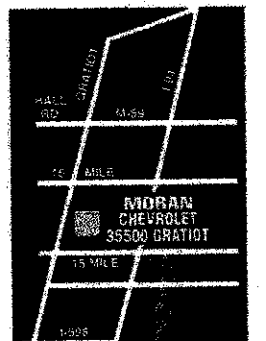


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