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THURSDAY, APRIL 27

◆ The Friends of the Grosse Pointe Public Library presents University of Michigan professor, George Bornstein, who will discuss the poetry of Ezra Pound, at 7:30 p.m. at the Grosse Pointe South High School auditorium.

The public is welcome. Admission is free for members, \$5 for nonmembers.

FRIDAY, APRIL 28

◆ The Friends of G.P. Pools host a "Splash Bash" fundraiser at 7:30 p.m., at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms.

Tickets are \$25 per person in advance, \$30 at the door.

SATURDAY, APRIL 29

◆ The last day Grosse Pointe Woods residents can obtain a regular absentee voter ballot.

The office is open 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

◆ Residents concerned with the growth of the Village and the recently approved Planned Unit Development (PUD) meet at 10:30 a.m. to discuss these matters, at the Ewald branch library, 15175 E. Lakepointe, Grosse Pointe Park.

For more information, call (313) 506-9942.

◆ The Junior League of Detroit Designers' Show House, 330 Lincoln, City of Grosse Pointe, opens its doors to the public at 10 a.m.

Tickets can be purchased prior to April 29 for \$15 or at the door for \$20. For more information, call (313) 881-0400.

SUNDAY, APRIL 30

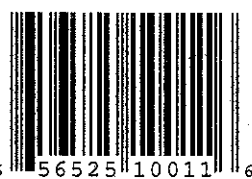
◆ The Grosse Pointe South High School Women's Lacrosse team is holding a car wash fundraiser from 1 to 5 p.m. at the LaSalle Bank parking lot, on Cook and Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods.

◆ Grosse Pointe Chamber Music will perform various musical selections at a concert slated for 2:30 p.m., in the Crystal Ballroom of the Grosse Pointe War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms.

◆ In celebration of the 250th anniversary of the birth of

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School board election

Two seats, two candidates, but that doesn't mean you shouldn't vote

On Tuesday, May 2, voters will elect two candidates to fill two seats on the Grosse Pointe Board of Education.

Fred Minturn has filed for the one-year board seat, with the term ending June 30, 2007. Brendan Walsh is seeking the four-year seat to be vacated by board president Jeff Broderick on June 30. The term will end

June 30, 2010. Walsh was selected last summer to fill an open seat created by the resignation of Joan Richardson.

Minturn and Walsh both applied and were interviewed last summer to fill the vacancy. Walsh was selected to sit on the board until this election.

A resident of Grosse Pointe Park, Walsh has three children.

School election

TUESDAY, MAY 2
7 A.M. TO 8 P.M.

He has a Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of Michigan, was a teacher and is a managing partner in Anvil

Network Solutions.

Minturn lives in Grosse Pointe Shores and has two children. A graduate of Grosse Pointe North, he has a Bachelor of Business Administration degree from Western Michigan University and is the executive vice president and chief financial officer for MSX International. Following his un-

successful bid for the board of education, Minturn was appointed to sit on a district finance committee.

Walsh is a Grosse Pointe South graduate and stressed, in earlier interviews, communication and financial issues were of primary concern to him.

Municipal polls are open between 7 a.m. and 8 p.m. May 2.



PHOTO BY GEORGE DZAHRISTOS

Dream House

The 2006 Junior League of Detroit Designers' Show House is 8,000 square feet of pure inspiration for interior design lovers. The talents of 20 interior designers, who used cutting-edge trends of deep, saturated colors and distinctive furnishings, gave the 1920s Georgian mansion an updated and fresh look. The grounds, including a koi pond, were rejuvenated through the labor of 10 landscape designers and their crews. The JLD opens the house, located at 330 Lincoln in the City of Grosse Pointe, to the public from Saturday, April 29 until Friday, May 26.

GROSSE POINTE CITY

Dame handed Lot 2

New city manager to ramrod projects

By Brad Lindberg
 Staff Writer

The City of Grosse Pointe council has ordered its new city manager to ride herd on development of its business district.

He asked for it. During Peter Dame's successful job interview nearly two months ago for manager of the City, he told council members he accomplishes more when given clear objectives, but that "economic development is high on my list."

This week Dame got his wish.

Toward the end of his first City council session Monday night, a united board saddled Dame with cutting a path through competing proposals to develop almost an entire block of the downtown Village commercial district.

Council members codified their action in the form of a motion, thereby lighting a fire

See LOT 2, page 2A

Dame sworn in

Peter Dame takes the oath of office on his first day as manager of the City of Grosse Pointe. Dame, formerly deputy village manager of Oak Park, Ill., a Chicago suburb with a population nearly equal to all five Grosse Pointes combined, replaced Mike Overton. Dame's swearing in by City Clerk Julie Arthurs means public safety chief Al Fincham, seated, can resume his role.



PHOTO BY BRAD LINDBERG

POINTER OF INTEREST

'Making a difference is key. That's why we are here.'

Nancy Combs

Home: Grosse Pointe Park
 Age: 52
 Family: Daughter, Susannah Goodman
 Occupation: Communication consultant to nonprofits
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Heart disease is still the top cause of death in Michigan. The heart doctors of St. John Hospital and Medical Center are working to change that. Find out how on page 7B.
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 REAL MEDICINE

Yesterday's headlines

1956

50 years ago this week

MORE TRAFFIC LIGHTS: A City of Grosse Pointe traffic study recommends installation of directional traffic signals at the intersections of Goethe and University, Charlevoix and Rivard, Lakeland and Maumee at Rivard.

SCHOOL AND FARMS DEAL: In response to Grosse Pointe Farms officials allowing the school system to conduct driver training classes in the municipal Pier Park parking lot, district officials consider making a 60-foot strip of property along Muir available for public parking in the Hill business district.

NEW SHOP A HIT: Customer response to the new two-floor gift shop owned by Bill and Jane Dant indicates that the couple are on their way to making their store a success. The smartly done shop is considered by many to be a handsome addition to the Kercheval-On-The-Hill district in Grosse Pointe Farms.

summer could be more enjoyable for some Grosse Pointe Woods boat owners due to the city council's decision to repeal its "bumping" system of rotating dock rentals among boaters on the municipal waiting list.

GOING MOBILE: A recent Michigan Supreme Court decision allowing mobile homes to locate wherever single family housing exists makes Grosse Pointe Farms officials a little skittish.

PINAFORE SETS SAIL: Junior high school student Clayton Guensch portrays the captain of the HMS Pinafore in St. Clair of Montefalco's production of the Gilbert and Sullivan comic opera.

BOMB THREATS A BUST: For the second time in two weeks a front-line unit of the U.S. Army bomb squad is deployed to the Grosse Pointes.

WOODS LOSES A FRIEND: Tom Whitcher, a tough ex-Marine who used a soft hand to guide the Grosse Pointe Woods public service department, dies at work of a heart attack.

UPCOMING BOND REQUEST: City of Grosse Pointe voters prepare for next month's election, including a \$2.6 bond request for improvements to Neff Park, including a new swimming pool, bathhouse and park offices.

SUPERINTENDENT LEAVES: After more than a decade working in Grosse Pointe, public school superintendent Ed Shine announces his return to the East Coast. Effective July, Shine will start

a new job as superintendent of Rye City School District in New York. He came to the Pointes from Connecticut.

MCMILLAN COULD CLOSE: Grosse Pointe Farms council members favor a plan by the Richard Elementary School PTO to close McMillan Road and combine the school playground with Messner Field, north of the Hill municipal parking lot.

MAKES OLYMPIC TEAM: Jeff Pfaendner, a 1986 graduate of Grosse Pointe South High School, is in the No. 2 seat on the top U.S. lightweight four-man boat to qualify during Olympic team trials in Gainesville, Ga.

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2001

5 years ago this week

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1996

10 years ago this week

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1981

25 years ago this week

BUMPING BUMPED: This



1956: Proud winner of Civil Air Patrol scholarship

1st/Sgt. Roger H. Bunce of Calvin in Grosse Pointe Farms proudly displays his certificate for the Civil Air Patrol Flight Scholarship which he won last year as a cadet. Rita Snyder, Kathy Menke, Judith Scherz and Judy Wunderlich of the Woods are cadet members of Grosse Pointe Squadron 633-1, who also have high hopes of trying their wings when they become eligible for a scholarship. (From the April 26, 1956 Grosse Pointe News.)

Correction

The revenue enhancement committee asked the Grosse

Pointe Board of Education in February for a \$750,000 loan over three years. From that amount, \$60,000 would be used as seed money. The

March 30 revenue enhancement story did not make that clear. Also, the last sentence should have said the committee plans to raise \$3 million.

LOT 2: Stevens gets item off dime

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and putting it on the front burner.

Dame's detailed analysis begins this week of three proposals to transform municipal parking lot No. 2 into a four-story, mixed-use retail and office structure topped with two levels of condominiums.

A study deadline wasn't set but council members aren't willing to dally while the community boils over in frustration that things in the Village don't seem to be getting done.

"I make a motion that, with our new manager on board, we proceed post haste with fiscal and planning analysis of the Lot 2 project and addressing concerns of the community as well as merchants," said Councilman John Stevens. "Residents are asking me what the problem is. Residents — taxpayers — are the controlling interest in this community. They have the right to get something clarified."

"I had always envisioned the very first project our new manager would take leadership on is Lot 2," said Mayor Dale

Scrace. "The motion is perfectly fine with me."

Looking at Dame, Scrace said, "The key is you. Take the lead and move us forward."

City officials are dealing concurrently with three major development projects, only one of which — transformation of the bankrupt former Jacobson's building into Kercheval Place, a mixed-use project — is moving forward after standing vacant three years.

The third project, a proposed four or five-story senior citizen condominium project by Sunrise Development targeted for St. Clair south of Kercheval (across the street from Kercheval Place) is being challenged by a St. Clair homeowner in Wayne County Circuit Court.

Although City attorney John Fieldew expects legal action will be resolved sooner than the chancery case that spanned two generations in Charles Dickens' "Bleak House," plaintiff Kurt Murphy, angry at the

idea of his house being bracketed on two sides by a 54-foot-tall citadel of independent living, vowed this week to "fight this as long and as hard as we have to."

Members of the Grosse Pointe Village Association, a primarily merchants group, recently asked City officials to focus on completing Kercheval Place before spreading themselves too thin dealing with Sunrise and Lot 2.

"City residents have asked exactly the opposite," Stevens said.

The Lot 2 project includes relocating Kroger grocery store to the site, which would free up retail space along Kercheval. Stevens likes the idea.

"Demand for a better Kroger is urgent and redevelopment of the Village is necessary," he said. "Lot 2 is drifting in the hope a resolution to the Jacobson's project can be found. I believe it is bad business by the City not to proceed with analyzing the Lot 2 (project)."

Calendar grid showing dates 23 through 29.

WEEK AHEAD:

SUNDAY, APRIL 30

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Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart, the Grosse Pointe Memorial Church choir performs selected works of the great composer in a concert starting at 7:30 p.m.

Tickets are \$10, \$5 for seniors and students, and are available at the door.

MONDAY, MAY 1

Grosse Pointe Woods' Lake Front Park begins its summer hours, which are 6 a.m. to 11 p.m. Sunday through Thursday, and 6 a.m. to 1 a.m. Friday and Saturday.

The City of Grosse Pointe council holds a special meeting at 7 p.m. at Grosse Pointe Unitarian Church, 17150 Maumee, across from City Hall, to discuss a planned unit development in the Village.

Grosse Pointe Woods city council meets at 7:30 p.m., at city council chambers, 20225 Mack Plaza.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 3

The Grosse Pointe Public Library hosts the first of its

Senior Symposium presentations from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms. World War II veteran Ray Laenan will tell his story of surviving a Nazi submarine attack during the war.

The program is free of charge, but seating is limited. For more information, call (313) 343-2074, ext. 220.

Grosse Pointe South High School hosts a community forum concerning the school day study at 7 p.m. in the school's Wicking Library.

THURSDAY, MAY 4

Grosse Pointe Methodist women are holding a rummage sale from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Grosse Pointe United Methodist Church, 211 Moross, Grosse Pointe Farms. For more information, call (313) 886-2363.

The Grosse Pointe Artists Association kicks off its semi-annual fundraiser, Attic Treasure Sale, with a preview party tonight from 6:30 to 9:00 p.m. The sale will be open to the public on Friday, May 5 and Saturday, May 6.

Admission to the presale party is \$10, which includes appetizers and refreshments. The sale will be held at the GPAA Art Center, 1005 Maryland, Grosse Pointe Park. For more information, call (313) 821-1848 or visit grossepointeartcenter.com.

Brunch in the ARK at St. Ambrose. Join us for brunch Sunday mornings throughout the Easter season (April 16th through June 4th) from 9:30am to 1:00pm. The cost is \$12.50 per adult, \$10 for seniors and children aged 6 to 10; children 5 and under free. To purchase tickets in advance call 822-2814. The ARK is located at the intersection of Wayburn and Hampton next to St. Ambrose Church in Grosse Pointe Park.

Whitcher, 51, had worked for the Woods nearly 30 years. He'd been head of public service since 1988. —Brad Lindberg

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GROSSE POINTE SHORES

Accretion may grow to 45 acres

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

A large beach is building on western Lake St. Clair above Vernier.

Wave by wave, grain by grain, shoreline currents are delivering silt and sand to a crescent-shaped indentation on the north shore.

If left alone, deposits will eventually fill 45 acres of shallows extending from Grosse Pointe Shores Osius Park to about halfway toward Gaukler Point, the site of the Edsel & Eleanor Ford Estate.

Additional deposits will extend nearly one block along westbound Lakeshore downstream of the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club, where just a small pocket of sediment appears now.

The forecast appears in a study commissioned by supporters of dredging 160,000 cubic yards of accretion they say already clogs the north shore area and threatens property values of lakeside houses that aren't so lakeside anymore.

The area is largely beyond public view behind million-dollar lots in the 800 to 900 block of Lakeshore.

The most accessible public dry-land perspective is from the outer docks of Shores park marina and yacht club.

"The study shows that in terms of trapping littoral currents, the problem is the harbor structures," said John Booth, a Lakeshore homeowner and dredging advocate. He wants waves piling against his breakwall, not sand, mud, weeds, washed-up rotting vegetation and dead fish.

Booth and others have spent more than \$200,000 studying the cause of accretion along the north shore.

The most recent report was completed in March by W.F. Baird & Associates Coastal Engineers office in Madison, Wisc. Scientists used a series of aerial photographs dating to 1937 plus mathematical analysis to predict evolution of the Shores shoreline following expansion of the municipal harbor in the mid-1960s.

"The north harbor wall is ... the major factor contributing to deposition in the accretion zone," according to the report's many conclusions.

Booth and others are compiling data they said proves that the municipal harbor causes more accretion than Hawthorne Peninsula, a jut of private landfill near the foot of Hawthorne road adjacent to Osius Park's upstream border.

"Sediment flow-through was cut off when the old Grosse Pointe Shores wharf was filled in 1967," Booth said. "All accretion in Grosse Pointe Shores dates from that decision by the (village) council."

Last month's Baird study concluded that Hawthorne Peninsula can only trap

enough sediment to create 2.5 acres of accretion.

"The peninsula only extends into Lake St. Clair for approximately 25 percent of the harbor length," the report reads. "The overall trapping potential for the harbor [assuming Hawthorne Peninsula didn't exist] is almost 20 times greater than the Hawthorne Peninsula."

The peninsula and marina combine to interrupt shoreline currents and cause accretion.

"Nonetheless, it can be shown that the maximum trapping potential for Hawthorne Peninsula alone is less than 5 percent of the maximum trapping potential of the harbor," according to the report.

Interruption of shoreline currents has been a contentious issue in the Shores since the late 1990s. At that time yacht club officials wanted to expand the harbor and Shores marina, which share an entrance and some fairways, an additional 300 feet into the lake.

Shores officials scaled down their plans. They and many residents now want to renovate the aging marina within its existing footprint. Construction could exceed \$2.6 million.

Yacht club officials have signed on for combined construction that will cost less than two separate projects.

Booth and others want the new harbor designed with portals, or water flow-throughs, in the outer breakwalls to prevent the build-up of more sediment. Portals would not carry away existing accretion.

"(Flow through) should be incorporated into the design before they begin construction," Booth said. "None of us want to see a harbor redesigned at great cost to the residents that doesn't take this into consideration now. It's going to be a lot more expensive to retrofit."

"There's about 220 feet of flow-through there now," said Mike Kenyon, village manager. "We certainly don't want to eliminate that."

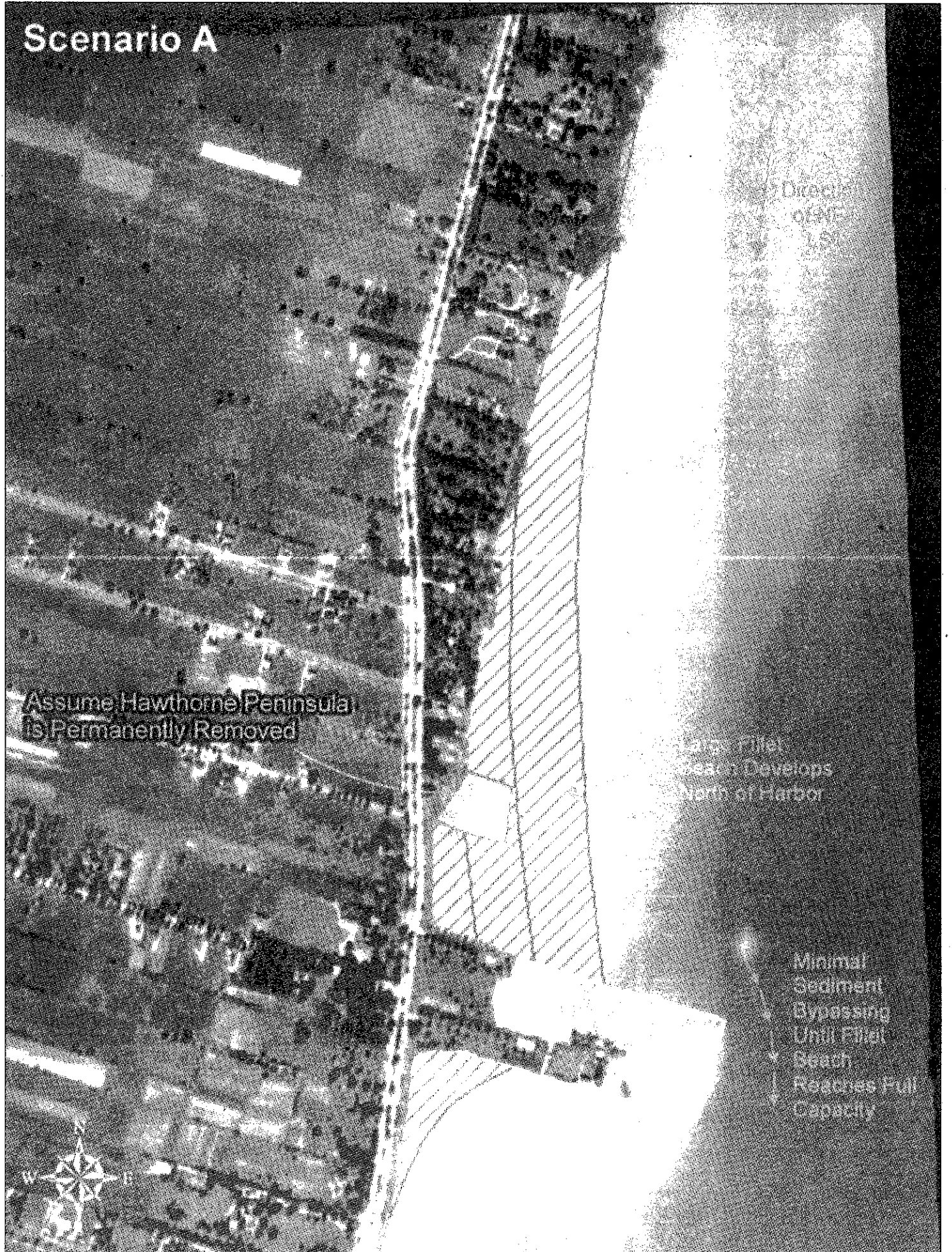
Design of the municipal harbor is a work in progress. Kenyon said club officials should be finished with their half of the plans in about three weeks. Before construction begins, designs must be approved through a permitting process with the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality and U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.

Studies associated with the permit will focus on the new harbor's impact on waves, shoreline currents, sediment, fish and harbor flushing.

"They will give us more insight into what needs to be done," Kenyon said. "We're waiting for the yacht club to (decide on a harbor plan) so we can submit our (construction) permit. But the time to discuss this is when we get be-

fore the DEQ and Corps of Engineers. I could talk to (our engineers) all day about flow-throughs, but I want to hear what the DEQ says. (DEQ regulators) are not about to talk to me about that until I get to a point where I have an application in their hands they can look at."

Warren Wilkinson, head of a group of residents concerned about the lakefront and a resident of the City of Grosse Pointe, said that in addition to building flow-throughs, a sand bypassing system could be installed at the marina for between \$1.7 and \$2.2 million, plus \$10,000 operating costs.



Even if Hawthorne Peninsula were removed, as represented in this aerial photograph of the Grosse Pointe Shores shoreline above Vernier, the harbor wall of Osius Park would trap enough sediment to create the indicated accretion, according to a study by W.F. Baird & Associates Coastal Engineers.

ILLUSTRATION BY W.F. BAIRD & ASSOCIATES

CITY OF GROSSE POINTE

Mayor pro tem in the works

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

Batman has Robin. Rocky has Bullwinkle. The Skipper has Gilligan. But the City of Grosse Pointe doesn't have a mayor pro tem. For now.

City attorney John Fildew has been instructed to investigate creating the office of a second in command among elected leaders in the City of Grosse Pointe.

"We need a mayor pro tem," said Councilman John Stemplf, suggesting the idea.

Mayor pro tems fill in when the mayor is unavailable.

Stemplf suggested awarding the title to the council member who wins the most

votes in regularly scheduled general elections. The mayor pro tem would serve two years, Stemplf suggested.

The idea isn't as straightforward as it seems.

The council's six members serve four-year terms but are elected on an alternating two-year schedule. Only three of the council's six members are up for reelection every two years.

"You'd only have three candidates for mayor pro tem," Fildew said.

He promised that he and his staff will research the matter and file a report.

"We'll give you something in writing that isn't too long," he told the council.

Grosse Pointe Memorial Church

presents

MOZART ANNIVERSARY CONCERT

Sunday, April 30, 2006

at 7:30pm

In celebration of the 250th anniversary of the birth of the great composer, Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart, the choir and soloists of Grosse Pointe Memorial Church will perform a concert with orchestra of selected works of Mozart. The 7:30 p.m. April 30th concert includes the cantata for soprano soloist and orchestra, Exultate Jubilate with the famous "Alleluia" last movement. Alison Mauro, soloist. Choral works on the concert include the beloved Ave verum corpus and the lively Regina Coeli among other choral works. The orchestra will perform the Serenade in D. Memorial Church Director of Music, Charles Raines, conducts the concert.

Tickets are available at the door the evening of the concert.

A reception will follow the concert.

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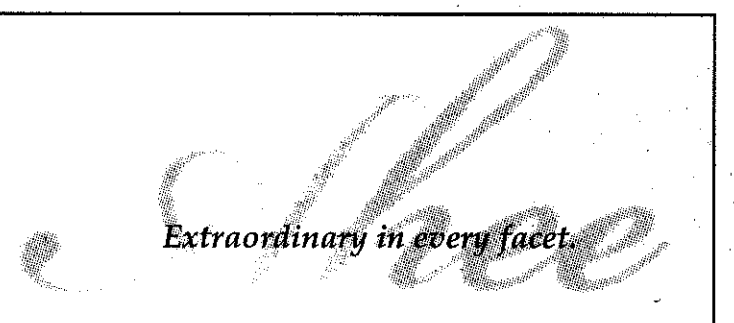
pal services, Felt said.

"You are going to have to reduce everyone's expenditures or increase everyone else's taxes," she said.

Mary Ann LaHood, Shores resident, compared the north

shore to the tenderloin of a cow.

"That's the nicest part of Lakeshore and the biggest draw for taxes," she said. "What if it's decreasing in value? Something has to give."



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POINTER OF INTEREST

Less fortunate people benefit from the musical and communication talents of **Nancy Lee Combs**. She has found that giving is the best way to serve and be rewarded.

Difference made through words

By Ann L. Fouty
Staff Writer

Nancy Lee Combs, her two dogs and cat are known throughout the neighborhood. They regularly walk through the streets of Grosse Pointe Park singing out a cheery hello to all.

Even a brief encounter with Combs treats the recipient of her smile and kind words with a ray of sunshine. It's just her nature to look for the good in the day and those she encounters. The lady who grew up in Kentucky has a heart filled with songs of compassion. That trait of understanding is evident not only in her passion for singing and song writing, but in her career.

"I'm a writer and songwriter and communication consultant to nonprofits," she explained.

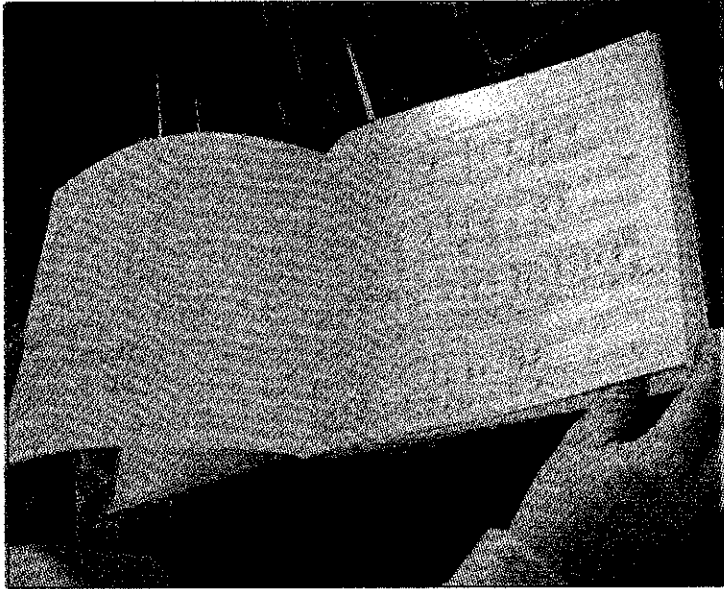
The thread that ties these three together comes from the desire to make a difference in the world.

"The word I write. The music I write. It all comes from the same place," she said.

"I have a sense of ministry inside me. My business was getting me there with the nonprofits. The music was inside. God wanted me to be involved. My thought is that music is a gift to me. I can pass that gift along — pay it forward. I'm very involved with the church, it felt natural," she said.

Sitting on the couch in her home as the dogs, Gabby and Hannah, search for the spring sunshine, there is a view of a piano stacked with sheet music. Under the piano are two well-used guitars on which she strums out her original tunes. She brings another instrument out.

"The dulcimer is just an open



PHOTOS BY ANN L. FOUTY
Nancy Combs of Grosse Pointe Park constantly writes songs with a basic biblical message.

chord, with two strings on the melody," she said and claims even a reporter can learn to play it.

"It's a fun instrument to play. I share more than I play. I want people to feel the song inside their hearts and sing along.

"I began composing songs many years ago and have 23 songs copyrighted. I needed to do something with them. People encouraged me to do a CD. I got that idea when I turned 50."

Attaining that milestone, Combs considered the brevity of life.

"What was I going to leave behind? How was I going to make a difference? Making a difference is key. That's why we are here. It can be small, only known by a handful of people. Mother Teresa advised we can do only small things with great love," she said.

Combs' philosophy of making a difference and sharing her talents were recorded on

CD and Tea

Nancy Lee Combs will perform songs from her CD "I Will Walk with You - Original Songs about God & the Human Heart" and sign copies of her CD.

Date: Saturday, April 29

Time: 1-3 p.m.

Place: Victorian Tea Parlor
15212 Charlevoix
Grosse Pointe Park

the December released CD "I Will Walk With You — Original Songs About God & the Human Heart." It's not just that she released 11 original songs, which include a duet with her daughter, Susannah Goodman, and another with Goodman's father, it's how the proceeds will make a difference.

The money will be donated to the Open Door Program at the Fort Street Presbyterian Church, serving Detroit's poor and homeless. Volunteers and staff serve meals each Thursday, distribute bus tickets, hand out hygiene kits, organize and run support groups, provide counseling, clothing and medical care at all three Open Door locations. To date, she has donated \$1,800; her goal is to give the program \$5,000.

Along with the donation to her favorite charity, Combs is giving her talents.

"I feel better when in a giving mode," she said.

Also involved with the CD project were her producer, Ron Pangborn of Grosse Pointe Park, and his award-winning band, Grievous Angel, who plays on the CD. Among other featured singers is 10-year-old Emma Hintzen; and Combs' friend Princesa Graham, who sings an original song in Spanish. Grosse Pointe Park's artist Joan Farago donated original art for the CD's cover.



Nancy Combs taught herself to play the guitar at age 11 and spends her free time singing and composing songs. In the background is a quilt block wall hanging sewn by her mother.

Enter the music

Music has always been a part of Combs' life and holds special memories in her Appalachian heritage.

Combs, with her parents and sister, living in Louisville, Ky. and attending a Presbyterian church. Her grandmother would travel by Greyhound from Virginia to see her granddaughters.

"The earliest memories I have are of my grandmother. Before unpacking her suitcase, she would sit down at the piano and play. I wanted to be just like her."

At age 8, she began playing the piano. At 11, she taught herself guitar.

Religion and music continued to influence her and she attended South Carolina Converse College for a Bachelor of Arts in humanities, focusing on religion and music. She toyed with becoming a music therapist but realized music was an avocation.

Combs entered Yale Divinity School, but is not an ordained minister. She was the editor of her college newspaper and worked part time with the New Haven, Conn., newspaper. It turned into a full-time position where she wrote a religious column and hard news.

With her minister husband, Combs moved to Michigan in 1981. They divorced and he returned to New York state. She remained here and continued her career in health care public relations. After a three-year stint back home in Kentucky, she and her young daughter returned to Michigan in 1991 and pursued her goal of making a difference in people's lives by working for Henry Ford Health System, Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan and HAP in communications and provider relations.

As her mother's health declined, Combs took stock of her life and opened her own business, staying true to her mak-

ing-a-difference philosophy. Nancy Combs Communications specializes in nonprofit clients in health care and faith-based organizations. Currently, she is a consultant to Henry Ford Health System as they pilot a health education program with Detroit-area churches called "Your Journey to Wellness."

"Ninety percent of health care is self-care," she said, "how much we move, what we eat, the health choices we make each day."

Currently, Combs is writing the annual report for the School-Based Health Program at Henry Ford.

Another client is the State of Michigan and Michigan's surgeon general Kimberlydawn Wisdom, M.D., who is a public health advocate for Michigan. Combs is Wisdom's program manager, assisting her with Michigan Steps Up through the Department of Community Health.

"There is a lot of physical inactivity in children, growing obesity, and now even Type 2 diabetes which is related to obesity. Dr. Wisdom talks about what people can do a step at a time. A small step can lead to big rewards. You can do one thing today and another tomorrow," she said.

As she encourages Michigan residents to take a positive step in managing their health, she has once again put forth her philosophy of making a difference.

"I get a lot of my music walking them and the cat," she said from her light-filled house in Grosse Pointe Park.

Some of her best music comes from walks.

She wrote song after song, performing in her mezzo, soprano voice accompanying herself on the guitar or dulcimer for her church.

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Seniors Symposium

By Beth Quinn
Staff Writer

The Grosse Pointe Public Library will host the sixth annual Senior Symposium, featuring speakers on the first three Wednesday afternoons in May.

All Senior Symposium programs begin with dessert served at 1:30 p.m., followed by an author presentation lasting until 3:30 p.m. The symposiums will be held at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore Dr., Grosse Pointe Farms.

Grosse Pointe seniors can attend the weekly programs, which feature visiting authors speaking on topics ranging from stories of survival to ad-

vice on health and retirement.

During his May 3 presentation, "Freedom Does Not Come Free," World War II veteran and author Ray "Remie" Laenen, will talk about his experience on the S.S. Peter Sylvester which was sunk by a German submarine in the Indian Ocean in 1945. His story is in the book titled, "Liberty Ship Survivor."

Grosse Pointe Woods attorney Duane S. Weed's May 10 program, "Estate Planning Safeguards to Protect You and Your Family," will educate the audience about wills, trusts and powers of attorney. He has conducted many estate planning seminars throughout the community.

His practice was designated

a "Senior Friendly Business" by Services for Older Citizens (SOC) in 2005.

On May 17, Dr. Isadore Rosenfeld, bestselling author and professor of medicine at New York Hospital Weill Cornell Medical Center, will discuss "Live Now, Age Later: A Look at Modern Aging." He has a health column in "Parade Magazine" and frequently appears on Fox News Sunday Housecalls. He will talk about the latest information on health and medical issues.

All programs are free, but seating is limited. Tickets are available at the Grosse Pointe Central Library, 10 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe Farms.

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Easter Bunny at Neff Park

Children had their pick of 4,500 eggs the Easter Bunny hid the week before Easter at Neff Park in the City of Grosse Pointe. "We had close to 450 people for the hunt," said Christopher Hardenbrook, director of parks and recreation. Twelve children won large chocolate bunnies for finding special golden eggs. Participating in the hunt were, from left, Catherine Hartz, 8; Renee Soullier, 9 and William Hartz, 6.

GROSSE POINTE WOODS

BAC ready for flower sale

By Bob St. John
Staff Writer

Vibrant colors of dozens of flowers will be on sale during the 32nd annual Flower Sale Friday and Saturday, May 12 and 13, in front of Grosse Pointe Woods' city hall.

The sale will run from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. May 12, and 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. May 13.

The Department of Public Works will assist in displaying the flower sale announcement banner between the two front columns of city hall, repaint

sign to reflect the above dates and times, place the flower sale announcement sign on city property in front of city hall and deliver the basket display racks on Thursday, May 11.

For more information, contact Grosse Pointe Woods' city hall at (313) 343-2440.

Classic Books series: 'Mrs. Dalloway'

By Beth Quinn
Staff Writer

Dr. John Whittier-Ferguson, Associate Professor of English and Literature at the University of Michigan, will return to Friends of the Grosse Pointe Library's Classic Books lecture series to present the popular "Mrs. Dalloway" by famed author Virginia Woolf.

This lecture is presented by Friends of the Grosse Pointe Library in conjunction with University of Michigan Department of English and Literature and will be held at 7:30 p.m., Thursday, May 4, in the Grosse Pointe South High School Wicking Library, 11 Grosse Pointe Blvd., Grosse Pointe Farms.

"Mrs. Dalloway" seems at first glance to be a book about a single day in the life of an upper-class English woman. It turns out to be a book about rebuilding the world and trying to reassemble broken lives and shattered psyches after the Great War.

Sir Edward Grey is supposed to have said, as war began in 1914, "The lamps are going out all over Europe. We shall not see them again in our time."

Woolf asks, in "Mrs. Dalloway," how the lamp of civilization might be reilluminated, and what part an aging woman might play in that vital work of bring light into the lives of her contemporaries.

Whittier-Ferguson received his Bachelors of Art degree from Kenyon College and his Ph.D. from Princeton University in 1990. He came to the University of Michigan in 1990 where he enjoys writing and teaching students.

The next classic books series will held on Thursday,

May 18, at the Wicking Library. Enock Brater, professor of Literature at the University of Michigan, will discuss another American classic, "Death of A Salesman," by Arthur Miller.

The public is welcome to attend both seminars. The lecture series is free to students, teachers and members of Friends of the Grosse Pointe Library and \$5 for nonmembers. Registration is appreciated.

The public is also encouraged to join the Friends of the Grosse Pointe Public Library. In addition to the free Classic Books lecture series, members are notified and invited to participate in additional Friends sponsored library events. The membership fee supports the programs and purchases for the benefit of the three Grosse Pointe library branches.

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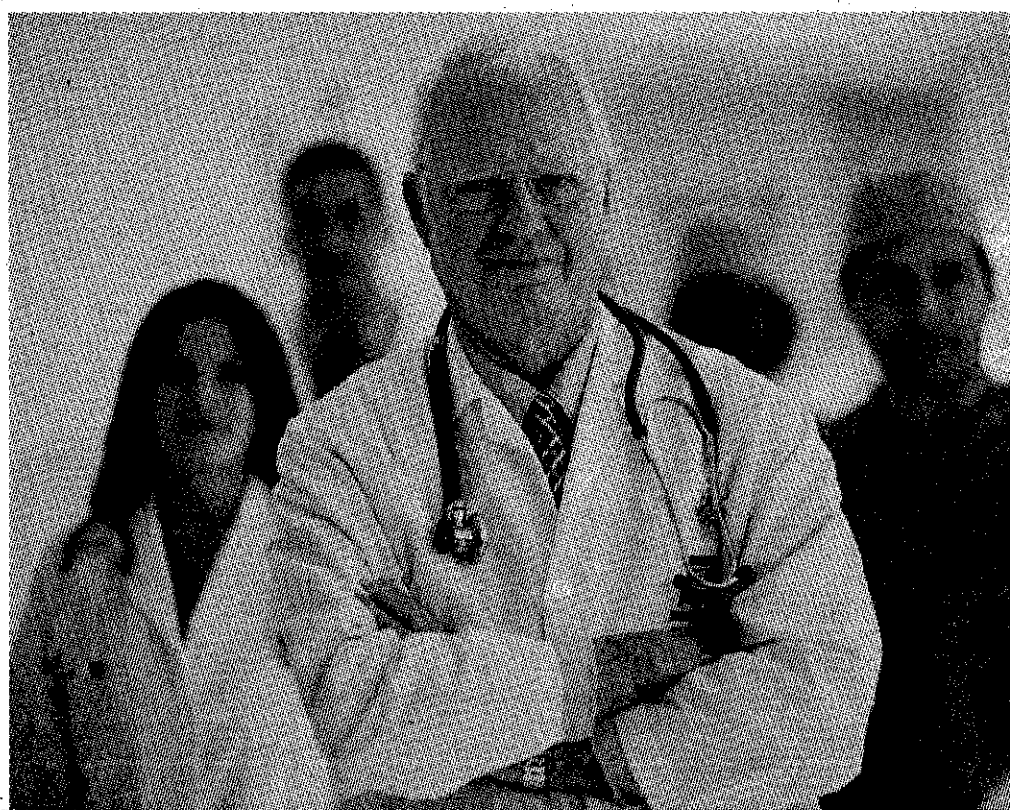
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EDITORIALS

New manager to lead Lot 2

New City Manager Pete Dame started work Monday in the City of Grosse Pointe, and it is not a moment too soon.

There is much to be done in the Village commercial district in the City, and we fear progress has been delayed if not stagnant.

The City now has before it three proposals for developing Parking Lot 2 on the west side of Kercheval between Notre Dame and St. Clair pursuant to the City's

Master Plan.

The Village merchants want Lot 2 development delayed until the former Jacobson's building is redeveloped and occupied. They apparently feel that will be their salvation from the current poor economic climate in Michigan.

Don't hold your breath.

First, the state's and Village's economic woes have nothing to do with Jacobson's demise many years ago and, second, it is far from assured that anything will be accomplished in the former Jacobson's block within the near future.

Recognizing this, Councilman John Stevens made a motion Monday night to order the new city manager to undertake a thorough analysis of the three Lot 2 proposals before the City.

We congratulate Mr. Stevens on getting Lot 2 development off the dime. Contrary to what the Village merchants believe, we think the City can develop Lot 2 and deal with the former Jacobson's owners and with the proposed Sunrise senior project on St. Clair as well.

Merchants complain business is down, but they also fear too much construction simultaneously. Would they rather wait until business improves? When there are more customers to be inconvenienced? Now is the best time to cause disruption, when business is slow.

Of course, we have already come out in favor of the Jonna/Kroger proposal for Lot 2.

We constantly hear the refrain that Grosse Pointe cannot compete with the new suburban shopping centers and grocery stores in western Wayne, northern Macomb and Oakland counties. Here is an opportunity to fight back. A new, modern grocery to replace the cramped store on Kercheval is just what the Village and shoppers need.

The other two proposals, while promising luxury condominiums and unspecified retail, are also proposed by respected developers. However, they do not have what Jonna has in hand — Kroger. The major grocer's executives are standing by waiting to begin work. They have yet to be contacted by the city.

The City's Master Plan calls for more retail and a permanent residential component in the Village business district. The Jonna/Kroger proposal meets all the Master Plan's goals — and then some.

We urge Mr. Dame godspeed in getting Lot 2 moving forward. Hopefully, a year from now we will be well on our way toward a grand opening of a new upscale grocery, luxury condominiums and a half-dozen new storefronts on Kercheval.

Welcome aboard Mr. Dame. Time's awastin.'

3-minute rule

Freedom of speech and the right to address our elected officials are cherished rights in America, but they can be abused.

Just attend a school board or City of Grosse Pointe council meeting and see for yourself. It is amazing grown people can behave so badly.

We don't mind civil discourse. But when people yell at others, when they use catcalls and otherwise intimidate and disrespect others, then something must be done.

To combat excesses, the City council has instituted a three-minute rule for members of the public addressing the council. If the speaker is representing a group of residents or an organization, then five minutes will be allowed. We might also suggest a sergeant at arms be present to quiet catcallers.

We are not so sure about the requirement that speakers give their names and addresses. Perhaps city of residence would be adequate. We also question the need for speakers to "sign in" beforehand.

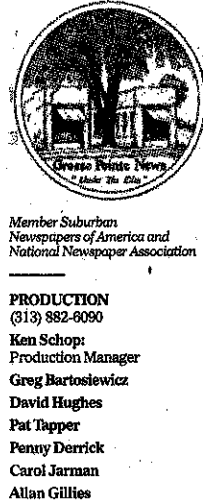
The Grosse Pointe school board also recently enacted its own version of the three-minute rule for the same reasons.

We hope the rule works and civil discourse is facilitated. Of course, as in basketball, the three-minute rule is only as good as the referees who enforce it.

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LETTERS

The Grosse Pointe News welcomes your letters to the editor.

All letters should be typed, double-spaced, signed and limited to 250 words. Longer letters may be edited for length and all letters may be edited for content. We reserve the right to refuse any letter. Include a daytime phone number for verification or questions. The deadline for letters is 3 p.m. Monday.

PUD development issues clarified

To the Editor:

At the request of my clients, property owners who live close to the large structure the City of Grosse Pointe Council is trying to approve close to the Village, I write this letter to clarify some issues regarding the Planned Unit Development process (PUD).

My clients have been disturbed that Mayor Scraze and various members of the city administration have made misleading statements to the public about the situation. And that those same misstatements have been repeated by the Grosse Pointe News as if they were fact.

First and foremost, a PUD Ordinance affects the use of land; it is necessarily a zoning ordinance. In fact, the reason that the city administration was forced to "re-enact" the PUD Ordinance on March 20, was because state law requires that the city notify affected property owners when they attempt to change the way their land can be used (i.e., when they rezoned property).

The city administration neglected to take that step in May of 2004, when this ordinance was first passed. They also neglected to inform property owners that they were planning to approve a specific project that far exceeds the height, density and setback limitations that every other building in the City of Grosse Pointe has to follow.

That, of course, is the real issue that members of this community have — the city administration has been working on this process for years without bothering to tell the residents it would affect.

This isn't just an ethical problem, it's a legal one — an elected official, or administrative officials in a city government, cannot simply redesign a community unilaterally, without input from their constituents.

If my clients, and their neighbors, had known that this administration was working on putting a four to five story building on their quiet residential street two years ago, then I strongly suspect that steps would have been taken to replace the administration, or otherwise influence legislation so that their homes would be protected.

Currently, members of the city council have informed my clients and others that the Sunrise Development PUD is "a done deal" or "it might have been different if you had raised

its ramifications. The answer certainly isn't more investment in a dwindling resource — although "half a century" somehow sounds longer than 50 years.

Alternative fuel sources are not going to be just an option, they will be the norm — and that's only if we somehow get very lucky. More importantly, conservation needs to start today.

The average car made in the United States today is 5 percent less fuel efficient than a car made in the 1980s. If we were to raise fuel economy standards to 35 miles per gallon, we would save more oil in the next 10 years than the total projected output of the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge.

Expanding mass transportation and making communities pedestrian friendly, as well as self-sustaining as possible, will do more for us than any endeavor by the oil industry.

I implore everyone to educate themselves on this subject, because the question isn't who's right in the war between global-warming big industry and environmental realists, the real question is, who can we better afford to be wrong?

LAURIE J. BURGOYNE
Grosse Pointe Park

Thanks for Easter egg hunt success

To the Editor:

With 450 children and their parents together, add one Peter Rabbit, and you have recipe for a great party. That's what happened on Saturday, April 8, at Ghesquiere Park in Grosse Pointe Woods.

The Grosse Pointe Business & Professional Association of Mack Avenue, with the city of Grosse Pointe Woods, once again came together for fun and surprises for all the Easter egg hunters. It was one of the coldest but nicest Easter egg hunts we've ever had.

We need to pass along all the many thanks we received that day from the parents and children.

Due to the support from the Grosse Pointe Woods Community Center and contributions from our members, together we have made it a very successful and enjoyable day. We are very proud that we have members who are interested in getting involved with our community projects.

A special thank you to all of the contributors and volunteers: AAA-Grosse Pointe Woods Branch; Marsha Woods; Joyce's Salon; Farm Bureau Insurance; Wild Birds Unlimited; The Little Blue Book-Kim Towar; Jeri Unger; City of Grosse Pointe Woods; TCBY; Catholic Schools of Grosse Pointe; Antoinette DiClemente; Grosse Pointe News; Mr. C's Car Wash; Grosse Pointe Public Schools; State Farm Insurance; Mark Wilamowski; Moehring Woods Flowers; Rainy Day Art Supply; Flagstar Bank; James Anderson; Josef's French Pastry Shop; Pat Scott Jewelers; and Little Tony's

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Ticketing visitors' cars

To the Editor:

I continue to be embarrassed for the Grosse Pointe community by the ticketing of visitors' cars who come to see their children participate in sporting events at the Grosse Pointe South stadium field.

What kind of welcome to Grosse Pointe is this? The Grosse Pointe public officials who changed the policy to "Permit Only" should be equally embarrassed and ashamed.

There is no acceptable rationale that supersedes the 50-plus years that parking was allowed.

Shouldn't we as a community focus our decisions on the greater good of the surrounding communities and not on a very "special" and small group of homeowners living between St. Paul and Kercheval on Fisher Road. They, as individuals, have an option to move away from the school if they don't want to live there.

The City of Grosse Pointe should welcome people from other areas and not have them leave with a bad opinion of our wonderful community.

This policy should be reversed as soon as possible.

MIKE NABER
Grosse Pointe Park

Overscheduled stressed-out kids

To the Editor:

In the Grosse Pointe News March 23 issue, there are two excellent articles about stressed-out kids because of programming and overscheduling.

The "I Say" written by Beth Quinn, "Let kids be kids in order to beat stress," emphasized the need for kids to be kids and not be so programmed for every minute of the day.

The other article by Mary Beth Garvey, "High costs of over-scheduling," also emphasized the need to be kids, warning that extracurricular activities can seriously damage a child's self-esteem if he or she is not perfect in performance.

Both articles also stressed the need for parents to be more understanding and supporting of children who do not or cannot participate successfully.

Togetherness as a family, with lots of family time, is much more vital to a child's development than forcing them to participate in activities in which they're not all that interested, or do poorly.

I agree completely with both articles because when I was a kid, many years ago, our extracurricular activities were limited to some afternoons during the week for practice or intramural games; never at night and rarely on the weekends.

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I SAY By John Minnis

Here's to your good health, Dick & Dot



Getting old is a pain. No, I'm not talking about me. I'm much too young to say such a thing. Rather, I'm talking about my in-laws, Dick and Dot, whom I refer to as Dad and Mom. Up until the last few years, both have been relatively healthy. Dick, 74, is somewhat of a success story. Some years ago, he lost 150 pounds and, yikes, he can almost wear my clothing and has been known to borrow a shirt or two.

Everyone tells Dick he should write a book about his weight-loss, if only he knew a writer who would undertake the task.

Dot, 76, has been the model of health. She can still walk rings around those half her age. (Well, maybe not half her age, but at least around her daughter and me.)

She has been known to scale step stools, ladders and chairs with the agility of a mountain lion. She is far more "handy" around the house than her husband. She has an engineer's imagination when it comes to moving furniture through tight doorways and would be a good addition to Two Men and a Truck. (Two Men and a Mother in Law?)

She once helped me move a roll of carpeting down to the basement. I commented it was

like moving a corpse, to which we laughed until we cried. Eventually we did get the stiff downstairs.

These memories and more came to me late one night a month or so ago while we waited for Dot in the St. John-Macomb surgery waiting room. (There's plenty of time for reminiscing while reading 2-year-old magazines.)

My wife, Terry, and her dad had taken Dot to emergency early in the day. It was a Monday, I believe. Dot had been feeling poorly all weekend. She wasn't sure if it was a stomach flu, cramps or what. It must have been painful. Dot is not a complainer.

The ER doctor suspected appendicitis — at her age no less! Six hours later, Dot was finally taken for a CAT scan. Yup, appendicitis. The surgeon oper-

ated that night. When he got in there, the appendix had burst. It was in the nick of time (not counting six hours waiting for the scan.)

Dot is well-recovered by now, but this latest episode took a toll on her, much more than the two previous heart attacks.

That's right. Twice in the past while Dot was at our house she felt ill and short of breath after dinner. We rushed her to St. John Hospital on Moross. Sure enough, she had blockages. (Far be it from me to repeatedly blame my wife's cooking.)

The St. John cardiologist had her Roto-Rooted and stents put in within a couple hours, and she felt immediate relief. She's getting to be an old hand at angioplasty — and she has the pictures to prove

it.

Dick, on the other hand, had never had heart problems, but he did suffer from high blood pressure and sugar. His pharmacopoeia consists of a sheet-cake-size Tupperware box and a pill cutter. It is not unusual to see him at the dining room table dividing and cutting his pills. He missed his calling.

We always said about Dad, "At least he has a strong heart."

So last month when he was suffering neck pains and feeling nauseous, we just knew it was something minor. We took him to St. John-Macomb.

His blood pressure and sugar were skyrocketing. His neck hurt. He said it was an 8 out of a 10-point scale with 10 being the worst. (One wonders if there were a less subjective means of determining a pa-

tient's level of pain.)

When the ER doctor commented, "Have we been not taking out medicines?" my wife and I were about to let her have it. No one takes his medicines more faithfully than Dick. How dare she accuse him of negligence where his pills are concerned?

But the ER physician earned her keep when she called in a cardiologist, who determined he had better go in for a look-see. Sure enough, the "cath lab" found one major artery was 100 percent blocked and another 90 percent blocked. The former seemed to have been that way for some time. The 10 percent of the latter was doing double duty with severe blockage.

An angioplasty was per-

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STREETWISE

Do you think a new, modern Kroger is needed in the Village and Grosse Pointe?

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 feel it needs an improvement. A different layout. Other Krogers are much nicer."

LYNN BAKER-HUNTER
St. Clair Shores
(works in the Village)



"Yes I do. It needs modern updating and a better produce department, like Nino's."

KARLYN JONES
Grosse Pointe Woods



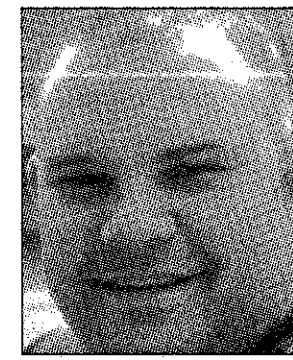
"Yes absolutely. It needs to be larger and it needs to have much more variety."

PATTY ZRIMEC
Grosse Pointe Park



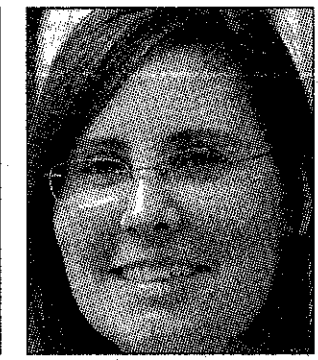
"Yes, cleaner, newer; and I'd like to see windows rather than a solid brick wall."

JENNIFER ADLHOEH
Grosse Pointe Park



"Yes, and they need to offer organic, specialty and natural foods, like Trader Joe's of Novi."

MARK MILLER
Grosse Pointe Park



"Yes, It needs to be updated so it's comparable to the other Krogers. I'd like to see the aisles straight rather than on an angle. I'd also like to see better health food selections."

JENNIFER VUCETICH
Grosse Pointe Woods

FYI By Ben Burns

Liggetts bring entrepreneurial spirit to Rotary



Bob and Vicki Liggett are a force and living proof of that old stock brokerage ad that said when E. F. Hutton talks, people listen.

But Bob, one of Michigan's

most interesting entrepreneurial businessmen, is used to having people listen.

At age 14, he was a disc jockey/announcer for a radio station during high school. Later he worked for the corporations that owned WJR and WXYZ television and radio and WJBK television and radio. And for eight years, including while he was going to law school, he was the public address announcer for the Detroit Red Wings at old Olympia Stadium.

On Friday night at the War Memorial, Bob and Vicki will speak again as the honorary chairs of the Grosse Pointe Rotary auction. They will advise black-tie auction-goers to dig deep as some of the proceeds of the affair will benefit one of their favorite charities: the Van Elslander Cancer Center's Liggett Breast Center at St. John Hospital.

Auction organizers expect with Bob and Vicki's support the evening will be a sell-out, although if you are a FOB

(Friend of Bob) you still might be able to get a \$125 ticket by calling (313) 882-0702.

"Bob and Vicki Liggett are two of the most generous people I have ever had the good fortune to work with. Not only did they agree without hesitation to be our honorary chairs, they have come on board full force, inviting friends to the event and donating several items," said Kim Towar, auction co-chair.

Bob earned a Wayne State Law degree and was admitted

to the Michigan Bar in 1969. He says he practiced law "for about a week."

In 1970, he founded Liggett Broadcast Group, and by the time it merged with Citadel Communications Corp. 30 years later, he owned AM and FM stations across the nation. He still owns five radio stations serving the Port Huron area.

He took some of his earnings from the sale of Liggett Broadcast to buy the 60-year-old Big Boy Restaurants, which was in bankruptcy. The chain has flourished under its CEO, Tony Michaels, since the Liggett investment and is expanding.

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OFFERING FROM THE LOFT

Toys Anonymous, not child's play

I never admitted to being a gadget person. My late brother in law was one of the gadget people. He would order every Ronco product advertised on television, and we would giggle about the latest novelty in their home. He even bought The Clapper light.

While undergoing a semi-stab at organization in my home office last week, I was forced to admit I might be eligible for Toys Anonymous. If half my friends knew what machinery is tucked within this 12x15 room, they would be requesting all matter of services. The big secret is that I have little or no knowledge of how to operate most of this pricey technology.

Many years ago, when I first decided to join the computer-literate set, my children, who know me well, strongly urged me to begin on a Mac. They said it was simple to use and agreed that a PC was way beyond their mother's intellectual acumen. I am now on my fifth Mac, a computer that more deserving souls would kill for, and I know I don't deserve this machine. I have purchased the equivalent of a Rolls Royce to perform duties a bicycle could do. This delightful machine is used primarily

for word processing, surfing the Internet and e-mails.

On the special occasions when I need more performance from my computer, I call my toy tutors and plead for assistance. There are two friends I rely upon to rescue me, and it is becoming increasingly embarrassing to continue this practice. My questions seem dumber with each request. The biggest problem is finding tutors on this side of town who will work with Macs.

My family gave me a laptop for my birthday in September. Seven months later, I am still attempting to hook it up to a router to enable it to access the Internet from another room in my house. In pursuit of this goal, I have had myriad conversations with "support" help in Sri Lanka, the Philippines, Canada, the United States and several countries I never knew existed.

The router still doesn't work. Mac blames Comcast, Linksys or AOL. AOL says it is definitely a Comcast or Linksys problem, and you can guess whose vault Linksys says it is. I admit the old adage "garbage in, garbage out" is most likely the problem.

Even though I purchased the support plan, which allows person-to-person support help,

most of the time I end up in worse shape than I started. And because everyone told me to never ever reveal my password, I seem to have forgotten the one for the laptop, but that's a whole other problem. Perhaps if the machine worked, I could use it more often and remember the word!

Have I mentioned that there are three different kinds of copy machines, two printers, a fax and a scanner hooked up in this same office? We've practically had to rewire the house to handle all this stuff, plus the requisite stereo and television equipment in the corner.

I know. If I downloaded the iTunes I wouldn't need the stereo, but I don't know how. I can't even figure out how to forward an e-mail without divulging everyone else's addresses. I've only had five or six lessons on this, but the Macs don't work the same way as PCs.

No, I do not have a Blackberry, an X-box, Satellite radio or I-Pod. Those are things our grandchildren have and use. I do keep three calendars running, and am still surprised when I look at them and discover I should be somewhere other than where I am. I know there is two too many, but one is in my purse, one on

the wall for husband to see and one next to the telephone. (I don't know how to use the new phones either.)

While you may be thinking, what wretched excess for a mere housewife to have these toys, rest assured I am constantly challenged and do manage to have a great deal of fun in my little office.

I can print photos from my digital camera, copy things for friends and husband, send faxes for our children and provide hours of entertainment for the grandchildren. I can do a spreadsheet (with help) and spend far too much time at the computer writing and conversing with old friends.

It's the countless hours waiting for a human sound on the other end of the phone when I seek help that provokes true stress.

Using what little will power I possess, I haven't attempted to play games on the computer. I know I would become addicted and lose all hope of learning something constructive. E-bay is already taking up too much time. Perhaps I should learn how to sell instead of buy!

Maybe I should begin a chapter of Toys Anonymous. I'll get right on that ... just as soon as I learn a little more about this machine.

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Pointes for Peace guests to address NSA lawsuit

Mary Bejian, field organizer for the American Civil Liberties Union of Michigan, and William Swor, Detroit attorney, will be guest speakers at a Pointes for Peace public forum at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, May 2, at the Children's Home of Detroit, 900 Cook Road, Grosse Pointe Woods.

The title of their presentation is "The National Security Agency (NSA) Lawsuit: Demanding Truth and Accountability." The program is co-sponsored by the Detroit Group of Amnesty International.

Bejian has worked as coordinator of investigations at the Fair Housing Center of Southeastern Michigan, and as chair of the ACLU-

Washtenaw County branch. Swor is a defense attorney who claims his practice has been harmed by wiretapping.

On Jan. 17, the ACLU filed suit in the Eastern District of Michigan on behalf of several journalists, authors, scholars and organizations, accusing the NSA of violating the U.S. Constitution by allowing eavesdropping to intercept telephone and Internet communications of innocent Americans without court approval.

On March 9, the organization presented a federal judge in Detroit with declarations from individuals, defense lawyers and others who said the no-warrant wiretapping program has hindered their

ability to do their jobs.

The program is free and open to the public.

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

For more information, or to be added to the Pointes for Peace mailing list, call Carol Bendure at (313) 882-7732 or e-mail pointesforpeace@yahoo.com.

LETTERS: Scholarships, nobel fraud

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night and rarely on the weekends.

My school offered field hockey, basketball and baseball, a music program, a theater program, publishing the school newspaper, and the annual yearbook.

All the extra activities were voluntary, and my parents let me decide what I wanted to do. That was true of most parents at that time. I wish that were still true today.

HELEN P. GILBRIDE
Grosse Pointe Farms

Scholarships for music students

To the Editor:
The Grosse Pointe Classical

Music League is offering scholarships for music students residing in the Grosse Pointe area.

Three scholarships of \$500 each will be presented by the organization to young music scholars, both vocal and instrumental.

The awards will be made in time for the 2006-07 academic year.

Applicants must submit a letter of application before Monday, May 1, setting forth qualifications and aspirations, current educational status, biographical and family information, along with at least two letters of recommendation from teachers, coaches, fellow musicians, etc.

Send letters to: Grosse Pointe Classical Music League, C/O Benjamin C. Stanczyk, 22811 Greater Mack, Suite 211, St. Clair Shores, MI 48080.

Students in middle school, high school, college and conservatories are eligible, as well

as those currently employed in the music world.

BENJAMIN C. STANCZYK
Chairman

Grosse Pointe Classical Music League Scholarship

Committee Nobel Peace Prize laureate

To the Editor:

Perhaps the Grosse Pointe News should share a few interesting facts with its readers regarding one of the four Nobel Peace Prize laureates scheduled to visit Wayne State University on Friday, May 5.

Rigoberta Menchu Tum was not a poor, illiterate peasant girl as she wants everyone to believe.

Anthropologist David Stoll researched her life and book extensively in the late '90s and revealed these facts.

There is nothing honorable about her upcoming visit to Detroit.

CHRISTOPHER HENDRICKS
Grosse Pointe Farms

FYI: Juice bar reopens

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With another partner, Liggett is proposing to make the Shores Theater in St. Clair Shores a multiplex affair that will save eastsiders from the trek to central Macomb.

In 2001, he co-founded SpeedNET a provider of wireless high-speed Internet service that serves homes and businesses in the Thumb and Northern Michigan and has plans to do the same for metropolitan Detroit.

In terms of customers, SpeedNET is the largest in Michigan and one of the

largest in the United States.

Shores residents, the Liggetts have three daughters — Emily 16, and twins Marjorie and Roberta, 15.

Liggett, 63, and Vicki show little sign of retiring. Between them they belong to more than 16 clubs, organizations or charitable boards. And Bob has always hung on to that license to practice law.

The motto of SpeedNET is "Go Fast, Save Cash." That could be modified for the Liggetts to: "Go Fast, Invest Cash," whether it is a business or charity. And if Bob and Vicki tell you they have a good idea, you might want to listen.

Juice bar

John Chetcuti, who operated Atom's Juice Bar across from South High School until about three years ago, has re-

opened his raw juice, vegetarian, coffee bar in the Park at 15104 Kercheval, right next to M'Dear's Creole restaurant. He is partnering with the owners of the Embellish Café.

Chetcuti had a grand opening about 10 days ago, and his clientele is gradually rediscovering his specialty food and drink offerings. He also plans to do art shows and music. It will add to the eclectic mix that the Kercheval in the Park merchants are creating near the Detroit border.

Check it out if you are into organics and vegetarian fare and also take a look at the Sprout House offerings at 15233 Kercheval.

While I have been at both establishments, I have to confess I prefer the jambalaya, red beans and rice, mean greens and gumbo offerings at M'Dear's, the best Creole food offerings on the east side, but that may be only because my last experience in a natural food restaurant in the hinterlands of south New Jersey included a big glass of carrot juice.

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Bob and Vicki Liggett

I SAY: Good food, good friends

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formed and an industrial-size stent was inserted. Dick even got an owner's manual, part number and lifetime warranty.

After the surgery, he was sent up to Floor Seven, where that night he decided to outdo "Exorcist" actress Linda Blair. Apparently overnight he had vomited copious amounts of blood. In fact, when Terry visited her father early in the morning, she was treated to another fount of blood-spew-

ing, which she attempted to catch in a bedpan.

The nurse decided ICU was the proper place for Dick, so he was transported to the luxury suites, where he spent almost a week recovering and received outstanding attention and pampering.

The ICU staff was even able to convince him one night as he got out of bed with all his tubes still connected like a Borg out of "Star Trek" that, no, he was not at Wendy's and the CRT monitor was not Dot staring sternly down at him, and the faucet in the corner was not "some dude who keeps staring at him." They called it "ICU psychosis."

It turns out Dick was not demon-possessed. Rather, the

blood was due to all the blood thinners he had been subjected to before and during surgery. He took Coumadin regularly as it is.

They eventually got his stomach settled and his blood under control. In fact, his blood pressure and sugar have never been better, at least not in his recent adult life.

He just started driving on his own last week, and he is once again a free man.

Where do free men with a new lease on life go? To lunch at the Country Buffet, of course, and with a bunch of new life-harrowing tales to tell Kathy and Roger and the rest of the regular gang.

(Far be it from me to blame the food.)

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Merger complete

Chase and Bank One made its merger official on Monday as two branches in the City of Grosse Pointe (685 St. Clair and 17449 Jefferson) and one in Grosse Pointe Farms (460 Moross) held ribbon-cutting ceremonies. Above, Chase Senior Vice President Market Manager Hatem Benjamin, center, participated in the St. Clair branch ceremony, along with branch manager Michelle Sohns, holding certificate, City of Grosse Pointe Mayor Dale Scrace, cutting the ribbon, Grosse Pointe Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Mary Huebner, far left, and branch employees. Scrace, Huebner and City of Grosse Pointe City Manager Peter Dame, back left, also participated in the Jefferson branch ceremony, along with that location's employees. At right, Huebner, Grosse Pointe Farms Mayor James Farquhar, cutting the ribbon, Chase bank manager Laura Cassin, far right, and branch employees opened the Moross bank with the final ceremony of the day. Other Chase employees who participated in the three ribbon-cutting ceremonies were Julie Wroblewski, Joe Semaan, Adam Spencer, Ryan Marier, Jim Graver, Terry Lucas, Diane Golembiewski, Maria Linder, Mary Jo Spinney, Brenda Warren, Athena Byron, Lyle Dahlberg, Curtis Fisher, Barbara Michael, Rebecca Giesecking, Chris Hurd, Amy Meier, Vicki Tymoszek, Barb Harrell, Brian Sladkin, Paul Zarkowski, Don Sweeny, Pat Oddo, Andrew Rentzel, Jan Hooper and Mary Anne Hielscher. Some of the advantages customers can see are expanded mortgage products, free access to more than 7,300 ATMs nationwide, a broader array of products for businesses of all sizes, larger and quicker loans through syndication for commercial customers, more sophisticated investment-planning products at all levels, including JP Morgan mutual funds and greater international presence for commercial banking customers, Chase representatives said.

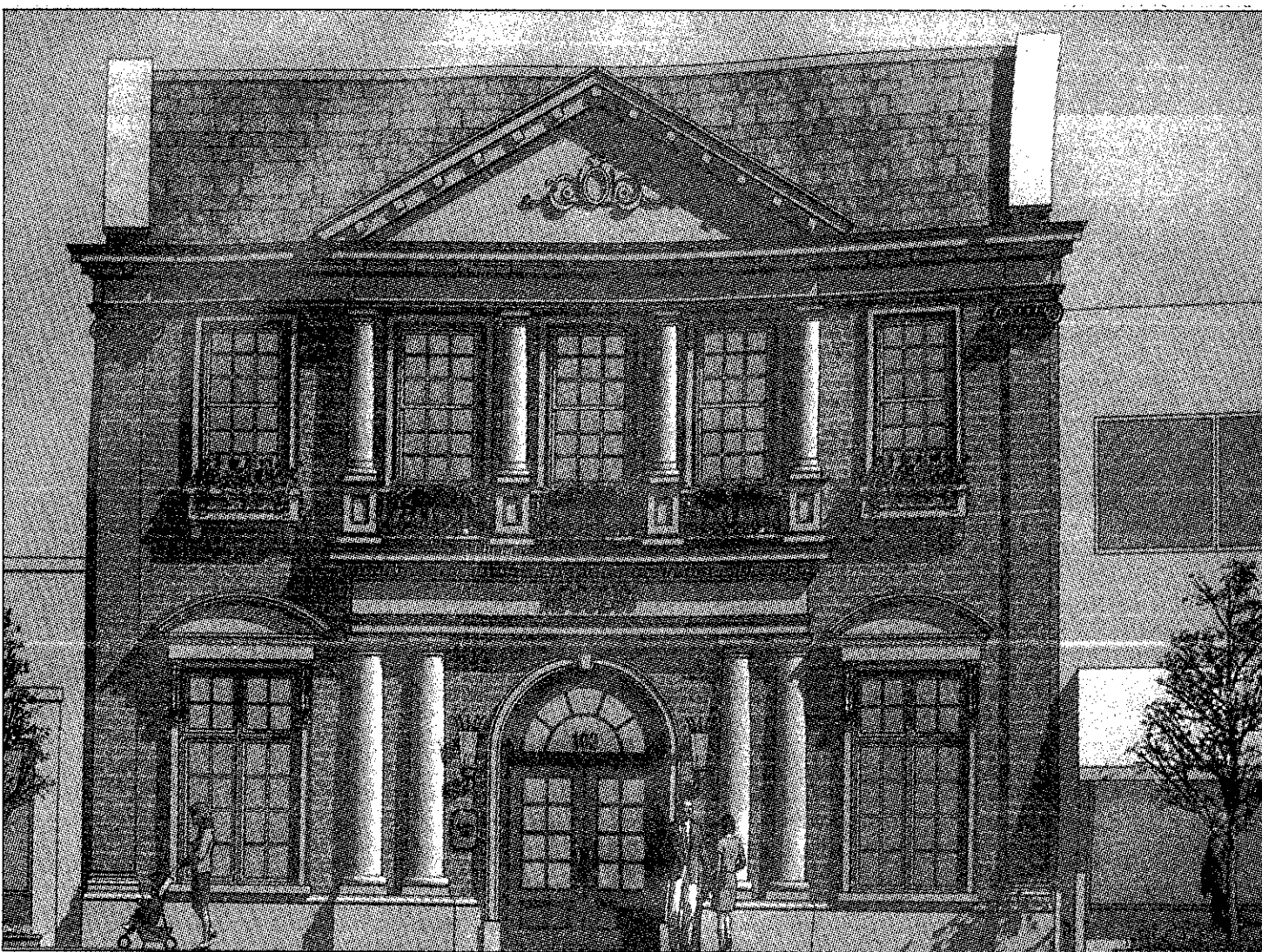


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Metro East Chamber of Commerce's Dave Lanni by May 8. Call Chamber of Commerce Chairman Barry Nannini at (586) 777-2741 for more information. To select the honorees, the Metro East Chamber of Commerce has established a nomination process that will take into consideration the business person's community involvement and business success.

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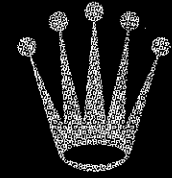
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Students provide the gift of grins

By Ann L. Fouty
Staff Writer

What do first-graders at Kerby Elementary School have to do with smiles?

For one thing, the first-graders in Karen Corio's class smile a lot. They create smiles and they give smiles. Last week the students were making smiles to help create smiles for children thousands of miles away.

On 10 inch squares of muslin, the 25 children were drawing and coloring pictures of themselves. The squares would be fashioned into a quilt by quilter Laura Rodean. The finished quilt will be sent to the second annual Journey of Smiles Gala fundraiser where it will be auctioned off by the Michigan Friends of Operation Smile on Saturday, April 29, at the Ritz-Carlton Hotel in Dearborn.

Operation Smile medical volunteers treat children around the world suffering from correctable facial deformities such as cleft lips, cleft palates, tumors and burns. This year's event will pay tribute to the organization's efforts in Southeast Asia.

This is the second consecutive year Kerby students have participated in an Operation Smile fundraiser.

"This fundraiser the children jumped immediately into," Corio said. "As soon as they heard how there were children who couldn't smile, they began

Operation Smile Journey of Smiles Gala

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bringing quarters.

"We started collecting quarters (immediately). They were so moved by the pictures," she said the students saw in a small Operation Smile presentation. "We raised over \$300.

"The children seemed to understand how lucky they are to live in the United States with access to medical help," she said with a smile.

"They are sending love with this picture," said Alicia Carlisle, who came to help the students color their muslin squares. "This is one way for kids to make a difference in their own way. They are working on smiles to bring smiles to kids"

Claire Yonkus said she likes to smile and does so when her mom, aunt, uncle or father tickle her.

Mr. Masters the gym teacher makes Cassie Valice smile. And John Sonocki added Gamesystem makes him smile.

Creative students make Corio smile as she surveyed her classroom making smiles



PHOTO BY ANN L. FOUTY

First-graders in Karen Corio's class who are spreading smiles include Amanda Christian, Hadley Clemens, Nicholas Eislos, Brian Flaherty, Kelly Gleason, Grace Gulyas, Hadley Hermon, William Kay, Katherine Kriapp, Ryan Kotas, Cinderella Ksehati, Lily Kubek, Megan Michaels, Cy Nardone, Kal Nardone, Erin Ptashnik, Christopher Reeber, Dawson Sales, John Sanocki, Rowan Thom, Cassie Valice, Joey Veneri, Noah Vogel, Mac Welsher and Claire Yonkus.

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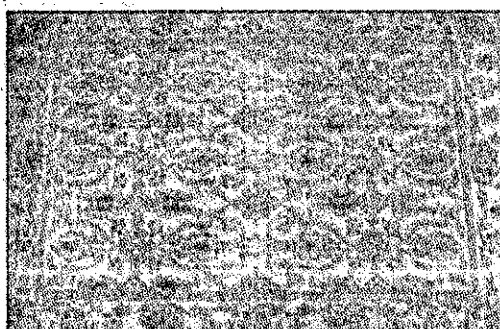
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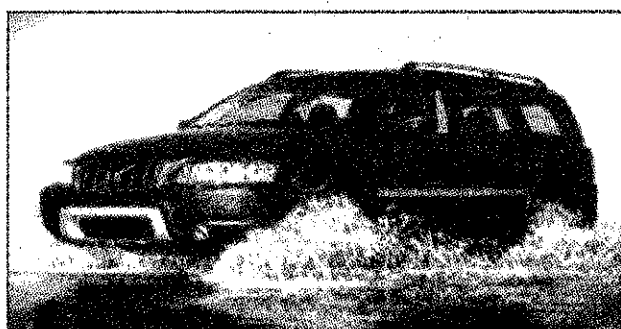
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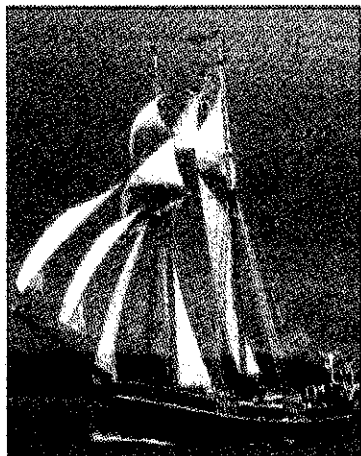
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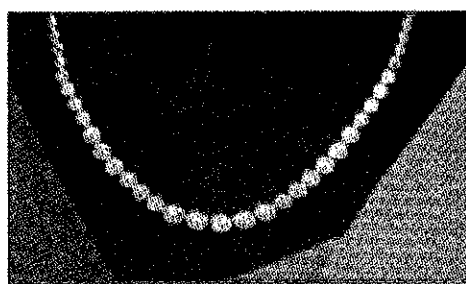
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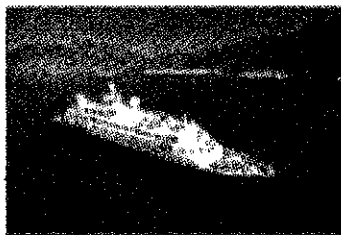
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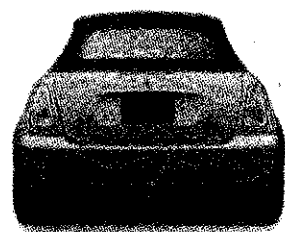
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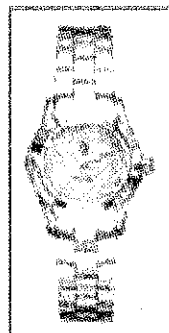
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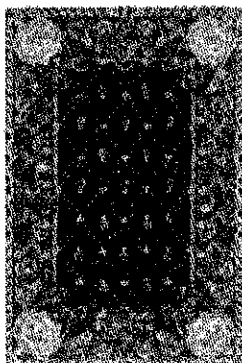
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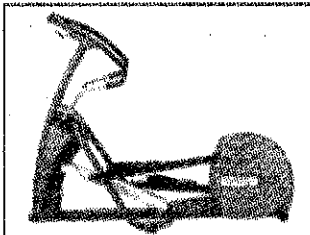
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North, South both shine at music festivals

North High

Grosse Pointe North High School students performed solos and ensembles for professional adjudicators and were awarded a ranking of 1-5 based on the quality of their overall performance during the Michigan School Band Orchestra Association State Solo and Ensemble Festival held at Farmington Harrison High School on March 25.

Performances receiving a rating high enough for a first or second division ranking were awarded medals. Fifteen events were awarded a second division rating (excellent) and 24 events received a first division rating (superior).

Students were judged on the overall piece execution, including technique, intonation, ensemble, tone, and dynamics. All students performing at the state festival received a superior or first place medal at the district festival held in January.

Performing for comments only were: Kara Miller, Ashley Allemon, Michelle Lamont, Amanda Klimczuk, a violin quartet.

The following students received second division medals for an excellent performance: Karen Huntsman, French horn solo; Elizabeth Kalina, Melissa Light, Graham Kozak, clarinet trio; Mike Brinker, saxophone solo; Kathryn Brennan, violin solo; Helena Chevallier, violin solo; Eli Wilson, baritone saxophone solo; Kelly Jennings, oboe solo; Kari Anne Stall, Rachel Curran, Kevin Rey, Rhochele Krawetz, Kyle Detlof, woodwind quintet; Ryan Mann, John Tozzi, Kevin Stier, saxophone trio; Ryan Mann, Michael Kiriazis, saxophone

duet; Allison Frantz, Molly Cohn, violin duet; Laila Hamdan, clarinet Solo; Elizabeth Simon, violin Solo; Rhochele Krawetz, Nick Coates, tenor saxophone duet; and Nathan Strickland, Jr., George Abud, Martin Brosnan, Abhinav Krishnan, string ensemble.

The following students received a first division medal for their superior performance and were ranked with the finest musicians in the entire state: Alex Sikorski, mixed percussion; Alex Sikorski, Steve LaRue, Andrew Lamont, Ed Grumeretz, marimba ensemble; Caitlin Fuhrmann, oboe solo; George Abud, violin solo; Ryan Mann, sax solo; Amanda Klimczuk, violin solo; Kim Coughlin, Katie Brennan, violin duet; Rebecca Rhee, piano solo; Ed Grumeretz, piano solo; Bobby Seiderabi, piano solo; Thomas Jones, bassoon solo; Julianne Hong, clarinet solo; Frank Serraiocco, trumpet solo; Martin Brosnan, cello solo; Jamie Ding, David Ulmer, woodwind ensemble; Sam Matthew, Andreas Forstner, clarinet duet; Jenny Barger, flute solo; Ed Grumeretz, French horn solo; Peter Dong, violin solo; Teddy Bratton, viola solo; Ashley Bernier, Andreas Forstner, Sam Matthew, Laila Hamdan, clarinet quartet; Jennifer DiBattista, cello solo; Jamie Ding, piano solo; and Peter Dong, Martin Brosnan, string duet.

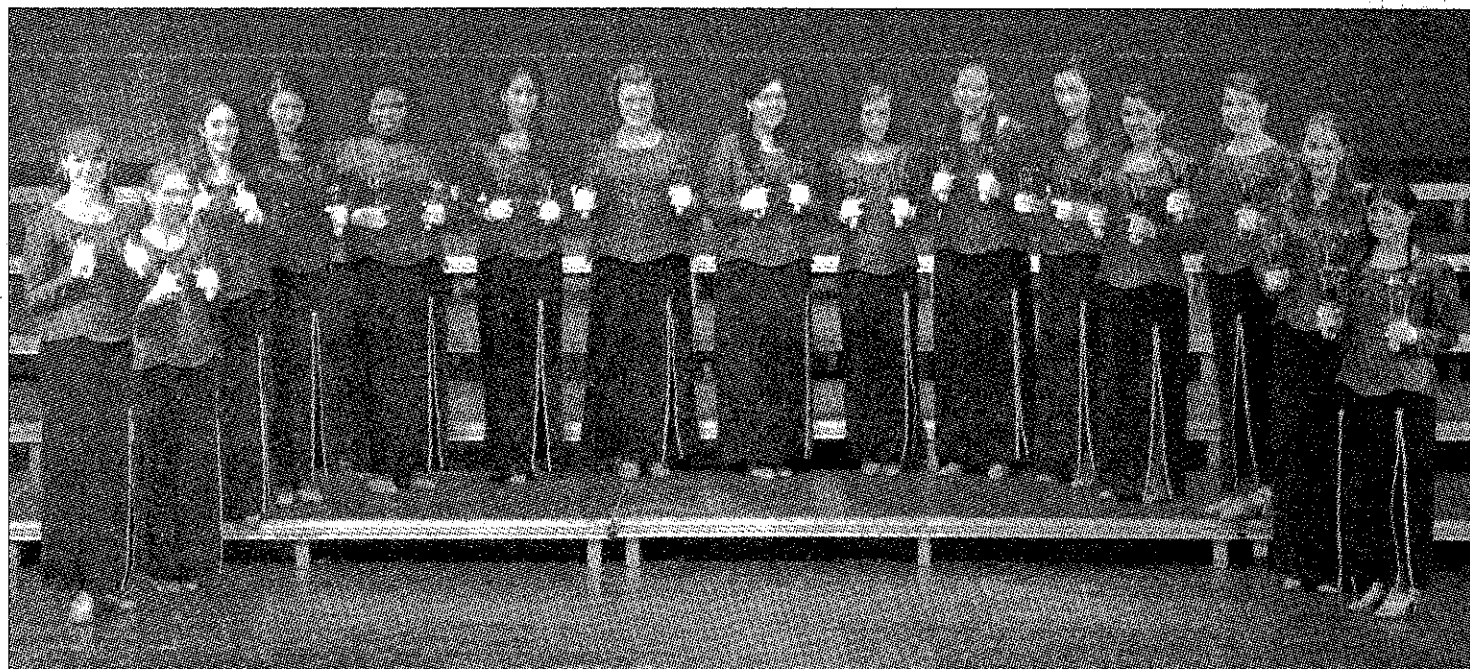
Special recognition goes to Amanda Klimczuk (94 pts.), Rebecca Rhee (95 pts.), Julianne Hong (96 pts.), Caitlin Fuhrmann (95 pts.), and Peter Dong (96 pts.) for their high scores.

The aforementioned students are members of the North Band or Orchestra Program under the direction of David Cleveland and Joe Bauer.

South High

The State Solo and Ensemble Festival hosted 50 schools from 10 southeast Michigan counties. In the 500 events, Grosse Pointe South High students were ranked among the top in the March 31 and April 1 event.

Students received first division ratings in the following 39 events—Advanced Women 1, Men of Pointe Singers, Pointe Singers 1, South Singers, Tower Belles, women's select trio (Olivia Ferguson, Katie Griffin, Hillary Kay), Elise Amato, Angela Berg, Emily Bradley, Elizabeth Buda, Steven Cox, Maria Dasaro, Clare Dice, Sarah Duffield, Olivia Ferguson, Carrie Fisk,



South High Bell Tower members are from left, Lauren Schultes, Emily Holm, Carrie Fisk, Elise Amato, Maya Reeves, Maria Dasaro, Hillary Kay, Katie Griffin, Chelsea Seavitt, Hannah Carroll, Emma Roy, Elizabeth Buda, Kim Stevens, Jane Kellett, Nadia Harris. Not pictured Olivia Ferguson, Nikki Kurily and Dana Vreede.



The most outstanding soloist at the Dixie Classic Music Festival was Caitlin Fuhrman.

Katie Griffin, Nadia Harris, Nick Hathaway, Dana Hauck, Hillary Kay, Jane Kellett, Alex Koch, Betsey Konieczki, Janice Kulik, Lauren LoGrasso, Jordan Long, Ali Long, Mike Manos, Lisa Martin, Gabe Moss, Cole Powers, Maya Reeves, Natalie Rhodes, Lauren Schultes, M. Davis Smith, Kim Stevens, Peter Wilton and Anna Winder-Chavey.

Students participating in the following 26 events received second division ratings:

Advanced Women 2, Freshman Select Ensemble, Pointe Singers 2, Jesse Baker, Rachel Bekowies, Jillian Black, Hannah Carroll, Laurence Cormier, Ali Dulchavsky, Danielle Elskens, Sara Forni, Caroline Gohlke, Jack Hessburg, Sam Hull, Lauren Jacob, Paul Kelly, Tripp Kennedy, Alex Mahone, Ben Maters, Abby Meert, Nick Ryder, Fiona Spezia, Maria Tecos, Marybeth Train, Dana Vreede and Emily Walton.

In addition, the Tower Belles and soloist Olivia Ferguson were selected by adjudicators as state finalists to perform at the Michigan Youth Arts Festival on May 13 and 14 at Western Michigan University.



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North Concert Band and Symphony Band provided two outstanding performances in March at the Dixie Classic Music Festival in Chicago. North performed with groups all over the nation and were adjudicated by several internationally known judges. North's Concert Band received an excellent rating and the symphony band was given a superior rating. In addition to these ratings, the symphony band percussion section was awarded a "most outstanding percussion section award" and Caitlin Fuhrmann was awarded the "most outstanding soloist award." Members of the most outstanding percussion section, from left to right are Tawney Fuhrmann, Andrew Lamont, Alex Sikorski, Chris Blenman, and Steven LaRue.

The three best performing ensembles and soloists were selected for this exclusive honor:

Members of the Tower Belles are Elise Amato, Elizabeth Buda, Hannah Carroll, Maria Dasaro, Olivia Ferguson, Carrie Fisk, Katie Griffin, Nadia Harris, Emily Holm, Hillary Kay, Jane Kellett, Nikki Kurily, Maya Reeves, Emma Roy, Lauren Schultes, Chelsea

Seavitt, Kim Stevens, Dana Vreede, hand bell director Christina A. Judson.

The Michigan School Vocal Music Association has named South's Tower Bell Ensemble Top Ten Best Choral Groups in the state and will sing at the Michigan Youth Arts Festival held at Western Michigan University on May 11-13.

The group of 20 girls meet before school once a week.

They will sing "Lift Thine Eyes" from "Elijah" by Mendelssohn, "Esto Les Digo" by Kinley Lange and "I Thank you God" by Gwyneth Walker. The girls are members of

Pointe Singers, South Singers and Advanced Women Academic choirs.

Olivia Ferguson, a senior at Grosse Pointe South High has been selected as a state finalist solo singer and will compete for the best singer in the State of Michigan. She sang "Habanera" from the opera "Carmen" and a Greig selection.

Twelve students are chosen from the state to compete April 28 in Lansing.

She will also be featured as a soloist at the Michigan Youth Arts Festival May 11 through 13.

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Karen Corio's first-grade class created portraits of their smiles on muslin. The squares were then made into a quilt to be auctioned off at the Operation Smile Journey of Smiles Gala on Saturday, April 29. Recreating their smiles from left are Corio, Megan Michaels, Brian Flaherty and Erin Ptashnik.

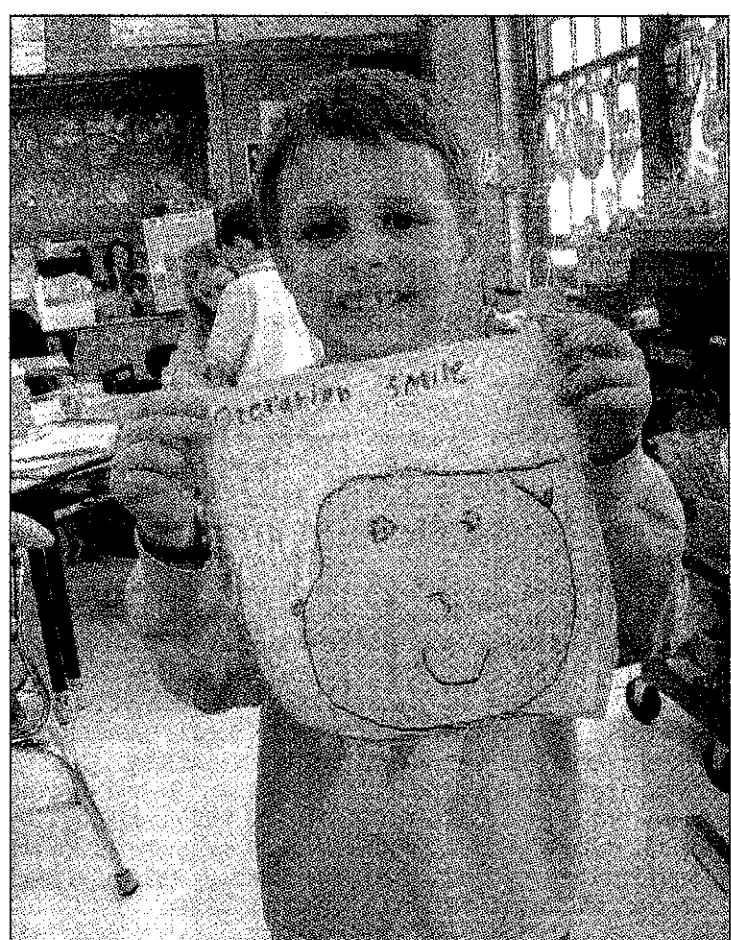
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on cloth. Blonde-haired Hadley Hermon adds pink flowers to her quilt square. She said the best part of the project was painting on fabric.

Operation Smile was founded in 1982 by plastic surgeon Dr. William P. Magee Jr. and his wife, Kathleen, a nurse and clinical social worker. In 24 years, the organization's medical volunteers has provided free reconstructive surgery for at least 98,000 children and young adults in 29 developing countries and the United States. It also provides health-care professional training.

A typical Operation Smile medical mission serves between 300 and 500 patients providing them free medical evaluations. About 150 are surgically treated.



John Sanocki shows his smile.

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GROSSE POINTE SCHOOLS

High school graduation is tougher

By Ann L. Fouty
Staff Writer

Michigan's newly approved high school graduation requirements have been heralded as just what the state needs to bring students up to global standards.

"When we hold our kids to high standards, they will do great things," said Gov. Jennifer Granholm in a press release. "This new curriculum will help give Michigan the best educated work force in the nation and bring new jobs and new investment to our state."

Under the new requirements adopted by both houses and signed by the governor last week, those graduating in 2010 will have completed four credits of math and English language arts each, three credits in both science and social studies, two foreign language credits, a physical education and health credit, a credit in visual, performing or applied arts and one online learning experience credit.

How the legislature wrote it and interpretation of the language is still open to question.

The devil is in the details, as Grosse Pointe Assistant Superintendent Susan Allan said.

The new requirements will not be a problem, for the most part. There are still caution flags posted as districts await detailed language interpretation.

Implementation, new test requirements and no additional state money to follow the new law has Grosse Pointe educators cautious about how this will be put in place and affect the various learning levels in the public schools.

A majority of Grosse Pointe students will not have a problem fulfilling the newly adopted requirements, Allan said. More than 90 percent take a foreign language, and 87 percent take algebra II, a class the state now requires. Algebra I, geometry and algebra II must be taken in that sequence, according to the new law.

The required four years of math has interesting aspects, she said. "Students have to take four years total credit including algebra II. There are exceptions; those who have tried and failed or someone who are allowed to be exempt. Some will struggle with it."

This will be controversial. The question remains, can it be taken over two years. Some students would be better

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served spending two years in algebra I and going on to another math class.

"There won't be an option now."

There is the option of taking algebra I in middle school and getting high school credit for it. Additionally, the new law also states a math class must be taken in the senior year.

Geography is now to be incorporated with U.S. history and world history.

"We think U.S. history should be spent on its own course. AP history uses some geography," she said.

Students will also need a half credit of economics and civics.

The new requirements are moving to an end of course exam which the state will require prior to a diploma being issued.

However, there is no mention of how the districts will pay for the added tests, Allan said.

Grosse Pointe schools have always stayed on top of curriculum alignment, Allan said. "We've always done what the state wanted, plus our own."

For example, poetry in the kindergarten through eighth-grade curriculum was presented in only one year. Grosse Pointe added poetry to more than one level.

Allan is concerned about the online course wording.

According to the law, the student must have "successfully completed at least one course or learning experience that is presented online. The pupil's school district has integrated an online experience throughout the high school curriculum."

She is wondering if students must take an actual course online or if it is the experience. For the most part, Grosse Pointe's high school classes have online experiences, she said. There is a price tag. Online courses are costly plus teachers overseeing the course add to the bottom line, Allan pointed out.

Grosse Pointe Board of Education on Feb. 13 adopted new graduation requirements in which it reduced from two to one year of physical education and it now aligns with the state requirement and includes a .5 credit for health.

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El Torrito to have April 28 grand opening

By Ann L. Fouty
Staff Writer

Jim Fisher's fourth-grade class is taking the bull by the horns when it comes to learning economics.

His 23 students will get hands-on experience of taking out a loan, supply and demand, and making change to run El Torrito Restaurant for one day only, Friday, April 28, and turn a profit.

Developing and running El Torrito, Spanish for the bull, has become an integral part of the students' lessons, from math to social studies and learning conversational Spanish, Fisher said.

"Four years ago, I was looking over the second-grade curriculum and saw an economic strand," he said.

Fisher wondered how to

teach that concept to elementary-aged students. His first thoughts centered around playing restaurant and evolved into the actual running of a restaurant which last year 200 patrons were served a Coney Island-style noon meal.

In the process of restauranting, students learn vocabulary, supply and demand and the ins and outs of taking out a loan, Fisher explained.

"It's more fun to learn the lesson when it's attached to something other than pencil and paper and a teacher who drones on and on," he said. "They learn math by handling money. There is social studies, and public speaking.

"These are 9- and 10-year-olds who feel confident. They are trying so much. The knowledge inside is able to be modeled from adults.

"They learn what goes into jobs of being a hostess, bus people, cooks, manager, wait staff, cashier. They are educated in how each works."

One of the early lessons the students learn to is that it takes a considerable amount of planning to set up a business. Each

student receives a \$10 loan from their parents and must put up collateral (a stuffed animal or a stack of books) for start-up money to purchase supplies and decorations. Sierra Station and parents are also contributing to the success of EL Torrito.

Invitations are extended to the staff, family members and Mack business owners.

Back at school, students are fulfilling all the positions in the restaurant. Once the accounts are settled, children vote on which charity will receive their profits.

"I try to make a hands-on curriculum when I can, all the while keeping Grosse Pointe and Michigan standards and benchmarks as a guide. The extra work makes it worthwhile. It makes the end of the year so exciting. They learn so much," Fisher said.



North artists

An opening reception was held for North students on March 1 at the Great Frame Up in Grosse Pointe Woods. Each participant was awarded a certificate and all 2-D art work was custom framed and matted. The student work was juried by the Grosse Pointe Artist's Association and five best of show winners received a \$50 cash prize. In addition, a popular choice award was given out to the student whose work received the most votes online and in the store. The prize winners were Andrew Stewart, Zack Hoffman, Marta Dwaihy, Reed Minney, Emily Simon and Tessa LeBeau. Participating were, in back from left, Daryl Alexsy, Allison Howle, Reed Minney, Brittany McManus, Zack Hoffman, David Hochhalter, Ron Alnajjar and Brittany Buckley; middle row, from left, Andrew Stewart, Laura Vitale, Emalee Manns, Nicole Mourelatos, Alexa Bergamo, Amanda Kane, Keri Gallagher, Jillian Kulka and Ann Reilly; front row from left, Marta Dwaihy, Stephanie Maniaci, Tessa LeBeau, Alex Costakis, Emily Simon and Nicole Wright. Not pictured are Samantha Obell and Jeannie Taylor.

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Conference trains leaders

Angie Bozell, a Grosse Pointe North junior, attended the National Student Leadership Conference last summer.

Bozell participated in the medical and health care section which included visits to Georgetown University School of Nursing and Health Studies, the National Library of Medicine and the Walter Reed Museum of Health and Medicine.

Organizers exposed the students to the multi-faceted aspects of health care, including how to suture, done on a pig's leg. They were also able to participate in clinical rounds.

Bozell attended various lectures and discussions on many topics, such as the sale of organs and the process of who receives donor organs. Medical ethics, biomedical research, toxicology and bio-de-

bates were also discussed. The students also participated in a personality matrix, whereby the students accessed their responding behavior to certain situations. The art of conflict resolution, communication and negotiation, effective decision making, time and stress management, defining leadership and public speaking were included in the presentations.

Bozell is a WILLOW leader, class senator, a member of the National Honor Society, Valcrys and her church.

She has been nominated by her teachers to participate in other leadership conferences and has more than a 4.0 grade point average.

She will volunteer at Bon Secours/Cottage Hospital this summer and would like to attend the University of Michigan.

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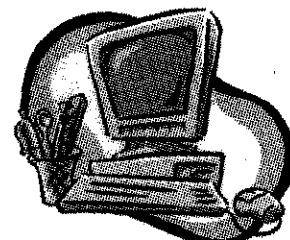
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Orchestra stands for younger set

By Ann L. Fouty
Staff Writer

The 2001 beginning of Pointes Area Youth Orchestra was simple, provide a venue for elementary and middle school orchestra students after school.

"It was formed because the young students needed an outlet," said conductor Julia Kurtyka of Livonia.

She travels to Trombly Elementary School once a week for 32 weeks teaching about 14 violinists, violists and cellists the classics and some jazz and blues.

"I have a great group of kids, some as young as 6 and as old as 13," she said.

As the calendar turns and the two-concert season ends, the orchestra is looking for new members from 7 to 14 year olds who attend public and private schools.

Those who audition must be able to read notes.

Kurtyka said this small orchestra offers the opportunity to play in a smaller, more intimate group where youth musicians learn the importance of playing their part.

"It's a matter of pride and self discipline. In a larger group you can miss and someone else will cover you up," she said.

Kurtyka said she is looking for students who are willing to work and are sincere. Playing an instrument not only improves their talents but it also improves hand-eye coordination.

The discipline of instrumental playing benefits the intricacies of math, tennis, volleyball and soccer. In fact many of the student musicians are athletes.

Being a member of the Pointes Area Youth Orchestra is a stepping stone to high school orchestra or to a youth Detroit Symphony Orchestra spot, said Jenny Stanley, one of the founders of the group.

"It opens new things up for you," she said noting all three of her children played in the group. Though they have moved on to other orchestras, she and her husband remain involved with membership.

"There is nothing like that in Grosse Pointe other than the school," Stanley said. "We are trying to reach those who want more challenge. Our intention is provide after school enrichment."

In the 30 minute programs students will play classical, as well as other types of music.

"We pick music they will grow with and fun pieces and funny pieces," said Kurtyka, who is a violinist.

"I love to conduct. It's nice to take a piece of work on paper and make it come alive," she said.

For more information about the Pointes Area Youth Orchestra or to make an audition appointment, call Stanley at (313) 823-3433.



Youth orchestra

The Pointes Area Youth Orchestra will audition new members in May by appointment only. The orchestra was organized in 2001 and is under the direction of Julia Kurtyka.



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Imagination

The Defer Elementary School's Destination Imagination attended the state finals. The team of, from left, Olivia Angott, Kelsey Baker, Flavjia Nazarko, Erin Ivers, Annabel Ames, Nina Smith and Mary Kate Lynch, took second place in the regional tournament in the problem "DI Safari." This was an improvisational challenge where the girls were given 30 minutes to write a play using variables that were determined at the beginning of the work time. Other Grosse Pointe teams headed to the state competition for this problem are from Trombly Elementary, Pierce Middle School and Grosse Pointe South High School.

Crowning the Times

By Ann L. Fouty
Staff Writer

Pierce Middle School's newspaper, the Trojan Times has been bestowed with the Gold Crown. The honor came from the Columbia Scholastic Press Association at Columbia University in March.

For the seventh time, The Times has been noticed by professional judges for its presentation, coverage and photography as well as writing and editing and overall presentation. A plaque is now hanging in the journalism room acknowledg-

ing the 2004-05 Times issues.

"We're running out of room," said Andrew Taylor, journalism teacher and Times' advisor, of the number of plaques on the wall. "We try to improve each year. Sometimes we need to forget these are middle school students and you get excellent results. We give them the freedom and responsibility to excel."

The eight-page newspaper comes out every three weeks and is solely supported by \$4 subscriptions sold to students at the beginning of each school year. While the paper does cov-

er entertainment, features and school clubs, there are also heavy-hitting articles such as depression and suicide and district-wide concerns, such as bond issues and board of education candidates.

The journalism class, which produces the Trojan Times, is an elective class and, Taylor said, is popular with eight editors and 38 reporters and photographers.

The pressure is on this year's journalism students to live up to the past years, he said. There is still room on the wall for another plaque.

Educators addressed by St. Clare teacher

Kathy Calcaterra Chateau of St. Clare of Montefalco School presented "Campus Ministry in the Elementary School" at Atlanta's National Catholic Education Association's (NCEA) annual convention in April.

The workshop description states that campus ministry is a way of doing faith formation in the elementary school.

The role of the campus minister is to foster the development of young people and the entire school community through a variety of programs and activities including service

projects, prayer and liturgy, retreats, leadership training, vocation and mission awareness, mentoring, and pastoral presence.

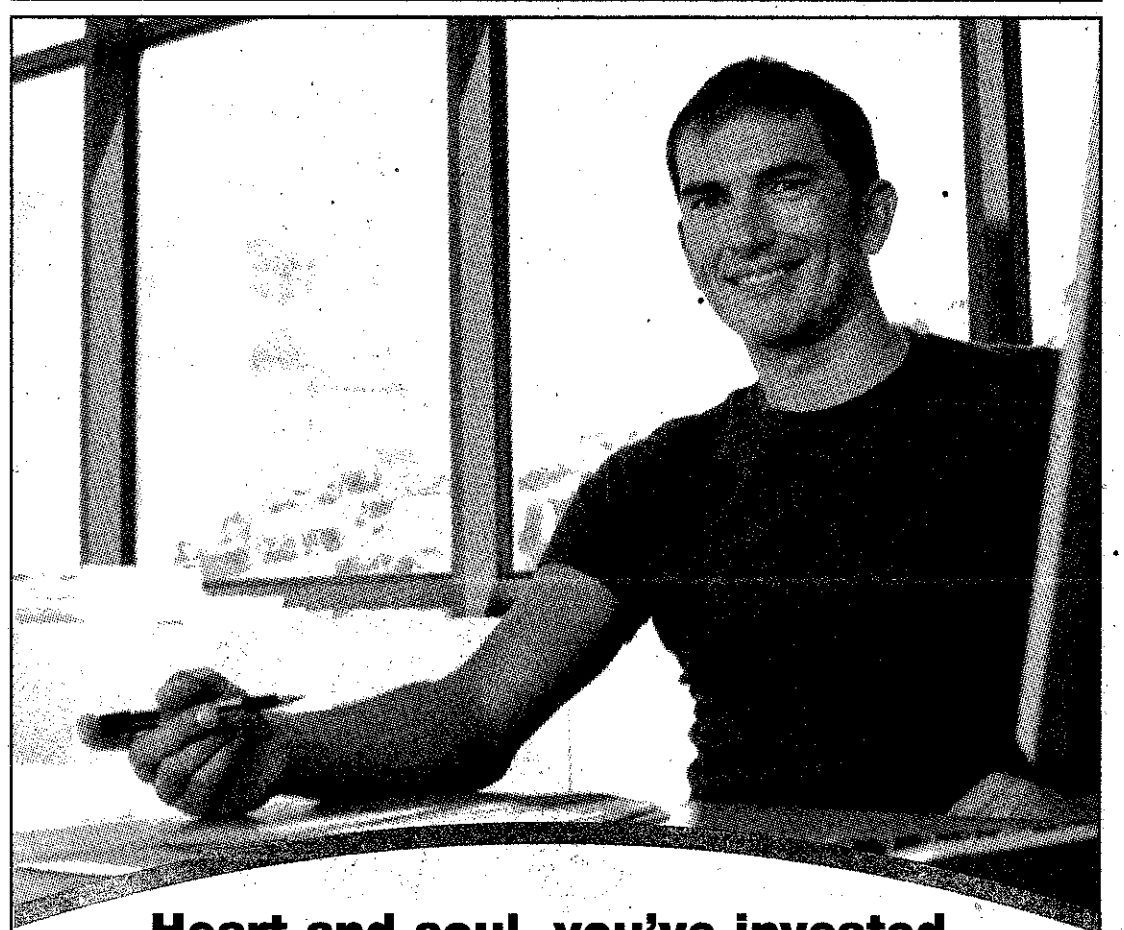
The theme of the NCEA 103rd convention is "Charting the Future in Challenging Times."

The conference speakers and workshops are designed to help equip leaders and teachers with what is essential to the work of Catholic education. The role of teaching the whole child - physically, emotionally, spiritually and academically.

In 1997, the United States Catholic bishops issued a document, "Renewing the Vision" challenging the church to focus and renew its commitment to youth ministry.

The Archdiocese of Detroit followed through with strategies to implement this vision in their own document in 2001. The elementary campus ministry models the visions and framework of these documents.

Calcaterra Chateau has been St. Clare of Montefalco's campus minister for more than nine years.



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Mary Bodkin-Harbert

Grosse Pointe Park resident Mary Bodkin-Harbert, 74, died on Thursday, April 13, 2006, at Bon Secours Hospital.

She was born on July 8, 1931, in Rutherford, N.J., to Dr. Charles and Edith McCready Cropsey. She was a 1950 graduate of Dwight Englewood-Briarcliff College.

During the 1950s, she worked as a professional model in New York City. Her speciality was performing athletic feats, such as skiing and horseback riding, for television commercials.

In Detroit, she worked in automotive retail sales. While working at Al Long Ford, she met co-worker William C. Harbert, who would become

her husband two years later.

Mrs. Bodkin-Harbert was a member of Junior Goodwill, Grosse Pointe Sail Club and the Grosse Pointe Newcomers Alumni Club. She enjoyed many sports, especially sailing and horseback riding.

She is survived by her husband of 19 years, William C. Harbert; daughter, Kimberly B. (Paul) Webster; son, Jeffrey E. Bodkin; stepdaughter, Lynn Schmidt; stepson, Lee David Harbert; and grandchildren, Lucas and Liam Webster.

She was predeceased by her brother, Charles D. Cropsey Jr.

A memorial service will be held at 1 p.m. on Saturday, May 6, at Grosse Pointe Memorial Church, 16 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms. Inurnment is at the Grosse Pointe Memorial Church Columbarium.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Grosse Pointe Memorial Church Endowment Fund, 16 Lakeshore Rd., Grosse Pointe Farms, MI 48236 or the National Breast Cancer Foundation Inc., One Hanover Park, 16633 North Dallas Parkway, Suite 600, Addison, TX 75001.

Michael Kranson

Michael Kranson, 83, of Grosse Pointe Park, died on Sunday, April 16, 2006.

He was a sergeant in the U.S. Marines and fought in the Pacific for four years at Pearl Harbor, Guadalcanal, and Iwo Jima. After the war, he came home to Detroit and went to law school at the University of Michigan.

He was an attorney in Detroit for more than 40 years and a past supreme advocate (1967-1971) and vice supreme commander (1971-1973) for Alhambra International.

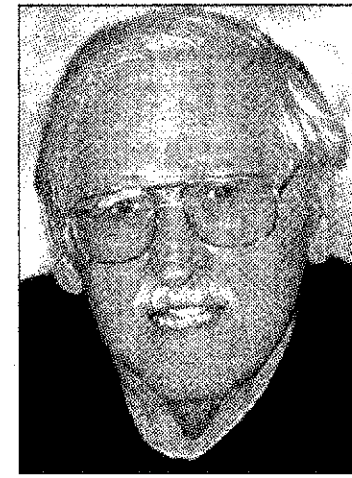
He was dearly loved and will be missed by many friends and family.

He is survived by his wife, Heather; nephew, Robert (Marie) Kranson; niece Colleen (Brian Becker) Burcar; great-nieces, Suzanne (John) Clark and Kimberly Burcar; great-nephews, Bobby (Carol), Steven, and Larry (Kelly); and many great-great-nieces and nephews.

A funeral service was held on Thursday, April 20, at Chas. Verheyden Funeral Home. The date for a memorial service will be announced later.



Mary Bodkin-Harbert



Michael Kranson

Frederick M. Lewis

Frederick M. Lewis, 85, of the City of Grosse Pointe, died on Monday, April 17, 2006, at St. John Hospital.

Mr. Lewis was born in Newark, Ohio, and attended Albion College.

He is survived by his daughter, Missie Nordrum; his son, George Lewis; his three grandchildren; his great-grandchild; and his two brothers.

He was predeceased by his wife, Margaret "Peg" Lewis.

A memorial service will be held on Saturday, April 29, at 1 p.m. at Grosse Pointe Memorial Church, 16 Lakeshore Rd., Grosse Pointe Farms. Entombment will be at Woodlawn Cemetery in Detroit.

Memorial contributions may be made to Grosse Pointe Memorial Church, 16 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms, MI 48236.

Winnifred Prince

Grosse Pointe Woods resident Winnifred Prince, 101, died on Saturday, April 22, 2006, at St. Joseph Hospital in Clinton Township.

She was born more than a century ago on April 20, 1905, in Sarnia, Ontario, Canada. She attended Toronto Normal School where she learned to be a teacher by age 20. She taught in an elementary school near Toronto for 10 years.

She met her future husband, Stanley Prince, at a Fireman's ball in 1934 and they married in 1935. The couple built a house in Grosse Pointe Woods in 1950, where they lived for 46 years. During that time, Mrs. Prince taught school in the Grosse Pointe Public School System and worked in her husband's construction company, doing the bookkeeping.

She recently resided in the American House Parkway

Assisted Living Residence, where she made many friends. She will be dearly missed by all who knew her.

She is survived by her daughter, Marilyn (Kenneth) Lister; her son, J. Robert (Judy) Prince; her grandchildren, Bill, Susan and Janet Prince, and Tom (Elizabeth) Dietz and Kristen Dietz-Kostera; and her great-grandchildren, Lily Christine Dietz and Maddison Anne Dietz-Kostera.

She was predeceased by her husband, Stanley Prince.

Interment will be in Sarnia, Ontario, Canada.

Charles J. Zoltowski

Harper Woods resident Charles J. Zoltowski, 60, died surrounded by his family on Wednesday, April 19, 2006, at his home.

He was born in Hamtramck to Philip and Cecelia Zoltowski and graduated from Osborn High School in 1963.

Mr. Zoltowski and his brother, Phil, were the owners of Pointe Paint & Decorating Center in Grosse Pointe Woods for 34 years.

He was very proud to volunteer for duty in the U.S. Army during the Vietnam War. He enlisted in 1966 and after only 19 months of duty was made staff sergeant. He was a decorated war veteran who received one Air Medal and two Bronze Star Medals, one of which was for heroism in ground combat. He disregarded his own safety and came to the aid of a wounded soldier during hostile sniper fire.

He is survived by his sons, Mark (Sara), Michael and David Zoltowski; his daughter, Angela; his granddaughter, Megan; and his brother, Philip (Lou) Zoltowski.

He was predeceased by his parents, Philip and Cecelia Zoltowski.

A memorial service was held on Saturday, April 22, at Wujek-Calcaterra & Sons Inc. Interment is at Great Lakes National Cemetery in Holly, Mich.

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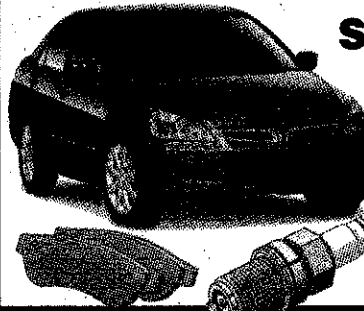
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Hewitt knows he gets the best service out the businesses five employees. Bryan Collins is a manager who does the order write-ups; Michele DeBruyn is the other manager who is a tire specialist; Josh Robertson, Adam Denoyer and Phil Agnello are technicians.

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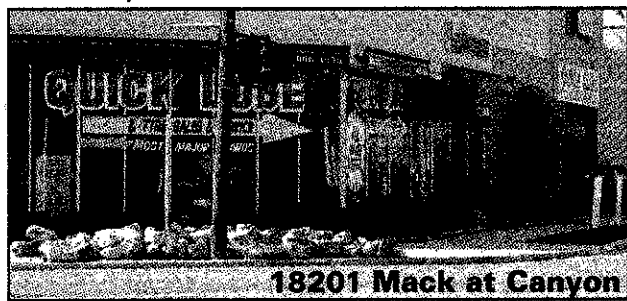
"We're the neighborhood station," Hewitt said. "We get to know every customer on a first-name basis. I feel that is important because it helps to let the customer know they are not a number."

Quick Lube offers a lounge equipped with a television and another lounge that is for customers who would rather sit and read in a quiet atmosphere.

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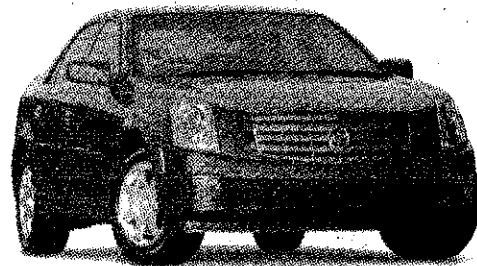
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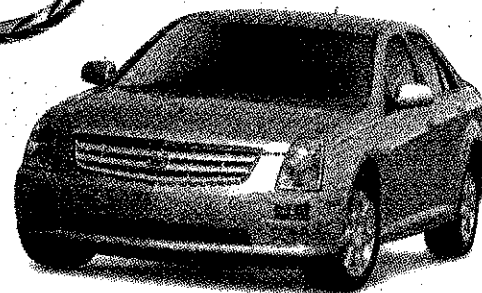
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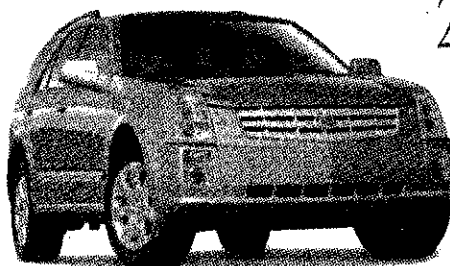
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control is standard on the 3.5 SE and available on 3.5 SL


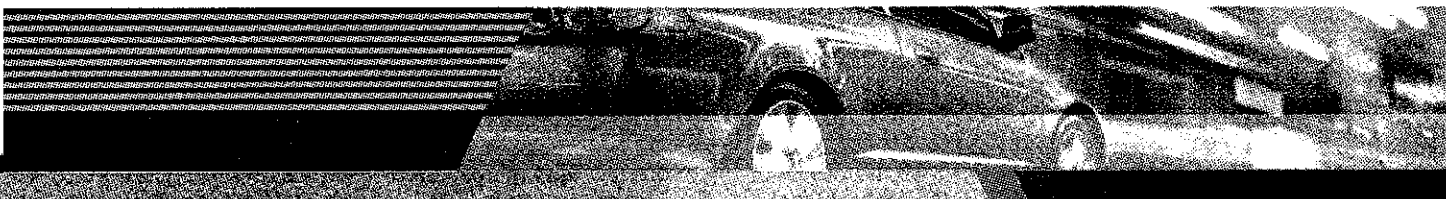
models.


Also standard are head curtain supplemental air bags to help protect 1st, 2nd and 3rd row outboard occupants in side-impact collisions and 3-point seat belts and height-adjustable head restraints for all seating positions. Supplemental front-seat side-impact air bags for thorax protection are available on the SL.

Quest's sliding door openings measure 33.8 inches. The wide doors combine with a second row seat "tip up" feature for practical access to the third row of seats. The vehicle's length and width allows for carrying standard 4- by 8-foot plywood sheets on the floor with the rear door closed. There's a cunning black vinyl bag on a round hook behind the rear seat. Nissan has dubbed it a "cargo organizer." We think it might be used for storing all the headrests that have been removed for increased cargo space. Also offered is a DVD-based Nissan navigation system with

7-inch color display. A 7-inch color display with rearview monitor is standard on the 3.5 SE and available on the 3.5 SL.


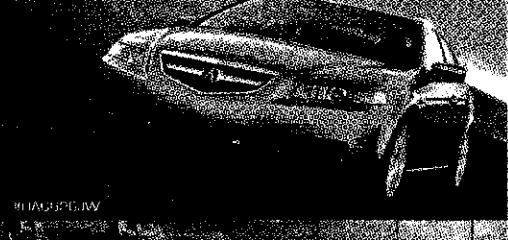

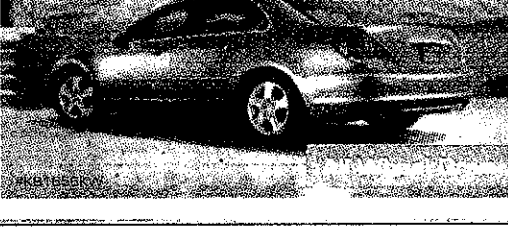
A luxury mom-mobile
The 2006 Quest interior offers an available eight-way power driver's seat with adjustable lumbar support, available driver's seat memory system (seat position, foot pedal position and outside mirror position) and heated front seats. You may opt for a leather-appointed interior; illuminated steering wheel audio and cruise control switches; dual zone automatic temperature control for driver and front passenger; a heating and air conditioning system and a rear sonar system that beeps when the vehicle is close to objects. A sensor-type tire pressure monitor system is standard on all 2006 Quests. Run-flat tires are part of an \$850 Michelin Pax system package (on Quest 3.5 SE). Four-wheel vented disc brakes with anti-lock braking system, brake assist and electronic brake force distribution are standard equipment. The 2006 Nissan Quest is offered in four models: 3.5 (base), 3.5 S special edition, 3.5 SL and 3.5 SE. A special-edition package provides a power left-hand sliding door, color display screen, rearview television-like monitor and puddle lamps. The 3.5 SE is rated at 18 miles per gallon average in city driving and 25 mpg on the highway. The DVD entertainment system with two screens adds \$1,900 to the 3.5 SE base price of \$33,500. Second-row arm chairs and third-row flat-folding bench have a combined tag of \$750. The 2007 Quest was introduced in February at the Chicago Auto Show and goes on sale this spring. One of its distinguishing features is a redesigned instrument panel. Nissan has decided to return to a more traditional way of showing gauges — directly in front of the driver instead of on the more unusual central pod found on the 2006 model. The pod on the 2006 has a distinguished, futuristic look, but it is hard to see what you are doing while keeping your eyes on the road. Temperature controls are not really intuitive, for example, and some are obscured by the transmission shift lever.

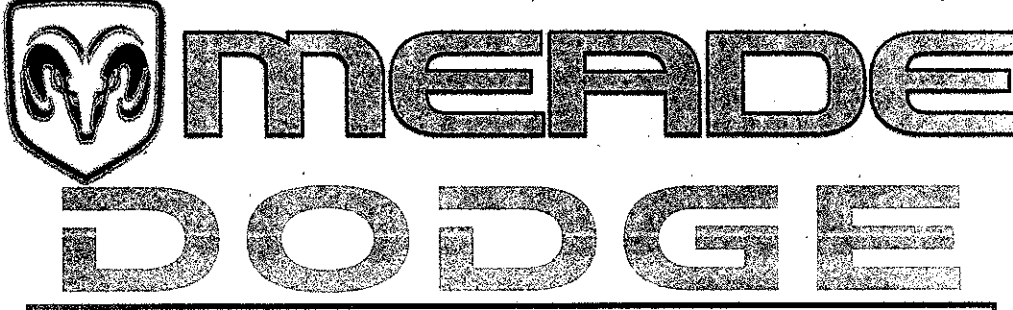


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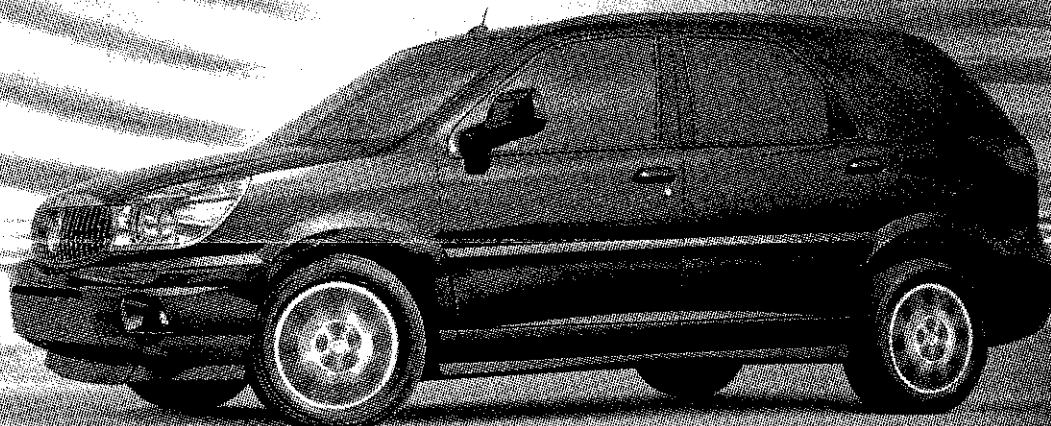
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GROSSE POINTE SHORES

Wins 2nd-straight Tree City USA award

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

Grosse Pointe Shores has been honored as a Tree City USA for the second year in a row.

The award for 2005 recognizes the village's commitment to its community forest.

Tree City USA designations come from the National Arbor Day Foundation in cooperation with the National Association of State Foresters and the USDA Forest Service.

"Trees are a vital component of the infrastructure in our cities, and provide environmental and economical benefits," according to John Rosenow, National Arbor Day Foundation president.

Creation of a Shores Tree Board was the first step in winning the first title last year. Ongoing criteria, which needs

to be submitted for annual review by the Foundation, also includes a tree care ordinance, comprehensive community forestry program and Arbor Day observance.

Shores officials plan to enhance this year's Arbor Day festivity, April 28 — it always falls on the last Saturday in April — with a fun run. Celebrations include raising the village's new 2005 Tree City USA flag.

Tree City awards began 30 years ago.

"From its humble beginning in 1976, the program has grown to be the leading community forestry recognition program in the country," Rosenow said. "Communities who emphasize the important role trees play to the wellbeing of its citizens have made this program a success."

Tree maintenance in the

Shores and other Grosse Pointes during the past few years has included dealing with emerald ash borers. The invasive insect from southeast Asia has killed about 15 million Michigan ash trees since arriving in western Wayne County an estimated seven or eight years ago.

Shores officials are protecting municipally-owned ash by injecting trunks with a chemical proven to defeat the bug.

Still, 25 ash trees growing on village property were cut down this year.

"They were in dire straights, not necessarily due to ash borer itself, but to auto injuries and disease," said Brett Marshall, head of the tree board and owner of a tree maintenance company serving the Shores either free of charge or at cost. "We're simply taking out some trees be-

fore we begin our injection program to save money."

Marshall said three hazardous trees were removed last week.

"They were a hindrance to traffic or pedestrian crossing-

ways," he said.

All of the Grosse Pointes are Tree City USA veterans.

Through 2005, the City and Farms have won the title for 19 years. The Park has won 22 awards, while the Woods is tied

with Birmingham, Hillsdale and Big Rapids as having Michigan's second longest streak of 27 years.

Adrian and Royal Oak have the the state's most Tree City USA titles at 28.

GROSSE POINTE SHORES

Can't split Lakeshore lot

A Lakeshore homeowner has been denied permission to divide his property into three lots. The resident needed a variance to demolish his house at 655 Lakeshore in Grosse Pointe Shores and replace it with three houses on individual lots.

"The request was denied unanimously by the planning

commission," said Mary Matuja, commission chair.

"There would not be room to hold three houses on that property," explained Mark McNerny, village attorney.

Three houses didn't allow space for lots at least 100 feet wide as required by ordinance. Shores trustees, with

Trustees Linda Walton, Dr. Brian Hunt and Fred Minturn absent and excused, supported the planning commission's denial based on the 100-foot minimum lot requirement.

If the lot split had been approved, the resident planned to replace the existing driveway with a road serving the new dwellings.

—Brad Lindberg

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headlight and brake light.

—Brad Lindberg

Grosse Pointe Woods

Marijuana possession

On Sunday, April 23, at 1:20 a.m., a 20-year-old Detroit man and a 20-year-old Detroit woman were stopped at Harper and Allard for not wearing their seat belts in a 1997 white Cadillac.

A LEIN (Law Enforcement Information Network) check revealed the driver never acquired a driver license. The man told police he had a valid

Indiana driver license. When the man was searched, the officer found a bag of suspected marijuana.

The woman also admitted to being in possession of suspected marijuana. She also said the vehicle belonged to her brother. The LEIN check concurred with her statement.

Both were arrested for failure to wear seat belts and being in possession of contraband. The driver was also arrested for driving without a license.

Vernier speeding

On Saturday, April 22, at 4:50 p.m., a 20-year-old Warren man driving a 1990 GMC Suburban was pulled over at Harper and Vernier for traveling 49 mph in a 35 zone.

A LEIN check revealed the driver was wanted for a probation violation out of the Macomb County Sheriff's Department for breaking and

entering into a building on March 7. The driver also had a suspended driver license with three prior convictions.

He was arrested. A Macomb County Sheriff Deputy picked up the driver at 9:30 p.m.

A 44-year-old Warren man who was a passenger in the vehicle was also arrested. A LEIN check revealed he had two outstanding warrants.

The other passengers in the vehicle, a 41-year-old Warren man (the car's owner), a 49-year-old Roseville man and a 55-year-old Warren man, were released without incident.

Vehicle slammed

On Saturday, April 22, a Farms woman reported to police that an unknown person struck her red 1998 Dodge Caravan as it was parked in the street in front of a home in the 1200 block of Blairmoor Court between 4 and 10 p.m.

The officer noticed damage

to the driver-side door and mirror.

Destruction of property

On Saturday, April 22, at 2:22 a.m., a 37-year-old Grosse Pointe Woods man living in the 1300 block of Vernier reported to police that a 38-year-old female acquaintance maliciously broke the tail lights on his 1994 Dodge van. The damage was estimated at \$200.

A LEIN check of the man revealed he was found to have a criminal bench warrant out of Grosse Pointe Woods for failure to appear in court.

Credit card fraud

On Friday, April 21, a 57-year-old Grosse Pointe Woods man living in the 500 block of Hidden Lane reported to police

that an unknown person used his credit card to purchase \$1,500 in merchandise from three Macomb County stores between 3 p.m. Wednesday, April 19, and 1 p.m. Thursday, April 20.

The man did not realize his wallet was missing. He told police he was parked at the Frank Murphy Hall of Justice earlier in the week, which is when someone might have taken his wallet.

Expired tab

On Friday, April 21, at 12:48 a.m., a 25-year-old Detroit man driving a black 1997 Chrysler LHS was stopped on Harper and Allard for having an expired license plate tab.

A LEIN check revealed the registration expired April 5. The man gave the officer a Michigan identification card

and said he did not have a driver license or proof of insurance. The LEIN check also stated the man had 14 driving with a suspended license arrests and 11 warrants.

The Detroit Police Department was contacted and an officer told the Woods officer someone would be out to pick him up at 8 a.m.

Pick him up

On Monday, April 17, at 10:37 a.m., a 17-year-old Detroit man was arrested in Eastpointe after a LEIN check revealed he had an outstanding warrant out of Grosse Pointe Woods for failure to appear in court. A Woods officer picked up the man and brought him to the station to be processed. The man paid his \$204 bond and was released.

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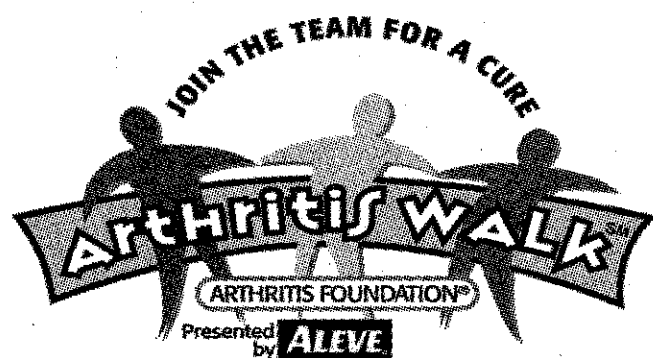
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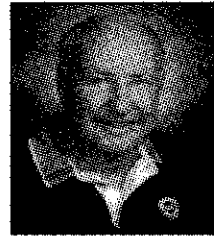


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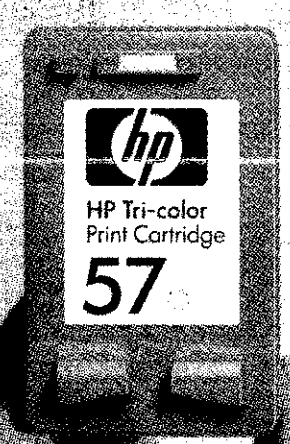
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During the past few months, the volunteers of the Junior League of Detroit have spent many hours working with 20 interior and 10 landscape designers to transform a 1920s home into a showpiece.

Show House decor scores

By Beth Quinn
Staff Writer

Pick up a book on home decorating and one of the first rules you'll find is that the color and decor of the rooms should flow into one another. If you want to see a great example of this principle, go to the 2006 Junior League of Detroit (JLD) Designers' Show House which opens on Saturday, April 29.

This is no small feat considering the JLD gave free rein to the 20 interior designers selected to decorated the 8,000-square-foot mansion located at 330 Lincoln Rd., in the City of Grosse Pointe.

"We don't coordinate the designers," said Show House public relations chairman Anne Baxter of Grosse Pointe Park, "the flow of this house proves they know what they are doing."

The classic Georgian home was designed by architect George William Graves and built in 1911 for Mr. and Mrs. Cameron Beach Waterman. Mr. Waterman was the inventor of the first successful out-



PHOTO BY ROBERT MCKEAN

At the Junior League of Detroit Designer's Show House, Grosse Pointe Woods Resident Audrey Brennan of As You Like It Interiors, transformed the former butler's pantry into an upbeat Command Central for a busy mother.

board motor. The 10-bedroom house has wonderful architectural details, including six fireplaces, an intricate staircase in the main foyer and two tiled sunrooms, one with a Pewabic-tiled fountain wall.

Designers Mark Johnson and Bob Endres use the fountain as the focal point to create a retro-contemporary but comfortable space. They flanked the fountain with two chocolate brown low-back sofas, and added abstract paintings and two movable columns to bring interest to the tile and glass sunroom.

Throughout the house, deep, rich earhtone hues were the color of choice among many of the designers.

"The house is filled with light so it can handle a lot of rich color — it doesn't feel at all oppressive," said Baxter.

The grand foyer, decorated by Phyllis Whitehead of Grosse Pointe Farms, shows the effective use of dark colors. The oversized vintage posters seem to pop out against the deep-charcoal walls. While this central hall is dramatic, it provides a neutral backdrop for adja-

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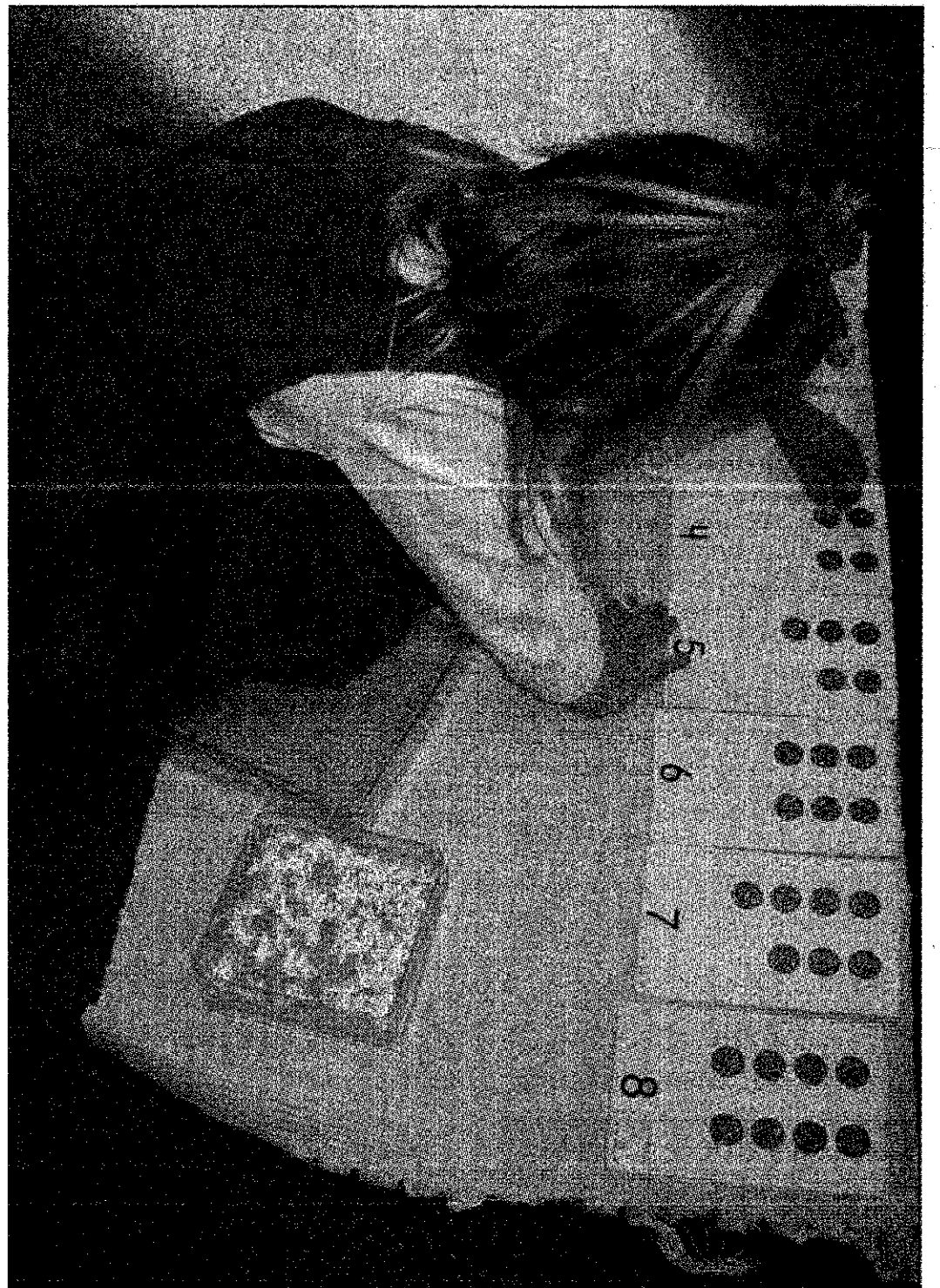
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**SHOW HOUSE:
1920s glam for
today's families**

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cent rooms. Off of the foyer is the living room which designer Joan Whitman describes as "uptown Hampton." Her use of black, cream and a "shot of white" throughout the room exudes an easy elegance. Her goal was to make the space appear fresh and appropriate for all four seasons of the year. She purposely used different textures, such as silk and linen, to stimulate the senses.

Across the hall from the living room, D.J. Kennedy & Co. successfully created an eclectic dining room with neoclassical and art deco furnishings. Grosse Pointer Jane Shook demonstrated her talents as a decorative artist by painting a light and airy floral design on the walls.

At the back of the house is the grand Tudor-style ballroom which was added in the 1920s for the 1923 society debut of the Watermans' only daughter, Mary Elizabeth. The Marshall Field's interior design team of Brian Clay Collins, Ray Dymond and Charles J. Bommarito created a multipurpose entertainment room out of a lofty room which features a charming balcony and massive stone fireplace.



PHOTOS BY BETH QUINN

Throughout the Show House, designers demonstrated that small touches can make a big impact. A pin shell shade over a metal frog base, above, is just one of the delightful animal accents found in a third floor room decorated by Maison Furniture.

A quilted tortoise footstool, upper right, is at home in the "Secret Garden" room created by the firm Design in Time. Park resident Anne Baxter and her assistant, Sarah Liang, create a dramatic glass tile kitchen backsplash, lower right.

They wanted to "contemporize the space yet pay homage to the architectural features," such as the massive dark oak paneling, gothic arches and leaded glass windows. The trio employed a rich color scheme of sapphire, absinthe and claret to add warm and import-

ed big pieces of furniture, such as oversized sofas and a baby grand piano to fit the space.

Visitors to the room will also be able to feast their eyes on a \$42,000 Pak Kasha wool rug and beautifully reproduced pieces from Althorp, the ancestral home of the late Diana,

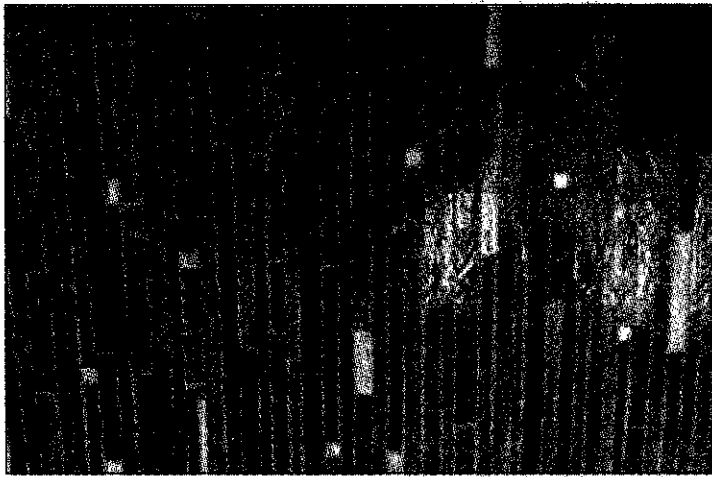


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Princess of Wales.

In the kitchen, Rick Carmody of Au Courant Interior Designs proved it is possible to remake a kitchen without completely gutting the space. He re-designed the entire room without touching the cabinets which are high-ticket items when remodeling.

"For under \$5,000, you can really change the look of a kitchen," Carmody said.

He strategically placed original works of art and unusual furnishings, such as a workstation island on wheels, which is a sure-fire conversation piece.

Carmody worked with Baxter, who is a glass artisan, to create a dramatic glass tile backsplash. Baxter and her assistant, Sarah Liang, cut and grouted together long vertical strips of deep rich glass creating a backsplash guaranteed to make a big splash with Show House visitors.

"The kitchen's contemporary design makes the space so fresh, yet it blends in with the traditional home," said Baxter.

Next to the kitchen, Grosse Pointe Woods resident Audrey Brennan of As You Like It Interiors transformed the former butler's pantry into a mother's Command Central. The space was divided into three efficiency areas where the woman of the house can perform various duties without extra effort.

"The goal of this room was to create a space where she could come and calmly do all the things she needs to do and not

do it in a chaotic spot," Brennan said.

Visitors to the two upper floors will be enchanted by the various vignettes which were once the family and guest bedrooms, and the maids' quarters. The designers of these rooms showed that a big impact can be carved out of small spaces by adding whimsical touches.

The gardens are an interesting mix of intimate spaces and public places. There is a pond stocked with koi swimming underneath a bubbling waterfall.

Many designers stated they wanted to remain true to the 1920s style of the house and wanted to give visitors ideas they can use in their own homes. They certainly scored big in attaining those goals.

A side porch has been made into a greenery where visitors can purchase plants, garden art and patio accessories.

The three-car carriage house has been transformed into a boutique for one-of-a-kind items and cafe serving gourmet sandwiches, soups, salads and desserts. The JLD has added a new feature to its luncheon service — a takeout menu.

Since 1976, the Show House is a biennial event for the Junior League of Detroit and it has raised more than \$3 million which has been returned to the metro Detroit community through projects and programs designed to enhance the lives of children. Proceeds for the 2006 Show House will benefit the projects such as the JLD's partnership with the Detroit Zoological Society to support the Belle Isle Nature Zoo.

Tickets are \$15 prior to April 29 or at the door for \$20 and can be purchased locally at The League Shop, Cavanaugh's Office Supplies & Gifts, Posterity: A Gallery, Charvat the Florist, Wild Birds Unlimited and Conner Park Florist.

The house will be open daily from Saturday, April 29, through Friday, May 26, closed on Mondays. Hours are Tuesday-Saturday, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.; Thursday and Friday evenings, 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.; and Sundays, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

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Tenor to perform in Assumption benefit

Mario Frangoulis, a world-renowned tenor, will make his first Detroit appearance at 8 p.m. Saturday, May 6, at the Detroit Opera House.

The concert will be a benefit for the fire restoration fund of the Assumption Greek Orthodox Church in St. Clair Shores and Grosse Pointe Woods and the cultural programs for the Greek Orthodox Metropolis (Archdiocese) of Detroit.

Frangoulis will be introduced by Dr. David DiChiera, general director of the Michigan Opera Theatre.

This will be a one-of-a-kind performance by the young tenor who has a versatile style rooted in his operatic training but inspired by the energy and sound of contemporary pop. His music ranges from classical to an Italian version of "Nights in White Satin" by the Moody Blues.

Tickets are from \$40 and \$65 for balcony seating, \$75 and \$100 for main floor seating and \$200 for orchestra pit and box seating. Student tickets are available for \$20. Sponsorships include seating, a meet and greet and a program ad.

Tickets are available at the Opera House box office at (313) 237-SING; through Ticketmaster at (248) 645-6666; the Assumption Greek Orthodox Church and Cultural Center at (586) 779-6111; or the Greek Orthodox Metropolis (Archdiocese) of Detroit at (248) 823-2400.

Frangoulis has performed in concert halls in New York, London, Berlin, Helsinki, Paris, Cannes, Brussels, Moscow, Stockholm and Greece.

He was introduced to America with his CD, "Sometimes I Dream" followed by "Follow Your Heart," which features original ballads and a duet with Latin superstar Alejandro Fernandez.

Frangoulis was born in colonial Rhodesia, Africa. His mother found a home for him with her sister in Greece, at the age of 4, at a time when the political situation in Africa was dangerous. Raised by his aunt in Greece and separated from his older brother, Frangoulis was surrounded with a large extended family. Today, he speaks fondly of both sets of parents and the feeling for music they instilled in him.

NURSERY WINES: A capital campaign, Wine Tasting Festival and Silent Auction, will be held at 6:30 p.m. on Friday, May 12, at the Assumption Cultural Center.

The fundraiser marks the completion of a \$1.7 million expansion renovation of the Assumption Nursery School.

The wine-tasting gala is being handled by sommelier Dean Champagne of Champagne's Wine Cellars. Food will be provided by Marchiori Catering. The theme, "Hurray for Hollywood," promises an elegant, star-studded evening.

Tickets are \$30 in advance, \$35 at the door. Call (586) 772-4477.

MORE WINE: A wine tasting and silent auction to benefit the Solanus Casey Center is planned from 6:30 to 10:30 p.m. Friday, May 12, at St. John's Armenian Cultural Center Hall, 22001 Northwestern Highway, Southfield.

The event is sponsored by The Fine Wine Source and the Michigan Food & Beverage Association. The cost for the event is \$75 per person which includes food provided by Golden Mushroom catering. More than 100 items are featured in the silent auction.

Father Solanus Casey was a Capuchin friar credited with miraculous cures and valued for his counsel. The Solanus Casey Center, a Capuchin ministry, is a part of the Capuchin Province of St. Joseph, headquartered in Detroit, which serves Capuchin ministries worldwide. It was opened in 2002 and some 200,000 people visit the center for prayer and to visit Father Solanus' tomb.

Tickets are available at The Fine Wine Source, (734) 425-8610; the Cloverleaf BP station



From left, at the March 24 Marvin Hamlich Celebrity Luncheon at the Townsend to benefit the Detroit Symphony Orchestra, were Roseanne Duncan, Hamlich, Grosse Pointe Co-Chair Judy Agley and Debbie Dingell of Dearborn, co-chair.

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From left, Jean Azar, Patricia Cosgrove and Marie Marco, all of Grosse Pointe, enjoyed a lunch to benefit the Detroit Symphony Orchestra.

at 28995 Telegraph in Southfield, (248) 357-3500 and 27700 Hoover, Warren, (586) 393-8800; and the Solanus Casey Center, (313) 579-2100, ext. 153.

CROP WALK: Help celebrate more than 20 years of supporting the struggle against hunger for more than 840 million people around the world.

The Grosse Pointe area joins 26 Michigan communities to raise funds for 334 Michigan hunger agencies in local CROP Walks. Grosse Pointe Memorial Church will host this year's area initiative with a 5-mile walk around Grosse Pointe Farms.

The start time is 1 p.m. on Sunday, May 7. Spend an afternoon with family and friends participating in a worthy event. Donations will raise money to combat hunger and homelessness. There will be water and healthy snacks, rain or shine.

Register early. Visit cropwalk.org to learn about Michigan Church World Service, or call (313) 882-5330 for more information about the Grosse Pointe CROP Walk.

HAMLISCH FOR DSO: The Marvin Hamlich Celebrity Luncheon on March 24 at the Townsend Hotel was an exciting and successful event. The guest of honor was gracious, generous and entertaining.

Hamlich has won an Oscar, Tony, Emmy and numerous others awards including a Pulitzer Prize. The incredibly talented composer donated his appearance for the benefit of the Detroit Symphony Orchestra.

Some 200 guests attended the luncheon, many of them benefactors and sponsors. The proceeds came to \$30,000, which augmented the education and outreach programs of the DSO, reaching more 7,500 children and young adults every year.

HOPE FUNDRAISER: The 24th annual Home to Hope Gala to raise funds for the Barbara Ann Karmanos Cancer Institute is planned for 6 p.m. Saturday, June 3, at the Detroit Marriott Renaissance Center in Detroit.

The event is a celebration of accomplishments the institute has made in the past year. Nancy and John Smith, group vice president global product planning, General Motors, will serve as chairs for the event. The Smiths are joined by co-chairs Frances and Kenneth Eisenberg, chairman and CEO, Kenwal Steel Corp., and Jennifer and David Fischer, chairman and CEO, The Suburban Collection.

Dick Puritan, host of the 104.3 WOMC morning show, will emcee this black-tie event. Ticket prices start at \$300

per person. For more information, contact Sara Heimerl, event coordinator, at (313) 576-8112 or at heimerls@karmanos.org.

Valet parking will be provided.

FASH BASH: Saks Fifth Avenue has again agreed to be the fashion partner and major

sponsor for Fash Bash 2006, a major fundraiser for the Detroit Institute of Arts hosted by the Founders Junior Council.

Scheduled to take place in late August at the General Motors Wintergarden, Kim Nye, vice president and general manager for Saks Fifth Avenue, is keeping tight-lipped on the details of this year's show.

"In 2005, (Saks) delivered a fabulous fashion event featuring Brazilian designer Carlos Miele," she said. "It is once again going to be an exciting show and we have a lot of fresh ideas to introduce this year."

"Saks Fifth Avenue has been a longtime supporter of the DIA and we are looking forward to building on the Fash Bash tradition, while giving it our own special Saks Fifth Avenue flair."

Saks Fifth Avenue will join the sponsorship team that, to date, includes General Motors, which supported the fundraiser last year by hosting the event at the Wintergarden, located inside the Renaissance Center.

Information on tickets and other details will be released in the coming months.

CORRECTION: The March 30 photos of a fundraiser at the Grosse Pointe Farms home of Marianne Williamson's fundraising event were taken by Renee Landuyt.

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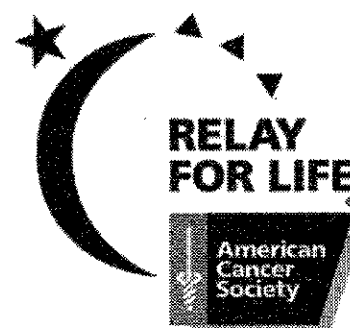
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4B | CHURCHES

Music, luncheons, retreat are being scheduled

◆ In celebration of the 250th anniversary of the birth of composer Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart, the choir and soloists of **Grosse Pointe Memorial Church**, 16 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms, will perform selected works of Mozart with an orchestra.

The 7:30 p.m. Sunday, April 30, concert includes the cantata for soprano soloist and orchestra, "Exsultate Jubilate" with the "Alleluia" as the last movement. Alison Mauro will be the featured soloist.

Choral works include the "Ave verum corpus" and "Regina Coeli," among other choral works. The orchestra will perform the "Serenade in D."

Tickets are available at the door. General admission is \$10; students and seniors are \$5.

◆ **St. Albertus Historic Church**, 4231 St. Aubin, Detroit, will have an 11 a.m. service in honor of the Feast of St. Albertus. Doors open at 10 a.m.

A rosary and candlelight ceremony will be by the Katyn Monument.

For more information, call (313) 872-4387 or (586) 751-7377.

◆ The Wednesday, May 3, Gathering of the Presbyterian Women of the Presbytery of Detroit will be at the **Grosse Pointe Woods Presbyterian Church**, 19950 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods.

The focus will be centered around Romans 12:2, Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind.

Gathering begins at 9:45 a.m. and the service is at 10 a.m. in which there will be a recognition of honorary memberships, installation of leaders and commissioning of members attending the 2006 PW Churchwide Gathering. The afternoon program will be the 2006-07 Bible student overview "Genesis" by Celia Brewer Marshall.

The speaker will be Patsy Gaines, moderator of The Synod of the Covenant.

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children's shoes will be taken for the Denby House of Detroit.

Lunch cost is \$5 and child care is available.

Call the church at (313) 886-4301 by Thursday, April 27, for reservations.

◆ A Mosaic of Mary: Fitting Her Pieces Together is the title of the 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Thursday, May 11, weekday retreat in the **Christ Church Spirituality Center**.

This retreat will explore the many facets of Mary in word, music, meditation and creative expression. Jannel Glennie, spiritual director, priest, wife, mother and author of "Confessions of an Ordinary Mystic" will facilitate.

There will be a catered lunch by reservation only, and child care is available.

Contact the Rev. Canon Ronald Spann by May 8 at (313) 885-4841, ext. 113 or go to rs Spann@christchurchgp.org. A registration flier is available at the Web site www.christchurchgp.org/spirituality.

◆ **The Presbyterian Women**

of **Grosse Pointe Woods Presbyterian Church**, 19950 Mack, are sponsoring "Celebration of Tables" Saturday, May 6. Viewing of 25 themed tables and bidding for silent auction prizes begins at 11 a.m. followed by lunch at 12:30 p.m.

There will also be a forum featuring local designers with special tips for accessorizing your home. Silent auction items include jewelry, paintings, metal sculptures, filled baskets, a Lake St. Clair yachting cruise, a cottage weekend, salon certificates and more.

Tickets are \$25 and net proceeds will benefit Crossroads, a ministry that has a food pantry for those in need.

To purchase a ticket, call (313) 886-4301. Tickets will not be sold at the door.

◆ **Assumption Greek Orthodox Church** in St. Clair Shores invites the community to the 10 a.m. Divine Liturgy service Sunday, April 30.

This is Assumption's annual Outreach Sunday, a day to welcome family, friends and neighbors to provide insight into the Orthodox Christian

faith, worship and traditions.

The liturgy will be in English. For more information, call (586) 779-6111, ext. 3 or visit the Web site at www.goassumption.org.

The church is located 21800 Marter Road.

◆ **Grosse Pointe United Methodist Church** women are planning their spring rummage sale from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Thursday, May 4, at the church, 211 Moross, Grosse Pointe Farms. On sale will be clothing for men, women and children, jewelry, linens, housewares, antiques, books and furniture.

◆ **The Presbyterian Women of Grosse Pointe Woods Presbyterian Church**, 19950 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods, is having a spring rummage sale from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, April 29. Early admission, at 8 a.m., costs \$2.

For more information, call the church office at (313) 886-4301.

◆ **Michigan Sen. Hansen Clarke** (D-Detroit) and State Rep. **John Moolenaar** (R-Midland) are the guest speakers at the 20th annual Mayor's

Breakfast at 7:30 a.m. available from any Grosse Pointe municipal office.

PASTOR'S CORNER By the Rev. Fred Harms

Mentors needed

My grandfather and grandmother Harms were instrumental in shaping and nurturing my life. I knew that they loved the Lord and wanted me to experience and know that love, too.

Frederick John Harms, my grandfather, referred to me as "Fritz Spiegelitz" (in German that means a little mirror of myself). When we were together, we were inseparable. Fishing with bamboo poles and bobbers for sunfish, going to the local zoo, riding on the awesome roller coaster that seemed so huge at the time, and sitting together at the soda fountain feasting on a large malted milk, all are positive experiences that are stored in my memory bank. When he died suddenly from a heart attack when I was in the fourth grade, I remember my grandmother consoling me. She comforted me with the sharing of the eternal promises of resurrection from our Lord.

Fortunately, I grew up in a religious home where the modeling of the positive fruits of the Spirit were evident. I knew that my parents were not perfect, but I did know that I was loved and cared for. We never ate a meal without giving thanks to God. Devotions in the home were a regular occurrence. And in the evening at bedtime, I could always hear my parents praying the Lord's Prayer out loud.

When I do premarital counseling, one of the topics discussed is that of a Christian environment in the home. The home of a Christian is to be a welcoming and safe place, where the fruits of the Spirit are lived out. Joy, peace, patience, self-control, forgiveness and understanding, those aspects of the true humanity

Jesus modeled for all, make a home an inviting place for all who dwell there and all who enter. From Colossians 3:12-14 we read: "As God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourself with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness. Bear with one another and, if anyone has a complaint against another, forgive each other; just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony."

The young man, Timothy benefited from this type of environment. The Apostle Paul mentions this in his second letter to Timothy (II Timothy 1:5). "I am reminded of your sincere faith, a faith that lived first in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice and now, I am sure, lives in you."

The examples from his own family had been so positive, the Apostle Paul reminds Timothy of these important seeds of faith that had been planted in him by them.

Paul mentored Timothy and took him on several of his missionary journeys. Paul was not one of Timothy's family members, but he related to the young man as a Christian parent. This is a solid reminder to us all that it takes a village, a community, to raise a child. Many do not have the benefit of experiencing positive, faithful role models. It has always taken more than one or two adults to raise children to be healthy and compassionate members of society.

How is your mentoring going? How is your example being lived out?

The Rev. Fred Harms is the senior pastor of St. Paul Lutheran Church, Grosse Pointe Farms.



Mad Hatter's Tea Party

All women are invited to the Mad Hatter's Tea Party and silent jewelry auction at 2 p.m. Tuesday, May 9, at the Grosse Pointe Congregational Church, Lothrop and Chalffont, Grosse Pointe Farms. Wear a favorite hat and win a prize. There will be a \$5 donation and proceeds will be used for church improvements. Reserve a table by calling (313) 884-3075. Babysitting is offered. Sporting hats in the back row from left are Carol LaChiusa DiSanto, Judy Bray, Cathy Leverenz and Sue Rockwell. In the front row from left, Pat Johnstone, Marlene Cooper, Roberta Turpin, Darlene Sulad and Pauline McNeill.

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SENIOR SCENE By Ruth Cain

Do more years equal more quality of life?



span wouldn't be quite so long.

We are tremendously indebted to technological advances not only for longer lives, but better quality of life.

It's now possible for women in their 60s to give birth to healthy babies; although I can't imagine why any woman would want to start the child rearing process at that age.

There are greater new technologies ahead promising even longer life spans, much of which makes me uncomfortable.

Stanford biologist Shripad Tuljapurkar told the American Association for the Advancement of Science at its recent annual meeting that anti-aging advances could raise life expectancy by a year each year between 2010 and 2030.

His projected trends in life expectancy would have a pro-

found effect on the economy, lifestyle and population demographics. He noted that the age of retirement would have to be raised to 85 by 2050 to offset the tremendous added costs of the longer lives. It would not be unusual to have 50- or 75-year home mortgages.

"People are going to do things that they didn't get around to in their working lives," Dr. Tuljapurkar said. "Current institutions are really not equipped at the moment to deal with such long lives. We're going to have to plan a lot more carefully, which people are not very good at."

I'm all in favor of anything that improves the quality of life, but why does it have to involve so many added years?

I'd like to pass along some tidbits of information that I

found interesting. According to Newsweek magazine, the U.S. tax code contains about 7 million words. That's more verbiage than in the Bible (773,000 words) or the collected plays of William Shakespeare (884,647 words). When the tax code was first passed in 1913, it contained 11,000 words.

Obviously, complying with federal income tax laws each year is why taxpayers spend some \$150 billion on accountants, lawyers, and other types of assistance—a figure roughly equal to all household spending on electricity.

Wipro Ltd. Chairman Azim Premji is the richest man in India, worth more than \$8 billion. Fortune lists him as 38 on its list of the world's richest people. In 1966, Premji, then a 21-

year-old senior at Stanford, was called back to India on the death of his father to take over the \$2 million family business of cooking oil, which he has since turned into a global powerhouse.

He travels for business three weeks a month but has no company jet. He flies commercial-coach for domestic and business class for international travel. He recently gave up his 1996 Ford Escort after 87,000 miles on India's pot-holed roads. His new car: a Toyota Corolla.

Premji critiques the manner of America's corporate celebrities: "You glorify your CEOs. They are like kings."

USA Today reports that top-earning CEO Richard Fairbank of Capital One Financial cashed in stock options worth almost \$250 million in 2005. That's more than

the annual profits of about 550 Fortune 1,000 companies, including Goodyear Tire & Rubber, Reebok and Pier 1.

While this is considerably more than most CEOs make, their take often is outrageous. Recently, a company going into bankruptcy paid millions of dollars to its executives to remain with the company while it went through the process.

My feeling is that regardless of whether bankruptcy was inevitable, these executives stood by helplessly while it happened. So why pay them extra money to stick around? Let the company hire experienced and smart executives at a more reasonable rate who couldn't do a worse job and quite possibly could do better.

If you have a question or comment for Ruth Cain, you may reach her at ruthcain@comcast.net.

Herb may retard cancer cell growth

Preliminary results of a medical study indicate Holy basil, part of the mint family used in Indian home remedies for hundreds of years, may slow or stop the growth and progression of breast cancer cells.

Research-scientists at the Karmanos Cancer Institute recently announced findings of a study stating that possibility at the American Association for Cancer Research conference in Washington, D.C.

Holy basil is a tropical annual herb which can grow up to 18 inches tall and is considered sacred by the Hindus. For centuries, Holy basil has played a substantial role in eastern medicine and has been shown to have anti-inflammatory properties and may be useful in treating respiratory tract infections, allergies and asthma.

Additional studies suggest Holy basil might act as a COX-2 inhibitor, much like many of today's modern painkillers.

The potential benefits of Holy basil are believed to stem from Ursolic acid, a component of the herb that has protective qualities on nerve, liver and skin tissues, as well as immune modulatory effects, the study indicates. Most importantly, Holy basil seems to offer significant protection against cancer and cancer-causing substances.

"Our research shows that ocimum sanctum, also known as Holy basil, appears to inhibit the size and progression of the tumor in relation to breast cancer, and it also reduces the number of the blood vessels leading to the tumor without causing any harm to the healthy tissue and cells of the body, and has no side effects," said Pratima Nangia-Makker, Ph.D., assistant professor, Tumor Progression and Metastasis Department, Karmanos Cancer Institute and presenter of the study.

Restricting the number of blood vessels supplying a tumor reduces the risk of the cancer escaping the primary tumor and metastasizing to other organs, she said. It also acts to starve the cancer by blocking the tumor from receiving its supply of oxygen and nutrients, causing the cancerous cells to die.

Holy basil was tested using a cell line derived by Fred Miller, Ph.D. from an immortal line of normal breast cancer cells developed in 1989 by Herbert Soule, Ph.D., a former researcher at the Karmanos Cancer Institute. The cell line is the first of its kind to be cultured without the use of transforming agents, and is used to study the earliest changes a normal cell undergoes in becoming cancerous.

According to Nangia-Makker, preliminary results of her research show Holy basil may affect cancer in a similar way to chemotherapeutic agents. However, extensive time course studies need to be conducted to help further support this claim. In the future, Holy basil could be developed into a breast cancer preventive and therapeutic agent, and could possibly be taken in pill form or ingested as a drink alone, she said. It could also be taken in combination with other chemotherapeutic agents, reducing the dosage and thus the harmful side effects.

The AACR was founded in 1907 by a group of physicians and scientists interested in research. Today, it is the largest scientific organization in the world focused on every aspect of high-quality, innovative cancer research. The programs and services of AACR foster the exchange of knowledge and new ideas among scientists dedicated to cancer research, provide training opportunities for the next generation of cancer researchers and increase the public understanding of cancer. More than 24,000 scientists, researchers and physicians, focused on the various aspects of cancer, are members of the American Association for Cancer Research.

CAREGIVING By Terri Murphy

Are you aging 'normally'?



- ♦ Accept change.
- ♦ Live long.
- ♦ Enjoy life.

What might be considered normal aging is often based on personal beliefs. We believe that the general public needs to have an understanding of "normal" or "successful" aging to determine if there might be cause for concern. Experts suggest people who age normally reflect the following:

- ♦ They are physically active.
- ♦ They are socially engaged.
- ♦ They are able to manage their long-term illness.
- ♦ They feel good about themselves.

Knowing what is considered to be normal aging can help people identify potential concerns. Families often find that they should have stepped in to help an aging loved one sooner. Part of the challenge is everyone has his or her own idea of aging. Our opinions are often based on advertising, TV shows, movies and even greeting cards. Stereotypes include everything from grumpy old folks with wrinkly faces and walkers, to people who look great and spend every day at the beach. How is anyone to know what is normal?

I believe the idea of normal or successful aging is being able to do all that you want without being limited by disease, lack of energy or lack of financial resources. Aging has more to do with how you live, not how you look. Research studies suggest that people considered to age normally tend to:

- ♦ Live active and independent lives.
- ♦ Have a high level of functioning (physical, cognitive and social).

should you find yourself in need of care or assistance.

It is much easier for family and friends to carry out someone's wishes when they know what these wishes are. If you have concerns about loved ones' health, well-being or quality of life, you should first talk with them. I also encourage you to talk with a health professional to determine what type of treatment, care or support might be appropriate.

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Pointers push to cover uninsured

Grosse Pointe residents are playing a prominent role in Cover the Uninsured Week slated for May 1-7, a nonpartisan, nationwide effort to urge U.S. leaders to make health coverage for uninsured Americans a top priority.

Representatives from the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation — including City of Grosse Pointe resident Gail Warden, trustee emeritus and an honorary co-chair of the local campaign — and many organizations will head to Washington, D.C., to report on the plight of the nearly 46 mil-

lion Americans including 1.1 million Michigan residents who lack health coverage.

"Having health insurance is important no matter who you are or where you live," said Nancy Schlichting, president and CEO, Henry Ford Health System and a member of the steering committee for Cover the Uninsured Week.

"One in seven of us are without health insurance," so chances are someone you know, whether it's a friend, a neighbor or a family member, is or has been uninsured. This is a problem in Michigan and a

problem nationwide. In Michigan, we are adding our voice to those across the nation who are calling on Congress to find solutions."

The campaign also works to help uninsured people who are eligible get enrolled in low-cost or free public health coverage programs. Hundreds of Cover the Uninsured Week enrollment events will be held at hospitals, medical centers, malls, community centers and places of worship nationwide. Volunteers will help enroll uninsured adults and children and information about addi-

tional resources will be distributed.

Local organizers of Cover the Uninsured Week in southeast Michigan, including many Grosse Pointers, are encouraging people to get involved. Residents can visit covertheuninsured.com to express their concern by sending an e-mail directly to their members of Congress.

In southeast Michigan, events include:

◆ "Call to Action" Interfaith Prayer Breakfast, 8:30 to 11 a.m. Monday, May 1, at Cobo Center, Detroit.

◆ Community Forum/Networks 2010, 8:30 to 11 a.m. Wednesday, May 3, at the Fellowship Chapel-Village Banquet Center.

◆ Healthcare Challenge Business Forum, 11:30 a.m. Thursday, May 4, Dearborn Inn, Dearborn.

◆ Health Insurance Enrollment Fair: Insure the Uninsured, 8 a.m. to 6 p.m., Thursday, May 4 at Cobo Center. The event includes free health screening and health insurance enrollment fairs throughout the metro area through Sunday, May 7.

All events are free but registration is requested. Call (313) 874-1677 to register.

According to the most recent figures available from the U.S. Census Bureau, nearly 46 million Americans — including more than 8 million children — have no health coverage. In Michigan, there are 1.1 million

residents living without health insurance. The Institute of Medicine estimates that nearly 50 people die each day because they are uninsured and cannot get the medical care they need.

In 2005, more than 2,200 events were held during Cover the Uninsured Week, supported by nearly 200 national organizations and more than 2,500 local organizations in all 50 states and the District of Columbia. More than 150 elected officials representing both political parties marked the week with speeches on Capitol Hill, letters to the editor, proclamations and community forums.

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U-M STUDY

Kids behave, sleep better after getting tonsillectomy

A rigorous new study has found children who have surgery to remove their tonsils are very likely to behave and sleep better one year later.

In fact, about half of the children in the study who were found to have Attention-Deficit/Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD) before tonsil surgery no longer met criteria for this diagnosis one year later. Other cognitive and behavioral issues also improved, according to an article published online in the April issue of the journal *Pediatrics* written by pediatricians at the University of Michigan Health System.

On the whole, the 78 children who had their tonsils out were much more likely than a comparison group of 27 children to have had behavior and sleep problems at the start of the study. But by the end of the study, tests showed little difference between the two groups.

The U-M team collected data from rigorous tests of sleep and breathing at night, and attention and behavior during the day. The results support previous observations of a link between children's sleep-related breathing problems — such as snoring and breathing interruptions called apneas — and daytime behavior problems.

The researchers caution that their results do not yet prove cause and effect, and that tonsillectomy is not usually a "cure" for ADHD.

But, the article states, the

growing body of evidence on this issue suggests a significant number of children with inattention, hyperactivity, or sleepiness during the day — and also sleep-breathing problems at night — may benefit during both the night and day by tonsillectomy. The operation once performed on more than a million children a year has become much less common in recent decades.

The procedure, also called adenotonsillectomy when both the tonsils and structures called adenoids are removed, is now performed on a few hundred thousand children a year. Nearly half have the surgery due to enlarged tonsils and adenoids blocking the flow of air, impairing their ability to breathe. A majority of the rest have the surgery because of repeated ear and throat infections. Almost all of the children who had surgery in the new study were thought by their surgeons to have symptoms of sleep apnea.

"These findings help support the idea that sleep-disordered breathing is actually helping to cause behavioral problems in children, and making them sleepy," said lead author Ronald Chervin, M.D., M.S., director of the U-M Sleep Disorders Center and co-leader of the U-M Center for Sleep Science. "This is one of the first studies to document, using gold-standard measures, that all of these sleep and behavior

problems tend to resolve one year after enlarged tonsils and adenoids are removed."

One of the most striking findings — that children once diagnosed with ADHD no longer had the condition a year after tonsillectomy — occurred in 11 of 22 children with ADHD. This means that sleep and breathing problems are only part of the ADHD puzzle, and that tonsillectomy isn't a cure-all for ADHD, notes Chervin.

A few children even developed new ADHD a year after surgery. Chervin said this supports previous evidence that damage from sleep-disordered breathing may occur in early years, even though the result is not seen until later. If confirmed, this would mean that early diagnosis and treatment of sleep-disordered breathing are particularly important.

When they entered the study, and before any surgery, the children's behavior was assessed by a child psychiatrist and parents completed standardized questionnaires. The attention span and short-term memory of each child was measured using a standard computer-based test. They also spent a night in the U-M Michael S. Aldrich Sleep Disorders Laboratory where they were monitored for breathing problems during sleep and level of sleepiness, as measured by how long it took

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HEALTH COLUMN By Ali Rabbani, M.D.

Allergies: Nothing to sneeze at

The days are warmer. The birds are chirping. Trees are budding and flowers are blooming. These are the first signs of spring. But if you're among the almost 36 million Americans who are seasonal allergy sufferers, you can also add sneezing, a runny nose and red and itchy eyes to the telltale signs of spring.

Also called hay fever, seasonal allergic rhinitis is triggered by substances called allergens, such as pollen or mold spores. The culprits? The many trees, grasses and weeds that produce the pollen and mold spores that are carried by the wind during the spring.

Allergy or cold?

Because many allergy and cold symptoms are similar, often people think they have a cold when they actually have an allergy. A proper diagnosis is important, because if allergies are left untreated, they can cause more serious conditions, like sinusitis or ear infections. Only a doctor can make a complete diagnosis, but this chart may help you determine if you need to be seen by an allergist/immunologist.

	Allergies	Colds
Symptoms	Runny nose with thin, watery discharge; sneezing; congestion; wheezing; itchy nose, throat and eyes.	Runny nose with watery to thick yellow discharge; sneezing; low grade fever; weakness and fatigue.
Onset	Symptoms begin almost immediately after exposure to allergen(s). Seasonal allergies occur at same time every year.	Symptoms develop within one to three days of exposure to cold virus.
Duration	Symptoms last as long as you are exposed to allergen(s).	5-7 days.

Diagnosis & treatment

If you believe your symptoms are allergies, you should make an appointment to see your family's pediatrician or physician. The doctor will take a thorough medical history, and may perform skin and/or blood tests to determine what is triggering your symptoms. If additional care is needed, they may refer you to an allergist or immunologist.

The doctor will then work with you to develop a management plan for your allergies. With seasonal allergies, we first recommend patients try to avoid the allergen as much as possible. A doctor may also prescribe medication to help alleviate symptoms. These may include

- ♦ Antihistamines.
- ♦ Decongestants.
- ♦ Antihistamine-decongestant combinations.
- ♦ Mast cell stabilizers, or drugs that inhibit one of the cell types involved in the allergic reaction.
- ♦ Nasal sprays, including steroid (prescription) or saline (non-prescription).

There are many patients that get relief from over-the-counter (OTC) medications and may not need prescription drugs to help them control their allergy symptoms. The most common allergy drugs are antihistamines and decongestants. Antihistamines help relieve sneezing, itching and runny nose, and work best if patients take them routinely during the allergy season. Decongestants help relieve a stuffy nose and drainage. Many OTC drugs can cause drowsiness, but if these are effective at controlling your allergy symptoms, I recommend patients take them at nighttime. There are also several non-sedating antihistamines doctors can prescribe.

If the OTC or prescription medications aren't effective, immunotherapy, or allergy shots, is another treatment option. This involves periodic injections of small amounts of the allergen over a 3-5 year period, to help build up a resistance to the allergen.

What you can do

In addition to treating allergies, there are several things allergy sufferers can do to find some relief during peak allergy season:

- ♦ Do a thorough spring cleaning.
- ♦ Minimize outdoor activity when pollen counts are high (Peak pollen times are usually between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m.)
- ♦ Take medications at least 30 minutes prior to outdoor activity.
- ♦ Keep windows closed on days when pollen counts are high.
- ♦ Wash bedding weekly in hot water.
- ♦ Dry laundry indoors.
- ♦ Shower and wash your hair before going to bed, because pollen can collect on your hair and skin.
- ♦ Keep pets off furniture and out of the bedroom, as pollen can cling to pets who have been outside.
- ♦ Keep car windows closed during peak season; use air conditioning and point vents away from your face.
- ♦ Wear a filter mask when mowing the lawn or gardening.

Late bloomer

Often in my practice, I hear from patients who are surprised that they develop allergies later in life. This is not uncommon, as most of us are exposed to different environments throughout our lives. A new workplace, home, pet or new landscaping with different plants and trees can all lead to developing new allergies. Likewise, moving to a new location may lead to reduced exposures to the allergens that used to be troubling.

Dr. Rabbani is board certified in pediatrics and neonatal-pediatric medicine, and developed the pediatric neonatal intensive care unit, of which he is the section director. He is also chief of pediatrics and section chief of pediatric neonatology at St. John Hospital & Medical Center.

TONSILS: Study available

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Kenneth Guire, M.S., of the U-M School of Public Health.

For more on the U-M Sleep Disorders Center, visit www.med.umich.edu/neuro/sl

eeplab. The new study is recruiting only patients whose surgery will be performed at C.S. Mott Children's Hospital or St. Joseph Mercy Ann Arbor hospital.

More information on the study and contact information for prospective participants is available via the U-M Engage clinical research Web site, med.umich.edu/engage, or by calling (800) 742-2300 and entering 6512.

Tips to ease spring allergies

Many trees, grasses, weeds contain pollens

Seasonal allergic rhinitis (hay fever), affects more than 20 percent of the people in the United States, according to the American Academy of Allergy, Asthma & Immunology.

Allergies are triggered by substances called allergens, such as pollen or mold spores. Many trees, grasses and weeds contain small and light pollens that are easily carried by the wind, causing allergy symptoms to flare up in the spring.

Allergy sufferers don't have to cope with the symptoms every spring. An allergist/immunologist can offer relief and a plan to control the cycle of symptoms that leads to 14.1 million physician office visits and an overall cost of \$6 billion each year.

"Appropriate treatment for allergy symptoms is best done

by referral to a board-certified allergist/immunologist," said Christopher C. Randolph, M.D. "He or she will generally take a thorough history and perform skin tests and/or blood tests for molds or pollens that are triggering your symptoms, and then determine the season of your particular allergen."

The academy offers the following tips to help allergy sufferers find some relief during the peak allergy season:

- ♦ Do a thorough spring cleaning — windows, bookshelves and air conditioning vents collect dust and mold throughout the winter that can provoke allergy symptoms.

- ♦ Minimize outdoor activity when pollen counts are high. Peak pollen times are usually between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. Get up-to-date pollen information for your area from the National Allergy Bureau at the Web site aaaai.org/nab.

- ♦ Take medications at least

30 minutes prior to outdoor activity. Consult with an allergist/immunologist to ensure medications are helping you, and notify an allergist/immunologist when reactions to medications occur.

- ♦ Shut windows in your house on days pollen counts are high. Avoid using windows or fans that may draw pollen inside.

- ♦ Wash bedding weekly in hot water.

- ♦ Dry laundry indoors. Sheets hanging on an outside line are an easy target for blowing pollen.

- ♦ Shower and wash your hair before bed — pollen can collect on your hair and skin.

- ♦ Keep pets off of furniture and out of the bedroom. Pollen can cling to the dog or cat after blowing outside.

- ♦ Keep car windows closed during peak season. Use air conditioning and point vents away from face.

- ♦ When mowing the lawn or gardening, wear a filter mask.

"How the Allergist/Immunologist Can Help: Consultation and Referral Guidelines Citing the Evidence" provides information to assist patients and health care professionals in determining when a patient may need consultation or ongoing specialty care. Patients should see an allergist/immunologist if they:

- ♦ Have prolonged or severe symptoms of rhinitis.

- ♦ Have nasal polyps.

- ♦ Have co-existing conditions such as asthma or recurrent sinusitis.

- ♦ Have symptoms interfering with quality of life and/or ability to function.

- ♦ Have found medications to be ineffective or have had adverse reactions to medications.

- ♦ Are a child with allergic rhinitis, because immunotherapy may potentially prevent the development of asthma.

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to learn about the latest in PREMIER DIGITAL HEARING AID TECHNOLOGY! Dr. Ginette Lezotte from Grosse Pointe Audiology is holding a FREE educational seminar about hearing loss and the new advancements in hearing aid technology.

Tuesday, May 2nd - 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. or 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

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As a service to our community we've invited special guest John Reno, Audiologist and Dhonak 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.

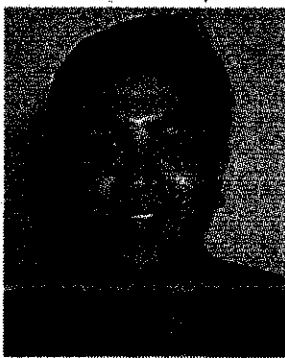


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HERO AT HEART

Dr. Sanjay Batra



This year, 1.2 million Americans will have a heart attack. Half of them will die.

The truth is that heart disease is still the number one cause of death of adults in America — and in Michigan. But the heart doctors of St. John Hospital and Medical Center are working to change that. And that's why we salute this week's Hero At Heart.

Meet Dr. Sanjay Batra, Cardiovascular Surgeon at St. John Hospital and Medical Center in Detroit.

Q: Dr. Batra, when did you know you wanted to be a doctor?

A: My grandfather was a doctor. I wrote a biography on him for a 6th grade assignment. He had a lot of influence on me, so he is the reason I became a doctor. But I chose cardiac surgery for two very different reasons. First, I felt it was a finely skilled profession that best served my talents, and performing delicate open heart surgery called to me. However, the impact of my father passing away from a heart attack also led to my interest in cardiac medicine.

Q: What do you think are the challenges of practicing medicine?

A: Among all the factors that pose as challenges, you need to love what you're doing. The gratification of helping patients — of all ages — who are ill get well is the most rewarding aspect of my job. Remaining focused on this helps me get through all those aspects that may be considered challenges.

Q: What makes a good patient/physician relationship?

A: Developing trust and spending time with the patient. In my specialty it is not always possible to spend a lot of time with the patient before surgery is required since immediate action may be necessary. In these cases, I have to develop the patient's trust quickly since their life is in my hands. That requires a lot of faith. So it is important to provide the best pre-op and post-op care possible for each patient no matter what their circumstances may be.

Q: What's on the horizon in heart care?

A: There is so much to talk about here. Well, a great number of minimally invasive procedures have been developed that achieve successful results. The refinement of cardiac operations now allows patients of all ages, even those over the age of 90, to achieve better health. Vein harvesting has also proven to be very effective. Valve repair versus replacement enables the patient to keep their valve structure in tact, which yields more effective long-term results. In the future, the expansion of robotics in cardiac surgery will be remarkable.

Q: What is some medical advice the world can't do without?

A: With the knowledge and tests available to patients today, preventative care at an early age is the best way to prevent long-term cardiac problems. Screening tools such as the 64-slice CT scanner now provide a much earlier diagnosis, which can prevent cardiac-related deaths, but prevention is key!

Q: Why did you choose St. John Health?

A: St. John Hospital has a great rapport with their physicians, and the system's support of the cardiac programs is unrivaled. The state-of-the-art cardiac facility is a center of excellence, and the ICU and unit care nurses are extraordinary in providing quality patient care.

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You can find Dr. Batra at Cardiac Surgery Institute, PC in Detroit. If you would like to make an appointment, please call 1-888-440-REAL or visit us online at www.realmedicine.org.

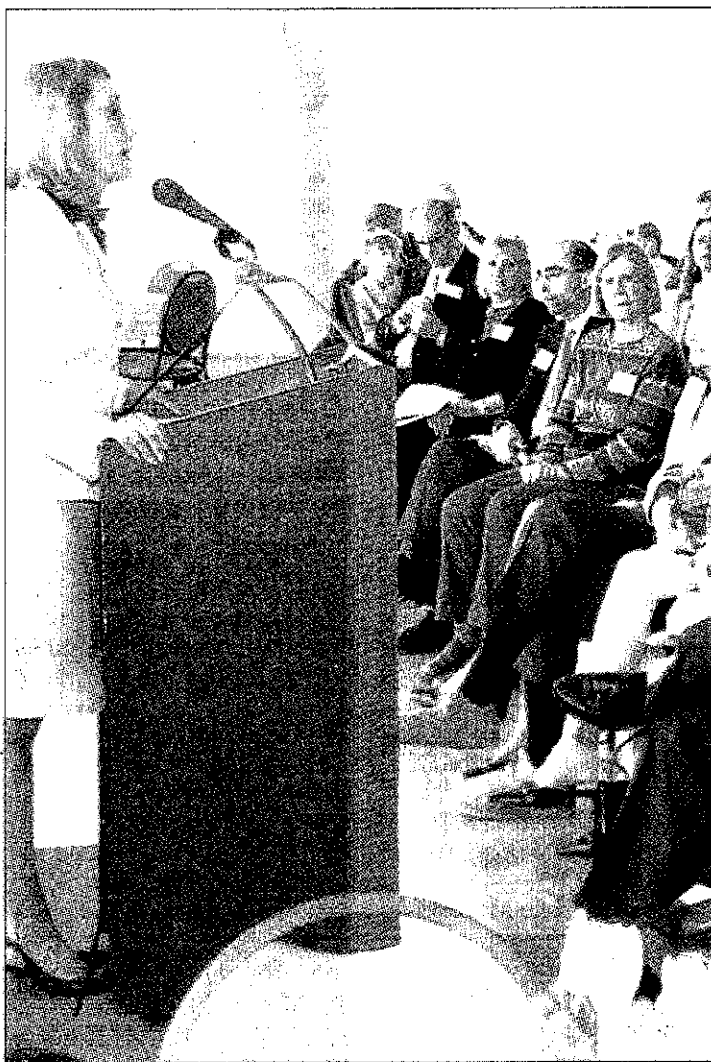
Dr. Batra is an independent physician on the medical staff at St. John Hospital and Medical Center.

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SOC Senior Celebration

Services for Older Citizens (SOC) held its Senior Celebration April 2 at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial. More than 200 people attended the event that honored local businesses and community volunteers.

Since 1990, SOC has honored and celebrated the dedication and vision of individuals and businesses who have made significant contributions toward making the Grosse Pointes and Harper Woods a community to live in for a lifetime.

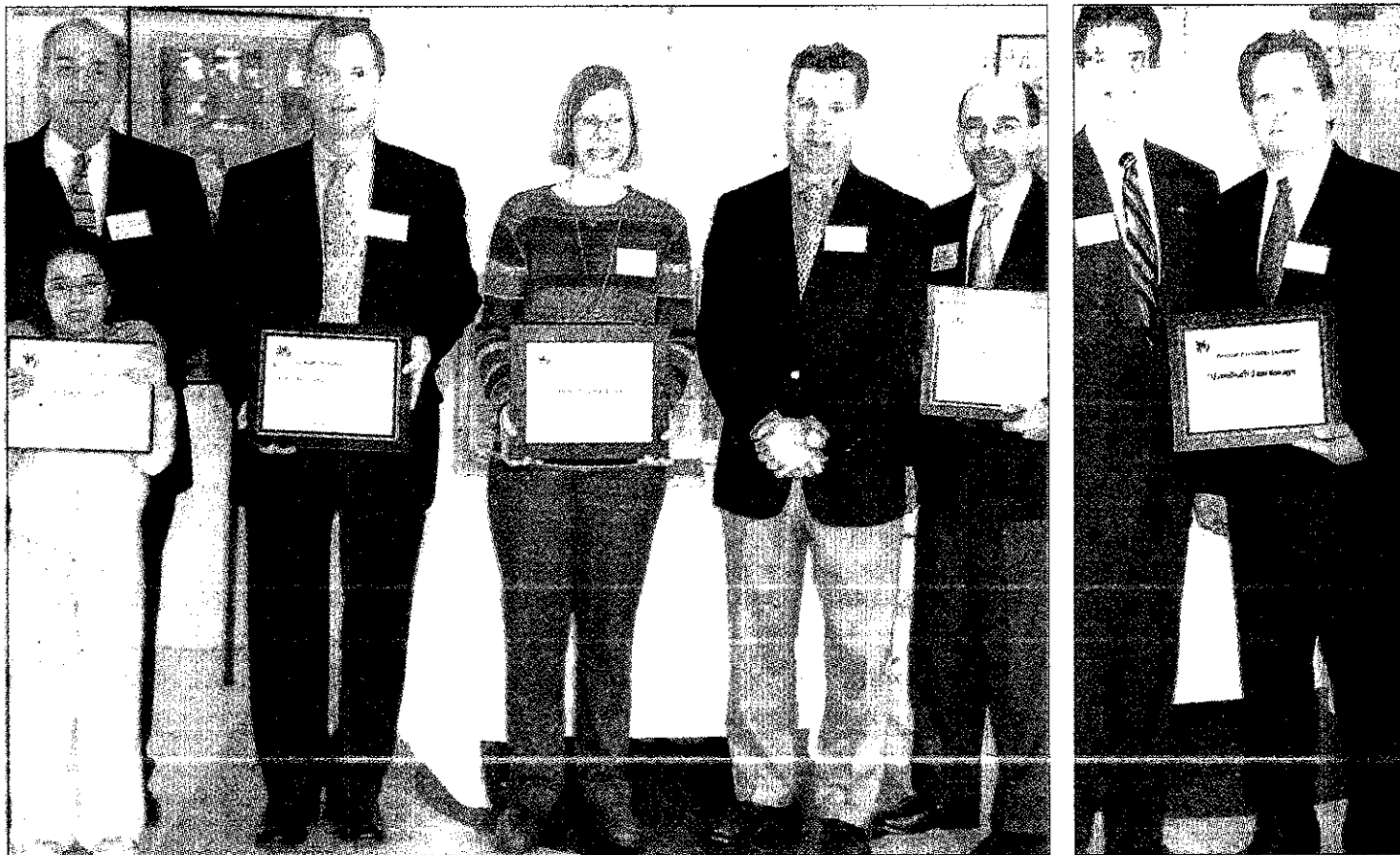
SOC paid special tribute and homage to four volunteers, 25 businesses and two employees for their achievements.

The mayors from the Grosse Pointes and Harper Woods were joined by Wayne County Executive Robert Ficano to give awards to the winners.

The "All Stars" this year are Rosemary Flanagan, Margot Kessler, Roberta Moy and Marion Smith, who gave their time, talents and energy to make the community a place to live in for a lifetime.

"The 25 businesses honored represent businesses that value seniors and are willing to go above and beyond to be 'senior friendly.' Sometimes it is the little things businesses do, such as walking a customer to their car, talking slowly or being there to listen. Sometimes it is the big things, such as creating aisles that are wide enough for a wheelchair or offering delivery service. Always, these businesses look beyond the 'easy way' to the point of what's right and fair for the seniors of the community," a SOC representative said.

Two senior friendly employees were also honored, Bernadette Zainea, La Moda International Hair Design; and Sharolyn White, CVS Pharmacy. These employees came from businesses that foster a senior friendly environment. Their actions speak louder than words, offering respect to seniors.



TOP LEFT: Sharon Maier, SOC executive director, talks about SOC's current events. **TOP RIGHT:** Senior Friendly Business, Senior Friendly Employees and All Star Volunteers, left to right, are Josephine Carducci and Bernadette Zainea, La Moda International Hair Design; Sharolyn White, CVS Pharmacy; Mary K. Leahy and Dr. Manz-Dulac, Eastside Dermatology; Grosse Pointe Woods Mayor Robert Novitke, award presenter; Lori Stefek, Stefek Estate Sales; Roberta Moy, All Star Volunteer; David Kesner, A.H. Peters Funeral Home; and Stephanie Chranowski, Lucas Hearing Aid. **ABOVE LEFT:** Senior Friendly Business winners, Wayne County, left to right, are Michael Dotson, Wayne County Community College District; Lea Anne Ivory, St. John Health Carelink; Wayne County Executive Robert Ficano, award presenter; Janet Bodenmiller, Eastside Tennis and Fitness; and David Muer, Blue Pointe Restaurant. **LEFT:** Senior Friendly Business winners, Grosse Pointe Farms, left to right, are Frank Hermes, Village Food Market; Mark Monaghan, Sine and Monaghan, GMAC Real Estate; Dulce Elbadawi, Grosse Pointe coach; Grosse Pointe Farms Mayor James Farquhar, award presenter; and Charles T. Berschback, attorney at law. Senior Friendly Business winner, Grosse Pointe Shores, right, is Brett Marshall, Marshall Landscape; Grosse Pointe Shores President James Cooper, award presenter. **BOTTOM LEFT:** Senior All Star Volunteers and Senior Friendly Businesses, Grosse Pointe Park, seated, left to right, are Marion Smith and Margot Kessler. Standing, left to right, are Lillian Li, Victorian Tea Parlor; and Grosse Pointe Park Mayor Pro Tem Greg Theokas, award presenter. **BOTTOM CENTER:** Senior Friendly Business, Harper Woods, left to right, are Tim Myers, Doggie Scoops; Harper Woods Mayor Ken Poynter, award presenter; and Tim Myers Jr. **BELOW:** Senior Friendly Business, the City of Grosse Pointe, is Peggy Vargo, Panera Bread. City of Grosse Pointe Mayor Dale Scrace presented the award.



ENGAGEMENTS

Stamatakis-Norris

Dr. Paul S. Stamatakis of the City of Grosse Pointe and Mrs. Denise Stamatakis of Grosse Pointe Farms have announced the engagement of their daughter, Nicole D. Stamatakis, to Matthew B. Norris, son of Dr. Diane Norris and Mr. Douglas Norris of Macomb, formerly of Grosse Pointe Park. A July wedding is planned.

Stamatakis earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in economics and finance from the University of Michigan-Dearborn. She is an assistant vice president, senior financial adviser, CFP CRPC at Merrill Lynch.

Norris earned a Bachelor of Fine Arts degree from the College for Creative Studies in Detroit. He is a senior digital sculptor at General Motors.

Dahl-Fishburn

Andrew W. and Janice W. Dahl of Omaha, Neb., have announced the engagement of their daughter, Meredith Dahl, to Andrew Philip Fishburn, son of Richard and Kathleen Fishburn of Corning, N.Y. An

August wedding is planned.

Dahl earned a Bachelor of Arts degree from Miami University, a J.D. at Chicago-Kent College of Law and a LL.M. in environmental law at George Washington University. She is an environmental law attorney with the U.S. Department of Agriculture in Washington, D.C.

Fishburn earned a Bachelor of Science degree from the University of Michigan and a M.P.A. from Indiana University. He is a deputy assistant administrator for the U.S. Department of the Treasury in Washington, D.C.

Degnore-Burnett

Michael and Barbara Degnore of Marysville, formerly of Grosse Pointe Park, have announced the engagement of their daughter, Andraea Marie Degnore, to Brian Louis Burnett, son of Louis and Sue Burnett of Washington, D.C., and Andy and Donna Burnett Albu of Rochester Hills. A July 2007 wedding is planned.

Degnore earned a Bachelor of Fine Arts degree from Columbus College of Art and

Design and a master's degree in art education from Wayne State University. She is an elementary school art teacher in the East China district.

Burnett earned a Bachelor of Science degree in English and history and a master's degree in English from Central Michigan University. He is a high school English teacher in the Lakeview district.

Hunter-Cassetta

Mrs. Dorothy M. Hunter of Grosse Pointe has announced the engagement of her daughter, Jessica Hunter, to Christopher Cassetta, son of William and Karen Cassetta of Grosse Pointe. A February 2007 wedding is planned.

Hunter earned a bachelor's degree in English and is completing a master's degree in education at Wayne State University. She is an eBay coordinator for individual clients and businesses.

Cassetta earned a bachelor's degree in hospitality tourism management from Purdue University. He is the banquet manager at the Detroit Yacht Club.

Warchol-Fuller

Joseph and Rita Warchol of Grosse Pointe Woods have announced the engagement of their daughter, Lisa Ann Warchol, to James W. Fuller, son of Wesley and Imogene Fuller of Paw Paw. A May wedding is planned.

Warchol earned a Bachelor of Science degree in radiation therapy from Wayne State University. She is a radiation therapist at the VanElslander Cancer Center.

Fuller attended Grand Rapids Baptist College. He is a commercial semi driver for Rye Gentry Company in Detroit.

Maniaci-Gardner

Charles and Terri Maniaci of Grosse Pointe Farms have announced the engagement of their daughter, Kimberly Ann Maniaci, to Michael Allen Gardner, son of Thomas and Pamela Gardner of South Lyon. A November wedding is planned.

Maniaci earned a Bachelor of Science degree in family community services from Michigan State University. She is a national sales coordinator for Time Warner Cable Media Sales in Southfield.

Gardner earned a Bachelor



Matthew B. Norris and Nicole D. Stamatakis



Christopher Cassetta and Jessica Hunter

of Arts degree in supply chain management from Michigan State University. He is a field service supervisor for DHL Express in Romulus.

Lees-Metnick

Carolyn Victoria Lees, formerly of Grosse Pointe, and Jason Michael Metnick of Highland Park, Ill., have announced their engagement. A July wedding is planned.

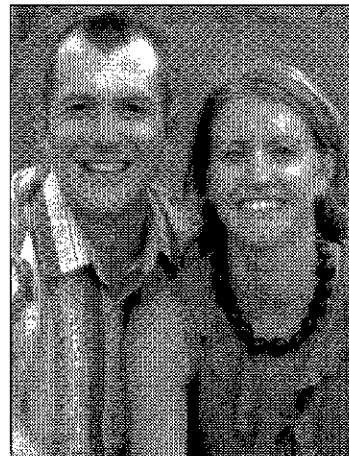
Lees is the daughter of Dr. C. Douglas Lees and Mrs. Anne Lees of Grosse Pointe, and is a graduate of the University of Chicago and Santa Clara University School of Law in California. She is an attorney in Chicago.

Metnick is a graduate of the University of Michigan and DePaul University College of Law. He is an attorney in Chicago.

Gotfredson-Dykhuis

Mr. and Mrs. Robert I. ZurSchmiede of Grosse Pointe Farms and Mr. and Mrs. Michael B. Gotfredson of LaJolla, Calif., have announced the engagement of their daughter, Kelly Carmody Gotfredson, to Arthur Paul Dykhuis, son of Mr. and Mrs. William Dykhuis of Kalamazoo. A September wedding is planned.

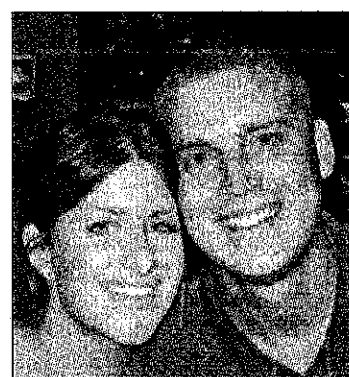
Gotfredson attended Calvin College and will graduate from



Andrew Philip Fishburn and Meredith Dahl



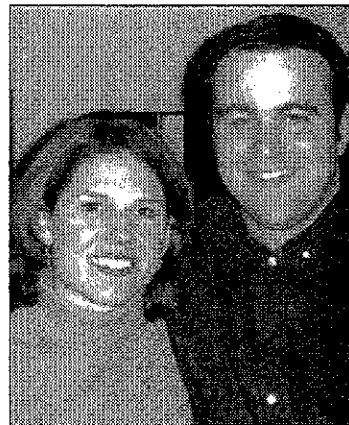
James W. Fuller and Lisa Ann Warchol



Kelly Carmody Gotfredson and Arthur Paul Dykhuis

DePaul University in June with a Bachelor of Arts degree in communication.

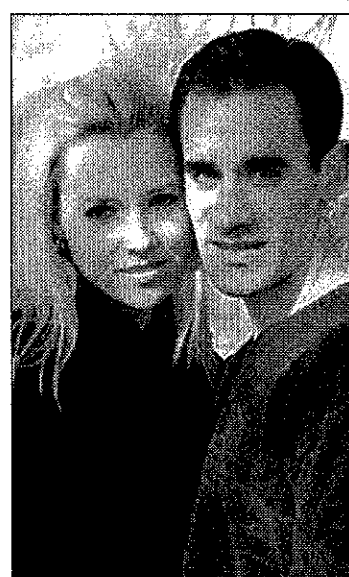
Dykhuis earned a Bachelor of Science degree in engineering from Calvin College. He is a product launch manager at Innotec Corp. in Grand Rapids.



Andraea Marie Degnore and Brian Louis Burnett



Michael Allen Gardner and Kimberly Ann Maniaci



Carolyn Victoria Lees and Jason Michael Metnick

WEDDING



Mr. and Mrs. Nathaniel Schneider Bulkley

Goss-Bulkley

Anne Candace Goss, daughter of James and Rita Goss of the City of Grosse Pointe, married Nathaniel Schneider Bulkley, son of Trudy and Jonathan Bulkley of Ann Arbor, on Aug. 20, 2005, at Temple Beth Emeth in Ann Arbor.

Rabbi Robert Levy officiated at the ceremony, and a recep-

tion followed at Temple Beth Emeth.

The maid of honor was the bride's sister, Courtney Goss of Abington, Mass. The attendants were the groom's sister, Nancy Bulkley of Ann Arbor, and Cindy Meyer of Midland. The attendants wore black tea-length dresses and carried bouquets of dahlias.

The best man was James Kerwin of Waltham, Mass. The groomsmen were Chuck Stanko of Milford, Del. The flower girl was Anna Thomas and the ring bearer was Michael Thomas, both of Ann Arbor.

The bride earned a Bachelor of Arts degree and a master's degree from the University of Michigan. She is a law librarian at Butzel Long in Detroit.

The groom earned a Bachelor of Arts degree from Brown University, a master's degree from the University of Michigan, and is a doctoral student at the University of Michigan School of Information.

The couple honeymooned in Belize. They live in Ann Arbor.

MEETINGS

Questers Pettipointe Chapter No. 243

Questers Pettipointe Chapter No. 243 will meet at 11 a.m. Thursday, May 4, at the home of Judy DeCosmo.

A program presented by Sharon Loftis will feature Depression glass. Members are requested to bring a piece of Depression glass to show. The meeting and installation

of officers will be followed by a luncheon.

Windmill Pointe Garden Club

The Windmill Pointe Garden Club will meet at 11:30 a.m. Wednesday, May 3. The hostess is Sharon Mertz; co-hostess is Kathy Groustra.

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STATE OF THE ARTS By Alex Sucek

New press releases first 2 publications



of enthusiasm.

Mariela Griffor grew up in Chile and continued her education while working in Brazil, Sweden and the United States.

Living in Grosse Pointe and working at Wayne State University, she became acutely aware of the urgent need for a local publisher operating outside the commercial mainstream. There are talented, creative people in Michigan who have to go outside the state to find a publisher. There are more all over the country looking for a congenial press anywhere. Griffor is determined to help fill this gap and give us our own spot on the publishing map.

It was this commitment and her boundless energy that gave birth to the idea and won the support of important talents needed to bring it to life. The process began with a collaboration with Susan MacDonald, who supported joint presentations of art and poetry at the Grosse Pointe Artists Association Gallery. Billed as "Poets' Follies," the first event last winter generated high interest and inspired Griffor to move ahead.

A chance encounter with Michigan writer Peter Markus quickly resulted in his willingness to take on the role of editor to find and edit publishable manuscripts. As a published author and poet, and an active lecturer and teacher of creative writing, he has attractive qualifications.

He has taught writing widely in Michigan schools, such as MSU and U-M, as well as the Community School at Grosse Pointe South High School. He teaches every summer in New York at the Gotham Writers' Workshop. It is the largest, non-degree granting school of creative writing in the United States.

This puts him in touch with just the kind of writers a press like Marick looks for: independent, highly creative and idealistic scribes working in styles and formats that are not commercially viable for mainstream houses. They do have originality and creativity that make their work deserve attention.

Newest addition to the staff as poetry editor is an especially illustrious figure. Ilya Kaminsky hails from Odessa in what used to be the Soviet Union. He came to the United States as a teenager when his family was granted political asylum. He brings strong influences of the Russian tradition of poetry, bridging differences between the two cultures in his own unique way.

His first full-length book, "Dancing in Odessa," published in 2004, won four major awards. That's impressive recognition. In 2005, his book was named Best Poetry Book of the Year by ForeWord Magazine. This fall, he will begin teaching in the graduate writing program at San Diego State University. He currently lives in Berkeley, Calif.

With Griffor's vision and Markus' skills, Kaminsky rounds off a trio of editors who bring prestigious talent to this new publishing house.

Marick Press' potential for achievement is considerable when you consider the quality of work they seek to publish. As in any effort where aesthetics are paramount, Kaminsky's take on it emphasizes the uniquely personal nature of a poet's work as reflected in his own aesthetic values.

He describes his poems in Russian as very formal. They are constructed according to forms and patterns. But writing in English, he observes, has liberated him to simply put life

Having a new book publisher open for business in Grosse Pointe is impressive and surprising. That its mission should be to publish poetry and creative fiction is even more so.

Yet an exploration of this esoteric and marginally profitable (if at all) business uncovers benefits that are meaningful and scarce in our society. The question of profit is easy to dispose of. The new Marick Press is a nonprofit corporation. There are other satisfactions that arise from writing, publishing, and reading verse and creative prose.

Those satisfactions are varied and complex. Looking at how and why this new press has been established helps one to understand. But its editors and authors, and their published and about-to-be published books are the real sources of insight.

The founder of Marick Press is a poet herself, as well as a journalist, linguist, teacher and literary researcher at Wayne State University and a fireball

'The founder of Marick Press is a poet herself, as well as a journalist, linguist, teacher and literary researcher at Wayne State University and a fireball of enthusiasm.'

The Sleeping

BY CAROLINE MAUN FROM HER NEW BOOK, 'THE SLEEPING.'

I have been in the place of the vole
Who, still alive, sleeps within the
wolf's jaws.

I have spent a few hours in the hole
And struggled with men's laws.

A caress that struck like a blow
Stunned me as it broke
Across my face, blood flow
Poured from my numb mouth as I
choked.

If given a second chance I'd have
said:
You've taken nothing from me of im-
portance

Even if you leave me dead.
And given a second chance

I'd shoot you where you stand.
Not as recompense
Or even as reprimand
Or because it would make more
sense.

I would do it because I was robbed
Of the possibility to act
As I fell on my arms and sobbed
And waited, and lacked.

on a page. While he expresses his own soul in his native Russian, English as his acquired second language allows him to take a clear look at himself from a distance.

As with many poets' works, to read his poetry is to be allowed privileged access to his innermost views of himself. He gives a particularly poignant example. While his family suffered from the holocaust, he chooses not to write about it. This is not to avoid the painful memories. He prefers to leave a joyful legacy.

Along with daring style and originality, Markus is concerned with literary craftsmanship and alert to the devices used in artful storytelling. He values the sounds and the moments of silence in a phrase. He looks for writing with musical qualities.

In exploring the rationale for writing poetry, Kaminsky is exceptionally articulate. Every poet has a personal reason. For

Kaminsky, it provides a form of spiritual satisfaction. Even so, he says, "It is no easy way to understand why we are here on this planet. There is a lot of internal struggle, a lot of chok-ing with words."

He goes on to say that a poet must write whatever works for him. Then, poetry is a joyous gift. It is also an international language expressing such things as praise, joy, desire, humor and sadness that are universal human experiences, expressing them beautifully and with some degree of mystery.

Having chosen manuscripts that meet sophisticated criteria like these, Marick Press' editors are releasing their first two books of poetry at a launch celebration in the Detroit Institute of Arts Lecture Hall at 2 p.m. on Sunday, April 30. The books are different in tone, subject matter and style, yet both have met the editors' standards.

One, titled "The Sleeping," is by Caroline Maun. She is a Grosse Pointe Park resident and WSU assistant professor of critical literacies. Her poetry explores meanings of the word "home" and arises from life experiences she was moved to document. One critic singled out her remarkable ability to recall private experiences and use them to conjure universal and sometimes startling im-ages of the impact on her body of the lover, the doctor and the rapist. The poem that provided the title for the book, is a thought-provoking example.

The second book, "A Complex Bravery," is by Robert Lipton, who works as a poet and public health researcher in Berkeley, Calif. Significantly for understanding his poetry, he is a longtime activist for peace and in efforts to promote an equitable settlement between Israelis and Palestinians in the West Bank. One of the book's most highly praised poems, "Not Me In Nablus," evokes powerful feelings on the unending conflict where he spent two periods of active observation to help promote peace and harmony.

Keynoting the launch on Sunday will be a lecture by Stuart Henry, chairman of Interdisciplinary Studies at WSU. Authors Caroline Maun

Not Me In Nablus

BY ROBERT LIPTON FROM HIS NEW BOOK, 'A COMPLEX BRAVERY'

I wasn't the boy shot through the head
as he walked along Sal-hedin street
idly brushing his fingers against the
concrete market stalls,
his hand not mine
would sometimes throw rocks at the
tanks
smoking up the streets near the
school.

I wasn't the girls with the scraped
knees
and circular rubber bullet bruises
cornered by a jeep as she returned
home;
and how could I think I be my uncle
hung by his feet in Ariel
until blood bloated and blushed his
head.
Nor am I the blasted body of a moth-
er
cut in half by her bedroom door
as soldiers triggered a shaped
charge.

The differences are obvious:
My hands are whole
and I use them to make Italian pastry
chees,
British pensioners, and French jug-
glers laugh
at my pantomime of soldiers hiding
in the tanks
shooting at my friends with shirts on
their heads.
A few hundred feet away a sniper
runs his laser across someone else's
chest.

How could it be my chest?
It is not my heart and lungs blasted
away by a tumbling 25-caliber
shell.
It is not my blood running out of my
mouth
and it is not my smile stuck to my
face
like a paper donkey's tail.
I am still telling this story
an insightful, and more to the point,
living narrator
who lets you believe death is for
someone else
in some other place.

and Robert Lipton will give readings from their books. A book signing and reception will follow the program. Admission is free.

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11:30 am Out of the Ordinary
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1:00 pm Watercolor Workshop / Senior Men's Club
1:30 pm Great Lakes Log
2:00 pm The Legal Insider / Consumers Corner
2:30 pm The John Prost Show
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Sweeney Todd, right, played by Dennis Martell, is shaving his prized customer, Judge Turpin, played by Jeff Richardson. Looking on is The Beadle, played by Charlie Krasner.

GPT closes season with 'Sweeney Todd'

"Sweeney Todd... The Demon Barber of Fleet Street," a musical thriller in two acts, will close Grosse Pointe Theatre's 58th season.

The Stephen Sondheim musical opens with a Sunday matinee on Sunday, April 30, and continues for the following two weekends: May 3 through 7 and May 11 through 13.

"Sweeney Todd" is loosely based on a Victorian England legend. The real Demon Barber of Fleet Street ranks at the top of crime villains through the centuries. Falsely imprisoned by Judge Turpin and after escaping from prison, Todd becomes a barber and rents space above Mrs. Lovett's failing bakery. He shares his tale of woe with Mrs. Lovett and they become partners in a scheme to revenge his imprisonment.

Leading the cast of 19 play-

ers is Dennis Martell of Livonia who plays Todd. His partner in crime, Mrs. Lovett, is played by Marie Reinman of Grosse Pointe Farms. Supporting cast members are: Brian Cressman, Ann Arbor; Susan Paree, Northville; Tim Higgins, Birmingham; Peter DiSante, St. Clair Shores and Grosse Pointers Delores Basile, Jeff Richardson and Charlie Krasner.

In the ensemble are Grosse Pointers Allison McClelland, Harry Burkey, Lauren Schultes, Geoff Nathan and Paula Kim. From other areas are Ralph Cochrane and Kevin Laverty from Clinton Township, Joe Munem from Sterling Heights and Sharon Hocevar from Windsor, Ontario. The show is directed by Barbara Bentley of Grosse Pointe and produced by Deborah Martell of Livonia. Stage manager is Mickie

Pizzimenti of Warren. Denny McGinness of St. Clair Shores and Don Adzigan of Grosse Pointe Woods are co-technical directors.

Matinee performances are at 2 p.m. and evening performances at 8 p.m. at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms. Free parking is available.

Tickets are \$20 and can be purchased by calling the Grosse Pointe Theatre Ticket Hotline at (313) 881-4004. Groups of 20 or more receive a discount and special student tickets, if available, can be purchased at the door for \$10.

A dinner buffet is available prior to most evening performances, hosted by the Grosse Pointe War Memorial. There is a separate charge for the buffet and reservations are required by calling the War Memorial at (313) 881-7511.

A LA ANNIE By Annie Rouleau-Scheriff

Chicken in Sunday best



Pound for pound chicken remains not only on the healthy list (according to the experts) for consumption, it also remains affordable. Let's face it, chicken is a good choice for a meal.

I'm dressing chicken up this week in its Sunday best. Chasseur (shah-SUR) is a hunter-style brown sauce originally created for wild game. Chasseur actually means "hunter" in French. Mushrooms, shallots, white wine and brandy give this sauce a rich flavor that will travel a long way over your chicken.

Chicken Chasseur

3 lbs. bone-in, skin-on chicken breasts (4@10 to 12 oz. each)

Salt and pepper
2 tablespoons vegetable oil
8 oz. mushrooms, sliced
1 medium shallot, minced
3 tablespoons brandy or cognac

1/2 cup dry white wine
2 15-oz. cans chicken broth (preferably low-sodium)

1/2 cup drained canned petite diced tomatoes
3 tablespoons cold unsalted butter, cut into 4 pieces
1 tablespoon chopped fresh parsley
1 tablespoon chopped fresh tarragon

Preheat oven to 400 degrees (oven rack in the middle position). Sprinkle both sides of the chicken with salt and pepper. Heat the oil in a large skillet over medium-high heat until almost smoking. Add the chicken pieces skin side down and cook without moving them until well browned, about 8 minutes. Using tongs, turn the chicken pieces over and cook for 5 more minutes. Remove the chicken from the skillet and place on a baking sheet. Set aside.

Add the mushrooms to the skillet and cook over medium-high heat for 5 minutes or so. Lower the heat to medium and add the shallot. Cook for a minute or two, remove from heat and add the brandy. Wait for a few seconds then ignite the brandy.

Return the skillet to the medium-high heat and gently shake the skillet until the flame subsides. (If your brandy won't ignite, don't sweat it.) Add the wine and scrape down the skillet with a wooden spoon. Simmer briskly for about 3 minutes, until the wine reduces

to a glaze. Add the broth and the tomatoes and simmer briskly over medium-high heat until the mixture reduces to about 1 1/2 cups. This should take 25-30 minutes.

Meanwhile, place the chicken in the preheated 400-degree oven for 20 minutes or until the breasts reach an internal temperature of 160 degrees. Transfer the chicken to a serving platter and cover loosely with foil to keep warm.

When the sauce has reduced, whisk in the butter, one piece at a time. Add the parsley and tarragon and season with additional salt and pepper if needed. Spoon the sauce over the chicken and serve. Mashed potatoes and steamed asparagus will sit nicely with this tender, juicy chicken.

I doubled the fresh parsley because I had no fresh tarragon. Chasseur sauce is better with fresh herbs. Try to avoid dried herbs in this recipe. If breast meat isn't your thing, then choose chicken thighs or legs and adjust the cooking time accordingly.

Chicken Chasseur took me just about an hour to prepare. You have plenty of time to mince the shallot and slice the mushrooms while the chicken is being seared.

This Cook's Illustrated recipe boasts a five-star flavor suitable for your most distinguished Sunday dinner guests.

Chamber Music Concert planned

Grosse Pointe Chamber Music will present a concert at 2:30 p.m. Sunday, April 30, in the Crystal Ballroom at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms.

Violinist Richard Lubera and pianist Kathleen Donigan will perform the "Indian Lament" and "Romantic Pieces, Op. 75" by Dvorak. Soprano Shirley Frost and pianist Marjorie Van Hoy will present a group of songs including works by Strauss, Schumann and Puccini. Laura Schwanitz and Cheryl West will play several minuets by Mozart arranged for clarinet and flute.

The concert will conclude with a performance of the Brahms "Quartet in A Minor" by the Clef Dwellers Quartet: violinists Michael McGillivray and Martha Windscheif, Deborah Shuster, viola, and

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Picking up where the original Dino Island ride simulation film leaves off, Dino Island II: Escape From Dino Island catapults audiences back into the action in the sequel, premiering May 1 at the Detroit Zoo's Wild Adventure Simulator.

Combining photo-realistic animation with digital surround sound, Dino Island II creates an action-packed experience,

taking passengers on a daring expedition to a mysterious, smoke-shrouded island where they struggle against all odds to save Tony — and themselves — from extinction.

Located in the Ford Education Center, the Wild Adventure Simulator is an educational thrill ride that offers a unique you-are-there experience from the comfort of a specially equipped, motion-simulated big-screen theater seat. All riders must be at least 36 inches tall and is recommended for children 5 years of age and up.

The Wild Adventure Simulator is open during regular zoo hours; showtimes vary. Tickets are \$4 for passengers of all ages; or a Wild Adventure Simulator Ride Card, good for 10 rides, can be purchased for \$30.

Tickets are available at the Wild Adventure Simulator ticket booth during regular Zoo hours. For additional information, visit detroitzoo.org or call (248) 398-0903, ext. 3805.

Community chorus plans spring concert

The Grosse Pointe Community Chorus 54th annual Spring Concert, "Come Fly With Me," will be presented at 3 p.m. Sunday, May 7, at Parcels Middle School Auditorium, 20600 Mack in Grosse Pointe Woods.

The chorus, directed by Anna Epley Speck and accompanied by Marjorie Connell-Strimpel, will feature guest soloist Ivan Griffin and a special salute to Mozart in recognition of his 250th birthday.

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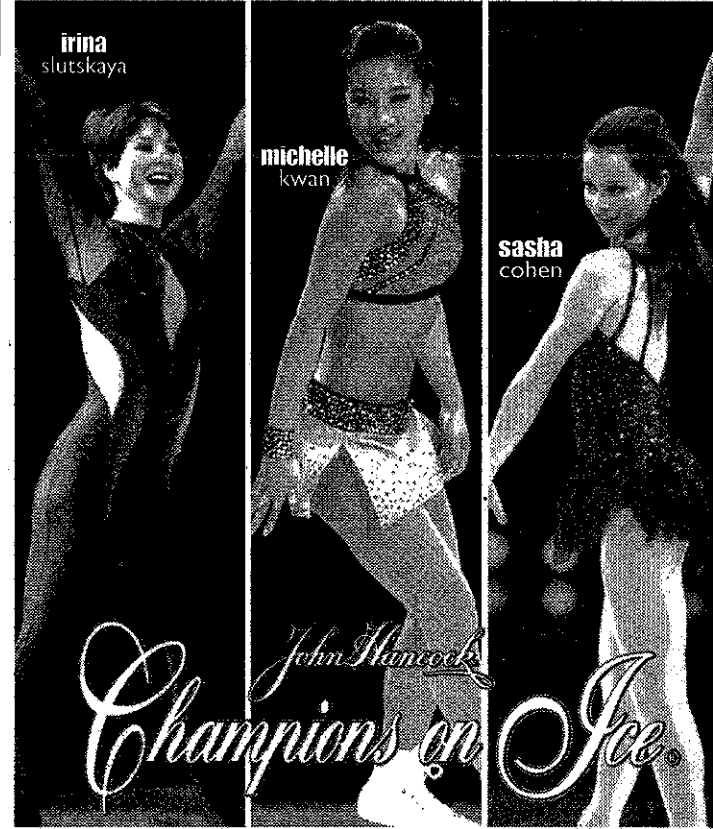
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DOWN TO EARTH By Kathleen Peabody

Get in the zone with the colors of spring



Mother Nature struts her stuff with the colors of the perennial primrose (*Primula x polyantha*).

As Madame Marie Curie said, "All my life through, the new sights of nature made me rejoice like a child."

And like children we've been. Earlier this month, the winter aconites showed themselves, followed by the popping colors of forsythia, star magnolia, narcissus and hyacinths. They joined the hellebore and dwarf iris already showing their faces.

What a magnificent time in the garden! It's always magical to see the green show from the

earth. But when the flowers bloom, Mother Nature needs to stand up and take a bow.

Due to the warm spell this April and many of our flowers seemingly coming up sooner than usual, the question is always what will show color later this season?

"The same color in spring is what's left behind in fall," said Janet Macunovich of the Practical Gardening Institute during the Winter Gardening Series sponsored by the Detroit Garden Center last January. "April is a jewel of a month with its beautiful, satu-

rated colors." And according to her book "8 Months of Color," many of our blooms are pretty much on time.

In her book published late in 2005, Macunovich shares her 20 years of knowledge and skill in knowing which plants are generally found blooming in USDA Zones 4 to 7. The book uses colored lettering to highlight the flower's name in hues of the blooms. As an example, columbine can be found in a variety of colors and the lettering shows this.

Besides separating the book into months, "8 Months of

Color" also distinguishes between short, medium and tall perennials and bulbs. It also has vines, shrubs and trees highlighted. Of course, annuals are not included.

Other suggestions for images of April from Macunovich:

- ◆ Always remember the words "right plant, right place" to help a species thrive in your garden.

- ◆ Plant the dwarf iris in stone mulch to set off the blooms.

- ◆ Recognize the color and texture of mulch with the flow-

ers, laying made-in-Michigan fir bark mulch around annuals and understanding that cocoa hulls add acid to the soil and are a dark look beneath the plants.

- ◆ Try the combination of golden bleeding heart with *Aruncus*, *Cimicifuga* and variegated Solomon's seal.

- ◆ Seek out the variety of lungwort called Roy Davidson for its deep blue hue; plant a *Forsythia* with Japanese maple.

While the color will be green until blooms come later in the summer, another area of ex-

citement is using some fresh perennial herbs from the garden. Chives, mints and lovage have made their way through the winter and beg for a place on a plate or in a dish.

Though Macunovich suggests taking a critical attitude by reviewing last year's notes and memories, I have a hard time with that. I'm just too excited to see Mother Nature at her finest. And don't forget to visit the wildflowers blooming around the Ford House. Enjoy the season!

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?

- ◆ Yardeners Native Plant Sale, Friday, May 5, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., and Saturday, May 6, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. (unless sold out). Sellinsky-Green Farmhouse Museum, 22500 11 Mile, St. Clair Shores. Call (586) 727-3106 for details.

- ◆ Learn more about Buck Roses from Iowa, Sunday, May 7, at 1 p.m. or Monday, May 8, at 11 a.m. Great Lakes Roses, Belleville. Buck roses are hardy beauties with the look of hybrid teas. Free. Call (734) 461-1230 for directions.

- ◆ Herb Plant Sale, Friday, May 12, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Saturday, May 13, from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m., Grosse Pointe Woods Municipal Building, 20025 Mack. Sponsored by Herb Society of America, Grosse Pointe Unit. More than 40 varieties will be available. Proceeds to be used for community education and maintaining public gardens. Call (313) 886-2797 for details.

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Successful trip

South baseball team wins last three games in Ohio. PAGE 2C

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NORTH BASEBALL

Hitters make it a contact sport



Eleven of 13 games have three strikeouts or fewer

By Chuck Klonke
Sports Editor

This could turn out to be an expensive baseball season for Grosse Pointe North coach Frank Sumbera.

For several years Sumbera has promised his team malts if it goes through an entire game without striking out.

This year's team has already forced Sumbera to pay up once, and they've threatened to take him to the malt shop on several other occasions.

"I think this team is going to cost me some money," Sumbera said after North won four doubleheaders and split another during spring break. "We go to Otto's at Eastland, and get malts, not milkshakes."

"We've had one game without a strikeout, three with only one, four games with two and three with three. Eleven of our 13 games we've had three strikeouts or less."

How come this year's team is so good at making contact? Sumbera has a simple answer.

"It's just a good hitting team," he said. "They worked hard during the offseason. We talk a lot about knowing the

strike zone."

North faced some tough competition during the break and swept doubleheaders from De La Salle, Catholic Central and Notre Dame Prep from the Detroit Catholic League's Central Division and defending state Division I champion Sterling Heights Stevenson.

The Norsemen suffered their only defeat of the season in the second game of a doubleheader with Brother Rice.

The week started with the sweep of De La Salle. North won the first game 5-4 on a three-run homer in the sixth inning by Laurence Briski.

Matt Koppinger pitched the first five innings for North but Jamie Sheppard, who threw the last two innings, got the win.

"I had to cut Sheppard and Mike Raymond as juniors last year because we had a lot of senior pitchers, but they came back again this year and they've both done a nice job," Sumbera said.

North won the second game 17-3 as the Norsemen hit four home runs, including a grand

North's Adam Miller makes contact during the Norsemen's doubleheader sweep of Notre Dame Prep.

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ULS BASEBALL

Pitcher comes of age in win



Alex Amicucci slides home with a University Liggett School run in the Knights' Metro Conference victory against Harper Woods.

PHOTO BY RENATO JAMETT

Sophomore hurler works out of jams in Metro Conference victory against HW

By Chuck Klonke
Sports Editor

University Liggett School baseball coach Dan Cimini is looking at the Knights' 7-4 victory against Metro Conference rival Harper Woods as the game in which sophomore left-hander Curtis Fisher came of age.

"Curtis pitched out of a lot of jams," Cimini said. "He battled through adversity. I think he grew up as a pitcher in that game."

"We talk a lot about the mental side of the game, and that's the difference between a good player and a great player. The great players step up in times of adversity, and that's what Curtis did in this game. I feel sorry for the teams that have to face him because I think he's gone to the next level as a pitcher. He's already been there as a hitter."

Fisher pitched the first five innings and didn't allow an earned run. He gave up two hits and struck out six. He also picked off a pair of baserunners.

Alex Symonds pitched the last two innings. Symonds also had a key role

in the Knights' victory.

In the top of the first, Harper Woods had runners on second and third with no outs. Fisher struck out the No. 3 hitter, and then Symonds made a sliding catch in center field and both runners had to hold. Fisher fanned the next batter to get out of the jam.

In the bottom of the first, leadoff man Symonds homered on the first pitch. A walk to Michael Thomas and singles by Fisher, Alex Amicucci and Joe Conway produced two more runs.

ULS increased its lead to 4-0 in the third on a suicide squeeze by Yates Campbell.

Harper Woods scored two unearned runs in the fourth, but Conway's two-run single in the fifth boosted the Knights' margin to 7-2.

"That was a big win for us," Cimini said. "Harper Woods is a good team. It's well-coached and scrappy. I wouldn't be surprised if they didn't lose another game in the league."

Last weekend, ULS remained undefeated with a 15-0, 12-2 doubleheader sweep of Ann Arbor Greenhills.

In the opener, Conway pitched a four-inning no-hitter.

He struck out five and also provided much of the Knights' offense, going 3-for-3 with five RBIs.

Fisher hit a two-run homer in the first inning. Amicucci had two hits and drove in two runs.

Cimini also praised the work of Thomas, his sophomore catcher.

"He's such a leader," the coach said. "He controls the game behind the plate. The pitchers have confidence in him because they know he can catch anything they throw. He also forces them to locate their pitches."

Conway continued his solid hitting in the second game. He was 2-for-2 with three RBIs and has driven in 11 runs in the Knights' first six games.

Fisher had a pair of doubles and Amicucci, who pitched the first three innings and struck out six to record the victory, also had two hits.

Patrick Gustine finished on the mound and struck out four of the six batters he faced.

ULS is 6-0 overall and 2-0 in the Metro Conference.

The Knights play a makeup game at Lutheran Northwest on April 27.

SOUTH BASEBALL

Pitching is key to early-season wins

By Chuck Klonke
Sports Editor

Many years Grosse Pointe South's baseball team wins games by outslugging the opposition.

The Blue Devils usually come home from their spring trip to the Cincinnati area sporting a team batting average of well over .300.

So far this season, that hasn't been the case.

"We hit our first home run in our 11th game," said South coach Dan Griesbaum.

That was a solo shot by Ryan Abraham in the Blue Devils' 5-3 victory against Port Huron Northern last week.

However, even though the power supply has been short-circuited, South came home from Ohio with an 8-3 record.

"We're playing a lot more small ball this year," Griesbaum said. "As a team, we're only hitting about .250 but our pitchers have limited the opponents to a .211 average."

"I'm sure our hitting will improve, and I think our pitchers will continue to hold up their end."

One player who has been hitting for South is senior leadoff man Christian Conroy.

Conroy's two-run single capped a three-run fourth inning for the Blue Devils in their win against PHN. Alex Barnett also had an RBI single in that

inning.

"The last three or four games Christian has been really hitting well," Griesbaum said. "He's our leadoff man and we need him to get on base."

Conroy and Frankie DeLaura each had two hits in what turned out to be the last game in the five-game swing through Ohio.

James Bertakis pitched six innings to record the win. He allowed three hits, walked one and struck out six.

The sixth scheduled game — against Grove City (Ohio) — was called in the second inning when it began raining.

"It was a good trip," Griesbaum said. "Until the last game, the weather was great. We took 21 kids and they all got a chance to play."

South started slowly, losing its first two games, but the Blue Devils won their next three.

Oak Hills (Ohio) beat South 7-3.

Matt Leverenz drove in two of the Blue Devils' three runs with a sacrifice fly in the second inning and a single in the fourth.

Will Owen and Bertakis each had two hits for South.

In South's next game it lost 11-1 to Cincinnati McNicholas.

Buzz Palazzolo doubled home the Blue Devils' only run. South's fortunes changed with a 5-3 win against Dublin (Ohio) Coffman.

Derrick Hacias pitched a

strong game, allowing four hits while walking two and striking out three.

South overcame a 3-2 deficit with a pair of runs in the third inning. Conroy started things with one of his three hits, and he scored on a double by Owen. Owen came home on an error by the right fielder.

The Blue Devils added an insurance run in the fourth on singles by Brian Barclay, Barnett and Conroy and a squeeze bunt by Jeff Remillet.

Barclay and Owen each had two hits for South.

The Blue Devils did all of their scoring in two innings in a 11-2 win against Lancaster (Ohio) Fisher Catholic.

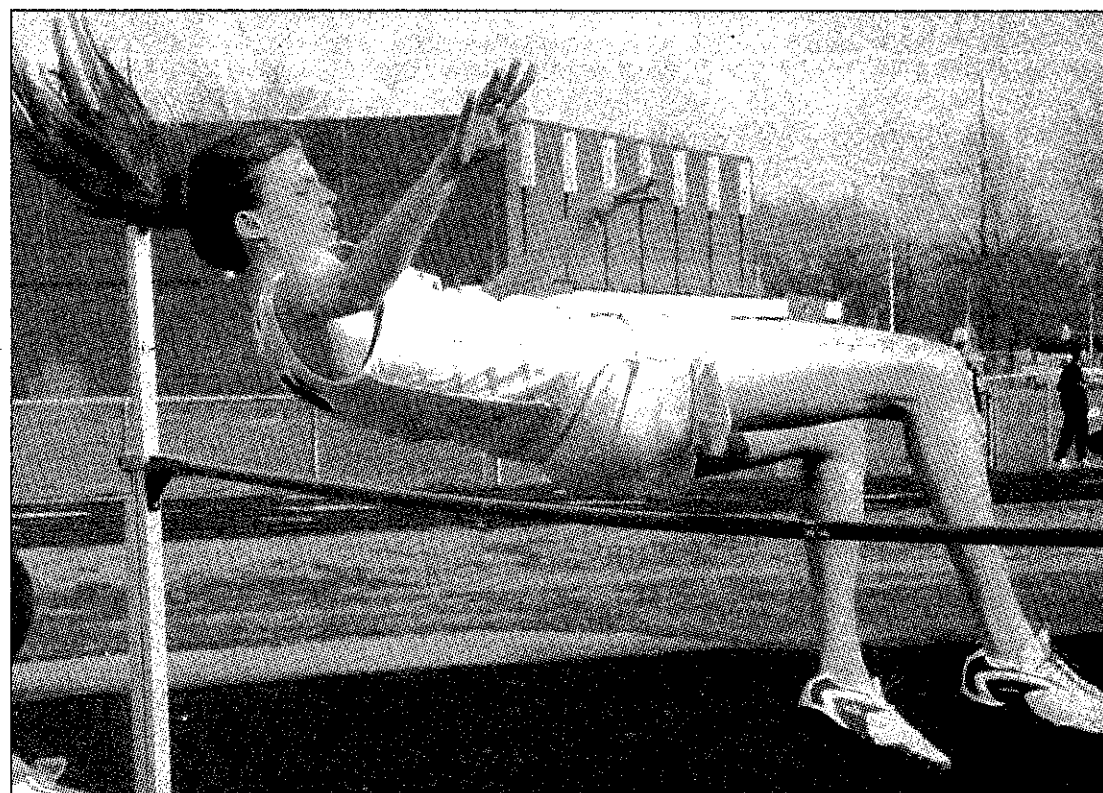
A double by Abraham and a single by Bertakis were the key hits in a three-run first inning.

South broke the game open with eight runs in the fifth, highlighted by run-scoring singles from Owen and Bertakis.

Conroy, Abraham and Bertakis each collected two hits for the Blue Devils.

Pete Stoepker scattered three hits through the first five innings to earn the victory. Abraham and Brendan Howe each pitched an inning.

South has a busy week ahead. The Blue Devils play at Anchor Bay on Thursday and at Warren-Mott on Friday. South hosts a four-team tournament Saturday and then plays a makeup game at East Detroit on Tuesday, May 2.



South's Sam Mackenzie clears 5-feet-2 to win the high jump against L'Anse Creuse North. She also won the 200-meter dash and ran on two winning relays.

SOUTH GIRLS TRACK

Five sweeps feature meet

Grosse Pointe South's girls track team swept five events as it improved to 3-0 with a 111-26 victory against L'Anse Creuse North.

"We knew North had some pockets of strength," said South coach Steve Zaranek. "We displayed a great mix of contributions from all over the track and also the field events. It was wonderful to see so many 1-2-3 finishes by our girls."

The Blue Devils won all 12 track events.

The 3,200-meter relay team of Brittany Gilpin, Sarah Petit, Emily McLaughlin and Sam Mackenzie began the meet with a win, followed by a 1-2 finish by Julie Zaranek and Katie Gerow in the 100 high hurdles.

Ali Morawski ran a very strong 100 dash, and was followed closely by teammate Kara Trowell. Morawski then

teamed up with Christine Nelson, Kim Grambo and Mackenzie to win the 800 relay by a six-second margin.

South's first sweep of the meet occurred when Jillian McLaughlin, Bridget Dennehy and Gilpin finished 1-2-3 in the 1,600 run.

The 400 sprint relay team of Nelson, Grambo, Cashia Thomas and Trowell ran to a season-best time to finish three seconds ahead of the Crusaders.

Grambo and Thomas came back to finish 1-3 in the 400 dash.

South's hurdlers provided another sweep behind Zaranek, Gerow and Emily Franchett.

Petit and Morawski came in 1-2 in the 800 run, while Jillian McLaughlin, Jeannie Hollerbach and Emily McLaughlin swept the 3,200 run.

Mackenzie sprinted to a first in the 200 dash with Nelson adding a third.

In the final race of the meet, Zaranek, Grambo, Sarah Youngblood and Jillian McLaughlin defeated LCN by a 13-second margin in the 1,600 relay.

Field-event winners included Mackenzie, Trowell and Sarah Jenzen in the jumps.

Carly Czajka, Morawski and Colleen Manardo placed in the jumps.

Mackenzie Whims, Chelsea Gilbert and Sarah Hansen earned placed in the throws.

Other excellent performances came from Gracie Turin, Kathy Kosinski, Herta Llusho, Jennifer Dunaway, Jamie Steis, Ashley Smith, Beth Allison, Heidi Getz, Bethany Cavanagh, Amy Carron, Lauren McLaughlin, Stephanie Garbarino and Clare Conway.

ULS BOYS LACROSSE

Lose overtime thriller

Second straight loss takes extra period

By Bob St. John
Sports Writer

Close, but not close enough for University Liggett School's boys lacrosse team.

The Knights dropped their second straight overtime

game, falling 4-3 to host Royal Oak Kimball.

"Games this close come down to one team capitalizing on one small mistake," head coach Chris Hartley said. "We were a man short to start the overtime session and just like that Kimball scored to win the game."

Ryan Deane was strong in net for the Knights, who got

goals from Michael McCoy, Steven Coval and Pierson Fowler.

"We have played pretty well, but we haven't won a game," Hartley said.

"We are going to work hard in practice during our time off and get ready for our next game on (Saturday) April 22 at home."

ULS is 0-3 overall.

FITNESS

Aerobics classes begin May 1

The Fitness Firm will begin a seven-week low-impact series of aerobics classes on May 1 at First English Lutheran Church in Grosse Pointe Woods.

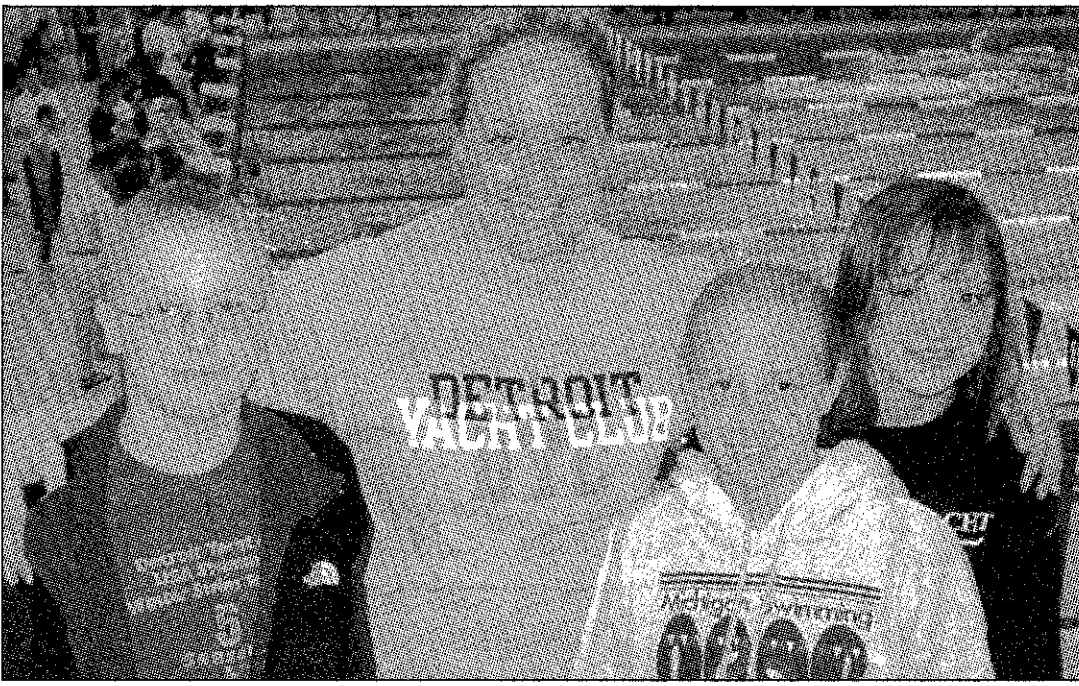
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Three Detroit Yacht Club swimmers from the Grosse Pointes competed in the 12-and-under Michigan Short Course Swimming Championships. From left, are Cameron Laney, coach Jillian Curley, Emma Caruso and Kaitlyn Fries.

SWIMMING

DYC trio does well in state

Three Grosse Pointers who swim for the Detroit Yacht Club were top 16 finishers at the 12-and-under Michigan Short Course Swimming Championships at Lake Orion.

Kaitlyn Fries had the highest finish of the DYC trio with a second place in the 100-yard individual medley.

She also finished fourth in the 50 freestyle, fifth in the 200 IM and 12th in the 50 breaststroke.

Fries had personal-best times in each of the events.

Cameron Laney swam personal-best times in five events. He finished seventh in the 50 breaststroke and 13th in both

the 100 and 200 breaststroke races.

Emma Caruso swam in the championships for the first time and posted a personal best to finish 15th in the 200 breaststroke.

Laney and Caruso are from Grosse Pointe Park and Fries lives in Grosse Pointe Farms.

ULS TENNIS

Team has growing pains

There are going to be some growing pains for University Liggett School's boys tennis team this spring.

"Many of our players are learning to play singles for the first time, so it's going to take them some time to adjust," said coach Chuck Wright.

Last week, the Knights lost 8-0 to Grosse Pointe North, and ULS won only one match at the tough Okemos Invitational.

Luck hasn't been riding with the Knights, either. The dual meet with Armada, which Wright felt his team had a chance to win, was rained out.

However, there are some bright spots.

"We had some good, com-

petitive matches at Okemos," Wright said. "We had three, three-set matches. We won the first set in a lot of those, but the other teams were able to come back against us."

"Everybody has a great attitude, and I've enjoyed working with this team."

ULS's one victory at Okemos came from the No. 1 doubles team of Joe DeLaura and Ankur Verma, who beat Saline 6-3, 6-1.

The No. 2 doubles team of Robbie Baubie and Billy Costello lost a pair of three-set matches, as did the No. 4 doubles team of Alex Brooks and Matt Hames, a pair of juniors who played on the junior varsity last season.

ULS also has two JV grads at third doubles in James Dickinson and Davis Logan, who took Petoskey to three sets before losing.

All four of the Knights' singles players played doubles last season.

Andrew LaLonde played well in the No. 1 singles flight at Okemos, as did Matt Witkowski at No. 2. Witkowski lost two three-set matches and in his match with Midland Dow, served twice for match points.

Mike Zukas and Sanjay Rama round out the Knights' singles lineup.

Witkowski and Rama turned in two of ULS's top performances in the loss to North.

Slow start for South lacrosse team

By Bob St. John
Sports Writer

Grosse Pointe South's boys lacrosse team is 1-3.

"We have played a little sloppily early on but I think that is

because we're still trying to get a feel out there," first-year coach Don Wolford said.

The Blue Devils beat Romeo 12-1, then lost 7-5 to Eisenhower, 9-3 to De La Salle and 7-4 to L'Anse Creuse

North.

"We have played pretty well against some good competition," Wolford said. "We are going to have a good week of practice before we get back to action."

NORTH:
Sweeps four twinbills

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slam by Michael Kaiser, who also had a two-run double.

Briski had a double and a home run, Jon Chapel hit a three-run homer and an RBI double, and Sean Stevenson went 3-for-3 with a homer. Adam Miller had two hits and drove in two runs.

Tom Ziemięcki pitched the first four innings and got the victory. Marshall Ochylski finished.

Miller's grand slam, helped lift North to a 9-2 victory over Catholic Central.

Kaiser had three hits and Brad Herman knocked in a pair of runs with two hits.

Ziemięcki and Mike D'Agnese pitched in the opening.

Raymond tossed a three-hitter in the Norsemen's 12-1 victory in the second game.

Herman had three hits, including a three-run homer. Briski also went 3-for-3 with a pair of doubles, and Ochylski had two hits and drove in two runs.

Kaiser pitched a six-hitter and helped himself with two hits and two RBIs in a 9-1 victory in the first game of the twinbill against Brother Rice.

Miller had two hits, including a double, and drove in two runs and Chapel had two hits, including a homer, and two RBIs.

North lost the second game 14-5 after taking a 5-3 lead into the sixth inning. Herman pitched the first three innings and threw well.

North beat Stevenson 13-6 in the opener of a doubleheader. The Norsemen were one out away from ending the game on a mercy rule when a Titans batter hit a grand slam.

Kaiser and Herman each had two hits, including a double, and drove in two runs apiece. D'Agnese and Marc Reno each hit two-run doubles, and Stevenson had a two-run single.

Koppinger pitched the first six innings to record the win.

In the second game, Herman hit a pair of two-run homers to bring North back from a 7-4 deficit. He cut the lead to one run with a homer in the fifth, then hit a two-run shot in the bottom of the seventh to give the Norsemen an 8-7 victory. Herman finished with three hits and five RBIs.

Briski hit a pair of doubles and drove in a run and Kaiser had two hits and stole two bases.

D'Agnese got the win with two hitless innings of relief.

North closed out the week with 13-1 and 9-8 victories against Notre Dame Prep, which is coached by former North assistant Darren Audia.

The offensive outburst in the opener was highlighted by Ochylski's grand slam in the sixth. D'Agnese had two hits, including a double, and drove in two runs. Koppinger and Bill Matouk each had two hits and two RBIs, and Chapel hit a two-run single.

Koppinger hit a two-out single in the bottom of the eighth inning to drive in the winning run for North.

Chapel had three hits and drove in a run, while Miller had two hits and provided some excellent baserunning. He stole second and came all the way home when the Fighting Irish catcher threw the ball into center field.

"We have some good team speed," Sumner said. "Adam is fast and he's a smart baserunner."

North, 12-1 overall, plays at Anchor Bay on Friday. The Norsemen will play in the Lake Orion Invitational on Saturday.

ULS SOFTBALL

Knights win big against Greenhills

University Liggett School's drive to Ann Arbor to play a softball doubleheader against Greenhills might have taken longer than the games.

The Knights, who are 7-0 this season, played only three innings in each contest as they overpowered the Gryphons 15-0 and 19-1.

In the first game, Taylor Brown allowed two hits, struck out four and walked two.

Offensively, it was another story for the Knights. With one out in the first, Brown reached on an error and walks to Alex Houghtalin and Ke'Ana Bryant loaded the bases.

After a strikeout, freshmen Kristin Peterson and Megan Amicucci hit two-run singles to give ULS a 4-0 lead.

The offensive assault continued in the second inning. Cat Vatsis, Cora Smith and Krista Murray each walked to start the inning and Brown followed with the first grand slam of her high school career. A walk to Chalene Jones and singles by

Peterson and Amicucci pushed across two more runs.

ULS wrapped up the scoring with five runs in the third, featuring a timely single by Houghtalin.

The second game was nearly a repeat of the first, although Greenhills touched Brown for a second-inning run on Sarah Gelson's RBI single.

Brown pitched a four-hitter, struck out five and walked one.

The Knights took advantage on nine straight walks to start the 13-run first inning. Singles by Peterson and Murray started clearing the bases and a double by Brown finished the job.

A six-run second inning featured singles by Jones and Peterson.

Earlier, ULS had its toughest test of the season but beat Sand Creek 7-6.

The first two innings were highlighted by the pitching of Brown and the Aggies' Jessica Knox, who had thrown a one-hitter against Summerfield in

her previous start.

The Knights broke through against Knox in the third when Vatsis reached first on a dropped third strike, stole second and scored on Murray's single.

Sand Creek answered with three runs in the bottom of the third and the Aggies scored three more times in the fourth to take a 6-1 lead.

ULS rallied for four runs in the fifth. Vatsis walked and scored on Brown's single. Houghtalin singled and Stefania Ford hit a two-run double. Ford came home on Jones's single.

Brown blanked Sand Creek in the bottom of the fifth, setting the stage for the Knights' winning rally in the sixth.

Amicucci and Brown walked and both scored on Houghtalin's two-out double.

Brown retired Sand Creek in the bottom of the sixth, striking out the last two hitters. The game was called then because of a time limit.

NORTH TENNIS

Veterans lead way in win

Grosse Pointe North's boys tennis team picked up its fourth win of the season with an 8-0 victory against University Liggett School.

North, which had six seniors to the Knights' three, won all but one set.

"The boys are all playing well right now and the seniors are doing a great job leading

the team," said North coach Drew Mascarin.

Luis Versical won at No. 1 singles, while fellow senior John Vinson won at No. 2 singles.

Billy Sessions posted 6-2, 6-0 victories at third singles and freshman David Ryda rounded out the Norsemen's singles success.

Tom D'Alleva and Matt Goerke, who are partners for a second year, lost only two games in winning No. 1 doubles.

North also got doubles wins from John Butts and Ben Czerniawski, Nick Brown and Matt Kingsley and Dan Kvamme and Michael Cusmano.

SOUTH BOYS TRACK

Distance runners set strong pace

A 32-0 advantage in the distance races carried Grosse Pointe South's boys track team to a season-opening 89-47 victory against L'Anse Creuse.

Jake Wernet led the way with first-place finishes in the 1,600- and 3,200-meter runs.

Mack McDonald and John Wilkins won the high and low hurdles, respectively.

Alex Oddo was first in the pole vault.

Adam Dziuba scored eight points in the distance races and Tim McCormack scored 7

1/2 points.

The Blue Devils won three of the four relays. The most impressive win came from the 4x200 team of Tim Quinn, Wilkins, Grant Withers and McCormack.

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