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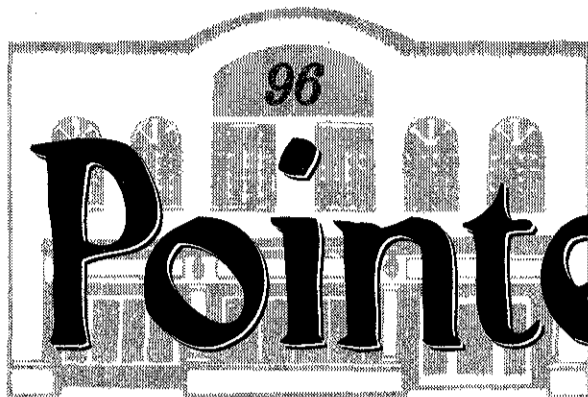
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SUNDAY, JAN. 14

◆ Grosse Pointe Theatre's production of "Epic Proportions" opens at 2 p.m. at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial. It can also be seen at 8 p.m. Jan. 18-20. Tickets are \$15 and may be ordered by calling (313) 881-4004.

MONDAY, JAN. 15

◆ The City of Grosse Pointe Woods Council meets at 7:30 p.m. in council chambers.
 ◆ The Lake Township Board meets at 5:30 p.m. at 795 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Shores.
 ◆ In observance of Martin Luther King Jr. Day, the Grosse Pointe Public Library is showing at 1 p.m. Disney's "Ruby Bridges" at all three branches. Admission is free. All ages welcomed.

TUESDAY, JAN. 16

◆ Rehearsals for the Grosse Pointe Community Chorus are from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. in the Grosse Pointe North High Choral room. Registration is at 7 p.m. and dues are \$30. No auditions are necessary. For more information, call (313) 882-2482.
 ◆ The Grosse Pointe Board of Education meets at 8 p.m. in the Grosse Pointe North High School Library, 707 Vernier, Grosse Pointe Woods.
 ◆ The Village of Grosse Pointe Shores meets at 7 p.m. in council chambers, 795 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Shores.
 ◆ Grosse Pointe Township Board meets at 8 a.m. at 795 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Shores.

WEDNESDAY, JAN. 17

◆ The annual general membership meeting and the Grosse Pointe Chamber of Commerce Business Awards will be held at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial from 6 to 9 p.m. The business awards will be presented at 8 p.m. Call (313) 881-47232 to make a reservation. The cost is \$35 for members and \$40 for guests.

CITY OF GROSSE POINTE

Pardon our dust!

'Lots' of work ahead for Village during 2007 — and beyond

By John Lundberg
 Staff Writer

For City of Grosse Pointe officials, the crystal ball's vision of the Village shopping district is becoming clearer by the day. Late last year, the city finalized agreements with

Kercheval Place developers, and proceeded with plans to construct a new parking garage south of the structure.

There are also plans by Sunrise Senior Living to construct a 79-unit senior living condominium across and down the street on St. Clair,

scheduled to commence in the late spring.

But that was only the beginning of city's checklist for the development of the Village.

Parking garage

Although the council had signed off on the final plan in

December, Kercheval Place developers needed to OK a revision that reduced the number of spaces on the first level. That approval has been received, said Peter Dame, city manager.

"The developer came back with suggestions to accommo-

date grocery carts on the second floor," Dame said. "To accomplish that, the elevator must be able to handle the carts. That is the only caveat that we have heard (and) we view that as another positive

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PHOTO BY BRAD LINDBERG

Visiting Norsemen country

Charles Collinson of Grosse Pointe Park, foreground, takes the long view of Monday's Grosse Pointe Board of Education meeting held in the library of Grosse Pointe North High School. Meetings of the school board began a six-month run this week at the North High School library. Meetings had been held at the South High library. "We expect to be rotating back from North to South on a six-month basis," said Brendan Walsh, school board president. "We anticipate being at North through June and then back to South from July through December." Board members this week also changed their meeting schedule. Instead of meeting on the first and second Mondays of the month, meetings have been rescheduled for the second and fourth Mondays of the month. The change begins Feb. 12. The extra week between board meetings gives administrators more time to prepare reports requested during the first meeting of the month. "I don't know why we didn't do this sooner," said Trustee Angela Kennedy. "It makes sense to have wiggle room between meetings."

G. P. SCHOOLS

Tuition rising for all-day K

\$500 hike raises base cost to \$3,600

By Brad Lindberg
 Staff Writer

Parents opting to enroll their children in day-long kindergarten classes next fall face a base tuition of \$3,600 per student, a \$500 increase from this year.

Rebates or credits may follow because tuition has been tied to enrollment.

The new tuition rate follows a recently-developed formula by which fees could drop to \$3,200 per student if enough children are signed up for instruction.

Actual tuition won't be known until after the school year begins and registration is set.

"Depending on the number of students that enroll, (tuition) would be adjusted accordingly," said Superintendent Susan Klein.

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Think spring?

Whoever said you can't fool Mother Nature wasn't from Michigan. Unseasonably warm weather has fooled daffodils to sprout and magnolias to bud, right. For the trees, as long as the bud is covered and not blooming, they should be OK. Grosse Pointe Park forester Brian Colter suggests putting heavy mulch around the base of trees to insulate them from weather fluctuations.



PHOTO BY RENEE LANDUYT

POINTER OF INTEREST

"I like helping members market to our community."

Mary Huebner

Home: Grosse Pointe Shores
 Family: Husband, Ted; son, Ted, 26; daughter, Betsy, 24
 Claim to fame: Grosse Pointe Chamber of Commerce
 Executive Director
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Yesterday's headlines

1957

50 years ago this week

◆ **10 CANDIDATES SEEKING ELECTION TO FARMS COUNCIL:** In addition to four incumbents, six Grosse Pointe Farms residents have filed for council seats in the city.

The incumbents, William Connelly Jr., George Lang, Neil McEachin and Richard Maxon will square off in the Feb. 18 primary election against Henry Bodman II, Paul Eagen, W.J. MacLeod, Joseph McQuillen, Henry Perti and J. Lawrence Buell Jr.

The three candidates receiving the largest number of votes will serve four-year terms; the fourth is elected to a two-year term.

◆ **PILOT FACES BUZZING CHARGES:** Public safety officers in Grosse Pointe Shores want the pilot license of a Centerline man revoked after he buzzed his airplane as close as 20 feet to the ground over the Shores municipal park, where a group of children were skating.

Police said the man buzzed the area four times and then landed his plane at the rear of 854 Lakeshore.

The pilot, Wesley Paul, has been reported to the Civil Aeronautics Board, which is responsible for disciplining the pilot.

◆ **MORE MONEY NEEDED FOR SCHOOLS:** The Grosse Pointe Public School System board of education is asking for a 4-mill tax levy to hire additional teachers, increase teacher's salaries, finishing

equipment for the new junior high school and swimming pools, complete renovations to the high school heating plant and other necessary improvements.

1982

25 years ago this week

◆ **WAYNE COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION ATTACKED:** The Wayne County Road Commission was roundly criticized by state Sen. John Hertel and Wayne County commissioner George Killeen for forming a collective bargaining unit which guaranteed salaries and fringe benefits for about 70 members.

Hertel, who has expressed interest in running for the Wayne County executive post, said he is reconsidering his bid because the action limits the powers of the new executive to reform the commission.

Both he and Killeen have initiated legal action to block the agreement. Hertel sought clarification from the state Attorney General's office on the legality of such a move.

◆ **PARK PASSES VIDEO GAME ORDINANCE:** Businesses in Grosse Pointe Park will be limited to five video games apiece. A licensing ordinance was passed unanimously by the Park city council despite the objections of Esquire Theater representatives and the Game Operators Association of Michigan.

Ron Demers, Esquire Theater owner, hinted at legal action, saying his 12 machine video parlor generates enough

revenue to ensure the theater's survival. He estimated each machine generates \$35,000 a year.

The Park council maintained that the video parlor, located in a storefront adjoining the theater, violates Park zoning ordinances.

◆ **SCHOOLS DRAFT BALLOT LANGUAGE FOR SOUTH POOL:** Grosse Pointe school administrators have begun to draft proposed ballot language for an advisory vote in June asking voters their interest in a new community pool.

The ballot proposal comes on the heels of a petition signed by 2,500 voters presented to the board in support of a new swimming facility. The board maintained the ballot initiative does not mean it has the board's support, and can be voted down by trustees even before the issue reaches the voting booth.

1997

10 years ago this week

◆ **HICKEYS AND WALTON-PIERCE OWNERS ANNOUNCE MERGER:** Two Village clothiers have announced the merger of their operations to be combined at the current Hickey's location in the Village shopping district starting in February.

The merger, which has been in the planning stages for quite some time, is aimed at offering both men's and women's selection in one department store.

Hickey's was founded in 1900 and Walton-Pierce in 1925.

◆ **WOODS COUNCIL APPROVES REZONING:** A condominium project may find its way to 821 Vernier after the Grosse Pointe Woods city council approved rezoning the parcel.

The proposed condos would be about 1,900 square feet and cost about \$250,000. The architect for the project, Mike Gordon, said the plan calls for

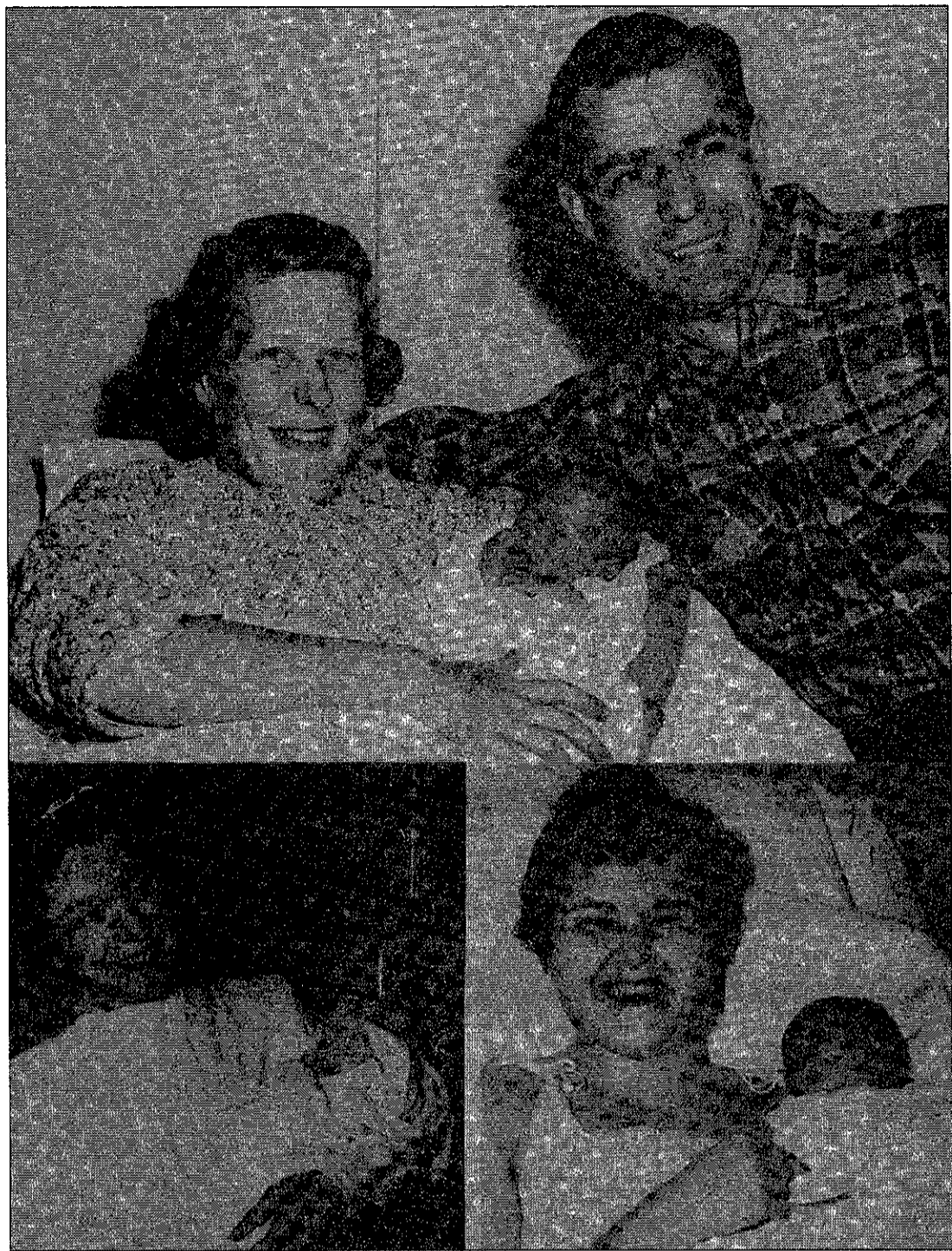


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1957: Baby boom

Boy babies dominated the first born in 1957 in hospitals in the Pointes on New Year's Day. First to arrive was Patrick Michael Persichini of Harper Woods, who made his debut at St. John Hospital five seconds after midnight. His parents are Mr. and Mrs. Angelo Persichini. Brian Douglas Gileczek, bottom right, captured second place honors arriving at Cottage Hospital at 1:47 a.m., to the joy of Mr. and Mrs. Gileczek of Roseville. Sean Michael Dooley was awarded third place honors by checking in at 9:08 p.m. at Bon Secours Hospital. His parents are Mr. and Mrs. James Dooley of St. Clair Shores. (From the Jan. 10, 1957 issue of the Grosse Pointe News.)

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the construction of 10 condos. Grosse Pointe Nursery School currently occupies the property.

2002
5 years ago this week

◆ **BUDGETARY SHORTFALL LOOMS FOR GROSSE POINTE SCHOOLS:** School officials have been advised that the district faces a potential \$3.2 million shortfall in revenue for the 2002-03 school year.

Chris Fenton, school assistant superintendent of business affairs, said the weakened state economy; the limited growth in state revenues and a flat to modest increase in student enrollment is to blame for the forecasted deficit.

◆ **JUNIOR LEAGUE LANDS FARMS SHOW HOUSE:** The Junior League of Detroit has landed a show

house in Grosse Pointe Farms after the city council gave its approval to host its biennial event at 41 Provençal in May.

The 8,700 square foot French Tudor house will be the League's first show house in the Pointes since 1982. The house was built in 1906 and was moved to and reassembled at its current location in 1930.

◆ **WOODS INCREASES OCCUPANCY FEE:** The cost for a certificate of occupancy will double now that the Grosse Pointe Woods city council approved the measure.

The fee will increase to \$150 and take the burden off taxpayers who have been subsidizing certificates of occupancy for years, council members said.

Council members also said the increase will help offset a large increase in healthcare costs for Woods employees.

— By John Lundberg

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GROSSE POINTE PUBLIC SCHOOL SYSTEM



RENDERING BY EHRESMAN ASSOCIATES INC.

The Grosse Pointe Board of Education must decide whether to hire a construction manager or rely on a general contractor to oversee construction of the new \$10.7 million pool and athletic complex at Grosse Pointe South High School.

Company may manage pool construction

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

Construction of the new Grosse Pointe South High School pool may sink or swim on hiring a construction manager rather than relying on a general contractor.

"This is a complicated set of projects," said Superintendent Susan Klein. "The thought behind it was how to best meet the construction challenges as well as minimize the risk."

Administrators said benefits of a construction manager are:

- ◆ Planning the \$10.7 million

project while the district assumes the liability of negotiating terms with at least 20 subcontractors.

◆ Knowing fee structures up front, but requiring the district to negotiate with subcontractors.

Benefits of a general contractor are:

◆ Handling subcontractors and assuming liability for the roughly 1 1/2-years of construction.

◆ Costs of general contractors are sequestered within fixed-costs contracts.

"The trade-off is that the school system, due to exper-

tise of the construction manager, theoretically can get some lower prices since all the sub trades are individually bid and awarded," said Chris Fenton, district assistant superintendent of business affairs.

Four firms have made presentations to district representatives supporting bids to oversee construction of the 12-lane swimming pool, a gymnasium and locker rooms.

Fenton favors a bid by Barton Malow Co. to serve as construction manager.

The Southfield-based engineering and construction firm

submitted a bid of \$1,146,381 for the Grosse Pointe job.

District officials expect this month to award the contract to either Barton Malow or competitor George W. Auch Co., of Pontiac, which priced its services at \$1,237,323.

"Both companies were very close in the final analysis," Fenton said. "In the final analysis, besides the price being slightly lower, we gave an edge to Barton Malow due to their overall experience with public K-12 construction, specifically swimming pools. (Barton's) timeline (of) 14 to 16 months was more favor-

able."

Auch, founded in 1908, averaged about \$150 million in revenue in recent years, according to company documents. Noted projects include the \$47.6 million Orchestra Hall renovation and the new \$36.7 million Southfield public library, both completed in 2003.

Barton Malow, founded in 1924, had revenue exceeding \$1 billion during the last five years, according to a corporate overview. Project highlights include two Huron Valley Schools family swimming pools and the Southgate

YMCA.

The South High pool will replace the school's original pool, dating to the school's opening in 1928 and deemed too small for athletic competition and increased demand due to burgeoning participation in girls sports.

Site plans have been approved for a 12-lane pool, 13-foot deep diving well, seating for 404 spectators, gym for volleyball, and an activities room to be paid from a \$63 million bond approved by voters in 2002. Inclusion of a weight training room depends on private funding.

VILLAGE: Lot 2 plans to be reworked

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sign."

The city will also unveil an updated parking garage design at its Jan. 22 council meeting. The detailed plan, designed by Rich & Associates, will feature a more aesthetically pleasing concept. "I'm just ecstatic," said Mayor Dale Scrace. "Now that the new deck has been settled, retailers have been approaching and talking to the Kercheval Place developers. There is a real uptick in the interest level."

Trader Joe's East

Approval of the new parking garage is apparently the last hurdle the city has to jump to get Trader Joe's East to commit.

The specialty-grocer chain has applied for a special use permit to occupy the rear of Kercheval Place, and both Dame and Scrace believe a lease agreement will be hammered out this month.

The council will consider the request at its Jan. 22 meeting.

"They (Trader Joe's) are obtaining all the necessary steps (before taking occupation),"

Dame said. "We are expecting an executed lease agreement contingent upon them receiving zoning permission (from the city)."

Lot 2

Another hot topic for city officials, merchants and property owners is the proposed development of Municipal Parking Lot 2, and possibly Lot 3, in the Village.

In 2005, three developers were solicited to present plans to include a mixture of retail, office, condominium and parking for Lot 2. One developer, the Jonna Cos., included Chase Bank and parking on Lot 3, Scrace said.

That kind of "outside the box thinking" got city officials considering including Lot 3 in the scheme, said Scrace.

City officials approached and reached an agreement with the Neighborhood Club to "swap" equal amounts of property to square off Lot 3 for developers, Dame said.

"The primary task and direction for the new year is to give all three developers an opportunity to include Lot 3 as part of their mixed-use development (proposals)," Dame said. "By squaring off Lot 3, it is more attractive and easier for developers to manage and build on."

"I'm really excited about (this proposed development)," Scrace said. "It is essential that the council approaches this as

a team.

"It makes all the sense in the world to do this."

Scrace applauded the special skills possessed by the council. While some have backgrounds in building, others have experience in essential areas like finance.

"The chemistry that has existed on this council over the last 12 months has me very excited," he said.

But the development plan won't be strictly the city's job to decide. Both Scrace and Dame stressed that merchants, residents and property owners will be involved in the process.

"It is important (for them) to have a hand in this," Dame said. "Much of the city's investment (this year) is the development of Lots 2 and 3. I knew that coming in."

"The development is a positive impact on the city, and we anticipate that this major private (development) is something to foster and encourage."

Parking system

As parkers in the city noticed, a rate increase went into effect Jan. 1 in city-owned parking lots. The increase is not only intended to offset construction costs for the new garage, but to renovate and upgrade the city's entire parking system.

"We as a council have been really focused on (Neff Park

and the Village streetscape," Scrace said. "The park is pristine, (and) we have made tremendous strides in improving the parking system (as a whole)."

"It's one more thing on the city's 'to do' list."

The city is using a parking-demands model that breaks down demand for specific types of parking in the city. The city is also examining the renovation of Lot 4, located behind CVS pharmacy.

Scrace said the city is also looking to assist merchants on Fisher across from Grosse Pointe South High School. He applauded their efforts to beautify their storefronts, and wants the city to assist with improving the streetscape.

"I think you're going to see some great things from the (merchants)," Scrace said. "I'm looking forward to working with them and the council."

But the renovated streetscape plan is not isolated to parking areas. Kercheval from Neff to Fisher, will be repaved this year as well. Tom Kressbach, former longtime city manager, helped obtain a matching grant from the state and federal government for the project.

The length of the repaving has been extended to Neff after Dame came on board. Scrace said the engineering phase is under way and expects the project to begin this

spring. The plan has not gone out to bids yet.

"Repaving Kercheval will be our main street project in the upcoming year," Dame said.

2007

There is a lot on the city's plate for the coming year. Grand development schemes require cooperation from all

groups involved, Scrace said. "We want to make this community a textbook example for smart growth," he said. "Our residents have certain expectations of services here. We want to maintain those services and keep costs, right now at 13 mills, low. "That's the challenge in the year ahead."

ALL-DAY K: More kids could cut cost

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"The fee will be reduced and credit given a family on their mid-year payment if (higher) enrollment levels occur in the fall of 2007," said Chris Fenton, assistant superintendent of business affairs.

Parents would be charged one of three rates according to the following schedule:

- ◆ \$3,600 for enrollment of 76

- to 80,
- ◆ \$3,400 for enrollment of 81 to 85 or
- ◆ \$3,200 if enrollment is 86 to 90.

Fenton said kindergarten enrollment this year is 79.

Tuition pays classroom salaries, benefits and extra supplies for the additional half-day that children are in school, said Fenton.

Correction

The e-mail address in the Jan. 4 notice, "Richard's 2007 auction," should have read: terripb@palmernoving.com.



RENDERING COURTESY THE JONNA COS.

A new Kroger store is one of three proposals submitted by developers interested in the City of Grosse Pointe Municipal Parking Lot 2. The Jonna Cos. proposed using Lot 3 to provide parking for a new Kroger store; however, the other developers limited the scope of their proposals to Lot 2. All developers are being asked to resubmit plans using Lot 3 and Chase Bank (Bank One) in their calculations.

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POINTER OF INTEREST

As founding executive director of the Grosse Pointe Chamber of Commerce, **Mary Huebner** brings her strong ethics and organizational talents to benefit Pointe businesses and residents.

Director ties two units together

By Carrie Cunningham
Special Writer

Grosse Pointe Shores resident Mary Huebner, executive director of the Grosse Pointe Chamber of Commerce, is guided by strong values, such as honesty and integrity.

She employs these principles in her great loves — family and business. She said her transparent nature was nurtured by her parents, and she in turn has built a strong family and giving and productive business relationships.

Born in Algonac, she is the daughter of Bernard and Carol Nuget, who worked as a civil servant and legal secretary, respectively. Her father served in World War II and was a contributor to the Algonac community. He served as a school board president, chairman of the Civil Service Commission and president of the St. Vincent DePaul Society.

"It was cool to see someone be a community leader. He was a great role model. I think that's why I feel so strongly about helping," she said.

Huebner met her husband, Ted, a financier, when she attended a Young Republicans meeting with her sister, Rande. They went on to marry and have a son, Ted, and a daughter, Betsy.

Ted, 26, attended the Naval Academy in Annapolis, Md., and has served as a lieutenant in the Iraq War. While Huebner has mixed views about the war, she adamantly supports the soldiers generally and her son in particular.

Betsy, 24, recently graduated from the University of Michigan. She went to U-M on



Mary Huebner, executive director of the Grosse Pointe Chamber of Commerce, has led a fulfilling life centered on her family and her job.

PHOTO BY CARRIE CUNNINGHAM

a Bentley Scholarship. A math major, she found her passion in Christian mission work. She currently works in youth ministry at a Great Commission Ministries church named New Life.

Huebner said she is equally proud of her son and daughter and believes she has instilled her virtuous values in them.

"I think my kids are my

legacy. I just love being able to watch them grow," she said.

Huebner studied to be a teacher at Eastern Michigan University but could not find a job in the field after graduation. She took some business classes and worked in computers for the Chris Craft Corp., the boat manufacturer.

Later, she started her own business in employee leasing.

"I really loved starting a business," she said.

In the early 2000s, she and Jane Lightfoot began brainstorming about starting a nonprofit to promote the Grosse Pointes, attract families and help area businesses. An earlier futuring report found the Pointes would be a great place to start a chamber of commerce.

The Grosse Pointe Chamber of Commerce began in 2005 and offers numerous of services. New families can receive a welcome packet with fliers describing some of the 260 chamber members' services. Everything from retail to medicine to restaurants to cultural organizations is included.

The chamber Web site

(grossepointechamberofcommerce), which Huebner calls the heart and soul of the organization, is accessed an estimated 2,000 times every day.

One issue the chamber is addressing is that of residential property taxes, staking out a reform proposal. Huebner said the topic is important because it is part of how and whether families decide to live in the area.

The chamber is also important for introducing Grosse Pointe and its vital business community to people living in other Michigan cities, she said. One project Huebner is working on is the placement of signs on I-94 announcing Grosse Pointe exits.

She says she loves her job. "I like everything. I like getting to know members. I like getting to know about businesses. I like it when the phone rings and somebody is looking for something in Grosse Pointe. I like helping members market to our community," Huebner said.

She is hopeful about the coming year. At its upcoming Jan. 17 meeting, the group will introduce new board members and chart an ever-growing plan of action.

Always an advocate for the Grosse Pointes, Huebner has a fervor that matches her affection for the job.

"I think the people give so much to their community because they love the community. We have quality homes. We have quality education," she said.

Huebner's hobbies include sailing and gardening. She and her husband have a boat at the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club.

GROSSE POINTE PUBLIC LIBRARY

Children's film festival livens up winter

Looking for an indoor activity for the kids this winter? Head to the Grosse Pointe

Public Library to watch films based on classic children's books.

The movies will be shown in January on Tuesdays at 11 a.m. at the Woods branch,

Wednesdays at 10 a.m. at the Central branch, and Thursdays at 1 p.m. at the Ewald branch. Each session is approximately one-hour long.

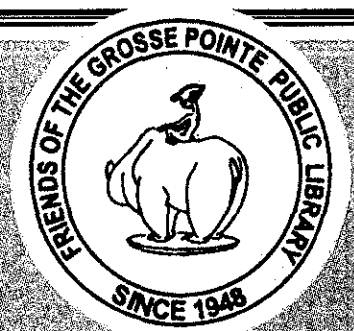
During the week of Jan. 9, the films "The Mitten" based on the book by Jan Brett, "Owl Moon" based on the book by Jane Yolen and "Brave Irene" based on the book by William Steig will be shown. For the

week of Jan. 16, "Arnie, the Doughnut" by Laurie Keller and "The Elves and the Shoemaker" from the Brothers Grimm are featured. Starting on Tuesday, Jan. 23, "The Snowy Day" based on the book by Ezra Jack Keats, "Bear Snores On" based on the book by Karma Wilson and "Angus and the Ducks" based on the book by Marjorie Flack will hit the big screen.

In celebration of Martin Luther King Jr. Day, Monday, Jan. 15, Disney's "Ruby Bridges" will be shown at 1 p.m., at all three branches.

The film is based on the true story of Ruby Bridges, an African-American girl who, in 1960 at age 6, helped to desegregate public schools in New Orleans, La.

Admission is free. - Beth Quinn



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Feb. 15, 2007	Ludovico Ariosto's <i>Orlando Furioso</i>	Dr. Ralph Williams
March 22, 2007	<i>Narrative of the Life of Frederick Douglass</i>	Dr. George Bornstein
April 5, 2007	James Joyce's <i>"The Dead" and "Araby"</i>	Dr. John Whittier-Ferguson
April 26, 2007	Henry James' <i>Portrait of a Lady</i>	Dr. Gregg Crane
May 10, 2007	Tennessee Williams' <i>A Streetcar Named Desire</i>	Dr. Enoch Brater

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GROSSE POINTE WOODS

DPW gets a 'sweeping' new ride

By Bob St. John
Staff Writer

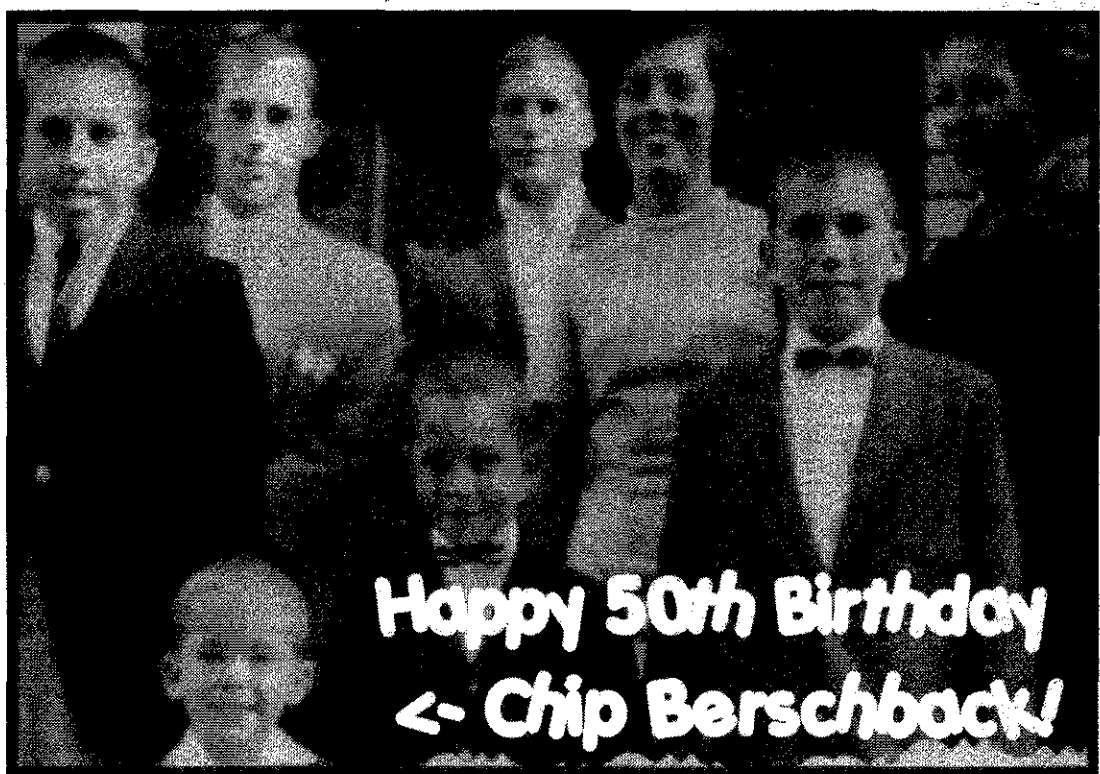
Johnston Model MX450 street sweeper.

as a trade-in, which was included in the final price tag," Woods DPW Director Joe Ahee said.

The Department of Public Works in Grosse Pointe Woods will get a new vehicle to keep the city sparkling, a 2007

City council approved a \$128,865 bid from AIS Construction Equipment Corp. to purchase the budgeted item. "We will use our old vehicle

Other bids came from Brown Equipment Co. Inc. (\$131,125) and Temco Machinery (\$133,250).



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GROSSE POINTE SHORES

Yacht club, accretion headline Shores in 2006

By John Lundberg
Staff Writer

The village of Grosse Pointe Shores, because it shares the Lake St. Clair shoreline with its neighbor Grosse Pointe Farms, has the same problem with accretion.

Accretion

March:

An application to dredge sediment from the shoreline north of Vernier is shelved for up to two years after state and federal environmental officials agree to hold the application dormant.

In the meantime, an international study of the effects of dredging the 27-foot-deep shipping channel might indicate why sediment is settling along parts of Lake St. Clair's western shore.

The area proposed for dredg-

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ing measures about 4,000 feet above Shores Osius Park toward Gaukler Point and to slightly more than 1,000 feet offshore.

Unofficial cost estimates reach \$7 million to dredge and dispose of the 125,000 cubic yards of accretion, or sediment released when water flows too slowly to suspend particles of earth.

Members of the lake front group claim construction of and modifications to the break-wall of Osius Park, plus closing water flow-throughs, created the barrier that blocked in-

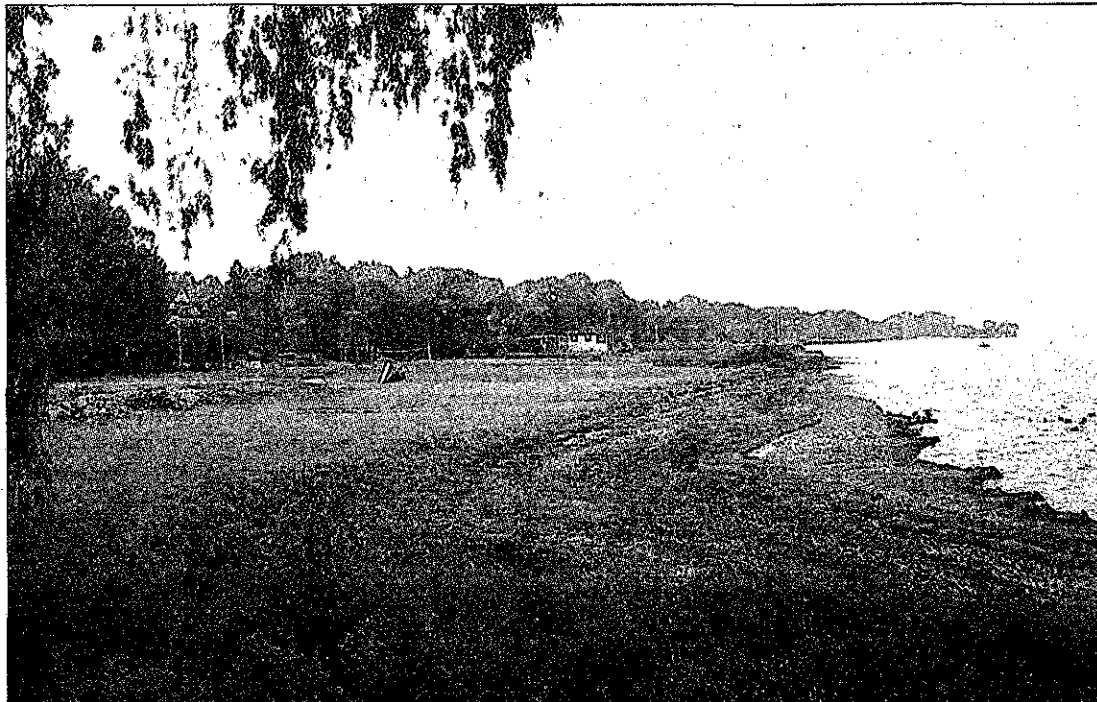
shore currents, causing accretion. Shores officials reject the claim and haven't signed onto the dredging application.

April:

Property owners and municipalities along the lake can "groom" the former lake bottom of "invasive" plant growth, said a representative with the state's Department of Environmental Quality.

That is good news for residents particularly in Grosse Pointe Shores who have stretches of lake bottom that is being overgrown by not very attractive vegetation. The large area affected includes 80 acres of lake bottom north of Vernier along the lake.

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



FILE PHOTO BY BRAD LINDBERG

The landlocked condition of Rankin Peck's boathouse (in the distance), which he now calls a beach house, is often cited as a consequence of accretion on the Lake St. Clair shoreline north of Vernier in Grosse Pointe Shores.

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

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

July:

Lakeside homeowners may get more leeway to groom their shoreline because state environmental regulators are working on new provisions governing what can and can't be done to maintain shoreline property.

Homeowners in the area want permission to dredge the accretion and vegetation that latches onto it because it is unsightly, has a foul odor, cuts off access to the lake and lowers property values.

Recent changes in state law designating pilot areas on Grand Traverse Bay and Saginaw Bay allow riparian landowners to remove certain vegetation from exposed bottomlands upon written approval from the DEQ.

Changes include a new eastern entrance serving the village and the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club (the existing entrance is on the south side), along with slip reconfiguration and replacement of the entire village side of the marina and the majority of the GPYC side.

Shores officials say the project is necessary to create safer boating conditions in the harbor. Instead of just rebuilding the aging docks in the current layout, the plan calls for replacing them with wider docks — fixed or floating — and a reconfiguration of slips.

The master plan layout would leave the yacht club with 243 slips, down from 274, and the Shores will keep its existing number, 205. Both alternate plans allow for fewer slips at each facility.

The application addresses the issue of the accretion behind residential property on Lakeshore north of Vernier.

Two flow-through tubes, three-foot in diameter with flush inlet and outlet, would aid in harbor currents and in alleviating the accretion problem, according to the permit application.

Out buildings

August:

A four-month moratorium on accessory buildings is over in Grosse Pointe Shores.

New rules are in place after the Village Council passed revisions to its zoning ordinance

on Aug. 15. The changes address the number and location of accessory buildings, such as tool sheds, as well as garages and athletic courts.

Under the new ordinance, homeowners cannot install an accessory building within 10 feet of the rear yard line. The previous setback was six feet. As before, each yard is limited to one accessory structure, in addition to a detached garage.

However, the new ordinance adds two new categories of accessory buildings: playhouses and play structures. A playhouse, with at least two walls and a roof, counts toward the accessory building limit. But a play structure, like a swingset, does not.

The zoning ordinance had been under review for seven months. The timing also coincides with a new state law that required municipalities to rework their local zoning ordinances.

At the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club's request, the council postponed voting on the section of the ordinance that regulates the village's Park/Club District. The yacht club is the only property that qualifies.

In addition to these issues, the Grosse Pointe Shores police department frequently supports neighboring departments assisting in arrests and other police matters. It is perhaps the most tranquil community of the five Grosse Pointes, but it does not want for its share of issues.

Municipal harbor

June:

Grosse Pointe Shores submitted an application to the DEQ and U.S. Army Corps of Engineers seeking permission to renovate the harbor. The application includes a proposed master plan layout and two alternatives.

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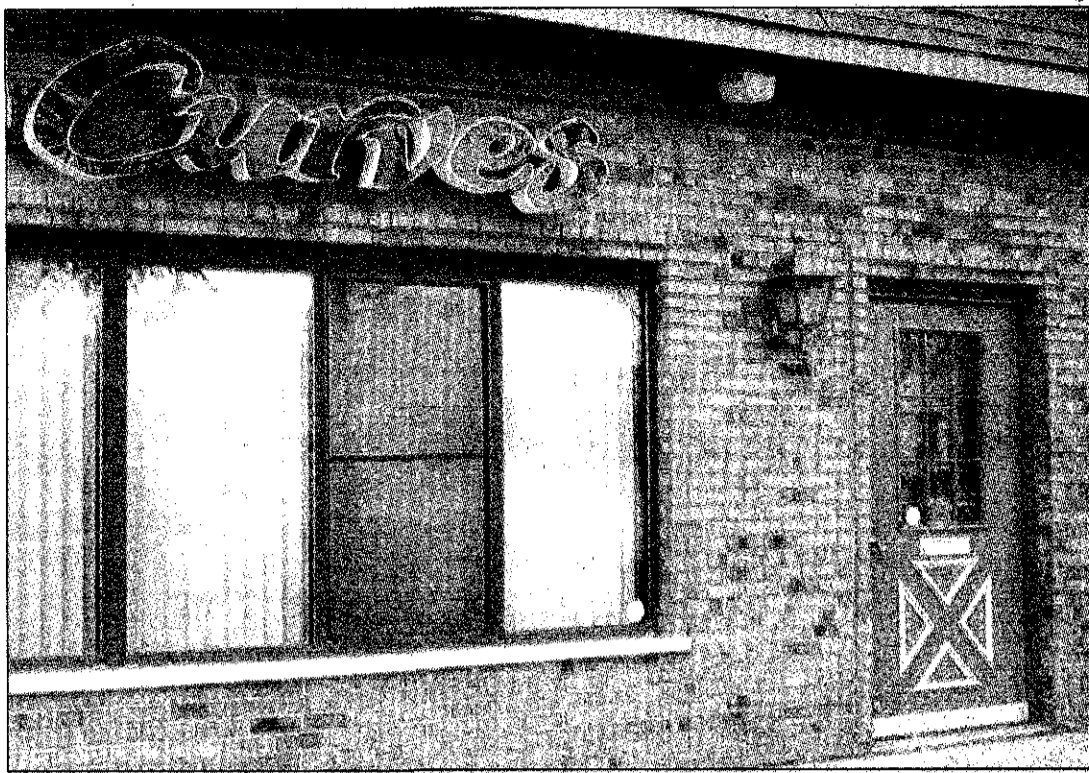
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"These are the reasons I decided to change careers and become a Curves business owner," says Curves owner Shawn Burtch, who owns two locations in the Grosse Pointes. "That and the fact that I have a huge passion for fitness and living a healthy lifestyle. I felt that I had a lot to offer other women."

Burtch says the members of the Grosse Pointe Woods Curves have lost a total of 6,508 inches and 5,628 pounds. The Woods location is at 20927 Mack (between 8 and 9 Mile), and the other Grosse Pointe location is at 18150 Mack (between Cadieux and Moross) in the City of Grosse Pointe. Call Burtch at (313) 640-0302 or (313) 642-0611 for more information.

Chamber slates meeting

The Grosse Pointe Chamber of Commerce will hold its second annual general membership meeting Wednesday, Jan. 17, at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms.

"This year's Exclusive Corporate Sponsor is the law firm Miller Canfield, one of our chamber's first members, whose resident attorneys are active in our growing business organization," said Chamber Executive Director Mary Huebner. "Miller Canfield exemplifies real corporate citizenship by giving back to our community and we are honored they are supporting our annual meeting and Pointer of Distinction programs."

The chamber's primary representative is Beverly Hall Burns, a longtime Grosse Pointe resident and deputy CEO of the firm which has represented businesses, governmental entities and individuals since 1852.

At this meeting, the chamber will present the 2006 Pointer of Distinction awards in the following categories: Youth,

Community Service, Excellence in Business and New Business Enterprise.

Tickets for the event are \$35 for chamber members and \$40 for guests.

The meeting begins at 6 p.m. with networking and hospitality followed by a strolling dinner at 7 p.m.

Pointer of Distinction awards and 2007 Board of Directors induction will begin at 8 p.m.

Contact the chamber at (313) 881-4722 for additional information.

Tax deductions to save money

As the year draws to a close, tax deductions are on people's minds.

Donations of a single item or a group of items worth more than \$5,000 can be claimed as a tax deduction as long as the donations are itemized and appraisals are available for each item.

The difference this year, notes the American Society of Appraisers, is that a new law requires tax appraisals be done by a qualified appraiser. All appraisers who submit appraisals for tax purposes will be held to a higher level of accountability with the IRS and both appraisers and taxpayers will face increased penalties for valuation misstatements the law states.

"This year, with the IRS beginning to implement H.R.4, it is important to use an accredited appraiser for appraisals that are submitted to the IRS, including those for charitable donations," said Donna Walker, accredited senior business valuation appraiser.

Taxpayers should know that they can receive a deduction for donations of either a single item or a series of items given to one or various charities as long as the total value is more than \$5,000. For instance, if a person donates books to three different charities and their value totals more than \$5,000 among the three, they can claim the deduction if they get an appraisal of all the books.

The IRS rules note that consumers should have an appraisal completed within 60 days of the date of donation. If people have donated items earlier in the year and did not get an appraisal at that time, they might be able to get an after-

the-fact appraisal if they have the proper documentation and the item can be found and examined.

For tax purposes, the appraised value should be the fair market value of the item or items. The fair market value is the amount that the item would sell for on the open market at the time of donation.

Fair market value takes into account the condition of the item, the value of sales of similar items at the time, and the current market for those types of items.

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Franchise fees offer entrepreneurs options

How much does it cost to buy a franchised small business?

Virtually all of the estimated 2,500 franchises operating today have different fees and expenses, so there's no easy answer. Just the initial fees alone can range from a few thousand dollars to millions, according to the second in a series of International Franchise Association Educational Foundation studies, *The Profile of Franchising 2006*, conducted by the research firm FRANData.

"This new data confirms that franchises, with their wide range of investment price-points, create a marketplace that offers abundant opportunities for prospective small-business owners at all investment levels," said IFA Chairman Lawrence "Doc" Cohen, a longtime franchisee who owns and operates nearly two dozen franchised establishments under two different brands.

Total initial fee estimates for a single unit, for example, can range from a minimum median of less than \$5,000 for

some sports and recreation franchises to a maximum median of nearly \$6.5 million for hotels.

Fast food concepts can begin at less than \$180,000 and reach nearly \$3 million.

"As the study shows, an investor can acquire a franchise for a relatively reasonable amount of money," IFA President Matthew Shay said. "Not only are there low entry barriers to ownership, but with 75 industries now using franchising as a growth model, the choices are plentiful."

Understanding the initial investment requirements of franchises, which pay for basic training and processing expenses, must take into account that there are also many different types of businesses that use the franchise model and among them there are many different types of operating programs available.

Although 93 percent have stand-alone establishments, franchise systems may also offer programs that include kiosks, home offices, small "express" stores, satellites and mobile units.

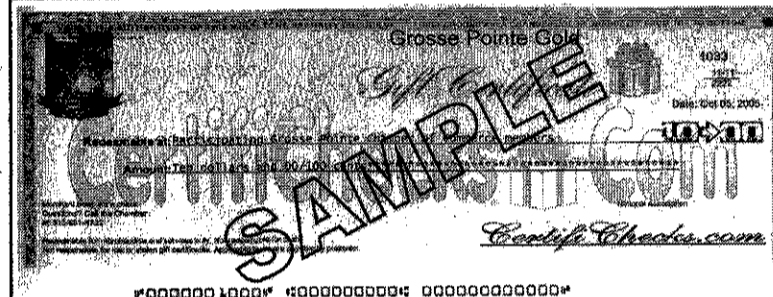
Initial investment estimates range widely for three reasons: first, the types of businesses in an industry can be very different, such as car washes and repair shops which both are found in the automotive segment; next, the expenses franchise companies require can differ; finally, some franchised units may include a territory which can be quite large.

Estimates do not typically include real estate purchases because most franchisees do not require franchisees to own property, and there is often great variance in real estate values.

Included in the estimates, though, are expenses for unit build-out and construction, as well as initial inventory costs.

Following each monthly study in this series, the foundation and FRANData will release additional research reports about franchising including an investment analysis from the franchisee perspective, program requirements, financing, renewal terms and an analysis of special issues affecting the sector.

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EDITORIALS

Village: 'Pardon Our Dust' in '07

If projects progress this year in the Village commercial district in the City of Grosse Pointe, then we will look back on 2007 as a turning point for merchants, residents and all Pointe shoppers.

Specialty grocer Trader Joe's has applied for a special-use permit to open a new store in the rear portion of the old Jacobson's building, now called Kercheval Place. Mayor Dale Scrace and City Manager Pete Dame expect a copy of a signed lease from "Trader Joe's East" this month.

Late last year, the city council approved in principal a plan to raze the existing 30-year-old parking garage and replace it with a two-level structure with ground and roof parking. The flat spaces will better accommodate grocery carts than the existing structure.

Since the new parking deck is primarily to accommodate a grocery store, the council requires a signed long-term lease from Trader Joe's before committing to the new \$4 million parking garage.

If all goes well, razing the old deck can begin almost immediately. Let's keep our fingers crossed.

The second floor of the old Jacobson's building, Kercheval Place, is being renovated for office use. We are told huge windows and high ceilings will allow for well-lit, airy offices that may be "the place to be" for non-retail businesses coming to the Village.

We also envision skywalks linking the parking garage with Kercheval Place.

Here's a crazy idea: Why not create skywalks across Kercheval, St. Clair and Notre Dame to accommodate pedestrian traffic? If these walkways are covered, then pedestrians would be more likely to use the parking deck and lots farther from their destination.

It is farfetched, but in planning for the future of the Village in its entirety, we must make provisions for shoppers and pedestrians.

Another exciting project for City leaders and residents to consider this year is the development of Municipal Parking Lot 2.

The city has before it three proposals for the lot, located north of Kercheval between Notre Dame and St. Clair. All proposals call for a mixed-use development of retail, parking and condominiums. The proposal by the Jonna Cos. is for a new, modern, upscale Kroger store with parking and condominiums above.

However, Jonna's proposal was linked to available parking across St. Clair in the Village's Lot 3, behind Ace Hardware, Borders and, on Waterloo, the Neighborhood Club. Jonna's thinking out of the box gained no points for the developer in that the other proposals limited their scope to Lot 2.

The city is now going to request new proposals from all three developers allowing them to consider Lot 3 in their calculations as well as the property now occupied by Chase Bank. If the Village Professional Building on Notre Dame could be included in the development's footprint, that would help square off the property.

A permanent residential element will be added to the Village area when The Sterling, the senior condominium community south of Kercheval off St. Clair, is completed in a couple of years. Ground may be broken for the new independent-living community by Sunrise Senior Living later this spring.

The City's other commercial strip on Fisher Road will also get some attention. Fisher Road may be repaved along with Kercheval from Fisher to Neff due, in part, to a matching state and federal grant from made available thanks to the efforts of former City Manager Tom Kressbach, who came out of retirement to assist the city until a new city manager was found last year.

If all goes well, the most popular sign in the Village in 2007 — and 2008 and 2009 — will be "Pardon Our Dust"!

Good idea

Kudos to the Grosse Pointe Board of Education for changing its meeting schedule from the first and second Mondays of the month to the second and fourth Mondays.

Typically, the first monthly meeting is a working session for the board, while the second meeting of the month is for taking action. Now the school administration has a week in between to do research and answer questions.

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Ghesquiere family article

To the Editor:
I would like to congratulate the Grosse Pointe News staff writer for the article, "Ghesquiere to donate up to \$25,000," printed in the Dec. 28 Grosse Pointe News. The photo printed with the article is of my uncle, Charles

"Chuck" Ghesquiere Jr., who is donating up to \$25,000 to help with the Cook Schoolhouse renovations; my cousin, Charles III; and his son, Charles IV, the newest generation of Ghesquieres; and my grandfather, Charles Ghesquiere. This picture was taken just prior to my grandfather's

death three weeks later.

I now reside in Ruby, Mich., and learned about the Cook Schoolhouse being moved to Ghesquiere Park from friends who keep me up to date on what is happening in Grosse Pointe.

STEVEN C. ANDERSON
Ruby, Mich.

Nelson of Grosse Pointe Park, and Roman Hammes of Harper Woods.

They deserve our recognition and thanks.

MARY HERRING
City of Grosse Pointe

Good Samaritans identified

To the Editor:

On Jan. 4 the Grosse Pointe News published a photograph, "Giving and sharing," of three men delivering Christmas Day meals to homebound seniors.

Unfortunately, the caption failed to identify these good Samaritans. They are: Wayne County Commissioner Tim Killeen of Detroit, Richard

Get the facts

To the Editor:

Mr. Burns should check his facts, or at least his tenses. ("Italian Associations Honor Pointe Brothers," Jan. 4). Just searching the Grosse Pointe News would tell him that Connie Cracchiolo died last November.

KATHRYN ROGERS
Grosse Pointe Woods

Editor's note: The letter writer is correct; however we did not learn of the fact until after we went to press. We apologize for the omission.

VIEWPOINT ON PUBLIC ISSUES By Michael D. LaFaive and Michael J. Hicks

Last one turn the lights out?

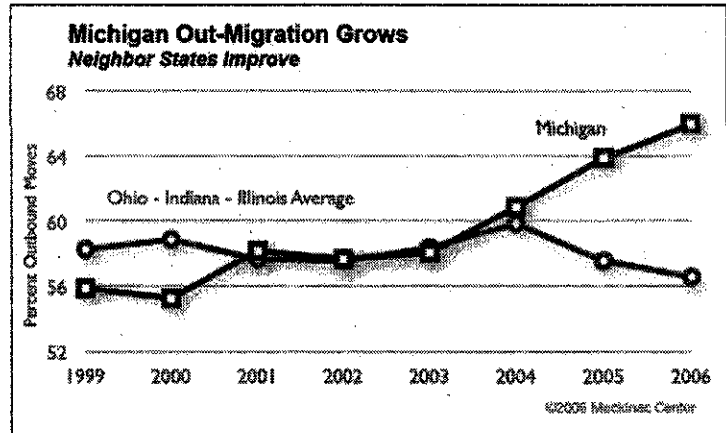
In the early 1980s, when the entire nation was suffering under the strains of a severe recession, job providers and other people were leaving Michigan in droves. The outflow was so great that the ongoing joke was that the last one to leave the Great Lakes State should remember to turn out the lights.

Data recently released from the nation's largest household mover suggests that if Michigan doesn't make significant changes to its economic opportunity landscape soon, someone may have to reach for that switch. The company allowed the Mackinac Center an early look at its data set. United Van Lines (UVL) operates in all 50 states. Since 1977 it has collected and published data on its client moves in the continental United States. For example, UVL reports that in 2006, 64 percent of all North Carolina-related UVL movement was inbound, making the Tar Heel state the No. 1 destination for UVL clients in America.

By contrast, Michigan was the No. 1 departure state, tied with North Dakota. Sixty-six percent of all UVL moves were outbound. This is an eye-popping 2.1 percentage points higher than just one year ago — representing the continuation of an upward trend.

United Van Lines has not seen this type of outbound traffic from Michigan since 1981, when 66.9 percent of Michigan moves involved a departure from the state.

Mackinac Center for Public Policy adjunct scholar Michael Hicks performed a statistical analysis of United Van Lines data last year and found that it was highly correlated with U.S. census data. In other words,



UVL moves represent overall American migration patterns. Indeed, a Census report released in December showed Michigan was just one of four states to suffer an absolute decline in population — about 5,000 people — according to published reports. The other three states include New York, Rhode Island and Louisiana, which has not yet recovered from Hurricane Katrina.

What makes these departures all the more troubling is that they have occurred during a time of robust national growth. In 1981 the entire nation was in a recession and Michigan had a double-digit unemployment rate.

Comerica Bank reported last week that the state's economy hasn't been this soft since 2001. Moreover, the national economy may be showing signs of slowing. Even a mild national recession could be a catalyst for greater emigration rates from the state because Michigan has typically suffered more than other states during national recessions.

These facts have vital public policy implications. People are the building blocks of economic growth and development. As people leave a nation, state or region, they take employment and entrepreneurial talent and

their consumption or investment dollars with them. Something must be done to stanch the outward flow of Michigan residents and attract new ones.

Where have Michigan expatriates taken their personal and financial capital? The federal government collects data tracking the movement of U.S. citizens through Internal Revenue Service tax filings.

In calendar year 2004, the No. 1 destination state for Michigan residents was Florida, which gathered 14 percent — more than 19,300 people — of all Michigan emigrants nationwide. This is twice the rate of the next nearest destination state, which surprised the authors given the great distance between the Wolverine and Sunshine states.

Key factors in moves to Florida probably included weather, local amenities (greater recreational opportunities) and better economic opportunities. In addition, Florida has no personal income tax, is a right-to-work state and is ranked third in federally estimated, inflation-adjusted state Gross Domestic Product growth in 2005. By contrast, Michigan was ranked 48. The growth estimates were published by the Bureau of

Economic Analysis in October.

The next two states to receive the most Michigan expatriates are Ohio and Illinois, and such choices are relatively easy to explain. Both Ohio and Illinois have pockets of economic growth and are adjacent to Michigan. Migration researchers use what is known as a "gravity model" to explain this type of economic migration because both the size and proximity of desirable locations influence migration choices.

People don't just survey a nation for the fastest growing region and then move there. Other considerations, such as distance from family, influence such decisions. The implication is that close regions that are large and growing are going to absorb the state's residents at a faster rate than more distant areas. As an aside, UVL also ranks Ohio and Illinois as high outboard states. They have relatively high economic growth rates — Ohio barely so — compared to Michigan, which may help explain why our residents are moving to those locations.

What should policymakers do to stem this tide? First, they must avoid raising the price of living, working and investing in Michigan, all of which exacerbate existing problems.

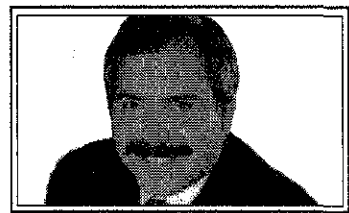
The drumbeat for higher taxes has already begun in some circles as predictions of a \$500 million shortfall in the current fiscal year were announced last December.

Taxation matters. In his 2006 analysis, economist Scott Moody of the Maine Heritage Policy Center looked at the taxation levels of all 50 states between 1994 and 2004 and analyzed how the 10 states with the highest and lowest tax levels,

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I SAY By John Minnis

60 years apart and yet so much alike



In 1932, the Polaroid photo system was developed; Franklin Delano Roosevelt was elected on his promise to end the Great Depression; "The Good Earth" was the best-seller; "Grand Hotel" was best picture; Helen Hayes was best actress for "The Sin of Madelon Claudet"; Frederic March was best actor for "Dr. Jekyll & Mr. Hyde"; the New York Yankees won the World Series; the Toronto Maple Leafs won the NHL; golfer Gene Sarazen won the U.S. Open; and Richard McRill was born on Jan. 13.

Sixty years later, in 1992, Hurricane Andrew slammed southern Florida, becoming the most costly in U.S. history; Bill Clinton was elected the 42nd president of the United States; riots broke out in Los Angeles after police officers were acquitted in the Rodney King beating case; an Earth Summit was held in Brazil to address environmental concerns; Jay Leno replaced longtime "Tonight Show" host Johnny Carson; Stephen King was the king of fiction; Rush Limbaugh's "The Way Things Ought to Be" topped the non-fiction charts; "Unforgiven" got double-Oscar billing for Best Picture and Best Director (Clint Eastwood); Best Actor went to Al Pacino in "The Scent of a Woman"; the Toronto Blue Jays won the World Series; the Red Skins won the Super Bowl; the Pittsburgh Penguins took the Stanley Cup; the Chicago Bulls

were NBA champs; Tom Kÿte won the U.S. Open in golf; and Lindsay Beaver was born on Jan. 13.

Though six decades separate the two years, 1932 and 1992, there is a strong, inseparable bond. On Jan. 13, 1992, Richard McRill celebrated his 60th birthday with the birth of his second granddaughter, Lindsay Beaver.

There could be no better birthday surprise for a grandparent than the birth of a grandchild. Likewise, there can be no better way for a child to celebrate her birthdays for years to come than with grandfather, who is simply known as "Paw Paw" or just "Paw."

Though 60 years apart in age, both grandfather and granddaughter are extremely close. Their bond is more than just familial. They have baseball.

At a very early age, Lindsay

developed an interest in watching baseball with her Paw. At first, we thought her interest was an attempt on her part to do something her grandfather (and her mother) enjoyed.

But Lindsay quickly surpassed the "I like it because you like it" phase. She soon knew more about baseball than did her mother, her aunt, her siblings and, almost, her Paw. Her friends were co-opted into baseball as well.

At age 8, in the year 2000, when the Tigers were doing miserably and the roster had to be written in pencil because it changed daily, Lindsay knew all the players' names, positions and stats. She also knew the wives' names.

When her aunt and uncle (me) took her to Toronto to see a few Tiger games, we would not have known who was who without Lindsay's help. She faithfully donned her Tiger

shirt and hat and brought her glove to every game. Sitting alongside the visitor's bull pen, Lindsay's attire — and looks (cute!) — garnered her more than one baseball from a passing Tiger pitcher.

Lindsay turned out to be much more than a "fan." She actually knows the game. She knows the rules and strategy. She is also a fantastic player. She knows what bases to cover and where to throw the ball. She keeps her teammates informed. While I don't recall her ever pulling off an unassisted triple play, she has completed many solo double-plays on school and city teams.

She was born eight years too late to see the 1984 Tigers, though she knows all about them since that was her mother's team. However, the 2006 Tigers will forever be her team. No doubt she will have endless stories to tell her children

about the Tigers' 2006 Cinderella season.

Lindsay has also developed quite a talent as an amateur videographer. Her homemade highlight videos are outstanding and exciting to watch. You should see her video of the Yankees falling the Tigers in the playoffs. It's set to Daniel Powter's hit song "You Had a Bad Day." It's great!

On Jan. 13, 2007, Lindsay will celebrate her 15th birthday with her Paw Paw, who will be marking, if not celebrating, his 75th birthday. Paw Paw will more likely focus on his granddaughter's years than his own.

How wonderful it is that granddaughter and grandfather, who have so much in common, can celebrate their birthdays together. That is truly a gift to both of them.

Happy birthday, Lindsay and Paw Paw!

STREETWISE By Renee Landuyt

Do you miss the snow or do you prefer the more moderate weather?

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 e-mail to editor@grossepointenews.com



'Yes, I do miss the snow. It is hard to tell what time of year it is.'
SEAN DANAHER
Grosse Pointe Park



'I do prefer the moderate weather and I do not miss the snow at all.'
LARRY CHATFIELD
Grosse Pointe Park



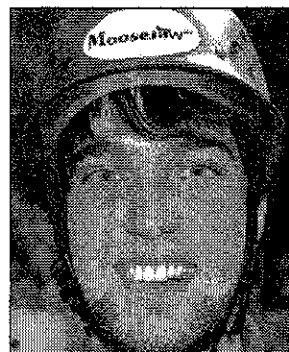
'I don't miss the snow, but I do miss the snow.'
JACOB PIZZO
Harper Woods



'I miss the snow. You lose the sense of holidays without it.'
HANNAH CHILEN
City of Grosse Pointe



'I do miss the snow during the holidays and not having any limits my ability to participate in winter sports which I look forward to all year.'
RORY MURPHY
Grosse Pointe Park



'I prefer the moderate weather because it gives me an opportunity to enjoy the Metro Parks.'
BRANDON SMITH
Grosse Pointe Park

FYI By Ben Burns

Recognize the power of a comforting hug



The senseless stabbing murder of his 23-year-old college-student daughter on Jan. 7, 2004, was a life-changing experience for the chaplain of the City and Farms police departments.

The Rev. Robert D. Wright, senior pastor of Grosse Pointe United Methodist Church for nearly eight years, looks like a police officer in his crisp, dress-blue uniform. In his early 50s, he is muscularly stocky, dark-haired, clear-eyed and has a firm handshake and highly polished shoes. Only the chaplain badge on his shoulder tells you differently.

Approaching the third anniversary of his daughter Maureen's death in a Midland apartment at the hand of an enraged boyfriend who had seen her talking to another man, Wright took time to share his thoughts and feelings, as well as some of his writings, with members of the Grosse Pointe Ecumenical Men's Breakfast.

"When someone dies young, before their time, you inherit their unused years," he said, paraphrasing Rabbi Harold Kushner in his book, "The Lord is My Shepherd: Healing Wisdom of the 23rd Psalm." "Parents honor their child's memory best by not saying, 'I'll never get over it,' but by living those 'inherited' years as fully and meaningfully as possible."

Wright explained that in his role as chaplain, he practices a ministry of presence.

"We try to think of something profound to say when there is nothing profound to say," he said. "Remember you cannot make it right. All you can do is deepen the work of

love."

You do that by putting an arm around the person and letting them know of your support; you become Christ-like in passing the spirit, he said.

Wright, who has been police chaplain for seven years, said he felt that support at his daughter's funeral when he looked out and saw 60 uniformed officers from the Grosse Pointes and other police agencies sitting in the front pews.

"We parents think we can control everything, but parental omnipotence is a myth. In certain aspects of life, you are not going to be strong enough to catch and support your children," he said.

"We have to conclude life itself is a gift. When we do that, it makes sense. I have a zest for life and am on a quest for making life better for those who are around me. We have to enjoy the acts of living. Do not allow yourself to become cynical about life."

In his talk and earlier in a 2004 sermon, Wright told about going to the Tigers Baseball Fantasy Camp in Lakeland, Fla., a few weeks after his daughter's death. It had been a gift from Jenneth, his wife, for his 50th birthday, and he was trying to get on with his life.

"The timing could not have been worse," he recalled. "I almost did not go. And there wasn't a day that went by that I did not consider coming home. After all, how could I be enjoying playing baseball when I was needed at home — or needed to be at home?"

"On Tuesday night, one of the women who came to camp (and there were five of them) came up to introduce herself to me. Her name was Kimberly Livernois. She told me that her father was a part of my church in Grosse Pointe. We shook hands and went back to playing baseball.

"The next day, Wednesday, I really hit bottom. I went to

lunch and instead of sitting with my team, I sat with the umpires who were just about finished with eating. Then I sat at the table alone. A few moments later, a person said my name, and I looked up. It was Doug Bair, who pitched for the Tigers in 1984.

"He sat down with me and asked me how I was enjoying camp. I told him that it was a great camp and that I was enjoying being there. Then he said that he had been talking to Kimberly Livernois and that she had told him that I was a pastor of her father's church. She also had told him about my daughter, Maureen, and what had happened. He put his arm around me and told me how much he was hurting for me and my family. He spoke about his faith in Christ. He told me that if I ever needed to talk or to just get away for a while, he was available."

Wright talked again about his daughter's death and its impact on his life in a sermon in November 2004 shortly after Maureen's murderer had agreed to plead guilty to murder in the second degree and receive a life sentence.

Wright's friend and mentor, the Rev. Dr. Bill Ritter, then senior pastor at Birmingham First United Methodist, told him he would have trouble writing sermons until he finished the Victim Impact Statement, so he addressed the subject again.

"Justice does not bring closure," Wright told his congregants. "Closure is an interesting word that is used for just about everything as far as grief is concerned. Most people use the word 'closure' to signify that a person who has had adversity and tragedy that they have moved beyond it. ... I would maintain that for closure to happen, my daughter would have to be restored to me. That is not something that the justice system can do for me. It is something only God can do."

"I may get on with my life. I may learn to deal with what has happened to me in a positive way. I may have the opportunity to help others who are in the midst of such tragedies. That is not closure. Rather that is the process of learning to live with what has happened."

"I would ask anyone ... who has lost a child to tell me if they have ever had a sense of closure. I would ask anyone ... who has lived with a spouse for the better part of a lifetime, to tell me that after their loved one has died, have you ever had a sense of closure — that you were over it — that you no longer grieve or feel a sense of loss?"

"That is the problem with loving someone, my friends. They make their mark on you and on your life. Just as they marked the world by their birth, they also mark the world



The Rev. Robert D. Wright of Grosse Pointe United Methodist Church and Kimberly Livernois at Tiger Fantasy Baseball Camp in 2004.

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walk through life as one who is without hope. Neither do I

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Education
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respectively, performed relative to three metrics: personal income, employment and population growth. Moody found that the 10 states with the lowest tax burdens had personal

income growth almost 32 percent higher than the states that taxed the most — employment growth was 79 percent higher and population growth was a staggering 172 percent higher than high-tax states. This is not the only study to show a possible link between migration and taxes.

Moreover, Michigan taxes itself in ways that are not explicitly taxation. The Great Lakes State has no right-to-work law, which is akin to having an ef-

fective labor market tax. A right-to-work statute says that a worker need not financially support a union as a condition of employment. A 1996 study by University of Minnesota professor and Federal Reserve consultant Thomas Holmes found that, from 1947 to 1996, states with right-to-work statutes saw manufacturing employment expand 150 percent while non-right-to-work manufacturing employment was "virtually the same today

as it was in 1947." In other words, Michigan must not only compete against low-tax states, but ones with friendlier labor climates too. This is just one example of how Michigan burdens its economy and chases away opportunity and people.

Some pundits and politicians have proffered their own ideas for righting Michigan's listing economic ship. One of the most common ideas batted about is spending more tax dollars on higher education to stimulate

economic development. This is a bad policy choice.

Anecdotal and empirical evidence show that the opposite is true. Consider one case study. Economist Richard Vedder, executive director of the Center for College Affordability and Productivity, a Washington, D.C. based research institute, looked at higher education spending in Illinois, Michigan and Ohio and subsequent economic growth for his book, "Going Broke by Degree: Why

College Costs Too Much."

Of these states in fiscal 1980, Michigan spent more as a percentage of personal income on state universities — as much as one-third more than Illinois. In the following 20 years Michigan substantially increased its funding. By 2000, according to Vedder, the state of Michigan was sixth in the nation for higher education spending as a percentage of personal income — nearly double the rate of Illinois. Yet it was Illinois that economically outperformed Michigan as measured by changes in per-capita personal income. Indeed, the income advantage Illinois initially held over Michigan actually doubled during that time period, according to Vedder. This is not the only such example.

Vedder points out that North Dakota (which is tied for the No. 1 UVL outbound state with Michigan at 66 percent) and South Dakota are two of the most similar states in America. They each have similar climates, are agricultural, sparsely populated and similar in size.

Yet they are not similar in what they spend on higher education: North Dakota has spent more per-capita than South Dakota since at least 1977. Over the next two decades, North Dakota hiked its spending while South Dakota reduced its proportion of expenditures until North Dakota was dedicating about twice the proportion of its income on higher education than South Dakota.

Yet South Dakota has had faster per-capita income growth and less out-migration. In fact, UVL has ranked South Dakota as a 2006 "high-inbound" state with 55.9 percent of its traffic moving into the state. It would not strain the bounds of credulity to suggest that North Dakota taxpayers have long been subsidizing the education of South Dakota's newest residents.

In coming weeks and months there is going to be a lot of talk about raising taxes to cover shortfalls in government spending. Michigan should not do more damage than its current policies have already done by reaching deeper into the pockets of job providers and other taxpayers. The state must balance its books by trimming its budget, not forcing taxpayers to trim theirs.

Over the past decade, the Mackinac Center for Public Policy has made hundreds of recommendations for trimming the state's bloated budget. Some ideas have been adopted, others ignored. If Michigan wants to stop, and hopefully reverse, its outbound-migration, it must turn away from higher taxes, higher spending and the economic gimmickry of government "development" programs.

The Great Lakes State was once a magnet for opportunity seekers. It could be again, if only it would stop giving people a reason to leave — or never arrive. Doing otherwise foretells a night the lights go out in Michigan.

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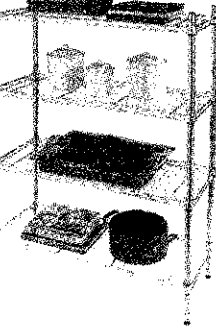
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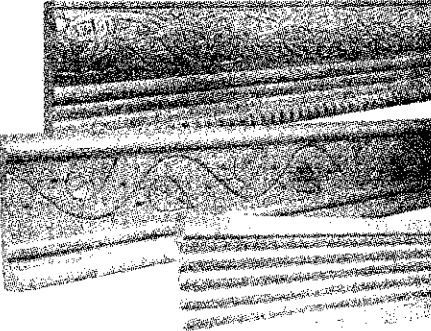
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walk through life alone. I believe this because you have given me love and support throughout all of these months. I have been given grace upon grace from God through this church and the people within it."

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For peace of mind

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'H' is for hurrah for G.P. Hunt Club horses

Horses highlighted "H" week at St. Joan of Arc Catholic School in St. Clair Shores.

Each week as part of the school's Young 5 program, teachers emphasize language development by focusing instruction on a specific letter.

The main event this time was a visit to the Grosse Pointe Hunt Club.

Students toured the stable and indoor riding barn, met club member Cathy Ryan and took turns brushing Chip, the pony.

Students fed horses apples and carrots, learned about their shoes, exercise routines and sleeping habits.

"The horse is soft," said student Noah Richardson, offering a horse an apple on the upturned palm of his hand.

"Feeding the horses was the best part," added classmate Liam Bunte.

"I loved the horses," said Michael Cavazos, another student.

"H" week activities involved more than horses.

"Beyond language development, our Young 5's program highlights reading and math readiness, and large and small motor skills," said Catherine Zolik, a Young 5's teacher and Grosse Pointe Woods resident.

"We read books emphasizing the letter 'H,' like 'Hop on Pop' and the 'Little Red Hen.' For our art project, we made houses by cutting shapes of different colors and sizes. And we



St. Joan of Arc Young 5 students, from left, Zachary Doerr, St. Clair Shores; Ava Gallant, Noah Richardson and Luke Alway of Grosse Pointe Woods; Molly Schelosky, St. Clair Shores; John Valenti, Grosse Pointe Woods and Oliva Fetterman of St. Clair Shores with Cathy Ryan and Chip the Pony at the Grosse Pointe Hunt Club.



Classmates and their parents feed apples and carrots to a pony.

played hop scotch and danced the hula."

The Young 5's curriculum stresses social, physical, emotional and academic preparedness.

"For our weekly cooking activity, we made Happy Little

Hot Dogs wrapped in warm bun blankets," said teacher Marcie Dudeck, also of the Woods. "Everything we do makes these children so much more ready for kindergarten. And in keeping with 'H' week, these children are truly happy."

The Young 5 program is designed for children who would benefit from a growth year before kindergarten.

These children often have late summer or fall birthdays, making them a bit younger than their peers.

Our trip to the Hunt Club

By Young 5 students
St. Joan of Arc

This is "H" week. Today we went to the Grosse Pointe Hunt Club to see the horses.

Mrs. Ryan showed us all around and told us about the horses.

First we met a pony named Chip. Then we met Mr. Lucky and Fred. We got to comb and brush Chip. We gave him apples and carrots. We held the food flat in our hands so he wouldn't eat our thumbs.

Mrs. Ryan told us not to get behind a horse. They can't see

behind them and might get scared and kick.

We went into the indoor riding room. This is used in the winter.

We passed all different horses in their stalls.

We loved the horses. We had lots of fun at the Hunt Club.

Monte Carlo Gala on Sat., Jan. 27

New items have just been acquired for the live and silent auctions of the Grosse Pointe South Monte Carlo Gala, to be held Saturday, Jan. 27.

Items are:
♦ a signed Steve Yzerman hockey puck
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♦ a walleye fishing trip on Lake St. Clair.

Other items include a weekend in Harbor Springs, Greek

dinner for 10 and jewelry from Edmund T. Ahee Jewelry Co. and Pat Scott Jewelers.

The event will take place from 6 p.m. to 12:30 a.m., at the Assumption Greek Cultural Center, 21800 Marter, St. Clair Shores.

Craps, blackjack, Texas Hold 'Em and euchre are some of the games planned for the night. Items will be available at silent and live auctions. Music and dancing plus a strolling dinner will round out the

evening. A scotch and martini bar will be open as well.

The gala is a fundraiser for the Mothers' Club of Grosse Pointe South. Money raised will be used to support college scholarships for South students, classroom enrichment projects and preservation of the historic high school building.

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Band-O-Rama and Extravaganza

Now that the holidays are over, music fans can get back to business at the Band-O-Rama and String Extravaganza at Grosse Pointe North High School. The Band-O-Rama will be at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 11, in the North High gymnasium. Band students from Parcels, Brownell and North will perform. The North Drumline and the North Jazz Band will also take the stage. The annual Strings Extravaganza will be held at 7:30 p.m. Friday, Jan. 12, in the North school gymnasium.

The Grosse Pointe South Orchestras, the Grosse Pointe North Orchestras and orchestras from Parcels, Brownell and Pierce will also perform. Donations benefiting band and orchestra programs will be accepted at the door. At left, North High musicians, from left, Peter Dong, Elizabeth Simon and George Abud put bows to string. At right, from left, Skip Brosnan and Jennifer DiBattista practice cello.

Public schools foundation is tax exempt

The nonprofit Grosse Pointe Education Foundation for Public status and may now receive 501(c)(3) tax-deductible donations. The foundation's purpose is

to augment funding from public revenue and parental efforts to maintain and improve the quality of education in the Grosse Pointe Public School System.

The Board of Education has undertaken a strategic planning process and developed a mission, vision and core values

to guide the foundation's efforts. Foundation subcommittees for administration, marketing, development and finance were formed and have been working toward their individual goals.

Fundraising is designed to augment but not replace support of booster clubs, Parent Teacher Organizations and other groups, according to foundation representatives.

Money raised will support the district's strategic plan, enhance educational programming, technology, elementary foreign language, classroom improvement, staff and professional development, and extracurricular, co-curricular and athletic programs and activities.

Board officers are President Lorna Utley, Vice President Joseph Parke, Secretary Robert Bury, Treasurer Patrick Burke, directors Christine Scoggin, Lisa Vreede, Lois Warden and ex officio members school board liaison Joan Dindoffer and district Superintendent Suzanne Klein.

For more information, contact district representative Rebecca Fannon at (313) 432-3058 or by e-mail at rfannon@gppe.org.

Contributions can be sent to: Grosse Pointe Foundation for Public Education Patrick Burke, Treasurer, c/o Northern Trust Bank, 120 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe Farms, MI 48236.

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Used computers stretch dollars

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

Of the 3,538 computers in use throughout the Grosse Pointe school district, 852 are more than six years old and out of warranty.

"Roughly 150 computers could be failing within a matter of weeks or month," said Tom Harwood, district executive director of student services.

Time for replacements. But at what cost?

School officials figure they can reduce the technology gap and not break the bank by buying used equipment.

"We want to do a combination of replacing some equipment we believe is going to fail and also building a stockpile of spares that we can use to replace computers that go bad," Harwood said.

Four companies have each offered to sell the district 200 refurbished computers backed by three-year warranties. Offers include monitors and range from \$101,675 to \$111,240.

A low-bid by CDI is the front-runner in both price and quality.

"CDI is quoting computers that are one year newer than computers quoted by the other vendors," according to Lee Warras, district executive director of curriculum, assessment, instruction and technology. "They also have memory upgrades."

Buying reconditioned yet warranted equipment is considered a cost-effective method of improving the district's overall computer inventory.

"It is anticipated that this purchase can save the district approximately \$200,000 during the 2006-07 school year

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The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention estimate 5 to 20 percent of Americans come down with flu during each flu season, which typically lasts from November to March.

People are at greatest risk of infection in highly populated areas, such as in schools and crowded living conditions.

Children are two to three times more likely than adults to suffer from the flu. Children frequently spread the virus to others.

A sick child is advised to stay at home during the first days of illness when symptoms are most severe and the infection

is most contagious. Children can return to school when symptoms improve and no fever has been detected for 24 hours.

Although most people recover from the illness, CDC estimates that in the United States more than 200,000 people are hospitalized and about 36,000 people die from the flu and its complications every year.

Most flu victims get better within a week.

But the illness can be life-threatening for the elderly, newborn babies and those with certain chronic illnesses.

Flu symptoms range from fever to chills, headache to body ache.

The virus is spread by

coughing and sneezing. An infected person can even spread the illness by word of mouth — by speaking and sending the bug into the air for other people to inhale.

Flu can be caught by touching surfaces, such as a telephone or door knob, that has been contaminated by a touch from someone who has the flu. Viruses can pass from hand to nose or mouth.

Avoid the flu

The CDC has the following advice for school administrators and students to defend against the flu:

- ◆ Wash hands several times a day using soap and warm water for 15-20 seconds (this is generally around the time it takes to sing the ABC's). Dry hands with paper towels or automatic hand dryers if possible.
- ◆ Have tissues available in classrooms. Students and staff should cover their mouths when coughing and use a tis-

sue when sneezing or blowing their noses.

- ◆ Get a flu shot. The main protection against the flu is to get a yearly flu vaccine. Get vaccinated at a doctor's office or a local clinic, even workplaces, supermarkets and drugstores. The vaccine must be given every year because the virus strain changes.

Until recently, flu vaccines were available only as an injection.

Now, the Food and Drug Administration has approved a nasal spray flu vaccine called FluMist obtainable from health care providers. FluMist is approved for use in healthy people aged 5 to 49 years who are not pregnant.

- ◆ Exclude ill students from sports, choir or activities involving close contact.

- ◆ In school, frequently clean with disinfectant door handles, handrails, eating surfaces, desks and other commonly used surfaces. Bleach solutions

or commercial disinfectants are appropriate.

Treatments

Besides resting in bed, drinking plenty of fluids and taking over-the-counter medicine, the CDC said flu treatments can include professional health care involving prescriptions of:

- ◆ Tamiflu (oseltamivir) for treating influenza A and B virus infections in adults and children 1 year and older, and

- ◆ Relenza (zanamivir) for treating influenza A and B virus infections in children 7 years and older and adults who have an uncomplicated flu infection and who have had symptoms for no more than 2 days.

- ◆ Over-the-counter medications may relieve symptoms of flu. The National Institute for Allergies & Infectious Diseases recommends acetaminophen (Tylenol) for children; and aspirin or acetaminophen for adults. Decongestants, cough

suppressants, and use of a humidifier can provide symptomatic relief.

No aspirin

Don't give aspirin to children and adolescents who have the flu.

Reye's syndrome, a condition that affects the nerves, sometimes develops in children and teenagers who are recovering from the flu. Reye's syndrome begins with nausea and vomiting, but the progressive mental changes (such as confusion or delirium) cause the greatest concern.

The syndrome often begins in young people after they take aspirin to get rid of fever or pain.

Although very few children develop Reye's syndrome, consult a health care provider before giving aspirin or products that contain aspirin to children. Acetaminophen does not seem to be connected with Reye's syndrome.

District inks tech contract

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

A private contractor has been hired to help the public school system handle computer software services.

The arrangement is nothing new but thrifter than the Grosse Pointe district doing the work in-house, district officials said.

"For the past several years the school system has contracted certain computer software services and staff instructional work," said Chris Fenton, assistant superintendent for business and support services. "The savings of a contracted service as compared to an employee is approximately \$23,000."

This year's contract with Jeffrey & Associates has been capped at \$70,000 compared to last year's arrangement, which totaled \$69,448.

"We privatized this position years ago; before the word privatize became popular," Fenton said.

Work is to include computer

programming, software installation, debugging and training.

School board President Brendan Walsh was concerned about open-ended contract language that seemed to hand Jeffrey & Assoc. free reign.

Suspect phrases included "work will be performed as J&A deems appropriate" and "work is to be performed as a subcontractor without supervision."

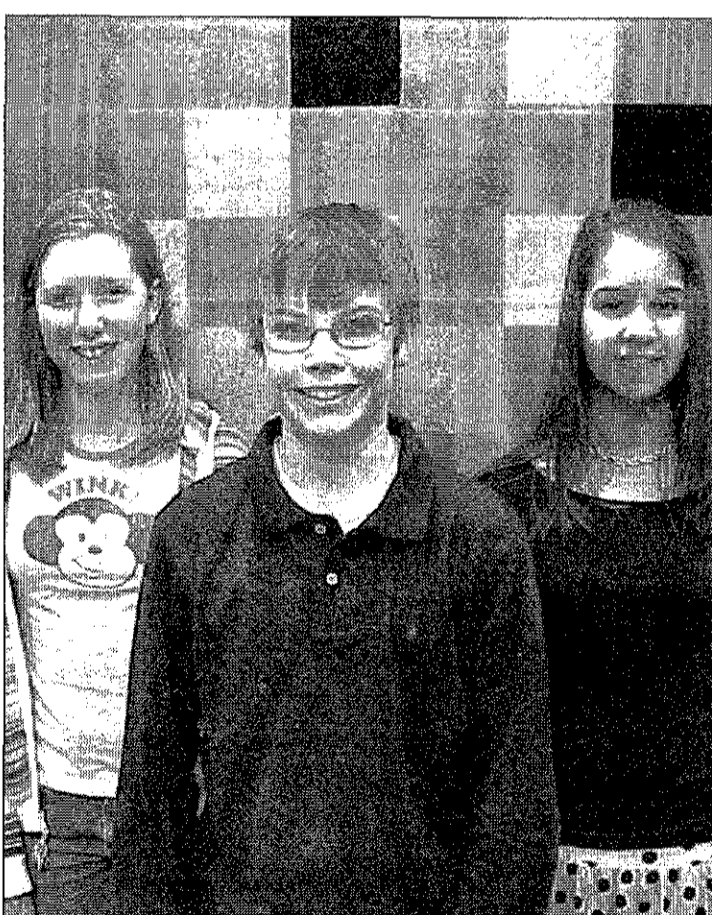
"Knowing what I know, I wouldn't support this contract," Walsh said.

"It is a Worker's Comp issue as far as the definition of a subcontractor," clarified Amid Ismail, board member and local proprietor.

"That is to separate a contractor from an employee," said Fenton, adding that such terms are in other district subcontract agreements.

"It's for our protection and for his protection as well," he said.

Terms require Jeffrey & Assoc. to obtain district approval before commencing projects.



Orchestra all-stars

Three members of the Pierce Middle School Orchestra have been named to the Michigan All-State Middle School Orchestra. The three musicians — from left, Hannah Sparrow, viola, eighth grade; Brian Hall, cello, seventh grade; and Simone Arora, violin, eighth grade — were selected from auditions that were held in 16 locations across the state in early November. The three will rehearse and perform during the Michigan Music Conference in Grand Rapids Jan. 25-27.

USED: Replace 200 computers

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while maintaining the district's technological capability."

Part of saving derived from acquiring used equipment will

pay for software to extend the life of computers not immediately up for replacement.

"Our intent is to purchase 200 used computers at this time, then come back in spring for another 200 if the first 200 worked out to our expectations," Warras said. "We'd be replacing 400 computers this year with the expectation we'd replace another 400 to 450 next year of the oldest in our inventory."

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OBITUARIES

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

Charles R. Beltz

Charles R. Beltz, 93, died Monday, Jan. 1, 2007, at his home in Grosse Pointe.

He was born Feb. 23, 1913, in Pittsburgh, Pa. He was orphaned at a young age and thereafter attended military school. He attended Cornell University and graduated from the University of Pittsburgh with a Bachelor of Science degree in aeronautical engineering.

He worked as an engineer with Stout Metal Airplane Co. and designed the Stout Sky Car, the world's first stainless steel aircraft. He also designed the crosswind landing gear still in use by commercial airlines. During World War II, he worked at Roosevelt Field on Long Island, N.Y., for Fairchild Aviation Corp. as an engineer and test pilot, designing the Fairchild Packet C-119, Flying Box Car.

After the war, he founded Charles R. Beltz & Co., a mechanical contracting firm in Detroit. His company Beltz Engineering Laboratories built

test low temperature equipment for jet engines. He founded Beltemp Inc., the largest builder of ice making equipment in the world. His company built over 80 artificial ice rinks, most of the artificial ice rinks in the United States, including those used by Holiday on Ice, Olympia, Detroit Skating Club, Detroit Curling Club and Joe Louis Arena.

He authored chapters in college textbooks on low temperature equipment and held mechanical and aeronautical engineering licenses.

Mr. Beltz was a longtime member of Grosse Pointe Memorial Church, serving as a trustee.

He married Amy Ferguson in 1935. They were married 66 years, until her death in 2000.

He is survived by his sons, C. Robert (Anna) Beltz, Jr. of Flint, Dr. Homer Ferguson (Linda) Beltz of Carmel, Ind. and Thomas (Mary) Beltz of Colorado Springs, Colo.; daughters, Amy Bonnie (John) Hatch of Harper Woods, Carol Elizabeth (Richard) Marks of Grosse Pointe Woods, and Joy Beltz (Mark) O'Keefe of Grosse Pointe Farms; 21 grandchildren; and 24 great-grandchildren.

A funeral service was held Thursday, Jan. 4, at Grosse Pointe Memorial Church.

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

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James Vincent Dirkes

Former Grosse Pointe Farms

resident James Vincent Dirkes, 80, of Grand Rapids, died Thursday, Dec. 28, 2006, in Naples, Fla.

Mr. Dirkes was well-known as the founder and CEO of Rapid Engineering Inc., an innovative designer and manufacturer of industrial heating, cooling and process equipment. The company was considered an industry leader.

He graduated from the University of Detroit in 1950 with a degree in architectural engineering, served in the U.S. Navy and went on to work for Fisher Body in Detroit and Grand Rapids. Mr. Dirkes also worked for Glendon A. Richards Co., a roofing and ventilating company in Grand Rapids.

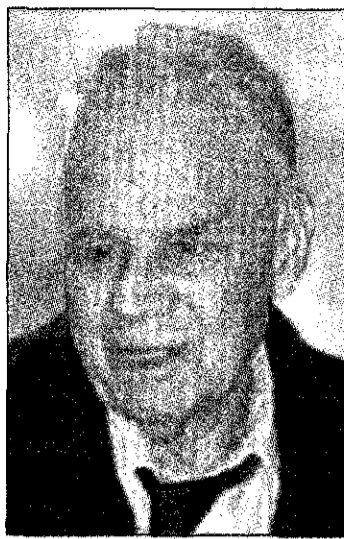
He started his own sheet metal contracting business in 1961. He rapidly assessed that there was a need for a clean, non-pollutive method to provide climate control for large industrial plants and complexes such as Ford Motor Co., the Pontiac Silverdome and many other well-known industrial firms in the United States and abroad.

Mr. Dirkes was a member of the Grand Rapids Rotary Club. He was an avid golfer and enjoyed tinkering in his garage or basement making practical devices to make home life easier.

His family, associates and friends considered him to be an energetic, compassionate, loving and positive man.

He is survived by his wife, Josie; children, Jim (Deborah), Sue (Todd Strauch), Jessica and Paula; nine grandchildren; one great-grandchild; and his sisters, Margaret and Joan (John) Vismara; and brother-in-law, Eugene Lomas.

Mr. Dirkes was predeceased



Charles R. Beltz



Joseph Quasarano



Diane G. Shamo

by his sister, Frances Lomas.

A funeral Mass was celebrated on Saturday, Jan. 6.

Memorial contributions may be made to the St. Anthony of Padua Church Educational Fund, 2510 Richmond Dr., Grand Rapids, MI 49504.

Shirley Ada Giller

Grosse Pointe Woods resident Shirley Ada Giller, 72, died Sunday, Dec. 31, 2006.

She was born Aug. 8, 1934, in Detroit to Harold and Isabella Giller and graduated from Grosse Pointe High School in 1952.

She worked at General Motors Corp., as an executive legal secretary to an associate general counsel.

Ms. Giller was active in the community as a volunteer for Cottage Hospital Auxiliary of which she was a past president. Her interests and hobbies included genealogy, crafts and watching the University of Michigan football.

She is survived by her sister, Joyce Giller Smith; and brother, Donald Giller.

She was predeceased by her parents.

A memorial service was held Friday, Jan. 5, at Verheyden Funeral Home Inc. in Grosse Pointe Woods. Interment is at White Chapel Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Juvenile Diabetes Association.

Shirley Hay Hafke

Former Grosse Pointe resident Shirley Hay Hafke, 85, died of natural causes Saturday, Dec. 23, 2006, at the Sunbridge Nursing Home in Toledo, Ohio.

She was born July 27, 1921, in Detroit, to Ivan C. and Caroline M. Hayin and raised in Grosse Pointe. Following graduation from the Sacred Heart Academy in 1939, she attended Marygrove College in Detroit.

Mrs. Hafke was a homemaker blessed with impeccable taste. She was loved and admired by family and friends.

She is survived by her daughter, Wendy (Stan) Reynolds of Tucson, Ariz.; son-in-law, Stephen White of Toledo, Ohio; grandchildren, Adam and Miranda Reynolds, and Melissa White; and sisters, Carol Griffin and Betty Hay of

St. Clair Shores.

She was predeceased by her husband, W. Ellis Hafke; and daughter, Karen White.

Interment is in Tucson, Ariz.

Robert F. Pickard

Robert F. Pickard, 88, husband of former Grosse Pointer Lois Whittier Batten, died on Sunday, Dec. 24, 2006, at home in Providence, R.I.

Mr. Pickard graduated from Middlebury College in 1940, served in the U.S. Navy during World War II and graduated from Yale Law School in 1947. He practiced law with the Providence law firm of Hinckley, Allen, Salisbury and Parsons until retiring in 1989.

A business lawyer, he was active in Rhode Island community service. He served as secretary and a trustee of Roger Williams General Hospital in Providence, and on the Rhode Island Board of Education for more than a decade. Mr. Pickard was a president of the United Way of Southeast New England and was a delegate to and vice chairman of the Rhode Island Constitutional Convention in 1964.

Mr. Pickard was a longtime member of the East Greenwich United Methodist Church and served on many of its committees and in its choir.

He married the former Marjorie Olson of Watertown, Conn., in 1944. They spent most of their married life in East Greenwich, R.I., raising five children, all of whom survive. Following his wife's death in June 1994, Mr. Pickard married the former Lois Whittier Batten of Grosse Pointe Farms, in October of 1995, after they were reacquainted at their 55th Middlebury College reunion.

Residing first in Warwick, R.I., Mr. and Mrs. Pickard moved to Laurelmead in Providence where both were active in various positions, including Mr. Pickard's service as treasurer and director. Despite severe low vision in later years, Mr. Pickard avidly pursued adult learning at Brown University and Laurelmead, and enjoyed a weekly match at Potowomut Golf Club, where he was a member.

Mr. Pickard is survived by his wife, Lois Whittier Batten Pickard; her three sons by her late husband, W. Arthur Batten, J. William (Marjorie)

Batten of Waterville, Maine, Fred W. (Donna) Batten of Grosse Pointe Farms, and James C. (Diana) Batten of Absecon, N.J.; and his five step-grandchildren.

There will be a memorial service at 2 p.m., Sunday, Jan. 14, at the East Greenwich, R.I., United Methodist Church, followed by a reception at the church.

Memorial contributions may be made to East Greenwich United Methodist Church, 214 Main St., East Greenwich, RI 02818, or The Laurelmead Employee's Education Fund, 355 Blackstone Blvd., Providence, RI 02906.

Joseph Quasarano

Grosse Pointe Woods resident Joe Quasarano, 82, died Wednesday, Dec. 27, 2006.

Mr. Quasarano began his long and successful career in the beer business in 1941 when he joined his father's business, Easttown Distributors of Detroit. Over the years, he guided the company through many changes to build a very successful and respected operation.

He was both old school and new school. He viewed total customer service as his ultimate goal, and believed relationships to be the foundation of commerce. At the same time, he was a cutting-edge pioneer in beer distribution. Mr. Quasarano was the inventor of the Hackney "On Tap" keg dispenser that made one-perve delivery of 1/2 barrels much more efficient. The invention was patented in 1981, and is manufactured and used across the country to this day.

Mr. Quasarano greatly valued his family, his country and his word. He gallantly served his country as a tail gunner during World War II. When his plane was severely disabled by enemy fire during battle, he made a promise to his pilot and co-pilot that if they brought the plane down safely, he would name his children after them. The pilots' names were Joe and Jim, which are the names of his two sons, born shortly after the war.

His passion and commitment to his business and community was recognized last April when he was named a "Miller Legend" at a national business conference in Fort Worth, Texas.

He is survived by his wife Rosemary Quasarano; four sons, Joseph (Paula); James (Mary Ellen), John (Cindy) and Paul (Jane) Quasarano; and eight grandchildren.

Diane G. Shamo

Former Grosse Pointe Farms resident Diane G. Shamo, 73, of Evansville, Ind. died Saturday, Jan. 6, 2007, at her residence.

Before retiring in Evansville to be close to her family, she taught and lived in Grosse Pointe Farms and Sanibel, Fla.

Mrs. Shamo's interests included gardening, bird watching, the changing seasons, traveling and fishing but, most of all, she cherished reading to her granddaughters. She was kind to everyone and enjoyed spending time with her family, especially her grandchildren. Her fondest memories were the times she spent with her family at Leach Lake, Minn.

Mrs. Shamo is survived by her husband of 46 years, George Shamo of Evansville, Ind.; sons, John (Sharon) Shamo of Evansville, and

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TEST DRIVE By Greg Zyla

A midsize luxury SUV, the **2007 Volvo XC90** comes in two models, 3.2 and V8. One of the safest SUVs on the market, the XC90 offers families more than peace of mind.

The all-new elegant 2007 Volvo XC90



This week, we're behind the wheel of Volvo's popular 2007 XC90 seven-passenger crossover SUV — base price: \$35,135; price as tested: \$45,200. Introduced four years ago, Volvo again tweaks the XC in areas of refinement, style and performance, yet still retains the winning safe design that attracted consumers initially.

Topping the list of changes for 2007 is an all-new 3.2-liter in-line six-cylinder engine. This engine replaces last year's 2.5 Liter Turbo 5-cylinder and maintains fuel consumption while pushing horsepower 27 more to 235. Torque stays the same at 236 pound-feet thanks to high-tech valve train technology and a properly geared six-speed automatic transmission — turbos usually have more torque than naturally aspirated engines.

Outwardly, XC90's styling is enhanced with an updated grille, bumpers and taillights along with color-coordinated side moldings and door handles. The 3.2 also sports new outside mirrors with integrated turn signals that flash three times with light pressure on the turn signal stalk. An upgraded interior is inviting, and totally expected when purchasing a Volvo in this class. Everything is neat, properly fit, and first



2007 Volvo XC90

class all the way.

It's Volvo's built-in safety, however, that tops any convenience feature or style statement. Volvo is historically known for its safety innovations, and XC90 adheres to this doctrine. All XC90 models come equipped with Roll Stability Control (RSC), Dynamic Stability and Traction Control (DSTC), Side Impact Protection System (SIPS) with side air bags and Inflatable Curtains for all three rows. The XC90 is truly one of the safest SUVs on the market.

Another appealing attribute that debuts in 2007 is what Volvo calls the Blind Spot Information System (BLIS).

This system monitors images from a pair of cameras mounted in the side mirrors and warns the driver via an indicator light when another vehicle moves into the XC90's blind spot.

In addition to all this safety, we applaud Volvo for continuing its production of a "practical in every sense" vehicle. Our tester offered plenty of head and legroom, although Volvo recommends the third row seat be utilized by passengers 5 feet 3 inches or shorter. If you make regular trips to the home center, the 40/20/40-split second-row seating and 50/50-split third row folds into the floor, offering a true flat surface for eas-

ier loading.

On the highway, XC90 drives comfortable thanks to a fully independent front and rear suspension. The overall ride is softer for an SUV crossover, but not overly so. Even in the sharper corners, where handling is capable but not overly impressive, XC90 gives a secure, stuck to the road feel with just a bit of lean. Tires are 17-inches with beautiful alloy wheels.

Acceleration is adequate with the straight-6, although a 311-horse, 4.4-liter V8 is available if more power is necessary — AWD comes standard with the V8 model, as does the third row seat.

Options on our tester included \$800 for "Active" Bi-Xenon headlights with beams that swivel up to 15 degrees for enhanced nighttime visibility with washers — expensive but very impressive; \$1,800 electronic all-wheel-drive that delivers up to 50 percent more torque to the rear axle only when needed; \$2,250 third row seat package with air ducts; and a \$2,995 package that includes power moonroof, power passenger seat, leather seating, and 6-CD in dash stereo. These options pushed the final tally to \$45,200 with a \$695 delivery charge included.

Important numbers include a wheelbase of 112.6-inches, 93.5

cubic-feet of cargo space with seats folded, zero to 60 mph in 7.9 seconds, 4,464-pound curb weight, 16 city and 22 highway EPA numbers, and a 21.1-gallon fuel tank.

We recommend XC90, and rate it a near perfect 9.5 on a scale of 1 to 10. You can't miss buying a safe vehicle like Volvo's XC90, regardless of engine choice.

Likes: Safety, build quality, looks, versatility.

Dislikes: EPA numbers, tight third row seat.

The XC90 3.2 is a strong competitor that offers elegance and safety in a crowded market.

Greg Zyla is a syndicated auto columnist.

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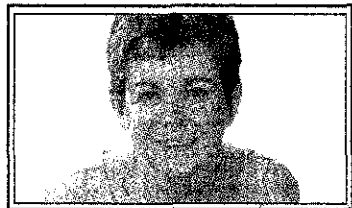
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AUTOS By Jenny King

Saturn's new roadster, 2007 Sky, sets a high mark on style and performance. The 2007 Pontiac GT sunroof/convertible offers comfort and convenience.

Beautiful cars from GM demand sun



All I wanted for Christmas was a bright-yellow Saturn Sky Red Line... and a condo in Florida or Southern California so I could enjoy driving it this time of year.

We recently spent a few precious days with said Saturn Sky and, to our surprise, got to test its mettle on one of the few snowy days to grace our fair town since the arrival of winter.

Visibility in the gorgeous two-seater is not great to begin with, and with snow covering the drive and parts of the cleaned windows, backing out and getting around had its challenges. The rear-drive Sky performed admirably. Antilock brakes kicked in at the many slippery intersections. Heater and defroster were great. The convertible top stayed up and latched. The rear window is tiny and the driver must rely

heavily on the two outside mirrors and frequent looks over the shoulders.

There are no heated seats in the Sky, which obviously would rather be checking out elegant restaurants in Palm Springs instead of hauling a couple of cartons of used books to a church sale.

But the newer Red Line model, once on dry pavement, takes off like a gust of north wind and for a few moments you can pretend to be at a different latitude.

The "regular" Sky is powered by a 177-horsepower four. Its fraternal twin the Red Line enjoys a significant power boost from an Ecotec turbocharged 2.0L engine, GM's first direct injection offering in North America. This combination puts out 260 horsepower or 2.1 horsepower per cubic inch of displacement — the most powerful production engine in the Ecotec family, according to GM.

Gasoline direct injection technology boosts power while maintaining the fuel consumption of a small displacement port-injected engine. The Red Line is rated at 22 miles per gallon city and 31 mpg highway

with a manual 5-speed transmission.

GM said direct injection delivers fuel directly to the combustion chamber to create a more complete burn of the air/fuel mixture. Less fuel is required to produce the equivalent horsepower, especially at normal cruising speeds, than a conventional port-injection combustion system.

Direct injection technology works well with turbocharging and helps deliver a great balance of power and economy.

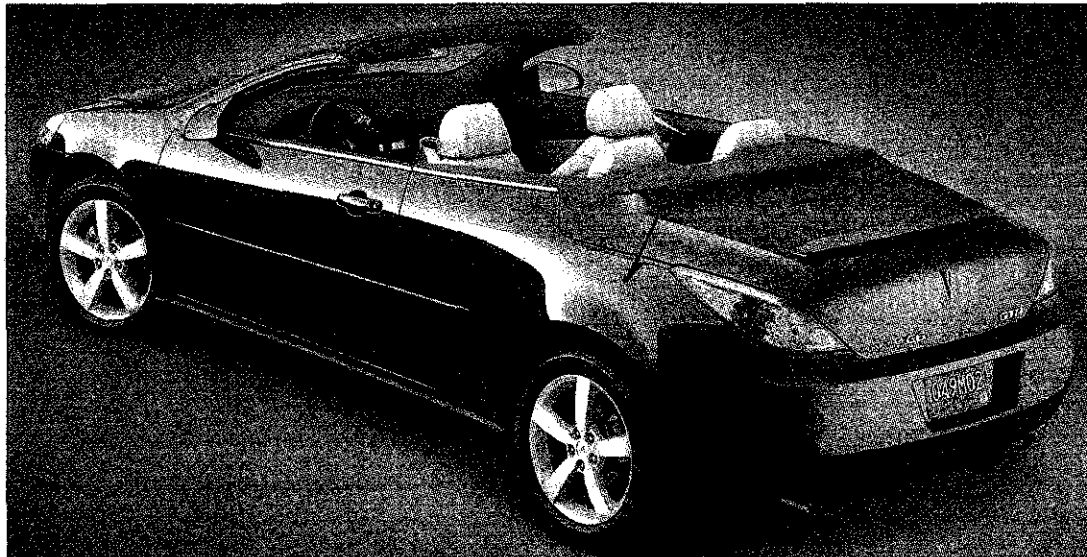
The Red Line model offers additional hardware to increase the vehicle's performance. That includes limited-slip differential, StabiliTrak electronic stability control and a performance-tuned suspension.

The Red Line also features its own interior and exterior differences compared to the Sky roadster, including dual polished aluminum exhaust outlets and 18-inch polished aluminum alloy wheels. The front lower fascia has special styling elements, including functional brake cooling vents and a larger mesh pattern in the lower grille for improved air flow. Red Line headlamp appearance also is different, with black bezels replacing the Sky's chrome.

The 2007 Saturn Sky turbo has a base price of \$27,295. If you forgo an upgraded sound system, chrome-plated aluminum wheels, leather seat inserts, premium paint and satellite radio service, you might save enough to cover a month's rent in Scottsdale in February.

Pontiac G6

A few days before our Sky



Pontiac GT convertible: No one would argue that, top-down, the G6 GT convertible is beautiful to behold. One button and some power fold the hard top into the waiting trunk.

experience, we were introduced to the Pontiac G6 GT and, not realizing at first that this sleek and attractive coupe has a retractable hardtop, thought its \$29,000 price tag a bit steep for a midsize two-door. Again, the December weather cut into our fun time and we had no opportunity to retract that top.

This vehicle, too, might better be spending its time in warmer climes. Once covered with even a minimal amount of snow and ice, the trunk lid was impossibly heavy to lift.

A single button brings up the all-weather retractable steel top in about 30 seconds. A double-hinged trunk lid facilitates stowing the top. It opens like a conventional trunk for cargo storage, but is reverse-hinged to accept the folding hardtop, Pontiac said.

A hard tonneau cover automatically appears as part of the hardtop retraction process, and

there is no visible "stack" when the top is down — it simply disappears into the storage compartment. A specially insulated headliner helps absorb sound and fend off extreme temperatures.

Pontiac pointed out that rear-seat room is generous, a sometimes unusual characteristic for sporty coupes. Long doors do make rear seat access easy.

When the retractable hardtop is up, there is 12.8 cubic feet of trunk space. When the top is stowed there is still 2.2 cubic feet of cargo space.

All G6 convertibles undergo stringent water tests at the factory to ensure a dry, hardtop-quality interior, Pontiac said.

Pontiac now offers a choice among four engines for its G6 family. A 3.5-liter V-6 is standard on the GT convertible and larger 3.9-liter V-6 is optional on GT models. The brand has added a 252-horsepower 3.6-liter V-6 engine with variable

valve timing and six-speed automatic transmission to the lineup. It's standard in the GTP coupe and sedan.

With the 3.5-liter V-6 with four-speed automatic, the GT convertible should give you about 20 mpg in city driving and an average 28 mpg on the highway.

The GT convertible comes with anti-lock brakes, 18-inch alloy wheels, air conditioning, remote keyless entry, rear-window defroster, power-adjustable driver's seat (including height), an eight-speaker sound system and cruise control. The standard price for this 2007 model is \$28,500. XM Satellite radio service, adjustable pedals and a \$650 destination charge pushed the price of the press car to \$29,474.

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City of Grosse Pointe

Vehicle recovered

Police recovered a stolen vehicle parked behind a business in the 16000 block of Kercheval at 6:45 p.m. Friday, Jan. 5.

Police said the owner of the vehicle saw the car and called police. Officers waited for two hours for someone to return to the car and, when no one emerged, had the vehicle impounded. Police observed evidence of forced entry to the vehicle's driver side door and that the ignition was broken.

ID theft

Police are investigating the identity theft of a 50-year-old City of Grosse Pointe woman reported at 1:50 p.m. Friday, Jan. 5. Police said a phone account was opened in the woman's name to an address in Detroit.

There are no suspects.

Minivan missing

Police are investigating the theft of a Chrysler minivan from a parking lot in the 16000 block of Kercheval at 9:09 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 3.

The victim was in a store for 30 minutes and emerged to find the vehicle gone. The minivan was registered into LEIN (Law Enforcement Information Network) as stolen.

— By John Lundberg

Grosse Pointe Farms

Road rage

A 23-year-old Grosse Pointe Park man was arrested following a traffic stop at Lothrop and Beaupre at 6:33 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 4.

Police responded to a road rage call from a witness, a 25-year-old Grosse Pointe Woods man, who said the suspect was tailgating him and trying to pull him over.

While questioning the suspect, who claimed he thought the witness was a friend, a strong odor of intoxicants was detected coming from the man's facial area.

The man failed several field sobriety tests and registered a .31 on a breath test.

He was taken into custody and later to an area hospital for detoxification treatment. The man's driver license was destroyed and his vehicle impounded.

No headlights

A 56-year-old Grosse Pointe Farms woman was arrested after a traffic stop at Kercheval and Lakeview at 11:56 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 6.

Police stopped the vehicle after observing its headlights were off. The woman could only produce a driver license and told officers the car belonged to a friend and she didn't know how to activate the headlights.

Police detected a strong odor of intoxicants coming from the woman's facial area during questioning. The woman failed field sobriety tests and registered a .12 on a breath test. She was taken into custody.

Packages purloined

Police are investigating the theft of two UPS packages from a house in the 300 block of Hillcrest on Tuesday, Dec. 19.

The victim notified police of the theft at 12:55 p.m. Friday, Jan. 5 after receiving confirmation from UPS that the packages were left at her door on that day. The packages contained several gifts that the victim placed valued at \$200.

Officials from UPS are also investigating.

Drunken driving

Police arrested a 19-year-old Midland man following a traffic stop on Mack near East Warren at 1:12 a.m. Tuesday, Jan. 2.

Police stopped the vehicle after observing it had no license plate light and was dragging an object from its rear bumper. Police said a strong odor of intoxicants was detected coming from the driver and that his speech was slurred.

The man failed field sobriety tests and registered .11 on a breath test. The man was taken into custody and the vehicle was turned over to a passenger who was sober.

— By John Lundberg

over, he acted confused about why police had stopped him.

His son, who was following closely behind him in an attempt to stop his father, explained to police that he wasn't supposed to drive because of health reasons.

The man was released to his son at the scene.

Warrant arrest

A 37-year-old City of Grosse Pointe man wanted on three counts of identity theft was arrested after he turned himself in to police at 4:26 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 4.

Police said the man was also wanted on a warrant in Royal Oak. The man was held for pick up by officers from the Wayne County sheriff's office.

— By John Lundberg

Grosse Pointe Park

Tires stolen

On Friday, Jan. 5, at 3:24 a.m., Grosse Pointe Park police officers patrolling observed the tires of a 2006 Dodge Ram parked in front of a home in the 1200 block of Yorkshire were stolen.

Officers also investigated a similar complaint in the 1400 block of Yorkshire where wheels were removed from a 2006 Cadillac.

Durango taken

On Friday, Jan. 5, between 1 and 2 p.m., a blue Dodge Durango was stolen from a municipal parking lot in the 15000 block of Mack in Grosse Pointe Park.

Arrested

On Saturday, Jan. 6, at 7:46 p.m., Grosse Pointe Park police officers spotted a 2006 Hummer previously involved in a larceny of auto parts.

The vehicle fled into Detroit.

With the help of Detroit police officers, a 17-year-old Detroit man was caught and arrested.

— Bob St. John

Grosse Pointe Woods

Phone stolen

On Saturday, Jan. 6, at 10:27 a.m., a 41-year-old Grosse Pointe Woods man living in the 2000 block of Huntington reported his Nextel phone was stolen from his black 2006 Dodge Ram.

He also said an unknown person tried to steal the vehicle's tires, but was unsuccessful.

Upon arrival, a police officer saw the rear end of the Ram lifted up by a jack that came from the vehicle. Lug nuts were on the ground near the vehicle.

The victim reported the theft to Nextel. The Nextel representative informed the man that someone used the phone to call a number registered to a home in the 11200 block of Lorman in Sterling Heights.

Rims taken

On Saturday, Jan. 6, at 1:11 p.m., a 47-year-old Grosse Pointe Woods woman living in the 1700 block of Bournemouth reported someone stole the 18-inch rims off her black 2006 Cadillac STS.

A police officer, upon arriving to the scene, saw the vehicle on two retaining wall blocks.

The woman told the officer she didn't hear anything unusual and neighbors didn't hear anything either.

Picked up

On Saturday, Jan. 6, at 5:22 a.m., a Grosse Pointe Woods police officer picked up a 60-year-old Warren man held by a Macomb County sheriff, who arrested the man for a traffic violation.

The man had a warrant out of Grosse Pointe Woods for failure to appear in court. The bond was \$204.

Busted

On Friday, Jan. 5, at 4:30 p.m., a 44-year-old Harper Woods woman driving a red 1989 Ford Tempo was stopped for disregarding the traffic sign on Harper and Allard.

The woman provided the police officer with her driver license, an expired registration and a valid proof of insurance. A LEIN (Law Enforcement Information Network) also revealed she had an outstanding warrant out of the City of Grosse Pointe.

She was arrested for driving with a suspended license and not having a valid registration.

Nearly stolen

On Friday, Jan. 5, at 7:25 a.m., a 32-year-old Harper Woods woman arrived to work at 7 a.m. at a business in the 19500 block of Mack in Grosse Pointe Woods.

Twenty minutes later, a 44-year-old Grosse Pointe Park man walked in and asked the woman if everything was all right because he saw two men parked in a car next to her vehicle.

At 12:30 p.m., the woman went to check her vehicle, a silver 2007 Chevrolet Trailblazer, when she noticed someone tried to steal the tires. Several lug nuts were on the ground and the rims were taken off.

The man told police he told the two men sitting in the car to move. Several minutes later he saw the car leave and a pickup truck following behind.

Tools taken

On Tuesday, Jan. 3, a 47-year-old Grosse Pointe Park woman reported to Grosse Pointe Woods police than an unknown person stole several power tools, valued at \$1,029, from a house in the 2100 block of Roslyn that she is having renovated.

A 27-year-old St. Clair Shores man noticed the tools were gone and that the thief gained access to the home through a basement window and left through a rear room.

— Bob St. John

OBITUARIES: Loved ones remembered

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Robert Shamo of Denver, Colo.; grandchildren, Alexa and Alysa Shamo; sister, Joan (Cliff) Jacoby of Omaha, Neb.; sisters-in-law, Amelia Shamo and Virginia Shamo, both of the Detroit area; and brother-in-law, Judge M. John Shamo of the Detroit area; and her niece and nephew.

She was predeceased by her children, Dana Suzanne and George Grant.

Memorial services were held Wednesday, Jan. 10. Interment is in Evansville, Ind.

Condolences may be made online at www.mem.com.

Leonard L. Riccinto

Leonard L. Riccinto, former vocal music teacher in Grosse Pointe from 1966 to 1976, passed away Monday, Dec. 11, 2006, from complications of leukemia.

A memorial service is scheduled at 1 p.m., visitation at 11 a.m., Saturday, Jan. 13, at the First Presbyterian Church of Ann Arbor, 1432 Washtenaw.

Memorial contributions may be made to the EMU Foundation / Riccinto Scholarship, Department of Music and Dance, Eastern Michigan University, N101 Alexander, Ypsilanti, MI 48197.

City of Grosse Pointe Woods, Michigan

NOTICE TO BIDDERS — ONE GENIE IWP-20S MODEL INDUSTRIAL WORK PLATFORM LIFT. Sealed bids will be received by the City at the office of the City Clerk, 20025 Mack Plaza, Grosse Pointe Woods, Michigan, until 9:30 a.m. on Friday, January 19, 2007, at which time and place the proposals will be publicly opened and read aloud for furnishing the following item: One Genie IWP-20S Model Industrial Work Platform Lift. Copies of specifications and bid sheets may be obtained from the City Clerk. The City reserves the right to reject any or all proposals, to waive any irregularities in the bidding and to accept any proposals it deems to be in the best interest of the City.

G.P.N.: 01/11/2007

Lisa Kay Hathaway,
City Clerk

CITY OF HARPER WOODS CITY CLERK'S OFFICE WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN

NOTICE FOR FILING NOMINATING PETITIONS FOR SCHOOL BOARD TRUSTEE FOR THE SCHOOL DISTRICT OF THE CITY OF HARPER WOODS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that nominating petitions for School Board Trustee for the School District of the City of Harper Woods will be available in the Harper Woods City Clerk's Office, Monday thru Friday, between the hours of 8:30 A.M. and 5:00 P.M. until February 13, 2007. Nominating petitions may be taken out on February 13, 2007, however, all nominating petitions must be filed in the City Clerk's Office, 19617 Harper Avenue, Harper Woods, Michigan, by 4:00 P.M. that day.

Any registered voter that resides in the School District of the City of Harper Woods is eligible to be nominated for School Board Trustee for the School District of the City of Harper Woods.

The purpose of taking nominating petitions for the May 8, 2007 Election is to nominate qualified registered voters to the following: (1) four year term as School Board Trustee expiring June 30, 2011.

Persons with questions regarding the nominating process should call the City Clerk's Office at 313- 343-2510.

CITY OF HARPER WOODS

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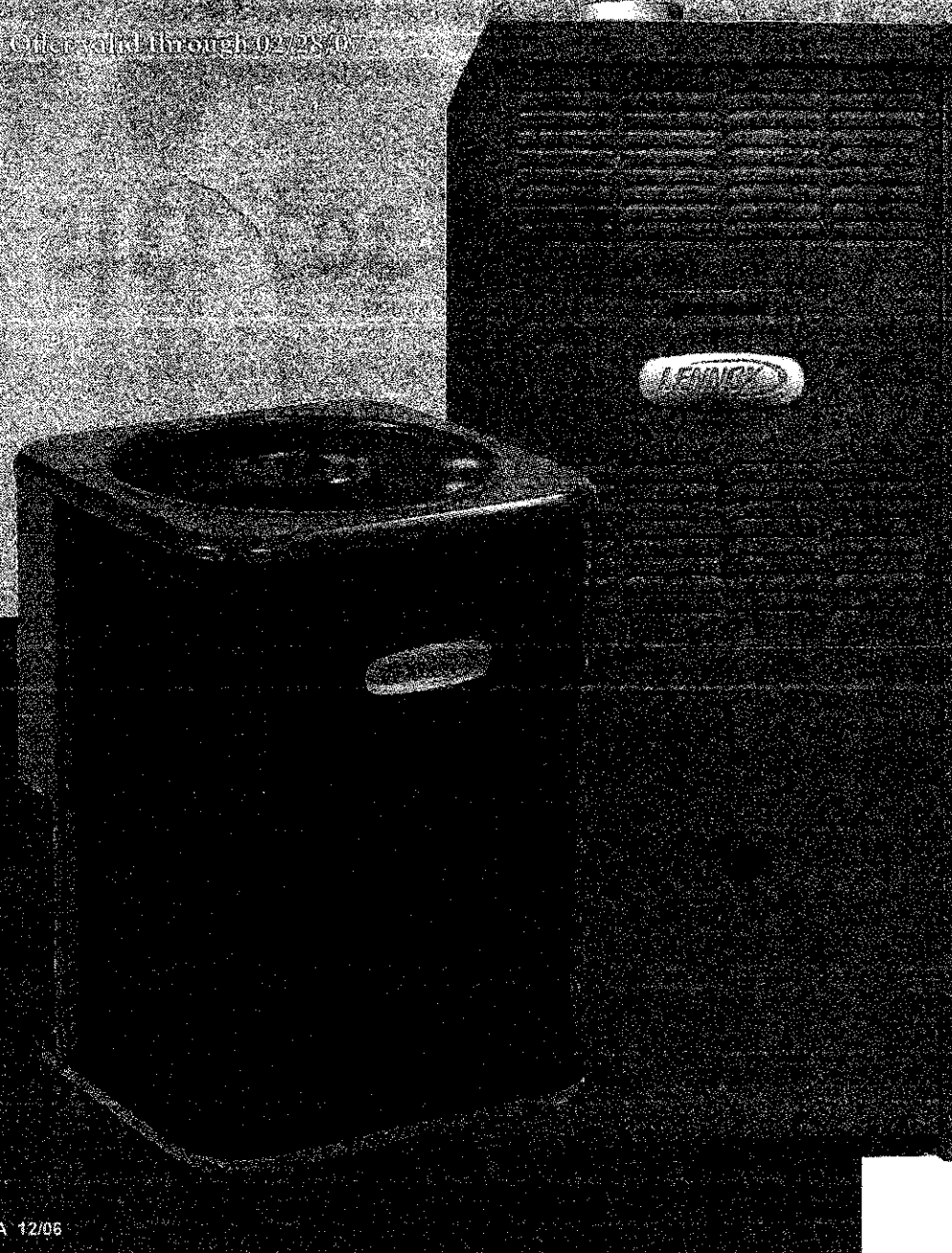
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The Family Center of Grosse Pointe and Harper Woods has a cram course for parents with tips on how to prepare their children socially and emotionally for college life.

College 101 sign up

By Beth Quinn
Staff Writer

When Heather Lockhart, a freshman in the Honors College at the University of Florida, gets ready to study, she unplugs her Internet connection on her computer.

"There are too many distractions on the Internet," said the 18-year-old Grosse Pointe Park resident. "It would be too tempting not to do my homework. My roommate spends a lot of time shopping on the Internet while she's studying."

The lure of Internet is just one of many temptations and difficulties confronting today's college students.

Some of the difficulties are the same ones their baby boomer parents faced. These are transitional problems such as time management, being homesick, anxiety about making new friends and finding their way around campus.

However, college students today face a battery of pitfalls which weren't around during the dark ages of their parents' college years.

"Times have changed a lot since we were kids in college," said Mary Ellen Brayton, program director for the Family Center of Grosse Pointe and Harper Woods. "We were the baby boomers of the '50s and '60s. Our kids are the millennials. In this age of instant and continuous communication, the challenges of college and parenting are altogether different."

The Family Center of Grosse Pointe and Harper Woods has planned a special college night for parents concerned about the challenges their children face on college campuses. The seminar, Getting Ready for College: Promoting Healthy Independence, will take place, starting at 7 p.m., Wednesday, Feb. 7, at Grosse Pointe South High School's auditorium.

"We do a great job preparing our children academically and getting them into college," said Family Center Director Diane Strickler, "but, from what I've heard on college campuses, we are not getting our kids ready to live independently. We need to ask ourselves 'Are they prepared socially and emotionally



PHOTO BY BETH QUINN

to live away from home?"

During the seminar, a panel of three experts — Erica Johnson, Sean Hogan-Downey and Fran Carnaghi — will cover a wide range of topics including substance abuse, depression, money management, sexuality, personal responsibility and online gambling.

Erica Johnson, assistant director for the University of Michigan Office of New Students Programs, coordinates the parent orientation programs which introduce parents to the issues that students may face in their freshman year.

Sean Hogan-Downey, a licensed master social worker and a licensed marriage and family therapist, is known nationally for her seminars for parents and schools staff members that inject humor into serious subject matters. She is also staff consultant and school counselor for Grosse Pointe Academy and a member of the Family Center's youth committee.

Fran Carnaghi is a licensed professional counselor who was a guidance counselor for six years at Grosse Pointe North High School and 15 years at South. She currently serves on the advisory board for Wayne County Community College.

In addition to discussing transitional issues, the three will look into new challenges college students must navigate. They will talk about helping students resist distractions such as cell phones, cable TV, instant messaging, My Space, U Tube and the rest of the

University of Florida student Heather Lockhart, 18, of Grosse Pointe Park, packs up the family car as she heads back to school for the second semester of her freshman year.



Internet.

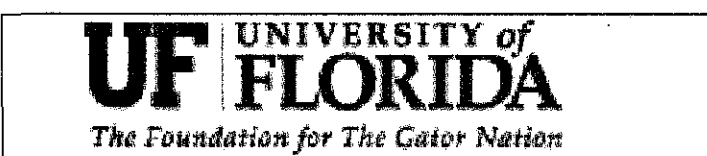
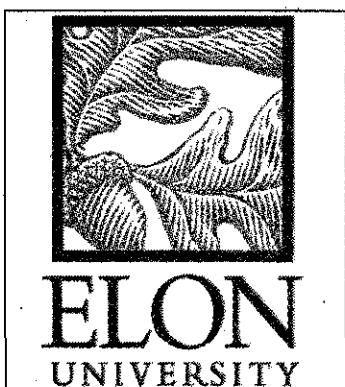
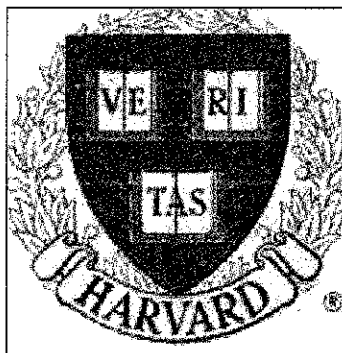
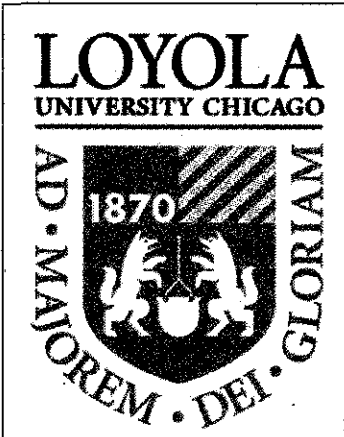
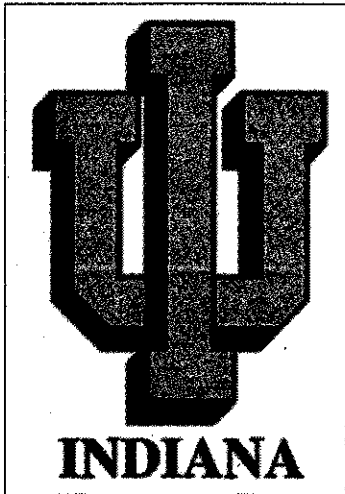
"Our kids today don't like to wait," Brayton said. "They live in an age of 24-hours news coverage. They are constantly multitasking. They live in a world where no one does one thing at a time; want immediate gratification and expect prompt answers to everything."

The panel will also address more damaging topics including date rape, credit card debt and online gambling.

"Online gambling is new to me," said Stickler. "Depression has always been out there but it is bigger now than ever. We need to discuss these issues with our children before they head off to college."

Credit card debt is another huge problem on college campuses. According to Brayton,

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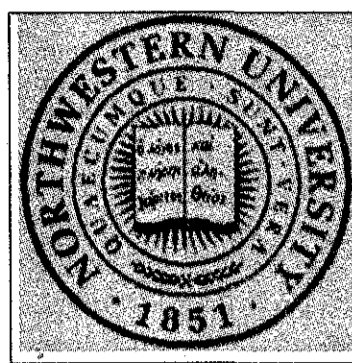
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the average college student owns four credit cards and carries a balance between \$3,000 and \$6,000. Youth today spend more than five times what their parents did, leading to debt as the primary cause of academic difficulty. Some students are racking up large credit card balances by online gambling, impulse purchases or poor money management.

"These easily available credit cards are a major reason for the huge financial debt college students' are accumulating," Strickler said. "It is a major reason for dropping out of college. They have to drop out to get a job to pay off their debt."

Johnson, Hogan-Downey and Carnaghi will also give tips how parents can let go of their children and let them live independently by showing them how to move away from being helicopter parents to be consultant parents.

"Because of availability of instant communication like cell phones, e-mail and viewing grades online, parents have taken their jobs of parenting to new heights," Brayton said. "They have become helicopter parents. They are excessively hovering over their children." Brayton and Strickler both noted that parents are remaining overly involved in the day-to-day activity of their college students. They question how



children are going to become independent and think for themselves if their parents are in touch with them every day via cell phones, e-mail and instant messaging.

"College is the perfect time for kids to learn to live independent of constant parental involvement," said Strickler. "It is better for them to make their own decisions and make mistakes while living on a college campus where they have relative security and the resources of the college administration, than when they move to a city after college and are living completely on their own."

The Family Center is a local nonprofit organization that seeks to help parents and caregivers raise healthy, competent and responsible young people by giving all who interface with children the skills needed to raise children to be contributing community members.

The cost of the Feb. 7 program is \$10 per person. Preregistration is recommended and can be made by calling the Family Center at (313) 432-3832.



Joyous activities

The Community Service committee of the Grosse Pointe Board of Realtors and its affiliate members spread good cheer by hosting a holiday party for the students of the Foundation for Exceptional Children at the Grosse Pointe Memorial Church. Realtors and affiliates were assisted by members of Grosse Pointe South's Key Club. Party activities included a singalong and dancing, holiday card and ornament making, followed by a pizza luncheon. The highlight of the gathering was the arrival of Santa who presented each child with a gift, donated by the Grosse Pointe Board of Realtors and its affiliate members.



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A merrier Christmas

The Lakeshore Optimist Club of Grosse Pointe hosted two representatives of the Old Newsboys Goodfellows Fund of Detroit and presented them with contributions totaling \$955 to help the Goodfellows provide Christmas gift boxes to Detroit's needy children. From left are Jeff vonSchwarz of Grosse Pointe Farms and president of the Optimists, Goodfellows James Goss of the City of Grosse Pointe and Conrad Koski of Grosse Pointe Farms.

PRIDE OF THE POINTES

Najahya Luna Chinchilla, daughter of Norma Chinchilla of Grosse Pointe Park, graduated from the University of Maryland with a Master of Architecture degree. She is a 1995 Grosse Pointe South graduate and earned a bachelor's degree in environmental policy and behavior from the University of Michigan.

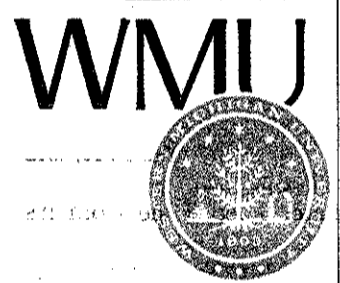
John Dising of Grosse Pointe Woods earned a bachelor's degree in management and organizational development from Spring Arbor University.

Rachele Keller received a master's degree, with distinction, in special education from the University of Michigan. She is a Grosse Pointe North High graduate and is the daughter of

Steven and Diane Keller of Grosse Pointe Woods. She is working as a special education teacher in the Birmingham school district.

Eric Backman, a junior majoring in economics and management and speech communication at Albion College, has been named to the dean's list. He is the son of Carole Backman of Grosse Pointe Farms and a graduate of Grosse Pointe South.

Andrew Bagby, a freshman at Albion College, with a concentration in the Gerald R. Ford Institute for Public Policy and Service, has been named to the dean's list. He is the son of Bernadette Banko of Grosse Pointe and a graduate of Grosse Pointe South.



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A reason for adopting outside U.S.

The recent controversy surrounding pop star Madonna's relatively quick, and some say dubious, adoption of a Malawi child put me in mind of an experience I had while I was a volunteer visiting lecturer at Daystar University in Nairobi, Kenya, in 2000. Here is an account of my experience.

—KEN VAN DELLEN
GROSSE POINTE PARK

August 30, 2000

Nairobi — Apparently I got the last open seat on the shuttle bus that was ready to depart Daystar University's Athi River Campus when I got to the loading area.

The staff bus, I discover, will be following to Nairobi, and this one carries both students and staff. I enjoy the students and want to get home a little early, and one shuttle bus isn't much different than another, so I squeeze into a seat next to a clean, neatly dressed middle-aged woman who, I note, doesn't look familiar. I've been on the campus of nearly 2,000 students for only two weeks, about a week less than most students, so most are strangers to me. I ask her if she is a student.

She is, she says, and is from Ethiopia. I'm not sure that I said I was visiting faculty, but somehow she is aware quite soon that I am.

Maybe she got a hint because I'm many shades lighter than the typical student, and am wearing a suit and carrying an attache case.

"Do you have any children?" she asks. Always interested in putting in a plug for adoption, I said, "Yes, we have two adopted daughters, both married. The older one has four little ones, our grandchildren."

"Would you like to adopt any more children?"

I'm not sure I had heard right, so I just smile.

She says, "You're probably too busy now."

A pause follows, as I think about how different my life would be if my wife, Pearl, and I were to adopt a child of any



Pearl Van Dellen, left, with daughters Lisa, who is holding Kara, in the stocking. The photo was taken on Dec. 26, 1968 just after picking Kara up at Bethany Christian Services in Grand Rapids.

age. I was 63, and she was, well, somewhat the same age, and we were enjoying spending time with children who didn't actually live with us.

"Would your daughter like any more children?"

That would be our older daughter, who had given birth four times in 54 months. Since her youngest was now three, Grandma and I were beginning to suspect our daughter might have taken her husband to the vet for neutering. No, I didn't think so.

It's a Wednesday, so I had spent the day at the Athi River Campus, where I teach three classes.

Between classes I do preparations, consult with other faculty, and talk with students in the office used by science faculty, as well as visiting the li-

brary, strolling around the campus to connect with other staff and students, or doing other personal or professional activities.

It had been a good day, and I had been delighted when a student had come into the office and asked me to sign a slip to allow him into my rather full class.

He said he had attended my morning environmental science class, and had liked it. Having wondered about how the students would perceive me, I felt accepted. A flattering remark from a secretary about it was nice, too.

Now I was tired, and this woman insisted on pelting me with inane questions.

"No, we think she has enough — and she does, too," I reply. I dig in my attache case

and extract a photo of Pearl and me with our descendants, and show it to her.

She admires it, and then pulls out some kind of certificate from Daystar in a presentation folder. Tucked in the corner are some photographs, and from them she takes out a photo of some people. "This is my husband, who died in December, and these are my children." I comment favorably about her five nice-looking children, and she puts the photo away. I ask her where the children are now, and she says they live with her in Nairobi.

"Will you pray for us?" she asks. "Yes, I will."

The conversation turns to other subjects. I mention my wife, who had opted to stay home and teach in her own school again this year. Then I ask her about how she had found out about Daystar.

"My husband attended Daystar."

"Then I guess the question should be, How did he find out about Daystar?"

"He worked with a church in Ethiopia, and Daystar is well known in churches in Africa."

"How long do you have to go yet?"

"Four years."

"Four years! Wasn't that a diploma you just had?"

"Yes, but I wanted to have a second... What do you call it?"

"Major?"

"Yes, major."

I couldn't believe that it should take that long to pick up a second major. Certainly some of the completed courses should apply toward this.

As the bus rattles along, she asks where I am from and what I had done for work before coming here.

When we go past a shantytown, a small sium, and I comment about the poor people, she makes me aware that she didn't think we had any poor people in the United States. I explain, to her surprise, that we do, but nothing like in Kenya, and that food and medical care are available for the

poor, which may not be completely true, but it seems that being poor in Kenya is much tougher than being poor in America.

A vehicle ahead gets off on the shoulder for a while, and she says, "You don't have dusty roads like this in the United States, do you?"

"Oh, yes. I can be on a dusty road that is entirely like this," pointing to the shoulder, "in a half hour from my home."

At the rate roads are being paved in suburbia, that may be stretching it just a tad, but it isn't far from the truth.

"I thought all the roads in the United States were hard surfaced," she said in surprise.

We continue on in silence for a while.

Thinking I should pursue the subject a little more, I remark that I'm comfortable living modestly, by American standards, at least, thinking that that's a subjective term, and I live in luxury compared to most people of the world. I show her my watch, mentioning that I had paid \$15, or about 10,000 Kenya shillings, for it, and it did just what I bought it for, to tell time.

I point out that if I had wanted to impress others, a watch would have cost me a lot more money. She smiles and agrees.

I casually comment that I had bought my suit about 10 years ago. It may actually have been more. I say I really like it and just want to keep it. Then I pull the collar out to the side and turn sideways so she can see inside a little, and remark that the lining is quite worn, but the suit still looks good on the outside. When she sees that the lining is in tatters below the collar for some distance, she bursts into laughter, as does the younger female student sitting on a side bench in front of her. I join in the laughter for a while, then say, "You don't believe it, do you?"

"No, I don't believe it!"

After some more silence, she asks if I know anyone who

is interested in adopting a child. I say no, and we fall silent again. However, my subconscious must be trying to understand what this conversation is about.

Finally, I say, "Are you looking for someone to adopt one of your children?"

"Yes."

It takes a while for the response to settle in and the shock to wear off.

"Which one?"

"The oldest one. She's 12."

"I see. You're hoping for a better life for her?"

"Yes."

This poor lady is willing to give up her firstborn child so the girl can live with people who are able to give her a life her mother is unable to give. This is a situation I certainly had never encountered before.

I explain to her that it would be illegal for someone in the United States to do what she was hoping for, and that a person doing so would be in trouble with Immigration and other government agencies.

While organizations such as Bethany Christian Services, where we had gotten our daughters, did international adoptions, the children were orphans, I noted, thinking it was time for a reality check, while just a little uncertain about my knowledge of the law and other details. That pretty well ends the conversation until we get to the Valley Road Campus in Nairobi.

As we disembark, I say, "If you don't mind my asking, how old are you?"

I hope she won't think I'm too rude.

"Forty-two," she says.

I say, "Thank you. I'll pray for you."

This has to have been the most astonishing experience I've had in my entire life, and I've had several.

Later I learn the woman's name is Aster Beyenne Gunna. I hope and pray that things worked out well for her.

The daughter she wanted to give up would now be 18.



PHOTOS BY ELAYNE GROSS

Historical ball

During a Dec. 2 gala ball at the Stroh River Place, 280 people raised \$165,000 for the Detroit Historical Society. Co-chairs for the 2006 ball were, from left, Sheila Stone of Huntington Woods, Vivian Day Stroh of Grosse Pointe Farms and Lindsey Ford Buhl of Grosse Pointe Farms.

Enjoying the evening were, from left, Mark Nethercut and Helen Lowrie and Detroit Historical Society president Sandy McMillan, all of Grosse Pointe Farms.



THE FAMILY CENTER

Building successful children together



Last week readers were introduced to The Family Center: who we are and what we do, and told you about our new weekly column.

Although we will inform you of helpful upcoming programs, the main purpose of our column is to answer your questions about child development, parenting topics and family life.

The answers will come from local pediatricians, principals, school counselors, therapists who work with children and families, and safety experts. If you have a question, an idea for a program, or a parenting concern, drop us an e-mail.

Q. What can I do to best prepare my child for kindergarten?

A. Here are 10 tips for getting your child ready for kindergarten.*

1) Establish a healthy home routine — meals, sleep,

exercise, putting things away.

2) Model skills, social and educational, for your child — show how to share, how to read and write, play safely and follow directions.

3) Talk together — take turns talking and listening.

4) Work together — count the spoons to set the table, look at the recipe to bake cookies. Your child is capable of helping.

5) Read together — have your child retell the story.

6) Sing songs and read poetry together — use car time to sing.

7) Provide an area for writing, drawing, painting, constructing — keep supplies handy.

8) Play games together — take turns, follow directions, practice handling the frustration of losing a turn or a game, and play again.

9) Provide unstructured time for independent play and play with friends — encourage your child to play by himself.

10) Provide structured time together — take trips to the zoo, museum, science center, or join Play Central playtime at The Family Center.

— By Deb Kraft and Dorothy Heitjan
Kindergarten Teachers
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◆ From The Family Center's Getting Ready for Kindergarten program in November: The Family Center, 20090 Morningside, Grosse Pointe Woods, MI 48236. The Web site address is familycenterweb.org.

NEW ARRIVALS

Spencer Harrison Chapin

Elizabeth Burrows Chapin, formerly of Grosse Pointe Woods, and William Ray Chapin of Canby, Ore., are the parents of a son, Spencer Harrison Chapin, born April 1, 2004.

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Canon Spann has a lot to say

By Carrie Cunningham
Special Writer

Canon Ron Spann has a lot to say.

As head of the Spirituality Center at Christ Church Grosse Pointe, he guides people to become in tune with who they are, and as a veteran priest for decades, he winnows a subtle and meaningful vision of the possibilities and challenges of our national community.

Spann began the Spirituality Center in 2003 at the request of Christ Church rector Brad Whitaker. Coming from a diocese in the east in which there existed a parish-level spirituality center, Whitaker wanted a similar life-giving entity to be part of Christ Church.

Spann's creation is derived from an educational and spiritual program called Personality and Human

Relationships started by a French priest named Andre Rochais. Developed in the 1970s, the program combines insights of religion and psychology in a vision of holiness that is accessible for everyone. Rochais said the spiritual education removes holiness from its pedestal.

The workshops have been formed for people to discover who God wants them to be.

"Personality and Human Relationships allows a person to become in touch with their personal growth and healing," Spann said. "It's a wonderful resource."

One of the seminal workshops at Christ Church is dubbed "Who am I." Participants write and then share about themselves. Things that seem ordinary can be discovered as vital characteristics. People ponder their deepest motivations and feelings so that they are

able to bring forth their true essence. As an effect, they can discern and embrace good relationships and jettison unhealthy ones, as well as overcome unforgiveness. Transcendence becomes apparent.

"The focus is on your being, the core of your personality, which needs a nurturing environment in order to develop and thrive," a brochure on "Who am I" reads.

Spann grew up in Ann Arbor where he sang in an Episcopal choir as a child. Coming of age in the 1960s, the era of Martin Luther King Jr., he was inspired to study theology. He went to seminary at the Episcopal Divinity School in Cambridge, Mass., and was initially interested in the academic side of Christianity. It took a year as a seminarian volunteer in Guatemala to convince him to become a pastor.

Spann says that individual spirituality, such as the kind developed in his workshops, relates to political and cultural dialogue in a sometimes vexing but potentially rewarding way.

A continuum exists, he said, between the intimacy of the human heart and soul to the larger discussion on the identity of America.

"God's Spirit speaks to both; both must learn to discern God's voice. You can't have one without the other," he said.

Spann embraces the conversation and wonder of American democracy all while calling for an ever-renewed political system.

"Democracy has spirituality. It's the spirituality of freedom and what freedom means to human development. It's fraught with all kinds of risks, but it's all we've got," he said.

PASTOR'S CORNER

By the Rev. John Corrado

In the beginning was the word

Some pusillanimous pundit once remarked that swearing was evidence of the failure of language. Maybe.

I don't usually stop to parse when I lapse into vulgarity.

When I drop a hammer on my toe, I'll never "take the name of the Lord in vain," though I may certainly take it in pain.

When I hear cursing or swearing, I may hear vulgarity or thoughtlessness.

I may also hear passion or pain.

Maybe that's why I find vulgar language easier to forgive than the lazy use of language when someone is trying to positively present himself.

More specifically, I'm concerned about speaking in clichés by people who ought to know better.

I think I may scream (or cuss) the next time I hear someone say "at the end of the day."

Unless things have changed since I first learned to tell time, the end of the day is at 11:59 p.m.

These days the end of the day seems to be the time that any and all issues, situations, problems and negotiations are going to be resolved. Happy midnight, everyone!

At the end of the day, though, we can at least figure what people mean when they say, "at the end of the day." It's not true with all phrases which, though they may have started out as thoughtful or helpful metaphors, have become as meaningless as a Hollywood kiss.

Myself, giving 110 percent 24/7, and wanting to surface and share my learnings so that we may, in right relationship, push the envelope and

get outside the box in a more robust manner that will, at the end of the day, in a purpose-driven way, find a new paradigm that is very spiritual (but not religious) and so fun.

Have you reached for the "comfort bag" yet? Am I making fun of people? Maybe.

A little pointed humor can awaken all but the most pompous, solemn and self-centered.

And, there's something deeper to consider.

Each of us has been given the gift of language, the gift of education, the gift of experience, the gift of apprehending the gift of life in a unique way.

Why not speak out of these gifts?

Why spoil God's curriculum by reciting and recycling verbal Pop Tarts?

So, speak in the first-person triumphant, or exhortative, or pained, or stained, or what have you, and bring something fresh into the world, even as you came into the world a new expression of hope and wonder.

Do it now, before the end of your day.

The Rev. John Corrado is the pastor at Grosse Pointe Unitarian Church, 17150 Maumee, City of Grosse Pointe.

PRIDE OF THE POINTES

Six local students are freshmen at Albion College and have been admitted to the Carl A. Gerstacker Liberal Arts Institute for Professional Management.

The students include: Jillian Kronner, Melissa Light, Michael Rock, Mark Szandzik, Christoph Tallerico and John Vinson.

Kronner is the daughter of John and Jane Kronner of Grosse Pointe Woods and is a graduate of Grosse Pointe North.

Light is the daughter of Daniel and Pamela Light of Grosse Pointe Woods, also graduating from North.

Rock is the son of Jerome and Ann Rock of Grosse Pointe

Park. He graduated from Grosse Pointe South.

Szandzik is the son of Edward and Julie Szandzik of Grosse Pointe Woods and a graduate of North.

Tallerico is the son of Randall and Siglinde Tallerico of Grosse Pointe Farms and graduated from North.

Vinson is the son of John and Shawn Vinson of Grosse Pointe Woods and graduated from North.

Christopher Dubay of St. Clair Shores earned a Bachelor of Science degree in medical technology from Michigan State University in 2006. He is the son of Dale Dubay of Clinton Township and Debbie

Dubay of St. Clair Shores. He graduated from Grosse Pointe North High School in 2002. Dubay is now a member of the Class of 2010 in Michigan State University's College of Osteopathic Medicine.

Elizabeth Ridgway of Grosse Pointe was named to the spring dean's list at Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology, Terre Haute, Ind. She is majoring in civil engineering.

Sign presidential memory book

To honor the life of former President Gerald R. Ford, the A. H. Peters Funeral Home of Grosse Pointe has created a memorial tribute.

Individuals may stop by the funeral home to sign a memorial register book and receive a memorial folder created in President Ford's honor. The

memorial tribute will be available from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. through Saturday, Jan. 13. The register book will be forwarded to the Gerald R. Ford Presidential Library in Grand Rapids.

The funeral home is located at 20705 Mack at Vernier Rd., Grosse Pointe Woods.

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St. John's February community programs

Support groups and exercise are included in a list of activities offered to the community by St. John Hospital and Medical Center in February.

◆ **Look Good, Feel Better** — from 1 to 3 p.m. Monday, Feb. 12, at the Van Elslander Cancer Center, 19229 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods. This free national program helps women manage the appearance-related side effects of chemotherapy and radiation. Participants learn how to camouflage the side effects with cosmetics, wigs and scarves through a partnership between the Cosmetic, Toiletry and Fragrance Association, National Cosmetology Association and American Cancer Society. Call (866) 246-4673.

◆ **Hip and knee pain seminar** — from 10 to 11 a.m. Thursday, Feb. 15, at the Van Elslander Cancer Center, 19229 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods. Learn the causes of arthritis hip and knee pain and morning stiffness. Information about the latest nonsurgical treatments, new arthritis medicines and advance physical therapy will be provided at this free event. Call (888) 751-5465 for information and to register.

◆ **Stressed? Life Balance Tips for Women** — from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. Thursday, Feb. 8, at St. John Hospital and Medical Center, Lower Level

Conference Room, 22101 Moross, Detroit. Learn how to identify where stress comes from in your life and some suggestions for an action plan. Many benefits of meditation, relaxation and attitude will be explained during this free event presented by social worker Lynn Bidigare, LBSW, JD. Registration is recommended; call (888) 751-5465.

◆ **Wellness Support Group** meets from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. Mondays and Wednesdays at the Van Elslander Cancer Center Infusion Center, 19229 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods. This free general support group is for patients and family members needing support and is facilitated by a Van Elslander Cancer Center chaplain. Call (313) 647-3004.

◆ **Oncology Bereavement Group** meets from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Mondays in the Van Elslander Cancer Center Main Lobby, 19229 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods. This free support group sponsored by the Candlelighters Foundation is for anyone grieving an oncology related loss. Call (313) 647-3004 for information and to register.

◆ **GYN Support Group** meets at 12:30 p.m. the first Tuesday of every month at the Van Elslander Cancer Center Valade Healing Arts Center, 19229 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods. This free program of-

fers emotional support for any woman diagnosed with a gynecological cancer.

◆ **Non-Oncology Bereavement Group** meets from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Tuesdays in the Van Elslander Cancer Center Main Lobby 19229 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods. This free support group sponsored by the Candlelighters Foundation is for anyone grieving a non-oncology related loss. Call (313) 647-3004 for information and to register.

◆ **Breast Cancer Support Group** meets from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. the first Wednesday of the month in the Van Elslander Cancer Center Main Lobby 19229 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods. This free group is for any woman currently diagnosed with breast cancer and focuses on issues related to treatment and recovery, both physical and emotional. It is sponsored by Candlelighters Foundation.

◆ **Second Wind Stroke Support Group** meets from 2 to 3:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 8, at the Van Elslander Cancer Center, 19229 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods. Paul Cullis, M.D., neurologist, will provide a stroke treatment update at this free event. Call (313) 343-3747 for more information.

◆ **Wellness Support Group** meets from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. the second, third and fourth

Wednesday of the month in the Van Elslander Cancer Center Main Lobby, 19229 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods. This free patient and issue focused support group is for anyone diagnosed with cancer. Family members and friends are welcome to attend with the person diagnosed. Sponsored by Candlelighters Foundation. Call (313) 647-3004.

◆ **Diabetes Support Group for Parents, Children and Teens** meets from 7 to 8 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 28, at St. John Hospital and Medical Center Lower Level Education Center, 22101 Moross, Detroit. "What Is an Acceptable Hemoglobin A1c" is the topic of the day for this free three-in-one support group for parents, children and teens with diabetes. Group discussion includes a general review of diabetes, family dynamics and diabetes care. Call (888) 440-7325 for more information.

◆ **Type 2 Diabetes Support Group for Parents, Children and Teens** meets from 7 to 8 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 28, at the St. John Hospital and Medical Center Lower Level Education Center, 22101 Moross, Detroit. "Ask the Psychologist" is the topic of the day for this free three-in-one support group for parents, children and teens with diabetes. Call (888) 440-7325 for more information.

◆ **Basic Meditation** from 10

a.m. to noon Saturday, Feb. 3 at the Van Elslander Cancer Center Valade Healing Arts Center, Ste. 30, 19229 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods.

The class will focus on learning to quiet the constant chatter of thoughts from stressful questions to quiet knowing. Wear comfortable clothes, bring bottled water and a blanket, mat or cushion to sit on. The cost is \$25; call (313) 647-3320.

◆ **CPR for Family and Friends — Infant** meets from 7:30 to 9 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 8, at the St. John Romeo Plank Community Center, 46591 Romeo Plank, Macomb Township. This class is for individuals over the age of 12 who wish to learn CPR techniques for infants and how to help an infant who is choking. It is for the general community and does not meet the requirements for childcare providers or work required CPR. To learn both infant and child CPR, also register for adult/child class. The cost is \$20; call (888) 440-7325.

◆ **Lunch and Learn** from noon to 1 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 13, at the Van Elslander Cancer Center Valade Healing Arts Center, Ste. 30, 19229 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods. "Essential Oils for Everyday and Critical Illness" is the topic of this hands-on-experience with Joy, Ylang Ylang and Goldenrod oils. Ylang Ylang is very supportive to the cardiovascular system and may be helpful for hypertension, hair loss and depression. Goldenrod benefits the circulatory system as well as the liver, urinary tract and bladder. Explore the history, benefits, safety and effective use of these essential oils. Bring lunch. The cost is \$15; call (313) 647-3320.

◆ **Reiki Intro to Energy Evening** from 7 to 8:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 15, at the Van Elslander Cancer Center Valade Healing Arts Center,

Ste. 30, 19229 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods. This is an opportunity to experience a mini hands-on Reiki session and receive an explanation about Reiki energy healing. The cost is \$5. Call (313) 647-3320.

◆ **Prenatal Yoga** from 5:15 to 6:15 p.m. Monday, Feb. 26, at the Van Elslander Cancer Center Valade Healing Arts Center, Ste. 30, 19229 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods.

This class offers yoga postures appropriate to strengthen the body and calm the mind in preparation for childbirth. It is best to wait until after the first trimester. A physician note is required. Bring a blanket and mat. The cost is \$60 for six weeks; call (313) 647-3320.

◆ **Hatha Yoga** from 6:30 to 7:45 p.m. Monday, Feb. 26, or Tuesday, Feb. 27, at the Van Elslander Cancer Center Valade Healing Arts Center, Ste. 30, 19229 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods. Practice gentle postures, breathing exercises and meditation that may aid well-being. The cost is \$60 for six weeks. Call (313) 647-3320.

◆ **Yang Tai Chi** from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. Monday, Feb. 26, for the Advanced Class or 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. for the Beginner Class at the Van Elslander Cancer Center Valade Healing Arts Center, Ste. 30, 19229 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods. Yang Tai Chi is a different family of Tai Chi training. It is a series of slow, sequence movements. The cost is \$70 for seven weeks. Call (313) 647-3320.

◆ **Iyengar Yoga** meets from 5:45 to 7 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 28, at the Van Elslander Cancer Center Valade Healing Arts Center, Ste. 30, 19229 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods. Iyengar Yoga builds strength, flexibility, stamina and awareness. Alignment is emphasized. Blankets, belts, mats and blocks are used to help correctly position the body. The cost is \$50 for five weeks. Call (313) 647-3320.

X-TRA SPECIAL ADVICE By Theodore G. Coutilish and Mary Beth Langan

Learning Gizmos accelerates learning



It's not just for teachers. Learning Gizmos in Warren can help parents enrich and expand their child's education from preschool to the middle school level. For the past decade, area teachers have known the store's innovative educational tools help motivate students and keep them interested in learning.

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stocked with more than 10,000 helpful items to develop critical cognitive, reading and language skills. Our son, Andrew, is benefiting from their games. His current interests include those that help master letters and numbers.

The store carries a large variety of games, puzzles, brain teasers, flash cards, science (and science fair) supplies, posters, bulletin board supplies and sets, arts and crafts supplies, homework helpers, resource books, a section devoted to Christian decoratives and teaching aids.

Learning Gizmos is the brainchild of Nancy Korte and her husband, Frank Lampi.

"We saw a need for a teachers store to cater to parents," says Korte, who quit her job as a human resources compensation analyst to open the 6,000-square-foot store with her husband, in 1996. "We focus on customer service. Whatever it is, we'll find it for our customers, even if it means calling another store."

Korte manages the store with help from sisters Mary Beth Korte, Carol Korte, Linda Carless and Laura Gaida.

Learning Gizmos is gaining fame for the fun-filled Family Math Nights and Game Nights hosted at schools throughout Michigan. Store representatives visit schools to bring families together during a Family Math Night where they play games that focus on math skills, such as addition, subtraction, multiplication, division, money, time, problem solving and place value.

Family Game Night activities include skill building in math, language arts, critical thinking and geography. The event is free for local schools, with 75 committed participants.

Families learn how to play the games and discover what is most fun and beneficial for their family. Items sold at the event range from \$3 to \$25. Part of the proceeds can be returned to the school.

"It's so much fun," Korte says. "Everyone has a great time."

The store also offers an interactive Science Fair Workshop for students and parents and the EATTS (Eat At a Terrific Teacher Store) Program, where teachers receive a 10 percent discount on purchases. In return for a \$500 total minimum purchase, Learning Gizmos treats the teachers to lunch or dinner in the store's learning resource room.

For more information on the store, visit learninggizmos.com or call (586) 757-8488.

Grosse Pointe residents Theodore G. Coutilish and Mary Beth Langan created this column to share experiences from their journey as parents of a child with Fragile X Syndrome [fragilex.org]. Send your questions or comments to ag5046@wayne.edu or mblangan@hotmail.com.



The staff at Learning Gizmos includes, from left, Carol Korte, Laura Gaida, Mary Beth Korte, Linda Carless, Nancy Korte and Frank Lampi (seated).

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'The Other America' is remembered by Grosse Pointe Historical Society

Grosse Pointe has a special, but little known connection to Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. and the Grosse Pointe Historical Society is trying to make this connection known.

The Nobel-Prize-winning activist gave a speech at Grosse Pointe High School (now Grosse Pointe South) on March 14, 1968, three weeks before he was assassinated. His speech, entitled "The Other America," was delivered in the school gym to a capacity crowd of 2,700, according to a Grosse Pointe News article.

Some 200 picketers from the right-wing organization Breakthrough demonstrated in front of the building, but the evening proceeded without incident. King was invited to speak by the Grosse Pointe Human Relations Council, a group of concerned citizens who worked for things like fair housing.

The Grosse Pointe Historical Society has put a

copy of the speech, along with pictures of King's appearance on its Web site, gphistorical.org, as well as comments from members of Breakthrough and the Human Relations Council. The society hopes to have a voice transcript of the speech also.

"We had a copy of the speech in our files at the Resource Center and felt the community would be interested in it," said Society curator Suzy Berschback. The event had major historical significance, she said. According to accounts in the society's files, the Grosse Pointe Police Chief actually sat on King's lap in the car ride to the high school in order to protect him, Berschback said. "That's how volatile the situation was."

King's speech began, "I need not pause to say how very delighted I am to be here tonight and to have the great privilege of discussing with you some of the vital issues confronting our nation and



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Martin Luther King Jr. appeared at Grosse Pointe High in 1968, just three weeks before he was shot. The speech will be available on the historical society's Web site.

confronting our world. "I want to discuss the race problem tonight and I want to discuss it very honestly.

"There are two Americas. One America is beautiful for situation. In this America, millions of people have the milk

of prosperity and the honey of equality flowing before them. This America is the habitat of millions of people who have

food and material necessities for their bodies, culture and education for their minds, freedom in human dignity for their spirits.

"In this America children grow up in the sunlight of opportunity but there is another America. This other America has a daily ugliness about it that transforms the bullioncey of hope into the fatigue of despair. In this other America, thousands and thousands of people, men in particular, walk the streets in search of jobs that do not exist.

"In this other America, millions of people are forced to live in vermin-filled, distressing housing conditions where they do not have the privilege of having wall-to-wall carpeting, but all too often, they end up with wall-to-wall rats and roaches."

Anyone who remembers attending the speech is invited to e-mail the society at info@gphistorical.org or call the society's newsletter editor, Ann Marie Aliotta, (313) 884-7369, with their remembrances to be used in an upcoming Moorings article.

A LA ANNIE By Annie Rouleau-Scheriff

These are chowder times



Even though the temperatures outside aren't screaming freezing, it's still the perfect time of year for soup. In fact, a healthy soup paired with a salad is a good winter meal choice facing the post-holiday bulge. I've chosen pea chowder that calls for petite frozen peas and is pureed in a food processor (or blender).

Winter Pea Chowder

- 3 tablespoons olive oil
- 1 large onion, finely chopped
- 2 large garlic cloves,

- chopped
- 3 16-oz. bags frozen petite peas
- 4 15-oz. cans vegetable broth
- 2 tablespoons butter (optional)

Crumbled cooked bacon for garnish (optional)

Measure 1 1/2 cups of the peas (half of one 16-oz. bag) and set aside before you begin. Heat the oil in a large (4-quart) saucepan over medium heat. Add the onion and cook and stir until the onions become soft but not brown. Stir in the garlic and cook for a minute or two longer. Add all the remaining frozen peas (2 1/2 bags) and the vegetable stock and bring the pot to a boil. Reduce the heat and simmer for 12 minutes. Remove from heat and cool slightly. In small batches, puree

(blend) the mixture until smooth. Return the soup to the pot, taste and season with salt and pepper. Stir in the reserve 1 1/2 cups peas and bring to a boil over medium-high heat. Lower the heat and simmer for five minutes, until the whole peas are tender. Ladle the hot soup into bowls and garnish with crumbles of fresh-cooked bacon. Throw some croutons in your chowder if you don't like bacon.

I garnished my pea chowder with crumbles of cooked prosciutto that I had on hand. Go ahead and add the butter, a little goes a long way in the flavor department.

This recipe makes a heaping of tasty soup. Freeze some and enjoy it when the mercury takes a dip (the cold is out there somewhere).

CLUB MEETINGS

Alliance Francaise

The Alliance Francaise de Grosse Pointe will sponsor a French immersion day on Saturday, Jan. 20, at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial.

The day begins at 9 a.m. with a continental breakfast, followed by French conversation, directed activities, games and songs.

Lunch and breakfast are included in the \$35 fee, or \$17 for high school students.

For more information, call Aphie Roumell at (313) 881-8844.

Questers No. 215

A meeting of the Grand Marais Questers Chapter No. 215 will be held at the home of Betsy Rowe at 9:30 a.m. Friday, Jan. 12. Peggy Woodhouse will speak on "silvered" glass.

des Jardiniers

The La Societe des Jardiniers meets at noon, Thursday, Jan. 11, at the Country Club of Detroit (CCD). Members will view historic murals of the founding of Detroit with narrative by Hudson Mead.

Lunch will be provided in the main dining room by co-hostesses Margaret Alverson, Carla Butterly and Mary Mead.

Garden club member Jean Forton, lived in the Sears Cottage on the grounds. The cottage has since been torn down.

Her father-in-law, Stephen Forton, was a designer and then groundskeeper of the course in the early days of the CCD.

Bridge Club

The Pointer Bridge Club meets at 11 a.m. Thursday, Jan. 18, at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial's Alger House for lunch and bridge.

If you are unable to attend, cancel your reservation by Saturday, Jan. 13.

For more information, call (313) 881-7595 or (313) 881-8566.

Woman's Club

On Wednesday, Jan. 17, The Grosse Pointe Woman's Club (GPWC) presents Barbara and Lou Prues, who will describe their experiences as they, along with two friends, reached the summit of Mount Kilimanjaro in February 2006.

Mount Kilimanjaro is the highest mountain in northeast Africa at 19,340 feet.

To "top off" their accom-

plishment, the Prues went on a six-day safari on the Serengeti plains area of Tanzania.

For guest reservations, call Hospitality Chairman Beverly Zimmermann, at (313) 881-6251 by Saturday, Jan. 13.

The GPWC meets on the third Wednesday of the month for lunch at 12:30 p.m. in the Crystal Ballroom of the Grosse Pointe War Memorial from September until May.

All current and former Grosse Pointe residents, as well as business owners, are invited to attend. Guests and new members are welcome.

For more information, call Membership Chairman Beverly Pack at (313) 882-5397 or President Pam Zimmer at (313) 882-9087.

The GPWC, a nonprofit social and community service organization, raises funds to award scholarships to two Grosse Pointe Public School students each year and also to support various Detroit area charities.

Grosse Pointe Questers

Grosse Pointe Questers meet at 9:30 a.m. Friday, Jan. 12, for a program with heart: "My Grandmother's Days," hosted by Ann Hoag.

Members are asked to bring an item or memory to share. Co-hostesses are Shirley Bradley and Priscilla Schaupter.

Garden Center

The Grosse Pointe Garden Center's Annual Meeting will be held at noon on Friday, Jan. 19, in the Grosse Pointe War Memorial Reception Room. Lunch will be served promptly at 12:15 p.m. followed by a business meeting at 1 p.m.

A lecture program, at 1:30 p.m., features guest speaker Sue Grubba on the topic of "Garden Lighting."

The luncheon and lecture are \$18 for members and \$20 for guests.

Reservations are required. Call the Grosse Pointe Garden Center at (313) 881-7511 (ext. 206).

LocalMotion

Nutrition is an essential part of health.

Cynthia Browne, M.D., Ph.D., presents "Nutrition for the Treatment and Prevention of Chronic Disease" at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 23, in the Grosse Pointe War Memorial Reception Room, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms. Browne is a radiation oncol-

ogist at St. John Hospital and a nutritional oncologist. She is a national speaker in the field of nutrition and chronic disease.

The lecture is sponsored by LocalMotion, a nonprofit organization dedicated to better health through fewer toxins.

The lecture is open to the public. Donations are appreciated.

To reserve a seat, call (313) 881-2263.

Historical society

Enjoy hot cocoa and homemade cookies and learn about Grosse Pointe school days of yore from 1 to 4 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 13, at the Provençal-Weir House, 376 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe Farms.

Local historian Bill Schwedler will talk about the one-room schoolhouse experience, circa 1900.

This event is part of the Grosse Pointe Historical Society's Second Saturday Pastimes services, which invites the community to take a hands-on trip back in time.

Reservations are encouraged but not required. Children are welcome to come with an adult.

For more information, call (313) 884-7010.

Slide show

Artist Jack Summers presents a slide and lecture presentation and will share some of his most recent works at 7 p.m. Monday, Jan. 15, at the Grosse Pointe Art Center, 1005 Maryland, Grosse Pointe Park.

Summers, of Detroit, is best known for his two- and three-dimensional collages which have been shown at the Ann Arbor Art Gallery, the Contemporary Art Institute of Detroit and other regional galleries.

Admission is free to Grosse Pointe Artists Association members and \$3 for non-members.

For more information, call the gallery at (313) 821-1848, or e-mail gpaal@sbcglobal.net.

DAR

Louisa St. Clair chapter Daughters of the American Revolution 114th birthday luncheon will be held on Saturday, Jan. 20, at the Edison Boat Club.

Charlie Taylor will provide the Irish-style music.

For more information and to put in a reservation for the luncheon, call Susie Scheiwe at (313) 881-3367 by noon Monday, Jan. 15.

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Rev. Jesse Jackson, Sr. - "The Quest for Urban Policy"

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Great Lakes Log
Steve Olinek - Detroit Port Authority

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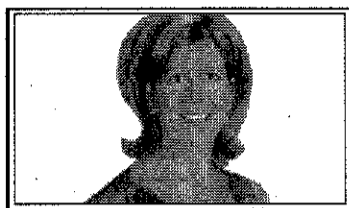
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A copy of any WMTV5 program can be obtained for \$15 on VHS tape or \$20 for a DVD!

Schedule subject to change without notice. For further information call, 313.881.7511.

FAMILY DAZE By Debbie Farmer

Maybe next year would be better for resolutions



and even though I know better, I can't help resolving to improve the quality of my life. But we all know that resolutions don't really work. If they did, we'd all be millionaires by mid-March and able to fit into our swimming suits by June, on the Best Dressed List in *People* magazine by September. And, of course, I wouldn't be working on my Christmas cards.

But every January, I can't seem to help myself. I wake up on the first of January, eager and determined to get into better shape, and organize my life and "HEY, CAN YOU KIDS COOL IT? I'M TRYING TO WRITE A COLUMN HERE!"

What was I saying? Oh, yes, and I want to be more patient with my loved ones.

I think the trap that we fall in, though, is the idea that January 1 is some magical day. If I started thinking of every day as a new beginning,

maybe I'd be more successful at these resolutions. But instead, I wake up on that Jan. 1, and if I get a bad start, I tend to give up.

For instance, waking up with the rest of the family at 10:30 sort of meant that I had failed at my resolutions of waking up earlier and fixing everyone a healthy and hearty breakfast.

I suppose if we hadn't stayed up the previous night, celebrating New Year's Eve, commenting to the kids on how improved Dick Clark's health seems these days, and if I hadn't been finishing off the last of our eggnog, then maybe I would have had a better chance of waking up at dawn.

No matter. I decided to fix the family a hearty and healthy lunch — that is, as soon as I made it to the grocery store to stock up on food. Instead, we finished off some pizza that we had or-

dered the night before, and as I inhaled more calories than I care to think of, I realized my "eat healthier" resolution was off to a bad start.

"Well, maybe next year," I thought, immediately reminding myself that the year is young, and I can make up for the pizza by jumping to another favorite resolution, one I make every year: exercise more.

I put on my new sweat suit and then went out and jogged a brisk three miles. Well, that was the plan. Actually, I jogged half the block before I realized I should pace myself, and then I slowed down for a walk.

But just as I was kicking myself for being out of shape, some little terrier started chasing me for what must have been a fourth of a mile, until I lost the dog and caught a ride home with one of my neighbors. But it was kind of encouraging to know that if I

have to run for my life, I still can.

After a nice shower, I tackled my next resolution: organizing the house. But I didn't get very far. My daughter wanted help with a paper she was supposed to write over the holidays, and my son needed help with a remote-controlled car he received for Christmas.

Murphy, our dog, it seems, thought it was some sort of mobile chew toy. And so by the time I finished chasing Murphy down, and removing the toy, and seeing to it that my daughter got going on her paper, monitoring her like one of those ominous overseers in a medieval galley ship, it was dinnertime, and since I still hadn't gone to the store, I was reduced to serving one of those cook-it-in-the-microwave-in-under-three-minutes casseroles.

Still, by the time the day was over, I realized I had at

least been there for my kids, which I wasn't really intending to put on my list, except for being patient with them. That I'm always trying to be around for my children is just sort of a given, and that sometimes interferes with my own personal goals is sort of a given, too. And that's when it occurred to me that maybe my big resolution should simply be more patient not just with my loved ones, but myself.

It sounds good and life-affirming, doesn't it?

Well, don't be too impressed. I think I just bought myself an extra year to get my New Year's resolutions in order.

Debbie Farmer is a humorist and a mother of two kids, holding down the fort in California. She is also the author of "Don't Put Lipstick on the Cat" and can be reached at familydaze.com, or by writing familydaze@oasisnews-features.com.

Comedy, catfights tear up the stage at the Bonstelle Theatre

Glamorous 1930s New York City comes to life on the Bonstelle stage when "The Women" opens at 8 p.m., Friday, Jan. 26.

Written by noted feminist and former Vanity Fair editor Clare Boothe Luce, this screwball comedy follows the scandalous life of Mary Haines as she journeys from an innocent stockbroker's wife to an enlightened single woman.

"The Women" plays at the Bonstelle Theatre from Jan. 26 through Feb. 4.

Mary Haines' seemingly perfect world is ripped apart when she discovers her husband is having an affair with

an ambitious shop girl. Thanks to the gossip and scheming of her not-so-best friends, news of Mary's troubles soon spreads to all of Park Avenue.

Despite her mother's advice to ignore the affair and continue on with her wealthy lifestyle, Mary makes the bold move of abandoning her glamorous New York City life to get a Reno divorce. Ultimately, the claws come out as these women prepare to battle for their men.

"The Women" was inspired by Luce's own experiences as a divorcee and by spiteful conversations she overheard be-

tween women in Park Avenue powder rooms. These conversations led to a Vanity Fair column depicting the antics and gossip of these women, which later led to the play, "The Women." Premiering in 1936, it shocked many with its scandalous depiction of New York City women.

The Roundabout Theatre revived the production in 2001, starring Cynthia Nixon of *Sex and the City* fame as protagonist Mary Haines.

"The Women" is directed by Wayne State University assistant professor of theatre James Luse, stage managed by undergraduate student

Emily Bowyer (Westland) and includes the following cast: Ashlee Armstrong (Lucy, ensemble/Port Huron); LeAnn Casey Bjornrud (Jane, Ensemble/Sterling Heights); Jessica Cermak (Edith Potter, ensemble/Shelby Township); Józefa Alice Chmielewski (Little Mary, ensemble/Harper Woods); Katie Clark (Miriam Aarons, ensemble/Livonia); Alaina Fleming (Princess Tamara, ensemble/Detroit); Kira Amanda Frabutt (ensemble/Dearborn); Bethany Hedden (ensemble/Livonia, MI); Kristina Nicole Johnson (Crystal, ensemble/Allen/Detroit); Kennikki H. Jones (Peggy

Day/Detroit); Catherine Kurth (ensemble/Dearborn); Ramona Lucius (Sylvia Fowler/Detroit); Jennifer Martin (Nancy Blake, ensemble/Grosse Pointe Park); Holly Portman (The Countess de Lage, ensemble/Milford); Lauren Mae Shafer (Mrs. Morehead, ensemble/Farmington Hills); and Jaclyn Strez (Mary Morehead Haines/Dearborn). Designers for the production include WSU faculty member Mary Copenhagen (costume designer); members of WSU's Bonstelle undergraduate company Kevin Beltz (scenic designer/Eastpointe); Adrienne Brady (lighting designer/Utica); Patrick Field (sound designer/Ann Arbor) and Alan Batkiewicz (properties/Berkley).

Advance tickets are available at the Wayne State Theatre Box Office, at 4743 Cass, on the corner of Cass and Hancock, or by phone at (313) 577-2960. The box office is open Tuesday through

Saturday from noon to 6 p.m. Tickets may be purchased at the door at the Bonstelle Theatre (3424 Woodward Ave.) beginning one hour prior to each performance. Regular tickets are available for \$14, with \$11 discount tickets available for students with ID, seniors 62+, and Wayne State University faculty, staff and Alumni Association members. Group discounts are also available.

For more information, visit the theatre's Web site at bonstelle.com.

New conductor joins local symphony

Grosse Pointe Symphony Orchestra longtime conductor Maestro Felix Resnick handed over the baton to Joseph Striplin during an annual fundraising event held at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial.

Striplin will take over musical direction in the orchestra's 54th season.

Resnick was raised in Detroit and earned both a bachelor's and master's degree from Wayne State University. He also attended the Juilliard School. He took over the Grosse Pointe orchestra in 1959, continuing its mission of promoting music appreciation. He will continue his association with the orchestra by conducting one concert a year.

Striplin will conduct his first Grosse Pointe Symphony Orchestra concert at 3 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 11, in the Parcels Middle School auditorium. The General Motors Employee's Chorus will join the orchestra

for Symphony Pops.

On Sunday, April 22, Striplin will conduct the orchestra in a concert featuring the Grosse Pointe South High School pianist Shami Enteman, who will be performing a Mendelssohn piano concerto.

A Detroit native, Striplin graduated from Cass Technical High School and Wayne State University and is a member of the Detroit Symphony Orchestra. He has been a public school teacher, a member of the Detroit Symphony Orchestra, the Indianapolis Symphony and the St. Louis Symphony. He teaches private violin lessons and performs recitals and chamber music locally.

Tickets for the symphony are \$15 for adults, \$12 for seniors and free for students 18 and under. For more information, call the Grosse Pointe Symphony Orchestra at (313) 882-0077 or visit gpsymphony.org.



PHOTO BY RENEE LANDUYT

Grosse Pointe Symphony Orchestra director emeritus Maestro Felix Resnick hands over the conducting duties to Joseph Striplin, who is also serving as conductor and music director of the Southfield Philharmonic.

'History Sundays' events

Those looking for stimulating conversation on a winter's afternoon can join the Detroit Historical Society for "History Sundays" at 1 p.m. Sundays at the Detroit Historical Museum.

The following is a list of January events:

◆ Jan. 14 — Seminar "How to be an Oral Historian" is led by oral historian Glenn Ruggles who will explain how to preserve community and family histories by learning and telling their stories.

◆ Jan. 21 — Book Forum

"Art Deco in Detroit." Author Rebecca Binno Savage will discuss her book and lead a conversation about Detroit's art deco landmarks.

◆ Jan. 28 — Lecture "Inside the Glancy Trains Exhibit." Toy train enthusiast Bob Cosgrove leads an information excursion of the Detroit Historical Museum's display.

Each event is free with the purchase of a museum admission. For more information, call (313) 833-1805 or visit detroithistoricalsociety.org/thingstodo.

Museum Second Saturdays events

The Detroit Children's Museums "2nd Saturdays on 2nd" continues Jan. 13 with activities for children aged 3 and up.

"Joy the Puppet Lady" will

entertain with her puppet friends on an adventure featuring a sing-along, rhymes and magic at noon. A finger puppet "Make & Take" craft is included.

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Pictures, sculptures featured in art show

The Grosse Pointe Artists Association is holding its fifth annual photography and sculptural show through Feb. 16 at the Grosse Pointe Art Center.

The juried show features works by member and non-member artists, and will consist of three-dimensional, sculptural objects, and all genres of photography, including Polaroid transfer, digital print, black and white, and color.

The show was juried by Jack Summers of Detroit, who is best known for his two- and three-dimensional collages, which have been shown at the Project Gallery, the Ann Arbor Art Gallery, the Contemporary Art Institute of Detroit, the Detroit Artists Market, the Grosse Pointe Art Center, and other galleries throughout the region.

"I was very impressed with the sculpture.

"There was a good, rich approach to the use of materials, vision, ideas and craft. The artists are very creative with the use of three-dimensional materials, and there's a lot of

evidence of the engagement of the artists. Overall, the photography is very strong, unique, shows technical quality, and shows a wonderful variety of strength and quality," Summers said.

Featured artists in the show include Donna Engstrom of Brighton; Daren Dundee of Clinton Township; Asha Walidah and Betty Lou Frounfelter of Detroit; Joe Crachiola, Frank Joyce and Lori Zurvalec of Grosse Pointe; Rosemary Bay, Debbie Weatherston and Colton Weatherston of Grosse Pointe Farms; Lizz Behler, Patrick Shaw, Paula Stephenson and Tom Szmrecsanyi of Grosse Pointe Park; Richard Skelton of Mount Clemens; and Urban Jupena of Pinckney.

Other artists include Katherine Eschenburg of Almont; George Booth of Dearborn Heights; Christopher Browne, Thomas Cooper and Christopher Peplin of Grosse Pointe; George Bay, Kelly Birg, Robert Tyrrell and Robert Seiden of Grosse Pointe Farms; Jon Bell

and Andrew Kastner of Grosse Pointe Park; Lisa Cervone of Grosse Pointe Shores; Jim Klein of Harper Woods; John Diephouse of Lansing; Susan Munro of Mount Clemens; Harry Velick of Oak Park; Daniel Padilla of Plymouth; George Prentice of St. Clair Shores; and Lou Terry of Woodhaven.

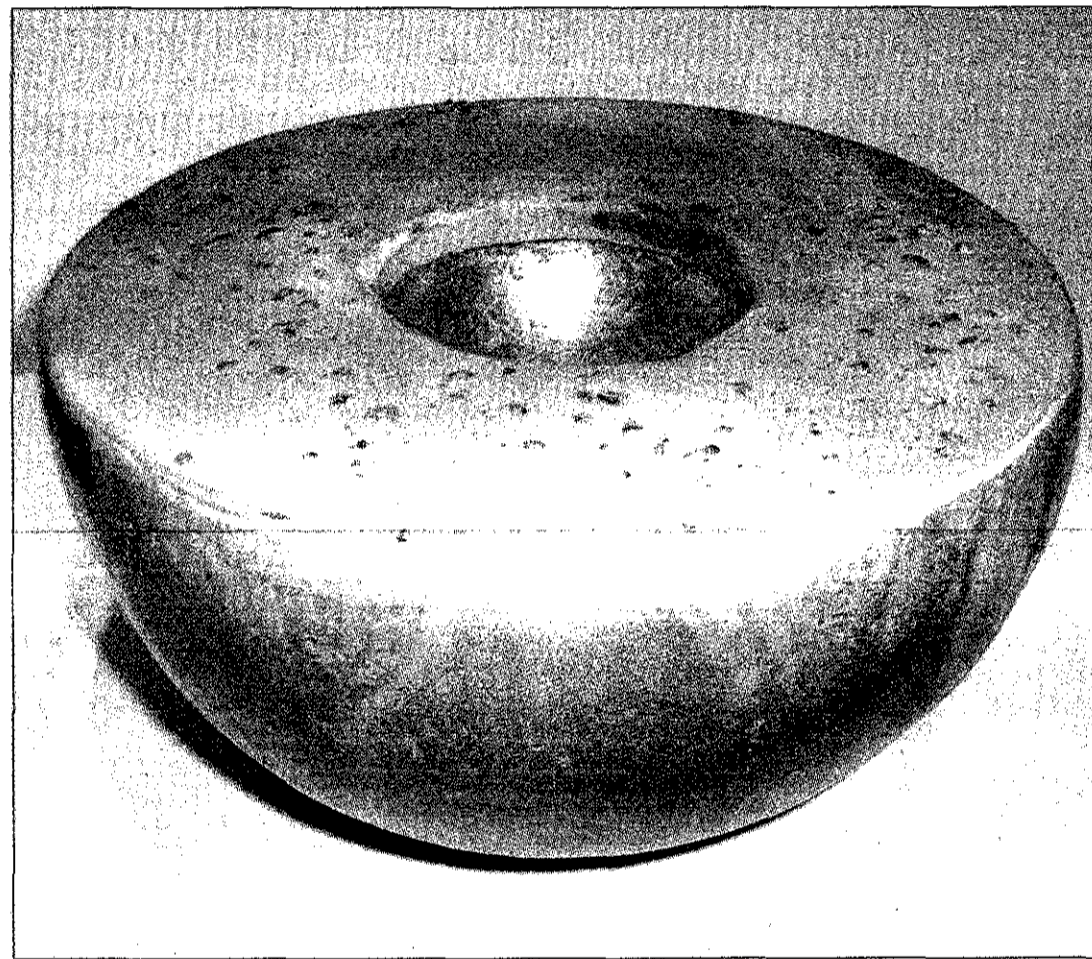
The show is open during gallery hours from noon to 5 p.m. Wednesdays, Fridays and Saturdays and from noon to 7 p.m. on Thursdays.

An opening reception will be held from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m., Friday, Jan. 12.

Admission to the show and the opening reception are free; donations are gratefully accepted.

The Grosse Pointe Art Center is located at 1005 Maryland in Grosse Pointe Park at the corner of Jefferson.

For more information, call during gallery hours at (313) 821-1848, e-mail gpaal@sbcglobal.net, or visit myspace.com/grosse-pointeartcenter.



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CONCUSSION SEMINAR

Expert in field to speak at South

By Chuck Klonke
 Sports Editor

Parents of athletes are always concerned with their children's welfare.

They cringe when they see their sons on the receiving end of a hard tackle or a crushing bodycheck or their daughter's head bounce off the floor when she's the victim of a hard foul on a driving layup.

Parents hold their breath until they see their son or daughter get up and walk to the sideline or get back into the play.

Mickey Shield has been there. She has had a son on Grosse Pointe South's hockey team for the last seven seasons.

Tim Shield, who is a junior forward on the Blue Devils' squad this season, received his first concussion when he was playing for a travel hockey team as an eighth grader.

"Like many uneducated and unaware parents, we casually allowed him to return to play with little medical follow up," Mickey Shield said. "But when Tim suffered his second concussion a year later during a JV lacrosse game, we were much more careful and pro-active in seeking professional post-concussion follow-up care and return-to-play guidance.

"In hindsight, our return-to-play decision for Tim was still just a best-educated guess. We had no tangible objective criteria upon which our decision was made. We were lucky. Tim recovered. Next time, who knows?"

After Tim's second concussion, Mickey Shield began to investigate the latest in concussion assessment and care so that she and her husband would be better prepared if their son suffered a third concussion.

Among the results of her research is a seminar that the South Athletic Booster Club will sponsor on Tuesday, Jan. 16 called "Concussion Safety: What Every Parent, Coach and Athlete Should Know." The seminar will be given by Dr. Kenneth Podell, a nationally-recognized concussion expert and the director of the Henry Ford Health System's Division of Neuropsychology and Sports Concussion Safety Program.

The program will begin at 7 p.m. in the South auditorium. All high school and youth sport parents, coaches and athletes are encouraged to attend.

The concussion is one of the most misunderstood and mis-

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NORTH BASKETBALL

Comeback win a big boost

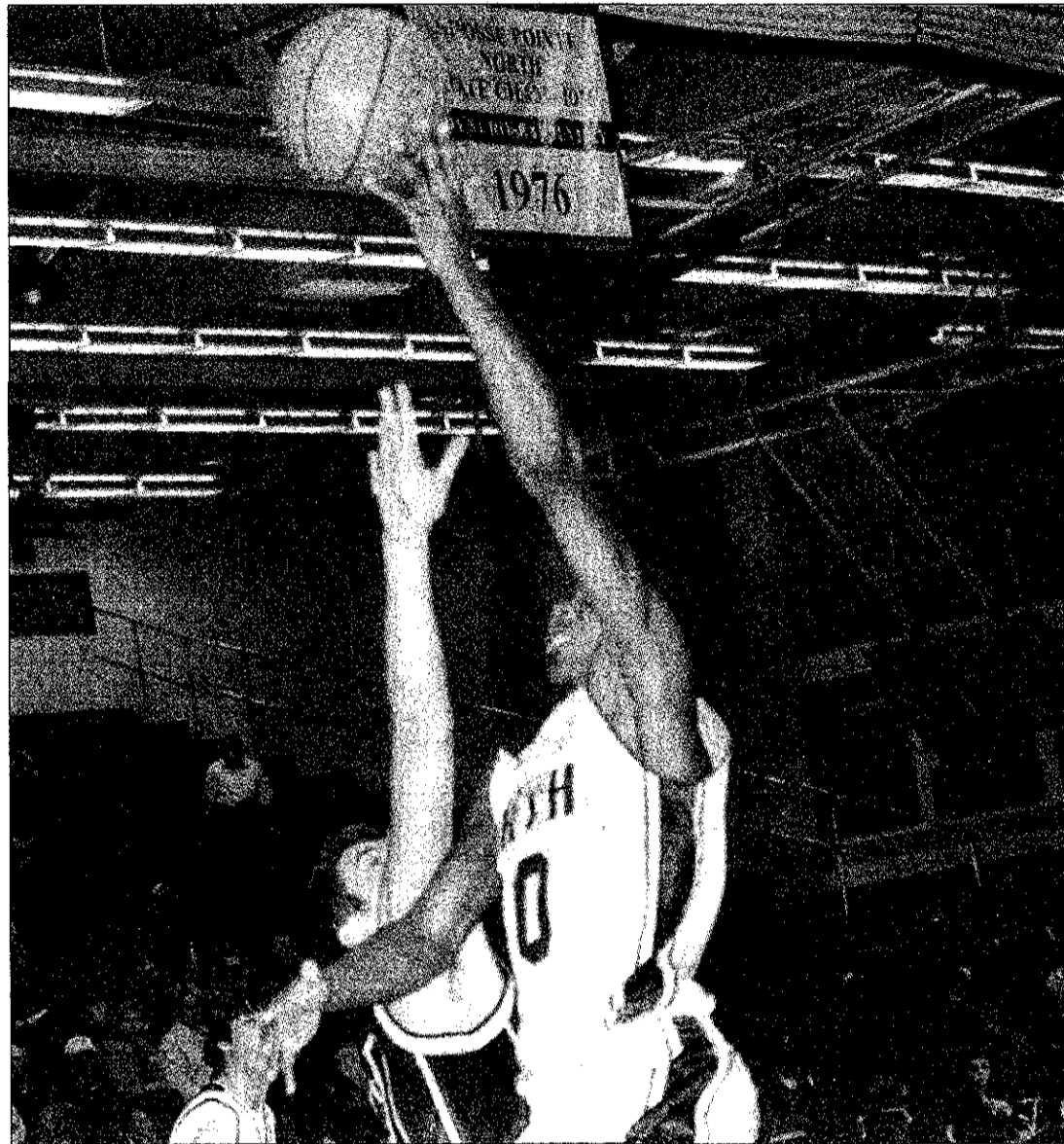


PHOTO BY DR. J. RICHARD DUNLAP

Cory McCain stole the ball and scored a basket to put Grosse Pointe North ahead to stay in its Macomb Area Conference Red Division game against Eisenhower last week.

Norsemen end skid at three games

By Chuck Klonke
 Sports Editor

There was no celebrating after Grosse Pointe North's basketball team beat Eisenhower 50-45 last week.

"The kids were down after the game," said coach Pat Donnelly. "They knew they hadn't played as well as they could, and they thought they should have won by more than they did. I was glad to see that but I also had to remind them that they won the game and they should feel good about winning."

It was a game that the Norsemen needed to put in the win column.

The victory halted their three-game losing streak and gave them their first win in the Macomb Area Conference Red Division.

"There's a big difference between being 4-3 and 3-4," Donnelly said. "It's nice to get that first league win, too. Every game we play in the league is going to be a tough game. There are a lot of winnable games, but we're going to have

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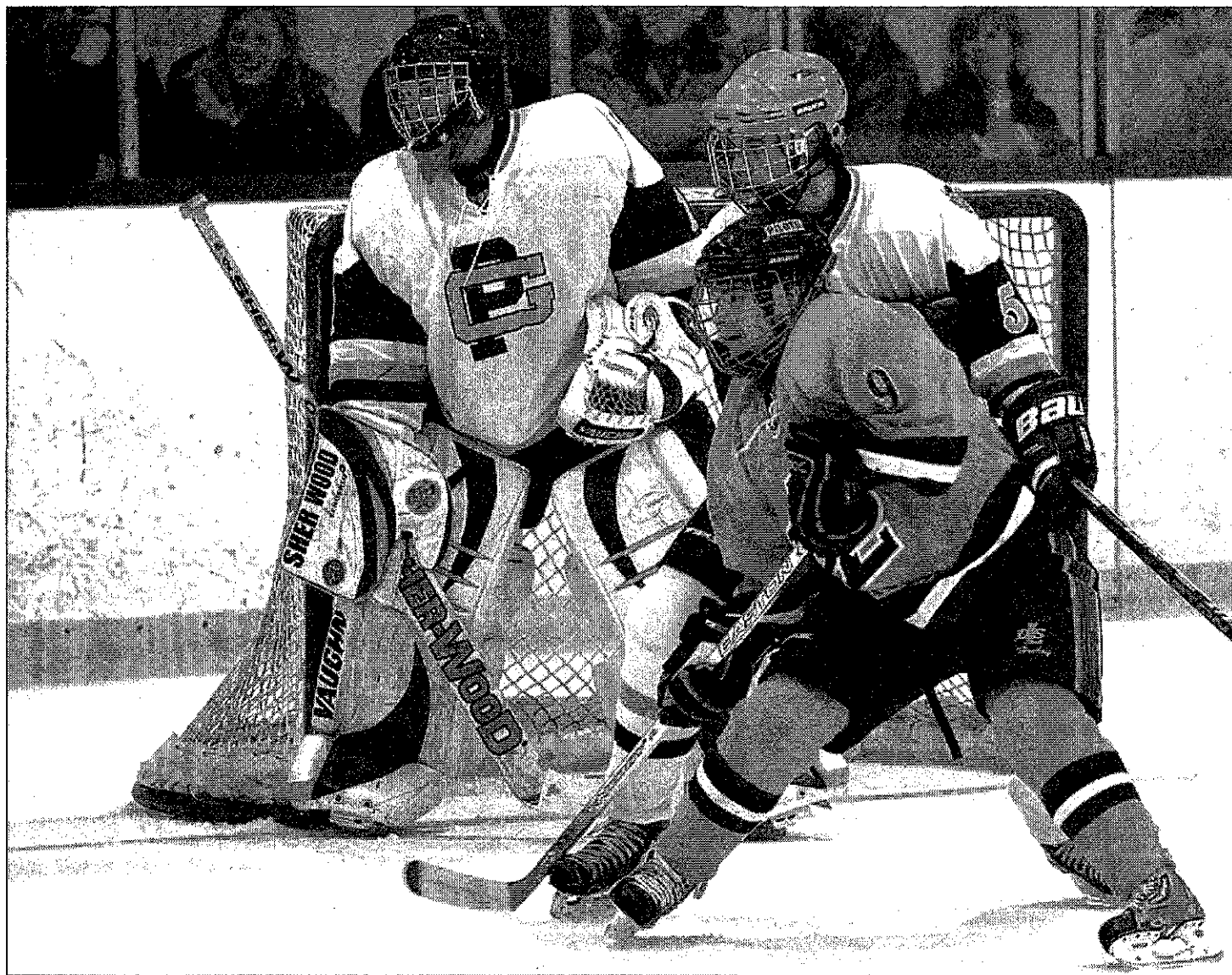


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Grosse Pointe South defenseman Brandon Brundige (5) tries to keep a De La Salle forward from getting into position in front of the net. Watching is Blue Devils goalie Trevor Sattelmeyer.

Pilots edge Blue Devils in overtime

By Chuck Klonke
Sports Editor

It's not easy being No. 1. Just ask Grosse Pointe South's hockey team.

The Blue Devils, who have been ranked No. 1 in the state in Division II for most of the season, suffered their second loss in a row last Saturday when they fell 6-5 in overtime to No. 5-ranked De La Salle in a Michigan Metro High School Hockey League game.

"It was a tough loss," said South coach Bob Bopp. "We were missing some players but we had a chance to win.

"We have to be more disciplined. We took too many penalties and we're taking them at the wrong times. We can't afford to go to the box when we're shorthanded already. We also have to be more disciplined in our own zone."

South led 4-2 after Geoff Osgood's second goal of the game at 10:56 of the second pe-

riod, but De La Salle scored twice in the last 3:06 of the period to tie the game at 4-4.

"When we went up by two goals I was thinking we were in great shape to win against a very strong De La Salle team," Bopp said. "It would have been a great win, but we made a mistake in our own end, then took a foolish penalty and let them right back into the game."

South regained the lead on Ryan Abraham's third goal of the game at 5:20 of the third period.

"I have nothing but the highest praise for the season Ryan is putting together," Bopp said. "He has scored so often this season, and so many of the goals have been important ones. He isn't a selfish player. He has almost as many assists as goals. He had a great season last year, and this year he has raised his play to an even higher level."

De La Salle tied the game

with just under four minutes remaining in regulation, and the Pilots won it with 1:33 left in overtime.

"The shot came from the point and through a crowd of players in front so I'm not even sure our goalie (Trevor Sattelmeyer) saw the puck," Bopp said of the winning goal.

Abraham opened the scoring at 8:21 of the first period. Tim Shield won the faceoff and got the puck to Abraham. De La Salle got a power-play goal at 11:25 to tie the game, but Abraham put South back in front at 12:40 on a power play, assisted by Brian Auty and Shield.

The Pilots tied the game at 13:25 of the first period, but Osgood answered with his first goal 15 seconds later when he took a perfect pass from Joel Patterson on a 2-on-1 break, and beat the De La Salle goalie with a high shot.

Osgood's second goal, assisted by Patterson and Taylor

Flaska, gave the Blue Devils a two-goal advantage.

"It was great to see Geoff get a few goals," Bopp said. "He has been banged up a few times this year and a few days before the game I wasn't even sure he'd be able to play. It's good to have him in the lineup because he's one of our fastest skaters."

Another player who turned in a strong effort for South was defenseman Scott Maxwell.

"With the players we were missing for this game, Scott got a ton of ice time and played a real strong game," Bopp said. "He's such a talented player. He can do everything and he never complains. He's a real team guy."

South, now 9-2 and ranked third in Division II behind Brother Rice and De La Salle, plays at Riverview on Saturday. The Blue Devils return to City Sports Center for a game against Saline on Wednesday, Jan. 17.

North plays well in defeat

Grosse Pointe North's volleyball team suffered its first loss in the Macomb Area Conference Red Division on Monday, but coach Kim Lockhart wasn't unhappy with the Norsemen's play.

She understands that this year's North team is a work in progress.

"The girls played extremely tough at times," Lockhart said after the 25-22, 25-14, 21-25, 25-20 loss to L'Anse Creuse. "We did an excellent job digging their hard-driven attacks, but struggled with the little things. This is where our youth comes in. In order to win big

games like this one, we will need to mature more quickly on the court."

Bridget Reno led the Norsemen in assists with 35. Teresa Nagel had 14 kills and 10 digs. Christine Klein had 10 kills and three blocks, while Sarah Perry played a solid game with five kills.

Allyce Kulek led North in serve receptions and digs with 18.

"The girls did an awesome job with serve reception," Lockhart said. "We really controlled their serves."

North is 2-1 in the MAC Red and 6-4-2 overall.

South wrestlers win five medals

By Chuck Klonke
Sports Editor

Ever since he's been wrestling coach at Grosse Pointe South, Jose Ramirez has been trying to interest members of the football team in wrestling.

Until this year, he hadn't had much success.

Then he hired Warren Liverance as his assistant wrestling coach and now he has a pipeline to the football team.

"I've done everything I could think of to coerce some of the football players into coming out to wrestle but I never would be able to get them," Ramirez said. "Now I've got one of the freshman football coaches to help me, and he talked a lot of the players into coming out for wrestling."

"It's exciting. The football players are good athletes, and they're becoming good wrestlers. It's kind of funny, though. They're amazed at all that we do. Some of them said, 'you guys are crazy,' but I think they're starting to like it."

Ramirez was pleased with South's performance at last weekend's Bishop Foley Invitational. The Blue Devils, who were missing starters in four weight classes, finished ninth in the team standings but they brought home five medals.

Leading the way was Thorton Carter, who took first place at 171 pounds.

Carter pinned his opponent in the finals. He won his other two matches on a decision and a technical fall.

"Thorton is really wrestling well," Ramirez said. "He worked a lot during the summer. He went to a camp at Iowa and now he's reaping the rewards of all of his hard work."

John Wilt, a first-year wrestler who has impressed Ramirez, and Max Thomas earned fourth-place medals. Wilt placed at 189 pounds and Thomas, who picked up his first victories of the season, wrestled at 145.

Joey Konen was fifth at 125 and Griffin Forton took sixth place at 112.

Ramirez was also pleased with Karal Liverance and Mike Willieman, who also earned their first varsity wins.

"It was good to see so many wrestlers do well," Ramirez said. "That will relight the fire for another two weeks of hard work in practice."

South begins Macomb Area Conference action Thursday, Jan. 11 at Port Huron Northern against the Huskies and Lake Shore.

"Northern's coach was one of my teammates at Eastern Michigan, so we've already started a little trash talking," Ramirez said with a laugh.

South swimmers young and good

Grosse Pointe South's swimming team might be young, but it's also good.

The Blue Devils showed that last week when they opened the Macomb Area Conference Red Division season with a 121-65 victory against Fraser.

"We have a very young team this year," said coach Eric Gunderson. "They have been working hard all season and their swims reflected that."

Once again South's depth was apparent. The Blue Devils finished first and third in all three of the relay races.

Sophomore Riley Sherer and freshman Matt Schmidt took

first and second, respectively, in the 200-yard freestyle. Sherer also won the 100 butterfly, finishing nearly 10 seconds ahead of the rest of the field with a time of 58.07. Sherer also swam on two winning relays.

Freshman Brad Kaminski sprinted to a first in the 50 freestyle, just touching out teammate Michael Shook.

David Cockell won the 200 individual medley in 2:17.21. South's Fares Ksebati was third behind Fraser's Matt Priebe.

Cockell later led a South sweep in the 100 breaststroke

with a time of 1:09.05, beating Ksebati and Mac Day.

Dan Basile was first and Michael Manos third in the 100 freestyle.

South sophomore Jordan Long won the diving competition with six strong dives.

His score of 224.75 points qualified him for the annual Michigan Interscholastic Swim Coaches Association meet in February.

South's 200 medley relay team of Basile, Manos, Kaminski and Matt Mandel finished eight seconds ahead of Fraser with a time of 1:50.57. In the 200 freestyle relay,

South's team of Mandel, Shook, Manos and Sherer took first comfortably in 1:40.39. Fraser just touched out the Blue Devils' B team of Schmidt, J.P. Lang, Zach Graham and Kaminski for second place.

South finished the meet with a win in the 400 freestyle relay from the team of Mandel, Shook, Schmidt and Sherer.

Fraser had firsts in the 100 backstroke and 500 freestyle.

South is at Novi Catholic Central on Thursday, Jan. 11, then travels to Romeo for a MAC Red meet on Tuesday, Jan. 16.



Local connection

There was a Grosse Pointe flavor to the Kalamazoo College-Hope College football game last fall. From left, are Jim Backoff and Tim Kaselitz of Kalamazoo and David DeBoer of Hope. Backoff, a defensive end, and Kaselitz, a quarterback, were both three-year starters for the Hornets. DeBoer is a freshman tight end at Hope. Two University Liggett School graduates were also members of the Kalamazoo squad — wide receiver/running back Mike Benson and wide receiver James Hutchinson. Kaselitz and Benson were captains of the Kalamazoo team.

Hitting Zone will host college clinics

A series of five baseball clinics conducted by college coaching staffs will be held at the new Hitting Zone facility at the Michigan State Fairgrounds.

The clinics are open to players from middle school through high school.

There will be instruction in hitting, pitching, catching and fielding.

The first clinic will be held on Saturday, Jan. 13, and will be conducted by the University of Toledo baseball staff.

Other clinics are Saturday, Jan. 20, Central Michigan University; Saturday, Jan. 27, Michigan State University; Saturday, Feb. 10, University of

Michigan; and Sunday, Feb. 18, Oakland University.

The first four clinics will run from 9 a.m. until noon with check-in at 8 a.m. The Oakland University clinic will be from noon to 3 p.m. with an 11 a.m. check-in.

Prices based on advance registration are \$100 for one clinic, \$90 apiece for two, \$80 apiece for three, \$70 apiece for four and \$60 apiece for all five clinics.

Walk-ins are charged an additional \$25.

For more information or to register call (313) 826-7601 or (313) 826-7602 or visit the Hitting Zone website at hitting-zone@comcast.net.

South earns academic honors

Grosse Pointe South's boys cross country team wasn't only fast this season. It was smart, too.

The Blue Devils, who won the dual and division meet championships in the Macomb Athletic Conference Red

Division and finished first in their state Division I regional, had five runners receive All-State academic honors.

They were senior captains Nate Monahan and Brendan Buckley, Kevin Lynch, John Davies and Danforth Holley.

Savage finishes in third place

Crescent Sail Yacht Club rear commodore Leigh Savage took third place in the Master's

Division and fifth overall at the Orange Bowl Open Laser Regatta near Miami.

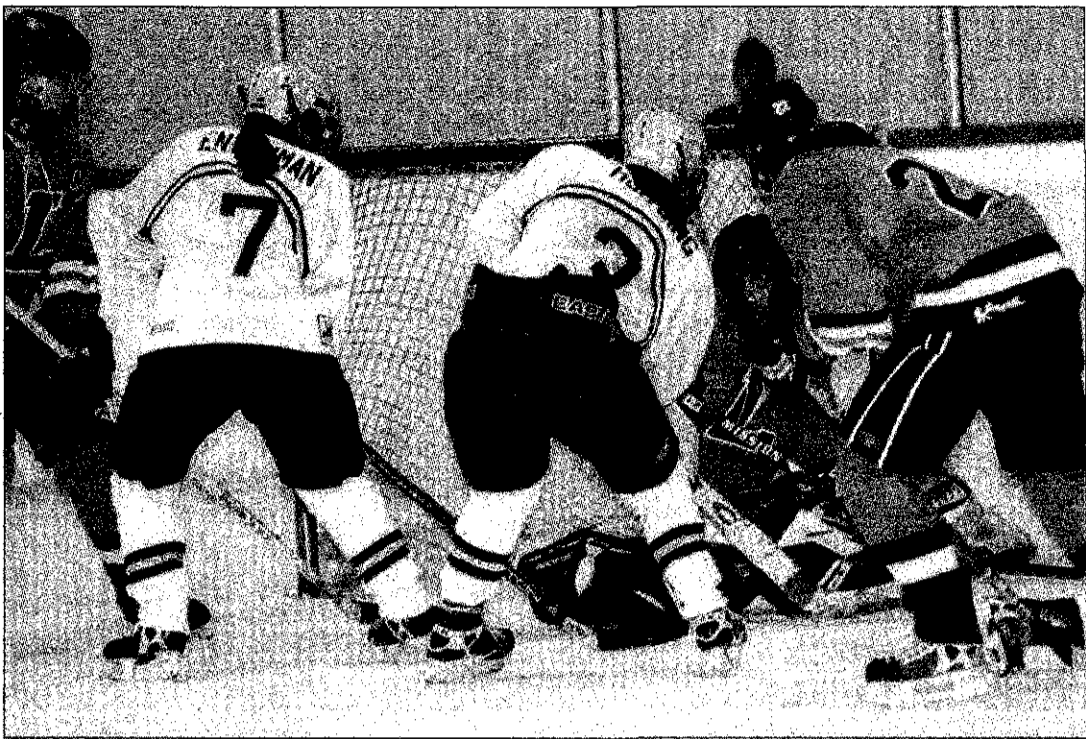


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Grosse Pointe South's Shami Entenman (7) and Jenna Huitsing (3) try to jam the puck past Ladywood's goalie. Entenman had the Blue Devils' only goal in the game.

SOUTH GIRLS HOCKEY

Bounces back after a defeat

By Bob St. John
Staff Writer

Grosse Pointe South hockey team's modest two-game winning streak ended last week in an 8-1 loss to league title-contender Livonia Ladywood.

"We came out flat and never got into a real flow," coach Ed O'Malley said. "Ladywood was geared up to play us and we didn't respond to their intensity."

The visiting Blazers scored two quick goals to claim a 2-0

lead, but Shami Entenman managed to get the Lady Blue Devils back into the game.

It was all Ladywood the rest of the way as it outshot the home team 28-20 and added two power-play goals.

"This is only the second time Ladywood has beaten South," Ladywood head coach Bruce Peck said. "It's a nice win for us, but it's only one game; so our girls can't get overconfident."

Laura Szwed recorded a hat trick to lead the Blazers.

In other action last week, South rebounded to beat Bloomfield Hills Unified 8-0, improving its record to 4-3 overall.

Alex Rentz had two goals, while Kathleen McDonald had a goal and three assists to lead the offensive output.

Other goal scorers were Amanda Marsh, Kelly Breen, Annie Shepard, Jessica Snella and Lauren Favier.

Maggie Miller started in goal and earned the victory for the Blue Devils.

SEMINAR: New testing tool in use

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diagnosed injuries that plague contact sport athletes today. Experts estimate that upward of 15 to 19 percent of all contact sport athletes may sustain a concussion during a season. Younger athletes are at an even greater risk because their brains are not fully developed.

"Sports concussions are often undetectable through a neurological examination and do not show up with a CT or MRI scan of the brain or EEG," Dr. Podell said. "The most sensitive technique for assessing the effects of concussion is through neuropsychological testing. Prior to computerized testing, extensive paper-and-pencil testing was used. The problem with paper-and-pencil testing was that it could only be done one-on-one, it was time-consuming and very expensive. Thus, it would not work well for organized sports teams where the testing had to be done efficiently, quickly and inexpensively. Coaches do not give up player time easily, so we had to develop a method that was fast, efficient and accurate. We turned to the computer and started developing ImPACT."

Dr. Podell and a team of specialists have developed a computer-based cognitive function concussion assessment tool called ImPACT. ImPACT stands for immediate post-concussion and cognitive testing.

Dr. Podell does not have a financial interest with ImPACT or ImPACT applications.

"It is a Windows-based computer program specifically designed for the diagnosis and determination of recovery from a sports-related concussion," Dr. Podell said. "It is the culmination of over 10 years of university and grant-funded based research and clinical practice. It is the most widely-used program for sports concussion management and is used internationally and at every level of organized athletics, including professional, college and high school."

ImPACT is a software tool that helps determine to what degree an athlete has sustained a concussion by measuring and analyzing the athlete's memory, reaction time, symptoms and other crucial brain functions. By comparing pre- and post-injury ImPACT test results, doctors are able to make more precise concussion diagnoses, develop more individualized treatment plans and provide more reliable return-to-play readiness assessments.

"Neurocognitive testing such as ImPACT is considered a cornerstone of concussion management," Dr. Podell said. "It can be administered individually or in a small group setting, such as a school's computer lab. It is often supervised by a coach or athletic trainer. However, it can be taken by the individual alone. The test takes approximately 30 minutes to complete."

Most athletes recover completely from concussions but for some, the effects can linger for months or more. Concussed athletes who return

to play before their brain is fully healed are at risk of developing a devastating, sometimes permanent and potentially life-threatening consequence known as "Second Impact Syndrome" which is a rapid, uncontrolled swelling of the brain.

Dr. Podell said that Second Impact Syndrome is rare and that only about 40 cases have been documented in the last decade.

Earlier and more accurate concussion diagnoses, treatment and return-to-play readiness assessments are critical in helping concussed athletes recover completely and return to play more safely.

ImPACT testing is being used by more than 500 professional, Olympic, collegiate, high school and youth organizations, including the Red Wings, Lions, Michigan and Michigan State.

Dr. Podell recommended testing for "all athletes that participate in contact sports or where the possibility of a concussion is possible — football, soccer, ice hockey, field hockey, basketball, lacrosse, competitive cheerleading, gymnastics and wrestling."

He also had some tips for parents if they feel that their child has had a concussion.

"The first thing to do after sustaining a concussion is have the child evaluated," Dr. Podell said. "Sometimes this is done on the sidelines by the attending athletic trainer or doctor. Let them advise about follow-up care."

"However, the first concern is that there is nothing emergently wrong, which is rarely the case. Often times the child will be evaluated in the emergency room and sent home with head-injury precautions. Other times, athletes are seen by their pediatrician the same or next day. Then a post-concussion evaluation is helpful to determine the severity of concussion and treatment recommendations."

"Sometimes I also detect whiplash and vestibular injuries that occurred from the concussion injury and will make referrals for treatment. As for treatment, rest is best. Often times I recommend that the athlete stay at home for a day or two (because) being in a loud, noisy and bright environment (like school) can make the symptoms worse. But rest means rest. No video games, computers or excessive television, trips to the mall or exercising. Sleep is great."

Once Dr. Podell has cleared an athlete to return to play a sport, he advises the player and the parents.

"We discuss risk factors of future concussions," he said. "If an athlete has a history of multiple concussions the recommendation sometimes is to stop participating in contact sports."

Dr. Podell also helps athletic trainers develop exertional testing protocols and gradual return-to-play exercise programs.

After learning about the HFHS Sports Concussion Safety Program, Mickey Shield made a pitch to both Grosse Pointe North and Grosse Pointe South to adapt the ImPACT testing program for its contact sports athletes, and the proposal is in the final stages of approval.

Baseball camp has openings

There are still openings for the Dan Griesbaum Baseball School's indoor camp, which will be held on Saturday, Jan. 20 and Sunday, Jan. 21 at Grosse Pointe South High School.

Camp times are 1 to 4 p.m. each day.

The camp will feature instruction in hitting, pitching and catching. Players can sign up for only one session per day.

The cost is \$50 for one day or \$90 for two days. Because of Michigan High School Athletic Association regulations, the camp is only open to players from second through sixth grade.

Brochures are available at the main office and the athletic office at South and at the Neighborhood Club. There is no registration at the door.

For more information call one of the camp directors, Matt Reno at (313) 886-5537 or Dan Griesbaum at (313) 884-7834.

NORTH: Free throws secure win

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to play well to win them."

Donnelly was pleased with the way North came back to beat Eisenhower.

The Norsemen led 28-14 with about three minutes to play in the first half, but the Eagles battled back and led by as many as five points late in the fourth quarter.

"We might have got a little complacent and relaxed and Eisenhower kept battling," Donnelly said. "They showed a lot of fire in the last three minutes of the first half, the third quarter and much of the fourth quarter."

Eisenhower missed some free throws in the fourth quarter and with two minutes left the Eagles' lead had dwindled to three points.

North's Jerry Peoples hit a three-point basket to tie the game, then Cory McCain stole the ball and went in for a layup to put the Norsemen in front to stay. North maintained its lead by hitting several free throws down the stretch.

"It was good to win a close game," Donnelly said. "We really buckled down defensively at the end of the game."

Eisenhower used a box-and-one defense to slow down North's leading scorer, Dwight Van Hoesen, but several other Norsemen stepped up.

Paul Bramos, Nick Waller and Peoples scored nine points apiece to lead North.

"We're going to see a lot of that (defenses designed to stop Van Hoesen) so it was good to see other people step up, especially late in the game," Donnelly said. "That's something we're going to have to continue to do."

North, 1-2 in the MAC Red and 4-3 overall, plays at Utica on Friday, then returns home to play Dakota on Tuesday, Jan. 16.

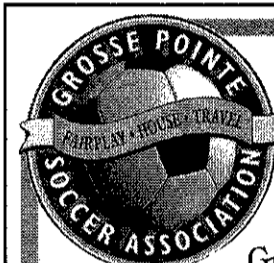
North-South game is rescheduled

The basketball game between Grosse Pointe North and Grosse Pointe South has been switched from Friday, Feb. 23 to Friday, Jan. 19.

"The original date falls during our midwinter break, so we felt that by making the change it would give more students the opportunity to watch the game," said South athletic director Brandon Stone.

South will host this year's contest. The junior varsity game will start at 5:30 p.m. with the varsity game to follow. The North-South freshman game will be played at 4 p.m. on Thursday, Jan. 25.

South's game with Sterling Heights Summit Academy, originally scheduled for Jan. 19, will now be played on Tuesday, Feb. 20.



Grosse Pointe Soccer Association BOARD ELECTION

Grosse Pointe Soccer Association (GPSA) is currently accepting letters of interest from individuals interested in seeking election to a position on the Board. An election for the positions of Girls Travel Director, Fundraising Director and TOP Soccer Director will be held in January 2007. GPSA has a strong history of providing children of the Grosse Pointes and surrounding communities with a positive environment in which children receive excellent training, develop outstanding soccer skills, learn life long lessons of teamwork and make lasting friendships. Anyone interested in helping contribute to the continued success of GPSA by serving on the Board is invited to email a letter of interest to:

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