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♦ Grosse Pointe Theatre presents "Proof" at 2 p.m. in the Fries Auditorium at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial. It can also be seen at 2 p.m. March 4 and at 8 p.m. March 1 through 3 and March 7 through 10. Tickets are \$15 and available by calling (313) 881-4004 or in person at 315 Fisher Road.

MONDAY, FEB. 26

♦ Grosse Pointe Board of Education meets at 8 p.m. in Grosse Pointe North High School.
 ♦ The City of Grosse Pointe Park council meets at 7 p.m. in council chambers, 15115 E. Jefferson.
 ♦ The City of Grosse Pointe council meets at 7:30 p.m. in council chambers, 17147 Maumee.
 ♦ Grosse Pointe Woods council meets at 7:30 p.m. in council chambers, 20025 Mack Plaza.
 ♦ Grosse Pointe Public Library meets at 7 p.m. at the Woods branch, 20680 Mack. The board will review the design charrette proposals for Central Branch.
 ♦ The Board of Trustees of Grosse Pointe Library Foundation meets at 6:30 p.m. in the Woods branch, 20680 Mack.

TUESDAY, FEB. 27

♦ Grosse Pointe Chamber of Commerce hosts a Business Before Hours Networking meeting from 7:30 to 8:30 a.m. in the Grosse Pointe War Memorial's Alger House dining room. To make a reservation, call (313) 881-4722.

WEDNESDAY, FEB. 28

♦ Today is the deadline to make a reservation to chat with Grosse Pointe Chamber of Commerce CEO Mary Huebner from 5:30 to 7 p.m. Wednesday, March 7, at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial. She will share the chamber's mission/vision and how businesses can grow. Call (313) 881-4722 to make a reservation.
 ♦ The Grosse Pointe Central Branch building committee meets at 7 p.m. in the Ewald Branch in Grosse Pointe Park. The public is welcome to attend.

Incentive to consolidate

Gov. Granholm proposes more revenue sharing for sharing services

By John Lundberg
 Staff Writer

With state revenue sharing shrinking dramatically to local municipalities since 2002, Gov. Jennifer Granholm has proposed increased assistance to local governments that consolidate services with surrounding communities to save mon-

ey. "Collaboration is critical for cities in our current economic climate, and we commend (the governor) for proposing the financial tools to enable more of it," said Conan Smith, executive director of the Michigan Suburbs Alliance, in a prepared statement. "It presents enormous potential for local

governments to not only stretch tax dollars and improve the quality and reliability of public services, but work together to address regional challenges more effectively." The five Grosse Pointes, which operate their own municipal court systems, city councils and public safety departments, have worked inde-

pendently since incorporation. But so far, cutbacks have not affected its delivery of services, at least in Grosse Pointe Shores, said Village Manager Mike Kenyon. "We do a lot of inter-governmental sharing right now," he said. "We share a municipal radio system. We do trash collection and disposal."

Kenyon said he has not seen details of the proposal. The increase in revenue sharing funds will be made available only to communities that sign collaborative agreements, according to the governor's proposed budget. Recent cuts have forced many cities, *See SHARING, page 3A*



PHOTO BY MARTY PETERS

Residents say a male and female pair of coyotes, above, have been roaming the country club property since the summer of 2004.

GROSSE POINTE FARMS

Coyote sightings worry neighbors

Attack on pets reported

By John Lundberg
 Staff Writer

Several things can get you into trouble while playing a round of golf. There are sand traps, water hazards and coy-

otes. Coyotes? Grosse Pointe Farms police have confirmed the presence of a male and female coyote roaming the golf course of the Grosse Pointe Country Club. There have even been reports, though not officially confirmed, that the pair have attacked and mauled domestic

animals in the area. "We have contacted the Michigan Humane Society (who) contracts a group called the 'Varmint Police' that handles things like this," said Andy Rogers, Grosse Pointe Farms police lieutenant. "They are working with the country club setting up live non-harmful traps (to capture the animals.)"

According to area residents, the coyotes have been around since late summer 2004. Marty Peters, who lives near the club, often walks his dog around the course and has encountered the pair on a number of occasions. "I see them often," he said. *See COYOTES, page 3A*

G.P. PUBLIC SCHOOLS

District dodges bullet

Governor won't cut per-pupil spending

By Brad Lindberg
 Staff Writer

Gov. Jennifer Granholm is sticking to her pledge to keep school funding at present levels through the end of the academic year. Interviewed Sunday morning on the WKBD CW50 television program, "Michigan Matters," Granholm reprised the promise of her State of the State speech to maintain education spending despite Michigan's ongoing economic woes.

"Education is the single most effective strategy for stoking a state's economic growth," she said in the Feb. 6 speech. "Here me loud and clear — I refuse to slash school funding in the middle of this year." With this year's money seemingly in the mail, Grosse Pointe public school officials are switching their concerns to next year. "Her pledge is great," said *See SCHOOLS, page 3A*

Polar bears

The Burgoyne kids, from left, Jack, Lucy and Joey, and Maddie (not pictured), along with five other neighborhood friends in the 1200 block of Bishop in Grosse Pointe Park, took advantage of last week's snow and built a pretty nifty igloo. They used plastic storage bins, packed them with snow and turned them upside down to make snow blocks to build the igloo. They then smoothed the facade with the back of a small shovel.



PHOTO BY RENEE LANDUYT

POINTER OF INTEREST

'I have a lot to learn and that's what's exciting.'

Christy Wood

Home: Grosse Pointe Park
Age: 29
Family: Father, John; mother, Carolyn; sister, Julie; and brother, Dan
Claim to fame: Practicing yoga
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2A | NEWS

Yesterday's headlines

1957

50 years ago this week

◆ **VOTING LIGHT IN THE FARMS:** Eight candidates were selected to remain on the ballot for the city council in the April general election in Grosse Pointe Farms after a very light turnout. The primary vote, the first in more than 15 years, was necessitated by the presence of 10 candidates vying for council seats.

Joseph McQuillen and Paul Eagen were eliminated in the primary, leaving incumbents William Connolly, George Lang, Richard Maxon and Neil McEachin to face Henry Bodman II, W.J. MacLeod Jr., Henri Petri and J. Lawrence Buell Jr. on the April ballot.

◆ **WOODS SET TO IMPROVE BEACH PARK:** The

Grosse Pointe Woods city council awarded more than \$150,000 in bids to contractors to begin work upgrading its waterfront park.

The amount is \$35,137 more than the bond issue of \$115,000 approved last year by Woods voters to improve the area. The extra money will come from the Municipal Improvement Fund.

The largest project will be replacing the swimming pool's filtering system and adding a spray pool.

◆ **TEEN SNOWBALLERS NABBED BY DEAN:** Charles Saltzer, Dean of Boys at Grosse Pointe High School, caught three teenage boys after his car was pelted by snowballs in Grosse Pointe Farms.

Saltzer nabbed the youths before they could run away and were turned over to police. They were released after a verbal reprimand at the police station.



PHOTO BY FRED RUNNELLS

1957: Winter frosting

The famed floral gardens at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial took on a different appearance following a heavy snowfall. The beautifully manicured hedges are the pride of the garden, and the winter frosting presented the hedges with a pretty topcoat. (From the Feb. 21, 1957, edition of the Grosse Pointe News.)

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25 years ago this week

◆ **POINTES WARNED OF STATE REVENUE CUT:** Danger signals regarding cuts in state revenue sharing were sent up by State House Minority Leader William Bryant, R-Grosse Pointe.

In a meeting with municipal representatives, Bryant informed Pointe officials that the first calendar year quarterly payments of revenue sharing may be delayed and others could be cancelled. Bryant cited a state budget shortfall in 1981 of \$225 million as the reason.

The Pointes counted on receiving anywhere from \$416,000 in the City of Grosse Pointe to \$877,810 in Grosse Pointe Woods in revenue sharing this fiscal year.

◆ **POLICE SEEK WOODS SHOOTING SUSPECT:** Police are looking for a suspect who shot and wounded a 63-year-old Grosse Pointe Woods woman as she stood in her front vestibule.

The suspect, who police believe was posing as a pizza delivery man, attempted to enter the home and the woman tried to block his entry. The man pulled a gun and aimed it at the victim's chest, but the woman was able to push his arm before he fired. The bullet went through her left shoulder, ricocheted off the ceiling and came to a rest on the front room floor.

The woman was treated at an area hospital.

1997

10 years ago this week

◆ **WOODS LOOKING TO REDUCE CABLE RATES:** The Grosse Pointe Woods city council was advised the best way to reduce cable costs from its cable provider, Comcast Cable, was to invite competition.

Cable rates, which have increased dramatically over the last few years, have frustrated Woods officials because of complaints from residents.

Woods officials have been advised that Ameritech recently started providing cable television and would offer a challenge to Comcast to keep rates competitive.

2002

5 years ago this week

◆ **LATE-NIGHT DRIVE-THROUGH PLANS STALLED IN FARMS:** Public safety issues have stalled attempts by Wendy's Inc. to extend drive-through hours in Grosse Pointe Farms.

Wendy's is petitioning the city to allow its Mack restaurant to extend its pick-up hours until midnight, in line with its other Michigan stores. But Farms officials have stalled the request because the restaurant was the site of an armed robbery recently, and has been troubled by employee theft.

◆ **TWO FACE TRIAL FOR STATUTORY RAPE:** Richard Schott and William Tyree will face trial for the statutory rapes

of two 15-year-old Grosse Pointe girls.

Schott, 19 of Hazel Park and a Grosse Pointe South High School graduate, will face five counts of third-degree criminal sexual conduct.

Tyree, 18, of Grosse Pointe Park and a South senior, faces one count of third-degree sexual conduct.

The two men are accused of having sex with the girls at an unsupervised house party hosted by Schott's 15-year-old sister.

◆ **TECH INTEGRATION MOVING AHEAD IN SCHOOLS:** Steps toward computer technology integration have moved ahead in the Grosse Pointe schools as instructors have coached teachers on computer proficiency, use of software programs and modeling lesson plans that utilize technology.

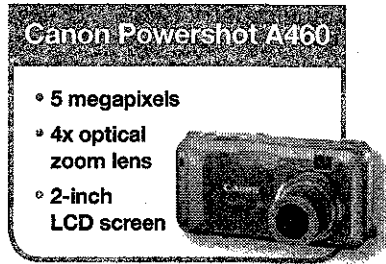


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G.P. WOODS

Cook School boiler taken

Police, city officials have no clue as to who took the equipment and why

By Bob St. John
Staff Writer

How does someone steal a boiler and furnace? Do they walk out the front door?

The boiler and furnace at the Cook Schoolhouse were stolen and there isn't a clue as to who committed the theft.

"I went to check on the progress of the schoolhouse and noticed they were gone," Grosse Pointe Woods Building Inspector Gene Tutag said. "Who would stoop to such a low level to steal a boiler and furnace from a historic schoolhouse?"

"We're investigating the incident, but at the moment we don't know who took the items or why," Woods Department of Public Safety Director Mike Makowski said.

Tutag said the boiler and furnace were probably stolen when the schoolhouse was still at the old site on Lochmoor and Mack.



The boiler and furnace of historic Cook Schoolhouse, above, was recently noticed stolen by an unknown person or persons.

PHOTO BY BOB ST. JOHN

GROSSE POINTE WOODS

Youth Assistance Program funding OK'd

Youthful first-time offenders, families get second chance

By Bob St. John
Staff Writer

Grosse Pointe Woods' Department of Public Safety

chalked up another assist to the Children's Home of Detroit's Youth Assistance Program.

Woods city council unanimously approved the city's \$22,399.12 share to help keep the program running this year. The other four Grosse

Pointes and Harper Woods still have to approve their shares, which total \$47,701.38.

The program provides Grosse Pointe Woods with local control over first-offender juveniles involved in criminal behavior. It also offers family

counseling, parenting workshops, chemical assessment and referral services without charge.

Woods Department of Public Safety Director Mike Makowski endorses the program, saying it helps his squad handle first-time juvenile offenders.

"All of the services YAP provides to the community are wonderful," Makowski said. "The program allows first-offenders an opportunity to get back on the right path without having to go through the Wayne County criminal sys-

tem. "It's nice to have them in our community because their success rate is great. The drug screening and counseling help the offenders get to the root of the problem."

Deborah Liedel, director of community services for the Children's Home of Detroit, wrote in a report to the city that 94 youths and their families participated in the program in 2006.

Since 1991, the program has served 2,052 youths from local communities, Liedel reported.

SCHOOLS: Not backing on increases

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Chris Fenton, Grosse Pointe public schools assistant superintendent of business affairs. "I'm more concerned about next year's proposed increase."

For school year 2007-08, state education public funding is supposed to increase nearly \$180 per student. Based on the Pointe's current enrollment of 8,899 students kindergarten through 12th grade, the additional funds would total more than \$1.6 million.

"That increase is tied to the governor's proposal that includes (2 percent) sales tax on services," Fenton said. "I don't think politically that will go over well."

Republicans oppose expanded sales taxes.

"So far it has not been demonstrated to me that a tax increase is required," said State

Rep. Edward Gaffney, R-Grosse Pointe Farms. "Budget cuts and belt tightening should be our first course of action."

Fenton won't bank on the district receiving an increase next year.

"I think that's in jeopardy," he said. "The governor has to have all the ducks in order and see where that can take place. Backlash on the sales tax on services is going to be large."

Mid-year school cuts are technically still possible.

"They call it a mid-year cut, but it could happen anytime between now and the end of the year," Fenton said. "If it happens closer to the end of the year, it will be harder because most schools will have their money appropriated or budgeted."

"We all want to encourage flourishing neighborhoods with good schools," Gaffney said. "I will join with my colleagues to work with the governor as we move forward. Real courage and leadership will be necessary to find solutions for our budget problems and economic woes."

COYOTES: Traps set for wily varmints

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"One time I was walking my dog and one coyote comes up (to investigate).

"I was glad when my dog finally listened to me and heeled."

Peters said the first time he observed the coyotes was following a volleyball game in late summer 2 1/2 years ago. He then started noticing the tracks at the country club the ensuing winter. Though initially he saw them often traveling in pairs, this year he has only seen one coyote at a time.

The coyotes so far have not

endangered humans, but some residents feel there is a public safety risk.

Janet Smith, who lives on Lakecrest Lane, said she has seen foxes in her neighborhood, but coyotes represent a "whole other thing."

"I'm concerned that we haven't heard anything about it," she said. "I think it is very important for people to be aware of it."

"Is it going to cause me to panic? No. (But) I was concerned about the lack of information."

Smith said she has seen foxes on many occasions, once even with a rabbit in its mouth.

Rogers said the traps are in place now at the club. Police were out at the golf course on Feb. 11 "chasing them all around" but with no success, he said.

SHARING: Innovative thinking

Continued from page 1A

particularly in older suburbs, to eliminate core services like public safety departments.

Municipal budgets have been stretched by shrinking tax revenues, exploding health care costs and pensions. Revenue sharing payments to local governments have been cut annually since 2002, totaling \$1.5 billion in lost funds.

The Michigan Suburbs

Alliance believes that local municipalities could save significantly by consolidating services, without compromising city services.

The proposed increase is equal to approximately \$27,119,500 in additional state shared revenue. Revenue sharing payments total \$1.08 billion for the current fiscal year, according to the alliance.

"The suburbs alliance fully supports the governor's proposal and urges the Legislature to bring it to fruition," Smith said. "This is the type of innovative thinking that Michigan needs to secure a prosperous, sustainable future for our cities and state."

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4A | NEWS

POINTER OF INTEREST

Christy Wood has daily lessons. Her life centers around yoga and running. From both she has learned how to not sweat the small stuff and to enjoy the euphoria each generates.

Yoga takes over her daily routine

By Ann L. Fouty
Acting Features Editor

Every day she practices yoga is another day Christy Wood creates a flow and balance through her body and into her

life. First practicing ballet and modern dance, then training for a marathon, there was still something missing in her life, the Grosse Pointe Park resident said. She wanted to fill a

void and find a method for cross training. Wood found it in yoga.

"I started doing yoga as cross training for a marathon. On the off day, I did yoga. It taught me about my body, in the pre-

sent," she said.

The constant pounding of running was painful. To separate from the pain, she would let her mind wander. Yoga, Wood found, was the opposite. She had to concentrate on her body, on her breathing, on balance and movement. Since she had been dancing for years, the creative side of movement was familiar.

"Running is a totally different end of the spectrum. Yoga is being the present. Running, I didn't think about what I was doing but sorted out problems. Yoga is more meditative. You pay attention with breathing, your mind does not wander. It's the same feeling but a different focus. Yoga and running have a similar feel, euphoria.

"There is no choreography, (but there is) a very creative flow," she said.

Her parents, John and Carolyn, were skeptical at first, she said, but soon realized the introduction of yoga into her life brought her satisfaction.

A graduate of Lutheran High East, she grew up in the Moross and I-94 area. Her father, a police officer, preferred she, her sister, Julie, and brother, Dan, play outside rather than watch television. Her sister was the athletic child in the Wood family, while her brother is the artistic one, she said. Wood admitted she is the balance between the two.

Her creativity was expressed in dance during her high school and college years. Wood earned an English lit degree from the University of Michigan. Following a year of internship with Gale Publishing, she was hired full

time. That was followed by a stint of freelance work and a gig with the Center for Creative Studies.

Today, she is the owner of Practice Yoga in Grosse Pointe Woods.

"I began training (to be an instructor) with a year of observation," Wood said of her immersion into yoga.

She trained in Namaste - Roak under Veronica Zadoe and has practiced Hatha and Ashtanga Yoga, she said. While training to become an instructor, she read the history and ancient texts of its beginnings and her goal is to travel to India to learn even more, perhaps even from the originator of the Ashtanga form of yoga.

Yoga originated in India as a Hindu philosophy and is viewed as a means to spiritual mastery. There are various forms of yoga but all have the goal of attaining liberation from worldly suffering and the cycle of birth and death.

It's odd, she remarked, that monks are more highly respected than working women.

"His struggle is to live life being of the world and being non-reactive to world around him," she said of the monks.

Women put all their strength into balancing family and work, taking little time for themselves. She sees the population as forgetting to slow down and take time for themselves.

Wood said yoga can benefit anyone from stressed out working men and women to youngsters.

"People don't stretch. Everyone can do yoga," she said.

Wood continued: teens need to stretch because they are under pressure through academics and sports; women would be advised to do yoga, as well. It improves joint movement and weight bearing ability. It's beneficial for women with osteoporosis.

Even at the age of 29, Wood said she finds she is not as flexible as when she was younger, putting into play yoga's practice of liberation from worldly suffering and reminds herself: "The pose is creating a new energy pathway."

Some of the imperfection comes from how she feels that day.

"I do get stressed. I'm amazingly a Type A," she said.

Through yoga's principles, she has learned to not sweat the small stuff.

"I realize I have no control (over some situations), why get upset," she said.

What she does have control over, Wood noted, is how she reacts to situations and problems.

"Everyone has a box and what you get out of the box is up to you," she said.

For Wood, drawing on the practices and principles works for her.

"Yoga just happens. The learning curve is small and it is powerful.

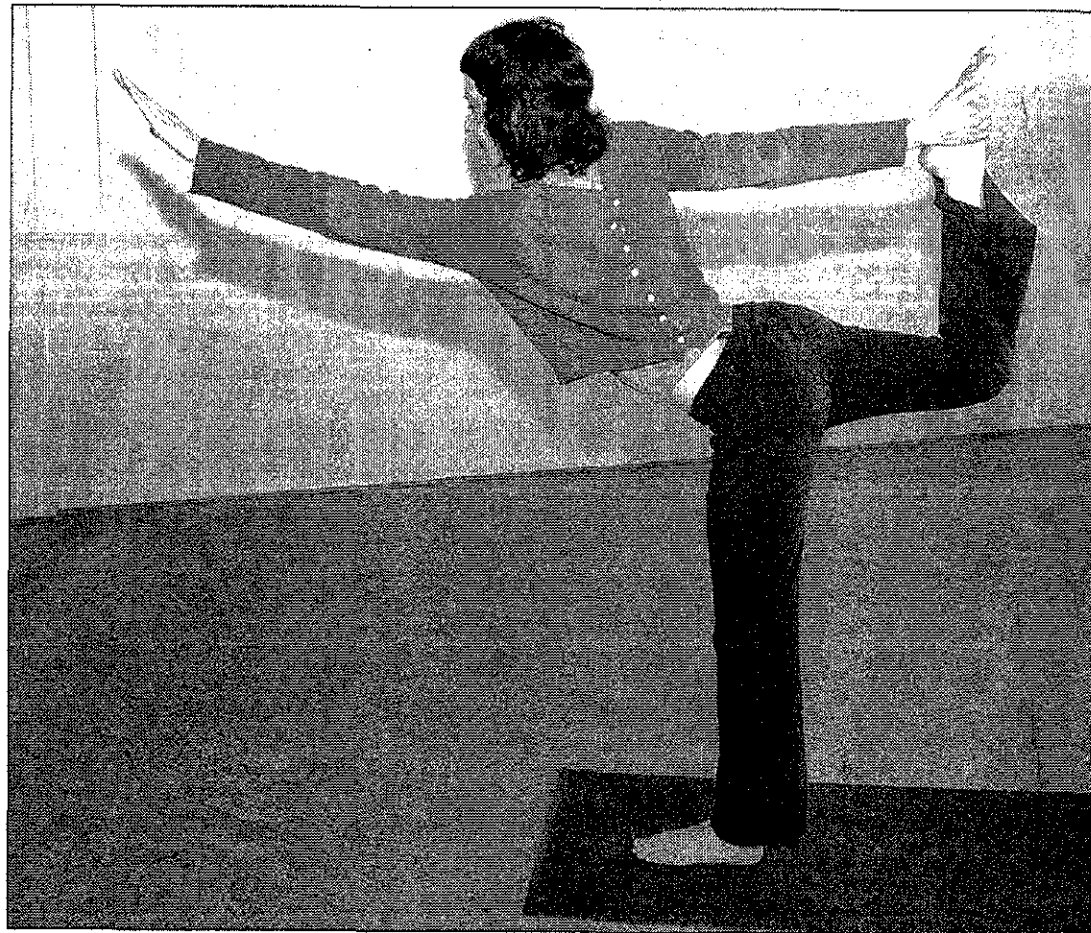
"The poses are creative. Yoga takes over and I am humble. Yoga gives you confidence and patience. Yoga can take as much as you want. Yoga teaches me compassion. I have a lot to learn and that's what's exciting."

And that's why she is practicing every day.



PHOTOS BY RENEE LANDUYT

Christy Wood of Grosse Pointe Park said practicing yoga makes her more aware of both her physical and mental health.



Striking a yoga pose takes focus to keep balance, which in turn puts the participant in tune with the body.

GROSSE POINTE WOODS

Lay it on Mack Avenue

By Bob St. John
Staff Writer

Motorists must go slower along Mack this summer.

Construction barrels will be up on Mack between Vernier and the northern city limits now that the Grosse Pointe Woods City Council approved an intergovernmental agreement with Wayne County to perform cold milling, concrete base repairs and pavement

marking work.

In addition, work crews will eliminate bi-directional crossovers with the construction of half-roundabouts, which statistics show cut down on accidents, including broadside incidents. The city received state and federal grants totaling \$800,000 for the projects.

"We're taking advantage of these funds and getting a lot of needed work done, which will benefit our residents and those

passing through," Woods Mayor Robert Novitke said.

The city's cost is \$169,545, and covers any engineering and quality control testing costs.

Last summer Vernier between Mack and I-94 was redone. Several other smaller construction projects are scheduled this summer. City engineer Scott Lockwood said the project should take about three months to complete.

GROSSE POINTE PARK

Patrol cars have been purchased

By Bob St. John
Staff Writer

Grosse Pointe Park public safety officers will be patrolling the streets in new vehicles this summer.

Park city council approved the purchase of three patrol cars and one administrative vehicle, plus three Mobile Data Computers for a total of \$97,396.

The purchase of the vehicles will be financed through Ford

Motor Corporation Municipal Credit.

"They are considerably the lowest bidder for this," Park Department of Public Safety Director Dave Hiller said. "Now, all of our road cars have computers systems installed in them, which makes for quicker response time and allows our officers to have more information at their fingertips."

In addition, the quoted prices from the Oakland

County Purchase bid was \$325 less per car than a year ago.

Each patrol car costs \$19,924.50 and the administration vehicle is \$16,770.

The three computers cost \$8,000 apiece.

Hardware to hook up the computers is another \$1,500, bringing the grand total to a little more than \$100,000.

The cars that are being replaced will be sold at local auctions.

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GROSSE POINTE WOODS

2006 annual report leans on new technology

By Bob St. John
Staff Writer

An increase in technology has led to more arrests for the Grosse Pointe Woods Department of Public Safety.

According to the department's 2006 annual report, Woods police officers made 718 arrests and filed 11,232 reports, compared to 477 and 8,159, respectively, in 2004.

"Thanks to using CLEMIS (Courts and Law Enforcement Management Information Systems), our officers are more involved in fighting crime and keeping our residents safe," Woods Department of Public Safety Director Mike Makowski said. "The new reporting changes have contributed to a slight increase this year in the overall number of crime statistics for our community."

"The Grosse Pointe Woods Department of Public Safety continues to provide a high quality level of police, fire, and emergency medical services to our residents."

Makowski said patrol officers completed a one-year trial of working 12-hour shifts (all of those officers are now permanent public safety officers), AED's (Automated External Defibrillator) were placed in every city building and patrol car and mobile computers were placed in each patrol vehicle.

The dispatch area was also remodeled last year and public safety officers participated in a one day local joint disaster drill at St. John Hospital and Medical Center.

The new underground receiving dock was the scene of a mock car fire with injured victims.

The report breaks down crime into two categories, Index and Non-Index.

Index crimes are criminal homicide, criminal sexual conduct, robbery, aggravated

assault, burglary, larceny (theft), auto theft and arson.

Non-Index crimes are assaults, forgery and counterfeiting, fraud, embezzlement, buying, receiving or possessing stolen property, vandalism, carrying or possessing a weapon without a permit, prostitution and commercialized vice, sex offenses, drug abuse violations, gambling, offenses against the family and children, driving under the influence of alcohol, liquor laws, drunkenness and disorderly conduct.

Curfew and loitering laws, as well as runaway laws, are in effect for individuals under the age of 18.

Woods Index records show zero homicides in 2006, one arson, four robberies and 15 aggravated assaults.

Fifty-three vehicles were reported stolen last year with 38 cases of burglary and 205 other thefts on record.

The records of burglary and theft are slightly ahead of 2005 numbers, while the number of stolen vehicles increased from 34 two years ago to 53 last year.

"One thing that spurs auto theft is when residents leave their cars running to warm up in the cold weather," Makowski said. "If people want to warm up their cars, they should lock them because an unlocked, running car makes for an easy target."

Non-Index crimes, such as drunken driving, rose from 46 to 55 and narcotics arrests rose from 20 to 25.

The department's detective bureau, under the command of a detective sergeant, assigns officers to work directly with youths (16 years of age or younger), students, teachers and administrators of the Grosse Pointe school district; traffic safety cases; and criminal cases involving persons 17 years of age or older.

According to the annual re-

port, Woods detectives were assigned to 841 cases in 2006 of which 556 are closed and 278 are inactive. Detectives are currently working on seven open cases.

The number of vehicle accidents dropped from 310 to 308 and pedestrian accidents also dropped from six to five.

Other Non-Index crime statistics include a significant drop in the number of moving and meter violations reported in 2006. Moving violations dropped from 6,045 to 4,591 between 2005 and 2006 and meter violations dropped from 5,500 to 4,184 during the same time frame.

Woods public safety officers made 76 fire runs with only 15 actual fires reported. The financial loss due to the fires was \$652,700, compared with \$856,350 in 2005.

Officers made 792 ambulance runs in '06, which rose from 729 in 2005, and the number of advanced life support runs rose from 263 to 290.

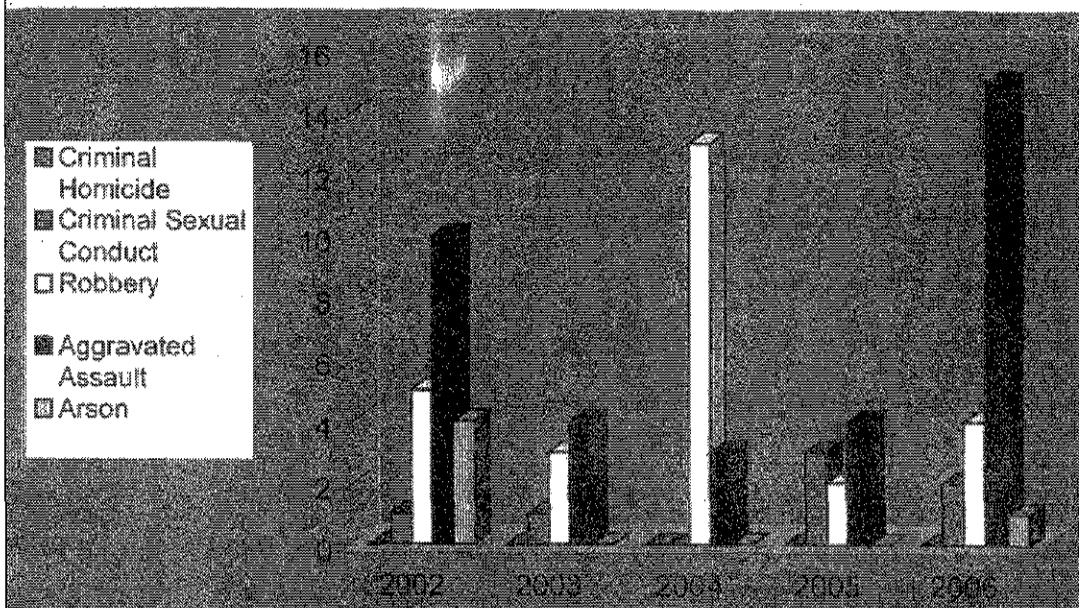
"The department operates an Advanced Life Support ambulance staffed by seven paramedic/firefighters working a 24-hour, three-platoon system," Makowski said in the report. "On every ambulance run, in addition to two paramedics, a supervisor and a public safety officer respond."

"With enhanced technology and equipment, paramedics can begin advanced lifesaving procedures and transmit reports to area hospitals before the patients arrive. All of the patrol vehicles are now equipped with an AED."

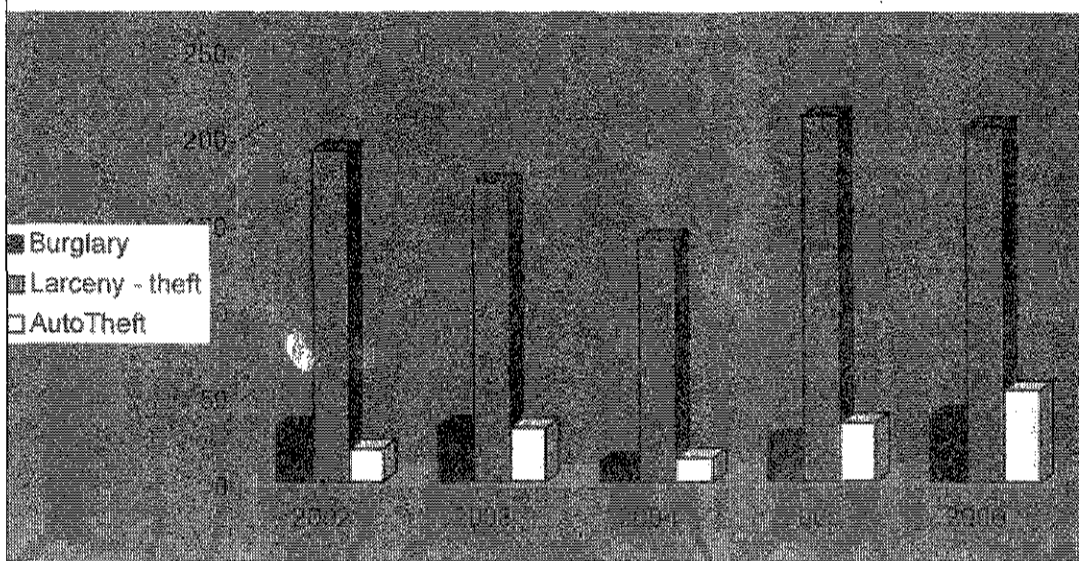
Public safety officers participated in 4,748 hours of in-house training last year. Much of the training included the new CLEMIS system, the report states.

In addition, officers spent more than 1,314 hours of police and fire training courses at local community colleges.

INDEX CRIMES TOTALS



	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006
Criminal Homicide	0	0	0	0	0
Criminal Sexual Conduct	1	1	0	3	2
Robbery	5	3	13	2	4
Aggravated Assault	10	4	3	4	15
Arson	4	0	0	0	1



	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006
Burglary	32	32	12	25	38
Larceny - theft	191	172	140	211	205
Auto Theft	19	31	14	34	53

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GROSSE POINTE WOODS

Public safety gets new technical equipment

City officials will be busy writing checks to pay for new vehicles and in-car recording systems for the Department of Public Safety.

City council approved the purchase of four new patrol cars for \$84,288 and four in-car camera systems for a total of \$24,255.

The replaced scout cars each have high mileage and are in the cycle to be replaced. They will be either sold or auctioned. City officials will use that money to help purchase the new ve-

hicles.

"The patrol cars that will be replaced have a lot of miles and the engines are put through a rigorous routine every day," Woods Department of Public Safety Director Mike Makowski said. "We need the cars and the new equipment will save the department time, money and space by switching to digital systems."

Included in the purchase of the in-car cameras (\$5,445 per camera that includes a 3-year maintenance agreement) are

four backseat IR cameras (\$395 apiece), four collision sensors (\$150 apiece), one spare voice link transceiver (\$195) and shipping cost (\$100).

"The new digital system allows our officers to immediately download information instead of having to come back to the station to download the information onto a tape, which we kept in a separate room," Makowski said. "We will no longer need to store tapes."

— Bob St. John

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GROSSE POINTE WOODS

City hires Plante & Moran

By Bob St. John
Staff Writer

Plante & Moran will be taking over the city of Grosse Pointe Woods' annual audit.

The city's long-time partnership with Price Waterhouse Coopers came to an end when the company announced it is getting out of the audit business.

City council unanimously approved a 3-year contract with Plante & Moran, paying the company \$40,000 this year, \$41,000 in 2008 and \$42,000 in 2009.

"Our clients get the best service," said Mark Hurst of Plante & Moran. "We always utilize two partners with every account to make sure everything goes smooth."

City Comptroller Cliff Maison recommended Plante

& Moran for several reasons. They are:

◆ The company has numerous government clients throughout the state.

◆ It assisted with the completion of the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report.

◆ It enters into a 3-year contract with the city.

◆ The company is active in both state and national auditing/accounting issues.

◆ It assists the city in establishing its Community Foundation.

◆ The company works with the city and other Grosse Pointes in reviewing the possibility of consolidating programs/functions.

◆ The company will also assist the city in the design implementation and operation of new financial software.

Maison, in a written report to

the mayor and city council, said the city's 20-year old DOS system can't be readily downloaded into the auditor's software.

"They (Plante & Moran) have assured me that they will assist us in resolving this problem and have the audit completed and drafts of the financial statements available to the mayor and council by Oct. 15, 2007."

"I highly recommend we use this company," Mark Wollenweber, Grosse Pointe Woods city administrator, said. "I have dealt with them in other communities and they have done excellent work."

Currently, Plante & Moran serves 104 cities, townships and villages within Wayne (32), Oakland (26), Genese (23), Macomb (16) and Washtenaw (seven) counties.

GROSSE POINTE PARK

Upright Jefferson bid OK'd

By Bob St. John
Staff Writer

And the walls came tumbling down.

Grosse Pointe Park residents will see plenty of crumbling walls in the next couple of weeks after city council approved a \$42,120 bid from Upright Wrecking to demolish the old Brosnan's bar and laundromat building on

Jefferson between Alter and Maryland.

"The properties have exhausted a useful life," Park City Manager Dale Krajniak said. "The work should be done within the next two to three weeks."

Park Director of Public Service Chris Reimel received bids from two other companies.

Art Tucker & Son's bid was

\$82,000 and Homrich Inc. turned in a \$63,250 bid.

"The Upright Wrecking bid was considerably lower than the other two," Reimel said. "I called them a couple of times to go over the numbers, but they said they stick by them and everything is ready to go."

Krajniak said city officials are looking into development projects.

GROSSE POINTE FARMS

Pier Park Harbor ready for spring renovations

The harbor facilities at Pier Park in Grosse Pointe Farms are being renovated.

Changes will be made to the 333 mooring spaces, adding boat well sizes ranging from 20 to 55 feet and floating jet ski docks.

Construction is expected to be completed by Memorial Day.

Upgrades include finger piers for each well, pedestals providing shore power for

wells more than 25 feet in length, shared water and electrical service plugs for wells 20 to 23 feet and a boat lift to launch smaller vessels brought in on trailers.

The lift will accommodate boats approximately 21 feet long and restrictions for launching and using the boat lift have been implemented.

Pier Park also has 80 rack storage spaces for kayaks and Sunfish watercraft, and resi-

dents can rent a space next to the beach swimming area to launch their watercraft.

There is a waiting list for mooring and rack storage spaces.

Residents can add their names by filling out an application available at the parks and recreation office in the Pier Park community building.

There is an application fee to register for a space.

GROSSE POINTE WOODS

Council approves committee

By Bob St. John
Staff Writer

A newly-created committee is being charged with providing assurance the city's insurance needs are being met.

Grosse Pointe Woods Mayor Robert Novitke, city comptroller Cliff Maison, city administrator Mark Wollenweber and councilmember Pete Waldmeir in a 5-2 vote were named to the Ad Hoc Insurance Committee.

"This is a fact-finding committee that will report back to the council," Waldmeir said.

Maison has vast experience handling the city's insurance needs. Novitke, Wollenweber and Waldmeir also have their share of insurance experience.

However, Councilmember Dona DeSantis-Reynolds believes finding the right insurance coverage should remain in the hands of Maison and Wollenweber.

"I think we're micromanaging," she said. "We have an excellent comptroller in Mr. Maison and an excellent city administrator in Mr. Wollenweber, who I feel confident in to get the insurance coverage we need."

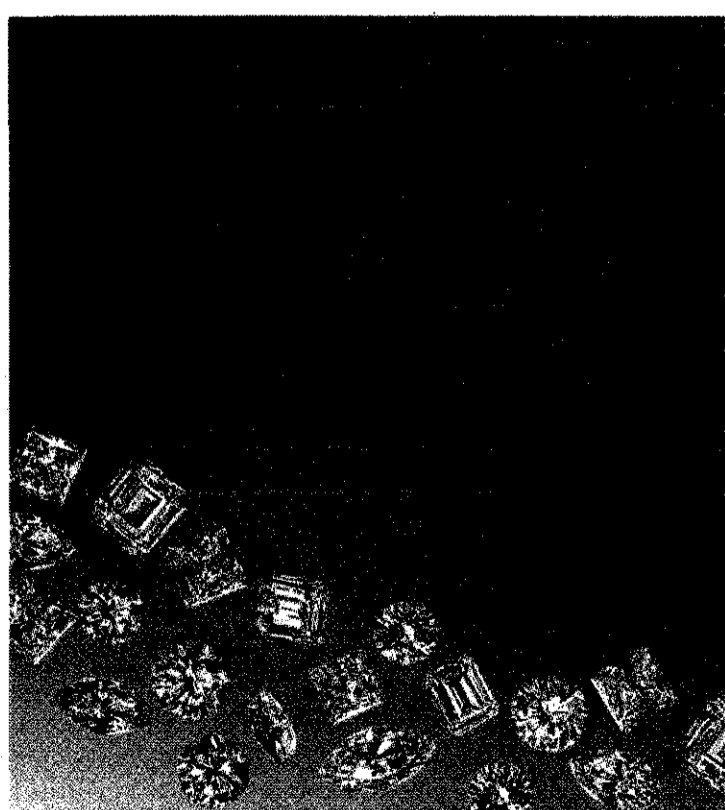
"We, as a council, have an obligation to our residents," Novitke said. "This committee will work together to get the best information we can about our city's insurance needs."

Novitke cited the last two years the city's insurance in-

formation was presented to council too late to seek bids.

He said this committee will help present a more compre-

hensive look at the city's insurance needs in time for the council to make a concise decision.



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NFPA offers home heating safety tips

As temperatures drop outdoors and people take steps to warm their homes, the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) urges the public to be mindful of the risks associated with home heating, which is second only to cooking when it comes to causes of home fires.

According to a newly-released NFPA study, heating equipment was involved in an estimated 53,000 reported home structure fires in the United States in 2003.

The study includes fires associated with chimneys and chimney connectors, space heaters, central heating, fireplaces, water heaters and heat tape. These fires accounted for 14 percent of all home fires and were responsible for an estimated 260 deaths, 1,300 injuries and \$500 million in direct property damage.

For more information or a copy of the report Home Heating Fire Patterns and

Trends, visit NFPA's Web site nfa.org.

NFPA suggests the following for safe heating:

◆ Maintain a 3 feet separation between things that can burn and heating equipment.

◆ When buying a new space heater, make sure it carries the mark of an independent testing laboratory and is legal for use in your community.

◆ Install your stationary (fixed) space heater according to manufacturer's instructions or applicable codes. Better yet, have it installed by a professional.

◆ Plug electric-powered space heaters into an outlet with sufficient capacity and never into an extension cord.

◆ Use the proper grade of the proper fuel for your liquid-fueled space heater, and never use gasoline in any heater not approved for gasoline use.

Refuel only in a well-ventilated area and when the equipment is cool.

◆ In your fireplace or wood stove, use only dry, seasoned wood to avoid the build-up of creosote, an oily deposit that easily catches fire and accounts for most chimney fires and the largest share of home heating fires generally. Use only paper or kindling wood, not a flammable liquid, to start the fire. Do not use artificial logs in wood stoves.

◆ Make sure your fireplace has a sturdy screen to prevent sparks from flying into the room.

◆ Turn off space heaters whenever the room they are in is unoccupied or under circumstances when manufacturer's instructions say they should be turned off. Portable space heaters are so easy to knock over in the dark that they should be turned off when you go to bed.

◆ Test smoke alarms monthly; install a carbon monoxide alarm in a central location outside each sleeping area.

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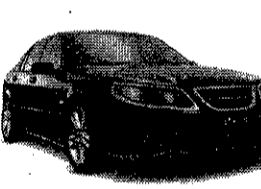
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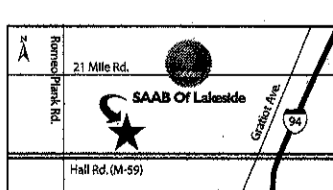

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'All the News ... Fit to Print'

The above slogan, "All the News That's Fit to Print," was coined by Adolph Ochs, publisher of The Chattanooga Times, after he acquired The New York Times in 1896. The paper's banner still carries the slogan today. The Grosse Pointe News slogan, "Complete News Coverage of All The Pointes," was coined by the founding Edgar family when the paper began in 1940.

Both slogans, The Times' and the News,' are ambitious and, perhaps, pretentious.

They are ambitious in that their implied goal is omniscience. They seek to uncover all the news. They are pretentious in that no one has a handle on all the news. Still, we try very hard and with varying degrees of success.

There are physical limitations to what we can print. We could have all (or most) of the news in a given week, but we are limited by space. We can only make the paper so large before we get to a point where it is not profitable to print and distribute. While on occasion we do go extra pages to accommodate the news (just prior to local elections is an example), doing so too often would run us out of business. A defunct newspaper is no good to anyone!

Mr. Ochs' motto on many occasions could just as easily have been: "All the News That Fits." Often we find ourselves having to decide what news gets in and what doesn't. Many times dated material must get in the paper, while weightier items must wait a week or be rewritten for later publication.

Often we are accused of not printing crime news in an effort to not make the community look bad. That is not true. We may not run crime items on the front page, but we do not exclude them.

Our reporters go to four of the five Grosse Pointe police stations each week and look at all the reports we are given. We report all items that impact the community and even some that are just plain silly or fun. In fact, we are occasionally criticized for running frivolous items.

We look at only four of the five Grosse Pointes' police reports because one of the cities, Grosse Pointe Park, provides a bulletin that summarizes what it considers newsworthy items from the previous week's police reports.

We believe the Park police bulletin does a thorough job of relaying all incidents of importance, and police officials in the Park are accommodating in responding to our questions. However, we would prefer to see the actual police reports and make up our own minds on what is newsworthy or not. Also, many of the fun, man-bites-dog items are missed under the current system in the Park.

Another area in which we are criticized is Letters to the Editor. Many people believe we only run letters that we agree with. That is not so.

Many times we run letters critical of this newspaper or a reporter's covering of a certain story. In fact, there is one such letter in this week's paper.

Many newspapers run virtually every letter submitted. We are not so reckless. We do attempt to spot errors in fact; though time and personnel limitations prevent us from fact checking everything in letters. We also try to prevent ad hominem attacks by letter writers.

Typically, when we reject a letter to the editor, it is because it is too factually flawed, too incendiary or too harsh. We do not like to allow letter writers to blindsides or take a free shot at unsuspecting parties.

We also do not allow the letters page to become a tool for political candidates. We do not accept letters for or against a candidate, and it does not matter whether we have endorsed the candidate.

We further do not allow the paper to become an arm of the Better Business Bureau. Sometimes we receive letters from disgruntled customers who want to take a business to task for bad service. In those cases, we suggest readers write a letter to the BBB, the store's owner or corporate office or, if it is a legal matter, the state attorney general.

Currently, there is much discussion involving demolition of the Grosse Pointe Central Library branch. We have received many letters opposed to tearing down the building but none calling for the building to be torn down.

If we receive any taking that point of view, we will run them — barring major factual errors, ad hominem attacks or incivility.

In this week's paper, we have a letter from local author Gloria Whelan taking us to task for suggesting libraries are not as in demand as they once were. Her numbers show otherwise.

If you have a gripe or suggestion, don't just complain to your friends and neighbors. Give editor John Minnis a call at (313) 343-5590 or e-mail him at editor@grossepointenews.com. We can't fix it if we don't know it's broke.

PHIL HANDS



LETTERS

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

State tax increases

To the Editor:
Well said ("Tax increases not acceptable," Feb. 15 Grosse Pointe News). The last thing Michigan needs at this time are tax increases.

The state is rapidly losing jobs, population and income. It leads the country in unemployment, foreclosures, personal bankruptcies and the tax base is eroding.

Unlike the past downturns in the auto industry, this is a sea change in the state's economic structure.

Business creates jobs, Michigan's economy is the worst in the country and raising taxes will only make things worse.

The Grosse Pointe News is correct in saying "Our goal should be to make Michigan a business- and consumer-friendly state." Lansing needs to do everything it can to accomplish that, and then get out of the way.

The people of Michigan have to live within their own personal budgets, why not their government?

G. EDWARD KRIESE
St. Clair Shores

Innovative thinking

To the Editor:
The Feb. 8 article "Council, Mayor Say 'No to Raises'" implied that Grosse Pointe Woods Councilwoman Lisa Pinkos Howle suggested the recommended pay raise of \$500 per council member be directed toward televising council meetings.

In fact, she recommended that the entire \$30,000 per year that the council earns be put toward televising its council meetings.

I feel there is a significant difference in what was reported.

I would appreciate it if you would clarify this for the Grosse Pointe Woods residents in your next edition of the Grosse Pointe News.

Councilwoman Howle should receive credit for such an innovative suggestion.

JANE E. BROWN
Grosse Pointe Woods

Editor's note: The proposed raises were \$500 for the mayor and \$250 for the councilmembers. The new combined yearly salary for the council and mayor would have been \$30,500. It also should be noted that the letter writer is a former city employee who has a wrongful discharge suit against the city and

that Councilwoman Howle, who most likely will be voting on a future resolution of the lawsuit, is up for re-election this year.

Local 'brain stretcher' study

To the Editor:
The article, "Brain Stretchers Improve Life," printed in the Feb. 8 Grosse Pointe News, cited the beneficial effects of "brain stretcher" activities through a research program entitled ACTIVE.

It should be noted that the Institute of Gerontology at Wayne State University was one of the six sites for this study in the United States. I was proud to be part of the team that assisted with the booster portion of the study.

We are very fortunate to have been able to participate in such an important project to demonstrate people over 65 can continue to remain independent for a longer period of time by remaining mentally active.

MARION MC CARTHY
Harper Woods

Smoking in restaurants

To Gov. Granholm:

I am a 10-year-old boy who just moved here from Connecticut. I am sending you this letter about all this smoking.

In Connecticut, there is a law that there is no smoking inside restaurants. But here, there is no law stating no smoking in restaurants.

Isn't it true that secondhand smoke is as bad as smoking? Think of all the young children that you are putting in danger.

I thought of writing you when I was eating dinner at a restaurant in my town, when I looked over at the bar and saw smoke floating through the air like the devil's breath. I know that you might say just don't look over there and you will be fine, but that's not true. I could smell it as well as if I were up close, and that is the same with my dad, mom and brother.

You might also say that there will be less people in the restaurants if you don't allow smoking. Well, you are right, there will be less people — less smokers, and with all the smokers gone, more people will come because it will be safer. That is what happened in New York and Connecticut when they passed the law.

I am asking that you bring

this to the attention of the state Legislature so they can pass a law about not smoking in restaurants so we will all be safer.

WILLIAM HAMER
Grosse Pointe Park

Pier Park lake skating

To the Editor:
I am an avid participant of winter ice skating on Lake St. Clair.

The experience of this winter pastime is quite exhilarating. The vast expanse of open ice, the winter elements, the starlit sky, and the lights on Lakeshore and across the lake, make skating in this environment so much more inviting than at a landlocked rink.

So, was I shocked to hear that with the recent harbor renovations, there would be no more skating or ice fishing shanties at the Pier Park.

I was not only shocked but very upset. In cold winters the park had always provided lake skating and fishing access. In the last 10 years, we have had good skating conditions for five of those years. I personally have been skating there on and off for 45 years.

The question concerning where to skate is easily answered. The skating area should be in front of the beach. The water was only 4 feet deep during the winter of 2004-2005, the last time the park actually used that area.

They chopped a hole through the ice and with a pump drew up lake water to flood the surface, giving it a glass-like finish. As for a new warming area, why not use the lifeguard building which is immediately adjacent to the beach?

Skaters do not need a lot of amenities. I do not see any increase in costs from what was done in previous years.

If this issue resonates with you, please contact the city before they permanently put an end to a wonderful winter pastime, and please let me know so that I may petition the city with names of some fellow enthusiasts.

ROBERT J. RABAUT
Grosse Pointe Farms

Central Library outdated

To the Editor:
I love libraries and books, I always have, and am delighted to live in a community that is striving to improve their facilities.

I also use the Internet, and certainly agree it's extremely helpful, but I don't believe it will cause libraries to become "obsolete" as one reader wrote in the Feb. 8 Grosse Pointe News in his letter to the editor, "Library board plans."

Why do childhood development experts and other educators promote reading books beginning at a very young age? Why do teachers in our schools

encourage children to read, read, read?

I am delighted that our children take our grandchildren to the library starting at a preschool age, just as I and my friends all did.

This is a community that reads and uses the library.

If some of the naysayers would go to the Ewald branch during the book sale in March, they would see the enthusiastic readers who are buying bags of books.

I believe we do need a new Central Library. Perhaps if we had a large parcel of land some years ago we could have built a big library instead of having three buildings.

The current library is outdated and inadequate. Libraries today are more than shelves of books and "Quiet" signs. They are an important part of the quality of life in a community.

Let's not "dumb down" our culture. Rather, let's look ahead for future generations who will live in the Pointes and enjoy the wonderful libraries we have provided.

KATHLEEN MOURAD
Grosse Pointe Shores

Accessible G.P. libraries

To the Editor:
The idea that books are irrelevant in the age of computers will come as a surprise to the Grosse Pointe residents who took out 366,151 books last year — 20,445 more books than the year before.

The Internet does not displace books, it opens new worlds and increases an interest in learning. And at bedtime, what mother or father would snuggle up with their child and a computer?

It is true we have two fine new libraries, but access is important. A child cannot walk from the Farms or the City to Vernier or to Lakepointe. A walk to the Grosse Pointe library is one of my fondest childhood memories.

In this time of economic crisis for the metro Detroit area, our children need to be literate so they can compete. Books, and the libraries that hold them, are necessities not luxuries.

GLORIA WHELAN
Grosse Pointe Woods

Let truth be known

To the Editor:
After reading the article "Their legacy may undo custodians" in the Feb. 15 Grosse Pointe News, I find myself compelled to respond.

I believe Mr. Walsh's comments need further and more detailed information regarding which personnel are actually affected. The 78 persons involved in this privatization are not just custodians. You will lose your elementary, middle and high school building engineers, all of whom are licensed

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I SAY By John Minnis

'Our Body': Is it art, science or sideshow?



The ongoing Detroit Science Center exhibit, "Our Body: The Universe Within," is all the rage right now. The media, including the Grosse Pointe News ("The Body Inside Out," Jan. 18), have written glowing accounts of the presentation, which features 20 complete human bodies and some 200 other "anatomical specimens" that have been saturated with plastic.

The process in which the bodies are preserved is called "polymer impregnation." The

procedure, also called "plastination," involves replacing the body fluids of the deceased with polymers to prevent decay and decomposition.

The plastinated bodies — or "anatomical specimens," as the exhibitors prefer to call them — are pliable immediately following the polymer impregnation. At that time, the bodies are formed into life-like poses, if desired, such as a skeleton standing on one leg with feet crossed, leaning on a desk and scratching its chin (or mandible) while examining a skull. It is a typical and, in this case, comical pose.

Another display has a skeleton riding a bicycle. Several specimens are giving viewers the "thumbs up" gesture.

Once the specimens are hardened, they can then be sliced, diced and sawed from

head to toe both along the spine and in halves, front and back. Also, the eyes, blood vessels, nerves, skin, organs, chest cavity and any other body part can be — and are — displayed after being plastinated.

I found the exhibit curiously disturbing. I kept thinking, "These are, or were, actual people. Their relatives could recognize them. I wondered how I would feel being plastinated and put on display. (Of course, I would feel nothing.) How would my wife and relatives feel?"

I kept asking myself, "Is this science or is it carnival sideshow? Is it education or titillation? Should we be offended or joyous in the act of learning?"

I am not a particularly spiritual person. I realize the hu-

man body is a biochemical machine and that once the electrical activity in the brain stops, that is the end of what I and others consider "me." The body, once the brain dies, is a decaying mass of organic molecules. Nothing more.

It is not as if I have never seen dead bodies. I once toured the old Wayne County morgue, where gurneys with dead people with their bellies slit open lined the hallways awaiting the medical examiner.

Yet, somehow I was uneasy with the "Our Body: The Universe Within" exhibit. I was not alone.

Last Friday evening, the Detroit Science Center hosted a multidisciplinary panel discussion titled, "Bodies in Question: Contexts and Controversy." The panel's

moderator was Tom Tomlinson, director of the Michigan State University Center for Ethics and Humanities in Life Sciences.

He was joined by Sherylyn Briller, a medical anthropologist from Wayne State University; Ann Mongoven, a medical ethicist from MSU; John Waller, a medical historian, also from MSU; and Dr. Walter Hofman, former acting Wayne County medical examiner and a special consultant to The Universe Within Touring Co., the Baltimore, Md.-based firm that imported the exhibit on loan from China.

Briller said there are moral implications in how a society handles its dead. "The handling of bodies can tell us a lot about its people and their culture," she said. "The body is always cultural."

Mongoven, the bio-ethicist, was most disturbed by the "Our Bodies" exhibit. She even questioned whether she should have even viewed it. But, she figured, she had to see it in order to discuss it. And thus begins the "rationalized transgression of ethical norms," she said.

Her word for the exhibit was "ambivalence." Wikipedia defines ambivalence as a state of having emotions in contradiction; for example, feeling both love and hatred for something.

She pointed out that while the instructional placards preferred to call the bodies "specimens," advertisements and promotional literature proclaimed in boldface: "Actual Human Bodies..."

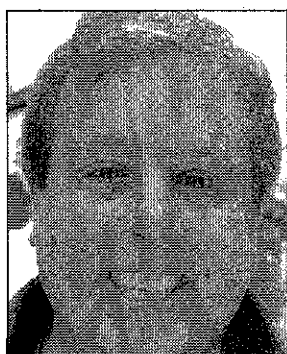
She further questioned

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STREETWISE By Renee Landuyt

What are you giving up (or doing) for Lent?

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



'I am giving up 20 pounds!'
PAUL BURGOYNE
Grosse Pointe Park



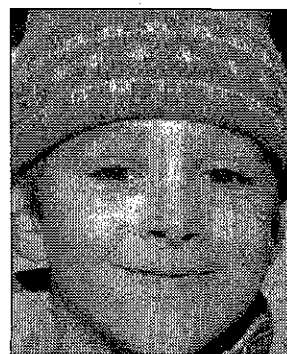
'I am giving up ice cream.'
MORGAN CLEVENGER
Grosse Pointe Park



'I am helping my Mommy more around the house.'
LUCY BURGOYNE
Grosse Pointe Park



'Once you're past 70 you stop giving stuff up!'
SYLVIA LANDUYT
Grosse Pointe Park



'I gave up my tonsils!'
JACK BURGOYNE
Grosse Pointe Park



'I am thinking about giving up my support of Ohio State after the championship game.'
JOHN REHBECK
Columbus, Ohio

FYI By Ben Burns

South grad continues naval tradition



When Colin Edwards won an appointment to the U.S. Naval Academy last year, it was as though it was a preordained course of events.

There is a tradition among Edwards' various ancestors to go down to the sea in ships that dates back to his great-grandfather, a naval architect in England almost a century ago, and his great-great-grandfather, who owned a shipyard in the Scilly Isles off the coast of Wales.

One British naval officer ancestor reportedly served with Lord Horatio Nelson and escorted a defeated Napoleon into exile.

The female Edwards ancestors were no slouches either. Amelia Blanford Edwards was a famous Egyptologist and au-

thor of "A Thousand Miles Up the Nile," published in 1891.

Edwards' maternal grandmother, Marie Sedmak, 81, now of Brighton, followed in the family tradition during World War II in England as she enlisted in the Women's Royal Naval Service. She served as a watch keeper in the Signals Distribution Office and worked with wartime message decoding at Dover Castle and in the wartime tunnels carved out of the white cliffs there.

There she met Henry Sedmak, a U.S. Army Air Corps lieutenant, and fell in love. They married in 1945, and Sedmak brought his new bride to Detroit to live. Now 88, he is retired from the Detroit Police Department, where he was director of technical services.

While a student at Grosse Pointe South High School, Edwards was a member of the crew team. He graduated in 2005 and spent a year at The Gunnery, a Washington, Conn., prep school under the sponsorship of the U.S. Naval Academy Foundation. He entered the academy last June and was elected captain of the

freshman lightweight crew team in the fall.

Edwards' twin brother, David, is a student at Grand Valley State and his sister, Emmelyn, 24, is in graduate school at Wayne State.

When Edwards was home for the holidays visiting his mother and father, Mark and Ann Edwards of the Farms, his mother snapped a picture of her son with his grandmother, both decked out in their dress blues. Marie Sedmak's uniform is more than half a century old, but it looks every bit as sharp as it did those many years ago — and it still fits.

Edwards hasn't decided exactly what he will major in at the academy, but his mother says he is leaning toward ocean engineering.

"Seeing the two of them together, a 20-year-old, young man and his 81-year-old grandmother, wearing their dress blues was quite special to us," she reported.

B-ball fact

Well, the rumors about Piston star Chris Webber's real estate purchases in the

Pointes have been set to rest. Johnstone & Johnstone sales agent Patty Riley tells us that she sold a seven-bedroom home and carriage house designed by Wallace Frost in 1927 on Jefferson to the one-time Fab Fiver from the University of Michigan in 2005.

"He was a doll to work with," Riley said. "The young son of the previous owner was so excited to learn that Chris Webber looked at their home, he said, 'I can't believe a legend was in my house.'"

Webber apparently used the waterfront home as a summer cottage to entertain family members until he moved back to Detroit. "He is very close to his family," Riley said.

"That is my lucky house. I have sold it three times in 14 years," she reported.

Need sponsors

The Foundation for Exceptional Children, which has cared for youngsters with physical and mental impairments for more than half a

century, is looking for corporate sponsors for its annual benefit party that draws 800 supporters each year.

Sponsorship opportunities range from \$250 to \$1,000, and tickets for the pizza, beer and wine party at the Royalty House in Warren from 7 p.m. to midnight on Friday, March 9, are \$30 each.

The Brothers Righteous will provide entertainment.

"We are pleased to have had the ongoing opportunity to provide special needs children the care they deserve," said Deborah C. Moffat, program director for the foundation.

To help the teachers help the youngsters, call (313) 885-8660 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. weekdays or contact the foundation by e-mail at dmoffat@childrenshomeofdetroit.org.

Church tours

The popular Historic Houses of Worship tours sponsored by the Detroit Historical Society kick off on Monday, March 5. Included this year

will be SS. Peter & Paul Jesuit, Iroquois Avenue Christ Lutheran, Jefferson Avenue Presbyterian, St. Charles Borromeo Roman Catholic and St. Joseph Roman Catholic.

SS. Peter & Paul is the oldest church building in the city, and its cornerstone is dated 1844.

Each tour leaves from the Detroit Historical Museum parking lot at Kirby and Woodward at 10 a.m., returns at 4 p.m. and includes lunch at one of the churches. The cost is \$30 for society members and \$35 for non-members.

Telephone reservations with a credit card may be made during business hours at (313) 833-7935. The National Society of the Colonial Dames of America in the State of Michigan is a co-sponsor.

Ben Burns of the City of Grosse Pointe is director of the journalism program at Wayne State University. He can be reached at burnsben@comcast.net or by phone at (313) 882-2810.



Naval Academy cadet Colin Edwards and his grandmother, Marie Sedmak, pose in their dress uniforms.

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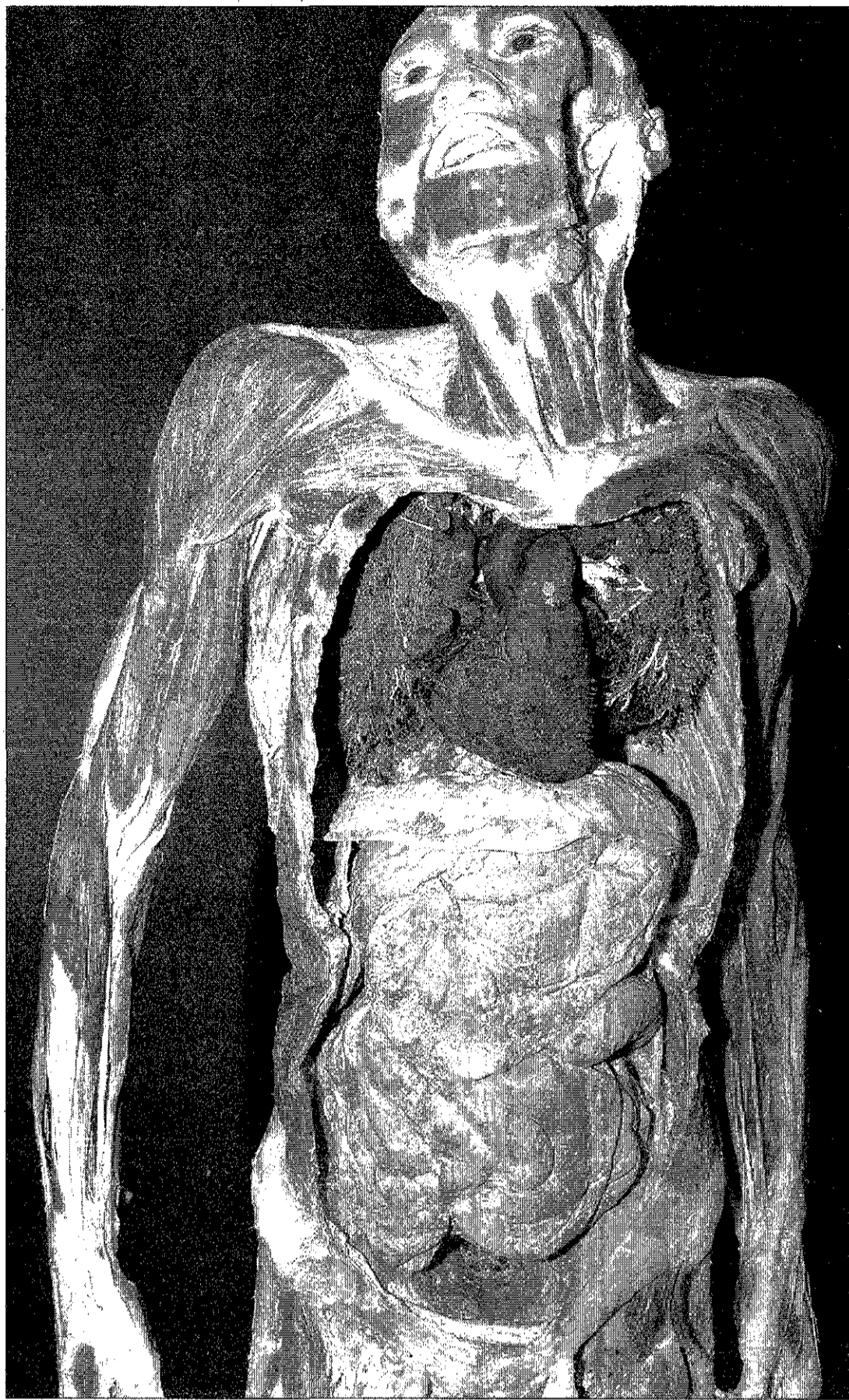


PHOTO BY RENEE LANDUYT

This plastinated body of a full-grown adult is one of 20 such specimens loaned from China and now part of the "Our Body: The Universe Within" exhibit at the Detroit Science Center.

I SAY: 'Is it a good thing?'

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whether the Chinese obtained the proper informed consent from the would-be specimens and their families.

"Is it a good thing?" she asked of the exhibit. "I still don't know."

Medical historian Waller said he was impressed and awed by the exhibit. He said it was "vastly more tasteful than its rivals" touring the country.

He then launched into an interesting survey of the history of the medical use and appropriation of human bodies. He observed that history has shown us that the poor have been the most victimized by medical researchers in search of bodies, both in the Middle Ages and more recently.

"History of medicine offers plenty examples of exploitation of the politically voiceless," he said.

Hofman, the former medical examiner and currently on the payroll of the "Our Body" exhibi-

tion company, pointed out that there are laws governing autopsies on the obtaining of bodies for medical research. He said some states today allow local anatomical boards to "dole out" unclaimed bodies for medical research.

He said the exhibit is a combination of science and art. He emphasized that the touring company did not "own" the bodies, that they were "on loan" from the Chinese.

Concerning the issue of fully informed consent, Hofman said, "We have to the best of our knowledge reliable documentation." According to the "Our Body" literature, the specimens were "provided for the exhibit consistent with the laws of China."

"Please enjoy these bodies," Hofman said. "They are there to show you something."

The first question from those attending the panel discussion was, "Why did the Chinese do this? What was their motivation?"

The literature says that while the identities of the specimens are not known, they were obtained from medical schools and research facilities in China to "promote education, science and medical research of the medical body."

Hofman said, "This exhibit was obtained at great expense."

The cost to see "Our Body: The Universe Within" at the Detroit Science Center through May 27 is \$24.95 for adults, \$22.95 for seniors and \$19.95 for children. It is not recommended for children under 13.

How did I come away from the exhibit? Ambivalent.

'We have to the best of our knowledge reliable documentation. Please enjoy these bodies. They are there to show you something. This exhibit was obtained at great expense.'

Dr. Walter Hofman

Former acting Wayne County medical examiner
Special consultant to The Universe Within Touring Co.

LETTERS: We require transparency

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boiler operators and, as in the middle and high schools, are also certified pool operators. These personnel are responsible for the opening and the operation of the buildings while the children are in class. Next, you will lose the custodial engineers who are also licensed boiler operators who work the second shift. They attend to all the needs of the activities at night in addition to the cleaning of the buildings.

You will lose the entire central maintenance department. This includes a plumber, electrician, carpenter, plasterer, mechanical specialist, mechanic, HVAC and skilled maintenance. These individuals are licensed, skilled tradesmen who attend to immediate trade-related problems and upkeep that occur every day in the buildings. They are also responsible for moving teachers' classrooms from building to building and Camp-o-Fun, etc. in the summer. They are also

involved with the contractors on many of the construction projects throughout the district along with the principals, administration and building engineers to ensure that the district's needs and rules are complied with. Central maintenance and the building engineers are responsible for snow removal and the many other emergencies that occur.

Finally, we get to the custodians who, in addition to their normal cleaning duties, are responsible for the set-ups for all the activities that utilize our buildings at night and during the weekends. The national standard for square footage of cleaning by a custodian is 22,000 square feet per eight-hour day and in the high schools alone, our custodians have been required to cover approximately 40,000 square feet per eight-hour day. Also, since the addition of the new science buildings and other additions throughout the district that were upgraded to be ADA compliant, no additional personnel have been hired and they have been maintained with present staff.

I would like to add one final piece of information. If you were to utilize a contractor for plumbing, electrical, HVAC,

plastering, etc., for an eight-hour day, it would cost you at least \$600 for a contract company. Your skilled personnel are working for \$237.68 per eight-hour day and that includes the benefit package. I would strongly reconsider privatization as the solution to the district's monetary problems.

It is obviously painful to me and the rest of the community that the district is in financial distress. As you are aware, the problem with state funding for out-of-formula schools will continue. Therefore, because this is a district financial problem, the entire district from the administrators to the custodians should bear the sacrifices needed to make up the shortfall and not just one group. If you choose to privatize these 78 employees this year, who will you privatize next year? The administrators? Teachers? Secretaries?

RON GAVULA
Grosse Pointe Woods

Editor's note: It should be noted that the letter writer is a maintenance worker for the Grosse Pointe Public School System.

Truth in education

To the Editor:

Reference your Feb. 15 article titled "Their Legacy May Undo Custodians."

I am neither pro or con on the issue. However, it is sad that the cumulative effect of prior decisions leads to costs that are prohibitive and unsustainable.

The fact that in excess of 17 percent of each district employee salary must be paid to the Michigan Public School Employees Retirement System (MPSERS) is astounding. It represents an average of \$12,257 per employee or \$1,021 per month on a calendar year basis.

I understand this does not include health benefit costs or other fringe benefit programs.

We require transparency. Just as lenders have to abide by statutory "truth in lending" mandates, perhaps we need to have an annual "truth in education" report to taxpayers.

Statistically, it would profile employees by category, salary ranges based on tenure, average wages by category, as well as benefit costs by category.

Further, student population, average class size, facility capacity, percent of capacity utilized by individual school, bond repayment costs, debt existing and overhead costs, etc. should be reported in the media.

It appears that the tendency to always present to the public only totals, shortfalls, etc., simply glosses over realities ... the devil is in the details ... and the taxpayers need more information.

Does anyone have the courage to report the actual facts so that situations do not become terminal requiring drastic surgery?

JAMES SESNIE
Grosse Pointe Farms

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SUMMARY OF THE MINUTES FEBRUARY 12, 2007

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

Present on Roll Call: Mayor Farquhar; Councilmembers Roby, Joseph, Davis III, Theros, Leonard and Waldmeir.

Those Absent Were: None.

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

Mayor Farquhar Presided at the Meeting.

The Minutes of the Regular Meeting held January 8, 2007, were approved as submitted.

The Council approved the Parking Exception for 130 Kercheval Avenue.

The Council approved payment of the statement of attorney's fees from the law firm of Dickinson, Wright.

The Council approved the following items from the Consent Agenda:

- The approve the removal and replacement of spent granular activated carbon at the water filtration plant.

The Council appointed the following residents to the Parks & Harbor Committee:

Maureen Peterson
Bridgette Murray
Gordon Maitland

The Council received the Quarterly Financial Report for December 2006 and ordered it placed on file.

Upon proper motion made, supported and carried, the Meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

THE NEXT REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL WILL BE HELD ON MONDAY, MARCH 5, 2007 AT 7:00 P.M. IN THE CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 90 KERBY ROAD, GROSSE POINTE FARMS, MICHIGAN 48236. THE MEETING IS PUBLIC. INTERESTED PROPERTY OWNERS AND RESIDENTS OF THE CITY ARE INVITED TO ATTEND. YOU MAY ALSO VIEW THE AGENDA AND MINUTES ON THE CITY'S WEBSITE: www.ci.grosse-pointe-farms.mi.us/

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HEROLD M.C. DEASON, a partner in the Detroit office of the law firm Bodman LLP, will be listed in the 2007 edition of "The Best Lawyers in America." Deason will be listed as a leading lawyer in the corporate law category. He has served as city attorney for Grosse Pointe Park since 1978 and concentrates his legal practice in corporate law including corporate governance, finance, organization, mergers and acquisitions and commercial transactions. He is an expert in local government law and has extensive experience in aviation law, having represented numerous individuals and corporations in the acquisition and operation of private and commercial aircraft. Deason serves as president of the Canada-U.S. Business Association and is a law board member of Northwestern University Law School. He is also a member of the Visiting Committee of the Gerald R. Ford Institute for Public Policy and Service at Albion College. He is former president of the Michigan Association of Municipal Attorneys. Deason is a Grosse Pointe Park resident.

2007 edition of "The Best Lawyers in America." Diehl will be listed as a leading lawyer in two categories: banking law and creditor/debtor rights and bankruptcy law. He will also receive special recognition reserved for lawyers who have been listed for 10 or more consecutive years. He concentrates his legal practice in complex business law matters and commercial transactions with a particular focus on debtor-creditor rights and bankruptcy. He represents financial institutions in out-of-court workouts and in bankruptcy proceedings involving all types of businesses and collateral, especially automotive-related and real estate and construction businesses. He also has extensive experience counseling commercial lenders on loan structure and lender liability issues. Diehl heads Bodman's Debtor-Creditor Rights and Bankruptcy Practice Group. Diehl is a Grosse Pointe Park resident.

RONALD A. WEGLARZ of Plunkett & Cooney, P.C., was promoted to shareholder. He joined the firm in 1998 and specializes in workers' compensation, labor and employment law and employee benefits. He lectures on labor-related issues such as ERISA and workers' compensation. He is licensed to practice in both the state and federal courts in Michigan, as well as the United States Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit and the United States Supreme Court. Weglarz graduated from the University of Detroit School of Law in 1981 and resides in Grosse Pointe Woods.



DAVID M. HEMPSTEAD, a partner in the Detroit office of the law firm Bodman LLP, will be listed in the 2007 edition of "The Best Lawyers in America." Hempstead will be listed as a leading lawyer in the trusts and estates category. He will also receive special recognition reserved for lawyers who have been listed for 10 or more consecutive years. He concentrates his legal practice in estate and trust administration, tax planning for high net worth individuals, trust litigation, and charitable trusts and foundations. He serves on the board of directors for numerous charitable and civic organizations, including the College for Creative Studies, Community Foundation for Southeast Michigan, Detroit Institute of Arts, Edsel and Eleanor Ford House, Henry Ford Health System, Livingood Fund, and Matilda Wilson Fund. He is co-chair of the Wayne State University Law School Board of Visitors and heads Bodman's Individual Clients Practice Group. Hempstead is a Grosse Pointe Park resident.



FREDRICK J. DINDOFFER, a partner in the Detroit office of the law firm Bodman LLP, will be listed in the 2007 edition of "The Best Lawyers in America." Dindoffer will be listed as a leading lawyer in the environmental law category. He concentrates his legal practice in environmental matters, including environmental litigation, obtaining environmental permits, and planning for the environmental aspects of corporate acquisitions, real estate purchases and financing. Dindoffer is an expert in environmental considerations of lending institutions. He has brought and defended cleanup cost recovery suits and has extensive experience with multi-party litigation. He heads Bodman's Environmental Practice Group. Dindoffer is a Grosse Pointe Park resident.



ROBERT J. DIEHL, JR., a partner in the Detroit office of the law firm Bodman LLP, will be listed in the

Business forum set for Feb. 27

Grosse Pointe investment advisor and business counselor Carl Meyering will be the principal speaker at the non-profit Entrepreneur & Investor Exchange forum Tuesday, Feb. 27.

Meyering is a fundraiser and former Marine Corps officer known for plain talk. In explaining "How To Raise All The Money You Need," he will tell fellow entrepreneurs, "Good deals get funded, but you must understand the reality of 'a good deal' from the investor's perspective. If you simply claim your idea is

worth a million dollars, chances are it's not."

Special guest Mike Brennan, editor and publisher of MiTechNews.Com, will unveil major news initiatives of interest to entrepreneurs including a podcast series called

"Newsmaker Interviews." Brennan will also explain a new audio "Elevator Pitch" podcast series that will feature three-minute audio overviews of the top technology startups in the state.

The evening's showcase presentation will introduce a newly-developed procedure

for combating the effects of diabetes, a disease that threatens the lives of tens of millions of Americans and is estimated to cost the nation \$132 billion annually.

E&I Exchange CEO Fritz Spademan has scheduled time for attendees to talk personally with Mark Morris, originator of what Spademan terms "a dramatic humanitarian effort coupled with a potentially high ROI business strategy."

Networking begins at the Fox & Hounds Restaurant in Bloomfield Hills at 5 p.m. An

exhibit area opens at that time and continues until the forum's conclusion at 8 p.m. The formal program starts at 6 p.m.

E&I Exchange forums are open to all interested persons. Attendance is \$25 for members and \$30 for non-members, with a \$5 discount for those e-mailing reservations at least one day in advance to Info@MoneyFindersInc.Com.

Admission includes pre-meeting appetizers and post-meeting desserts.

For more information, call Spademan at (248) 643-4666.

MBPA to honor business women

The Michigan Business and Professional Association (MBPA) will honor seven outstanding women leaders at the 11th annual "Women and Leadership in the Workplace" conference and awards luncheon from 7:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Wednesday, March 1, at Burton Manor in Livonia.

This year's honorees include Sandra Pierce, president and CEO, Charter One Bank; Sister Rose Marie Kujawa, president of Madonna University; Terri Lynn Land, Michigan Secretary of State; Cynthia Taug, vice president of Community Health and Senior Services, St. John Health System; Desiree Cooper, columnist, Detroit Free Press; Shirley Stancato, president, New Detroit, Inc.; and Mary Jo Pulte, of Uno Chicago Grill in Southwest Michigan.

To commemorate 11 years of leadership, this year's theme is "Taking Care of You, Takes Care of Business."

Sponsored by leading businesses of metro Detroit, local media partners, and an advisory committee of business-women and community leaders, the conference offers workshops on financial issues, mentoring, and networking ideas for women, in addition to the awards luncheon.

Tickets are \$75 for members and \$95 for non-members. Group discounts are available and admission includes all workshops and the luncheon. For more information or to register, call (888) 277-6464.

Huebner to speak to group March 7

The Grosse Pointe Business Connection will feature guest speaker Mary Huebner, Grosse Pointe Chamber of Commerce executive director, during its weekly meeting from 5:30 to 7 p.m. Wednesday, March 7, at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial.

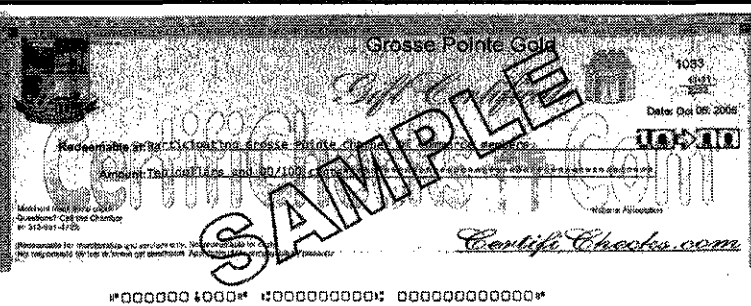
Huebner will share the chamber's mission and vision and offer tips on how to expand business in the Pointes.

Spirits, cheese and crackers will be provided. Seating is limited and reserve a spot by Feb. 28.

To register or for more information, contact Mark Mallia, Grosse Pointe Business Connection president, or M. Ross Braun, vice president, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. at (586) 582-0153 or e-mail mmallia@wowway.com.

The Grosse Pointe Business Connection meets at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial every Wednesday morning from 7:30 to 8:30 a.m., except on the first Wednesday of each month when members meet from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m.

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NOTICE OF REVIEW OF THE 2007 ASSESSMENT ROLL: Notice is hereby given the Board of Review of the City of Grosse Pointe Woods, Wayne County, Michigan, will be in session in the Community Center of the Municipal Building, 20025 Mack Plaza, Grosse Pointe Woods, Michigan, on

TUESDAY, MARCH 13, 2007
TUESDAY, MARCH 27, 2007

from 9:00 a.m. to noon, 1:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m., and 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. EST, for reviewing the 2007 Assessment Roll. All persons considering themselves aggrieved by their assessment, or who have any questions or comments, may make an appointment to appear before the Board of Review by contacting the Tax Department (phone 313 343-2440 Ext. 215) between February 28 and March 12, 2007. Resident taxpayers must appear in person or send an agent to appeal their assessment.

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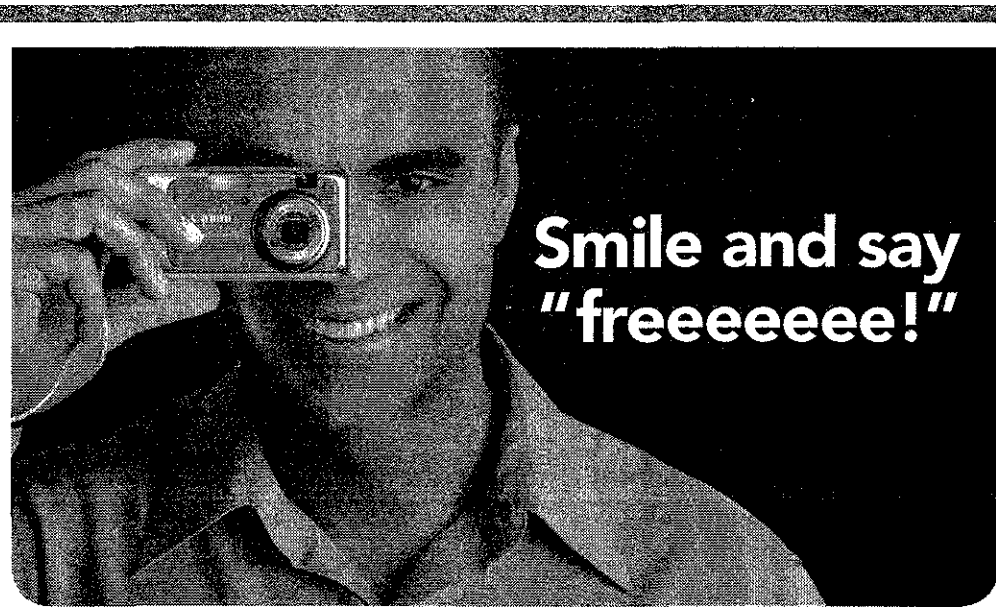
The Assessment Roll for the Township of Grosse Pointe, Wayne County and the Township of Lake, Macomb County, Grosse Pointe Shores, Michigan, for the year 2007 has been compiled. The tentative equalization rate for residential and commercial property is 1.00; the estimated residential multiplier for 2007 is 1.00, and estimated commercial multiplier is 1.00. No increase will be reflected on assessments unless construction has been done to a home which would affect its value (assessment). The taxable increase for 2007 is 1.033 and will be applied to the 2006 taxable amount. The exception to this, is if there was a transfer of ownership, in which case the taxable and assessed amounts are the same. The Board of Review will hear official petitions on the following dates:

TUESDAY, MARCH 6, 2007
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and
1:30 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

MONDAY, MARCH 12, 2007
1:00 to 4:30 p.m.
and
6:00 to 8:00 p.m.

The Board will meet in the Grosse Pointe Shores Municipal Building (first floor), 795 Lake Shore Road, Grosse Pointe Shores. All property owners wishing to appeal their assessments and wishing to file official petitions will be seen BY APPOINTMENT ONLY. Appointments may be made by calling 884-0234. Petitions by mail must be received by the Board PRIOR to the last session (3/12/07) so they may be reviewed in a timely manner. Additionally, the Assessor, Mr. Timothy O'Donnell, is available to meet with you every Monday afternoon -- You may call 884-0234 for an appointment.

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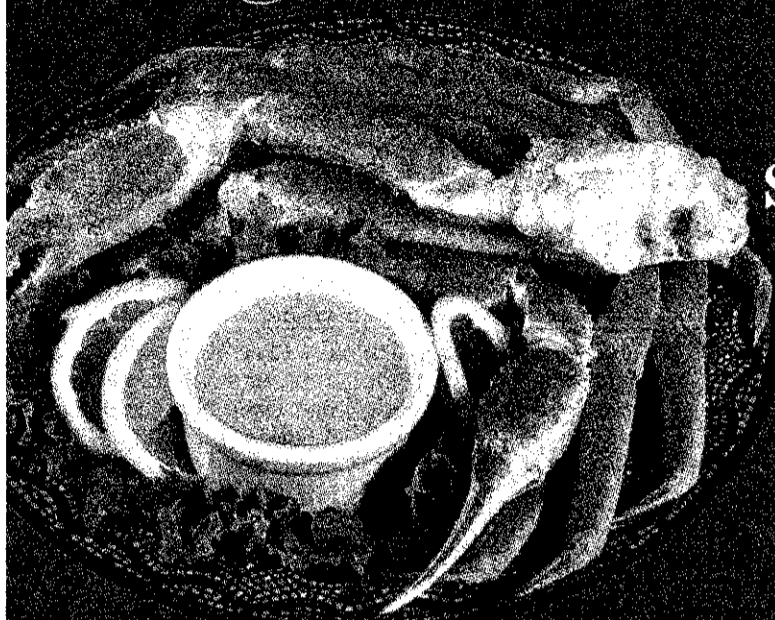
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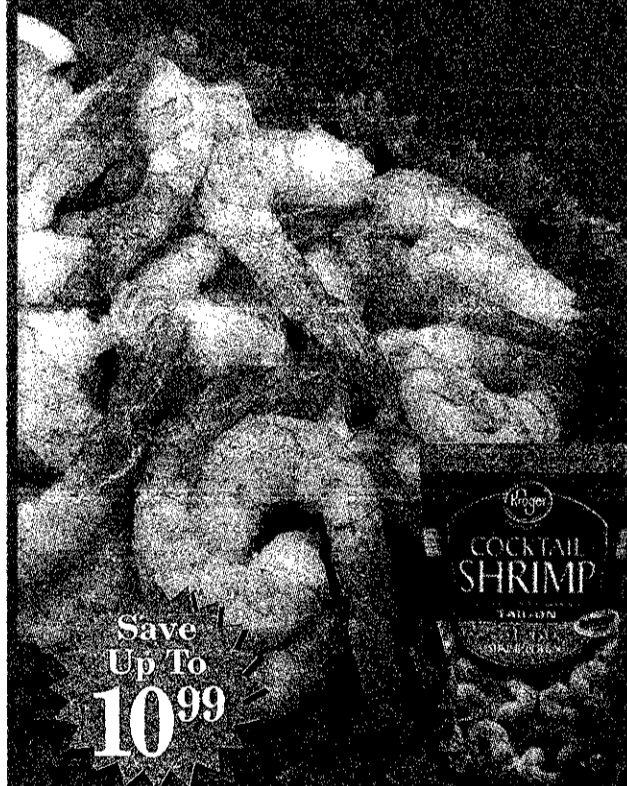
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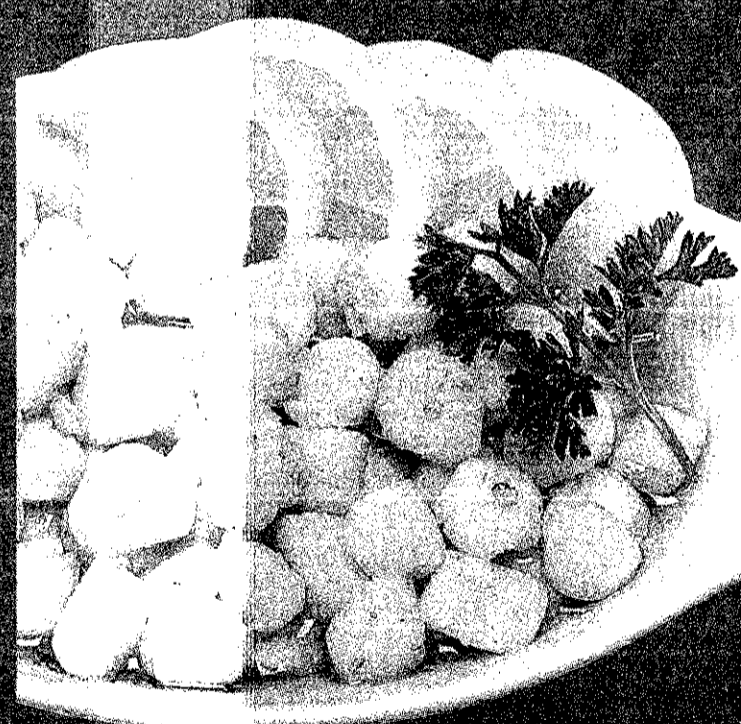


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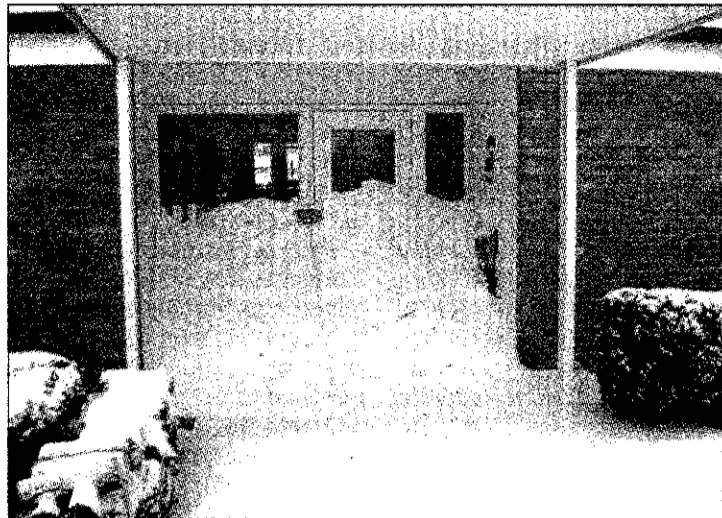
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Forcing the issue

How does a head of school decide whether or not it is a snow day? He looks out his front door. A few University Liggett School senior pranksters made sure Head of School Matthew Hanly made the correct call last Wednesday to cancel classes. As though the nighttime snowfall and windblown drifts weren't enough, students stressed the point by piling snow against Hanly's front door. They also left a packet of hot chocolate in the doorway.

Snow drifts bury count day

By Brad Lindberg
 Staff Writer

A windswept overnight storm that drifted snow across sidewalks forced cancellation of school on the second most important day of the academic year.

Administrators had prepared to tally what they hoped would be perfect attendance the morning of Wednesday, Feb. 7 when school bells stayed

frozen in silence on the third weather-related class stoppage this winter.

High attendance was crucial last Wednesday, the lesser of two "count days" of the year on which student head counts determine how much school districts receive in annual state education funds.

"It's an important day," said Chris Fenton, Grosse Pointe public schools' assistant superintendent of business affairs.

"You want to make sure the kids are there because revenue is based on that."

Pointe school aid of \$7,372 per student is determined by single-day attendance figures taken twice per academic year in September and February. Recent Pointe enrollment has been calculated at 8,899.

September count day attendance figures are used to determine 75 percent of state aid. February accounts for the re-

maining 25 percent.

"The state blends those counts to determine how much revenue districts receive in state aid per student," Fenton said.

He said Wednesday's closing means counts will be based on attendance the day before the storm, Tuesday, Feb. 6.

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Tip your hats to 'Seussical The Musical'

Grosse Pointe North High School Performing Arts students will present "Seussical, The Musical" on Thursday, Friday and Saturday, March 1-3 at 7:30 p.m.

The cast includes, from left, Alyssa Scalvini, C.J. Vanover, Sarah Jes Austell, Nick Hinz and Alaina Whitney. A show for the whole family, "Seussical" originally opened on Broadway in 2000 and brings together several Dr. Seuss stories to create an evening of musical fun.

The plot involves Horton the Elephant trying to sit on a nest and save a small planet (at the same time), while the Cat in the Hat and a young boy named JoJo imagine all kinds of strange things that happen onstage. With a group of monkeys known as the Wickersham Brothers, a chorus of Bird Girls and a Sour Kangaroo, this show is an entertaining, action-packed Seuss-style adventure, which at the same time delivers a message of friendship, happiness and thinking of others.

Shows are at the Performing Arts Center, 707 Vernier, Grosse Pointe Woods. Tickets cost \$15 for the main floor, \$10 for the balcony and \$8 for students and seniors.

Tickets are available at Wild Birds Unlimited Nature Shop, 20485, Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods, or at the door. Gold cards are welcomed. For more information call (313) 884-2462.

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Spanish classes planned for grade school

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

With Germans running Chrysler and an increasing number of Ford and General Motors production involving partners in Southeast Asia, Grosse Pointe public school officials think it's time elementary students broke the language barrier.

The solution? Split the difference and teach Spanish in grades four and five.

Sound loco? No es. "Even though other world languages are becoming very important, Spanish is still the second most commonly spoken language in the United States," said Susan Allan, assistant superintendent of curriculum. "Even though we are looking at broader world markets, Spanish is still going to be an important language for the future, as are other languages."

Under a proposal that could begin next fall, Pointe muchachos y muchachas would study Spanish 45 minutes every

fourth school day.

Classes would be fit into the academic calendar by shaving time off library instruction, which district officials said the Pointes has been giving in abundance compared to similar districts.

The Spanish idea comes from a special 24-member Foreign Language Study Committee.

Members consist of elementary school parents, foreign language and regular classroom teachers, administrators and a world language consultant from Oakland Intermediate Schools.

"If the (school) board responds favorably to this recommendation, it is the committee's intention to provide a curriculum for board review in March," according to a critique by Lee Warras, district executive director of instruction. "The emphasis on global awareness and the ability of workers to communicate in several languages is receiving unprecedented attention as

technology and globalization of the economy erases the notion of natural boundaries."

Spanish classes could prime the pump for a student to study other languages and gain perspective on English.

"When the child is young, introduction of a foreign language trains their brains and tongues about being able to deliver alternate sound systems and being able to think in a different way," Allan said. "It makes them more aware of the structure of language."

Teacher supply

The selection of Spanish has a practical basis: There are enough Spanish teachers available to maintain the proposed curriculum. That's not the case with other languages, where teaching candidates are harder to find.

"We want to be sustainable so we won't have to switch programs on a regular basis," Allan said. "With other languages, you can certainly find some teachers, but there's not

a sufficient pool to give a good, steady path of instruction."

Administrators are eying the instruction of additional foreign languages. Talks have taken place with Wayne State University officials about teaming up to teach Chinese culture and language.

"We have some volunteer parents who are competent in Chinese who are doing voluntary after school programs in two of our middle schools," Allan said. "We are looking for somebody who might be able to handle that for a third (middle school)."

She said administrators also are considering creating summer school programs in German, Chinese or Japanese "to expose students to the greatest diversity of languages as possible, and look to those other languages being introduced as an option in the future."

About 10 years ago a previous Pointe school board favored injecting foreign language into elementary school.

"(A) curriculum was approved but not implemented because of cost considerations and scheduling issues," Warras said. "Instead, school programs at lunchtime and after school have been offered as well as learning opportunities in community education programs."

The rekindled notion involves hiring at least one certified Spanish language and elementary school teacher. Material costs are estimated to total \$13,500 district wide.

"Implementation can be done without sacrificing time from core subjects and at no additional staffing cost," Warras said. "There would be a reduction of two library media staff positions and the addition of two foreign language positions."

Parent preference

Parent surveys have placed a "very high degree of importance on elementary foreign language," Warras said.

As a global economy shrinks

the world to where people of different cultures and continents are separated mainly by language, an elementary foreign language curriculum is forecast to possibly jump-start comparable studies in higher grades.

"The recommended program can remove the need for the foreign language exploratory course at middle school and provide additional time and readiness for students to pursue advanced language courses at an earlier level," Warras said.

The district doesn't require students to study foreign language in middle school.

"It is possible for a student to reach high school with no experience in foreign language, although the state is mandating two years as a graduation requirement in the future," Warras said. "An elementary program can provide an introduction that has the potential to bolster the entire foreign language program in the district."

St. Joan of Arc 'Pot of Gold' gala is Feb. 24

The St. Joan of Arc Gala Committee will host the Pot of Gold Gala, a fundraising event to benefit St. Joan of Arc School in St. Clair Shores.

The gala is scheduled from 6 p.m. to midnight Saturday, Feb. 24 at Assumption Cultural Center, 21800 Marter, St. Clair Shores.

This charitable Irish-themed dinner dance will feature hors d'oeuvres, full open bar, four course dinner and a coffee bar. The Celtic band "Equinox" will provide live entertainment.

"The Pot of Gold Gala is sure to be a wonderful

evening where friends can enjoy the great Irish traditions of music, celebration, and dancing," said St. Joan of Arc Pastor Monsignor G. Michael Bugarin. "At the same time, we are counting on the gala to be a significant fundraiser for the school."

The gala includes a silent auction. Items up for bid include an Easter vacation just minutes from Disney World's main gate, a July golf getaway at Boyne Highlands in Harbor Springs, diamond and emerald earrings, sports memorabilia and more.

Proceeds from the event will

'(It) is sure to be a wonderful evening.'

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St. Joan of Arc School

directly benefit St. Joan of Arc School, an accredited Catholic elementary school that has been a mainstay in St. Clair Shores since 1947.

St. Joan of Arc is a National Blue Ribbon School of Excellence that offers a comprehensive education/formation program from 3-year-old preschool through grade eight.

"The gala is sure to attract not only those that are already affiliated with the school, but other friends and neighbors in our extended community," said school Principal Donald Ancypa.

Gala tickets cost \$85 and tables of 10 are \$850. The value of goods received per ticket is \$50. Each ticket holder will be entered in a drawing to win a Waterford crystal "Pot of Gold." In addition, a separate raffle for a trip for two to Ireland will be drawn on the night of the gala.

For information on gala tickets or the trip to Ireland raffle, call the Parish Center at (586) 777-3670.

Grateful 1956 grads give The High \$5,000 present

An upcoming episode of "School Talk" features members of the High's — short for Grosse Pointe High School — graduating class of 1956 giving a \$5,000 gift to their alma mater.

The donation will be used for the school's television production studio display case.

"About two months ago, a couple members of the class of 1956 came to see me about a potential donation," said Rebecca Fannon, district com-

munications relations specialist.

Donors wanted the money to be used for a lasting tribute, a plaque perhaps.

"While walking them around the school, I thought of a display case for our relocated TV production studio," Fannon said, also host of the district's half-hour "School Talk" cable television show about public school issues.

Early this year, six members of the class presented district

officials with a \$5,000 check. Steve Geresy, a teacher in the South TV Production Studio, recorded the presentation and took still photographs.

"Steve thought the video portion could be shown on "School Talk" on channel 20," Fannon said.

The airing date hasn't been determined. "School Talk" episodes appear daily at 11 a.m. and 7 p.m. Schedules are available on the district Web site, gpschools.org



Members of the 1956 graduating class of Grosse Pointe High School donated \$5,000 to their alma mater. Class member Bruce Vollmer, at left, is with current South High Principal Al Diver and donors Mike Marston, Judy (Davidson) Phillips, Bob McQueen, Altha (DeCavite) Wargelin, and Joan (Anton) Kitchen.

SNOW: No counts on count day

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Fenton doesn't anticipate financial fallout from canceling classes.

"I don't think it will dramatically affect our count," he said.

At a time when many scientists are adamant about the long-term consequences of global warming but don't

know when the next cold front will arrive, decisions to cancel school based on snow forecasts are more toss-ups than certainties.

"That's why, typically, Grosse Pointe doesn't cancel school the night before," Fenton said. "Weather is weather."

Parents were notified of last week's closure through an automated telephone alert system, called a fan out.

"We got the fan out going at about 5:55 a.m., and called news stations at about 6 a.m.," Fenton said.



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Chauncey U. Estabrook

Former Grosse Pointe Woods resident Chauncey U. "Chuck" Estabrook, 93, of Clinton Township, died Wednesday, Feb. 14, 2007, at Grand Traverse Pavilions in Traverse City.

He was born in Detroit to John L. Estabrook, M.D., and Grace Callahan Estabrook and was a longtime resident of Grosse Pointe. He earned a Bachelor of Science degree in chemistry from the Detroit Institute of Technology in 1935.

Prior to his retirement, Mr. Estabrook was the president and owner of Corrosion Engineering & Supply Co., located in Detroit.

He was actively involved with the Grosse Pointe Fraternal Order of Police Associates, Detroit Yacht Club, National Waterfowl Alliance and Algonac Lion's Club. He was a life member of the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary and the Detroit Power Squadron for which he once served as commander.

Among Mr. Estabrook's interests, he especially enjoyed boating, hunting and playing golf.

He is survived by his son, Robert (Patricia) Estabrook; daughter, Suzann Brooke; grandchildren, Robert Jr. (Loretta), Stephen, Lewis "Tres" (Melissa) Brooke III;

and great-grandchildren, Nicholas, Lori, Taylor, Christopher and Quaid.

He was predeceased by his wife, Marie "Dolly" Estabrook; and son-in-law, Lewis Brooke Jr.

A memorial service will be held at 7 p.m., Thursday, March 1, at Grosse Pointe Woods Presbyterian Church, 19950 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods. Interment will be at the church's memorial garden.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Grosse Pointe Woods Presbyterian Church Memorial Garden, 19950 Mack Ave., Grosse Pointe Woods, MI 48236, and/or Michigan Great Lakes Chapter Alzheimer's Association, 107 April Dr., Suite 1, Ann Arbor, MI 48103-1903.

Charlotte M. Reno

Charlotte M. (nee Ongena) Reno, 86, formerly of Grosse Pointe and West Bloomfield, died Tuesday, Jan. 2, 2007, surrounded by her family at home in Lake Barrington, Ill.

She was born Feb. 14, 1920 in Detroit to William and Josephine Ongena.

A lady of great strength and courage, Mrs. Reno always had a loving, gracious smile for all those she met.

She is survived by her children, Lyn (Robert) Crowther of Lake Barrington, Ill., Jack (Jana) Maertens of Rocky Point, N.C., Tom (Becca Kesler) Maertens of Honolulu, Hawaii, Ann (Tim) Love of Dearborn, George (Bridget) Reno of Farmington



Chauncey U. Estabrook



Angeline H. Ritter

Hills, Janet (Kevin) McCutcheon of Pleasant Ridge and Barbara Reno of Riverside, Ohio; 18 grandchildren; 15 great-grandchildren; and brothers, Ted (Nellie) Ongena of Lapeer and Bob (Dorothy) Ongena of St. Clair.

She was predeceased by her husbands, John C. Maertens and George L. Reno, M.D.; her parents; and brother, William Ongena.

A funeral Mass was celebrated Thursday Jan. 11, at St. Coleman Catholic Church in Farmington Hills.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Holy Family Parish for the Center for Children, Youth and

Families; the Music Ministry, 2515 W. Palatine Rd., Inverness, IL 60067; Hospice of Northeastern Illinois, 410 S. Hager Ave., Barrington, IL 60010; or to St. Coleman Catholic Church, 32500 Middlebelt Rd., Farmington Hills, MI 48334.

Angeline H. Ritter

Angeline H. Ritter, 90, of Grosse Pointe Woods, died Monday, Feb. 19, 2007, at Bon Secours Nursing Center.

She was born in Detroit. She graduated from Saint Mary's and

worked at J.L. Hudson's Department Store in Detroit.

She was an active member of the Rosary Altar Society, the Junior League of Detroit and the League of Catholic Women. Her other interests and activities included playing golf and bowling.

She is survived by her sons, the Rev. Nicholas J. Ritter and Thomas Ritter; daughters, Maryann Egan, Jan Kozowicz and Jane (Earl) Smith; grandchildren, Laura (Robert) Boesiger, Lisa (William) Rutledge, Bradford (Christina) Egan, Sally Egan, Christine (Dustin) Gills, Susan (Dan) Wise, Anne (Corky) McCarthy, Victoria Ritter and Nicholas J. Ritter; and great-grandchildren; Nicholas, Christopher; William, Scarlett, Quinton, Cole, Kelly and Emily.

She was predeceased by her husband, Nicholas J. Ritter.

A memorial Mass will be celebrated at 11 a.m., Thursday, Feb. 22, at Our Lady Star of the Sea Church, 467 Fairford, Grosse Pointe Woods.

Memorial contributions may be made to Capuchin Monastery, 1740 Mount Elliott, Detroit, MI 48207 or to Bon Secours Cottage Hospice, Hospice of Henry Ford Health System, 23000 Mack Ave., Suite 2, St. Clair Shores, MI 48080.

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City of Grosse Pointe Woods, Michigan

NOTICE TO BIDDERS - 2007 SPRING TREE PLANTING: Sealed bids will be received by the City at the office of the City Clerk, 20025 Mack Plaza, Grosse Pointe Woods, Michigan, until 10:00 a.m. on Thursday, March 1, 2007, at which time and place the proposals will be publicly opened and read aloud for furnishing the following services: 2007 Spring Tree Planting. Copies of specifications and bid sheets may be obtained from the City Clerk. The City reserves the right to reject any or all proposals, to waive any irregularities in the bidding and to accept any proposals it deems to be in the best interest of the City.

Lisa Kay Hathaway, CMC
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City of Grosse Pointe Woods, Michigan

NOTICE TO BIDDERS - DOUBLE SHREDDED BROWN HARDWOOD MULCH AND INJECTION OF MULCH IN LANDSCAPE BEDS THROUGHOUT THE CITY: Sealed bids will be received by the City at the office of the City Clerk, 20025 Mack Plaza, Grosse Pointe Woods, Michigan, until 10:30 a.m. on Thursday, March 1, 2007, at which time and place the proposals will be publicly opened and read aloud for furnishing the following services: Double Shredded Brown Hardwood Mulch and Injection of Mulch in Landscape Beds Throughout the City. 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.

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Dealer seeks high customer service level

By Jenny King
Special Writer

It takes more than a great product to win and keep a customer.

That's why new car dealer Paul Alandt and his staff put personal attention at the top of their to-do lists.

"We would like to service customers the best possible ways we can," says the president of Crest Volvo on Hall Road in Macomb Township. "And in today's competitive market, we have to do this better than other franchises."

That means doing a lot more than providing fresh coffee and occasional bagels or pastries for showroom visitors or service customers.

It means maintaining a bright and friendly showroom where visitors can enjoy a cup of coffee and do some window-shopping without feeling pressured.

It means offering to pick up and return vehicles for service customers — and leaving them loaners to drive in the meantime.

It means designing a spacious indoor delivery area where owners can pick up their new or pre-owned vehicles, or where prospective buyers can sit in and walk around something they saw outside on the Crest lot.

"No one wants to take delivery of a car outside on a cold winter or hot summer day," Alandt says.

And some customers are just too busy to even get to the dealership for a delivery or a test drive.

"We'll take new vehicles to homes for people to preview and we'll take them to people who have purchased them but can't come in for delivery," he says.

With a Ford dealership in Flat Rock and a Lincoln-Mercury store in Sterling Heights, Alandt was pleased to hear a few years back that Volvo was considering an eastside location for a new dealership.

He applied and, long story short, opened Crest Volvo on Hall Road (M-59) in May of 2004.

The latest addition to the Volvo inventory is the company's new S80 luxury sedan for model year 2007.

Crest handles the full line of new Volvos, plus a pre-owned inventory of factory-certified used Volvos (lower mileage, newer, inspected vehicles with extended Volvo warranties) as well as used cars taken in trade.

"This and our other two dealerships are open Saturdays for sales as well as service," he said.

Alandt bought a Ford dealership on Gibraltar Road in Flat Rock in 1994 and a Lincoln-Mercury dealership on Van Dyke at 1 1/2 Mile in 1998. He runs Superior Ford and Crest Lincoln-Mercury with the same concern for customer satisfaction that marks Crest Volvo.

At Crest Volvo, owners are invited to attend special after-purchase, get-acquainted sessions. A "Right From the Start" evening features vehicle explanations by staff, a chance to review all the new models and the opportunity to meet and talk with service staff who will be taking care of customer cars.

"People get very excited about these events and will write to thank us," Alandt says.

A visit to the Volvo Web site, Crestvolvo.com, will wave another temptation before po-

tential buyers. Volvo has organized a European delivery plan that takes buyers in April to its Gothenburg, Sweden, factory to pick up the car of one's choice, followed by the opportunity to fully experience that new vehicle on the Nurburgring test track in Germany.

Following your time in Europe, you can have your new Volvo shipped home to Michigan — where the 14-person staff at Crest Volvo will do everything in its power to make you a faithful and happy member of the Volvo family.

"It's the safest car in America," Alandt adds.



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Above, Crest Volvo on Hall Road in Macomb Township. Top, the S80 luxury sedan for model year 2007.

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PUBLIC SAFETY REPORTS

Grosse Pointe Park

Fire run

On Friday, Feb. 16, at 9:46 a.m., Grosse Pointe Park firefighters responded to smoke coming out of the upstairs window of an unoccupied house in the 1000 block of Buckingham. A second floor steam radiator had burst, resulting in water damage throughout the home.

Cadillac stolen

On Friday, Feb. 16, at 8:45 a.m., a 2004 Cadillac was stolen from the driveway of a home in the 1300 block of Buckingham in Grosse Pointe Park. The vehicle was warming up, owners said.

Arrested

On Saturday, Feb. 17, at 9:58 p.m., Grosse Pointe Park police officers responded to a party in a home in the 1300 block of Beaconsfield.

Officers found large amounts of alcohol being served to underage students from Grosse Pointe Woods, Grosse Pointe Farms, Grosse Pointe Park and the City of Grosse Pointe.

Six juveniles were detained for minor in possession of alcohol and one adult was arrested for minor in possession and providing false identification.

—Bob St. John
Those with information on these or any crimes should call the Grosse Pointe Park police department at (313) 822-7400.

Grosse Pointe Woods

Suspended license

On Sunday, Feb. 18, at 8:56 p.m., a Grosse Pointe Woods police officer stopped a 29-year-old Detroit man for not displaying his license plate.

A LEIN (Law Enforcement Information Network) revealed the man had several driver license suspensions, an expired driver license and four warrants out of Detroit for drug offenses and a parole violation.

The man tried to break out of the officer's grip and had to be tasered to be handcuffed.

During a search of the vehicle, the officer found two large bags of suspected marijuana hidden in a space behind the radio in the dashboard. The man also had \$1,378 in cash in a pants' pocket. The man was arrested for possession of marijuana and driving with a suspended license.

At the station, tests confirmed the substance in the bags was marijuana.

Speeding drunk

On Friday, Feb. 16, at 11:56 p.m., a 48-year-old Eastpointe man was pulled over after a Grosse Pointe Woods police officer observed him stop at a green light on Vernier and Mack.

The man proceeded through the light and was clocked traveling 45 mph on Vernier. The officer continued to follow the man who later failed to stop at three stop signs on Marter.

The officer stopped the vehicle and could detect a strong odor of intoxicants coming from the man's facial area. In addition, the man's eyes were bloodshot and his speech was slurred. The man, asked if he had been drinking, said he had a couple of beers and a shot. He also told the officer his operator license was suspended and he had two warrants.

A LEIN check revealed the man actually had 11 license suspensions and two warrants out of Taylor for failure to appear in court and one out of Eastpointe for domestic violence. The officer found one empty beer bottle and an empty bottle of Remy Martin Champagne Cognac on the floor behind the front passenger seat. A portable breath test performed on the driver revealed he had a .13 percent blood alcohol content.

The man was arrested for

operating a motor vehicle while intoxicated and driving with a suspended license.

Fake check

On Friday, Feb. 16, at 11:38 a.m., a 33-year-old Troy man, who is an investigator for a local bank chain, reported to police a 28-year-old Detroit woman cashed a counterfeit check at a bank branch in Grosse Pointe Woods.

The man called the company whose name appeared on the check and a representative didn't know the woman. Another company's account number was printed on the check and a representative of that branch told the Troy man that they also were aware of counterfeit checks cashed from a bank branch in Chesterfield Township and had notified the Chesterfield Township Police Department.

Busted

On Thursday, Feb. 15, at 11:52 p.m., a 27-year-old Roseville man was stopped for having an obstructed license plate. A LEIN check revealed the man's driver license was suspended until he paid his reinstatement fee. The man was arrested for driving with a suspended license.

Speeding

On Thursday, Feb. 15, a 41-year-old Detroit man was stopped after a Grosse Pointe Woods police officer clocked him traveling 49 mph on Vernier.

He could only produce a Michigan identification card.

A LEIN check revealed the man had three warrants out of Detroit for traffic violations and 11 license suspensions.

He was arrested for driving

with a suspended license and the warrants.

Jeep stolen

On Tuesday, Feb. 13, at 8 a.m., a 41-year-old Grosse Pointe Woods man had his 2006 Jeep Commander stolen from the driveway of his home in the 1300 block of Blairmoor Court. The man's wife left the vehicle running to warm up. When she returned a few minutes later, the vehicle was gone.

"I remind our residents to not leave their cars running to warm up and unlocked because it is an invitation for a car thief," Woods Department of Public Safety Director Mike Makowski said.

—Bob St. John
Those with information on these or any crimes should call the Grosse Pointe Woods police department at (313) 343-2400.

Grosse Pointe Shores

Fugitive arrest

A 23-year-old Detroit man was taken into custody after he turned himself in at the police station at 8:05 a.m., Thursday, Feb. 15. The man was wanted on a warrant for driving while being unlicensed. He was given until Feb. 16 to pay the fines and costs.

Bad cut

Police assisted an injured Shores department of public works employee after his vehicle was involved in an accident on Sunnysdale at 10:56 a.m., Wednesday, Feb. 14.

The man suffered a 5-inch laceration when his head went through the windshield of the vehicle owned by the department. He was transported to

an area hospital for treatment. There were no other reported injuries.

Bad driver

A 38-year-old Detroit woman was arrested following a traffic stop at Lakeshore and Clairview at 9:56 a.m., Monday, Feb. 12.

Police stopped the vehicle after observing it had only one functioning headlight. After the woman could only produce an ID card, a LEIN (Law Enforcement Information Network) check revealed she had six prior driver license suspensions. The woman was arrested and released after posting bond. The vehicle was released to its owner.

—By John Lundberg
Those with information on these or any crimes should call the Grosse Pointe Shores police department at (313) 881-5500.

Grosse Pointe Farms

What a drag

Police arrested a 38-year-old Detroit man following a traffic stop on Warren near Canyon in Detroit at 8:13 p.m., Saturday, Feb. 17.

Police initiated the traffic stop after observing the vehicle dragging a part of its exhaust system on Mack. While questioning the driver, a strong odor of intoxicants was detected coming from the man's facial area. A LEIN (Law Enforcement Information Network) check revealed the man was wanted on four warrants and had 14 driver license suspensions.

He was arrested on the warrants and taken to the police station. There he registered a .15 on a breath test.

The vehicle was released to a

relative.

Forgot to pay

A 53-year-old Detroit woman was arrested for attempted theft and assault and battery at a business in the 18000 block of Mack at 10:02 a.m., Saturday, Feb. 17.

Police said the suspect attempted to steal assorted meats and ice cream and was confronted by a store employee when she tried to leave the store. Police said the woman resisted by throwing two punches and scratching the employee's face. She was subdued and held until police arrived.

The suspect was also wanted on a warrant in Center Line.

The employee was treated for his injuries at the scene.

Car thieves caught

Police arrested two Detroit men, an 18-year-old and 21-year-old, for car theft following a chase from a business in the 18000 block of Mack at 1 a.m., Friday, Feb. 16.

Police observed the suspects scraping ice off the windshield of a Dodge Ram truck and later saw it speed off northbound on Kerby across Mack. Police pursued and observed the vehicle stop after an accident it was involved in at Gateshead and Frankfurt in Detroit.

Three suspects emerged from the vehicle and fled. One suspect escaped going westbound. Police established a perimeter and the department's K-9 unit tracked the two other suspects to a vehicle parked in a driveway in the 5000 block of Hillcrest.

Both men were arrested. A black-handled screwdriver was found on one of the suspects and was held for evidence. A LEIN check on the 21-year-old suspect revealed that he was on probation for receiving stolen property.

Stones stolen

Police are investigating the

theft of 10 boxes of cultured stone from a closed garage in the 200 block of Beaupre reported at 2:14 p.m., Tuesday, Feb. 13.

Police said the theft was reported by a mason contractor working at the home. He said the stones were taken sometime over the previous weekend. The stones were valued at \$900.

—By John Lundberg
Those with information on these or any crimes should call the Grosse Pointe Farms police department at (313) 885-2100.

City of Grosse Pointe

Who are you

A 22-year-old Detroit woman was arrested following a traffic stop at Mack and Washington at 1:55 a.m., Sunday, Feb. 18.

Police initiated the traffic stop after observing the woman speeding. The woman gave police two false names before finally correctly identifying herself. She was arrested and cited for driving without a driver license and speeding.

Drug arrest

Police arrested a 51-year-old Detroit man for drug possession following a traffic stop on Mack at 8:53 p.m., Friday, Feb. 16.

Police stopped the vehicle after observing it driving slowly on Mack. A LEIN check of the vehicle's license plate revealed that its owner was wanted on a drug-related warrant in Detroit. A search of the man and vehicle revealed two containers of suspected marijuana. An unloaded gun was also discovered in the rear compartment of the vehicle. The man was arrested and released after posting bond.

—By John Lundberg
Those with information on these or any crimes should call the City of Grosse Pointe police department at (313) 886-3200.

City of **Grosse Pointe Woods**, Michigan

NOTICE TO BIDDERS - PAPER YARD WASTE BAGS: 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., Thursday, March 1, 2007, at which time and place the proposals will be publicly opened and read aloud for furnishing the following items: 100,000 or more 2-ply multi-layer wet-strength brown kraft paper yard waste bags over a two-year period. Copies of specifications and bid sheets may be obtained from the City Clerk. The City reserves the right to reject any or all proposals, to waive any irregularities in the bidding and to accept any proposals it deems to be in the best interest of the City.

Lisa Kay Hathaway, CMC
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GROSSE POINTES-CLINTON REFUSE DISPOSAL AUTHORITY

MEETING SCHEDULE

March 13, 2007	6:00p.m.	City of Grosse Pointe 17147 Maumee Avenue Grosse Pointe, MI 48230 (313) 885-5800
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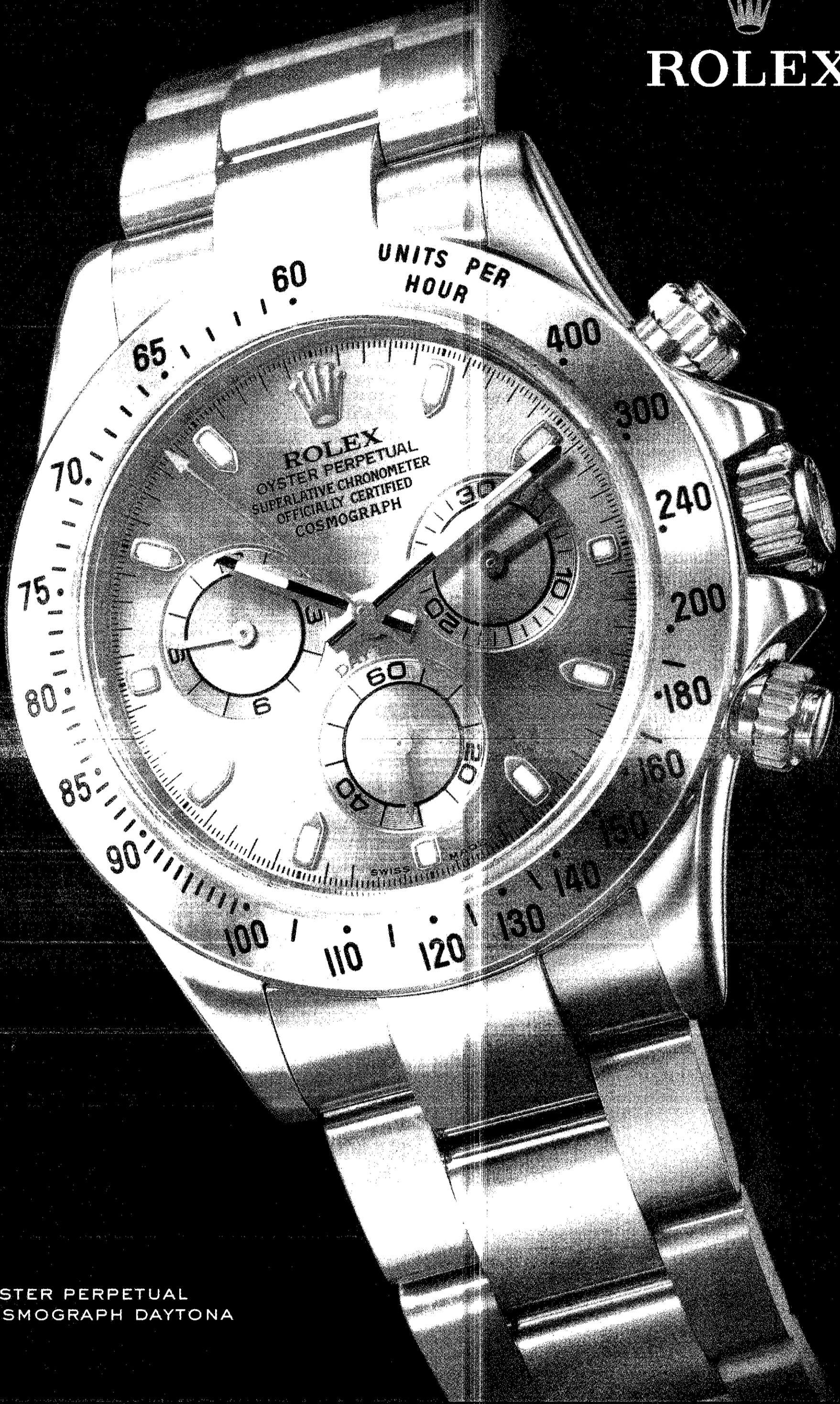
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Is it possible to love your children too much? At **The Family Center's** Parenting Symposium, parents will learn tips about how to raise likable, respectful children in the age of overindulgence.

When is it enough?

By Beth Quinn
Staff Writer

We've all read or heard about children being harmed by their parents' neglect or lack of attention. But did you know that overnurturing and overindulging can also be detrimental to a child's well-being?

According to parent educator and best-selling author Jean Illsley Clarke, adults who were given too much as children identified not knowing how much is enough as a major cause of pain in their adult lives. After conducting five research studies, Clarke and two colleagues concluded that parents overindulge by giving too many materialistic goods, by overnurturing or coddling, and by being too soft and giving in.

Clarke will be the keynote speaker at the Family Center's annual parenting symposium from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., Saturday, March 10, in the Grosse Pointe South High School auditorium.

During her speech, Clarke will discuss why children need a balance of love and limits. She will give empirical evidence that overindulging not only makes children less pleasant to live with, but has a negative impact in their adult lives, even though their parents' intent was good.

"Overindulgence comes from a good heart," Clarke said. "We think giving them (children) all the advantages - not just stuff, but also opportunities like lessons and vacations, our children will become successful and will be grateful

to us later on. However, our research shows that many adults who were given everything as children grow up resenting that the overindulgences kept them from learning the skills they need later on in life."

According to Clarke, giving children too much of anything interferes with the opportunity to learn important skills, life lessons and delay gratification.

She gives an example of a young woman who never did laundry before going to college. She had to ask other students in her dorm to show her how for which she was ridiculed. Consequently, her most vivid memory of college was trying to figure out how to get by without asking others for help.

"We did a study of young people in their mid-20s and we found the most successful ones started doing chores at age 3," Clarke said. "Chores are where we learn so many skills, not only specific skills like doing the laundry, but ones that help us perform well in our jobs."

Clarke considers overnurturing and coddling to also be forms of overindulgence. Researchers are discovering that today's parents hover over their children and are increasingly involved in their affairs well into adulthood.

Family Center Director Diane Strickler cites that many well-intentioned parents try to shield their children from experiencing pain or failure. She believes these children are being denied the

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PHOTO BY BETH QUINN

Students in Pierce Middle School's journalism class model some of their generation's favorite indulgences from shopping to cameras, Ipods and taking part in after-school sporting events. They are, from front left, David Pingree, Ursula Robinson, Kelly Langton and Joe Srebernak, and back left, Katie Novak, Caitlin Moore, Greta Lang and Ted Berkowski.

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Sunday, February 25

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CLUB EVENTS

AAUW

An information-filled morning with the American Association of University Women, Grosse Pointe Branch, on Saturday, March 31, features a tribute to Education Foundation Honorees (EF), election of officers, a power-point anniversary presentation and a program featuring Amanda Good, executive director of Alternatives for Girls, along with a 17-item brunch at the Lochmoor Club.

EF honorees are Bea Erdos of St. Clair Shores and Marianne Shrader of Grosse Pointe Park; the anniversary presentation features early members of the branch and noteworthy events and achievements. Registration begins at 10 a.m. with brunch served at 10:30 a.m. and the meeting and program at 11 a.m.

The cost is \$20 and community women are invited to join the members.

Send a check payable to AAUW GP by March 17 to program vice president Pat Petro, 23067 Gary Lane, St. Clair Shores, MI 48080; or call (586) 776-6429.

The Lochmoor Club is located at 1018 Sunningdale in Grosse Pointe Woods.

Friends and Neighbors Luncheon

The Friends and Neighbors Club will hold its monthly luncheon meeting from 11:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Thursday, March 1, at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial with Michelle Klippstein, certified financial planner and divorce planner, as featured speaker. She will discuss "What Every Woman Needs to Know about Personal Finance."

The Friends and Neighbors

Club holds meetings on the first Thursday of every month with lunch and a speaker.

Babysitting is available. For membership information, contact Kelley Vreeken at (313) 884-8705 or the Web site at gpfn.com.

Garden club

The 2007 Standard Flower Show Competition, presented by District 1 of the Michigan Garden Clubs Inc., held within the Michigan Home and Garden Show at Ford Field, goes on a trip to the zoo with its theme of "Zoo-rific" March 9-11. Hours are noon to 9 p.m. Friday, March 9; 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Saturday, March 10; and 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sunday, March 11.

The juried competition of more than 150 displays, floral arrangements and designs interprets activities at the zoo with such titles as "Who's Who at the Zoo," "City Safari" and "Wild Beauty."

This year's educational exhibits include "Monarch Butterflies," with kits to hatch butterflies, "Home to Home," a photo exhibit of animals in zoo surroundings, and "hyper-tuffa planters" with directions for making stone planters for your garden.

For the first time, local bakeries, caterers and restaurants will display their skills in creating a frosting exhibition, "Flower Fantasy in Frosting," with cake and frosting or sugar flowers.

Some 43 suburban garden clubs from Grosse Pointe to Milford and from Port Huron to Taylor belong to District 1.

Garden club membership information will be available.

Symphony orchestra

On Sunday, March 4, the Macomb Symphony Orchestra presents a "French Connection" concert. Compositions such as Chabrier's "Joyeuse Marche"

and Franck's "Symphony in D Minor" will be performed. Concert pianist Rachel Morin offers her interpretation of "A Symphony on a French Mountain Air." For time and ticket information, call (586) 286-2222.

Poets Follies

The Grosse Pointe Art Center holds its monthly Poets Follies from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. Friday, Feb. 23, at the Grosse Pointe Art Center, 1005 Maryland, Grosse Pointe Park.

This month's readers include Ryan Kelly, Christina Kallery and Ray Macdonald.

Kelly will be reading his works, which are inspired by contemporary writers and songwriters such as Allen Ginsberg, Charles Bukowski, e.e. cummings, Bob Dylan and Saul Williams. He is a resident of St. Clair Shores.

Kallery, of Royal Oak, a copywriter and freelance journalist by day, will be reciting her poetic work, some of which has appeared in the Hiram Poetry Review, the MacGuffin and Poetry Motel.

Macdonald is a Grosse Pointe writer, whose work has been included in publications including "The Lagoon Group: The Poetics of Painting" and the "Reconstruction of Art History" and "From Rhetoric and Poetics to Art History." Admission is \$5.

For more information, call (313) 821-1848.

Questers

The Thursday, March 1, meeting of Questers Pettipointe Chapter No. 243 will be a field trip to Talulas, 19197 15 Mile Road, Clinton Township where members will meet at 11 a.m. The program will be touring and shopping at Scott Behlow's Shop. Bring \$10 to cover lunch. RSVP to Judy by Sunday, Feb. 25.



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Kids cooking

Under the expert eyes of Eugenia Parker, a pastry chef at Sweet Georgia Brown, Jerry Nottage, the corporate executive concept chef for the Southern Hospitality Restaurant Group, and Seldom Blues' chef Jamel Murff, children gathered to learn tips on eating better during the Junior League of Detroit's second annual Kids in the Kitchen. The children learned about food groups and healthy meals. They made a dessert taco of strawberries, blueberries, grapes, kiwis and apples, a low fat pudding and whipped cream. Visiting six stations, they learned the proper way to wash hands, made a trail mix, played games and decorated a chef's hat. Mixing the fruit for a fruit salsa are from left, Parker, Faith Vinson and Murff.

Mother, daughter weekend retreat

A "Women's Renewal Retreat" for mothers and daughters designed to renew the mind, body, and spirit is planned for April 27-29 on the shores of Lake Huron in Lexington.

Leading area psychotherapist Marla Ruhana will guide participants through a series of workshops including:

- ◆ Sandra M. Schiff, Ph.D., LMSW who will discuss mother-daughter dynamics, expectations of these relationships, and how to repair them.
- ◆ Ann Kucera, MLS, Feng Shui expert, who will present

the Yin and Yang of mother-daughter relationships, and arranging space to increase connection in these relationships.

◆ Megan Gunnell, MSW, BC-MT, who will provide attendees with music and meditation, drumming and experiential art which increases self-awareness and encourages introspection.

◆ "Light Your Fire of Life" facilitated by Kucera and Ruhana.

She will help participants shed toxic layers from the past, which in turn will symbolize a new beginning.

The renewal retreat includes two nights waterfront accommodations in a shared common room at a 3,600 square foot log cabin at 3541 Lake Shore Drive, Lexington. This is an outdoor adventure, with all-spa cuisine meals, workshops and rejuvenation kits for \$475 per person, \$850 for the pair.

Separate rooms are available, yet limited.

A \$200 deposit is required by March 16. For registration information e-mail marlak007@comcast.net, marlaruhana.com or call Marla at (586) 447-2162.

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ENOUGH: Learn when to say 'no'

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knowledge that they can survive a failure or disappointment.

"Consequently, they don't know how to fail, and how to work through their options," Strickler said. "They never learn how to problem solve."

"In my office, I have a poster with a message that says, 'Prepare the child for the road, not the road for the child.' I believe that to be very true."

After Clarke's opening remarks, symposium attendees can participate in one of many seminars during the two separate sessions.

"Our different seminars cover a wide range of topics," Strickler said. "There is something for parents of toddlers to parents of teens."



One of the workshops, "How to Say 'No' to the Incessant 'I want,'" will be presented by Clarke. She will give tips how parents can stay in charge in the face of powerful advertising and the nag power of children. Attendees will learn ways to strengthen their "No" stand and build self-esteem in their children.

In the "Language Development in Young Children" seminar, speech and language pathologist Deb Sutherland will discuss differences in development and strategies to facilitate communication.

Psychotherapist Suzanne Haynes will discuss "Mothers and Their Adolescent Boys" during her workshop. She will explain how and why the mother/son relationship

changes during adolescence as the son withdraws from his mother. Haynes will show mothers how to easily endure this normal phase while continuing to have a powerful influence on the emotional and moral development of one's son.

"Managing Your Child's Temper Tantrums" will be discussed by University of Michigan psychiatric nurse practitioner and behavior specialist Judith Coucouvanis. She will help parents understand why kids have tantrums; how to minimize the triggers; strategies to cope; and when to see a specialist.

Haynes will conduct a second workshop, "The Pressured Child" during which she will identify the types of stress children face and potential risks that occur when children internalize them. Parents will learn skills on how to understand and minimize their children's stress.

Psychologist Pamela Lemerand will present the seminar, "In Tune with Temperamental Differences," during which she will provide insight about inborn temperament differences in children. She will discuss what happens between parent and child when they are not "in tune" with each other and how parents can overcome some of the differences.

Returning presenter John Bernardo, school psychologist and family therapist, will conduct the workshop, "Promoting Maturity," during which he will share strategies to promote maturity and responsibility in children.

The fee is \$20 per person. To register, call (313) 432-3832 or go online to familycenter-web.org.

Our apologies to the family of Dylan Giard for the incorrect spelling of their last name in the "New Arrivals".

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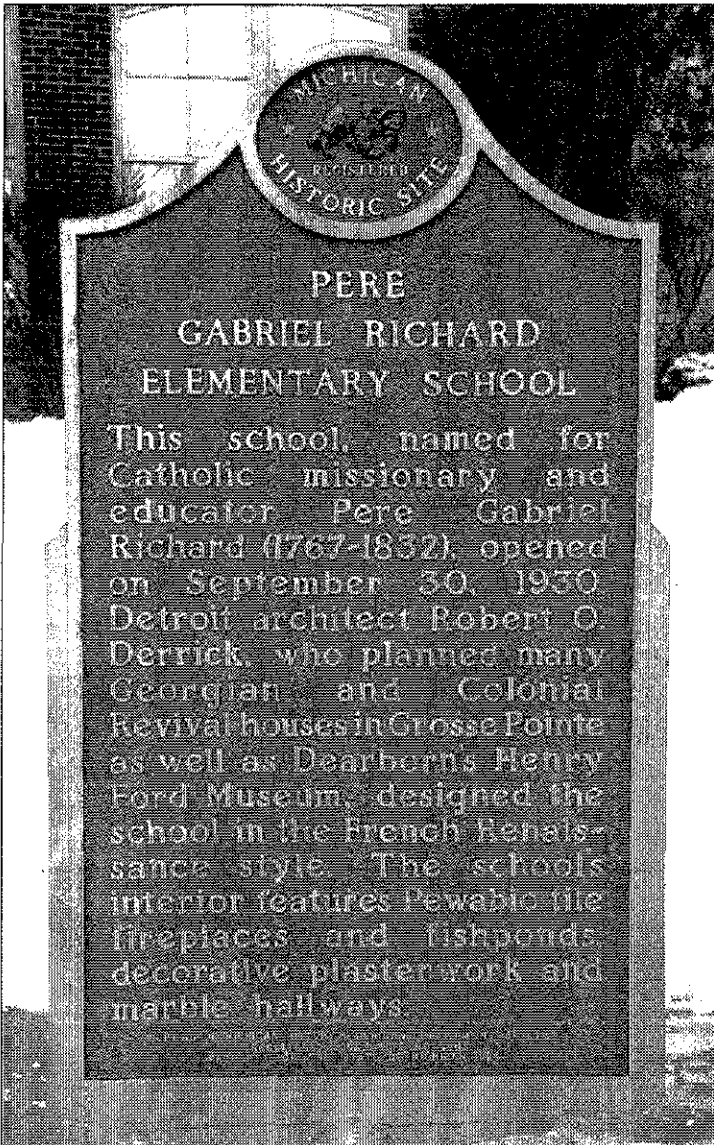
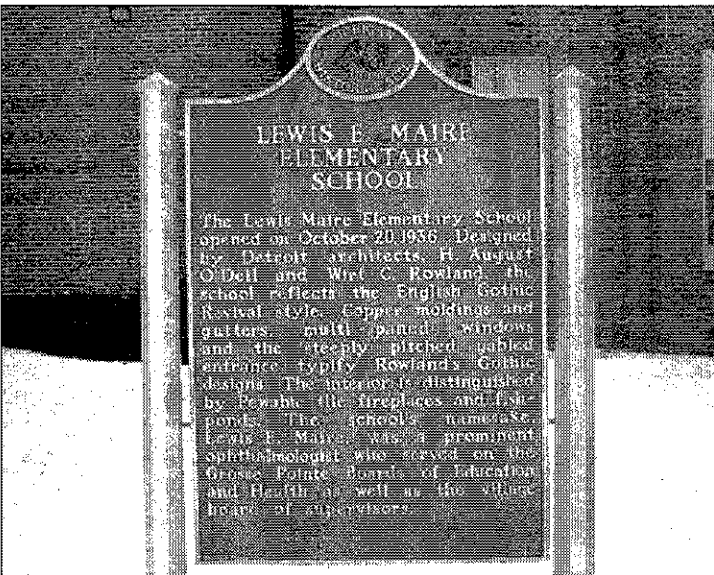


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School markers

The Lewis E. Maire Elementary School at Cadieux and Kercheval was inadvertently left off the list of historical markers listed in the Feb. 1 issue of the Grosse Pointe News. The school was opened in 1936, named for Lewis Maire, a prominent local physician and member of the board of education from 1925 to 1928. Defer Elementary School, below, is site No. 1995 and was registered in 2001. Richard Elementary School's plaque, above, is No. 1865 and received its marker from the Michigan Historical Commission — Michigan Historical Center in 1994.

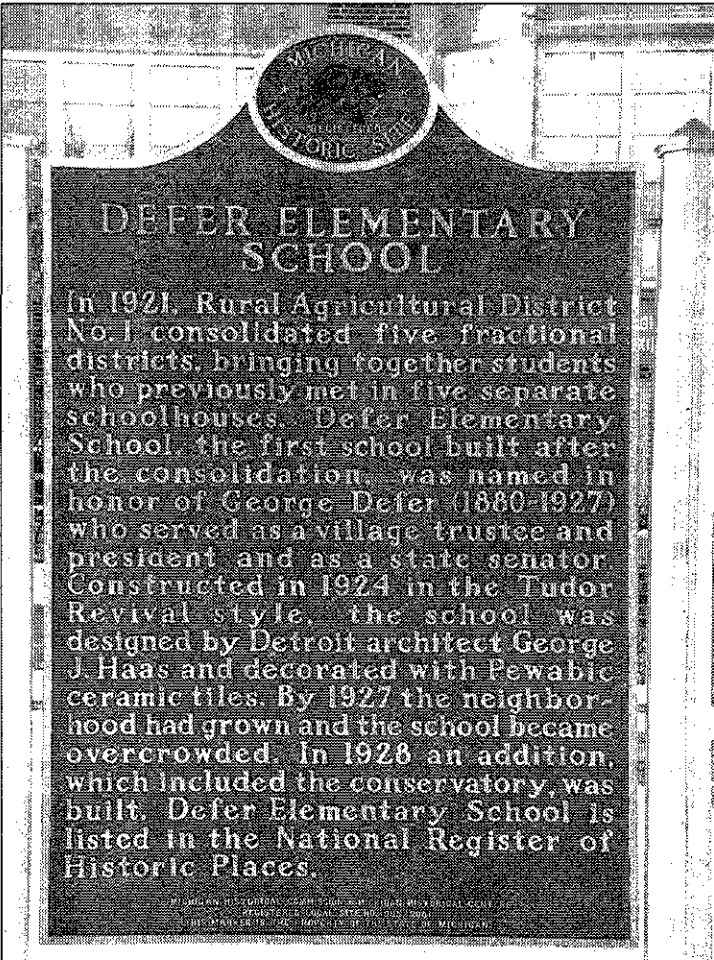


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Curves Food Drive will stock local food banks

Curves of Grosse Pointe Woods and the City will be participating in the Curves Food Drive to benefit local food banks.

Last year, the Curves Food Drive collected 11 million pounds of food.

To celebrate the generosity of the community, Curves is waiving its normal service fee for any new member who brings in a bag of nonperishable groceries and joins between March 1 and 10.

Others wishing to donate may drop off nonperishable food items at Curves during business hours Monday

through Saturday during the month of March.

"The Curves Food Drive promotion is always exciting," said Shawn Burtch, the owner of the two Grosse Pointe clubs on Mack. "We have a chance to help so many people at a time when the food banks are lowest, while we assist more women in reaching their fitness and weight loss goals. It's a win-win situation for everyone, and we're very proud to participate."

Curves is located at 20927 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods, and 18150 Mack, City of Grosse Pointe.



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Lookin' good

The Grosse Pointe chapter of Women of Wayne present its annual "Spring Luncheon and Fashion Show" at 11 a.m. Saturday, March 10, at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial. A noon luncheon precedes the 1 p.m. fashion show. The cost is \$29. Reservations must be made by Thursday, March 1, by sending a check payable to W.O.W. G.P. to Santina Miller, 20202 Van Antwerp, Harper Woods, MI 48225. Getting ready for the fashion show are the Women of Wayne board, from left, Joan Wright, Theresa Loria, Rose Hauck, Artiss Zink, Laura Kystad, Georgina Imbriaco, Jean Wright and Marti Miller. Not pictured are Santina Miller and Jane McGraw.

POINTES OF LIGHT By Mary Rose Nelson

Cousins joined for a cause

Sunday gatherings with family may be a thing of the past but one Grosse Pointe family knows how to keep their children connected with the community.

Nancy Nihem and her daughters, Ashley, 8, and Jennifer, 4, along with cousins Jimmy Heidt, 13, and Amanda Heidt, 12, Hannah Nihem, 9, 7-year-old twins Elizabeth and Matthew Calcaterra, Jake Orhand, 7, and Carly Orhand, 5, have been involved with Saturday Meals on Wheels for the past year.

Nihem said she and her daughters have been inviting cousins on a rotating basis to help them deliver Meals on Wheels.

"But my niece wanted to do more," she said. Ashley and Amanda created "Cousins With a Cause."

They decided to take on a major volunteer project and do something special for the seniors to whom they deliver meals.

Nihem contacted Services for Older Citizens and asked for a list of items that senior citizens could use. The children organized a scavenger hunt in a one-block radius of



Cousins With a Cause received enough canned goods, paper products, toiletries, candy and cookies to fill 47 baskets that were delivered to senior citizens in the Grosse Pointes. The cousins include Jimmy and Amanda Heidt of the City of Grosse Pointe, Ashley and Jennifer Nihem of Grosse Pointe Park, Elizabeth and Matthew Calcaterra of Grosse Pointe Park, Jake and Carly Orhand of the City of Grosse Pointe and Hannah Nihem of the City of Grosse Pointe.

their neighborhood and included their friends and acquaintances to collect the items, such as paper products, candy and toiletries.

They delivered fliers to their neighbors explaining what they were doing.

On one of the coldest Sundays of the year, Feb. 4, the nine cousins collected enough goods to fill 47 Valentine baskets which were delivered Saturday, Feb. 10, to the community's seniors.

Nihem and the cousins

were amazed at the generosity of friends, family and neighbors saying people left two or three bags on their porches.

With the help of their parents, grandmother and aunts, the cousins laid everything out in the Nihem's living room and began filling the baskets, sealing them with cellophane and topping them with a red bow.

"The kids loved it," she said. Summing up the experience, Nihem said, "During this time of continual bad news about jobs, the economy, weather, it was fun to let a little sun shine in. It was a great experience for the kids and they loved delivering the baskets. We can't wait to do it again."

"I think this is wonderful. It's great for the community. The response was great."

Cousins With a Cause is in the planning stages of another event, possibly a yard clean-up or just talking to seniors about their grandchildren and great-grandchildren. "The kids love it and (seniors) need it," Nihem said.

Ann L. Fouty contributed to this story.

Goodwill Industries observes 85 years

Red Carpet Award Ceremonies and Hollywood through the ages will be the theme when Goodwill Industries of Greater Detroit puts on a party to celebrate its 85th anniversary.

"Galaxy of Stars: 85 Award Winning Years" will be held from 6 p.m.-12:30 a.m. on Friday, March 23, at the Detroit Athletic Club in Detroit.

The dress code is black-tie optional.

Partygoers will receive the red carpet treatment at the event, which is billed as elegant, fun and fashioned after the Hollywood's ever-popular "A-List" award programs. There will be cocktails and hors d'oeuvres, a silent auction, dinner, live music throughout the evening, dancing and a more casual afterglow. The music and décor will reflect the theme of Hollywood through the decades.

Delois Whitaker Caldwell, Goodwill's president and CEO, said, "This party will be a memorable evening and a wonderful opportunity for us to showcase our organization, what it has achieved in the metro Detroit region during these past 85 years and the

people we have served. This will be a night to honor those who have made a difference. Goodwill Industries has helped countless individuals with barriers to employment gain independence and improve their lives and will continue to do so for many more years to come."

A special DVD that highlights the history and achievements of Goodwill Industries has been developed and will be shown at the Galaxy of Stars.

An award will be given to DTE Energy for its 65-year relationship with Goodwill as a community partner in investment recovery and employer of its trainees.

An afterglow and the cash bar from 9 p.m. to 12:30 a.m.

will be set up and there is a DAC dress code; no denim is allowed.

"We wanted to come up with an event that could appeal to a wide range of guests, including the young."

The evening's music will entertain everyone and have them dancing, and the afterglow definitely will get the younger generation on the dance floor.

"Galaxy of Stars also will be a great opportunity to introduce our guests to what Goodwill is all about," Caldwell said.

Guy Gordon of WDIV-TV Channel 4 will serve as the honorary emcee.

Ticket costs are: full pro-

gram tickets \$200 and include dinner, dancing and the afterglow; afterglow tickets are \$50. Corporate tables for 10 can be purchased at \$2,500 and will receive premium seating and full program amenities. Corporate sponsorships are still available.

For more information or tickets, call (313) 964-3900, ext. 302.

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Jenkins - Curtis

Mr. and Mrs. Baxter Jenkins of Lebanon, Tenn., have announced the engagement of their daughter Betty Margaret "Meg" Jenkins to Brandon Steven Curtis, son of Mr. and Mrs. Steven Curtis of Grosse Pointe Farms. A February wedding is planned.

Jenkins earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in psychology and a master's degree in social work from the University of Alabama.

She is the director of Social Services with Cogburn Health and Rehabilitation - West.

Curtis earned a Bachelor of Science degree in international marketing from the University of South Alabama. He is the general manager with Mobile U-Drive It, Inc.

Beusse - Kelley

Andria and James Beusse of Westmont, Ill., have announced the engagement of their daughter, Jamie Lynn Beusse, to Patrick Michael Kelley, son of Dave and Pat Kelley of Grosse Pointe Park. A June wedding is planned.

Beusse earned a Bachelor of Science degree in education from Eastern Illinois University and a master's of education degree from North Central College. She is a middle school teacher in St. Charles, Ill.

Kelley earned a Bachelor of Business Administration degree and a Bachelor of Science degree from Western Michigan University. He is a transportation analyst with Nestle Foods in Chicago.

Pochmara - Carpenter

Chris and Judy Pochmara of Grosse Pointe Woods have announced the engagement of their daughter, Sandra Pochmara, to Brett Carpenter, son of Greg and Gean Ann Carpenter of Canton, Ohio. An October wedding is planned.

Pochmara earned a Bachelor of Science degree from the University of Dayton. She is a mortgage loan officer.

Carpenter earned a Bachelor of Mechanical Engineering degree from the University of Dayton. He is a mechanical design engineer.

Zuliani - Ryszewski

Maryann and Roberto Zuliani of Bloomfield Hills have announced the engagement of their daughter, Gabriella Francoise Zuliani, to David Randall Ryszewski, son of Joan and Randall Ryszewski of Grosse Pointe Woods. A September wedding is planned.

Zuliani earned a degree in French from Western

Michigan University and is a sales representative with Exacta Dental in Clinton Township.

Ryszewski earned a finance degree from Western Michigan University and is an account executive with Chappell Steel Co., Inc., in Detroit.

Sidor - Janis

John and Mariola Sidor of Plymouth have announced the engagement of their daughter, Ania Sidor, to Michael Janis, son of Richard and Diane Janis of Grosse Pointe Woods. An August wedding is planned.

Sidor earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in political science from the University of Michigan. She is a law student at Fordham University in New York City.

Janis earned a Bachelor of Business Administration degree in finance and accounting from the University of Michigan. He is an investment analyst with TPG-Axon Capital in New York City.

Overway - Jarboe

Phil and Denise Overway of Ada have announced the engagement of their daughter, Jill Marie Overway, to Matthew Lloyd Jarboe, son of Carl and Elizabeth Jarboe of Grosse Pointe Park. A June wedding is planned.

Overway earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in public relations from Western Michigan University. She is a national sales assistant with Clear Channel Radio.

Jarboe earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in economics and business from Kalamazoo College. He is an endoscopy specialist with Stryker Endoscopy.

Radgowski - Freude

Lawrence and Laura Radgowski of Grosse Pointe Park have announced the engagement of their daughter, Elizabeth Anne Radgowski, to Robert Gerhard Freude Jr., son of Robert and Sheila Freude of Sterling Heights.

An October wedding is planned.

Eisengruber - Hynous

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Eisengruber of Harper Woods and Hobe Sound, Fla., have announced the engagement of their daughter, Amy Lynn Eisengruber, to Emmett Scott Hynous, son of Robert L. Hynous Jr. and Elizabeth Hynous of Grosse Pointe Farms. A June wedding is

planned.

Eisengruber and Hynous are both graduates of Central Michigan University.

Eisengruber is a special events planner at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial.

Hynous is a producer, director and host at WMTV5.

Bartoy - Janis

Robert and Patricia Bartoy of Sterling Heights have announced the engagement of their daughter, Tracey Bartoy, to David Janis, son of Richard and Diane Janis of Grosse Pointe Woods. A June wedding is planned.

Bartoy earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in journalism from Michigan State University. She is a production coordinator with Entertainment Publications in Troy.

Janis earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in political theory and constitutional democracy from Michigan State University and a juris doctor degree from Wayne State Law School. He is an attorney with Kerr, Russell and Weber PLC in Detroit.

Aitken - Gwinnell

Daniel and Dianne Aitken of Grosse Pointe Shores have announced the engagement of their daughter, Kelly Jean Aitken, to Andrew Russell Francis Gwinnell, son of Ann Gwinnell of Clinton Township and the late William Gwinnell. A September wedding is planned.

Aitken earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in communications and public relations from Michigan State University. She is a marketing representative with Auto-Owners Insurance in Columbus, Ohio.

Gwinnell earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in social relations and communications from the James Madison College at Michigan State University.

He is the director of admitting at Southeast Michigan Surgical Hospital.

Pranger - Doman

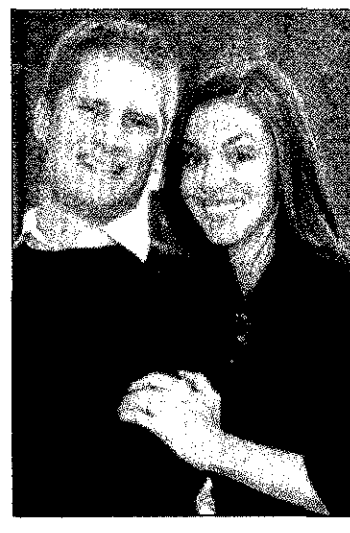
Ken and Sue Pranger of St. Clair Shores have announced the engagement of their daughter, Courtney Anne Pranger of Atlanta, Ga., to Andrew James Doman of Atlanta, Ga., son of Bill and Nancy Doman of Royal Oak. A summer 2008 wedding is planned.

Pranger earned bachelor's degrees in communications and political science from Michigan State University.

Doman earned a bachelor's degree in education/history, magna cum laude, from



Brandon Steven Curtis and Betty Margaret "Meg" Jenkins



Matthew Lloyd Jarboe and Jill Marie Overway



Andrew Russell Francis Gwinnell and Kelly Jean Aitken



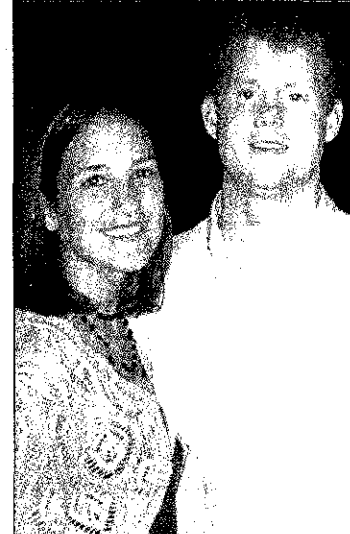
Michael Janis and Ania Sidor



Brett Carpenter and Sandra Pochmara



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David Randall Ryszewski and Gabriella Francoise Zuliani



Stephanie LaGrasso and Philip Trautman



Robert Gerhard Freude Jr. and Elizabeth Anne Radgowski



David Randall Ryszewski and Gabriella Francoise Zuliani

Oakland University.

Stephanie LaGrasso and Philip Trautman

A June wedding is planned. LaGrasso earned a bachelor's degree in education and English from the University of Michigan.

She is an English teacher at Detroit Country Day School. Trautman earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in political science and is working on a master's degree in archi-

ture. He is a project manager for Trautman Associates, Architects.

Cheri and Joe LaGrasso of Grosse Pointe Shores have announced the engagement of their daughter, Stephanie LaGrasso, to Philip Trautman, son of Carole and Mike Trautman of Bloomfield Hills.

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Ulla Maija gown. She carried a bouquet of white roses, lisianthus and freesia, bordered by lemon leaves.

The bride's sister, Shannon Breitenbecher of Grosse Pointe Woods, was the maid of honor. The groom's brother, David Joire of Washington, D.C., was best man.

Joire owns his own business specializing in real estate development and investment.

The couple will honeymoon on the French/Italian Riviera in May. They live in Manhattan Beach, Calif.

WEDDINGS

Ryan - Nemeth

Maureen Elaine Ryan, daughter of Elaine and Jack Ryan of Grosse Pointe Park, married John Matthew Nemeth, son of Colleen Nemeth of Twin Falls, Idaho, and John Nemeth of Ashburn, Va., on July 22, 2006, at Grosse Pointe Academy.

The bride's uncle, the Rev. Daniel Ryan of Willingborough, N.J., officiated at the 3 p.m. ceremony, which was followed by an evening reception at the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club.

The bride wore an Anne Barge silk strapless gown with beading and embroidery on the bodice and hem and a two-piece cathedral-length veil. She carried a bouquet of ribbon-tied white calla lilies.

The bridesmaids wore

Amanda Defever of Chicago, Haley Gaver of Seattle, Wash., the bride's cousins Mercedes Deuth of Thomaston, Conn., and Christie Giera of Durham, N.C. The groom's sister, Michelle Nemeth of Seattle, served as a bridesmaid and witness for the groom.

Bridesmaids wore tea-length light sage silk chiffon dresses and carried ribbon-wrapped bouquets of green, blue and lavender hydrangeas.

Groomsmen were Tim Morin of North Bend, Wash., Drew Dannels of Kirkland, Wash., Kevin Williams of Fircrest, Wash., Dan Cronen of Spokane, Wash., and the bride's brothers, Jack Ryan and Patrick Ryan, served as groomsmen and witnesses for the bride.

Readers were Marcia Giera, the bride's aunt, Kathy Crow, the groom's aunt, and

Shannon McGratty Brophy, Julie Cremeans and James Ryan, aunt and uncle of the bride, assisted with Communion. Nancy Simmons was the organist and soloist, and James O'Donnell was the trumpeter. Joanne Williams and Meg Schlosser presented the offertory gifts.

The mother of the bride wore a dusty mauve full-length beaded jacket-dress and a pink cymbidium orchid corsage.

The groom's mother wore a metallic celadon silk dress and beaded jacket and had a yellow cymbidium orchid corsage.

The reception's dance music was provided by Steve King and the Dittilies.

The bride, a 1995 Grosse Pointe South High School graduate, earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in psychology and Spanish and a master's in education from the University of

Notre Dame. She is a high school Spanish teacher in the Shoreline School District in Seattle.

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Caramagno-Marzan

Cherilyn Caramagno, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Caramagno of Grosse Pointe Farms and Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Mannino of Harper Woods, married Christian Marzan, son of Mr. and Mrs. Leonardo Marzan of Harper Woods on Aug. 26, 2006, at Star of the Sea Catholic Church.

The Rev. Roger Lumbre officiated at the 1 p.m. ceremony, which was followed by a reception at the Mirage in Clinton Township.

The bride wore a white diamond strapless, A-line corset back gown with a chiffon overlay. Swarovski crystals, bugle beads and pearls accented the bodice neckline.

Bobbie Kumar of Chicago, formerly of Harper Woods, was the maid of honor.

Bridesmaids were Jennifer Fici of Harper Woods, Katerina Seremetis of Grosse Pointe Woods and Christine Marzan, the groom's sister, of Harper Woods.

Flowergirls were Kristina Malkowski, the bride's god-

daughter, of St. Clair Shores, and Danielle Roman, the groom's goddaughter, of Grosse Pointe Woods.

Attendants wore claret chiffon A-line dresses with scoop necklines, spaghetti straps and fabric gathered at the waist. They carried bouquets of black magic roses, green hydrangeas, dark purple lisianthus, and dendrob hanging beauty blooms.

Marvin Isip, the groom's cousin of Tracy, Calif., was the best man.

Groomsmen were Cesar Lucas Jr. of Sterling Heights; Edward Marzan, the groom's cousin of Grosse Pointe; and Brett Thomas of Allen Park.

Brett Arquette, the groom's cousin, was the ring bearer.

The coin bearer was Alexander Constantino, the groom's godson, of Louisville, Ky.

The veil and cord bearer was Nicole Arquette, the groom's niece, of Wyandotte.

Readers were Heather Michalak, Patricia Polk and Rachelle Caramagno.

Pamela Caramagno was the soloist at the reception. Pamela Caramagno and

Shannon Marling were the gift givers.

Principal sponsors were Jose Nunez and Angelita Asprec, the groom's godparents from the Philippines; Phil and Ana Agraviador, the groom's Florida cousins; James and Patricia Barber of Grosse Pointe Farms; Charles and Annette Pipe, the bride's uncle and aunt from North Carolina; Dennis David and Lisa Caramagno, the bride's uncle and aunt from Troy and Harrison Township, respectively.

Secondary sponsors were the bride's brother-in-law, Brian Michalak of Macomb and the groom's cousin, Rowena Isip of Tracy, Calif.

David and Editha Roman of Grosse Pointe Woods were the cord sponsors.

David and Tamera Malkowski, the bride's sister and brother-in-law, were the veil sponsors.

The bride earned a Bachelor of Liberal Arts degree in sociology from Wayne State University. She is a data entry/office support worker with Autoimmune Disease Association in Eastpointe.

The groom earned a bachelor's degree in computer science from Wayne State University. He is an IT specialist for the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers in Detroit.

The couple honeymooned in Hawaii. They live in St. Clair Shores.

Clemens-Gorji

Margaret Genevieve Clemens, the daughter of Drs. John and Bonnie Clemens of Grosse Pointe, and Amir Gorji, the son of Mitra Ajdari of Stevenson Ranch, Calif. and Khalil and Minoo Gorji of Duluth, Ga., were married in Atlanta, Ga., Oct. 28, 2006.

The bride earned a Bachelor of Arts degree from Wellesley College and a law degree from Vanderbilt University.

The groom earned a Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of California - Riverside and a law degree from Vanderbilt University.

The couple honeymooned in Thailand. They live in



Mr. and Mrs. Christian Marzan



Mr. and Mrs. James Kopacko

Mr. and Mrs. Demetrios Basil Inempolidis

Atlanta, Ga.

Zavakos - Inempolidis

Dena Marie Zavakos, daughter of Jim and Ruthann Zavakos of Dayton, Ohio, married Demetrios Basil Inempolidis, son of Evelyn Inempolidis of Grosse Pointe, Park and the late Basil Inempolidis, on June 17, 2006, at the Annunciation Greek Orthodox Church in Dayton, Ohio.

The Revs. Mark Emroll, Tom George, Stratton Dorozenski and Peter Bistolardis officiated at the 3:30 p.m. ceremony, which was followed by a reception at the Dayton Marriott.

The bride wore an antique-colored strapless dress with a beaded bodice, full skirt and chapel-length train. She carried a bouquet of white roses, calla lilies and stephanotis.

Rachel Zavakos, the bride's sister-in-law, of Springboro, Ohio, was matron of honor.

Bridesmaids were Heidi Schaller of Dayton; Athena and Georganne Inempolidis,



Mr. and Mrs. Amir Gorji



Mr. and Mrs. Amir Gorji

sisters of the groom, of Grosse Pointe Park; Anna Stathis, cousin of the bride, of Dayton; and Katina Malis, cousin of the groom, of Grosse Pointe Park.

The flower girl was Kaili Zavakos, the bride's niece, of Springboro, Ohio.

Attendants wore periwinkle two-piece dresses.

Harry Gaggos of the City of Grosse Pointe served as best man.

Groomsmen were Demetri Zavakos, the bride's brother, of Springboro, Ohio; Michael Malis, the groom's cousin of Grosse Pointe Park; Aaron Briggs, the bride's cousin of Grove City, Ohio; Demetri Inempolidis, the groom's cousin of Cleveland, Ohio; and Philip Kotsis of the City of Grosse Pointe.

Ushers were Richard Mayk of Grosse Pointe Park, Andrew Zeihler of Dayton, Ohio and Peter Varon of West Bloomfield.

Cameron Zavakos, the bride's nephew of Springboro, Ohio, was ring bearer.

The mother of the bride wore a bronze silk dress with a beaded and crocheted overlay.

The mother of the groom wore a taupe-colored raw silk dress with a pearl beaded jack-

et. The bride earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in chemistry and psychology and a minor in biology from Indiana University. She is working on her master's degree in forensic science at the University of Illinois in Chicago.

The groom earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in economics from Kalamazoo College and a master's degree in accounting from the University of Michigan. He is a CPA with Deloitte & Touche.

The couple honeymooned in Moorea and Bora Bora. They live in Chicago.

Shrake - Kopacko

Sandra Lynn Shrake, daughter of David and Sharon Shrake of Grosse Pointe Farms, married James Kopacko, son of Donald and Tish Kopacko of Northville, on Sept. 15, 2006, at St. Edith Catholic Church in Livonia.

The Rev. Michael Kazer officiated at the 5 p.m. ceremony, which was followed by a reception in St. Mary's Cultural Center, Livonia.

The bride wore an ivory halter princess-style matte satin wedding gown with asymmetrical skirt edged in beaded embroidery. Swarovski crystal square buttons accented the back of the dress which trailed to the end of the chapel-length train. A cage-style veil was trimmed with crystal vine hairpiece. She carried a bouquet of roses, hydrangea and freesia.

Cynthia Ax was the maid of honor. She wore a black floor-length dress with crystal accents. She carried a bouquet of mixed roses.

Adam Breitbach was the best man.

Groomsmen were Scott Shrake and Larry Kopacko.

The bride's mother wore a light cocoa floor-length dress with a bolero jacket with beaded accents. She wore a cymbidium orchid corsage.

The groom's mother wore an iridescent aubergine floor-length dress with a sheer matching jacket with beaded accents. Her corsage was cymbidium orchids.

Scripture readers were Karen Tokarz and Michael Shrake.

The couple honeymooned in Quebec City, Maine and Vermont. They live in Dearborn Heights.

Jazz is featured at Saturday concert

Is jazz classical music? Can classical music be jazzy?

Children and their families attending the "National City Young People's Concert" will find out when saxophonist Branford Marsalis joins the Detroit Symphony Orchestra for an 11 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 24, performance at the Max M. Fisher Music Center.

Led by Resident Conductor Thomas Wilkins, known for his skill at introducing classical music to youngsters, the DSO will perform classical works influenced by jazz highlighted by pieces for alto sax featuring Marsalis.

On the list is "Scaramouche" by Darius Milhaud and "Concertina da Camera" for alto sax by

Jaques Ibert.

The program also includes Duke Ellington's "King of the Maji."

Prior to the concert, "KidZone" is scheduled.

It features a series of child oriented activities including balloon artists, arts and crafts, an instrument petting zoo begins at 9:30 a.m.

It is free to concert ticket holders.

Tickets range in price from \$10 to \$27 with a limited number of box seats available for \$46 and can be purchased at the Max M. Fisher Music Center, 3711 Woodward, Detroit; by calling (313) 576-5111. To purchase tickets on line, go to detroitsymphony.com.

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CHURCH EVENTS

Pasta dinner

Christ the King Lutheran Church invites neighbors to share a pasta dinner at 6:30 p.m., Wednesday, Feb. 28, followed by a 7:30 p.m. Lenten service in the sanctuary.

The evening is entitled "People of the Passion," it focuses on the people who surrounded the cross during Jesus Christ's suffering and death. Very much like us today, they were common people; members of the military, criminals, religious and political leaders, bystanders, women and family members. Their exchanges with the crucified Christ have much to teach us about our families, churches and the world.

For more information, contact the Rev. Tim Holzerland at (313) 884-5090.

Lenten services

The Lenten meals will be served after the Wednesday 10 a.m. services and before the 7 p.m. services every Wednesday through March 28 at First English Evangelical Lutheran Church.

The schedule is as follows: Sunday, Feb. 25, Jesus' birth; Wednesday, Feb. 28, Jesus' younger years; Sunday, March 4, Jesus' Ministry — The beginning; Wednesday, March 7, Jesus' temptation; Sunday, March 11, Jesus and his disciples; Wednesday, March 14, Jesus' teaching; Sunday, March 18, Jesus' miracles; Wednesday, March 21, Jesus' call to discipleship; Sunday, March 25, Jesus' cleansing of the temple; and Wednesday,

March 28, Jesus' transfiguration. Holy Week begins on Palm Sunday, April 1.

World Day of Prayer

Women and men in more than 170 countries will observe World Day of Prayer, Friday, March 2. Locally, the service will be at 2 p.m. at St. Michael's Episcopal Church, 20475 Sunningdale Park, Grosse Pointe Woods.

More than a dozen area churches will be participating in the service.

"United Under God's Tent" is the theme used by women of Paraguay for the service. The theme is a way of imagining how God acts.

For Abraham and Sarah,

God was like a tent, protecting them in their call. "United Under God's Tent" is also God's Promise to us, and a call to work and to pray together for people in need all over the world.

Childcare will be provided and there will be a reception time after the service. Parking is limited; sharing rides is advised.

The offering will support the work of World Day of Prayer and help meet the needs of families in regions of turmoil worldwide.

For more information contact Sarah Flott at sarahflott@aol.com or call (313) 590-6690. The national office is at World Day of Prayer USA Committee, 475 Riverside, Room 1626A, New York, N.Y. 10115.

Battle of the bands

Grosse Pointe's Got Talent: Battle of the Bands is hosted at Grosse Pointe Congregational Church, 240 Chalfonte, Grosse Pointe Farms, at 6:30 p.m. Friday, March 30. Before taking the stage, bands still have time to audition.

To audition on Saturday, March 3, contact Alison Scarfone at gpcce-ed@sbcglobal.net. This event is for high school students and tickets are \$7 and may be purchased by contacting Scarfone at the aforementioned e-mail address.

Grosse Pointe North High students involved include William Broman, Justin and Danielle Hawley and Molly Cohn; Grosse Pointe South

High students Peter Croce, Topher Horn, Karl Liverance, Kimmy Leverenz and Deiter Tech; and University Liggett student Justin Mazza.

Women's faith

Diana Butler, the author of "Christianity for the Rest of Us," is the 7 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 27, speaker at Christ Church Grosse Pointe, 61 Grosse Pointe Blvd. She is the first in the church's "The Purple Perspective" Lenten series. It is free and open to the public.

Butler's book has been called the most important book of the decade about emerging Christianity and the renewal of mainline congregations.

For more information, call (313) 885-4841.

Book shines light on faith

The term "faith" is readily used in everyday life and in religious context.

However, few people actually understand the true meaning of the word and what putting faith in God requires, author David Leroy Jenkins said.

According to his book: "A Journey Through Faith" Jenkins said, faith doesn't guarantee fame and fortune, nor does it always have to do with comfort and pleasure.

Faith is an unpredictable journey that completely involves entering into a relationship with God, he said.

Jenkins said he believes faith lies in completing a lifetime journey and uncovering what purpose they have in God's design.

The book is not a "how-to" guide on being a model Christian.

Rather, it takes readers through the steps to embark on a journey of faith.

The book offers both biblical and current-day examples that explore the topics covered in the reading. Interspersed are stories of surprises and some difficult challenges, that are intentionally included to illustrate that having faith is not always an easy ride the author explained.

The tone of the book is conversational — easily absorbed by a longtime believer or one who is eager to learn more about Christianity.

Jenkins attended the West Gate Christian Academy and has written many inspirational pieces.

He said his most influential mentor and teacher is his father, the Rev. Leroy Jenkins, who has been a crusade evangelist with 50 years in the ministry.

The reverend's sermons are broadcast nationwide on satellite television. He has also experienced notoriety as a faith healer.

Become a mentor and be a friend

At first glance, the word "mentor" could seem imposing.

It connotes a serious responsibility for the welfare of another.

Mentors are seen as role models and advice providers, among other responsibilities. But, when you get down to the heart of the matter, mentors are really just friends with a fancy title.

Most people come across many mentors in their lifetime. Parents may be followed by other relatives, or teachers.

For some children, mentors are hard to come by.

Their home life may not be stable. They may be introverted and not make friends readily.

They may not have had the opportunity to experience life outside of their community or hometown.

These are the children who can benefit from a helping

hand.

Becoming a mentor is a rewarding experience and is easier than many might think. It doesn't require a fancy degree, a certain economic or social background or any expertise. The only requirement is the ability to devote some time to a child or teenager who could use support.

There are many organizations that offer mentoring services. One of the most well known is the Big Brothers Big Sisters organization.

Here are some ways mentoring can be done on a local level:

- ◆ Volunteer at a school. Become a tutor, an adjunct coach or approach school personnel and see how you could best provide assistance to the student body.

You may want to visit your alma mater and speak to students on how you succeeded in life, and provide advice on

how they, too, can make a name for themselves.

- ◆ Accept interns or assistance from students. If you run a business, invite students to see the day-to-day operations. Work with them on communication skills. Give them tasks that they can complete to achieve a sense of accomplishment.

Let students know that they can always call you for networking contacts, help with resumes or other business-related advice.

- ◆ Coach a local sports team. If your son or daughter participates in sports, see if you can get involved so that you can give support to other team members who may not have a fan cheering in the stands.

- ◆ Churches, synagogues or other houses of worship are also places where mentoring can take place. Speak to clergy to see if there are any ways you can work in a mentoring

capacity.

They may need teachers for religious instruction or volunteers to assist with fundraising activities, fairs or other events.

- ◆ Contact a mentoring organization. If you prefer a structured approach, an organization that specializes in mentoring services can match you with a child in need.

This person may just need a companion for movies, sporting events, or just a willing listener.

Mentoring helps boost self-esteem for children, results in better school attendance rates and helps reduce the propensity for children to commit crimes or use drugs, according to a Public/Private Ventures study of Big Brothers Big Sisters.

For more information on mentoring and its benefits to the community, visit the Web site mentoring.org.

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Jubilee

At the Bon Secours Nursing Care Center (NCC) Auxiliary's annual jubilee fundraiser at the Lochmoor Club, more than \$40,000 was raised to benefit center programs and provide enhancements for the resident services and projects. In 2006, the Sisters of Bon Secours observed 125 years of service, and this year's jubilee paid special tribute to Bon Secours Sister Mary Ellen Wagner, trustee of the NCC board. The Jubilee featured a strolling dinner and a live auction lead by volunteer auctioneer Bob Bashara. Honorary chairs this year were Grosse Pointe Woods residents Alice and Ralph Kliber. From left, Jeff Collins, CEO, Bon Secours Cottage Health Services, Sister Mary Ellen Wagner, Bon Secours of Michigan, and Sister Pat Heath, vice president of Mission Bon Secours Cottage Health Services attended the jubilee fundraiser to benefit the Bon Secours Nursing Care Center.

Relay kick-off event slated for Feb. 28

Who joins fighting cancer could be fun?

It is when you take part in the American Cancer Society Relay For Life of Grosse Pointe, May 19 and 20 at the Grosse Pointe Farms Pier Park.

"The community is invited — no, encouraged to learn all about it at the Relay For Life — Grosse Pointe kick-off, from 6 to 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 28, at Christ Church," said Sasha Ovshinsky, Grosse Pointe resident, teacher and chairperson of this year's event.

"Gather up a couple of friends, family members or coworkers and come to the kick-off to get the details. Once you hear how great it is, you'll be anxious to join in the fun of fundraising and camping out at the Pier Park."

Relay For Life events are held all year long across the country and internationally. While not a race in the traditional sense, relay teams raise money in a variety of ways prior to the event, then come together for a 24-hour camp-out celebration and team members walk the relay path at all times to emphasize how cancer affects everyone and the importance of funding education, advocacy, research and the services of the American Cancer Society.

The Relay For Life of Grosse Pointe starts with an opening ceremony at 10 a.m. Saturday, May 19, and ends with a closing ceremony at 10 a.m. Sunday, May 20. In between, there's music, games, contests, and food available.

A special "Survivor Lap" highlights the strides that have already been made in cancer treatment. The evening lighting of the luminaria, decorated in honor or memory of those who

have been faced with cancer provides reminders of why the race to find cures for all types of cancer is important.

Reservations for the kick-off event should be made by calling Dorothy Busignani at the American Cancer Society, (248) 483-4374, or e-mailing dbusigna@cancer.org.

Visit the Relay For Life Web site at acevents.org/relay/mi/grosse-pointe.



Luminaries are a special part of the Relay for Life

ASK THE EXPERTS By Mary Ellen Brayton

Should parents use spanking as a way to alter behavior?



Q My preschooler gets out of control at times and my husband says that he needs to be spanked when he misbehaves. He says he was spanked and learned to behave. What do you say?

A: Marianne Vukas, Life Skills teacher at Parcels, Grosse Pointe North and Grosse Pointe South High Schools recently conducted a parenting party for The Family Center on the topic of discipline for preschool children.

Part of her presentation focused on the myths and facts about spanking. A brief summary of that information may be helpful to you. Here are some of the myths and facts on spanking:

Myth: Children who are not spanked become spoiled.

Fact: Spoiled children are those who constantly want their own way.

They choose not to listen to parents and are unaware of the

needs of others. Children learn such behavior. It results from inconsistent parenting, failure to provide necessary structure, and neglect of children's needs.

Myth: It is OK to spank children as long as you are not angry.

Fact: This statement is made to prevent parents from becoming too severe with their spanking. Some parents cannot control their anger and feel that once they begin hitting their children they will not be able to stop.

The thought here is that if children deserve to be punished, parents should wait until they have calmed down before spanking. But if parents are not angry, have calmed down and are in control, why spank at all? Other more effective forms of punishment will help children manage and take responsibility for their behavior.

Myth: An occasional spanking is good for children.

Fact: The word "good" indicates something pleasant is happening to children. An occasional spanking cannot help children learn desirable behaviors. Being hit never feels good. Hitting has no long-term value in teaching desirable behav-

iors.

Myth: Spanking children is the only way to let children know you are angry.

Fact: Parents often relieve their stress and frustration by hitting their children when they are angry with them. Although letting off steam is good for the parent, the spanking has no value for the children. In fact, children learn that violence is one way of expressing anger. Most parenting consultants will tell you that there are three basic elements to success in parenting:

1) Be specific in stating what is expected of the child. Make sure the rules are clearly defined.

2) Monitor the child(ren) closely and follow through on the rules.

3) Be consistent with your follow through.

The views of the writer are independent and do not necessarily reflect the opinion or official position of The Family Center.

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SOC's Lunch and Learn

Leave the brown bag at home and have a hot lunch while listening to a presentation or being entertained at Services for Older Citizens.

The following is a list of events scheduled in March. Lunch is served at 11:15 a.m.

◆ "Kitchen and bath made easy for seniors," Monday, March 5. Tim Koczara of Homeowners Building & Remodeling will share affordable ways to make the bath and kitchen "barrier free" and offer tips on selecting a certified building and remodeling contractor.

◆ "Warm Water Aquatic Therapy," Wednesday, March 7. Bob Willard of Blue Dolphin Inc. will talk about how working with a licensed physical therapist in a 94-degree pool can help soothe arthritis, joint and chronic pain.

◆ "Knife Sharpening and Hearing Aid Check," Friday, March 9. Chuck Huey will be on hand to sharpen knives while Jody Medvidik of Lucas Hearing Aid Service will repair

and check hearing aids. She will also give individual attention to seniors who wish to discuss a hearing problem.

◆ "Home Health Care Management," Monday, March 12. Maria Jerome will share information on home health care and Medicare guidelines for the homebound and offer tips on selecting the right homecare agency before it is needed.

◆ St. Patrick's Day Celebration, Wednesday, March 14, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. The CPR Trio will provide the entertainment, prizes will be awarded and a catered dinner will be served. Wear green.

◆ "Happy Feet," Monday, March 19. Joe Deyament of Foot Solutions will discuss and demonstrate selecting the proper footwear for better health.

◆ "Mayor's Day," Wednesday, March 21. "March for Meals," a national campaign highlighting the Meals on Wheels program during the month of March involves may-

ors nationwide in its Mayors for Meals event. Mayors of the five Grosse Pointes and Harper Woods will deliver meals to homebound seniors and participate in the "Food and Friendship" lunch program.

◆ "Hamilton Funeral Home," Monday, March 26. Barry Hamilton will share a short history of the Wm. R. Hamilton Co. including how the home handled the funeral of Harry Houdini, the world famous magician.

◆ "The PAATS Van - Community Connector," Wednesday, March 28. Sally Graham will discuss the PAATS van that services the five Grosse Pointes, Harper Woods and part of Roseville.

◆ April Fools' party, Friday, March 30. Parties must wear their clothes inside out, backwards, upside down or just plain weird. Prizes will be awarded to individuals who have no taste or style for that day.

Terry Mathews will provide piano music.

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Opera supporters

Michigan Opera Theatre Volunteer Association held a Sunday soiree and musicale Jan. 21, at the home of Dr. Ali Mooin and Dr. William Kupsky in Grosse Pointe with a Persian buffet. The afternoon began with an operatic performance by Peiyi Wang and David Trudgen, accompanied on the piano by Nico de Villiers. The program was narrated by Dr. David DiChiera, founder and executive director of the Michigan Opera Theatre. Proceeds from the fundraiser will be used to support the Detroit Opera House productions.

Attending the event were, in back from left, DiChiera, Wang, Mooin, Trudgen and de Villiers; in front from left, Gloria Clark, one of the event chairs, and Kupsky.

A LA ANNIE by Annie Rouleau-Scheriff

An inspired recipe



I was lucky enough to escape the deep freeze a couple of weeks ago to southern California where the weather that week was actually unseasonably warm. Double bonus. I enjoyed many a meal al-fresco with my brother Joe as I soaked in the warmth of the sun during the day and the beautiful sunsets at dusk. We dined on countless seafood including ahi tuna, squid and crab.

Memories of my trip inspired this week's recipe for crab gratin with zucchini and artichokes. This simple recipe boasts a super fresh flavor and takes very little time to prepare.

Crab Gratin with Zucchini and Artichokes

7 tablespoons olive oil, divided
 1 15-oz. can quartered artichoke hearts, drained
 2 small zucchini, trimmed and thinly sliced
 2 scallions, chopped
 2 cups fresh whole-wheat bread crumbs
 2 pinches dried thyme
 1/2 cup chopped fresh Italian parsley, divided
 1 lb. lump crab meat
 Salt and pepper to taste
 Juice of 1 lemon (2 to 3 tablespoons)

Heat 4 tablespoons of the oil in a large skillet over medium-high heat.

Add the artichokes and the zucchini and cook for 5 to 7 minutes. Lower the heat to medium, stir in the scallions and continue to cook until the zucchini becomes soft, another 5 minutes or so.

Meanwhile, in a small bowl combine the bread crumbs with the remaining oil, thyme, 1/4 cup parsley and salt and pepper. Toss well to combine the ingredients. Set aside.

To the skillet add the crab and the remaining 1/4 cup of parsley and toss and cook with the vegetables until heated throughout. Preheat broiler to high. Remove the skillet from the heat and toss in the lemon juice. Transfer the crab mixture to a shallow baking dish and top with the prepared bread crumbs. Place the baking dish 4 to 6 inches from the broiler and broil until browned, just a minute or two.

The flavor of the crab shines

through in this lightly prepared gratin.
 There's no heavy ingredients to weigh the crab down.
 To prepare fresh bread crumbs leave 2 to 3 slices of hearty wheat bread out to become stale (it will only take an hour or so). Trim the crusts from the bread and break it in to large pieces.
 Place the bread in a food processor and pulse into crumbs.
 Crab gratin with zucchini and artichokes is the perfect way to kick off the Lenten season.
 Paired with a salad, it's a smart choice any way you slice it.

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Violinist plays March 8

The Detroit Symphony Civic Youth Orchestra will be joined on stage by violinist Midori and DSO's Music Director Emeritus Neeme Jarvi for an 8 p.m. performance Thursday, March 8, at Orchestra Hall.

Led by Jarvi, the concert program features Midori as soloist in Max Bruch's "Violin Concerto" and Richard Strauss' "Don Juan."

"It is a tremendous honor to have Midori and Maestro Jarvi appear with our young people in the DSO's Civic Orchestra," said Charles Burke, DSO di-

rector of education. The DSO Civic Youth Orchestra is the most advanced of the DSO's eight youth ensembles and is a pre-professional training orchestra for career-oriented musicians.

Tickets range in price from \$10 to \$40 with a limited number of box seats available for \$45 and can be purchased at the Max M. Fisher Music Center box office, 3711 Woodward; by calling (313) 576-5111; or online at detroit-symphony.com.

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South boys, North girls win



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South's Taylor Flaska (94) drew plenty of attention from Grosse Pointe North, but he still scored three goals for the Blue Devils. North's Alex Davenport (12), Anthony Raymond and Doug Rahaim (9) keep an eye on Flaska and Lance Lucas (96).

Flaska's third goal of the game gives Blue Devils overtime win against Norsemen

By Chuck Klonke
Sports Editor

Taylor Flaska didn't need to score three goals, including the winner in overtime, against crosstown rival Grosse Pointe North to prove his value to Grosse Pointe South coach Bob Bopp.

However, Bopp was happy to have them just the same.

"It was great to see Taylor get three goals in his last North game," Bopp said of the Blue Devils' 4-3 victory. "Taylor has played some great hockey for us this season, but I'm not sure he feels the same way because he'll tell you he isn't scoring enough. After this performance, he'll have to agree with me that he's playing well."

Flaska's third goal came 47 seconds into the overtime period. Sam Mott kept the puck in at the blue line and passed to Geoff Osgood, who sent the puck to Flaska, who was stationed in front of the net.

"I didn't realize how great a play Mott made to keep the puck in our end until I watched the film," Bopp said.

It was the second time this season that the North-South game ended in an overtime victory for the Blue Devils.

"I'm just disappointed for our seniors, as hard as they worked, that they didn't get a win against South this year," said North coach Scott Lock.

The game kept a capacity crowd at City Sports Center on the edge of its seats.

North took a 2-0 lead on a pair of power-play goals 39 seconds apart late in the first period. Jeff Rohrkemper scored the first while the Norsemen had a two-man advantage at 9:03. Rohrkemper took a pass from goalie Michael Rahaim, skated the length of the ice and beat goalie Trevor Sattelmeyer.

North was still on the power play at 9:42 when Alex Davenport was credited with a goal that a South player knocked into the net while attempting to clear a rebound. Doug Rahaim and Rohrkemper had the assists.

Bopp was pleased with the way his players reacted to being down two goals.

"There was no panic on the bench," he said. "Everybody stayed focused. They knew we had a lot of time and that we have a good enough team to overcome being down two goals."

Before the first period ended, the Blue Devils had one of the goals back when Flaska scored his first of the game on a power-play at 11:43.

"It was a great, great power play," Bopp said.

Scott Maxwell faked a shot from the point. Instead of shooting with a North player sliding toward him to block the shot, Maxwell passed the puck to Mott. Mott moved toward the net and made a pass on the back door to Flaska.

"Sam Mott is back," Bopp said of the junior defenseman. "It was a big loss for us to start the season without him, but he's over his injury and back at full strength."

The second period was all South.

"They dominated the second period," Lock said. "We had some momentum going in the first period but we lost it in the second."

South had a 12-5 advantage in shots. The Blue Devils scored twice and hit three crossbars.

Moments after Flaska hit the post, he scored on a backhand shot from the edge of the crease at 7:28 to tie the game at 2-2. Lance Lucas and Osgood assisted.

South took the lead for the first time with 1:24 remaining in the second period on Joel Patterson's tip-in of Mott's shot from the point. Peter Altshuler also assisted.

"The line of Altshuler, Patterson and Alex Marshall has really stepped it up for us and has played some great hockey," Bopp said. "In our games against De La Salle and North, they forechecked better than any line on the team. They're a big reason we won both of those games."

Both teams played well in the third period.

South had an excellent scoring chance with just under six minutes to play but Michael Rahaim made a glove save on Ryan Abraham's breakaway.

Bopp called it "the save of the game. If we had scored there, I think the game would have been over."

The save gave the Norsemen a renewed spark and at 12:22, Rohrkemper scored on a backhand shot from the slot to tie the game at 3-3. The goal came after Ben Scarfone won a face-off in the South end.

"We had all the momentum again after the save and after Jeff's goal, but then we took a penalty with 57 seconds left," Lock said. "That changed everything."

Both coaches agreed that the game was an excellent showcase for high school hockey in the Pointes.

"This was a great thing for

Grosse Pointe hockey," Bopp said. "Both schools brought their fans out, everyone enjoyed the game and nothing got out of hand."

South-Grosse Ile

It wasn't the same atmosphere when South played Grosse Ile in a non-league game a few days later.

The crowd was much smaller and the Blue Devils didn't come out with the same energy that they did in the previous two games against North and De La Salle, but they got the victory on Altshuler's goal with 2:05 remaining in the third period. Altshuler got a pass in the slot from Marshall and scored on a good shot.

"We weren't at our best in this game," Bopp said. "We didn't come out with a great start and after such big wins against De La Salle and North, I was afraid this might happen."

Grosse Ile scored twice in the first 3:31 to jump ahead 2-0.

Cody Holzworth opened the scoring with a power-play goal at 2:28, and a little more than a minute later Jamie Martini gave the Red Devils a two-goal advantage.

South came back to tie the game before the first period ended.

Flaska brought the Blue Devils within one with his fourth goal in two games at 6:37, assisted by Lucas. At 9:57, Tim Shield got the equalizer on a power play, assisted by Trevor John and Brian Auty.

There was no scoring in the second period, but South broke the deadlock at 4:27 of a wide-open third period on a power-play goal by Abraham, assisted by Auty and Arthur Griem.

It was a short-lived lead for the Blue Devils, however, as Grosse Ile won a faceoff and Holzworth scored his second goal of the game only 18 seconds later.

Brett Johnson turned away 18 shots to pick up the win for South.

"He got stronger as the game went on," Bopp said of his goalie and the coach also praised several other players.

"Tim Shield had another great game. Tim was one of the best players every game this season. On defense we had another solid performance from Arthur Griem. He's really a presence on defense. He's physical, tough and smart. Lance Lucas played very well, using his speed to create scoring chances."

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Norsemen storm back twice from two-goal deficits to hand Blue Devils a 6-3 defeat

By Bob St. John
Staff Writer

Grosse Pointe North's girls hockey team has gained a distinctive edge in its rivalry with Grosse Pointe South after sweeping the regular-season series last week, winning 6-3 at City Arena in Detroit.

North beat South 3-1 Thursday, Feb. 1.

"The girls were fired up to play South, but they didn't bother to show up in the first period," North head coach Scott Dockett said. "South was playing very well and took it to us early."

The Lady Blue Devils stormed out to leads of 2-0 and 3-1 before Norsemen senior Kate Zemenick scored to cut the deficit to 3-2.

Nikki Capizzo tallied to tie

the game after two periods.

"We didn't come to dance," South head coach Bill Fox said. "We were in control of the game until midway through the second period when we fell apart. I'm disappointed at the outcome. We built leads of 2-0 and 3-1, but we couldn't sustain the momentum in the second half of the game."

Zemenick scored what turned out to be the game-winning goal. Phelicia VanOverbeke and Marissa LaValley added insurance tallies.

"I gave the girls a little talk between the second and third periods and it paid off as we dominated the final period," Dockett said.

"My seniors came through with big goals in a big win over our rival."

Sarah Hughes scored the Norsemen's first goal.

Leading the Lady Blue Devils, according to Fox, were Shami Entenman, Elizabeth McCaughey and Amanda Marsh, who scored their goals.

North goalie Tori Bogan settled down after a shaky start to earn her second straight victory over the defending state champion.

Grosse Pointe North finished its regular season 12-5-1 in the Michigan Metro Girls High School Hockey League and 14-5-1 overall.

South finished its regular season 8-10 in the league and overall.

The two teams could meet again in the first round of the state playoffs Saturday, March 3, at Eddie Edgar Arena in Livonia.

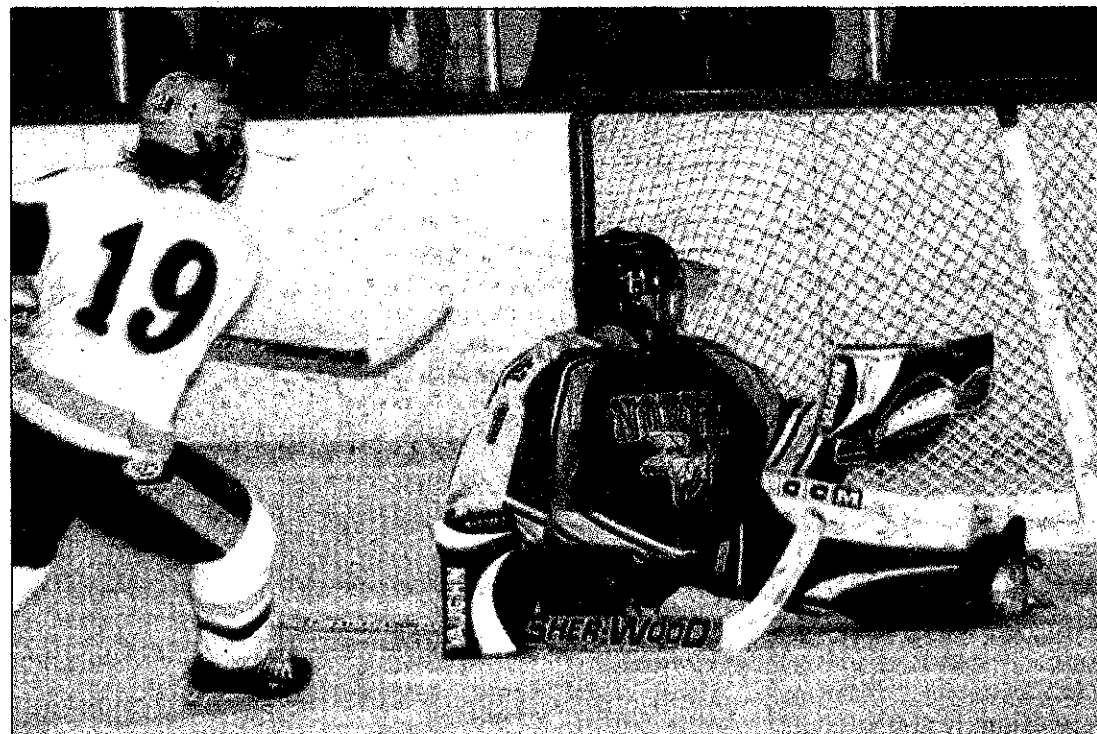


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North's Kate Zemenick is stopped at the goalmouth by South netminder Christine Jarboe and defenseman Kathleen McDonald. Zemenick scored two goals in the Norsemen's victory.



Nikki Capizzo (23) breaks in on South goalie Caroline Sweeny.



North goalie Michael Rahaim made this spectacular glove save on Ryan Abraham's breakaway attempt.

2C | SPORTS



University Liggett School's Dan Zukas takes a shot on the Dearborn Heights Crestwood goal. Zukas scored the tying goal for the Knights in a 2-2 tie.

PHOTO BY RENATO JAMETT

ULS snaps losing streak

By Bob St. John
Staff Writer

University Liggett School's boys hockey team ended a five-game winless streak Saturday, Feb. 10, beating Warren Sterling United 7-1 in the consolation game of the Southgate Anderson Tournament.

"We needed the win after playing some tough games the past couple of weeks," head coach Terry Olson said. "The game was a little chippy on both sides. Neither team wanted to finish 0-2 in the tournament."

The Knights scored four goals in the first period to take command.

Freshman Dan Zukas scored the first goal, assisted by senior Mike Zukas and freshman John Stockmann. Junior Mike Thomas made it 2-0 with a tally that drew assists from Dan Zukas and freshman Rory Deane.

It was 3-0 after Mike Zukas

scored a powerplay goal. Dan Zukas and senior Kyle Lawrence recorded assists.

The final goal was scored by junior Mike Burchi with help from Thomas and freshman Tripp Damman.

Thomas scored a second-period powerplay goal and Mike Zukas extended the Knights' lead to 6-0 with a goal in the third period. Burchi and senior Ryan Deane assisted on Thomas' tally, while Dan Zukas assisted Mike Zukas' goal.

The Zukas brothers teamed up for the game's final goal with Mike Zukas getting the tally and Dan Zukas drawing the assist.

In the opening game of the tournament, ULS lost 5-0 to Allen Park and earlier in the week the Knights dropped a 4-3 overtime decision to Ortonville-Brandon.

"It (Ortonville-Brandon) was a great hockey game to watch," Olson said. "It was too bad we

had to lose because both teams played great."

Burchi, from senior Charlie Litch and Mike Zukas, scored the first goal of the game.

In the second period, Rory Deane and Dan Zukas scored to give the home team a 3-1 advantage.

Thomas, Ryan Deane, Lawrence and freshman Matt Nicholas recorded assists.

In the final period, Ortonville-Brandon scored two goals to tie the game and send it to an extra session.

At the 7:16 mark, the Blackhawks scored the game-winner.

In other recent action, ULS lost 6-2 to visiting Macomb Dakota and tied Dearborn Heights Crestwood 2-2 the following night.

"We didn't play our style of hockey against a very big, physical Dakota team," Olson said.

"This was one of our worst efforts of the season, and I

guarantee we will play better against Crestwood."

Lawrence opened the scoring at 7:51 of the first period, assisted by Damman.

Crestwood's Ryan Pierce and Michel Popp tallied to give the Chargers a 2-1 lead, but the Knights forged the tie with a goal by Dan Zukas (from Drew Amato) midway through the third period.

"Both of Crestwood's goals came with us in the penalty box," Olson said. "The guys have to realize they can't take bad penalties come playoff time."

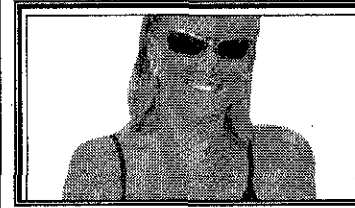
In the Dakota game, the Cougars jumped out to a 5-0 lead before the Knights scored consecutive goals.

Freshman Matt Nicholas scored at the 2:29 mark of the second period and Dan Zukas tallied exactly one minute later to account for ULS' goals.

The University Liggett School hockey team is 9-9-4 overall.

ON SAIL By Sandra Svoboda

Record lows greet sailors



Last weekend was like a bad nautical joke. "So I went to Florida and it was freezing..."

"In a regatta where races are usually postponed for no air, racing was cancelled for TOO MUCH wind..."

"I think it's warmer at the ice boating world championships in Wisconsin than in St. Petersburg..."

Regardless, several Michigan sailors competed at the 2007 Sperry Top-Sider St. Petersburg NOOD presented by Sailing World magazine. It's the kick-off regatta of the well-known series that will come to Lake St. Clair the first weekend of June.

Despite the record low temperatures and wind that ranged from about 2 to 30 knots, most of us were glad we flew ourselves or trailed boats down to the Sunshine State, even if we don't have midwinter tans.

In the 45-boat Melges 24 class, Laurie and Rob Bunn's Rum Blur, out of Grosse Pointe Woods, was the second amateur finisher, placing fifth overall just ahead of local rival Hoodlum, owned by Paul Hulse with Pointers Todd Jones, Jen Lech and Karl Trost aboard.

I sailed on Cujo — owned by Greg McClimment from landlocked Novi — with 17-year-old Tyler "Feather" Black, of Grosse Pointe Farms. Tyler had planned to sail last weekend on an S2 7.9 but the boat was "snowed in." So we got him and were happy to have him as our fifth crew member.

The gusty, shifty winds were challenging and many boats "wiped out" at some point.

"When in doubt, hike," Jones said of his secret strategy for heavy air sailing.

While we were supposed to be sunning ourselves in some warm weather, our sailing colleagues were headed both fur-

ther south and north.

Frank Kern, of Grosse Pointe Park, is sailing his J-120 Carinthia in the Pineapple Cup. That's an 800-mile race from Fort Lauderdale, Fla. to Montego Bay, Jamaica that started Feb. 16.

Kern sent this in an email report this week: We rounded the eastern tip of Cuba at about 11 a.m. with a jibe onto starboard. Decided to toss up the Code 0 and sailed with that successfully for some time, until the shackle blew on the sheet resulting in a shredded Code 0. Jib top up again.

Among his crew are Pointers Bob Declercq, Ken Flaska and Erik Ryan. We look forward to their full stories when they come back!

In the world of hard-water sailing, the DN iceboating world championships are this week too. The commodore of the International DN Ice Yacht Racing Association this year is On Sail regular John Harper, of Grosse Pointe Woods. He agonized over finding the perfect sheet of ice for this event for weeks, making scouting trips throughout the Midwest.

The fleet is sailing on Lake Michigan's Green Bay out of Menominee and includes international competitors. When they finish racing the world championships by mid week, the North American championships will start. We'll have a full report of that next week.

And as if that wasn't enough sailing for February, there's one event that should be mentioned. By popular demand following last year's Bayview Yacht Club Women's Invitational Clinic and Regatta, two classroom sessions are planned for March to help women of all sailing levels and abilities learn about the tactics and rules of sailboat racing.

Thursday, March 1 and Thursday March 8, Bayview will host the seminars. The registration fee is \$5.

I'll be there, too. After some of my tactical calls in Florida last week, I could use a refresher!

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Palmer leads ULS to victory

By Bob St. John
Staff Writer

Senior Elizabeth Palmer put together a Wayne Gretzky kind of game last week, scoring five goals and adding an assist in University Liggett School girls hockey team's 7-4 win over Mercy Unified.

"Palmer was awesome tonight," head coach Laura Owczarski said. "She was everywhere on the ice."

The host Lady Knights jumped out to an early 3-0 lead, thanks to two goals by Palmer and one by freshman Liz Smith, which Palmer drew an assist.

Mercy chipped away and eventually tied the game 4-4 entering the final period.

"I told the girls the team that took some chances would win the game," Owczarski said. "We couldn't sit back and let things happen. We had to make things happen and we did. It was a nice win for the team."

Palmer scored her fourth goal of the game one minute into the third period and added

her final tally at the 9:08 mark.

Senior Monique Squiers also scored in the final period for the home team, giving the Lady Knights a season sweep of Mercy and a fifth victory.

Other standouts during the final period were seniors Meghan Wilson and Caitlin Munn; juniors Jacqueline Nicholas, Gem Manalo and Cora Smith; sophomores Katherine Fridholm, Jill Wallrich and Jennifer Edwards; and freshmen Lauren Giorgio and Morgan Ellis.

Sophomore Rachel Farber was forced to watch the final period from the stands after injuring her leg in the second period. She might miss the Lady Knights' final regular season and playoff games.

"We have a few more games left to end the regular season and we have the opportunity to end the regular season on a high note," Owczarski said.

ULS plays its first state playoff game Saturday, March 3, at Eddie Edgar Arena in Livonia against an opponent yet to be determined.

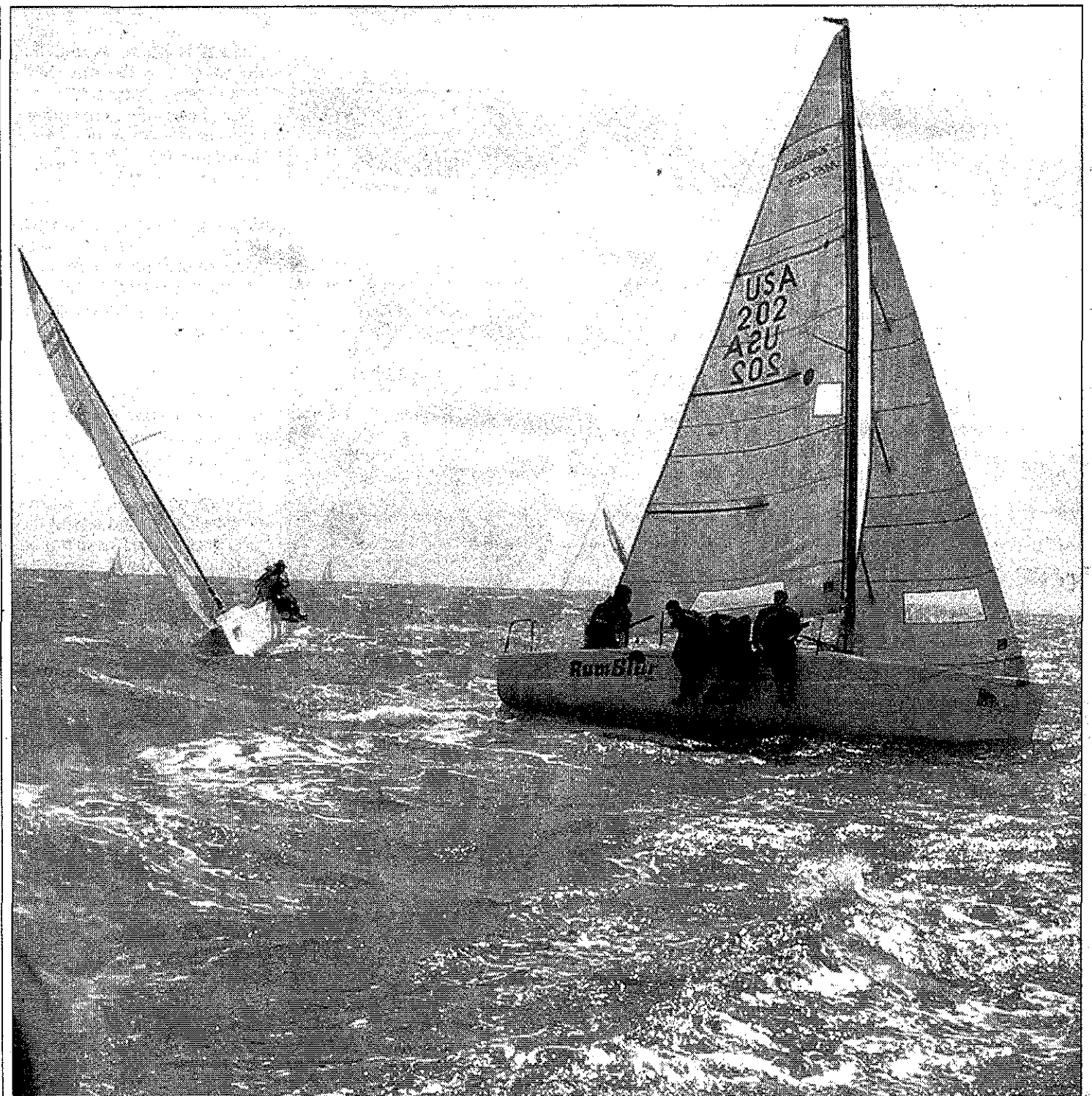


PHOTO BY SANDRA SVOBODA

Laurie and Rob Bunn, of Grosse Pointe Woods, sailed their Melges 24 'Rum Blur' in the St. Petersburg NOOD regatta last weekend.

North swimmers beat Shamrocks

Michael Lane won two events to lead Grosse Pointe North's swimming team to a non-league victory against Novi Catholic Central.

Lane's firsts came in the 200-

yard freestyle and the 100 breaststroke.

Other North winners were Austin Damm, 200 individual

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North gets a needed victory

By Chuck Klonke
Sports Editor

Winning is contagious. But so is losing. That's why Grosse Pointe North's coaches and players were so happy with last week's 54-53 victory against Dakota in a Macomb Area Conference Red Division basketball game. "We had lost five in a row, but we were in each of those games," said North coach Pat Donnelly. "I said to (assistant coach) Brent Thomas after the game, that as good as it was to win this game, it would have been equally devastating to lose. The kids were celebrating in the locker room after the

game. It was great to see that kind of emotion." It wasn't an easy victory. It was back and forth throughout the game. Neither team held more than a five-point lead. The Norsemen were ahead by two points with a minute remaining, but they turned the ball over and Dakota went in for the tying basket. With 20 seconds left, Michael Dallaire was fouled and he hit the first of two free throws to put North ahead by a point. After he missed the second attempt, Dakota got the ball, called a timeout and set up a play. The Cougars worked the

ball inside but couldn't score against North's defense. The two teams scrambled for the rebound, but the final buzzer sounded before anyone got possession of the ball. Dallaire's game-winning free throw capped a season-high 15-point performance for the senior forward. "He had a great game," Donnelly said. "He was real aggressive on the offensive boards. He had a lot of tip-ins and putbacks." Dwight Van Hoesen led North with 17 points and Marc Reno had 10. "Reno had some timely three-pointers in the second half," Donnelly said.

It was another solid defensive effort by the Norsemen, who have stayed in most game on the strength of their defense. "The whole team worked hard defensively, and we used a lot of players," Donnelly said. "We did an especially good job against (James) Stallons, holding him to three points." While the defense played well against Dakota, it was the culprit a few nights earlier when North lost 46-39 against Utica. "We weren't ready to play," Donnelly said. "We talked about not taking (Utica) lightly because they hadn't won many games, but like us, they lost a

lot of close ones." The Chieftains, who were winless in the MAC Red, scored 21 points in the first quarter. That was a wakeup call as North held Utica to four points in the second quarter. The Norsemen made some adjustments against the Chieftains' zone defense and eventually built a 10-point lead. "Then we stopped moving the ball," Donnelly said. "We didn't make their defense move as quickly. We got a little tense and passed up some good shots. I tried a lot of different combinations trying to find somebody who could knock down some shots."

One of the biggest differences between North's two games last week was at the free throw line. The Norsemen made only three of six attempts against Utica, but connected on 23 of 30 against Dakota. "Our goal is to make as many free throws as the other team attempts," Donnelly said. "That means we're working the ball inside. We've done that three times — twice against Dakota and against Southfield-Lathrup — and we've won all three of those games against good teams." In the Utica game, Van Hoesen led North with 13 points.

South loses battle to stay in race

By Chuck Klonke
Sports Editor

Grosse Pointe South and Cousino each needed a victory last week to keep their Macomb Area Conference White Division basketball title hopes alive. Cousino got the much-needed win, beating the Blue Devils 43-34 to take sole possession of second place behind Utica Ford II in the MAC White. "I told the team before the game that if we wanted a chance (for the championship) we had to win tonight," said Patriots coach Jeff Borja. "Now we have to beat L'Anse Creuse North (which Cousino did on Monday) and we've done all we can do." Ford still had three conference games remaining after South and Cousino closed out their league seasons.

A disastrous second half sent South to its third MAC White defeat, including both meetings with Cousino. "We played decent in the first half," said Blue Devils coach Jay Ritchie. "But we have a tendency to go through shooting funks like we did in the second half tonight." South made only 12 of 47 shots from the field (26 percent), and the Blue Devils suffered through a scoring drought of nearly nine minutes. J.C. Cruse scored on a layup after a Cousino turnover with 2:19 left in the third quarter to cut the Patriots' lead to 26-25. South didn't get on the scoreboard again until Cruse scored on a putback with 1:22 left in the game. By that time, Cousino held a 36-25 lead. "We had some good looks, but they were pretty much all

perimeter looks," Ritchie said. "It's hard to get inside against their size." The Patriots are the biggest team in the MAC White. Cousino starts 6-foot-7 Brad Balkema, 6-5 Todd Pfromm, and 6-4 Bernard Edwards, and 6-9 Matt Balkema comes off the bench. The Balkema brothers did a good job of containing South's 6-6 P.T. Shirar, who finished with only two points and two rebounds and was in foul trouble for much of the game. Cousino led 9-6 after the first quarter and the Patriots took a 20-19 lead to the locker room when Edwards scored on a layup as the first half ended. A pair of baskets by Cruse, who led South with 16 points and eight rebounds, gave the Blue Devils a 23-22 lead early in the second half, but two free throws by David Lichocki trig-

gered a 14-2 run that gave Cousino a lead it never relinquished. The Patriots displayed excellent patience on offense, working the ball around for nearly 30 seconds at a time. Cousino also used its size to collect 17 offensive rebounds. "We just try to take high-percentage shots," Borja said. "If that tires the other team out, that's fine, but it's not our main objective. It's what we've been trying to do all year, and tonight it came together." "But we let the door open when we missed our free throws down the stretch." South cut the lead to 40-34 on a three-point play by Mike Herzog with 30.5 seconds left, but Edwards hit one free throw and Rick Powell dropped in two to secure the win for Cousino. Pfromm led Cousino with 18

points and 15 rebounds. Edwards finished with 10 points and Powell had eight. Herzog had eight points for South. Earlier, the Blue Devils posted a 45-40 overtime victory against Stevenson. The Titans scored the last eight points in regulation to tie the game, but South jumped ahead early in the extra period on a basket by Max Pearson and maintained the advantage the rest of the way. Cruse led the Blue Devils with 17 points and Jimmy Saros had 10. Shirar finished with nine. South will close out the regular season with a pair of games next week. The Blue Devils play at Anchor Bay on Tuesday, Feb. 27, then host Detroit King on Friday, March 2 in a late addition to the schedule.

SWIM: Several season bests

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medley; Karl Tech, 50 freestyle; Mike Kedzierski, 100 butterfly; and Cameron Butler, 500 freestyle. Howle's 500 time qualified him for the Division I state meet and was his best time of the season. Damm's time in the 200 IM was his best of the season. Other season bests were posted by Stephen Van Beek and Max Hunt, 50 freestyle; Howle and Aaron Bowersox, 100 freestyle; Michael Seago, 200 freestyle; Damm and Aaron Egan, 500 freestyle; Jeff Burns, 100 breaststroke; and Ryan Seago, 200 individual medley. North improved to 6-2 in dual meets.

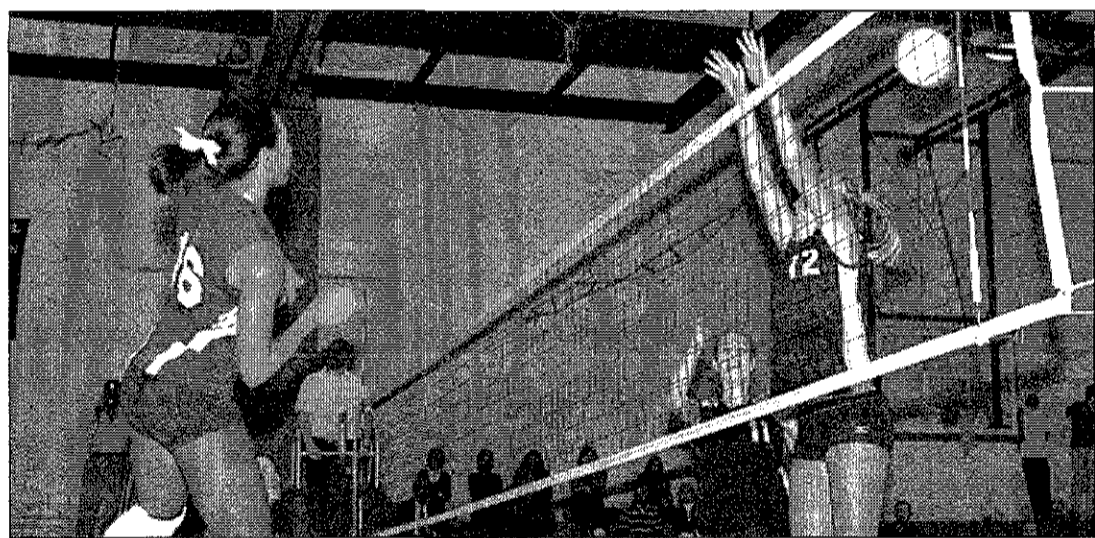


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University Liggett School's Carrie Taylor spikes the ball in the Knights' match with Ann Arbor Greenhills.

ULS spikers at top of their games

University Liggett School's volleyball team is reaching a peak in time for the state tournament. The Knights recently finished second in the Ann Arbor Greenhills Invitational, then defeated Metro Conference rival Clarenceville in three straight games to improve to 8-4 overall. In the Greenhills tournament, ULS swept Academy of

the Sacred Heart and Detroit Country Day 2-0 and split two pool games with Greenhills. In the semifinals, the Knights beat Cranbrook Kingswood 2-1 to advance to the championship match with Ann Arbor Gabriel Richard. Richard won 2-0. "Everyone played well," said ULS coach Heather Barbash. "They were really playing as a team. Our middle blockers,

Anna Zinkel and Jamie Bow, have really improved and it was obvious at this tournament. "Samantha Troyanovich hit well and played great defense. She's a great leader. Carrie Taylor played great defense, including her blocking. Chelsea Baumgarten was also hitting well. All of the girls played a part in (the tournament success)."

BOYS: Cranes beat Norsemen

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South is 17-4-1 overall. The Blue Devils close out the regular season at home Saturday against Riverview. **North-Cranbrook** North has seen enough of Cranbrook Kingswood's Andrew Miller this year to last a lifetime. "We've played two games against them and he has 10 points," Lock said of the Cranes' standout, who is a leading candidate to be named Mr. Hockey. "He's a phenomenal player." Miller had three goals and two assists last week in

Cranbrook's 5-1 victory against the Norsemen in a Michigan Interscholastic Hockey League game. He played a prominent role when the Cranes won 6-1 earlier. North jumped out to a 1-0 lead in the first period on a goal by Doug Rahaim, assisted by Jeff Rohrkemper and Brandon Davenport. "We had our chances to make it a 2-0 advantage, but we got some penalties and that lets the other team get the momentum," Lock said. With less than a minute remaining in the period, North had a costly turnover that led to Miller's first goal and a 1-1 tie going into the first intermission. North continued to have good chances in the second period, but the Cranes' goalie came up with some excellent saves to preserve the tie until Miller's second goal put

Cranbrook ahead to stay. Cranbrook added another goal in the second period and scored twice in the third period. "We had chances. We played hard. I have no complaints about the energy we had," Lock said. "We just didn't play well enough to win." "We have the second or third hardest schedule in the state. We've had six games go into overtime. We've lost three of them and tied one. Our record would look a lot better if those losses were ties." North will try to hit the .500 mark when it completes the regular season on Saturday against Port Huron Northern at the Mount Clemens Ice Arena. The Norsemen begin state tournament play on Monday at 6:30 p.m. against St. Clair Shores United at the Shores Civic Arena.

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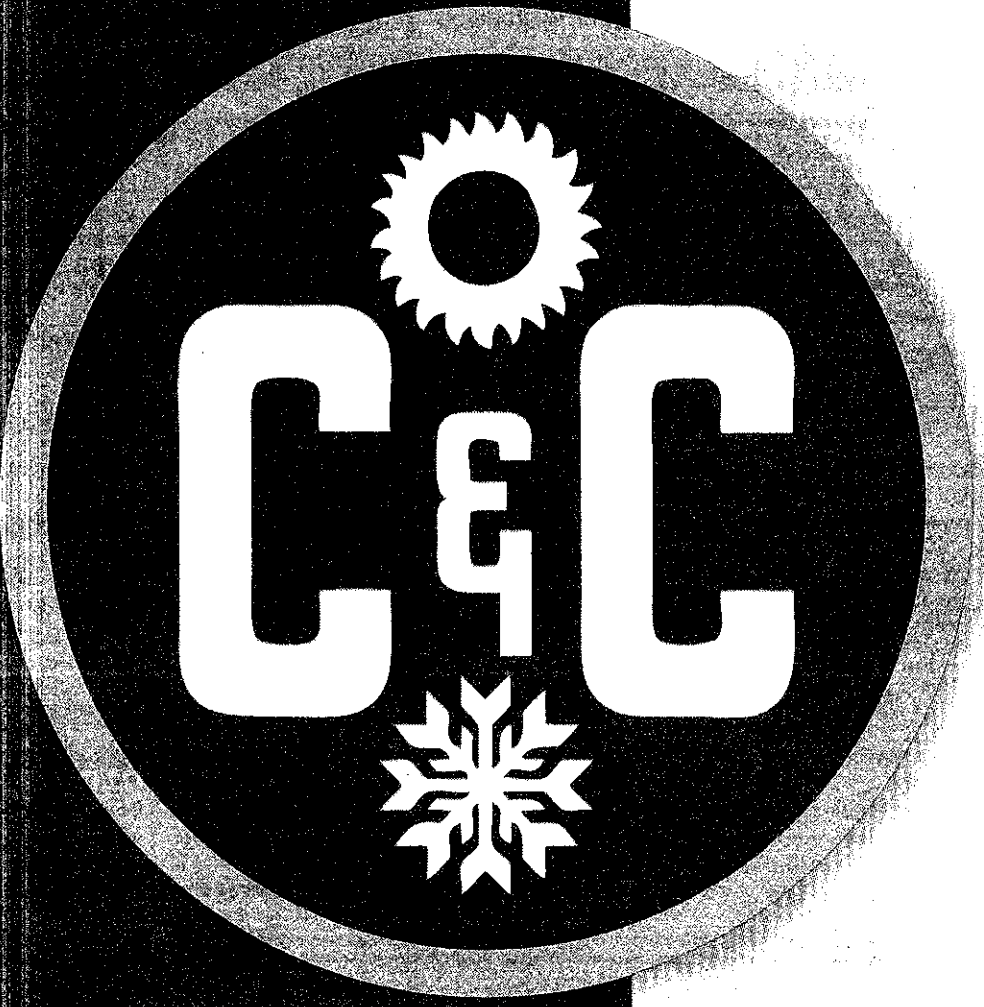
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