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FRIDAY, MARCH 30
 ♦ "Grosse Pointe's Got Talent: Battle of the Bands" is from 7 p.m. to midnight at Grosse Pointe Congregational Church, 240 Chalfonte, Grosse Pointe Farms. This event is for teenagers. Tickets are \$7.

SATURDAY, MARCH 31
 ♦ Heartland Health Care of Georgian East, 21401 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods, hosts its annual Easter egg hunt at 1:30 p.m. The Easter Bunny will be available for free photos with children under 12 years old, as well as to give out prizes. The event is free.
 ♦ Grosse Pointe Shores children, up to the age of 10, are invited to Osius Park for an Easter egg hunt, beginning at 10 a.m. The cost is \$3.
 ♦ The 18th annual Grosse Pointe Farms Easter egg hunt will be held at Pier Park. Children 2 to 12 years old should arrive at 9:45 a.m. and the hunt begins at 10 a.m. The Easter Bunny will be on hand.

SUNDAY, APRIL 1
 ♦ The seventh annual prayer service for the Detroit Tigers will begin at noon at St. John's Episcopal Church, 50 E. Fisher Freeway, Detroit.

MONDAY, APRIL 2
 ♦ Grosse Pointe Woods City Council meets at 7:30 p.m. in council chambers, 20025 Mack Plaza.

TUESDAY, APRIL 3
 ♦ The Grosse Pointe Chamber of Commerce hosts a Learn at Lunch at Northern Trust, 120 Kercheval. The topic is "Web sites 101 by Grosse Pointe Geek." Reservations are needed and may be made by calling (313) 881-4722.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 4
 ♦ The Jazz Forum begins at 8 p.m. at the Grosse Pointe Unitarian church, 17150 Maumee. The cost is \$13 in advance and \$15 at the door. For more information, call (313) 961-1714.

THURSDAY, APRIL 5
 ♦ The Friends of the Grosse Pointe Library host University of Michigan professor John Whittier-Ferguson to discuss two James Joyce books, at 7:30 p.m. in South High School auditorium. The cost is \$10.

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PHOTO BY RENEE LANDUFT

Early spring

Hang up the winter coat. Shed the scarves and mittens. Spring officially descended on Michigan March 21. Less than a week later (Monday, March 26), Michigan experienced a record high of 81 degrees. That temperature was reason enough for Brownell Middle School students, left, Jennifer Kirk and her friend Jenna Morris to don shorts and tank tops and go in-line skating by Grosse Pointe South High School. They had just attended a South lacrosse game.



PHOTO BY KERRY PYTEL

'Ah gee, that sure is swell!'

At the Showstoppers National Show Choir Competition Awards Ceremony Epcot Center, Walt Disney World, Mickey and Minnie Mouse congratulate, from left, Elise Amato, president of Grosse Pointe South Choir; Ellen Bowen, choir director; and Ali Long, dance captain. The school choir Tower Belles Show Ensemble won first runner-up to the grand championship. See page 13A.

Shores harbor underway

Renovation plans approved by state's DEQ

By John Lundberg
 Staff Writer

Officials in Grosse Pointe Shores are moving full steam ahead with harbor renovation plans following the state's Department of Environmental Quality's recent approval. The village board of trustees approved allocating \$130,000 for technical specifications and contract work to begin the first two phases of the renovation to fix up the dilapidated harbor.

"We're looking to do phase I and II at the same time to save money from having contractors coming back and forth," said Karl Kratz, village trustee and liaison to the parks and

harbor committee. "Everything right now looks very positive."

"We're making sure that we have all of our ducks in a row."

The village will seek a bond issue for more than \$3 million to cover the renovation costs. Officials think the bond will be put before voters within the next few months. If approved, work will begin at the conclusion of this year's boating season and be completed by the start of boating season in 2008, Kratz said.

"We're happy with where we're at," he said.

The village still has not received final approval from the

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CITY OF GROSSE POINTE

Marina rules to be reviewed

City requests community input

The City of Grosse Pointe marina committee has reconvened and will be conducting a public forum to gather input on the current rules and regulations for the Neff Park marina.

These rules govern many aspects of the marina operation, from wait list policies to permissible conduct by boaters.

The committee last convened in 2003 when the current rules and regulations were first created and adopted by city council to coincide with the reopening of the marina after its last major renovation project. The committee will be evaluating the effectiveness and appropriateness of the current rules and regulations for the 2007 season.

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POINTER OF INTEREST

'Education changes lives.'

Andrea Roumell Dickson



Home: Grosse Pointe Farms
 Age: 50
 Family: Husband, Bart; daughters, Alana and Alexandra.
 Claim to fame: Wayne State University's executive vice president and chief of staff.
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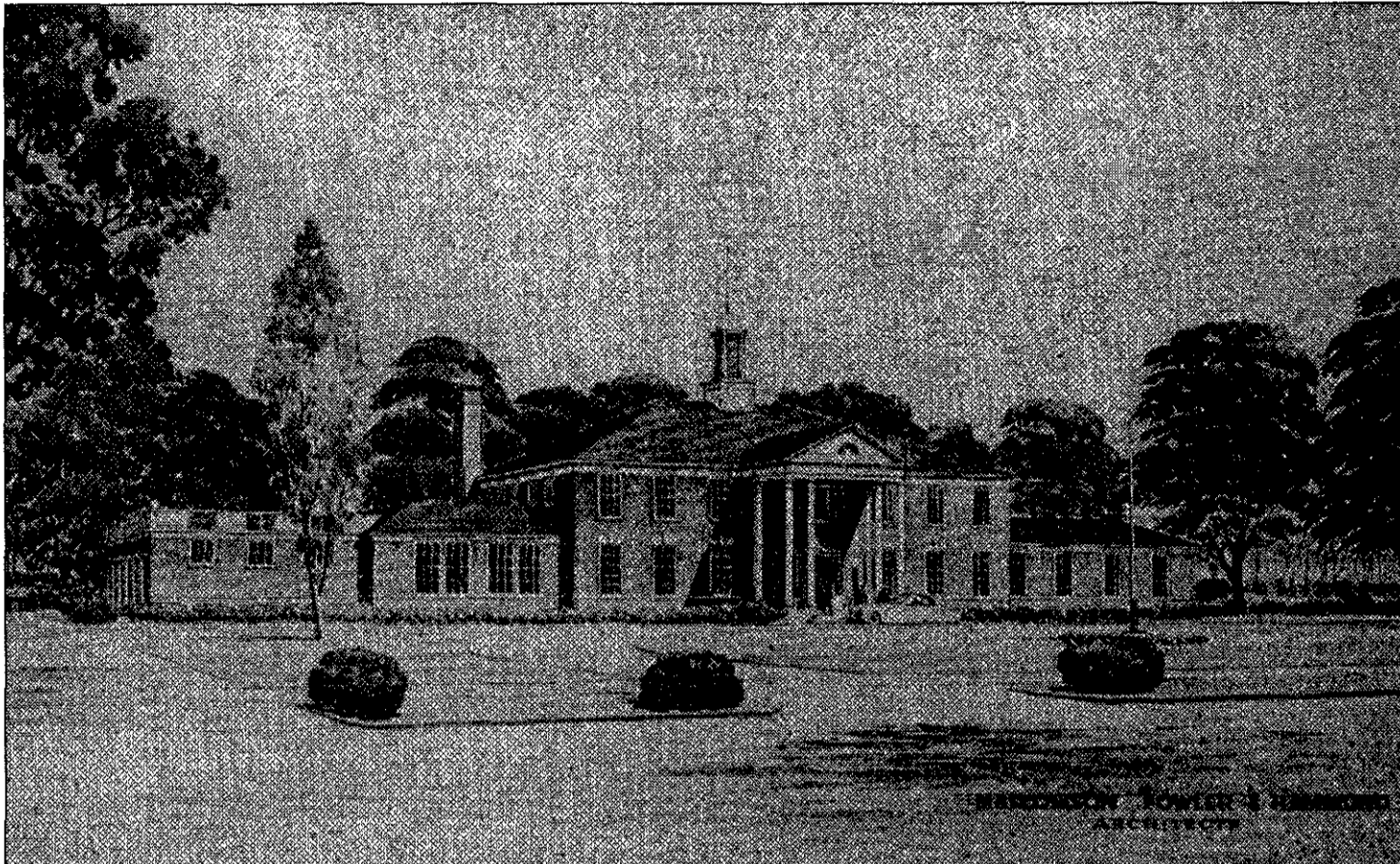
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Yesterday's headlines



1957: If you build it, they will come

If Woods voters give the green light by approving a \$475,000 bond issue, construction of the above municipal building will begin in Ghesquiere Park between Hamilton and Kenmore. The new building is badly needed because of the crowded conditions in the present municipal building. (From the March 28, 1957 issue of the Grosse Pointe News.)

1957

50 years ago this week

◆ **NEW LIGHTS INSTALLED ON PARK STREETS:** The last phase of streetlight installation in Grosse Pointe Park will begin in April. The project, which is expected to be completed by September, will add an additional 147 street lights in the Park on top of the 791 lights already installed.

Detroit Edison is absorbing the cost of the project, and Park residents are expected to pay slightly higher electrical costs because of the upgraded lights.

◆ **KRAUSMAN BROTHERS**

GAS STATION VANDALIZED: City of Grosse Pointe police are investigating the smashing of a show window at Krausman Brothers Gulf at the corner of Cadieux and Kercheval.

Police said vandals hurled a brick through the window, which was found inside the station. Nothing was reported missing and the cash register near where the brick was found was left untouched.

◆ **PARKING LOT BEHIND JACOBSON'S GETS OK:** The attendant parking lot behind Jacobson's department store in the Village was given final permanent approval after a several-month trial.

The City of Grosse Pointe council extended the permanent addition of the attendant-

operated lot to include all parking area 5.

Presently, a barrier from an adjoining metered parking lot separates the lot. When weather permits, the barrier will be removed and the meters removed, making the entire block attendant-operated with a capacity for 119 vehicles.

1982

25 years ago this week

◆ **GYPSY MOTHS A CONCERN IN POINTES:** Pointe officials are concerned that a Gypsy Moth infestation will affect plants and trees in the Pointes. The moth, whose larvae mature into caterpillars, feast on plants.

The plant species favored by the insect include some 500

trees and shrubs. The insects go through five eating stages, and only leave the area when the leaves are nearly devoured.

The state of Michigan has a plan to trap the caterpillars by using a sticky substance at the base of trees where the larvae attach.

◆ **WOODS FREEZES PAY RAISES:** Citing the state's economic condition and expected revenue shortfalls, the Grosse Pointe Woods city council decided to freeze compensation levels for its two top officials for the 1981-82 fiscal year.

The council decided that salaries for the city's comptroller and city manager would not be increased.

Holding the line on salaries was not an attempt to force out any employees, rather a direct response to the city's need to hold down costs in areas it has

direct control.

◆ **PARTY HONORS IRMA D'HONDT:** A retirement party was held by Jacobson's department store for Irma D'Hondt, known affectionately as "Mrs. Pete."

D'Hondt, who has worked at Jacobson's for 37 years, helped the store win four first prizes in the Grosse Pointe and Eastern Michigan Horticulture Society competitions for retail establishment beautification.

Jacobson's named its formal gardens behind the store "D'Hondt Way" in 1974 in honor of Julius D'Hondt, Irma's husband, who was the store's first maintenance man.

1997

10 years ago this week

◆ **DRIVERS ED BECOMES TOUGHER:** Teen drivers will have to face a graduated licensing system to obtain a driver license after state lawmakers OK'd a plan to approve first-time drivers.

Graduated licensing is a step-by-step process designed to help young drivers gain the knowledge and skill to operate a motor vehicle.

The public act was passed because of concerns that the state's licensing process had become too lax in training beginning drivers.

◆ **RITE AID PROMISES UPGRADES:** Rite Aid pharmacy in the Hill shopping district in Grosse Pointe Farms is planning a building renovation to spruce up its appearance.

The chain, which acquired Perry Drug stores, is planning to renovate all the stores it acquired in the purchase. All three facades will be remodeled.

A door will be added on Kercheval, with a four-foot tall clock with a Roman numeral face extending out above the door.

The clock will be visible from both Kercheval and down the passageway.

2002

5 years ago this week

◆ **FENNEL FOUND GUILTY OF ANIMAL CRUELTY:** It took a Wayne County jury 26 hours to find Stephen Fennell of Grosse Pointe Woods guilty of willful and malicious destruction of an animal relating to the Grosse Pointe Hunt Club fire he set after igniting the barn with a firework.

Fennell faces nearly three years in prison for throwing the incendiary device into the barn for the purpose of "scaring the horses." He was found not guilty of arson, a 10-year felony.

◆ **SPRING CLEAN-UP DAY DEBUTS IN VILLAGE:** The Village business district hosted its first clean-up day. For two hours, Village employees and volunteers planted flowers, picked up trash and swept and cleaned sidewalks, alleys and parking lots.

Organizers also enlisted the help of local service organizations to assist in the effort. Village officials said the project was prompted by "awareness about keeping the Village clean," said Mike Kramer, village association president.

◆ **FARMS CONSULTS WITH LOCAL CLUBS ABOUT MACK/MOROSS:** Grosse Pointe Farms officials consulted with officials from the Neighborhood Club and the Grosse Pointe Public School System to see how best they can use the land it owns between Moross and the parking lot adjacent to Kroger.

The Farms has acquired land in the area over the last several years and is looking to put it to some civic use.

Neighborhood Club Director John Bruce said that athletic fields would relieve stress on other sites in the Pointes.

The Farms city council is planning for land use hearings in the near future to determine permanent use for the area.

— By John Lundberg



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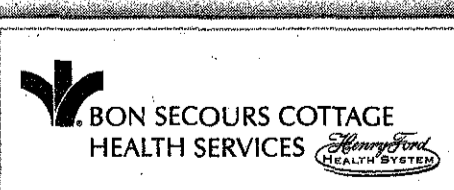
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HARBOR: Upgrades on the way

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Army Corps of Engineers, the other regulating agency that must sign off on the plan. Village Manager Mike Kenyon said that the last he heard was the corps was reviewing the plan. The corps did give the Shores tentative approval last December to begin renovations.

Regulators are charged with ensuring proposed construction won't harm the environment or contribute to problems that may already exist in the area.

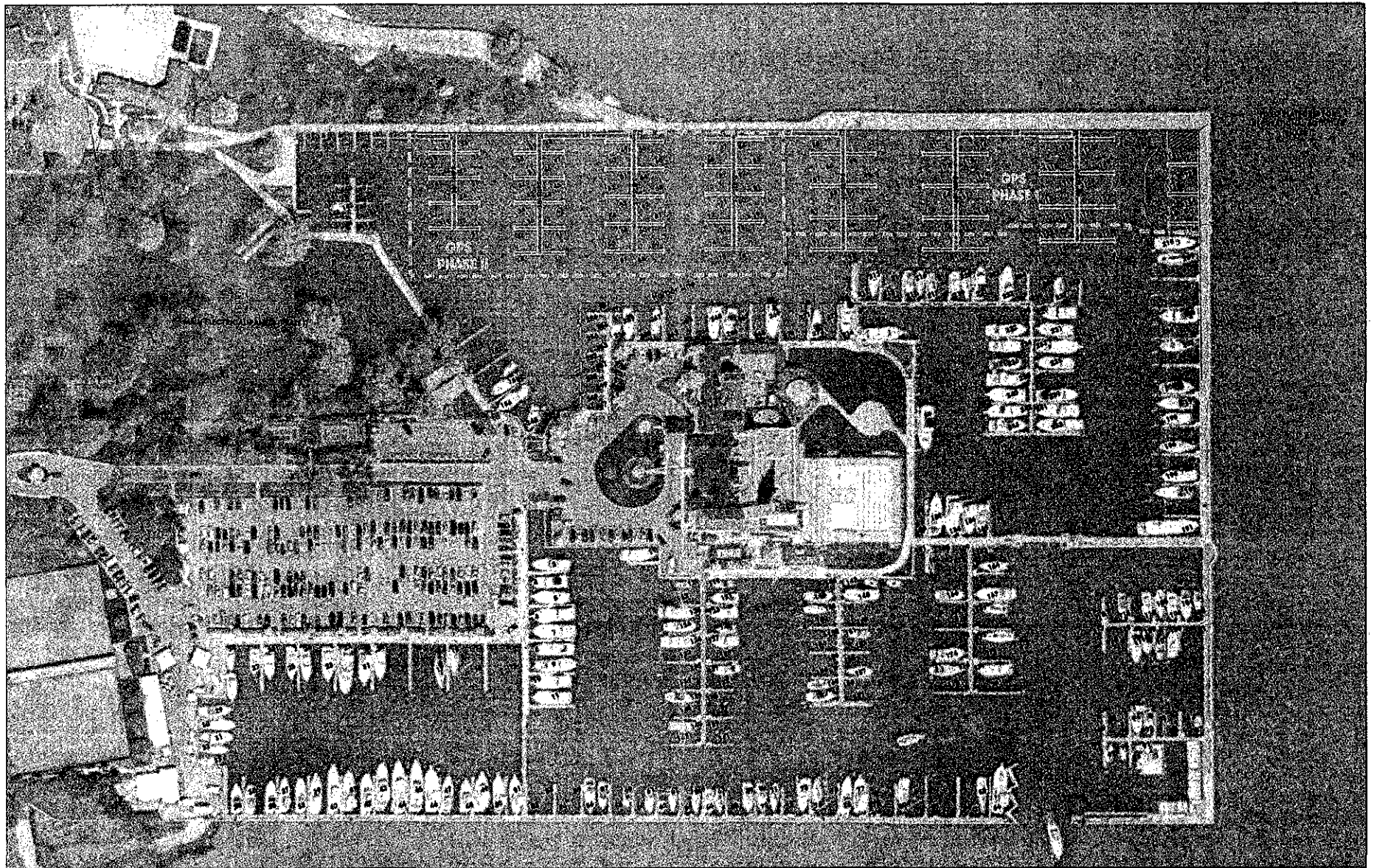
Shores officials also remain in close contact with Abonmarche Group, a waterfront engineering and architectural firm the Shores has contracted to coordinate the renovation.

The firm submitted the phase plan to reduce any possible disruption in the harbor renovation.

Kratz said phase III would be part of the harbor master plan, which would consider all possibilities of boating demands for the next decade and beyond.

"We're taking a 'what if' scenario in mind," he said. "Our goal is to ensure we have some flexibility in the future."

The present harbor is beset with a hodgepodge of boat slips sometimes having odd di-



Grosse Pointe Shores is moving ahead with its plans to get harbor renovations phases I and II underway, having secured approval from the Michigan's Department of Environmental Quality.

mensions, crooked navigation lanes between piers, crumbling breakwalls, wobbly docks and outdated utilities unfit to meet demands of mod-

ern boaters whose vessels feature many appliances.

Jim Cooke, Shores park and recreation director, said earlier that some well sizes will be al-

tered to accommodate larger vessels. He added that the Shores is "leaning" toward replacing the existing docks in the outer harbor with floating

docks.

Under the plan, the number of wells, now a total of 205, will likely decrease to 177, but Cooke said that will not have a

negative affect on the harbor. "The (outer harbor) will be completely reconfigured," Cooke said. "The footprint will remain the same."



PHOTO BY BOB ST. JOHN

The front porch of the Cook Schoolhouse will be built by J.K. Masonry, which won the bid it submitted to city council.

G.P. WOODS

Council says go ahead with porch expansion

By Bob St. John
Staff Writer

Another step, literally, was taken in the completion of Cook Schoolhouse, recently from Mack and Lochmoor to its new home in Ghesquiere Park.

City councilmembers approved J.K. Masonry to install a front porch at the schoolhouse at a cost not to exceed \$5,400.

"We have plans to get the out-

er part of the schoolhouse done before the baseball season starts," Woods Building Inspector Gene Tutag said. "J.K. Masonry has done some work to the schoolhouse already and we were very satisfied with the outcome."

The contractor will use brick recovered from the school and blend it with the matching brick.

"We (Tutag and historical so-

ciety members) tweaked the plans a little bit so the porch would adhere to our ordinances, but overall it should look as it did when it was built,"

Tutag said.

J.K. Masonry will receive \$2,700 now and the remaining \$2,700 balance within 10 days of completion.

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MARINA: Talks center around park

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The forum is open to all Grosse Pointe City residents and begins at 7 p.m. Monday April 2, in the City of Grosse Pointe's council chambers.

City residents are asked to have their specific rules, suggestions and opinions ready.

General comments toward the rules and regulations are welcome, but comments should be geared toward the application of a specific rule or regulation, not the operation of Neff Park. The committee will then prepare any recommended changes to the rules for consideration by the city council. Copies of current Marina Rules and Regulations are available on the City's Web site and at city hall. For more information, contact the City's parks and recreation office at (313) 343-5257.

GROSSE POINTE WOODS

Lake Front park receives swings

By Bob St. John
Staff Writer

Children can swing to their hearts' content this summer at Lake Front Park, on the northern edge of the city.

City council said "yes" to city Parks and Recreation Director Melissa Sharp to purchase one swing set with eight belt seats and one set with four tot seats from Engan-Tooley-Doyle and Associates for \$26,121.

There is \$27,000 budgeted for these items.

The swing set with the eight belt seats is \$5,340 and the swing with the four tot seats is \$3,231.

Other costs involved include the purchases of safety

mats and other items.

"This came up on our park bond meeting; so we decided it would be a good idea to get the new swings for the children to enjoy," councilmember Vicki Granger said.

During the past several years, the old sets of swings were removed because they didn't comply with current safety standards and were deteriorating, Sharp said.

She also said the removal of the swings was recommended by the city's insurance carrier.

The company has installed playground equipment in other parks, which has received positive input from residents.

The swing sets will be surrounded by soft safety mats to cut down on accidents.

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POINTER OF INTEREST

Grosse Pointe Farms native, **Andrea Roumell Dickson**, believes in the positive power of change. She recently left a high-power legal career for a high-profile position at Wayne State University.

A woman with a mission

By Carrie Cunningham
Special Writer

Andrea Roumell Dickson, a prominent lawyer and executive vice president and chief of staff at Wayne State University, is a mix of feminism and femininity.

Dickson is, if humble, a successful career woman, and loves the worth of her family and appreciates her ability to nurture as a woman.

A product and believer in progressive values, she said she respects the pioneering women who came before her and blazed the way for women to have a role in a largely male-dominated workplace. Simultaneously, she draws on feminine qualities through the ages to help her family.

Dickson grew up in Grosse Pointe Farms, where she still lives, and attended Grosse Pointe South, Smith College and Wayne State University Law School.

As a high school student, Dickson witnessed her father, George Roumell, a lawyer, argue a Detroit school integration case in front of the Supreme Court. She traveled to Washington, DC and reported on it for South's Tower newspaper.

Seeing her father's passion for both the law and the principle of integration, Dickson said she was inspired to enter the legal profession. She has inherited from her father a liking of the law's possibilities for analyzing problems and advocating issues.

Dickson worked for her father's law firm, Riley and Roumell, and Detroit firm Butzel Long, in labor and employment law. She dealt mostly with discrimination cases

'Education changes lives. I believe the institution and this urban environment is one of the great hopes for the region.'

whether it was related to gender, age, race or national origin.

"I worked across the whole spectrum of labor and employment law. It's very strategic. It's like a jigsaw puzzle you're putting together," she said.

One facet of her career at Butzel Long was dealing with higher education cases. She has argued constitutional issues, affirmative action, free speech and tenure. She said the cases were intellectually appealing to her and led her to her current job at Wayne State.

Dickson has many roles at the university, mostly leading with marketing and communications efforts.

"I'm directly responsible in helping the university for its mission and planning," she said. "I am here to implement goals and direction."

Dickson believes her progressive values mesh with Wayne State's essence. "Education changes lives," she says. "I believe the institution and this urban environment is one of the great hopes for the region."

She cites the racial diversity of Wayne State as crucial to its success, saying the institution prides itself on unity across racial and ethnic lines.

Like its diversity, Wayne State has a plethora of disciplines that work alongside each other. For instance, the



PHOTO BY CARRIE CUNNINGHAM

Andrea Roumell Dickson, above, is a lawyer and executive vice president and chief of staff at Wayne State University.

engineering department works with the medical school on scientific research.

Dickson relishes the relationships she has developed at both Butzel Long and Wayne State.

She said many women mentored her while she was at Butzel Long and made her the lawyer she is today.

"I had a group of female attorneys who had a good 10 years on me. They befriended me and helped a great deal," she said. "They were more established, and they were generous."

Adding to this sentiment, Dickson said her general heroes in life are career women that started a generation before her. They had to endure more resistance than she has on the way to becoming a professional contributor, she said.

While she has been at Wayne

State only since September of 2006, Dickson says her colleagues "are amazing" and work together to ensure the right decisions are made.

Just as women helped her at Butzel Long, Dickson says she looks forward to mentoring colleagues at Wayne State. There are many whom she thinks have potential and will grow there.

Aside from her work at Wayne State, Dickson has a love of art, and expresses it by serving as vice chair of the Detroit Institute of Art's auxiliary committee that supports modern and contemporary art.

She also is involved in the political process and hosts fundraisers for Michigan gubernatorial and U.S. senatorial candidates.

Dickson has a dear affection for her family. Her husband Bart, a doctor, supports her career, and she hopes her daughters Alana at Brownell Middle School, and Alexandra at Harvard College, grow up into productive and beneficent adults.

She said she wants to instill in her daughters good values, namely to never become complacent and embrace the ever-changing reality of life.

While her professional life is focused in Detroit, Dickson said she appreciates Grosse Pointe for both its natural beauty and support system for working families.

Dickson's experience including work and family forces her to tailor her life and be disciplined.

She says she realizes she has had to work out a cumbersome balance between working at Wayne State and supporting her loved ones.

GROSSE POINTE PUBLIC LIBRARY

Undercover author makes appearance

By Beth Quinn
Staff Writer



Author Barbara Ehrenreich

The Grosse Pointe Public Library presents an evening with best selling author Barbara Ehrenreich at 7:30 p.m., Wednesday, April 18, at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore in Grosse Pointe Farms.

Ehrenreich is a well-known feminist, political essayist and social critic who tackles a range of issues. She is the author and co-author of 14 books including New York Times bestseller, "Nickled and Dimed: On (Not) Getting by in America," and "Bait and Switch: The (Futile) Pursuit of the American Dream."

For her most popular book, "Nickled and Dimed," Ehrenreich went undercover to experience the world of America's working poor. She spent two years working as a waitress, maid and Wal-Mart clerk.

"I heard her on the radio speak about her experience. She literally lived in a roach-infested hotel and scraped to get by," said Grosse Pointe Librarian Diana Howbert.

"Not only did she get behind the scenes but she also made strong friendships with her fellow workers."

Her latest book, "Dancing in the Streets: A History of Collective Joy," explores humanity's desire for collective joy, historically shown in ecstatic revels of feasting, costuming and dancing.

Ehrenreich is a contributing writer to dozens of magazines,

including The New York Times Magazine, Harper's and The Progressive.

Ehrenreich's honors include a grant for research and writing from the John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation in 1995, a Ford Foundation Award for Humanistic Perspectives on Contemporary Society, a Guggenheim Fellowship, and a National Magazine Award for Excellence in Reporting.

She earned a Ph.D. in biology from the Rockefeller University, a Bachelor of Arts from Reed College, and holds honorary degrees from several colleges and universities.

After the program, Ehrenreich will sign autographs. Books will be available for purchase.

Admission is free of charge, but a ticket is required. Tickets will be available to the public beginning Monday, April 2 at the Central branch.

Pointes for Peace to hold public forum

Pointes for Peace will hold a public forum at 7 p.m. Tuesday, April 3, at the Grosse Pointe Public Library Ewald Branch, 15175 Jefferson, Grosse Pointe Park.

Patricia Lay Dorsey, Grosse Pointe Farms resident, social worker, artist and writer, will present "Practicing Non-Violent Dialogue for Peace."

Dorsey will recount her experience of holding an 18-day vigil in front of the White House in July and August, 2006.

She hopes to offer "a more effective and peace-filled way to respond to situations that might have led to arguments in the past."

A licensed clinical social worker, Dorsey is also a visual artist and a widely known Internet blogger and activist for peace.

In 2002, she co-founded the Raging Grannies of Detroit, part of the international Raging Grannies movement

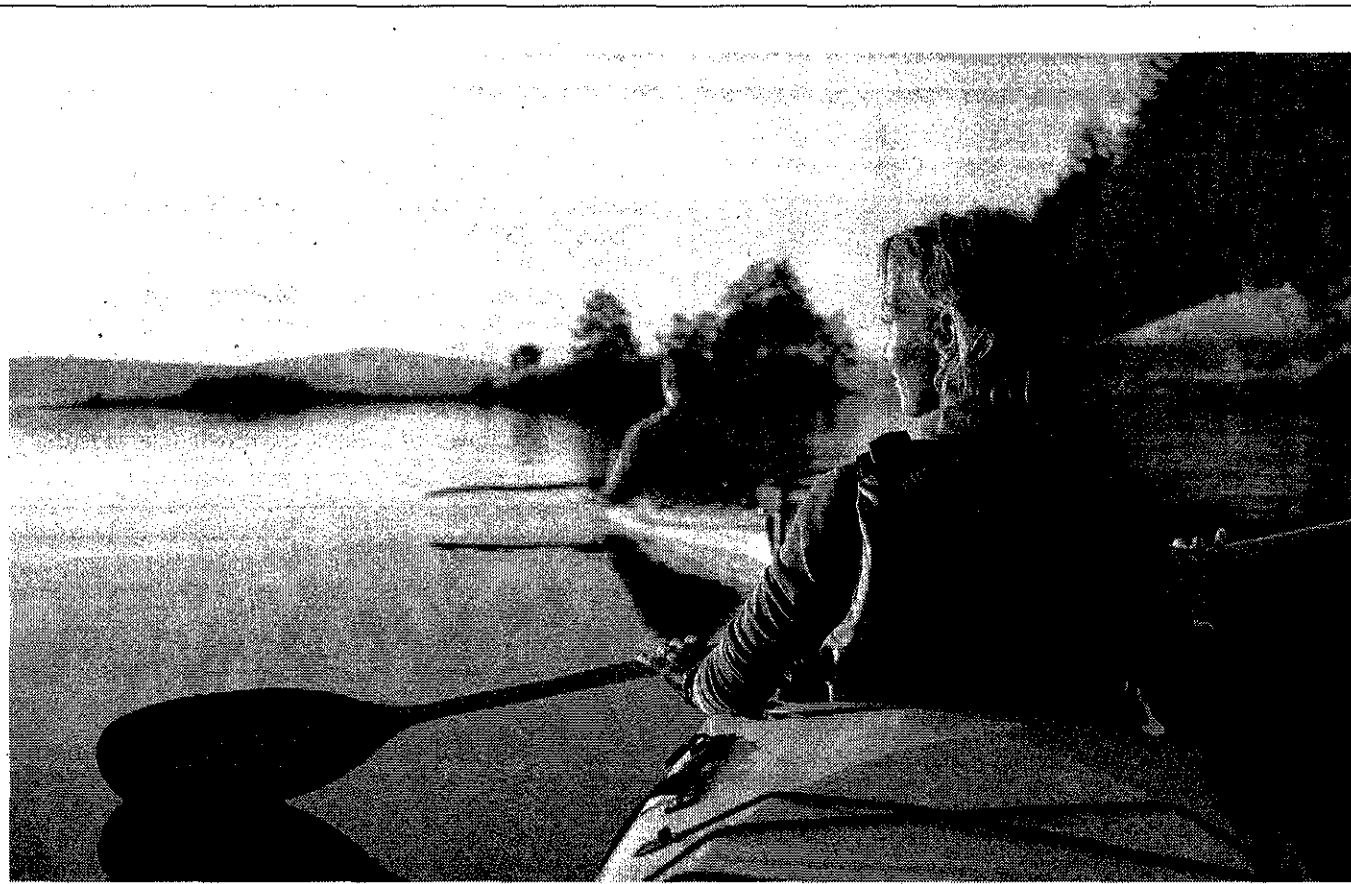
promoting peace through song.

In 2005, she traveled to Lebanon where she spoke about the American peace movement at Al Muntada, a center for Muslim-Christian dialogue in Beirut.

She and her husband, Ed, have lived in Grosse Pointe Farms since 1971.

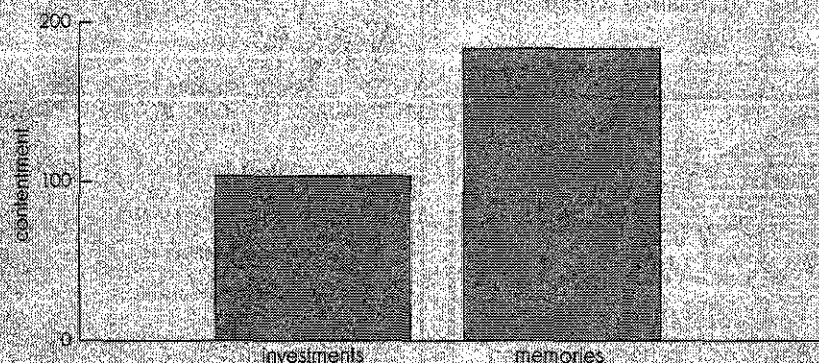
Pointes for Peace is a community-based group of east-siders and others who are committed to educating for conflict resolution and other strategies to work for peace on local, national and international levels. Membership and all programs are free of charge. All are welcome at Pointes for Peace weekly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

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G.P. WOODS

Easter egg hunt

The Grosse Pointe Business & Professional Association of Mack Avenue, in conjunction with Grosse Pointe Woods, is sponsoring a free Easter egg hunt from 11 a.m. to noon, Saturday, April 3, at Ghesquiere Park.

The event (rain or shine) is for children ages 2 to 8 and each child must be accompanied by an adult.

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The Kerby Elementary School fourth grade Webelos: (standing from left) Christian Neme, Jimmy Fennessy, Carter Harrison, Charlie Gabrion, David Newman and Den Leader Kurt Newman. Kneeling from left are Matthew Fleckenstein, Douglas Kubek and Coleman Harrison. (Not present: Jimmy Fildes.)

Pinewood derby is a big hit for Kerby scouts

Third-grader Mario Cupolo and fifth-grader Gordie Post will represent the Grosse Pointe Farms' Cub Scout Pack 481 in April at the district championships after the pack hosted its annual Pinewood Derby competition at Kerby Secondary School March 12.

Cupolo, of the Bear Den, emerged as the overall winner in the final event, followed by Post, a second year Webelo. Each car had to run at least

three heats in each competition with cumulative finishes used to determine the top performances.

Awards for best design and most innovative design were also presented to boys in each den, and every scout received a participant's trophy for their hard work.

Several fathers volunteered time helping set up and take down the track and running the evening's events including:

Thom Coyle, Chris Cornwall, Bob Dumouchelle, Dan Roeske, Tim Dafoe, Jim Babiarz, John Coluni, Dave Gross, John Cislo, Tony Cupolo, Jeff Trempus, Charlie Krasner and Marc Saubier. T.J. O'Herron of the school staff helped ensure the evening ran smoothly.

For more information about Kerby Pack 481 or the Cub Scouts, contact Ross Fleckenstein at (313) 882-2948.

GROSSE POINTE FARMS

Pier Park to go wireless

By John Lundberg
Staff Writer

There are many amenities at Pier Park in Grosse Pointe Farms. You have the pools, expansive green space for picnicking and games, a new community building, a harbor for boating enthusiasts and now wireless Internet for the computer crowd.

The Farms had planned to have wireless capabilities within the community building that opened in May, 2005. But once that was in place, Farms officials got to thinking that wireless coverage for the whole park, which is just under 16 acres in size, would be a welcome attraction, said Dick Huhn, Farms parks and recreation director.

"It's amazing how with the advances of technology allows for these things to happen," he said.

Wireless broadcasting allows computer users to access the Internet without the hassle of wires and dial-ups. Once the feed was established within the community building, the Farms then fed the

connection to an antenna on top of the building to service the entire park. But there were some feed problems.

It turned out the strength of the antenna's signal did not extend out to the outer harbor, to the frustration of boaters and others who frequent the area. Farms officials then decided to use an existing conduit pipe under the walkway to feed connection wires for a new antenna and speakers for a public address system.

The additional antenna should provide almost full wireless reception for the park and allow Internet connection in the maintenance office and gatehouse, Huhn said.

He added that the antenna and public address system should be ready to go by May 1 at the latest.

Shane Reeside, Farms city manager, said the public address system was conceived to provide both an emergency and convenience communication apparatus for residents in the harbor. He said the costs were factored in with the con-

'It's amazing how with the advances of technology allows for these things to happen.'

struction of the community building.

"It is a project for the benefit of the (park users)" Huhn said. "There were some bugs that needed to be cleared out. We plan to have (the new components) up and running soon."

Huhn added that even with the number of large trees at Pier Park, the Internet feed has been generally good.

Reeside said there are no current plans to offer wireless capabilities to the Hill business district, though he said he wouldn't be surprised if some businesses offer it to their customers.

Huhn said the next step after acquiring the necessary wires to extend through the conduit is contacting a firm to install it.

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Commander on board

Members of the 727 Club hosted a dinner for, from left, Commander Terry Takats, Lt. Zach Merritt and Master Chief of the Boat Wayne Lassiter sailing aboard the U.S.S. Michigan (SSGN 727) out of Bangor, Wa. The 560-foot-long nuclear submarine's crew is supported by the local club. The trio was welcomed to the dinner at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial on Friday, March 23, by Beth Brackett, who is the War Memorial's veterans' program coordinator. The Michigan can also carry two submersibles and a 66-man platoon of Navy SEALs, Takats said. The 19,000-ton craft can stay underwater for 90 days and is only limited in that time by the amount of food it can carry for its 25 officers and 140 crew members. See Ben Burns' column on page 9A for the story.

GROSSE POINTE WOODS

Notary service is free of charge

By Bob St. John
Staff Writer

Free is the magic word. Grosse Pointe Woods residents will receive free notary services, but non-residents have to pay \$10.

The measure was unanimously approved by city council during a regular March meeting.

"It's a good service to provide to the residents of our community,"

Woods City Clerk Lisa Hathaway said, "Any little thing we can give our residents is a bonus."

Residents can visit city hall and have a notary sign any official documents, including contracts, deeds, affidavits, bills of exchange and depositions.

Gail Ratliff, assistant to the city clerk, submitted a survey to Michigan clerks to find out what notary services their cities provide to residents.

Hathaway sent Mayor Robert Novitke and city councilmembers a letter discussing Ratliff's findings.

Of the 89 communities that responded, 16 apply various charges to their residents and seven provide free services to residents and charge non-residents.

Only two of the 89 communities do not provide notary services to the public.

Grosse Pointe Shores was one of the responding commu-

nities that provides free notary services.

City hall is located at 20025 Mack Plaza and the phone number is (313) 343-2431.

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For more information about the walk, call Dorothy at (248) 483-4374.

Green is the City's color

By John Lundberg
Staff Writer

Tree hugging was the order of business before the Grosse Pointe City Council Monday night.

"I guess you would have to call this meeting our green (or tree) meeting," said City Manager Peter Dame.

Items of eco-buisness included:

◆ The National Arbor Day Foundation for the first time recognized the City with its Growth Award for its high standard of excellence for Tree City U.S.A.

The award recognizes communities that effectively manage their public tree resources by meeting four standards: having a tree department, a tree ordinance, a forestry budget and an Arbor Day observation by proclamation.

◆ The City was also awarded a state tree grant of \$7,500 for the planting of new trees to offset the loss of ash trees destroyed by the emerald ash borer.

To be eligible, the council approved moving its tree planting season from the fall to this spring because the grant stipulates that planting must be completed by August 31.

Frank Schulte, City public service supervisor, recommended the planting of 60 trees this spring to take full advantage of the grant. The cost to plant the trees is \$16,320,

with the balance coming from the unexpended tree removal fund. The 60 trees will replace the green ash trees identified as infested with the ash borer.

"We're basically doing our fall planting in the spring," Schulte said.

◆ While replacement tree locations are still being identified, the council approved a \$16,320 bid by Marine City Nursery for the planting of new City right-of-way trees that were lost to the ash boer. Schulte said the City has contracted with the company the past four years and labeled their services as excellent.

The monies will be drawn from the City's Major and

Local Street Highway fund.

◆ To combat the future loss of ash trees, the council approved a \$14,420 bid by Arbor Pro Tree service to inject city-owned ash trees with a pesticide to kill the ash borer before it can infect them. Schulte said of the 309 trees injected last year, only two were lost to the ash borer, and those were in poor condition to start with.

The pesticide lasts in the tree's cambium layer for about a year.

Schulte added that the tree planting program is designed to ensure the City's diverse tree population, which includes some 20 different varieties.

Relay for Life fundraiser

Team 131 Kercheval, an American Cancer Society Relay for Life group, is sponsoring a fundraiser between 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. on Tuesday, April 3. It will be on the lower level of 131 Kercheval.

The eight team members will be selling sterling silver jewelry and gifts.

Team members, who have participated in a number of Relay for Life events, will be walking in Relay for Life of Grosse Pointe from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, May 19, and 20, in Pier Park, 350 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms.

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EDITORIAL

'Business as usual' — CEO

In a private interview with the Grosse Pointe News, Bon Secours Cottage Health Services President and CEO Jeffrey Collins confirmed that four health systems — Oakwood, Beaumont, Ascension (St. John) and the Detroit Medical Center — have all expressed interest in acquiring the Grosse Pointe-based health care provider. A fifth provider, Henry Ford, already owns 30 percent of Bon Secours Cottage and is a de facto interested party. Marriottsville, Md.- based Bon Secours Health System, which owns 70 percent of Bon Secours Cottage, has decided to seek a large, southeast Michigan health system to purchase its Michigan operations, which have been losing money during the past several years. While Bon Secours Cottage is large in itself, it is hoped that by being purchased by a larger southeast Michigan health services provider, the Grosse Pointe properties can enjoy economies of scale and bargaining clout that they do not currently have.

Budget woes have not prevented Bon Secours Cottage from making improvements and keeping up. Since 2002, Bon Secours Hospital has invested \$26.3 million in a new and expanded emergency department, a state-of-the-art critical care center, a 64-slice CT scanner and other imaging technology and up-to-date medical information systems. Cottage has invested \$6.8 million in a women's diagnostic center, a radiation oncology center and medical information technology.

Bon Secours Cottage Health System was formed in 1998 with the merger of Bon Secours Hospital in the City and Cottage Hospital in the Farms, along with their affiliated properties, including the Bon Secours Nursing Center in St. Clair Shores. At the time, Cottage was owned by Henry Ford Health System. The merger gave each of the participating health systems their respective shares in Bon Secours Cottage Health Services. The Sisters of Bon Secours arrived in Detroit in 1909. In 1924, they purchased a farmhouse and four acres at Jefferson and Cadieux. Due to the Great Depression, the building of the hospital was delayed until Dec. 7, 1941 — coincidentally Pearl Harbor Day — when the cornerstone was laid.

The smallpox epidemic of 1918 was the impetus for the founding of Cottage Hospital. To treat the many ill due to the outbreak, the Mutual Aid Society and Neighborhood Club — comprised of the wives and daughters of industrialists — purchased a "cottage" on Oak Street (now Muir Road), and Cottage Hospital was born.

Today, Bon Secours Hospital has 290 licensed beds, and Cottage has 123 beds. Both hospitals have developed their own niches. Most people know, for example, that minor emergencies are best treated at Cottage while Bon Secours is the place to go for more serious conditions. The almost self-directed triage system has evolved through education, advertising and personal experience throughout the years.

The two hospital campuses now complement one another rather than compete, thus reducing needless duplication of expensive equipment and services in such close proximity.

Today, Bon Secours Cottage Health Services has 2,100 employees and some 1,200 volunteers. At one time, Grosse Pointers' loyalties were strongly divided between Bon Secours and Cottage, but today many volunteers work at both facilities. A sense of camaraderie has developed. A Cottage volunteer organization, for example, has donated money for the Healing Garden planned for Bon Secours Hospital.

Mr. Collins said that while many Bon Secours Cottage employees were saddened when the proposed sale was first announced, they have now adjusted and look forward to the new opportunities a large, local health system will offer. He said there has been no turnover since the announcement. Bon Secours Cottage continues to recruit and sign on new doctors, he said.

Commenting on the sale, Mr. Collins said prospective buyers have been pleasantly surprised at the size and scope of Bon Secours Hospital.

"All (prospective purchasers) see this as an acute care hospital, and they see great care being offered here and a great asset to the community," he said. "They all want to see it survive and continue operating as is."

Summing up what Bon Secours Cottage Health Services is going through and what it means to its employees, patients and residents, Mr. Collins said the Grosse Pointe health care provider will continue its mission to the community — meaning business as usual by taking care of its patients.

We are heartened to hear Mr. Collins' words of optimism. Both Bon Secours and Cottage have been as much a part of the Grosse Pointes as have been the grand homes on Lakeshore, Lake St. Clair, our great public schools and municipal services and the wonderful, generous people who make up an unique community.

As Bon Secours Cottage Health Services adapts and survives to meet the challenges of the 21st century, so do we.

PHIL HANDS



LETTERS

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Privatization made public

To the Editor:
At the end of the Grosse Pointe Board of Education special meeting of the Grosse Pointe Public School System on March 19, school board President Brendan Walsh said we (the board) didn't have to do this in public. The meeting was about privatization of the custodians of the school system.

President Walsh's comment came after probably the largest attendance of residents to a public meeting of the school system. Almost all of the residents' comments were against privatization of the custodians.

During the meeting, several of the residents urged the school board to listen to the residents. One of the speakers was a member of the Grosse Pointe Woods City Council. She made it very clear that the school board should listen to the residents as the council does.

For President Walsh to say all seven of the school board members did not have to meet in public and did not have to listen to the residents is the height of arrogance.

President Walsh is the person who wanted to move the public comments on non-ac-

tion items from the start of the meetings to the end of the meetings. This was done about 1 a.m. when almost no one was present at a non-televised board meeting.

President Walsh is the person who did away with the committees where the residents could come and listen to the Grosse Pointe Board of Education do the business of the Grosse Pointe Public School System and make comments.

President Walsh has said that the residents can communicate with the school board via e-mail, phone and letter. This is true, but how can the residents communicate when they do not have the information that used to come from the public committee meetings?

President Walsh is also the person who did away with the third meeting of the month that was a work session where the residents could come and listen to the school board do the work of the school system in public and make comments. This meeting was generally held from 6 to 10 p.m.

Deliberations of the school board seem to be less and less public. So President Walsh's comment that the board did not have to make the privatization of custodial services meeting public seems to take "pub-

lic" out of "publicly elected board."

CHARLES COLLINSON
Grosse Pointe Park

Privatization safety issues

To the Editor:
I would take exception to being referred to as a "doting parent," in the Grosse Pointe News biased editorial (Privatization is not a joke," March 22), if that is not exactly what I am.

The term, however, was not meant to classify myself and the other parents who spoke as concerned and loving parents. It was meant to downplay and demean our argument and concern over the safety of our children.

I also spoke at the Grosse Pointe Board of Education meeting, both as a parent and a professional. As did the Grosse Pointe News, I too did some research on the issue of privatization. The Grosse Pointe News chose not to print specifics as to the "track record" of Sodexo and Aramark as it relates to the employees it hires.

Your paper correctly points out that even school districts, sometimes hire employees with problematic backgrounds.

We are not however, talking about other districts, only this one.

The real track record here is the stability of our custodial staff, many of whom have served for more than 10 years. We now know them as safe and reliable.

Undesirable employees can always slip through the cracks. This, however has not happened in our schools.

At Richard Elementary School there have been three

different Sodexo food service employees since the program began. If they were such a good employer, why the high turnover?

The March 22 Grosse Pointe News editorial cartoon of custodial employees putting district money in the garbage was particularly offensive.

To imply that these hard-working employees are not entitled to a decent pension for their long service is egregious.

Lastly, this is a move by the school board to save money. Let just one bad instance occur here and watch how many of us flock to other districts or private schools.

Now how much money did you save? Can you spell recall?
DANIEL ALLEN
Grosse Pointe Farms

Devalued working class

To the Editor:
The political cartoon in the March 22 Grosse Pointe News depicting a Grosse Pointe public school custodial engineer as gruff and obese is offensive, demoralizing and wrong.

What the March 22 Grosse Pointe News editorial, "Privatization is not a joke," did not state is that Sodexo's contractual practices are nothing but a bait-and-switch tactic.

Sodexo is offering the custodial engineers a 2 percent raise, but if they follow their normal procedures, the contract will be renegotiated to "competitive wages," or minimum wage.

The Grosse Pointe News toes the line with our local and national power brokers who devalue the working class.

JAMES GROSSE
Grosse Pointe Farms

OFFERING FROM THE LOFT

Debris from 'The Loft'

While being fairly homebound of late, I have had the luxury of time to revise ideas that have been rambling in my brain for a long time.

I would like to speak with Emily Post to inquire about her reasoning for requiring certain thank you notes. Specifically, why is it in bad taste for EVERY kindness not to be acknowledged by the written word?

For instance, if one receives a sympathy note following a death, surgery or another personal tragedy, it makes no sense to me to have the bereaved burdened with writing an immediate response. He/she is sick or grieving and an expression of sympathy has been gratefully received. When he/she wishes to respond, it can be handled at the discretion of the recipient by

written word or telephone. Prompt written responses are often difficult or impossible when one is incapacitated. Exceptions to this would be acknowledging contributions to charities, food or flowers or extraordinary gestures. It is, after all, the intent of those offering solace to show compassion to others, not to expect a hand written note when one is ill or suffering physical or emotional pain.

I would like to suggest to those persons in charge of choosing names for various American-made vehicles that they begin their PR with US citizens by choosing American names. GOOD STRONG NAMES. Cherokee, Liberty, Mustang, Explorer are good names.

What do we have in common with — "Lucerne, Rendezvous, Monte Carlo, and Grand Prix, etc.?"

We shouldn't have to reach

out to other continents for inspiration to sell our products.

And what's with all the numbers and letters? SEL, SSL, LTO, LS@*^@#\$ MXR's etc.

On a positive note, a 10-year-old boy I know asked his mom who was singing on the radio last week. She asked why he wanted to know and he replied that that lady had a really cool voice and he just couldn't get enough of her sound.

Seems my grandson shares his love and appreciation for one of the greatest, Ella. What a relief he isn't seduced by the strobe lights, fancy footwork, brief costumes and the majority of no talent "singers" flooding the markets these days.

Come on kids, let's listen to some real music!

While the daily routines in our lives have been in definite detour mode for the past few months, we have a deeper ap-

preciation for those things we have nonchalantly taken for granted.

Being able to dress and feed oneself, bathe without assistance, write a note or check, drive a car, all formerly easily accomplished now become daily goals and victories. We are glad to have each other, family and friends while my spouse travels the road to recovery.

We have only to glance to our right or our left or to listen to the news to realize how blessed we are and how minor our tiny temporary setbacks. Our hearts overflow with admiration and love for those fighting their personal battles with remarkable courage.

Let's prepare to unleash all the pent-up energy we've been storing under the sloppy gray stuff in our yards and look forward to the tulips and daffodils that are about to seduce us once again.

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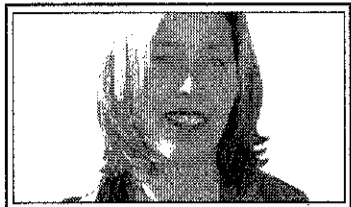
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It's not really clutter — it's 'keepables'



Clutter. What is the deal with clutter? It is said that people who have clutter are creative but also that the clutter is simply unfinished projects. Well, OK, we like the first part about being creative but hey — unfinished projects? Should we resent that? Are they saying we are lazy? And what do they mean simply unfinished? That sounds like we got bored and just lost interest... oh wait, that sounds bad for us and it is probably right. Scratch that. Just because something is sitting around gathering dust doesn't mean we don't have good intentions and want to finish it. OR that we actually have lost interest in it but we keep it around just in case and think that if the interest comes back we will pick it up right where we left off. (Insert inno-

cent smile here). This is a strategy we like to call "just in case". We know we need to get rid of clutter and we say it will help create the space for new things to come in (attention shoppers: that last line meant new things as in opportunities not something new from the store). We justify clutter and put up with it for the most part, then when someone comes over we act like the clutter appeared only minutes before they walked in and with an Academy Award-Winning performance, we tell our company, "Please excuse the mess, the maid has the day off." Yeah, right. She might have the day off but it isn't because she works at your place!

We position our clutter so we can weave through it, creating a path - you say obstacle course, I say path - because we don't want to bump into it since that would only make us yell obscenities then feel the need to move it, clean it or store it.

And speaking of storing it; don't you just love the idea that we have so much stuff that doesn't fit in our house that we have to pay money to "store"

the clutter; oops, I mean keepables (no, that isn't actually a word but it fits for the moment) in another building?

Seriously, if our garage is full and our basement is bulging with "stuff," like five pounds of dirt in a three-pound bag, what could be so important that we have to store it somewhere? Isn't that just cluttering up another location?

Well, maybe it isn't but you gotta love America where someone had the bright idea to get some land and put up dividers creating spaces for people to store their extra things. What genius to think of building a place and getting money for it because we have a bad habit of keeping too much stuff! Pure genius! But seriously, wouldn't it be much easier to clean it out or give it away? Or better yet have a garage sale and make some extra cash?

I recently saw a magazine article about clutter and in it was a quiz you could take that would help you determine your clutter personality. Huh? Our clutter has a personality? There is more than one type of clutter? Isn't my clutter just clutter?

That is way too complicated. I mean really, isn't it just crap in a corner?

I think of it as my own organized chaos, you know, the creative kind... not buying it eh? Fine. I have excuses just like everyone else, my house is too small, the rooms are too small, don't worry I know where it is... blah, blah, blah. All are simply excuses not to clean it up, though none are very legitimate.

Now I know you are sitting here reading this thinking, she has clutter and is admitting it right here in print for the entire world to read? Don't get too smug until you look around your own place, and if you can look around and not see clutter of any kind well, Brava, I say to you and then I also say let loose, live a little. A little clutter won't kill you. It can be a new way to look outside the box at things that would normally be in a box.

I haven't gone out and bought new shelves to organize my clutter that will only need dusting later. Instead, I went to the library and looked up books on clutter, many of

which give us advice on how to declutter. These books say to write a list, create a game plan, keep a journal and take pictures. Huh? Ok, I am a photographer and I love to take pictures; however, I probably won't be taking them of clutter (unless it's for a magazine shoot).

While those are all good ideas doesn't that just distract you from cleaning the clutter? These books give you methods on how to declutter then give suggestions for staying that way. They also give you strategies. Strategies? Why do we need a strategy? It is not like the clutter has a mind of its own and will multiply like rabbits if we don't come up with a strategy to outwit it... is it?

OK, that is a bit scary. Clutter that creates more of itself while we sleep. Brrrrghhh.

There are even seminars and workshops on how to clear clutter. Seminars? I mean really, how big a menace is this clutter thing? What I want to know is if we have self-cleaning ovens and self-defrosting refrigerators, why hasn't some one come up with a self-clean-

ing declutter machine?

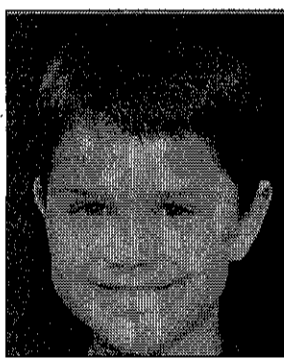
I once read that clutter is a lack of organization. What! You can't have clutter and not be organized. Ok, stop laughing. I guess it depends on your clutter. I have a bad habit of putting things on my table and letting them pile up until, in order to find something, I have to do a bit of digging. Then I believed if I got a fancy basket I would become organized enough to put the things in there that I wanted or needed to keep and my table would remain free of clutter. (Oh, I love a good intention.) I got a fancy basket and it has things in it, but guess what? My table apparently has a magnetic quality I knew nothing about until now because it has the capability to attract things. And all this time I thought it was only a table.

I am no expert on how to be clutter-free and I am not knocking the books, they're great. It all looks good on paper. But who has the energy or time to tackle any of these solutions? Well, we probably would if we cleaned out the clutter and created a new space... wink wink.

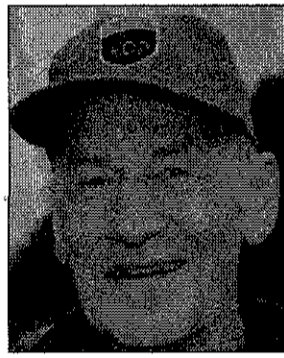
STREETWISE By Renee Landuyt

How do you think the Tigers will do this year?

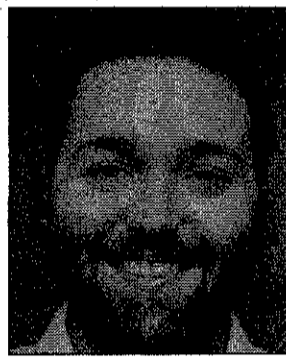
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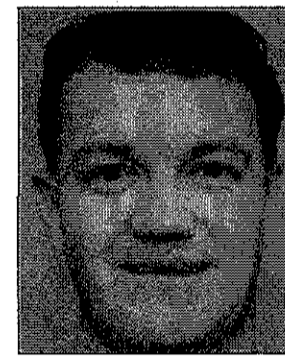
"I think they'll do good because this year they're going to win the World Series."
MICHAEL LANDUYT
Grosse Pointe Park



"I hope they'll go all the way this year."
STAN WILLIAMS
Mount Clemens



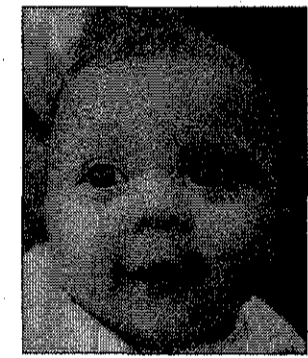
"The Tigers are going to rock this year. With such great fans and a great team they will go all the way."
SEAN WAGNER
Lansing



"I think they'll make the playoffs but lose in the ALCS."
[American League Championship Series]
TOM WILLIAMS
Chesterfield



"Who? Just kidding, we will go all the way of course!"
TONY TIGER
Detroit



"They will do great and when I grow up I want to work at Comerica Park."
CECILIA STEPHENS
City of Grosse Pointe

FYI By Ben Burns

USS Michigan's commander comes ashore



If you stood the 560-foot-long nuclear submarine USS Michigan (SSGN 727) on end, it would still be 113 feet taller than the golden tower of the Fisher Building in midtown Detroit.

Its top officer, Commander Terry Takats, was in town last week to thank members of the 727 Club at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial for their support for 300 personnel who man the 27-year-old Ohio class U-boat that sails out of Bangor, Wa., west of Seattle.

Asked whether he could sail the Michigan, the third boat in U.S. Naval history to bear the name, up the Great Lakes, Takats said no. There is a treaty with Canada that the Navy will not sail submarines in the lakes, he said.

Of course, there is a more compelling reason. Its draft is 38 feet and it couldn't navigate some of the dredged channels in the lakes.

The Michigan has recently been converted from an intercontinental missile weapon-carrier to one that fires Tomahawk cruise missiles that are guided to land based targets from a position at sea. It now carries 150 such missiles, Takats reported.

It can also carry two submarines and a 66-man platoon of Navy SEALs, Takats said. The 19,000 ton craft can stay underwater for 90 days and is only limited in that time by the amount of food that it can carry for its 25 officers and 140 crew members. It has two crews — called inexplicably,

the Blue and the Gold — and in the future, replacement crews will be flown out to the sub at a distant port rather than returning the craft to its home port.

One of the 727 Club members — obviously with Spartan roots — suggested perhaps they should designate the two crews of the \$2 billion submarine, the Green and the White, but got no reaction from Takats.

If you are interested in becoming a member of the 727 Booster Club, contact club coordinator at the war memorial at (313) 881-7511 or e-mail him at 727club@warmemorial.org. Individual memberships start at \$150 and annual dues are \$72.70.

"The mission of the 727 Club is to adopt the United States Naval Vessel, USS Michigan, and its complement of naval personnel," the Web site states. Members help provide college educations for crew members and local support for Navy recruiting.

Young Scholar

Tommy McBrien, an eighth-grader at St. Paul Middle School, is a scholar, an athlete, a math whiz, a musician and now an essayist.

The son of Michael and Anne McBrien of the Farms, he has attended St. Paul — one of only 239 in the nation to be named a Blue Ribbon School last year — since kindergarten. He has never gotten below a 4 point average.

Earlier this year, he was awarded a James and Jeanette Fikany Rotary Book Scholarship by the Grosse Pointe Rotary.

Their citation read in part: "Tommy is on the Leadership Council, the forensic team and the Science Olympiad. He takes honors English, math

and Spanish and plays on the basketball, tennis and soccer teams. He has volunteered at Gleaner's Food Bank in Detroit through his church and has been an altar server since the fourth grade."

Tommy scored in the top 2 percent nationally in the Wordmasters' competition, placed in the Michigan Math League competition and has trained in classical piano for seven years.

He received the highest marks possible in the Michigan school band and orchestra competition and has played piano in the Detroit Symphony Orchestra's Donor Lounge.

Tommy had an essay on St. Paul published in the community section of the Detroit Free Press last month.

He said in part: "My favorite aspect of our school is the atmosphere and sense of community. After being at the school for so long, you can just walk down a hallway and know almost all of the people you see. You feel connected somehow, as if you have a huge network of friends. It's a comfortable, loving and close environment. People are always telling me how they made all their friends in high school, but I have a feeling I will still be close with many of the people with whom I go to school right now."

The Fikany Book Scholarships provide a middle school student with a \$50 gift card to a local book store and a certificate which can be redeemed for \$500 worth of books when the youth attends college.

The scholarships are named in memory of James Fikany, a local Realtor, and Jeanette, his wife. They were committed to eastside communities and sup-

ported school sports, arts and charitable organizations.

Anyone want to take bets on whether Tommy McBrien will win more scholarships as he continues through high school?

Kenai

For more than six years, Kenai, a regal-looking Bernese Mountain dog, reigned over the backyard that backs up to Fifth Third Bank on the Hill. Kenai was probably the

largest Berner in the Pointes and tipped the scales somewhere north of 150 lbs.

Our Berner, Mousé, and I used to stop and call Kenai out to the fence and slip him an occasional cookie.

You may have seen Kenai in a Thanksgiving Parade where Berners marched with their owners.

Owner, Mike Starrs, of the Farms, told me last week that Kenai had died suddenly. We will miss the gentle giant.

Eh!

I'll bet you didn't know that 30 million Canadians purchase 14 million packs of chewing gum a week, according to Wrigley's marketing folks.

A CBC radio announcer, at 89.9 on your FM dial, tested that claim by asking individuals if they had a stick of gum and reported seven out of 10 that he asked were carrying. That gives you something to chew on.

Points about the Pointes

The International Baccalaureate Program... is Macomb County leaving us in the dust?



Monday's Detroit News had some disturbing news. It reported that the Macomb Intermediate School District is implementing the gold standard in education, the globally based International Baccalaureate Program (IB).

The IB Program was started in Switzerland to solve the concerns of world roving diplomats in getting a consistent high quality education for their children. It has developed into an international program, the believers of which include Bloomfield Hills, Troy, Detroit Country Day,

and the world renowned International Academy, which is consistently in Newsweek's Top 10 U.S. High Schools.

The Macomb IB isn't stupid. They know that the cost of an IB Program will be more than covered by the \$7K per student school taxes that will transfer to them when students from adjoining districts choose to receive a world class education.

Our property values are based on our schools. Where does it leave us if Macomb is right?

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Local leaders network with their peers

By Bob St. John
Staff Writer

Wayne County Commissioner Tim Killeen, D-Grosse Pointe, spent several hours networking with his peers last week during the Michigan Suburbs Alliance's 2007 Regional Development Summit at the Ford Club in Dearborn.

"This is a great way to talk to city officials about their communities and what I can try to do to help them at the county level," Killeen said.

Presentations from Paul Schutt of Issue Media Group, Jim Townsend, executive director of the Tourism Economic Development Council, Michael Finney of Ann Arbor Spark, Bill Milliken Jr. of Milliken Realty Company and Doug Brown of ASTI Environmental discussed how to create demand for cities and regions through alternative narratives and regional branding efforts.

"Built-out cities in particular are finding they need new and innovative ways to communicate to not only developers, but potential businesses and residents," Michigan Suburbs Alliance Executive Director Conan Smith said. "This region is chock full of assets, and we've to get better at selling them."

The event focused on ways to create demand for cities and included opinions from some of the area's leading experts who spoke about marketing strategies and what developers look for in potential redevelopment projects.

"Marketing ourselves creatively and proactively is an essential part of the solution to our redevelopment challenge," Smith said. "Our cities are wonderful places, with urban landscapes, walkable streets, mixed-use development, and



diverse populations.

"They really are the future of this region. Making them vibrant, creating the communities that young people and innovative businesses desire, and communicating that outward is what will attract creative class companies to the region and secure our economic prosperity and quality of life."

Grosse Pointe Woods is doing its part to create a diverse business climate.

City officials are close to approving a zoning change on Mack that would change RO-1 (restrictive office) to commercial. Grosse Pointe Park's redevelopment efforts start with the razing of several dilapidated buildings on Jefferson and Mack.

"We want to get rid of those old, ugly buildings so we can



PHOTOS BY RENEE LANDUYT

Wayne County Commissioner Tim Killeen, D-Grosse Pointe, who represents the five Grosse Pointes, Harper Woods and a small portion of Detroit, attended the 2007 Regional Redevelopment Summit. He is pictured above speaking with Regina F. Bartley of McKenna Associates. Left, Michigan Suburbs Alliance Executive Director Conan Smith said communities have to be "hip" when it comes to bringing in new businesses.

attract some new businesses to give those areas an uplift," Park City Manager Dale Krajniak said after city council approved the demolition of the buildings last month.

"We have to create a brand for metro Detroit, utilizing its strengths," said Townsend.

The Tourism Economic Development Council designated five districts in the tri-county area. They are downtown Detroit, Dearborn/Wayne, Macomb County, South Oakland County and North Oakland County.

In each district, the council formed a committee of local business and economic development leaders to guide the creation of specific marketing strategies for the area.

Grosse Pointe Farms is finding its niche in the area, thanks to several high volume eateries and a jazz club coming to the Hill business district.

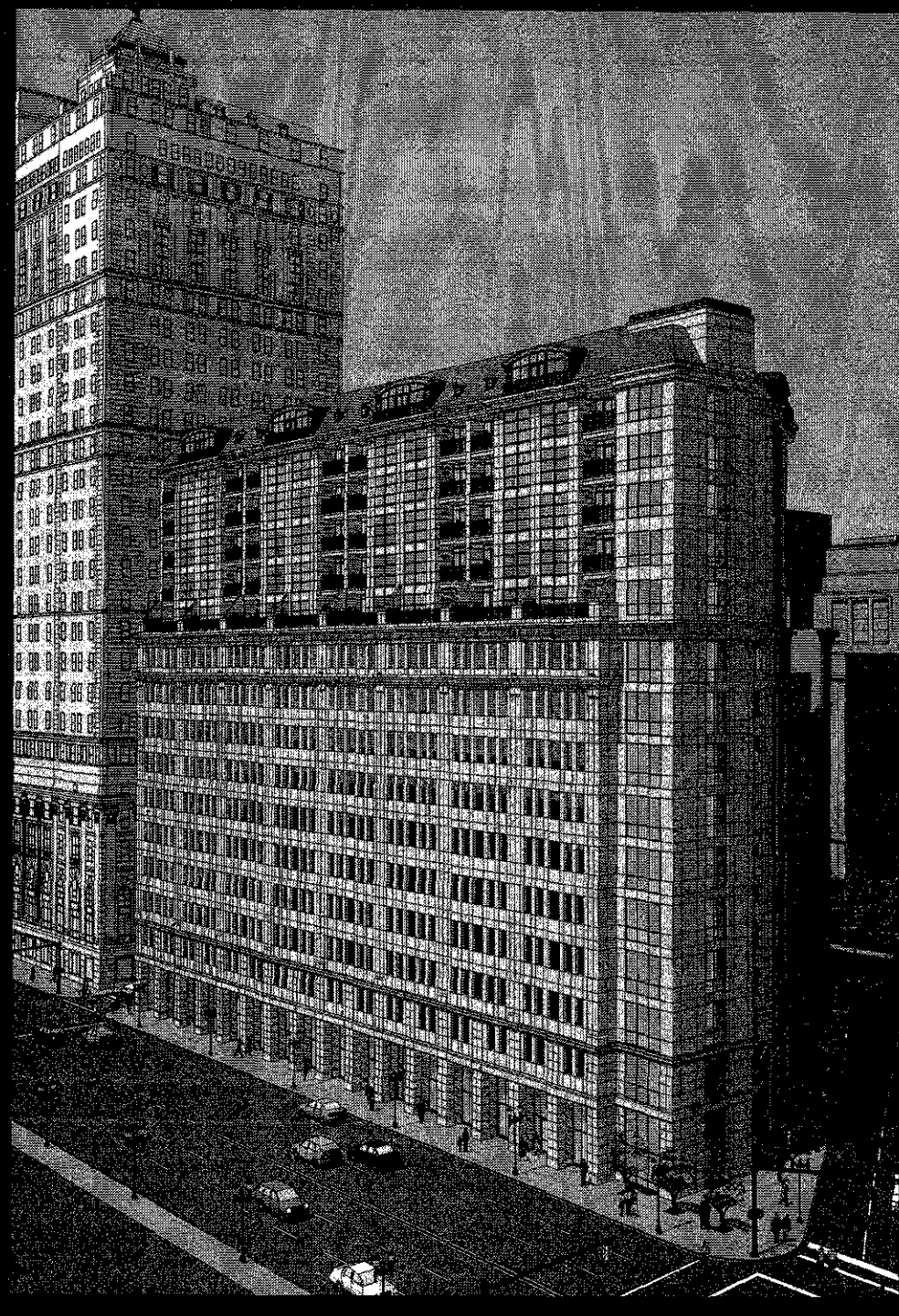
Milliken Jr. said developers need to know who they are presenting their work to, whether it is a planning commission, a city council or the public.

"Developers have to understand the community and the residents in which they want to build," Milliken Jr. said. "They have to check the ordinances and be prepared."

Schutt said image is everything, and the media is providing "alternative narratives" for neighborhoods, cities and metropolitan areas.

His discussion focused on models that support a virtuous cycle by focusing on growth, investment, sense of place and through leaders for the new economy.

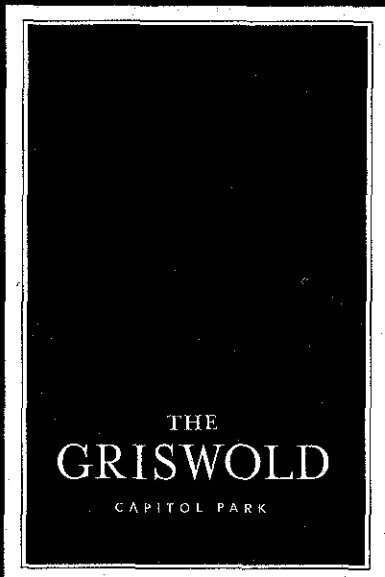
Each of the speakers said it's important for the entire metropolitan region, spreading from Macomb County through the Grosse Pointes to Detroit and extending to Oakland and Washtenaw counties.



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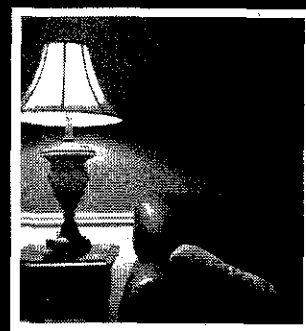
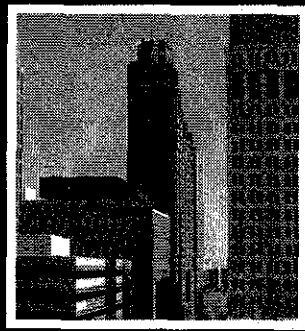
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Direct deposits hit \$100 billion

For millions of Americans, the refund check is no longer in the mail; it's in the bank.

The Internal Revenue Service reports that direct deposit refunds soared past the \$100 billion mark as a growing number of taxpayers are choosing the speed and convenience of direct deposit, rather than receiving a paper check.

As of March 2, 35.6 million taxpayers had chosen to have their refunds deposited directly into a savings or checking account this year, up 5.2 percent from last year at the same time. These direct deposit refunds totaled \$101.5 billion, an 8.7 percent increase over last year at this time.

In the past, taxpayers were only allowed to designate one bank account for their direct-deposit refund.

But this year for the first time, taxpayers can split their refunds among up to three accounts held by as many as three different U.S. financial institutions.

Though most people are still opting to use just one account, about 37,000 taxpayers have, thus far, taken advantage of the

new split refund option.

Because split refunds give taxpayers more choices for managing their money, the IRS urges taxpayers who have not yet filed to consider this new option.

Split refunds offer taxpayers the opportunity to build assets by, for example, sending part of their refund to one account for immediate needs and another part to a savings or investment account for future needs.

Banks, mutual funds, brokerage firms or credit unions are all eligible to receive direct deposits. Before making this choice, however, check to see whether the financial institution accepts direct deposits for the type of account chosen.

To split a refund among two or three different accounts or financial institutions, fill out new Form 8888, Direct Deposit of Refund to More Than One Account.

Alternatively, taxpayers who want to continue electronically sending their refund to just one account can do so by filling out the direct-deposit line on their regular income tax return.

Direct deposit is available to taxpayers who file electronically, as well as those who submit paper returns. Those who choose direct deposit get their refunds at least a week sooner, and direct deposit eliminates the chance of a lost, stolen or undeliverable refund.

Overall, electronic filing has increased by more than 4 percent since last year.

In fact, 76 percent of all returns have been electronically filed so far this tax filing season, compared to 73 percent for the same period last year.

People are also visiting the IRS Web site, IRS.gov, in record numbers. The IRS has recorded almost 76 million unique visits to IRS.gov this year, up from almost 70 million for the same period last year, an increase of 9 percent.

In addition, this year's filings show about three in 10 tax returns are not requesting the one-time telephone tax refund. Although some of these taxpayers may not be eligible, others may qualify and not know it.

The IRS urges taxpayers to check their eligibility for this

special refund by visiting the Telephone Excise Tax Refund section on IRS.gov.

The government stopped collecting the long-distance excise tax last August after several federal court decisions held that the tax does not apply to long-distance service as it is billed today.

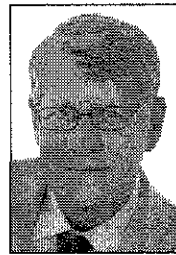
Federal officials also authorized a one-time refund of the 3 percent federal excise tax collected on service billed during the previous 41 months, stretching from the beginning of March 2003 to the end of July 2006. The tax continues to apply to local-only phone service.

Of those requesting the telephone tax refund, 99 percent are choosing the standard amount and the rest are basing their request on the actual amount of tax paid.

The standard amount ranges from \$30 to \$60 and is based on the number of exemptions a taxpayer is eligible to claim on their return.

Alternatively, taxpayers can request a refund based on the tax shown on their phone bills and other records.

PEOPLE



WILLIAM D. HODGMAN has joined the Kitch firm. Hodgman is cofounder and past chairman and president of

Cox, Hodgman & Giarmarco, P.C., a Troy law firm.

In his tenure with the firm, he served as head of the business and healthcare practice groups.

He is chairman of St. John Macomb Hospital (a member of St. John Health), where he has served on the board since 1989.

He also serves on the finance committee for St. John Health. Hodgman's practice focuses on healthcare law, with special emphasis on physician recruitment and retention and healthcare transactions. The practice also places special emphasis on commercial issues and estate planning.

He earned his J.D. from the University of Michigan Law School and his undergraduate degree from Georgetown

University. He is an author and frequent presenter on healthcare topics. Hodgman resides in Grosse Pointe Park, where he is founder and president of the Grosse Pointe Baseball Organization and a trustee of the Grosse Pointe Park Foundation.

JEFFREY S. WEINGARTEN, M.D., has been appointed by American Physicians Assurance Corporation, a leading provider of medical liability insurance in Michigan, to serve on its newly-formed Michigan Advisory Board.

Composed primarily of insured physicians in various specialties throughout the state, the advisory board will provide the company with valuable insight, feedback, and suggestions from its local medical community and specialty societies. The first Advisory Board meeting was held in January, 2007. Weingarten is a Grosse Pointe Woods resident. Physicians can contact Weingarten on issues.

Small businesses oppose plan

Representatives of the National Federation of Independent Business, Michigan's leading small-business advocacy group, urged members of the Senate Finance Committee to oppose the administration's proposed expansion of the state sales tax to services at a 2 percent rate.

Director Charlie Owens testified along with member Tom Hedlund pointing out problems and concerns with the proposal dubbed as the "two-penny" plan by the administration.

"Our company will feel an immediate impact from the added service tax in our invoices from our accountant, attorney, payroll service and insurance agent, just to name a few,"

Hedlund testified. "Not to mention the subcontractors we utilize for various projects. The choices we have in dealing with this new tax are either absorb it ourselves and add it to the other rising business costs, or pass them onto our customers."

Concerning who would pay the lion's share of the 2 percent tax on services, Owens referred to a comment taken from the governor's Fiscal Year 2008 Executive Budget Summary that states most of the revenue would come from services consumed by businesses.

"Clearly this is a tax on business and, as proposed by the administration, this tax would be in addition to a replacement

business tax, not instead of a replacement business tax," said Owens. "For many small businesses, this is being viewed as a move to a 'double business tax' to replace the revised 'Single Business Tax.' This is not progress and it will not encourage economic development and job creation in our state."

In addition to the direct tax cost on businesses, the group pointed out that the cost of administration, collection, record keeping, interpretation of product vs. service, break out of labor vs. product etc. would impose a significant cost burden on businesses that will likely require professional assistance that would also be taxed at 2 percent.

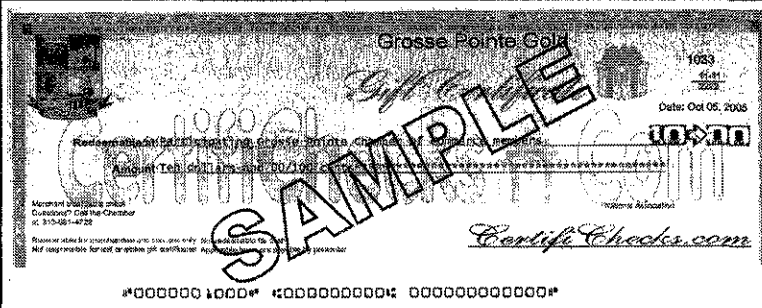
Owens suggested the proposal overlooks the regressive nature of the tax that will be borne by many who are struggling to make ends meet in a distressed state economy.

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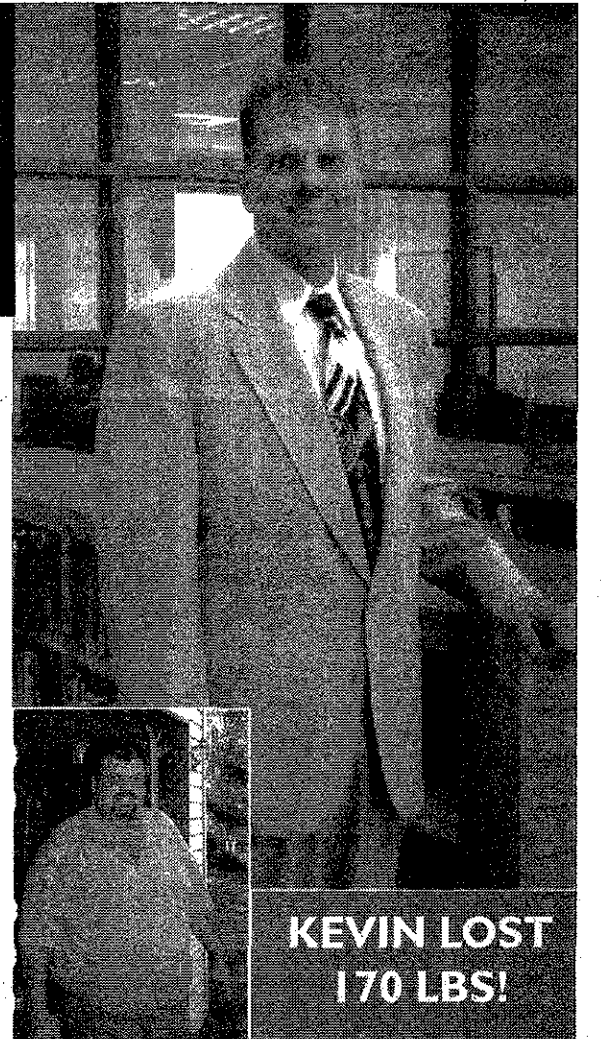
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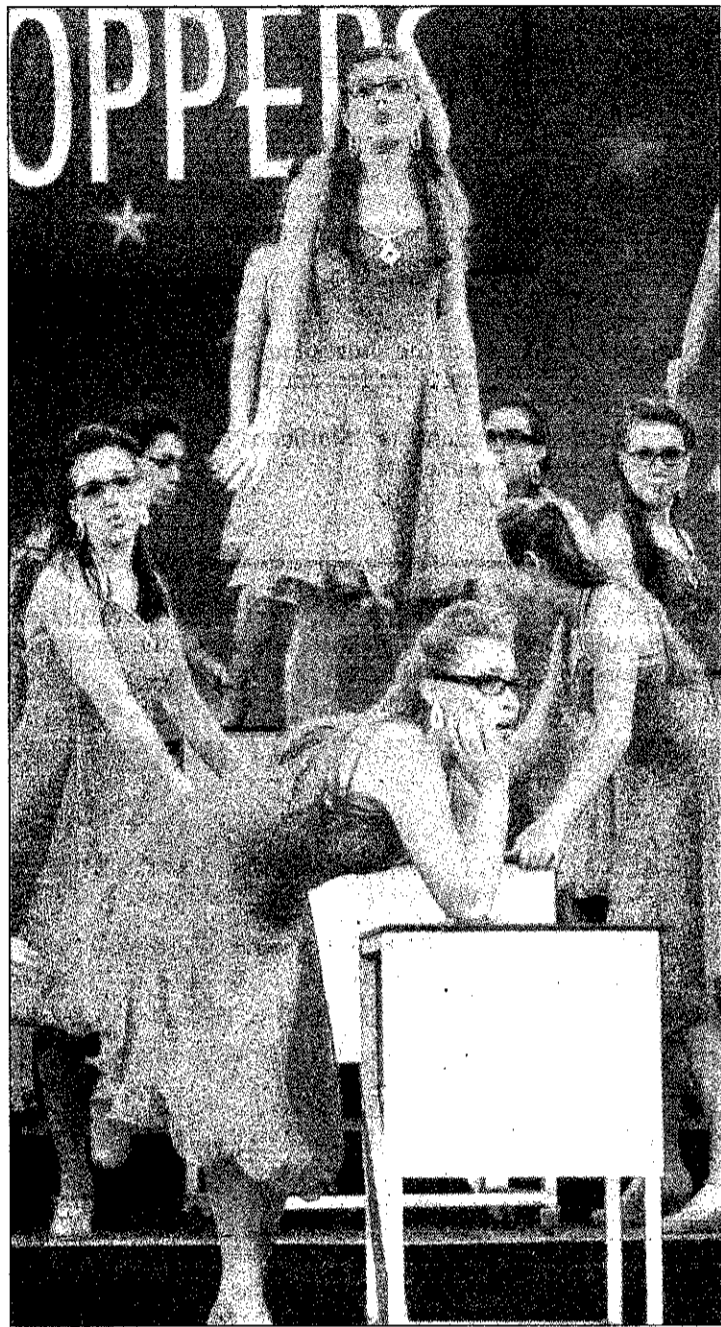
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Tower Belles tune it on at Showstoppers



PHOTOS BY KERRY PYTEL

From left, Emma Roy, Katie Whitney, Sarah Duffield, Dana Hauck, Bridget Doyle, Ali Duchavsky and Lisa Martin.

In their first national competition, The Tower Belles Show Ensemble won first runner-up in the women's division of the National Showstoppers Show Choir Competition.

The Belles, of Grosse Pointe South High School, also tied for first place in Visual Effects.

They lost by seven points out of 1,000 to Center Grove,

Indiana, a performing group in its eighth competition this year.

Eight groups from California, Nebraska, Iowa, Illinois, Indiana and Michigan competed March 14-18, at Epcot Center, Walt Disney World, Orlando, Fla.

The Grosse Pointe South Choir hosted, as well as competed in, the competition.

South's Pointe Singers Show Ensemble served as the Honor Choir because they'd been Grand Champion of the competition in 1997, 1998 and 1999.

The Pointe Singers followed the Voices of Liberty from Disney World as the grand closing act for the competition and received a standing ova-

tion from more than 1,000 people in attendance.

The Pointe Singers and Tower Belles were the only Michigan show groups invited to participate.

In the Solo Division, senior Colleen Berendt's performance of "Say the Word"

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Members of the Tower Belles Show Ensemble are Stephanie Aboukasm, Elise Amato, Brittany Bachteal, Colleen Berendt, Angela Berg, Eliisa Bojanic, Hanna Carroll, Tyler Corgin, Maria Dasaro, Mary Grace Denton, Clare Dice, Madeline Dombi, Bridget Doyle, Sarah Duffield, Ali Dulchavsky, Carrie Fisk, Katie Griffin, Dana Hauck, Emily Holm, Maggie Kelch, Jane Kellett, Maggie Leins, Ali Long, Alexander Mahone, Kerri Marowske, Lisa Martin, Nicole Pytel, Alyssa Rickard, Maria Tecos, Lauren Train, Dana Vreede, Kaitlyn Whitney and Kelly Zens.



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Young druggies risk their future

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

Dopey parents are better seen than heard.

"Surveys say that kids who know their parents are strongly against drug use are much less likely to have used drugs in the past month than kids who perceive their parents are indifferent to drug use," said Special Agent Richard Isaacson, a 16-year veteran of the U.S. Drug Enforcement Agency office in Detroit.

their parents are strongly opposed to marijuana use, only 7 percent had smoked marijuana in the past month," Isaacson said.

Conversely, he said 31 percent of teenagers who think their folks are indifferent to marijuana had used the drug within the past month.

"That's a huge disparity," Isaacson said.

It seems that some moms and dads sell themselves short when it comes to influencing teenage habits.

"The point I try to make to

parents is even though they may have somewhat liberal attitudes about marijuana, you don't want your teenagers picking up on that view," Isaacson said. "Teenagers will pick up even a little of that and run with it."

Studies show that marijuana leads to greater drug abuse and criminal behavior.

"Eighty percent of all teenage crime has some sort of drug-related nexus," Isaacson said. "Either kids test positive for illegal drugs, are high when they commit a crime or are stealing to get cash to buy drugs. For 92 percent of that group, marijuana is their problem drug. That shows the societal impact of teenage drug use and the cost to society, even without health effects."

Isaacson was citing statistics from a December 2006 survey by Columbia University's National Center on Addiction and Substance Abuse (CASA).

He spoke Monday night at Grosse Pointe South High School at the invitation of district high school parents clubs and middle school PTOs.

Delay, delay, delay

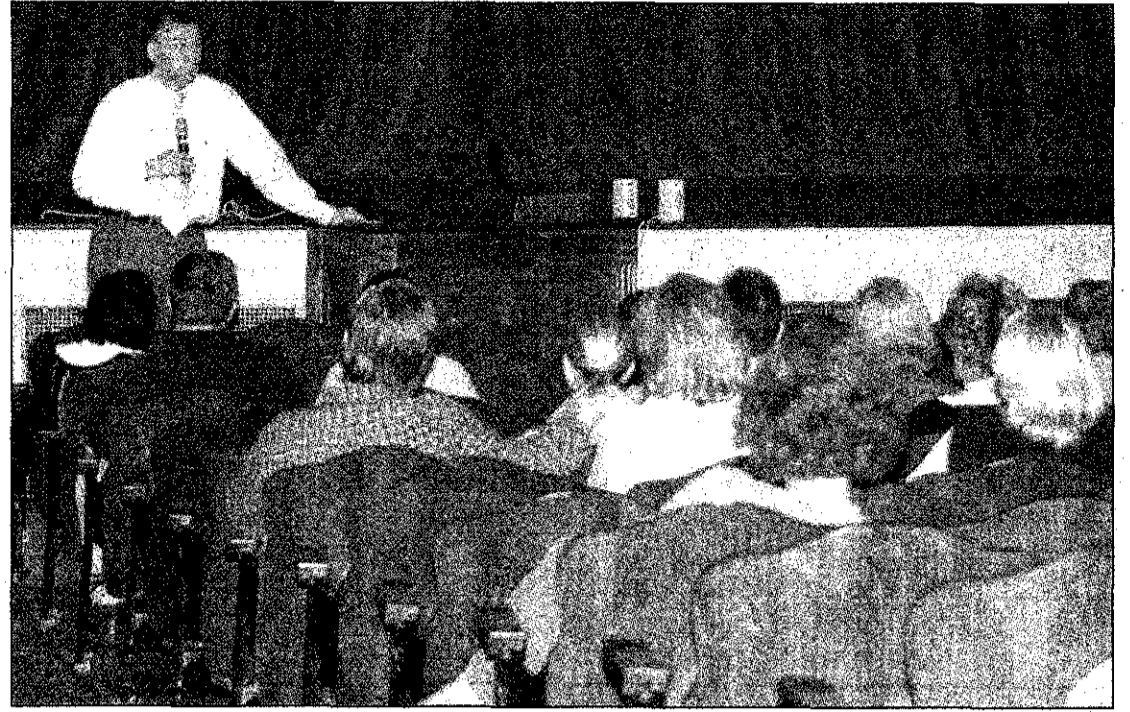
Keys to drug prevention range from law enforcement to treatment and prevention.

Kids typically start smoking cigarettes, then move onward to using marijuana and drinking alcohol. Each element of the trio serves as a gateway to larger problems.

"My theme when talking to parents is to delay, delay, delay," Isaacson said. "Every year a kid can delay the use of those three things in particular, the less likely they are to have drug dependency problems later in life."

He said youths who first smoke marijuana under age 14 are more than five times as likely to abuse drugs as adults.

"The vast majority of teenagers in this country being treated for substance abuse, including alcohol, are seeking treatment for marijuana as



PHOTOS BY RENEE LANDUYT

Special Agent Richard Isaacson informs the audience that the abuse of prescription drugs and over-the-counter medications are the latest trends among teenagers and young adults.

their primary abuse problem," Isaacson said. "That surprises a lot of people who have the

perception that marijuana is not a drug people become addicted to or dependent upon.

Marijuana tends to be the first

See DRUGS, page 15A

Lecture series

DEA Special Agent Richard Isaacson was the featured speaker Monday night in the latest of what promises to be a series of presentations on current topics of interest regarding the safety and well-being of Grosse Pointe youth.

Isaacson's speech, "Drug Trends and Drug Abuse Prevention," at the Grosse Pointe South High School auditorium was organized through combined efforts of the South High Mothers' Club, North High Parents' Club and Norse moms, and PTOs from Brownell, Parcels and Pierce schools.

Rose Smith, president of the South Mothers' Club, introduced Isaacson to an audience



Rose Smith.

of about 100 people. Smith thanked organizers for their "efforts to present community forums on issues that affect the community and our way of life."

— Brad Lindberg

SHOW: Choir groups do their thing

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earned her first runner-up. Berendt beat 17 solo singers in the Solo Finalists Division.

Mary Grace Denton also was a finalist. She was featured in the solo finals and placed fifth.

Special merit awards went to Sarah Duffield for her solo in "Light at the Piazza," Colleen Berendt and Katie Griffin for their solos in "The Girl in 14G," The Tower Belles for "Props" and to Maria Tecos for her "poise and artistic recovery" after her desk fell on stage.

The Pointe Singers Show Ensemble and Tower Belles Show Ensemble are directed by Ellen Bowen, choir director

at Grosse Pointe South High School and choreographed by Andy Haines. Richard Wolf is accompanist. Cam Ferguson

and Tripp Kennedy also played instruments in the orchestra for the competition.



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From left, the boots of Maria Dasaro, Elise Amato and Mary Grace Denton are made for singing and dancing.

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The 2007 St. Clare Auction is Saturday, March 31, in the St. Clare Social Hall.

Organizers invite the public to attend a "swanky" evening as the school celebrates its 80th anniversary Roaring 20s style:

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your flashy attire and get ready for a lively night of great food, fun and surprises."

A silent auction begins at 6 p.m. A strolling supper lasts until 8:30 p.m.

A live auction begins at 8:45 p.m. featuring auctioneers Jim Williams and Margaret Roache.

Proceeds support St. Clare school enrichment and scholarship programs.

Auction highlights include: Peter Pan flying experience, Mackinac Island Grand Hotel getaway, hand-knotted Tibetan wool area rug, fine jewelry, Italian feast prepared by St. Clare's Paula Miller, kid's

birthday party package, "live art" on location by Robert Maniscalco, fine wine and dining, overnight gym party with coach Beth McCreedy, salon and spa packages, hand-crafted items, gourmet pizza party by Don and Sandy Girodat, principal for a day, jewelry party for four girls, one-year gym membership, baskets from St. Clare classrooms, and tickets to Detroit Tigers, Red Wings, Lions and Pistons games.

Tickets cost \$40 and \$45 at the door. For more information or ticket reservations contact Lisa Mauck at (313) 885-0901 or randylmauck@yahoo.com.



Robert Maniscalco

Brownell sci labs work set

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

Students displaced by construction this spring at Brownell Middle School will attend classes in two portable shelters set up in the parking lot.

"Portables will be in back of the school," said Dale Ehresman, architect overseeing the nearly \$2 million expansion of the school's six science laboratories.

Each portable unit will be able to hold two classrooms.

Work will start "as soon as possible" for completion in time for classes to resume in the 2007-08 academic year, said Chris Fenton, assistant superintendent of business affairs.

"That's a tight time line," he added.

Ehresman said Brownell science teachers were consulted about the construction schedule.

"They want it done in one swoop," he said.

Plans include remodeling and expanding six science labs. Construction will expand Brownell's footprint.

"There will be approximately 6,000 square feet of space added to the building," Fenton said. "The project includes floors, ceilings, casework, lab equipment, air conditioning, heat and ventilation."

F.H. Martin Constructors is expected to win the renovation contract. Martin's \$1.7 million bid was the lowest of seven submitted last month to district administrators. Additional fees approaching \$120,000 and a \$170,000 cash reserve take the project's total cost to \$1,990,873. Work had been budgeted for nearly \$2.3 million.

"We have done work with Martin in the past and are satisfied they can complete the work as specified," Fenton said. "The completion date is Aug. 31."

Brownell is the fifth and final Pointe public school scheduled to receive improved science laboratories.

Labs have been built or are being built at North and South high schools, and Parcels and Pierce middle schools.

Fenton said work at Parcels and Pierce is ahead of schedule.

LINGO: What's that you're saying?

From page 15A

Uncle: Federal agents
Working: Selling crack

Marijuana

General slang for marijuana include: Babysitter, Catnip, Colorado cocktail, Haircut, Yeh and Yellow submarine.

Airhead: Marijuana user
Are you anywhere?: Do you use marijuana?

Assassin of Youth: Marijuana

B: Amount of marijuana to fill a matchbox

Baker: Person who smokes marijuana

Blaxing: Smoking marijuana

Blue sky blond: High potency marijuana from Colombia

Bomb: Crack; heroin; large marijuana cigarette; high potency heroin

Fly Mexican airlines: To smoke marijuana

Kryptonite: Crack cocaine;

marijuana

Northern lights: Marijuana from Canada

Sandwich bag: \$40 bag of marijuana.

Cocaine

General slang for cocaine include: All-American drug, Angie, Aunt Nora, Beam, Big C, Blow, Carrie, Caviar, CDs, Cecil, Charlie, Coconut, Cola, Bubble gum, Everclear, Florida snow, Gin, Happy trails, Roxanne, Sleigh ride, Snow and Zip.

Aspirin: Powder cocaine

Bazooka: Combination of crack cocaine and marijuana; crack and tobacco combined in a joint; coca paste and marijuana

Beam me up Scottie: Cocaine (powder or crack) combined with PCP

Belushi: Combination of cocaine and heroin

Blunt: Marijuana inside a cigar; cocaine and marijuana inside a cigar

Break night: Staying up all night on a cocaine binge

Comeback: Benzocaine and mannitol used to adulterate cocaine for conversion to

crack

Connie: Powder cocaine

Cooking up: To process powdered cocaine into crack.

Devil's dandruff: Crack cocaine; powder cocaine

Flame cooking: Smoking cocaine base by putting the pipe over a stove flame

Go on a sleigh ride: To inhale cocaine

Horn: To inhale cocaine

Murder One: Heroin and cocaine

Shebanging: Mixing cocaine with water and squirting it up nose

Spaceball: PCP used with crack or powder cocaine.

Depressants

General slang for depressants include: Block busters, Blue devil, Drowsy high, Golf balls, Goofers, Green dragons, M&M, Nebbies, Q, Rainbows, Reds, Stoppers and Yellow jackets.

Beans: Crack Cocaine; mescaline; amphetamine; depressants

Candy: Cocaine; Crack Cocaine; amphetamine; depressants

Jellies: Combination of de-

pressants and MDMA (methyl-

enedioxymethamphetamine) in gel form

Lib: Librium

On the nod: Under the influence of narcotics or depressant

Pancakes and syrup: Combination of glutethimide and codeine cough syrup

V: The depressant Valium

Methylenedioxyamphetamine (MDMA)

General slang for MDMA include: 007s, 69s, Adam, B-

bombs, Batmans, Blue kisses, Blue lips, Blue Nile, Bermuda

triangles, Bibs, Care bears, Cat in the hats, Chrystal

methadrine, Clarity, Debs, Diamonds, Doctor, Ecstasy,

Hug drug, Igloo, Mercedes, Nineteen, Strawberry short-

cake, Tom and Jerries, Triple rolexes, Tweety Birds, Wafers,

X, King and XTC.

Bean: A capsule containing drugs

Candy raver: rave attendees

E: Ecstasy

E-tard: Person under the influence of MDMA

Elephant flipping: Use of PCP and MDMA

Flower flipping: Ecstasy

(MDMA) mixed with mushrooms

Hammerheading: MDMA used with Viagra

NOX: Use of nitrous oxide and MDMA

Peepers: MDMA users

Sextasy: Ecstasy used with Viagra

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General slang for OxyContin include: 40, 80, Cotton,

Hillbilly heroin, Kicker, Os, OCs and Oxy.

Blue: Crack Cocaine; depressants; OxyContin

Pharming: Consuming a mixture of prescription substances

Pill ladies: Female senior citizens who sell Oxycontin

Pills: OxyContin

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OBITUARIES

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Edwin A. Bayer Jr.

Longtime Grosse Pointe Park resident Edwin A. Bayer Jr., 87, died Wednesday, March 14, 2007.

He was born on May 27, 1921, to Edwin and Eva Bayer. He graduated from De La Salle High School and earned a bachelor's degree in mechanical engineering from the University of Detroit. Out of college, he was drafted by the U.S. Army in 1944 and recruited by the U.S. Army to use his technical skills for the Manhattan Project.

Soon after the war, Mr. Bayer started working for the SS Kresge Co. He retired after more than 33 years of dedicated service as the manager of the Midwest region of Kmart Corp., in charge of maintaining the mechanical systems for their regional stores throughout the Midwest.

Mr. Bayer was a lifelong member of the Detroit Yacht Club where he learned boating, sailing and sailboat racing from his dad at a young age. His passion for and tinkering with boats led to the purchase of a boat yard at the foot of Alter in Detroit in 1967. Whenever he was not sailing, Mr. Bayer enjoyed working with his sons at the boat yard until he sold it in 1990.

He raced competitively on his father's boats, most notably an International 210 that he campaigned locally and throughout the country with his brother, Bob. He began racing Mackinac races in the early 1950s with his cousin, Charles Bayer.

Mr. Bayer introduced his children to sailboat racing in 1966 when he purchased "Breezin-thru," a 30-foot Chris Craft sailboat built in Algonac. He developed this cruising boat into a successful racer and ultimately won class championships on Lake St. Clair. The boat also served as the family cottage every year when the family spent several weeks cruising it through the North Channel and Georgian Bay. In 1986, he purchased "Phoenix," a 37-foot Ranger sailboat, and continued a very successful racing campaign that involved his entire family.

He was a Mackinac "Old Goat" who raced 36 Mackinac races and almost every local race during the summers until he retired from competitive racing in 1990. His children have carried on the tradition to the present day inspired by his example of quiet patience, technical excellence and love of sailing.

Mr. Bayer married Jane Weigel in 1951 in Grosse Pointe Park at St. Clare of Montefalco Church and was an inspirational father to his four children.

After Mrs. Bayer passed away in 1977, he was fortunate to meet Gerry, who had also lost her husband, Tony. They married in 1983 also at St. Clare and successfully combined two wonderful families while forging a true fairy tale romance.

In 1990, Mr. and Mrs. Bayer purchased a unique home in Algonac, designed by renowned architect Alden Dow who was influenced by Frank Lloyd Wright. The home

was built in 1941 and boasts a number of unique design features. It was designed to take advantage of its location on the St. Clair River. The home was Mr. Bayer's pride and joy and allowed him to further develop his lifelong appreciation of the water. This passion for the home spurred Mr. and Mrs. Bayer to become active members of the Algonac Historical Society. Mr. Bayer was successful in getting his home added to the National Historic Register.

His family writes, "Ed's life has been an inspiration to his family and friends and he will continue to live on and inspire all who have been fortunate enough to know and love him."

He is survived by his wife, Gerry Bayer; children, Eddie (Caren), Mary (Eric Allen), Linda (Jim Barnes) and John (Kathy); grandchildren, Lori, Lisa, Jeff and Jenni Barnes and Jane Allen; great-grandchildren, Samantha and Jason; stepsons, Mark (Cheryl) Auk and Tony (Terri) Auk; and step-grandchildren, Sarah, Mark Evan and Bryan Auk.

He was predeceased by his first wife, Jane Bayer; and brother, Robert Bayer.

Sally Cummings Brownell

Sally Cummings Brownell, 76, of Raleigh, N.C., died Tuesday, March 20, 2007.

She was born Sept. 11, 1930, in Pittsfield, Mass., to the late Leslie H. and Bernice Alexander Cummings and spent her formative years in Watertown, Conn. She graduated from Colby Junior College in 1950 and attended Katherine Gibbs School in Boston.

She worked in banking and later for Goldman Sachs & Co. She married James Fulton Brownell of Chillicothe, Ohio, in November of 1955.

Mr. Brownell's career in the heating, ventilation and air conditioning industry took his wife and their family from Boston, to the Chicago area, southern Michigan, Orlando, Dallas, Raleigh and back to Orlando. She returned to Raleigh in 2005 to be near her daughter and son-in-law, Susan and Tom Deatherage and their family.

Mrs. Brownell was an avid tennis player and fan. She was an excellent bridge player who particularly enjoyed Friday afternoon bridge at the Dennis Senior Center on Cape Cod, near her summer home in Dennisport, Mass.

She was also a lifelong cat lover and is survived by

Peaches, Holly, Abby, Tiffany, Tommy and Sammy. She was predeceased by Mr. Feline, Smokey, Pebbles, Daisy, Lilly, Charlie, Henry, Tina, Mickey, Candy, Rosie, April, Taffy, Muffin and Violet.

The family writes, "She was a wonderful wife, mother, daughter, sister and friend. She is dearly missed and will remain in our hearts forever."

Mrs. Brownell is survived by her husband of 51 years, Jim Brownell; son, Stephen C. (Jana) Brownell of Grosse Pointe Farms; daughter, Susan (Tom) Deatherage of Raleigh; sisters, Polly Black and Judy (Alden) Heintz; grandchildren, Lindsay Brownell, Christopher Brownell, and Cambron and Colton Deatherage; and many nieces and nephews.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m., visitation at 10 a.m., Thursday, March 29, at the Brown-Wynne Funeral Home, 1701 East Millbrook Rd., Raleigh, N.C. 27609. Memorial services will also be held in Altamonte Springs, Fla., and South Dennis, Mass., at a later date.

Memorial contributions may be made to Safe Haven for Cats, 8431-137 Garvey Dr., Raleigh, N.C. 27616 or Reach Unlimited, 12777 Jones Rd., Suite 103, Houston, TX 77070.

Tributes may be sent to brownwynne.com.

Dorothy Sutter Cook

Former Grosse Pointe Park resident Dorothy Sutter Cook, 87, of Nokomos, Fla., died Friday, March 23, 2007.

She was born in New York City to the late Emma (nee Britnell) and the late Forris E. Chick. She graduated from the College of William and Mary in 1940 and earned her master's degree from Wayne State University.

Mrs. Cook was an elementary school teacher for the Dearborn Public School System. She was a member of the Grosse Pointe Music League and the Manasota Lighthouse for the Blind. She served as president for the Venice Chapter Florida Council of the Blind and was a lifetime member of the Friends of Vision, Detroit Institute of Ophthalmology.

Her hobbies included the theater, opera, gardening, knitting, sewing, needlepoint and doll houses.

Mrs. Cook is survived by her sons, James Longley and Clifford (Patricia) Longley; daughter, Elizabeth (Dana) Tice; grandchildren, Jessica Tice, Christopher Longley and William Longley; and brother,



Edwin A. Bayer Jr.



Sally Cummings Brownell



Thomas Raymond Dembek

Forris Chick.

A memorial service will be held at a later date. Interment is at Black Rock Cemetery, Butler, Md.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Venice Chapter Florida Council of the Blind, P.O. Box 1154, Venice, FL 34274.

Thomas Raymond Dembek

Thomas Raymond Dembek, 66, of Lake Orion died Monday, March 19, 2007.

Mr. Dembek retired after 40 years of service with the Detroit Newspaper Agency. He was a member of the Detroit Typographical Union 18.

After retirement, he enjoyed working part time at Rochester Hills Chrysler Jeep.

He will be remembered for his passion for the outdoors, gardening, golfing and motorcycles. He especially enjoyed cooking, boating and tubing with the kids.

He is survived by his wife, Gail Dembek; his daughters, Linda (Paul) Sewell and Julie (Greg) Poole, and their mother, Joan Parker Dembek; stepchildren, Cheryl (Mike) Bruin, Sue (Mike) Vellucci, Bonnie (Steve) Atchison and Brian (Julie) Chouinard; grandchildren, Eric, Allison, Emily, Matthew, Nolan, Christian, Andrew, Ryan, Megan and

Jack; soon-to-arrive grandson baby Poole; brother, Don (Dixie) Dembek; and many nieces.

A funeral Mass was celebrated Friday, March 23, in Lake Orion.

Memorial contributions may be made to the American Heart Association. Share memories with the family in their online guestbook at modtznfuneralhomes.com.

Nancy Romaine Wyman Homfeld

Nancy Romaine (nee Wyman) Homfeld, 84, of Grosse Pointe and St. Michaels, Md., died Tuesday, March 20, 2007, at Glacier Hills Retirement Center, Ann Arbor, after a long illness.

She was the daughter of Elbridge and Margery (nee Mace) Wyman and grew up in Cohasset and Winchester, Mass. She earned a bachelor's degree in mathematics from Connecticut College.

She met and married Max Homfeld while working for General Motors Corp. in Milford. They later moved to Royal Oak to be closer to both General Motors Technical Center and to the water for their new-found hobby, sailing.

They were members of Crescent Sail Yacht Club where they were avid racers

and cruisers. They enjoyed taking both day trips and long cruises, the longest of which lasted nearly a year covering more than 8,000 miles on their 33-foot sailboat. Mrs. Homfeld started and taught ladies' sailing classes at Crescent for which she did other volunteer work.

She was passionate about travel. Mr. and Mrs. Homfeld toured China, Asia, Europe, Central and South America, and traveled across the United States by motor home. She continued to travel after the loss of her husband, accumulating nearly 50,000 miles in her motor home, attending Elderhostels and cruising around the tip of South America while in her late 70s.

In the 1950s, Mrs. Homfeld was active with her daughters in the Girls Scouts as a troop leader and neighborhood chair. In the early 1960s, she learned to transcribe Braille and performed volunteer transcription for a number of years. In the mid-1960s, after being out of the workplace for 25 years, she convinced General Motors to employ her as a computer programmer for several years.

Mrs. Homfeld had a lifelong passion for crafts, which she eagerly shared with her children and grandchildren. She spent many years sewing and knitting for her family, and

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Loved ones
remembered

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drawing and painting as opportunities arose.

When her children were grown, she was able to truly indulge her love of crafts and color by learning to spin, dye and weave at Greenfield Village where she was also a docent. One of her prized possessions was an eight-harness loom.

For many years, she was a member of the East Side Weavers' Guild of Grosse Pointe and the Chesapeake Weavers of Maryland. She enthusiastically taught weaving and dyeing, and was always willing to teach and help others.

Mrs. Homfeld is survived by her children, Margery Kathleen "Mardi" Metzger of Bethlehem, Pa., Edward Webster "Ned" Homfeld of Grosse Pointe and Fort Lauderdale, Fla., Nancy Ann Miller of Saline, and Louise Maxine Thompson of Kouts, Ind.; nine grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

She was predeceased by her husband, Max F. Homfeld.

Memorial contributions may be made to your local hospice organization or to your local public library.

Audrey McNulty
Jennings

Audrey McNulty Jennings, 95, died Wednesday, March 21, 2007, in Illinois.

Mrs. Jennings was born in Iowa and grew up in Independence, Kan. She graduated from Lindenwood College in Missouri with a degree in piano and organ. She moved to Detroit when she took a position on the faculty of the Detroit Conservatory of Music.



Audrey McNulty Jennings

After marrying one of her students, Joseph Jennings, the couple moved to Grosse Pointe where she became organist and choir director at St. Michael's Episcopal Church. She later served as assistant organist and choir master at Christ Church Grosse Pointe.

During her life of service, she assisted in the music of many local churches while also teaching piano. Mrs. Jennings wrote and performed original musicals for the Fine Arts Society of Detroit and the Theater Arts Club.

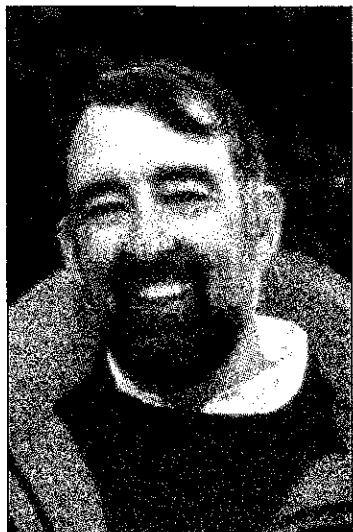
For many years she served on the board of the Grosse Pointe Symphony where she took great pride in writing the program notes for the concerts.

Mrs. Jennings was an active member of Tuesday Musicale, P.E.O. and Mu Phi Epsilon musical sorority.

She is survived by her daughter, Mary Jane (Robert E.) Stutz; sons, David A. (Kathy), James H. (Judith) and Joseph N. Jr. (Wendy); grandchildren, Audrey Garner Jennings, and Sarah Jennings and Jennifer Griffin Stutz.

She was predeceased by her husband, Joseph N. Jennings, who died in 1976.

A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m., Saturday, April 14, at Mariners' Church, 170 E. Jefferson, Detroit.



Russel H. Nutter Jr.

Memorial contributions may be made to Grosse Pointe Symphony, 32 Lakeshore Dr., Grosse Pointe Farms, MI 48236 or Mariners' Church Organ Fund, 170 E. Jefferson Ave., Detroit, MI 48226.

Barbara "Bobbie"
Landsfield

Barbara Rose "Bobbie" Landsfield, 68, of Eastpointe, died Wednesday, March 14, 2007, at St. John Hospital in Detroit.

She was born June 30, 1938, in Michigan. She was a retired employee of Cottage Hospital where she worked as a technician in the radiology department for 30 years. She was an avid Detroit Tigers fan and enjoyed working on jigsaw puzzles.

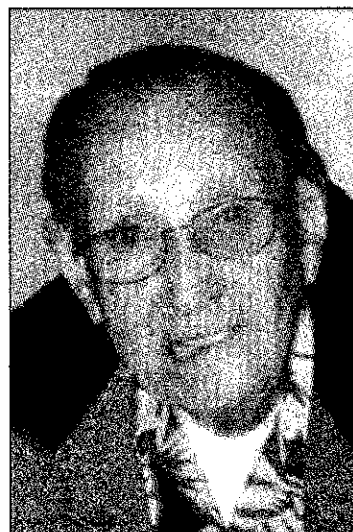
She will be remembered as a warm and giving person.

She is survived by the Landsfield and Zianer families; and longtime friends, Donna Grace, Diane, Jerry and George.

She was predeceased by her longtime friend, Adam Bem.

A memorial service will be held from 12:30 to 5 p.m., Saturday, April 7, at Roseclair Eagles, 29500 Little Mack, Roseville.

Memorial contributions may be made to d.farian@sbcglobal.net.



Herbert Paul Winkler

Russel H. Nutter Jr.

Russel H. Nutter Jr., 58, of Grosse Pointe Park, died Friday, March 23, 2007, at Henry Ford Hospital from complications of his long battle with cancer.

Mr. Nutter was born May 25, 1948, in Ithaca, N.Y., to Russel and Mary Jane (nee Kennedy) Nutter. After his father graduated from Cornell University, the family returned to Grosse Pointe.

He graduated from Grosse Pointe University School in 1966 and entered the U.S. Air Force in 1967 where he was stationed in Honolulu, Hawaii.

While in the Air Force, Mr. Nutter learned the skills that would become his life's work — training in the newest technology of that time as a computer systems analyst. After leaving the Air Force in 1972 as a staff sergeant, he returned to Detroit. He eventually started his own computer consulting company in 1975.

He was the manager of the International 50' Racing Association from 1989 to 1995. Mr. Nutter organized regattas all over the world for a select group of highly competitive sailboats. This group played a major role in shaping professional sailing on the worldwide level.

Since 1995, his time was spent primarily as a computer

analyst along with his son, Russel "Mac," who joined the business in 1997. It was one of the great joys of his life to have his son working with him and growing a successful business together.

Mr. Nutter loved his children, friends and dogs. He was also passionate about sailing and reading. He was a very active member of Bayview Yacht Club for which he served on the board of governors, acted as treasurer, presided over the Junior Sailing Program and was involved in several sailing organizations at the national level, including the Storm Trysail Club.

His passion for the sport led him to sail all over the world with his many friends. He was involved with several Congressional Cup regattas and two Canada Cup campaigns. He sailed many Chicago and Bayview Port Huron Mackinac Races and served as the Bayview chairman for the Port Huron Race in both 1987 and 1994. His last major race was the 2006 Port Huron Mackinac race during which he was part of the winning crew on Velerio VI.

Mr. Nutter is survived by his wife of 33 years, Jane Nutter; children, Jenna (Ralph) Mertz and Russel (Adrienne) Nutter III; grandson, Patrick Russel Mertz; mother, Mary Jane (nee Kennedy) Nutter; brother, Robert (Kathy) Nutter; sisters, Frances (Nicholas) Rine Jr. and Carol Hyland; and many nieces and nephews.

He was predeceased by his father, Russel H. Nutter, who died in September, 2006.

A memorial service will be held at 1 p.m., Friday, March 30, 2007, at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial Fries Auditorium, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms.

Memorial contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society, Grosse Pointe Public Library, Michigan Humane Society or Bayview Yacht Club Junior Sailing Inc.

Herbert Paul
Winkler

Grosse Pointe Woods resident Herbert Paul Winkler, 85, died Thursday, March 22, 2007, at Bon Secours Hospital.

He was born April 7, 1921, in the Bronx, N.Y., to the late William J. and the late Catherine (nee Hoar) Winkler. He was a graduate of Murray Hill Vocational High School in New York City.

He served his country during World War II as a private first class in the U.S. Army. He received the Bronze Star and the Combat Infantryman Badge as a member of the 406th Infantry Regiment, 102nd Infantry Division, the "Ozarks."

Mr. Winkler worked as a lithographer at Wayne State University and later held the same position at Valeron Corp. in Berkeley.

He was active as a member of Acacia Masonic Lodge, Acanthus Lodge No. 477 and the Free and Accepted Masons of Michigan.

Mr. Winkler was an avid fisherman, rose gardener, and Red Wings and hockey fan. He enjoyed church activities, woodworking and spending time with his family.

He is survived by his daughters, Bettye J. Piester and Mary C. Allen; son, Charles M. Winkler; grandchildren, V. Michael and Paul A. Allen; sister, Joan W. Kaplan; and brother, Paul W. Bixby.

He was predeceased by his wife, Betty J. Winkler; sisters, Loretta V. Dommermuth and Margaret I. Graham; and brothers, William and Charles Winkler.

A memorial service was held Monday, March 26, at St. Michael's Episcopal Church. Interment is at the church's rose garden.

Memorial contributions may be made to the American Heart Association, the Michigan Humane Society and St. Michael's Memorial Fund.

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TEST DRIVE By Greg Zyla

Surprisingly big features, surprisingly small price, the 2007 Chevy Aveo LT 4-door seats five comfortably. EPA estimated 37 mpg highway with 5-speed manual.

The new 2007 Chevy Aveo LT 4-door



This week we test-drive the 2007 Chevy Aveo LT four-door sedan, a gas mileage champ high on looks and practicality — base price: \$13,250; price as tested: \$15,160. Surprisingly, Aveo's price tag remains economical while its list of features and size grow considerably. This is a welcome change in a world that usually gives less for more.

Introduced in 2004, Chevy has tweaked and improved the Aveo along the way to arrive at an '07 model with a long list of improvements. New this year are exterior and interior designs, a longer and wider body, an improved suspension system and more standard and optional features. Chevy deems these notables rare for the subcompact market, and we agree.

The LT sedan is the top of the line model among the Aveo choices, while at the low end is the Aveo5 Special Value hatchback. Other models are the Aveo5 LS and the LS Sedan.

Deemed the "best-selling car in America" based on the R.L. Polk 2005 "Super Retail Registrations" for the economy car segment, Chevy's Aveo is now being introduced in 120 countries. The five-passenger Aveo is powered by Chevy's E-Teach 1.8-liter double overhead cam engine, which doesn't produce much horsepower at 103. However, the engine keeps the mileage numbers high at 26 city and 34 highway with the four-speed automatic transmission (an \$850 option). If



2007 Chevy Aveo LT 4-door

consumers choose the manual transmission, mileage numbers increase to an even healthier 27/37.

Chevy saves some production expenses by fitting Aveo with rear drum brakes, although the fronts are disc. Four-channel ABS is available, and recommended.

The LT comes standard with 15-inch aluminum wheels, while the lower-cost models come with 14-inchers.

Aveo safety features include driver, front passenger and side impact air bags. Believe it or not, this LT economy model offers heated power outside mirrors of the foldaway variety. This item is on the list of new standard features, which also include — for all models unless

noted — a driver's seat fold-down armrest, manual height adjuster and manual lumbar seat adjuster; new interior cloth fabrics, enhanced acoustical package with noise isolation inside the cabin, standard auxiliary input jack for iPods and other devices, AM/FM stereo CD/MP3 Player, and, for the LT model only, six-disc, in-dash CD changer, steering wheel audio controls and six-speaker premium sound system. Also available is a rear spoiler that is nice but not necessary.

Other standard features include air conditioning with filtration, rear window defogger, tilt steering wheel, floor mats, front and rear, cruise control, remote keyless entry with alarm, power windows and

door locks, 60/40 split folding rear seat, visors with vanity mirrors, remote trunk release, and fuel filler release lever. Don't expect the same interior value on the Aveo5, where even power windows and map pockets are not included.

In addition to the automatic transmission, our test model's options include leatherette seats for \$250 and fog lamps at \$110. The steering wheel radio controls cost \$75, and mudguards added \$60. The options totaled \$1,345, and a \$565 destination charge takes us to the

final price of \$15,160.

Important numbers include a 97.6-inch wheelbase, 2,542-pound curb weight, 12.4 cubic feet of cargo room, and an 11.9-gallon fuel tank.

Despite its low price, the base LT, in a comparison by Edmunds.com with four other models, was second from the top in cost to the consumer, behind only the 2006 Suzuki Aerio (\$14,099). Others price comparisons are the 2007 Hyundai Accent (\$12,565), 2006 Kia Rio (\$10,770), and the 2006 Scion xA (\$12,780).

Nonetheless, the new Aveo impressed us. It's a little older now in production years, and you could say it's growing up well. It's not powerful, but it's not supposed to be; and it's inexpensive, but not the "cheapest" out there. We give the Aveo an 8 on a scale of 1 to 10.

Likes: Solid appeal in looks, great standard features, nice ride.

Dislikes: Automatic transmission is an expensive option, rear drum brakes.

Greg Zyla is a syndicated automotive columnist.

TEST DRIVE By Greg Zyla

The new 2007 BMW X3 3.0si's ideal size gives the freedom of quick, nimble driving.

The redesigned 2007 BMW X3 3.0si

We recently drove BMW's redesigned 2007 X3 SUV, a model introduced in 2004 that received its first major upgrade — base price: \$38,000; price as tested: \$47,320. BMW says its X3 is so new, and so unlike an SUV, it should be called SAV (Sports Activity Vehicle).

Built on the famous 3 Series platform of compact sport sedans, the new X3 offers more power under the hood, great handling and the addition of "3.0si" to the X3 nomenclature. After driving this vehicle more than 400 miles in all types of weather, we agree with BMW's assertion.

BMW's philosophy of building the finest motor cars in the world is intact with the new X3 3.0si, from its kidney-shaped front grille and four headlights to the long hood and short overhang design doctrine. This motif is a result of BMW engineers' pursuit of the "perfect balance," resulting in fresh upgrades that never encumber BMW's ability to present its "luxury/sport" design in a discreet yet elegant manner.

Built in Graz, Austria, a more powerful aluminum/magnesium inline 3.0-liter sits under the hood awaiting driver input. At 260 horsepower, it delivers 35 more ponies than last year, yet still provides 19 city and 26 highway EPA numbers. A new 6 speed automatic, replacing last year's 5 speed, receives



2007 BMW X3 3.0si

credit for these great EPA numbers, thanks to smart gearing. Last year, the X3 delivered 16 and 23 with the 5-speed automatic, so BMW receives extra kudos for this accomplishment.

On the road, X3 3.0si's smaller than usual SUV (oops — SAV) size provides nimble driving in city situations, which we encountered while attending the Eastern Motorsport Press Association Convention in Philadelphia. On the turnpikes and freeways, we mashed the throttle while merging up to 65 mph, and were rewarded with appreciation for BMW's added horsepower. It's not neck-breaking, but we did run a few 0-60-mph stints in the 7.5-second range and passed anything in front of us with ease. Thus, we warn consumers to keep your eyes on the speedometer, as this vehicle is ready for Autobahn

style cruising.

The transfer of power to the wheels procedure also deserves note, as an intelligent "x-Drive" all-wheel drive system provides optimum performance and traction in virtually all driving situations. We experienced firsthand the attributes, as we ran into some slippery weather conditions on our trip, including some snow, and the X3 handled everything with perfection.

Our tester came with the optional Cold Weather Package for \$1,000 that includes heated front and rear seats, retractable headlight washers and a ski bag. The cost is a bit salty, but those four heated seats went over big as temperatures dropped to single digits.

Other higher-priced options that pushed the base to \$47,320

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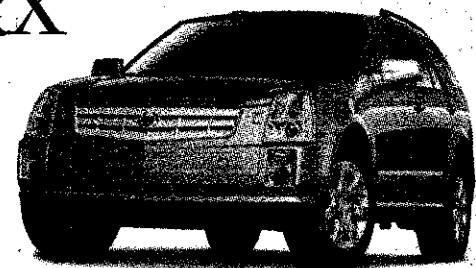
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AUTOWIRE.NET By Steve Schaefer

Bigger, stronger, bolder, the 2007 Ford Explorer Sport Trac is a true original — a sport-utility truck with versatility. This ride offers superior safety with multiple five-star crash ratings.

Sport Trac's a hybrid blend of SUV, truck

Suppose you have a five-person family and you want them to ride in a comfy SUV. What if you could add a pickup bed behind your SUV? With the Ford Sport Trac, you can. The Sport Trac has been around for years, but now it's all new for 2007.

The Ford folks started with the entire front of the new-for-2006 Explorer, and grafted on a 4.5-foot long truck bed for generous quantities of outside hauling. Rear of the second side doors, the Sport Trac is completely different from the regular Explorer, carefully shaped to accommodate the separate pickup bed.

This new model is more than five inches longer and nearly two inches wider than the original, and looks much more substantial and well integrated. The entirely new frame is much stiffer than the old one, a remarkable 444 percent improvement, which means that the truck feels solid and inflexible over uneven and bumpy roads.

Made of sheet-molded compound instead of the usual metal, the cargo box is strong and will never rust. The dent-proof inner liner is scratch resistant to keep it looking nice longer. The bed sports three integrated storage bins and slots to allow you to carry two layers of your favorite stuff. The storage bins even have drain plugs.

My Orange Frost Sport Trac Limited test truck arrived with the optional hard tonneau cover over the cargo box, which locks for security. Funny, though, there are bins on each side, but only one side contains the lock. The other wears a

dummy lock unit, for symmetry. The cargo box was enhanced with the optional tubular bed extender, which separates the content of the bed or folds out onto the tailgate, increasing carrying capacity.

My tester had the available Control Trac four-wheel-drive system. The system automatically senses the need and transfers traction from the rear to the front wheels. You also can select the low 4WD gear for careful maneuvering in snow or mud when you need it.

You have a choice of two engines. The standard engine is a German-built 4.0-liter V6, which delivers 210 horsepower. Ford claims fuel mileage of about 15 city, 20 highway, varying very slightly by engine size and number of driven wheels. You can tow 5,310 pounds with the two-wheel-drive model, 5,140 with four-wheel drive.

If you really want to move along and tow an additional 1,500 pounds, you can opt for the Michigan-made 4.6-liter V8, which bumps horsepower to 292, tops in its field. With an even 300 pound-feet of torque, you can roar along with ease. My tester earned just 12.5 miles per gallon in mixed driving, and that's pretty low for an average. At least it's regular gas for either engine.

The interior of the new 2007 Sport Trac benefits from the all-new design of the 2006 Explorer.

Despite a heaping serving of inexpensive-looking hard, textured plastic, the overall design is fresh and even clever. The inside door handles are shaped like an arc that lifts up from where you comfortably rest



2007 Ford Explorer Sport Trac

PHOTO BY WIECK MEDIA

your hand on the armrest. It takes a little while to get used to. The lines are clean and ap-

propriately macho. It is a truck, after all, even with automatic climate control, power locks and windows, and auxiliary audio input jacks. Pseudo carbon fiber trim adds a pseudo sporty touch, while the cylindrical shift lever, well, it's pretty manly. I was surprised to find only one level for the otherwise highly effective seat heaters.

Like all American trucks, my test unit enjoyed a wealth of other extra-cost options. My tester added about \$8,000 worth, including a touch-screen navigation system, a DVD family entertainment center, safety canopy air bags and a

reverse sensing system. It also had a towing upgrade, two-tone leather seats (\$995), power adjustable pedals, Sirius satellite radio, and a few other nice things to have.

Starting at \$29,540, the window sticker swelled up to \$38,240 after all the options and delivery charges were included. The 4x2, V6-equipped Sport Trac XLT starts at \$24,980.

In the EPA's 2007 Green Vehicle Guide, this model earns a fairly good air pollution score of 7, with 10 being the best and 1 the worst; it scores a 3 out of 10 in the greenhouse

gases column, which is not as exemplary. The Ford Escape Hybrid is the fourth-highest-scoring model on the entire 82-page list, with scores of 9.5 and 8 respectively.

For more information, visit the Web site epa.gov/emissions/web/index.htm.

There is a trend in America towards smaller, more efficient vehicles, and it has hurt large SUV sales. But if you need to haul lots of people and things around, you may find that owning this hybrid blend of an SUV and pickup truck is worth the sacrifices you make at the fuel pump.

BMW X3 3.0si: Big features, small price

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include a \$2,450 Premium Package and an \$1,800 Navigation system. We do not recommend the Premium Package, although Navigation is always handy.

Safety wise, BMW is ahead of most of the competition. All expected air bags are standard, and a Head Protection System adds further protection to the heads of front and rear seat oc-

cupants from hitting the side window and being hit by objects penetrating the side window. Add Dynamic Stability Control, Hill Descent Control, 4-wheel disc ABS w/Brake Drying assist, and rear tail lamps designed to shine brighter during hard, panic-style stops, and you realize you are driving one of the safest cars on the road.

So, what did we like best? Hands down, the handling. The X3 3.0si is superb, thanks to lower center of gravity, near perfect 51 front/49 rear weight ratio and BMW's famous, albeit firm, four-wheel independent suspension. We wonder what the addition of the optional

Sport Package, where tweaked suspension and 19-inch tires replace the standard 17-inchers, would do for our love of this vehicle.

Important numbers include a wheelbase of 110.1, 17.7 gallon fuel tank, 30 cubic-feet of cargo space, and 4,067 pound curb weight.

BMW's new X3 SAV receives a strong 8.9 on a scale of one to 10.

Likes: Handling, power, looks, overall build characteristics

Dislikes: Engine hesitated starting a few times, some options overly expensive.

Greg Zyla is a syndicated auto columnist.

High-tech look at the future of fuel

Thinking green may soon mean thinking yellow. That's the word from experts as an increasing number of cars are being designed to run on ethanol fuel made from yellow corn.

E10 is one of the most common types of ethanol-based fuels, but something called E85-a fuel made from an 85 percent ethanol and 15 percent gasoline blend — provides more power and burns cleaner. E85 can be used in new types of GM "flex-fuel" vehicles, which can also burn regular gas.

Hybrid vehicles and vehicles that run on fuel cells are making news as well and many are on the road today. People can get a sneak peek at the future of fuel efficiency at an attraction called Fuel For Thought at Walt Disney World Resort's

Epcot theme park.

The high-tech exhibit begins with a walk down a livegreen goyellow.com pathway. As visitors pass by, they see corn stalks parting in a wavelike fashion. The opposite wall is dotted with portholelike windows that provide an introduction to different GM environmental activities worldwide.

The pathway leads up to the exhibit's open bilevel space filled with activities including an interactive trivia game about hybrid technology, a Stalk Car racing game and a memory game where players match photos from a fuel cell marathon.

Three freestanding kiosks lead visitors through an interactive learning session about fuel cells, hybrids and E85, while the main exhibit space

floor is highlighted by a giant projected circular graphic controlled by motion sensors. At one point, the circle appears to hold corn kernels and, as someone walks across it, the kernels pop into popcorn while E85 messages traverse the area.

An actual FlexFuel E85-compatible vehicle is housed on the main floor for visitors to climb in and out of, while one wall houses a Chevy Tahoe chassis that demonstrates through vibrant lighting effects how a two-mode hybrid works.

Upon exiting Fuel For Thought, visitors can check out the AUTOmomy, the world's first vehicle designed around a fuel cell propulsion system.

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PUBLIC SAFETY REPORTS

Grosse Pointe Park

Tires taken

Overnight on Thursday, March 22, four tires were stolen off a 2005 Jeep. The vehicle was parked in front of a home in the 1300 block of Audubon in Grosse Pointe Park.

Busted

On Wednesday, March 21, at 6:09 p.m., Grosse Pointe Park dispatch received a bomb threat, stating a bomb was in the Public Safety Department.

Investigation of the cell phone call led detectives to a 16-year-old Grosse Pointe Park male who was caught a couple of hours later.

Party crashers

On Friday, March 23, at 10:44 p.m., Grosse Pointe Park police officers investigated an underage party in a home in the 1300 block of Maryland.

Eight Grosse Pointe youths were detained and issued citations for minor in possession of alcohol.

Retail fraud

On Sunday, March 25, at 5:20 p.m., Grosse Pointe Park police officers responded to a retail fraud in progress at a business in the 14000 block of Kercheval.

The suspect, a 63-year-old Detroit man, left the store with two bottles of liquor.

He was later located in the Alter and Vernor area and arrested.

— 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

Narcotics arrest

On Saturday, March 24, at 5:38 a.m., a 20-year-old Clinton Township man was arrested for possession of narcotics.

The man, a passenger in his vehicle that was stopped because the driver disregarded a red light at Harper and Allard, told the officer he had a suspended driver license which is why he wasn't driving.

The officer had both occupants exit the vehicle and found two hypodermic needles that contained suspected heroin residue and blood, as well as small bags of suspected marijuana.

The driver of the vehicle was released.

No headlights

On Sunday, March 25, at 2:28 a.m., a 46-year-old Westland man driving a black 2005 Dodge Ram was stopped on Mack because his headlights were not activated during nighttime hours.

The Grosse Pointe Woods police officer said the man seemed stupefied and had trouble focusing on questions.

The driver told the officer he had four or five beers at a friend's house earlier that evening and was on his way to Wayne. The officer told the man he was headed in the wrong direction.

The man also told the officer he had a knife, which he picked up and discarded on the ground, even though the officer told him not to grab it.

The driver failed several field sobriety tests and a portable breath test registered 149 percent blood alcohol content. The officer found a small trace of suspected marijuana in the

man's vehicle, in addition to the knife.

The man was arrested for operating a motor vehicle while intoxicated and possession of narcotics.

Money stolen

On Tuesday, March 20, at 10:31 a.m., a 55-year-old employee at Grosse Pointe North High School reported an unknown person stole more than \$4,000 in cash and checks from two bags left in a filing cabinet in her office.

One of the bags was located in a second floor boys bathroom.

At 12:40 p.m., school officials notified the Grosse Pointe Woods public safety department a second time, saying they had a suspect caught on tape entering the bathroom around the time the theft occurred.

The man in the videotape, a 17-year-old Harper Woods teenager, was found to be in possession of cash and suspected marijuana.

He was detained for stealing the money and possession of narcotics.

Have to wear a seatbelt

On Monday, March 19, at 10:15 p.m., a 26-year-old Grosse Pointe Woods man was stopped on Mack and Lochmoor for not wearing his seat belt.

A LEIN (Law Enforcement Information Network) check revealed his driver license was suspended and his vehicle was to be impounded.

He told the officer he did not have the proof of insurance or registration because the vehicle was his girlfriend's.

A LEIN check on the vehicle owner, a 25-year-old Grosse

Pointe Farms woman, revealed she also had a suspended license and a warrant out of Roseville for failure to appear in court.

The woman, who arrived on the scene, told the officer she paid the fines and did not know her license was suspended. Records indicate she had recently moved.

The man was arrested for driving with a suspended license and the woman was released.

Broken headlight

On Monday, March 19, at 10:54 p.m., a 44-year-old Sterling Heights man driving a blue 1992 Chevrolet station wagon was stopped on Harper and Country Club because one of his headlights was broken.

He provided the officer with only his driver license and registration.

A LEIN check revealed the man had a warrant out of Detroit for failure to appear in court.

He was arrested on the warrant and issued a citation for not having proof of insurance.

— Bob St. John

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

Grosse Pointe Shores

Warrant arrest

Police arrested a 51-year-old Sterling Heights man following a traffic stop on Lakeshore at 11:20 p.m. Friday, March 23.

Police stopped the vehicle after observing it without an operating headlight and taillights. A LEIN (Law Enforcement Information Network) check revealed the man was wanted on two warrants out of Sterling

Heights.

The man was taken into custody and his vehicle impounded. He was released after posting bond.

You need a license

A 49-year-old St. Clair Shores woman was arrested after a traffic stop for speeding on Lakeshore at 8:35 a.m. Thursday, March 22.

A LEIN check revealed that the woman had one driver license suspension and was driving without a current license.

She was taken into custody and released after posting bond.

Fugitive arrest

Police took into custody a 38-year-old Detroit man for an outstanding drunken driving warrant at 4:25 p.m. Wednesday, March 21.

The man was in custody in Southfield, and police there notified the local department about the warrant. Police picked him up and placed him under arrest.

— 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

Arrest after accident

A 65-year-old Belleville man was arrested for drunken driving after police arrived at the scene of an accident on Fisher near Kercheval at 10:28 p.m. Friday, March 23.

Police observed the man unsteady on his feet and slurring his speech. After failing field sobriety tests, the man registered a .17 on a breath test.

He was taken into custody and his child passenger was taken to the police station to be picked up by the man's girlfriend.

The driver was cited for drunken driving and child endangerment.

Needs paperwork

Police detained a 41-year-old Detroit woman following a traffic stop at Moross and Chalfonte at 1:40 p.m. Friday, March 23.

Police stopped the vehicle after a license plate check turned up as invalid. The woman could not produce any paperwork for the vehicle. A LEIN (Law Enforcement Information Network) check also revealed the driver had two driver license suspensions.

She was cited for having an unregistered vehicle, no proof of insurance and driving without a license. Her vehicle was impounded and she was released at the scene.

Lock your car

Police are investigating the theft of many items valued at several hundred dollars from a car parked in a driveway in the 400 block of Cloverly reported at 7:30 a.m. Monday, March 19.

Police said the theft occurred overnight from the unlocked car. The items stolen included an iPod music player, schoolbooks, a calculator and several DVDs.

— 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

Vandalized

Police are investigating the vandalizing of a vehicle parked in the 500 block of Cadioux reported at 5:40 a.m. Tuesday, March 20.

Police said a newspaper delivery person, who noticed the rear window of the vehicle was shattered, filed the initial report.

The victim reported that nothing was missing from the vehicle and that a brick broke the window.

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WHO SAYS GROSSE POINTE NEWS READERS DON'T HAVE A SENSE OF HUMOR?!

Grosse Pointe News Announces Its First

ORIGINAL JOKE & SHORT-STORY/COMEDY SKETCH CONTEST

We invite adults (18 & Over) to write a joke or short-story/comedy sketch and send it in for a chance to win great prizes as Biz Team's announces its new classes at The Assumption Cultural Center.

"BEST JOKE" GRAND PRIZE:

One Complimentary Adult Class Tuition Voucher for "IMPROV 101 for Adults" (Six Thurs. Class Sessions-Evenings: 7pm-9:30pm on April 19, 26, May 3, 10, 17, 24)

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Session D (ages 15-17)	Mon. July 16 - Thurs., July 19	9am - Noon
Session E (ages 9-11)	Mon. July 16 - Thurs., July 19	1pm - 4pm

(Register before June 5th and per student cost for each class is only \$129!)
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POLICE:
Keeping the public safe

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Good Samaritan

A Detroit woman must be grateful after she lost a bundle of money totaling \$900 behind a grocery store in the 16000 block of Kercheval reported at 6:30 p.m. Monday, March 19. Police said a 13-year-old Grosse Pointe Park female found the money after leaving the store with her mother. They turned it over to police. Minutes later, the woman reported the loss to police. After providing an accurate description of how the money was bundled, police returned the lost cash.

—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 names new director of public safety

There's a new sheriff in town. Well, technically the title is director of public safety.

It didn't take long for the City of Grosse Pointe to find a new top cop following the retirement of Al Fincham, who vacated the post last month.

James Fox, commander with the City of Grosse Pointe, was selected from a field of internal applicants. He is a 24-year City of Grosse Pointe police veteran and resident of the City since 1991. He has been serving a dual role as lieutenant and acting chief of police since January, 2006 while Fincham served as acting assistant city manager.

"I am pleased to announce the selection of Jim Fox as the next director of public safety," said City Manager Pete Dame. "The selection process was intensive and the residents of Grosse Pointe should be pleased about the high quality



Jim Fox

of the candidates in the department willing to serve the com-

munity.

"Jim Fox is a consummate professional, a high caliber and decorated officer, and is the right person for this position. I am confident he has the broad range of experience and extensive knowledge of the community needed to address our public safety issues today."

Fox started with the department as a dispatcher in 1983 and worked his way up through progressively responsible positions in the department until achieving the rank of lieutenant in 2001.

"It is an honor and a privilege to have been selected as the City of Grosse Pointe Public Safety Director," Fox said. "During my career I have had the ability to work closely with our residents and business leaders to address many concerns in our community."

"As Director of Public Safety and as a resident of this City I

hope to have your continued support as we face new challenges in the future. Our Department will continue to work at keeping your neighborhood safe and aggressively pursuing criminals who commit crimes in our community."

As commander of the detective bureau, he has fought crime, and coordinated the department-wide effort to solve and prosecute the City's only murder in decades.

He is highly decorated and recognized over his career, including being named Fraternal Order of Police Lodge 102 Officer of the Year for 2005. He has a bachelor degree in criminal justice and graduated from the FBI National Academy for supervision in 1999.

Fox has also served on many multi-jurisdictional crime fighting task forces, including serving as a founding member of the special response team for

the Grosse Pointes and Harper Woods.

Fox assumed the position of director of public safety March 26. His responsibilities include overseeing the department of 25 public safety officers and six dispatchers, as well as records, budget and training for the department.

"Director Fox brings unique skills, experience and abilities to the position," Dame said, noting that Fox served as a presidential security guard while in the United States Marines.

"I feel that as an individual with great integrity, character and experience, he will be able to continue to serve Grosse Pointe in this new capacity as director in a manner that will make the community proud."

Fox is married and has two sons who have attended the Grosse Pointe Public Schools.

—By John Lundberg

GROSSE POINTE WOODS

Cement work contract OK'd

By Bob St. John
Staff Writer

Just like clockwork, Grosse Pointe Woods Department of Public Works will be conducting its annual rite of summer — the sidewalk and driveway repair program.

The city's seventh district (Mack to its east limit and the south limit to Huntington and Fairford) is this year's project destination.

City councilmembers and Mayor Robert Novitke unanimously approved for the lowest bidder, C & L Enterprizes Inc., to perform the cement work for \$212,135 with \$37,865 for contingencies, bringing the total to \$255,000.

"C & L has worked with us in

the past and we were happy with their work," Woods City Administrator Mark Wollenweber said.

City engineer Scott Lockwood said 14 bids were received for the project and he recommended C & L Enterprizes Inc.

Other bids were sent by Italia Construction Inc., L. Ferdinandi & Son Cement Co., Zuniga Cement Construction Inc., Major Cement Contractors, Gorelski's Construction Co. Inc., G.V. Cement Contracting Co., Lacaria Concrete Construction, Gaglio PR Cement Corp., Gaglio Inc., LP Hayes General Contracting, Washtenaw Inc. Maintenance Services, Audia Concrete

Construction Inc., and McCarthy Construction Co. Inc.

The competitors' bids ranged from \$222,210 to \$569,790.

The work performed will include removal and replacement of concrete sidewalks and driveways that have significant cracks; repair the handicap ramp at city hall; remove and replace concrete curb and gutters; subgrade undercutting; adjust structures, reconstruct manholes, catch basins or gate well structures; tree root trimming and observation crew compensation.

"We have this item in the 2007-08 budget," Woods Department of Public Works Director Joe Ahee said.

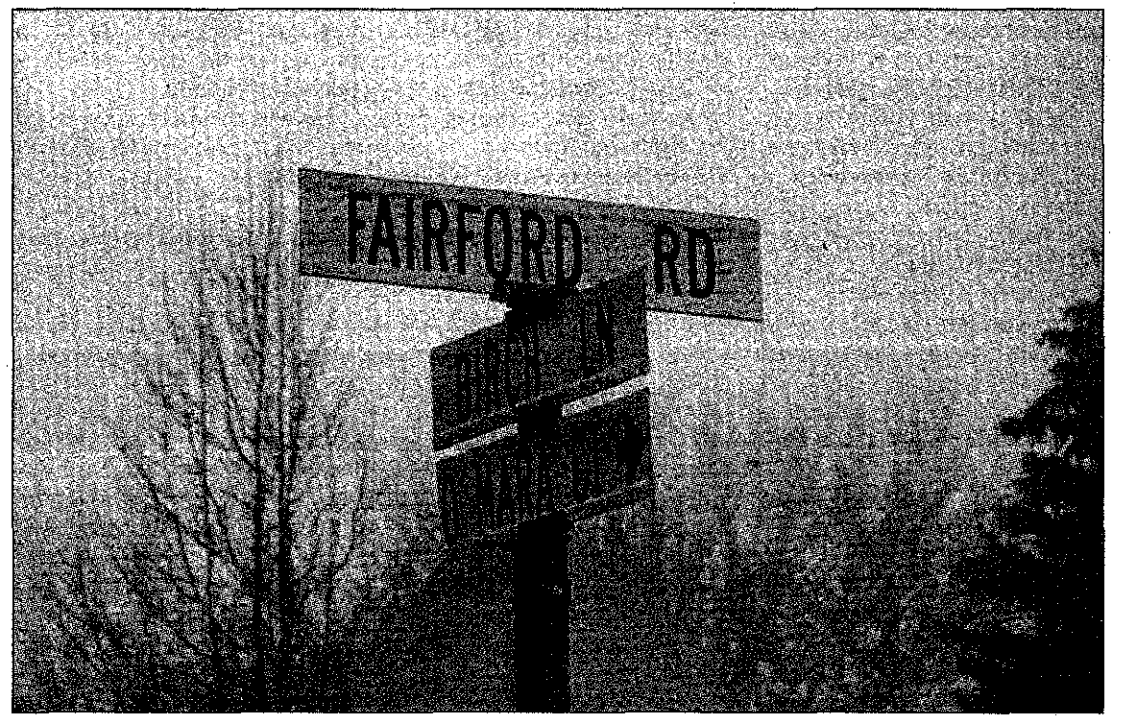


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Fairford is one of the streets in district No. 7 of Grosse Pointe Woods where DPW workers will be performing sidewalk and driveway repairs this summer.

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April 2 is opening day for **Phil Hands'** beloved Detroit Tigers. It is also the opening date of his retrospective editorial cartoon exhibition. A graduate of Grosse Pointe South High, he draws 'em like he sees 'em.

It's a swing, a hit



Phil Hands' self portrait.

STATE OF THE ARTS

By Alex Sucek
 Special Writer

It is a rare privilege to follow and observe the progress of a young artist and journalist, and enjoy seeing his talent develop and his skills improve to the point of garnering solid recognition.

We have been having this experience for the past nine years with a young Pointer and graduate of South High School.

As readers of the Grosse Pointe News, we have reacted to his cartoons on the editorial page, week after week. Now we have an opportunity to judge just how much progress he has made as an artist, an editorial cartoonist and a perceptive commentator on the human condition.

A retrospective exhibit of Phil Hands' portfolio of nine years of work opens Monday, April 2, in the Gallery of the Majestic Café located on the east side of Woodward Avenue, a couple of blocks north of Orchestra Hall.

It is impressive not only because there is a lot of outstanding work in it, but also because it traces clearly the growth of the artist both in his graphic skills and in intellect.

"I started drawing cartoons because I thought it would be an easy way to make money; I was wrong. But it wasn't long before I fell in love with the art form, and the politics," Hands said. "Today, I try to use my cartoons to make the other-

wise stuffy business of politics more successful."

The show includes cartoons from the Grosse Pointe News, a college project executed for credit, and published drawings and cartoons from major newspapers in Madison, Wis., where he works as an intern while enrolling in a master's degree program at the University of Wisconsin. There are also portraits of fellow students, chance acquaintances and members of his family. All of them have interesting stories to tell.

This newspaper got him off to a good start as his first published work appeared on its editorial page while he was still in high school.

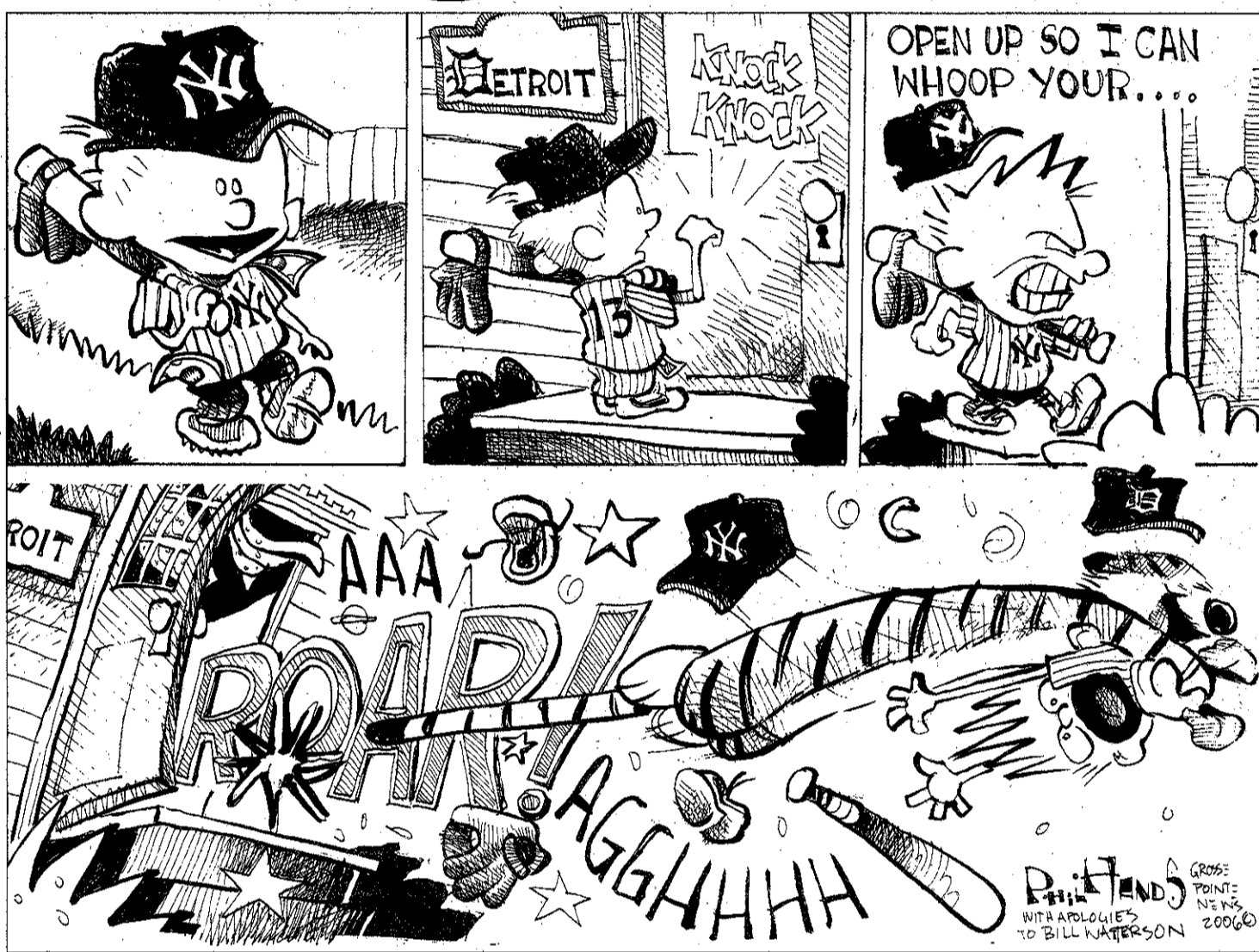
"Editorial cartoonist Phil Hands loves nothing more than skewering a politician or two... Well, actually he enjoys baseball more, but cartooning pays better. Either way, he's a pro!" said John Minnis, editor of the Grosse Pointe News.

Moving on to Kenyon College in Gambier, Ohio, he studied art and political science to sharpen his understanding of people and issues, and to polish his technique. To fulfill a degree requirement in the art department, he had to create a group of portraits with background stories that worked as a series. His inspiration was a thesis he wrote for political science about Alexis De Tocqueville's comments in "Democracy in America" on the power of civic and social associations. The French author had described how associations kept democracy from

disintegrating in America as it had in France after the French Revolution.

The overall focus of his work reflects his two major interests — Tigers baseball and editorial cartoons. "My favorite subject to opine is baseball. I really enjoy drawing tigers," he admitted. The Tigers collection is a treasure in itself. As the fortunes of the baseball team rose and fell, Hands' cartoons show alternately his pride, enthusiasm, frustration and scorn. For opening day in 2003, for example, he drew a cute and cuddly tiger cub saying "purr" followed by the line, "not exactly the roar of '84." The Tigers went on to lose 119 games that season.

In another cartoon looking ahead to a game with the Yankees, he drew a Calvin and Hobbs tribute in which a cocky Calvin wearing a Yankees cap knocks on Hobbs' door. The little tiger springs out and tackles



Above, this cartoon appeared in the Oct. 1, 2006, issue of the Grosse Pointe News.

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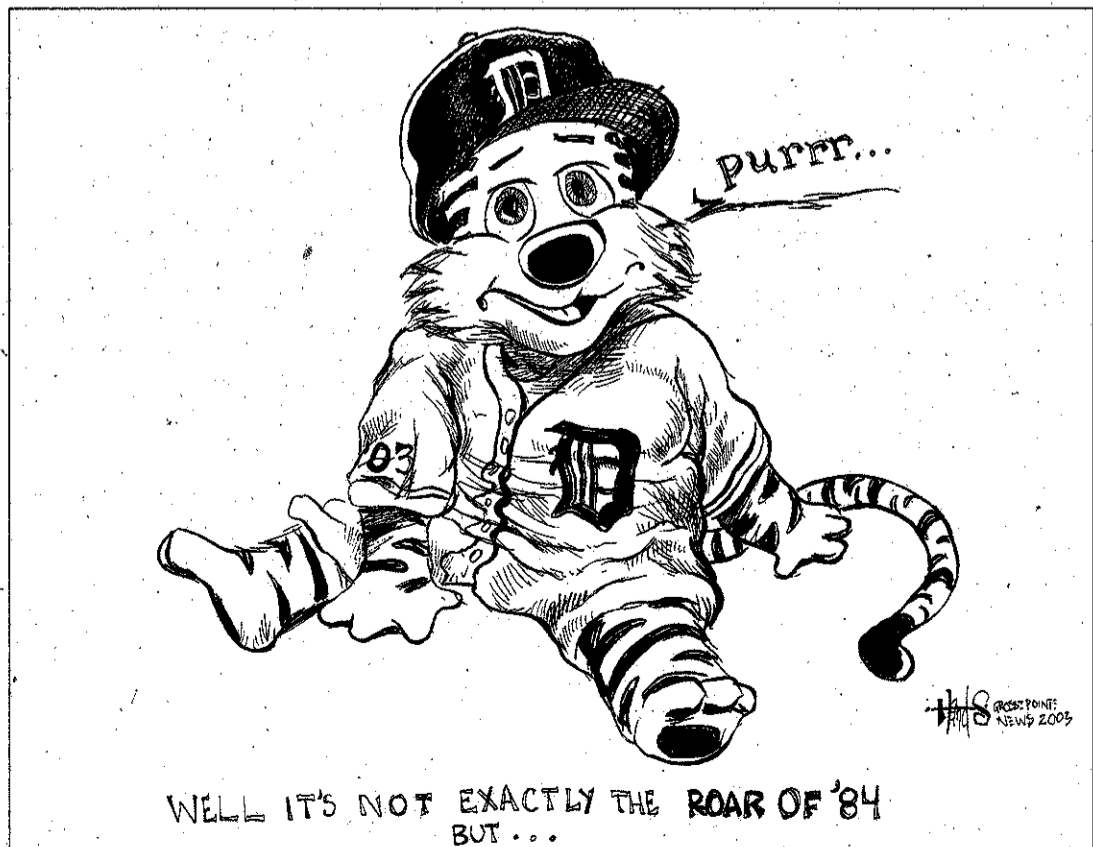
"My favorite subject to opine is baseball. I really enjoy drawing tigers," he admitted.

The Tigers collection is a treasure in itself.

As the fortunes of the baseball team rose and fell, Hands' cartoons show alternately his pride, enthusiasm, frustration and scorn. For opening day in 2003, for example, he drew a cute and cuddly tiger cub saying "purr" followed by the line, "not exactly the roar of '84." The Tigers went on to lose 119 games that season.

In another cartoon looking ahead to a game with the Yankees, he drew a Calvin and Hobbs tribute in which a cocky Calvin wearing a Yankees cap knocks on Hobbs' door. The little tiger springs out and tackles

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A LA ANNIE By Annie Rouleau-Scheriff
'Tourelou Tourelou'
...It's Greek to me



As Easter approaches so does the anxiety of preparing a spring feast.

Lighten your load this year by planning ahead and making smart food choices. This week's recipe is a step in the right direction.

Barbara Saros-Rastelli is sharing her recipe for "Tourelou Tourelou" which translates to Greek mixed vegetable casserole. With less than 30 minutes of prep time, this veggie side dish will sit nicely next to your Easter ham, lamb or whatever meat you choose.

Tourelou-Tourelou

- 1 pound green beans, trimmed and halved**
- 1 large russet potato, peeled and cut into bite size pieces**
- 1 large sweet potato, peeled and cut into bite size pieces**
- 2 zucchini, halved longwise and sliced**
- 3 celery stalks, sliced into bite size pieces**
- 1 medium onion, cut into bite size pieces**

- 4 large garlic cloves, chopped**
- 1 28-oz. can diced tomatoes with juice**
- salt and pepper to taste**
- 3 tablespoons chopped fresh dill weed**
- 2/3 cup chopped fresh parsley**
- 3/4 cup extra virgin olive oil, divided**

Preheat oven to 400 degrees. Place all of the cut vegetables in a large bowl (NOT the dill and parsley) and toss with the diced tomatoes. Season with salt and pepper and drizzle with 1/4 cup of the olive oil. Toss again and turn the mixture into a 9 by 13 baking dish. Sprinkle the chopped fresh dill and parsley over the vegetables.

Drizzle the remaining 1/2 cup olive oil over the vegetables. Cover with a lid (or foil) and bake for 1 hour and 15 minutes, until the vegetables are cooked.

This larger than life veggie side dish will serve 10 plus. The aroma from the oven roasted vegetables will set the mood for a splendid Easter afternoon.

Barbara recommends nothing other than fresh for the dill and the parsley, two ingredients that are often found in dishes of Greek origin.

Thanks for a superb recipe Barbara.

Hilberry Theatre stages 'Translations'

The Hilberry Theatre continues its 44th season with "Translations" by Brian Friel. Set in Baile Beag in County Donegal, Ireland in 1833, per-

sonal and political conflicts are intertwined at the deepest levels when a small community faces the brink of irrevocable transformation through changes that unravel the lines of communication between people and countries. It is a gripping drama which both uses and explores the richness of language and history to weave its tale, complimented by both American Sign Language and signed in exact English.

gence and standardize the Gaelic place name in the King's English. Against a beautiful backdrop, Lt. Yolland, a British soldier "falls" in love with Marie, a peasant girl, and with Ireland.

Together, the strength of their love signifies the deepest of human connections possible and their touching bond prevails despite the human barriers of cross-cultural communication.

Wayne State University's production of "Translations" will be performed with American Sign Language Shadow Signers, built into every production for the entire run.

"Translations" plays through May 19, in rotating repertory with "The Elephant Man" by Bernard Pomerance.

Ticket prices range from \$15 to \$28 with student rush tickets available the day of the performance for \$10.

For tickets and further information, call (313) 577-2972 or visit the Wayne State University Box Office at 4743 Cass.

Performance information may be obtained by visiting the theatre's Web site at hilberry.com.



Cats

Kerby Elementary students Connor and Mary Reinman are part of the Grosse Pointe Theatre's "Cats" cast. Their mother, Marie Reinman, is vocal director of the show which will be performed at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial April 29, May 2 through 6 and May 9 through 13. Call the theater at (313) 881-4004 for tickets.

Most of the action takes place in the home of Hedge School master Hugh O'Donnell, where, in accordance with British law, Catholic pupils are taught classics and mathematics. Hedge Schools were underground throughout the 18th century. In 1782 the government allowed a measure of legal status to the operation of these schools.

But they were still based in barns and sod houses. As the play begins, O'Donnell's school has already lost at least two of its pupils to brewing political unrest as British troops and engineers have begun to conduct an ordinance survey intended to map the landscape for military intelli-

HANDS: Illustrating activity

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the Yankee. In these entertaining and evocative scenes, Hands' style takes a bold editorial cartoon approach not to be confused with comic strips or comic books. He uses a heavy line to

outline his characters and objects, and conveys his message forcefully.

In the series of around a dozen Tiger cartoons it is possible to detect the increasing assurance of his draftsmanship and the effectiveness of his communicative power as they were created over the past nine years.

Many of them appeared in this newspaper.

His art works from his senior exercise at college, on the other hand, opened a new avenue for

Hands' creativity. His studies made him aware that one of the things that sets America apart is that we are joiners and doers, and we get together to make things happen.

He had in mind DeTocqueville's comments on associations in our society and their contemporary decline as discussed in a recent book by Robert Putnam, "Bowling Alone."

Hands' approach to the project was to select individuals, paint their portrait in watercol-

or and frame the pictures with small cartoon drawings that illustrated their activity and interaction with other people.

With that book in mind, for example, he went to a local bowling alley, portrayed an interesting member of the local league and surrounded him with vignettes of bowling detail.

He recalled the way that his great-grandmother had stayed connected to the world around her. He surrounded her portrait with illustrations of stories she had told him about sitting on the front porch chatting with neighbors passing by.

A portrait of a local Elks Club member is framed with cartoons of detail from that environment. Included are fingers holding the chalk to the cue tip and a hand dropping a quarter in the juke box.

Campus life was a further source of ideas.

Fraternity life is illustrated with humor. One scene shows brothers dropping water balloons on passers by from a 4th floor window. Others deal with a weekly poker night among students and faculty and the housekeeper in his residence hall whose cartoon frame includes close-ups of her bowling league and her body language as she watched the ball roll down the lane to hit a spare.

The most recent and best of his editorial cartoons are there, too. They are the works he has been doing for the Wisconsin State Journal, the daily newspaper of Madison.

For two consecutive years he has won professional awards for the best editorial cartoons in the state. He has an internship with the paper for writing and is producing op-ed pieces for them.

Aside from visiting bowling alleys and sitting on front porches, Hands must keep abreast of issues by reading four to five newspapers daily, including the Grosse Pointe News, the Wisconsin State Journal, the Capitol Times, the Detroit Free Press and the New York Times.

Hands is aware editorial staff cartoonist are, as he puts it "next to the spotted owl on the endangered species list." But he sees the job as a link between the old and the new.

"Editorial cartoons could also be a good link between the old school print journalism and the dynamic possibilities of the Internet."

Meanwhile he serves as copy editor and is on the editorial board of the University of Wisconsin daily, The Cardinal. He is also developing a format of self illustrated op-ed pieces for a local alternative paper called The Isthmus. For them, he writes stories and provides cover art and illustrations.

The reception at the Majestic Café is at 8 p.m., Monday, April 2, following the Tigers' opening game. Hands will be there to meet and greet friends and visitors.

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Yacht club appoints membership director

Timothy M. Briody is the new membership director for the Detroit Yacht Club.

Briody recently served as administrative director of the Chamber Music Society of Detroit located in Farmington Hills and was executive director of the Dearborn Community Arts Council, an umbrella organization that helps to facilitate and support 50 diverse arts and cultural organizations in the Dearborn/Dearborn Heights area.

Briody left Ford Motor Company in 2000 having completed a career in various management positions with both Lincoln Mercury and Ford Division sales offices at the Renaissance Center in Detroit.

"We are excited about the addition of Tim to the DYC family and we recognize that his broad range of experience



Tim Briody

will be fully utilized in this critical position directing the membership and marketing programs here," said Tom Trainor,

general manager at the Detroit Yacht Club.

"My immediate task is to grow membership here, and in doing so tell the incredible story of the magnificent and historic Detroit Yacht Club to the surrounding communities. It is a privilege to be able to share the highest level of quality and customer service and tradition to prospective members at such a fine and historic institution," Briody said.

Briody attended College for Creative Studies in Detroit where he studied graphic communications and design, and received a Bachelor of Business Administration from the University of Detroit. He participated in the Leadership Program in customer service at the Ritz Carlton-Dearborn.

In addition to his business work in the arts, Briody is a pen and ink artist specializing

in portraits of private homes, businesses, individuals and marine portraits of both power and sailing vessels of all sizes. The majority of his clients are commissions with portrait requests coming from all over the United States. He currently works from a studio in a Victorian house in West Dearborn.

Briody currently resides in Dearborn, with his wife Louise. They have two grown children Timothy Jr. and Stephen.

Founded shortly after the Civil War in 1868, the Detroit Yacht Club (DYC) has served as host to presidents of the United States, local statesmen and royalty. It has remained viable through the Great Depression while serving five generations of members and families. The health and vitality of the DYC is evident in the beautifully restored 1920s

Mediterranean-style villa that continues to be the largest yacht club in the United States.

The first clubhouse was erected on Belle Isle in 1891 at a cost of \$10,000 with an additional \$2,000 spent on furnishings.

It was destroyed by fire in 1904. A new clubhouse was erected immediately on the ashes of the old clubhouse.

A concrete bridge to Belle Isle opened in 1923.

Beginning in 1921, the DYC started sponsoring the hydroplane races.

By the end of 1924, membership had reached 3000. Gar Wood brought world class attention to the

During the Great Depression, membership severely dropped and some services were discontinued.

By 1946, the club became debt free with the bonds be-

ing paid in full. The women of the club formed the first women's sailing organization.

An outdoor Olympic size swimming pool was added in the 1960s along with Club Front and west end docks. The new docks increased the number of boat wells to more than 350.

What began as a sailing club in the 1860s has evolved into a jewel of the city. The Detroit Yacht Club continues to thrive and is a fun, friendly, affordable and family-oriented club. The DYC's activities and facilities make the DYC a year-round destination for members of all ages as well as a special place for social and business entertainment.

Nearly two-thirds of DYC's membership are non boating members with the remaining members using the 380 boat wells each year.

CLUB MEETINGS

Library friends

The Friends of the Grosse Pointe Public Library host lecturer John Whittier-Ferguson of the University of Michigan at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, April 5, in the Grosse Pointe South High School auditorium. Tickets are \$10 for non-members and free for members.

The professor will discuss the work of James Joyce, focusing on Joyce's exploration of human nature in youth and middle age.

For more information, call (313) 343-2007, extension 204, or visit the Web site gpfriends.org.

Art center

The Grosse Pointe Artists Association hosts an avant garde show with Wayne State University students. The opening is from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. Friday, April 6, at the Grosse

Pointe Art Center, 1005 Maryland, Grosse Pointe Park. The show runs through April 27 with hours from noon to 5 p.m. Wednesdays through Saturdays and from noon to 7 p.m. on Thursdays.

Arts & Scraps

The annual fabric blow-out at Arts & Scraps, 16135 Harper, near the I-94 Cadieux exit, will be Saturday, March 31. More than two tons of fabric will be displayed.

Full grocery bags will cost \$7 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.; \$5 from 1 to 3 p.m.; and \$2 from 3 to 4 p.m.

Rolls of 48 inch iron-on adhesive-satin and other material will be \$1 per yard or 50 cents per yard from 3 to 4 p.m. Baskets are priced from 5 cents to \$3. New greeting cards will be pre-bagged, 20 for \$1.

There is a \$1 admission

charge. Fabrics include tapestry samples, cotton and chiffon.

Voters

The League of Women Voters of Grosse Pointe is presenting a discussion on the Grosse Pointe Public Library, Central Branch project, at 1 p.m., Thursday, April 5, at The Children's Home of Detroit, 900 Cook, Grosse Pointe Woods.

Ed Fredrickson, trustee of the Grosse Pointe Library Board and building committee member, will address questions.

Wayne State

Detroit Renaissance President Doug Rothwell and Strategic Staffing Solutions CEO Cynthia Pasky will speak

during Wayne State University Alumni Association's Arthur L. Johnson Urban Perspectives lecture series on Thursday, April 5.

The free lecture begins at noon in Alumni House, 441 Ferry Mall. Reservations are required. It will be a brown bag lunch, but \$6 boxed lunches will be available. To make a reservation, call (313) 577-2166 or go to the Web site alumni.wayne.edu/events.

Wigs 4 Kids

Wigs 4 Kids of Michigan hosts a spaghetti dinner fundraiser from 4 to 8 p.m. Saturday, March 31, at the St. Clair Shores Eagles Aerie 3619, 23631 Greater Mack, St. Clair Shores.

Admission is free; dinner is \$7 a plate.

The evening includes raffles, auctions, 50/50 drawings and entertainment.

Garden club

The Windmill Pointe Garden Club meets at 11:30 a.m., on Wednesday, April 4, at Lochmoor Club, 1018 Sunningdale. The hostess is Shirley Rizzo. The program is "Four Seasons of Your Garden," presented by Michael Saint.

Vision support group

The Friends of Vision Support Group for the visually impaired meet at 10 a.m. Monday, April 2, in the Detroit Institute of Ophthalmology, 15415 E. Jefferson, Grosse Pointe Park.

Questers

Fox Creek Questers No. 216 meet at 12:30 p.m. Thursday, April 5, at the home of Ann Van Slyck. Anne Thomas will be co-hostess. Van Slyck will present a program on "Torquay Redux." Her pottery will be on display.

Dues are due.

Pettipointe Questers

Pettipointe Questers No. 243 meet at 11 a.m. Thursday, April 5, at the home of Pat Cosgrove.

The program will include the history of hand carved ivory Netsukes, presented by Irma Stevens.

A silent auction of items brought by each member will be followed by lunch.

R.S.V.P. to Cosgrove by Sunday, April 1.

St. John named in top 100

St. John Hospital and Medical Center received the 2006 Solucient Top 100 Hospitals National Benchmarks for Success award, which recognizes hospitals that achieve or exceed national benchmark scores for hospital-wide performance.

The Evanston, Illinois-based Solucient is widely regarded as the nation's leading source of health care information and research. The award marks the second time in as many years that the center has been recognized as one of the top 15 major teaching hospitals in the country.

"While the award is a terrific honor for the hospital, it's our patients and the communities that we serve who are the real winners," said David Stephens, interim president for the center. "Each and every day the dedication brought by our physicians, nurses, technicians, and all associates, means our patients are receiving world-class medical care, delivered in a caring compassionate way."

Solucient uses a balanced scorecard approach to select

hospitals for recognition. This year's measures were centered on three main components of hospital performance: clinical excellence, efficiency and financial health, and responsiveness to the community.

The measures for the 2006 study were risk-adjusted mortality index, risk-adjusted complications index, risk-adjusted patient safety index, core mea-

sures and severity-adjusted average length of stay.

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Science center gala is May 11

Celebrate science, engineering and technology at the 2007 Annual Detroit Science Gala at 6 p.m., Friday, May 11, at the Detroit Science Center. Gov. Jennifer M. Granholm and Daniel G. Mulhern are serving as honorary co-chairs of the event. Francois J. Castaing, chairman of the Detroit Science Center is chairing the gala. The theme is "Medical Marvels" and is sponsored by Ford Motor Company, with support from General Motors Corp. and DaimlerChrysler.

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HOLY WEEK SERVICES

Seder
Grosse Pointe Jewish Council members and guests will celebrate the 18th annual Passover Seder at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, April 3.

Passover Seder commemorates the freedom of the Jewish people from Egypt more than 3,000 years ago. The Seder, a service at which the story of Moses and the Exodus is retold each year, reminds all present that religious freedom and freedom from persecution is the right of all people.

For membership and Seder information, call the council at (313) 882-6700.

St. Matthew Passion

Bach's "St. Matthew Passion" will be performed by the Christ Church Chorale, the Christ Church Boys Choir and a double orchestra at 7 p.m. Friday, April 6, at Christ Church Grosse Pointe, 61 Grosse Pointe Blvd., Grosse Pointe Farms.

Featured will be Bryan White as the evangelist, James Gray as Jesus, Dalos Grobe as Pilate with aria soloists Jeanne Bourget, Wendy Bloom and Lonel Woods. Fred DeHaven is the conductor.

No tickets are required and the community is invited.

For more information, call (313) 885-4841.

Evensong

Evensong will be sung by the Choir of Men and Boys at 4:40 p.m. Sunday, April 1, at Christ Church, 61 Grosse Pointe Blvd., Grosse Pointe Farms. Music by Murrill, Ireland and Tallis will be sung. This is the

last Evensong for the church. For more information, call (313) 885-4841.

Christ the King

Christ the King Lutheran Church observes Palm Sunday with a service at 8:15 a.m. Sunday, April 1, with Holy Communion at the 10:45 a.m. service. The Sunday school hosts an Easter egg hunt at 9:30 a.m. Sunday, April 1, and the children will assist at the 10:45 a.m. service with palms, songs and readings.

Maundy Thursday services, April 5, are at 11:15 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. with Holy Communion.

The Good Friday, April 6, Passion service begins with an 11:15 a.m. Holy Communion service. A Tenebrae service, a service of darkness, is at 7:30 p.m.

Easter morning services are at 8 and 10:45. Easter breakfast with eggs, French toast and beverages will be served at 8:30 a.m. in the church's auditorium.

It is free but a free will offering will be accepted with proceeds to support the youth group's summer trip to the Lutheran Church — Missouri Synod National Youth gathering in Orlando, Fla.

The church is handicap accessible and has a staffed nursery.

For more information, call the church at (313) 884-5090.

Fish fry

St. Sabbas Orthodox Monastery, 18745 Old Homestead, Harper Woods, hosts a fish dinner (salmon)

and a bake sale following the Palm Sunday, April 1, liturgy.

Reservations are mandatory by calling (313) 521-1894. The cost is \$15 for adults and \$6.95 for children 12 and under.

The bake sale includes Eastern European pastries, sweet breads and Easter cheese.

St. Albertus

St. Albertus Historic Church will be open from 7 to 10 p.m. on Thursday, April 5, for visitation.

For more information, call the church at (313) 527-9321 or (313) 872-4387.

Congregational church

Grosse Pointe Congregational Church, at the corner of Chalfonte and Lothrop, Grosse Pointe Farms, opens Holy Week with a 10 a.m. communion service on Sunday, April 1.

Service of Tenebrae, with communion, is at 7 p.m. Thursday, April 5.

Easter Sunday, April 8, services are at 8:30 and 10 a.m. with the Rev. Eddie Bray's sermon topic "Risen." Communion and celebratory music will be afforded at both services.

Founding of America

Lecturer Sherwin Wine will speak at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, April 5, in the Grosse Pointe Unitarian Church, 17150 Maumee. His topic will be "Founding of America." The

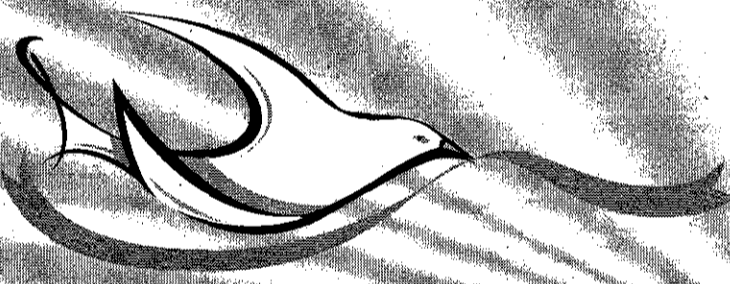
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Mayor's day of prayer

Continuing a 21-year tradition, the mayors of the five Grosse Pointes and Harper Woods are planning their annual Mayors' Prayer Breakfast, set for Thursday, May 3, hosted this year by Grosse Pointe Shores. Gathered to set the agenda for this year's event are, left to right, Mayor James C. Farquhar Jr., Grosse Pointe Farms; Mayor Kenneth A. Poynter, Harper Woods; Mayor Robert E. Novitke, Grosse Pointe Woods; Mayor Dale N. Scrace, City of Grosse Pointe; Mayor Palmer T. Heenan, Grosse Pointe Park; and President James M. Cooper, Grosse Pointe Shores. Creating added excitement for the annual event is the announcement of this year's keynote speaker — Hall of Fame broadcaster and former voice of the Detroit Tigers for more than 40 years, Ernie Harwell. The Mayors' Prayer Breakfast celebrates the National Day of Prayer as proclaimed by the president of the United States. The program begins at 7:30 a.m. in the Main Ballroom of the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club. Tickets are \$15 and available at any of the Grosse Pointe or Harper Woods municipal offices. For ticket information, contact Mary Celmer at (313) 640-2540.

WORSHIP SERVICE

	<p>Grosse Pointe Unitarian Church April 1, 2007 <i>Finding and Seeking</i> Guest Speaker: Rev. Suzanne Paul Service at 10:30 a.m. 17150 MAUMEE 881-0420 Visit us at www.gpuc.us</p>	<p>CHRISTIAN SCIENCE CHURCH First Church of Christ, Scientist 282 Chalfonte Ave. Sunday Service - 11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Wednesday Testimony Meeting 8:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. All are warmly welcome at both services Free Childcare provided Questions? 884-2426</p>	<p>St. Paul Ev. Lutheran Church 375 Lothrop at Chalfonte Grosse Pointe Farms (313) 881-6670</p> <p>HOLY WEEK WORSHIP SCHEDULE PALM SUNDAY-APRIL 1ST 9:00 & 11:15am Worship with Holy Communion MAUNDY THURSDAY-APRIL 5TH 1:00 & 7:00pm Worship with Holy Communion GOOD FRIDAY AFTERNOON-APRIL 6TH 1:00pm Veneration of the Crucified, Worship at St. James Lutheran Church GOOD FRIDAY EVENING-APRIL 6TH 7:30pm Tenebrae Service, Reflections on Jesus' "Seven Last Words" EASTER SUNDAY-APRIL 8TH 9:00 & 11:15am Resurrection of Our Lord Worship with Holy Communion (Easter Breakfast served between the worship services) Rev. Frederick Harms, Pastor Rev. Morsal Collier, Assoc. Pastor Nursery Available</p>
<p>St. Clare Of Montefalco CATHOLIC COMMUNITY 1401 WHITTIER ROAD, (MACK AT OUTER DRIVE) GROSSE POINTE PARK, MICHIGAN 48230-1167 313.647-5000</p> <p>MASS SCHEDULE Saturday Vigil Mass: 4:00 p.m. Sunday Masses: 7:30 a.m., 9:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.</p> <p>CONFESSION/RECONCILIATION Individual Confessions Saturdays 2:30 - 3:30 p.m. Wednesdays of Lent 7:30 p.m. - after Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament</p> <p>LENTEN PENANCE SERVICES Tuesday, April 3 - 11:00 a.m. & 7:30 p.m. (No confessions on Holy Saturday afternoon - except by appointment)</p>	<p>Holy Week & Easter Services CHRIST CHURCH DETROIT</p> <p>Palm Sunday - April 1st 8:15 & 10:30 a.m.</p> <p>Noon services are offered every day during Holy Week</p> <p>Maundy Thursday - April 5th 6 p.m. Traditional Lamb Dinner 7 p.m. Mass with Washing of Feet</p> <p>Good Friday-April 6th, 12 Noon Bach Cantata #106 <i>God's Time is Best</i> Parish Choir, Soloists, 2 Flutes, Strings, Harpsichord</p> <p>Easter Day - April 8th 8:15 a.m. with music 10:30 a.m. with choir, bells and brass</p> <p>The Rev. Phillip A. Jackson, Rector 960 E. Jefferson Ave. Detroit, MI 48207; www.christod.org or call (313) 259-6688</p>	<p>Grosse Pointe Congregational Church</p> <p>PALM SUNDAY SERVICE APRIL 1st at 10:00 a.m. (crib room available) 10:00 a.m. Church School</p> <p>AFFILIATED WITH THE UCC AND ABC 240 CHALFONTE AT LOTHPROP Rev. Ed Bray, Pastor www.gpccong.org gpccong@sbcglobal.net 884-3075</p>	<p>GRACE UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST 1175 Lakepointe at Kercheval Grosse Pointe Park 822-3823</p> <p>Sunday - Worship 10:30 a.m. Tuesday - Thrift Shop 10:30 - 3:30</p> <p>Wednesday - Amazing Grace Seniors every second Wednesday at The Tompkins Center at Windmill Pointe Park 11:00 - 3:00</p> <p>COME JOIN US Pastor: Marguerite (Margo) Allen</p>

JOIN US IN THE JOURNEY OF HOLY WEEK & EASTER at Christ Church Grosse Pointe

Palm Sunday Services, April 1, at 8:00, 9:00 and 11:15 am
Evensong at 4:30 pm, sung by the Choir of Men and Boys.
Works by Murrill, Ireland, and Tallis.

Monday and Tuesday, April 2 and 3, 7:00 pm
A quiet and intimate Eucharist.

Wednesday, April 4, 7:00 pm
The Service of Tenebrae, sung by the Choir of Girls and Men. Is a dramatic service of shadows, moves us from light to darkness, and prepares us for the high drama of the days to follow.

Maundy Thursday, April 5, 7:00 pm
Eucharist with the washing of the feet and stripping of the altar. Bishop Wendell Gibbs is preacher and celebrant. Music provided by Choir of Men and Boys.

Good Friday, April 6, services at 12 noon and 7:00 pm
At the 7:00 pm service, Bach's *St. Matthew Passion* will be sung by the Christ Church Chorale, orchestra and soloists. No ticket required.

Holy Saturday, April 7:
8:00 am, A quiet, reflective prayer service.
7:00 pm, The Great Vigil of Easter tells our salvation history as we move from darkness to light. Music provided by the Choir of Men and Boys.

Easter Day, Sunday, April 8:
7:00 am, Holy Eucharist with the Choir of Men and Boys.
9:00 and 11:15 am, Services with the Christ Church Chorale. These services continue the Resurrection history begun at the Vigil, and joy dominates throughout. The 9:00 am service includes the flowering of the Cross by children. Easter egg hunt at 10:30 am.

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Maundy Thursday
The Rev. David Noble, preaching
5:30 p.m. Meal & Worship for families with children
7:00 p.m. Meal & Worship

Good Friday
7:30 a.m. Friday Ecumenical Men's Breakfast
Noon - 3:00 p.m. Personal Meditation in Sanctuary
7:30 p.m. Tenebrae Service with Prayers Around the Cross

EASTER MORNING
7:45 a.m. Friday Service of the Resurrection
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9:00 & 11:00 a.m. Festival Services with Holy Communion
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Holy Week Schedule of Services
Palm Sunday, April 1st
Masses celebrated at 8:30 a.m.,
10:00 a.m. (Latin) and 12:00 noon

Holy Thursday, April 5th
8:00 p.m. Solemn Mass of the Lord's Last Supper followed by Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Good Friday, April 6th
12:30 p.m. - Solemn Liturgy of the Lord's Passion
2:00 p.m. - Stations of the Cross
8:00 p.m. - Solemn Service of Readings and Music
"Requiem" by Gabriel Faure (soloists, choir & orchestra)

Holy Saturday, April 7th
8:00 p.m. - The Great Vigil of Easter

Easter Day, April 8th
Masses celebrated at 8:30 a.m.,
10:00 a.m. (Latin) and 12:00 noon



THE PASTOR'S CORNER By Roger Skully

Passover eagerly entered

The Jewish holiday of Passover begins on the evening of April 2. It is the holiday that celebrates the Exodus from Egypt of our forefathers. There is a holiday meal and ritual that is followed. It is called the Seder, which means "order," since there is an order to the meal as described in a book called the Haggadah. Haggadah means to "tell a story" and it narrates the story of the Hebrews leaving Egypt and going to Mount Sinai to receive the Torah, God's law. The Last Supper of Jesus was the Passover Seder. Passover is often called the "Feast of Unleavened Bread," since unleavened bread called Matzah is eaten for the seven

days of the feast. The Matzah is required to be eaten with appetite, according to custom. The obvious question is, why? The commentaries explain as follows: Matzah is representative of the Jewish people's relationship with God. This is evident from the similarity in the spellings of the Hebrew words Matzah and Mitzvah (a good deed or commandment). A person must cultivate within himself a hunger and a yearning to develop his relationship with God. Otherwise, he will not appreciate this relationship, and it will be of no value in his eyes. This can be related to everyday experience in all facets of life. People generally ascribe importance only to those things that they have obtained after

long periods of yearning. Only by feeling a deep longing for something can someone truly appreciate its value when it finally becomes his. This is the idea behind the matzah/mitzvah relationship. Unless a person develops that hunger; that craving for Mitzvahs, he will not appreciate their true value when they are in his grasp. It is for this reason that the Mitzvah of eating Matzah must be done with a hearty appetite. We wish the entire community a joyous holiday season and a hearty appetite. Roger Skully is Cantor at Beth Tephilath Moses, Mount Clemens, a conservative congregation serving Detroit's east side.

Nation's largest single-day food drive

The Campbell Soup Co. will join forces with the National Association of Letter Carriers (NALC) to "Stamp Out Hunger!" across America on Saturday, May 12. Now in its 15th year, the Stamp Out Hunger! effort is the nation's largest single-day food drive, having collected more than 765 million pounds of food since its inception in 1993. Last year, letter carriers across the country collected more than 70 million pounds of food. To help Stamp Out Hunger!, leave a sturdy bag containing nonperishable food next to your mailbox prior to the time

of regular mail delivery on May 12. Food items should be in nonbreakable containers, such as boxes and cans. The nation's 230,000 letter carriers will then collect donations from homes across the country and deliver them to food bank members of America's Second Harvest: The Nation's Food Bank Network and other hunger relief organizations in more than 10,000 local communities. According to America's Second Harvest, 35 million people are food insecure, hungry or at risk of hunger. They also report one in four people in a soup kitchen line

are children. Food banks are notoriously bare during summer months, as most food drives are conducted around the holidays and those donated goods are distributed throughout the spring. Summer donations are also critical, because many children no longer have the benefit of their school lunch program. Also, Campbell is donating 1 million pounds of food to food banks across the country. For more information about the Stamp Out Hunger! effort, visit the Web site helpstampouthunger.com.

SERVICES: Holy Week observances

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cost is \$10.

First English

Holy Week at First English Evangelical Lutheran Church, 800 Vernier, Grosse Pointe Woods, begins with a worship service at 8:15 a.m. Sunday, April 1, followed by a 9:30 a.m. contemporary service and a traditional Procession of the Palms at 11 a.m. The study for the day is "The Triumphant Entry." Sunday school is at 9:45 a.m. Maundy Thursday, April 5, has communion at 7 p.m. with

the study, "The Last Supper." Friday, April 6, "The Death of Jesus," is presented at 1 p.m. and at the Tenebrae service at 7 p.m. Easter Sunday, April 8, "The Resurrection of Our Lord," begins with a 7 a.m. service, a contemporary service at 9 a.m. and a festival workshop at 11 a.m. with Holy Communion being served at each service.

Wednesday service

Grosse Pointe Methodist Church hosts education and worship activities beginning at 5:30 p.m. Wednesday, April 4, with a homemade soup and bread supper. It will be followed by guided meditation, a seminar on the background and practice of Christian worship, a time for worship and a labyrinth walk.

Memorial church

Grosse Pointe Memorial Church begins its Holy Week with a children's procession of palms and praise during the 9 and 11 a.m. Sunday, April 1, services. The 5:30 p.m. Thursday, April 5, Maundy Thursday service is geared toward families with young children. A second service begins at 7 p.m. Both services will include a meal to help members understand the roots of communion in Jewish meal practices. Call the church office at (313) 822-5330, to make a reservation. The church will be open all afternoon Friday, April 6, for prayer. A Tenebrae service begins at 7:30 p.m. The 7:45 a.m., Sunday, April 8, service is a remembrance for those who are interred in the columbarium.



LENTEN DINNERS IN THE ARK AT ST. AMBROSE

Join us for dinner every Friday in Lent, from 5 to 9 p.m. in the ARK at St. Ambrose.

The menu includes: a deluxe salad bar, clam chowder, battered cod, tater tots, coleslaw, macaroni with cheese, vegetable, rolls, coffee and tea.

The cost is \$14 for adults; \$12 for seniors; \$10 for children aged 6 to 10; children 5 and under eat free. Carry-out service available by calling (313) 822-1594.

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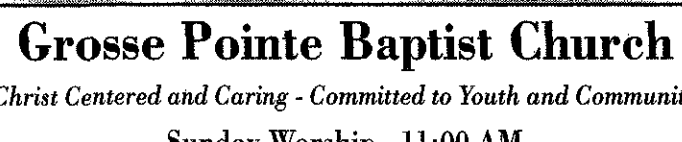


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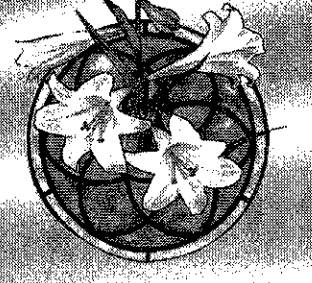
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9:30 a.m. Worship
Church Sunday School & Nursery 10:45 am

Holy Thursday, April 5th
4:00pm Chapel & 7:30pm Sanctuary

Good Friday, April 6th
12:00pm Sanctuary

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MAUNDY THURSDAY, APRIL 5
12:10 p.m. - The Holy Communion in commemoration of the first Lord's Supper

GOOD FRIDAY, APRIL 6
12:00 Noon - 3:00 p.m.
Psalms, The Stations of the Cross, and the Good Friday Liturgy with choral music throughout the Three Hours

EASTER DAY, APRIL 8
8:30 and 11:00 a.m. - The Easter Liturgy
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Palm Sunday - 10:30 a.m. Worship Service

Meditation: "You Are There!"
Scripture: Luke 19:29-39
Peter C. Smith, Preaching
Church School: Crib - 8th Grade

Maundy Thursday - April 5
8:00 p.m. - Tenebrae Communion Service
Scripture, Choral Music and Extinguishing of Lights
Good Friday Service - April 6
1-2 p.m.

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Palm/Passion Sunday, April 1
8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite One
10:30 a.m. Palm Procession & Holy Eucharist Rite Two


Holy Monday & Holy Tuesday 4/1, 4/2
7:30 p.m. Evening Prayers

Holy Wednesday, April 4
7:00 a.m. Mid-week service
7:30 p.m. Tenebrae

Maundy Thursday, April 5
7:30 p.m. Holy Eucharist & Homily


Good Friday, April 6
Noon - Good Friday Liturgy 7:30 p.m. Stations of the Cross
Holy Saturday, Easter Eve, April 7
10:30 a.m. Prayer Service 4:00 p.m. Family Easter Eucharist
Child care provided at 4:00pm with Easter Egg Hunt to follow.

Easter Day, April 8
8:00 a.m. Festival Eucharist & Sermon
10:30 a.m. Choral Eucharist & Sermon



Saturday Vigil Mass at 4:00 p.m.
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Holy Week

Worship Schedule

Worship on the Great Three Days
Maundy Thursday - 7:30 pm
Good Friday - 1:00 pm & 7:30 pm
Saturday - The Great Vigil of Easter - 8:30 pm
(There will be a reception following The Great Vigil)

Easter Celebration
Easter Day - 10:15 am

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MAUNDY THURSDAY, April 5th
11:15 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.
Holy Communion celebrated at both worship services

GOOD FRIDAY, April 6th
11:15 a.m. Passion Service
7:30 p.m. Tenebrae Service
Holy Communion celebrated at both worship services

FESTIVAL OF THE RESURRECTION, April 8th
8:00 a.m. Festival Service with Holy Communion
10:45 a.m. Festival Service with Special Music
8:30 - 10 a.m. Easter Breakfast
Nursery provided for Easter Services

HE IS RISEN! EVERYONE WELCOME



Palm Sunday - April 1st
8am and 10am

Liturgy of the Palms & Holy Communion
Noon - Detroit Tiger Prayer Service

Good Friday - April 6th - Noon to 3pm
With the St. John's Professional Choir
Come and go as necessary during the service

Great Vigil of Easter - April 7th - 8pm

Easter Sunday - April 8th
8am - Holy Communion
9:30am - Brass Prelude
10am - Festive Holy Communion
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CAREGIVING By Terri Murphy

Caregivers need support from family, friends



Are you caring for an older adult with a serious health problem or the advancing in age?

Many times the role of caregiver will fall to a spouse or an adult child who's trying to balance their new responsibilities along with work, children and their own personal time.

While you are busy and concerned with taking care of another's health, it is important to recognize how caregiving may affect your own health — phys-

ically, mentally, and emotional-ly.

People want to stay in their homes, surround themselves with loved ones, and maintain a greater level of control over their care as they age. While this arrangement has benefits economically, there is a growing recognition that the caregivers need a greater level of support to make the situation a success.

Researchers have found that caregivers are less healthy compared to non-caregivers and tend to exhibit a decreased ability to fight illness and have slower healing rates, higher incidence of headaches, and insomnia and an increased risk of heart disease and poor overall general health.

There is a proven mind-body connection, and oftentimes the high rate of physical problems in caregivers is closely tied to the mental effects of caregiving.

According to caregiving research, caregivers have significantly higher levels of depression. They can often develop anxiety disorders related to the added stress of caring for their loved one.

The anxiety is caused by stress and feelings of guilt that they may not be doing enough. They are often pulled in so many directions that they cannot pay adequate attention to all areas of their lives.

Caregivers who, in addition to caregiving, are playing various roles such as that of spouse,

parent and employee, often exhibit signs related to the stress in their lives.

Emotional signs of caregiver stress and exhaustion may include:

- ◆ Anger at self and the patient
 - ◆ Social withdrawal from friends and activities
 - ◆ Irritability leading to moodiness
 - ◆ Negative thoughts and reactions
 - ◆ Inability to concentrate
 - ◆ Problems at work
- There is good news. Research has also clearly shown that access to a good social support network can offset some of the physical, mental and emotional effects.
- ◆ Seek help for depression

or stress. Don't be afraid to ask for help. Join a caregiver support group.

◆ Inform yourself. Seek out educational resources online or at your local senior centers. They are there for the family members.

◆ Visit your doctor regularly. Prioritize your health; it is just as important to care for yourself as it is for the one that you love.

Caregiver health tips

There are other simple steps you can take to help you stay healthy as you care for others:

- ◆ Listen to your body. Your body will tell you when you are pushing yourself too hard.
- ◆ Pay attention to nutrition. Take your vitamins and make a

good diet part of your life.

◆ Exercise. Try to squeeze it into your schedule, incorporate it into what you already do. Try walking more and see how your energy increases.

◆ Take time off. It is often easier said than done, but even just an hour can make a world of difference. Use family or community support to make this happen.

◆ Try relaxation techniques. You can do them anywhere, and they can often give you that extra energy you need.

Terri Murphy is a professional caregiver and the owner of Home Helpers. She lives in Grosse Pointe and can be reached by telephone at (313) 881-4600 or send e-mails to tmurphy572@comcast.net

SENIOR SCENE By Ruth Cain

Grandparents enter the cyber world as seasoned advisers



People and organizations have become increasingly aware that older folks have a great deal to offer society.

The business world has found that seniors make excellent employees. Many organizations would not be able to offer significant services to customers without senior volunteers.

Seniors, however, offer something far more valuable;

wisdom.

An organization has been established whose mission is to promote and share elder know-how and wisdom, and its goal is to elevate the value and worth of the senior community.

Californian Doug Mackelson dreamed up Elder Wisdom Circle in 2003, calling his group of advice-givers "grandparents to the cyber world."

Simply stated, the organization gives grandparents who wish to share their sage advice, access to an Internet program where questions of those with problems are listed.

To become a cyber-grandparent you must be at least 60 years old, have access to the Internet, complete an application and screening process and

be approved by the advisory board. Once approved you are expected to participate via the Internet on a regular basis.

You can become an individual advisor or be part of an Elder Circle where only one person needs computer access.

Most advice seekers are 15 to 40 years of age, although those of any age can ask for help. Questions can be on almost any topic or issue with the exception of medical, tax, investment and legal advice.

Questions are answered via e-mail within a few days of receipt. Both those seeking and those dispensing advice are anonymous.

Nationally the circle handles about 3,000 letters a month, most focusing on relationship

problems. Half of those certified to participate in the program are individuals working from home computers. The other half are in circles at retirement communities. It is also possible for a group of seniors to gather together and create their own circle.

The American House Hazel Park has a circle which meets weekly to select a topic, scroll through letters on that topic and make a selection. Circle members discuss the letter selected and after discussion, meld their opinions into a single response which is then e-mailed to the questioner.

The group collectively has 600 years of experience. Group members agree that their work in the circle is interesting, im-

portant and satisfying.

Satisfaction from those seeking advice is obvious. They are getting first rate advice from an unbiased person without ties that could influence the advice.

What members get from participation in the program is far more diverse. Here is what some members say:

It gives you a feeling of connection with people and that makes a big difference in your everyday life."

"The knowledge that someone wants your advice and that you can help them makes you feel good."

After a family tragedy, one senior wanted to reach out and help those with special needs. He became an elder and finds it an effective way to help.

One senior noted that with one letter you can say, "Been there, done that" and it takes you 20 minutes to type an e-mail. With another letter you mull it over for a day or so. You sleep on it. It's heart-wrenching," he said. "But you know you're helping people at a difficult time in their lives."

If you'd like more information go to: elderwisdomcircle.org. You'll find a great deal of information about the group, as well as letters sent in by advice-seekers.

You can also contact Services for Older Citizens, if you're interested in having a circle established by SOC, at (313) 882-9600.

You can get in touch with Cain at ruthcain@comcast.net.

ASK THE EXPERTS By Mary Ellen Brayton

Predators on the Internet — a mouse click away from your child



Q. I have seen the recent Dateline NBC programs about predators on the Internet and find it alarming. What should I be doing to keep tabs on my kids?

A. The Family Center has partnered with the

Grosse Pointe Public School System and the U.S.

Attorney's Office to host a panel presentation about this very subject. "Child Predators: Hidden Dangers on the Internet Protecting our Children and Teens" will be held from 7 to 9 p.m., Tuesday, April 17 at Brownell Middle School.

The highlighted speakers include six panelists and will be moderated by Stephen J. Murphy, United States

Attorney for the Eastern District of Michigan.

The panelists include Kym Worthy, Wayne County prosecutor and Andrew Oosterbaan, chief of the Child Exploitation and Obscenity Division from the Department of Justice.

Also speaking will be: Katie Connell, Child Forensic and Obscenity Section of the FBI; a representative from the Wayne County Sheriff's Department, a representative

from the U.S. Postal Service and Grace Smith, instruction technology specialist from the Grosse Pointe Public School System.

Each person from the panel will discuss the latest trend, on what is currently happening in our area and what parents can do to protect their child.

Presentations include actual conversations monitored by the various law enforcement agencies who will show

what personal information children are revealing about themselves on places like "My Space," "Facebook" and various chat rooms.

This is a must see for all parents who think this could never happen to their child. This program will raise awareness about the dangers of online sexual predators and provide the necessary tools to help you protect your child.

Due to the intensity of the

subject matter, this forum is for adults only.

Some material may be inappropriate for children.

Doors open at 6:30 p.m. and the presentation begins promptly at 7 p.m.

The program is free. Mail your questions to: Mary Ellen Brayton, program director, The Family Center, 20090 Morningside, Grosse Pointe Woods, MI, 48236; or call (313) 432-3832; or e-mail Info@familycenterweb.org.

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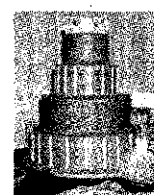
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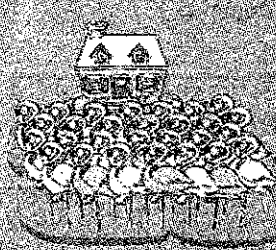
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ENGAGEMENTS

Armaly - Shalla

John W. Armaly of Grosse Pointe Shores and Karen Armaly of the City of Grosse Pointe have announced the engagement of their daughter, Kristine Mary Armaly, to Joseph "Ryan" Shalla, of Grosse Pointe Farms, son of Joseph and Karen Shalla of Clinton Township, formerly of Grosse Pointe. A September 2008 wedding is planned.

Armaly is completing her bachelor of arts degree at the University of Phoenix. She worked for four years with Tiffany & Co. in New York City and Chicago in retail management and corporate sales. She works as a national sales manager for Armaly Brands Sponge Manufacturing Company.

Shalla graduated from Michigan State University with a degree in horticulture. He had worked as general manager for Bordine's Nursery in Rochester and is a salesman and serviceman with Avanti Press Inc.

Wipf - Foresman

Roger and Kathy Wipf of Park Ridge, Ill., have announced the engagement of their daughter, Kara Wipf, to Kyle Foresman, son of Jim and Nancy Foresman of Grosse Pointe Woods. An April wedding is planned.

Wipf earned a Bachelor of Science in journalism degree and a Master of Science in journalism degree from Northwestern University. She is a communication consultant with Mercer Human Resource Consulting.

Foresman earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in accounting from Miami University. He is an investment advisor with Smith Barney.

Evatz - Squires

Allison Ellen Evatz, of Sterling Heights, formerly of Grosse Pointe Woods, daughter of the late Stan and Marianne Evatz, have announced to Jeff Squires, son of Jerry and Lyn Squires of Columbiaville. An August wedding is planned.

Evatz attended Macomb Community College and Mecca Seaton in Chicago, Ill., for Montessori teacher's training. She is a preschool teacher with Children's World in Troy.

Squires earned a Bachelor of Science degree in electrical engineering in 1999 from Michigan Technological University. He is an electrical engineer.

Campbell - Segal

Dennis and Rosemary Campbell of Grosse Pointe Park have announced the engagement of their daughter, Kristin Campbell, to Robert Segal, son of Stanley and Georgia Segal of Atlanta, Ga. An August wedding is planned.

Campbell earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in education and human development from Boston College and a Master of Arts degree in elementary education from Framingham State. She is a third-grade teacher in Newton, Mass.

Segal earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in history from Boston College. He is a sales representative with The MathWorks, Natick, Mass.

Simpson - Dillaman

Kristine and Harry Simpson of Williamsburg have announced the engagement of their daughter, Helena Simpson, to Jason Dillaman, son of Kevin and Cathy Champion Killebrew of Grosse Pointe Farms and John and Nancy Dillaman of Grosse Pointe Farms. An August wedding is planned.

Simpson earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in political science and psychology from the University of Michigan. She is attending American University Washington College of Law.

Dillaman earned a Bachelor of Science degree and a Master of Science degree in computer science, with a specialization in intelligent systems, from the University of Michigan. He is a principal software engineer at General Dynamics Advanced Information systems in Fairfax, Va.

Potenga - Jensen

Ken and Marilyn Potenga of Warren, formerly of Grosse Pointe Park, have announced the engagement of their daughter, Nicole Marie Potenga, to Jeffrey Scott Jensen, of St. Clair Shores, son of Don and Rhonda Jensen of Gahanna, Ohio. A December wedding is planned.

Potenga earned a Bachelor of Science degree from Michigan State University and a Master of Social Work degree from Wayne State University. She is a psychiatric social worker with Community Network Services in Pontiac.

Jensen earned a Bachelor of Science degree from Kent State University in industrial technology and is attending Wayne State University working on a Master of Business Administration degree. He is an engineer with Nemak.

Cherf - Mannino

Ron and Ida Cherf of Grosse Pointe Woods have announced the engagement of their daughter, Leah M. Cherf, to Matthew E. Mannino, son of Ed and Kathie Mannino of Grosse Pointe Farms. An October wedding is planned.

Cherf earned a Bachelor of Science degree in elementary education from Oakland University and is employed with the Grosse Pointe Public Schools.

Mannino is the co-owner of Tocco Mannino Landscaping Company of Grosse Pointe Farms.

Nissen - Wolfe

Skip and Paula Nissen of Kalamazoo have announced the engagement of their daughter, Leigh Nissen, to Doug Wolfe, son of Norman and Marilyn Wolfe of Grosse Pointe Park. A July wedding is planned.

Nissen earned a Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of Michigan and a Bachelor of Science in Nursing degree from Rush University. She is a nurse.

Wolfe earned a Bachelor of Arts degree from Taylor University and a Master of Business Administration from the Kellogg School of Management, Northwestern University. Having served in the Marine Corps, he is an associate with Morgan Stanley.

DuCharme - Elwell

Mr. and Mrs. Charles A. DuCharme III of Grosse Pointe Park have announced the engagement of their daughter, Elizabeth Forbes DuCharme, to Tristan Elwell of London, England. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. John Christopher Elwell of West Sussex, England. A September wedding is planned.

DuCharme earned her bachelor's degree from Sweet Briar College, Sweet Briar, Va. She works with Fidelity, International.

Elwell earned his undergraduate degree from Collier College, Horsham, England, and a graduate degree in management and economics, with honors, from the London School of Economics. He is a hedge fund specialist with

Adelphi in London.

Knieper - Burns

Dr. and Mrs. Wayne Knieper of Frankenmuth have announced the engagement of their daughter, Grace Ann Knieper, to Adam John Burns, son of Mr. and Mrs. Scott Burns of Grosse Pointe Woods. A June wedding is planned.

Knieper graduated from University of Michigan and is pursuing a doctor of physical therapy degree at the University of Michigan - Flint.

Burns graduated from the University of Michigan and is a teacher.

Zabicki - Calvillo

Mark and Barbara Zabicki of Grosse Pointe Park have announced the engagement of their daughter, Dr. Katherina Zabicki, to Ricardo C. Calvillo Jr., son of Ricardo and Markell Calvillo of Darien, Conn. A July wedding is planned.

Zabicki earned a Bachelor of Science degree from the University of Michigan, an M.D. degree from Wayne State University, completed her surgical residency at Northwestern University and a breast oncology fellowship at Massachusetts General Hospital/Harvard Medical School. She is a surgical oncologist.

Calvillo earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in economics from the University of Pennsylvania. He was founder and CEO of Conley Corporation until it was acquired by EMC Corporation. He founded Incipient 2001, based in Waltham, Mass.

Wells - Dempsey

Elizabeth Crawford and David Wells of Grosse Pointe Shores have announced the engagement of their daughter, Kate Hamilton Wells, to Justin Marc Dempsey, son of Susan and Andre Dempsey of Toronto, Ontario. A June wedding is planned.

Wells earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in honors history and English from Colgate University and a Master of Arts in history from the University of London in the United Kingdom. She is a candidate for her doctorate in communication and culture at York University in Toronto.

Dempsey earned a Bachelor of Science degree in psychology from the University of Western Ontario. He is a financial adviser in Toronto.

Sloan - Nummer

Phil and Mary Ann Sloan of Chesterfield Township, formerly of Grosse Pointe Shores, have announced the engagement of their daughter, Jennifer Sloan, to Jason Nummer, son of Gary and Tonia Nummer of New Baltimore. A September wedding is planned.

Sloan earned a Bachelor of Arts degree from Michigan State University's Eli Broad College of Business. She is a



Kristine Mary Armaly and Joseph "Ryan" Shalla



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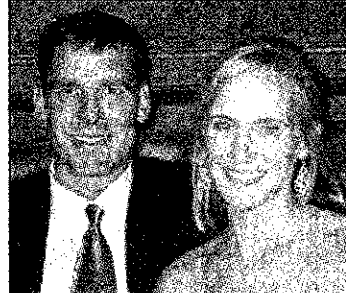
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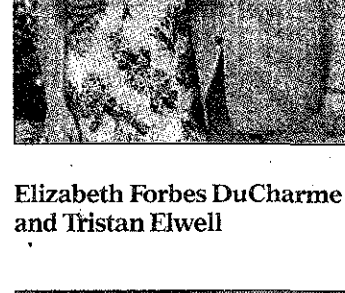
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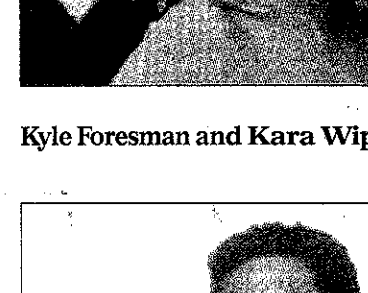
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Jason Dillaman and Helena Simpson

PRIDE OF THE POINTES

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Angela Sanford of Grosse Pointe earned a Bachelor of Accountancy from Walsh College.

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Julie VanRaemdonck of Grosse Pointe has been named to the dean's list at Michigan State University for the fall 2006 semester.

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Western Michigan University has named **Jonathan R. Boos** and **Renee M. Thoma**, both of Grosse Pointe Shores, to its 2006 fall dean's list.

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Christine A. Selvaggio, daughter of Anthony and Theresa Selvaggio of Grosse Pointe Farms, has been named to the dean's list for the fall term at Northwood University.

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Ian Milhouse of Grosse Pointe Park earned a Bachelor of Business in marketing/professional golf from Ferris State University in December 2006.

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Lindsey Ellen Kurtz was named to the fall 2006 dean's list at Vanderbilt University.

She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harry J. Kurtz of

Grosse Pointe Shores.

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Matthew J. Czajkowski, a freshman at Northwood University, has been named to the dean's list for fall 2006. He is the son of Anthony and Theresa Selvaggio of Grosse Pointe Farms.

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Andrew Bagby, **Kyle Kondrat**, **Scott Moore**, **Brent Parshall** and **Michael Rock** are members of Delta Sigma Phi fraternity, which supports the March of Dimes. An Albion College sophomore, Bagby is enrolled in the Gerald R. Ford Institute for Public Policy and Service. He is the son of Bernadette Banko of Grosse Pointe and a graduate of

Grosse Pointe South High School. A first-year student at Albion, Kondrat is the son of Kevin and Sandra Kondrat of Grosse Pointe. Moore is a first-year student at Albion and is the son of Donald and Dandra Moore of Grosse Pointe. He graduated from Grosse Pointe North High School. Parshall is a first year student and is the son of Donald and Melinda Parshall of Grosse Pointe Park. He graduated from Grosse Pointe South High School. Rock is a sophomore and graduated from Grosse Pointe South. He is the son of Jerome and Ann Rock of Grosse Pointe Park.

WEDDINGS

Rashid-Dwaihy

Christina Marie Rashid, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert E. Rashid of Grosse Pointe Woods, married Paul Joseph Dwaihy, son of Mr. and Mrs. John F.X. Dwaihy of Grosse Pointe Park, on June 24, 2006, at St. Paul on the Lake in Grosse Pointe Farms.

The Monsignor Patrick Halfpenny and the Rev. Ghattas Khoury officiated at the ceremony, which was followed by a reception at the Detroit Athletic Club.

The bride wore a Monique Lhuillier designed gown with an Alencon lace bustier, silk organza skirt and a satin beaded sash. Her bouquet was comprised of roses in colors of cream, ivory and taupe and sweet peas.

Lauren Christina Rashid served as her cousin's maid of

honor.

Bridesmaids were the bride's cousins Julie and Alexandria Salvaggio, and friends of the bride Elizabeth Colett, Jennifer Mansfield, Margaret Michelotti, Julie Conrad, Holly Mazza, Dana Vandercook and Melissa Frankish.

Alisa Hasan, the bride's cousin, was the flower girl.

Attendants wore knee-length, celery green silk chemise strapless dresses. They carried bouquets of green, white and pink orchids, hot pink peonies and green berries.

Dr. Joseph Raymond Dwaihy, the groom's brother, was best man.

Groomsmen were John Dwaihy, brother of the groom; Carl and Paul Rashid, the bride's cousins; Vito Salvaggio, the bride's cousin; Todd Dunlap, Tom Chouinard,

Charlie Beaupre, Michael Stines and Sean Gramling, all friends of the groom.

Gabriel Omilian, the groom's cousin, was ring bearer.

Larry Przybysz was the organist and pianist, Ken Robison played the trumpet, Krista Grix was harpist and Marie Rheinman was vocalist.

Readers were Genevieve Tusa, the groom's sister, and Renee and David Dwaihy, the groom's cousins.

The bride earned Bachelor of Arts degrees in marketing and Spanish from Michigan State University.

She is with Marketing Valassis.

The groom earned a Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of Michigan in political science and a juris doctor from Michigan State University/Detroit College of Law. He is an attorney with

Kitch, Drutchas, Wagner, Valitutti and Sherbrook, P.C.

The couple honeymooned in Nevis, British West Indies.

They live in Grosse Pointe Woods.

Dyson-Wilson

Kate Dyson, daughter of George Dyson of Cold Spring, Ky., and Jean Brady Poole of Scottsdale, Az., married Benjamin Wilson of Chicago, Ill., son of Sharon and Brent Wilson of Buffalo Grove, Ill., on Nov. 4, 2006, at St. Alphonsus Catholic Church, Chicago, Ill.

The Rev. James Hurlbert officiated at the ceremony, which was followed by a reception in The Crystal Ballroom of the Millennium Knickerbocker Hotel.

The bride wore an ivory satin A-line dress by Alvina Valenta and carried a bouquet of sterling roses.

Susan Dyson of Portland, Ore., was her sister's maid of honor.



Mr. and Mrs. Paul Joseph Dwaihy



Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Wilson

Bridesmaids were Sheila Schorer, sister of the bride of Ann Arbor; Molly Pena, sister of the bride of Houston, Texas; Anne Wilson, sister of the groom of Chicago.

Attendants wore navy blue silk tea-length dresses and carried bouquets of sterling roses.

The bride's niece, Greta Schorer, of Ann Arbor was the flower girl. She wore an ivory

silk dress with a navy blue sash.

Michael Seiwert of Chicago was the best man.

Groomsmen were Ryan Wolf and Tim Gall of Chicago and the groom's cousin Scott Selby of Atlanta, Ga.

Ushers were Tim Mueller and Matt McGrath.

The bride's brother-in-law Todd Schorer was the reader



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Sponsored by the Grosse Pointe Artists Association, the thrust of the show is to emphasize drawing, "the act of hand to paper" and includes Litho and Intaglio prints that are produced from a drawing. Photographs, digitals and computer generated images are not included.

Entries must be submitted by 5 p.m. Friday, April 27, with jurying and a call to entrants set for Saturday, April 28.

Jurors will focus on "pictures that emphasize line and shape rather than mass and color." A drawing may be of

three general types: a sketch used to record information or try out design ideas; a study used to show in some detail an object that may become part of a more inclusive part; or a finished drawing intended to stand on its own as a work of art.

Those chosen will be a part of The Big Draw event May 2 through 25 at the artist's association gallery. There are two levels of entries. Artists 18 and up may submit works properly framed and wired for hanging and must be available for sale.

A special category for high school students requires submissions completed under an instructor and need not be

framed, but it is recommended. The work also need not be for sale.

Entries can be physically taken into the gallery or represented digitally or on CD. Limit three pieces per artist.

Fees are \$25 for members with 20 percent of the sale price going to the artists association; \$35 for non-members with 30 percent of the sale going to the association; and \$10 for high school participants which includes a one year membership to the association and commission is 20 percent of the sale price.

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

Lunch and Learn activities for April

From birding to senior housing options, the Lunch and Learn program offered by Services for Older Citizens explores many topics of interest in April.

◆ **Audiology seminar**, Monday, April 2, and Monday, April 9. Dr. Ginny Lezotte, adjunct professor at Wayne State University, leads an upfront discussion on the advantages and disadvantages of hearing aids. She will discuss what sizes and styles are available, some of the latest advancements in hearing and assistive listening devices other than hearing aids.

◆ **How to Attract Birds to Your Yard**, Wednesday, April 4. Rosann Kovalcik will present a slide show on common Michigan feeder birds and offer advice on how to attract

these birds and keep feeding stations free of rodents.

◆ **Identity Theft**, Wednesday, April 11. Mary Taylor, assistant to the attorney general, will discuss identity theft and how to protect oneself from becoming a victim.

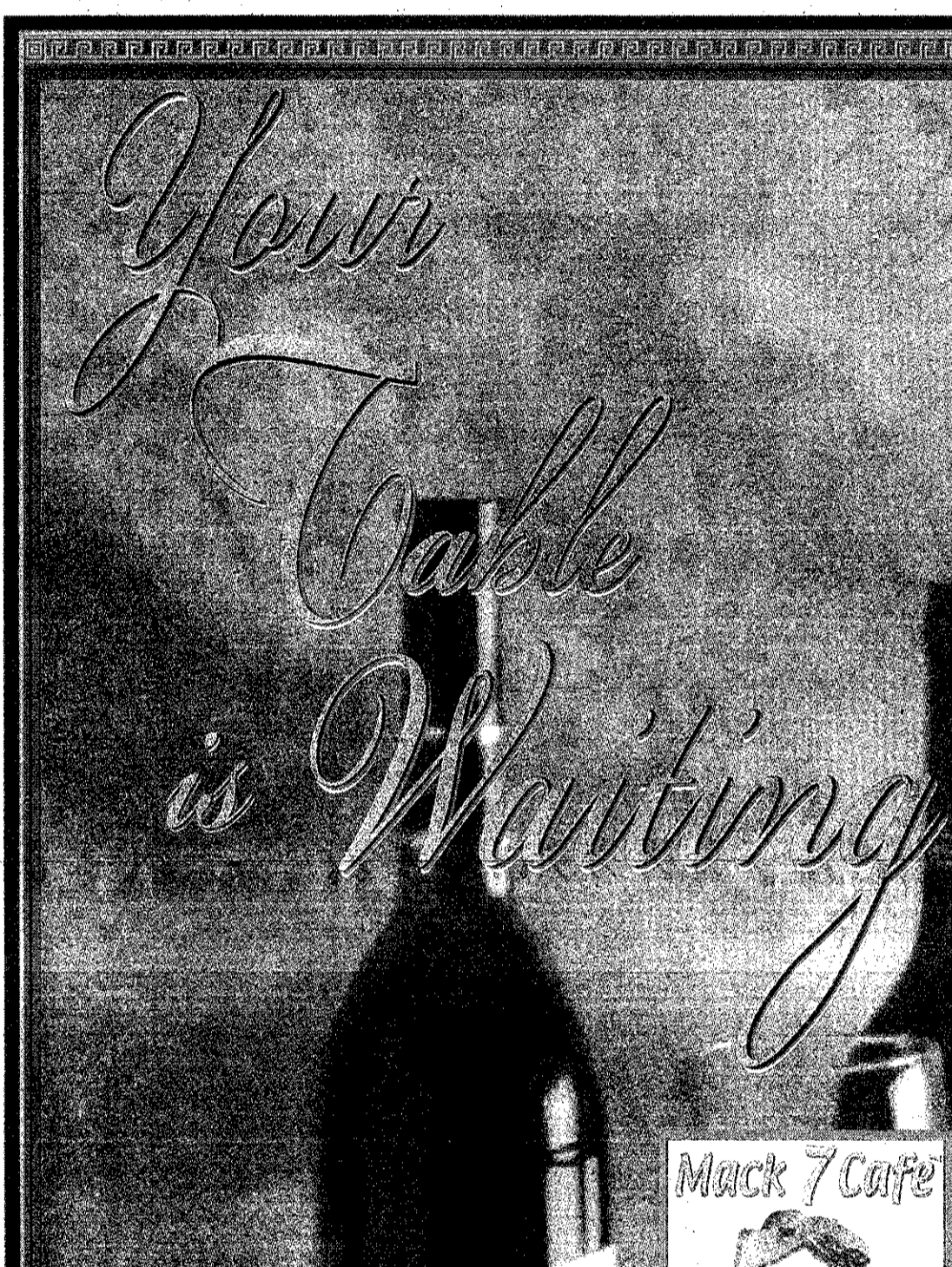
◆ **Sing-a-long with Doug**, Monday, April 16. Back by popular demand, Doug Whitaker will share the gift of song with seniors and visitors who would like to have lunch and listen to some of the old standards from the 1940s, '50s, '60s and '70s, including Motown and some rock and roll.

◆ **Overview of Senior Housing**, Wednesday, April 18. Vivian Baier of Pine Ridge Senior Community will discuss making the right choice for senior housing and provide the

knowledge needed to make a decision.

◆ **They're Worth More Than You Think!**, Monday, April 23. Did you know that one in every five people in the United States owns savings bonds and that \$13 billion worth of those bonds have matured and stopped earning interest? Anthony Garcia will discuss savings bond management.

◆ **The Breeding Birds of Grosse Pointe**, Wednesday, April 25. Bill Rapai, president of the Audubon Society, has been scouring the Grosse Pointes to learn about various birds. Learn what he has found nesting in city parks and back yards while gathering data for the next edition of the "Michigan Breeding Bird Atlas."





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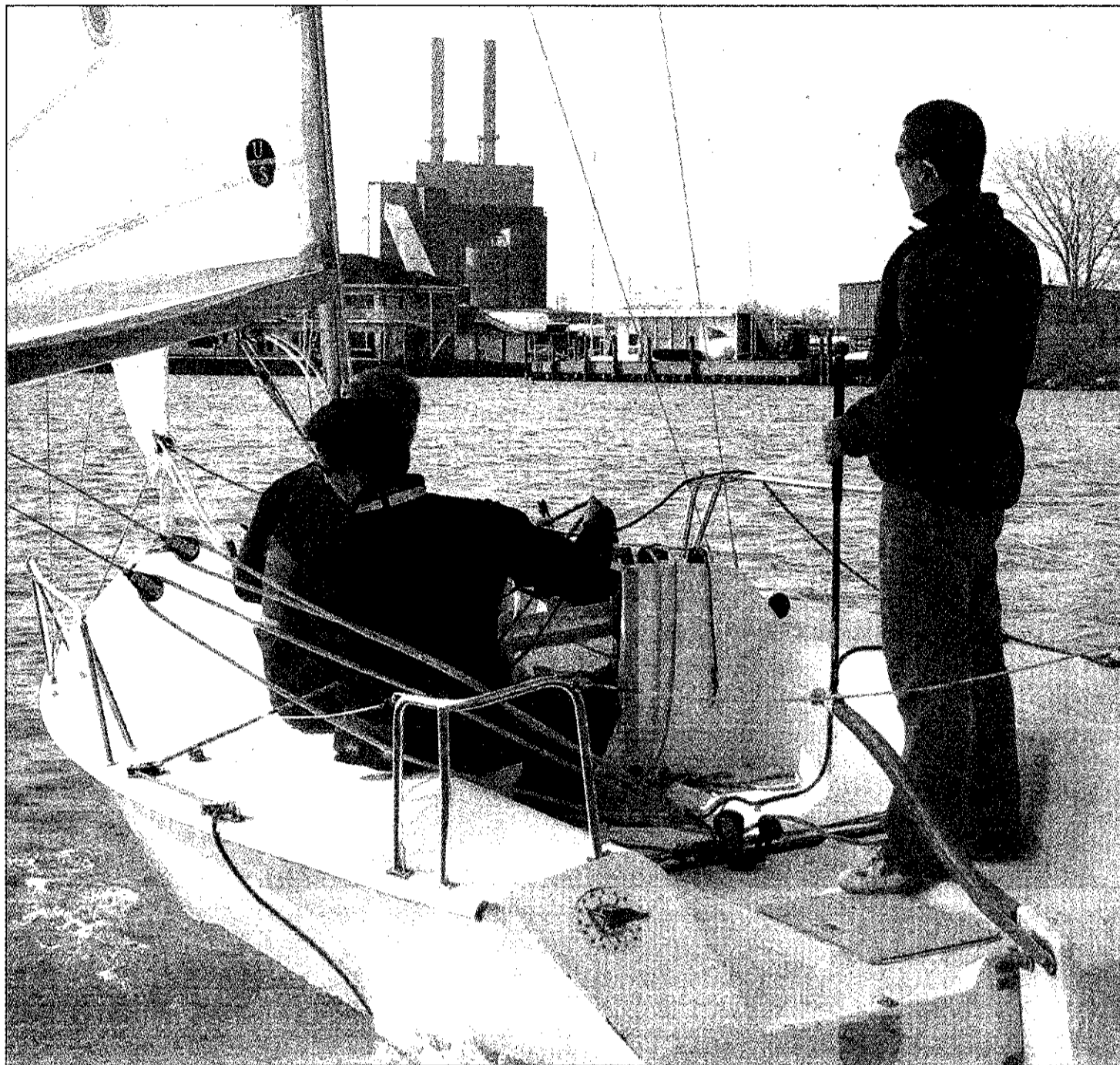
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John Van Tol, of Grosse Pointe Park, skippers last weekend on the Detroit River in the first sail of the 2007 season. His brother, Chris, of the Park, is a nationally-ranked match racking skipper who gave up the helm to crew for his brother.

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For decades, Goebel, 72, of St. Clair Shores, was a local sailmaker who could be counted on for his jokes — most of which we can't publish — as well as his sailing talent. He started his three sons in the sport and they have had their own successes over the decades.

"He was behind a lot of boats. He sold the sails," said his son, Peter, Jr., who moved home from Baltimore during the holidays to care for his father. "It was tough not to have a good time around my dad."

Nutter, 58, of Grosse Pointe Park, battled cancer for years, seeming to schedule his treatments so he could make Mackinac races and other big events. A native of the area, he traveled the world running the 50-footer class during the late '80s and early '90s, often dragging family members to dinner with America's Cup and

Their sons, though, can't say exactly how their fathers got started in sailing. Peter Goebel, Jr., knows his father started as a junior sailor on the Detroit River, joining Bayview Yacht Club at 16 — two years before the permitted age at the time. "He was just good enough they wanted him," he said.

Goebel Jr., remembers racing on Lake St. Clair with his father in an unusually rough Grosse Pointe Yacht Club Bluenose Regatta. "A squall kicked up and everybody got sick. Everybody but my dad," he said.

Nutter became active in the Detroit sailing community when he returned from U.S. Air Force service in the 1970s, according to his son, Mac. He raced on some of the highest profile campaigns in the 1970s and 1980s, as did Goebel, but also made time to teach his children the sport.

Mac got an Optimist dinghy and had a special kind of sailing lesson from Russ. "He used to tie a 500-foot line on the bow of my Optimist and I'd sail to the end of the line before he'd pull me back in. That was my

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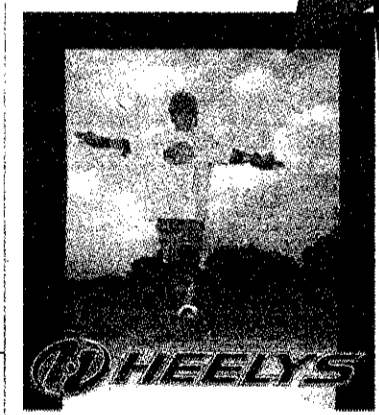
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Sullivan is All-American

Lauren Sullivan, 2006 graduate of Grosse Pointe South and freshman at Texas Christian University (TCU), earned All-American honors in both smallbore and air rifle at the NCAA Rifle Championships held at the University of Alaska, Fairbanks. This caps a season where Lauren set the school record in air rifle, tied the school record in smallbore rifle, and set a national record in smallbore in the State Junior Olympics. TCU finished fourth in smallbore and tied with Nebraska for fifth overall in their first trip to the NCAA finals. The TCU team, consisting of all freshmen, was the youngest team in the field. The Nanooks won their ninth national title with Army finishing a close second and Jacksonville State and Kentucky rounding out the top four.

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fledgling sailing career right there. I'm really good at sailing for 500 feet, then I lose concentration," he said.

Personally, I knew both of them. I met Goebel in the first year or two I moved to Detroit. I'm not sure why I was treated to so many of his jokes, ("Jokes are for people who know him," his son told me this week) but I'll always remember him as one of the people who showed me how unique, dedicated, fun-loving and talented the Detroit sailing community is. It's the main reason I live here.

I sailed several Port Huron Mackinac races with Russ and will always be thankful for his handheld GPS. Our boat owner, who respectfully will not be named here, couldn't always be counted on for perfect navigation. So Russ would corroborate our position, tell us how badly we were doing, and then recount some hilarious story from years past. Again, they can't be published! He was always surrounded by friends who have shown unbelievable support for Russ's family throughout his battle.

Goebel's and Nutter's passings remind me that besides the love all of us have for sailing, the thrill of its competition, the sport's ability to test our hearts and minds with weather, teams and physical skill, and its simple "fun factor," it's still the people in it that matter.

These were two men who did and will continue to.

They will be honored — as only sailors can be — this week. Goebel's son Erich's band will play at a celebration for Goebel's life on Thursday evening at Bayview. Nutter will have a memorial service at the War Memorial Friday afternoon. We will reluctantly wish them smooth sailing.



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Toronto champs

The Grosse Pointe Hockey Association Bulldogs '97 won the Penguins Winter Hockey Tournament in Toronto. In front, from left, are R.J. Stewart, Jason Sommerville, Alexander Minanov, Zack Zschering, Andy Jakub, Ben Borland and Bobby Kaiser. In the middle row, from left, are Jordan Reece, Brennan Ifkovits, Richie Filippelli, Nick Azar, Josh Piepszowski, Nolan Lucas, Nick Herbst and Jonathan Theros. In back, from left, are assistant coaches Lyle Reece and Terry Lucas, and head coach Dan Piepszowski. Not pictured is team manager Michael Azar.

GROSSE POINTE SOUTH SWIMMING

Blue Devil swimmers named All-Americans

Grosse Pointe South's girls swimming team is in a class by itself.

Nine seniors on the Blue Devils squad have been recognized as Academic All-Americans by the National Intercollegiate Swim Coaches Association, tying the record for the most Academic All-Americans from one team in a season.

"It is a great honor to have even one girl recognized as an Academic All-American," said coach Todd Briggs.

"It shows the outstanding academic framework in place at South and in the Grosse Pointe Public Schools. Swimming is a great sport to

learn time management and priority-setting skills."

In the last three seasons, South has had 20 girls receive the national academic honor.

NISCA requires a senior to maintain a cumulative grade-point average of 3.75 or higher, and she must earn a varsity letter in swimming or diving to qualify.

Earning a varsity letter is no easy feat at South.

The Blue Devils are 36-0 in the Macomb Area Conference over the last six seasons and South has won the Macomb Area Conference Red Division meet championship each of those years.

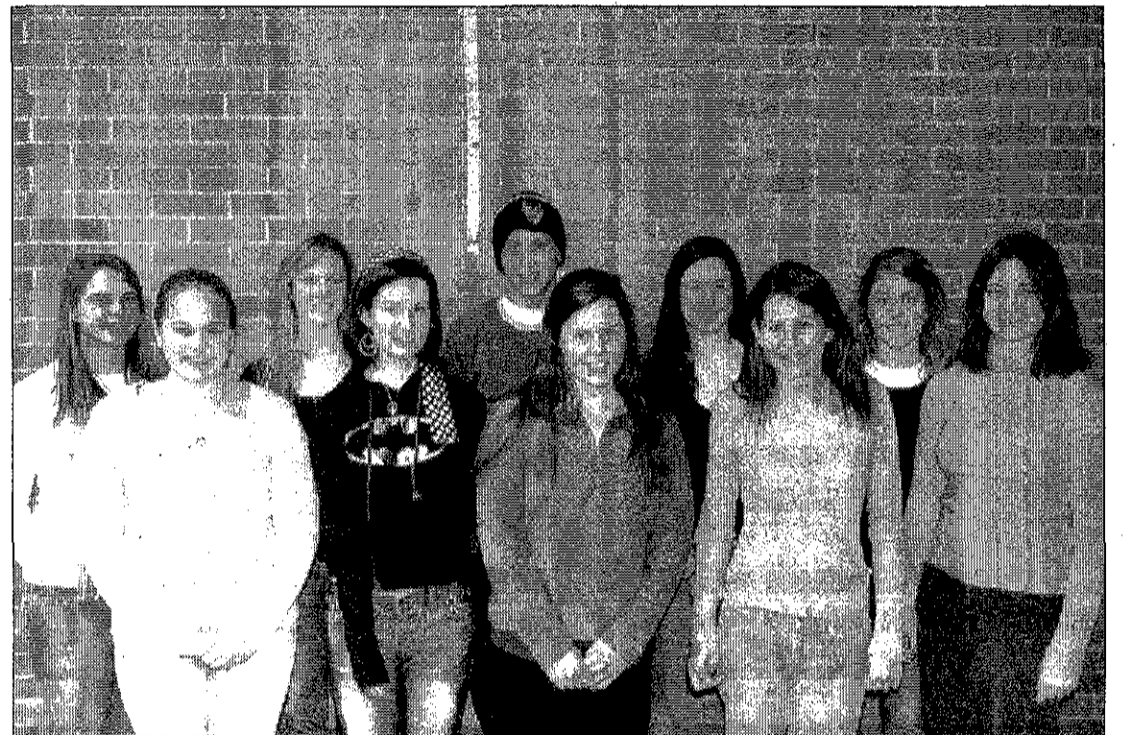
This year's team set two

school records and had a relay team earn All-State recognition for finishing in sixth place at the state Division I championships.

"The team as a whole did very well academically and has earned its third straight NISCA Silver Academic Team Award by having a team GPA between 3.50 and 3.74," said assistant coach Kim Truza.

The Blue Devils are waiting to hear if they earn a top 10 All-State Academic Team award for the third straight season.

One member of South's boys team — Dan Basile — also earned Academic All-American status.



Ten Grosse Pointe South swimmers have been recognized as Academic All-Americans by the National Intercollegiate Swim Coaches Association. In front, from left, are Melanie Foley, Libby Roach, Morgan Laney, Sarah Wolinski and Sarah Jenzen. In back, from left, are Amanda Palffy, Courtney Graham, Dan Basile, Leeann Mocerri and Olivia Vandebussche.



CYO champs

The St. Paul Lakers seventh and eighth grade girls basketball team, left, won their CYO division championship with a 12-1 record. The Lakers' only loss was to Our Lady Star of the Sea, 14-11, but St. Paul won the rematch 28-11. Coach Tom Graves said that "the girls really worked as a team. They loved practice and prided themselves on defense and rebounding." The Lakers averaged 23 points-per-game, while limiting their opponents to an average of 12. In front, from left, are Rachel Temrowski, Racquel Harrouk, Hannah Mueller, Sarah Graves, Katelyn Engel, Carmen Engel, Kelly Liederbach, Ali Deloof, Meg Galea, Maggie Steinhauer and Annabella Blondell. In back, from left, are coaches Kevin Liederbach, Tom Graves and Jill Shuman.

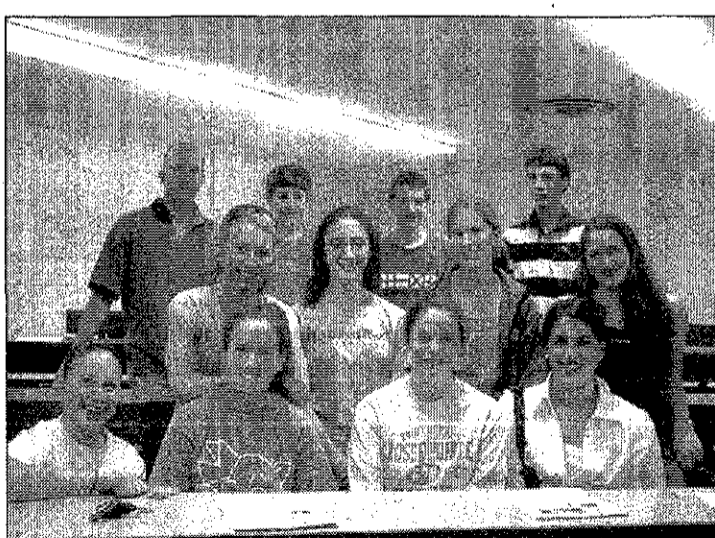


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Fellowship of Christian Athletes meet to discuss spring volunteer work with Top Soccer Program.

Soccer sign-up

Top Soccer, the special needs program through the Grosse Pointe Soccer Association, is continuing its open enrollment online at grossepointesoccer.org.

A majority of players have autism and are helped with a one-on-one volunteer from FCA (Fellowship of Christian

Athletes). This program (April 21 through June 9) is especially helpful in providing a social setting for group interaction, as well as skills development and just plain fun.

Register online or call coach Diane Karabetsos at (313) 268-4060.

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March 27	Birmingham	May 24	University Liggett	May 22	Academy of the Sacred Heart
April 3	Brighton*	May 1	Detroit Country Day	May 23	Regionals Begin
April 4	FH Mercy*	May 10	Grosse Pointe North	June 6	State Semi-Finals
April 16	Troy Athens	May 15	Cranbrook-Kingswood*	June 9	State Finals
April 23	Ann Arbor Pioneer	May 21	Marian*		

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