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THURSDAY, APRIL 5

The City of Grosse Pointe hosts its third annual Spring Egg Hunt for residents 8 years and under from 5 to 6:30 p.m. at Neff Park. Peter Cottontail will be available for pictures. Participants must hold a park pass.

 "The Library" will be the topic of the 1 p.m. League of Women Voters meeting at the Children's Home of Detroit, 900 Cook, Grosse Pointe Woods. Ed Frederickson, a library board trustee and member of the League of Women Voters, will speak. For more information, call Fran Higbie at (313) 884-9430.

 The Friends of the Grosse Pointe Library host lecturer John Whittier at 7:30 p.m. in Grosse Pointe South High auditorium. Tickets are \$10 for non-Friends members.

FRIDAY, APRIL 6 Good Friday

SUNDAY, APRIL 8 Easter

MONDAY, APRIL 9 Wavne County

The trickledown effect State Senate revenue cut plan will hurt all the Pointes

By John Lundberg Staff Writer

The state of Michigan's economic woes are trickling down to local governments as state lawmakers are proposing significant cutbacks in revenue one component of the revenue sharing funds.

A state Senate plan is calling for a 10 percent reduction in cal municipalities like the Grosse Pointes.

City of Grosse Pointe manager Peter Dame said the 10 percent reduction passed by the Senate is applied only to sharing received by cities. For the City of Grosse Pointe, that would mean an approximate

funds the state shares with lo- \$10,000 reduction in what had last May based on the state been approved by the State when its budget had been approved last year.

being in a free fall since 2001, any cuts are going to hurt.

"The Senate-passed plan would be very bad for services residents rely on," said Dame. "The City's budget was passed

budget assurances that there were no reductions.

"The City had expected to re-Still, with revenue sharing ceive approximately \$500,000 in revenue sharing from the state to support basic governmental functions at the local level."

> The Michigan Municipal League, which lobbies on be-

half of local governments, has come out strongly opposed the plan.

"Revenue sharing has been on the decline from the state since 2001," Dame said. "The MML estimates that cities have been asked to bear about 38 percent of all the reductions in

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Custodians' president gives

Jommissioner 11m Killeen, Detroit, hosts a "Chat with Commish Killeen" from 9 to 10 a.m. in the Grosse Pointe Woods Municipal Court, 20025 Mack Plaza.

 The City of Grosse Pointe. Farms council meets at 7 p.m. in city hall, 90 Kerby Road. The city of Grosse Pointe Park council meets at 7 p.m. in city hall, 15115 E. Jefferson. The Grosse Pointe Board of Education meets at 8 p.m. in the Grosse Pointe North High School library.

TUESDAY, APRIL 10

 A Grosse Pointe Chamber of Commerce business after hours is set for 5:30 to 7 p.m. at Pat Scott Jewelers, 19495 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 11

 The Grosse Pointe Public Library Central Library Building Committee meets at 7 p.m. in the Ewald branch meeting room in Grosse Pointe Woods. Discussion focuses on the selection of the short list of architects that will be recommended to the board of trustees for interview. The public is invited.

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Playon

The U.S. Supreme Court ruled this week that some sports, girls basketball, volleyball, tennis and golf, and boys tennis and golf will be affected by the scheduling changes beginning in fall 2007. The ruling came after nine years of court battles. The original suit was brought about by two mothers from western Michigan who charged the separate seasons discriminated against girls and violated Title IX. For the story, see The Grosse Pointe News' April 12 Sports Section. Above, Grosse Pointe North's Chelsea Detrick, right, is challenged by Lakeview's Jessica Penny in Monday's game the Norsemen won 2-1. For the story, turn to 2C.

Hippity hop

Bob and Elaine Kocian of Grosse Pointe Woods placed various-sized bunnies on their front lawn, decorating for the Easter holiday. In addition to the bunnies, the Kocians have ducks and ducklings, carrots, large pastel-colored Easter eggs and a 4-foot bunny, many purchased at local garage and estate sales. Neighbors say they only have to look outside to know what holiday season it is.



POINTER OF INTEREST

PHOTO BY RENEE LANDUY

Community service is something everybody can do. Everybody has something to give.'

Sasha Ovshinsky

Home: Grosse Pointe Park Age: 32

Family: Parents, Harvey and Cathie Ovshinsky; brother, Noah, 28. Claim to fame: Chair of Grosse Pointe's Relay for Life. PHOTO RENEE LANDUYT | See story on page 4A





tentative OK

By Brad Lindberg Staff Writer

The head of the district custodian union has tentatively agreed to contract concessions with the board of education.

Tom Zaglaniczny, president of the Grosse Pointe Public Schools Plant and Cafeteria Association, said the terms will be put to a vote of the membership April 14.

"They'll decide if they want to accept this," Zaglaniczny said.

If ratified, the two-year deal would begin July 1.

"I don't know which way it's going to go," Zaglaniczny said.

The agreement, announced Tuesday morning, contained financial concessions so fresh Zaglaniczny said he hadn't had time to total them.

"It is more costly to our guys," he said. "These were the school board's terms."

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NEWS

Yesterday's headlines

50 years ago this week

• WOODS VOTERS RE-JECT BOND ISSUE: The construction of a new municipal building in Grosse Pointe Woods was put on hold after Woods voters rejected a bond issue to pay for its construction.

This was the second time idea. A similar bond issue was rejected in 1955. The Woods Citizens Advisory Committee campaigned heavily for its passage because of crowded conditions at the current city hall.

♦ TWO INCUMBENTS RE-**ELECTED IN FARMS:** Voters in Grosse Pointe Farms returned two city councilmen to

their posts, and replaced two other with challengers. Incumbents Richard Maxon

and William Connolly Jr. were re-elected, and J. Lawrence Buell Jr. and Henry Bodman II captured the seats once occupied by incumbents George Land and Neil McEachin. Buell was the leading vote getter with 1,821 votes. The voter turnout represented less than 50 percent of the registered voters in the city.

VILLAGE WORKER voters have turned down the FELLED BY HEART AT-TACK: A 56-year-old construction worker died from a heart attack while working on the new Harrison-Pringle store on Kercheval in the Village shopping district.

Carle Mueller of Roseville was pronounced dead on arrival at Bon Secours Hospital. A foreman said Mueller complained of pains on his left

side and didn't eat his lunch. He was instructed to go home but decided to stay on the job.



♦ HOSPITAL TO BUY SEVEN-MACK: St. John Hospital will exercise its option and purchase the Seven-Mack Shopping Center over the next five years, company officials announced to the Grosse Pointe Woods city council. It will operate the shopping center as it is now for the next 10 years.

The hospital signed a lease in 1979, with an option to buy the Seven-Mack center. Its goal is to reduce the spread of blight in the area and to protect parking for the store pa-

trons and hospital employees. Present tenants have been told that their lease will not be

affected through 1987. ◆ TAX ASSESSORS LOW-ASSESSMENTS IN ER **POINTES:** Pointe boards of review lowered tax assessments for as many as 70 percent of residents who filed an appeal with them this year.

Pointe homeowners have witnessed property tax assessments increase by as much as 13 percent in 1981. Local boards of review were swamped with appeals. According to City of Grosse Pointe Assessor Dennis Foran, the average reduction was about \$4,000.

Though it was good news for residents, Pointe officials are wary of the reductions because it suggests that residents will leverage their success this year and flood the local boards with appeals next year.

♦ LOCAL MOTHERS FILL **LAKESHORE POTHOLES:** After receiving permission from the Grosse Pointe Farms police department, 15 members of MAP (Mothers Against Potholes) took to Lakeshore Road and filled potholes.

The group decided to take action because of stalled negotiations between the Farms city council and the Wayne County Road Commission over who's going to pay for leveling out Lakeshore.



10 years ago this week

◆ PIER PARK TO UP-**GRADE TOT LOT:** Thanks to the approval of a \$50,000 upgrade by the Grosse Pointe Farms city council, a renovated tot lot will be unveiled to city residents by Memorial Day when the park opens for business.

The play area geared toward children aged 2 to 5 will be completely overhauled — its first upgrade in more than 20 vears.



982: Back to school

Sporting self-made calico bonnets for a visit to Greenfield Village, these Grosse Pointe Academy students attended school 1800-style at the village's Miller, Scotch Settlement and McGuffey schools. The calico-clad young ladies include front (from left) Jennifer Choike, Magham Brady and Megham Schulte; second row (from left) Lori Petrulis, Kelly FitzSimons and Kathy Arnold; third row (from left) Lexi Crain, Elizabeth Wisgerhof, Heather Botsford and Patrice Chessman. (From the March 8, 1982 issue of the Grosse Pointe News.)

construct a new store with a larger parking lot. The plan also calls for Farmer Jack to lease part of Christ the King Lutheran Church's parking lot, which will be used for customer parking.

♦ LAKE ST. CLAIR WATER LEVELS NEAR RECORD: Water levels in Lake St. Clair are now just one foot shy of a high recorded in 1986.

Pointe officials are especially concerned because the lake⁴ typically does not reach its high water mark until June. The lake still has to absorb an

ty lots that will reduce green space in the city prompted the discussion. The practice, called big footing, falls within current zoning ordinance guidelines, but is frowned upon by residents who don't like massive structures on lots not intended for them.

♦ DELAYS IN NEFF PARK **PROJECTS UNDER RE-**VIEW: The City of Grosse Pointe mayor, city manager and one councilman met with construction contractors to speed up completion of Neff Park's pool and bathhouse

CUSTODIANS: Saving jobs is possibility

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The agreement will in all likelihood be a job-saver for the district's 78 building engineers, skilled tradesmen and custodians.

District officials have spent months courting firms to privatize the staff and eliminate paying state-mandated retirement costs amounting to more than 17 percent of salaries.

Zaglaniczny agreed a few weeks ago to renegotiate the union's contract to meet district saving demands, but felt left in limbo when no one from school headquarters accepted or rejected his offer.

School board President Brendan Walsh apologized for the seemingly drawn-out negotiations, but said he was determined to conduct a thorough study of district options.

line between recognizing the ing us to look at issues we anxiety this causes and being as deliberate and careful as possible," he said.

Announcing the tentative agreement, Walsh said, "It is only through efforts such as this that the district will continue to meet our financial objectives within the scope of our strategic plan."

Board members said the district faces recurring costs that typically increase \$4 million to \$5 million per year. On top of that, state senators last week threatened school districts with a \$34 per student midyear cut in state aid. If enacted. the cut would mean about \$300,000 less for the Pointes.

"We will continue to leave no stone unturned as we carefully and deliberately review all options for cost containment while maintaining educational excellence," Walsh said.

He said additional school revenue can't be generated through tax increases.

"As a district, we've maximized all opportunities to levy "We're trying to walk a fine taxes," Walsh said. "It's forc-

know are unpopular."

Next year's budget is being drawn under a stipulation that at least 5 percent of non-teaching personnel will be laid off for a savings of \$1 million. The jobs of district cafeteria workers were taken over last year by a staffing company. Last week, substitute teaching services were contracted to a private firm for an annual savings of \$150,000.

Zaglaniczny characterized the district's trend toward privatization as an "ongoing bat-

He asked, "Does leaving no stone untouched take care of this problem for the length of the contract? They didn't say anything about that."

He and his membership are worried the board won't stick to the new terms. "Sixteen months down the

road are they going to come back?" he said.

At a special school board meeting last month, representatives of two contractors.

See CONTRACT, page 18A

Commission tables plan

Woods puts Sunrise in holding pattern

By Bob St. John Staff Writer

Just when the site plan button was about to be pushed, the Grosse Pointe Woods Planning Commission said "wait a minute."

Sunrise Senior Living Senior

Vice President of Development to scale down the project. Laura Hester was optimistic the Grosse Pointe Woods Planning Commission would approve the site plan during last week's meeting.

Planning Instead, the Commission voted to push back a decision until its April 24 meeting.

During the next three weeks, commission members asked Hester and Sunrise's architects

Helping spur the decision to postpone the vote were several residents voicing their displeasure with the size of the project.

Nicole Picconi, who lives on Vernier Circle, said she has no problem with Sunrise building the facility, but the current pro-

of the \$225,000 in renovations currently under way at the park.

A new bathhouse is currently being worked on for use this season.

♦ NEW FARMER JACK **ONE STEP CLOSER:** The Grosse Pointe Woods planning commission recommended to the Woods city council a plan that would mean the end of the former Red Lobster restaurant building on Mack and usher in a new era in grocery shopping in the Pointes.

Farmer Jack purchased the See SUNRISE, page 3A | building with plans to raze it to

The tot lot renovation is part influx of water from Lake Superior caused by melting snow.



◆ FARMS LOOKS TO STOP BIGFOOT: The Grosse Pointe Farms city council is considering revising its zoning ordinances to prevent oversized housing developments on residential property. Residents wanting to con-

struct larger homes on proper-

project.

The meeting was prompted by the contractor's announcement that the project would not be completed until mid-June, about three weeks after the park opens for Memorial Day weekend.

Project architect Robert Wakely blamed communication and delays in ordering building supplies by subcontractors as the reason for the project's hold-up.

Following the meeting, Mayor Dale Scrace expressed confidence that the project will be completed on schedule.

-By John Lundlerg



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Sunrise Senior Living's original site plan, above, will be modified before it is revealed to the Grosse Pointe Woods Planning Commission at its April 24 meeting.

SUNRISE: **Residents give** feedback

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ject is too big for the residential area.

Other residents who spoke negatively about the project also reside on Vernier Circle. They concurred with Picconi,

saying they wouldn't mind having Sunrise as a neighbor, but Vernier is zoned R4, which they want the structure to be smaller.

Woods city attorney Chip Berschback and Building Inspector Gene Tutag said they are in favor of the plan for Sunrise to raze the Vernier Terraces apartment complex and construct a new 138,000 square foot, 142 unit structure.

The apartment complex was built in 1949.

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means a high density/multiple-dwelling district structure can be built on that site," Berschback said. "Within that district, there is an allowance high-rise, multiple for dwellings and mixed uses. Actually, commercial purposes can be constructed on the first or second level with apartments on top of that."

"We have received requests to lower the perimeter walls

of the areas from three to 2 1/2 stories (45 feet to 33 1/2 feet)," Hester said. "We are listening to the residents, but I facility if it is a uniform two stories."

Hester met with a dozen residents March 13 at Mason Elementary School and discussed the project with minimal negative feedback.

Woods councilmembers

"That particular area of from six to four feet and we Vicki Granger, Darryl Spicher 8 and 10 a.m. at the back of went ahead and lowered one and Pete Waldmeir were also in attendance, listening to the facts and taking notes.

"You have done a great job presenting the project during know Sunrise can't build this the workshops," said Mike Zolik, a planning commission member. "This would be a wonderful investment in the community.'

Hester said the facility would field a maximum of 26 employees during peak hours in Grosse Pointe Woods,' and deliveries come between Tutag said.

the structure (which abuts Grosse Pointe North High School's athletic facility) to decrease noise.

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"We respect the residents and will do everything we can to ensure we are good neighbors," Hester said.

"To my knowledge, we at the building department have not had one complaint about either of the Sunrise facilities

GROSSE POINTE WOODS VERNIER RD. SUNNINGDALE LOCHMOOR SUNNINGDALE By Bob St. John Staff Writer GROSSE CHMOOR POINTE SHORES

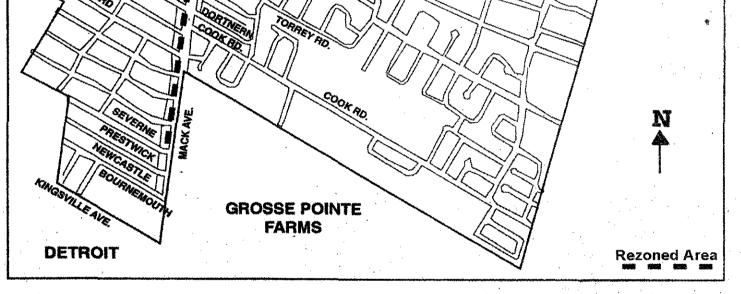
Rezoning is made official

Grosse Pointe Woods' build-. ing department is preparing for a slew of potential business owners to come knocking on its door.

City council^a approved see the change.

which prompted members to unanimously pass the issue to city council for an initial reading.

Robert G. Nesom, O.D., owns one of the buildings in the affected area. He was more than happy to



CUTS: **Municipalities** hard-pressed

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state spending over the last several years, a disproportionate share."

Gov. Jennifer Granholm proposed in her budget plan that municipalities who consolidate services to save revenue would receive an increase in revenue sharing this year. Only municipalities that signed off on the proposal would be eligible for the increase.

Granholm has also said she opposes the Senate's plan.

"I hope she does," said Mike Kenyon, Shores village manager. "I can empathize. This (economic crisis) is a massive problem for the state."

Kenyon said the village approved this year's budget, which factored in the reduction in revenue sharing, even before the Senate's proposal was made public. Kenyon said that even though the village received assurances that revenue wouldn't be affected, the budget approved reflected the loss of funds.

"Words are cheap," Kenyon said.

Revenue sharing to local. governments consists of both constitutional and statutory payments, according to the MML. The constitutional portion allocates for cities, villages and townships, 15 percent of

gross collections from the first state support already, munici-4 percent of the sales tax. This amount is then distributed on a population basis.

The amount is fixed. The Legislature must appropriate whatever is calculated. It cannot reduce or increase the constitutional portion.

"Revenue sharing is the second largest source of revenue for municipalities, after property taxes," Dame said. "Combined with the cap on property taxes and inflationary increases in personnel costs and many years of declining

palities are very hard-pressed to deal with this level of reduction."

The City's budget comes up for a vote in May. If the Senate's plan is cleared, City officials will have to find \$10,000 elsewhere.

Grosse Pointe Park City Manager Dale Krajniak said the city will lose approximately \$110,000 this year, which brings the total loss in cuts over the last four years to about \$500,000. That loss represents approximately 10 per- this report.

cent of the Park's total tax collections.

To make up for the cuts. Krajniak said the Park will eliminate other costs "wherever possible without affecting city services as expected by our residents."

"The Senate plan would reduce City revenues by about \$10,000 with only three months left in our fiscal year," Dame said. "Only a few years ago, the City was receiving \$475,000 from the state."

Bob St. John contributed to

Total state shared revenue — cities, villages, townships and counties \$1,800 \$1.600 -\$1,400 -\$1,200 ions) \$1,000 -(Mill) \$800 -\$600 -\$400 -\$200 \$ FY 01/02 FY 02/03 FY 03/04 FY 04/05 FY 05/06* \$1,699.5 Law \$1,571.3 \$1,598.0 \$1,580.6 \$1,626.9 Actual \$1,517.3 \$1,451.4 \$1,304.7 \$1,112,6 \$1,108.7 Inflation** \$1,507.0 \$1,529.6 \$1,564.8 \$1,611.7 \$1,600.1 Lost Rev. Sharing \$54 M \$146.6 M \$275.9 M \$514.3 M \$590.8 M Note: For "Law" FY 01/02 through FY 04/06, amount calculated based on constitutional revenue sharing. * Projected

changing the zoning of a three block radius on Mack from re- Grosse Pointe Woods," Nesom stricted office (RO-1) to commercial (C).

The change gives a variety of business owners, especially retail, a chance to operate in the city's few vacant buildings.

"The zoning change conforms to what already is there," City Attorney Don a letter explaining how the Berschback said. "It adheres to the master plan."

The section rezoned is near Woods city hall and includes Norwood/Oxford, Stanhope/Littlestone and

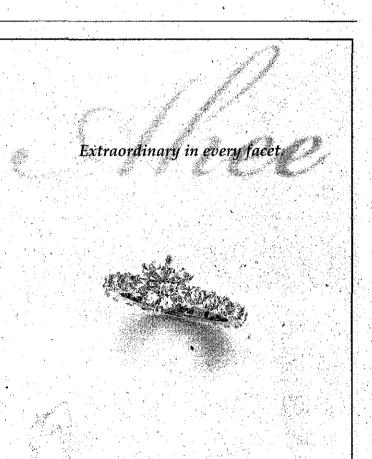
Broadstone/Severn. In early February, the city's

planning commission heard ent guidelines than the comfavorable public comment, mercial ordinance.

'I think it is for the good of said during the February planning commission meeting. "The zoning change can only help us.

Another business owner, Chris Mannino, was also in favor of the change. He sent building inspector Gene Tutag change from restricted office to commercial would allow more flexibility.

The city's Zoning Board of Appeals has seen a high number of variance requests from business owners because the restricted office tag had differ-



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POINTER OF INTEREST

As a teacher and chairperson Of Relay for Life, Sasha Ovshinsky believes that everyone can make a difference in someone else's life. She hopes other Grosse Pointers will walk with her for a cure.

Hooked on walking for life

By Margie Reins Smith Special Writer

Sasha Ovshinsky teaches physical education to girls in third through eighth grade at Grosse Pointe Academy. Two years ago, she helped a team of eighth graders fulfill the academy's requirement of 10 hours of community service before graduation.

The girls formed a team and walked in the local Relay for Life event, an annual fundraiser for the American Cancer Society (ACS). Relay for Life is the primary fundraiser of the society.

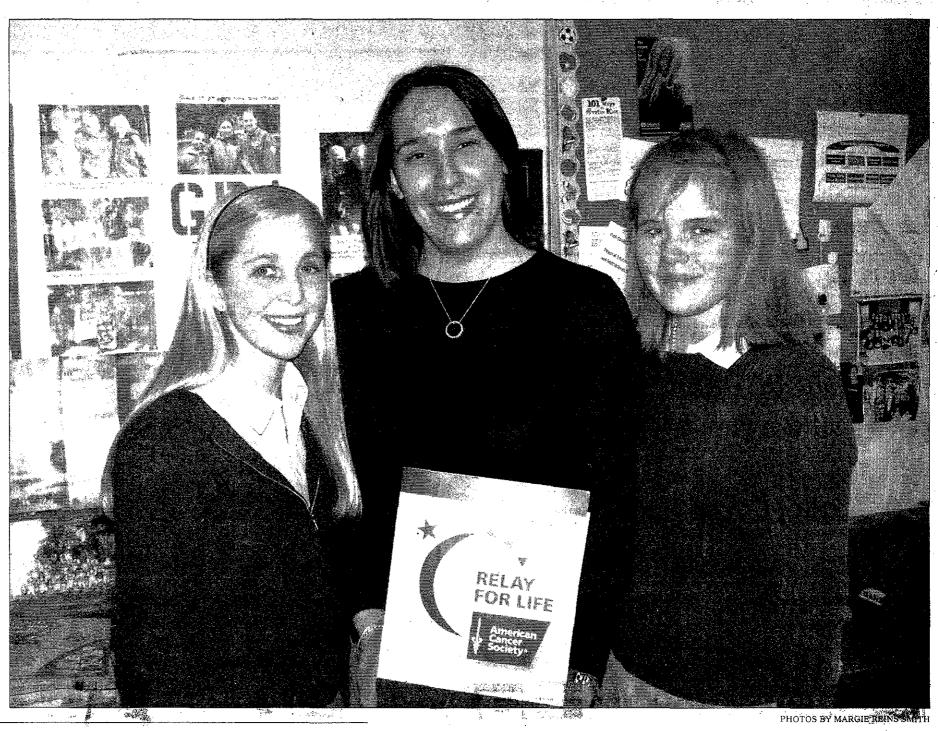
"I was hooked," Ovshinsky said. "The sense of community at the walk was overwhelming.

Last year, she was captain of the 15-member Christ Church Grosse Pointe Relay for Life team.

This year, she is chairperson of the whole event.

Relay for Life will be held from 10 a.m., Saturday, May 19 to 10 a.m., Sunday, May 20, at Grosse Pointe Farms Pier Park. The 24-hour event raises funds by soliciting pledges for teams of walkers who circle the park on a path. Each team also sponsors an on-site fundraising activity.

"Last year we had 17 teams," Ovshinsky said. "This year I'm committed to forming 30 teams. I would also like to add 20 more committee members, especially for the entertainment committee.'



Lexie Fisher, 12, at the left, and Elizabeth Penman, 12, right, are team captains for the Grosse Pointe Academy's seventh-grade girls' team, one of many community groups that will participate in the American Cancer Society's annual Relay for Life. Sasha Ovshinsky, center, is chairman of the event.

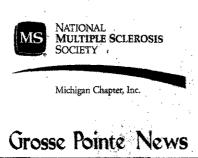
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Teams should have a minimum of 10 participants, she said, so that someone is walking on the relay path at all times and another person is working at the team's fundraising booth.

Besides hours of music, games, contests, food and a candlelight ceremony dedicated to those who have been touched by cancer.

"At sunset on Saturday, we line the walking path with lighted luminaria, small candles placed in paper sacks, each one decorated and dedicated to a survivor or a victim of cancer," she said. "It's sotouching. I was hooked when, in 2005, I watched all the survivors walk, hand-in-hand.

"Just about everyone knows somebody who is either battling cancer, who is a

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Ovshinsky grew up in the Detroit area, attending University Liggett School, Grosse Pointe Academy and Grosse Pointe South High walking for School. She earned a degree pledges, the event includes 24 in psychology and elementary education from Curry College, a small liberal arts school in Massachusetts. She also earned a master's degree in early childhood education.

She began teaching at the academy 10 years ago. In addition to her teaching assignment, she is the community service coordinator for the school and serves as the faculty adviser for the academy's student council and the National Junior Honor Society.

Ovshinsky loves being outdoors. She plays tennis, hikes and travels. She's been all over Europe, to Brazil and to Mexico. "If I had a travel wish," she said, "I'd like to visit to New Zealand."

Academy students participate in many other community service activities. They have raised funds for other walks and donated to Locks for Love and Wigs for Kids. Students have worked closely with Grosse Pointe's Services for Older Citizens by donat-

As part of its Earth Day cele-

bration, LocalMotion is spon-

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kindergarten through fifth

grade students in Grosse

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ideas about "Healthy Earth,

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ing blankets, raking leaves and making centerpieces for events. They also participate in fundraising for CATCH, a children's charity founded by Sparky Anderson.

"Even young children can understand what it is to help somebody or to make someone happy," Ovshinsky said. "And sometimes, very small things can really make a difference to somebody else.

"We want the kids to enjoy (community service activities)," she said. "We want them to find some meaning in community work."

Her students will physically participate in Relay for Life as well as earn the money themselves to sponsor a Relay for Life team.

"I can't cure cancer," Ovshinsky said. "But I can organize. I can plan an event. I can get people motivated and excited about raising funds. We each do what we can do. "I can do this," she said "It

works."

Those who would like to form a team, sponsor a team or volunteer for the Relay for Life can call Dorothy Busignani of the American Cancer Society at (248) 483-4374 or visit the Relay for Life Web site at acsevents.org/relay/mi/grossepointe.

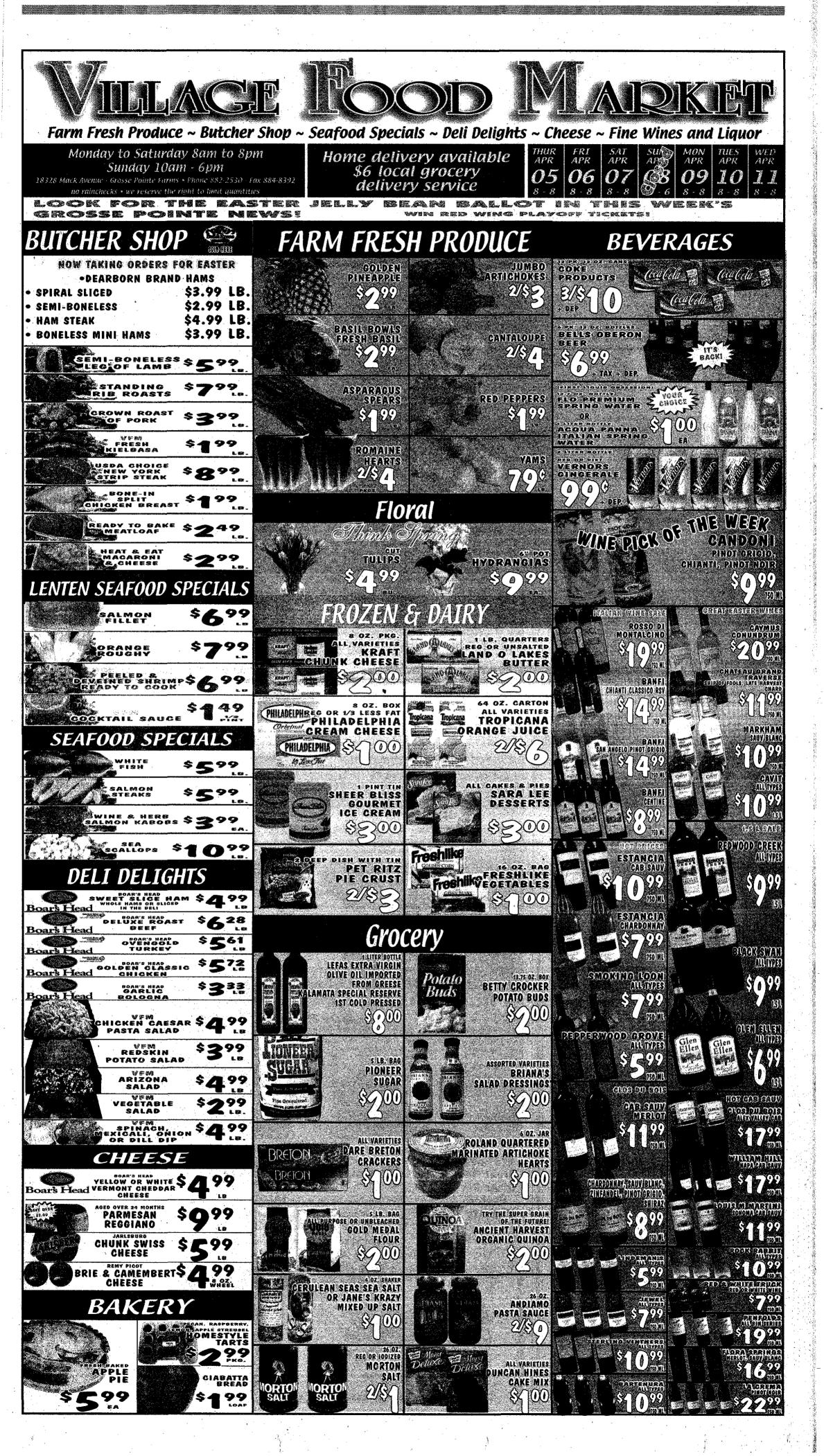
Enter coloring contest

Community Center, 20025 Mack Plaza.

Entries will be judged in three groups (kindergarten and first graders; second and third graders; fourth and fifth graders). The first-, secondand third-place winners will receive prizes. Winners will be announced at 1:15 p.m. during the Saturday, April 21 event held at the Woods Community Center.

For questions about the col-All submissions are due by oring contest, contact Robin Wednesday, April 18, at the Heller at the LocalMotion of-Woods fice at (313) 881-2263.

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HPV shot recommended

Beth Quinn Staff Writer

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, thousands of women could experience a life without cervical cancer by getting vaccinated against HPV —human papilloma virus.

The CDC estimates approximately 6.2 million Americans become infected with genital HPV each year. Over half of all sexually active men and women become infected at some time in their lives. On average, there are 9,710 new cases of cervical cancer and 3,700 deaths attributed to it in the United States each year.

The CDC notes that HPV is the most common sexuallytransmitted infection in the United States each year. Some HPV types can cause abnormal cells on the lining of the cervix that can turn into cancer years later.

The CDC warns that both men and women who have HPV may not show any signs or symptoms and they can pass the virus on without even knowing it.

Gardasil, manufactured by Merck Pharmaceutical, is the first vaccine developed to prevent cervical cancer, precancerous genital lesions and genital warts due to HPV. Clinical trials have shown that the vaccine is highly effective against the four types of the HPV virus, including two that cause about 70 percent of cervical cancer and two that cause 90 percent of genital warts. Those who have not acquired HPV would experience the full benefits of the vaccine.

The vaccine is administered in three doses within six months and works best prior to exposure. Common side-effects include those common to most vaccinations, such as local soreness, swelling, itching and redness at the injection site.

The CDC recommends the HPV vaccine for 11 to 12 yearold girls, and can be given to girls as young as 9. It is also recommended for 13-to 26year-olds who have not yet received or completed the vaccine series.

"Nine to 11 is ideal because girls haven't become sexually active," said Dr. Ron Strickler, chairperson of Women's Health at the Henry Ford Health System. "Studies have shown that girls can become sexually active at age 12.6 with the onset of puberty."

Studies have shown that the vaccine is most effective prior to females becoming sexually active, as they have not been exposed to the four viruses.

Females who are sexually active may also benefit from the vaccine. However, they may get less benefit as they may have already acquired one or more HPV types covered by the vaccine.

According to the CDC, few young women are infected with all four HPV types. It recommends these women get vaccinated because they would still be protected from those viruses they have not acquired.



Some parents worry about serious side effects of the vaccine. The CDC states that the vaccine has been tested worldwide in more than 11,000 females aged 9 to 26, with no evidence of serious side-effects.

"One in 700,000 with vaccinations run the risk of complications," Strickler said. "That's why the federal government is willing to underwrite the vaccination. Insurance companies, doctors and drug companies are insured against liability.

Since the vaccine brings up sexuality in adolescence, it is surrounded by uncertainty and controversy. Some parents say they would be condoning sexual activity in their daughters if they have them vaccinated.

Stricklers believes parents should face the fact that their teenager might be sexually active.

"These statistics have proven remarkably consistent in urban poor and suburban rich, public and private, secular and faith-based, city and rural, single gender versus gender mixed class surveys. University freshmen who are sexually active most often report two to five partners already in their lives."

Some parents believe their daughter will abstain from sex prior to marriage or will be involved in a monogamous relationship so the vaccine isn't necessary.

"Your daughter may say 'no' to śex," Strickler writes. "However, if their eventual one-and-only husband had even one indiscretion, they may silently bring the virus to the marriage bed."

The American Medical Association recently published a study showing that five percent of the women who have cervical cancer never had sex.

'This study was very telling to the medical community," he said. "We all expected it to be around one percent but the five percent was higher than anyone expected. Transmission of HPV without sex is uncommon but not unknown."

"Chillers' author to thrill

By Beth Quinn Staff Writer

In celebration of National Library Week, the Grosse Pointe Public Library has invited Jonathan Rand, author of the "Michigan Chillers" and "American Chillers" series, to entertain young fans at 7 p.m., Wednesday, April 18, at Parcells Middle School auditorium.

Rand, a lifelong Michigander, is also a popular speaker at schools and libraries throughout the country. He has a reputation for inspiring children to read and write.

"My presentation is less about me and more about reading and writing," Rand said. "I believe if you can read and write, you can do anything."

He is particularly proud that he can inspire non-readers to pick up a book.

"A few weeks after one of my school appearances, I received a call from a mother who wanted to thank me for getting her son interested in reading," Rand said. "It was very gratifying."

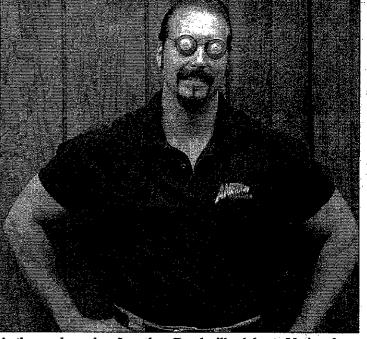
He uses the skills he learned as a radio and television personality to keep his young audiences' attention. His secret is keeping the presentation lively and entertaining.

Prior to going on stage, he dons a pair of googly-eyed glasses which he purchased in Atlanta years before he started making appearances.

"I found them in a drawer and thought 'kids might like these," Rand said. "They did and the glasses have sort of become my trademark."

He encourages active participation and coaxes his audience to imitate his scary laugh which sounds straight out of a house of horrors.

"One of the things I tell the kids is that you can't write a scary book until you learn how to do the scary laugh," Rand



Author and speaker Jonathan Rand will celebrate National Library Week with his young fans on Wednesday, April 18 at Parcells Middle School auditorium. He promises to wear his trademark googly-eyes.

said.

Rand started writing the "Michigan Chillers" series after he had written two adult thrillers under the pseudonym, Christopher Knight.

"One day I was going through the mystery books I read as a kid," Rand said. "I was looking at the covers and thinking how neat they looked. Then it struck me that I would have as much fun writing them as I had reading them."

Each "Michigan Chillers" book takes place in a particular Michigan city. He uses alliteration in the titles, such as "Kreepy Klowns of Kalamazoo" and "Dinosaurs Destroy Detroit," to entice readers. He currently has written 12 books in the series.

After his success with the "Michigan Chillers," Rand got letters from children all over the United States asking him to write about their city. Since he felt writing books about individual cities would be a daunting project, he decided to write about the states. The "American Chillers" series was started with the release of "Michigan Mega Monsters." Rand plans to write a book for each of the 50 states. He has currently completed 19.

While the two "Chillers" series are geared for readers ages 9 to 13, Rand has started the "Freddie Fernortner" series for younger children.

When traditional publishing companies rejected his first "Michigan Chillers" manuscripts, Rand started his own publising company, AudioCraft Publishing Inc., in which he employes numerous family members and friends.

"We've been seven years in this," he said. "We've built it into a family. It's just too much fun."

After the April 18 presentation, Chiller fans will be able to meet Rand and have a book autographed.

Admission is free, but a ticket is required. Tickets are available at all three library branches. For group reservations, call (313) 343-2074, ext. 218.



NEWS

GROSSE POINTE PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Mid-year state budget cut up in the air

By Brad Lindberg Staff.Writer

A Senate proposal to cut public school funding by \$34 per student before year's end represents an early pitch in what could become an extrainnings game of legislative give and take.

"I don't think it will pass the House," said Rep. Edward Gaffney, R-Grosse Pointe Farms. "If we're going to protect anything, it should be K-12 education."

Quality education is generally regarded as the kingpin in the Pointe's family-friendly reputation.

"In Grosse Pointe, the quality of our schools is the main reason people move into the district and keep property values high," Gaffney said.

A \$34 per student mid-year cut would translate into the

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on enrollment of nearly 9,000.

"More bad news from Lansing," mused Brendan Walsh, president of the Pointe board of education. He said the district is being pelted with annual cost increases of at, least \$4 million no matter how much money comes from the state.

For Suzanne Klein, superintendent of Grosse Pointe schools, there's little to do but prepare for the worst and hope for the best.

"At this point there is no clarity about what the state of our finances will be," she said. "We are looking at how we might best manage the costs we have, making sure we're getting the most value out of revenue. We want to preserve the maximum amount of money to go into classrooms (and) to dates a balanced budget.

Pointes losing about \$300,000 support programs that benefit in anticipated funding based students."

A Republican-led Senate last week approved reductions in school aid as part of \$600 million in budget cuts, including reductions for day care and transportation services, which were on top of a \$344 million reduction Gov. Jennifer Granholm ordered.

"It's a sad day for Michigan," said Sen. Martha Scott, D-Highland Park, the Pointes' voice in the senate.

Senators also rejected Granholm's proposed 2 percent sales tax on services as a way to help plug Michigan's \$940 million deficit.

Action has shifted to the Democrat-controlled House. "It's back to the drawing board," Gaffney said. "Back to

cutting the budget." The state Constitution man-

"There is a feeling that schools have to tighten their belts like everybody else," Gaffney said.

Gaffney is among 34 cosponsors of House Bill 4116 to shift \$412 million from the general fund to the school aid fund.

The bill, introduced by Rep. John Moolenaar, R-Midland, minority vice chairman of the House Education Committee, has been in the Appropriations Committee since January.

"The bill moves funding to prevent a mid-year cut to schools," Moolenaar said. "It's an opportunity to address the funding challenges for our schools. The bill would create a bigger deficit in the general fund, but I argue that education is a top priority. We ought to do right by our students."

Shifting money isn't unusu-

al.

"There's a general fund subsidy of the school aid fund," Moolenaar said. "It's been as high as \$500 million. Currently we have around a \$30 million subsidy from the general fund into the school aid fund."

The bill is supported by Rep. Matthew Gillard, D-Alpena, majority vice-chair of the Appropriations Committee and chairman of its subcommittee on school aid and education.

The proposed per-pupil cut could go up or down as lawmakers wheel and deal.

"Compared to how we could have gotten cut, this isn't much to ask (schools) to join in the sacrifice," Gaffney said. "I'd still have trouble supporting it (the \$34 cut) unless it's tied to something that makes sure they don't cut school funding more in the future."

The basic school grant is \$7,085 per student.



Budget to be addressed April 16

By Bob St. John Staff Writer

committee.

Its next scheduled meeting Wollenweber. is Monday, April 16.

"The finance committee will 12.9897 mills is again being Talks for Grosse Pointe go through the budget in fine proposed, which is the third Woods' 2007-08 budget have detail and they will make a consecutive year that there been handed off to the finance recommendation," said City will be no proposed increase, Mark Administrator

Planning commish says 'yes'

A second portion of Mack in low the city more flexibility Grosse Pointe Woods is scheduled for a zoning change.

The city's Planning Commission recommended the change for two addresses on Hawthorne, wine on hall was recently rezoned from al of the recreational bond in Hollywood and two on Mack restricted office to commercial November. from residential (R-1C) to com- to adhere to the master plan Budget items of substance mercial (C).

with potential business owners, meaning a retail shop or office could open in that district.

A portion of Mack near citv and allow a variety of business-

projects. The general fund is A total millage rate of

approximately \$14.3 million. Expenditure increases in the general fund budget, according to Paladino, are primarily the result of a 4.5 persaid accounting specialist cent increase in health care Linda Kunath Paladino in a costs for active and retired city letter to Woods Mayor Robert employees, continued funding of infrastructure improve-According to initial reports, ments, labor agreement the estimated budget will alchanges and higher utility low the city to retain all sercosts.

Residents can attend a public hearing on the budget scheduled for the first council grams should get a shot in the meeting in May.

A commercial tag would al- es to stake claim.

are included in the \$6 million earmarked for construction

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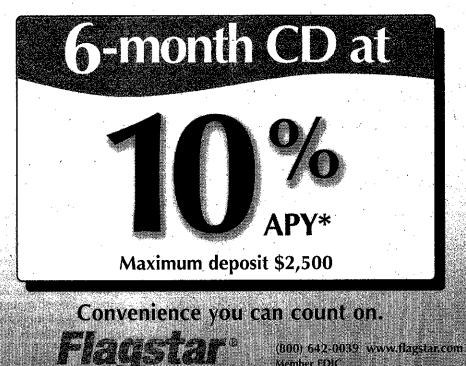
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EDITORIAL Can the Tigers repeat the roar?

ven though Michigan's economy is still in a deep freeze, spring has arrived. The proof in the air is the opening of the baseball season Monday at Comerica Park.

The American League champions hosted the Toronto Blue Jays in their home opener, and even though they lost, all those attending were proud of our boys.

Not many people predicted the Tigers' Cinderella season last year. The Tigers had been so bad for so long. Few had hope. Few dared to hope. But Jim Leyland, in his first year as manager of the Detroit Major League team, knew something we all didn't. Like the Wizard of Oz, he saw something in his new team we all missed. He saw a winner.

And win they did. The Tigers had a comparable year to their record-setting season of 1984. They clinched their first playoff berth in 19 years. For the first time in 22 years, the Detroit Tigers were in the World Series. As in 1968, the Tigers faced the St. Louis Cardinals. The Cards, however, had not forgotten their victory having been stolen out of their 3-1 grasp nearly four decades ago.

The Tigers lost the World Series last year to St. Louis, but we didn't complain. They were still our heroes.

Now, everyone is asking, will the Tigers do it again? Can they do it again? Can they win the division, the Pennant and the Series? Many are saying they can.

In the off season, they picked up Gary Sheffield from the Yankees. The bad news at the start of the season is that starter Kenny Rogers will be on the disabled list until the All Star break. But with Carlos Guillen on board for four more years and Ivan "Pudge" Rodriguez again calling the pitches behind the plate, this summer is shaping up to be a hot one in Detroit, despite the economy. The Tigers are back in town!

Substitutes get no respect



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

Outsourcing school district jobs To the Editor:

This letter is in response to the Grosse Pointe News' support of outsourcing school district jobs, "Privatization is not Privatization a joke" (March 22 Grosse Pointe News).

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To the Editor

to undermine economic stability for these good people and our economic community at not support it.

Please do the right thing. Focus on finding ways to make things work rather than experbe a quick fix.

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CHARLES KRASNER Grosse Pointe Farms our own

Quality privatization

To the Editor:

I attended the March 19 Grosse Pointe Board of To the Editor: Education meeting and would News articles and editorial, "Privatization is not a joke" (March 22).

expensive services only serves is not a joke," March 22 Grosse Pointe News), are some of the very people that subscribe to the Grosse Pointe large. It is not right and I do News. And as of Friday, one by one, we have started canceling our subscriptions to the Grosse Pointe News.

Another thing the Grosse imenting with what appears to Pointe News seems to forget, no longer is Grosse Pointe Sadly, how many times do made up of just "white collar" we need to learn the truth of families but numerous union the phrase "you get what you families - autoworkers, carpenters and electrical unions which means we support

PAMELA BARNWELL Grosse Pointe Woods

Thanks city manager

ubstitute teachers are the Rodney Dangerfields of the educational system: They get no respect.

That was made abundantly clear last week when the Grosse Pointe Board of Education privatized the substitute teaching staff. This came at a time when scores of school parents are fighting to keep their custodians from being privatized. They even threatened a subscription cancellation campaign against the Grosse Pointe News for supporting the privatization in an effort to make up some of the school district's \$3.5 million shortfall.

However, not a single parent or labor union brethren spoke in favor of the poor substitute teacher. The board of education approved a contract[®] with Professional Education Services Group of Grand Rapids to provide the district with substitute teachers.

The district hopes to save some \$150,000 a year - the equivalent of about 18 percent of the subs' gross pay - in retirement benefits that must be paid for substitutes if they are hired directly by the school system.

Larry Lobert, assistant superintendent for labor resources and labor relations, said an additional \$200,000 could be saved if the school district farmed out other staffing services.

Screening, hiring and criminal background checks would be conducted by the Grand Rapids firm.

The lack of parent or labor objections is interesting in that the privatization of substitutes and other staff-raises the same alleged horrors as that of privatizing the janitors.

Opponents of privatization fear private firms will hire less desirable, lower-paid building maintenance and custodial workers who will not be as solicitous of the children. They feel a noncaring, nonlocal corporation will hire all sorts of outsiders, riffraff, criminals and sex offenders due to spotty background checks.

For some reason, parents are not as concerned about the people who will spend hours with their kids - substitute teachers - as they are about their friendly custodians, who have but brief, occasional encounters with their children.

Parents say the custodians are our "first line of defense" ---from what, we are not sure - but, apparently, once our kids are past the janitors, all is well.

Who speaks for the poor, under-appreciated substitute teacher? No one.

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As a busin operations director, I cannot understand how or why this is being done when the custodial union has agreed to meet the shortfall requested by the Grosse Pointe Board of Education. The board is exposing itself to greater risk.

The last "open" school board meeting showed a poor approach to the issue. The board has made no up front effort to write a detailed "statement of requirements" document for the suppliers to quote against and to establish just what it wants to buy,

The supplier presentations, therefore, made varying assumptions and showed the actual big savings were through more efficient management. (In a follow-up e-mail, I proposed the board meet with other local boards to collectively procure major cost driving items, such as heating fuel.)

Our school's operations manager has certainly not done his job in efficiency improvements. He also, based on the meeting, has not kept the board informed on many of his operational practices. The board was not even aware of the negotiating details of the last custodial contracts. A change may be beneficial in this area.

As of today, I know of no effort to resolve any of the concerns I raised at the meeting.

swer here, state budget reform is.

Unfortunately, our state Senate and House are not doing enough to eliminate the open ended state employee annual salary increases that are no longer supported by tax income and do not have a link to education funding. Even with the custodial savings, the within a year and in violation of state law.

I have pursued Rep. Gaffney and Sen. Scott but received no substantial answers.

We are heading for very bad times.

I believe it is the Grosse Pointe News' duty to scrutinize the practices of our government and take on the real-

problem sources, not side with

dubious and panic driven ini-

JAMES P. TROSCINSKI

A petition is being circulated to show the Grosse Pointe Board of Education that we are strongly opposed to the privatization of our skilled maintenance and custodial employees.

Already the board of education has privatized the school cafeterias and, more recently, our substitute teachers on March 26.

Grosse Pointe parents know that their children are safe in our schools. Before, during and after school, trusted school district employees are on duty. This tradition is about to end.

One City of Grosse Pointe Public Safety Officer expressed his concern with privatization. He feels that our custodians are our first line of defense. If something serious were to happen within a school building, the officer would go straight to a custodian for critical information because they are the only ones who know the buildings inside and out. And because custodians also know and recognize which children do and don't belong at our schools.

Please sign a petition, or better vet. take a form and gather as many signatures as you can to show how much your school and our loval district's support of employees means to you.

For copies of petition forms, Outsourcing is not the an- please send an e-mail to jdpingp@aol.com or call (313) 884-2121. Every signature counts.

CATHY POMAVILLE Grosse Pointe Park

Privatization in schools

To the Editor:

The following letter was addistrict will be in major debt dressed to the Grosse Pointe Board of Education: I am writing to express my

opinion on the issue of privatization in our schools.

It is an outrageous show of disrespect to the people who have dedicated their livelihood to the needs of our community. They are an integral part of our schools.

A million-dollar savings? Neither company would have a plumber, electrician or boiler expert as part of each building's crew.

In order for any work of this kind to be completed, a work order would be required, and cleared through company headquarters, which, according to other districts who have hired these companies, typically takes up to two weeks. It would require the hiring of an outside contractor to complete the work.

How much extra to change a light bulb? The current custodial staff has these experts in place. Snow removal? Herbicides? Pesticide application? Not with these companies.

Ask a Richard Elementary School parent how well Sodexho runs the school cafeteria, and you'll get an idea of how they'll take care of our buildings. And don't forget that substitute teachers and support staff are next on the hit list.

Assistant superintendents Christian J. Fenton and Larry Lobert danced all around questions as to why, after the union bargained in good faith, were negotiations shut down? Grosse Pointe Board of Education President Brendan Walsh even went so far as to tell the crowd that this meeting could have been conducted in private, with no public input.

Many other districts in Michigan are feeling the same financial pinch, but are dealing with it in other ways to maintain their district's dignity. Let Aramark and Sodexho peddle their wares somewhere else. DAN H. TRIPP

City of Grosse Pointe

Outsourcing and support

To the Editor:

ing parents and members of To replace them with less school unions ("Privatization

Dale Krajniak is city like to add some information er of Grosse Pointe Park. The left out of the Grosse Pointe residents of Grosse Pointe Park owe him many thanks.

If he had not had foresight several years ago, we would have been flooded out as recently was the area in and around Clinton Township.

Dale Krajniak separated our storm sewers from the sanitary sewers and built a new and separate system to handle our storm water. Now it goes directly into Lake St. Clair through a separate system. It also reduced the residents' costs in that the storm water now no longer goes to the city of Detroit for costly processing with the sanitary water.

Now there is almost no water in our streets when it rains.

Unlike the rest of the area, a good part of Grosse Pointe Park lies below the level of Lake St. Clair. In the past we have had water in our basements. Now we do not.

I hope the Grosse Pointe Park City Council will keep Dale Krajniak around many more years.

CHARLES COLLINSON **Grosse Pointe Park**

Privatization concerns

To the Editor: We disagree with the Grosse Pointe News March 8 and 22 March editorials, "Privatizing saves money," "Privatization is not a joke;" supporting privatization of the custodial staff of Grosse Pointe Public School System.

Privatization appears to be a quick fix to some of the school's budgetary problems, but this may not be true in the long run. For example, what are the hourly costs of hiring outside skilled trades plumbers, electricians --- to provide the services that a private company will not provide?

Sodexho and Aramark, the two companies that presented bids to the Grosse Pointe Board of Education, claim they can save money. Their presentations at the special March 19 board meeting cer-

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I SAY By Bob St. John

Tigers' bandwagon grows with success



hat a difference a year makes. At this time last year, Detroit Tigers fan were hoping the squad would finish at least .500.

Well, we all know what happened.

First-year manager Jim Leyland guided the Tigers to one game of the American League Central Division championship and eventually a spot in the World Series as American League champs.

The Tigers lost the Fall Classic in five games to the St. Louis Cardinals, but that hasn't

dampened our spirits. Expectations are at an all-

time high right now for the new generation of fans from children to those under 30.

I remember how anxious I was for the Tigers to start the 1984 season because they had great 1983 season. а Expectations were high for that team and they didn't disappoint, getting off to a 35-5

start en route to the World Series championship. Can the 2007 Detroit squad

repeat the feat of 1984? Winning starts with good

pitching and the Tigers have plenty of that. In fact, some experts say Detroit has the best pitching staff in the big leagues.

Veteran Kenny Rogers, who will miss half the season following surgery to repair a blood clot in his left shoulder, is the leader of the pack, followed

by Justin Verlander, Jeremy ond base); 3. Sheffield (desig-Bonderman, Nate Robertson and Mike Maroth.

Todd Jones will come on to close out Tigers' victories. His supporting staff is awesome. Leyland has flame-throwers Joel Zumaya, Fernando Rodney and Jose Mesa as key set-up men in the bullpen.

It's a manager's dream to cut a baseball game down to six innings when he has such an outstanding bullpen.

The Tigers had one of the best offenses a year ago, except when it came time to score runs in the World Series.

The team signed outfielder Gary Sheffield, who has relatives in the tri-county area. He will help solidify the offense. The lineup should look simi-

lar to this for a majority of the team's 162 games:

1. Curtis Granderson (center field); 2. Placido Polanco (sec-

nated hitter); 4. Magglio Ordonez (right field); 5. Carlos Guillen (shortstop); 6. Ivan Rodriguez (catcher); 7. Craig Monroe (left field); 8. Sean Casey (first base); 9. Brandon Inge (third base).

The Tigers' bench is also an asset with Marcus Thames and Omar Infante.

Comerica Park will be packed on a nightly basis and this year's Tigers shouldn't disappoint.

The Tigers led the AL Central for most of last season, only to hand the title to the Minnesota Twins after getting swept by the lowly Kansas City Royals on the last weekend of the regular season.

That will not happen this year. Last season's experience for the younger players will spur them to improve.

Detroit is arguably compet-

ing in MLB's toughest division. The only given is that Kansas

City will finish in last place. The Tigers, picked by several national sports writers to win the World Series, will get plenty of competition from the Chicago White Sox, Minnesota Twins and Cleveland Indians.

All three clubs are loaded with talent and could win the Central Division.

Cleveland boasts an awesome offense with Victor Martinez, Grady Sizemore and Travis Hafner leading the way. Its pitching staff is solid with C.C. Sabathia, Jake Westbrook, Jeremy Sowers and Cliff Lee.

Chicago has Jermaine Dye, Jim Thome, Paul Konerko and Joe Crede on offense. Its weakness might be pitching.

Torii Hunter and Justin in the end the Blue Jays won 5-Morneau to lead the offense. 3 in 10 innings.

Baseball's best pitcher, Johan Santana, is the Twins' ace, but after that the starting staff consists of the inconsistent Carlos Silva and unproven rookies Boof Bonser and Matt Garza.

Detroit is the best team from top to bottom in the Central Division and will give us fans a lot to cheer about this summer.

Prediction: Detroit wins the Central Division by five games over Cleveland, wins its second straight AL crown and defeats the New York Mets in six games to win the World Series.

The Tigers officially raised their 2006 American League Championship banner before Monday's season opener against Toronto in front of a Comerica Park record crowd of 44,297.

The home team rallied from Minnesota has Joe Mauer, a 3-0 deficit to tie the game, but

STREETWISE By Renee Landuyt

What would you like to see in your Easter basket?

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



'Candy of any kind.' DALLAS CLEM City of Grosse Pointe



'Candy, mainly Reese's and suckers.' JEFFREY JUDSON City of Grosse Pointe



'I don't care as long as it is something sweetcandy of all kinds.' JACK WARREN **Grosse Pointe Farms**



'I would like Lil'Kinz 'A plasma screen TV.' SUMMER WALKOWIAK and candy.' **Grosse Pointe Farms** MAGGIE FLOWERS Grosse Pointe Farms





'I would like Webkinz and candy.' ABIGAIL REISEN City of Grosse Pointe

FYI By Ben Burns They tied yellow ribbons round all the trees

happy she had returned safely circumstances these people live in is survival on a day-today basis. It is a struggle for them. Physical conditions are hard and add to that the fact that the Taliban threaten not only the U.S. soldiers, but the citizens." Trained as a teacher, the '87 Eastern Michigan graduate was teaching Army ROTC on EMU's campus when she got her call-up. "One of the biggest concerns I had was the lack of education of children, particularly girls," she said. "The southern region is very traditional, and it is mainly boys who go to school. They have a long, long way to go for the education of women. "The Afghan people are some of the most genuinely kind people I have met. They have nothing, but would give you what they have. They are grateful that the U.S. military is there and feel very, very secure.

Afghanistan working there as called out.

deck seat, and it will help a family for two weeks. Durant wants to turn out 20,000 friends this year to help cheer on the Tigers against the Cleveland Indians. A picnic party starts at 5 p.m. and the game is at 7 p.m. I've already pledged to be part of that crowd. For information on ticket packages, you may contact patrick.mcmath@cornerstoneschools.org or bill.kennis@cornerstoneschools.org. If you have never been inside a Cornerstone School, you should arrange a visit. All parents pay part of the tuition costs, and the atmosphere is one of hope and excitement for learning that exemplifies the Cornerstone motto: "Building a model of excellence in urban education." Ben Burns of the City of Grosse Pointe is director of the journalism program at Wayne State University. He can be reached at burnsben@comcast.net or by phone at (313) 882-2810.

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hey tied a yellow ribbon round the old oak tree — and the elm and the maple and dozens of others - when U.S. Army Maj. Nancy Hansen came marching home to the first block of Newcastle off Mack in Grosse Pointe Woods.

"I was overwhelmed. That's the best word to use," Hansen said about her mid-March reception. "It was a nice welcoming home."

All of the neighbors took part in the gesture after Hansen had spent a year as a public affairs officer for the U.S. Army National Command element in southern Afghanistan. They were

from the Taliban-dominated area of the Third World country Of course, no one was hap-

pier than Hansen's husband, Stephen, the executive chef at a Grosse Pointe club, and her 5-year-old daughter, Stephanie.

Hansen had left in early January 2006 when she was called up to augment a shorthanded unit and sent to Fort Sill, Okla., for two months of training.

Then in March, she flew to Afghanistan, where she supervised a small team of broadcast and print journalists that wrote press releases and teamed up international news media members with military units. She represented the Navy, Air Force and Marine Corps as well as the Army.

"I felt very fortunate to serve my country and the people of Afghanistan. There you are stepping back in time hundreds of years," she said. "The

"Our soldiers are in

part of a coalition with other nations to bring stability to the nation and allow the country to develop to sustain themselves. We need to continue to be there to help reinforce them and teach them so one day they will move from the third world to the first world."

Hansen, who has a teaching certificate and specializes in history and geography, hopes to get a teaching post in the fall and plans to rejoin an Army reserve unit.

The day

The children of Grosse **Pointe Memorial Church** marched in on Sunday carrying palm fronds to note the special Sunday as we approach Easter. When it came time for the children's sermon, they gathered with their fronds at the front of the

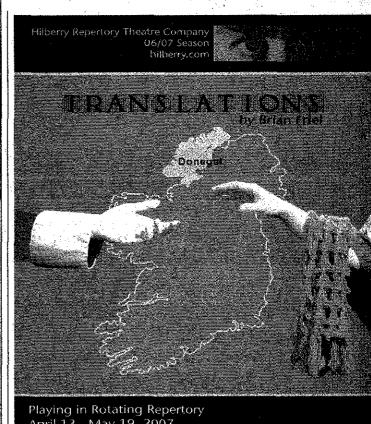
church. The Rev. Peter Henry asked, "What special day is today." "April Fools Day!" one youth

Play ball

Clark Durant, the CEO of Cornerstone Schools and a resident of the Farms, is a man of large ambitions to help others. Last year the Detroit Tigers offered him a chance to earn some money for the schools by selling him \$20 tickets at a charity discount that he could resell to supporters. He turned out thousands for the event — the largest group the Tigers management had ever hosted that way.

This year he intends to improve on that with his "Because Every Kid Needs a Hero" program on Tuesday, Aug. 21, with his "Pack the Ballpark" initiative. He wants to raise enough funds to help 1,250 Cornerstone students get an excellent education.

And he's not selling tickets for \$20. For a contribution of \$250, you get a lower deck seat and help an urban family cover tuition for one month. For \$125, you get an upper



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Maj. Nancy Hansen and children in Kandahar, Afghanistan.

OPINION

GUEST OPINION By Lee H. Hamilton

Members of Congress should vote their conscience

round the time Congress convened this year, a Republican member of the House reflected to a newspaper reporter that there was a silver lining to the party's new minority status. "You're freer to vote your conscience," the legislator explained.

It was a revealing comment - not about being a Republican, but because it offered a glimpse into the fact. that members of Congress often feel unable to vote the way they'd really like.

Decision-making on Capitol Hill is a perpetual wrestling match, with members' own instincts, analysis and judgment pitted against a daunting array of other claimants to their vote

This is especially true when they're in the majority and feel

some responsibility to help their leadership govern - or when they share a party label with the president and want to help him look in control. Sometimes their inclinations run in tandem, but sometimes they don't, which explains why some Republicans are feeling a sudden sense of liberation these days, while some Democrats feel more constrained than they did a year ago.

Republicans and Democrats alike also listen to important campaign contributors; to community leaders whom they rely on for guidance; and, of course, to their constituents, who more than anyone else have a claim to their representatives' attention.

All of these, as worthwhile as their views may be, can stand in the way of voting one's conscience.

There are some people who go to Congress precisely because they want to be loyal party members or support their president or vote as a dyed-in-the-wool liberal or conservative. For them, there's nothing especially complicated about deciding how to cast their votes.

But I would venture that the majority of Senators and House members find voting to be a sometimes agonizing effort at sifting through competing demands, including the demands of their own inner compass.

Imagine, for example, being a Republican House member faced with the non-binding resolution condemning the president's handling of the war in Iraq. Many of them were deeply torn, miserably unhappy with the war but equally unhappy at the

prospect of voting against the White House and their party leadership. However they voted, it was not an easy decision.

Legislators often resolve these conflicts by acting as they deem the occasion warrants — sometimes as an agent of their constituents' will, sometimes as party leaders demand, sometimes in consultation with residents of their district but exercising their own judgment, and sometimes according to the dictates of their own conscience.

This last approach is exactly the one that the British statesman Edmund Burke took up in his famous "Speech to the Electors of Bristol" in 1774. An elected representative, he argued, owes his constituents "his unbiased opinion, his mature judgment, his enlightened conscience," and ought not . sacrifice them "to any man, or

to any set of men living." Indeed, Burke went on, "Your representative owes you, not his industry only, but his judgment; and he betrays, instead of serving you, if he sacrifices it to your opinion."

Most members of Congress, I think, would agree with Burke. Their jobs, after all, consist - or, at least, ought to consist - of studying the issues before them, weighing the alternatives, and thinking through the consequences of each. And I know, from my own experience and that of others, that at the end of a career on Capitol Hill, a member feels proudest of those votes, speeches, and times he or she has acted according to conscience and done the right thing in the face of countervailing pressures.

There is a message in this, one that I think the founders. would endorse: that a representative democracy works best when representatives act according to their best judgment. Anything else constrains the Congress from giving full consideration to the collective wisdom and experience of its members. Shakespeare, I think, said it best in Hamlet:

"This above all: to thine own self be true,

and it must follow, as the night the day,

Thou canst not then be false to any man."

That's good advice for living, and splendid advice for anyone hoping to do the best job he or she can in Congress. It might even give us better government.

Lee Hamilton is director of the Center on Congress at Indiana University. He was a member of the U.S. House of Representatives for 34 years.

LETTERS: 'Above and beyond'

Continued from page 8A

tainly gave no indication of this. Rather than hard figures and facts, the board and audience members heard slick public relation jobs intended to extol the virtues of these companies.

We have done our homework and have found that privatization does not always work.

The custodial staff at the Grosse Pointe Public School System perform "above and beyond," especially during after-school activities, and are an integral part of the school community. Many reside in the Pointes.

The bottom line at Grosse Benefiting tax Pointe schools is the education of our children. That is not the bottom line of Sodexho or other companies. Their employees, who earn low wages and experience high turnover, will not have the same concern for our schools that the custodians exhibit in their daily work. Before the school board

signs any contracts, we hope the members will study this issue with the same diligence given to other issues, such as curriculum and the highschool semester.

We are concerned about the safety of our children, the morality of privatization, and the quality of maintenance done in our schools.

LAURA DEWEY.

Grosse Pointe Woods Editor's note: The preceding letter was also signed by 80 parents, school staff and residēnts. - 54 N

increase

To the Editor:

Raise my taxes. It is time. I am tired of riding on major highways that require me to be constantly on the alert for major pot holes.

I am even more frustrated with public schools that must cut programs and staff, reorganize school day schedules, and increase class size because of continued cuts in school aid.

Enough is too much.

Let us now accept the responsibilities of citizenship. We must pay for the benefits of living in a civilized society.

What kind of tax increase will we stand for? The fairest, least regressive tax, is probably the income tax.

We now require leaders who -- with "fire in the belly," and a without the generous donaview toward more than the tions of more than 200 goods parents and PTO work togeth

geously lead.

support and respect.

Grosse Pointe Park

auction thanks

To the Editor:

The Kerby Elementary School Auction was held March 23 at the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club. The event was attended by close to 400 guests.

On behalf of the Kerby PTO, I would like to take this opportunity to thank those parents, friends and supporters of Kerby - our Kerby community — for attending this year's event.

The auction could not have been as successful as it was and services from local businesses, merchants, independent business people and supporters.

A hallmark of our community is the way in which you graciously and generously give to support community initiatives. Thank you ever so much.

The historic Grosse Pointe Yacht Club was the venue for our event, and the service and care provided by the staff proved yet again why Grosse Pointe Yacht Club is one of this country's premier clubs. Thank you all.

Mr. Robert DuMouchelle of DuMouchelles Art Galleries conducted our live auction. Bob, you were terrific.

The faculty and staff of Kerby assisted with planning, donated items and volunteered to help at the event. This is yet another example of the way in which you and the

er for a common goal - improving the learning environment for Kerby students. Thank you.

Finally, to the many parents and supporters who donated their time, talents and energies to make this year's event a success. While it doesn't quite seem enough, thank you.

You probably never entirely realize what a difference you've made to Kerby this year with your many hours of volunteering. The planning began before school ended last year and, through the months leading up to the auction, you kept your enthusiasm and energy focused and on task.

The gratitude of the entire Kerby community goes to each and every one of you.

DAN ROESKE Kerby Elementary School 2007 Auction Chair Grosse Pointe Farms

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Grosse Pointe News Announces Its First

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BUSINESS 11A

PEOPLE

WILLIAM ROCHE, MICHAEL GORMELY. **BRODIE KILLIAN AND**

DAWN BIELECKI have been named to positions in the Public Finance Department of Raymond James & Associates Inc. at its 15 Kercheval office in Grosse Pointe Farms. Roche, a director, brings to the position 26 years of public finance experience, having worked directly with state agencies and school districts in Michigan, Massachusetts and Connecticut.

He has served as financial advisor to the State of Michigan, the Michigan Higher Education Student Loan Authority and the Michigan Department of Transportation, and was senior manager for the Michigan Municipal Bond Authority. Roche, who earned a bachelor's degree in finance from Wayne State University, previously held fixed income and public finance positions in the Detroit offices of NatCity Investments and Oppenheimer & Co.

Gormely, a director and graduate of Central Michigan University with finance and economics concentrations, has more than 19 years of experience in Michigan public finance. He brings to the position an extensive knowledge of local government financings and refinancings of public projects and has broad familiarity with bond rating agencies and bond insurers. His previous investment banking experience was in the Detroit offices of NatCity Investments and at Oppenheimer & Co., where he served as senior vice president and co-manager of investment banking.

Killian, an assistant vice president, has experience as a senior analyst on multiple municipal bond underwritings across issuer sectors, including taxable and tax-exempt bonds. He previously served in a similar capacity with NatCity Investments and, prior to that, with public finance department of Comerica Securities in Detroit. Killian completed the **Bachelor of Business** Administration program at the University of Michigan's Ross School of Business and holds a Master of Public Policy degree from the U-M Gerald Ford School of Public Policy. Bielecki, who has previous experience at NatCity Investments, will join the two managers as administrative assistant.

All will report to Thomas Chapman, head of the firm's Midwest Group, based in Chicago.



Delicious event

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Grosse Pointe Park residents Darcy Towns, left, and Jennifer Stockwell held a grand opening for their business, Just Delicious, located at 15110 Kercheval between Lakepointe and Maryland in the Park. Towns and Stockwell began the business in their apartment a dozen years ago and have since served 6,999 people a meal at 126 parties just last year. Customers can purchase scones, coffee cakes, soups, quiche, chicken salad sandwiches on scones, and beverages. Just Delicious is open 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. For information, call Towns and Stockwell at (313) 823-8425. They will be celebrating an official ribbon-cutting ceremony in the next few weeks.

Taxpayers beware

The Internal Revenue of assessment made on a Form cided by the courts and re-Service issued guidance identifying dozens of frivolous positions that taxpayers should Assessments," before overdue avoid when filing their tax returns.

The guidance lists 40 positions which have no basis for validity in existing law or which have been deemed frivo- citizen of an individual state or lous by the United States Tax claims he is not a person as de-Court or other federal courts.

If these or other frivolous po- Code. sitions are contained in a tax return, taxpayers could face a size the adverse consequences \$5,000 penalty, 10 times the to taxpayers who fail to file reprevious maximum. "People should remember they are ultimately responsible for what is on their tax return even if some unscrupulous preparers have steered them in the wrong direction," said IRS Commissioner Mark W. Everson. "The truth about Arguments" is a 64-page docuthese frivolous arguments is simple: They don't work." In 2006, Congress increased the amount of the penalty for frivolous tax returns from \$500 to \$5,000. The increased penalty amount applies when a person submits a tax return, or other specified submission, and any portion of the submission is based on a position the IRS identifies as frivolous. IRS Notice 2007-30 contains a list of frivolous positions that will trigger the increased penalty amount. Four revenue rulings issued in conjunction with the notice address specific frivolous claims often made to the IRS. The revenue rulings center on:

23C, "Assessment Certificate-Summary Record of taxes may be collected.

• Income is not subject to taxation when the taxpayer declares that he is not a United States citizen because he is a fined by the Internal Revenue sponds to 40 frivolous contentions. The courts have not only rebuked these arguments numerous times, but also have imposed thousands of dollars in fines on taxpayers or their representatives for pursuing frivolous cases.

"Our rulings on frivolous arguments emphasize that the IRS and the courts reject these arguments about the validity of the income tax and too good to be true' schemes to eliminate tax liability," said IRS Chief Counsel Donald L. Korb. The IRS continues to investigate promoters of frivolous arguments and to refer cases to the Department of Justice for criminal prosecution. In addition to tax and interest, taxpavers who file frivolous income tax returns face a \$5,000 penalty, and may be subject to civil penalties of 20 to 75 percent of the underpaid tax. Those who pursue frivolous tax cases in court may face an additional



 False arguments that wages are not taxable income. ♦ Filing returns and paying

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The revenue rulings emphaturns or fail to pay taxes based on an erroneous belief in any

of these frivolous arguments. information Additional about frivolous positions is available on the IRS Web site at IRS.gov.

"The Truth About Frivolous ment updated in December 2006 that addresses false arguments about the legality of not paying taxes or filing returns.

The document includes citations from numerous cases de- penalty of up to \$25,000.



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State music festival says 'Bravo' to North

School music students earned the largest percentage of first division ratings in the school's week's Michigan School Band and Orchestra Association State Solo and Ensemble Festival at Farmington Harrison High School.

Dave Cleveland, director of North's band and orchestra, called his students "amazing. These are the best results we have ever received at state festival."

Contestants performed solos and ensembles for professional adjudicators for rankings from

Ryan Mann, saxophonist.

of overall performance.

♦ Students receiving second division medals for an excelrecent history during last lent performance were: cello/clarinet duet, Jamie Ding and David Ulmer; bassoon solo, Kevin Rey; snare drum solo, Ryan Siluk; piano solo, Bobby Seidarabi.

> • The following students earned a first division medal for superior performance: flute solo, Jennifer Barger; bassoon solo, Thomas Jones and Kimberly Woods; bassoon trio, Thomas Jones, Kevin Rey and Kimberly Woods; Bb clarinet solo, Julienne Hong, Laila Hamdan, Rhochelle Krawetz and Carly Brinker; Bb clarinet trio, Rhochelle Krawetz, Laila Hamdan and Samantha Matthew; alto saxophone solo, Ryan Mann; French horn solo, Edward Grumeretz; piano solo, Jamie Ding, Edward Grumeretz and Margaret

Dong; viola solo, Theodore Bratton and Molly Cohn; cello solo, Kevin Irving and Martin Brosnan; cello duet, Martin



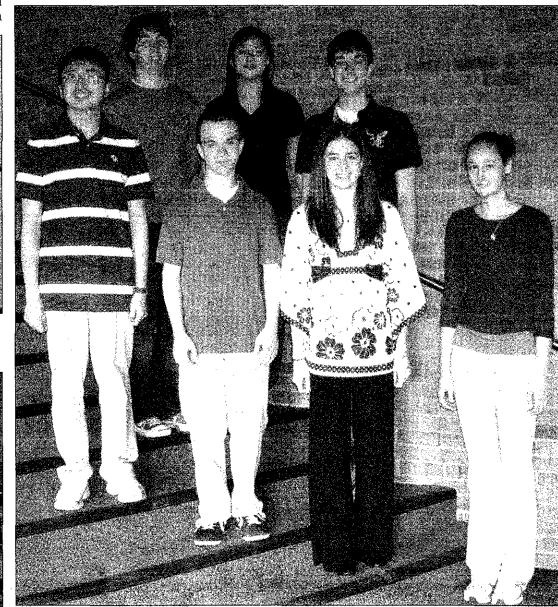
Thomas Jones, bassoonist and Rhochelle Krawetz, clarinetist



Carly Brinker, clarinetist, with parents.

Grosse Pointe North High one to five based on the quality Grumeretz; violin solo, Peter Brosnan and Kevin Irving; Hong; string duet, Theodore Peter Dong. woodwind trio, Thomas Jones, Bratton and Jamie Ding; string Jennifer Barger and Julienne duet, Martin Brosnan and

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Students recommended for the Michigan Youth Arts Festival in May are, first row from left, Jamie Ding, piano; Skip Brosnan, cello; Jenny Barger, flute and Laila Hamdan, clarinet; second row, from left, Ed Grumeretz, French horn; Julienne Hong, clarinet and Thomas Jones, bassoon

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SCHOOLS 14A

High school trimesters still top of the bill

By Brad Lindberg Staff Writer

NORTH:

Last October, school board President Brendan Walsh was in the minority when colleagues rejected a study committee's recommendation that the high schools be switched to a trimester schedule.

The committee was ordered to repeat its research from scratch.

Wins tons of

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music awards

Soloists performed a profi-

ciency test, including scales

worth 25 points and sight-read-

ing worth 25 points, in addition

to a solo, worth 50 points, for a

time that didn't happen before?" Walsh asked.

Five months later, he has the answer: Nothing.

"At long last," Walsh said. During the March 26 Grosse Pointe Board of Education meeting, the High School Day Study Committee recommended unanimously, for the second time, that the district's two high schools be switched to a

"What's going to happen this trimester teaching schedule. Committee members said replacing the district's two 15-

week semesters with three 10week trimesters would yield a host of rewards, including:

♦ increase course options for all students ---- struggling learn-ers, average and advanced,

+ provide longer class periods for more in-depth learning and laboratory sessions,

◆ reduce the number of

total of 100 points.

Cleveland gave special recognition to Laila Hamdan (97 points) for her "extraordinarily high" score.

"Also, Edward Grumeretz impressed his adjudicator with a very high score (96 points), in the most difficult proficiency level, level three," Cleveland said. "Finally, North's woodwind trio (Jenny Barger, Julienne Hong and Thomas Jones) was awarded one of the

highest honors of the festival by being recommended to the Michigan Youth Arts Festival held in May on the campus of Western University."

He added, "In addition to the remarkable results at state festival, we had a record number of students recommended for the Michigan Youth Arts Festival.'

The festival will be held May 13 at Western Michigan University.

classes per day from the cur- six parents, three students and rent seven to five, yet provide two consultants was first autake 15 classes per year as opposed to 10, allow space and time for

"passion courses," such as music, without compromising core academics,

 maintain full access to extra- and co-curricular activities. reduce student stress by having them focus on fewer classes per day,

 increase teacher efficiency by having them teach during a greater percentage of class periods as opposed to monitoring study halls and

♦ save the district \$624,000 per year.

It would cost about \$80,000 to switch to trimesters, mainly to pay for staff development and new textbooks, said Susan Allan, assistant superintendent of curriculum and a committee member.

The committee of nine teachers, nine administrators,

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students the opportunity to thorized in March 2006 to find a lower-cost alternative to semesters. Additional parameters were

to maintain existing education quality, not cut teacher positions nor increase study halls, which are expensive to operate because contractual obligations require they be staffed by a certified instructor.

The committee initially announced its preference for trimesters during an October public hearing. About 100 members of the community attended and argued against change.

For the second go-around, board members dropped the goal of cost savings. The committee found the omission confusing and contradictory.

"One of the barriers faced by the committee was the lack of a clear charge," said Paul Fayad, a 1975 North High graduate and member of the group's parent contingent. 'Although we were told the cost of the schedule didn't matter, the study was begun for financial reasons. It was, therefore, difficult for us to discount financials as we reviewed this." Member Brandon Sloan, athletic director and assistant principal at South High, said the group based its decision on "cost effectiveness, impact on elective offerings, student achievement, advanced placement, impact on teachers with

regard to workload" and more. Unlike the first analysis, this time members consulted college admissions advisors and toured districts in comparable Michigan communities -Farmington, Holland and East Kentwood — that either have trimesters or approved the switch.

"Trimester schools preferred their schedule to prior schedules they had experienced," Sloan said.

Other southeast Michigan districts changing to trimesters next year are Birmingham, Bloomfield Hills, Lowell and Clarkston.

Committee members also examined highly-rated public and private high schools outside of Michigan that utilize schedules having six to eight classes periods per day, or block schedules in which 90minute classes meet every other day.

Members learned that trimesters weren't the end-all.

"Schools that produce a quality curriculum did so despite the schedules they used," Favad said. "In essence, a lot of schools we reviewed were great schools no matter what schedules they utilized."

Chelsea Smailek, a North High junior and committee member, backed trimesters but stuck up for her constituents.

"There's a lot of schools moving to trimesters, but there's also schools successful with a six-period day and the block (schedule), which just goes to show that it's not exactly the schedule that makes the school," Smailek said. "It's the students who are studying and working. They will work with the schedule to do their best. It's the students that are making these schools great."

Walsh said the findings will be discussed with no rescheduling, if any, made until at least the 2008-2009 academic year.

"We would try to reach a conclusion on this one way or another before summer," Walsh said.

He added, "The committee's work is concluded, which I'm sure they're happy to hear."





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one-by-one

Members of the Grosse tional \$733,200 per year. Pointe High School Day Study Committee focused on six alternatives to the district's high school semester calendar. A summary follows:

1. Trimesters

- Description
- ♦ 71-minute periods.
- ♦ Five courses per day. ♦ Classes meet daily.
- Advantages
- ◆ Saves \$624,000 per year.

♦ Efficiency rating 80 percent — teachers teach during four of five class periods.

 Increased course opportunities.

 Longer class periods allow greater learning time.

- Problems
- Possible gaps in multipletrimester course sequences.

◆ Possible gaps between course endings and advance placement tests.

2. True seven-period day

- Description
- Seven 49-minute periods.
- Advantages Expanded student choice.
- Problems
- Costs the district an addi-

◆ Inefficient — teachers teach during five of seven class periods, or 71 percent.

3. Block 8 A/B

- Description
- ♦ 90-minute periods.

 Classes meet every other day.

- Advantages
- ♦ Highly flexible.

◆ Longer classes allow greater learning time.

◆ Less hectic pace.

Problems

◆ Costs an additional \$733,200. ◆ Inefficient — teachers

teach during five of seven class periods, or 71 percent.

4. Six-period day

Description

♦ 55-minute periods.

Advantages

◆ Saves \$1,076,400 annually. • Efficiency rating 83 percent - teachers teach during five of six periods.

- **Problems**
- - ◆ Limited course choice. Reduced electives.

 - See OPTIONS, page 15A

Scholarship deadline April 30

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

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

year.

as those currently employed in St. Clair Shores, MI, 48080.

Letters of application must be submitted before April 30, and set forth qualifications and aspirations, current education status, biographical and family information, along with at least two letters of recommendation from teachers, coaches, fellow musicians and others.

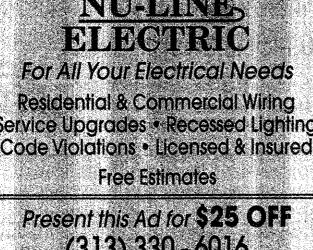
Send letters to: Grosse Pointe Classical Music League. c/o Benjamin C. Stanczyk, 22811 Greater Mack, Ste. 211,

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The Grosse Pointe Classical the music world.

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





NEWS 16A |

OBITUARIES

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

William Collins

Former Grosse Pointe resident William "Bill" Collins, 85, died Friday, March 9, 2007, in Michigan City.

He was born Jan. 10, 1922, in Janesville, Wis. He held a degree in economics from Wayne State University.

Mr. Collins lived in Grosse Pointe for 25 years and was well known for his long walks around town. He enjoyed painting, tennis, handball, chess and entertaining his friends with tales of his many exploits.

He started working at E.F. Hutton and Co. in 1959 after leaving active duty in the U.S. Air Force. He remained an active duty reserve officer with the rank of major. Mr. Collins remained at Hutton as a stockbroker until he retired in 1987.

He retired from the U.S. Air Force active reserve in January of 1982 with the rank of lieutenant colonel. He was decorated numerous times during his World War II duties as a Mustang fighter pilot with the 359th division of the 8th Air Force and a member of the famous "Mustang and Unicorns." Mr. Collins received numerous medals, sincluding the Distinguished Flying Cross with one Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster, the Air Medal with four Bronze Oak Leaf Clusters

and one Silver Oak Leaf Cluster.

He was a flight leader by age 22 with his own wing command and he attained the rank of captain from second lieutenant in 11 months' time. Mr. Collins was a true hero and an Air Ace, with seven German planes shot down and numerous trains put out of commission. The Mustangs not only were fighter planes, but served as B-17 bomber escorts during the famous daylight bombing missions over Germany.

His family writes, "Bill was a very classy guy and will be remembered by many."

Mr. Collins is survived by his former wife and caretaker, Jovce Collins; children, Alexis and John (Audrey) Collins; grandson, Zebadiah; sister, Patricia Wiley; and his longtime mate, Marianna Smith.

A funeral service was held Monday, March 26, in Arlington National Cemetery with full military honors.

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

To view his tribute or leave condolences online visit carlislefh.com.

Patrick W. Cosgrove

Patrick W. Cosgrove, 85, died Tuesday, March 27, 2007.

Mr. Cosgrove retired in 1985 as public works director for the City of Grosse Pointe Farms. He also held various positions with the cities of Hazel Park and Dearborn Heights from 1948 to 1970.

A World War II veteran, he served as torpedo man aboard PT boats in the South Pacific.

He was a caring and loving husband, father and grandfather.

He is survived by his wife, Thelma E. (nee McLaughlin) Cosgrove; children, Patrick M. of Virginia, and Colleen Fay of Livonia; and grandchildren, Lisa and Kara Cosgrove, and Ron W. Reynolds.

Mary P. Fitzgerald

Mary P. "Moira" Fitzgerald, 74, died Wednesday, March 28, 2007, in Detroit.

She was born Mary Neilson on March 15, 1933, in Glasgow, Scotland. In 1952, at age 19, she settled in Detroit. She was received by her aunt, Ella McPhillips, who helped her adjust to her new home. She soon met her future husband, Christopher "Frank" were married on May 15, 1954.

Bon Secours. She cultivated a wide network of close friends, including physicians, nurses and hospital administrators, and kept in touch with many of them over the years.

After her diagnosis of breast cancer in September of 2006, her immediate family and her died Wednesday, March 14, be made to the American network of close friends kent her spirits high as she fought Detroit. the aggressive disease. She was especially proud of her four grandchildren and was quick to tell everybody of their latest accomplishments. Whether it was 17-year-old Kate in her latest theater role, avid Detroit Tigers fan and en-15-year-old Ian who is both a joyed working on jigsaw puzgifted student and chef in the kitchen, 8-year-old Claire who

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Mary P. Fitzgerald

is an ambitious and accomplished golfer, or 2-year-old Jack who loves to sing and dance, Mrs. Fitzgerald was full of love and laughter when talking about any of them.

She was a vivacious and outgoing woman who was devoted to her family and close circle of friends. She was the pillar of her family and she will be profoundly missed.

She is survived by her husband of 52 years, Christopher "Frank" Fitzgerald; daughter, Eleanor (Phillip) Hartwyk; sons, Brian (Margaret) and John (Cynthia) Fitzgerald; and grandchildren, Katherine, Ian, Claire and Jack.

A funeral Mass will be celebrated at 10 a.m., visitation at 9:30 a.m., Wednesday, April 11, St. Paul Catholic Church, 157 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms, with the Rev. John Wynnycky officiating.

Memorial contributions may be made to The Capuchins, 1740 Mt. Elliott Ave., Detroit, MI 48207, or the Van Elslander Center, 19229 Mack Ave., Grosse Pointe Woods, MI 48236.

Share memories with the family at obit.DesmondFuneralHome.co m.

Barbara "Bobbie" Landsfield

Barbara Rose "Bobbie" Landsfield, 68, of Eastpointe, 2007 at St. John Hospital in



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 Adam Bem, who was like a nephew to her.

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

Condolences may be sent to D.Farina@sbcglobal.net.

She was known for her favorite departing quote, "Good Night Sweet Princess of Maine."

Mary Lou Leonard

Mary Lou (nee Beenen) Leonard, 79, of Grosse Pointe Park, died Saturday, March 31, 2007.

She was born Aug. 5, 1927, in Grand Rapids, to John and Marie Harman Beenen. She attended St. Mary's College in Notre Dame, Ind., and the University of Michigan.

She is survived by her son, John S. Leonard III; and sister, Marjorie Yardley; sister-in-law, Mary Jane Hunter; and brother-in-law, William (Pat) Leonard.

She was predeceased by her husband, John S. Leonard Jr. A memorial service will be

held at a later date. Memorial contributions may Cancer Society, 18505 West

A loving mother, wife, daughter, sister, aunt and friend, she will long be remembered for her love of life, her keen wit, and the lasting legacy of cheerfulness and happiness she brought to everybody she met. Mrs. Marver cherished the time she spent scrapbooking family pictures and memories.

She was born in Lansing and grew up in Grosse Pointe where she was a 1983 graduate of Grosse Pointe South High School. She met her husband, Rodney, in Fort Myers, Fla., and they married in 1998.

She left behind a trail of love and happiness that she showered on her two children, Camryn, 8, and Maxwell, 5.

She is survived by her husband, Rodney; children, Camryn and Maxwell; parents, David and Valerie Van Note of Bonita Springs, Fla.; siblings, Elizabeth (Steve) Labick of Rochester Hills; Chris Van Note of Naples, Fla., and Matthew (Kate) Van Note of Kent, Ohio.

A memorial service was held Friday, March 30, in Fort Mvers.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Marver Children Educational Trust at Sanibel Captiva the Community Bank, 16681 McGregor Blvd., No. 305, Fort Myers, FL 33908 or to Hope Hospice, 9470 Health Park Circle, Fort Myers, FL 33908.

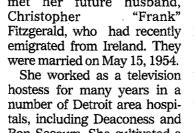
Philip W. Schaaf

Philip W. Schaaf, 84, formerly of Grosse Pointe, passed away Wednesday, March 28, 2007, in Leesburg, Fla.

Mr. Schaaf was an engineer and retired vice president of J.C. Glenzer Co., a tool company in the Detroit area.

Born in Royal Oak, he was a longtime resident of Grosse Pointe Woods where he and his wife, Louise, raised their family before retiring to Leesburg in

He graduated from the University of Michigan with an



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City of Grosse Pointe Woods, Michigan

NOTICE TO BIDDERS - BUILDING AUTOMATION SYSTEM FOR COMMUNITY CENTER AND COURT OFFICE AREA. Sealed bids will be received by the City at the office of the City Clerk, 20025 Mack Plaza, Grosse Pointe Woods, Michigan, until 9:30 a.m. on Thursday, April 12, 2007, at which time and place the proposals will be publicly opened and read aloud for furnishing the following item: Building Automation System for Community Center and Court Office Area. Copies of specifications and bid sheets may be obtained from the City Clerk. The City reserves the right to reject any or all proposals, to waive any irregularities in the bidding and to accept any proposals it deems to be in the best interest of the City.

G.P.N.: 04/05/2007

Lisa Kay Hathaway, CMC City Clerk

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

zles. She will be remembered as a

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SYNOPSIS: REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

MARCH 19, 2007

To receive, approve and file the minutes of the regular City Council meeting held March 5,

To refer the draft ordinance back to the City Manager and establish a committee of Mayor

Pro tem Sawicki, Councilman Szymanski, Councilman Monaghan and Councilman

Marshall to review and revise the proposed ordinance and bring it back to City Council for

To approve the following items on the Consent Agenda: (1) Approve the Accounts Payable

listing for Check Numbers 79934 through 79940 and 80113 through 80226 in the amount of

\$461,578.28 as submitted by the City Manager and Finance Director, and further, authorize

the Mayor and City Clerk to sign the listing. (2) Approve payment to Anderson, Eckstein & Westrick, Inc. in the amount of \$9,591.48 for professional services during the month of February 2007 for the following projects: 2006 Concrete Pavement Repair Program, #180-092; Johnston Park Tennis Courts, #180-096; Target, Eastland, #180-097; 2007 Sewere

Cleaning, #180-100 and 2007 General, #180-099. (3) Approve payment to Nu Appearance

Maintenance, Inc. in the amount of \$7,654.00 for snow removal services during the heavy

To approve the lease agreement with Ford Motor Company to lease six 2007 Crown Victoria

police vehicles to include Motorola MW-800 Mobile Data Computers for a three-year period

in an annual amount of \$61,352.68 or a total amount of \$172,547.50 and \$11,510.52 in

To adjourn to executive session for the purpose of discussing a collective bargaining matter.

That the agenda of the regular City Council meeting having been acted upon, the meeting

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

Twelve Mile Rd., Southfield, MI 48076.

Victoria Arlene Marver

Former Grosse Pointe resident Victoria Arlene (nee Van Note) Marver died Monday, March 26, 2007, after a long battle with cancer.

engineering degree. He was a member of the Engineering Society of Detroit.

Mr. Schaaf is a World War II veteran of the American and European theaters, earning two Bronze Stars.

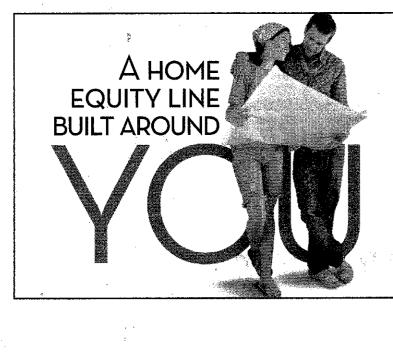
He was an avid golfer, gardener and bridge player who enjoyed the outdoors.

He is survived by his wife of 48 years, Louise R. Schaaf; daughter, Leanne (Jag) Jagtiani; brother, Lyman (Francis) Schaaf; four grandchildren, Jayden and Jacalyn Jagtiani and Daniel and Cara Jagtiani; and several nieces and nephews.

He was predeceased by an infant son, David Rex.

A funeral service will be held on Monday, April 16, at Steverson, Hamlin and Hilbish Funeral Home in Tavares, Fla. Interment will be at Florida National Cemetery in Bushnell, Fla.





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Kenneth A. Poynter,

snowfall in February.

interest.

<u>ROLL CALL:</u> All Councilpersons were present.

is hereby adjourned at 8:36 p.m.

Mickey D. Todd,

City Clerk

NEWS

PUBLIC SAFETY REPORTS

Grosse Pointe Park

Cigarettes stolen

Overnight on Thursday, March 29, two vehicles parked in front of homes in the 1300 block of Harvard in Grosse Pointe Park were broken into and cigarettes were stolen.

Car entered

Overnight on Wednesday, March 28, an unlocked Honda Civic parked in front of a home in the 800 block of Beaconsfield in Grosse Pointe Park was entered and an iPod Nano was stolen.

Busted

11:27 a.m., Grosse Pointe Park police officers responded to a call from a merchant in the 1100 block of Beaconsfield who was holding a 46-year-old Detroit woman for stealing.

After investigating the situation, the woman was arrested.

Car damaged

Overnight on Monday, March 26, a door lock on a 2003 Pontiac Vibe parked in front of a home in the 1300 block of Kensington was damaged.

The suspect did not gain entry into the vehicle. – Bob St. John

Those with information about these or any crimes should call the Grosse Pointe Park police department at (313) 822-7400.

Grosse Pointe Woods

Unresponsive

utes, he said his friend was an expired driver license; and vomiting and unresponsive.

The officer called for an ambulance and the teenager's parents. His father arrived and consulted with the paramedic who was helping his son.

The teenager who gave his friend the alcohol was issued a citation for furnishing alcohol to a minor.

Jeep weaver

On Saturday, March 31, at 1:35 a.m., a 47-year-old Grosse Pointe Farms woman was observed weaving on Mack in her Jeep.

When the Grosse Pointe Woods police officer pulled her over, a distinct odor of intoxicants was noticeable.

She had trouble getting her On Tuesday, March 27, at driver license out of her wallet and her eyes appeared to be sleepy and watery, according to the report.

The woman told the officer she had an alcoholic beverage around 12:30 a.m. and a "tiny" amount of champagne around 7:30 p.m.

The officer conducted several field sobriety tests which the woman failed. A portable breath test registered a .211 percent blood alcohol content.

She was arrested for operating a motor vehicle while intoxicated. She posted a \$100 bond and was released at 3:40 a.m.

Open intoxicant

On Friday, March 30, at 10:29 p.m., a 51-year-old Detroit man was stopped on Harper and Allard for having a broken tail light.

The man told the Grosse Pointe Woods police officer he did not have his driver litification card he gave the of-

one out of Flint for driving with a suspended license.

The LEIN check also revealed the man had 33 current driver license suspensions with eight prior convictions.

He was arrested for driving with a suspended driver license and for the warrants.

Speeding

On Friday, March 30, at 4:15 a.m., a 25-year-old Grosse Pointe Park man was stopped on Harper and Allard for speeding.

He told the Grosse Pointe Woods police officer he sped up to catch the light and said he had a suspended driver license.

A LEIN check revealed he had two outstanding warrants out of Warren and five out of Detroit.

He was arrested for driving with a suspended license. The man posted a \$90 bond for the Grosse Pointe Woods charge and was picked up by a Warren police officer on warrants from that city.

Warrant arrest

On Friday, March 30, at 12:59 a.m., a 31-year-old Detroit man was stopped after a LEIN check revealed he had 14 warrants out of Detroit for driving with a suspended license.

The officer also found an open bottle of liquor in the vehicle. The man was ordered to dump out the remaining liquid.

He was arrested for the warrants.

Stop thief

On Thursday, March 29, at cense and the Michigan iden- 10:10 p.m., a 34-year-old Grosse Pointe Woods man living in the 1600 block of Newcastle reported to police an unknown man was in his vehicle.

Grosse Pointe Farms

Warrant arrest

Police arrested an 18-yearold Detroit man following a traffic stop at Mack and Kerby at 6:09 p.m. Thursday, March

Targeting Chryslers

Police are investigating the theft of one vehicle and the attempted theft of two others parked overnight and reported on Thursday morning, March 29

All three were Chrysler products. Police said one vehicle was stolen in the 400 block of Maison.

Two others, one in the 300

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in the 400 block of Maison, were entered and their ignition locks punched out. Nothing was reported missing from the two vehicles.

Suspending belief

A 37-year-old Detroit woman was arrested following a traffic stop at Mack and Elizabeth Court at 5:28 p.m. Wednesday, March 28.

Police stopped the vehicle for having no driver side mirror. A LEIN check of the driver revealed she had 20 current driver license suspensions and warrants out of Detroit.

She was taken into custody and her vehicle was impounded.

Bad headlight

Police arrested a 23-year-old Detroit man after a traffic stop on East Warren and Opal at 9 p.m. Monday, March 26.

Police stopped the vehicle for having a defective headlight.

A LEIN check revealed the man had several driver license suspensions and was wanted on a warrant out of Ferndale.

The man was taken into custody and held for pick up by Ferndale police. His vehicle was impounded.

- By John Lundberg Those with information on these or any crimes should call the Grosse Pointe Farms police block of Chalfonte and another *department at (313) 885-2100.*

Coin caper

City of Grosse Pointe

Police are investigating the theft of about \$3 in coins taken from a vehicle parked overnight in the 400 block of University and reported at 12:45 p.m. Friday, March 30.

Police said the victim reported the vehicle was entered and searched through. Nothing else was reported missing.

Warrant arrest

Police took into custody a 44year-old Detroit man wanted on two traffic warrants at 1:50 p.m. Tuesday, March 27. Detroit police were holding him at 36th District Court in Detroit.

Caught looking

A 54-year-old Detroit man was arrested after police received reports he was looking into vehicles at 2:30 p.m. Monday, March 26. Police found the man at Cadieux and St. Paul. A LEIN (Law Enforcement Information Network) check revealed the man was wanted on a state warrant for aggravated assault. He was taken into custody.

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

Suspect in purse snatching admits 'handling' item

By John Lundberg Staff Writer

Detroit police have a suspect in custody who was allegedly involved in a March 30 purse snatching in the alley behind a grocery store in the 18000 block of Mack in Grosse Pointe Farms.

'It had to be a training night. I mean, who can't steal a Chrysler.' DAN JENSEN.

Farms Public Safety Director

purse. The vehicle then sped into Detroit.

McCarthy said Detroit police have a 15-year-old in custody who has admitted to being involved in the car theft.

He has so far denied involvement in the purse snatch-

Police stopped the vehicle after observing it was without a license plate. A LEIN (Law Enforcement Information Network) check revealed a passenger in the vehicle was wanted on a warrant out of Warren. The man was taken into custody and the driver was cited for having an unregistered vehicle and no proof of

insurance.

On Saturday, March 31, at

10:30 p.m., a 17-year-old an open beer can in a brown Grosse Pointe Woods teenager residing in the 1900 block of Broadstone called his parents, asking them what to do with a 17-year-old Grosse Pointe Farms friend who drank alcohol and was unresponsive.

The teenager also called the Grosse Pointe Woods police department, and an officer was sent to the scene.

The officer observed the teenager to be conscious but unresponsive.

The young man whose parofficer he gave his buddy one

ficer was expired.

The officer also observed paper bag on the floor. The driver said he just got off work and purchased the can of beer. He said he had a couple of sips.

He was given several field sobriety tests, which he passed.

A LEIN (Law Enforcement Information Network) check revealed the man had two outstanding warrants out of Dearborn for having no insurance and contempt of court; two out of Detroit for driving with a suspended lients owned the home told the cense; one out of the Washtenaw County Sheriff's shot of alcohol. Within min- Department for driving with

The man told police he let his dog outside and it immediately ran to the fence and began to bark.

He saw a man, who he described as a black male, in his car, which had been left unlocked.

The Woods man let his dog outside the fence, but the thief had run away with several dollars in coins retrieved from the car.

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

Police said the purse was recovered after Detroit police were investigating a shooting at a vacant house in the 9000 block of Phillip, where they observed the stolen minivan used in the purse snatching parked in the driveway.

were intact and Farms Det. Michael McCarthy verified the purse belonged to the victim.

This concluded a series of related events transpiring over a 48-hour period in Grosse Pointe Farms and Detroit.

Overnight on March 29, there were three attempts to steal Chrysler vehicles parked in the same neighborhood.

Two of the thefts failed, but a third, the minivan used in the purse snatching, was a success.

Farms Police Chief Dan Jensen said this was a training exercise commonly used by car thieves.

"It had to be a training All of the purse's contents night," Jensen said. "I mean, who can't steal a Chrysler."

> The following night just after 6 p.m., the victim had her purse taken.

Police said the minivan pulled in front of her as she was walking in the alley behind the grocery store.

The side door opened and a passenger in the back seat relieved the woman of her

ing, but admits to "handling the purse" and has identified three other suspects in the purse snatching, McCarthy said.

The three other suspects are at large and Farms police are working closely with Detroit law enforcement in their capture.

The suspect is currently being held at the Wayne County Youth Home.

McCarthy said that he has picked up the purse and will return it to the victim soon. The minivan was impounded for processing and has been returned to its owner.

The victim in the Detroit shooting is in critical condition, McCarthy said.

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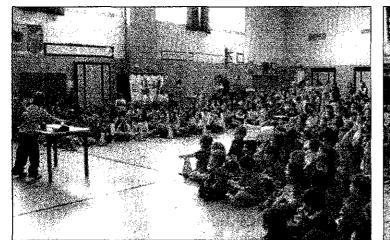
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Ferry students show school spirit

Students at Ferry Elementary showed their school spirit at a pep assembly March 16. Lucas Klotz, at left, a fourth grader, amazed the crowd with his lightening ability at speed stacking. Grosse Pointe North High School's Pep Band energized students with an upbeat musical performance. Brian Mack, center, a fourth grade student, was selected to conduct the band for a song. Ferry students also competed in a March Madness basketball tournament for the third, fourth and fifth grades. After a great deal of free-throw shooting, winners were Alex Huguenin and Ashlev Loeffler for third grade; Nick Cusmano and Olivia Ritchie for fourth grade; and Tyler Rheaume and Patricia Bajis for fifth grade. Teacher Lauren Bramos won a free-throw competition against fellow instructor Jeff Nyenhuis.

The assembly also highlighted items to be auctioned at Ferry's Nautical Nights Auction at 6:30 p.m. Friday, April 27, at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial. Gifts and experiences such as a Webkinz basket, an official Ivan "Pudge" Rodriguez autographed Detroit Tigers jersey, Walt Disney hopper tickets and a Mackinac Bridge Tour are featured. Ticket cost \$40. The evening includes a silent and live auction, raffle, strolling dinner, jazz band, D.J., desserts, coffee and cash bar. To buy auction tickets, call Chris Scapini at (313) 882-1362. At right, Ferry Elementary physical education teacher Nicol Brumme, left, with her school's March Madness basketball competition winners; top row from left, Tyler Rheaume, Nick Cusmano and Alex Huguenin; bottom row: Patricia Bajis, Olivia Ritchie and Ashley Loeffler. Action chairperson, Chris Scapini, is at top row right.

Substitute teachers contracted

By Brad Lindberg Staff Writer

Substitute teaching services for Grosse Pointe public schools have been contracted

to a private company. arrangement will save \$150,000 in employee benefit costs. As employees, subs were due retirement accounts fund-

ed by the district according to a District officials said the legally mandated formula. The formula this year required district contributions equaling 17.74 percent of employee salaries.

CONTRACT: Vote set for next month

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Sodexho School Services and Aramark Education, said they could save the district \$800,000 to \$1.1 million per year by replacing district custodians and

ple attended the meeting, none speaking in favor of privatization.

Company representatives said most savings would come from the district no longer having to fund state employee retirement accounts and other benefits.

In addition to providing lower-cost staff, Sodexho and Aramark spokespeople said they could save the district

related staff. At least 200 peo- money by furnishing supplies, as well as arranging energy purchases and management.

Zaglaniczny said savings of those types could be obtained without retaining contractors.

"We've been cutting back on supply costs for two years," he said. "Energy programs the companies are talking about have been discussed. The board talks about energy savings. Why haven't they already done it?"

The obligation is slated to increase to 18.5 percent next year, according to Larry Lobert, assistant superintendent for human resources and labor relations.

According to a contract approved last week with Professional Education Services Group, a Grand Rapids company, substitute teachers are to be "qualified, certified and competent to perform the services assigned to them."

The company's three-year contract with the district includes the right to increase administrative fees 2.5 percent in the second and third years.

The firm is to check the backgrounds of prospective employees assigned to the

'The firm is to check the backgrounds of prospective employees assigned to the Pointes and supply personnel based on district preferences.'

Pointes and supply personnel based on district preferences.

Lobert said additional staffing services having a combined payroll of between \$300,000 and \$400,000 could be contracted to the company for an additional \$200,000 in savings.

Join group

People interested in joining the Grosse Pointe public schools Educational Programming Leadership Committee should indicate his or her interest by sending a message to gloria.hinz@gpschools.org. Applicants must include their reasons for desiring to participate, relevant background and experience no later than April 20. The committee will be comprised of parents, teachers and administrators to study the library department with regard to technology, classroom instruction and foreign language.

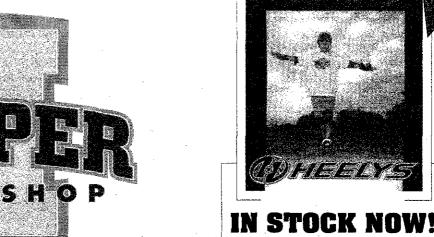


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Earth Day is April 22 and still three weeks away and it's time to reconsider what type of cleaning products are used in your home and change your habits, not to mention saving money.

Be Earth friendly

By Debra Pascoe Special Writer

The fear of salmonella poisoning has you reaching for something to clean those chicken guts off the kitchen counter.

Do you grab a sponge or flip the top on those Clorox Disinfecting Wipes (now available with new "designer labels")?

An environmentalist will say leave those antibacterial wipes on the store shelf and toss the sponge in the laundry — with low phosphate detergent.

But according to statistics, millions are opting for convenient toss and go cleaning products marketed by dozens of companies and sold everywhere from the local convenience stores to wholesale warehouses.

AC Neilson, a collector of marketing information from a wide variety of sources, reported in its study "What's Hot Around the Globe: Insights on Growth in Household Products," that "germaphobic



PHOTOS BY DEBRA PASCOE

Commercially produced products may be easy to purchase and easy to use but are not necessarily environmentally friendly.

Just the facts — and the figures

The Protection Agency offers the plastic soft drink bottles, 45 following "Recycling Facts percent of all aluminum beer and Figures:"

64 million tons of material appliances are now recycled.

Environmental of all paper, 34 percent of all and soft drink cans, 63 per-In 1999, recycling and com- cent of all steel packaging, posting activities kept about and 67 percent of all major



Household products, baking soda, white vinegar, water and a reusable duster. are better for the

Americans" have raised sales | from ending up in landfills in cleaning products by 23 percent.

"As always, convenience played into consumer decisionmaking, explaining why 80 percent of the absolute dollar Wal-Mart) derived from a 60 report states.

"Disinfectant wipes, measured in only five markets, mopped up consumer dollars wipes for windows as well as organisms that help landfills on a global basis for a 35 percent growth in sales. Their counterpart, disinfectant sprays, expanded at an aver- 'the market by introducing age 10 percent rate in 12 of 19 their own environmentally markets measured."

191 percent increase in the sale of battery-operated freshening systems; a 36 percent increase Adam Lowry and Eric Ryan in air sanitizing sprays; and a whipped up recipes in their 75 percent increase in products San Francisco apartment and with oxidizing ingredients.

Swiffer, other "convenient" cleaning products have companies. They have also emerged from flushable toilet been tagged by PETA, People bowl "wands," to Windex for Ethical Treatment of Wipes, Pledge Wipes, Fantastic Animals' 2006 Persons of the Wipes, Easy Off microwave Year. cleaning wipes and Mr. Clean Magic Reach tub, tile and floor ucts are touted as environmendisposable cloths that attach to tally safe and biodegradable, a handy dandy handle promoted to save one's back.

Disposable cleaning prod- of landfill space? ucts aren't just for indoor use. Now available are Armor All ties impacting the biological

and incinerators.

Today, the United States recycles 32 percent of its waste, a rate that has almost doubled during the past 15 years.

While recycling has grown growth in U.S. sales (excluding | in general, recycling of specific materials has grown even percent increase in wipes," the more drastically: 50 percent

> cleaning, shining and protecting vehicle surfaces.

Two former Pointers entered conscious line of disposable The study also reported a cleaning products called "Method" in 2001.

Grosse Pointe North grads launched what has claimed the Since the 1999 debut of the No. 7 spot in Inc. Magazine's 2006 fastest growing private

And while "Method" prodwhat about all the others? Are they taking up an abundance

Are their antibacterial quali-

one curbside recycling program existed in the United States. By 2005, almost 9,000 curbside programs had sprouted up across the nation and about 500 materials recovery facilities had been established to process the collected materials.

break down?

The answer is possibly "no" to the first question and no one knows to the second — at least not yet.

According to Duane Roskoskey, environmental quality specialist for the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality, the department's annual report states the amount of waste generated in Michigan decreased from 45,210,252 cubic yards to 42,871,713 cubic yards, a 6 percent reduction from 2005.

Roskoskey said while there haven't been any studies on how antimicrobial products are impacting the landfill, he supposed there must be some kind of impact.

"They are probably going to kill the organics that are breaking down the methane gas. Do

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Some 20 years ago, only environment and complete household chores.

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stretch of our renovation,

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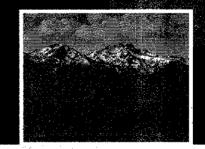
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Sunday, April 8

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repel bees, flies and mosquitoes, remove stains from carpet and soap scum from glass and keep clothes static free?

That's just a few tips hundreds of folks have reported on Board" at

Bounceeverywhere.com.

While Snopes.com refutes some of these claims, posters scraps of paper, wrapping pawho have filled byte after byte of Internet space feel different-IV.

Thefrugalshopper.com supports some of these claims; further suggesting used dryer sheets are great for dusting and cleaning pots and pans by starter trays or to freeze soup serves Meals on Wheels.

Did you know dryer sheets filling with water and soaking stock and gravy. with a used sheet.

> Other recycling tips available at the site include:

◆ Store plastic grocery store bags in used tissue boxes.

◆ Carefully open an envethe "Fresh Ideas Message lope and turn it inside out. Reglue or tape the flaps down and reuse.

> ◆ Make envelopes out of per, newspaper, old phone book pages, or wallpaper scraps.

> ◆ Wash and rinse reclosable plastic bags and store in the freezer to prevent mildew.

◆ Broken candles — Melt them down to make new candles and add broken crayons for color.

◆ Nylon mesh bags — Cut into several pieces and use for plastic scouring pads

◆ Empty paper towel roll — Store extension cords inside.

◆ Newspaper — Use to clean windows, line trash cans, wrap presents, in place of packaging material, as a fire starter, or as garden mulch.

♦ Pantyhose — Use to secure plants or buff shoes.

◆ Plastic grocery bags ◆ Egg cartons — Use as seed Donate to an organization that

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FRIENDLY: Difference is in the choice

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we have any proof that this is happening? No," he said.

Maybe someday that answer will be found, he added.

"Engineering is always tweaking and adjusting what they are doing at the landfills and it is difficult to put a finger on this. What they want to try to do is stabilize all these organics as quickly as possible," he said.

Right now, the biggest concerns are the impact of prescription drugs, mercury and lead in landfills, he said.

While he found the question interesting, Wes Sherman, engineering specialist for the MDEQ said his department is not or has not considered investigating the relationship between disposable products and landfill composition.

"Everything's a possibility," he said, adding based on his know-how, there may be little if any impact.

"There is stuff thrown away at households and processing facilities that could solidify and

can potentially impact the biological process of the landfill, but everything gets so diluted that that's normally not the case," he said, adding precipitation and non-harmful liquids disposed of in those sites contribute to the breakdown.

Melissa Cooper Vachon, program director for the Grosse Pointe-based LocalMotion, said the disposable proliferation issue has been addressed, but no impact studies have been conducted as of late.

"Being an environmental organization, these things are concerns of ours but we haven't looked into whether or not these products are taking up landfill space. We are instead looking at what the products are comprised of," she said of the grass-roots organization that raises awareness of how environmental toxins impact health.

Cooper Vachon believes there's always an alternative to using products that can hurt the environment - and very few take more time than reaching for a disposable.

Preparing a concoction of white household vinegar and baking soda and pouring it into a spray bottle can pretty much tackle most cleaning projects, she said. And instead of a paper towel, use a washable

cloth. If you must use paper towel, use one made of recycled paper.

"You can do it yourself and it's so easy and it's so inexpensive. I can buy a gallon of vinegar and a big box of baking soda for \$2 each and that's basically what I use for everything," she said.

Cooper Vachon's main concern, especially now that she has a child, is dryer sheets.

"The chemicals get into our clothes and that's the purpose, but we don't realize we are walking around with these chemicals close to our skin," she said. "If you wear natural fibers like cotton, you don't need dryer sheets. It is the polyesters that make things cling." The alternative?

Put a 1/2 cup of vinegar in the rinse cycle to soften clothes.

Holding two jobs outside the home and caring for a 4-yearold, Cooper Vachon knows what it means to be busy. But a few minutes extra can mean a lot to the environment and the health of her family.

"At LocalMotion, we try to make it very easy on people to do the right thing. We do all the research so we can give you information based on and backed by science.

"We want people to just do what they can and take the steps they can to make the environment better," she said, adding the organization isn't trying nor does it want to make anyone feel guilty.



Richard Elementary School's playstructure is made of recycled materials.

PHOTO BY RENEE LANDUY

and marble surfaces. This mixture can be used in the kitchen

to clean the stovetop, appliances, countertops and floor and in the bathroom to clean the bathtub, toilet, sink, and countertops. Use full strength inside the toilet bowl to get rid of rings. Vinegar will also eat away soap scum and hard water stains on fixtures.

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Choosing the environmentally friendly option While disposable products der water for at least 30 sec- most surfaces, except grout

may make life easier, LocalMotion and several other environmental groups are making breathing easier.

Melissa Cooper Vachon, program director for LocalMotion, shared these alternatives to using chemically based and disposable products gleaned from members and books:

• Use micro fiber clothes to dust furniture and hard floor surfaces. ◆ Kill germs on surfaces

onds. ◆ Borax, a naturally occur-

ring mineral produced by the repeated evaporation of seasonal lakes, is best for cleaning toilet bowls. • Baking soda and vinegar

can be used for almost anything, either alone or combined.

◆ Use organic soaps made from olive oil available at some local grocery stores or at health food stores.

surfaces in place of abrasive cleansers. ◆ Lemon juice: Use to dissolve soap scum and hard waingrecipe offers the following ter deposits, clean and shine brass and copper and as furniture polish. Mix with vinegar





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without using bleach or antibacterial products with food mlmgorilla.com/naturalcleangrade distilled white vinegar or isopropyl alcohol.

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◆ Vinegar: Mix a solution of soap. Use a mild liquid soap 1 part water to 1 part vinegar in and/or baking soda to make and rub hands vigorously un- a new spray bottle and use on cleaning pastes.



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COMING EVENTS

Tau Beta Association

Tau Beta Association hosts its fourth annual Spring Market, April 19 to 21 at The Grosse Pointe Club, 6 Berkshire Place, Grosse Pointe Farms. The market brings together shopkeepers and specialty boutiques from Michigan and across the U.S. who offer jewelry, clothing, linens, garden specialties and home accessories.

The preview party is from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m., Thursday, April 19. Hors d'oeuvres and cocktails will be served as guests preview merchandise, prior to a raffle. Tickets will be limited and cost \$25.

The Spring Market tickets are \$65 in advance. \$75 at the door. It is open to the public.

Call co-chairs Cheryl DiMauro at (313) 884-1883 or Carrington Smith (313) 884-

hours are 9:30 a.m. to 7 p.m., Friday, April 20, and 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m., Saturday, April 21. Admission is \$5.

A light lunch will be available both days.

The event benefits Tau Beta's philanthropic partner, The Children's Center in Detroit. Funds raised will help develop the Tau Beta Center for Discovery, a multi-media based resource center including a computer lab and library at The Children's Center.

Pointer Bridge Club

The Pointer Bridge Club meets at 11 a.m., Thursday, April 19, at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial's Alger House for lunch and bridge.

Reservations and cancellations must be made no later Arena,

5244 for tickets. Shopping than Saturday, April 14. For more information, call (313) 886-7595 or (313) 881-8566.

Farm and garden

Grosse Pointe Shores branch of the Women's Farm and Garden Association meets at 11:30 a.m. Friday, April 13, with hostess Carol Scripps, who lives on Moran. Marilyn King and Shirley Ireland are co-hostesses. Speaker Leslie Demos' topic will be "What is Factory Farming and What is the Impact on You and Our Environment."

Palette club

Lakeside Palette Club meets at 7 p.m. Thursday, April 12, at the St. Clair Shores Civic 20000 Stephens.

PHOTO BY RENEE LANDUY?

Following the business meeting, a watercolor demonstration will be given by Daphane Smith. This is an open meeting

The club's juried spring art exhibit will be held at the for children 12 and under and Anton Art Center, 125 Macomb Place, Mount Clemens. There will be a reception from 1 to 3 p.m. Sunday, April 15. The exhibit runs through Thursday,

Healing the Heart

April 26.

Healing the Heart Grief Support group meets from 4 to 6 p.m. Wednesday, April 11, at St. John Homecare, 37650 Garfield, Clinton Township. The facilitator is the Rev. Andre' Carr. The support group is a service of St. John a slide show and answer ques-Hospice.

The ARC GP/HW is holding a dinner dance beginning at 6 p.m. Wednesday, April 18, at the Assumption Cultural Center, 21800 Marter, St. Clair

(800) 248-2298, ext. 39590.

Dancing and music

Shores. Tickets are \$8 for adults, \$5 children under 4 are free. Reservations must be called in to Laura Kellett at (313) 505-3695 by April 14.

Questers

Members of the East Area of Michigan State the. Organization meeting at 10 a.m. Friday, April 13, at the Edsel & Eleanor Ford House in Grosse Pointe Shores. Various textiles will be on display. The meeting is open to the public.

Frances K. Faile will present tions. Lunch will be served for For more information, call \$25. All support is by voluntary

member donations. For more information, call Anne Ryan at (313) 885-5725.

Herb society

The Herb Society of America/Grosse Pointe unit features Mary Natschke. from 7 to 9 p.m. Tuesday, April 10, at a member's home.

Natschke is a certified holistic nurse and manager of the Valade Healing Arts Center at St. John Hospital.

For more information, call Kathleen Peabody at (313) 886-2797 or Barbara Hayes at (313) 881-1237.

Musical feasts

An English-style dinner will be served at 6 p.m., Sunday, April 15, with hosts Thomas Jordan and Dr. Julie Henry to benefit the Detroit Symphony Orchestra.

The cost is \$200. For more information, call (313) 576-5154.

PRIDE OF THE POINTES Christian Bielski, Timothy North High School. Stevens and Tyler Lattimore joined Tau Kappa Epsilon fraternity, which supports Special Olympics. Bielski is a first-year student majoring in political science, with a concentration in the Gerald R. Ford Institute for Public Policy and Service at Albion College. He is the son of Christopher Bielski and Miriam Bielski of Grosse Pointe Park and a graduate of Grosse Pointe South High School. Stevens is a sophomore at Albion College.

He is the son of Lee Stevens and Barbara Stevens of Grosse Pointe and a graduate of Grosse Pointe South High School

Lattimore is a first-year student at Albion College. He is the son of Scott Lattimore and Julie Lattimore of Grosse Pointe Farms and a graduate of Grosse Pointe South High

Sarah Hanna and Kristen Kent joined Alpha Chi Omega sorority. Sorority members raise money for S.A.F.E. Place, a domestic violence shelter in Battle Creek.

Hanna is a first-year student at Albion College and is the daughter of William Hanna and Laura Hanna of Grosse Pointe. She graduated from Grosse Pointe North High School.

Kent is a first-year student at Albion College. She is the daughter of Mark Kent and Collette Kent of Grosse Pointe Woods and a graduate of Grosse Pointe North High School.

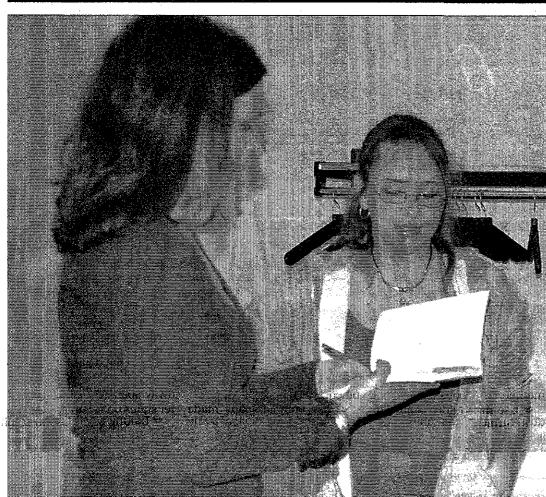
Jeffrey Heaney joined Sigma Chi fraternity, which supports the Wallace Village for Children. Heaney is a firstyear student at Albion College. He is the son of Francis Heaney and Mary Jane Heaney of Harrison Township and a graduate of University Liggett School.

Huth and Catherine Huth of Grosse Pointe Farms and a graduate of University Liggett School.

Carey Papalekas joined Delta Gamma sorority, which supports Sight Conservation and Aid to the Blind. Papalekas is a first-year student at Albion College.

She is the daughter of Pano Papalekas and Helen Papalekas of Grosse Pointe Park and a graduate of Grosse Pointe South High School.

Mark Szandzik is a new member of Alpha Tau Omega, which supports the American Heart Foundation. Szandzik is a first-year student at Albion College. He is the son of Edward Szandzik and Julie Szandzik of Grosse Pointe Woods and a graduate of Grosse Pointe North High School.



Growing up G.P.

Author and former Grosse Pointer Sarah Grace McCandless spoke to a group of fans, old friends and aspiring writers about growing up in Grosse Pointe. She began with a slide show, "Grosse Pointe Girl 101" in which she walked the audience through her childhood and school years from elementary through her graduation from South High School. McCandless spoke of what was in style, poked fun at herself, her uneven bangs, revealed crushes, dreams, achievements and teachers who had a big influence on her. She said that Michigan played a large role in her writing. Following her talk at the Grosse Pointe Woods Library on Wednesday, March 14, McCandless, left, autographed books, including one for Parcells Middle school student Elizabeth Colding. McCandless has written "Grosse Pointe Girl" and "The Girl I Wanted to Be."



Nine-year-old Faith Volpe, left, had 10 inches of her hair cut by Katy Ciaravino, right and donated it to Locks for Love.

hanging looks for love

It is the perogative of every had 10 inches of her hair cut woman, even young ones, to change their looks; to update and improve. For 9-year-old Faith Volpe of Grosse Pointe Woods she wanted a hair cut.

After growing her hair for two years, she decided since Jackie, her daughter learned her birthday was approaching, it was time for a change. The through a neighbor, who also Monteith Elementary student had donated her hair.

and donated to Locks for Love on March 19. Katy Ciaravino of Friend's Hair & Nails in the Woods donated her time and skills to the cause.

According to Volpe's mother, of the charitable organization

"She looks cute," Jackie said. "She was nervous."

Having learned the experience was positive, Jackie said she thinks her daughter will do it again.

Reaction to Volpe's haircut has been positive, including from her 5-year-old brother, Nicholas, who said she was "so pretty."

School

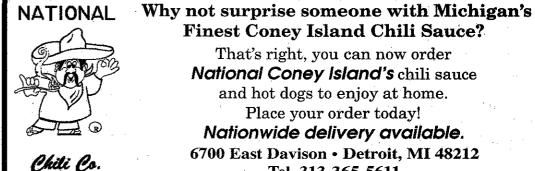
Grant Ditzhazy joined Delta Tau Delta, which supports Habitat for Humanity and Adopt-a-Highway programs. Ditzhazy is a sophomore majoring in economics and management.

He is the son of John Ditzhazy and Darby Ditzhazy of Grosse Pointe Woods and a graduate of Grosse Pointe

Holly Huth joined Kappa Alpha Theta sorority, which raises money for the Court Appointed Special Advocates. Huth is a first-year student at Albion College.

She is the daughter of Paul State College.

Joseph Hinkins, Christopher M. Hughes, Jennifer M. Lechy, Drew A. Christopher Yavor, - M. Casazza, Sharon T. Gruner, Jennifer Teets, Sarah A. Hanna, Caitlin E. Bennett, Marshall C. Geltz and Rachel Johnson, all of Grosse Pointe were named to the fall 2006 dean's list at Grand Valley



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The ARK is located at the intersection of Wayburn and Hampton next to St. Ambrose Church in Grosse Pointe Park.

CHURCHES 4B

EASTER OBERVANCES **PASTOR'S CORNER** By Rev. Fred Harms

The way of the cross

The annual "Walking the Way of the Cross" begins at 3:30 p.m., Friday, April 6, at St. Ambrose Catholic Church, 15020 Hampton, Grosse Pointe Park. It features stations of the cross at chosen sites on the east side that will be the point ing fund. of departure for devotions and prayers on Christ's passion that bring its redemptive 5040. meaning into focus. A soup lunch will be served to participants upon returning to St. Ambrose.

There will be a freewill offering for this Lay Theological April 5, Maunday Thursday Academy sponsored event.

Fish fry

First English Evangelical Lutheran Church is having a post-Easter season all-you-caneat fish fry & more on the four 5330, to make a reservation. Fridays following Easter from 5 to 7 p.m., April 13, 20 and 27,

Center at 800 Vernier at gins at 7:30 p.m. Wedgewood in Grosse Pointe Woods.

The Marchiori catered event includes salmon, cod, calamari, pasta and more. Cost for adults is \$14 and \$6 for children under 8 years of age. Proceeds will benefit the build-

For more information, call the church office at (313) 884tai 🕸

Memorial church

The 5:30 p.m. 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-

The church will be open all afternoon Friday, April 6, for and May 4, in the Luther prayer. A Tenebrae service be-

The 7:45 a.m. on Sunday, April 8, service is a remembrance for those who are interred in the columbarium.

Christ the King

Maunday Thursday services, April 5, are at 11:15 a.m. and p.m. with 7:30 Holy Communion at Christ the King Lutheran Church.

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 freewill offering will be accepted with proceeds to support the youth

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Not found in a box

o doubt many of you have heard about a startling new discovery in the Holy Lands.

There is a tremendous amount of hype being generated by the media about "The Jesus Tomb."

A documentary was aired earlier in March making all kinds of bizarre claims such as evidence. DNA Mary Magdalene being buried next to Jesus and ossuary boxes containing the remains of Jesus' family existing together. From scripture we are told

that Jesus' family did not have a tomb in Jerusalem.

When Jesus' body was taken down from the cross, Joseph of Arimathea, a rich man and a member of the Sanhedrin (the Jewish High Council), requested the body of Jesus from Pilate and prepared the body for burial and laid it in his own tomb.

This is recorded in all four of outside the walls. Some have

the gospel accounts giving a debated whether this place is very high probability of this taking place just as stated in the gospels.

"When it was evening, there came a rich man from Arimathea, named Joseph, who was also a disciple of Jesus. He went to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus; then Pilate ordered it to be given to him. So Joseph took the body and wrapped it in a clean linen cloth and laid it in his own new tomb, which he had hewn in a rock. He then rolled a great stone to the door of the tomb and went away." (Matthew 27:57-60). See also: Mark 15:43-46, Luke 23:50-53 and John 19:38-42.

The generally accepted site for the tomb of Jesus is in the Church of the Holy Sepulcher in Jerusalem. Even though the church now is located within the present day walls of Jerusalem, at the time of Jesus this location would have been

the actual site of Jesus' tomb. There are some who claimed that Gordon's Garden Tomb is the place. Tourists are taken there, since it is an early tomb representative of a first century burial cave and has the ambiance of a serene, meditative place.

However, tradition going back as far as the fourth century gives more credence to the Holy Sepulcher Church. Once again, we do not know for certain. I believe that this is for a good reason. God does not want us to worship places and objects, but to worship and believe in him.

Tradition strongly supports that Mary, the mother of Jesus, went with the disciple John to Ephesus in western Turkey. You may visit the ruins of Ephesus today and see the home that is attributed to Mary. Remember Jesus' words to

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Masses celebrated at 8:30 a.m.. 10:00 a.m. (Latin) and 12:00 noon

CHURCHES 58

Chore money will assist a village to prosper

By Ann L. Fouty Acting Features Editor

Children of Mariners' Church are collecting money to buy a cow.

Through their efforts during the Lenten season, the 15 children have been doing chores and dropping their earnings into a mite box. The money will be donated to Heifer International, a nonprofit organization whose goal is to help end world hunger and poverty through self-reliance and sustainability.

Carol Kern of Grosse Pointe Park said her daughters believe a cow is the most practical of the choices.

"They are excited about the project," she said.

Earning extra money by doing special chores without being asked is the way Alexandra Kern, 13, and her 12-year-old sister, Kiersten, are adding alms to their mite boxes.

"It's a wonderful project with a guaranteed success." Kern said.

Their dimes, quarters and dollar bills will be used to purimpoverished area in one of 726 active projects in 29 states and 57 counties.

There is a wide variety of animals to chose from, said the Rev. Richard W. Ingalls Jr. A hive of bees, a flock of chickens, ducks or geese, a trio of rabbits, a heifer, sheep, llamas, water buffalo, a pig or trees are their choices.

Children have the option to chose an area of the world and an animal for which their money will be used.

Contributing to Heifer International is a resurrection of a project the children did a number of years ago and, according to Ingalls will contin-

"It's gotten the kids excited about where the money is going," he said. "This is a different level of giving. We are teaching them how to fish."

It's a trip down memory lane for City resident Mary Perkins, as she watches her children, Baird, 5 1/2 years, and Molly, 3, make beds, pick up toys, feed yellow lab, Sadie, and set the able for dinner.

When she was a young member of Mariners', she dochase animals for a rural and nated her chore money to



Presenting their mite boxes during Palm Sunday services were, front row, from left, Katherine Ferriss, Reid and Zachary Powell, Molly Perkins, Joey Ferriss and Baird Perkins. In the top row, from left, Andy Wisniowiecki, Brooks Trudeau, James Baker, Father Richard Ingalls, Kiersten Kern, Victoria Trudeau, Becky Wisniowiecki, Laura Ferriss and Victoria Baker.

Heifer International and helped buy a cow, "I think."

Today her children are learning how they can help the international community.

Mary explained that Molly doesn't really understand the end result of her chores; she is following her brother's exam-

"It's a nice way for children to do something," Mary said.

To help a village become self-sufficient, the Heifer Foundation accepts all denominations of donations from children, said both Perkins and Bette Wisniowiecki.

Wisniowiecki, too, believes it's a good way to help a village.

This is the first volunteer project for Andy Wisniowiecki, 15, a sophomore at Grosse

ey he is earning by completing additional household chores is going to a good cause. Likewise, his sister, Becky, has "Risen." found it fulfilling.

"I feel good helping people," she said.

mal for Heifer International.

it satisfying knowing the mon-

Proudly, children placed their full mite boxes into a cross for presentation to Ingalls during the Palm Sunday service.

The Sunday school population is small, between 15 and 20 who come consistently to the downtown Detroit church, he said. "That is low from the recent years."

But they are undaunted because they know that the few

Pointe South. He said he finds are able to make a difference and are following a historic path the church established to lend a hand.

PHOTO BY ANN L. FOUTY

In the introduction of the Mariners' Church history, "Created for the Ages," it states, "Its beginnings marked it as the philanthropic master work of a Detroit woman intent on providing for the spiritual needs of seafarers."

Dedicated in 1849 as a church serving the men who worked on freighters sailing the Great Lakes, as well as the homeless, it continues to fulfill its mission, this year for Heifer International. The children understand that doing dishes can earn enough money to buy a chicken.

SERVICES: Holy days observed

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group's summer trip to the Lutheran Church — Missouri Synod National Youth seminar.

The church is handicapped accessible and has a staffed nursery.

For more information, call

the church at (313) 884-5090.

First English

Maunday Thursday, April 5, has communion at 7 p.m. with the study, "The Last Supper" at First English Lutheran Church, 800 Vernier, Grosse Pointe Woods.

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," be- mon gins with a 7 a.m. service, a contemporary service at 9 a.m. and a festival worship at 11 a.m. with Holy Communion being served at each service.

Congregational church

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 ser- and Virginia. The cost is \$10.

topic Communion and celebratory music will be played.

Founding of America

Lecturer Rabbi 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" and will include information about Jamestown



Children who attend Mariners' Church in downtown Detroit

collected money to help offset the restoration of the organ.

This Lenten season, the Sunday school children have been

putting money into their mite boxes, at left, to help buy an ani-



HEALTH

New treatment option

Carmen Aguilar's personality chronic skin disorders now changed as soon as the unsightly white spots started popping up on her face. Normally a warm, personable woman with the confidence of a lioness, she became distant and timid. embarrassed to even want to go out in public.

The emotional effects of vitiligo are crushing for the more than 2 million people afflicted with the skin disease in the United States. Currently, no cure exists for vitilgo, which develops when the pigment cells are destroyed and the pigment can no longer be produced.

"When I was first diagnosed five years ago, I became a recluse," said Aguilar, 47, a Detroit married mother of like my natural skin, and I three children. "It made me feel very uncomfortable. People can be very mean."

After wearing a topical cream for several years, Aguilar turned to a new treatavailable at Henry Ford Health System. The option is Cover FX Skin

Care, a cosmetic line designed to conceal the visible signs of skin diseases like vitiligo, acne and rosacea and skin flaws like surgical scars, varicose veins and freckles. It even works for covering tattoos.

Susan Clelland, nursing supervisor for Henry Ford's Department of Dermatology, says the cosmetic line is easy to apply, water-based, available in more than 40 skin tones and provides a natural effect.

Aguilar noticed immediate results after wearing a facial cream.

"I love it," she said. "It looks bunch of gaudy makeup. I'm applying the product. The sesnow more confident and back to being myself. I kind of hid for a while."

Clelland said more than 50

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It's no coincidence that ment option for patients with patients are using the cosmetic line since Henry Ford introduced it as a treatment option six months ago. It is available to men and women and for all ethnicities.

"You don't have to have something wrong with you skin. Anyone can wear it," she said.

The cosmetic line includes foundations, mineral powders, bronzers and applications tools. Cosmetics range in price from \$20 to \$37, and can only be purchased at the Henry Ford Medical Center-New Center One pharmacy, located on Second Avenue and West Grand Boulevard in Detroit's New Center Area. No prescription is required.

Clelland said patients who use the cosmetic line undergo a don't feel like I'm wearing a one-hour, how-to session for sion costs \$20.

> For more information about the Cover FX treatment option, call (313) 916-2160.





Do you have some gen-• eral tips or basic rules you can give on being a good parent? My kids are fairly happy and healthy, but I want to make sure they stay that way!

The answer to that ques-A. tion cannot be answered easily. There is so much that goes into parenting, but it seems that we all like to see things broken down into simple steps or checklists that can remind us of what we should be doing. We've probably all heard the saying "Parenting is the most important job you'll ever have" but the truth is, kids learn from lots of people - not just parents.

As you think back to your own childhood, you probably remember a teacher, grandparent, aunt, uncle, coach, neighbor or friend that also had a big

impact in your life so really these "tips" can apply to more hard! than just parents.

Good parenting includes: Showing children love,

concern, and respect at all times.

♦ Giving children a safe place to live and play

 Helping children express all their feelings appropriately and listening to what they say.

 Giving children appropriate choices whenever possible. ♦ Having reasonable rules

that are understood by all. • Being responsible and

teaching children to be responsible.

 Spending time with children.

◆ Setting an example by what we say and do.

◆ Working with our schools and communities to make them better for our children.

Asking for help when we need it.

Here are some words that every child needs to hear:

- ♦ I'm so lucky to have you!
- ♦ You're a great helper!

◆ Let's talk about it.

- ♦ I'm sorry.
- ◆ You're very special to me!

Thank you for being pa-

tient. ♦ You're a great kid!

◆Ilove you!

These lists of items are by no means new ideas.

They are, however, good reminders to us of the things we need to be doing and saying on a daily basis to help our children feel good about themselves.

I believe a quote from Benjamin Franklin says it all, "A good example is the best sermon."

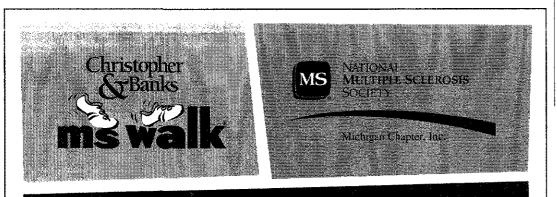
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Spring break precautions

For many college students, spring break at the beach is the reward for months of study during the long, cold winter. While it may be irresistible ι_{\circ} enjoy fun in the sun, don't break up the party with a trip to the emergency department. Dr. Brian Keaton, president of the American College of Emergency Physicians, said advance planning and common sense should be as essential to travel plans as a swim suit and a boogie board.

"The fastest way to ruin a other illegal substances is always a bad idea. good vacation is to overdo it, • Wear a life jacket at all whether that means excessive sun exposure, sports injuries, times when boating. Wear sunscreen with the sleep deprivation. or overindulgence in alcohol," Keaton said. "Every year, maximum level of sun protecemergency physicians treat tion and plan outdoor activities Anniversarv NURSINGU Private homes Bonded and insured 24-hours Full or part-time • RN supervised • Errands, Meal Prep, Housekeeping Registered Nurses Licensed Practical Nurses Nurses Aides Serving the Grosse Pointes & Eastern Suburbs since 1980 (586) 777-5300 • nursingunlimited@aol.com **GROSSE POINTE** AUDIOLOGY Ginette Lezotte, Au.D., CCC-A DOCTOR OF AUDIOLOGY

college students who have left for before 10 a.m. and after 3 good judgment behind, along with their textbooks.'

Prevent pleasure from turning into pain by observing Keaton's tips:

◆ If you are under the legal drinking age, don't drink alcohol. If you are of legal drinking age, drink responsibly, and never combine alcohol with driving, boating or swimming.

• Do not get into a car with a driver who has been drinking. ◆ The abuse of drugs and

p.m.

 Drink plenty of water, especially when in the sun or perspiring heavily.

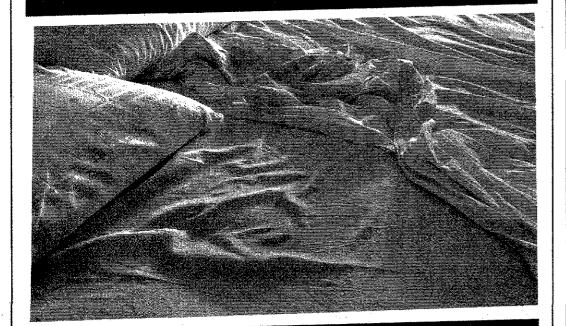
 Take it easy with athletic activities after an inactive winter and get training from a professional, particularly for water sports such as surfing, water skiing and scuba diving.

 Swim with a buddy, even if you are very experienced; be aware of any rip tides in the area and learn how to swim out of one should you get caught.

◆ Get enough sleep — many bad decisions are the result of ◆ The best protection against sexually transmitted diseases and unintended pregnancies is abstinence. If you do have sex, use a condom. ◆ If traveling with a group, resist the urge to "go along to get along" if risky activities are suggested. ◆ Don't visit unfamiliar areas by yourself, especially at night. ♦ Take medications and proof of insurance with you. ◆ Program your cell phone with I-C-E (in case of emergency), and identify a person and phone number that emergency medical services can contact in case you do end up at the hospital and cannot speak for yourself. "Emergency physicians were all college students too at one time," said Keaton. "We just want you to enjoy your vacation without a trip to the hospital." ACEP is a national medical specialty society representing emergency medicine.

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William Beaumont Hospital in Royal Oak is on the list.

This year, Colgate-Palmolive will sponsor a total of 60 Fun Centers across the country as part of its annual donation to Starlight Starbright Children's Foundation.

To cast a vote, visit colgate.com/starlightstarbright.

HEALTH 7B

St. John Riverview community events

tivities and programs offered by St. John Riverview Hospital in the month of April:

 Breastfeeding Class - 5 to 7 p.m. Thursday, April 26, at St. John Detroit Riverview Hospital, 7733 East Jefferson, Detroit. Participants in this two-hour seminar will receive free samples of baby items, can ask questions, _get reading materials and information, sample amusing foods, meet other expectant mothers, receive epidural information and learn about "Lamaze breathing" and breastfeeding. The seminar is free and pre-registration is required. Call (313) 499-4290 or 1-888-440-7325.

 Gestational Diabetes Class 9 a.m. to noon every Monday at St. John Detroit Riverview Hospital Medical Pavilion I, 7815 East Jefferson, Suite 3A, Detroit. These free classes are more information. Weight Loss and Nutrition

Seminar - 6 to 8 p.m. Thursday, April 26, at St. John Detroit **Riverview Hospital Medical** Pavilion II, Lower Level Conference Room A-C, 7633 East Jefferson, Detroit. Peggy Richardson, M.D., conducts the seminar during which participants will learn about healthy eating and nutrition while working to achieve personal weight loss goals. There are four sessions that meet every other Thursday. The cost is \$5 for material used during the course. Pre-registration is required. Call 1-888-440-7325.

 Wu Style T'ai Chi Ch'uan -10 to 11 a.m. every Monday at St. John Conner Creek Village Ground West Classroom C. 4777 East Outer Drive, Detroit. T'ai Chi is a low-impact exerfor pregnant women diag- cise designed to improve bal-

The following is a list of ac-nosed with gestational dia-ance, strength, and reduce p.m. every Sunday at St. John vities and programs offered betes. Call (313) 499-4869 for stress. The cost is \$36 or \$24 Detroit Riverview Hospital 6th for CareLink members. Call 1-888-440-7325.

♦ Hustle for your Heart — 6 to 8 p.m. every Tuesday at St. John Detroit Riverview Hospital 6th Floor - Room 6217/18, 7733 East Jefferson, Detroit. All ages are welcome to learn heart healthy warmups and the latest hustles during this free program. No registration is required. Call 1-888-440-7325.

◆ Hustle for your Heart — 6 to 8 p.m. every Thursday at St. John Conner Creek Village Ground West Classrooms B-D. 4777 East Outer Drive, Detroit. All ages are welcome to learn heart healthy warm-ups and the latest hustles during this free program. No registration Support Group - 7:15 every is required. Call 1-888-440-7325.

 Narcotics Anonymous Support Group — 2:30 to 4:30 Floor - Room 6217/18, 7733 East Jefferson, Detroit. This free weekly support group is lead by Narcotics Anonymous. New members are welcome. Call (313) 499-4845 or 1-888-440-7325.

♦ Alcoholics Anonymous Support Group — 7:15 p.m. every Wednesday at St. John Detroit Riverview Hospital 6th Floor - Room 6217/18, 7733 East Jefferson, Detroit. This free weekly support group is Alcoholics lead by Anonymous. Meetings are closed to non-members, but new members are welcome to attend. Call (313) 499-4845 or 1-888-440-7325.

 Alcoholics Anonymous Saturday at St. John Detroit Riverview Hospital 6th Floor -

weekly support group lead by Alcoholics Anonymous welcomes family and friends of members. Call (313) 499-4845 or 1-888-440-7325.

♦ Bingo Monday — 2:30 to 3:30 p.m. every Monday at St. John Detroit Riverview Hospital 6th Floor -Room 6217/18, 7733 East Jefferson, Detroit. Call (313) 499-4845 or 1-888-440-7325.

 Lunch with the Doctor — 11:45a.m. to 1 p.m. Wednesday, April 11, at St. Detroit Riverview John Hospital 6th Floor - Room 6217/18, 7733 East Jefferson, Detroit. A physician will lead a discussion about kidney stones. The event is free for CareLink members and \$1 for non-members. Call 1-888-751-5465 for more information and to register.

 Diabetic Support Group — Room 6217/18, 7733 East 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. Tuesday, April available. Jefferson, Detroit. This free 17, at St. John Detroit

Riverview Hospital, 7733 East Jefferson, Detroit. The meeting is free for CareLink members and \$1 for non-members. Call 1-888-751-5465 for more information and to register.

♦ Senior Lecture Series --2:30 to 3:30 p.m. Tuesday, April 17, at St. John Detroit Riverview Hospital, 7733 East Jefferson, Detroit. A physician will lead a discussion about restless leg syndrome. The cost is free to CareLink members and \$1 for non-members. Call 1-888-751-5465 for more information and to register.

◆ Senior Supper Club - 2 to 5 p.m. Thursday, April 19, at St. John Conner Creek Village Ground West Classroom C, 4777 East Outer Drive, Detroit. Seniors participate in chair exercise, karaoke, food, fun and fellowship at this free event. Blood pressure screening is

Call (313) 499-4845.

HEALTH COLUMN By Lea Erwin Here are 10 self-esteem-building tips for teens

ow self-esteem is a critical issue facing teens today. It has been proven that low self-esteem affects learning and can lead to such problems as delinquency, unhealthy relationships, eating disorders, drugs and suicide. According to most estimates, about 30 percent of today's teenagers are dropping out of high school and every school day 160,000 students miss school because of bullying.

"Just be yourself, stand up for yourself and never give up," says Ashlie, 17, who dealt

Glucose guidelines needed

with high school pressure and self-esteem issues so often that she eventually dropped out of high school. Ashlie did not give up. She went back, got her G.E.D. and is now purusing a bachelor's degree in business. She says she experienced a lot of pressure in high school. She felt like she was "competing" with other girls.

"They were competing over the guy's attention, who was the prettiest girl, who wore the nicest clothes, etc.," she said.

Ashlie said she did not know why they were competing with her but she thinks it was a result of jealousy and low self-es-

teem. "Media is an influence. Music in particular," Ashlie said, adding it is the way some musicians dance and the way they look. She says they are, too skinny and too perfect, that all the guys want a girl who looks like that." Ashlie says high school is hard enough without all the added pressures of fitting in and being something that you are not. She says that a girl with low self-esteem is not always easy

to spot as "girls hide it as best they can."

The ones with low self-esteem will always try to "act like you, and the girl who wants the most attention from guys, usually has the lowest self-esteem."

Although there are ways to spot a girl with low self-esteem there are other ways to combat it all together.

Ashlie, HeyUGLY.org, the non-profit organization that helps teens with self -esteem and the National Association for Self-Esteem (NASE) have collaborated to create a top 10 list of self-esteem building tips to help teens.

♦ Know who you are. Too often people join the wrong crowd in search of themselves. Find out who you are first, what you like to do and what vou don't like to do. then vou will know what group you would like to be in. Ashlie said. ♦ Stop comparing yourself with other people. There will always be some people who have more than you and some who have less. Some who are prettier and smarter and some who aren't. How boring it

Join anything that you like to do and don't do it because other people are doing it.'

ASHLIE, teen giving advice

would be if we were all the same. Take stock of yourself and treat yourself better than you would treat your best friend.

◆ Join a team sport.

"Join anything that you like to do (sports) and don't do it because other people are doing it, rather join because you want to," Ashlie said.

◆ Get proactive. Take advantage of workshops, books and cassette tape programs on selfesteem. Whatever material you allow to dominate your mind will eventually change your be-

themselves. Each time you call vourself a negative name, immediately stop and press your thumb together with your pointer finger and cancel out the negative word. Then replace the negative word with something positive about yourself, HeyUGLY.org suggested.

 Make a list of your positive qualities. Are you honest? Unselfish? Helpful? Be generous with yourself and write down at least 10 positive qualities

Review this list often. Start focusing on your positive traits and you'll stand a much better chance of being who you want to be, according to NASE.

 Associate with positive, supportive people. When you are surrounded by negative people who constantly put you down, use affirmations to boost your self-esteem, NASE advised. Take power out of negative words. Hey U.G.L.Y turned ugly into an acronym that stands for Unique, Gifted, Lovable, You. When you label yourself a negative word or call a fellow student ugly, a powerful force of negative energy is unleashed. Whenever you call yourself something negative convert it into a positive acronym. One year two teens competing in Hey U.G.L.Y.'s annual acronym contest came up with Love Others Show Everyone Respect for LOSER and Gifted Enchanted Educated Kid for GEEK. Start turning negatives into positives, HeyUGLY.org said.

◆ Instead of putting yourself down, claim your uniqueness. NASE recommended.

◆ "Keep smiling, because there are about 1,000 people out there that would love to see you cry," Ashlie said.

She said one of the biggest lessons she learned while attending high school was accepting herself.

She ended with one last

Those with "normal" blood glucose levels may be at the same risk for heart disease as pre-diabetics, states a study at St. John Hospital and Medical Center.

Researchers noted blood glucose guidelines may need to be re-evaluated so patients are aggressively treated for atherosclerosis, the buildup of plaque on the inside walls of arteries. The study was presented at the 2007 American College of Cardiology's Scientific Session in New Orleans.

Atherosclerosis is common in people with diabetes and those with pre-diabetes. It remains the leading cause of both death and disability in North America, according to the American Heart Association.

In a retrospective analysis of more than 550 patients, researchers found that patients with fasting blood glucose levels between 90 and 99 were at nearly the same risk for heart disease as those with levels between 100-125 (prediabetes).

"Our data appears to be compelling evidence indicating that significant changes should be considered in relation to how we define pre-diabetes," said James J. Maciejko, Ph.D, director of the St. John Hospital and Medical Center Preventive Cardiology Clinic and lead author of the study. "This could lead to more patients receiving aggressive and potentially life-saving treatments."

Maciejko said despite no significant differences in age, presence of hypertension, body mass index or family history of heart disease, a significantly higher prevalence of the disease was observed among patients with fasting glucose levels between 90 and 99 compared to those with lower levels.

havior, NASE recommended. Be your own judge. Too often people call themselves stupid, ugly, fat, etc. Little do they know that they are taking the

positive energy away from

thought, "If they don't like me for who I am then I don't need them."

For more information on self-esteem visit the National Association for Self Esteem Web site at

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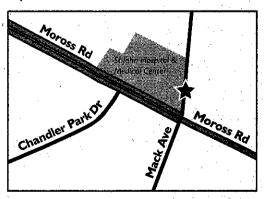
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Inspiring people receive Soroptimist awards

Soroptimist International of Connect, Originate, Nurture). Grosse Pointe (SIGP), a volunteer service organization for business and professional women, presented its annual awards on March 14.

The club's signature award, "Women's Opportunity Award" was presented to LaTina Kaigler of Detroit. She is a single parent with two girls, ages 7 and 5. Kaigler is studying to become a registered nurse at Baker College. She is also a volunteer in her daughter's Head Start classroom.

This year, in memory of past Soroptimist Sue Neilson, the organization was able to present a second Women's Opportunity Award to Keitha Caldwell who has two children ages 6 and 3. She is a full-time student at Wayne County Community College District, focused on obtaining a business degree with teaching certification.

Each of these women have overcome major hardships in their lives and are moving forward in their pursuit of education.

The winner of the Violet Richardson Award is Eleni Papalekas of Grosse Pointe Park. This award honors young women for their volunteer action. Papalekas, a student at Grosse Pointe South High School, is one of the founding

She believes that it is a privilege, not an obligation, to lead and serve within her community. She received a cash award and a donation to ICON was made by SIGP.

The winner of the Virginia Wagner Education Grant was Stephanie Mbella who is enrolled at Wayne State University in a public administration master's degree program with an emphasis on economic development. She said she believes that a diversified economy includes educating the work force, having regulations that promote establishment of new businesses as well as working to retain existing businesses. Mbella is currently serving in the Michigan Neighborhood AmeriCorps Program at Dominican Literacy Center in Detroit.

All three recipients said they will use their awards to help with educational expenses.

The Making a Difference for Women Award honors women who through their professional or personal activities make extraordinary efforts on behalf of women and girls and this year's award was presented to Sandra K. McCadney

McCadney is the clinical supervisor at Positive Images, Inc., a therapeutic community for addicted adult women who

devoted to the clients she serves and consistently puts in long hours, using personal resources to make sure women Pointe for more than 50 years. ping mart, which will be held at e-mail members of ICON (Inspire, have difficulty functioning due in the program have the best It has helped many women bet- the Grosse Pointe War dilang58@comcast.net.

to chemical dependency. She is chance possible at turning their ter their lives by assisting them lives around.

Papalekas, Sandra McCadney, LaTina Kaigler and SIGP president Lee Meyer.

been a service club in Grosse

er of Flagstar Bank, SIGP vice president Diana Langlois, and award winners Keitha Caldwell, Stephanie Mbella, Eleni

with monetary awards and Soroptimist International has grants. Its major fundraiser is Cornucopia, a holiday shop-

Memorial on Saturday, Nov. 10. For more information on joining this organization, contact Diana at (313) 885-0124 or

BOX: Carving is not significant

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John from the cross. He wanted John to take care of his mother after he departed from this world.

It is highly unlikely that the transported back to Jerusalem

and Jesus are these two individuals?

We need to ask the question of who is trying to profit from these claims?

Why is this documentary being released now? Isn't the timing of these press releases interesting?

It just happens to coincide with Lent, Holy Week and Easter?

The same man who directed body of Mary would have been the movie "Titanic" produced However, God will not be "The Jesus Tomb" documentary, creating such a sensational stir today with all its media God, has risen from the dead. hype. The archeological discovery of the ossuary boxes from the actions of Jesus, we are givwhich these amazing claims are being made actually took place back in 1980. At that pastor at St. Paul Lutheran time, 27 years ago, they were Church, Grosse Pointe Farms.

mating that Mary Magdalene not found to be particularly important.

> Carving some names in stone (even if it happens to be the names of Jesus' family members) is not particularly significant.

Early Christians, in their worship spaces, would often carve crosses and names into stone

Human beings will continue to strive to capture the divine and place God into a box. found there.

Explore life on a ribbon farm

farm at the Grosse Pointe April 14. Historical Society's Provencal-Learn about the old farms of

Weir House, 376 Kercheval, 18th century Grosse Pointe,



Experience life on the ribbon from 1 to 4 p.m., Saturday, called "ribbon farms" because of their long, narrow shape. Learn to make butter and biscuits from scratch like farmers and their families would have 150 years ago. Enjoy homemade lemonade with Marguerite Humes.

This event is part of the society's Second Saturday Pastimes series, which invites community members to take a



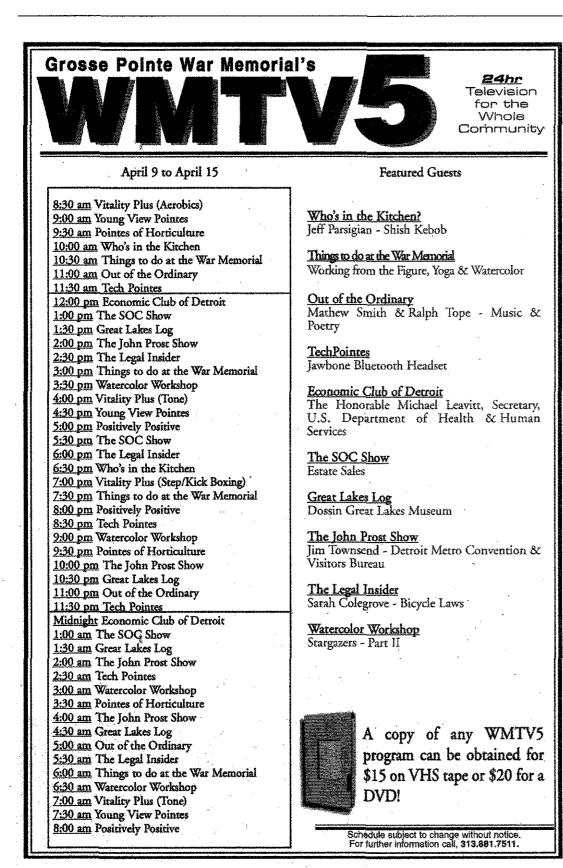


for burial.

It is also a stretch to say that because you have two ossuary boxes found side by side, one being a woman's and one being a man's, that these two individuals were married. How does one jump to that conclusion? The documentary is inti-

Jesus Christ, the very Son of We accept this message in faith and in our believing through en eternal life.

Rev. Fred Harms is the senior

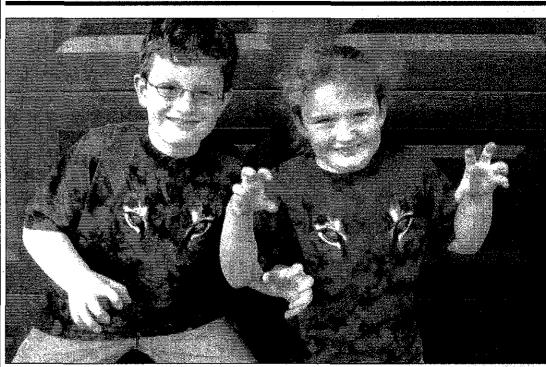


Second Saturday Pastime on Saturday, April 14, could include making butter and biscuits from scratch.

hands-on trip back in time. Reservations are encouraged, but not required. Children are welcome with an adult.

The Provencal-Weir House is one of the oldest houses in Grosse Pointe and has been restored by the Grosse Pointe Historical Society. The house will be open for free guided tours from 1 to 4 p.m.

For information, call (313) 884-7010, or visit the Web site at gphistorical.org.



'Cats' coming soon

Kerby Elementary students Connor and Mary Reinman are excited about the musical "Cats" coming to the Grosse Pointe Theatre because their mother, Marie Reinman, is the vocal director for the show. Performances will be at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial April 29 and May 9 through 13 (Mother's Day). Two performances were added because it is expected to sell out. Call the theater at (313) 881-4004 for tickets.

NEWARRIVALS

Jonathan Daniel Watkins

Hannah McCov of Grosse Pointe and Frank Watkins of Eastpointe are the parents of a son, Jonathan Daniel Watkins, born Feb. 13, 2007.

Maternal grandparents are Sandra and Samuel Grady of Clinton Township.

Frank and Ida Watkins of Cooper, born Jan. 7, 2007.

Detroit. Clifford and Dorothy Eason of Detroit are the great-grandparents.

Axel Christopher

Cooper

Chris and Michelle Cooper of St. Clair Shores are the par-Paternal grandparents are ents of a son, Axel Christopher

Maternal grandmother is Theresa Bandy of St. Clair Shores.

Paternal grandparents are Chris and Ellen Cooper of Naples, Fla.

Great-grandparents are Patricia Erikson of St. Clair Shores; James and Feliza Peruski of Lehigh Acres, Fla.; Robert and Betty Cooper of Hobe Sound, Fla.; and the late Erik Erickson.

ENTERTAINMENT 9B

DOWN TO EARTH By Kathleen Peabody It's gardening month — get ready for tomatoes



ardeners have different views of the world and of what they like to grow. Many of us look around during these early days of spring and think of the daffodils or crocus peeking through the ground.

Other gardeners are getting ready for their first tomato. This "tomato" breed of gardener is not unlike the flower growing types in that they too need to consider their soil composition, water sources and plant combinations. And, often, these tomato types are one in the same as the flower gardener. It may be the salivating that gives them away. And for that reason, I try to consider myself among them.

Due to work on an advanced degree, daughter Elizabeth has decided on the upside down tomato plant this year. She'll hang it from her garage where there is plenty of sun. The best advice was to be sure it stays watered. That is the downfall of many tomato plants.

For the past few years, Ed Krappmann of St. Clair Shores has shared his tomato expertise with the Belle Isle Botanical Society and the greenhouses on the island.

He now sells tomato plants during the society's annual plant sale, held the last Saturday in May. He started the first planting with 500 seeds, and, indeed found the plants very popular. He increased the number each year. until he reached 1,500 plants of 70 different varieties. - It is still one of the best places locally to find a huge assortment of both heirloom and hybrid plants.

of tomatoes? "It's in my blood."

chase the sun with pots as I do, his choice is Isis Candy. As the name suggests, it's really sweet.

Heirloom varieties are those that are more than 50 years old. Many are named for the Amish or Mennonites, who continue to save seeds from the varieties they like best. Some seeds, such as Black Russian, are bred for colder climates. Watch for names such as Glasnost, Perestroika, or a plum Grushovka. Galina is a yellow variety from Siberia.

Hybrids were developed mostly for shipping, as heirlooms bruise more easily and don't have as long a shelf life. Check the tags for letters following the names of hybrids which indicate inbred tolerance to the major tomato diseases. I have to agree with Krappmann on the flavor of heirlooms. I can taste it nowthe Brandywine sliced with fresh mozzarella and newly clipped basil. Oh, I'm sorry, I've digressed.

As you might expect from someone who grows 36 varieties of tomatoes in his own garden, Krappmann admits he likes variety. He's eager to try not only different tomatoes, but other fruits and plants. He can also tell you pretty much anything about the beloved tomato, including that it's the most grown fruit in the country

Let's get on with how best to grow tomatoes. Here are suggestions from Krappmann, Pamela Ruch in Organic Gardening magazine and a newly published book, Grow Organic by Doug Oster and Jessica Walliser.

 Remember that tomatoes love warmth. Wait until mid-May to plant them in the ground. Cold soil causes the plant to turn purple, making it difficult for it to take up phosphorus

 Consider the water used as Why did he grow 70 varieties well. We all might remember an older neighbor who put water into a can to warm early in the day before putting it on the plants roots. There may be something to that. ◆ Prepare the soil by remembering that crop rotating works for more than farmers. Try to leave a few years between plantings in the same spot to flush problems out of the soil and reestablish nutrient levels



The "Tomato Man" of Belle Isle, Ed Krappmann, checks in on some heirloom tomato seedlings.

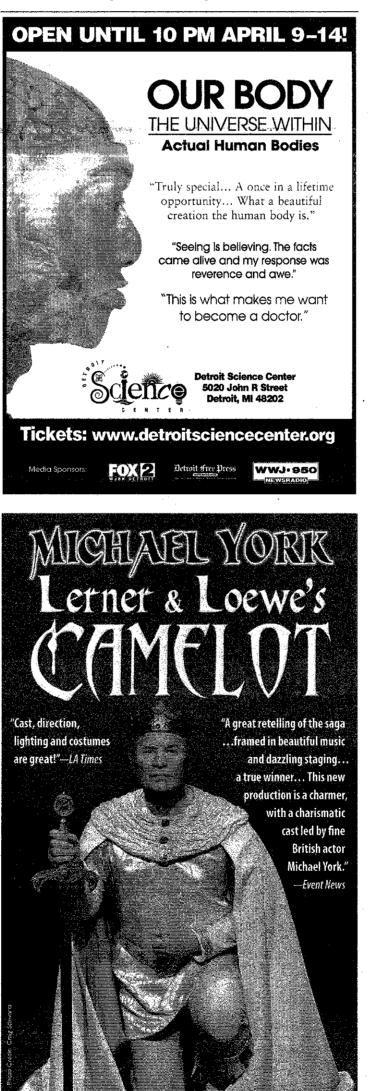
toes are more resistant to disease and are also prolific producers. They are great for popping off the vine for a little snack, especially for children.

 Consider companion planting to help eliminate unwanted pests (although Krappmann has never had problems with disease or pests and doesn't use any form of poisons on them). For beneficial insects that help tomato plants, grow lemon balm, parsley, oregano, dill, sweet alyssum, statice or Cosmos near your tomatoes. Chives, garlic and basil also grow well beneath the tomato plant.

◆ When watering, be sure that mulch is beneath the plant to eliminate water on the leaves which may lead to disease. Mulch also adds to the moisture retention. Consider living mulch as a labor saver. If you grow a larger garden, plant red clover or alfalfa beneath tomatoes and other vegetables to keep weeds down and prevent moisture evapora-

tion. Plant these cover crops between rows and periodically mow during the growing season.

More on mulch or cover crops.



♦ A USDA study showed that tomatoes mulched with mown vetch produced especially robust root systems and outperformed those mulched with plastic. Anything that gives nutrients back to the soil is better than plastic unless it's only used to warm the soil. Consider landscaping material instead.

 Perform a soil test for ideal soil of pH 6.2 to 6.8. Local nurseries and the MSU Extension Service can help.

◆ Tomato plants need at least eight hours of sun daily and an inch of water each week. Provide consistent moisture to avoid cracking.

 Add compost. Ruch suggests forking the soil down one foot and adding two shovels of compost to each planting hole to improve drainage, increase soil fertility and help hold water. Plant deep and cover all but the topmost two sets of leaves to encourage dormant buds along the stem to form roots.

There's much more to know about tomatoes. The April 2007 issue of Organic Gardening has a page devoted to solving those problems. You can't miss it. The cover screams Grow Perfect Tomatoes.

If you have a unique way to stake tomato plants, let me know. We'll do a future column on it.

MORE COMEDY

THE MASTER

BUILDER

Kathleen Peabody is an Advanced Master Gardener who lives (and gardens) in Grosse Pointe Woods. Reach her online at kpeabody@grossepointenews.com

What's going on?

Wed., April 18, Gabrielle Reilly is the guest speaker of the Sue Abbott Memorial Lecture, hosted by the Grosse Pointe Garden Center. Refreshments served at 7 p.m., speaker at 7:30 p.m. at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms. No charge.

HEALTHY EARTH AND LIVING

10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Saturday, April 21, Grosse Pointe Woods Municipal Center, 20025 Mack Plaza. Earth Day 2007 Grosse Pointe sponsored by LocalMotion includes fun events and interesting presentations for kids and adults. Programs on the half hour include healthy lawns without pesticides, growing nutritional organic vegetables, keeping pets healthy and cleaning your boat, car and lawn furniture. For more information and to learn about the coloring contest for students grades K - 5, call (313) 881-2263.

DAYLILY SHARING

9 a.m. to noon, Thursday, April 26, and Friday, April 27, at the Carriage House of The Grosse Pointe War Memorial. Bring a bag or pot for a Stella 'de Oro daylily. Donations are welcome. Call (313) 881-7511 for more information.

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said Krappmann. "I helped in my dad's victory garden and have been gardening ever since."

When asked his favorite, Krappmann says he has a new one each year. Last year's picks included Caspian Pink, Brandywine and Black Krim. He has leaned toward the heirloom varieties, maintaining that the color and flavor is much better. If you have to

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A LA ANNIE By Annie Rouleau-Scheriff

'Spring into antipasto' for this Easter meal



unday is Easter and time for loads of chocolate and hard boiled eggs. I've created a spring antipasto that calls for hard boiled eggs and grilled fresh veggies. Not too far off from a traditional antipasto (which means "before the pasta"), I've also included salami, cheeses and olives. A creamy caper-tarragon sauce accompanies my tasty antipasto.

Spring Antipasto

1 bunch fresh asparagus 1 summer squash

- 1 summer squasa 1 zucchini
- 2 tablespoons walnut oil
- salt and pepper to taste

1 bunch red leaf or red ro-

maine lettuce 4 hard boiled eggs, (or

more) peeled and halved 1/4 lb. thin sliced salami, each slice rolled up like a thin

cigar 1 8-oz. block sharp cheddar cheese, sliced

1 8-oz. block pepper jack cheese, sliced

1 5-oz. jar large pimento stuffed olives caper-tarragon sauce (recipe follows) red caviar (salmon roe) for garnish, optional

Begin by grilling the asparagus, squash and zucchini. Trim the asparagus to about 5 inch stalks. Slice the squash and zucchini into 1/4 inch thick slices length-wise.

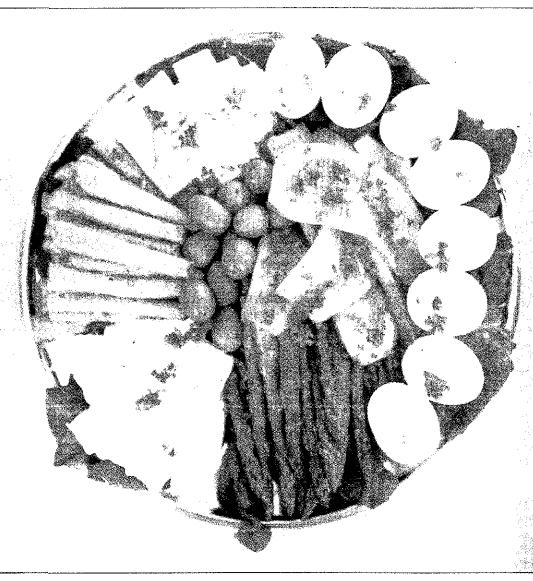
Brush the prepped veggies with the walnut oil and season generously with salt and pepper.

Fire up the grill (or heat a grill pan on the stove to high heat) and cook first the asparagus until crisp tender, 6 to 8 minutes. The stalks should be slightly soft but still firm. Next grill the squash and zucchini slices until tender but not mushy, a few minutes on each side.

Place the grilled veggies on a plate and refrigerate until chilled, about an hour.

To assemble the antipasto, start by lining a large platter with the red lettuce leaves. Arrange the asparagus in a stack with the stalks facing out. Layer the grilled squash and zucchini next to the asparagus, leaving some room on the edge of the platter for the hard boiled eggs.

Next to the veggies (working



This spring antipasto will bring a fresh taste to the Easter meal.

the platter like a wheel) arrange the sharp cheddar slices, followed by the rolled salami and the pepper jack slices. This should bring you around to the asparagus. Mound the olives in the center of the platter. Arrange the hard boiled egg halves on the edge of the platter (by the squash and zucchini). Prepare the caper-tarragon sauce (recipe follows) and serve on the side,

To present your spring antipasto, place a small dollop of the caper-tarragon sauce on each of the hard boiled egg halves. Place a smaller dollop of red caviar on top of the sauce. Lightly scatter the entire platter with chopped fresh parsley. Serve with baguette, sliced or torn.

To prepare the caper-tarragon sauce, whisk together 1/2 cup each mayonnaise and heavy cream. Stir in 1 tablespoon each chopped capers and chopped fresh tarragon.

Whisk in 1 tablespoon olive oil and 2 pinches of sugar. Season lightly with salt and pepper.

Customize your antipasto with your favorite meat or cheese. Spring antipasto can actually be a meal, but this Sunday serve it "before the ham." Your guests will love it. "Hoppy Easter."



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SPORTS

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Grosse Pointe South freshman Katie LeVan finished first in the 13-14-year-old Gold Division at the NASTAR Ski Racing National Championships in Steamboat Springs, Colo. The event drew 1,340 racers from 44 states, Canada and Australia. Racers ranging in age from 3 to 91 participated in three days of intense competition. Amateur ski racers earned invitations to the National Championships by ranking in the top three at one of 108 qualifying ski areas around the country. This was the fifth year that LeVan has qualified for the event, but the first time that she reached the podium. She won her title by the slimmest of margins, beating runner-up Lane Manke of Hasting, Minn. by one-hundredth of a second. In the photo above, LeVan is all smiles after receiving her gold medal from former United States Olympic medalist Phil Mahre.

North track team takes five first places

SPORTS

Soccer success

North, South girls soccer teams win their season openers PAGE 2C

By Chuck Klonke Sports Editor

It looked like old times for Grosse Pointe North's boys track team at last weekend's Kermit Ambrose Huron Relays.

The Norsemen, who were one of the top teams in the state for much of the 1970s and 1980s, took first place in five events and finished second to Lansing Sexton in the overall team standings at the indoor meet at Eastern Michigan University.

"We had a real good day," said coach Pat Wilson. "We placed in every event we entered except one and in that one, Matt VanEgmond matched his PR (personal record) in the mile."

DeRhon Pines took first place in the high jump when he

cleared 6-feet-6.

"DeRhon missed most of last season with an injury, but he's been jumping great this year," Wilson said. "He beat his personal best, which he set a week ago (at the Macomb Indoor

Championships), by two inches." Will Utley won the pole vault with an effort of 13-0. DeAndre Henderson took first place in

the 60-meter high hurdles. Henderson was also part of the winning shuttle hurdle relay team that included Corey Foglesong, Edwin Whitfield and Utley.

The Norsemen's other first came in the distance medley relay with the team of Steve Joseph, Foglesong, Dan Surmont and Robbie Fisher. Andy VanEgmond was sec-

ond in the 3,200 run.

The 4x200 relay team of

Blest Norris, Henderson, Whitfield and Theron Carter came in fourth. Whitfield was fifth in the long jump and Austen Ditzhazy took sixth place in the shot put.

North's only first in the Macomb Indoor Championships came from Fisher in the 1,600 run, but the Norsemen had several other strong performances.

Pines was second in the high jump with an effort of 6-4. The 4x400 relay team of Wes Raynal, Andrew Charnesky, Sean Bourke and Paul Bramos was also second.

Norris was third in the 60 dash, and Joseph came in fourth in the 1,600.

Surmont was fifth in the 600 run and Andy VanEgmond took fifth in the 3,200. Andrew Horne was sixth in the high jump.

South girls to hold lacrosse clinic

The 2006 state champion Grosse Pointe South girls lacrosse team will hold a preseason clinic on Saturday, April 21.

The clinic runs from 9 a.m. until noon for girls in grades three through five, and from 1

The 2006 state champion to 4 p.m. for girls in grades six rosse Pointe South girls through eight.

The clinic will be conducted by members of the 2007 South squad under the direction of varsity coach Erin Stewart. It will be held in South's main gym and the stadium field. Instruction will focus on stick work, small game situations and shooting. No prior experience is necessary.

The cost of the clinic is \$35, which includes a T-shirt. Call (313) 881-3848 to receive a registration form.

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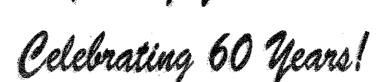
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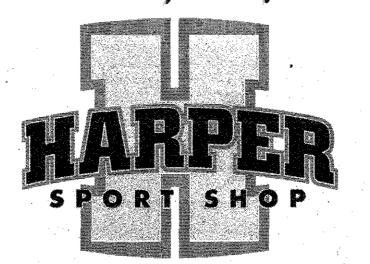
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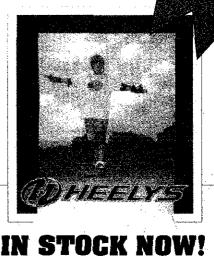
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SPORTS



PHOTO BY RENEE LANDUY

Several Grosse Pointe North defenders converge on a Lakeview player during the Norsemen's season-opening 2-1 victory against the Huskies.

North opens with a victory

team started the season on a half on a goal by Katlyn Gilin. winning note with a 2-1 victory match.

Chelsea Detrick and Olivia Stander each had a goal and an assist for the Norsemen.

with 7:03 remaining in the game.

Stander got the ball on the right side of the field and dem with Detrick. She passed passed to Detrick, who made a to Detrick, who immediately nice move to fake a Lakeview crossed the ball back to defender.

North controlled the play against Lakeview in a Macomb through most of the first half as Area Conference crossover a result of exceptional midfield play from Paula Kennedy, Sami Filipelli and Allison Everett, but the Norsemen were unable to score until Detrick got the game-winner there was 7:10 left in the half.

Stander received the ball on the left side of the field and raced down the pitch in tan-Stander, who scored North's

Grosse Pointe North's soccer ing midway through the first shot to the left of the Huskies' goalkeeper.

> The Norsemen came out very aggressive in the second half and won most of the loose balls thanks to the tenacious play of captain Hannah Clor and Nikki Capizzo.

Christina Schucker and Megan Herbst played outstanding defense in the second half,

North will have a long time to savor its season-opening victory. The Norsemen's next game is Wednesday, April 18 at home against Port Huron at 4 p.m.

Albion beat Ohio Northern 5-4.

Huth defeated Bridget

Larson 6-4, 6-3 at No. 2 to im-

prove her spring mark to 3-4.

SOUTH SOCCER South comeback defeats Groves

rest of the season, Grosse Pointe South's girls soccer team won't forget its season opener.

That's because the Blue Devils overcame a 3-1 deficit and beat Birmingham Groves 4-3 on Lindsav Krall's header goal with 4:24 remaining in the match.

The game was the first between South and the Falcons, and Groves wasted no time jumping into the lead.

The Falcons' Haley Beach scored on a line drive shot over the head of Blue Devils goalkeeper K.T. Tietjen off a corner kick from Allie Hawkins just 2 1/2 minutes into the match.

South's offense sputtered in response to heavy defensive work by the Falcons midfielders and was rarely able to pass the ball to forwards Amy Hathaway and Krall. With 16:47 left in the first half, Groves notched its second goal when Karly Fraser, unmarked by a defender, blasted a redirected ball into the goal.

South coach Gene Harkins responded by moving Sarah Stanczyk up front to work with midfielder Anna Cunningham in advancing the ball forward to feet, rather than in the air. The move settled South into playing its game, rather than reacting to the opponent's

At halftime, Harkins counseled "patience, stop the kick ball, and, when Groves packed the center, hit the forwards ----on the ground - in the cor-

No matter what happens the the Groves lead to 2-1. Hughes, Liz Lightbody, Liz Stanczyk blasted home a short shot after a pass from Emily McLaughlin. McLaughlin had taken an outlet pass from Hannah Orlicki, who was making her varsity debut on defense.

> The Blue Devils started to take control of the match, but 15 minutes later, on a rare foray by the Falcons, Fraser hit a hit bouncer off Tietjen, assisted by Julie Harris, to give Groves a 3-1 lead.

If the Falcons started feeling comfortable at that point, they shouldn't have.

Cunningham took the kickoff, threaded her way through the Falcons and blasted a 15foot shot into the goal, only 18 seconds after Fraser's score.

The momentum had shifted and 2:55 later, the match was tied at 3-3.

Hathaway received a pass from Cunningham. She deftly avoided the oncoming keeper and sent a straight grounder into the net.

South dominated the next 16 minutes of action, and finally Krall scored the winning goal.

Also making their first varsity starts for the Blue Devils were midfielder Michele Arthur and defender Danika Stone. Katie Orlicki saw defensive action in her first varsity appearance.

Meryl Etheridge played her usual full match on defense. Emma Brush played superbly at midfield.

Brush and Cunningham tied for the team lead with four shots on goal.

South also got strong play to the second half, South cut off the bench from Erin Monday, April 16 at 7 p.m.

Carrier and Stephanie Garbarino. South outshot Groves 17-8,

The Blue Devils' next game was at Novi against the twotime defending Division I champions, and the Wildcats came away with a 4-1 victory. Novi is undefeated since 2004.

After South held Novi scoreless for the first 17 minutes, the Wildcats erupted for four goals in the next 13 minutes.

The Blue Devils had some defensive lapses, but Novi deserved credit for its precise passing and one-touch shots that were on the mark. Team depth was also a factor as three of the Wildcats' goals were scored by substitutes.

The other came from defender Katie Chaklos, a preseason favorite for Miss Soccer of 2007.

South scored the only goal of the second half as the Blue Devils matched Novi with physcial play.

Brush took an excellent pass the hard-working from Stanczyk, and one-timed a shot past keeper Erin Zerio 11:10 into the second half.

Cunningham had three of South's four shots on goal.

Garbarino made her first varsity start on defense and played well. Kara Trowell saw her first action and showed offensive promise. Amanda Marsh saw her first varsity action in relief of the tired defense corps.

South, which returns 12 seniors, will host Sterling Heights at the stadium on

Pointe pair helps Albion net teams

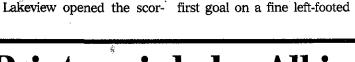
Galvin teamed with Alex

On the women's team, fresh-

doubles. Galvin is 4-1 in dou-

A pair of former Grosse singles in the Britons' 9-0 victo- man Holly Huth, who played at Pointe high school standouts ry against the University of St. have been playing well for the Francis. Albion College tennis teams.

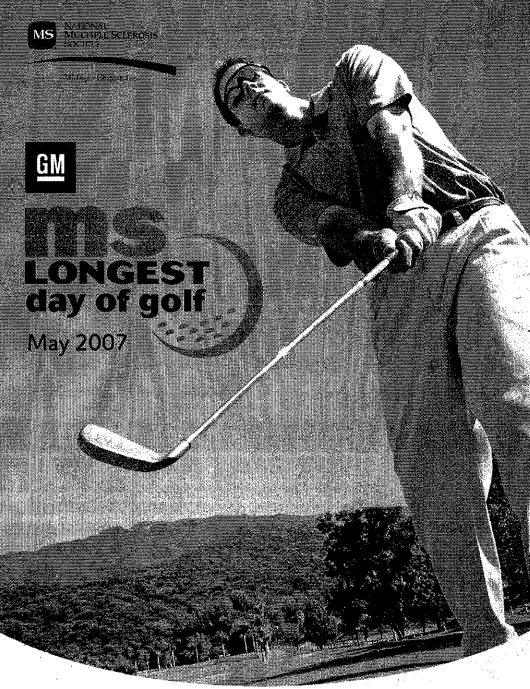
Junior Alex Galvin picked up Marshall to win 8-1 at No. 2 his team-best seventh singles victory of the season last week bles matches this spring. when he won 6-0, 6-2 at No. 3



moves. University Liggett School, won a singles match for the second dual meet in a row to help

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Grosse Pointe North long stick midfielder Joey Ralko races down the field with several Romeo players in hot pursuit.

North rolls in lax opener

Pointe North Grosse lacrosse has a new look and a new attitude.

Head coach Dan Preston and assistant Mark Seppala have an influx of new talent and a good mix of returning juniors and seniors.

good start, and the defense looked dominant in a 10-2 victory against Romeo.

Senior long sticks Joev well in his first time as a keep-Ralko, Eric Szandzik, Dave er. Szandzik and Charlie Thibault smothered the Bulldogs' of-

fense Sophomore goalie Nick Rochte looked strong as he allowed only one goal and made The Norsemen got off to a seven saves, including several the doorstep. Alex on Davenport replaced Rochte late in the game and played

Midfield play was impressive with Brandon Davenport, John Farr, Scott Brown and Evan Skorupski leading the way.

Sophomore attackman Jimmy Tocco looked comfortable in his first varsity start, complementing Nate Kinnear and the rest of the Norsemen's attackmen.



South grad is top pitcher in MIAA

Gunderson has given the rest hit,1-0 victory against Calvin of the pitchers in the Michigan College in the second game of Intercollegiate Association something to shoot for.

The sophomore, who played into the seventh inning. for Grosse Pointe South, became the MIAA's first Pitcher outs. of the Week for the 2007 sea-

Athletic a doubleheader last Saturday at Frank Joranko Field.

Gunderson took a no-hitter

He-finished with five strike-

Gunderson needed to be at

Albion College's Ryan son after he pitched a one- his best because the Calvin pitcher nearly matched him with a three-hitter.

> Last year, Gunderson was a second-team, all-MIAA selection.

His career record for the Britons is 7-3 with a 2.14 ERA and a .201 opponents' batting average in 71 1/3 innings.



Grosse Pointe South grad Ryan Gunderson earned Pitcher of the Week honors in the MIAA after pitching a one-hit shutout for Albion College last weekend.

The Red Angels won the championship in the eighth-grade boys basketball league at Joe Dumars Fieldhouse. In front, from left, are John Lacuira, Cameron Brown, Chris Cahill and Michael Dziuba. In back, from left, are coach Jeff Cruse, Will Quinn, Will Reeves, coach Phil Lacuira, Christian Koppin and coach Cahill.

Red Angels win hoops title

The Grosse Pointe Red feating a good Livonia team, the semifinals, and combined Angels, an eighth grade AAU basketball team coached by Jeff Cruse, swept its two playoff games to finish 12-0, winning the championship of the Joe Dumars eighth grade league.

"It's hard to win when you are the favorite entering the playoffs," Cruse said. "I told them don't be scared. Just go out and do their job."

After winning the semifinal game, 42-27, the Red Angels rallied in the second game de36-34. in the finals.

"We were a little lackadaisical in the first half of the finals, but we really stepped it up when we needed to," Cruse said.

Will Quinn led the team in scoring during the championship game, though it was won by a tight team effort.

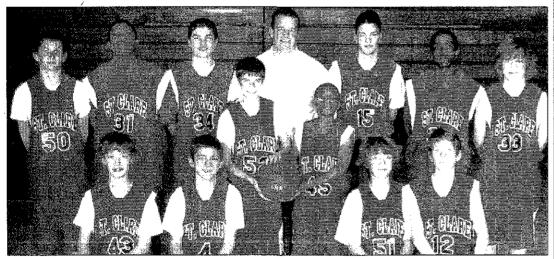
Quinn scored 10 of his 12 points in the second half to spark the Red Angels' rally.

John Lacuira and Chris Cahill each scored 14 points in

with tenacious Michael Dziuba to provide strong guard play in the playoffs.

Christian Koppin, the team's leading scorer; Will Reeves, one of the league's top rebounders; and sharp-shooter, Cameron Brown, gave the Red Angels a decisive edge underneath.

"I was very happy with the team's hard work," Cruse said. "I ask a lot of my players and these guys have worked extremely hard."



St. Clare won the eighth-grade division in the CYO basketball league. In front, from left, are Thomas Ridella, Nayan Telang, Chris Guyon and Miles Hubbell. In the middle are Andrew Stieber, left, and Don Frison. In back, from left, are Alex Bedan, Justin Brown, Stephen Muer, coach Joe Srebernak, Corbet Conroy, Jon Nygoi and Nicky Diehl.

St. Clare rules in CYO basketball

The St. Clare eighth-grade Falcons in the game. boys basketball team won its division in the Catholic Youth Organization basketball league with a 29-27 victory against St. Joan of Arc in the final regularseason game.

Thomas Ridella hit the winning basket during the game's final minute.

with 16 points.

Miles Hubbell hit two threepoint baskets to keep the to the championship.

St. Clare's 13-6 record in-

cluded several close defeats. The Falcons advanced to the Sweet Sixteen of the CYO

playoffs before losing. St. Clare was second in its own Thanksgiving tournament and won the consolation bracket at the University of Corbet Conroy led St. Clare Detroit Jesuit Christmas tournament.

The entire team contributed

Conroy, Jon Nygoi and Chris Guyon led in scoring. Nicky Diehl and Hubbell directed the offense at point guard.

Stephen Muer, Alex Bedan and Justin Brown were strong defenders and rebounders.

Ridella. Nayan Telang, Andrew Stieber and Don Frison were also top defenders and each scored important baskets during the year.

The Falcons were coached by Joe Srebernak.

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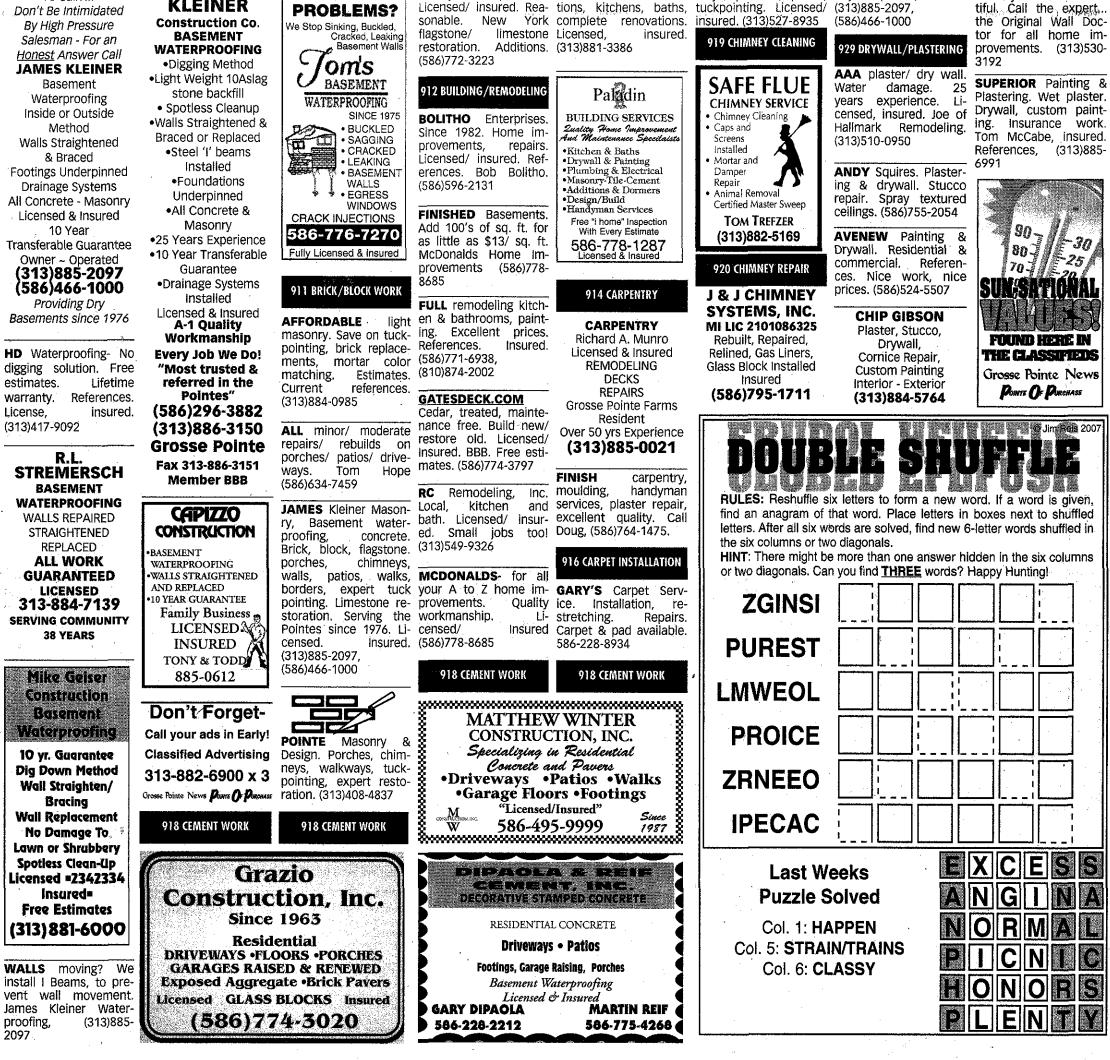
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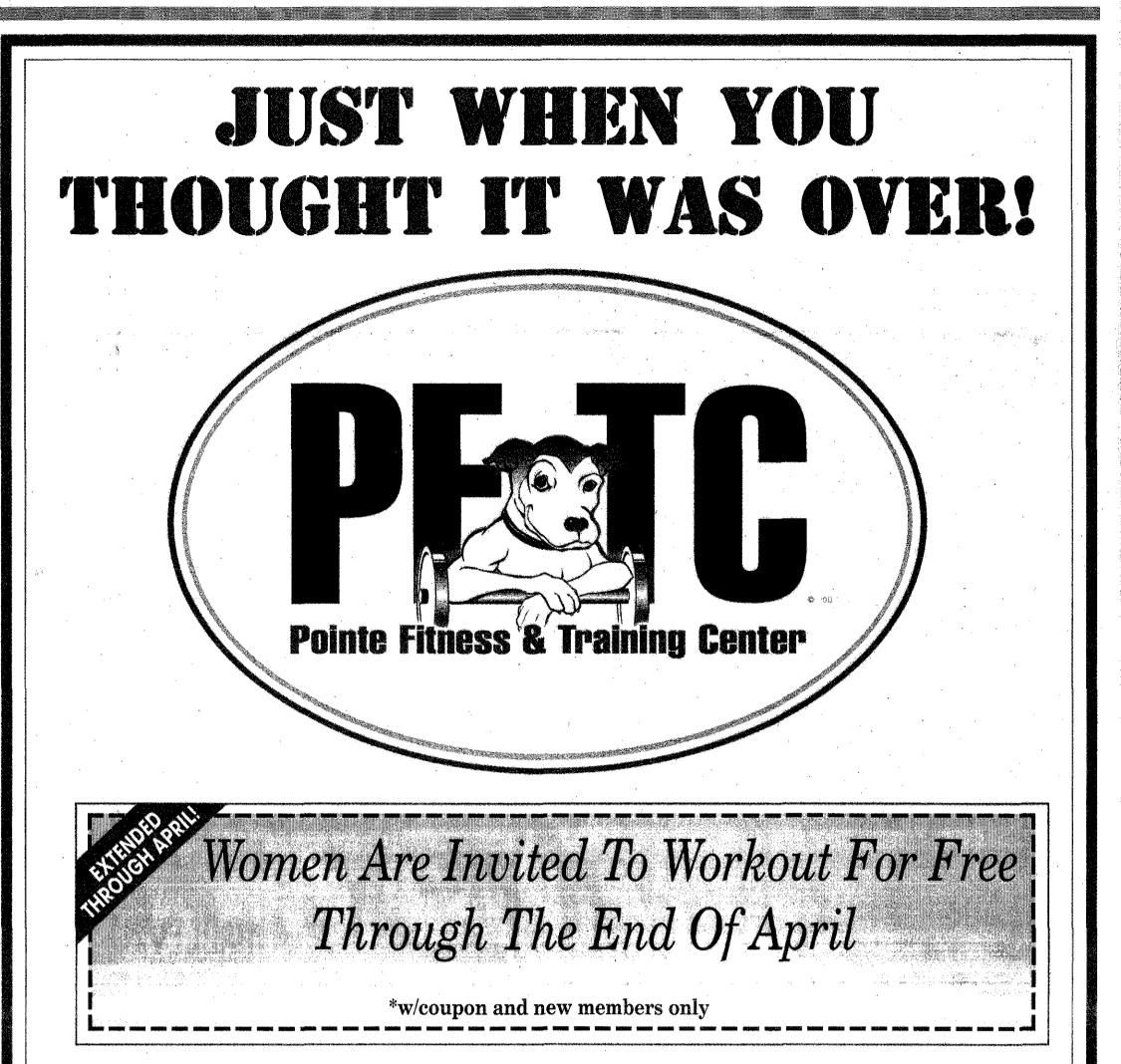
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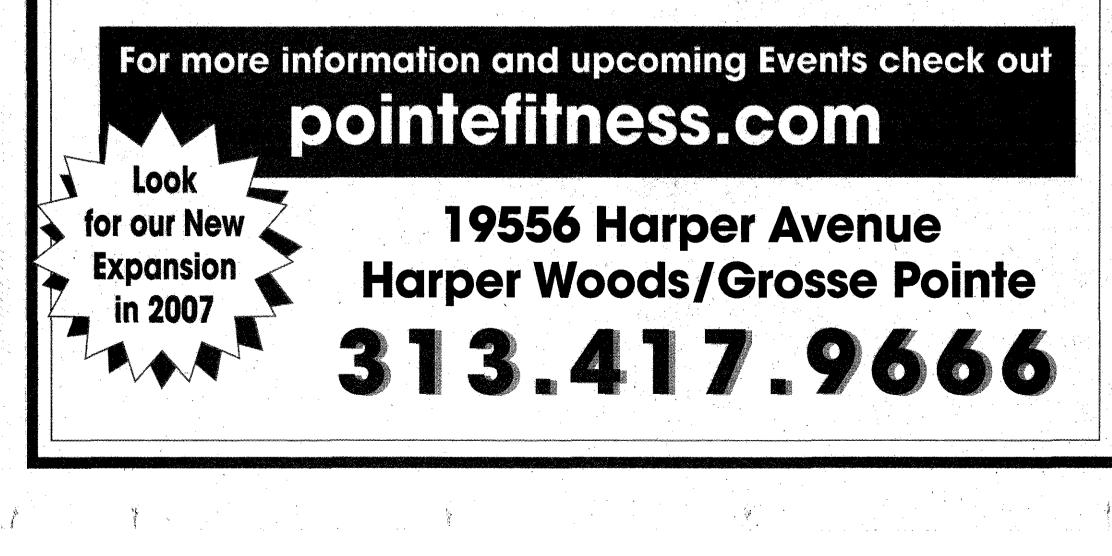
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ASK THE LANDSCAPER By David Soulliere Starting up the pond



Q. I installed a garden pond last year and would like to know when is it time to start my pump and feed the fish?

- Sue in Grosse Pointe Woods. A. When will the warm weather be here to stay? I hope it is soon. There are a few signals indicating spring is close. My flower bulbs are starting to emerge from the soil and the fish are swimming in the garden pond. Now is the time to start up my pond, when the ice melts.

The first step to opening up your pond for the season is to skim the leaves from the pond that may have blown in during the winter. If you find there is an abundance of debris, you may want to pump out the mucky water from the bottom. This messy job can be avoided if you remember to cover the pond with netting in the fall before the leaves start dropping.

If the leaves and twigs are not removed, they rob the water of needed oxygen as they deteriorate. Once the bulky debris is removed, refill your pond and install your filter and pump to start circulating the water. This will filter out the smaller floating algae and debris.

Keep a close watch on the filter. You may have to clean it out often when you first start the pond up for the season. Even if the temperature gets cold again, the flow of water from the pump will keep the ice from forming on the surface.

As the water flows and bubbles you will be adding oxygen to the water. The oxygen is needed for both the fish and the plant growth.

After the pump has been running for a few days and the outside temperatures increase, the pond will clear up. You may want to check your water filter process if the water is not clear after a few days. The water will continue to clear more as the plants start growing.

There are a few types of enzymes and bacteria formulations that you can purchase to help control the algae in the pond. Enzymes and bacteria are found naturally in all ponds. When you add one of these products to your pond you will be speeding up the natural alga eating process.

During the winter, the bog plants are placed in the bottom of the pond or stored in a cool location. Now is the time to put them back in the shallow parts of your pond. New plants will be available for purchase when all chances of frost are over, usually around early May. Most of the water plants are grown in the south and are very sensitive to our chilly spring weather. Tropical pond plants can be easily damaged if the temperatures fall below 40 degrees.

Start feeding the fish in small amounts when they become active. It is not good for them to overeat in cooler temperatures. If the fish are hungry they will eat the algae and plant life in your pond. Pond fish are tougher than most people think.

There have been many new pond products introduced and improved within the last year. Energy efficient pumps, biological filters, skimmers, new algae controls and man-made realistic waterfalls are just some of the new products.

Barley straw can be used to increase the natural production of beneficial bacteria that helps reduce the algae in your pond.

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ASK THE 'STAT' DOCTOR By Alex DePetro Ph.D.

Another perspective on the 'pop-up' tax



n my last article, there was a printing error when one of my tables went to publication. Inadvertently, the last two rows of Table 1 were deleted.

Due to this printing error, there was some confusion as to how I came up with the 24.07 percent increase during the referenced time period.

As can be seen in Table 1, sales of houses for the first two months of this year (2007) increased by 24.07 percent as compared to sales for the same time period last year (2006). Remember that these numbers are not large, but at least they give us an idea of what has happened during these time periods. For the past several months, I have been asked on more than one occasion to address the "pop-up" tax, trying to keep a focus primarily on the numbers.

My understanding of the way in which you and I are taxed on our property is a combination of two factors: the Headlee Amendment and Proposal A. In doing some brief research, I found an article from a Web site** that I thought would be a good start to this article. To quote the Web site:

"The Headlee Amendment was ratified in 1978. Its intent was to limit the ability of local governments to levy new taxes and to limit the growth of property tax revenue in general. It created the requirement of voter approval prior to implementing new taxes.

"Proposal A was passed by voters in March of 1994. Proposal A created another method to determine property values for tax purposes with the introduction of Taxable Value.

"Taxable Value on an individual par-

Comparison of the number of houses sold in January and February 2007 and 2006

Table 1

City	2006 avg. JanFeb. number houses sold	2007 avg. JanFeb. number houses sold	Percent JanFeb. change Decrease 2006-2007
G.P. City	4	7	+75.00%
G.P. Farms	13	14	+ 7.69%
G.P. Park	13	12	- 7.69%
G.P. Shores	3	9	+200.00%
G.P. Woods	21	25	+19.05%
Total	54	67	+24.04%

cel cannot annually increase by more than the rate of inflation or 5 percent, whichever is less, unless the property is sold or "transferred" as defined by law, regardless of how rapidly existing property values may be increasing." What does this mean to you and me? Well, in my specific case, I have been in

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my home for 16 years, which means that when Proposal A was approved, my taxable value was set equal to my State Equalized Value (SEV). Since I now pay taxes on my "Taxable Value," this value starting in taxable year 1995 could not increase more than 5 percent or the rate of inflation, whichever number was less.

So for me, as of today, my Taxable Value is less than my SEV, and as far as I have observed, I have paid less in property taxes overall since 1995 had there not been a Proposal A.

If I sold my house today and bought a more expensive house, I would probably be paying more in taxes since my understanding is that the taxable value on my new house would be set to be equal to that house's current SEV and the Headlee/Proposal A scenario would begin again with a new starting point.

Assuming that no changes are made with respect to Headlee or Proposal A, my new taxable value can only be increased each year by no more than 5 percent or the rate of inflation, whichever is less.

With my background in statistics, one of the first things that I was taught was not too look at numbers in isolation since doing so may distort the message that they may convey.

The articles that I have read regarding what is being referred to as the "pop-up tax" implies that the above scenario discourages current homeowners from "moving up" or "moving down" since their property taxes will be increasing, in some cases significantly.

Maybe I'm out of touch with reality, but from my perspective, regardless of the Headlee Amendment/Proposal A, when I bought my previous houses and if I was buying today, what property taxes I would be paying would be one factor of many that I have or would consider. In my own personal order of importance, they are:

1) What the interest rate would be for my mortgage today, and would I expect interest rates to rise in the near future. With interest rates currently at historic lows, buying today could result in my paying thousands of dollars less in interest over the life of my mortgage as compared to if I waited to make my move.

2) How long I would expect to be liv- March 8, 2007

ing there. Over a long time, Headlee/ Proposal A could save me thousands of dollars in future taxes.

3) Are we in a seller's or buyer's market? If I am in a buyer's market, I would expect to get less when I sold my house, but if I am moving up, I would expect to save more than I lost on the sell side.

4) I would also calculate what my new taxes and annual interest payments would be and estimate how much I would expect to recover when I filed my federal income tax.

5) What type of appreciation could I expect from my new house as compared to my current house for the length of time that I planned on living or retiring there? Appreciation on my more expensive house has greater potential assuming I buy right.

From my perspective, if I bought one share of stock at \$50, and my neighbor bought the same stock one year ago for \$25 a share, I would expect to get the same dividend per share amount as he does, not twice as much.

From my perspective, I don't expect to be paying the same interest rate on my mortgage as my neighbor since securing that rate is a function of several factors, including the time period in which the rate was secured.

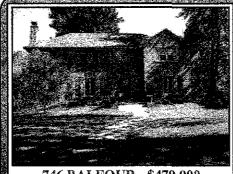
From my understanding, Proposal A was originated in California in the early '90s primarily to help homeowners who were on fixed incomes and whose property taxes were increasing at the same rate as their house values were increasing, which was significant. Many fixed-income homeowners were being forced out of their homes because they could not afford to pay their taxes.

In Michigan, the same scenario applies. If retiring in one of the Grosse Pointes (or other Michigan cities) is a possibility, with all the talk about how much you will need to live on in your retirement, with the present way property taxes are being calculated, at least you could be assured that your property taxes can only be increased by 5 percent or the rate of inflation, whichever is less.

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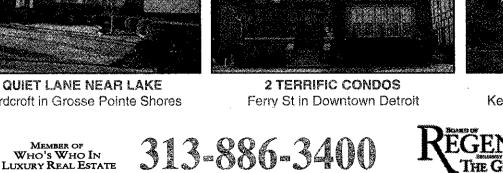
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ANTIQUE'S AMBIENCE By Diane Morelli Don't overlook Buffalo China pieces



B uffalo Pottery, now known as Buffalo China, was made in Buffalo, N.Y., after 1902 when the Buffalo Pottery company was founded to produce china items offered as promotional gifts by the soap manufacturer, John D. Larkin of the famous Larkin Soap Manufacturing Co. Extremely durable, the dinnerware became popular at U.S. roadside diners.

I remember, at a very young age, noticing some of the china restaurants used were different than my parents' dinnerware. I liked them. The restaurant china was thicker, heavier and felt different, almost smoother, sometimes hotter or colder. It is the natural smooth porcelain that I admired made by Buffalo China's natural creamy white color clay.

I keep a few "special" pieces of Buffalo China at home — a large oval serving bowl, platter and coffee mug. I enjoy them as much today, especially when dieting — plain celery tastes better in a cold, large and heavy Buffalo China bowl.

Vintage Buffalo China is becoming harder to find. Pieces are selling quickly on e-bay. A Pere Marquette Autoferry Buffalo China sugar bowl recently sold on e-Bay for \$1,581.71. Two Buffalo China "Hotel Astor" soup bowls sold for \$46.50; and eight Buffalo China green stripe restaurant fruit bowls sold for \$46.

"The Book of Buffalo Pottery," by Violet and Seymour Altman, documents or depicts every kind of ware the firm is known to have made. The book can be found at area book stores.

The pottery company made Deldare, Albino, blue willow, advertising and commemorative pieces, game sets, pitchers, jugs and more.

Buffalo China is now owned and distributed by Oneida.

I find my vintage Buffalo China pieces to be special, not to be used as an everyday china. The slightly oversized pieces stack thickly for storage and I wouldn't want to become used to using it. If I did, I might find myself admiring the thinness of Corelle. Vintage is meant for pampering.

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Bird-attracting plants

The Old Farmer's Almanac All-Seasons Garden Guide suggests several bird-attracting plants:

◆ Aster: This plant's late summer to autumn daisy-like flowers develop tasty seed heads sought by cardinals, chickadees, finches, nuthatches and many other seed eaters.

◆ Goldenrod: Goldenrod's showy panicles of golden-yellow flowers appear from late summer to fall on clumps of upright to branching leafy stems, providing food and cover for birds. Its nectar-rich flowers attract insects, which are a feast for bluebirds, mockingbirds, warblers, wrens and other insect eaters.

◆ Common elderberry: More than 120 bird species seek food, shelter, and

nesting sites here. In early summer, large, umbel-shape heads of creamywhite flower clusters attract hummingbirds; late summer to autumn's heavy crop of purple to black berries draws catbirds, orioles, robins, tanagers, thrashers, warblers, waxwings and woodpeckers, to name a few.

• Dogwood: This tree offers summer shelter and nesting sites. From late summer to fall and occasionally into winter, its small, fleshy fruit attract more than 90 species of birds, including bluebirds, cardinals, grosbeaks, jays, sparrows, tanagers, thrushes, vireos, warblers and woodpeckers.

The Old Farmer's Almanac All-Seasons Garden Guide is on sale wherever magazines are sold.





Buffalo China had a variety of marks used at different times during their production and on various types of wares. Most of the early Buffalo Pottery was stamped with a date.

During this Holy Week Celebrate Your Faith..... To my family, friends and clients. Thank you for your support.

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