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■ A \$10,700 party rewarding appointees to municipal boards and commissions is approved by a majority of the Grosse Pointe Woods City Council. Page 4A.

■ The Grosse Pointes-Clinton Refuse Disposal Authority (GPCRDA) is withholding a \$25,000 deposit placed on the land it owns in Lenox Township and is seeking up to \$25,000 in expenses after developer Gaetano Rizzo defaulted on the purchase of the \$2.5 million property at Gratiot and 28 Mile Road. Page 10A.

■ Elementary school principals and teachers give parents advice on how to prepare a child for kindergarten and how to tell if a child is ready. 13A.

■ The Grosse Pointe War Memorial's Ski Hi program continues to provide fun-filled skiing adventures to teenagers in the community. 1B.

WEEK AHEAD

Thursday, Jan. 23

The Friends of the Grosse Pointe Public Library will hold the first of its classic book discussions in the Grosse Pointe South High School amphitheater at 7:30 p.m.

Dr. Enoch Brater, professor of literature at the University of Michigan, will lead a discussion on "Medea" by Euripides.

The lecture is free for Friends of the Grosse Pointe Public Library and students. Non-members may attend for \$10. Attendees may register by calling (313) 343-2074. Registration is not mandatory, but recommended.

Saturday, Jan. 25

The Grosse Pointe Farms Parks and Recreation Department will hold its Winterfest 2003 at the Pier Park from noon to 3 p.m.

The event, open to Farms residents, is subject to weather conditions.

For more information, call (313) 343-2045.

Monday, Jan. 27

LocalMotion will present the second lecture in a four-part series titled "Improving the Environment for Our Children's Health" at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial at 7 p.m.

The lecture will be led by Dr. Ruth Etzel, who will discuss children's susceptibility to environmental hazards.

Tickets are \$5 at the door. For more information, call (734) 623-0773.

The City of Grosse Pointe City Council will meet in the City municipal building at 7 p.m.

Tuesday, Jan. 28

The Grosse Pointe Senior Men's Club will hold a short business meeting followed by a talk by club past president Ed Olsen, who will speak on the Vuitton Cup race to be held in New Zealand, at 11:30 a.m. at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial.

Call (313) 881-5592.

Thursday, Jan. 30

Grosse Pointe Farms Mayor Ronald Kneiser will hold open office time from 8:30 to 10 a.m. in the Farms city hall.

For more information, call (313) 885-6600.

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Photo by Jennie Miller

Honoring the King of dreams

To celebrate the dream of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., St. Clare of Montefalco Catholic School students gathered together on Monday, Jan. 20. Members of the school's Diversity Club marched into the church, carrying signs promoting the message of Dr. King. See story, page 11A.

Farms may patrol the lake

By Bonnie Caprara
Staff Writer

Public safety patrols in Grosse Pointe Farms may likely extend to the Canadian border by this summer says a public safety officer.

Public safety officer Chris Fontaine is working on forming a dive team and a shore patrol for the department.

"This will serve two main purposes," Fontaine said. "The first will be to provide year-round ice and water rescue. Right now, the only rescue services we have is the Wayne County Sheriff's Department, which keeps a boat on Belle Isle, and the U.S. Coast Guard in St. Clair Shores. This way, we'll have a better chance at effecting a rescue than a recovery."

"Secondly, we'll be able to provide law enforcement to the shoreline. Since 9/11, there's been an emphasis on border security."

Currently, four public safety officers expressed an interest in being on the dive team and shore patrol. Fontaine said the dive team and shore patrol may accept personnel from the City of Grosse Pointe, Grosse Pointe Park and Grosse Pointe Shores if funding allows.

Fontaine said that the dive team and shore patrol may be called upon for mutual aid by the other three Grosse Pointes that border the lake.

The Farms is the only one of the lakefront Grosse Pointes that has law enforcement jurisdiction on Lake St. Clair. Jurisdiction extends to the Canadian border.

The Wayne County Sheriff's Department has offered to loan the Farms public safety department a 25-foot Pursuit boat for its nautical operations. The acceptance of the boat needs approval from the Farms city council.



Photo by Carrie Cunningham

Three Harper Woods police officers received citations for brave and professional service while apprehending an armed robber. From left, are Sergeant Dennis Root, dispatcher Donna Root, Sergeant Jim Burke and Police Chief Larry Semple, who presented the citations.

Three Harper Woods officers receive citations

By Carrie Cunningham
Staff Writer

Three members of the Harper Woods police Department received citations for their dedication and professionalism in handling the apprehension of an armed robber.

Sergeant Dennis Root, his wife, dispatcher Donna Root, and Sergeant Jim Burke performed with valor in a precarious situation. Root and Burke chased the armed robber, Ryan Earle, who crashed on the I-94 exit of Allard. Burke shot at the armed robber, who

eventually died. Root was accidentally shot in the leg by another police officer and Donna Root received all the radio messages about what was happening.

"This brings home how dangerous the job can be," said Police Chief Larry Semple. "It's the first time in the history of Harper Woods that we've had to shoot and kill someone and the first time one of our officers has been shot."

The citations highlight the mem-

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Farms council narrows the field to fill vacancy

By Bonnie Caprara
Staff Writer

By setting qualifications to fill the vacancy left by former Mayor Edward Gaffney on the Grosse Pointe Farms City Council, the council already has a short list of potential council members.

At its work session on Monday, Jan. 20, the council agreed it would narrow the field of eight candidates to those who have either served on a city council or worked in city administration.

"Whichever candidate we get will have to hit the ground running," Councilman Terry Davis said, a remark echoed by several other councilmen.

The city council also expressed an interest in finding a candidate who did not have an interest in running for council in November when the term of the current vacant seat ends.

"I don't want the public to think we're trying to hand pick a candidate," Davis said.

On the short list are Robert T. Herdegen Jr., who served on the Farms city

council from 1968 to 1970; Joseph T. Leonard, who recently retired as the Farms' director of public service of 13 years; and Myrna M. Smith, who served on the City of Grosse Pointe City Council from 1987 to 1995 and has lived in the Farms for 4 1/2 years.

All three candidates said they were not interested in seeking election later this year.

Other candidates as of press time include Paul C. Gracey, Edward F. Lambrecht III, Scott J. Lupo, Valerie Moot and Eric M. Turin.

In all, several of the councilmen said all of the candidates had something to "bring to the table."

The council will accept letters of interest until Friday, Jan. 24, at 4:30 p.m. From there, the council will review the letters and attempt to come to a consensus at its March 10 regular meeting.

If no decision is made, the council said it would interview the top contenders and take it to a vote at a meeting before the council's 60-day deadline on March 7.

Top candidates' views

According to the qualifications set by the Grosse Pointe Farms City Council to find a replacement for the seat left vacant by Edward Gaffney, to date, three of eight people who expressed an interest in filling the remainder of Gaffney's term are most likely to be considered by the council.

In their letters of interest, here's what each of the candidates said he or she would bring to the council:

Robert T. Herdegen Jr.: "About a year and a half ago, I became disturbed with some of the conduct and decisions of the previous council and determined to once again take a close interest in its direction. In those 18 months, I have attended almost all council meetings, although I have spoken up on only two matters in which I was a 'notified neighbor' ... I am generally up to speed on how the council functions and am well acquainted with the immediate issues facing it."

Joseph T. Leonard: "With regard to city business, I've been an active participant in the administrative review of council agenda items along with attending and participating in the workshop sessions and regularly scheduled meetings of the city council. As a result of this, I am knowledgeable on many of the issues, and there would be no lost time to 'bring someone up to speed.'"

Myrna M. Smith: "I very much enjoyed being able to contribute to the community as a member of the

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POINTER OF INTEREST

Tony Rennpage

Home: Grosse Pointe Woods

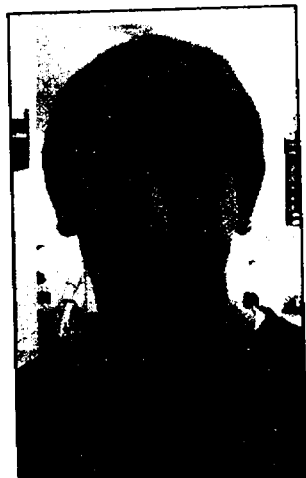
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Family: Parents, Pam and Randy; sister, Gina, 25; brother, Nick, 23.

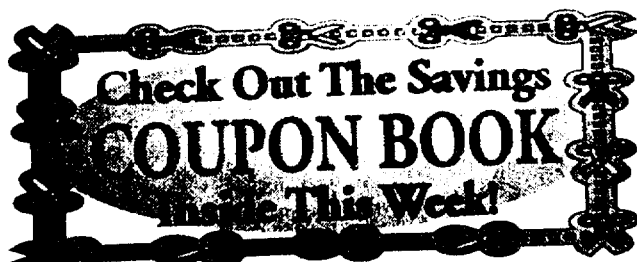
Claim to Fame: In his freshman year at Grosse Pointe North, Rennpage is manager of the boys and girls swim teams and plays wheelchair basketball with the Sterling Heights Challengers.

Quote: "Swimming, basketball and homework are my life."

See story, page 4A



Tony Rennpage



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& CONNECTION



yesterday's headlines

50 Years ago this week

■ Grosse Pointe public school officials expect to reach a decision this week on whether to seek voter approval for the purchase of Country Day School property.

The property is located next to the High School on Grosse Pointe Boulevard.

Country Day administrators express a willingness to sell and want to move their school to Cook Road in Grosse Pointe Woods, opposite the Detroit University School.

■ All residents are invited to attend dedication ceremonies for the Central Branch library this Sunday, Jan. 25, from 3 to 6 p.m.

The building, made possible by gifts from D.M. Ferry Jr. and the late Murray W. Sales, will serve a large portion of the Pointes and house administrative offices.

■ A \$500,000 bond issue to enlarge Pier Park is approved by members of the Grosse Pointe Farms city council.

Now the voters have to decide.

If the two-year project goes forward, work will include harbor improvements and development of extensive swimming facilities on the south side of the property.

25 years ago this week

■ Both the Grosse Pointe Woods and City councils approve the Grosse Pointes-Clinton Refuse Disposal Authority to issue \$1.2 mil-

lion in bonds.

The money will be used for capital improvements and to buy property for a landfill.

■ Parents on the committee to save Austin Prep school are feeling a "little jumpy" but confident they'll be able to keep the school's doors open next fall.

A spokesman for the group says budget and organizational plans have been developed to keep the 25-year-old Catholic boy's school operating for several years to come.

All that's needed is approval from the Augustinian Provincial Council, which will gather in Chicago to decide on the matter within a few weeks.

■ Pointers deal with a record 40.4-inch total snowfall for the area so far this season.

10 years ago this week

■ Dan Clark is appointed to the Grosse Pointe Park city council.

Clark will serve the remaining three years of the remaining Richner's term. Richner has resigned from the council to serve on the Wayne County Board of Commissioners.

■ Wilber Elston, editorial writer for the Grosse Pointe News, is selected for induction into the Michigan Journalists Hall of Fame in East Lansing.

■ The Woods Opera Company is preparing for its premier performance in March.

The company, consisting of 44 fifth-graders from Ferry, Mason and Poupard elementary schools in the Woods, is working on a 30-minute opera under the auspices of Education at the Met, a department of the Metropolitan Opera Guild, Inc.

5 years ago this week

■ Coffee lovers will have a chance to add to their mug collections with the arrival of Starbucks Coffee to the Village in the City of Grosse Pointe.

The nationwide coffee house and mail order chain plans to move into a building at the corner of Kercheval and Notre Dame being vacated by La Strega clothing store.

■ Saying that Borders Books will help improve a "reasonably healthy" business climate in the Village, representatives of the book store giant based in Ann Arbor reveal drawings of their new store in the City of Grosse Pointe.

Borders Books and Music will be located in the building currently housing Jacobson's store for the home.

■ Major crime continues to be a non-issue in Grosse Pointe Shores, according to 1997 statistics, released by the department of public safety.

There hasn't been an auto theft in the Shores since 1994, when two vehicles were stolen.

— Brad Lindberg

50 years ago this week



A preview of Grosse Pointe's new Central Library

This view of part of the reading room of the new Grosse Pointe Public Library Branch shows some of the comfortable chairs and sofas that will be available to users of the new facility. The entire left wall of this room is solid glass, looking out over Kercheval Avenue. Recessed cold cathode lighting in the unusual ceiling treatment affords brilliant but glare-free illumination. The broad expanse of paneling overhead is made of teak, which has been used extensively throughout the building. (Photo by Fred Runnells. From the Jan. 22, 1953 Grosse Pointe News.)

Views

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(City of) Grosse Pointe City Council. Everything had been done the same way for so many years, and some new ideas were needed. As a

result of my input, commissions were formed, and the council turned the Foundation over to the community. Sometimes my ideas were considered abrasive to the old guard, but the

results were worth it.

"... It is also crucial as a council member to be fully informed about the issues brought before the council and to personally visit the site of a proposed variance, which I generally did. Attendance is an important criterion, and, as a member of the (City of) Grosse Pointe City Council, I rarely missed a meeting ...

"Realtors always have their finger on the pulse of the community as it is vital to our business. I understand zoning and variances and their impact on property values."

— Bonnie Capra

Citations

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bers of the department as examples of what's best in law enforcement and are a general commendation of what they did.

"We try to reinforce that the officers be vigilant in what they're doing," Semple said. "We present them with this departmental citation for performing their job in an exceptionally dedicated manner."

City Manager Jim Leidlein listened to the tape of the dispatcher during the shoot out and said how calm and professional the voices sound.

"All three of you did the city proud," he said at the cessation of the citation ceremony.

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Maura D. Corrigan reelected chief of state's highest court

Maura D. Corrigan will serve a second two-year term as Chief Justice of the Michigan Supreme Court, following an election last week held by the Justices.

Corrigan, of Grosse Pointe Park, said she appreciated "having the continued confidence of my colleagues. Being Chief Justice is both a supreme honor and a supreme burden. I could not carry out this role without my colleagues' support."

Corrigan, the Supreme Court's 62nd Chief Justice, noted that many challenges lie ahead for the state's judiciary.

"We have accomplished a great deal in recent years to improve court services for Michigan citizens, but we still have much to do," she said.

In December 2002, the Michigan Legislature passed legislation permitting streamlining of trial courts on a "local option" basis. Although the Supreme Court took no position on the bills, the Court has long supported the concept of streamlined courts.

Corrigan said, "I believe that this development holds

great promise for our state judicial branch and for the people of Michigan. Now Michigan citizens have the option of streamlined courts."

Court reform legislation charges the Supreme Court with reviewing court consolidation plans, Corrigan added. The Supreme Court and the State Court Administrative Office, the Court's administrative arm, "will be ready to help any county that is interested in trial court reform," Corrigan said.

A continuing challenge for the Court is implementing the federally-mandated Child Support Enforcement System (CSES), a computer module that permits tracking of child support payments on a national basis, Corrigan noted. The State of Michigan faces over \$142 million in federal penalties if all Michigan counties do not convert by the Oct. 1, 2003 deadline.

If Michigan's CSES is certified by federal authorities, the state could recoup \$36 million in federal sanctions that the state has already paid, in addition to avoiding

future penalties. While CSES is managed by the state's Department of Information Technology, Corrigan has said the system's success "is a top priority of this Court."

"We have already come a long way toward federal certification of Michigan's CSES system, and the vast majority of Michigan counties have already committed to this effort, but we need all counties on board," Corrigan said. "If we are successful, not only will the state avoid huge penalties, but we will have improved tracking of child support and a better way to find parents who try to evade their support obligations."

Corrigan was elected to the Michigan Supreme Court in November 1998 for an eight-year term and was first elected Chief Justice in January 2001. Her second term as Chief Justice will run through 2004.

Corrigan graduated magna cum laude from Marygrove College with a Bachelor of Arts degree in 1969, and cum laude from the University of Detroit Law School with a Juris Doctor in 1973.

She served as a law clerk to the Honorable John Gillis of the Michigan Court of Appeals, worked as an assistant prosecuting attorney in Wayne County from 1974 to 1979, and was appointed Chief of Appeals in the U.S. Attorney's Office for the Eastern District of Michigan.

In 1986, she was promoted to Chief Assistant United States Attorney, the first woman to hold that position.

In 1989, Corrigan became a partner in the law firm of Plunkett & Cooney, where she specialized in litigation and appeals.

In March of 1992, she was appointed to the Michigan Court of Appeals by Governor John Engler. Corrigan was elected to a partial term on the Court of Appeals and then reelected in 1994 to a full six-year term.

After receiving the nomination of her colleagues, the Supreme Court appointed Corrigan as Chief Judge of the 28-judge appeals court and its 250 employees in 1997.

She served two years as Chief Judge of the Court of Appeals before being elected to the Michigan Supreme Court.

Lake Township picks new trustee

By Bonnie Caprara
Staff Writer

With a population of 80, it could almost be said that the residents of Lake Township take turns taking seats in municipal government.

Farms plans Winterfest Jan. 25

Grosse Pointe Farms residents and guests are invited to attend the City of Grosse Pointe Farms Parks and Recreation Department's Winterfest 2003 on Saturday, Jan. 25, from noon to 3 p.m. at Pier Park.

Scheduled activities include an ice fishing contest, ice skating races, a hockey puck shooting contest, and a chili cook-off contest.

All chili cook-off entries must be preregistered at the parks and recreation office by 4 p.m. on Thursday, Jan. 23. All chili cook-off entries must be at the recreation building at Pier Park by 11:45 a.m. the day of Winterfest.

Featured attractions this year include the Siberian Express dog sled team, an Advanced Aquatics ice diving and rescue demonstration, and an ice carving demonstration by Emil Szikpala, the Chainsaw Man of Michigan.

Winterfest door prizes include a one-night stay at Boyne Mountain with a free round of golf or free lift tickets, a hockey puck autographed by Detroit Red Wing Darren McCarty, and an autographed picture of Detroit Tiger Damion Easley. Free Coney dogs, coffee, and hot chocolate will be available. For more information, call (313) 343-2405.

Daddy-Daughter Dance in GPW

Dads with daughters aged five to 10 years old in Grosse Pointe Woods are invited to attend the Daddy Daughter Dance on Saturday, Feb. 8, from 1 to 3 p.m. at the Lake Front Park activities building.

Admission is free. All girls will receive a photo with their father and a keepsake. Cookies and punch will be served.

Those wishing to attend must register by calling the park office at (313) 343-2470.

However, that was not the case for Glenn Peters, who was appointed township trustee on Monday, Jan. 20.

Peters replaces Hendrick Rivard, who moved out of the township.

Peters is the retired director of personnel of Macomb Community College. He and his wife, Elizabeth, have lived in the Lake Township section of Grosse Pointe Shores since 1985. They have three daughters and six grandchildren.

"He was chosen from a list of possibilities," Township Supervisor Richard Fox said.

"He was the favorite candidate based on interviews and his experience in the township and the village."

"I thought this would be a great opportunity to serve the community," said Peters, who is a newcomer to municipal government service.

Peters' term runs through November 2005.

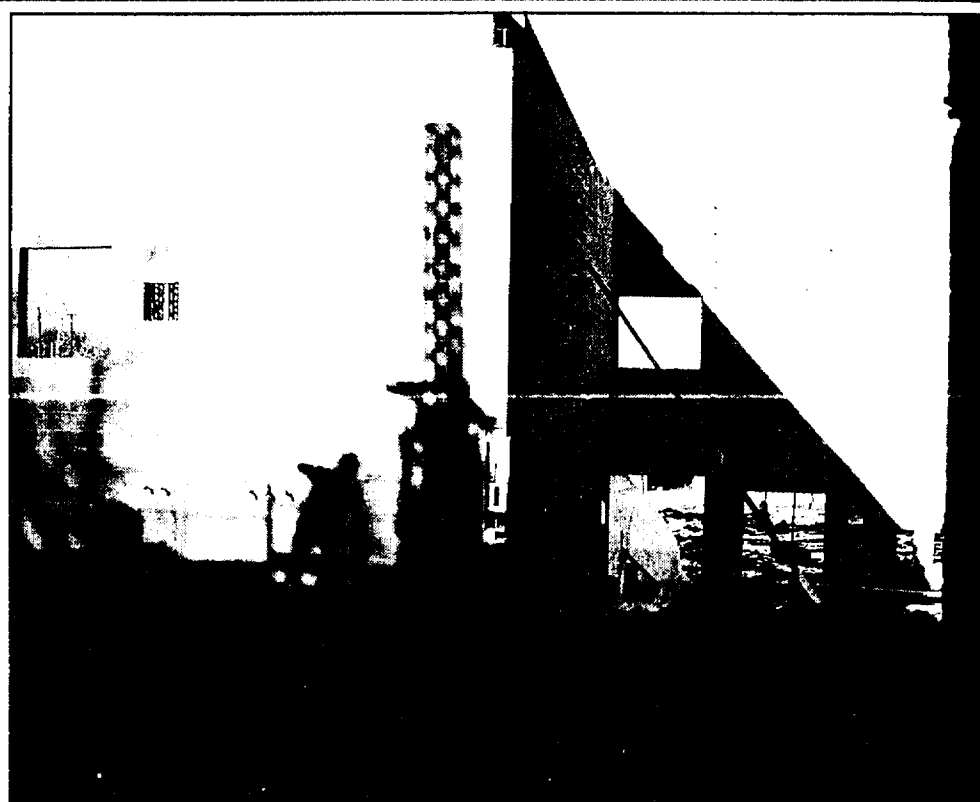


Photo by Brad Lindberg

A sunny day reveals the shadow of a construction worker on a cinder block wall of the year-round activities building under way at Windmill Pointe Park.

Park plans projects for 2003

Library construction targeted for April

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

A string of recreation improvements will highlight municipal construction this year in Grosse Pointe Park.

The city's main recreation project, a year-round activities building at Windmill Pointe Park, is on track to open Memorial Day weekend.

Workers have nearly finished the outer walls. The roof comes next.

When the outer shell is complete, work will begin on interior features: a gymnasium, bathhouse, exercise areas, meeting rooms and, the structure's main feature, a 200-seat auditorium.

Terri Solomon, park director has lined up suppliers of furniture and cardiovascular exercise machines. Brian Colter, city forester, has toured the site with members of the beautification commission.

"We're trying to figure out what type of trees to plant, how many and where to put them," Colter said.

Also at Windmill, the wading pool will be reconfigured to make it more accessible.

Three Mile Park

Dale Krajniak, city manager, has three ideas for Patterson Park, known commonly as Three Mile Park.

"We're looking at creating a wild flower garden along the park's west side," he said.

The garden is being planned for more than esthetic reasons.

"It will reduce maintenance costs," Krajniak said. "Instead of cutting all that grass, we'll cover an entire hill area with wild flowers."

In the fall, Krajniak plans to alter the baby pool into something resembling a "splash pad."

"We're looking at reconfiguring the pool and installing in water sprays to save the cost of a lifeguard throughout the summer," Krajniak said. Lifeguards earn about \$8,000 per summer.

He said it will be like "walking through a water fountain," Krajniak said.

Cost projections range to about \$60,000, including plumbing installed by city employees.

The pad will feature streams of water shooting from numerous jets.

Also at Three Mile, Krajniak would like to install a small warming structure next to the ice skating rink.

"Attendance at our ice rink has exceeded attendance during summer," he said. "I'd like to put in a gazebo with wooden benches around an earthen fireplace. There would be hot chocolate and coffee. That's something we'll look at in fall."

Other projects

To make way for construction of a new branch library in April, the city-owned former Jefferson Chevrolet building on Jefferson and Lakepointe will be demolished.

City officials gave their blessing to the library board's construction plans last year.

"The library anticipates start-up in April," Krajniak said.

Among other projects, the regular street maintenance program will resume in spring.

"We do an inventory every spring and analyze which street will be undertaken," Krajniak said.

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Pointer aims high in basketball and in life

By Jennie Miller
Staff Writer

With the basketball championship game drawing closer, Tony Rennpage, a freshman at Grosse Pointe North High School, is practicing his moves.

These moves are typical skills associated with the sport of basketball: dribbling, passing, shooting, rebounding, etc.; however, Rennpage has to do all of this while maneuvering a wheelchair.

In his second year on the Sterling Heights Challengers, Rennpage is nearly old enough and talented enough to join the "varsity" team with the older kids.

He looks up to the players, especially the captains, who have proven to him that a disability is nothing to stand in one's way.

Rennpage was born with cerebral palsy, a condition resulting from damage inflicted on the brain during the birthing process.

It is considered a developmental disability that affects control of one's muscles.

Some individuals who are born with cerebral palsy are unable to walk, talk, eat or play in the same way as most other kids.

"It's so vast what my dis-

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abilities might have been," Rennpage said.

But his case is mild compared to some individuals diagnosed with cerebral palsy.

"It's not so bad. It's normal to me," he said, referring to his slightly slowed speech and his need to use a walker most of the time around North.

But Rennpage is able to stand on his own, something that the wheelchair basketball team doesn't hold against him.

"The only (requirement) to play on the team is something that doesn't allow you to play on a regular team," he said.

Rennpage thinks the experience is thrilling.

"I'm trying to learn to be like the Globetrotters and pass the ball behind my back," he said.

He is looking forward to joining the team of high schoolers, who were undefeated last year and won the national championship.

"It'll be different. It's faster and more rough, but I can't wait," he said.

Rennpage is also excited to put his peers and teachers to the test. In the spring,

there is going to be a team put together of North's faculty and members of the Varsity basketball team to compete against the Challengers.

"We're going to put them in wheelchairs and see how they do," he said.

Aside from basketball, Rennpage is the manager of North's girls and boys swim teams, which he has been working since just prior to starting eighth grade.

"As a manager of both the boy's and girl's swim teams, Tony is invaluable," said Sarah Booher, assistant coach of the girls swim team and Rennpage's Algebra teacher. "He is an extremely hard worker."

Working up to 15 hours a week, Rennpage keeps track of the swimmers' statistics and times. He helps out at practices every day after school and during home meets and tournaments.

"It's pretty time consuming, but I enjoy it," he said. "It's something to look forward to instead of the pattern of going to school, going home, doing homework and going to bed."

Rennpage became interested in the sport of swim-

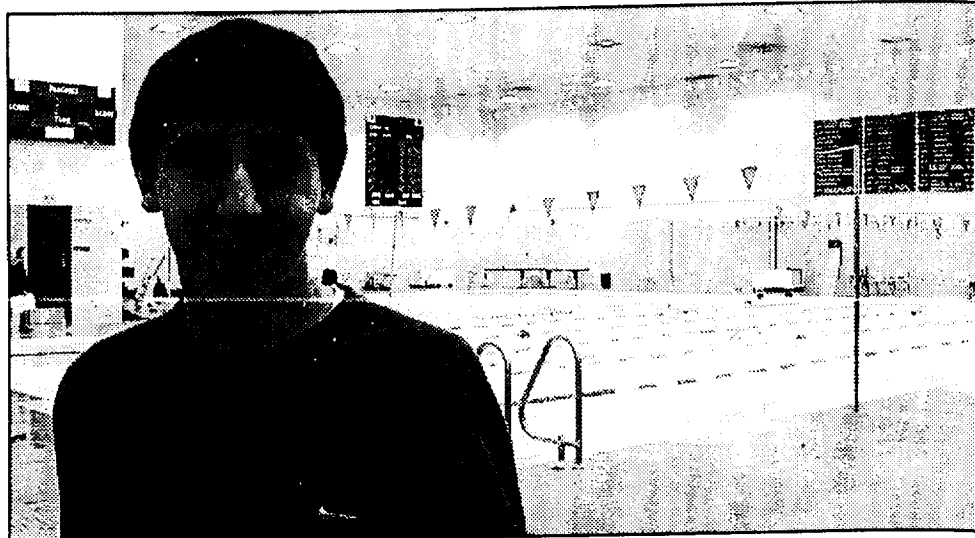


Photo by Jennie Miller

Tony Rennpage, 15, is the manager of the Grosse Pointe North High School boys and girls swim teams. He also plays in wheelchair basketball competitions with the Sterling Heights Challengers.

ming through his brother, Nick, who swam in Grand Blanc and while a student at North. He is now a coach of the Lake Front Park summer team and Pointe Aquatics.

"I would go to his meets when I was little and wished I could be the timer," he said.

Rennpage's favorite gift was from his brother: a stopwatch and a shirt just like the ones the timers wore at his meets.

He would then sit in the

stands and keep track of his brother's scores.

Rennpage plans to continue the managerial work with the swim teams throughout his high school education.

Following graduation, he hopes to pursue work in a similar field in college and as a future career.

"I want to work (Mike) Illich," he said with a hopeful smile.

Sports are a major interest for Rennpage, who finds any way he can to work

around his disability to play.

He attends summer camps in Grand Rapids and at the University of Illinois, where he can play basketball, football and learn how to rock climb.

"Anything is possible," he said.

The time spent at school, working and playing sports doesn't leave much room for Rennpage to do many other things.

"Swimming, basketball and homework are my life," he said.

Chylinski against \$10,700 wing ding

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

Facing cuts in state funding and long-standing municipal problems that won't go away on their own, one member of a local city council thinks it's wasteful to spend nearly \$11,000 of taxpayer money on a party.

"I think we should start a fund to build parking lots on Mack Avenue," said Grosse Pointe Councilwoman Patty Chylinski, referring to the decades-old parking crunch in the city's commercial district. "We need to start looking at alternatives to our parking situation. We need to start now."

Chylinski was the sole vote against a \$10,700 city-

sponsored party on Feb. 8. The party, called a Community Appreciation Reception, is held annually to thank city commissioners and board members for their service.

"I think it's a good appropriation," said Mayor Robert Novitke, who appointed many of the roughly 120 prospective guests. "Once a year — I think it's appropriate."

Voting with Novitke this week were council members Joseph Dansbury, Allen Dickinson, Thomas Fahrner and Vicki Granger and Eric Steiner.

Members of the Woods' many boards and commissions serve without pay, unlike the mayor and city

council, except for small sums issued to appointees to the Board of Appeals.

Novitke said, "I have tried to estimate what it would cost us for services rendered with all of those commissions."

"You're talking a lot of hours and dedication. This city should count itself lucky to have that number of people willing to give that kind of time. This is a thank you to them."

Chylinski opposed scheduling the reception at a private club rather than a less expensive municipal facility.

"We have a beautiful community center here," Chylinski said.

She will not attend the party.

Pointes' new Rep. targets polluters

Bill would double fines up to \$100,000

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

A group of freshman lawmakers has pooled its newly-elected clout to soak polluters of Michigan waterways.

On the day of swearing-in ceremonies last week, a chorus of "I do's" had barely finished echoing through the 110-member House of Representatives when Ed Gaffney, the Grosse Pointes' new Republican in Lansing, introduced a bill to double fines for polluting.

Gaffney, of the Farms, called the bipartisan effort by four Republicans and two Democrats an "important statement. It sets the tone for what I want to do. I'm concerned about the Great Lakes, St. Clair River and Detroit River."

If signed into law by Michigan's new, pro-environment Gov. Jennifer Granholm, House Bill 4007 would:

- Double minimum fines for polluters to \$5,000, with a new maximum of \$50,000,
- Allow courts to fine offenders up to \$50,000 for each day an unlawful discharge took place and
- Fine repeat offenders \$100,000 each day of discharge and sent to jail for two years.

"One of the reasons I ran for office was to do something to make sure Lake St. Clair is pristine," Gaffney said. "Lake St. Clair pro-

vides drinking water to about four million people."

The measure would update a 30-year-old law that hadn't been amended since 1990.

"The fines were too low to be a deterrent," Gaffney said.

"You want a fine to be a penalty, not a mere cost of business," said Rep. Steve Bieda, D-Warren, a co-sponsor.

Fellow co-sponsor Rep. Morris Hood III, D-Detroit, said the legislation is a step toward cooperative government.

"We're working together as a whole," Hood said. "With the new reps coming in, we're hoping we can cross party lines to do things that are good for our state."

"Why make it a partisan issue?" Gaffney said. "It's the right thing to do. It's a fundamental right to have clean drinking water."

"Anything we can do to discourage pollution is important," said Cyndi Roper, Michigan director of Clean Water Action, a citizens environmental group with more than 750,000 members nationwide.

"We're coming out of an era in state government where enforcement (of pollution law) has been extremely lax," Roper said. "That's another signal we hear in this bill (from) a bipartisan group of lawmakers who understand the need that

people aren't breaking the law."

Roper's organization tallied nearly 15,100 permitted, industrial discharges totaling more than 52 billion gallons into Michigan waterways during 2001.

Discharges from within Wayne County led the list with 87 percent of total reported combined sewer overflows amounting to 45 billion gallons.

The number of illegal discharges weren't included because of their unreported nature.

"One of the big problems we have is that the state has not been doing an adequate job of monitoring (polluters)," Roper said. "We're in a crisis now."

Gaffney's revision would funnel fines to the state general fund. Money would not be set aside for enforcement.

"The money could be lost in never-never land and not fund enforcement," Roper said. "Money such as this should fund enforcement. We need cops on the beat to make sure violators are caught."

Hood said stiff fines would make polluters think twice so discharges "never happen in the first place."

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Reviewing Engler's Tenure

By Lawrence W. Reed

When it comes to Michigan's 46 governors, few have had a memorable impact.

In the 19th century, Austin Blair led the state through the Civil War. Then came Henry Crapo, who fixed the state's finances and stood foursquare against government subsidies to private businesses. In the 20th century, Alexander Groesbeck built a state highway system and beat back two attempts to ban private education; and G. Mennen "Soapy" Williams ran an activist but remarkably clean administration and built the Mackinac Bridge.

These high-impact governors are now joined by one more: Gov. John Engler. No one with more than a passing grasp of Michigan history can claim that Engler hasn't made a difference or that he doesn't rank among the most important of the state's chief executives. In many respects, the state of Michigan will feel his impact for years and perhaps decades to come.

Engler met an inherited budget deficit head-on. Rather than increase taxes, he slashed spending in his first year. Twelve years later, the state's General Fund is lower in real terms than it was in the

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final year of the previous administration of James Blanchard — a rare and remarkable example of sustained fiscal discipline. (The total state budget doubled, but much of that was due to increased infusions of cash from the federal government or the shift in education funding from local to state government.)

President Reagan's firing of air traffic controllers who struck illegally in 1981 set a tone that shaped policy for a decade. Likewise, Engler's move to abolish the General Assistance program laid the foundation for a new way of thinking about public assistance.

At the center of the Engler welfare reforms, which helped spur dramatic changes at the federal level, was the idea that welfare recipients have a responsibility to get their lives in order, regard public assistance as a temporary help, and do their utmost to work their way off the dole.

Under Engler, Michigan also became one of the foremost states in education reform. He led a charter-school revolution that is alive and well today, created a more equitable per-pupil school funding

formula that dramatically reduced property taxes, and pushed a public-school-choice program that provides incentive for schools to compete for students. He supported legislation that put teeth in Michigan's anti-teacher strike law and gave school boards more freedom to competitively contract for school support services.

The Mackinac Center for Public Policy helped to craft or advance many Engler initiatives, but we also had our disagreements. We wish he had cut even more deeply into state spending and done more to reform labor laws to make unions more accountable to their members.

Most importantly, we regret the second term's turn toward discriminatory tax abatements and subsidies to business and the creation of the semi-public Michigan Economic Development Corp. Rather than allowing the state to pick economic winners and losers, we would have preferred more substantial cuts in everyone's taxes.

But even on that score the governor should have substantial credit. No governor in recent Michigan history has done

more to lighten the state tax burden than John Engler. Michigan made more progress in this regard than any other major industrial state, though we remain a relatively high-tax one. The governor's fiscal restraint assured Michigan a top-draw bond rating.

The judicial branch of state government will reflect Engler's impact for years to come. The governor believes that judges and courts should interpret the law, not manufacture it, and he appointed many thoughtful and capable strict-constructionists to the bench. Michigan's current Supreme Court, in which five of the seven justices are committed to this view of the law, may be the finest in the nation. This is, in great measure, because of Engler's influence.

Gov. Engler earns high marks for many other achievements. He took state government out of the workers compensation business by selling off the Accident Fund. He kept a lid on the growth of the state-employee workforce. And he boldly exercised executive authority to reorganize state agencies and departments to make them more accountable and efficient.

All in all, a pretty good run. Gov. Granholm would do well to recognize the achievements of the Engler era and work to build upon and extend them, not undo them.

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Potty stop

If all goes as planned, we will move into a new home sometime soon. We have been working on renovations to our new house for a few months and the major project is outfitting a new master bathroom.

This is a story about my pursuit of a new commode.

One of my advisers in home repair suggested that we replace our ancient toilet with one that has a three-gallon tank. Some brilliant politicos have banned these toilets in the United States and one can only purchase a 1.6 gallon tank in the states.

The problem, not so delicately stated, is that most of the new commodes require two flushes to "do the job." Hence we are using more water than ever; so much for the theory of conservation.

After considerable research, I determined the only place to buy a large-capacity commode is in Canada and wasn't I fortunate to live so close.

A pal joined me for the trip across the border in search of the perfect toilet, to be followed by lunch in some exotic place in Windsor. My friend came prepared with Canadian coins for tolls and meters. We used the Canadian quarters in the meter behind the plumbing supply store. The meter appeared broken and flashed zeroes as we fed it.

This was my first foray into a plumbing store in decades. Never knew I could be so excited about bathroom fixtures. I not only found the large-capacity commode, but discovered it came in a high-rise style — two inches higher than average — a welcome feature for old folks who have had back and hip surgery.

However, there was only one in stock and it was chipped. A new one had to be ordered.

When we left the store we discovered a ticket on our windshield and noticed an officer writing tickets next to us. We explained that the meter wasn't functioning properly and he informed us that he could not rescind the ticket and if we wanted to contest it, we should go to the Bureau of Traffic up the street. We immediately went to plead our case, filled out a written report and were told we would be contacted by mail.

Five days later I received a ticket by mail, informing me that the meter was not broken and I owed \$12.

Two weeks passed and the store contacted me to tell me my shiny new commode was in. I gathered another friend and set out for Windsor with my ticket in my pocket. We picked up our porcelain prize

and a lovely saleslady carefully explained the exchanges, taxes, refunds, etc., to be declared at the border.

Confidently, we set out to argue the ticket and find a restaurant. Prepared for battle, I entered the Bureau of Traffic where I was greeted by a friendly woman who declared my ticket invalid and, with a smile, tore it up.

Hey, this day was going fine. We enjoyed a wonderful repast and headed home.

According to the instructions I had been given, we headed through the tunnel for home. Upon arriving in Detroit we were told to return through the tunnel and declare our purchase on the other side and please pay the toll once again.

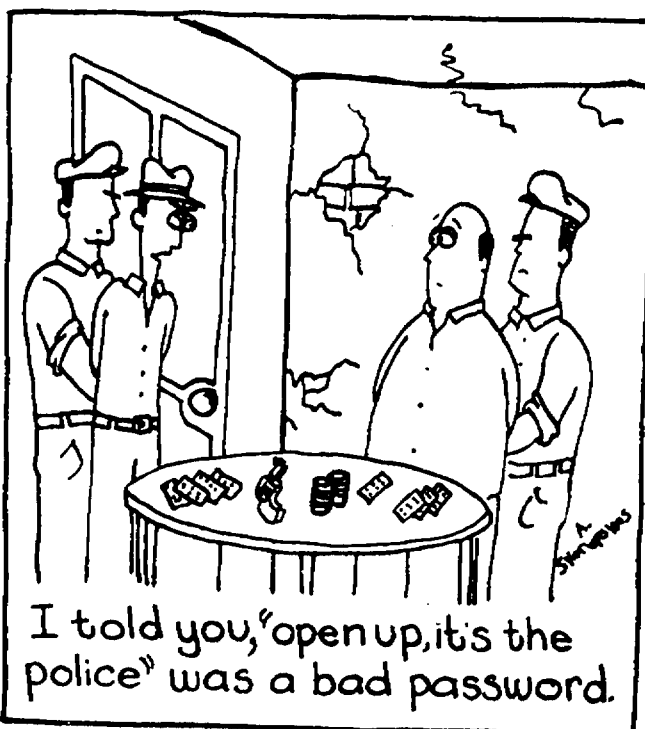
The traffic was starting to pick up and we crawled into Windsor to the Duty Free Shop. After waiting in a long line, I was told that I could not claim a refund because the commode wasn't purchased that day. After a phone call to the store, a show of a driver's license, car license, and various other receipts, I was directed to the cashier. It appeared that my quoted refund was in Canadian currency. If I wanted U.S. funds I must go to another cashier, where my greatly diminished refund was dispensed in money I could recognize.

Back in the tunnel, we once again arrived for our customs inspection. We were ordered to open the back of the car so that our throne could be inspected once again. After a cursory look, we were asked where the toilet was made.

I confessed to my ignorance on this matter. Another inspection ensued and it was determined that my commode had been compiled in several countries and therefore was considered a mutt. No further fee would be charged and I could return home.

I can only hope this mutt behaves well and is potty trained.

— Offering from the Loft



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Letters

Dragged down To the Editor:

I am a resident of Grosse Pointe Shores and a prior Grosse Pointe Woods resident. I am writing to express my extreme displeasure and disappointment with the Grosse Pointe Woods Planning Commission, City Council and Mayor.

The Woods is holding up the Woods branch library, a much needed improvement for Grosse Pointe. Perhaps the library should look for another Grosse Pointe Woods location to build that will use up more taxable property.

As a Parcels parent, I was at one point against the new library at the Parcels site, but after seeing the beautiful plans, elevation and improvements to the drop-off, pick-up traffic flow I was sold.

The Woods seems to be very "backward" on all new issues and opportunities, including the rejection of the proposed Cosi restaurant.

Cosi is a very nice and up-to-date establishment that would offer families and young teens a nice (hip) place to go. Cosi restaurants are currently in very upscale locations and are a plus to any community.

I suppose the Woods officials are waiting for something more their speed, like a "Colonial-themed McDonalds" to open in the now vacant Harmony House

location.

Woods residents should clean house the next election opportunity, including the mayor and other council members who are not with the times and dragging the city down.

G. Miserendino
Grosse Pointe Shores

Faultfinding

To the Editor:

This letter is in response to the letters "Make moves," (Grosse Pointe News, Jan. 9), and "Enough already," (Grosse Pointe News, Dec. 26).

While I was reading the latest one, I knew the minute I began reading it that it had to be another letter from the same writer.

Does the letter writer realize what a big crybaby he is? Does he also realize since he lost the election here in Grosse Pointe Woods he sounds like sour grapes? Does he realize all he does and has done is criticize this city? He finds fault with everything he is here.

Since he is so unhappy here in this city, why doesn't he pack up and move?

The Grosse Pointes have all been charming cities. This is what draws people to live in the Pointes. We all know parking on Mack Avenue is horrible and we all know somehow we all manage to survive it.

The letter writer's friend who had her car door torn

off, and was told it was her own fault, was at fault. Anyone who opens their car door on a busy street and does not make sure it is clear to do so is at fault if it gets hit. Use common sense.

Insulting the Grosse Pointes and calling it a nursing home shows that the letter writer is the problem. He has nothing good to say. Yes people love Somerset. I know I do. Somerset is a very large shopping area with many stores.

The Grosse Pointe Village could have done something to try to get another upscale store in their area but for some reason only known to the city it could not. Jacobson's allowed itself to go under by not servicing its customers and meeting their demands. When a large store stops catering to its customers and does not provide good service and good salespeople then the customers go elsewhere. So blame Jacobson's CEO, not Grosse Pointe.

Move away letter writer. Perhaps he should try Royal Oak. We don't want him here if he is so unhappy with the Grosse Pointes. I have a feeling no matter where he goes to live and set up business he will never be happy, and I pity him. He is a man with too much spare time on his hands.

G. Kravitz
Grosse Pointe Woods

Loving God — and each other

To live is to communicate. The supreme emotion in communicating is love. For me, I have found that belief in God — in my case Jesus Christ — is the most perfect way to transmit love. Everything else seems like noise.

Martin Luther King is a great example of how Christian witness can send a message of love to change the world. His faith, grounded in love, undergirded his every action, nonviolent yet beckoning for justice. He limned the power of love in a

speech:

"This call for a worldwide fellowship that lifts neighborly concern beyond one's tribe, race, class and nation is in reality a call for an all-embracing love for all mankind. This oft-misunderstood, this oft-misinterpreted concept, so readily dismissed by the Nietzsches of the world as a weak and cowardly force, has now become an absolute necessity for the survival of man."

When I speak of love I am not speaking of some sentimental and weak response. I'm speaking of that force which all of the great religions have seen as the supreme unifying principle of life.

Love is somehow the key that unlocks the door which leads to ultimately reality.

This Hindu-Muslim-Christian-Jewish-Buddhist belief about the ultimate reality is beautifully



I Say

Carrie Cunningham

summed up in the first epistle of Saint John: Let us love one another for love is God. And every one that loveth is born of God and knoweth God. He that loveth not knoweth not God, for God is Love...If we love one another, God dwelleth in us and his love is perfected in us. Let us hope that this spirit will become the order of the day."

King's example should stand as an emblem to anyone who cares about the fate of our world. He preached

about our similarities and a quest for brotherhood. These values are eternally relevant.

A belief in God should not mean the creation of a theocracy. Religion mandated violates its very essence: It is a faith in love that can only germinate internally, from an individual's choice in his or her heart. Laws should be — and have been — made to uphold the tenets of our Constitution, but forcing religion upon the citizens of our country is not one of

them. Examples like King's can help people draw on religion out of their own volition to work for love and justice.

I think the Constitution's statement that "Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof" provides the necessary oxygen to have faith and make it grow. In his study of Islam, "Why I am Not a Muslim," Ibn Warraq, quotes John Locke, one of the philosophers whose ideas inspired the Constitution, to underscore the point about how the nature of religion makes its coercion by the state impossible.

"All the life and power of true religion consists in the inward and full persuasion of the mind; and faith is not faith without believing ... And such is the nature of the understanding that it can-

not be compelled to the belief of anything by outward force," Locke says.

I am not an expert in Christianity. I have read books about Christ and have read the Gospels. In my, as yet, shallow knowledge, Jesus waits for souls to believe in His message of repentance, equality, forgiveness and love. He loves souls individually with all their foibles, sins and subtle variety. He calls on each person to love each other as He loves him or her.

I have come to believe in these ideas: I ask Jesus forgiveness for my sins, and I hope to emulate Him by loving my neighbor with patience, dignity and humility.

I pray that all people in our world in every nation can open their hearts and have a faith that allows them to love — not divide and hate — each other.

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The Op-Ed Page



"AND SPRING COMES EVEN LATER WHEN THE RINK IS REFRIGERATED."

Visit the Grosse Pointe Dogs website: <http://gpdogs.keenspace.com>

Streetwise

Question of the Week:

Wisdom from the first graders at Star of the Sea School...

Please finish the sentence:



Dante Spindler

"If you lie down with dogs, you'll ... go to sleep."
— Dante Spindler.



Christopher White

"Better late than ... early."
— Christopher White.



Cassie Nutting

"Love all, trust ... my mom."
— Cassie Nutting.

"A friend in need is ... playing soccer."
— Jonathan Mazur.



By Suzy Berschback



Colleen Maher



Sean Roarty



Jonathan Mazur

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by Ben Burns

Blessed chain saw

New senior pastors, priests and rectors like to put their personal stamps on things, and a few weeks ago, the Rev. Bradford Whitaker at Christ Church Grosse Pointe in the Farms initiated a service of "The Blessing of the Toys."

Children brought up their prized Christmas acquisitions, and Whitaker blessed them and their use.

He was left a little nonplussed, however, according to reports, when he called the children to bring forth their stuffed animals, and young Kurt Huebner, about 5 years old, son of Peter and Laura of the City arrived with his teddy bear under one arm and a plastic chain saw under the other.

However, the good rector did his duty, and there is now a "blessed" toy chain saw in a place of honor in Kurt's bedroom. One wonders what the Greenpeace folks would say about a blessed chain saw, toy or otherwise.

Photogenic

Detroit Mayor Kwame Kilpatrick issued a glossy, colorful 32-page 2002 annual report on the status of the city recently called "Kids Cops Clean." There are at least 33 pictures of "His Bigness" in the publication.

Historical techno

Speaking of His Bigness, Detroit's mayor was a large presence at the preview opening of the Detroit Historical Museum's Techno Music Exhibit last Friday night.

The event marked the takeover by Park resident Bob Bury as executive director of the Detroit Historical Society that funds programs at the staid, old museum in the Cultural Center on Woodward.

Electronic music originated in Detroit and was big in Europe before catching on in this country. Crowd estimates at last year's downtown Electronic Music Fest ranged up to one million.

Friday's preview event marked a distinct change in atmosphere at the museum as the driving bass beat of electronic sound welcomed an eclectic crowd from the Grosse Pointes, other suburbs and the city of Detroit, some of whom probably had never been in the place.

Bill and Joan Gehrke, of the Farms, and Fred Marx, from Marx Layne Public Relations, represented one end of that spectrum and

the Detroit Mayor, surrounded by an enthusiastic crowd of techno fans, the other.

One suburbanite said of the ear-ringed mayor, "He is so big I can't see over him or around him."

The Freep quoted Bury as saying: "This exhibit is a way for us to be entertaining, educational and provocative. We need to get in the game and be seen as a place people look to for a cultural experience."

I have to confess whenever I hear the driving bass beat of an electronic composition I think of Edgar Allan Poe's story of "The Tell-Tale Heart." Knowing that I'm from Foggville, I didn't try to explain that to the young waitress who asked incredulously whether I liked techno music. I told her my son had a techno CD.

Life vigil

The late Sally Reynolds' picture appeared on the front page of The Michigan Catholic Jan. 17, along with a photo of 7,000 Catholics in a packed service at the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, D.C.

The crowd scene is from last year's Right to Life Vigil Mass, which took place a few weeks after Ms. Reynolds died of a heart attack on Dec. 26, 2001.

The newspaper reported the Mass and rosary following resulted from Ms. Reynolds efforts and started with 50 people in 1981 at the national basilica, the largest church in North America. It was expected to draw a similar sized crowd this year.

The newspaper quotes Father Michael Bugarin, director of the Pope John Paul II Cultural Center, as saying: "I have to admit it is a powerful experience to be at the shrine for the vigil ... This humble lady from the archdiocese 'started' what is perhaps the most important annual event for our pro-life cause." Several hundred bishops and other clergy take part in the services.

Reynolds' daughter Cindy Connors now lives in Fairfax, Va. And her son, Michael Reynolds, of Grosse Pointe Woods, is a local attorney and member of St. Joan of Arc Parish in St. Clair Shores.

In discussing his mother's role in launching what would become an annual national protest of the 1973 Roe v. Wade decision that legalized abortions, Reynolds told The Michigan Catholic he thought it was "a combination of my mom's deep love for Mary, her organizational skills and her flair for the dramatic that motivated her to provide a religious response to the U.S. Supreme Court's taking off their judicial robes and

trying to become legislators."

He added that he is happy people remember his mother "for those things that meant so much to her."

Ms. Reynolds is better known locally for her founding and long-time direction of the Grosse Pointe Children's Theater. A member of St. Clare de Montefalco Parish in the Park, she died on Dec. 26, 2001.

She founded the Children's Theater in 1954 and retired after 45 years in that role in 1999 having trained thousands of Grosse Pointe children.

She also wrote a play, "The Little Shepherds of Fatima" and took a cast of local children to the Shrine of Fatima in Portugal to perform it.

Art show

You still have time to catch former Grosse Pointe South High School student Evann O'Donnell's photographic work at an art exhibit at the Traffic Jam & Snug on Second at Canfield in Detroit, south of the Wayne State campus.

Evann, who graduated in 2001, joined fellow employees for her first show that will be up through Feb. 1. She has worked part time at one of Detroit's most interesting eateries during Christmas vacations and last summer.

She studied photography under Ray Deeb at South and at the College for Creative Studies and is now a student at Michigan State University. Her proud parents are Christine Stelma and James O'Donnell.

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.

Woods Winterfest is this Saturday

Grosse Pointe Woods residents can register for the 2nd Annual Winterfest, to be held Saturday, Jan. 25, by calling the Lake Front Park office through Friday, Jan. 24, at 5 p.m., at (313) 343-2470.

Winterfest, a free celebration of winter, begins with a chili competition at 11:30 a.m. Winners will be announced at noon.

Other scheduled activities include:

- 12 to 2 p.m.: Lunch and refreshments.

- 12:30 p.m.: Ice sculpting demonstration.

- 1:30 p.m.: "Score-O" competition.

- 2:30 p.m.: U.S. Coast Guard ice rescue demonstration.

Suzy Berschback is a freelance photographer in Grosse Pointe Farms and co-author of "Grosse Pointe 1880-1930." She welcomes suggestions for questions to her e-mail address at suzyberschback@comcast.net.

Farms nabs City home invader

Grosse Pointe Farms public safety officers nabbed a man wanted for stealing a miter saw from a garage in the 500 block of St. Clair in the City of Grosse Pointe.

City public safety officers first saw the suspect, a 28-year-old Detroit man, with the saw resting on the handlebar of his bike while he was pedaling on Neff near Mack at 11:13 p.m. on Tuesday, Jan. 14.

The man said he was using the saw while working on his friend's house on Vernor in Detroit and said he got the saw from his parents, who he said lived in the 1200 block of Bishop in Grosse Pointe Park. When asked why he was traveling so far out of his way with such a heavy object, the man said he liked to ride on Neff.

The City officers released the man but held onto the saw until the man could prove ownership.

In the meantime, City officers traced the bike's tire tracks in the snow to a driveway in the 500 block of St. Clair. They then tracked his footprints to a garage of another house on the block, where the resident confirmed a miter saw was missing.

At 4:45 a.m. the next morning, Farms officers saw the subject prowling around homes in the 300 block of Merriweather. They turned him over to the City public safety department.

Animal cruelty

Grosse Pointe Farms public safety officers have no suspects in finding the person who decapitated a pet

rabbit on Briarwood Place.

The mother of the pet's owner went out to feed the rabbit the morning of Wednesday, Jan. 15, and found the body lying about 20 feet from the cage.

Same suspects in car theft, attempt

A group of men traveling in an older dark red or burgundy Chevrolet Caprice Classic are suspected in a car theft and a theft attempt in the Grosse Pointes last week.

On Wednesday, Jan. 15, at 11:35 a.m., an alert co-worker in a restaurant in the 600 block of St. Clair in the City of Grosse Pointe notified a fellow employee when she saw a man in her car that was parked in an adjoining parking lot. The owner of the car scared the man, who took off in the waiting Caprice.

The steering column of the woman's car was broken.

Two days later at 12:25 p.m., an employee of a store in the 18700 block of Mack in Grosse Pointe Farms reported a 1990 red Pontiac Grand Am, left unlocked with the engine running, was taken from the store's parking lot.

The Caprice was seen following the stolen car westbound on Mack.

Broken water pipe starts fire

A broken water pipe may be to blame for a house fire in the first block of Kenwood in Grosse Pointe Farms on Thursday, Jan. 16.

The smell of smoke associated with an electrical fire was coming from the house as public safety officers

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arrived at 5:16 p.m. When officers entered the house, an extensive amount of water was pouring through the ceiling from the attic.

No one was in the house at the time of the fire.

Suspicious man

An unknown man has aroused suspicions at one house in the 800 block of University in the City of Grosse Pointe.

The residents returned home at 4:30 p.m. on Friday, Jan. 17, to find a silver Mercury Sable parked in their driveway. They saw a man get out of the vehicle, walk to the garage door, look around and then leave.

The same man returned the next day at 8:30 p.m. and asked a child, who answered the back door, if his mother was home. When the adult female of the house came to the back door, the man was gone.

The suspicious man is described as Caucasian, about 5 feet, 11 inches tall, in his early 30s, wearing a buzz cut.

Shoppers spot shoplifter

A shopper saw a suspect leave a store in the 16800 block of Kercheval in the City of Grosse Pointe with eight to 12 pairs of women's boot cut jeans he did not pay for on Friday, Jan. 17, at about 2:20 p.m.

Another witness saw the man, with jeans in hand, get into a waiting car which fled westbound on Kercheval Place.

The suspect is described as a clean-shaven, 30- to 35-year-old black male who is about 6 feet, 1 inch tall, weighing about 190 to 200 pounds and who was wearing a black hat, a waist-length black jacket and hiking boots.

Fondue fire

A fire in a fondue pot led to a series of events in a house in the 300 block of Merriweather in Grosse Pointe Farms on Friday, Jan. 17.

A woman's blouse caught fire as she attempted to pour fuel into the fondue set. Next, a kitchen wall caught fire as she took the blouse off and dropped it on the floor.

Public safety officers put the wall fire out with water. A thermal camera detected no other fires in the struc-

ture.

Fireplace fire

An unattended gas fireplace caused heavy smoke and fire damage to the first and second floors of a house in the first block of Fisher in the City of Grosse Pointe on Saturday, Jan. 18.

The resident left the fireplace on when she left the house at 1:45 p.m. The City public safety department was contacted about a half hour later by witnesses who saw smoke billowing from the house.

No one was in the house at the time of the fire.

(Suit)cased

A suitcase containing clothing and a camera was taken from the back of a pickup truck parked in a driveway of a house in the 200 block of Kenwood Court in Grosse Pointe Farms sometime between 8:15 and 10:25 p.m. on Saturday, Feb. 18.

Purse found; money lost

A purse belonging to a Grosse Pointe Woods woman was found in a building in the first block of Lakeshore in Grosse Pointe Farms on Saturday, Jan. 18, but \$70 cash that was inside the purse was missing.

The purse was left on a table in the lobby of the building between 8:30 and 8:50 p.m.

The purse was found 15 minutes after it was reported missing in the men's bathroom in the basement of the building.

1 accident; multiple arrests

A 45-year-old Warren woman was arrested on several charges after she ran into a car in Grosse Pointe Farms on Saturday, Jan. 18.

Public safety officers came to the scene at 8:58 p.m. after the Warren woman ran her 1990 black Toyota into a 1999 black Ford Explorer that was parked in the street of the 300 block of Moross. The driver said she didn't see the car.

The driver performed poorly on a series of sobriety tests, but her blood alcohol content was below the legal limit. However, officers found a crack pipe and a substance that tested positive for cocaine on the driver during a search.

In addition to the drunken driving, narcotics and paraphernalia charges, the driver was also charged with driving without a driver's license and providing false identification to a police officer.

Legal there; illegal here

A 19-year-old Grosse Pointe Shores man may have been better off spending the night in Windsor — legally.

A motorist with a cell phone tipped off the Grosse Pointe Farms Department of Public Safety to a suspected drunken driver in a 2002 black Ford Explorer driving on Lakeshore at 3:20 a.m. on Sunday, Jan. 19.

Officers stopped the Shores driver on Lakeshore and Woodland Shore. A PBT revealed a blood alcohol level of .03 percent. He was cited for being a minor in possession of alcohol.

The man said he was at a casino and visiting friends in Windsor but denied he had consumed any alcohol.

— Bonnie Caprara

North locker room thief

Two coeds became victims while studying to be lifeguards at Grosse Pointe North High School on the evening of Wednesday, Jan. 15.

Both girls were enrolled in lifesaving class when, between the hours of 8 and 9:30 p.m., a thief entered the women's locker room.

The first girl reported losing a \$100 cellular telephone from her purse, which had been stored inside a locker. The second victim lost several items from a swim bag left on a bench, including \$95 cash, a Marshall Field's couched and Tiffany necklace with heart pendant.

20400 Mack

Criminal activity continues to be a problem in the 20400 block of Mack in Grosse Pointe Woods:

• Panhandler — Police showed the door to a panhandler working a parking lot on Monday, Jan. 12, shortly before 5 p.m. The man promised to leave the area and walk to a relative's house in Eastpointe.

• Disk and dash — On Thursday, Jan. 17, at 11:42 a.m., a thief stole at least two Phillips compact disk players from a store, according to a store manager.

The suspect, an unknown black male in his late teens or early 20s, was described as 5-foot-10, medium build and wearing blue jeans with square patches. He escaped in a waiting vehicle of unspecified make and model.

More BB gun vandalism

Another case of vandalism by someone with a BB gun has been reported in Grosse Pointe Woods.

The incident occurred the night of Jan. 7-8 in the 400 block of Shoreham. Circumstances were similar to a series of suspected shootings reported the week before. In all cases, police think a BB gun was used to break windows and damage the body panels of parked vehicles.

The most recent victim reported damage to his Lexus. Repairs cost \$900.

Scammer watch

Remember the report two weeks ago about con men who suckered a Grosse Pointe Woods shopkeeper into losing more than \$300 in change? One of the suspects appears to have come back for more but was thwarted last week by an alert store owner.

On Saturday, Jan. 18, at 4:56 p.m., the owner of a business in the 19400 block of Mack became suspicious when a pushy patron tried to bully his way into receiving change for \$100.

"(The man) was in a hurry, rushing other customers," the proprietor told police.

The store owner wouldn't comply and tailed the man to a nearby store.

"(He) noticed (her) watching him (and) left without making a purchase or going to the counter," police said. Two public safety officers searched the area, but the unknown man got away.

Police said the suspect was a black male, 6-foot-6, with a moustache, wearing a tan baseball cap and green or tan coat.

Snowblower snatched

Ten minutes after a Grosse Pointe Woods man pulled into his garage in the 600 block of Shoreham on the afternoon of Monday, Jan. 13, a thief followed.

At 4:43 p.m., the homeowner investigated a disturbance and discovered someone had stolen his Toro snowblower. The victim reported a suspicious man driving away in a gray Buick.

Meow motel

Grosse Pointe Woods police have told a woman living in the 2100 block of Hollywood to stop using her home as a halfway house for wayward cats.

Responding to reports of up to 18 cats on the property, police on Tuesday, Jan. 14, at about 7:30 p.m., told the woman she had too many animals. She admitted harboring cats for the humane society, for which she works. She also announced plans to move within a month.

— Brad Lindberg



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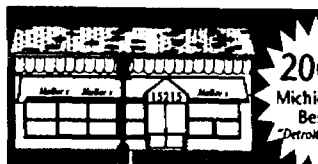
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Water main one of many Grosse Pointe Woods projects

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

The slogan for Grosse Pointe Woods in 2003 could easily be "Dig we must."

But no matter how many construction projects are undertaken, it's unlikely

any will overshadow a new water main down the Mack Avenue median.

City officials are reviewing competitive bids on the two-year project and expect work to start this spring, with a break during the hol-

iday shopping season.

Other projects include:

- Erecting a two-story senior citizen assisted living center by Sunrise Development at Mack and

Brys,

- The Grosse Pointe Hunt Club's new barn on Cook,
- Expansion of Christ the King Lutheran Church at Mack and Lochmoor, and
- Resolution of a two-year effort by public library lead-

ers for a modern branch at Mack and Vernier.

Although the main project could cost upwards of \$7 million, funding won't be threatened by anticipated cutbacks in state revenue sharing.

"The water main project is separate," said Vicky Granger, head of the Woods city council construction committee. "We'll bond it out with loans."

Other projects might feel the pinch.

"The year 2003 is going to have a lean and tight budget because of losing some state revenue," said Eric Steiner, chairman of the finance committee. "I don't see any frills."

The trick will be maintaining municipal services.

"I'd like to keep the services we've grown accustomed to," Steiner said. "That's why people move here — the services we provide."

Perks like city-sponsored family skating at McCann Ice Arena will continue, but purchases of large-ticket items, such as a replacement dump truck for the department of public services, might be delayed.

"Anything we don't need, we don't do," Steiner said. "The last thing I want to do is raise taxes."

Steiner and Granger are often at loggerheads due, in part, to the committees they

head.

Granger said she needs Steiner's budget proposal before planning construction projects. Steiner said he wants construction projections before nailing down the budget. Each year during the budget process, however, they share the same goal.

"I would not jeopardize Grosse Pointe Woods' infrastructure for any frivolous spending," Steiner said.

"We're committed to maintaining infrastructure program," Granger said.

Granger anticipates having a construction budget of between \$2 million and \$4 million, with roughly \$700,000 dedicated to street repairs and maintenance.

Most construction projects will take place along the north half of Mack.

"There's going to be a lot of construction in the north end," Granger said. "We have to start (the water main replacement) in the north end because of the size of the water line."

Another project for 2003 will be increased enforcement of housing codes.

"We're an aging housing stock," Granger said. "I don't expect everyone to put on new roofs or remodel, but in order to maintain value of the home or neighborhood, we want to make sure things look good."

Use caution when venturing on ice

By Bonnie Caprara
Staff Writer

As the surface of Lake St. Clair freezes over, a local public safety officer urges caution before venturing out onto the ice.

"We don't encourage anyone to go on the ice," Grosse Pointe Farms public safety Lt. Brian Bilinski said. "Our equipment for rescue is limited. Otherwise, we have to

call the Coast Guard."

However, if the lure of ice fishing or skating calls, Bilinski said, "Ice is not safe for people unless it is four to six inches or eight to 10 inches thick if you're carrying equipment or riding a snowmobile."

Bilinski recommended venturing out no farther than harbors or bays.

"But be aware," Bilinski added. "Heavy winds can

cause the ice to shift, and we're close to the Detroit River, where there is a current."

Bilinski said local public safety departments and parks do not monitor ice conditions.

Bilinski also offered the following safety tips for venturing on the ice:

- Always go out with a

buddy.

- Always tell someone where you are going and when you'll be back.

- Take a cell phone.

- Take snow owls. They may be purchased at sporting goods stores or can be made by tying two screwdrivers to the ends of a piece of rope. "They allow you to pull yourself out of the water and onto safe ice," Bilinski said.

Truck stolen; K of C projects stalled

By Bonnie Caprara
Staff Writer

Whitey Vanden Boom says that his 1985 GMC Jimmy isn't much, but it allowed the St. Paul Knights of Columbus to do a lot.

That was, until someone stole his truck.

Vanden Boom's Jimmy was stolen from his house in the 5800 block of Farmbrook

in Detroit sometime during the early morning hours of Monday, Jan. 13. At the time the truck was stolen, it contained about \$200 worth of returnable cans and bottles collected from the St. Paul parish that the K of C planned to cash in and contribute toward its scholarship fund for those studying to become nuns and priests.

"Now I have to apologize that we didn't get the money to donate in their name," Vanden Boom said.

Although the truck is owned by Vanden Boom, he said it was primarily used for K of C projects, such as delivering day-old baked goods to the Capuchin Soup Kitchen and Boysville at the Samaritan Center in

Detroit, delivering appliance donations to needy families and bottle and can drives.

"That thing is on the road so often," Vanden Boom said.

Vanden Boom said the K of C is currently looking for a donation of a truck. To help, call Vanden Boom at (313) 417-2698.

G.P. Park hits back at domestic violence

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

First-time offenders of domestic violence in Grosse Pointe Park will be prosecuted locally rather than through the Wayne County prosecutor.

"It's more efficient and effective to have these matters handled by our public safety department and city attorney," said Herold Deason, city attorney in the Park.

The change comes as Park lawmakers approved an

ordinance mirroring a state statute regarding assault and battery involving domestic relationships. The ordinance becomes effective Jan. 24.

Dave Hiller, Park chief of public safety, said he didn't have a tally of cases that fit the new law but added, "We get enough (cases) that we feel it's imperative the ordinance get passed."

First-time offenders will be charged with a misdemeanor. If convicted, penalties include up to 93 days in

jail and a maximum \$500 fine. Deason said the 93-day sentence was significant.

"Typically, officers can only make an arrest for a misdemeanor committed in their presence," he said. "With a 93-day misdemeanor, such as the domestic violence misdemeanor, police can make an arrest based on information and belief that assault and battery occurred."

Second offenses, which are felonies, will be handled downtown, Deason said.

Under the new rules, Park officers will save time processing cases through Deason rather than standing in line downtown at the county prosecutor's office.

The ordinance covers spouses, former spouses, people who are or were dating, those who have or had a child in common, or couples who share or shared a household.

"It's an additional tool to make sure we follow strict enforcement of domestic violence," Deason said.

Woods police search for break-in suspects

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

Two house-breakers remain uncaptured following another encounter in Grosse Pointe Woods during which one of the suspects knocked a 53-year-old female resident to the floor.

On Tuesday, Jan. 14, at 10:13 p.m., a man wearing a black ski mask burst into a home in the 1900 block of Prestwick.

"(He) stepped over (the woman) and walked into the living room," said an officer.

When the officer screamed for her husband, the intruder ran away without stealing anything. She wasn't injured.

Mike Makowski, Woods director of public safety, said anything can happen when thieves enter occupied dwellings.

"They're desperate, especially if they're drug addicts," Makowski said.

The intruder stood about 5-foot-10 and wore a black ski mask with what appeared to be black makeup around the eyes, the victim said. He was wearing a dark-colored waist-length coat.

Police searching outside the house discovered footprints from two suspects. The prints were similar to those found at a break-in on Jan. 10 in the 800 block of Shoreham.

Makowski said there are no leads.

"Detroit has been getting a lot of these in the last few months," he said.

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Dorothy Helen Amberg

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Grosse Pointe Park resident Dorothy Helen Amberg, 73, passed away on Sunday, Jan. 12, 2003, at St. John Hospital.

Born in Massachusetts in 1929, Mrs. Amberg received her bachelor's degree from Simmons College in 1951. She earned her master's degree from Boston University.

Before she was married, Mrs. Amberg worked as a dietitian at Deaconess Hospital in Boston. Following her marriage and move to Michigan in 1958, she was a kindergarten teacher in St. Clair Shores for several years.

Mrs. Amberg was a volunteer at Bon Secours Hospital for 12 years. She served as Eucharistic minister at St. Ambrose Catholic Church and volunteered at Defer Elementary School during her children's education.

She enjoyed cooking, reading, art, traveling and taking care of her family.

She is survived by her husband, Richard M. Amberg; her daughters, Mary (Jerry) Edel, Heather (David) Simmet, Ann (Scott) Stafford; and her grandchildren, Megan, Marc and Max Edel, Zachary, Sarah and Joshua Simmet and Samuel Stafford.

A memorial Mass was celebrated on Thursday, Jan. 16, at St. Ambrose Catholic Church.

Memorial contributions may be made to St. Ambrose

Catholic Church Building Fund, 15020 Hampton, Grosse Pointe Park, MI 48230.

Eileen Giffen Burns

St. Clair Shores resident Eileen Giffen Burns, 88, passed away on Wednesday, Jan. 1, 2003.

Born in Ireland in 1914, Mrs. Burns arrived at Ellis Island in New York on her eighth birthday in 1922.

She graduated from Marygrove College in 1936 and was an active alumna, serving on the Alumnae Board and as president of the Alumnae Association. For more than 10 years, Mrs. Burns hosted Alumnae Association meetings at her winter home in Tequesta, Fla.

In 1992, Marygrove College awarded Mrs. Burns the Mother Domitilla award for outstanding service to the college.

Devoted to education, Mrs. Burns taught in various parochial schools in the Detroit area, including St. Paul Catholic School in Grosse Pointe Farms.

She is survived by her daughters, Maura, Maeve (Frank) Erbecker and Joan (Lyle) LaLonge; five grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren; two brothers, James and Kevin; and her sister, Joan Giffen Donahue.

She was predeceased by her husband, Thomas F. Burns.

A memorial Mass will be celebrated on Saturday, Jan. 25, at Our Lady Star of the Sea in Grosse Pointe Woods.

Arrangements were made by Buehler Funeral Home in Roseville.

Memorial contributions may be made to Marygrove College, PIME Missionaries or the Hospice of Michigan.

Henry J. Cornillie

City of Grosse Pointe resident Henry J. Cornillie, 86, passed away on Sunday, Jan. 19, 2003.

Born in Detroit, Mr. Cornillie had lived in Grosse Pointe since the 1920s.

After graduating from the University of Detroit Jesuit High School in 1935, he entered a Jesuit seminary in West Baden, Ind., where he remained until 1941.



Henry J. Cornillie

Mr. Cornillie joined the U.S. Navy during World War II, where he helped develop modern radar.

Following the war, he earned his bachelor's degree in history from the University of Loyola.

He then joined the family firm of J.C. Cornillie Co. (established in 1904), where he worked with his brothers, Charles, Bernard and Robert and his sister, Josephine for the next 40 years.

He also established Cornillie Concrete in 1950 with his brothers.

Mr. Cornillie was actively involved in numerous Catholic charities throughout his life, and was inducted into the order of the Knights of Malta in 1955.

He is survived by his wife of 53 years, Mary Jean; his nine children, Daniel J. (Nancy), Timothy P. (Christine Hardy), Kathleen M. (Jeff Anatoyn), Joseph C. (Anne), Mark H. (Elizabeth), Thomas G. (Susan), Mary J. (Daniel) Sheffield, and Margaret M. (John) Kealy; 19 grandchildren; his brother, Robert; and his sisters, Magdalyn Ambrogio and Marie Kraus.

He was predeceased by his brothers, Charles, George, Francis and Bernard; and his sisters, Josephine Neirink and Geraldine Vermeersch.

A funeral Mass was celebrated on Wednesday, Jan. 22, at St. Paul Catholic Church.

Interment is in the St. Paul Columbarium.

Arrangements were made by Chas. Verheyden Inc. Memorial contributions may be made to Little Sisters of the Poor, 4900 Navarre, Oregon, OH 43616 and the University of Detroit Jesuit High School, 8400 South Cambridge, Detroit, MI 48221.

Edythe E. Gerow

Grosse Pointe Farms resident Edythe E. Gerow, 84, passed away on Monday, Jan. 20, 2003, at Bon Secours Hospital.

Born in Bay City in 1918, Ms. Gerow graduated from Denby High School. She worked as an office manager for Perkins, Zebart International and Massey Ferguson.

She was a member of Bayview Yacht Club.

She is survived by her daughters, Jeanne G. Pomroy and Lynn K. Gerow, her son, Fred M., and eight grandchildren, Matthew

and Christian Pomroy, Michael, Mark, Brian and Andrew Gerow and Emily and Zachary Mahrle.

Arrangements were made by Chas. Verheyden Inc.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Michigan Humane Society or the Salvation Army.



Gerard Edward Mahon

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Former Grosse Pointe Farms resident Gerard Edward Mahon, 78, passed away on Saturday, Dec. 28, 2002 in East Lansing.

Born in 1924 in Pennsylvania, Mr. Mahon graduated from Scranton Central High School.

He served as combat MP in Europe during World War II, and, upon his return, graduated from the University of Scranton, having earned his bachelor's degree in business.

Mr. Mahon worked for many years as a sales representative and product manager for Burroughs Corporation. During this time, he made many trips to Japan, Latin America, Europe and Asia on behalf of the company.

In addition to Grosse Pointe Farms, Mr. Mahon also lived in Allentown, Pa., San Rafael, Calif., Western Springs, Ill. and Littleton, Colo. during the course of his career.

He is survived by his children, Ellen Marie Sullivan, Richard (Claudia), Christopher (Robin Kobayashi), Mary Catherine (Ben) Pilypaitis and Michael (Zsuzsanna); 13 grandchildren; a great-grandson; his sister, Maggi Mahon; his sister-in-law, Quinta; two nieces; and two nephews.

He was predeceased by his wife of 43 years, Maryann; and his brother, Robert.

A memorial Mass will be held this spring.

Memorial contributions may be made to the American Diabetes Association.

Sharon May Minnis

Sharon May Minnis, 67, of Port Huron Twp., passed away on Monday, Jan. 20, 2003, in her home.

Born in 1935 in Chassell, Mrs. Minnis was a sales agent with Moak Real Estate. She was a member of St. Paul Lutheran Church and Elks Lodge No. 343 BPOE.

She is survived by her husband, Harry; her seven sons, Mark, John (Terry), Douglas (Mary), Steven (Regina), David (Margaret), Paul (Joyce) and Matthew (LaDonna); her daughter, Elissa (Kevin) Stout; sixteen grandchildren; her mother, Laverne Burgunder; her sister, Dina Moser; her brother, John Burgunder; and several nieces and nephews.

She was predeceased by her father, Henry J. Burgunder.

A memorial service will be held on Thursday, Jan. 23, at 11 a.m. at St. Paul Lutheran Church, 3790 West Water St., Port Huron.

Arrangements were made by Pollock-Randall Funeral Home in Port Huron.

Memorial contributions may be made to Blue Water Hospice, 1422 Lyons St., Port Huron, MI 48060.

Gertrude Munro

Grosse Pointe Park resident Gertrude "Trudee" Munro, 85, passed away on Sunday, Dec. 22, 2002, at Bon Secours Hospital.

Born in 1917 in Detroit, Mrs. Munro graduated from Grosse Pointe High School in 1935.

She volunteered at the Children's Hospital of Michigan from 1972 to 1983 as the manager of the gift shop and in the occupational therapy department.

Mrs. Munro was recognized in 1983 as the top volunteer of Children's Hospital, having volunteered 8,000 hours of her time.

She was featured as a good Samaritan in the Detroit Free Press in 1977.

From 1983 to 1993, Mrs. Munro volunteered in Regina Gersch's first-grade classroom at Kerby Elementary School.

From 1993 until her death, Mrs. Munro ran the St. Columba Church Thrift Shop in Detroit.

She was also a member of the Detroit Yacht Club.

She is survived by her daughter, Kathleen Munro (Charles) Skupin; her grandchildren, Molly, Melissa and Andrew Skupin; and her sisters, Adele Segerlund and Barbara Bangs.

She was predeceased by her husband, William D. Munro Jr.; and her brother, Edward F. Ketterer.

A funeral service was held on Friday, Dec. 27, 2002, at St. Columba Church in Detroit.

Arrangements were made by Chas. Verheyden Inc. in Grosse Pointe Park.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Grosse Pointe Public Library Building Fund.

Daniel Prokopuk

Harper Woods resident and former Grosse Pointe resident Daniel "Don" Prokopuk, 50, passed away on Sunday, Jan. 19, 2003.

Mr. Prokopuk graduated from Denby High School and attended Macomb Community College.

He was a retired operating engineer for Blue Cross and Henry Ford Hospital.

He was an avid hockey fan and loved his three cats.

He is survived by his wife, Margaret "Peggy" Feldman; his mother, Olga Prokopuk; and his sister, Lorraine Payne.

He was predeceased by his father, Theodore; and his brother, Ted.

A memorial Mass will be celebrated on Friday, Jan. 24, at 10:30 a.m. at St. Ambrose Catholic Church in Grosse Pointe Park.

Arrangements were made by A.J. Desmond & Sons Funeral Home in Troy.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Michigan Humane Society.

E. John Tamblyn

Former Grosse Pointe Woods resident E. John "Jack" Tamblyn, 85, passed away on Friday, Jan. 17, 2003.

Born in 1917 in Detroit, Mr. Tamblyn was a 1939 graduate of Denison University and served in the U.S. Navy during World War II.

He was a member of Grosse Pointe Woods Presbyterian Church for more than 50 years and a member of Grosse Pointe Senior Men's Club.

He is survived by his wife, Barbara; his children, John Gordon (Heidi), Peggy (Dennis) Glick and Nancy (Bill) Wayland; his grandchildren, Stephanie, John, Julie, Katie, Michael and Amy; and his sister, Ruth Hoffman.

He was predeceased by his brother, James G. Tamblyn.

A memorial service will be held on Friday, Jan. 24, at 11 a.m. at Grosse Pointe Woods Presbyterian Church.

Arrangements were made by Donelson, Johns & Evans Funeral Home in Waterford.

Memorial contributions may be made to Michigan Parkinson Foundation or the charity of one's choice.

Mary Gildner Whitley

Grosse Pointe Farms resident Mary Gildner Whitley, 96, passed away on Monday, Jan. 13, 2003, at Bon Secours Place in St. Clair Shores.

Born in Grand Haven, Mrs. Whitley graduated from Miss Porters High School and the University of Michigan.

She was employed as a member of the Board of Education for the city of Detroit.

Mrs. Whitley was a member of the Garden Club of Grosse Pointe, the English Speaking Union, the Circumnavigator's Club and enjoyed theater and the arts.

She is survived by her three nieces and one nephew.

She was predeceased by her husband of more than 30 years, Bernard; and her brother, Henry Gildner.

A memorial service will be held at a later date at the Grosse Pointe Memorial Church.

Arrangements were made by Chas. Verheyden Inc. in Grosse Pointe Park.

Something To Think About

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DIRECTOR

Afraid To Say Wrong Thing

Many quite close and caring friends avoid a family which has suffered a loss, or keep silent about their feelings, for fear "of saying the wrong thing." To begin with, this is not an unusual reaction. Often it is because individuals have not come to terms with their own sentiments about death. Because they are unsure of their feelings, they are afraid their words will come out all mixed-up.

Try not to worry. There is no one "right" attitude toward death and grief. Besides, many people are as confused and ambivalent about it as you may be. In fact, it would not be amiss to share your concerns. It might even open the door for family members to express their own

doubts and feelings. The important thing is to be with them, and to show that you care. It is very rare that an honest display of humanity will be resented and misunderstood. Absence or silence, on the other hand, might be.

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NOTICE OF ADOPTION AND SUMMARY OF ORDINANCE NO. 183

On January 13, 2003, the City Council of the City of Grosse Pointe Park (the "City Council") enacted Ordinance No. 183 (the Ordinance) to become effective on January 24, 2003, which Ordinance provides that no person shall commit an assault or an assault and battery on his or her spouse or former spouse, an individual with whom he or she has or has had a dating relationship, an individual with whom he or she has had a child in common, or a resident or former resident of his or her household and for penalties in connection with violation of such provision and violation of provisions prohibiting assault or assault and battery in general.

This summary of the Ordinance is published pursuant to Michigan Compiled Laws Section 117.3(k). True copies of the full text of the Ordinance and any law, regulation, code, or other material adopted by reference in such Ordinance are available for inspection or photocopying at the Office of the City Clerk, City of Grosse Pointe Park, 15115 East Jefferson Avenue, Grosse Pointe Park, Michigan 48230.

Jane M. Blahut,
City Clerk

G.P.N.: 01/23/2003

Refuse authority land deal trashed

By Bonnie Caprara
Staff Writer

A 100-acre parcel of land in Lenox Township may be up for sale — again.

The Grosse Pointes-Clinton Refuse Disposal Authority (GPCRDA) is withholding a \$25,000 deposit placed on the land it owns in Lenox Township and is seeking up to \$25,000 in expenses after developer Gaetano Rizzo defaulted on the purchase of the \$2.5 million property at Gratiot and 28 Mile Road.

"Due to unexpected circumstances at the closing, it does not appear that the deal will be able to close as originally planned," GPCRDA attorney John Gilloly

said. Details of the circumstances were discussed in a closed session of the authority's meeting on Tuesday, Jan. 14.

Rizzo, who made an offer to purchase the property on behalf of a company to be formed later, could not be reached for comment.

The authority purchased the land about 12 years ago with the hopes of building an ash disposal site. Sixty acres of the site is zoned for residential use and is currently covered with dense weed growth and scattered wooded lots. The remaining 40 acres of the property are zoned for commercial use and are currently being used for agricultural purposes.

The authority also has plans to sell the site of its former incinerator on Lipke in Clinton Township, which the authority demolished in 2001, in the near future. The site, comprised of 60 acres of land with a 17-acre lake, has been rezoned for residential use. A report from the authority's consultant, Conestoga-Rogers & Associates, reported that nothing alarming has been found with regard to remediation or future liability. Clinton Township has enacted legislation for the site to be eligible for brownfield criteria and has assessed the property to be valued at \$5 million.

The authority, formed in 1962, was set up to handle

incineration of solid waste and the disposal of ash from the Grosse Pointes, Harper Woods, Clinton Township and Mount Clemens. Members of the authority currently dispose of their trash at the Pine Tree Acres Landfill on 29 Mile Road in Lenox Township.

Vested interest in the authority is as follows: Clinton Township, 48.03 percent; Mount Clemens, 12.66 percent; Grosse Pointe Woods, 9.48 percent; Grosse Pointe Park, 8.15 percent; Harper Woods, 8.6 percent; Grosse Pointe Farms, 7.17 percent; City of Grosse Pointe, 3.84 percent; and Grosse Pointe Shores, 2.07 percent.

St. Clare honors the dream of Martin Luther King Jr.

By Jennie Miller
Staff Writer

A seventh-grader captured the spirit of Martin Luther King Jr. Day with the title of her essay, "Difference is What Makes Us Beautiful."

Rachel Elsey won the seventh grade essay contest held by the Diversity Club at St. Clare of Montefalco. She touched on personal experiences with prejudice and the boundaries between different groups of people.

The eighth grade winner, Elizabeth Van Horn, spoke of equality and embracing differences in her essay, "Just Find Some Space in Your Heart."

Such was the mood of the celebration of Dr. King's dream on Monday night.

Members of the Diversity Club marched into the church carrying signs that carried messages such as "Justice for all," and "We shall overcome."

These students, including Jeana Brown, Kelsey Hubbell, Patrick Hazelton, Devin Hubbell, Miles Hubbell, Travis Le Flore, Emily Mazure, Ashley McBride, Malcolm Oliver, Derek Bradford Jr. and

Maureen Scanlon, sought to honor Dr. King and others who have paved the way for equality.

In the presentation of the "Human Rights Hall of Fame," the students honored such individuals as abolitionist Angelina Grimke, under-

ground railroad conductor John P. Parker, Melba Pattillo Beals, who was among the first black students to be

enrolled in high school, and former President Jimmy Carter, recipient of the 2002 Nobel Peace Prize.

"They are all committed to human dignity, human rights and justice for all," one student said of the individuals honored.

Members of Praise Him entered the audience with an interpretive dance to James Taylor's "Shed a Little Light."

St. Charles of Borromeo

"Humanity in general needs a reality check ... People need to realize that we're not all the same — we need to embrace the differences."

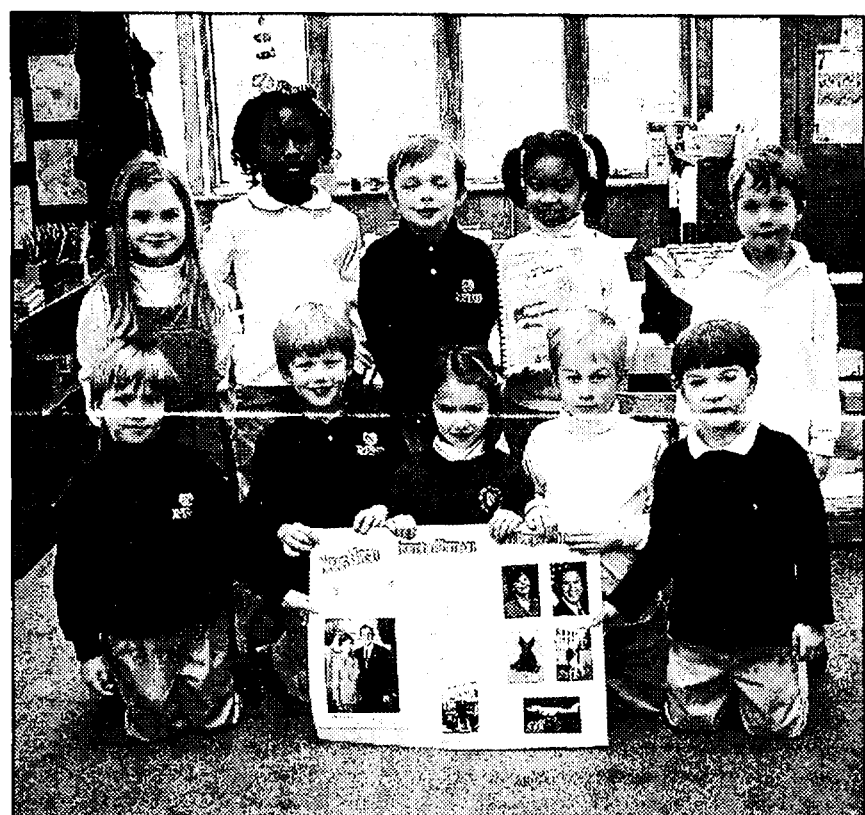
— Elizabeth Van Horn, eighth-grade winner of the Diversity Club's third annual essay contest

Parish's Dearing Detroit Dance wowed the audience with its performances of inspirational songs with lyrics such as "Don't ever give up."

St. Clare also welcomed Pastor Edgar Vann of the Second Ebenezer Church in Detroit, who challenged the audience to go beyond having just a dream by having a plan to do better.

Pastor Vann brought along Gwen Hardge, who dropped jaws with her rendition of "Precious Lord," which was performed at Dr. King's funeral.

The evening commenced with the audience joining in to sing "Let There be Peace on Earth."



First Lady Laura Bush contacts Academy kindergartners

Inspired by a book created by kindergartners in Peggy Varty's class at The Grosse Pointe Academy, First Lady Laura Bush sent a letter to the class.

"You have a lot of creative talent, and I'm glad you are using it to bring joy to others," she wrote. "Writing is a great way for people of all ages to express their feelings and can provide comfort, happiness and inspiration to those around you."

The book created by the students, entitled "If You Take a Flag to School," was inspired by the "If You Give a Mouse a Cookie" series by children's author Laura Numeroff.

Each child came up with three ideas for what to do with this flag and illustrated his or her own pages.

Varty entered the book in a Scholastics Books contest, results of which are due in April.

Pictured are the authors of "If You Take a Flag to School," kindergartners Libby Elliott, Carmella Goree, Charles Becker, Tori Jones and Jack McCarthy, in the back row. In the front row, holding the book and the materials received from the White House, are Sam Williams, Jared Brush, Sydney Chambers, Jack Weaver and McCalla Mecke.

If You Take a Flag to School

Created by Peggy Varty's kindergarten class at The Grosse Pointe Academy

If you take a flag to school, you could take it in your car.

You could show it for show-and-tell.

If you take a flag to school, you could put it in the school's front yard ...

And then you could say the Pledge of Allegiance.

If you take a flag to school, you could dress to match it.

Then, you could give it to your friend.

If you take a flag to school, you could show it to your teacher.

You could match it to our school band-aids.

If you take a flag to school, you would take care of it.

You would treat people nicely and hope that everyone would copy you.

If you take a flag to school, you could match it to the big one on the flagpole.

And, you could wish that your name was on the flag.

If you take a flag to school, you wouldn't leave it in the rain.

You would treat it as special as you would treat a pet.

If you take a flag to school, you could paint a rock to look like it.

You could run with it.

If you take a flag to school, you could hold it while you fly a kite ...

And you could celebrate with watermelon.

If you take a flag to school, you could give it a big hug!

You could hope that the school, would turn red, white and blue.

If you take a flag to school, when you go out on the playground, you could slide down the slide with it.

You could match it to the grass ...

And you could try to match it to the sunset.

If you take a flag to school, you could look up at it and then climb up the flagpole to see all of the United States of America ...

And hope that it stays just the way it is!

Geography bee champion

St. Clare of Montefalco Catholic School finished its annual National Geography Bee competition on Friday, Jan. 10.

The school champion was Stephen Peck, a sixth-grader and Grosse Pointe Park resident. The second place winner was seventh-grader Zach Chopp, followed by eighth-grader Kelsey Hubbell in third place.

Other finalists were fifth-grader Jackson Robar, sixth-graders Kelsey Wasserman and James Wilkerson, seventh-grader Joe Beels and eighth-graders Tom Irving and Johanna Berger.



Stephen Peck

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ULS competes at state theater festival

University Liggett School students attended the Educational Theater Association and International Thespian Society's annual state theater festival.

The students competed in individual events ranging from musical theater to technical design.

Senior Brian Eggleston received superior ratings for performances in solo musical theater and monologue.

Sophomores Carol Perry (solo musical theater) and John Herbst (scenic design) also received superior ratings.

Earning a rating of "excellent," were sophomores Inga Moss (costume design), Bal Waller (costume design), Ashton Wallace (solo pantomime) and Remi Coin (monologue).

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A parent's guide to beginning kindergarten

By Jennie Miller
Staff Writer

Somewhere in Grosse Pointe, a parent is observing a five-year-old, wondering if he is ready to be enrolled in kindergarten.

According to local elementary school principals and kindergarten teachers, there are misconceptions about the appropriate time to do so.

"It isn't necessary to know all the letters and numbers," said Kerby Elementary School's principal Deborah Hubbell, adding that whatever skills a child possesses, "it is our job to take them and move them forward."

State guidelines require that a kindergartner turn five-years-old on or before Dec. 1 and be toilet trained.

But local educators suggest there is more on which the decision can be based.

"A parent can recognize other behaviors and skills in their own child to determine their kindergarten-readiness," said Pam Cronovich, kindergarten teacher at Kerby.

Among these readiness skills seen as pertinent to beginning kindergarten are the ability to function in a group; the ability to pay attention to an adult and follow directions; demonstration of some socialization skills such as taking turns; and demonstration of some fine motor skills such as holding a pencil or using scissors.

"Wherever you start, we're going to build from there," Cronovich said.

Kindergarten teachers in the district work with each child at whatever level in order to improve his or her abilities.

others want to go to the kitchen area or puppet stage.

"Teachers plan activities so that the cognitive, social, creative and physical development of a child is nurtured during the kindergarten year."

Throughout the first year of elementary education, kindergartners will learn to master letters, sounds and the basic concept of print. Students will work on fine tuning their motor skills as well as counting and simple addition.

"They also learn a lot of socialization skills," Hubbell said.

Seen by educators as possibly the biggest advantage to the child during that first year, acquiring socialization skills comes naturally when in a group with one's peers.

Cronovich stressed that shyness is not a cause to hold a child back, adding that interacting with other students in the classroom will help the child to overcome the problem.

"It's a better place for a child to be," she said.

Cronovich has seen another misconception among parents when deciding if a child is ready.

Sometimes, a parent thinks that if a child held back a year, his or her ability will always be at the top of the class. But this is not the case.

"It puts an unfair expectation on the child," she said.

Parents can help their children be more prepared for the kindergarten experience by working on some of these beginning skills.



Karen Cole, extended-day kindergarten teacher at Mason Elementary School, reads a book to her class.

"A parent is a child's first teacher," Middlekauf said. "The best advice I would give a prospective kindergarten parent is to read to and with your child daily."

Cronovich agrees and sees this as the most important thing a parent can do to prepare a child for school.

She also suggests making sure that a child has had experience doing activities with a group of other children his or her age.

"It helps them get off to a good start," she said.

Parents can also turn everyday activities into educational experiences for their young children.

"Children are natural and

active learners," Middlekauf said. "They explore the world around them daily. Parents can incorporate simple readiness activities into everyday family errands, tasks and routines."

For example, children can practice number and alphabet recognition, basic colors, simple shapes, counting and size comparison.

"Taking a walk around the neighborhood is a fantastic way to increase a child's observational and language

skills," Middlekauf said.

She also encourages parents to help children work on their motor skills by catching a ball, jumping, skipping, using scissors, completing puzzles and stacking blocks.

All of these activities are worked on throughout the year in kindergarten.

Additional practice and help from parents prior to enrolling the child in kindergarten and throughout the school year can only lead the child to greater successes.



A kindergarten student in Karen Cole's extended-day kindergarten class at Mason Elementary School works with a letter board to practice his alphabet recognition.

Schools hold kindergarten information meetings

Over the next several weeks, information meetings will be held at each school for parents interested in enrolling a child in kindergarten.

Here is a list of the meetings to be held at each school:

•Defer Elementary School: Tuesday, Jan. 28, from 7 to 8 p.m. in Room 203.

For more information, call the Defer school office at 432-4000.

•Kerby Elementary School: Tuesday, Jan. 28, from 7 to 8 p.m. in the gym. For more information, call the Kerby school office at 432-4200.

•Ferry Elementary School: Tuesday, Feb. 11, from 7:15 to 8 p.m., in Room 107.

For more information, call the Ferry school office at 432-4100.

•Mason Elementary School held its information night on Wednesday, Jan. 22. For more information, call the Mason school office at 432-4400.

•Maire Elementary School: Thursday, Feb. 6, at 7 p.m. For more information, call the Mair school office at 432-4300.

•Monteith Elementary School: Wednesday, Jan. 29, at 6:30 p.m.

For more information, call the Monteith school office at 432-4500.

•Poupard Elementary School: Wednesday, Jan. 29 at 7 p.m.

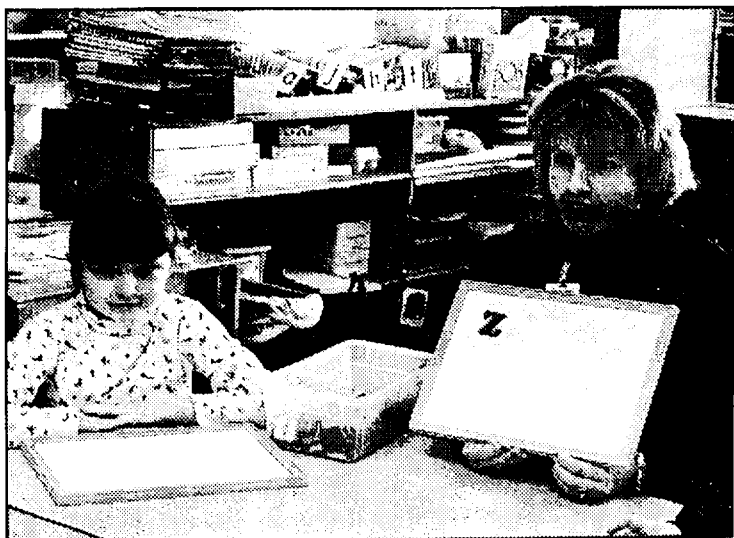
For more information, call the Poupard school office at 432-4800.

•Richard Elementary School: Monday, Jan. 27, at 7 p.m. in the school's library. For more information, call the Richard school office at 432-4900.

•Trombly Elementary School: Wednesday, Jan. 29, at 7 p.m.

For more information, call the Trombly school office at 432-5000.

Photo by Jennie Miller
At right, Mason Elementary School's extended-day kindergarten teacher Karen Cole uses letter boards to help children with alphabet recognition.



District offers extended-day kindergarten

This year, a total of 84 students were enrolled in the extended-day kindergarten program that is offered at Barnes Early Childhood Center, Defer, Mason, Poupard and Kerby elementary schools.

This option is offered to all Grosse Pointe parents looking for childcare options who would rather have their kindergartner spend the entire day with a certified teacher.

The program allows for more time to focus on student enrichment and practicing socialization skills.

"Some kids can benefit from a longer day," said Deborah Hubbell, principal of Kerby Elementary School.

There is a fee to enroll a child in the extended-day kindergarten.

For more information, call KinderClub at (313) 432-3067.

Registration will be held on Friday, Feb. 7, at 8 a.m. at Barnes Early Childhood Center in the gym.

Doors will open at 7 a.m. Walk-in registration will be on a first-come, first-served basis.

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This year, the district had just over 500 kindergartners entering the school system's nine elementary schools and Barnes Early Childhood Center. The prediction is that these numbers will continue to decrease over the next five years.

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Correction last week wipes out half of 2003 gain

Just another sad, bad week, last week, brought low by the Earnings Report Season.

The Big 4 of the Dow brought the house down:

- General Electric (GE), about 24.88, slid 0.77, or 3.0 percent last week;
- IBM (about 81.30, off 6.38, or 4.0 percent);
- Intel (INTC, about 16.34, down 1.08, or 6.2 percent) and
- Microsoft (MSFT, about 51.46, down 4.46, or 8.0 percent).

The selling spilled over to

all markets, with the Dow sliding 198 points, or 2.2 percent, to close at 8,586.

The Nasdaq Composite lost 4.9 percent, losing 71 points to finish at 1,376.

Diversification

The table at middle right shows how increasing the number of stocks (of approximate equal dollar amounts) in a portfolio reduces the percentage risk to the entire portfolio of a market decline in any single stock.

We all know not to put all our eggs in one basket, but the Enron families in Houston lost their jobs, stock options, stock on margin loans, plus profit sharing, 401(k)s and IRAs.

Many investors tell LTS they made a "paper killing"

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in tech and "dot com" stocks in 1999 and 2000.

Some even felt they were diversified by owning different-named funds sold by the same fund manager (Janus, Munder, etc.), only to find out later that the different "names" were all "clones" owning the very same stocks. And all marched to the same drummer, over the cliff into the deep dark sea below!

Diversification means not only a sizable number of different stocks, but also diversified by different sectors. You could have had 15 or 20

portfolio stocks, but if all were tech and telecom, the results would still have been a disaster!

Sector analysis has become big-time securities research requiring heavy investments in computers and databanks.

Dow Jones, the parent of The Wall Street Journal and Barron's, publishes its weekly "U.S. Total Market Industry Groups," weighted by capitalizations.

Dow Jones classifies the market into 10 major sectors, further divided into 89 sub-groups. BC, (Before

Computers), such data would have been unavailable.

Now, every market day at 4:15 on CNBC, the market commentators introduce "the winners and losers of the day," by industry sector, with charts showing specific stock performances.

"But, Grandpa always said never to sell his S.S. Kresge stock. He said the local five and dime would take care of all of us after he was long gone, and our children too!"

But now-a-days, it's like the poker-playing cowboy in the movies said, "You gotta know when to hold 'em, and when to fold 'em."

Life expectancy

Good news. No medical exam required. Your life expectancy has increased since LTS first visited this subject on July 18, 1996.

Life Expectancy is based on mortality tables established by the insurance industry and the Federal Government in its Social Security and Medicare programs.

The miracle of modern medicine is that our respective generations will live many years longer, on average, than their grandparent.

The Table, right, shows U.S. Life Expectancy separately for men and women, by 5-year intervals, from age 50 through 90.

The data for the intervening years can be approximated by extrapolating the data presented.

Life Expectancy is extremely useful in planning retirement budgets and establishing portfolio asset allocations.

As expected, the Life Expectancy for women exceeds that for men — by 5 years at age 50, but declining to 3.4 years by age 70.

Life Expectancy is also useful in laddering the maturities of a bond portfolio, and in rebalancing portfolios overweighted in equities because of fortunate price appreciations.

Remember, the greatest fear of most investors is that their life will last longer than their money.

But, another bug-a-boo is that hidden monster INFLATION.

Stock Market at a Glance

Friday Close, 1/17/03

Dow Jones Ind.	8,587
Nasdaq Comp.	1,376
S&P 500 Index	902
\$ in EUROS	1.0669
Crude Oil (Bbl.)	33.91
Gold (Oz.)	356.60
3-Mo. T-Bills	1.17%
30-Yr. T-Bonds	4.92%

Diversification vs. Risk

No. of Stocks in Portfolio	Percent of Risk Eliminated
2	46%
4	72%
8	81%
16	93%
32	96%
64	98%

Life Expectancy

Your Age Now	Men (IRS.)	Women (IRS.)
50	76.3	81.4
55	77.2	82.0
60	78.4	82.9
65	80.0	84.0
70	81.9	85.4
75	84.2	87.1
80	87.0	89.1
85	90.2	91.6
90	93.9	94.7

In recent years, most of us have been nonchalant about Inflation. At 2-1/2 to 3 percent, it hardly hurts!

Your January 2003 U.S. \$1, with inflation compounded annually at only 2-1/2 percent for 10 years, will be worth only 77.6 cents in 2013!

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Joseph Mengden is a resident of the City of Grosse Pointe and former chairman of First of Michigan. Let's Talk Stocks is sponsored by the following Grosse Pointe investment-related firms: John M. Rickel, CPA, P.C.; Rickel & Bun P.C.; and Investment Counsel Inc.

Invasion of the Big Alien Hairballs

By Michael Maurer

A few weeks ago I wrote a column on dogs of all shapes, sizes and breeding, and where you could find information about them on the Internet.

I also wrote about cats, but it was obvious I was a dog person when I said, "Dogs have owners. Cats have staff."

So, again in the spirit of fair play, I've decided to write more about cats this week.

Specifically, Big Alien Cats (bigaliencats.com).

Hey, I'm really trying to be serious here. (Snicker.)

Anyway, here is what we know so far.

From what's been observed, the big alien cats appear to range in height from about seven feet to the really big ones, which can be 20 feet tall.

Most who have had contact with these cats believe that the smaller ones are actually kittens.

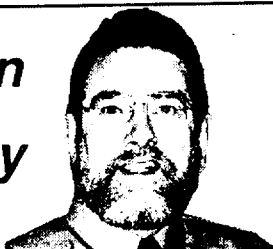
They seem to be attracted to human children and other animals, and they are very playful, while the larger ones are more reserved and shy around humans.

According to the Web site, the origin of the big alien cats is uncertain.

"We are certain that the cats did not evolve here on Earth. Whenever there is a sighting of a big alien cat,

Pointers on Technology

By Mike Maurer



there is always a saucer-shaped craft in the vicinity. The craft has been known to land in deserted fields where the cats can be seen entering and exiting by means of a long ramp that extends from the side of the ship."

(It looks a lot like the ship and ramp from the sci-fi movie, "The day the Earth stood still!")

"Since the cats do not seem to be able to form the sounds necessary for speaking any human language, we can only speculate as to their origins and culture."

However, we do believe that their craft is probably responsible for the recent flurry of UFO sightings in upstate New York, particularly along the Hudson Valley where a colony of these cats was discovered."

Here is the big question. Why are they here?

Again, according to the Web site, because of the language barrier, it is difficult to say. The cats appear to have a language of their

own, but they don't vocalize much (Except when you try to sleep.)

Big alien cat researchers have been toying with the idea that the cats possess some kind of telepathic ability.

This is difficult to test for. So, as of now, we know very little about their intentions except to say that they appear to like it here. They are friendly and playful and apparently harmless.

Should I stop here? No. Not until I give you their disclaimer.

"Just so there are no misunderstandings here, Big Alien Cats are not real. All of the images were created using Photoshop. Any resemblance to real people (or cats) is purely coincidental."

This is where the real fun starts

My recommendation is that you visit the site and "click" on "sightings" for some fun. Then click on "more sightings" for more fun.

The site also offers free Alien Cats screen savers and PC "wall paper."

If you really get taken in by Big Alien Cats, so to speak, you can visit their

store on eBay (stores.ebay.com/bigaliencatsstore).

They carry Big Alien Cats merchandise, jewelry, beads, decorative art and other odds and ends. (Mostly odds, if you get my drift.)

Finally, if you wish to contact the perpetrator of this sham, send an e-mail to "mailto:catwoman@bigaliencats.com" catwoman@bigaliencats.com.

What else could her e-mail name be, eh?

One more "finally" and I'll be done.

I have given up!

As I reached the centennial mark of spam e-mails I receive every day, I decided to change my e-mail address from "mmaurer@bizserve.com" to "mailto:mmaurer@htdconnect.com."

The htdconnect address not only gives me a clean, unknown record in cyberspace, it costs me \$2 less per month.

Unlike my old Internet Service Provider, which gave unlimited access to the Internet, I am limited to 600 hours per month.

Limited? Hey, if I can't do it in 600 hours per month, I will soon need to have the keyboard pried from my cold, dead hands.

Have a tech question or subject you would like addressed in this column? Want to comment or add your two cents worth? My new e-mail address is mmaurer@htdconnect.

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Real Estate

By Alex M. Lucido

AVOID CAPITAL GAINS TAX

You can forget about the old, confusing IRS regulations on tax breaks when you sell your principal home. Forget about the once-in-a-lifetime exemption of up to \$125,000 in profits for those over 55 years of age. Forget about having to buy or build another house within two years of the sale which cost as much or more than the one you sold in order to defer paying capital gains taxes. The new law is here and it is great for homeowners.

The latest tax law now allows homeowners to avoid paying taxes on the first \$250,000 of profits in a

home if they are single, or on the first \$500,000 of profits if they are married at the time they sell the home.

Because a homeowner can use the exemption repeatedly, as long as he or she lives in each house for at least two years, most will never have to pay taxes on profits from home sales. This change exempts over 99% of home sales from capital gains taxes.

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Business People



Lorna Utley has been elected to a two-year term on the Women's Economic Club board of directors.

Utley is director of diversity and philanthropy at General Motors. She is a resident of Grosse Pointe Woods.

The Women's Economic Club is one of the largest business forums in the Midwest, with more than 1,200 members.

Utley

Alfred Fisher III has been appointed to the board of trustees of Henry Ford Health System.

Fisher is president of Fisher & Co., Inc. He lives in Grosse Pointe Farms.

The Michigan Association of Certified Public Accountants has presented Richard Berschback with its Accounting Educator of the Year Award.

Berschback, a CPA living in Grosse Pointe Park, is former chairman and current professor with the Walsh College of Accountancy and Business Administration in Troy.

In addition to membership with MACPA, Berschback belongs to the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants and the American Accounting Association. He has bachelor and master's degrees in accounting and MBA from the University of Detroit.



Lyon

Maud Lyon has been promoted to senior vice president for community and external affairs for the Detroit Symphony Orchestra.

Lyon had been the symphony's vice president of the Max M. Fisher Music Center.

In her new role, she will head public relations, education and community outreach efforts and oversee all rentals, retail, catering and concessions connected with the Fisher Music Center.

Lyon lives in Grosse Pointe Park.

The American Red Cross has honored Robert Sharrow Jr. as an Everyday Hero. Sharrow, a resident of Grosse Pointe Park, was walking on Belle Isle last Memorial day when he noticed a nine-year-old boy had fallen into the water. Sharrow saved the boy from drowning.



Berschback

Veteran June Teisan awarded national teaching recognition

By Carrie Cunningham
Staff Writer

For 16 years June Teisan has taught seventh grade science, and last November she was rewarded for her valuable service by being named a National Board Certified Teacher.

The certification is an emblem of professional teaching excellence and is meant to complement state certification. Only 40% of those who apply achieve it. Teisan is one of 22 teachers of early adolescent science in Michigan and the only teacher in Harper Woods to receive the accreditation.

Teisan had to complete an extremely rigorous application process in order to be named a National Board Certified Teacher. She wrote a 90 page report comprised of four different parts and completed a six part test.

"A lot of people say it's like doing four separate masters programs at one time," Teisan said of the report.

The first part of the account was an analysis of Teisan's discussion with students of what a unit of learning will focus on. She introduced probing questions in order to prepare students for a certain slice of learning. In addition to writing about it, Teisan had to videotape her talk with students.

The second part was demonstrating the contours of an actual learning project. Teisan chose a science laboratory investigation about how animals in the arctic stay warm. This section was also videotaped.

Teisan tracked the development of two students by comparing their work before a unit began with what they



Seventh grade science teacher June Teisan, left, was named a National Board Certified Teacher in November. Her intelligence and avid teaching spirit allowed her to receive the recognition.

had learned at the end of a unit for the third part. She examined two students studying food and micro-organisms.

For the last section, Teisan had to document how she contributes to the well-being of students outside the classroom. She oversees a gardening program consisting of students planting bulbs around the school, and she has aided children in building bird houses. She also makes sure she attends at least one athletic event of every sport in which the school competes.

"It's important for them to see your face outside the classroom so that you can connect with them inside the classroom," she said.

The six-part test included computerized prompts and an essay.

"There's really no way you can study for it," Teisan said. "You either know your material or you don't."

By being named a National Board Certified Teacher, Teisan embodies the values and criteria of the National Board of

Teaching Standards, an institution created in 1987 on the recommendation of a Carnegie Task Force.

These ideals include knowledge of liberal arts and sciences, awareness of ways of teaching and monitoring students' learning, interest in students' lives and human development and methods for teaching a diverse range of students.

Teisan was overjoyed when she found out last November that she was selected as a board teacher. She feels happy that her abilities have been validated.

Secondary School principal James Babcock lauded Teisan and underscored the importance of her achievement.

"She's a good teacher. She felt challenged to this," he said. "Not only does it give you the credentials, but it also gives you a sense of self-satisfaction in accomplishing something on a national level."

Teisan wants to impart enthusiasm to her students and be on the cutting edge of science education.

"I don't want to go stale. I want to stay relevant," she said. "I want my last day of teaching to be as exciting as my first day of teaching, and this was just a mechanism for me to have that happen."

HW High School learn jazz's rhapsody

By Carrie Cunningham
Staff Writer

The smooth, soulful sounds of jazz have blossomed to life at Harper Woods Secondary School.

The students have partaken in a unit on jazz history, performing jazz music, writing about jazz artists' lives and making presentations on the rhapsody of jazz's tunes and players.

Marching band and jazz orchestra instructor Sean Penderel said the unit allows students to see how the music jazz artists played is often inextricably linked to the qualities of their lives. "It gives deeper meaning to jazz than just playing notes on a page," he said. "I've enjoyed it a lot."

Senior Simone Clements and junior Crystal Norman researched Billie Holiday, studying her achievements as well as the tragic components of her life. They handed out a sheet documenting her life.

Holiday was born in 1915 in Baltimore, the granddaughter of a Virginia slave. She was mostly raised by relatives, as her father deserted her family to play in a band, and her mother was not around much. She was beset with feelings of shame and loneliness growing up.

In 1927, she moved to New York City with the dreams of becoming a singer. She first



Harper Woods Secondary School students bring the passion and feeling of jazz music to life. Senior Simone Clements, left, and junior Crystal Norman, right, made a presentation about singer Billie Holiday.

performed in a small night club in the city and was eventually discovered by John Hammond.

Thereafter she eventually performed such famous songs as "God Bless the Children" and "Strange Fruit," a powerful song about lynching.

Side by side with her musical success was a string of self-destructive behavior, including drinking and drugs and involvement with abusive husbands.

He created a chronology of his life, as well as a cardboard display.

Born in 1920 in Kansas City, Parker's mother was "religious, industrious and determined," Folmar wrote, and his father died when he was young.

He left high school and worked with local Kansas City groups. His idol was Lester Young, and he was mentored by Buster Smith.

He moved to New York City in the late

1930s. There he washed dishes in a Harlem night club and became entranced with the tunes of Art Tatum.

Parker eventually played with a variety of performers, including Dizzy Gillespie. His bebop music was first recorded in 1944.

He moved to California in 1945, succumbing to heroin use and suffering a nervous breakdown.

He moved back to New York, where he again thrived until heroin eventually ravaged him.

"That's pretty much what killed him," Folmar said.

He died when he was 34. Folmar has great admiration for Parker despite his fallibilities.

He learned how to play a lot of his music by himself. "I saw how he had to work to get where he was," Folmar said.

The jazz tunes and lives of performers, with the suffering and joy embodied in them, are alive and well in the hearts and minds of Secondary School students.

Police Briefs

Car stolen

A man parked his car around 1:50 p.m. on Jan. 14. When he returned around 2:20 p.m., he found the vehicle had disappeared. CDs, tapes, a phone charger and CD charger were inside the vehicle. The police entered the car into its computer system.

Embezzler found

On Jan. 14, police arrived at Van Dyke and 696, where they picked up a woman who was wanted on a Harper Woods warrant for arrest for embezzling a bond worth \$750.

He filled up and ran

On Jan. 16 at the 17700 block of East Eight Mile, a man pumped gas into his car and fled North on Kelly without paying. The police arrived at the scene at 7 p.m. on the same day.

Anger at cold fries


On Jan. 16 at the 17800 block of East Mile, a woman asked for a cash refund for fries she bought because they were cold.

The man serving her explained to her that she

Broken windows


could not get a cash refund because the registers were off line. The man told her he would take her name down and provide a free meal at a later date or perhaps a refund for the cold fries.

The woman reached through the window and punched the man. The man gave information about her and the car she drove to police at 11:12 p.m. on the same day.



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CITY OF HARPER WOODS
WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN
SYNOPSIS: REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
JANUARY 6, 2003

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

ROLL CALL: All Council persons were present.

MOTIONS PASSED

- To receive, approve and file the minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting held on December 16, 2002, and furthermore, receive and file the minutes of the Planning Commission Meeting held December 18, 2002 and the Library Board Meeting held December 19, 2002.
- To Open the Public Hearing to consider a request from the property owners at 20830 Lennon to allow a parking lot in a residentially zoned area in accordance with Sec. 10-149(1) of the City's Zoning Ordinance.
- To Close the Public Hearing to consider a request from the property owners at 20830 Lennon to allow a parking lot in a residentially zoned area in accordance with Sec. 10-149(1) of the City's Zoning Ordinance.
- That the agenda of the Regular City Council Meeting having been acted upon, the meeting is hereby adjourned at 8:47 p.m.

RESOLUTIONS PASSED

- To approve the following items in the Consent Agenda:
 - Approve the Accounts Payable listing for Check Numbers 65842 through 65950 in the amount of \$909,983.49 as submitted by the City Manager, and further, authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to sign the listing.
 - Approve payment to Statewide Security Transport in the amount of \$10,417.44 for prisoner lodging and maintenance for the month of November, 2002.
 - Approve payment number two to Grosse Pointe Farms in the amount of \$37,591.18 for our annual lease payment for the new radio system.
 - Approve payment to Anderson Eckstein & Westrick, Inc. in the amount of \$20,212.50 for professional services during the month of December, 2002 for the following projects: 2002 Concrete Pavement Repair, #180-067; Bouremouth Resurfacing, #180-068; Kelly Road Parking Improvements, #180-073 and a Kruger Traffic Study, #180-075.
- Approve the proposed parking lot at 20830 Lennon as required by Sec. 10-149(1) of the City's Zoning Ordinance as recommended by the City Planning Commission subject to the conditions set forth in their minutes of November 20, 2002.
- To accept the following high bids for the sale of surplus City vehicles:

Eastside Auto Classics:	1995 Ford Crown Victoria	\$ 727.00
	1997 Ford Crown Victoria	\$1,234.00
	1996 Ford Crown Victoria	\$1,029.00
	1996 Ford Crown Victoria	\$ 919.00
		\$3,909.00
- To adopt a resolution in opposition to Comcast Cable rate increases.

Kenneth A. Poynter,
Mayor

Mickey D. Todd,
City Clerk,

G.P.N.: 01/23/2003

LAST DAY OF REGISTRATION

SCHOOL ELECTION

NOTICE OF LAST DAY OF REGISTRATION
OF THE ELECTORS OF SCHOOL DISTRICT OF THE
CITY OF HARPER WOODS,
WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN

TO THE ELECTORS OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT:

Please Take Notice that the Board of Education of School District of the City of Harper Woods, Wayne County, Michigan, as called a special election to be held in the school district on Monday, March 3, 2003.

TAKE NOTICE that the following proposition will be submitted at the special bond election:

BONDING PROPOSAL

Shall School District of the City of Harper Woods, Wayne County, Michigan, borrow the sum of not to exceed Forty-One Million Nine Hundred Eighty Thousand Dollars (\$41,980,000) and issue its general obligation unlimited tax bonds therefor, for the purpose of:

Erecting, furnishing and equipping new elementary and middle/high school buildings; and developing and improving the sites, playgrounds and athletic fields and facilities?

The following is for informational purposes only:

The estimated millage that will be levied for the proposed bonds in 2003, under current law, is 6.52 mills (\$6.52 on each \$1,000 of taxable valuation) for a total 2003 debt levy of 9.25 mills and a net increase of 5.68 mills. The maximum number of years the bonds may be outstanding, exclusive of any refunding, will not exceed thirty (30) years. The estimated simple average annual millage anticipated to be required to retire this bond debt is 8.55 mills (\$8.55 on each \$1,000 of taxable valuation).

(Pursuant to State law, expenditure of bond proceeds must be audited, and the proceeds cannot be used for repair or maintenance costs, teacher, administrator or employee salaries, or other operating expenses.)

THE LAST DAY ON WHICH PERSONS MAY REGISTER IN ORDER TO BE ELIGIBLE TO VOTE AT THE SPECIAL ELECTION CALLED TO BE HELD ON MONDAY, MARCH 3, 2003, IS MONDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 2003. PERSONS REGISTERING AFTER 5 O'CLOCK IN THE EVENING ON MONDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 2003, ARE NOT ELIGIBLE TO VOTE AT THE SPECIAL BOND ELECTION.

To register, visit any Secretary of State branch office or your county, city or township clerk's office. Persons planning to register with the respective county, city or township clerk must ascertain the days and hours on which the clerk's offices are open for registration.

This Notice is given by order of the Board of Education of School District of the City of Harper Woods, Wayne County, Michigan.

Claudia Mahon,
Secretary, Board of Education

G.P.N.: 01/23/2003 & 01/30/2003

PET POINTER OF INTEREST



Brady

Name: Brady
Age: 35 "pouch" years.
Hometown: Grosse Pointe Park.

Breed: Mixed terrier and more.

Nickname: Poochie.

Favorite sport:

Swimming in the lakes up north, fetch and four square.

Family: Human Mom and Dad (David and Elizabeth Kovach), entire neighborhood, and pooch pals Hershey, Patriot, Oscar, Jynx, Chewy and Joey.

Mission in life: Getting her belly scratched and letting her blond hair blow in the breeze. She especially loves her neighborhood kids, as well as volunteering as a pet therapy dog at Children's Hospital of Michigan in Detroit.

Favorite activity: Howling at her special neighbor friends to "come and pet me" (and of course, they do), digging and lying in her own sandbox, rolling in the snow, jumping in a large pile of leaves, and going up north to run free.

Most disliked thing: Temperatures above 60 degrees and going to her favorite veterinarian to get the "personals" taken care of.

If you would like to submit your "Pet Pointer of Interest," deliver or mail a typed outline and photograph to the Grosse Pointe News, 96 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe Farms, MI 48236; or e-mail to postmaster@grossepointenews.com (photos must be high resolution).



Brady

FCC revisits its telemarketing rules

By the Federal Communications Commission

Telemarketing has been around for decades, yet the last dozen years have seen an explosive growth in the number of daily solicitations, now by e-mail and fax as well as by telephone. The telemarketing industry has grown from a remarkable \$435 billion in sales in 1990 to \$600 billion in the last year.

But not all consumers are happy with these statistics. Examples of complaints filed with the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) are from a busy mom trying to home school her children during the week, but telemarketer calls constantly interrupt. Another daughter complained that incessant telemarketer calls tie up the line so that she could not reach her elderly mother, whose fax line also bleated at 3 a.m. with unwanted calls.

According to K. Dane Snowden, chief of the Consumer and Governmental Affairs Bureau (CGB) at the FCC, consumers like these are complaining to the FCC

'We encourage consumers on both sides of the issue to use the commission's processes to be heard.'

K. Dane Snowden
Chief of the Consumer & Governmental Affairs Bureau of the FCC

about unwanted and unwanted calls from advertisers and telemarketers.

Congress created the Telephone Consumer Protection Act (TCPA) in 1991 in response to consumer concerns about the increasing number of unsolicited telephone marketing calls to their homes, and the FCC created rules in 1992 to implement the TCPA.

The FCC's TCPA rules prohibit telephone solicitation calls to your home before 8 a.m. and after 9 p.m. A telephone solicitor must give his name, the name of the entity for which he is calling, and a telephone number or address to contact that entity.

Further, the rules require telemarketers to maintain a do-not-call list, and as Snowden says, consumers

can get some relief by requesting to be placed on that company's list. The telemarketers must keep you on the list and may not call for 10 years. "Violations of these rules can result in fines for the caller," says Snowden.

Certain calls are exempt from many of the FCC's rules, including calls from companies with which the consumer has an existing business relationship and those from tax-exempt, nonprofit organizations, including many political organizations.

To learn more, you can request a Fact Sheet from the FCC explaining the rules at the FCC Web site (www.fcc.gov/cgb) or by calling (888) CALL-FCC.

In addition, the Direct Marketing Association

(DMA) sponsors the Telephone Preference Service, which maintains a do-not-call list. DMA members are required to use this list. You can register for free by mailing your name, phone number, and signature in a letter to: "DMA Telephone Preference Service, Box 643, Carmel, NY 10512. Or for a \$5 fee, you can register online at www.dma.org/cgi/offtelephone-dave. Once you register, your name stays on this list for five years.

Currently, the FCC is considering ways in which it can revise its telemarketing rules to adequately protect consumers' privacy.

The FCC has asked for comments on whether it should change its rules that restrict telemarketing calls and, if so, how. One possible change being investigated is that of establishing a national do-not-call list in addition to the lists maintained by some states.

The FCC wants to hear your comments on and suggested changes to the current TCPA rules. You can file comments electronically or in written form on or before Nov. 22. To file electronically, you must access the FCC's Electronic Comment Filing System through the FCC's Web site at www.fcc.gov/e-file/ecfs.html. To file by paper, you can send your comment to the Office of the Secretary, Federal Communications Commission, 445 12th Street SW, Washington, DC 20554. Your comment must include the docket number (CG Docket No. 02-278) for proper filing.

"We encourage consumers on both sides of the issue to use the commission's processes to be heard," says Snowden.

Park's old fire truck put out to pasture

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

It takes only one buyer to make a sale. The hard part is finding a buyer.

So, when national advertisements went unanswered, Grosse Pointe Park firefighters cast a wider net this winter trying to find a new home for their worn-out ladder truck.

By turning to the Internet, the 30-year-old truck has gone from white elephant to modest windfall.

A collector from Rhode Island bought the vehicle for \$5,500 within a month of its being posted on eBay (www.ebay.com), the online worldwide flea market.

"We tried to sell the truck in various fire service magazines but had only one offer," said Dave Hiller, Park chief of public safety. "We decided to give eBay a try."

The truck had become functionally obsolete. The department had already put into service a new truck with a 100-foot extension ladder.

Hiller said the old truck's \$5,500 selling price was "just about the right value."

The new owner wanted to drive the truck home to the East Coast. Hiller talked him out of it, citing the vehicle's slow speed and low miles-per-gallon.

"It has a top speed of only 50 or 55 mph," Hiller said. "I don't know how many stops he'd have to make for diesel fuel. It would be a long drive."

The new owner decided to have the truck hauled home.

Firefighters develop soft spots for their trucks, and Hiller is confident the faithful old pumper on which he depended so many times is in good hands.

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Ski Hi: a winter legacy in the Pointes

By Jennie Miller
Staff Writer

Despite the frigid weather and the prospect of frostbitten fingers and toes, teenagers in Grosse Pointe are storming the hills of Pine Knob on Friday nights.

The Grosse Pointe War Memorial's "Ski Hi" program has been enabling middle and high schoolers to battle the slopes for more than 30 years.

Between January and March every year, more than a hundred kids are bused out to Clarkston every Friday to improve their skiing and snowboarding skills and hit the hills with friends.

Kids love the trips because of the opportunity to ski and hang out with friends at the same time.

"I take any opportunity to go skiing," said Kyle Duker, 15, a freshman at Grosse Pointe South High School.

"It's fun to ski and snowboard with my friends on Friday nights," said Hannah Kraus, 13, an eighth-grader at Pine Middle School.

Aaron Hynds, 15, a freshman at South, bugged his girlfriend to join the program so the two of them could enjoy the trips together.

"It's a fun way to spend a

Friday night together," said Nicole Hogan, 16, a sophomore at South.

Parents are drawn to the program because it is a safe and organized way for their children to have a great time on the slopes while being chaperoned.

Lessons are required by both the War Memorial and Pine Knob, in order for skiers to be allowed on the hills.

According to Amy Eisengruber, the War Memorial's assistant director of lifelong learning, each student is issued a color-coded patch following a lesson, which identifies the hills on which a student may ski.

The 10 different hills at Pine Knob are categorized according to level of difficulty.

A skier, having passed the first two lessons, may ski on three different hills, using rope tows to reach the tops.

Following successful completion of the third and fourth lessons, six more hills are

available to a skier, with access by chair lift.

After the fifth and sixth lessons, skiers are considered to be more advanced with turning abilities and are free to ski the entire area except for what is called The Wall.

Only skiers who complete the seventh lesson may tackle this hill, and are expected to be expert skiers.

The students are thrilled to improve their skiing skills through the lessons offered by Pine Knob. Even students who have only been skiing for a few years can

become much more advanced through these lessons.

But skiing is a dangerous sport, and chaperones are cautious when seeing these young skiers fly down the hills.

Last Friday night, Elise Amato, 13, an eighth-grader at Pierce, was anxious to head out to Pine Knob.

"I am excited to ski with my friends and take snowboarding lessons," she said, just before boarding the bus.

During her lesson, Amato suffered a fall and broke her wrist. The Ski Hi chaperones and Pine Knob employees came to her rescue.

"The parents who were chaperoning were wonderful," said her father, Daniel Amato. "They really helped to make her feel comfortable."

Like any sport, risks are taken and injuries are bound to happen.

Despite his daughter's injury, Amato doesn't think negatively of the program.

"I think the program is terrific," he said. "It gives the kids a chance to improve their skills and get out there on a regular basis."

"It's fun to ski and snowboard with my friends on Friday nights,"

— Hannah Kraus, 13, an eighth-grader at Pierce Middle School



Photo by Jennie Miller

Above, a member of the Grosse Pointe War Memorial's Ski Hi program takes a break before heading back up the chair lift to hit the slopes at Pine Knob.



Photo by Jennie Miller

Above, a skier aims to tackle the next hill at Pine Knob.



Photo by Scott Bein

Above, Ski Hi members gather around the bus in the parking lot of the War Memorial before heading out to Pine Knob.

The groups head out to Pine Knob at 4:30 p.m. on Friday nights, weather permitting. Buses return to the War Memorial at 11:30 p.m.

Membership to the program is \$27 per year.

Each trip costs \$43 for a student bringing his or her own

equipment.

For a student renting skiing gear, the cost is \$56 per trip. For a snowboarder renting equipment, the cost is \$61.

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Engagements

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Scott Joseph Lupo and Julie Brennan Storen

Storen-Lupo

Kitty and Bob Storen of Bloomfield Hills have announced the engagement of their daughter, Julie Brennan Storen, to Scott Joseph Lupo, son of Robin and Dane Lupo of Grosse Pointe Park. A May wedding is planned.

Storen attended Indiana University and the Kelley School of Business. She is a pharmaceutical sales repre-

sentative with Merck. Lupo earned a bachelor's degree in finance from the University of Notre Dame and a juris doctor degree from Wayne State University's School of Law. He is an attorney with the law firm Lupo & Koczur in Detroit.



Gwendolyn Suzanne Hardman and T. Kirk Lowry III

Hardman-Lowry

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Stanley Hardman of Spencer, W.Va. have announced the engagement of their daughter, Gwendolyn Suzanne Hardman, to T. Kirk Lowry III, son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas K. Lowry of Grosse Pointe Shores.

An April wedding is planned.

Hardman earned a bachelor's degree in corporate communications from Elon University.

She is an account manager with Trawick Community Concerts in Charlotte, N.C.

Lowry earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in management from Brown University and a master's degree in sport management from the University of Massachusetts.

He is an account executive with GMR Marketing in Charlotte.

Johnson-Luce

Barbara and Bryan Johnson of Ishpeming have announced the engagement of their daughter, Amy Lynn Johnson, to Justin Clark Luce, son of Cynthia and Charles E. Luce of Grosse Pointe Farms. An August wedding is planned.



Amy Lynn Johnson and Justin Clark Luce

Johnson earned an associate's degree from Lake Superior State University. She is a lab assistant with Aurora in Green Bay, Wis.

Luce earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in journalism from Indiana University. He is a news producer with CBS-affiliate, WFRV in Green Bay.

DeSeranno-Ermanni

Don DeSeranno of Las Vegas, Nev., and Susan DeSeranno of Grosse Pointe Shores have announced the engagement of their daughter, Aline Ann DeSeranno, to Robert Anthony Ermanni, son of Timothy and Rhoda Garverick of Grosse Pointe Farms and Robert Ermanni of Grosse Pointe Park.

A spring 2003 wedding is planned.

DeSeranno earned a Bachelor of Science degree in psychology from Madonna University.



Aline Ann DeSeranno and Robert Anthony Ermanni

She is working toward a master's degree in nutrition at Wayne State University.

Ermanni earned a Bachelor of Science degree in business administration from Ferris State University.

He is working on a master's degree in business at Walsh College.

Weddings



Mr. and Mrs. Michael Benedict Cowan

Gmeiner-Cowan

Amy Patricia Gmeiner, daughter of Patricia M. Gmeiner of the City of Grosse Pointe and the late Douglas W. Gmeiner, married Michael Benedict Cowan, son of Martha M. Cowan of Woodstock, Vt. and Stuart A. Cowan of Brooklyn, N.Y., on Aug. 24, 2002, at the Grosse Pointe Academy Chapel.

The Rev. John Hall officiated at the 6 p.m. ceremony, which was followed by a reception at the Detroit Yacht Club.

The bride wore an ivory satin A-line gown that fea-

tured a scoop neck and spaghetti straps. The bodice was decorated with crystal and pearl beads. Her veil was held in place by a crystal beaded comb and she carried a bouquet of white calla lilies. The bride was escorted down the aisle by her uncle, Skip Gmeiner of Harrison Township.

The matron of honor was Kimberly G. Ryszewski of Grosse Pointe Farms.

Bridesmaids were Carrie Tigges of Harper Woods, Deborah Gmeiner of St. Clair Shores, Sue Pilarski of Dearborn Heights, Rebecca Rector of Monroe, La. and the groom's sister, Katie Cowan of Fort Collins, Colo.

The flower girl was Meghan Ryszewski of

Grosse Pointe Farms.

Attendants wore floor-length A-line satin amethyst dresses.

The best man was the groom's brother, Daniel Cowan of Washington, D.C.

Groomsmen were Geoff Kennedy of San Francisco, Will Littlefield of Burlington, Vt., Stephen Gmeiner of St. Clair Shores, Jay Robie of Boston, Adam Zangerle of Cleveland and Matt Gardella of Boston. Ushers were John Palermo of Boston and Ed Sutt of Newport, R.I.

The ring bearer was Marty Gulewicz of Eastpointe.

The mother of the bride wore a navy blue floor-length lace and chiffon dress and a gardenia corsage.

The groom's mother wore a blue and beige silk suit and a gardenia corsage.

Nancy Simmons was the organist. William Berger was the trumpeter. Elizabeth Cronin was the soloist. Scripture readers were Ann Jerome, Will Littlefield and Ann Dingeman.

The bride earned a Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of Michigan. She is a district sales manager with Coca-Cola Enterprises.

The groom earned a

Bachelor of Arts degree in English/writing from St. Lawrence University. He is dean of students and a teacher of seventh-grade English at the Grosse Pointe Academy.

The newlyweds traveled to Grand Cayman Island. They live in Grosse Pointe Woods.

Weidenfeller-McHugh

Nichole Therese Weidenfeller, daughter of Dave and Kris Weidenfeller of Lowell, married Michael Sean McHugh, son of Jack and Maureen McHugh of Grosse Pointe Woods, on July 19, 2002, at an outdoor ceremony at Blythefield Country Club.

The Rev. Margaret Voss officiated at the 6 p.m. ceremony, which was followed by a reception.

The wedding party included the bride's and groom's siblings, William Shuster, Wendy Shuster, Erin McHugh and Kathleen Weidenfeller, and nephews, William James Shuster and Joseph David Shuster.

Special attendants were Amy Vetric and Mary Gange of Kalamazoo and



Mr. and Mrs. Michael Sean McHugh

Brian Bartley of Grand Rapids.

The violinist was Cameron Warne of Rockford.

The bride earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in journalism and art from Western Michigan University and a master's degree in education from the University of Alaska. She is an elementary school teacher.

The groom earned a Bachelor of Arts degree from Western Michigan University. He is an English teacher.

The newlyweds toured Alaska. They live in Alaska.

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911 calls made by accident are real risk to public safety

For many people, a wireless telephone is a source of comfort: knowing that emergency help is as close as the phone's keypad is often a main reason for people to have wireless phones and to give them to their children.

Unfortunately, between 25 and 70 percent of all wireless calls to 911 are accidental, by some estimates, and these calls clog up the phone lines at emergency call centers and even inhibit the dispatch of emergency services to those actually in need.

Accidental 911 calls can result from a consumer inadvertently pressing a key on his or her handset that is automatically programmed to reach 911 by way of speed dial. Many older wireless phones are equipped with this feature, and many came preprogrammed with the feature turned on.

In these preprogrammed handsets, holding down one key for a few seconds — generally the "9" — activates the speed dial. The older wireless phones with this feature, especially those with an open-faced design, might bump against an item in the user's purse or pocket, activating the automatic dial without the user even being aware that this is hap-

pening.

Accidental 911 calls, also known as unintentional 911 calls, pose a risk to public safety because an emergency call center must spend time and resources to determine whether the calls are truly emergencies or merely false alarms. Generally, a public safety operator will stay on the line, or will disconnect and try to call the caller back to verify any emergency. In either case, time that could be devoted to a true emergency is wasted, and a life could hang in the balance.

Wireless phone users can prevent accidental 911 calls in several ways. Locking the keypad of a phone prevents accidental calls, as does turning off the automatic 911 feature — your user's manual will explain how. Also, one of the benefits of buying a newer handset is that very few of the newer phones have this feature, and if they do, the user has to activate it, so accidental 911 calls are infrequent with the later model handsets.

The Federal Communications Commission is working with wireless handset manufacturers, wireless carriers, and public safety agencies

such as the National Emergency Number Association, the Association of Public-Safety Communications Officials-International Inc., and the National Association of State Nine One One Administrators, to take steps to address the problem of accidental 911 calls.

As a result, wireless carriers, for example, have asked manufacturers either to turn off the 911 autodial feature before shipment of new handsets or not to offer the 911 autodial feature as an option at all. In fact, by Jan. 1, all handsets certified by the Cellular Telecommunications and Internet Association — a trade association for the wireless industry — will not be factory programmed to dial 911.

In addition, many carriers have attempted to reduce the number of accidental 911 calls by providing their customers with educational information through inserts in their monthly bills, through direct mailings/newsletters, and through postings on their Web sites.

For more information, visit the commission's CGB Web site at www.fcc.gov/cgb.

COTS plans fundraiser at Traffic Jam & Snug

The fourth annual SoupCity, a fundraiser for the Coalition on Temporary Shelter (COTS), will be held from 6 to 10 p.m. Monday, Jan. 27, at the Traffic Jam & Snug, 511 Canfield (at the corner of Second) in Detroit.

Guests will have their fill of unique soups from the area's best restaurants: The Whitney, the Majestic Cafe, Union Street, the Traffic Jam, Trattoria Andiamo and Agave. Hearty bread will be from the Avalon International Bakery.

George Higgins will provide piano music.

For \$20, supporters of the COTS program can have all the soup they can eat, fine entertainment and a cash bar. All proceeds go to COTS, which provides 551,000 shelter nights, serves 110,000 meals, fills more than 3,500 jobs and provides more than 7,200 hours of child care each year.

"COTS is so fortunate to have the support of these great restaurants in this fundraising effort," said Grosse Pointe Woods resident Beth McKeown, mar-

keting manager for COTS. "A special thanks to Joe Serventi, manager of Trattoria Andiamo in Grosse Pointe Woods. This will be the third year he and his friendly staff have helped to make SoupCity such a great success."

Tickets will be available at the door and free, lighted parking will be available. For more information, call (313) 831-3777 or go to bethcots@aol.com.

Art auction: The Family Center of Grosse Pointe and Harper Woods will hold an art auction of collectible lithographs, etchings, watercolors, silkscreens and original oils by artists such as Chagall, Miro, Lautrec and Neiman. The auction will be held on Wednesday, Feb. 12, at a private club in Grosse Pointe Shores.

The Family Center is a nonprofit organization that seeks to promote a deeper understanding of the role of parents and others in raising healthy children to become caring, competent and responsible members of the community. The center

offers classes and workshops about normal growth and development, family dynamics and parenting strategies. It encourages parent-to-parent support through parent networks and drop-in center and refers parents and professionals to resources and facilitates the creation of new resources in the community.

The auction will be conducted by State of the Art, a Chicago-based company that specializes in conducting art auctions.

"We are excited to host this innovative auction," said Diane Strickler, executive director of the Family Center. "The evening promises fine art, delicious tastes and time with friends — all in support of quality programs for families."

The evening will begin at 7 p.m., with bidding beginning at 8 p.m. Admission is \$25 a person. A cash bar will be available. To make a reservation or get more information, call the Family Center at (313) 432-3832.

— Margie Reins Smith



Among the supporters of the Coalition on Temporary Shelter (COTS) annual SoupCity fundraiser are Stephanie and Bill Listman of Grosse Pointe Woods, at the left, and Dallas and Joan Kitchen of Grosse Pointe Farms.

Super Sunday: One game, two winning recipes

It's time for my annual Super Bowl picks. To eat, that is.

This year I've chosen two simple recipes to pass around on game day. The first is a cream cheese appetizer that is flavored with curry and finished with sharp Cheddar and chutney. The recipe was given to me by my friend Laura Donnelly Filkin of Grosse Pointe Shores. It originated in the kitchen of her beloved Aunt Ho Ho. The unusual combination of flavors is sure to please the curry-lover in your life.

À LA ANNIE

By Annie Rouleau-Scheriff



The second recipe (because many people, including me, don't care for curry) is a delicious take on the ever-popular quesadilla and was created by my gal pal Lisa Gresens.

Lisa combines shredded chicken with whole pinto beans and brings it together with sour cream and a unique blend of spices.

It may quite possibly be the tastiest chicken quesadilla ever.

Aunt Honoria's Cream Cheese & Chutney Appetizer

1 8-oz. package cream cheese, softened
3 tablespoons sherry
1 teaspoon curry
1/4 teaspoon ground cumin
1/2 cup shredded sharp Cheddar cheese
1 9-oz. jar Major Grey's Chutney (Cross & Blackwell, available at Kroger in the Village)
4-6 scallions, thinly sliced

In a small sauce pan, heat the sherry over low heat and stir in the curry and cumin to dissolve. Remove from heat and cool completely before proceeding.

Combine the cream cheese with the cooled sherry. Mold the cheese into a 1/2-inch thick circle on a serving plate. Loosely pack the Cheddar on and around the circle of cream cheese. Top with half of the jar of chutney and sprinkle with the sliced scallions. Serve with hearty crackers or grilled pita. For the curry, I chose Detroit Spice Company's Peacock restaurant blend. It's available at the Village Market in Grosse Pointe Farms.

I brought the dip for my co-workers to taste because I'm no judge when it comes to curry. Those who eat curry raved about the fla-

vor as they devoured it on saltines, no less.

Way to go Aunt Ho Ho.

Lisa's Quesadillas

1 large onion, chopped
1 tablespoon butter or olive oil
1/2 package (about 11/2 tablespoons) Lawrey's fajita seasoning
1 whole cooked chicken (from the grocery deli), skinned, boned and shredded
1 15-oz. can pinto beans drained
3 tablespoons (or more) sour cream
1/2 cup shredded Cheddar, or more (your choice)
1 teaspoon Tiger sauce
1 teaspoon ground cumin
Few drops of hot sauce
1/2 teaspoon red pepper flakes
Salt and pepper to taste

The easiest way to keep this recipe simple is to skin and bone the cooked chicken while it is still warm. Store the chicken tightly wrapped in the refrigerator until you're ready to shred it. Otherwise, begin by cooking the onion with the butter and the fajita seasoning over medium heat in a small pan for 10 minutes or so. While the onion is cooking, prepare the chicken and place it in a large bowl. Add the cooked



Photo by Ann Fouty

It doesn't matter who wins the game, Lisa's Quesadillas, shown at the top, and Aunt Honoria's Cream Cheese & Chutney Appetizer, below, will take the prize at a Super Bowl gathering.

onion and the pinto beans and mix well. Stir in the sour cream, Tiger sauce, cumin, hot sauce and red pepper flakes. Stir the mixture well to fully combine the flavors. Add the cheese and season with salt and pepper. The texture of the mixture should be smooth and creamy but not wet.

Add more sour cream if you need to. Taste your

mix and add more of any of the seasonings to suit your taste.

Spread about 3/4 cup of the mixture on to an eight-inch flour tortilla (or more for a larger tortilla) and sprinkle with additional shredded cheese. Top with

another tortilla, pressing them together with your hands. Set aside. Repeat the process with the remaining mixture. You should have enough filling to make five eight-inch round quesadillas.

To cook the quesadillas, heat a large non-stick pan that has been (using a paper towel) rubbed with canola oil. Keep the heat on low because you want to thoroughly heat the inside of the quesadilla without burning the outside of the tortilla.

Carefully place a quesadilla in the heated pan and cook for 5 minutes or so then flip it over and cook for an additional 5 minutes or until golden brown. Hold cooked quesadillas in a low (250-degree) oven (covered with foil) until ready to serve.

Serve the quesadillas cut into wedges and garnish with shredded lettuce, salsa, sour cream and sliced avocado. A hearty garnish turns this appetizer into a meal. A pizza cutter is a great choice for clean-cut wedges. Lisa's quesadillas will be a winner at your Super Bowl party. Bet on it.

Tiger sauce is a sauce made from peppers, spices and sugar that give it a snappy hot and sweet taste at the same time. You'll find it at Kroger in the Village.

New insurance product will offer comprehensive travel protection

On vacation no one likes to think about an accident, natural disasters, medical emergencies or death. And yet, an emergency can — and often does — strike in the midst of a long-awaited vacation, creating severe emotional and financial hardships for those who are unprepared.

Almost any travel agent can relate a true-life story about a client who had to be airlifted or transported to a hospital for care while on vacation. According to the U.S. Department of State, medical evacuation can "easily" cost \$10,000 ... or more, and that cost is unlikely to be reimbursed by the patient's regular health insurance provider.

More and more travelers are beginning to recognize the value of travel insur-

ance. It can make the difference between a vacation filled with unnecessary trauma and one that is worry-free — often for a fraction of the cost of the total trip. AAA Travel Agency offers a new insurance product — World Access Travel Insurance — with more comprehensive travel protection for its Michigan customers.

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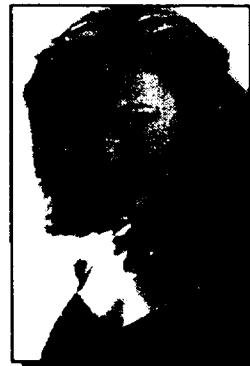
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The Pastor's Corner

Be fair

By the Rev. William C. DeVries
First Christian Reformed Church

My mother was a paragon of sound judgment. With three daughters and one son, she had to be.

While I was growing up I did not appreciate her wise determination. Now that I have progressed into parenthood and even grandparenthood, I see much more clearly the sage quality of her pronouncements.

It now makes perfect sense to me that if you "butt in" to the line, you will have to go all the way to the back. And it now is clearly fair that if you don't do your share today, you will have to do yours plus more tomorrow. Likewise, if you insist on eating most of the cookies, you will not get any of the next batch.

Being fair is not just a convenience for the raising of small children, it is an essential part of productive social interaction on every level. It is no mere happenstance that equality is mentioned in our national heritage before and even as the basis for the pursuit of happiness.

When we become uninterested in fairness, our happiness is doomed to eventual defeat. It also is no mere happenstance that Jesus taught his followers to love others as you love yourself.

Treating others fairly, without seeking personal advantage, is the minimal step, the opening door to caring for others.

It is deeply unsettling then to see all the symbols in our society today which reflect the false proposition that happiness is built on personal advantage. I witness when we speak publicly that we praise fairness and justice. But when we act in more hidden contexts, we display a deeply growing expression of: "Me first."

When we drive or shop or play our games or train our children and grandchildren our chorus becomes "Me first."

Mom taught us that grabbing food, butting in line and shirking our job was not only impolite, but wrong. Dead wrong. If we make a practice of shelving fairness for advantage, eventually it will find us out and everything will begin falling apart.

The more fairness we sacrifice, the less happiness is possible.

By the way, Mom had another saying that is a fair summation of the dangers of thinking my wants are more important than yours. She used to say: "I want doesn't get."

Once again, she was right.

1953

By Helen Gregory
Special Writer

Many of today's Grosse Pointers were around in 1953. If you were, do you remember what it was like? If you weren't, you might be curious. Let me take you back.

In 1953, Harry Truman left office and Dwight D. Eisenhower became the 34th president. The Iron Curtain, Cold War and possible nuclear attacks were everyday concerns. School children had air raid drills. The Rosenbergs were executed. Stalin died and the Soviet Union was up for grabs. The Communist party officially decided they disapproved of Picasso's "Portrait of Stalin." The Korean War ended. McCarthy's House Un-American Activities Committee (HUAC) was blacklisting "pink-o" writers and entertainers.

Charlie Chaplin left the country. Arthur Miller's "The Crucible" opened and failed, closing in 196 performances. "Sherlock Holmes" with Basil Rathbone closed in three. The UK had a new queen. For the first time, the coronation was televised. Only a few years before, no one had a TV set, but by now most households had one. Loretta Young left the big screen to sweep through a door on TV. "I Love Lucy" was so big that water pressure dropped across time zones during commercials as people raced to the bathroom. Desi Arnaz Jr. was born the same day baby Ricky was born on the show. American

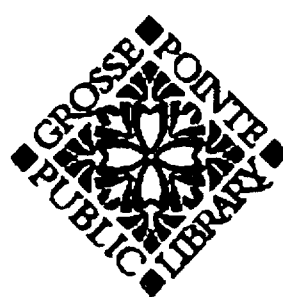
Bandstand was still local to Philadelphia and Dick Clark wasn't its DJ yet. The top 40 was easy listening: Como, Clooney and Sinatra. Rock and Roll was banned on radio until Bill Haley and the Comets hit the charts with "Crazy, Man, Crazy."

In 1954 he released "Rock Around the Clock" and the floodgates opened.

Winston Churchill received the Nobel Prize for literature. Seven of the 10 best-selling nonfiction books of the year were religious or inspirational with the notable and sporting exceptions of a book on golf, "The Kinsey Report on Sexual Behavior in the Human Female" and Polly Adler's "A House is Not a Home" (she was a madam). Simone De Beauvoir introduced the phrase "women's liberation" in "The Second Sex."

In January, the first issue of TV Guide came out in 10 cities with Marilyn Monroe on the cover. April's national release featured Desi Jr. on the cover and sold 1,560,000 copies. The first Playboy magazine hit the street in December with Marilyn Monroe on the cover in a plunging neckline — modest by today's standards.

J.D. Watson and F.H.C. Crick wrote a short article that appeared in Nature Magazine called "The Molecular Structure of Nucleic Acids." Science changed forever. The public didn't notice until 1968, when Watson's "The Double Helix" added DNA to the language.



The Book Return

The Yankees won the Series, but they always did. The Lakers won the NBA Championship (so did they), but they were in Minneapolis in those days. Top NBA players might expect \$12,000 a year.

Edmund Hillary and Tenzing Norgay were the first to climb Everest.

The first Corvette rolled out. Of 300 built that year, each handmade, 255 are accounted for today: 150 hp, white exterior, black soft-top, red wheels and interior. The sticker price was \$3,498 plus \$91.40 for a heater and \$145.15 for an AM radio.

World population has grown from 2.681 billion in 1953 to more than 6 billion today.

Here in Grosse Pointe, the Punch and Judy showed movies. Jacobson's sold dresses for \$17.95 and handbags for \$7.95, reduced from \$13.95.

Houses in the Woods sold for \$20,000 to \$40,000. Houses for sale along the lake did not list prices. After all, if you have to ask, you can't afford it. To put this into another perspective, my mother bought a four-bed-

room house in Toledo for under \$3,000.

In 1953 Grosse Pointe opened a new state-of-the-art library built by world-renowned architect Marcel Breuer, who selected the Calder mobile designed specifically for the building and completed his plan with designer furniture.

Murray W. Sales and D.M. Ferry Jr. donated the building and its furnishings, including art. Additional funds came from service groups like the Junior League of Detroit and individual donors, along with the Friends of the Library. The total cost may be mentioned somewhere, but I didn't find it.

When the new building opened, 16,698 Grosse Pointers were registered borrowers. Some 273,390 books a year circulated from the collection of 53,438.

Last year there were 161,723 books in the collection and 28,274 audiovisual items in the collection. Circulation was up to 534,953. Public computer use, only dreamed of in the days of UNIVAC, came on the scene late and has been increasing logarithmically since. We had 28,914 registered borrowers. More than half the residents are card-carrying library users.

Maybe we can use a little more space.

You can reach Helen Gregory online at hgregory@gp.lib.mi.us or find her at Grosse Pointe Central Library.

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Reliving childhood fantasies

Recently Channel 56 showed the old-time movie, "Swing Time," with Ginger Rogers and Fred Astaire. I remembered the first time I saw the film, more than a half century ago, and wondered if I should watch it.

Could it possibly live up to what I considered perfection?

When I was in my early teens, every Saturday afternoon my friends and I went to the Cinderella Theater on Jefferson in Grosse Pointe Park. I believe the films we saw represented the golden age of filmdom.

Mostly they were sophisticated comedies in which everybody was beautiful or handsome and witty with sparkling conversation. The clothing was superb and the settings tasteful. All the characters were likable, even the bad guys, and situations got resolved with good humor and reasonableness.

How wonderful to live that kind of life, even though we realized that probably nobody actually did. But hey... maybe...

The films that resonated most were those with Ginger Rogers and Fred Astaire. Their grace, passion and dancing created an unforgettable memory.

I'm happy to report the movie was just as charming as I remembered. And the moment when they first danced together was as breathtaking as when I originally saw the film.

I can only describe the emotion I felt as pure joy. The two had given themselves totally to the music and were spontaneously expressing their joy.

Now I understand that seeming spontaneity was the result of years of lessons, practice and experience, plus remarkable talent.

I see now how important it is that we encourage children to the often dull task of learning the basics of grammar and sentence structure, or to practice, practice, practice whatever the musical instrument, or to playing a sport over and over until the mechanics are thoroughly lodged in the brain.

Senior Scene



By
Ruth
Cain

With sports, however, we want to be sure not to place too much physical stress on growing bodies.

Without that background of learning, practice and experience, dancers trying to be spontaneous would simply be flailing their arms and bumping into each other as they tried to dance together.

Knowledge and experience give us the freedom ultimately to be truly creative. While children doing their own thing is charming, urge them to learn the basics and then go on to the next level and the next and the next, even if they aren't child prodigies.

Child prodigies also will be taking lessons and practicing the rest of their lives.

ing the rest of their lives.

I spoke of beautiful clothing as being part of the spell of those old movies.

I once read an interview with Barbara Bush about the wardrobe designed for her to wear at the inaugural events for her husband. She laughed and said that with her ample figure, no designer could do much for her.

The pictures I saw later of those events, however, showed her to be classy and handsome.

You'd think that dressing the beautiful and slim Jennifer Granholm would be a dream for any designer.

I'll admit that her inaugural outfits may have looked better in the flesh than in newspaper photos and TV shots. But the fabrics looked so stiff and heavy. The amount of fabric in them seemed excessive.

I read that Granholm fretted to an aide that maybe the blue dress was too fussy. She should have listened to her gut feelings.

The only reason I can see for such gowns was that the designer wanted to provide ballast for Granholm's slight frame from the stiff wintry winds of Lansing and Grand Rapids.

Granholm is said to be totally uninterested in clothes. Her work uniform is a pantsuit, with sweats for leisure wear. Totally understandable and suitable.

But even Hillary Clinton understands our basic need to see even our hardest working and brainiest public servants beautifully clad for these special events.

Jack Welch, retired CEO of General Electric, is back in the news again. He announced he would head an advisory board for New York City's new Leadership Academy.

The academy will offer training and support to improve the quality of the city's 1,200 school principals.

I wonder if he'll offer a session on how to extract the last dollar from New York taxpayers?

My only personal knowledge about Welch came about two years ago when a financial newsletter I followed recommended selling GE stock. The editor said GE's stock earnings were overstated and the stock overpriced.

It seems that GE, which has thousands and thousands of workers throughout the world, consequently has a very large pension fund. GE included the earnings from the fund as corporate earnings. While such accounting isn't fraudulent, it certainly gives a misleading report of the firm's financial health.

I'm sure Welch didn't order that particular accounting practice, but he surely knew about it.

I did sell half of my GE shares (my original 100 had become 300 through stock dividends) and made a nice profit. The 150 shares I still own are now about half the price of the ones I sold.

I wish I had sold them all.

Emergency beacon program offered to seniors

Services for Older Citizens (SOC) is offering residents an opportunity to purchase a 911 Emergency Beacon light bulb at a significant savings, while helping local low-income seniors get a bulb for free. The unique bulb helps 911 responders find a residence in an emergency situation.

The Emergency Beacon is a new, simple, easy-to-use home safety device. It can be used as an ordinary light or it can be instantly turned into a flashing, highly visible signal for help.

The Emergency Beacon can direct emergency response teams or concerned neighbors to your residence and save precious seconds or even minutes when you need help.

It can be easily added to any ordinary light switch. Do-it-yourself installation requires no special tools and usually takes less than five minutes.

The beacon can be used on

both exterior and interior lights. It works with all types of structures — houses, town homes, apartments, mobile homes or commercial properties. It is particularly helpful in homes with children or older persons.

Made in the USA and UL tested and approved, the Emergency Beacon is recognized by the National Crime Prevention Council and endorsed by the National Troopers Coalition — people who know how important a few seconds can be.

In an emergency, activate the Emergency Beacon by flicking the light switch "on-off-on-off" fast. The light will continue to flash, alerting emergency personnel to your location, until the switch is returned to "off."

The Emergency Beacon works with any light switch; so you can use it on your porch light, in a bedroom, in your yard or at any location that provides a clear signal.

Your light can work in the

normal mode or as a flashing alert. Once installed, the device is undetectable. It doesn't change the decor of your home.

The 60-watt bulb works the same as a conventional light bulb, but by switching the light switch on and off twice, it becomes a flashing signal for help.

The device is an asset for those who are elderly, medically at risk or who have families with small children.

The 911 Emergency Beacon light bulb retails for \$19.95 and is available at a reduced cost of \$10 per bulb. Through a special program, each light bulb purchased at \$10 will finance the purchase of the bulb for a needy senior in our area.

"We hope that every Meals on Wheels client will be able to get this lifesaving bulb," said Mary Rose Nelson, SOC's Meals on Wheels director. "Many of our clients are very frail and

on limited incomes; so this beacon will be ideal for them. It's also useful for families that live on tree-lined streets. Your house will stick out in case of emergency."

The bulbs are available at the SOC office at 17150 Waterloo, during the regular business hours: Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. For information, call SOC at (313) 882-9600.

SOC is a nonprofit agency that helps seniors in the Grosse Pointes and Harper Woods maintain their independence and dignity.

Energy assistance is available to seniors

Services for Older Citizens (SOC) is administering the THAW program for low income seniors in the five Grosse Pointes and Harper Woods.

Single residents with incomes below \$13,290 and two-person households with incomes below \$17,910 may be eligible to receive help with their unpaid gas and or electric bills.

For more information

about the energy assistance program, contact SOC's Information and Assistance department at (313) 882-9600.

SOC is a nonprofit agency that helps seniors in the Grosse Pointes and Harper Woods maintain their independence and dignity. The agency assists seniors through programs such as Information and Assistance, Food and Friendship, Case

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AARP meets on Jan. 27

Chapter 2151 of AARP will meet at 1 p.m. Monday, Jan. 27, at Grosse Pointe Memorial Church, 16 Lakeshore in Grosse Pointe Farms. Bon Secours Cottage Health Services will offer blood pressure screening before the meeting. Refreshments will be served. Guests are welcome. For more information, call Howard Winter at (313) 881-7209.

Meetings

Ski Club

The Grosse Pointe Ski Club will meet at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 5, at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore. Refreshments will be

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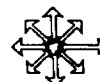
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Confronting cancer head-on

By Karen M. McMenamin
Special Writer

If you're fortunate enough never to have received a diagnosis of cancer, it can be difficult to understand what it's like to hear such news.



Karen M. McMenamin

Newly diagnosed cancer patients are often disbelieving. They're terrified. And they're likely to feel utterly alone even though health professionals and loved ones are right there at

their side during such a difficult time.

You don't have to actually have cancer to understand that most patients want to do everything they can to beat this terrible disease. Fortunately, modern medicine has come up with many treatments and therapies to help those with cancer. Some can result in complete cures.

We also know that making certain lifestyle changes, like losing weight, giving up smoking and eating more fruits and vegetables, can help stave off certain cancers or reduce their effects.

We also rely on clinical trials to help us understand the disease and how it can best be treated. Clinical trials are carefully controlled studies that investigate a specific question about a new treatment. At any given time, researchers at hospitals across the country are conducting trials for everything from promising new drugs to new ways to treat illnesses and physical conditions.

Many standard techniques for treating diseases have been developed through the clinical trial process, making it an invaluable tool for advancing modern medicine.

Not surprisingly, there are always a number of cancer clinical trials under way to explore various treatments and modalities — trials that can give new hope to patients in various stages of the disease.

Some of these trials are preventive. That is, they're aimed at finding new ways to prevent the development of the disease. That means that you may be able to participate in one of these trials even though you are cancer-free. And while you'll have to invest a certain amount of time if you do participate, consider this: If you've ever had a desire to change the world and make it a better place, this could be the way to do it.

Participating in a clinical trial could be one of the most selfless things you ever do. It has the potential of doing great good that could benefit many members of the human family.

The STAR trial is one such trial now going on. This trial compares two drugs, tamoxifen and raloxifene, for their effectiveness in reducing the incidence of breast cancer in postmenopausal women who are at increased risk for the disease. The study will follow 22,000 women randomly assigned to receive one of the drugs over five years. Volunteers are still needed.

Another trial, the Selenium and Vitamin E Cancer Prevention Trial (SELECT), is evaluating whether these two supplements can prevent the development of prostate and other cancers in men over the age of 55 (and in African American men over the age of 50).

This study will take up to 12 years to complete and will include approximately 32,000 men in the United States, Canada and Puerto Rico.

A third trial, called the Blood vs. DNA study, will determine whether a new screening tool that detects genetic material from cells of the colon is better at detecting colon and rectal cancer than current tests. Both men and women between the ages of 50 and 80 are being sought for this trial.

As a member of the Michigan Cancer Research Consortium Community Clinical Oncology Program (CCOP), the St. John Hospital and Medical Center Van Elslander Cancer Center (VECC) is involved in these and numerous other oncology clinical trials.

Among these trials are a broad range of cancer research studies, including those that use new drugs, surgical procedures and radiotherapy. In fact, both the VECC and the St. John Macomb Hospital Webber Cancer Center in Warren have access to more studies than most cancer centers in Michigan.

Among them are studies for cancers of the brain, breast, colon, rectum, gastrointestinal system, pancreas, bladder, prostate, cervix, ovaries, pelvis, uterus, head and neck, and lung. We're also conducting studies for Hodgkin's disease, leukemia, myeloma, non-Hodgkin's lymphoma, melanoma, cancer control and other conditions.

So whether your diagnosis is cancer or you're enjoying blessed good health, you may wish to consider participating in a clinical trial. If so, we'd certainly like to hear from you.

For more information on how you can help, call the Van Elslander Center Oncology Research office at (313) 343-3166.

Karen M. McMenamin is manager of Oncology Research and Outcomes Management at the Van Elslander Cancer Center. She is a resident of Grosse Pointe Park.

Volunteers are needed for test for colon cancer

The Van Elslander Cancer Center at St. John Hospital & Medical Center in Grosse Pointe Woods and St. John Macomb Hospital Webber Cancer Center in Warren are seeking volunteers to participate in a study that will look at the effectiveness of a new non-invasive test to detect colon polyps and colon cancers. The Mayo Clinic-sponsored study uses DNA testing to detect abnormal cells that the body sheds in the individual's stool sample.

The two hospital cancer centers are the only ones in Macomb, Wayne or Oakland counties to take part in the study.

Preliminary studies indicate this test could be 90-percent accurate in detecting colon cancer and polyps.

Blood versus DNA (BvD) study volunteers must be men and women who are between the ages of 50 and 80 and who have not had a colonoscopy or sigmoidoscopy in the past 10 years. Volunteers who participate in the study will be requested to provide blood and stool samples before undergoing a

colonoscopy.

Stool samples will be collected and analyzed by two stool tests. The first stool test will attempt to detect genetic material from the cells of the colon that can be associated with tumor cells. Researchers also will look for these abnormalities from blood cells. The presence of these abnormal cells may suggest the presence of a tumor or a precancerous polyp. The second stool test is a Hemoccult test that detects blood in the stool.

Study participants then will undergo a colonoscopy. The results of the blood and stool tests will be compared to the colonoscopy results to determine if the findings match. A small portion of participants found to have positive screening tests will be asked to undergo further evaluations. Study sponsors will pay for the additional tests.

The results of this study may allow physicians in the future to screen for colon cancer by a simple blood and stool test rather than the more invasive colonoscopy, improving a doctor's ability

to find colon cancer at an earlier stage when it can be treated more effectively.

Presently, colon cancer accounts for more than 10 percent of all cancer deaths and is the second leading cause of cancer deaths.

Those interested in learning the eligibility criteria and participating in the research should contact the St. John Hospital & Medical Center Van Elslander Center Oncology Research office at (313) 343-3166 or the St. John Macomb Hospital Webber Cancer Center Clinical Trials office at (586) 573-5127.

Both St. John Hospital & Medical Center and St. John Macomb Hospital are members of the Michigan Cancer Research Consortium Community Clinical Oncology Program (CCOP). The hospital members of the Michigan Cancer Research CCOP are the only Michigan hospitals participating in this DNA colorectal cancer screening trial. These hospitals have access to more studies than do most cancer centers in Michigan.

BSC offers Meals for Homebound

Is there someone you know who is recuperating from surgery or an illness and unable to cook for himself or herself?

Or do you know an elderly individual who needs help with meals for a few weeks until other arrangements are made?

Celebrating its 27th year of providing "good help to those in need," the Bon Secours Cottage Meals for the Homebound Program is a community service project that assists recently dis-

charged patients and elderly in the community during periods of recuperation or need.

The Bon Secours Cottage Meals Program is the only temporary meal service in the area, serving individuals for periods up to eight weeks.

Balanced, healthy, hot meals (regular diet only) are prepared by Food & Nutrition Services and delivered by Bon Secours Cottage volunteers during the noon hour Monday

through Friday, excluding major holidays.

The success of the program is due to the quality and variety of meals provided, along with the caring spirit and friendly touch provided to the recipients by the volunteers' visits.

The program is open to residents in the Grosse Pointes, Harper Woods and Detroit ZIP code 48224.

For more information, call Bon Secours Volunteer Services at (313) 343-1795.

Diabetes education program is available

The Bon Secours Cottage Adult Outpatient Diabetes Education Program was awarded education recognition by the American Diabetes Association and certification by the Michigan Department of Community Health.

The outpatient diabetes education program is offered to non-pregnant adults who are referred by their physicians. The program helps people with diabetes learn how to eat well while stay-

ing on individual meal plans, how to exercise for fun, how to prevent long-term problems, control and monitor blood sugar, and recognize signs of high and low blood sugar.

An individual assessment by a nurse and dietitian, by appointment only, is required before the class begins.

The fee is covered by many insurance plans.

Daytime sessions are offered from 10 a.m. until 1

p.m. Jan. 23, 28 and 30 or

March 18, 20, 25 and 27.

Evening sessions are from 6 to 9 p.m. Feb. 18, 20 and 25. All classes take place in the Bon Brae Center Classroom, 22300 Bon Brae, St. Clair Shores (at 10-1/2 Mile and Jefferson).

For more information or to preregister, call Bon Secours Cottage Community Health Promotion at (586) 779-7900 between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. weekdays.

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The temperature was below zero, but by keeping himself and his equipment warm, Monte Nagler was able to bring home this exciting shot of Pond Falls taken in Michigan's Upper Peninsula.

A cold snap

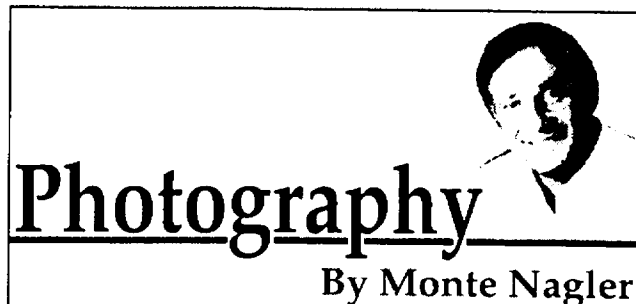
For those of you who live in cold climates or for those who live in the south but travel to snow country, winter photography can reward you with fabulous shots for your photo album.

But cold weather photography can present you with some problems that make shooting more difficult than during fair weather.

While photographers who live in a very cold climate are accustomed to such conditions, anyone used to more temperate weather can get caught unprepared.

Before setting off to take photographs in very cold conditions, you should spend some time preparing your equipment and your own clothing. Almost any camera can be operated normally to about zero degrees, but at temperatures lower than this, difficulties may start to occur.

Why do cameras function less efficiently in the cold? The most common reason is loss of battery power. Batteries not only operate the metering system but also operate the shutter on most newer cameras. Batteries work by chemical reactions which always proceed more slowly at lower temperatures. Solution: keep the battery in your



Photography

By Monte Nagler

pocket until just ready to shoot. Take your shots, then place the battery back in your pocket to keep it warm.

There are precautions you should take, too, for photographing in very cold weather. Dress warmly, in layers, and make sure your clothing allows easy access to cameras and lenses. Wear two pairs of gloves: a heavy outer pair and a thin inner pair. Remove the outer gloves when you're ready to shoot. The thin pair will keep your hands warm yet will enable you to work all camera controls.

In cold weather, you must take special care with your film. Because it can become brittle, advance it carefully and slowly as you run through the roll (turn off your power winder) and rewind it carefully, too.

Besides the physical prob-

lems of working in low temperatures, there are other considerations. A major one is exposure. Snow covered scenery is quite different from the average scene and the meter can be fooled. Remember that all meters are programmed to read average gray; so with snow scenes, be sure to overexpose a stop or two in order to produce a good negative.

When you come in out of the cold, pay special attention to your camera. Water vapor in a heated room condenses on cold metal and glass surfaces and your camera will become covered with moisture. No damage will be done; just be sure to wipe off your camera.

There you have it. During the next cold snap get out and snap some prize-winning shots.

BSC offers support groups

Bon Secours Cottage Health Services offers to the local community a variety of free support groups. Meetings take place at Cottage Hospital, 159 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe Farms; Bon Secours Hospital, 468 Cadieux, the City of Grosse Pointe; Bon Secours Nursing Care Center, 26001 Jefferson, St. Clair Shores; or the Bon Brae Center, 22300 Bon Brae, St. Clair Shores.

Alcoholics Anonymous

Meetings take place at 1 p.m. Sundays in Connelly Auditorium at Bon Secours Hospital. For more information, call (313) 885-1888.

Al Anon

Meetings take place from 10:30 a.m. until 1 p.m. Saturdays in Conference Rooms 1-4, first floor, at Cottage Hospital.

Alzheimer's/Dementia

Bon Secours Nursing Care Center — Community caregivers are invited to attend monthly sessions that focus on coping with these debilitating conditions and place emphasis on caregivers caring for themselves. Meetings are held from 4 to 5:30 p.m. the third Monday of each month in the In-Service Room. For information, call (586) 779-7032.

Bereavement

Bon Secours Cottage Hospice — Staff from Bon Secours Cottage Hospice facilitate evening meetings that are directed at anyone who has encountered a death as well as individuals whose spouses have died. For information on specific meeting dates and locations, call (313) 343-6051.

Cottage Hospital — Any adult who has experienced the death of a loved one is welcome to attend monthly afternoon or evening sessions the third Thursday of each month at Cottage Hospital. For information or to register, call (313) 343-1656.

Breast feeding Connection

The Breast feeding Connection is a Bon Secours Cottage support group for mothers who breast feed. Call the Women's HealthCare Line at (586) 779-7909 for meeting times and dates. In addition, the LaLeche League meets from 7 to 9:30 p.m. every third Monday at Bon Secours Hospital. For more information, call Mary Ann Godzwon at (313) 343-1705, or Deb Scallen at (313) 343-1777.

Caregivers, Families of Young Stroke Survivors

Facilitated by a Bon Secours Cottage social worker, this monthly support group provides emotional support, validation and feedback to caregivers and links them to appropriate resources. The group meets from 1 to 2:30 p.m. the first Tuesday of the month at Bon Secours Hospital. Participants may join at any time. For information, call (313) 417-6814.

Dual Recovery Anonymous (DRA)

This free weekly program offers support and education for people affected by mental illness who also are confronting substance abuse issues.

The DRA program helps individuals recover from both chemical dependency and emotional or psychiatric illness by focusing on relapse prevention and actively improving the quality of their lives. The group meets from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. each Friday in the Cottage Hospital conference rooms. For more information, call (313) 640-2637.

Postpartum Blues and Depression

All new mothers coping with a range of emotional reactions which can occur following the birth of a child are invited to attend monthly support sessions. For more information, call (313) 343-1777.

Outdoor food storage tips

Many people prefer to use the garage or an outdoor area to store foods during the winter months. Outdoor food storage can be safe and convenient.

As a general rule, do not attempt to store food outdoors unless outdoor temperatures are below 40 degrees Fahrenheit and you plan to consume the food within two days.

The Macomb MSU Extension's (MSUE) food safety staff has fielded many calls this winter regarding outdoor food storage. The following are a complete list of guidelines:

- The outdoor temperature must remain below 40 degrees.

- Food must be safe from animals. Cover food with a securely weighted lid. Plastic wrap and foil are not considered secure lids.

- Be aware of the temperature change the sun may cause in a garage. In some garages, it may increase to above 40 degrees Fahrenheit on sunny days.

- Shallow pots (not more than 2 inches deep) of hot soup, stew, chili, etc. can be

placed directly in the snow. Stir the food frequently to ensure even cooling.

- Canned items should not be kept in the cold. Freezing, thawing and refreezing may lead to damage to the can.

- Eat stored food within one or two days.

For more food safety issues, call the Food Safety Hotline at (586) 469-5060.

Winter: A time to pay attention to safety

(NAPSI) — Winter brings colder temperatures, snow, and the holiday season, making it an ideal time to travel or participate in such activities as skiing, snowboarding or ice-skating. Unfortunately, the pain resulting from injuries can sometimes overshadow the enjoyment of participating in these common activities.

The following tips may help prevent injury and pain:

- Skiing/snowboarding: The key to preventing injury is proper conditioning, which can be accomplished through aerobic exercise and strength training, as well as stretching. Stretching allows the muscles to work more efficiently, helping to reduce the risk of injury in the event of a fall. Snowboarders also should wear wrist guards made for snowboarding, use the right equipment and wear a helmet, which is particularly important for beginners.

- Holiday driving: "Over the river and through the woods" can spell lower back pain for many drivers. To minimize strain, properly align your seat and elevate the headrest until it is

directly behind the back of your head. Good posture also is important. Sit straight against the back of the seat, and don't sit too far back: reaching for the steering wheel or pedals puts strain on the spine. Frequent breaks — stretching and walking every one to two hours — can also help reduce back strain.

- Shoveling snow: Shoveling snow can be a real pain in the neck, back, shoulder and wrist. To reduce your risk of injury, shovel early and often (new snow is lighter); push the snow rather than lift it, but if lifting the snow is necessary, be sure to lift with your legs, bending properly at the knees, with your legs apart and back straight; don't throw snow over your shoulder

der or to the side. Twisting motions put strain on your back; and pace yourself — take breaks if you're tired.

- Ice skating: Ice skating and falling go hand in hand. Taking a lesson on how to fall safely and correctly can greatly decrease the risk of injury, including wrist fractures, the most common injury. Being in shape and having the proper equipment also can help to reduce injuries.

Despite your best efforts, injuries can occur and may lead to persistent pain. But you don't have to miss out on winter activities; there are things you can do to manage your pain.

Speak with your physician for help in determining a pain management program that is appropriate for you.

While treatment programs will vary, based on the individual and the type and intensity of the pain, a program that includes both non-drug treatments and medication is recommended. Non-drug treatments may include heat, cold/ice, massage, acupuncture and physical therapy. Stretching and strengthening activities, as well as low-impact exercises, also can help reduce pain. The most common types of pain medications are aspirin, acetaminophen, non-steroidal anti-inflammatory drugs and opioids.

For more information about pain management, consult with your doctor or a pain specialist. Visit the Partners Against Pain Web site at www.partnersagainstpain.com.



Your Skin

by Raechele Gathers, MD

A red bump that just won't go away. Or a sore that bleeds and won't heal. These are two classic signs of a form of skin cancer called basal cell carcinoma (BCC).

In addition to the classic symptoms above, BCC can also appear as a small pink or white bump, a red flat patch or within a scar.

Basal cell carcinoma is the most common form of skin cancer, accounting for 4 of five skin cancers. Each year some 800,000 new cases of BCC will be diagnosed.

Most frequently, basal cell carcinoma appear where the skin has received significant sun exposure, including the head, neck, hands, back and chest.

Caught at its earliest stage, BCC's are treatable with a high level of success. While rarely fatal, if left untreated, the carcinoma will become more extensive and may require more radical therapies including surgical removal by a plastic or Moh's surgeon, with possible need for reconstruction of the affected area.

To learn more about basal cell carcinoma and its treatment, contact your dermatologist, or call us at Eastside Dermatology, Dr. Lisa A. Manz-Dulac and Associates.

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To protect your hearing, follow these tips from the American Tinnitus Association:

- If noise is too loud for you to speak at a normal conversational level and be heard, you should wear earplugs. Move away from the noise source, or better yet, turn it down.
- Take earplugs to amusement parks and concerts - and wear them! You will still be able to hear. Earplugs cut out 15-20 decibels of loud sounds.
- Wear earplugs or protective earmuffs when using a power lawn mower, power tools and noisy household appliances, like a vacuum.
- Read the labels for noise levels on appliances, children's toys and any product that generates sound.

To see if loud noise has damaged your hearing, come to GROSSE POINTE AUDIOLOGY, 19794 Mack Avenue in Grosse Pointe Woods, for your personalized consultation. Call us at 313.343.5555 to make your appointment.



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Things to Do

Art Exhibitions

Grosse Pointe Artists Association Art Center:

- 3-Dimensional Exhibition, through Saturday, Jan. 25.
- "LaChiusa and Friends," a juried show featuring landscape artist Carol LaChiusa, opening Saturday, Feb. 1 and running through Sunday, Feb. 23.

- Artists' applications for the GPAA Festival of the Arts, Saturday, May 31 and Sunday, June 1, on the Hill in Grosse Pointe Farms, are available at the Art Center. \$15, jury fee, \$115 space fee. Cash Awards. Send to: Isabelle Goosen, 1632 Roslyn, Grosse Pointe Woods, MI 48236. 1-5 p.m., Wednesday-Saturday. 1005 Maryland. Free. (313) 821-1848.

Detroit Institute of Arts: Inaugural Exhibition from the DIA General Motors Center for African American Art, opening Saturday, Feb. 1 and running through Fall 2003. 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Wednesday and Thursday; 10 a.m.-9 p.m., Friday; 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Saturday and Sunday. 5200 Woodward, Detroit. \$4 adults, \$1 children. (313) 833-7900.

Art Courses

Grosse Pointe Artists Association Art Center: Non-Profit Life Drawing, taught by Jack Petz, 6-9 p.m., Thursdays. 1005 Maryland. Live model fee. (313) 821-1848.

Artists Demonstration: The Progressive Artists Club will host a demonstration by artist Daphne Smith, 7 p.m., Friday, Jan. 24, at the Eastpointe Community Center, 16435 E. Eight Mile, Eastpointe. Free. (586) 778-0377.

Benefits

Winifred S. Malchie Bridge Benefit and Lunch: Noon, Thursday, Jan. 23, Neighborhood Club, 17150 Waterloo. \$15. Reservations required. (313) 885-4600.

SoupCity: Sample soups from the Whitney, Majestic Cafe, Union Street, Traffic Jam, Trattoria Andiamo and Agave restaurants and bread from the Avalon International Bakery during this annual benefit for the Coalition on Temporary Shelter (COTS), 6-10 p.m., Monday, Jan. 27, Traffic Jam & Snug, 511 W. Canfield, Detroit. \$20. (313) 576-0219.

Concerts

Detroit Symphony Orchestra:

- Mozart's Requiem, with soprano Kaia Urb, alto Phyllis Pancella, tenor James Taylor, bass Alfred Reiter and the Michigan State University Chorale. 8 p.m., Thursday, Jan. 23 and Friday, Jan. 24. 8:30 p.m., Saturday, Jan. 25.
- 2 p.m., Sunday, Jan. 26. \$20-\$80.
- DTE Energy Foundation Pops, Maureen McGovern Sings. 1:30 and 8 p.m., Thursday, Jan. 30. 8:30 p.m., Friday, Jan. 31 and Saturday, Feb. 1. 3 p.m., Sunday, Feb. 2. \$15-\$80.

Detroit Symphony Orchestra Hall, 3711 Woodward, Detroit. (313) 567-5111.

Events

"Cinderella": This trip to a see the Macomb Ballet Company production of the classic fairy tale is sponsored by the St. Clair Shores Adult & Community Education, 11:15 a.m. - 4 p.m., Friday, Jan. 24, motor coach departs and returns to St. Margaret's Church, 21201 13 Mile, St. Clair Shores. \$36. (586) 285-8800.

Improving the Environment for Our Children's Health: A lecture on Ignoring Pollution presented by LocalMotion, 7 p.m., Monday, Jan. 27, Grosse Pointe War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore. \$5. (734) 623-0773.

Film

Detroit Film Theatre:

- "Russian Ark" 7 and 9:30 p.m., Friday, Jan. 24.
- 7 and 9:30 p.m., Saturday, Jan. 25.
- 4 and 7 p.m., Sunday, Jan. 26.
- "Talk to Her" 7 and 9:30 p.m., Friday, Jan. 31.
- 1, 4, 7 and 9:30 p.m., Saturday, Feb. 1.
- 1, 4, 7 and 9:30 p.m., Sunday, Feb. 2.

Detroit Institute of Arts, 5200 Woodward, Detroit. \$6.50 or \$5.50 for DIA members. (313) 833-3237.

IMAX Dome Theatre Adventure Series Film Festival: Through Sunday, Feb. 2.

- "Dolphins," 11 a.m. and 1 p.m., Monday-Friday and 11 a.m., Saturday.
- "Jane Goodall's Wild Chimpanzees," 10 a.m., noon and 2 p.m., Monday-Friday, noon and 2 p.m.,

by Madeleine Socia Directly behind the St. Clair Shores Public Library, 22500 11 Mile. Free. (586) 771-9020.

Saturday and 2 p.m., Sunday.

- "Everest," 1 and 3 p.m., Saturday.
- "Journey Into Amazing Caves," 4 p.m., Saturday and Sunday.
- "Thrill Ride - The Science of Fun," 5 p.m., Saturday and Sunday.

Detroit Science Center, 5020 John R, Detroit. \$7 adults, \$6 seniors and children, ages 2-12. \$4 IMAX Dome. (313) 577-8400.

IMAX Theatre:

- "Space Station 3D"
- "Lewis and Clark: Great Journey West"
- "Shackleton's Arctic Adventure"
- "The Lion King," through Spring 2003.

Screenings hourly in the morning, on the half-hour in the afternoon and evening, 9 a.m.-7:20 p.m., weekdays; 9 a.m.-8:45 p.m., weekends. Henry Ford Museum & Greenfield Village, 20900 Oakwood, Dearborn. \$10 adults, \$8 seniors and children 12 and under. (313) 982-6001.

Fitness/Health

Assumption Cultural Center:

- Kalosomatics Exercise Winter Session, through Friday, March 7, times vary. \$52 for two-day sessions. \$74 three-days, \$94 four-days. Twenty-five percent senior discount.
- Free Kiddie Kalo/Baby Sitting, 9:30-10 a.m., Monday-Thursday, for registered parents. Non-registered parents pay \$1.
- Kalo Exercise/Nautilus Combo. \$72, two sessions per week.
- \$106, three sessions per week.
- \$124, four sessions per week.
- Nautilus Weight Training Room, 8-10:30 a.m., Monday-Thursday and 5-8:30 p.m., Friday. \$50 two days-per-week, \$70 three days-per-week, \$4 drop-ins.
- Free Blood Pressure Screenings, 9:30-10:30 a.m., Thursday, Jan. 23 and Friday, Jan. 24.
- Cardiac Rehabilitation - St. John Hospital at Assumption. 7:45-8:45 a.m., Monday, Wednesday and Friday. 1:15-2:15 p.m., Monday, Wednesday and Friday. 2:45-3:45 p.m., Monday and Wednesday.

Enroll through St. John Hospital & Medical Center, (313) 343-3157.

21800 Marter, St. Clair Shores. Preregistration is required. (586) 779-6111.

Line Dance/Exercise: 7:40 p.m., Wednesdays, St. Clair Shores Parks and Recreation Center, 20000 Stephens, St. Clair Shores. \$6 per class or \$35 for seven classes. (586) 792-5897.

Lakeshore YMCA Men's Floor Hockey League: Openings available for Sundays and Tuesdays, beginning Tuesday, Feb. 4. Mandatory captain's meeting, 7 p.m., Wednesday, Jan. 29, Lakeshore Family YMCA, 23401 Jefferson, St. Clair Shores. \$575 for 12 games. (586) 778-5811.

Neighborhood Club: Register now for a variety of programs including Duplicate Bridge, Knitting, the Barbershop Quartet Society, Fencing, Computer Education, Aerobics and more. See brochure for times, dates and fees. 17150 Waterloo. (313) 885-4600.

St. Peter's Learning Center:

- Computer Classes
- Beginner Phase I, 9-11 a.m., Mondays and Wednesdays, Jan. 27-Feb.

Personal Enrichment

Artist Demonstration: The Progressive Artists Club hosts Daphne Smith, 7 p.m., Friday, Jan. 24, Eastpointe Community Center, 16435 E. Eight Mile, Eastpointe. Free. (586) 778-0377.

Challenges and Opportunities for the 21st Century Gardener: Presented by the Detroit Garden Center, 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m., Saturdays, through Feb. 1, Historic Trinity Lutheran Church, 1345 Gratiot, Detroit. \$15 per class or \$40 for the series. Preregistration required. (313) 259-6363.

Grosse Pointe Public Schools Community Education: Registration is open for a variety of classes in Aquatics, Arts & Crafts, Building & Remodeling, Computer Education, Finance and Law, Foreign Languages, Home and Garden, Humanities, Sports and Exercise and more. See the brochure for times, dates and fees. 20090 Morningside. (313) 432-3880.

Grosse Pointe Public Library Internet Classes: All courses are held at the Central Library, 10 Kercheval.

- Beginner Internet, 12:30-1:30 p.m., Tuesdays.
- Intermediate Internet, 2:30-3:30 p.m., Tuesdays.
- Beginner Computer, 12:30-1:30 p.m., Thursdays.
- Email Basics, 2:30-3:30 p.m., Thursdays.

Free. (313) 343-2074, ext. 220.

Grosse Pointe War Memorial:

- Step Into Your Power - Realize The Possibilities, Power of Choice, 7-9:30, Tuesday, Jan. 28.
- Power of Being, 7-9 p.m., Tuesday, Feb. 4.
- \$25 per class or \$80 for the series.
- Symphonic Rhapsodies: Introduction and Mozart Capriccioso, 7-8:30 p.m., Tuesday, Jan. 28. \$15.
- Meadow Brook Theatre Day Trip/"Candida," 10:45 a.m.-6 p.m., Wednesday, Jan. 29. \$50.

32 Lakeshore. Preregistration required. (313) 881-7511.

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- Beginner Phase I, 9-11 a.m., Mondays and Wednesdays, Jan. 27-Feb.

- Introduction to Word, 1-3 p.m., Mondays, Jan. 27-Feb. 24.
- \$90.
- Staying Sharp While Staying Fit, Phase I, 1-2:15 p.m., Tuesday, Jan. 28-Feb. 25.
- Phase II, 11:15 a.m.-12:30 p.m., Tuesday, Jan. 28-Feb. 25.
- \$40.

St. Peter the Apostle Elementary School, 19800 Anita, Harper Woods. Preregistration required. (586) 421-1193.

Wayne County Community College: Registration is now open for credit and continuing education courses in Nursing, E-Learning, Tools & Toys, PC Topics: Software Training, Personal Financial Planning, Continuing Health Education, Fashion Issues & Design, Physical Fitness & Sports, Career Preparation & Development Skills, and more at the Lutheran East High School Extension Site, 20150 Kelly, Harper Woods. See the brochure for times, dates and fees. (313) 526-2795.

Residents Only

Grosse Pointe Park:

- Robert Hutton Ice Rink, 10 a.m.-8 p.m., daily, weather permitting. 16200 Essex. (313) 822-1681.
- Country Western Line Dance, 7-10 p.m., Friday, Jan. 31.

Tompkins Center, Windmill Pointe Park, 14920 Windmill Pointe. \$10. (313) 822-2812.

Grosse Pointe Woods:

- Detroit Symphony Orchestra Day Trip, 1-6 p.m., Sunday, Jan. 26, \$50 for residents or \$52 for non-residents.
- Yoga, 5:45-6:45 p.m., Thursdays, Jan. 23-Feb. 27. \$19.

20025 Mack Plaza. (313) 343-2440.

Seniors

Meet Your Pharmacist: Sponsored by St. John Senior Community, CVS Pharmacy and Wayne County Community College, bring your medications for review by a pharmacist plus blood pressure screenings, 10-11:30 a.m., Saturday, Jan. 25. 18300 E. Warren, Detroit. Free. (313) 343-8931.

Senior Health Fair: Eye exams, blood sugar, bone density and cholesterol testing and blood pressure screenings, 9:30-11:30 a.m., Wednesday, Jan. 29, Calvary Center, 4950 Gateshead, Detroit. Free. (313) 881-3374.

Services for Older Citizens Programs:

- Aerobic Exercise for Seniors, 10-10:45 a.m., Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. \$2.
- Detroit Symphony Orchestra: Maureen McGovern Sings, noon-4

p.m., Thursday, Jan. 30. \$27.

All events take place at the SOC offices unless otherwise indicated. Trips include round-trip motor coach transportation, which departs from the Services for Older Citizens' Neighborhood Club offices, 17150 Waterloo. Preregistration is required. (313) 882-9600.

AARP/IRS Tax Counseling for the Elderly: free tax preparation for seniors with low and moderate incomes, by appointment.

- St. Clair Shores - 9 a.m.-1 p.m., Wednesdays, Feb. 5-April 9, St. Lucy's Church, 23401 Jefferson, St. Clair Shores. (586) 771-8300.

- Grosse Pointe/Harper Woods, by appointment, in the afternoon, Wednesdays and Thursdays, Feb. 5-April 10, Services for Older Citizens Neighborhood Club offices, 17150 Waterloo. (313) 882-9600.

Bring a copy of your 2001 taxes and all of your forms, documents and receipts.

Singles

The Single Way Events: This interdenominational organization for single adults will host a Games & Pizza Night, 7:30 p.m., Saturday, Jan. 25, at a member's home. \$3, adults and \$1, per teen or child. (586) 776-5535.

Spiritual Resources

Men's Friday Ecumenical Breakfast: Share food, fellowship and a lecture, Fridays at 7:30 a.m., G.P. Memorial Church.

- Jan. 24, Rev. Ronald Lund, Chief Chaplain, Detroit Police Chaplain Corps.
- Jan. 31, Dr. Joyce Caggiano, Director of Episcopal Community Services of Detroit.
- Feb. 7, Rev. William Yeager, Interim Pastor, G.P. Memorial Church.

- Feb. 14, Rev. Eddie Bray, Grosse Pointe United Church.
- Feb. 21, Rev. Robert Wills, Coordinator, Marriage Support Ministry.
- Feb. 28, Rev. Fred Harms, St. Paul Lutheran Church.

16 Lakeshore. \$5. (313) 882-5330.

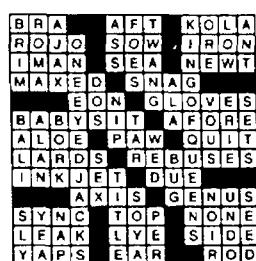
Lay Theological Academy: "MOSES: How Can People of Faith Help Improve the Quality of Life of Metro Detroit," 7:30 p.m., Monday, Jan. 27. St. Paul Evan. Lutheran Church, 375 Lothrop. \$5. (313) 881-6670.

Theater

Grosse Pointe Theatre: "The Lion in Winter," 8 p.m., Thursday, Jan. 23 - Saturday, Jan. 25, Fries Auditorium, Grosse Pointe War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore. \$14. (313) 881-8811.

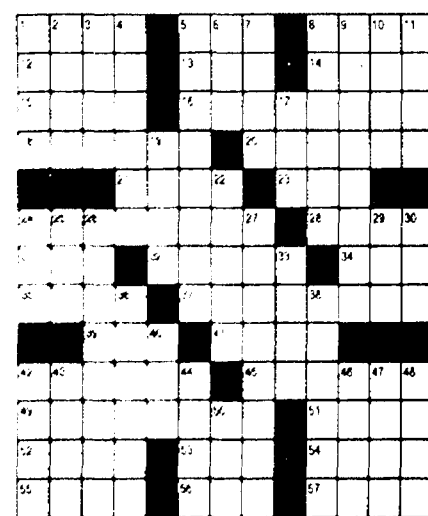
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Last week's puzzle solved



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2. Heart of an
3. Last night
4. Carrots
5. Bed
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7. Adult
8. One warning
9. Name sound
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11. 12
12. Broadway st.
13. Sister
14. Camera stand
15. Sneering
16. Sound-maybe
17. Hydro-carbon
18. Suffix
19. "Old" (12/31 phrase)
20. Catch sight of
21. Ostrich's
22. Cousin
23. Small ducks
24. Poolroom stick
25. Speaker's
26. platform
27. Street-corner
28. item
29. Put into words
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33. Empty out
34. Periodic oscil-
35. lation
36. Island dance
37. Curved paths



Broadway's 'La Boheme' takes opera to new level

After having made a worldwide stir with his Australian film, "Strictly Ballroom," and then creating a highly successful, surrealistic style movie musical in "Moulin Rouge," Baz Luhrmann could not resist trying his hand at opera.

He proceeded to create a whole new stir by producing "La Boheme," the most frequently performed opera in the world today, in a New York Broadway theater. His goal was to recast the opera in a production that would restore broad popularity. After all, he reasoned, the art form in Italy where grand opera originated was entertainment for everyone.

Sellout houses at the Broadway Theater suggest that he is succeeding.

Seeing it is the proof of

the pudding. The singers in the lead roles are youthful and good-looking. They also have outstanding voices.

Luhrmann auditioned more than 3,000 people to find three sets of leads to alternate in nine performances each week.

They're also good actors and in a standard theater which is much smaller than the usual opera house, the performance comes across as much for the drama of its story as for the high quality of the music and the singing. The audience identifies easily with the struggling artists, laughs with their efforts to make jokes of their hardships and empathizes with their impetuous romances.

There is a lot to be said for this approach.

Luhrmann has not compromised the integrity of Puccini's work. The cast sings the original libretto, in Italian. The orchestra delivers a first-class performance. But the staging borrows a lot from the ingenuity of New York musical production techniques.

Scene changes are made in audience view. Actors wait in position on stage before the action begins. The audience gets in on much of the production that once was kept behind the curtain. It works wonderfully well.

Best of all, the performance is neatly balanced between musical and dramatic values. It comes to life on stage in a way that it often does not in a traditional opera production.

Worst case example:

State of the Arts



By
Alex
Suczek

Compare it to a 300-pound Rodolfo singing a love duet with a dumpy, middle-aged Mimi. The obvious solution is to close your eyes and listen to great singing.

Luhrmann has updated the production in ways that help it without compromising its integrity. The setting

is Paris in the early 1950s, instead of the original 19th century. Given the enduring character of Paris architecture, the main differences are in the mid-20th century clothing, the big L'Amour neon sign outside the garret studio window and a free-wheeling treatment of surtitles.

These translations of the Italian text are projected above the proscenium and on either side of the stage just as in regular opera houses, but the translations have undergone a major update.

For anyone who knows the words being sung in Italian, the first impression of some of the projected translations is a shock and then a really good laugh. The private jargon of 19th century artists is converted into the 1950's jargon of our own pop culture.

It is a bawdy joke, for example, when the artists distract the landlord from collecting rent by plying him with booze and flattering him about his sex appeal. The effect is hilarious and wonderfully convincing. It is an important element of Luhrmann's effort to make the story totally credible to a contemporary, popular audience.

His real accomplishment, however, is to make it much easier for non-operatic audiences to discover the thrill of a believable and moving drama presented with truly great music.

He is not without critics, of course. Dyed-in-the-wool opera fans object to the body mikes worn by the leads and the amplification of their voices and the theater orchestra in the pit. Even though the amplification is so subtle as to be virtually unnoticeable, they feel it detracts from the distinction of hearing great musicians live, without electronic support.

They also mourn the absence of the truly great voices of famous opera stars, with their acknowledged supreme artistry. It is another point well-taken and yet when in the the-

ater, enjoying Luhrmann's highly creative production, that concern is pretty well forgotten.

While it is true and important to remember that nothing can match the experience of hearing a great artist live, unamplified, in a hall with fine acoustics, that is not always possible.

Faced with that issue, Michigan Opera Theatre's Director David DiChiera takes a realistic view. "Some theaters have poor acoustics and audiences shouldn't put up with that. So why not enhance?"

"The Houston Opera (which uses amplification) wants more presence for their voices. It only worries me that a new generation should understand the quality of unamplified singing."

On the other hand, DiChiera appreciates what a production like this can do to increase the popularity of opera.

"The more ways that people become familiar with opera, the better," he said. "If the Broadway La Boheme goes on tour, I'd bring it to Detroit."

Of course, DiChiera is still totally dedicated to the traditional grand opera tradition. "There's nothing like a full orchestra and singers who can fill all the requirements. It is a different kind of musical thrill to hear a Rodolfo whose voice sails over the orchestra."

DiChiera sums up his open-mindedness on the subject with the judgment that "Opera really has to be tied to where it is performed."

Certainly Luhrmann has taken full advantage of the Broadway stage for his immensely effective production. If that wins new fans for opera, even the critics must be grateful.

Meanwhile, a lot of happy faces, some with tear-stained cheeks from La Boheme's final scene, are pouring out of that theater nine times each week.

They provide an undeniable stamp of approval.

Young violinist, new 'old' symphony add up to a stunning DSO concert

By Alex Suczek
Special Writer

Mixing and matching selections to make up a good concert program is a special art in itself and Detroit Symphony Orchestra Music Director Neeme Järvi, is an accomplished artist at it. Every once in a while, like last weekend, he comes up with a stroke of genius.

He combined young violinist Vadim Gluzman, stunning the audience with a dazzling virtuoso treatment of the Tchaikovsky Violin Concerto, and an overpowering orchestral performance of a gorgeous 19th century symphony that was lost for 100 years. The combination was nothing short of spectacular.

With the beautiful, big tone and lyrical phrasing of Tchaikovsky's opening theme on the violin, it was evident that this would be an exceptional experience. Gluzman's expressive variations in tempo and outstanding musicianship gave this familiar work a whole new gloss and expression. It was almost like hearing it for the first time.

A special feature was the exceptional rapport between conductor and soloist. They obviously shared similar feelings about the music and never lost touch in the ebb and flow of phrasing and varying tempi. Moreover, Gluzman and

Järvi picked up on each other's leads and performed with a spontaneity that can only occur with musicians who feel the same about the music and are totally comfortable with and in command of their performance.

In the song-like second movement andante, the music soared over the audience in Detroit's Orchestra Hall and gained an ethereal quality. Järvi's remarkable control of the orchestra (or the musicians' remarkable ability to respond to his every lead) produced a seamless accompaniment for Gluzman's exquisite performance.

Tempo indication for the third movement is "vivacissimo," which is like going into hyperdrive. It was there that this combination of rapport and virtuosity met its biggest test. Gluzman set a tempo that may have stretched even the fastest standard of "vivacissimo."

It was a breakneck speed and Järvi's concentration at the podium as he whirled his arms and delivered rapid-fire signals to the musicians was fascinating to watch. He kept the orchestra in perfect synch with the violin's pyrotechnics. The moods changed from vibrant to pensive with many variations in color and Gluzman's technique was dazzling as he switched in and out of staccato playing effortlessly, bouncing his bow across the strings with controlled abandon. Together they brought the concerto to a dynamic finale.

Responding to the audience ovation, Gluzman played an encore of the second violin sonata by Ysaye. Subtitled the "Obsession," it is a series of brief quotes from partitas and sonatas of Bach, woven into a mesmerizing musical tapestry.

The Symphony in E major by Hans Rott, which made up the second half of the concert, was something of a mystery. Born in 1858

in Vienna, Rott was a scholarship student at the Vienna Conservatory, where he was befriended by fellow student Gustav Mahler.

He admired Wagner, studied with Anton Bruckner and composed his only symphony at age 23. Seeking support in his career, he showed it to Brahms, who criticized it brutally.

Rott died in a sanitarium after a nervous breakdown and the manuscript was buried in the Vienna library where it lay forgotten until only 14 years ago. It reveals a great talent and suggests that with Rott's untimely death, the world was deprived of much more great music that he could have written.

While there is no question of the originality and quality of the composition, there are moments in the music when one is conscious of the style of each of the composers who influenced Rott. The scintillating strings and a lovely horn solo that open the first movement swell like an anthem and bring Wagner to mind.

The second movement is hymnlike and spiritual. It was performed with a gentility of expression. Tender and soulful, it suggests Bruckner, yet it is more interesting music than Bruckner's. It has a more well-defined and purposeful development of the musical ideas.

The third movement opens with horns and trumpets in bright fanfares inspiring visions of hunters in the Alps. Appropriately for this image of the Austrian countryside, it conjures an array of delightful waltzes, all very reminiscent of Mahler and delectably Viennese.

The interesting aspect of the feeling of Mahler's style is that this symphony was written before Mahler composed anything resembling it. Either Rott influenced Mahler or both were devel-

oping a musical expression that was inspired by their times.

Even Brahms seems to flit like a ghost through some of the phrases of the last movement, but Rott developed the work and brought it to a pensive finale in a style all his own. Järvi and the orchestra gave it a deeply felt and powerful performance.

In a final touch of linkage, the encore was a segment called "Dreams" from Wagner's opera, "Tristan und Isolde" in an arrangement by Swedish composer, Johann Svendsen. It made a loving conclusion to a brilliant musical evening.

Järvi is with us once more this week with performances of Haydn's Symphony No. 49, "La Passione," and the Mozart Requiem with four soloists and the Michigan State University Chorale. In an unusual format, the Requiem will be interspersed with Gregorian chants. Concert times are Thursday, Friday and Saturday evenings and 2 p.m. Sunday afternoon. Call (313) 576-5111.

Pride of the Pointes

Prescott Murphy of Grosse Pointe Farms was one of 12 juniors at Yale University elected to Phi Beta Kappa. He is majoring in chemistry.

Michael Berschback, son of Terri and Bob Berschback of Grosse Pointe Park, earned a degree in business and finance from Loyola University and an associates' degree from the Cooking and Hospitality Institute of Chicago.

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9:00 AM VITALITY PLUS A half-hour aerobics exercise class. Repeated: Midnight	1:30 PM CONVERSATIONS WITH COLLECTORS Historical Society Host Susan Hartz focuses on local interesting collections. Repeated: 4:30 AM (8:30 PM, Tue., T. Sat.)
9:30 AM POSITIVELY POSITIVE Guests, Royce Thomson - Pain Elimination & Jack Petz - Angel Art Hosts Jeanie McNeil and Liz Aiken - an uplifting half-hour of positive attitudes and ideas. Repeated: 12:30 AM (9:30 PM - M.W.F. & Sun)	2:00 PM THE LEGAL INSIDER Guest, Judge Richard Holloran - Personal Protection Order Hosts local attorneys David Draper and Douglas Dempsey take an inside look at current legal issues. Repeated: 5 AM, 6 PM
10:00 AM WHO'S IN THE KITCHEN? Guest, John Wessenberg & Max Winkle - Crab Cakes Host Chuck Kaess cooks with local celebrities. Repeated: 1 AM, 6:30 PM	2:30 PM THE JOHN PROST SHOW Guest, Bill Leopold - Michigan College Foundation Host John Prost interviews local celebrities about timely topics. Repeated: 5:30 AM, 10 PM
10:30 AM WATERCOLOR WORKSHOP Art Show Renowned local artist Carol LaChiusa demonstrates watercolor techniques simple enough for beginners, yet challenging to the experienced artist. Repeated: 1:30 AM, 7:30 PM	3:00 PM THE EASTSIDE EXAMINER Guest, Rana Kozou - Arctic Ring of Life - Detroit Zoo Host Julia Keim interviews people of interest from Grosse Pointe and the Detroit Area bringing current information to the community about special events. Repeated: 6 AM, 7 PM
11:00 AM THINGS TO DO AT THE WAR MEMORIAL Julie Corbett - Child Safety Fair and Bill Rapai - West Nile Virus LouAnne Flanagan-Watrick and Emmett Hynous Co-host an informative look at what's happening at the War Memorial. Repeated: 2 AM, 8 PM	3:30 PM MUSICAL STORYTIME JAMBOREE Miss Paula, the Merry Music Maker, and Miss ReadABook, offers a half-hour of stories and music for children. Repeated: 6:30 AM
11:30 AM OUT OF THE ORDINARY... INTO THE EXTRAORDINARY Guests, Hans Christian & Kim Waters - Rasa Music Host Robert Taylor presents an extraordinary half-hour of people, places and ideas. Repeated: 2:30 AM (9:30 PM, Tue., T. Sat.)	4:00 PM VITALITY PLUS A half-hour of body toning and step/kickboxing exercise class. M/W/F/Sun: Step/kickboxing Repeated: 7 AM (9 PM - M. W. F. & Sun.); Tone. Repeated: (9 PM Tue. T. & Sat.)
12:00 PM THE ECONOMIC CLUB OF DETROIT Guest, The Honorable Kwame Kilpatrick, Mayor, City of Detroit Features nationally known guest speakers discussing current topics in the business community. Repeated: 3 AM, 10:30 PM	4:30 PM YOUNG VIEW POINTES Upbeat youth show featuring students reporting on a variety of educational topics. Repeated: 7:30 AM (8:30 PM M. W. F. & Sun.)
	5:00 PM POINTES OF HORTICULTURE Horticulturist Co-Hosts Mil Anthony & Jim Farquhar share tips, gives advice and interviews local authorities on gardening. Repeated: 8 AM

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Attractions

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Belle Isle Aquarium: Domestic and tropical fish and aquatic animals. 10 a.m.-5 p.m., daily. Belle Isle, Detroit. \$3 adults, \$2 children. (313) 852-4083.

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Children's Museum Detroit Public Schools: • ImageMakers, Boys & Girls Clubs of America National Photography Traveling Exhibit, through Thursday, Feb. 27.

• Discover the Winter Sky Planetarium Shows, 11 a.m. and 1 p.m., Thursdays and Fridays, for children, 4-12.

9 a.m.-4 p.m., Monday-Friday. 6134 Second, Detroit. \$3 per program. (313) 873-8100.

Detroit Historical Museum:

- French Americans exhibit.
- Detroit Style - The 1930s, through Sunday, May 11.
- Connections: Metro Detroit Neighborhoods, through Sunday, August 31.

9:30 a.m.-5 p.m., Tuesday-Friday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Saturday and Sunday.

5401 Woodward, Detroit. \$5 adults, \$2.50 seniors and elementary/high school students; \$3 college students, children under 12 free. (313) 833-1805.

Detroit Institute of Arts: 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Wednesday and Thursday; 10 a.m. - 9 p.m. Friday; 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Saturday and Sunday. 5200 Woodward, Detroit. \$4 adults, \$1 children or free for DIA members. (313) 833-7900.

Detroit Science Center:

- DTE Energy Sparks Theater.
- IMAX Dome Theatre.
- Digital Dome Planetarium:

"Winter Nights," 1 and 3 p.m., Saturday and Sunday. 9 a.m.-3 p.m., Monday-Friday; 10:30 a.m.-6 p.m., Saturday, noon-6 p.m., Sunday. 5020 John R, Detroit. \$7 adults, \$6 seniors and children, 2-12. \$4 IMAX Dome. \$4 planetarium. (313) 577-8400.

Detroit Zoo:

- Wild Winter, family oriented activities, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., through Friday, Feb. 28.
- Arctic Ring of Life exhibit, 4.2 acres of arctic animals and a clear, underwater Polar Passage.
- National Amphibian Conservation Center.

10 a.m.-4 p.m., daily. Ten Mile at Woodward, Royal Oak. \$8 adults, \$6 seniors and children, 2-12. \$4 simulator rides. \$4 parking. (248) 398-0903.

Dossin Great Lakes Museum: "Working the Inland Seas: Stories of African Americans on the Great Lakes," through April 2003. 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Wednesday-Sunday. Belle Isle, Detroit. \$3 adults, \$2 children, 5-18. Wednesdays are free. (313) 852-4051.

Dr. Charles H. Wright Museum of African-American History:

- Elder Grace: The Nobility of Aging, through Sunday, April 6.
- Of the People: The African American Experience, continuing.

9:30 a.m.-5 p.m., Wednesday-Saturday; 1-5

p.m., Sunday. 315 E. Warren, Detroit. \$5 adults, \$3 children, 5 and up. (313) 494-5800.

Henry Ford Museum and Greenfield Village:

- "A New Way of Living," featuring R. Buckminster Fuller's Dymaxion House.
- IMAX Theatre.

9 a.m.-5 p.m., Monday-Saturday and noon-5 p.m., Sunday. 20900 Oakwood, Dearborn. \$8.50-\$13.50 Museum. IMAX Theatre, \$10 adults, \$8 seniors and children, 12 and under. Due to the Greenfield Village Restoration Project, the Village will be closed through Saturday, May 31, 2003. (313) 982-6001.

Play Central: The Family Center sponsors indoor play for preschoolers, accompanied by a parent, grandparent or caregiver, through Wednesday, April 30.

- 1-3 p.m., Tuesdays and Thursdays, Beacon Elementary School Preschool Room, 19475 Beaconsfield, Harper Woods.
- 9-11 a.m., Wednesdays, Barnes Early Childhood Center, 20090 Morningside.

\$2 per visit, per family. (313) 432-3832.

Classes

Grosse Pointe Public Schools Community Education:

Registration is open for a variety of courses and experiences in Aquatics, Arts & Crafts, Driver Education, Gymnastics, Kindermusik, Sports and Exercise and other youth and parent oriented interests. See the brochure for times, dates and fees. 20090 Morningside. (313) 432-3880.

Grosse Pointe War Memorial:

Mother/Daughter Self-Defense Workshop, for ages 10 and up, 10 a.m.-noon, Saturday, Jan. 25, Grosse Pointe War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore. \$30 per mother/daughter and \$20 per girl. Preregistration required. (313) 881-7511.

Grosse Pointe Woods: Dance classes for ages 3-13, 4-5:45 p.m.,

Neighborhood Club: Register now for a variety of programs including Mom & Tot Exercise, Gymnastics, Play Group, Tot and Pre-K Sports Skills, Daddy/Daughter Dance, Winter Break Camp, Girls and Boys Floor Hockey and more. See brochure for times, dates and fees. 17150 Waterloo. (313) 885-4600.

Fun & Games

Grosse Pointe War Memorial: Ski Hi Club, for grades 6-12, skiing at Pine Knob, 4:30-11:30 p.m., Fridays, through March 7, includes round-trip motor coach transportation.

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Kids Euchre Night: For ages 11-17, 6:30-8:30 p.m., Wednesday, Jan. 29, Central Branch of the Grosse Pointe Public Library, 10 Kercheval,

Grosse Pointe Farms. (313) 343-2074.

Events

Harper Woods Public Library Book Club: For grades 4-6, 4 p.m., Thursdays, through Jan. 30. 19748 Harper, Harper Woods. Free. (313) 343-2575.

Grosse Pointe Public Library Winter Film Festival: "Norman the Doorman," "Harry the Dirty Dog," "Whistle for Willie," "Corduroy" and "The Mysterious Tadpole."

- 4 p.m., Tuesday, Jan. 28, Grosse Pointe Woods Branch, 20600 Mack.
- 4 p.m., Wednesday, Jan. 29, Central Branch, 10 Kercheval.
- 4 p.m., Thursday, Jan. 30, Park Branch, 15430 Kercheval.

Free. (313) 343-2074.

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Grosse Pointe Farms: Winterfest 2003 & Chili Cook-Off Contest: Games, ice diving/rescue and ice carving demonstration, ice fishing derby, sponsored by the Grosse Pointe Farms Boat Club, noon-3 p.m., Saturday, Jan. 25, Grosse Pointe Farms Pier Park, 350 Lakeshore. Preregister for the Chili Cook-Off by Thursday, Jan. 23. Free. (313) 343-2405.

Grosse Pointe Park:

- Robert Hutton Reflective Rink, 10 a.m.-8 p.m., daily, weather permitting. Patterson Park, 16200 Essex. (313) 822-1681.
- Tompkins Center Activities

Karate for Kids, Thursdays, Jan. 30-April 3, all ages, 4-5:15 p.m. \$45.

Sparring Class, all ages, 5:15-6:15 p.m., Thursdays, Jan. 30-April 3. \$45.

Windmill Pointe Park, 14920 Windmill Pointe. (313) 822-2812.

Grosse Pointe Woods: • 2nd Annual Winterfest, includes chili cook-off, refreshments, ice sculpting demonstration, score-o competition and Coast Guard ice rescue demonstration, 11 a.m., Saturday, Jan. 25, Lakefront Park, 23006 Jefferson. Free. (313) 343-2470.

• Indoor Ice Skating at University Liggett School McCann Ice Arena: 5-7 p.m., Sundays, through March 30. Free, with valid GPW park pass. Across from 1045 Cook.

Theater

PuppetART: "Firebird," 2 p.m., Saturday, Jan. 25, Detroit Puppet Theatre, 26 E. Grand River, Detroit. \$5, children, \$7, adults. (313) 961-7777.

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• Service With Love, provide daily telephone reassurance call to seniors. (313) 278-7796.

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Wayne State University/Hilberry Theatre: "The Philadelphia Story," through Saturday, Feb. 1, 8 p.m., Thursday-Saturday, 2 p.m. Saturdays and Wednesdays. 4743 Cass, Detroit. \$7.50-\$20. (313) 577-2972.

Volunteer Opportunities

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Knights are kings of the Palace of Auburn Hills

By Dana Wajiji
Special Writer

If you looked on the court at the Palace of Auburn Hills, you could see him getting ready for the game, his hair sticking straight up and out in the familiar giant afro.

Ben Wallace looked a little shorter and it seemed a little early for the Detroit Pistons forward to be warming up.

That's because it wasn't Wallace -- it was University Liggett School's Curtis Lowe before the Knights' game against the Lutheran East Eagles.

How did the Knights and

Eagles get the chance to play at the Palace just hours before the Pistons played the New York Knicks?

"We actually made a few phone calls and we were supposed to play another team," said ULS head coach Dean Ristovski. "It ended up Lutheran East volunteered so instead of playing at our place, we thought it would be a great opportunity for the kids to come to the Palace and play. As kids growing up, they've always wanted to do something like that. The kids that I've had that are seniors have been here for four years so I thought they deserved some-

thing special."

Lutheran East's Robert Carlisle said he had only seen the Palace on TV and knew playing a game there would be special. "Coming in, I was overjoyed," Carlisle said. "I didn't know how to handle it. I was just trying to keep my composure and trying not to be overexcited."

It was a little exciting for both teams as ULS lost a four-point lead in the second quarter and Lutheran East went ahead 27-19 with 3:45 left in the half.

But the Knights ended the half with a 10-0 run and a 29-27 lead.

They never trailed again

as they pushed the lead to 14 at the end of the third quarter and defeated the Eagles, 62-53.

"It looks bigger from the court, a lot bigger," Lowe said. "It takes a little getting used to at first. We struggled in the first half then we brought it back up after the halftime."

ULS' Thomas Greer led all scorers with 21 points and Leythyn Williams added 19. Matt Machemer had 16 for Lutheran East.

"Even better because we stayed undefeated," Ristovski said.

"We're 7-0 and these kids haven't been undefeated in a long time. And we've been playing real good basketball and playing together and just working hard. I don't want to steal the Pistons' motto, 'going to work,' but that's what we have to do. All nine kids play and we've got to come together, hopefully in the middle portion of our season because it's still such a long season, playing 20 games."

Although the Eagles were disappointed with the outcome, they liked playing on an NBA floor.

"It's a big treat for them," Lutheran East head coach Gary Gutenkunst said. "They really enjoyed it, I think. Of course, it would have been better if we could have won but they still enjoyed it. It was still exciting for them to be here. And the fans also enjoyed it, a lot of our students are here as well."

Carlisle said it was better than he expected.

"When I got on the court,

it looks bigger than on TV, and playing in front of 20,000 seats, even though they're not filled, you can just imagine."

Carlisle said. "I thought I was kind of special. I thought I was famous for a minute."

The Eagles might have lost the game but they didn't lose out on the experience. Pistons rookie Tayshaun Prince stopped by their locker room and cheered them up after the loss.

The winners got a visit from injured veteran Don Reid.

Before they arrived, Ristovski said he had to convince his team that they really were playing at the Palace.

"At first they didn't believe me," Ristovski said. "They never believe me because I always procrastinate on certain things as far as buying them stuff and whatnot, getting merchandise. And when I told them we were playing at the Palace, they didn't believe it. So we loaded up on the bus today, and they're like, 'OK, we're going to the Palace.' It was a great game. It was a good thing for us."

Greer said it was a great thing for team morale.

"It gets you really excited, especially the fact that we were undefeated, so we had a little something to prove to these guys," Greer said. "We'd never played them. It was a lot of fun, though. And we're still undefeated."

As for Lowe, who was not only excited about playing at the Palace and remaining undefeated, it was a chance

to run on the same floor and rebound around the same baskets as Wallace.

"We have our own Ben Wallace," Greer said. "His name is Curtis. He plays like him, too. He saw his hair, didn't you? If he sees Ben, I know he's going to go crazy. He's his idol. Before we walked in, we saw that sign right there and we said, 'Curtis, stand right next to it.' He's like, 'Yes!' He looked just like him."

The hallway leading to the Pistons' locker room has larger-than-life action posters of each Pistons player and Lowe got his picture next to the Wallace poster.

"It looked close," Lowe said with a grin. "He is my favorite player on the Pistons. I can relate to him. I try to play like him."

Lowe also heard all of the ULS fans calling him "Big Ben" when he was playing.

"It was really exciting," Lowe said. "A lot of our fans came out. A lot of people from our school came out, our parents were in the crowd. It was a nice atmosphere."

Both teams got to watch Wallace and the Pistons beat the New York Knicks, which was motivation for not only the rest of the season, but the rest of the school year.

"We've got a whole section closed off and we're going to have some fun and enjoy the weekend," Ristovski said. "The kids have exams so right before they take their exams, we thought they'd have a little bit of fun."

Mission accomplished.



Photo by Bob Bruce

Harper Woods' Marcus Renwick, top, beat this Lutheran North wrestler, which helped the Pioneers beat the Mustangs 39-35.

Harper Woods pins Eagles

By Bob St. John
Staff writer

Harper Woods' wrestling team kept its record perfect in the Metro Conference, beating city rival Lutheran East 42-20 and Macomb Lutheran North 39-35 last week.

"So far things are going the way we planned," Harper Woods head coach Adam Schihl said. "We're slowly getting everyone back from injuries, which will help us down the road."

The host Pioneers had little trouble ousting the undermanned Eagles, thanks to earning points via several voids.

In the matches that mattered, the Pioneers' Adam DiGiovanni (189-pound class) beat East's Matt Goetz by pin at 1:08 of the first period, and Antoine Kennedy (119 pounds) pinned Steve Lyon in 20 seconds.

East's Chris Jurczak (112 pounds) pinned his Pioneer foe, as did Tom Kempinski,

who beat Marcus Renwick 1:44 into the first period.

Dexter Shorter (130 pounds) earned four points with a 17-8 major decision over Alex Kidd, and Alex Goetz (152 pounds) won a 20-12 major decision over his Pioneer foe.

"We don't have the largest team, but the guys who are competing are getting better," East head coach John Widmer said. "We know winning dual meets is nearly out of the question because we give up so many points by void, but we can celebrate individual wins."

In the Pioneers' win over North, Kennedy won by void and Bobby Monaghan (125 pounds) captured a 7-4 decision.

Kidd (130 pounds), Renwick (140 pounds), DiGiovanni (171 pounds), Steve Orjda (215 pounds), and Jeremy Myers (275 pounds) each won by pin.

East wasn't as fortunate, losing 63-12 to North.

Jurczak (112 pounds) won

by void, and Shorter (130 pounds) won by pin.

Both Harper Woods (Howell) and Lutheran East (Lutheran Westland) competed in team tournaments last weekend, earning several degrees of success.

"The team tournaments give our guys more chances to wrestle than individual tournaments," Schihl said. "I want our kids to get in as many matches as possible because it makes them better."

The Harper Woods wrestling team improved to 3-0 in the Metro Conference, while Lutheran East fell to 0-2.

Coming up for the Pioneers is the Port Huron Team Tournament on Saturday, Jan. 25, and a triangular meet on Thursday, Jan. 30, at Anchor Bay.

Next for the Eagles is a home triangular conference meet on Wednesday, Jan. 29, against Lutheran Westland and Lutheran Northwest.

North girls overpower hockey rival

There was plenty of scoring to go around last week as Grosse Pointe North's girls hockey team beat Farmington Hills Mercy 10-1 in a Michigan Metro Girls Hockey League game.

Fourteen North players scored at least one point.

Chelsea Skorupski, Christina Schroder and Mindy Dunn led the Norsemen with two goals apiece.

Liz Rabidoux, Kiran Kilaru, Jessica Richardson and Jillian Zylinski also scored for North.

Freshman goaltender Angela Lee got her first league start and earned the victory.

"Collectively, we are all very pleased with the way things are going," said coach Tim Van Eckoute. "We know there's always plenty to improve upon and each day our kids are doing that. We set five or six second-half goals, and so far, we are on pace."

"The seniors are amazing leaders on and off the ice. The youngsters players see the seniors' commitment and follow their lead. It all just falls into place after that."

championships later this season.

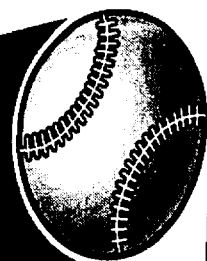
Jahnke, who used to train at the St. Clair Shores Figure Skating Club, now trains with former Grosse Pointe resident Diana Ronayne in Colorado Springs, Colo.

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The Grosse Pointe Hockey Association Warriors Mite House team celebrates in the dressing room after winning the Royal Oak Christmas Classic tournament. In front, from left, are goalie Nathaniel Erickson, Christopher Walsh, Thomas Coon, Matthew Przybysz, Robert Coon, Phoebe Piku and Zachary Dettlinger. In back, from left, are Brett Slajus, Kurt Hamel, Nicholas Dane, tournament MVP Lucas Schomer, Anthony Saleh and Noel Fets. Not pictured is David Trudel.

Mite Warriors win hockey title

The Grosse Pointe Hockey Association Mite House Warriors ended 2002 on a high note by defeating the Troy Coyotes 5-0 in the championship game of the Royal Oak Christmas Classic on New Year's Eve morning.

The Warriors' championship run was a total team effort, combining solid goaltending, balanced offense and tight defense.

Head coach Doug Hamel and his staff have stressed position play since the start of the season, and it paid off as all 13 skaters on the Warriors scored at least one point during the four-game tournament.

In the opener, the Warriors opened up a four-goal lead on Waterford en route to a 6-3 victory. Lucas Schomer, Anthony Saleh and Zachary Dettlinger scored two goals apiece to lead the way.

Nicholas Dane, David Trudel, Phoebe Piku, Brett Slajus, Noel Fets and Kurt Hamel each chipped in with

assists. Matthew Przybysz made several key saves in goal.

The next night, a finals berth was at stake when the Warriors faced off against the Royal Oak Red Wings in an exciting, up-and-down game. Goalie Nathaniel Erickson shut out the Red Wings in the third period as the Warriors won, 3-2.

Hamel scored two second-period goals. Saleh added a goal, while Christopher Walsh, Trudel, Schomer, Piku and Przybysz collected assists.

With a spot in the finals assured, the last round-robin game meant nothing to the Warriors. Not surprisingly, the Royal Oak Mighty Wings took advantage of the situation and skated to a 5-3 victory.

Saleh scored his fourth and fifth goals of the tournament and Schomer tallied his third. Robert Coon had the Warriors' only assist.

The championship game turned quickly in the Warriors' favor. Schomer

opened the scoring with an unassisted goal 22 seconds into the contest.

Hamel, with an assist from Schomer, made it 2-0 less than two minutes later. Before the period ended, Schomer scored another unassisted goal to give the Warriors a 3-0 advantage.

Schomer completed his hat trick in the second period with assists by Thomas Coon and Hamel. Saleh capped the scoring, assisted by Walsh.

Erickson was in goal for the shutout.

Schomer's six goals and two assists in the tournament earned him Most Valuable Player honors.

Brett Holman, Chris Piku, Bob Schomer and Mike Trudel are Doug Hamel's assistant coaches. The Warriors are managed by Kathy Dettlinger and Jim Dane.

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South skaters tie Trenton

By Chuck Klonke
Sports Editor

Most high school hockey teams would be delighted to leave Trenton with a tie.

However, this year's Grosse Pointe South squad was disappointed with its 3-3 deadlock with the Trojans last week in a Michigan Metro High School Hockey League game.

"I guess it says a lot about where we are as a team to be disappointed with tying Trenton," said Blue Devils coach Bob Bopp.

"Our players played a great game, but it seems almost like a loss. We were looking forward to this game as a measuring stick for our team. After the way we played in Trenton, I'm sure our players know that they're as good as any team in the state. Not many teams get down 2-0 in Trenton and come back with three goals to take the lead."

For years, the Trojans have been one of the best high school hockey programs in the state. Trenton's eight state championships are second only to Cranbrook Kingswood among Michigan schools.

The Trojans came into the game with South unbeaten and ranked No. 1 in the state in Division II.

Trenton led 2-1 going into the third period, but South's Taylor Morawski tied the game only 58 seconds into the final period. Morawski's hard shot from just outside the blue line seemed to fool the Trojans' goalie.

The Blue Devils broke the tie at 6:12 on Rob Porter's shot from the slot, which was set up by Avery Schmidt and Morawski.

"I was so impressed with my players in the third period," Bopp said. "They came out determined to win the game. It was the best period of the season for us. We were definitely the better team in the third period."

Sometimes, however, justice doesn't always prevail.

With four minutes remaining, South got an elbowing penalty that Bopp called "questionable."

During the power play,

Trenton scored the tying goal.

The Trojans took a 1-0 lead at 3:13 of the first period when one of South's defensemen was caught pinching and Trenton came down on a 2-on-1 break.

"We played OK in the first period," Bopp said. "It wasn't our best period, but I was satisfied with the way we played."

South continued to hold its own in the second period, but Trenton caught the Blue Devils in a bad line change and scored a goal at 5:30 to lead 2-0.

Less than a minute and a half later, South got on the scoreboard. Jordan Winfield led a rush into the Trenton zone, split the defense and shot the puck past the Trojans' goaltender.

"It was a great effort by Jordan and a big goal for South," Bopp said.

Greg Smith played another strong game in goal for the Blue Devils as he turned away 24 shots.

South got another test on Saturday when the Blue Devils hosted Ann Arbor Pioneer. The game ended in a 1-1 tie, but it was another solid effort by the Blue Devils.

"We didn't have any let-down after the big game with Trenton," Bopp said. "It would have been nice to get a win, but we played hard from start to finish and Pioneer played a great game — maybe its best game of the season."

The first period was an exciting up-and-down period with both goalies — South's Mark Grignon and Pioneer's Joe Rutherford — making some outstanding saves to keep the game scoreless.

The second and third periods became an endless parade to the penalty box, which surprised both Bopp and Pioneer coach Steve Armstrong.

"Pioneer's coach mentioned after the game that when our teams play, there are usually only two or three penalties in the whole game," Bopp said. "It was frustrating to have the refs call so many penalties. I

thought they ruined the game with bad calls against both teams. There were way too many stoppages in play. There was no flow in the second and third periods."

Despite the penalties, each team had some good chances in the second period. Rutherford stopped Schmidt on a breakaway and also made a good save on Tom Porter, who was set up in the slot by Brian Gatliff.

Grignon stoned Pioneer's Evan Owen on a breakaway with 23 seconds remaining in the period.

South defenseman Sean O'Brien finally broke the scoreless deadlock on a fine individual effort at 2:01 of the third period.

He took the puck at the red line, skated around both of Pioneer's defensemen and slipped the puck past Rutherford.

"Sean has been a pleasant surprise for us this year," Bopp said. "I didn't know how much he'd play when we picked him for the team, but he has been very solid on defense. He's played much better than we had hoped for."

After O'Brien's goal, the Blue Devils were hoping to escape with a 1-0 victory, but South picked up a penalty and with only six seconds remaining on the power play, Pioneer's Scott Thomas scored on a shot from the point.

Grignon, who made 23 saves, was screened on the shot by Thomas.

"It was a foolish penalty for us to take," Bopp said. "And we almost killed it off."

South's power play, which has been excellent all season, failed to capitalize on its opportunities, including a 5-on-3 for nearly a minute and a half in the first period.

"I think we've arrived as a team," Bopp said. "Everyone knows what it takes to win, and everyone comes to the rink expecting to win. We're all upset if we don't win."

South's only game this week is a key league contest at home on Saturday against Dearborn Divine Child.

Knights open 2003 with a victory and a tie in hockey

By Chuck Klonke
Sports Editor

Timing is everything in sports.

There are times when University Liggett School's hockey team would have been delighted to play a 3-3 tie with Waterford Mott.

However, last week was a time when the Knights were a little disappointed with the deadlock.

"We were ahead 3-1 with about four minutes left in the game. Then we took our only two penalties of the period and Mott scored two

power-play goals," said ULS coach Dan Barry.

"Mott's a good team. They lost a close game to (state-ranked) Clarkston last week, so I guess we shouldn't be too disappointed. And the kids played really hard for us."

After turning the page on 2002, things have been going better for the Knights.

In its first game of 2003, ULS blanked Port Huron 3-0 in a Michigan Prep Hockey League contest, then followed that effort with the tie against Mott.

ULS crushes league foe

University Liggett School's basketball team went into its game at the Palace of Auburn Hills undefeated after beating Lutheran Northwest 101-54 earlier in the week in a Metro Conference game.

Thomas Greer led the Knights with 27 points, while Nick Boehmke and Leythyn Williams scored 16 apiece and Maurice Taylor added 13.

All nine players who dressed for ULS broke into the scoring column.

"We didn't intend to score that many points but (Northwest) continued to press us and when we beat the press there were a lot of layups," said ULS coach Dean Ristovski. "We'd get the ball to the center of the court and make one pass for a layup."

The Knights held a 50-20 halftime lead.

ULS hosts Harper Woods on Friday in a battle of unbeaten Metro Conference teams.

"We have a big game coming up on Saturday against Marysville," Barry said. "Hopefully, we can keep things going."

Barry also hopes to have Adam Serafino, who missed the Mott game with a foot injury, and Joey Cobb, who is also injured, back in the lineup for Saturday's home game.

Serafino had scored twice in ULS' victory over Port Huron, so his loss was a crucial one.

"We can't afford injuries to our key people," Barry said. He's also facing the prospect of losing leading scorer Tommy Russell for an undetermined time after Russell has surgery on his finger.

In the Knights' game against Mott, the Corsairs scored the game's first goal, but ULS came back with the next three.

Russell scored an even-strength goal, assisted by Adam Rock and Patrick Schafer. Schafer scored while the Knights were shorthanded, and Russell

Norsemen win

Larry Briski and Nick Janutol each won two events last week to lead Grosse Pointe North's swimming team to a 105.5-74.5 victory over Utica Ford II in a Macomb Area Conference Red Division meet.

Briski won the 50-meter freestyle and the 100 butterfly. Janutol's firsts came in the 200 individual medley and the 100 freestyle.

North's other winners were Michael Van Beek in the 200 freestyle, Stephen Cornillie in the 500 freestyle and Jack Gibson in diving.

The victory gave North a 1-1 record in the MAC Red and a 2-1 overall mark.

added a power-play goal from Trevor Stahl and Steve Molnar.

(Defenseman) Justin Rock had his best offensive game in a long time and Byron Hauck made some big saves," Barry said.

Serafino scored a goal in each of the first two periods against Port Huron with Stahl and Justin Rock pick-

ing up the assists. Stahl capped the scoring with a third-period goal from Schafer and Russell.

Hauck recorded his first shutout of the season.

"He didn't face that many shots but he made the big saves when he had to," Barry said. "We had to kill off five penalties and he did a good job against their

power play."

Barry also praised the work of defensemen Adam Rock and Steve Berger.

"Berger has been a work-horse for us," Barry said. "He logs about 35 minutes a game and is doing a great job. Adam Rock is also playing well and he's only a freshman."

North holds on against Rice

By Chuck Klonke
Sports Editor

Grosse Pointe North's hockey team has been having trouble sealing the deal against many of its opponents this season.

However, that might be as much of a tribute to the Norsemen's foes as an indictment of North's play.

"We aren't burying teams like we've done in the past," said coach Scott Lock after the Norsemen split a pair of games in the Michigan Interscholastic Hockey League last week.

"But we're playing good teams that don't give up. Seven of our games that have been ties or losses have been decided by one goal. I guess all these close games can be a positive. We'll know how to play under pressure when the state tournament starts."

North dropped a 4-2 decision to Cranbrook Kingswood last Wednesday but came back to beat Brother Rice 3-2 on Saturday.

In the Brother Rice game, North had a 3-0 lead in the first period and then had to hold on for the victory.

"The good thing is that we won and didn't blow the lead," Lock said. "But I'd

like to see us start burying teams once we have them down."

North got a power-play goal from Peter Baratta, a shorthanded goal from Eric Dloski and an even-strength tally from Robbie Floyd, but that was the extent of the Norsemen's offense.

Brother Rice cut the lead to 3-1 with a power-play goal late in the first period and the Warriors scored again while North was shorthanded in the second period.

After Brother Rice got within a goal, netminder Collin Chase came up big for the Norsemen.

"Collin shut them down for the rest of the game after it was 3-2," Lock said. Chase finished with 29 saves in another strong performance.

North spent much of the second period shorthanded but allowed only one goal.

"I think we played only five minutes of 5-on-5 hockey in the second period," Lock said. "John Dallas did a nice job of killing penalties. He saw a lot of ice time and played well."

In North's game with Cranbrook, the Norsemen outplayed the Cranes during the first two periods and

took a 2-1 lead into the final period.

Cranbrook tied the game with a power-play goal early in the third period and then broke the deadlock when the Cranes capitalized on a North miscue.

"We made a handful of mistakes in the game, and they cost us four goals," Lock said. "We had ample chances to take the lead, but their goalie made the saves."

Cranbrook scored the game's first goal, but North's Bobby Scarfone and Jon Tibaud scored in the first period to put the Norsemen in front.

Tony Mendez played a strong game for North on both ends of the ice.

Things won't get any easier for the Norsemen in the days ahead.

"Now we start our two weeks from hell," Lock said. "We play Clarkston on Wednesday and Catholic Central on Saturday. Then next week, we have Port Huron Northern on Wednesday and Trenton on Saturday."

All four teams are ranked in the state with Catholic Central and Trenton holding the No. 1 spots in Divisions I and II, respectively.

City of Grosse Pointe Woods, Michigan

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North's defense frustrates MAC White basketball rivals

By Chuck Klonke
Sports Editor

Macomb Area Conference White Division basketball teams are having trouble lighting up the scoreboard when they play Grosse Pointe North.

"This was a great week of playing team defense," coach Matt Trombley said after the Norsemen improved to 3-0 in league play last week with victories over Marysville (46-26) and Fraser (47-37).

"In our three league games we're giving up an average of about 36 points a game. That's well below what we were giving up earlier in the year."

Trombley admitted that while neither Marysville nor Fraser are among the top contenders for the MAC

White championship this season, both teams are dangerous from three-point range.

"In its game before playing us, Fraser made eight of 21 three-pointers," Trombley said. "We held them to only one."

Marysville also managed only one field goal from long range.

"In both games, we might have allowed two uncontested shots," Trombley said.

Although the Norsemen are a young team — seven of North's 12 varsity players are sophomores — the players are buying into the idea of playing defense.

"The kids believe in what we're doing and they're excited about it," Trombley said. "Defense is a mindset, and you have to play with

that mindset every time you step on the floor.

"The kids really take pride in their defense. You can notice it on the bench. Everybody gets excited when he sees somebody doing the right thing on defense."

Trombley believes that the emphasis on defense also promotes balance on offense.

"It creates the concept that they all need each other," he said.

Gary Bennett, North's highly-successful girls basketball coach, is assisting Trombley on the varsity this year, and the defensive system the boys team is playing is similar to the one the girls have used for years.

"It's different from what we played last year; so it

took the kids a little while to get used to it, but now they're learning it, and I think we can be competitive in every game we play."

That theory will be tested this week when North meets two of the MAC White's pre-season favorites on the road. The Norsemen played Fitzgerald on Tuesday, and they'll meet Romeo on Friday.

In the Marysville game, North led 28-16 at halftime and allowed the Vikings only two field goals in the second half. Marysville scored only one point in the third quarter.

North never trailed in the contest. Alex Sultan hit a pair of three-point baskets during a 10-0 run in the first quarter to give the Norsemen a 15-3 lead.

"Alex is one of our most consistent shooters," Trombley said of the sophomore guard. "He, David Klein and Zac Matthews each gave us some excellent play off the bench in both games."

Klein is learning some nice moves around the basket and Matthews did a good job of filling in for Marcell (the injured Marcell Maxwell).

North closed out the first half with a 9-2 spurt, which began and ended with baskets by Michael Bramos, who led the Norsemen with 11 points.

The victory over Fraser was similar to the Marysville game.

North ended the first quarter with a 15-6 lead and then scored the first five

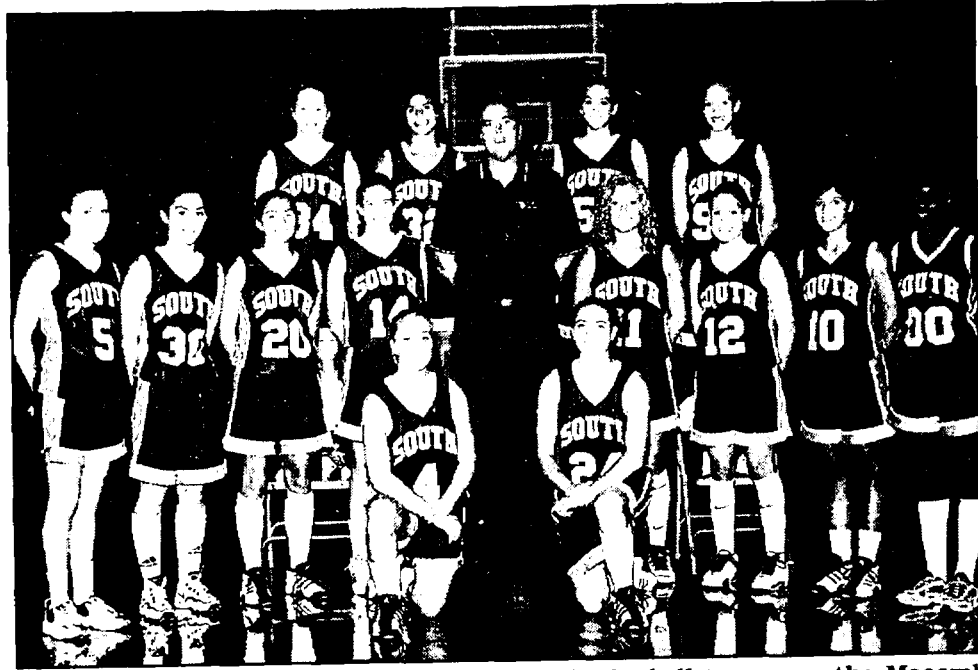
points of the second quarter and came out of the first half with a 17-point lead. The Ramblers had only one field goal in the second quarter.

"We were really aggressive on defense," Trombley said. "We didn't allow them to make any easy passes."

Bramos scored 10 of his team-high 14 points in the first half, including a pair of three-pointers. Bryan Bennett scored eight points and also had two three-point baskets.

Point guard Andrew Tymrak, the only senior on the North squad, continued his steady play.

"He's even playing better than we anticipated," Trombley said. "He does a good job of handling the ball under pressure."



Grosse Pointe South's junior varsity girls basketball team won the Macomb Area Conference White Division championship with a 14-0 record. In front, are Ann Stavale, left, and Kara Peters. In the middle row, from left, are Margaret O'Connor, Samantha John, Stephanie Kostiuik, Maggie Collison, coach Glen Williams, Kelly Springborn, Rachel Sullivan, Candice Keith and Sharonda Sterling. In back, from left, are Julie Zaranek, Michelle Fikany, Katie Kaselitz and Emily Koltuniak.

South JVs perfect in league

Grosse Pointe South's girls junior varsity basketball team recently completed a record season.

The Blue Devils finished 19-1 overall and had a 14-0 mark in the Macomb Area Conference White Division.

South won its last 19 games after dropping its opener to Grosse Pointe North, which also went 19-1 this season.

Key non-league victories for the Blue Devils were against Farmington Hills Mercy (48-37) and Utica Eisenhower (25-22).

South won several close games in MAC White play as it won its 10th division championship in the last 16 seasons.

The Blue Devils posted 30-28 and 36-30 victories over Romeo, 34-25 and 29-26

wins against Chippewa Valley and the beat L'Anse Creuse twice in a pair of nailbiters, 32-30 and 31-29 in overtime.

Freshman Emily Koltuniak hit a buzzer-beating shot to give South its first victory over Romeo. In the second game against L'Anse Creuse, Michelle Fikany hit a shot at the buzzer to force the overtime and Koltuniak made another buzzer-beaten to win the contest.

Fikany was South's leading scorer with 133 points. She was also the top rebounder with 116 and the leading shot blocker with 18.

Koltuniak finished with 118 points and 112 rebounds. Point guard Stephanie Kostiuik was the team's leader in assists (45)

and steals (74). Kara Peters finished with 41 assists and 72 steals, while Rachel Sullivan scored 125 points.

Other members of the Blue Devils' championship squad were sophomores Maggie Collison, Samantha John, Katie Kaselitz, Candice Keith, Margaret O'Connor, Kelly Springborn, Ann Stavale, Sharonda Sterling and freshman Julie Zaranek.

The team was coached by Glen Williams.

South's JV team has a 17-game home winning streak, which is second to the school record of 38 set from 1994-98. The 19-game winning streak overall is second in school history to the 32-game string set in 1989-90.

Blue Devils are still struggling

By Chuck Klonke
Sports Editor

George Petrouleas isn't complaining, but the veteran Grosse Pointe South basketball coach can't help wondering what the Blue Devils' record would be if they hadn't opened the Macomb Area Conference Red Division season against three of the top teams in the division.

"There's nothing you can do about the schedule, but our team needs something to build on, and you build on Ws (wins)," Petrouleas said before South dropped a 71-44 decision to Utica Ford II last Friday.

"Chippewa Valley, Eisenhower and Ford are probably three of the best teams in our division, and those are our first three league games."

The loss to Ford kept the Blue Devils winless in eight games this season.

There has been a common theme in each of South's defeats, and Friday's game was no exception.

Brendan Butler hit a jump shot for the Blue Devils in the first 10 seconds, but South had only one more basket the rest of the first quarter and trailed

25-7 at the end of the quarter.

"It's the same old story," Petrouleas said. "We got the first basket and then we turned the ball over a couple of times and missed a couple of layups. All of a sudden, (Ford) has scored eight straight points."

The Falcons' lead reached 30 points (45-15) at halftime.

"That's not a typical South team," said veteran Ford coach Jim Barker, who moved to within six wins of 500 for his career.

"They've given us a lot of trouble over the years. I have a lot of respect for George and his program."

Ford has at least a .500 record against every MAC team, but the two schools that have given the Falcons the most trouble are Dakota (3-3) and South (16-14).

To South's credit, it continued to play hard in the second half and outscored Ford 29-26, although Barker removed the press and substituted freely after halftime.

Butler led South with 11 points and Tim Kaselitz added eight. Brett Fragel pulled down nine rebounds

for the Blue Devils.

Tim McConnell led Ford with 17 points, Mike Zak had 16, and Alan Turi added 11.

Earlier, South lost 69-40 to Eisenhower.

"It was exactly the same," Petrouleas said. "We got down in the first half. We have to do a better job of getting out of the gate."

The Eagles had the hot hand from the field, hitting 56 percent of their field goal attempts. Eisenhower was even more deadly from three-point range, making 10 of 15 attempts.

Butler led South with 17 points.

GPSA holds officiating class

The Grosse Pointe Soccer Association is sponsoring a FIFA-sanctioned referee class on Tuesday evenings beginning Jan. 28.

The six-week class will be held at Grosse Pointe North High School from 6:30 to 9 p.m.

There will be no class on Feb. 18.

The cost is \$43 and checks

should be made payable to Michigan Referee Committee.

Participants must be at least 13 years old. Class size is limited so pre-registration is required.

To register, call Mary Lapish at (313) 885-7523 or Karen Ridgway at (313) 884-7769, or send an e-mail to ref2kl@yahoo.com.

South swims to three wins

Grosse Pointe South's boys swimming team swept four events last week as the Blue Devils improved to 2-0 in the Macomb Area Conference Red Division with a 118-68 victory over East Detroit.

It was a busy week for the Blue Devils, who also defeated Ann Arbor Huron 101-85 and Plymouth Canton 108-78 in a non-league double dual meet.

South's 1-2-3 finishes against East Detroit came in the 200-meter freestyle (Robbie Browning, Alex Glendening and Brian Sullivan), the 50 freestyle (Josiah Spurr, Ryan Gunderson and Tim Denton), the 500 freestyle (John Lund, Rick Chesney and Erich Bergmann) and the 100 backstroke (Casey Browning, Wilson Holm and Robbie Browning).

The Blue Devils' other individual firsts came from Jon Sax in the 200 individual medley and Pete Stevens in the 100 freestyle.

South's team of Mike Dunaway, Tim Denton,

Gunderson and Stevens won the 200 freestyle relay. The Blue Devils' divers competed as the B team in the 200 freestyle relay and the quartet of Dan Kastner, Ty Lattimore, Kieran Connolly-Ng and Justin Linne finished second.

South won the 400 freestyle relay with the team of Alex Garbarino, Carlos Padilla, Sullivan and Ty Wolfe.

Kastner, with a score of 161.70 and Linne (158.50) were second and third in diving behind East Detroit's Fradenek, who had an outstanding score of 248.25.

South had only three firsts in the double-dual meet but the Blue Devils' depth paid off again.

The 200 medley relay team of David Richardson-Rossbach, Stevens, Luke Richard and Ben Jenzen had a winning time of 1:44.91.

Jenzen won the 50 freestyle in 22.56 and Richardson-Rossbach posted a winning time of 58.24 in the 100 backstroke.

South's 200 freestyle relay team of Richard, Dunaway, Casey Browning and Jenzen finished second to Huron, but the Blue Devils' team achieved a state-qualifying time of 1:32.62. Huron edged the South team by .10 seconds.

The meet consisted of two six-person heats in each event.

South had three finishers in the top six in the 50 freestyle (Richard, Dunaway and Jenzen), 200 individual medley (Richardson-Rossbach, Sax, Stevens), 100 butterfly (Casey Browning, Robbie Browning, Wolfe), 100 freestyle (Jenzen, Richard, Dunaway) and the 500 freestyle (Spurr, Andrew Graham, Jeff Tompkins).

South placed two in the top six in the 100 backstroke (Sax, Gunderson), 200 freestyle (Spurr, Glendening) and the 400 freestyle relay.

Kastner was fourth in diving with 140.70 points and Linne was sixth with a score 126.85.

Woods-Shores Little League meeting

The temperatures may be below freezing, but it's time to think about Little League Baseball in Grosse Pointe Woods-Shores.

The Woods-Shores Little League's board of governors will hold its annual meeting on Monday, Jan. 27 at 7 p.m. in the Woods City Hall council chambers. The city hall is located at 20025 Mack Plaza.

Agenda items include presentation and approval of the league's financial report, discussion of off-field improvements and facility

St. Paul hoops camp signup

St. Paul School in Grosse Pointe Farms will hold an instructional basketball camp from Feb. 17 through 21 for boys and girls from kindergarten through eighth grade.

The camp will feature top coaches from the area. The session for kindergarten through fourth grade will be from 9 to 11 a.m. each day. The session for the upper grades is from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

All skills levels are welcome.

The cost is \$95 per student. Checks should be made payable to St. Paul and mailed to athletic director Ron Masters, 35747 Walden Court, New Baltimore, MI 48047.

upgrades and planning for the 2003 season.

Preparations for the 2003 District 6 11-12-year-old tournament, which will be held at Ghesquiere Park in July, will also be discussed.

Elections for membership to the board of governors will also take place at the meeting. In addition to nominees who have already expressed an interest in serving on the board, nominations will be accepted from the audience.

Board members serve two-year terms and provide governance to the league and perform individual functions, such as player agents, registrar, tryout coordinator, safety officer,

special events planner and grounds/facilities/equipment management.

The meeting is open to the public and participation from members of the Grosse Pointe Woods and Shores communities is welcome.

The Grosse Pointe Woods-Shores Little League provides a multi-level program for youths from the ages of 6 through 12, who live in the boundaries of the Woods and Shores.

There is T-ball for 6-year-olds, a collegiate level program for 7- and 8-year-olds and Major and Minor programs for 9- through 12-year-olds.

Registration for the 2003 season will begin on Jan. 30.

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Second-period outburst carries South past Regina

Grosse Pointe South's 5-3 victory over Regina in a Michigan Metro Girls Hockey League game last week had everything one would hope for in a contest between two of the league's top teams.

The game was fast skating, skillful puck handling and a few physical exchanges between the opponents, who were meeting for the first time this season.

The game featured two of the top goalies in the league and the two leading scorers — the Saddlelites' Danielle Syrowik and South's Heather Doughty.

Regina's Jessica Walter, returning to action after suffering a knee injury, was in top form as she stopped 35 of the Blue Devils' 40 shots on goal.

South's Lauren Stanek

also played well, turning back 15 of the Saddlelites' shots.

Regina opened the scoring midway through the first period during a power play. Syrowik won a faceoff and fed the puck to Danielle Turo, who fired a quick wrist shot into the net.

South didn't get its offense untracked until early in the second period when Doughty scored on a give-and-go with Sarah Parker.

The game seemed to spark the Blue Devils, who scored three more goals during the next two minutes. Only 20 seconds after Doughty's goal, Emily Shefferly scored on her own rebound. Less than a minute later, Regina tied the game on a goal by Lauren Moloney-Egnatios, who was set up by Kaitlyn Ern.

South answered 10 seconds later when Caitlin Cory found Parker in front of the net and Parker poked it into the corner for a 3-2 lead for the Blue Devils.

A minute later, South capitalized on a power play with some patient passing and puck control by Lauren Vallee, Nettie Champine and Megan McCaughey, until Vallee found some open space in front of the goal and put the puck into the top corner of the net.

Cory made it 5-2 late in the period with a slap shot that bounced in off a Regina defender.

The Saddlelites scored the only goal in a penalty-filled third period. Emily Blair scored from a goalmouth scramble, assisted by Jackie Moore and Kelly Kolodziejski.

South got outstanding penalty killing from Amele Williams, Amelia Altavina and Katie McMillan during the third period, especially when the Blue Devils were two players short.

Cory and McCaughey each finished with two assists for South.

Earlier, South overpowered Bloomfield Unified 10-0.

The Blue Devils put the game away early with a seven-goal first period.

South spent the rest of the game working on passing the puck and shorthanded maneuvers.

Shefferly finished with four goals and an assist, while Altavina collected two goals and three assists. Champine, Katie Lewandowski, McMillan

and Vallee also scored for the Blue Devils.

Kati Dosch had three assists, while Cory, Hillary Inger and Parker collected two apiece. Champine, Kati Gerow, Jessica Paffy and Vallee each had one assist.

Caitlin Kefgen and Whitney Hughes shared the goaltending duties for South.

ND basketball gets tough wins

By Bob St. John
Staff writer

Notre Dame's basketball team won two close games last week, beating host Birmingham Brother Rice 50-44 and visiting U-D Jesuit 49-45.

"It was a nice road win against Brother Rice," head coach Don Sicko said. "We were without two of our top players (junior Ryan Gallus and sophomore Darryl Clements), but we had some other kids step up and lead us to the win."

The Fightin' Irish led by six points at the half and stretched the margin to 15 points in the third quarter.

Brother Rice stormed back to tie the game in the fourth quarter, but the Irish hit several big shots late in the period to win.

Senior Andy Kwietniewski scored 15 points and grabbed 10 rebounds, while senior Marvin Listeneer added 12 points to lead the Irish.

Senior John Pelak added 12 points.

Visiting U-D Jesuit maintained a slim lead throughout most of the game, but the Irish outscored the Cubs 19-9 in the final stanza to pull out the victory.

"Our kids played well and won under some pressure," Sicko said. "We got two big wins, but now the games get even bigger."

Gallus had 17 points and five assists, and Clements had 14 points and five assists to lead the Irish.

Wrestling

Notre Dame's wrestling team finished third in last weekend's Fenton Tournament.

"We had a good tournament," head coach Gordie Fooks said. "Our guys are starting to turn it up a notch as we head into the final stretch of the season."

The Fightin' Irish finished 3-1 in pool play, beating Croswell-Lexington 50-23, Auburn Hills Avondale 46-24, and Millington 72-6, and losing 42-34 to eventual runner-up Fenton.

Fooks' squad beat a good Center Line squad 39-30 in the third-place match.

"It was nice to come back and beat Center Line," Fooks said. "Our guys wrestled hard the entire day."

Seniors Dan Hughes (135-pound class) and Mark Nemeckay (140 pounds) each finished 5-0, as did freshman Jarred Hudson (103 pounds).

Other standouts were Jonathan Johnson (189 pounds), Rod Sanders (215 pounds), and Jelani Natumbo (160 pounds).

"The guys in our heavier weight classes are starting to come through with some big wins," Fooks said. "Their improvement makes us a better all-around team."

Earlier in the week, the Irish lost to Eastpointe East and beat Royal Oak Kimball.

"Our meet with East Detroit was the low point of our season," Fooks said. "East Detroit was ready to wrestle, and it was evident we weren't."

The Notre Dame wrestling team is 16-14 overall.

Next for the Fightin' Irish is the Milford Team Tournament on Saturday, Jan. 25, and a triangular meet on Tuesday, Jan. 28, at Pontiac Notre Dame Prep.

Hockey

The Notre Dame hockey team dropped a big league game last week, losing 3-0 to host Orchard Lake St. Mary.

Head coach Kevin McKay said his Fightin' Irish couldn't afford another league loss if they wanted to win another Michigan Prep Hockey League (MPHL) title.

The loss dropped the Fightin' Irish to 4-3 in the MPHL and 10-6 overall.

ULS spikers look for better days

University Liggett School's volleyball team opened the Metro Conference season with a pair of defeats last week, but coach Greg Corbin is confident that the Knights can do better in the weeks ahead.

"We are a lot better than we have shown in our first week," Corbin said. "We learned a lot about what we did not get done in these two matches."

"They need to get all of their thinking done at practice so they are comfortable playing volleyball as a team on the court. I will practice them hard this week and we should be more mentally ready for our match at Lutheran Northwest (tonight, Jan. 16)."

ULS started the league season with a 15-11, 9-15, 15-11 loss to Harper Woods.

"Our girls showed they could play toe-to-toe with anyone," said Corbin.

"As a coach, I have to take the blame for the loss. I threw a new lineup and rotation at them with only one practice to get the feel of things. If I had let them go

one more week with the old, we could have won our opener."

The Knights had good balance with their serving. Meghan Doletzky led the way with 13 service points, including an eight-point run with two aces in the second game. Doletzky also contributed to the defense with seven hits, four tips, two digs, two blocks and nine kills.

Dawn Espy and Tara Usakoski each served eight points, including two aces by Usakoski. They also combined for four hits from the backcourt and 13 digs.

Chrissie Keersmaekers, Liz Heenan and Lizzy Campbell played well offensively as they combined for 18 hits, five kills, and were steady on defense with 20 digs.

"I still have a lot of confidence in my girls," Corbin said. "Individually, they have the talent to be successful. They only have to find themselves on the court and be comfortable as a team."

ULS took a step backward

in a 15-6, 15-1 loss to a solid, steady Lutheran North squad.

"We fell apart early and could never regroup," Corbin said. "Our serves deserted us as we managed only 11 successful serves in the two games. It was embarrassing to our girls, who simply could not find the groove. It seemed the harder they tried, the worse it became."

Usakoski was the lone bright spot as she had four service points in the first game.

"Defensively, we could not figure out Lutheran North, which kept us backing up instead of attacking," Corbin said. "Although we had good hitting from our front line, it seemed we always hit to someone and couldn't find the creases."

"Our backcourt was always a split-second too late, as Lutheran North picked apart our defense. It's a coach's nightmare to watch helplessly as your team vainly tries to find the rhythm needed to get back into the match."

Harper Woods slips past Mustangs

By Bob St. John
Staff writer

Head coach Loren Ristovski knew his Harper Woods boys basketball team escaped an upset early last week, edging visiting Macomb Lutheran North 67-60.

"We won with three starters out of the lineup," Ristovski said. "North gave us its best shot, but our kids rose to the occasion and won a big game."

Senior Eric Brice missed the game due to disciplinary measures, while junior Gilbert Walker and sophomore Dan Harris both had ankle injuries which sidelined them.

"I have to give our guys a lot of credit for battling through some adversity," Ristovski said. "Every team wants to beat us, but our guys wouldn't let it happen."

Junior point guard Bruce Mosely played his best game

of the season, scoring 19 points, while sophomore Jerome Douglas stepped up to score 18 points and grab 13 rebounds.

Senior Dequan Flowers added 16 points to lead the Mustangs to the win.

"We will need more scoring from our bench players to beat Clarenceville," Ristovski said. "It will be interesting to see how we play on the road without three of our starters."

Douglas made sure the Mustangs wouldn't suffer a setback as he duplicated his prior performance, scoring 18 points and grabbing 13 rebounds in Harper Woods' 74-56 win over Clarenceville.

Flowers stepped up his game for a second straight night, scoring 18 points and collecting 10 rebounds.

The Harper Woods basketball team improved to 2-0 in the Metro Conference and

6-2 overall.

Coming up for the Mustangs are away games on Friday, Jan. 24, and Tuesday, Jan. 28, against University Liggett School and Lutheran Westland.

Volleyball

The Harper Woods girls volleyball team lost its first league match of the season last week, falling in three games to host Livonia Clarenceville.

Head coach Liza Rogers and her Pioneers didn't earn the big points when they needed them in the third game, spelling a loss.

Rogers' volleyball team dipped to 2-1 in the Metro Conference and 2-4 overall.

Next for the Pioneers are home matches on Tuesday and Thursday, Jan. 28 and 30, against Lutheran Westland and Lutheran Northwest.

Blue Demons won't be intimidated

The Grosse Pointe Blue Demons seventh grade boys basketball team isn't easily intimidated.

Last week, the Blue Demons faced Dearborn St. Alphonsus, an undefeated eighth grade team led by one of the top junior high

school players in the metropolitan Detroit area, and the Grosse Pointe squad came away with a 49-41 overtime victory.

The Blue Demons got consecutive steals from Jimmy Saros, Michael Koltun and James Costa in overtime as

they held St. Alphonsus scoreless in the extra period.

St. Alphonsus is led by 6-foot-5, 225-pound Timothy Smith.

"Smith is not only big and strong, but he has a great scoring touch and he is very athletic," said Blue Demons head coach Jim Saros. "It's like playing against a future version of Shaquille O'Neal."

After falling behind 10-2, the Blue Demons decided to take advantage of their superior quickness and spread the floor in a tenacious full-court press.

Jimmy Saros led the Blue Demons with 18 points, six rebounds and five steals. Koltun had 14 points, four rebounds and four assists and Costa finished with eight points and seven steals.

"We had a great team defensive effort," said coach

Saros. "Frankie Ferretti, Max Pearson, Timmy Quinn and Peter Stearn played key defensive roles."

"We just kept wearing them down with our quickness."

"We keep playing excellent eighth-grade teams that are, of course, bigger than us," coach Saros said. "That one is a two-year age difference is a huge growth year for kids, so usually we're giving away great size."

"We play five or six days a week and these players just keep getting better and better. Playing primarily eighth-grade teams can only help us when we play in the seventh-grade state championships in March. For sure, we won't be playing against a seventh-grader like Smith."

Smith had 21 points and 14 rebounds.

tyman" Chris Muer for special praise.

"Chris helped the team in our efforts against Lake Shore and was asked to move up a weight class," Ramirez said. "Not only did he move up and win, but he helped the team by pinning his heavier opponent."

"Chris has been a true varsity alternate, helping the team out whenever called upon to fill a varsity spot. This weekend taught us the need for quality varsity alternates at each weight class. We need more than one person so that they can push each other to better themselves."

South opened the tournament with a 54-24 win over an undermanned Redford Thurston squad.

The Blue Devils then suffered a heartbreaking 39-36 loss to the host Shorians.

"This loss really took the wind out of our sails," Ramirez said. "It was such an emotional loss since we had several opportunities to put this match away. Had

one guy not been pinned, had one man pinned his opponent, or had we not given up a void at a weight class, we might have won."

South lost its next two matches to Utica Ford II (68-12) and Warren Fitzgerald (58-15).

The Blue Devils closed out the meet against Macomb Area Conference Gold Division rival Warren Woods-Tower and lost 45-33 to the Titans.

"They came at us hard and with a high level of intensity," Ramirez said. "They were out to prove that their earlier loss to us was a mistake. Although we lost the match, our guys came out victorious, since they now believe that we are better than that team. The next time we see them, we'll be ready physically, and most important, mentally."

South, which remains unbeaten in MAC Gold action, wrestles against defending conference champion L'Anse Creuse North tonight, Jan. 23, at LCN.

Trinity basketball loses twice

By Bob St. John
Staff writer

So far 2003 hasn't been kind to the Trinity Catholic boys basketball team.

The Lancers fell to 0-3 during the first two weeks of the month, thanks to last week's 73-57 loss to Warren De La Salle and 69-53 loss to Detroit East Catholic.

"We came out and played pretty well in the first half in both games, but a lack of muscle in the low-post hurt us in each game," coach Ron Perfetto said.

The Lancers led De La Salle by four points at the end of the first quarter and trailed by eight at the half.

They had a bad second half, as they did against

East Catholic. "We knew East Catholic would be hungry after losing the game before, but we led them 34-30 at the half," Perfetto said.

Brian Lloyd led the Lancers in scoring in each game, netting 13 against De La Salle and 16 against East Catholic. Others who played well were Ron Hildreth and Lance Caldwell.

Volleyball

The Trinity volleyball team fell to 0-3 in the Catholic League A-East Division, losing at Waterford Lakes and at Immaculate Conception.

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Immediate occupancy.
1249 Maryland, 2 bedroom, hardwood floors, dishwasher, washer, dryer. Off-street parking. \$825 includes water, subject to credit report. Cats okay. 313-802-5952

2 bedroom flat close to Village. Fireplace, hardwood floors, washer, dryer, heat included. \$1,200. (313)886-6226

2 bedroom upper flat-stove, refrigerator. Utility room with washer and dryer. 381 Kercheval, Farms. \$725, plus utilities. Deposit & references. 313-884-0773

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811 Neff. 5 room upper includes appliances, water, heat. \$900. No pets. (313)882-0340

700 APTS/FLATS/DUPLEX POINTE/HARPER WOODS

606 St. Clair. 1 bedroom upper, hardwood floors. Excellent location. No pets. \$680. (313)885-4725

768 Harcourt. First month rent half off! Elegant lower 2 bedroom, all the extras! Call for information. \$1,300, security. (313)824-2282

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879 Beaconsfield. clean 2 bedroom upper. Newly remodeled, appliances. No pets. \$650. (313)331-3559

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BEACONSFIELD, south of Jefferson. Newly decorated 2 bedroom upper, appliances including washer and dryer. No dogs. \$600. (313)331-7330

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BEACONSFIELD/ Jefferson. Great value! Recently remodeled 2 bedroom. Excellent condition! (248)882-5700, (248)344-9904

BEAUTIFULLY maintained Lakepointe lower, newly available 2/ 3 bedroom units. Appliances, washer, dryer, parking, storage. \$675. (313)881-4893

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GROSSE Pointe City. 1 bedroom featuring living room, dining room, kitchen and 3 walk-in closets. Tall ceilings throughout. Off street parking, laundry, all utilities included. 867 St. Clair. Available immediately. \$850. No smoking, no pets. (313)647-0226

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700 APTS/FLATS/DUPLEX POINTE/HARPER WOODS

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GROSSE Pointe Park, 894 Beaconsfield. 2 bedroom lower, hardwood floors, garage & private entrance from fenced in back yard. New bath & furnace. Washer & dryer hook-up. \$750/ month. Contact Pete, (586)296-0597

GROSSE Pointe Woods, 2 bedroom, 1,100 square foot upper flat, fireplace, central air & heat. Private basement. All appliances included. Garage space available. No pets, smokers welcome. \$850/ month. Security deposit required. Half month free! Call 313-410-9841

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HARCOURT 952 upper, 1,400 sq. ft. New carpeting. 2 bedroom, central air, enclosed porch, gas fireplace, garage, separate basement, cat-friendly. Non-smoking. \$975 Day: (313)833-8238 Evening: (313)331-3923

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NEFF, 3 bedroom upper, all appliances, garage, air, freshly painted. Immediate occupancy. \$1,200/ negotiable. (313)882-6631

NOTTINGHAM, 3 bedroom, living room with natural fireplace, dining room, updated kitchen with new appliances, 1 car garage, basement, separate utilities (not included), non-smoking, no pets, employment & prior residency references required. \$825/ month plus deposit. (313)642-0004

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PARK- 2 bedroom lower, formal dining room, basement, off-street parking, appliances. \$600 after rebate. 313-882-6861

PARK- 2 bedroom upper & lower. \$750/ month. Air conditioning, fireplace, carpeting, garage. 908 Neff. (313)886-8694

PARK- 3 bedroom upper. Landlord pays water only. \$800/ month, plus security, 1 month. (586)709-2314

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SOMERSET. 3 bedroom upper in the Park. Bright new kitchen, hardwood floors, private balcony, off-street parking for 2 cars. All appliances included. No pets. \$850/ month. (313)822-3009

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SPACIOUS second story 1 bedroom apartment on Jefferson & Maryland, Grosse Pointe Park. \$600/ month, gas/ water included. Non-smoking. No pets. Security deposit 1/2 month rent, plus first month rent. References required. Available March. Dennis, 313-417-9027, 9a.m.-5p.m.

UPPER 2 bedroom, garage, 698 Neff. \$1,050 includes grounds maintenance, water, washer, dryer, dishwasher, stove, refrigerator. Please contact Jac Purdon, (313)885-3749

VERNIER/ Mack area, 2 bedroom upper, air, appliances, fireplace, basement, garage. No pets. \$800. (313)884-3619

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1 bedroom. Section 8 okay. Chandler Park area. Clean, quiet, safe. (313)331-3663

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BEDFORD, 2 bedroom upper & lower. Refrigerator, stove, water & heat included. \$840 & \$785 month, 1 1/2 security. (586)772-3920

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CLEAN, 2 bedroom, appliances, lawn service, on Neff in Detroit, no pets. \$650/ month. First, last & security. (586)954-3564

DUPLEX- 2 bedroom, central air, basement, side by side, 22110 Moross. \$825. (313)343-0622. Available.

EAST English Village upper flat. \$700. Mint condition, central air. (248)586-1828

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SPACIOUS 1 bedroom upper apartment with living room, dining room, kitchen with appliances, walk out sun deck, large walk in closets. Includes shared use of basement/ garage. \$475/month includes heat & water. No pets. Excellent area. (586)775-7164

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11 1/2 and Jefferson Spacious 2 bedroom lower, heat/ water included. \$650. (313)885-0877

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WOODMONT, Harper Woods, 2 bedrooms, freshly painted, fenced, natural fireplace, all appliances. Ready to move in. No pets. 1 year lease. \$950/ month. (313)520-8416

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GROSSE POINTE SHORES
4 bedrooms, 4 full baths, 3 1/2 baths
LARGE floor plan \$5,500 month
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CHARMING 4 bedroom colonial, 2.5 baths, den. 2,450 sq. ft. 2 car, air. \$2,400/ month. D & H Properties. (248)737-4002

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GROSSE Pointe charmer, 3 bedroom colonial, freshly painted, ready to move in. Large fenced backyard, all appliances including washer & dryer, no pets, 1 year lease, \$1,350/ month. Vicki at Max Brock Realtors. (248)625-9300 (75STC)

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GROSSE Pointe Park-4-5. Appliances. \$1,200. Rental Pros/ fee, 586-773-Rent

GROSSE Pointe Tudor-4 bedroom, cozy kitchen, hardwood floors. Parks, schools shopping close. All appliances included. No pets, no smoking. 1 year lease. \$1,950/ month. Vicki, Max Brock Realtors. 248-625-9300 (11NOT)

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LEASE- 895 Harcourt-upper unit. Gorgeous 2 bedroom with full wall closet, Florida room, huge kitchen, natural fireplace, separate air, garage. Beautiful home with nice landscaping, new windows for high efficiency. Excellent price. \$1,100/ month. Call Jim Saros for private viewing. Jim Saros Real Estate Company. (313)886-9030

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Approximately 650 sq. ft.
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WANTED- Lady looking for room: St. Clair Shores, Harper Woods, Grosse Pointe. (586)445-1046

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MARCO Island, FL-Beachfront condos from \$700/ week. Waterfront homes with pool from \$1,000/ week. Harborview Rentals. 800-377-9299. www.finda-dream.com

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WATERFRONT- Port Sanilac, 6 bedrooms, 3 baths, sandy beach. \$1,500/ week. (313)882-5070

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FAX:313-343-5569

web: <http://grossepointenews.com>**DEADLINES**

HOMES FOR SALE
Photos, Art, Logos - FRIDAYS 12 PM
Word Ads - MONDAYS 4 PM
Open Sunday grid - MONDAYS 4 PM
(Call for Holiday close dates)
RENTALS & LAND FOR SALE
TUESDAY 12 NOON
GENERAL CLASSIFIEDS
TUESDAY 12 NOON
(Call for Holiday close dates)

PAYMENTS

Prepayment is required:
We accept Visa, MasterCard,
Cash, Check. Please note - \$2 fee for
declined credit cards.

AD STYLES:

Word Ads: 12 words - \$13.75;
additional words, 65¢ each.
Abbreviations not accepted.
Measured Ads: \$24.40 per
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for sale. Excellent
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successful years in
business. Profitable.
Owner retiring. Call
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100 ANNOUNCEMENTS

2 tickets- Stars on Ice,
front row. February 8,
7:30pm. Sandy,
(313)886-7169

100 ANNOUNCEMENTS

MARLY Malone- fine
jewelry. Claddagh,
thistles, Celtic knots,
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bands, Communion,
Christening. irish-jewelry.com. 877-627-5962

**GROSSE POINTE
WOODS/ SHORES**

**Little League executive
board meeting, January
27th, 7:00p.m. at The
Grosse Pointe Woods
Community Center.
Election of officers.
PUBLIC INVITED**

101 PRAYERS

THANK You St. Jude for
prayers answered.
M.P.

101 PRAYERS

PRAYER of the Blessed
Virgin
Oh most beautiful flower
of Mt. Carmel, fruitful
vine, splendor of
Heaven, Blessed
Mother of the Son of
God, Immaculate Virgin
assist me in my
necessity. Oh Star of
the Sea, help me and
show me, herein you
are my Mother. Oh
Mary, Mother of God,
Queen of Heaven and
Earth I humbly beseech
you from the bottom of
my heart, to succor me in
my necessity (request here).
There are none that can
withstand your power. Oh
Mary conceived without sin,

101 PRAYERS

123 DECORATING SERVICE

WALLPAPERING and removal by Joan. 15 years experience. Small paint jobs. (313)331-3512

124 SLIPCOVERS

SIMPLY Slip Covers & Accessories. Custom slip covers made to order, table skirts, pillows, etc. Call Krysta, (586)498-8594, (313)885-1829

128 PHOTOGRAPHY

PROFESSIONAL photography. Reasonable rates. Weddings, parties, portraits. Film & digital. Bernard, (313)885-8928

200 HELP WANTED GENERAL

100 workers needed. Assemble crafts, wood items, materials provided. To \$480 plus/week. Free information package. 24 hours: (801)269-2358.

A NANNY NETWORK

Looking for quality child care givers. Top salary, benefits (586)739-2100

ACCOUNTING firm seeks full time staff accountant. Applicant should be proficient through trial balance. Prior experience with another accounting firm and creative solution software knowledge preferred. (586)772-8826

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APPLICATIONS accepted for full/part time cashiers/stock, deli. Reliable, cheerful. Must be 18. Yorkshire Food Market, 16711 Mack.

BARMAID, experienced, days, accepting applications, 20513 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods after 11pm.

CONSTRUCTION Administrative Assistant. Grosse Pointe based builder seeks detail oriented person to support construction operations. Responsibilities include preparing proposals, obtaining cost bids, processing purchase orders and change orders, maintaining product information and samples. Candidate must be organized and able to manage multiple tasks in fast paced environment. Must be proficient in Word and Excel. Construction experience necessary. Experience in related fields a plus. Please fax resume and salary requirements to 313-881-3395.

CONSTRUCTION Superintendent. Grosse Pointe based builder seeks experienced superintendent to manage construction of kitchen, bath renovations and additions. Qualified individual must have minimum of 2 years experience in residential construction. Must have excellent communication skills and be a problem solver. Please fax resume and salary requirements to 313-881-3395.

Customer Service Reps (Harper Woods office) needed. 5:30pm-9:30pm Monday-Thursday/9am-3pm Saturday. Good phone skills & sales background helpful. Will train. **Work at home is option.** 32 year old family business also needs **manager/supervisor.** Excellent pay plan. Karen 313-886-1763.

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EQUIPMENT maintenance person. Part time. Fax resume to 313-871-6511

EXPERIENCED wait-staff-18 years up. Call Judy, Wednesday-Friday, 10am-4pm. (313)884-9090

FOREMAN/General laborer to join our landscape grounds team. Must have a clean driving record, full time. (313)884-1101

GROSSE Pointe salon offering booth rental or top commission with clientele. Call for details (313)885-2466

HELP needed at real estate appraisal office. Experience & computer skills required. Goosen Realty, (586)773-7138

LOCAL flat rolled steel distributor looking for a part-time individual to be in charge of inventory, reconciliation and other general office duties. Computer literate a must. Experience in Quick Books accounting would be a plus. Please send your resume including past experience and salary requirements to Johnston Steel Service, P.O. Box 36610, Grosse Pointe, MI 48236.

MARINE mechanic for 49 Chris Craft, Twin Hercules engine, overhaul, private. References. (313)824-9232. 9am-1pm or leave message.

MEDICAL Billing- Tired of the same old routine? We are Eastside Dermatology, a growing medical practice with offices in Grosse Pointe Woods and New Baltimore, currently looking for experienced Medical Billers. Full/ part time. Some Saturdays, flexible hours. Benefits available. Send your resume to: 20030 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods, MI 48236; or fax: 313-884-9756.

MODELS wanted- Tuesday nights. (Haircut classes) Call Aria Salon, (313)884-7151

OFFICE receptionist full time, must have good phone skills, be able to type & be computer literate. Full benefits. 313-884-1249

PART time secretary, law office, 2 days. Send resume to: 25801 Harper, St. Clair Shores, MI. 48081

PERMANENT part time work for hard working, experienced, punctual individuals needed for cleaning offices in the Pointes & Birmingham. Must have own transportation & references. 313-885-5571

ATTENTION STUDENTS 2003 EXPANSION

\$14.05 Base- appt. Local Co. has 65 positions that must be filled by January 30th Part/ full time- days, evs, wknds. avail. Gain exp. in customer service/ sales/ communication. Positions filling fast! Call Immediately. 586-498-8977

POSITION open for experienced nail tech. Edwin Paul Spa. Fax resume to: 313-885-8017

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PERSONAL trainer and instructors wanted. Phone: 313-822-2812. Fax: 313-822-1280. With new Fitness and Activities building opening in May, Grosse Pointe Park is hiring personal trainers and instructors. Personal trainers and instructors must be certified, self-motivated, and willing to work flexible hours. If you think you offer a class that would benefit Grosse Pointe residents for a day, week, or a session for seniors, adults or children; please contact us. For further information, please contact the Park and Recreation Department.

PLEASANT head injured adult needs companion. Walks, exercise, activities. Harper Woods, (413)549-1971

RESPONSIBLE, enthusiastic team player who enjoys working with the public. Flexible hours. Mailboxes Etc. (313)884-8440

TELEMARKETER With experience. Calling on businesses. Flexible hours. Can work at home. Call Mr. Bresser (313)874-0570, ext. 110

WAITRESSES: part time, full time. Apply in person. Irish Coffee Bar & Grill, 18666 Mack Ave., Grosse Pointe Farms.

201 HELP WANTED BABYSITTER

DAY care assistant, part time. Responsible, reliable. Experience with children. Good pay. (586)294-0043

NANNY in my home to care for 3 year old. 3 days/ week, 9:30-4:30ish. Good pay. References. (313)642-0470 (313)433-9969

NANNY to care for our sons, infant and five year old; in our Grosse Pointe home. Experience and references required. 45 hours per week, starting in March. Own transportation. Non-smoker. (313)399-4399

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203 HELP WANTED DENTAL/MEDICAL

CT tech needed for new Out patient multislice CT center opening in Warren, MI. Monday- Friday 8am- 5pm. Excellent pay and benefits. For interview call Al (313)581-3000

DENTAL assistant, experienced, full time needed for pleasant dental office. (313)884-1800

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RN/ LPN- Start the new year with a new career. Our expanding dermatology practice offers you the opportunity to use your nursing skills in our office setting. Call for information on positions available. 313-884-3380 or fax resume: 313-884-9756

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WE are looking for someone special to join our dental team. Front desk experience preferred. 25- 35 hours per week. Please call for an interview, (586)293-1515

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208 H.W. NURSES AIDES CONVALESCENT CARE SEEKING female caregiver- one hour mornings, one hour evenings, week days. \$10.00/ hour. Live-in possible. Sue. (313)885-9138

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EXPERIENCED, college age babysitter. Own transportation. Available Tuesday, Thursday, Friday, Sarah (313)885-1727

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300 SITUATIONS WANTED BABYSITTERS

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302 SITUATIONS WANTED CONVALESCENT CARE

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THE BODY SHOP AT HOME New division of this 25 year old success story is offering a ground-floor opportunity to those interested in a home-based business with excellent income potential. CALL JEANETTE PIGURSKI INDEPENDENT CONSULTANT (586)770-2728 OR E-MAIL JENNYG44YAHOO.COM

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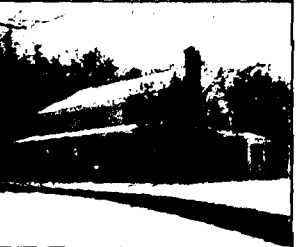
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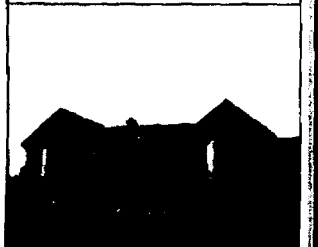
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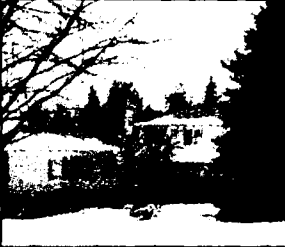
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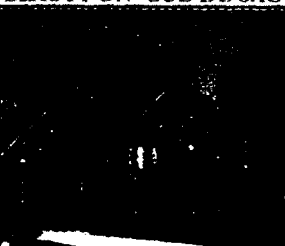
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