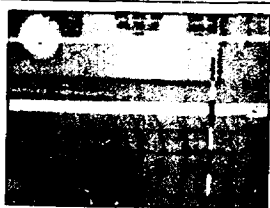


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■ Grosse Pointe Farms authorities are lining up to prosecute a 34-year-old Detroit man accused of 53 home invasions in numerous suburban communities. Page 13A

■ The Grosse Pointe Woods City Council's Compensation and Evaluation Committee has put two city employees' raises on hold for the next 30 days. Page 3A

WEEK AHEAD

Saturday, Feb. 7

Grosse Pointe Farms holds its annual Winterfest for residents at Pier Park from noon to 3 p.m.
 For more information, call (313) 343-2405.

Monday, Feb. 9

The Grosse Pointe Park City Council meets at the Park city hall at 7 p.m.

The Grosse Pointe Farms City Council meets at the Farms city hall at 7:30 p.m.

The Grosse Pointe Board of Education meets in the Wicking Library at Grosse Pointe South High School at 8 p.m.

Tuesday, Feb. 10

The League of Women Voters of Grosse Pointe's "Second Tuesday" series of coffee and conversation will begin at 9:30 a.m. at the Children's Home of Detroit (CHD).

Featured speakers include administrators from the CHD. Learn about all of the many different ways the CHD helps children and their families in the metropolitan Detroit area. Find out about volunteer opportunities and other ways to help keep the organization strong.

Free on-site babysitting is available. Coffee and doughnuts will be served. Call Sarah Walsh at (313) 881-9650 for more information. Call Laurie Arora at (313) 885-3123 to reserve babysitting.

Detroit Mayor Kwame Kilpatrick will be the keynote speaker at the meeting of the Grosse Pointe Senior Men's Club at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial at 11 a.m.

Kilpatrick will discuss urban planning in Detroit and will answer questions following his presentation.

For more information, call (313) 881-5592.

Thursday, Feb. 12

The public is invited to a free meeting of the Grosse Pointe Veterans Association at 7:30 p.m. at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial.

Guest speaker Iris Gribble, of St. Clair Shores, will discuss her duties as an air raid warden in London, England, during the Battle of Britain. Gribble served in the Women's Auxiliary Air Force, part of the Royal Air Force.

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Photos by Michael Shelton

Woods Winterfest is hot

The third annual Winterfest at the Grosse Pointe Woods Lakefront Park was the most successful yet, according to Park Supervisor Missy Warnack.

"I would say we have more than doubled the attendance and tripled the chili entries," she said. "This is the best weather we've had. The snow and the sun are just beautiful."

The event was put on by the Woods Citizens Recreation Commission. Planning began in October, and many of its members cooked and served lunch during the festivities.

The top three in the chili cookoff, above, were, front row from left, Mary Lynn (1st place), with her Consensus Con Carne recipe. Coming in second was Monica Szabo and her daughter, Kimberly, with their chicken chili. Rounding out in third was Mary Beth Graham with her black bean chili.

Pictured with the winners, from left in back, are councilwoman Dona DeSantis Reynolds, Ken Gutow of the Recreation Committee, City Administrator Ted Bidigare, councilwoman Vicki Granger, committee chairman Bill Babcock, Missy Warnack and Lynn's son, Van Martin. The winners received trophies and gift certificates from Telly's, Little Tony's and Andiamo's.

There was also a Score-O hockey competition. Pictured, below from left, are Adam Savage (1st place) with his father Barry, Bill Babcock, Alphonsi Nepi (2nd) and Billy Welch. The winners received trophies, and Savage won a Detroit Red Wings jacket, courtesy of the Pointe After.

Michael Green of St. Clair Shores put on an ice sculpting demonstration, creating a likeness of the Grosse Pointe Woods city logo.

Members of the St. Clair Shores branch of the U.S. Coast Guard also put on a mock rescue out on the pier and gave safety tips on what to do when falling through thin ice.



G.P. schools make A-B honor roll

By Carrie Cunningham
 Staff Writer

The Grosse Pointe Public School System received its report card from the state board of education, achieving admirable results. All the schools in the district received A's or B's.

The report card, administered by the state's Education YES program, is a way for Michigan's schools to gauge their quality and be accountable to standards set by the federal No Child Left Behind legislation.

Three yardsticks are used in compiling a grade. Achievement status measures the adequacy of education going on in a school. Achievement change looks at whether student performance is improving or declining. Achievement growth calculates whether students are showing one year of academic growth for each year of instruction.

The schools achieving A's

Composite AYP Grade met	
Grosse Pointe Public Schools	
Brownell Middle	A..... Yes
Poupard Elementary	B..... Yes
Ferry Elementary	B..... Yes
Defer Elementary	A..... Yes
G.P. North High	B..... Yes
G.P. South High	A..... Yes
Monteith Elementary	B..... Yes
Kerby Elementary	B..... Yes
Maire Elementary	A..... Yes
Parcells Middle	B..... Yes
Pierce Middle	B..... Yes
Richard Elementary	A..... Yes
Trombly Elementary	A..... Yes
Harper Woods Schools	
H.W. Secondary	C..... W-0
Tyrone Elementary	C..... Yes
W = Less than 95 percent of students tested	
0 = Did not meet AYP for first time.	
AYP = Adequate Yearly Progress.	

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H.W. schools feel report card unfair

By Jennie Miller
 Staff Writer

Report cards were handed out to Michigan schools on Friday, Jan. 30, and Harper Woods School District received cloudy results.

"We only received two out of four grades, and I still don't understand why," said Superintendent Dan Danosky of the grades given to the secondary school and Tyrone Elementary.

Both schools were given C grades, and Tyrone made AYP (Adequate Yearly Progress), while the sec-

ondary school was penalized for having less than 95 percent of students being tested.

"The elementary school made AYP which was very good," Danosky said. "But (at the secondary school), we only had 82 out of 88 students take the test. Six kids didn't take it," which resulted in the penalty from the state.

"We're discussing the feasibility of taking the MEAP as a graduation require-

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POINTER OF INTEREST

Dr. Abd Hawasli

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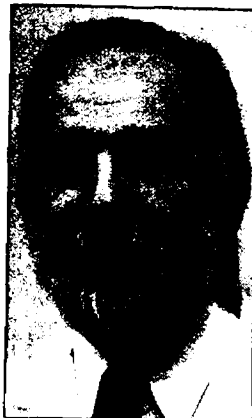
Age: 49

Family: wife, Hudah; sons Mouhamad, Waref, and Ayhem; and daughter Bianca

Occupation: General surgeon; Director of Laparoscopic Surgery and Minimally Invasive Surgery Center at St. John Hospital

Quote: "I've always wanted to conquer the impossible."

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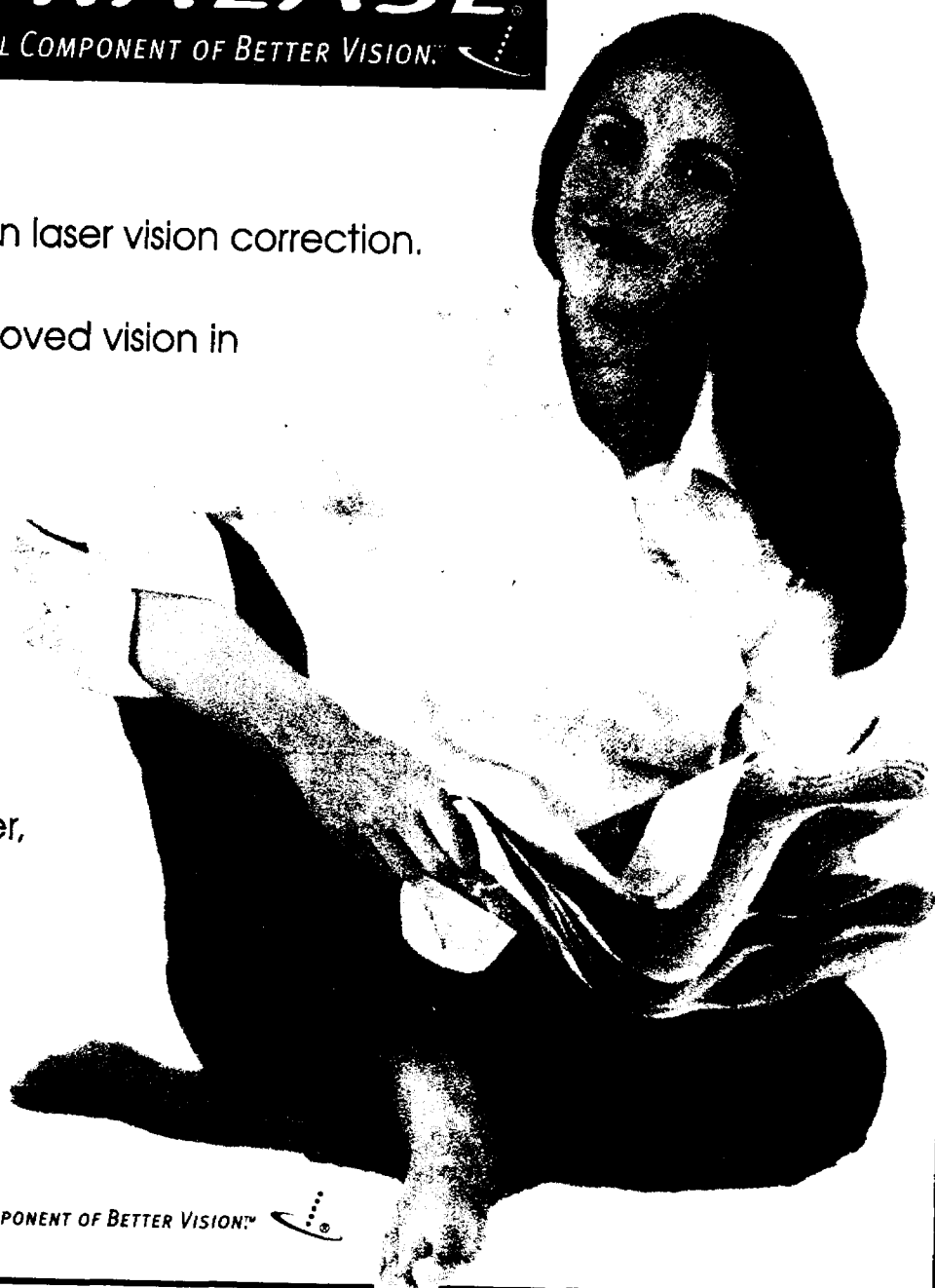
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yesterday's headlines

50 years ago this week

■ Grosse Pointers will revive the spirit of the old town hall upon gathering at the War Memorial next week with municipal representatives for a general discussion about city issues.

It is expected that speakers from all five Pointes will touch on the following topics: the proposed six-year capital improvement program for the Park, traffic and off-street parking in the City, parking development and the pier park project for the Farms, home garbage disposal and mosquito spraying for the Woods and interceptor sewers for the Shores.

The league of Women Voters sponsors the meeting.

■ Copies of a resolution passed by the Grosse Pointe Farms city council requesting state aid in combating Dutch elm disease are sent to the Lansing offices of Sen. Harold Ryan and Rep. Edward Carey.

"That battle against Dutch elm has reached such proportions that we feel the state should be called upon to help try to eliminate the blight," says Harry Furton, Farms city clerk.

■ Members of the Grosse Pointe Woods city council vote a split decision to lift

restrictions on the creation of subdivisions. The vote allows development of the Hunt Club Lane subdivision, located on the east side of Cook Road near the Grosse Pointe Hunt Club.

25 years ago this week

■ The Youth Service Division's annual report discloses a record year for law-breaking Pointe youth and delinquency.

Increases are reported in breaking and enterings, larcenies and vandalism. Of 1,028 total cases reported in 1978 versus 829 the year before, statistics in Grosse Pointe Woods jump the most, increasing from 343 in 1978 to 564 last year.

■ The toboggan hill behind old Vernier school at Vernier and Lakeshore is shut down by Grosse Pointe Shores public safety.

The facility will remain closed until Shores recreation officials complete a study determining its future use.

When the hill was constructed about 20 years ago, it was intended solely for use by Shores residents. Within the past several years, however, the facility has been crowded with children and young people from other communities, including Detroit. A number of people have been injured.

■ A neighborhood group called Grosse Pointe Park West gets down to business four months since being founded.

Formed from a coalition of civic, church and business leaders in the western part of the Park closest to Detroit, the group addresses crime prevention and property maintenance.

At its recent meeting, attended by roughly 80 to 100 members, the group sells shriek alarms for \$2. The alarms are small whistles that make a shrill noise

to ward off criminals and attract attention in an emergency.

10 years ago this week

■ No one meets the Feb. 1 deadline to provide nearly \$2 million Grosse Pointe Shores officials say it will take to renovate and maintain the 78-year-old Vernier school building.

As a result, it looks as if the underused Albert Kahn-designed structure will be torn down. Some of the roof, brick and Pewabic tiling is expected to be salvaged.

■ Municipal leaders from the City of Grosse Pointe and Farms plan to ask the school board for more time to complete a feasibility study on converting district headquarters at 389 St. Clair into senior housing. The study was due Feb. 1.

Last April, the school board voted to put up for sale the two buildings that house board administrative offices.

■ Renovation begins on St. John Hospital's emergency center.

The project will add about 50 percent more capacity to the hospital's emergency center, which is the east-side's designated trauma center.

5 years ago this week

■ A 23-year veteran of the Grosse Pointe Woods public safety force is named to replace outgoing director Jack Patterson.

Mike Makowski, a lieutenant, is named to the directorship by unanimous consent of the city council.

■ Ashley Getz, 12, and Juliana Bartel, 13, both of the City of Grosse Pointe, receive resolutions for heroic actions last summer.

The girls saved a child overcome by high waves in Lake Erie off shore of Pointe Pelee National Park in Ontario, Canada.

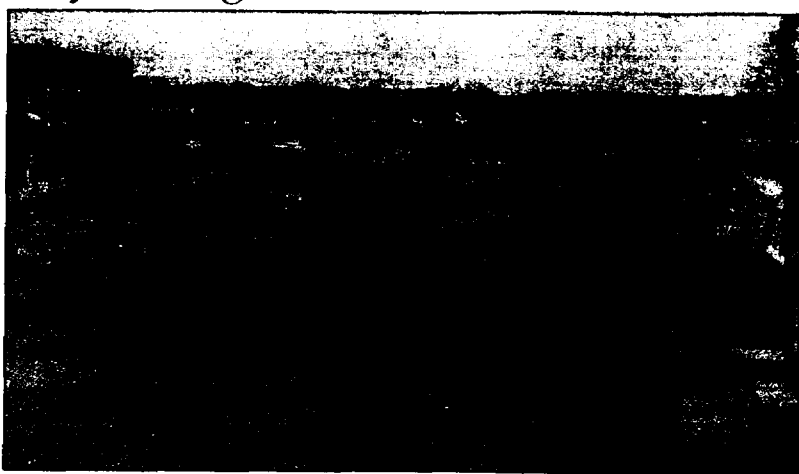
Resolutions come from the City Council, City department of parks and recreation and, in a gesture of appreciation arranged by Rep. Andrew Richner, R-Grosse Pointe Park, State of Michigan plaques signed by Richner and Gov. John Engler.

■ City of Grosse Pointe PSOs Lisa Monticciolo and Lori Fielder prepare to donate their time this spring to teach children how to get a job babysitting and what to do once work begins.

"Students will learn that their most important job as a babysitter is to keep children safe while their parents or guardians are away," Fielder says.

— Brad Lindberg

50 years ago this week



Construction starts on gymnatorium

Despite winter weather, construction is proceeding on the auditorium-gymnasium at Grosse Pointe High School. The dotted line superimposed on the photograph shows the area the new structure will enclose. It is estimated it will take 320 days to complete the building which, with fixtures and equipment, will cost almost \$1 million. (Photo by Fred Runnells. From the Feb. 4, 1954 Grosse Pointe News.)

It's showtime for City folk

By Bonnie Caprara
Staff Writer

A trip to the movie theater just got a little more convenient for City of Grosse Pointe residents.

Terry Solomon, the Park's parks and recreation director, said the Park made the decision to extend an invitation to the Okulski Theater to City residents on Tuesdays and Thursdays until April 15.

"Typically, we average about 20 to 30 moviegoers on Tuesdays and Thursdays, and about 50 to 100 people for each show during the weekends, depending on the

movie and whatever else is going on," Solomon said. "The time we're letting them use the theater is during our slow time of the year."

The Okulski Theater, located in the Lavins Activity Center in Windmill Pointe Park, has been showing end-of-run movies several times a week since the center opened in May. The theater has a seating capacity for up to 140 people.

In return, the City will open its pool at Neff Park for open swimming to Park residents for the two weeks after the Labor Day.

City residents must show

their park pass and pay the admittance fee to be admitted to the theater. Guest privileges are not applicable to City residents.

"I think this is a great opportunity for both City and Park residents," said Bryce Pitters, the City's parks and recreation director. "We look forward to continuing the wonderful long standing relationship with the Park."

For more information and showtimes, call (313) 822-2812, or visit www.grossepointepark.org, or turn to Comcast Channel 22, or look in the Grosse Pointe News.

G.P. report

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include Brownell, Defer, Grosse Pointe South, Maire, Richard and Trombley. Schools garnering Bs are Poupard, Ferry, Grosse Pointe North High School,

Monteith, Kerby, Parcels and Pierce.

Superintendent Suzanne Klein said the report card is a significant barometer, along with other factors, that schools can use to

improve their educational efforts.

"All of the schools are looking at what the information can tell us," she said. "We are on the look out for ways to improve."

H.W. report

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ment," he added, also recognizing that the district needs to work to improve its grades.

"C's are not grades we're thrilled with," he said. "There's a lot of room to grow. We're in the process of identifying kids who are not making the grade and instituting certain interventions. We're having additional

tutoring, as well as peer-to-peer teaching. We're putting other things in place. That will result in some kind of improvement."

Cheryl VanDerlinden, Tyrone's principal, isn't satisfied with the district's report card either.

"We have appeals out," she explained. "We have a lot of new students to the district and they weren't

supposed to count those scores. There's also some missing data. All of this makes it very difficult to trust the grades."

VanDerlinden is confident the district's scores will improve.

"We're going to continue to target the kids who need the most help, and get the services they need to be successful," she said.

Water rates

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month to \$6,343 a month. The City will likely see a 5.14 percent increase in its fixed sewage rate from \$9,875 a month to \$10,382 a month. The Farms will likely see its fixed sewage charges rise 3.73 percent, from \$21,230 a month to \$22,021 a month. The fixed sewage rate proposed for the Northeast Sewage System will likely rise 4.98 percent, from \$188,158 to \$195,839.

A small portion of Harper

Woods may see a 7.02 percent decrease in its fixed rate charge, down from \$967 a month to \$899 a month.

According to DWSD, the increases, the lowest in four years, are necessary to cover costs related to modernization, expansion, and improvements to the water and waste water transmission and distribution systems. DWSD claimed it did not increase costs to cover its day-to-day operations.

The Farms and the City are not affected by DWSD

wholesale water rates. The Farms provides water for both cities.

Area municipalities will likely add on their own markups to their customers later in the year. Customers in the Woods will see additional markups in their water and sewage bills effective March 1.

DWSD will ask the Detroit City Council at its Thursday, Feb. 5, meeting to approve the new wholesale water and sewage rates.

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Words of wisdom?

I was in a conversation with my sister when she said something that made me stop and wonder if she were losing her mind right in front of my eyes.

She replied to a hopeful statement by advising me not to "count my chickens."

Were she and I in the same conversation? Was she nuts? I don't have any chickens, and even if I did, why would I want to count them?

My sister informed me that although I have chosen a career that requires a firm grasp of the English language, there are certain puns and proverbs that must have escaped my path on the learning trail.

She wasn't nuts by talking about counting chickens; she was, in fact, giving me keen advice.

For those who perhaps share my diminutive vocabulary, the entire phrase is "Don't count your chickens before the eggs are hatched." It is similar to the phrase "Don't put all your eggs in one basket." When someone uses either of these statements, he or she is telling someone not to be too optimistic by thinking something is a sure thing.

It turns out that people have been using this phrase since the year 1570. But the idea for the phrase goes even further back: to Aesop's Fables, circa 550 B.C.

Needless to say, I felt pretty dumb. I couldn't believe I had never heard of chicken-counting. How could I not be aware of something that is considered a "common saying." Did my apple fall anywhere near the tree?

I sought to learn more about these cutesy sayings. How many others were out there that I would eventually need to deal with?



Jennie Miller

I checked out a book called "America's Popular Sayings." It's filled with hundreds of these kooky phrases and also includes explanations of their origins. I discovered many new puns, but also many that I do use regularly and never really thought about.

Some of them are quite odd, and if you use one in the presence of someone who doesn't understand, they're going to think you're nuts too.

Here are some that are quite common: "That's the pot calling the kettle black." I love this

phrase. I learned it on an episode of "Friends," when Monica said Ross was competitive. Phoebe laughed and replied, "Hello pot? This is Monica. You're black." The phrase dates all the way back to "Don Quixote" in the early 1600s and is used in response to criticism by someone who has no right to do it.

"It's like opening a can of worms." This goes back to a 1972 book about the Watergate scandal. It refers to a highly problematical situation that, if baited, would lead to utter chaos.

"You can't have your cake

and eat it too." This was recorded in a book of proverbs in 1546 but didn't make its way to the U.S. until 1742, in the "Colonial Records of Georgia." It means that you can't have it both ways, similar to another common saying, "Beggars can't be choosers," meaning take it or leave it.

"It ain't over 'til the fat lady sings." No one really knows who is responsible for this popular saying, but it dates back to the 1970s, often associated with operatic performances. It is used to tell someone not to give up too soon, that the outcome isn't known until the final results are in.

"The cat's out of the bag." This phrase has a strange explanation, and I still don't quite understand. It was originally meant to reveal a trick following an attempt to sell a cat instead of a pig. Now it means that a secret has been revealed. It was first used by author

Tennessee Williams in 1947's "A Streetcar Named Desire."

"The straw that broke the camel's back" or "the last straw." This is a proverb which dates back to 1655, referring to something that finally causes disaster in an already bad situation.

There are so many more interesting phrases that we use on a daily basis. Many of them actually hold great meaning and are great words of wisdom. Most you can figure out for yourself, but they're just so strange if you take them at face value. Try these out for size:

"Hold your horses," "There are other fish in the sea," "It takes two to tango," "The grass is always greener," "Let the chips fall where they may," "You can't unscramble eggs," "That's the way the cookie crumbles," and "The early bird gets the worm."

Of course, my reference book may be "all wet."

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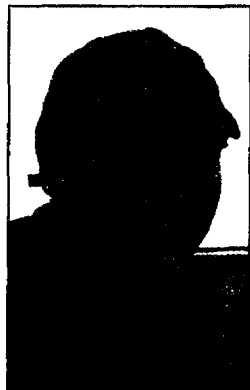


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Streetwise

Question of the Week:

Are you satisfied with the value of your cable TV service?



Roscoe Herring

"I have digital cable, and I'm debating whether or not to go with high-speed Internet. The price is prohibitive. I'm already spending \$100 a month on cable, and with the high-speed Internet, I'd be paying \$25 a month more than what I pay for (my Internet service) now."

Roscoe Herring
Grosse Pointe Woods



Harry Burkey

"I have cable and high-speed Internet. I hardly pay attention to the rates. Even though I'm retired, I don't worry about the cost."

Harry Burkey
Grosse Pointe Woods



Catherine Petz

"I hardly look at it. My husband watches it, and he's happy with it."

Catherine Petz
Grosse Pointe Shores



Jean MacLeod

"No, but it's a necessary value."

Jean MacLeod
Grosse Pointe Farms



Frank Erace

"We have basic cable and high-speed Internet. I think it's too much; it's \$1,000 a year. I'd go with an antenna, but the reception is the reason we get cable."

Frank Erace
Grosse Pointe Woods



Mark Brewster

"I have cable and high-speed Internet. It's expensive. It's annoying they keep raising the price, but that's life."

Mark Brewster
Grosse Pointe Woods

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

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World traveler?

Lucy, the fence-jumping, sort-of Lab, is back at her Farms home these days and has a story to tell.

The 6-year-old, black, mixed-breed dog was sent to Roseville for the holidays since owners Allyson and Bill Turner were going Up North skiing. She was supposed to stay with Allyson's brother, Clayton Swope, but on New Year's Eve, the Turners got a call that she had gone over the fence and disappeared.

They returned home early and plastered Roseville with posters, toured the veterinarians and visited the pound. No Lucy. A couple of calls came in with reports of a small, wiry black dog. Wrong dog.

Three days and three nights later, the dog — dirty, hungry, smelly, missing its collar, with bruised, battered feet — showed up on Swope's front lawn. Where had she been? What had she done? Where did her collar go? We'll never know.

Maybe she was out hunting for her friend Casey Miller, the dog that used to live next door on Mount Vernon. Lucy often liked to jump the fence to play with Casey. The Millers moved to Lincoln in the City.

In any event, Lucy still has a story to tell if she could, is sporting a new collar and tag, and all's well that ends well.

Honor military

The Grosse Pointe War Memorial and North High School are looking for a few good men and women who have served in Afghanistan and Iraq. The War Memorial is starting to gather names of folks for possible inclusion on a wall plaque honoring them. You can call the War Memorial main office with details.

North is looking for the names of alumni who will be honored in a showcase featuring their photos and information about what they are doing.

"We need help from the community to get the word out to families and friends of these service people to get as many names and faces as possible for the display," said Judi Preston, of North. "We do not want anyone to be left out." They would like similar information on any North grad currently attending a military academy.

North would like a wallet or 4x6 photo (preferably in uniform) with the following information:

Name, year of graduation, branch of service,

rank, duties, start and ending dates of service, U.S. mail or e-mail address and anything else of interest. Send the materials along with the number of a local contact person to Judi Preston, Grosse Pointe North High School, 707 Vernier Road, Grosse Pointe Woods, MI 48236. She can be reached by phone at (313) 432-3235.

"We think it would be wonderful to give them a place of honor and let others see how great they look and know what they are doing," Preston said.

Valentine

The Richard and Maire Parents Network is sponsoring an evening workshop for adults on improving parent-child communication skills Feb. 11 from 7 to 8:30 p.m. Called "Giving the Love that Heals," the presentation by Marsha Ferstenfeld and Bev Talan will be held in the Richard gym. It is based on the book by Harville Hendricks, and the parents call it "An early Valentine for you and your children."

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Points about the Pointes

From our Library to our School System... can we legally move some of our tax dollars?

It's no secret that the State of Michigan's pockets are empty when it comes to adequately funding our schools. Our School Board is so concerned about the effect this shortfall will have that they are asking us to vote on a new millage to cover some operating expenses next month. As I understand it, the goal of this sinking fund is to use the money originally intended for certain operating expenses to cover teacher salaries and other costs which State law does not permit to be covered by millage increases.

Driving down Mack Avenue, I had a thought that won't solve our school funding dilemma, but it could help. At present, our school system has about a \$95 million annual budget which is supported by \$15 million fund equity. The fund equity can be thought of as the "net worth" of our school system. Its relationship to our operating budget is a major determining factor in the

rate we pay for our borrowing.

The Library, with an exponentially smaller annual budget, bond issues already in place to cover our new libraries and recently reported donations of over \$1 million, has \$5 million or so in fund equity.

The last version I saw of the Woods Library land lease from the School System calls for almost ZERO rent. Why not truly separate the Library and the School System and charge the Library a fair market rent for the land to help cover some of our school funding shortfall?

I am not an attorney, so maybe this idea isn't legal. If it is, as a taxpayer, it would be a welcome way to start thinking "outside of the box" in better using our hard earned tax dollars.

How about it, School System and Library lawyers... is there a way to make it work?

...Ahmed Ismail (ahmed.ismail@comcast.net)

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Democratic caucus this Saturday

Are there more than 100 Democrats in the Grosse Pointes and Harper Woods? That is what we will find out Saturday, when Pointe and Harper Woods residents take part in the state's Democratic caucus. Locally, the caucus will be held at the Children's Home of Detroit on Cook Road in Grosse Pointe Woods. Caucus site manager Harry Kalogerakos is too seasoned a political campaigner to predict how many Democrats will show up. Only 100 voted locally in the 2000 Democratic presidential caucus, he said.

Kalogerakos is also too smart to predict whom local voters will choose as their front-runner. Will it be John Kerry? Howard Dean? Wes Clark? Al Sharpton? Joe Lieberman?

The Children's Home caucus hours will be from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. But this year you can also vote by mail or over the Internet. Go to www.mi-democrats.com.

Mail and Internet ballots must be received by 10 a.m. on the morning of the caucus, Feb. 7.

Also, you don't have to be 18 or reg-

istered to vote. But you do have to be 18 by the general election date, Nov. 2, and you must pledge that you will be registered to vote in the presidential election and that you are a Democrat.

It will be interesting to see how the voting by mail and the Internet works out. Many have suggested these as means of increasing voter turnout in elections. Maybe we will learn something of value from the Democratic caucus.

The caucus is necessary to deter-

mine the makeup of the 153 delegates, 22 alternates, 18 convention committee members and four pages representing Michigan at the 2004 Democratic National Convention July 26-29 in Boston.

Delegates to the national convention will be apportioned based on the total vote for each presidential candidate from the caucus sites and by mail and over the Internet.

The results of Michigan's Democratic Caucus will be interesting. We predict Kerry, who is carrying substantial momentum and is being endorsed by our Democratic governor, will take Michigan.

Regardless whom the Democratic candidate ends up to be, the race will be interesting in November. Will President George W. Bush continue his lead over the Democratic challengers, or will he, like his father, lag in the homestretch and be beaten by a Democrat?

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Report cards are in

The Grosse Pointe Public School System received all A's and B's on its "report card" released last Friday by the state department of education. The grades are based, in large part, on MEAP scores earned by fourth-, fifth-, seventh-, eighth- and 11th-graders taking state standardized tests.

The Grosse Pointe schools were among an elite group of districts earning above average grades. Other districts on the A-B honor roll included Avondale, Birmingham, Bloomfield Hills and West Bloomfield.

Interestingly, Chippewa Valley high schools — including the brand-new, state-of-the-art Dakota campus said to be the future of education — only earned C's on their results.

But few realize what an amazing accomplishment earning all A's and B's is for school districts.

Grosse Pointe, as well as any other school district in the state, is only a hiccup, literally, away from falling short.

Consider that 95 percent of eligible students must complete the MEAP tests. What is the average absenteeism among students in January when much of the testing is done?

Last month, as many of us can attest, we experienced an epidemic of colds and flu. At workplaces all across the state, companies were short-handed due to illness. In some places, entire schools were closed. While that

was not the case here, absenteeism had to be at record highs.

Take Harper Woods Secondary School, for example. That school earned a w-0 (see chart on Page 1A) because fewer than 95 percent of the students took the tests. How many students are we talking about? Out of the 88 students required to take the MEAP tests, six did not.

You don't have to take the MEAP math tests to know that six out of 88 is 7 percent. So while 93 percent of Harper Woods 11th-graders took the test, that was not enough.

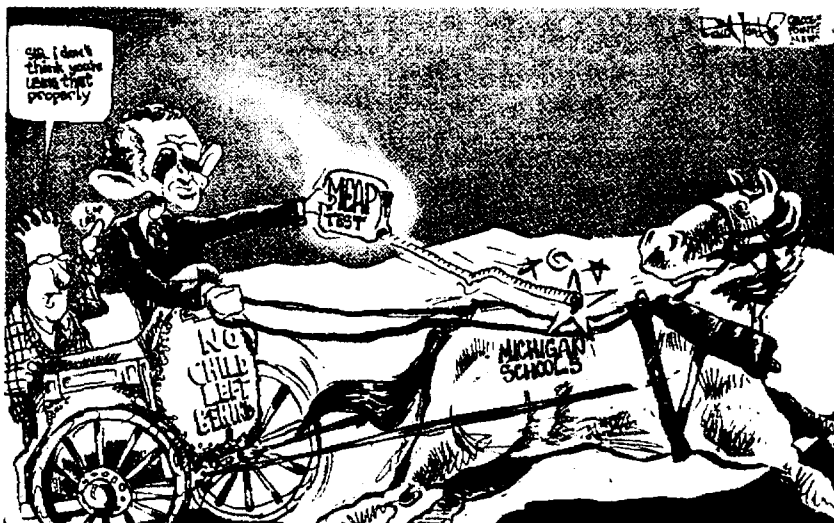
What if you are in a smaller district, and three out of 40 students missed taking the test? You guessed it. That school is penalized.

Further, how do schools force students to attend and take the tests? They can't. Their only hope is parental involvement, which is perhaps among the top indicators of school and student success.

Harper Woods schools, incidentally, only earned C's. Schools superintendent Dan Danosky is at a loss to explain it. Perhaps the school district has to make taking the MEAP tests a graduation requirement in order to force kids to be present on test days.

"C's are not grades we're thrilled with," he said.

True, we want "no child left behind," but are we on the right path toward reaching that goal?



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zations.

I look forward to joining my fellow Grosse Pointe residents at a newly landscaped Kressbach Place this summer for a relaxing respite and enjoyment of a peaceful and calming environment.

Doug Boehmer
City of Grosse Pointe

Thanks go all around

To the Editor:

This letter is in follow-up to the wonderful news featured on the front page of the Jan. 29 issue of the Grosse Pointe News ("Gaffney Bill Seeks Elected Library Board").

I have received dozens of calls from residents thanking me for opening up the community's eyes to the library board selection process and spending decisions. Although the thanks are sincerely appreciated, they do not belong to me. Thanks from all of us are truly deserved by a number of individuals and organizations in our community who opened my eyes to what is going on and how we as taxpayers could change the status quo.

First and foremost, none of my efforts the past three months would have happened without an anonymous caller letting me know about the November 2003 meeting being sponsored by the League of Women Voters that was graciously hosted by Tom and Ann McCleary of Grosse Pointe Farms. The league, Tom and Ann are due all of our thanks.

If this meeting had been a highly structured meeting like so many I attend are (where questions are asked and not answered or where the questions are screened and no real issues of substance are permitted to be discussed), none of the changes we are seeing would ever have happened. The attendees of this meeting deserve thanks for asking the well thought out questions that had many of us leaving this meeting with dozens of questions and con-

cerns that needed to be addressed.

Chris Fenton of our school administration was kind enough to take the time to answer my questions as to how the whole library board was formed, the part that the school board plays in the library board member selection process and the law and agreements that govern its operation.

The dozens of people who called me after I publicly questioned some of the goings on by way of my weekly commentary in the Grosse Pointe News and provided me with additional background information should be thanked by all for their willingness to share their knowledge and frustration with the taxation without representation that has been going on in the Pointes since 1994.

The Grosse Pointe News itself should be thanked by all of us for accurately reporting the facts and for also echoing the sentiments of the community in your Opinion column.

Finally, state Rep. Ed Gaffney should be given a "thumbs up" by all of us for listening to the community and addressing our concerns by sponsoring the necessary legislation to make our library board members the elected rather than the handpicked representatives of the taxpayers in the Pointes.

I am sure that there are others who have helped on our quest for an elected library board that I have missed. Please accept our sincere thanks for your help and guidance.

In the Jan. 29 Grosse Pointe News, library board president John Bruce was quoted as saying, "If legislation is passed, I will guarantee this board will be 100 percent supportive of what's in the best interest of the taxpayers."

Does that mean that the library board will only be supportive of elected library board members if forced to do so by legislation? I hope that I am reading this wrong, and that this is not the case.

Instead, it is my sincere hope the library board members will embrace the reality that we as taxpayers want to see an elective process in their selection. Hopefully, they will all publicly acknowledge that this is right for our community and will go out of their ways to actively support Mr. Gaffney's efforts now, and not only if his much needed legislation is passed.

Let's all keep our fingers crossed that Mr. Gaffney's efforts on our behalf are successful. The bottom line is that community involvement and questioning the status quo are the only way we can make a great community like Grosse Pointe even better.

It is my sincere hope that all of the members of our community will look at this issue as proof that seemingly unchangeable inequities can be changed if we all work together.

Thanks again to all for your efforts!

Ahmed V. Ismail
Grosse Pointe Woods

World's finest shotmaker

To the Editor:

Thank you for the article, "Former City resident joins golf Hall of Fame" (Jan. 15, Grosse Pointe News), on former Grosse Pointer, Leo Diegel.

I was a caddy at the Country Club of Detroit when Leo last visited Grosse Pointe in 1949.

One day he came to hit balls in the practice area and I was asked to shag for him. He placed me out on the range moving me back about 10 yards each time he changed to a longer club. Every shot fell just in front of me and then took one bounce into my hand.

It was an incredible experience and I have to agree with one of Diegel's rivals on the tour who said, "he was probably the finest shotmaker the world has ever seen."

Thomas M. Sullivan
M.D.
Detroit

Letters

Waterwall project

To the Editor:

As the immediate past president of the City of Grosse Pointe Foundation, I'd like to respond to your story in the Jan. 29 issue of the Grosse Pointe News, "Village wall under scrutiny," regarding the Kressbach Place waterwall project in the Village.

The Grosse Pointe News recently carried a reprint of a story that was first run when the Jacobson's building was erected in the Village. Many comments were contained about resident dissatisfaction with the building and its perceived lack of attractiveness and conformity with other aspects of the Village.

I'm sure current residents couldn't imagine the Village without the Jacobson's building now, and I would suggest that will be the case for Kressbach Place in just a few years. According to the Grosse Pointe News article Councilman Jennings made that point and I agree with him.

Although some members of the Grosse Pointe City Council have received negative comments from residents, I have continually received positive comments from both inside and outside the community.

I noticed this past summer that it was nearly

always occupied by people reading, eating ice cream, or having conversations in its pleasant internal environment. I'm sure this phenomenon will continue and that we'll see more use of the plaza as time goes on.

There is a very serious misstatement in the article that needs to be corrected, though: The article states "the foundation has asked the city to pay up to \$20,000 for additional landscaping." This is absolutely untrue. I personally presided over the City Foundation Trustee meetings in which we solicited a proposal from a local landscaping company for suggested improvements to Kressbach Place, were presented with such a plan, and unanimously voted to allocate \$20,000 in foundation funds not public money, to enact this extensive landscaping and beautification plan.

The truth is that these funds were available last summer, and the beautification plan could have been accomplished last fall, but city council failed to approve its implementation for minor aesthetic reasons.

Since council has evidently failed to act at its latest meeting it would appear that this beautification plan will once again be held up, perhaps beyond the date necessary to accomplish it early this spring.

In my eight years as President of the City

Foundation, there was never a time that a foundation project, including The Elworthy Park entrance, the Neff Park entrance renovation and new decorative street signage, was delayed by council in any manner.

I would strongly recommend that council approve this plan and allow the foundation to spend its funds to beautify this space.

I would like to make one more point: The City of Grosse Pointe Foundation consists of dedicated local residents who unselfishly give their time and effort to raise and distribute funds for local projects that would not otherwise be undertaken. The number of projects funded by the foundation is extensive, and the foundation itself remains relatively unknown.

I would recommend in the strongest possible terms that public figures such as city council members and the Grosse Pointe News give strong support to the foundation and its efforts and realize that the negative publicity and misinformation directed at foundation projects make its efforts to raise funds much more difficult.

I believe it's the responsibility of these organizations to lend their unqualified support to the City Foundation, and to foundations in other Grosse Pointe cities, for the good work undertaken by these organi-

Woods looks into discretionary pay raises

By Bonnie Caprara
Staff Writer

The Grosse Pointe Woods City Council's Compensation and Evaluation Committee has put two city employees' raises on hold for the next 30 days.

The action was in response to a Dec. 30 letter signed by 25 city employees, including five managers, sent to the city council, claiming the additional responsibilities and raises given to the two employees were "unjustified." The council asked the compensation and evaluation committee to look into the matter.

In December, City Administrator Ted Bidigare gave his full-time confidential secretary an \$8,100-a-year raise, bringing her annual salary to \$62,000. He also gave his part-time assistant confidential secretary a \$3-an-hour raise, bringing her hourly wage to nearly \$20 an hour. Both raises were supposed to have been retroactive to July 1. Both employees also were given 3.85 percent raises on July 1.

The adjustments in responsibilities and pay were given after the assistant to the city administrator left her employment with the city in July and was not replaced. The letter signed by the 25 of the city's 200 employees stated that the confidential secretary was asked to oversee the city's human resources

duties.

The employees also questioned the education and credentials of the confidential secretary to perform the additional duties and responsibilities assigned by Bidigare. They also expressed displeasure that they were not informed that the city was looking for someone to assume greater responsibilities with a considerable pay raise.

One line in the letter stated: "It is our belief that there are several more highly qualified city employees who would have been interested in the position and who are far more respected by their peers."

The city does not have a policy with regard to posting internally or externally job reassignments.

The letter also stated: "Most city employees, including union employees, were given no more than a 3 percent raise for the year. The city administrator expressed that money was not available for larger raises in 2003-04, even though many of the employees have taken on a greater degree of responsibility over the past few years."

The disclosure of the job reassignments and pay raises put a halt to the ratification of a contract by city AFSCME employees, who have been working without a contract since July. Under the proposed contract, the city's union employees would be granted 3 percent pay raises for the next three

years.

According to city attorney Don Berschback, provisions in the city charter allow Bidigare to assign or reassign staff in his department within budgetary constraints.

"The charter calls for him (Bidigare) to have a \$5,000 limit on expenditures," Berschback said. "This is a \$50,000 savings (in eliminating the assistant to the city manager position through attrition), not an \$8,000 expenditure."

However, some members of the compensation and evaluation committee felt different on the matter.

"The decision had to be reviewed by the compensation and evaluation committee, which will make a recommendation to the council," said Councilwoman Lisa Pinkos Howle, chair of the committee, which is also represented by Councilman Darryl Spicher and Mayor Robert Novitke.

Novitke expounded on Howle's explanation further by saying: "There was a request made by the chair (Howle) that it was the feeling of other members of the council to see if eliminating the assistant to the city manager position was the right thing to do."

Spicher expressed surprise in the details of the raises and reassignments.

"(The confidential secretary) is encroaching within a couple of thousand dollars of department heads," Spicher said. "Those people

The following is a letter sent to members of the Grosse Pointe Woods City Council, dated Dec. 30, 2003. The names of all city employees have been deleted for publication:

Mayor and City Council:

It has been brought to our attention that (name deleted), confidential secretary to the city administrator, has been given a substantial pay increase of \$8,100 on top of the 3.85 percent raise that she was given on July 1, 2003. The \$8,100 raise is retroactive to July 1, 2003.

The vast majority of the administrative staff, as well as other city employees, are concerned that this raise is unjustified. Most city employees, including union employees, were given no more than a 3 percent raise for the year. The city administrator expressed that money was not available for larger raises in 2003-04, even though many of the employees have taken on a greater degree of responsibility over the past few years.

Recently, we were made aware that the city administrator's confidential secretary, (name deleted), responsibilities have changed and that she will now also be responsible for overseeing human resources. It is speculated that this may be offered as justification for the retroactive pay raise. We have great concern (name deleted) is not qualified for those added responsibilities, considering that over the past several years the legal requirements in administering this position have increased tremendously. In addition to her lack of experience in human resources, we are also questioning if (name deleted) has any of the education/credentials needed to professionally perform the duties and responsibilities.

We accept the fact that the city administrator has the right to appoint anyone he chooses to perform at this position, even if more qualified candidates can be found. Nevertheless, we are extremely disappointed in how the appointment was done. There was no mention whatsoever that the city was looking for someone to assume greater responsibilities with a considerable pay raise. It is our belief that there are several more highly qualified city employees who would have been interested in the position and who are far more respected by their peers.

It might not be accurate to label this appointment and pay raise as favoritism. However, many of the administrative staff are puzzled and disappointed by this appointment. And, as usual, the city administrator has not communicated his rationale for these actions, which might help us to change the perception of apparent favoritism.

We would hope the city council would investigate this situation in order to determine if proper decisions were reached in the best interest of the city and of its employees.

Sincerely,
Concerned City Employees

have people underneath them and run departments. He should have come to us first about eliminating this (assistant to the city administrator) position."

Berschback said the sus-

pension of the raises were put into effect by a mutual agreement between committee members and Bidigare.

The committee, which met on the issue on Tuesday, Jan. 27, will dis-

cuss the issue further and make its recommendation to the council.

In the meantime, there are no talks scheduled between the city and the union.

Pointes may see below-average water-sewer hikes

By Bonnie Caprara
Staff Writer

Most of the Grosse Pointes and Harper Woods will likely avoid most of the deluge of wholesale water and sewer rate increases proposed last Wednesday by the Detroit Water and Sewerage Department (DWSD).

Harper Woods and most of the Grosse Pointes will likely see rates rise below the average 7.14 percent for water and 3.81 percent for sewage come July.

Grosse Pointe Shores will likely see a 0.54 percent increase in its wholesale water rate from \$11.01 per 1,000 cubic feet (MCF) to \$11.07 per MCF. Harper Woods will likely see a 3.01 percent increase in its wholesale water rate from \$7.64 per MCF to \$7.87 per

MCF.

The wholesale sewer rate for Grosse Pointe Farms is scheduled to go up 1.26 percent, from \$15.02 per MCF to \$15.21 per MCF. The Northeast Sewage System — which is comprised of the Shores, Grosse Pointe Woods, St. Clair Shores and part of Harper Woods — will likely see a 2.52 percent increase in its wholesale sewer rate from \$7.94 per MCF to \$8.14 per MCF. A small section of Harper Woods may see its wholesale sewer rate rise from \$23.43 per MCF to \$23.99 per MCF, or 2.39 percent.

The wholesale water rate in Grosse Pointe Park is expected to rise from \$7.66 per MCF to \$7.90 per MCF, or 3.13 percent, and its wholesale sewer rate is

expected to rise 3.77 percent from \$8.75 per MCF to \$9.08 MCF.

The City of Grosse Pointe, however, will likely be getting a small break in what it will pay DWSD for sewage processing later this year. It may receive a projected 0.27 percent cut in its rate, down 4 cents from the \$14.80 per MCF it is currently paying.

Bucking the trend, however, is Grosse Pointe Woods, which recently raised its water rate in part in anticipation of a huge wholesale water rate increase. It will likely be paying DWSD 20.83 percent more for water, up from \$6.05 per MCF to \$7.31 per MCF. "We had our peaking factors changed, and they are

up considerably," said Clifford Maison, finance director. "We have more people with irrigation systems."

One of the determinates of wholesale rates is based on peaking factors, which reflect a community's demand on the water and sewage systems.

However, the Woods, along with Harper Woods and the Park, will likely pay

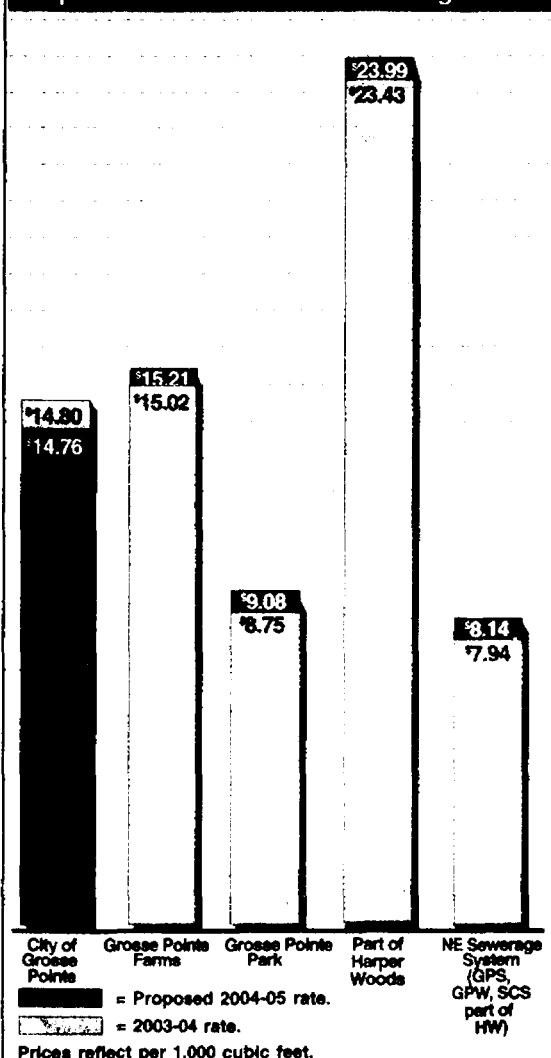
considerably less than the average wholesale water charge of \$9.91 per MCF.

All of the Grosse Pointes and Harper Woods will likely see their fixed monthly charges for sewage rise below the 9.03 percent average hike.

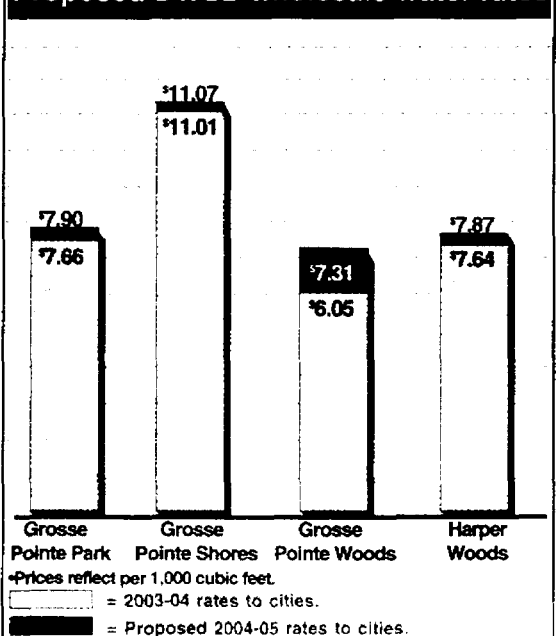
The fixed sewage rate in the Park will likely rise 1.23 percent, from \$6,266 a

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Proposed DWSD Wholesale Sewage Rates



Proposed DWSD wholesale water rates



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City physician makes a name for himself in surgery

By Michael Shelton
Staff Writer

City of Grosse Pointe resident Dr. Abd Hawasli is a pioneer in Michigan medicine.

"I've always wanted to conquer the impossible," Hawasli said.

Hawasli, a general surgeon at St. John's Hospital, was the first in the state to perform a mobile lithotripsy.

It involves breaking kidney stones through ultrasonic beams and dissolving the remains through medication.

After that milestone, he helped perform a laparoscopic removal of a gallbladder later that year.

Hawasli has helped make laparoscopic surgery an alternative to open surgery and lithotripsy.

"This was a turning point in surgery. At that point, only five or six handfuls of surgeons in the United

States were doing this procedure," he said.

His efforts helped lead to the opening of the St. John Minimally Invasive Surgery Center in 2002.

He now serves as the director for laparoscopic surgery and the center itself.

His efforts have won him numerous "Top Doctor" awards by Detroit Monthly and Hour Magazine. He has written numerous articles that have appeared in journals such as American Surgeon.

Hawasli said that laparoscopic surgery is done by first making a small incision to put a scope in.

Carbon dioxide is then fed into the abdomen to keep it inflated and then separate the abdominal viscera so there

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Photo by Michael Shelton
Dr. Abd Hawasli stands near an ultrasound machine, which he uses to detect breast cancer, in his office in St. Clair Shores. Breast surgery is just

a space to work with.

After small incisions of a quarter to half an inch are to put instruments in the body, the surgeons use the images transmitted onto a video screen to conduct the surgery, rather than having to open up the abdomen.

"You're kind of operating as if you're playing Nintendo," Hawasli said.

Since then, he has performed more than 4,000 gallbladder removals.

He has also performed thousands of surgeries to remove adrenal glands, spleens, appendixes and colons, as well as kidneys for transplants.

Hawasli also performs procedures for reflux and heartburn, breast surgery, and radio frequency vaporization of liver tumors.

He also performs vtiatic surgery, which helps people combat obesity.

"We place a silicone band around the stomach entrance, which decreases the intake and causes lost weight," he said.

Hawasli said that there are a lot of benefits to the minimally invasive surgery.

"We don't handle the bowel and abdomen with our hands, and there is less risk for disease than bigger inci-

sions," he said. "The patient can eat right away, and the recovery time and pain are less."

Hawasli was born and raised in Syria, which is located right in the heart of the Middle East.

He was the oldest in a family of five children, with three brothers and a sister.

"I grew up in a strict community with a Muslim background. We have certain values and rules you cannot cross," he said. "I went to elementary school in the same neighborhood I grew up in."

Hawasli's father was a surgeon, which allowed him to get some early, first-hand experience.

"I grew up in the medical field. I was 16 or 17 helping with hernia and hemorrhoid, minor-type operations," he said.

Hawasli also loved basketball, which he played while in school and college. He also is passionate about chess; which he says he won two straight college championships by playing the game.

While attending college in Damascus University in

Syria, he met his future wife, Hudah.

"She was in an English Lit school, and I met her in the cafeteria," he said. "In Syria, we don't go out on dates. I talked with her a few times; we liked each other, and we got engaged."

He graduated from Damascus with a medical degree in 1978. But Hawasli said he always had an interest in pursuing medical education in America.

He came to Michigan with his wife in March 1979. By then, they already had their first child, Mouhammad, who was four months old.

He attended a medical review course at Oakland University and then worked at Wayne State in physiology while living on campus. He later received his ECFMG (Educational Commission for Foreign Medical Graduates).

But for Hawasli, living in America was a huge adjustment compared to life back home.

Even though he learned English in Syria, Hawasli had to get used to learning the American accent.

"I watched American movies and 'Bonanza' to get the accent better," he said.

Hawasli said that it was also hard for him to be away from his family and not have their immediate support.

"I was also in the hospital, moonlighting and on-call, which took a lot of nights away from home," he said. "It was very hard on my wife. I give her credit for staying with me."

He then got his big break, a general surgery residency at St. John Hospital. After five years (1980-85), he received his board certification in 1986.

Then came Nov. 21, 1989, and the historic mobile lithotripsy surgery, which paved the way for laparoscopic surgery to become a regular procedure at St. John.

"When I started it, people thought I was crazy. I had a lot of opposition from surgeons and patients because people thought this was a gimmick," Hawasli said. "But now, everything's done laparoscopically."

After living in Grosse Pointe Woods for five years, Hawasli and his family moved to the City in 1990.

During the 90's, laparoscopic surgery became more prominent at St. John, which has become Michigan's exclusive home for the procedure.

Hawasli credits Dr. Larry Lloyd, St. John's chief of

surgery for supporting him.

The efforts of Hawasli and his colleagues came full circle on Nov. 21, 2002, the anniversary of Hawasli's mobile lithotripsy in 1989, when St. John opened its Minimally Invasive Surgery Center.

The center offers surgeries in eight specialties: cardiothoracic, endo-vascular, ENT (ear, nose, & throat), general, orthopedic, urology, spine, and transplant.

Hawasli also started Michigan's first laparoscopic fellowship, only one out of 81 in the U.S.

Hawasli said he feels rewarded when his patients compliment him on his work and is always working to make his patients feel comfortable.

"I get so many letters from my patients for their gratitude," he said. "The imagination of a surgeon is the only limitation as to how far you can go."

Today, Hawasli also serves in the trauma unit, which he says is a lot different from what is shown on television.

"We deal with life and death all the time. It's tough to see a kid come in with gunshot wounds to the abdomen, and you do everything you can to save his life," he said.

"ER has a lot of dramatization, and it's just a show. You can't imagine the stress."

Hawasli has seen some rough moments in the trauma unit but tries his best to move on.

"Thank God for the ability to forget. You just have to dissociate yourself because you have other patients to worry about," Hawasli said.

He also serves as a teacher to up and coming surgeons.

"I owe it to the next generation to teach them so they will be good surgeons in the future," he said. "You have to balance the safety of the patient and teach the resident."

In his spare time, Hawasli enjoys chess, reading medical journals, and walking along the lake shore.

He and Hudah have four children. Their daughter, Bianca, attends University School.

Mouhammad is currently attending law school.

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2004 Accord EX promises continued popularity

By Greg Zyla

We recently test drove Honda's popular 2004 Accord EX Coupe. The Accord is still the main ingredient on Honda's automotive menu, and is one of the most popular cars in America. This new Accord mirrors the EX we tested in 2003, and is sure to be a continued best seller.

Our 2004 Accord came finished in a beautiful San Marino Red with a V6 mated to an automatic transmission. The coupe we tested last year came with the more powerful 260-horse V6 and a six-speed manual, but we emphasize that this 240-horse automatic is still very responsive and powerful. Styling is both progressive yet not overdone and is aerodynamic in its final

appearance.

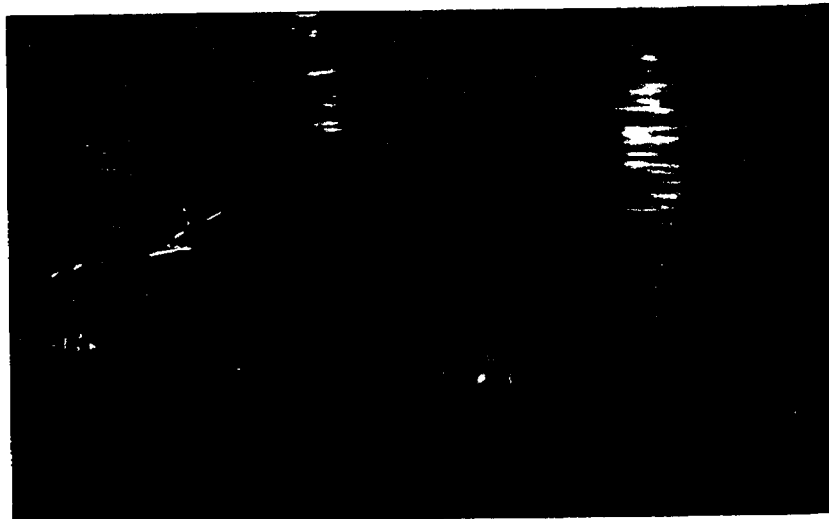
Inside, we enjoyed the cabin's large dimensions, especially the legroom available to rear-seat passengers. Usually, two-door coupes "cramp" the rear occupants, but not so with the 2004 Accord. It is both roomy and comfortable in all seating positions. We took the Accord on a newspaper business trip, and the two rear passengers were pleased with comfort factors and the quiet ride. This interior quietness comes from Honda's insulated unibody construction, which also assists in absorbing usual bumps in the road.

Further scrutiny inside reveals headroom is also much improved. You can also access your trunk cargo by a pass-through hidden

behind a rear-seat armrest. All controls are well-placed for either driver or passenger, and the instrumentation is proper. Even though the EX Coupe only has two doors, access to the rear is acceptable. As for safety, dual front and side air bags complement side curtain bags and crash beams located in the doors.

On the road, the car handles well, is easy to park, and hugs corners in tight turns. Accord offers a similar double-wishbone suspension with a tweaked multi-link rear setup as in its luxury Acura line.

The standard engine in the base DX model is the new 2.4-liter 4-cylinder that cranks out a respectable 160 horses. However, please take advantage of Honda's



2004 Honda Accord EX

great V6, which is available in the upper-scale LX and EX models. Our V6 was the milder 240-horse version, measuring a total of 3.0-liters and offering 24 valves overall for intake and exhaust work per the six cylinders (four for each cylinder). As for EPA numbers, you won't be disappointed with 21 city and 30 highway.

Of course, Honda relies on price to attract consumers, especially the Accord line. Accord's base 4-cylinder DX model starts at only \$15,900 all the way to our tester's cost, which came in at a

"fully loaded" base of \$26,500 plus \$460 destination. As for options, our tester had not one. Standard amenities are many, including heated front seats, power moonroof, a climate-control air conditioning system and a great six-disc, in-dash six-speaker stereo system, to mention just a few.

Safety is another great selling point, with front, side and curtain air bags, anti-lock four-wheel disc brakes, traction control, built-in crumple zones and much more.

Important numbers include a wheelbase of 107.9

inches, curb weight of 3,384 pounds, 14 cubic feet of cargo capacity, a 17.1 gallon fuel tank and a turning radius of 36.1 feet. The standard EX Coupe's tires are 16-inch Michelin All-Seasons with beautiful alloy wheels. We got hit with a 12-inch snowfall the week we test drove our Accord, and we drove right out of our driveway sans any plowing.

Dislikes? Again, none. That's why we rate this 2004 Accord 240-horse version a nine on a scale of 10.

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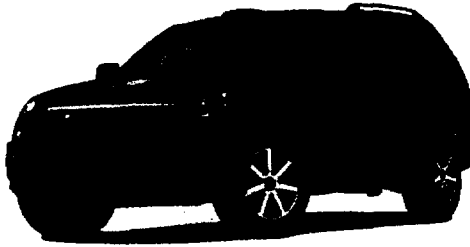
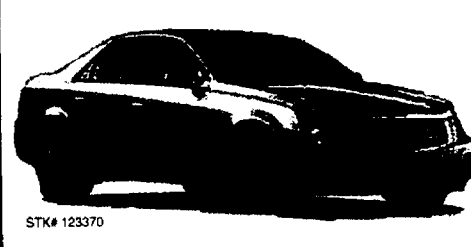
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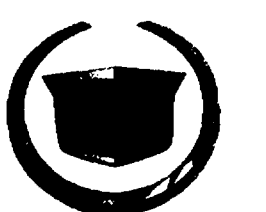
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New machine targets speeders in HW

By Jennie Miller
Staff Writer

Accurate readings from an inconspicuous traffic counter is helping Harper Woods police officers nab speeding drivers.

Purchased just last month, the machine, just under two feet long, gets mounted on light poles and can obtain data such as traffic volume and peak speeding times. Findings will allow police to allocate resources in a more efficient and cost-saving manner.

"With this machine, we're getting a true reading of traffic," said Traffic Sgt. Ralph Selvaggi, referring to the machines more commonly used but considered unreliable with hoses that lie across the road.

"The whole idea with this new one is that you don't see the tubes," Selvaggi said. "As a motorist, you'll instinctively slow down when you see the hoses. This new machine works really well — it's accurate. It's basically invisible for the general traffic, which will allow us to get a better reading. The general motoring public doesn't see it. They'll drive the normal way, and it won't affect traffic patterns or speed. The more accurate your speed study, you are able to look at the data, and allocate resources where they're needed."

The machine was tested last weekend on Beaconsfield. Many residents have been complaining about the perception of speeders up and down the

road, which has a speed limit of 25 mph. The traffic counter was set to begin taking data at 3 p.m. on Friday, Jan. 30, and to stop on Sunday, Feb. 1, at 6 p.m.

"During that time, 6,717 vehicles traveled down Beaconsfield in both directions," said City Manager Jim Leidlein. "The average speed was 26.61. The data showed that on average, cars are traveling within the speed limit."

Sgt. Selvaggi sees this data as reliable and informative for the department.

"We can look at the Windows XP charts and see when our peak time for traffic is between certain hours, and when our peak time is for speeding," he explained.

Based on that information, he can allocate police officers to a specific location during a certain time period.

"If I get a complaint on a certain street, I can set it up for two or three days and see what data we get," he said.

"From the traffic survey, we can emphasize our resources in an area during one time frame, and another at a different time. You get more bang for the buck. You don't get an officer sitting there with his radar gun doing nothing."

The machine can also prove useful when measuring the flow of traffic.

"Traffic engineers use this information to establish speed limits," Leidlein said, adding that 85 percent of cars on Beaconsfield were traveling at an average speed of 32. "The speed limit

(25 mph) is relatively low for that type of street."

But Sgt. Selvaggi argued that rules should not be changed to accommodate drivers; drivers should follow the rules.

"One of the biggest things we have to remember is that we have to adapt to the rules," Selvaggi said. "If we aren't getting to work on time, we need to leave earlier. We don't speed down the street to accommodate our needs. The system is in place, and we've got to work inside that system. The ones who don't, get to meet the police on a personal basis. If we can get that point across, maybe we won't have as many accidents or as many complaints. When we put our needs and wants above the rules and regulations, there's not much (the police) can do other than enforce those rules. The drivers are in control. If they follow the rules, they'll see us on the road and we'll smile and wave. If they break the rules, it's their own fault."

Selvaggi added that a previous traffic study on Beaconsfield resulted in changes that decreased the number of accidents and incidences of speeding.

"At one time, Beaconsfield was a four-lane roadway, and drivers would speed down it, reeking havoc along the way," he said. "They have since changed it to two lanes with a center turn lane, and it has reduced the problems we've had on that road, based on traffic studies and accident reports."



HW students show perfect attendance

Harper Woods School District is trying to prepare its students for the future. One of the methods it's using to accomplish this is instilling employability skills such as attendance. Many students are meeting these expectations, and the district is proud to announce that during the first semester, more than 60 students demonstrated perfect attendance.

At the Harper Woods Secondary School, these students are Lea Allen, Angel Avila, Eric Burtchett, Anthony Collista, Regina Elamri, Sanaa Elamri, Lauren Gors, Richard Hellwig, Jamie Regan, James Schmidt, Jordan Schmidt, Josh Stephens and Kelvin Thomas.

At Tyrone Elementary School, 16 fourth-graders had perfect attendance. They are Natasha Eklund, Gregory Haloostock, Carly Hedemark, Kevin Huot, Brandon Kelly, Cathlyn Kue, Jade Lun, Sommer MacMillan, William Nocita, Breeona Rue, Sara Schram, Jennifer Upshur, Jessica Waldenmeyer, Brian Werner, Tiffani White and Douglas Wilber. Tyrone fifth-graders Erika Boucher, Romero Bravo, Julian Brown, Danielle Dwyer, Norman Ender, Mitchell Gatzke, Allison Lablak, Heather Luna, Kathleen Maddigan, Patrick McTighe, Marissa Mueller, Kevin Reynolds, Daniel Snider, Bianca Stewart and Devyn Tookes all displayed perfect attendance. Tyrone sixth-graders Adriana Avila, Julian Bibb, John Brengman, Sarah Budzyn, Cameron Dillard, Karissa Giessen, Matthew Haloostock, Terah Handy, Ashley Hemmen, Eric Johnson, Michael Luna, Dakota McKie, Bernie Mighlon, Adam Selburn, Irisida Themeli, Jonathan Van Tiem, Chelsea Wagner and Christopher Warunek also had perfect attendance for the first semester of classes.

Pictured above, in the back row, from left, are Selburn, Dillard and Haloostock. In the front row are Budzyn, Luna and Hadley.

PUBLIC SAFETY REPORTS

Assault at school

An assault and battery occurred at a local high school on Friday, Jan. 30, at 2 p.m. A 16-year-old student reported that a freshman boy repeatedly kicked her as she sat on the floor in the hallway after taunting her by throwing his shirt around and hitting her in the face.

Athlete jumped

Many students witnessed one of their peers being punched in the head from behind as he left a basketball game at a local high school on Friday, Jan. 30, at 9:45 p.m. The perpetrator also took the victim's gym bag as the boy fell to the ground. After the incident, one of the witnesses approached the perpetrator, who was joined by three other males. They began verbally assaulting the boy and pushed him around. The assailant dropped the gym bag as he and his friends sped away in a black SUV. Witnesses were able to identify the license plate number of the vehicle, which was later stopped on Kelly at 7 Mile by Harper Woods police. The victim and the witness identified the perpetrator, who was arrested.

Purse snatchings

A purse was snatched out of the arms of a Detroit resident on her way to church on Saturday, Jan. 31, at 4 p.m., on the 19300 block of Harper. She observed four juvenile boys in a red four-door vehicle parked in front of the church door as she walked up to the building. One of the individuals grabbed her purse from behind as she passed the vehicle. Her purse was later discovered at the intersection of Kingsville and Sanilac, minus the woman's credit card and \$50 in cash.

A similar red four-door vehicle is suspected of being used in a purse snatching

from a Harper Woods woman on the 19700 block of Kelly on Saturday, Jan. 31, at 4:40 p.m. The woman was exiting a grocery store when she noticed the vehicle stop behind her car and a passenger said they were waiting for her parking spot. The woman put her purse in her car and began to load her groceries into the trunk. One of the boys entered her vehicle through the back door and took her purse. The car fled northbound on Kelly.

Assault and robbery

An afternoon of fun turned into disaster for a 14-year-old Detroit boy. After shopping and purchasing himself a new pair of tennis shoes, the boy decided to see a movie at a local theater on the 19300 block of Vernier.

As he exited the theater and waited for a ride home, an unknown boy walked up and punched him in the face. He fell to the ground, dropping his shopping bag. Approximately 10 males came up to him and began kicking and punching him as he lay on the ground. One of the assailants took his shoes, and they fled southbound across Vernier.

A witness said he knew the perpetrator from school. A mother of a second witness approached the subject and demanded the boy's shoes back before returning to the theater. He was later found by Harper Woods police at a drug store. The victim identified him as the boy who punched him, and the witness's mother identified him as the boy who returned the shoes. Officers also discovered his hands were bloody and placed him under arrest.

A boy came into the police department saying he was with the suspect earlier and claimed he was not the one who punched the victim, and he was simply carrying the shoes.

Home invasion

A woman feared someone had broken into her house on the 19200 block of Beaconsfield after finding her bedroom window open and the screen pushed up. The homeowners checked the rest of the rooms, and nothing was reported missing. A Harper Woods police officer discovered fresh footprints in the back yard, along with an overturned lawn chair near the window which had been pried open.

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Queen of Peace bottle drive

The Queen of Peace Athletic Club is sponsoring a bottle drive to purchase new basketball uniforms.

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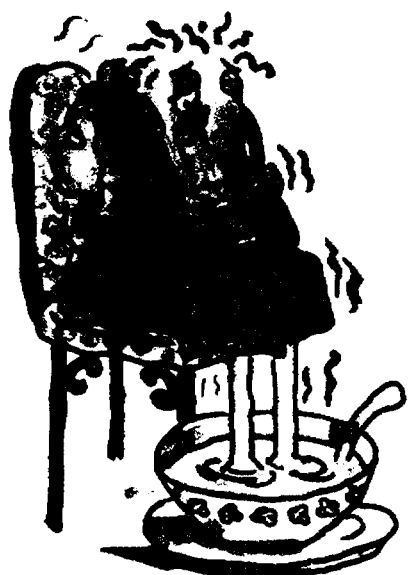
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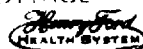
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Board to consider shortening number of class periods

By Carrie Cunningham
Staff Writer

Days could be condensed if two measures the Grosse Pointe Board of Education placed on the agenda for its next meeting pass.

At the Monday, Feb. 2, board conference meeting, two motions were placed on the agenda for the Monday, Feb. 9, board meeting to shorten class time at both the high school and middle school levels from seven periods to six periods.

Board members say the move will save the district money as it faces budget cuts of \$753,000 from the state.

"The only reason we're considering it is monetary pressure," said school board member Joseph Brennan,

who proposed the high school measure. "It is probably the most benign way to save money."

Chris Fenton, assistant superintendent for business affairs and support services, said the amount of money saved will be approximately \$1.3 million at the high school level and \$600,000 at the middle school level.

The period change is just one of many options the board is looking at to save money, Fenton said. Another option would be to increase class size, he said.

At the meeting, resident Ahmed Ismail said the public needs to be able to digest the consequences of the move. He said the timing of its placement on the agenda

is a bit suspect, and the members of the board must be accessible to hear the public's concerns.

The public has been asked to consider a millage increase with the introduction of the idea of the sinking fund, which will impose a 1-mill levy for six years, raising \$2.8 million per year.

Taxpayers are already paying 1.15 mills each year for 25 years for the \$64 million bond issue that will pay for large capital projects.

Brennan maintains that the decreased periods is a viable way to save money.

"There are people in the community who won't be pleased, but the board has to address the financial situation," he said.

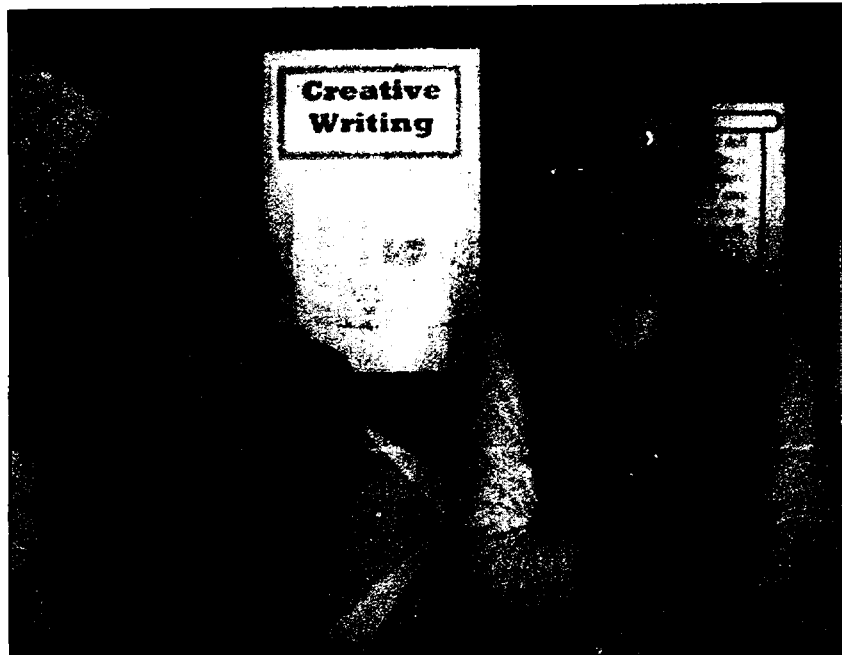


Photo by Carrie Cunningham

Five Grosse Pointe South High School students participated in a poetry slam in Ann Arbor sponsored by the Michigan Speech Coaches, Inc. Abigail Shah, left, came in second place while Allison Bretz, right, placed third.

South students perform at poetry slam with open hearts

By Carrie Cunningham
Staff Writer

The words of poetry soothe and jolt, savor and lament, inspire and curse and at their best, heal. They can both express the most personal emotional feelings and reflect the most far-reaching public issues.

Students at Grosse Pointe South High School are knitting such words, writing poetry about themselves and our culture. Five students — Trevor Angell, Lydia Breskin, Allison Bretz, Whitney Hughes and Abigail Shah — participated in a poetry slam sponsored by the Michigan Speech Coaches, Inc.

The students belted out their poems among 22 other students from southeastern Michigan at the Espresso Royale cafe in Ann Arbor. Five judges from the audience listened to and rated the poems. The middle three scores were added up for each performer, and winners were selected accordingly.

Bretz came in third place while Shah garnered second place honors.

"I'm proud of them. I think it's very exciting to have your work examined," said English instructor Harry Campion, who taught both Bretz and Shah in advanced writing during their sophomore year. "It takes an extraordinary amount of courage."

Bretz focused on inner dealings of her life for her poetry presentation. She wrote about her French class and a friend. Expressing personal issues, Bretz was loath to have her poems printed in the newspaper and has not showed her poems to her parents.

"I have a really good relationship with my parents, (but) there's this whole other side of me they don't see," said Bretz.

Nonetheless, Bretz is passionate about the cathartic properties of poetry.

"It's just a good form of self-expression. It's a nice

way to get out what I have to say," she said. "Just saying the words out loud is kind of like therapy."

An admirer of the poet Billy Collins, Bretz is interested in a career in politics and international relations. She hopes to write poems about public issues in addition to ones about herself.

Shah's poems reflected on personal emotions and cultural issues. In a poem called, "Metaphors Like Similes," she described the emotion of pain with incisive words and symbols.

"Drape me like a scarf
Bittersweet love slaps
telling me
This hurts me more
than you. Hurt me.
Pitterpat and hide in the
piano bench,
sustenance comes from
sheet music."

In another poem, "Avalanche," Shah muses on the barrage of images funneled through the mass media with some lively images of her own.

"Ink flows from my mouth
like a metaphor
swirling tantric love songs
with a hip hop politician
"Turn backwards three

times
and apologize in Japanese
Now say,
"This is ART. I don't NEED
parameters."

Swirling colors
Kaleidoscope
Now say,
"OK
Okay?"

Shah said she loves metaphors, which are abundantly apparent in her work.

"I like a lot of imagery. It paints a good picture," she said.

Favoring poets Charles Bukowski and Dorothy Parker, Shah likes writing as an emotional outlet. She is interested in a career in psychology.

Other themes evoked in the poetry slam were brokenheartedness and the landscape of dreams. The winner of the slam wrote of the subconscious with fantastical images.

Campion and his students said the best thing about a poetry slam is that the uniqueness of a performers' voice is exhibited. A downside to the forum is that the performance can sometimes outweigh the words and meaning of the actual poem.

"There's a lot of poetry that should be read personally and not by a crowd," Campion said.

With a possible local poetry slam coming in the spring, Campion's students will be weaving words throughout the year, and they hope throughout adulthood.

"I want it to be part of my life. I think it will help me," Bretz said.

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Sunny Days Cooperative Preschool at the Grosse Pointe Woods Presbyterian Church, 19950 Mack Avenue, is beginning open enrollment for the 2004-2005 school year.

Sunny Days is an interdenominational Christian preschool program for 3- and 4-year-olds. The school has morning and afternoon classes, which meet three times a week.

For more information, please call Jenny Marck at (313) 642-1448 or the church at (313) 886-4301.

Correction

Due to an incorrect spelling on a press release, the name of the architect for the Grosse Pointe Woods Public Library in the Thursday, Jan. 29, article "Rewold to build Woods library," was misstated. The architect is Fanning Howey.

NOTICE OF LAST DAY OF REGISTRATION FOR THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF THE GROSSE POINTE PUBLIC SCHOOL SYSTEM, WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN

TO THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF SAID SCHOOL DISTRICT:

Please take notice that the Special Election of The Grosse Pointe Public School System, Wayne County, Michigan, will be held in the School District on Tuesday, March 16, 2004.

Section 1052 of Act 451, Public Acts of Michigan, 1976, provides as follows:

"The inspectors of election at any annual or special election shall not receive the vote of a person residing in a registration school district whose name is not registered as an elector in the city or township in which the person resides or whose name is not in the registration file in the precinct in which the person offers to vote when city or township registration records are used in school elections as provided in section 1053."

THE LAST DAY on which persons may register with the Clerk of the Township or City in which they reside in order to be eligible to vote at the Special Election to be held on March 16, 2004, is Monday, February 16, 2004. Persons registering after 5:00 P.M., Eastern Daylight Time, on Monday, February 16, 2004, are not eligible to vote at the Regular Election.

Under the provisions of Act 451, Public Acts of Michigan, 1976, registrations will not be taken by school officials, and only persons who have registered as general electors with the Clerk of the City or Township in which they reside, or through registrations at a Secretary of State Driver's License Bureau, are registered school electors. Persons planning to register with the respective City or Township Clerks must ascertain the days and hours on which the Clerk's Office is open for registration.

Registrations of unregistered qualified electors of the School District will be received at the following places:

1. Residents of the City of Grosse Pointe Park shall register at the office of the Clerk of the City of Grosse Pointe Park, 15115 East Jefferson Avenue, City of Grosse Pointe Park, Michigan.
2. Residents of the City of Grosse Pointe shall register at the office of the Clerk of the City of Grosse Pointe, 17147 Maumee, City of Grosse Pointe, Michigan.
3. Residents of the City of Grosse Pointe Farms shall register at the office of the Clerk of the City of Grosse Pointe Farms, 90 Kerby Road, City of Grosse Pointe Farms, Michigan.
4. Residents of the City of Grosse Pointe Woods shall register at the office of the Clerk of the City of Grosse Pointe Woods, 20025 Mack Avenue, City of Grosse Pointe Woods, Michigan.
5. Residents of the City of Harper Woods shall register at the office of the Clerk of the City of Harper Woods, 19617 Harper Avenue, City of Harper Woods, Michigan.
6. Residents of the Township of Grosse Pointe shall register at the office of the Clerk of the Township of Grosse Pointe, 795 Lakeshore Drive, Village of Grosse Pointe Shores, Michigan.

This notice is given by order of the Board of Education of the Grosse Pointe Public School System, Wayne County, Michigan.

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Stephen Matthews,
Secretary, Board of Education

Touareg named 2004 Sport Utility of the Year

By Greg Zyla
Volkswagen's all-new 2004 Touareg (pronounced Tour-egg) is a quality SUV built both for passenger comfort and off-roading abilities.

Touareg utilizes an off-road system that features a groundbreaking AWD (all-wheel-drive) system that locks center and rear differentials thanks to computers that tell the system what's happening on the road and when 4x4 is needed. It's dubbed 4XMOTION, and it's so "smart" it will even slow you down if you are descending a hill too quickly, and then assist in climbing grades.

What we like most about the 4XMOTION all-wheel-drive system, however, is its ability to independently dispatch power to each wheel in varying degrees. This system allows Touareg to move forward, even if only one of its four wheels is on a traction-capable surface. When everything is working right, this VW can climb 45-degree inclines with no trouble! The 4XMOTION also offers a low range for tougher applications, something other competitors do not. The mechanicals are mated to a six-speed Tiptronic automatic transmission that is well-built and offers proper gearing for acceleration, cruising and passing.

Our Touareg came powered by a 220-horsepower, 3.2-liter V-6 engine that proved more than adequate for its intended uses. (For those looking for more power, a 4.2-liter V-8 is also available at extra cost.) The 4XMOTION all-wheel drive

worked flawlessly, even when we breezed several mud holes and steep banks in our off-road drive in the coal hills of central Pennsylvania. Underneath, a double wishbone front and four-link rear four-wheel independent steel-spring suspension results in a firm but comfortable ride and excellent handling for an SUV. To help you stop, electronic brake-force distribution and ABS four-wheel disc brakes are standard, along with 17-inch all-season tires.

Inside, there is plenty of room for five adults, and the overall motif is quite beautiful. You'll immediately notice all the genuine wood trim and aluminum accents that highlight the cabin, as do lots of leather appointments. As for cargo, there's more than enough room

behind the second-row seats for just about every application. Fold down the second row, and you've got gobs of space.

Other notable standard features include front side-impact air bags, a side-air bag curtain, three-point safety belts at all seating positions, dual zone climate control, all the powers, cruise, roof rack, power sunroof, in-dash single CD stereo system, trip computer, compass and lots more.

Our Touareg came with just a few options, including the \$2,650 navigation system, which upgrades the stereo to an 11-speaker, 375-watt, 12-channel system. It's a great option for what you get, and recommended if navigation and stereo capabilities are a must. Bi-Xenon Headlights with washer system added \$750, and the



2004 Volkswagen Touareg V-6

rear differential lock cost an additional \$550. Add \$150 for California emissions and \$615 delivery, and you arrive at the bottom line of \$39,615.

Granted, this is no cheap vehicle, but the Touareg actually shares chassis and suspension pieces with Porsche's new SUV, the Cayenne.

Important numbers include a wheelbase of 112.4 inches, a 26.4-gallon (premium) fuel tank, 31 to 71 cubic feet of cargo space depend-

ing on second-row position, 8.3-inch ground clearance (optional air suspension allows up to 11 inches), 5,086-pound curb weight, 15 mpg city and 20 mpg highway EPA numbers and the ability to accelerate from zero to 60 mph in 9.4 seconds, good for a vehicle this

heavy. Rating? How about a 9.5 on a scale of 10! That should make the innovators happy, and coincide with Motor Trend magazine naming Touareg its 2004 Sport Utility of the Year.

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Godiva Chocolatier is paving the road to romance once again this Valentine's Day with its new Symphony in Red 2004 collection and a promotion that gives one a chance to win luxurious prizes.

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One hundred other lucky winners will each receive a first prize romantic

European getaway for two, each consisting of air transportation and hotel accommodations for five nights at a select Westin hotel of the winner's choice. Lucky prize winners in Godiva's Valentine's Day promotion could find winning prize certificates hidden inside eligible gift boxes (valued at \$23 or above) from the chocolatier's Symphony in Red 2004 collection.

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lates and the chance to win prizes that couples can enjoy together," says Michael Simon, Godiva vice president of marketing.

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William F. Baker
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Former Grosse Pointe Shores resident William F. Baker Sr., 77, of Kawkawlin, MI., died on Wednesday, Jan. 21, 2004, after a brief illness.

Mr. Baker was a graduate of De La Salle High School, attended Lawrence Tech and Cranbrook and was a veteran of the U.S. Air Force.

He owned and operated Cox and Baker Builders, Inc., a company founded by his father, John W. Baker in the 1930s. He took over the company in 1952 and operated it for 40 years. He was an architectural designer and builder of more than 1,000 custom homes in the Grosse Pointes.

He was affiliated with the Builders Association of Southeast Michigan, where he was president; the St. John Hospital Guild and the Grosse Pointe Crisis Club.

An avid boater, fisherman and hunter, he often said, "I've been very lucky. I've lived the life of many men."

He is survived by his wife, the former Carole Howell, whom he married 51 years ago in St. Paul Catholic Church in Grosse Pointe Farms; his sons John W. Baker II of Eastpointe, Christopher of Detroit, Matthew (Theresa) of Kawkawlin; Mark (Kris) of Grand Rapids; William Jr. (Kathy) of Lakeland, Fla.; daughter Deborah (Brian)

Whitelaw of Ada; grandchildren Alexandra, Jacquelyn and Nathaniel and sister Mrs. Roger Rinke (Delores). He was predeceased by his daughter, Judith.

A prayer vigil was held on Sunday, Jan. 25, at Rivertown Chapel and a funeral liturgy was celebrated on Monday, Jan. 26 at Sacred Heart Church in Kawkawlin.

Memorial contributions may be made to Heartland Hospice or the Kidney Foundation.

Evelyn M. Molnar

Evelyn M. Molnar died on Friday, Jan. 30, 2004, at St. John Senior Community Center in Detroit.

Born in Detroit, she received a bachelor of arts degree from Wayne State University in 1940.

She was a teacher at Grant Elementary School in Detroit from September 1941 until June 1980.

She is survived by her husband Steven; daughters Pamela and Cindy Lou and grandson Nicholas.

Private memorial services were held at A.H. Peters Funeral Home.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Grosse Pointe Public Libraries, 10 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe MI 48236.

Marcia Elizabeth Powell

Grosse Pointe Park resident Marcia Elizabeth Powell, 66, died on Monday, Jan. 26, 2004 at Bon Secours Hospital.

Born in St. Louis, Mo. on December 24, 1937, to Clarence and Martha Lloyd, Mrs. Powell received a bachelor's degree in nursing from the University of Michigan and a master's degree in

nursing administration from the University of Detroit.

She worked 20 years at Bon Secours Hospital, having served as the head nurse of the ICU/CCU. Although she had multiple sclerosis, she never let it slow her down.

Mrs. Powell was a committed volunteer. She served as a deacon and on several committees at the Grosse Pointe Memorial Church and was a member of the alumni board for the University of Michigan sorority Sigma Kappa. She was also active in the Critical Care Registered Nurse program in southeastern Michigan.

In her free time, she played bridge and worked at ceramics and gardening.

She is survived by daughter Jennifer (Don) Dees; sons Jeffrey (Diane) Powell, Christopher (Kathy) Powell; and grandchildren Jeffrey, Kyle, Baron, Christopher, Ryan, Erica and Nathan.

A funeral service was held at Grosse Pointe Memorial Church on Thursday, Jan. 29.

Interment is at Powell Cemetery in Washington Township.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Michigan Chapter, National Multiple Sclerosis Society, P.O. Box 368, Southfield, MI 48037-0368.

She is survived by her two sons Kim and Scott (Elizabeth); grandchildren Luke Noble-Smith, Stephanie Anne Smith; and brother Donald Schutte.

Mrs. Smith was predeceased by her husband, Gerald V. Smith; and her brother Jack Beggs.

A memorial service was held Wednesday, Jan. 7 at Verheyden Funeral Home.

Memorial contributions may be made to the American Heart Association, Memorial & Tribute Program, Dept. 77-3968, Chicago, IL 60678.

Margaret M. Smothers

Margaret M. Smothers, 90, died on Saturday, Jan. 24, 2004.

She is survived by her husband William; her children Thomas (JoAnn) Smothers, Margaret Ann "Peggy" (George) Gluski; three grandchildren; and six great grandchildren.

She was predeceased by daughter Mary Jane Smothers.

Visitation is at the R.G. and G.R. Harris Funeral Home, 15451 Farmington Road in Livonia on Sunday, Feb. 22 from 1 p.m. until the memorial service at 3 p.m.

Memorial contributions may be made to Hospices of Henry Ford Plymouth Team.

Alern and Kreiger in the First National Building in Detroit. He was certified to practice in the United States Supreme Court.

He served as first lieutenant in the Air Force during World War II. Mr. Stringari was a member of the Lochmoor Club, Detroit Athletic Club and Vinyard's Country Club.

He liked to golf, play card games and hunt and fish.

He is survived by his wife Joann Stringari; daughter Nancy McCoy, step-daughters Lisette Egan, Linda Kopp and Diane Dillon; grandchildren Jimmy Egan, Kristina McCoy, John McCoy, Warren Long and John Kopp; and 13 great-grandchildren.

He is predeceased by his step-son Warren Earl Long; sisters Rina Smith and Lydia Vigo; and brothers Chuck and Roy Stringari.

A scripture service was held at A.H. Peters Funeral Home on Monday, Feb. 2.

Interment was at White Chapel Cemetery in Troy.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Parkinson Foundation, 30161 Southfield Rd., Southfield, MI 48076.

Jacob; sister Melinda Bryan Earle; and brother Bill Bryan.

A funeral mass was celebrated on Wednesday, Jan. 7 at St. Paul Catholic Church.

Interment was in the old Elmwood Cemetery in Detroit.

Memorial contributions may be made to the "St. Paul Fund for the Needy" in memory of Lucy Wilson Tobin at 157 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms, MI 48230.

Laura A. Tolari

Laura A. Tolari, 72, died Monday, Feb. 2, 2004 at St. John Hospital in Detroit.

Born May 18, 1931 in Detroit, Mrs. Tolari received a bachelor's degree in interior design from Michigan State University in 1952.

She was the former owner of Interiors by Laura, which specialized in residential and commercial work. She designed, built and served as the general contractor of her current residence when it was built.

Mrs. Tolari was active in clubs and organizations. She was a member of the Lochmoor Club, San Marino Ladies Auxiliary, and chairman of the Bon Secours Annual Golf Outing. She was honored with an award by Bon Secours at the National Philanthropy Day in November 2003 for her volunteer activities.

In her free time, Mrs. Tolari collected antiques and traveled.

She is survived by her husband of 49 years, Joseph; and son Jeffrey.

Visitation will occur at A.H. Peters Funeral Home, 20705 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods, from 1 to 9 p.m., with a 7 p.m. scripture service on Thursday, Feb. 5.

A Funeral Mass will be celebrated at St. Paul Catholic Church, 157 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms at 10 a.m. Friday, Feb. 6.

Interment is at St. Paul Catholic Church's columbarium.

Memorial contributions may be made to St. Paul Catholic Church, the Grosse Pointe Rotary Club, P.O. Box 36366, Grosse Pointe Farms 48236 or Special Kids, Inc., 1241 Blairmoor Court, Grosse Pointe Woods, MI 48236.

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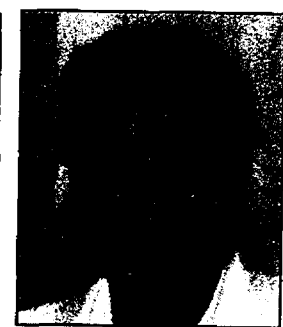
Longtime Grosse Pointe Park resident Helen Anne Smith, 87, died on Wednesday, Dec. 31, 2003.

Born in Minneapolis, Minn., Mrs. Smith was a lover of needlework and collecting antiques.

Safety

From page 9A ATM incident

A woman sped away from the line at a bank drive-up ATM machine on Kelly after a man tried to enter her vehicle from the driver's side rear door on Friday, Jan. 30, at 8:30 p.m. The victim, a 29 year-old Detroit resident, said that as she sped away from the man, she viewed him approaching another vehicle in the ATM line but was unsure whether



Arthur Marvin Stringari
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St. Clair Shores resident Arthur Marvin Stringari, 87, died on Friday, Jan. 30, 2004, at Bon Secours Nursing Home in St. Clair Shores.

Born on May 10, 1916, Mr. Stringari attended the University of Michigan and Wayne State University.

An attorney, he worked for the firm Stringari, Fritz,

he had gained entry.

Home invasion

A Grosse Pointe Woods man reported his second home on the 18500 block of Elkart had been invaded and robbed.

The man said he had been away from the house between 8 p.m. on Saturday, Jan. 31, and 2:30 p.m. on Sunday, Feb. 1. During that time, someone had stolen a shop vacuum, a power saw, a circular saw, a tool box and a radio, all totaling \$700.



Lucy Wilson Tobin
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Grosse Pointe resident Lucy Wilson Tobin, 60, died peacefully in her home on Thursday, Jan. 1, 2004.

A resident of the City of Grosse Pointe all her life, Mrs. Tobin attended University Liggett and graduated from Grosse Pointe South High School.

In her youth, she was an avid swimmer, diver and horseback rider at the Hunt Club. Later on, she was a member of the Junior League.

She was devoted to Father Solanus Casey whose lifetime efforts were focused on healing and helping the poor at his church on Mt. Elliott in Detroit.

Mrs. Tobin had a passion for reading, interior decorating and gourmet cooking. Fun loving in her youth, she was a devoted mother, a loving wife and a sweet and kind person.

She is survived by her husband Robert, an architect; daughter Serena Peterson of Chicago; and grandchildren Zoe and

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November 20, 2003	7:00 p.m.	Village of Grosse Pointe Shores 795 Lake Shore Road Grosse Pointe Shores, MI. 48236 313.881.6565
January 13, 2004	7:00 p.m.	Village of Grosse Pointe Shores 795 Lake Shore Road Grosse Pointe Shores, MI. 48236 313.881.6565
March 9, 2004	7:00 p.m.	City of Harper Woods 19617 Harper Avenue Harper Woods, MI. 48225 313.343.2500
May 11, 2004	7:00 p.m.	City of Grosse Pointe Woods 20025 Mack Avenue Grosse Pointe Woods, MI. 48236 313.343.2440

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ULS junior attends leadership conference in Washington, DC

Mark Baun of Grosse Pointe Farms, a junior at University Liggett School, is participating in the National Young Leaders Conference (NYLC) in Washington, DC, from last Tuesday, Feb. 3, to Monday, Feb. 8. NYLC is a unique leadership development program for high school students who have demonstrated leadership potential and scholastic merit. The theme of NYLC is *The Leaders of Tomorrow Meeting the Leaders of Today*. Throughout six days, Baun is interacting with a variety of national and international leaders.

"It is a privilege to meet and interact with students like Mark Baun because they are the face of our country's future," said Mike Lasday, of the Congressional Youth Leadership Council.



Mark Baun

To complement the schedule of special meetings and briefings, Baun will also participate in a number of leadership skill-building activities and simulations. In one role-play activity titled *If I Were President*, students act as the president and cabinet members responding to an international crisis. Students also participate in *Testing the Constitution*, in which they examine actual Supreme Court cases. The Conference culminates with the Model Congress in which scholars assume the roles of U.S. Representatives and debate, amend and vote on proposed mock legislation.

Founded in 1985, CYLC is a nonprofit committed to fostering and inspiring young people to achieve their full leadership potential. For more information, go to www.cylc.org.

St. Paul student to learn about world leadership in nation's capital

Meghan Zyburski, an eighth-grade student at St. Paul Catholic School, has been accepted into the People to People World Leadership Forum. Zyburski will join a select group of students in Washington, DC, from March 8 to March 14. She will earn high school credit while studying aspects of leadership and exploring some of our nation's most prominent monuments and institutions.

From Capitol Hill to the Smithsonian Institution, and from Colonial Williamsburg to the National Museum of American History, Zyburski will examine the characteristics of world citizenship.



Meghan Zyburski

of American leadership during times of national challenge and prosperity. Forum delegates will also participate in small group discussions and exercises to experience first hand how successful leaders develop strategies, make decisions, build consensus and foster change.

Zyburski was nominated and accepted for the honor based on outstanding scholastic merit, civic involvement and leadership potential.

The program is coordinated by People to People Ambassador Programs, founded by Dwight D. Eisenhower in 1956 to foster a vision of world citizenship.

Maire instructor named social studies teacher of year

By Carrie Cunningham
Staff Writer

Maire Elementary fifth-grade social studies teacher Barbara Davis opens her students' eyes and brings history to life. Through a series of activities in which students learn about and participate in the stories that comprise early American history, the texture and meaning of our nation's beginning is illuminated and conveyed.

For her efforts, Davis has been selected as the Michigan Council for the Social Studies Teacher of the Year.

"Mrs. Davis is an impeccable teacher! She makes things exciting and fun instead of having it dull and boring," wrote fifth grader Julie Wittwer in a recommendation for the award. "Mrs. Davis has inspired me and many others to work hard and try our best."

Davis has been at Maire for 17 years. She attended Central Michigan University where she earned a bachelor's degree in language arts and math and Oakland University where she garnered a master's degree in curriculum instruction and leadership. A fifth-grade teacher Davis had in her youth named Susan Day prompted her to go into teaching. Day's focus on activities led Davis to teach in a participatory manner.

"She was just young and dynamic and caring," Davis said. "She would involve students instead of just writing all day. I just looked up to her as an incredibly wonderful teacher."

Davis' interest in social studies was piqued when she was instructing third-grade students 10 years ago in the area of St. Augustine, Fla., an early American community with Spanish influences. Davis wracked her brain to make the teaching of the community more interesting. She decided to bring in materials about the pirates, ships and

storms the community all witnessed. They watched a video on a ship called the Atocha that had a treasure in its cargo but sank on violent ocean waters.

"Everything kind of evolved to this whole idea of social studies not being names and dates and places, but stories of people and the interactions of people and the choices they made," Davis said.

Davis's early fervor in teaching students about St. Augustine has bloomed into an array of living and breathing activities. In an immigration and countries of ancestry unit, students research a country of their ancestry and build display boards with information about the countries. Students engage in what's called an International Expo in which visitors (parents and other Maire students) have passports to go to the different country display boards.

"When we did our countries of ancestry International Expo, we got to be the teacher, and we taught the younger kids," wrote Wittwer.

Another part of the unit is immigration simulation, in which students dress up in costumes and pretend to be immigrants coming to America, landing on Ellis Island and experiencing the inspiration of the Statue of

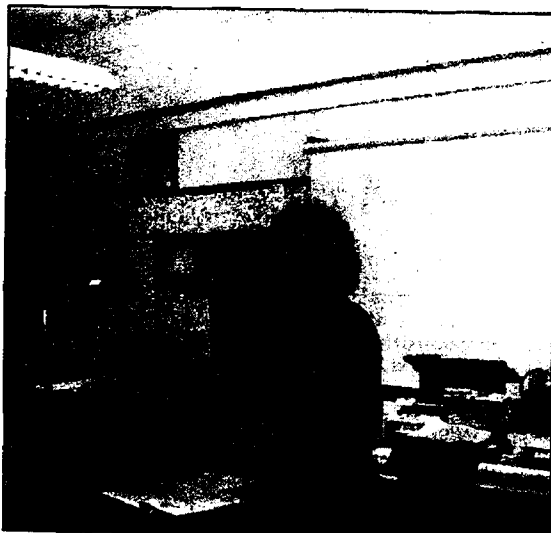


Photo by Carrie Cunningham

Barbara Davis was named the Michigan Council for the Social Studies Teacher of the Year. She creatively uses activities to impress the realities of early American history upon her students' minds.

Liberty.

"It just makes the whole experience connect for them. It's one thing to read it in a book and another thing to actually try to live it," Davis said.

To her students, this assessment seems true.

"I will never forget dressing up, acting a part and immigrating to America," wrote fifth-grade student J.J. Beach.

while the early colonies segment shows the settling of America.

Not only are Davis's instructional methods fun for her students, but they also equip them with a large chunk of knowledge. Davis's students have scored in the 80-90 percent range on the MEAP test, 30 to 40 percent higher than the state averages.

Davis said she was elated, yet nonetheless surprised

that she received the council's award. Her students sang to her when they found out she won.

With the colorful history of America imprinted in students' memory, a feeling of admiration for Davis goes along with it.

"Students come back looking for her," wrote Maire principal Kathleen K. Satut in a recommendation. "They remember her always as one of their favorite teachers."

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The Grosse Pointe Public School System's Department of Student Services, in collaboration with the Partnership for Different Learners is sponsoring an all day educational symposium for families and professionals on issues specific to children and adults with disabilities.

The keynote speaker is Elizabeth Baur from the Michigan State Board of Education with an introduction by Tom Watkins, the superintendent of schools for the state of Michigan.

The symposium will be on Saturday, March 27, from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. It will be held at Parcels Middle School and the cost is \$20 per person (box lunch and snacks included).

For more information, call Julie Bellovich, early intervention specialist, at (313) 432-3871.

GROSSE POINTE PUBLIC LIBRARY

Notice of Availability of Library Board Trustee Positions

Three vacancies on the Grosse Pointe Public Library Board of Trustees will exist as of June 30, 2004 at the end of the regular term of office of those trustees representing Grosse Pointe Woods, Grosse Pointe Shores, and Grosse Pointe Park. Each position is for a four (4) year term (July 1, 2004-June 30, 2008). Applicants must reside in the represented municipality and be a registered voter.

Applications are available at the Central Library Administrative Office (313-343-2325), 10 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe Farms, Michigan, from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday-Friday.

Applications must be submitted to the Secretary of the Library Board, no later than March 8, 2004, at 5:00 p.m.

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Greenspan's words catch Wall Street by surprise

It wasn't what he said; it's the way that he said it! Last week, at press time, LTS wrote for Thursday's article, "Yesterday, the Fed again held short-term rates with no change."

True, but that's only half the story. The other half is what you read into the words of their changed announcement.

The last nine words (underlined) of the Fed's August 2003 monetary policy statement had been changed:

(August 2003) "...the Committee believes that policy accommodation can be maintained for a considerable period."

(January 2004) "...the Committee believes that it can be patient in removing its policy accommodation."

The New York Times (Jan. 29) quoted Robert V.

DiClemente, senior economist at Citigroup, "The Fed caught investors flat-footed with its change in emphasis."

The stock and bond markets reacted immediately! Stocks tanked with the Dow sinking 143 points and the Nasdaq Composite off 38 points.

NYSE volume that day totaled 1.8 billion shares, one-third over its daily average for the past three months.

Interest rates on the Treasury 10-year T-Note jumped 12 basis points (a basis point is 1/100 of 1 percent); mortgage rates were quoted higher, and the U.S. dollar increased against the Euro.

Economists developed a severe case of running mouth disease, with opinions all over the lot.

Now that market interest

Let's talk... STOCKS

By Joseph Mengden



rates have ratcheted up while the Fed still maintained its 1 percent short-term rate, the Fed can claim its current policy is actually "behind the curve."

Speaking of economists speaking, LTS is reminded of George Bernard Shaw's century-old remark, "If all economists were laid end-to-end, they wouldn't reach a conclusion!"

By week's end, the markets recovered part of their losses, with the Dow bloodied 80 points and the Nasdaq floored by 58 points.

February, a new month

As LTS tore January off the calendar, he saw February for the first time — Ground Hog Day, the presidential birthdays, Valentine's Day, Ash Wednesday and leap day; a very busy time for such a short month!

In the markets, January held fast to its claim as the 11th month of the New Bull Market, which began in March 2003, with the Dow's second confirmation bottom at 7,524.

For the month of

January, the Dow gained 34 points, or 0.3 percent, to close at 10,488, while the Nasdaq Composite rose 62 points, or 3.1 percent, closing at 2,066.

February and September are the only two months when the markets decline on average. But in presidential election years, February slips alone. Is it the weather or the annual migration south?

Biggest bear talks

Felix Zulauf, founding partner and president of Zulauf Asset Management, Zug, Switzerland, was a participant in Barron's Roundtable, Part III (Feb. 2).

Zulauf, the market's biggest bear, said, "Stock markets in the United States and Europe terminated a secular bull market a few years ago and are in a secular bear market now."

Zulauf continued, "We're in the first cyclical bull market against a secular bearish trend. But a big part of that bull market is behind us. The majority of stocks will peak in the first half, probably in the spring." Many investors have difficulty in differentiating secular vs. cyclical. Watch for answer next week.

January predictors

Some investors still have faith in the "January Barometer," which holds that a January rise in the S&P 500 will make a bullish year, and visa versa. Since 1950, the barometer has only been wrong five times.

Did your team win the "Super Bowl Predictor?" The theory holds that when an NFC team (Carolina Panthers this year) wins, the market will rise by year-end. If the AFC team wins, the market will fall.

This theory has been correct in 30 out of the last 37

Stock Market at a Glance

Friday Close, 1/30/04

Dow Jones Ind.....	10,488
Nasdaq Comp.....	2,066
S&P 500 Index.....	1,131
\$ in EUROS	1.2475
Crude Oil (Bbl.).....	33.05
Gold (Oz.).....	402.20
3-Mo. T-Bills.....	0.91%
30-Yr. T-Bonds.....	4.96%

times since 1967. We'll have to wait until year-end to find out how this year's prediction ends up.

Politics and poker hog

Barron's (Feb. 2) reports that 90 percent or more of Wall Street pros believe that President Bush will win a second term this November.

But wait; history shows that in 1992, with a Democrat running against another incumbent President Bush, investors originally gave Bill Clinton slim chances of winning.

As Clinton gained in the polls after Labor Day, the stock market began sliding. The S&P 500 sank 7 percent in less than 30 days beginning in mid-September. Especially brutal was the one-day sell-off on Sept. 22, when Clinton grabbed a 21-point lead in the polls.

Wall Street old-timers don't necessarily believe that history repeats itself, but the wise ones follow the Boy Scout motto: "Be Prepared!"

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. and Rickel & Baun P.C.

Forward this to everyone you know: Gates says we'll be spam-free by 2006

Spam-free by 2006? That's what Microsoft Corp. chairman Bill Gates is promising.

"Two years from now, spam will be solved," he told a select group of World Economic Forum participants at a ski resort in Switzerland. (My invitation must have been lost in the mail.)

Gates said a lot of progress has been made this year.

U.S. talk-show host Charlie Rose emceed the event. Gates said Microsoft, where he has the title of chief software designer and billionaire, is working on a solution based on the concept of "proof," or identifying the sender of the e-mail.

One method involves a human challenge, or requiring the sender of an electronic pitch to solve a puzzle that only a flesh-and-blood person can handle. It's designed to thwart computers sending out millions of spams at one time.

Another is a so-called "computational puzzle" that a computer sending only a few messages could easily handle, but that would be prohibitively expensive for a mass-mailer.

But the most promising, Gates said, was a method that would hit the sender of an e-mail in the pocketbook. People would set a level of monetary risk — low or high, depending on their choice, for receiving e-mail from strangers. If the e-

mail turns out to be from a long-lost relative, for example, the recipient would charge nothing. But if it is unwanted spam, the sender would have to fork over the cash.

"In the long run, the monetary method will be dominant," Gates predicted.

While we're on the subject of money, how would you like to save a little bit?

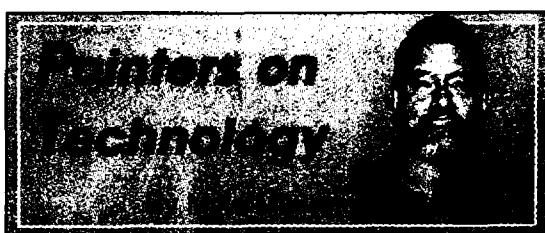
Did you ever stop to consider how much electricity can be saved if you turn your equipment off on holidays and weekends?

A 17-inch monitor uses between 100 and 140 watts. Most computers use about 45 watts under normal conditions. (It uses about three watts even when turned off.) A laser-jet printer uses 160 watts in standby mode. Added up, you have just over 300 watts. In three hours, you've used close to 1,000 watts, or the equivalent of one-kilowatt hour.

Let's add it up, saying you go on vacation for one week.

Unless my math is screwy, your system has used 56 kilowatt-hours of electricity. Electricity costs about 15 cents per kilowatt, depending on Detroit Edison and the Michigan Public Service Commission. You could save...um...about \$8.50. Oops, I guess it's just enough for lunch for two at Wendy's, if you don't biggie-size it.

Maybe it isn't worth it for a single computer home,



but for an office with 25 or 100 computers that's closed for two weeks at Christmas, it can add up.

I've been meaning to squeeze this next item in for a while now. It's something for America's Greatest Generation, those stalwarts who lived through both the Great Depression and World War II.

A huge British archive of World War II aerial reconnaissance photos, including pictures of the D-Day landings in Normandy, is now on the Internet. Under the digitalization project announced about two weeks ago, some 5 million Royal Air Force photos of Western Europe will be available to the public on the Internet. The Web site is www.evidenceincamera.co.uk, archivists said.

I've been to, and enjoyed, the site, but for some unknown reason the site did not appear to be accessible on Saturdays.

Switching to the other end of age groups. Here is a new Web site from Detroit Public Television.

It offers elementary kids plenty of fun with the kinds of video games that won't worry parents. The Enrichment Channel is at

www.detroitpublictv.org/tec, and offers interactive memory games for second, third- and fourth-graders. (Just don't tell 'em the games are based on Michigan core curriculum requirements and align with the MEAP test.)

Teachers and parents can surf through the Web site's online tool kit to learn about Michigan's literacy and social studies standards. There are also free lesson plans for teachers and home-schooling parents.

The Michigan Curriculum Framework Benchmarks are also listed so parents can learn more about how to help their kids succeed. The site was funded as part of an \$800,000 grant received in 2001 from the U.S. Department of Education covering a wide variety of multimedia initiatives for public TV in Detroit.

Now all I have to do is find something for us middle-age types.

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

Business People



Liang

Jack C. Liang, of the City of Grosse Pointe, is the new administrator of development and community relations for the Huron-Clinton Metropolitan Authority.

In this position, Liang is responsible for planning and implementing the fund development program for the authority, as well as administering its strategic planning process.

Liang has served as a consultant to the authority since May 2003.

Liang brings 20 years experience in administrative responsibilities, including strategic planning, development and marketing. He has held previous positions as senior vice president of corporate staff for Presbyterian Villages of Michigan, vice president of St. John Medical Center and assistant administrator of Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center.

Dr. Lloyd W. Larisey and Dr. Curt Ralstrom were inducted as fellows of the International College of Dentists at its 74th annual convocation in San Francisco in October.

An honorary organization for the recognition of outstanding and meritorious service to the profession, the college presented Larisey and Ralstrom each a membership plaque and a gold key symbolic of the fellowship for the conspicuous service rendered in the art and science of dentistry.

Larisey is a periodontist with offices in Dearborn and Farmington Hills. Ralstrom practices pediatric dentistry in Eastpointe and Clinton Township. Both men live in Grosse Pointe Park.

Dr. Henry Lim, chair of the Department of Dermatology at Henry Ford Hospital, has been appointed vice president for academic affairs of the Henry Ford Medical Group.

In his additional role, Lim will oversee more than 150 medical specialists and research scientists, including 55 full-time researchers who are involved in more than 1,500 individual research projects. He will also oversee graduate and undergraduate medical education, which attracts 850 physicians-in-training in 22 specialties and 39 sub specialties.

Lim, who became dermatology chair at Henry Ford in 1997, coordinates and oversees all facets of dermatologic care, including clinical, research and administrative functions.

Lim is also an adjunct professor of dermatology for the New York University School of Medicine and a professor of dermatology at Case Western Reserve University. He is listed in "Who's Who in America" and is noted as one of the country's best dermatologists in "The Best Doctors in America." He is a resident of the City of Grosse Pointe.



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Notice is given that APPLICATIONS for absentee ballots for the special election to be held in The Grosse Pointe Public School System on the above date are available from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Thursday, and 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Fridays at the following locations:

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Ferry Elementary School, 748 Roslyn, GPW
Kerby Elementary School, 285 Kerby, GPF
Maire Elementary School, 740 Cadieux, GP
Mason Elementary School, 1640 Vernier, GPW
Monteith Elementary School, 1275 Cook Rd., GPW
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Trombly Elementary School, 820 Beaconsfield, GPP
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Parcells Middle School, 20600 Mack Ave., GPW
Pierce Middle School, 15430 Kercheval Ave., GPP
Grosse Pointe North High School, 707 Vernier, GPW
Grosse Pointe South High School, 11 Gr. Pie. Blvd., GPF

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Secretary, Board of Education

Police bust housebreaking crack head

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

Out of prison, off a tether and on parole, an ex-con chose a sucker's road back to where he came from. Jail.

This time the only lineup consists of suburban authorities waiting their chance to prosecute.

James Lee Waddy, a 34-year-old Detroit housebreaker with a history of B&E and drug convictions, was scheduled to be arraigned in Grosse Pointe Farms Municipal Court Wednesday, after the Grosse Pointe News press time, on charges of home invasion.

He's been arraigned in Oakland County.

"He's wanted by so many cities that we have to take turns," said Mike McCarthy, Farms detective.

"We believe he was responsible for 53 home invasions spread out from Grosse Pointe to Lake Angelus north of Pontiac," said Farms Detective Rick Good.

Police suspect Waddy of four break-ins and two attempts in the Farms, one in Grosse Pointe Shores and

at least one in the Park.

He's the well-publicized suspect who parked his red Pontiac Grand Prix GTS in victims' driveways and knocked on the front, side or back door.

If someone answered, he made up a story about being at the wrong address. If no one were home, he forced his way in. Victims lost jewelry, fur coats and things that could be sold quickly or pawned.

"He told us most of the stolen property was dumped (sold) on the street," McCarthy said.

An Oakland County surveillance team arrested Waddy last week.

"They saw him commit a home invasion in Rochester Hills," McCarthy said.

McCarthy and Good questioned Waddy at the Oakland County Jail.

"He was cooperative," Good said. "He blamed his crime spree on his \$500-per-day addiction" to crack cocaine. "He said he was 'feeding' for more drugs."

It's an old excuse.

"When you're involved in drugs you have to feed your

habit somehow," Good said. "There's no legitimate way to support a habit like that."

"He said he had to move out of his Detroit address because of debts to drug dealers," McCarthy said. "He moved to a motel in Ferndale." He also stayed at his mother's house on Detroit's eastside.

Grosse Pointe became a target of opportunity.

"We believe his tie to this side of town was his mother's house," McCarthy said.

Farms police searched pawn shops in Detroit and Roseville for stolen property.

They recovered three of nine fur coats Waddy admitting stealing from a high-profile Bloomfield Hills resident.

Waddy pawned furs worth more than \$35,000 for \$275 each, Good said.

Just before noon on Super Bowl Sunday, the Farms activated its eight-man Emergency Response Team, commanded by Lt. Jack Patterson, to execute a search warrant at Waddy's mother's house.

Two officers suited up in body armor, military-style

helmets and AR-15 assault rifles.

"We found a lot of jewelry," said Detective Lt. Mark Brecht.

Officers confiscated a pistol and shotgun, both unregistered. A necklace may have come from a home in Waterford.

Officers encountered two put bulls.

"That resonated through the team," said Lt. Richard Rosati. "I was doing security in front of the house. I turned around, and there's a pit bull looking at me. I called him over. I figured, let's make friends."

The animal felt likewise. It jumped up to be petted and left muddy paw prints on the front of Rosati's black leather jacket.

Good said the mother wasn't surprised her son had resumed his criminal career.

"She has an understanding of individuals with drug habits," Good said.

Good is thankful Waddy's off the street.

"Sooner or later, if he'd kept going he would have encountered someone," Good said. "Who knows what

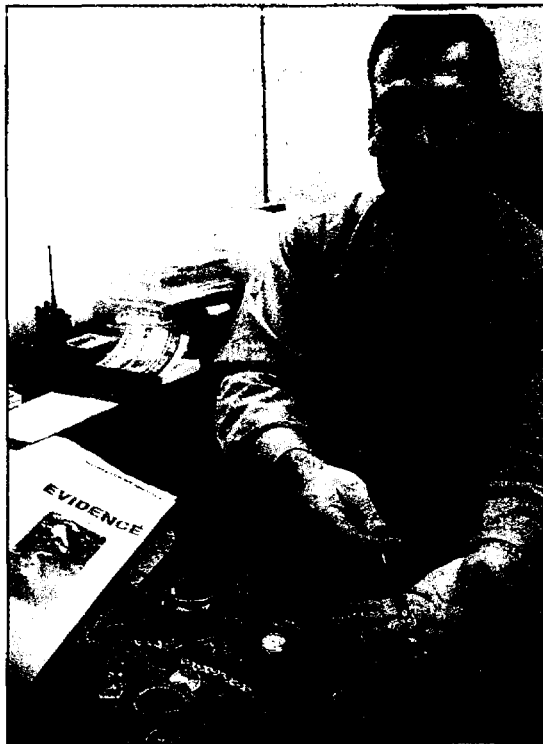


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Detective Rick Good of the Grosse Pointe Farms public safety department displays jewelry recovered during a raid on Super Bowl Sunday.

could have happened."

Waddy denied carrying weapons.

"He indicated he wasn't a violent person," Good said. "Just a thief."

Home invasion suspect caught by Park police

Grosse Pointe Park detectives arrested a Detroit man believed to have been involved in three home invasions in the Park.

A partial print lifted off a cable box at the scene of a home invasion in the 800 block of Bishop on Jan. 2 was linked to a Detroit man who had been arrested for a home invasion in the Park in 2000 and a home invasion in Troy in January.

The Detroit man was arrested and confessed to the three home invasions to Park detectives.

Car thefts

A black 1995 Dodge Neon parked in the street in the 15000 block of Kercheval in Grosse Pointe Park was stolen during the night of Sunday, Jan. 25.

Also in the Park, a 1995 Chrysler Concorde was taken from the alley in the rear of a house in the 1100 block of Maryland sometime between midnight and 7:45 a.m. on Friday, Jan. 30.

Woods car theft

A black 1999 Dodge Durango was taken from a driveway in the 19900 block of Raymond in Grosse Pointe Woods sometime between midnight and 7:30 a.m. on Monday, Jan. 26.

Tool theft

Several cordless power tools were taken from a Ford Econoline van parked in the 700 block of Barrington in Grosse Pointe Park during the night of Monday, Jan. 26.

Drug bust

A Grosse Pointe Woods resident was arrested for selling drugs in Grosse Pointe Park on Wednesday, Jan. 28.

Park public safety officers watched the Woods resident conduct a narcotics transaction at Mack and Beaconsfield at 1:15 p.m.

The Woods resident's car was impounded under the state's pushoff law, which enables police to impound vehicles in the commission of certain felonies, including the sale of narcotics.

Bike taken

A 2003 Kent mountain bike was taken from an unlocked garage in the 1400 block of Devonshire in Grosse Pointe Park sometime between 8:30 a.m. and 2:45 p.m. on Saturday, Jan. 31.

Purse snatching

A Harper Woods woman

had her purse snatched while standing outside of a restaurant in the 20500 block of Mack in Grosse Pointe Woods just before 8 p.m. on Saturday, Jan. 31.

The suspect approached the woman and said, "Give me your purse."

The woman handed over her purse because she said she was afraid the suspect had a knife but did not see a weapon. However, two witnesses said the suspect was holding a black, thick-barreled gun in front of himself.

Another witness saw the suspect get into a maroon Caravan parked on Mack. He followed the minivan to I-696 and Van Dyke in Warren, where he lost sight of the vehicle.

Speedsters stopped

Grosse Pointe Woods public safety officers put an end to some high-speed driving on Mack with two arrests on Sunday, Feb. 1.

A Woods officer spotted a silver and gold 1992 Mercury and a green Ford Taurus speeding at Kenmore just before 2:30 a.m.

He pursued the cars all the way to California and Greater Mack in St. Clair Shores at speeds up to 80 mph.

The driver of the Mercury, a 20-year-old Detroit man, was arrested for reckless driving and for violating the state's zero tolerance law. He recorded a blood alcohol level of 0.03 percent.

The driver of the Ford, a 22-year-old Detroit man, was also arrested for reckless driving. He was also wanted on two narcotics warrants out of Wayne County.

— Bonnie Caprara

Hospital robbed

Two men, one armed, robbed the basement offices of Bon Secours Cottage Hospital Credit Union in the City of Grosse Pointe on Wednesday, Jan. 28, at 12:16 p.m.

No shots were fired. The gunman whipped a hospital security supervisor in the face with a nickel-plated 9 mm Berretta semi-automatic pistol.

The pair escaped with an undisclosed amount of money up a stairway, through a surgical lounge and out a south exit.

They ran through a parking garage to a waiting older model gray Toyota Camrey. Witnesses said the unknown driver was a white man wearing a white baseball cap.

Police said the thieves were black. Witnesses said one man wore a yellow or orange hooded sweatshirt

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and black jacket.

His partner wore a black hooded jacket and red hooded sweatshirt.

Bank rammed

A 68-year-old Grosse Pointe Shores woman said her foot must have slipped off the brake pedal on Friday, Jan. 30, at 11 a.m. The mistake allowed her silver 2003 Mercedes Benz ML320 to ram the back door of a bank in the 600 block of St. Clair in the Village district of the City of Grosse Pointe.

Police said the impact damaged the bank door, a handrail and cement asphalt.

Kayak caper

On the morning of Thursday, Jan. 29, a woman living in the City of Grosse Pointe discovered her locked kayak missing from a storage area at Neff Park.

"The lock and everything was taken," she told police. She last saw the kayak during the first week of January.

Purse stolen

A blue and white Vera Bradley purse was reported stolen from a woman while shopping on Monday, Jan. 26, at 3:45 p.m., at a store in the 16900 block of Kercheval in the City of Grosse Pointe.

The victim said she'd placed the purse on the seat of her shopping cart while standing in a checkout lane.

She stepped away for a moment.

Upon returning the purse was gone.

The \$635 purse contained a black Gucci wallet, \$200 cash and credit cards.

Phone lesson

When City of Grosse Pointe police investigated a 911 hang-up call on Thursday, Jan. 29, at 11:12 a.m., they discovered a woman living in the 700 block of Lincoln had been teaching her 5-year-old how to make emergency calls.

Crying wolf

A City of Grosse Pointe patrolman thinks it's time

for managers of a coffee shop in the 17000 block of Kercheval to teach deliverymen to operate the store burglar alarm.

The patrolman was among three officers who responded to another false alarm at the store on Wednesday, Jan. 28, at 5:48 a.m.

"This is the tenth documented run on the same false alarm at the (shop)," the officer said.

Each time, a deliveryman had accidentally tripped the alarm but didn't know the deactivation code.

"It's a 'boy who called wolf' type thing," the officer said. "Each run has been, is and will be taken seriously by our personnel. That said, each run reduces our manpower, and the fear factor of would-be intruders is reduced."

"Any resident nearby is likely to ignore it. Thus the alarm's utility is becoming moot. Perhaps these points should be mentioned to (store representatives)."

Underage drunken driver

A 21-year-old Grosse

Pointe Farms man was ticketed last week for allowing his motor vehicle to be operated by an underage person while intoxicated.

On Saturday, Jan. 31, at 12:38 a.m., a Farms patrolman saw the 21-year-old's silver 1999 Ford Contour being steered erratically on eastbound Mack near East Warren. The 18-year-old driver, a resident of Grosse Pointe Park, was cited for having a blood alcohol level of .079 percent.

2nd drunken driving

Grosse Pointe Farms police have issued a 69-year-old Grosse Pointe Park man his second drunken driving ticket in two years.

On Sunday, Jan. 31, at 12:29 a.m., an officer caught the man driving his white 1989 Lincoln Town Car while drunk on Lakeshore near Harbor Hill.

A Breathalyzer test recorded the man's blood alcohol level at .119 percent.

Records showed the man had been cited for drunken driving in Grosse Pointe Shores in February 2002.

— Brad Lindberg

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Point of Contact: Mark Wollenweber, City Manager, City of St. Clair Shores, 27600 Jefferson Circle Drive, St. Clair Shores, MI 48081-2093, (586) 447-3312.

A "Mandatory" Pre-proposal meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, March 17, 2004 at 10:00 a.m. in the City of St. Clair Shores City Hall Council Chambers, 27600 Jefferson Circle Drive (SE corner off 11 Mile Rd. and Jefferson Ave.), St. Clair Shores, MI.

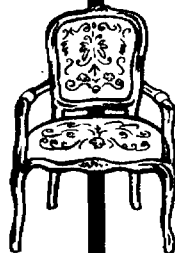
Proposals will be accepted no later than 12:30 p.m., Wednesday, March 31, 2004 at the City of St. Clair Shores, City Clerk's Office, 27600 Jefferson Circle Drive, St. Clair Shores, MI 48081-2093.

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Early American cuisine on menu at SCS Adult Ed

By Mimi Drennan
Special Writer

One of the more remarkable subjects about our forefathers' early days in Detroit and surrounding locales could be the types of foods they ate, how they survived the rugged climates, what provisions they obtained from the North American native tribes, and the recipes used to add nutrition and flavor to the natural foodstuffs they discovered as they developed the land. Writer, teacher, lecturer Marguerite Humes has always had enormous curiosity about the subjects of food and cooking in those early days. So after extensive research, she now shares her wide-ranging knowledge when she discusses the "Culinary History of Detroit" at the St. Clair Shores Adult Community Education Center (SCSACE), scheduled for Tuesday, March 10, from 7-9 p.m.

As Humes talks about the history and cooking methods of Native American and French cuisine during the 1700s, which includes the thousands of recipes brought to this country by



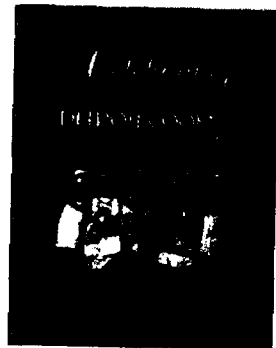
Marguerite Humes will discuss her book, "Culinary History of Detroit," at the St. Clair Shores Adult Community Education Center from 7 to 9 p.m. Tuesday, March 10.

immigrants, ingredients used in the recipes, and the proper etiquette followed during those times, lecture attendees will sample a meal from the century and

prepare crepes from a traditional French recipe that is included in Humes' extraordinary 232-page cookbook, "Celebrating 300 Years of Detroit Cooking: 1701-2001."

"I love to cook," Humes said, "and I prepare many of those early recipes in my home to take with me so my guests can get a flavor for the foods served back then." A dinner sampling, for example, might include pumpkin soup, roast raccoon or muskrat, wild rice with added cranberries, fruit with maple sugar topping, stewed French pears or baked apples, pound cake, and to top it off, a fluffy helping of whipped cream pie with blueberry filling. Following the lecture, guests help with the preparation of French crepes.

"One of the favorite desserts the Victorians served," she continued, "is teacup pudding." When questioned as to its ingredients, Humes offered, "Everything is added from a teacup: grated bread, raisins, chopped apples, and chopped suet, plus three eggs, cream — and don't forget the brandy. Just add



spices to taste and bake. It is so good and it's in the cookbook."

Dedicated to the Detroit Historical Society Guild which commemorated 50 years of service to the Detroit Historical Society, Humes' award-winning cookbook is filled with hundreds of delicious ethnic recipes that date back to the 1700s, plus a collection of vintage photos gleaned from the Detroit Historical Society and other archives.

With co-editors, Shirley Hartert and Rennie Hughes, plus the assistance of her husband, Bill, Humes has compiled an absorbing volume of out-of-the-ordinary recipes, memorabilia and

gastronomical history about the folks who lived in the Motor City when it was just a thriving village of 300 people.

Humes, a resident of the east side for over 40 years and a former production assistant at Wayne State University Press, uses many of the recipes in the book to explain in her lecture sessions what foods folks prepared and ate way back then. She also discusses the utensils used and how products advanced as society progressed.

A true believer in the old adage, "Good manners make good friends," Humes also teaches Contemporary Manners to children and adults.

Her classes include pointers on everyday etiquette, dining skills and table manners, introductions, and all the forms of good behavior that often become misplaced during modern times.

For additional details about Humes' lecture, "Culinary History of Detroit," or her etiquette classes for children and adults, contact SCSACE at (586) 285-8880.

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Author combats 'evil' female stereotype

By Jennie Miller
Staff Writer

"We have a reputation of being evil," Rachel Simmons told a room full of middle school girls. "But it's really not true at all."

This was a stereotype Simmons hoped to defeat when she tackled the subject of female bullying in her first book, "Odd Girl Out."

The topic has since gotten national exposure as Simmons recently released the book's follow-up, "Odd Girl Speaks Out," and held discussion seminars with adolescent girls last week at Brownell Middle School and in Birmingham.

Female bullying, in Simmons' eyes, is sometimes silent and undetectable but can be so hurtful and devastating to an adolescent girl.

The actions are a far cry from the aggression shown by young boys who express anger in a more noticeable way and bully one another with such tactics as locking someone in a locker or dumping him in a garbage can. This aggression is obvious, and there are repercussions if the boys are caught by an adult.

Girls, on the other hand, elicit aggression using such things as body language, the silent treatment, spreading rumors, exclusion and lies. Simmons added that this behavior is rarely disciplined because it appears to be harmless, but this is by far not the case.

"A lot of times when girls are mean to each other in a nonphysical way, it is written off as 'just being girls,'" Simmons said. "Girls try to ruin each other's reputation. They target status and self-esteem. It has a big impact on the victim, and we have to start taking it seriously. We have to start talking about it and treating it as a form of aggression."

Simmons discussed this behavior with a room full of middle school girls on Friday, Jan. 30. She spoke on their level, citing everyday examples of this behavior, and the students were attentive, nodding in agreement.

Four girls from Grosse Pointe North High School's Willow program (Women in Leadership Leading Our World) also joined the discussion to answer questions and use personal stories to help the girls understand the impact aggression can have on someone's life.

Cause of aggression

Simmons cited the cause of female aggression as stemming from society's idea of women's roles and acceptable behaviors.

"Society doesn't like girls to have any negative feelings," she explained. "Girls are expected to act very dif-

ferent from guys. We are expected to always be nice and friendly and happy. To be a good girl is to be a nice girl. But this is impossible. Everybody gets angry. Everybody gets cranky, jealous, frustrated, moody, and everybody has a bad day. Holding in one's anger is not a healthy way to live. If you walk around holding back your feelings, it's going to come out in weird ways."

Which is where Simmons attributes this perception of women being evil and dramatic.

"A lot of the reason there's so much drama over stupid things is that the really heavy stuff is never talked about," she said. "So many times, a fight will happen for a seemingly stupid reason, but the real problem could be something left hanging since the fourth grade. But it's still there."

Types of aggression

There are three types of social aggression, Simmons told the girls. The first is the "just kidding," or "no offense" tactic. One girl makes a hurtful statement to another and then tries to pass it off as a joke as soon as the sting sets in. If the victim acts hurt, the perpetrator then accuses her of being hypersensitive and unable to take a joke. But the effect of the statement is still there, and the victim cannot defend herself and feels silly for being hurt.

"You can't fight back to 'just kidding,' but you still feel that sting," Simmons said.

Another type of aggression is when the perpetrator tries to stay anonymous.

"Girls are really good at doing stuff and having nobody find out about it," she explained.

A classic example of this is spreading a rumor, which is very difficult to trace to its source. A rumor can be devastating to its subject, Simmons said.

The third type of aggression is when a girl uses friendship as a weapon. This begins among girls at a very young age, when one says to another, "Do this or I won't be your friend anymore." It evolves in middle school to be even more devastating, by using the silent treatment and other nonverbal gestures designed to hurt someone silently, and turning people against the victim.

"As girls, our friends are so important to us," Simmons said of how this type of aggression can be so powerful. "A lot of (adolescent) girls describe their friends as being their life. Girls do not like to be alone. They don't like the threat of being alone. If they lose

their friends, they would say their life was over. It's a really scary thing to think that someone's not going to be your friend anymore."

Simmons told many stories about the latter type of aggression. She used her own childhood experience to demonstrate her point. Simmons herself was bullied in middle school, and she turned around and became a bully in high school.

She talked about the importance of appearance, and popularity and having everyone like you, especially the popular girls.

"In every group, there's always one girl who has the power; the ringleader," she said.

When Simmons was a freshman in high school, she wanted desperately to become friends with the ringleader, this popular girl whose locker was next to hers. One day, it worked, and the two became friends. She was willing to do anything to make this girl happy, including cutting off her longtime best friend, who happened to like the same boy the ringleader liked. But Simmons wanted to be popular; so she stood back and watched as her friend's reputation was ruined, became a social outcast, and grew so devastated that she moved to a different school.

Simmons and her old friend have since reunited, but the effect her bullying had on this girl was still resonating.

"Ten years later, I got to apologize to her," she said, happy to be friends again.

Combating the problem

Simmons made it clear while female aggression is most prominent during the adolescent years, it never goes away. Even as adults, girls are still demonstrating aspects of these behaviors, because that is how we are conditioned to act in this society.

"Everyone in this room has done something mean," she said. "Every girl and every woman. I still do it too. We don't know any better."

The only way for women to combat this is to be more open and honest with each other, and to not be afraid of how one truly feels.

"We need to start talking to each other and being honest about our feelings — whether we're mad, hurt or frustrated," Simmons said. "Society makes it hard for girls to be honest. We're afraid to say how we really feel about something. But we need to understand that the truth is (not a bad thing), it is just uncomfortable. It doesn't matter at the



Photos by Jennie Miller

Author Rachel Simmons (center) poses with Leighanne Butcher, Kim Gawel, Grace Butts and Christina Coury, all Grosse Pointe North High School students and members of Willow (Women in Leadership Leading Our World). The author and students held a panel discussion for girls at Brownell Middle School on Friday, Jan. 30, as part of the school's Girls Empowered program. The effort was to combat female bullying during the adolescent years.

end of the day what people think. What matters is that you are hurt or mad. You need to say that. Next time something is bothering you, just talk about it, rather than launching into World War III."

Simmons made it clear that although it is important to voice how one feels, there are two sides to every story. "Discussions involved listening," she said. "Remember to listen to what the other person is saying. You just got to work it out."

With her latest book, "Odd

Girl Speaks Out," Simmons hopes to reach every adolescent girl — those who are bullied and bullies. The book consists of personal entries from girls all over the country, describing their own experiences with aggression. She offers advice while giving a voice to the girls themselves.

Simmons' effort began several years ago when coming to terms with her own past. She was concerned with the expectations women have in society.

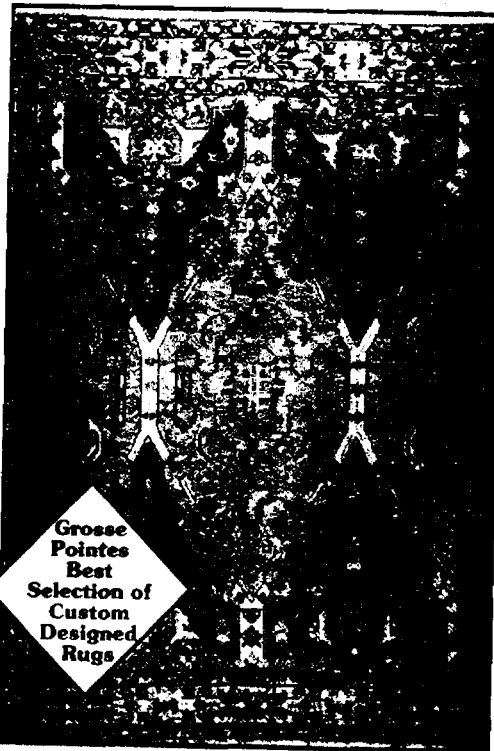
She studied women's stud-

ies and political science at Vassar and later began research on a scholarship at Oxford University, looking for anything written about this nonphysical aggression, and came up empty. Her research and interviews with girls around the country led to her first book, "Odd Girl Out."

"We need to start talking about this," she insisted, citing a lack of a proper and socially-accepted outlet as the cause for this negative behavior. "Girls are not evil. It's just not true."

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Brownell's gymnasium was filled with girls listening to Simmons' panel discussion about female aggression, which also featured four North students.

Engagements

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C. Alexa Abowitz and Paul Raymond Weber

Abowitz-Weber

Mr. and Mrs. Murray E. Abowitz of Edmond, Okla., have announced the engagement of their daughter, C. Alexa Abowitz, to Paul Raymond Weber, son of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond J. Weber of Harper Woods. A late May wedding is planned.

Abowitz earned a Bachelor of Arts degree and a master's degree in education from the University of Pennsylvania and a J.D. degree from Villanova University. She is a senior associate in the employment and educational law department of Gadsby, Hannah,

LLP in Boston.

Weber earned a Bachelor of Science degree in mechanical engineering from Cornell University. He holds several patents and recently completed a year as an engineering fellow at the University of Michigan's program for injury research and education. He is a director of government and industry affairs with Key Safety Systems.

Smith-Weitzmon

Mary and Greg Smith of the City of Grosse Pointe have announced the engagement of their daughter, Erin



David Weitzmon and Erin Smith

Smith, to David Weitzmon, son of Nicky and Craig Weitzmon of Naperville, Ill. A May wedding is planned.

Smith earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in education with a minor in management from the Maharishi University of Management in Iowa. She is a substitute teacher in St. Clair Shores.

Weitzmon earned a Bachelor of Science degree in biology and a Bachelor of Arts degree in chemistry from the Maharishi University of Management. He works in computer sales with Dartek.com.

Woods have announced the engagement of their daughter, Leslie Harrell, to Mark Allen, son of Tom and Karen Allen of Penfield, N.Y.

A May wedding is planned.

Harrell earned a bachelor's degree in business administration from Miami University. She is a relocation specialist with Premier Relocation in Chicago.

Allen earned a bachelor's degree in finance from Miami University.

He is a corporate banking associate with Bank One in Chicago.

Bachelor of Science degree in human biology from Michigan State University and expects to graduate from the Michigan School of Optometry at Ferris State College with a doctorate in 2005.

Nielubowicz earned a Bachelor of Science degree in mechanical engineering from Michigan State University.

He is a mechanical engineer with General Motors Corp.

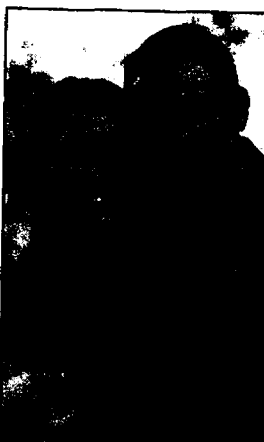
Carr-Hill

Douglas and Janis Carr of Fort Wayne, Ind., have announced the engagement of their daughter, Veronica Anne Carr, to Michael Edward Hill, son of Cindy and Russell Hill of Grosse Pointe Farms.

A June wedding is planned.

Carr earned a bachelor's degree in communication from Austin Peay State University. She is an account executive with McCann Erickson Advertising Agency.

Hill earned a bachelor's degree in advertising from Michigan State University. He is an account executive with BBD&O advertising agency.



Wendy Nicole Stratton and David S. Nielubowicz Jr.

Stratton-Nielubowicz

Steve and Gloria Stratton of Flushing have announced the engagement of their daughter, Wendy Nicole Stratton, to David S. Nielubowicz Jr., son of David and Christine Nielubowicz of Grosse Pointe Woods.

An October wedding is planned.



Michael Edward Hill and Veronica Anne Carr



Mark Allen and Leslie Harrell

Harrell-Allen

Joan Harrell of Grosse Pointe Farms and Benjamin Harrell of Grosse Pointe

Prevent injuries by preparing for outdoor winter activities

As frigid weather, snow and ice blast into town, watch out, warns Dr. Jennifer Turnbull, chiropractor and director of the Birmingham Wellness Center. Winter recreational activities and chores can pose problems for the outdoor enthusiast whose body is not prepared.

Shoveling snow the wrong way, clambering awkwardly over snow banks, slipping on sidewalks and wearing the wrong kinds of clothing create the potential for spasms, strains and sprains. Winter sports like skating, skiing, and sledding can cause painful muscle spasms, strains or tears if you're not in shape.

Walking outside in the freezing weather without layers of warm clothing can intensify older joint problems and cause a great deal of pain. Preparation for an outdoor winter activity, including conditioning the areas of the body that are most vulnerable, can help avoid injury and costly health care bills.

"Warming up is essential," Turnbull said. "In fact, when pressed for time, it's better to shorten the length of your workout and keep a good

warm-up than to skip the warm-up and dive right into the workout. Skipping your warm-up is the best way to get hurt. A good warm-up can be completed in 15-20 minutes, and it will make your workout more pleasant and safe."

Turnbull suggests that you start with some light aerobic activity (jogging, biking or fast walking), for about seven to 10 minutes. Then follow these tips for individual outdoor sports:

- **Skiing** — do 10 to 15 squats. Stand with your legs a shoulder's width apart, knees aligned over your feet. Slowly lower your buttocks as you bend your knees over your feet. Stand up straight again.

- **Skating** — do several lunges. Take a moderately advanced step with one foot. Let your back knee come down to the floor while keeping your shoulders in position over your hips. Repeat the process with your other foot.

- **Sledding/tobogganing** — do knee-to-chest stretches to fight compression injuries caused by repetitive bouncing over the snow. Either sitting or lying on your back, pull your knees to your chest

and hold for up to 30 seconds.

- **Don't forget cool-down stretching** for all of these sports. At the bottom of the sledding hill, for instance, before trudging back up, do some more knees-to-chest stretches, or repetitive squatting movements to restore flexibility.

Shoveling snow can also wreak havoc on the musculoskeletal system. Turnbull suggests the following tips for exercise of the snow shoveling variety.

- If you must shovel snow, be careful. Listen to weather forecasts so you can rise early and have time to shovel before work.

- Layer clothing to keep your muscles warm and flexible.

- Do some warm-up stretching before you grab that shovel.

- When you do shovel, push the snow straight ahead. Don't try to throw it. Walk it to the snow bank. Avoid sudden twisting and turning motions.

- Bend your knees to lift when shoveling. Let the muscles of your legs and arms do the work, not your back.

- Take frequent rest breaks to take the strain off your muscles. A fatigued body asks for injury.

- Stop if you feel chest pain or get really tired or have shortness of breath. You may need immediate professional help.

- After any of these activities, if you are sore, apply an ice bag to the affected area for 20 minutes and then take it off for a couple of hours. Repeat a couple of times each day over the next day or two.

- If you continue to feel soreness, pain or strain after following these tips, it may be time to visit a doctor.

Tips for winter planting from seasoned gardeners

Are you a gardener who just can't wait to get seeds in the ground?

Try something a little daring and plant a few rows before spring comes. Seeds of kale, collards, cabbage, turnips, lettuce and mustard can survive harsh weather well and will reward bold gardeners with an early crop. The Spring 2004 issue of *The Old Farmer's Almanac* Companion offers these steps for starting your own winter garden.

- Choose varieties that are time-tested performers in cold climates. When looking through catalogs, search for descriptions that mention hardiness or appropriateness in the winter garden. Names that include the words "Arctic," "Siberian" or "Winter" are good bets.

- Plant in an area of the garden that is free from weeds, or do your best to remove any weeds you can see. If the top inch of frozen ground thaws a bit on sunny midwinter days, loosen it up with a rake and remove the weeds. If the ground is frozen, cut off any weed heads with a sharp hoe.

- Carefully broadcast seeds over the prepared area. Try to get them approximately two inches apart.

- Spread a quarter-inch of soilless seed-starting mixture over the top of the seeded area. Press the seeded area flat to remove air pockets around the seeds. Use your hand, a trowel or other flat tool.

- Create an environment where the seedlings won't suffer wind damage when they emerge. Sprinkle on some straw, keeping the layer thin enough so that you can still see the ground.

- Now leave the planting alone. Rain and snow will cover your snoozing seedbed, which will awaken in the spring when Nature says it is time.

Start checking for emerging seedlings when you notice the pointed leaves of spring bulbs beginning to emerge.

Allow the dark earth to absorb heat from the sun by removing just enough straw to enable you to see the brown of the soil and the green of the seedlings.

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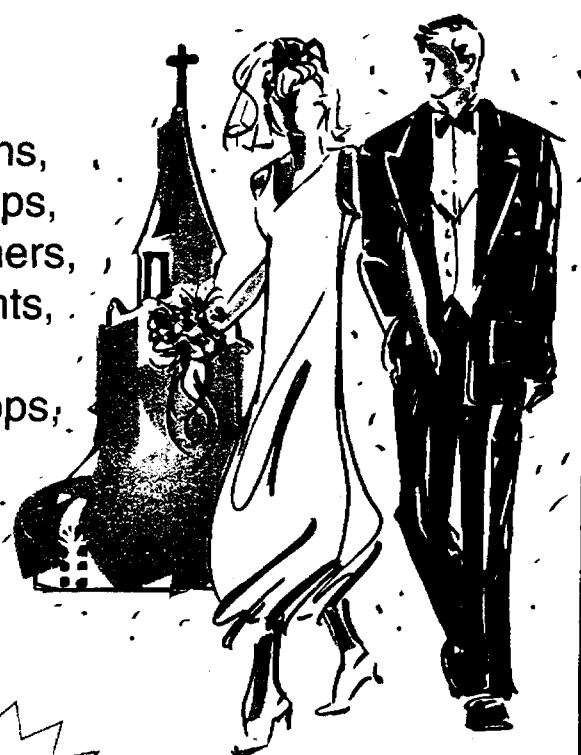
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Slogans can inspire us all for the New Year 2004

There's a story sometimes told by members of Alcoholics Anonymous (AA): A mountain climber stumbles off the edge of a cliff. He manages to break his fall by grabbing a branch on a tree that overlooks the ravine. Hanging on for his life, he calls up to heaven. "If there's anybody up there, help me, please!"

A thunderous voice booms from the clouds: "Let

go, and I will protect you." The man pauses for a moment to think. Finally he shouts, "Is there anyone else I can talk to?"

For many of us, the prospect of a new year calls forth pious resolutions to change our behavior. AA offers a program based on the paradox of personal change — that transformation comes only when we let go of our futile efforts to

control what we cannot control. Unlike the man hanging from the tree, we can learn to accept direction from outside ourselves.

Over the years, AA members have shared many slogans to capture this philosophy of life in a nutshell. These pithy sayings offer direction for people in recovery from addiction — and anyone else who cares to live with serenity.

Following are some examples to help you ring in the New Year.

"Accept life on life's terms." Many of us wish that the people and circumstances in our lives were different. This slogan reminds us to retreat from the world of our personal fantasies and deal with people and things as they are right now. Instead of trying to reform other people and remake the world in our own image, we can focus on changing our own behavior. Life is not changeable, but we are. A related slogan puts it this way: "If you pray for a Porsche and God sends you a jackass, ride it."

"Live and let live." Tolerance, a fundamental value in AA, means that we acknowledge our personal shortcomings while letting others have their own. We focus on our similarities with other people rather than resenting our differences.

"Progress, not perfection." Alcoholics can be grandiose, holding that they must be right at all times. Bill Wilson, cofounder of AA, wrote, "We are all perfectionists who, failing perfection, have gone to the other extreme and settled for the bottle and the blackout." A saner alternative is to make one simple change in our attitudes or behavior for today. Over time, small changes create major progress.

"This, too, shall pass." We suffer when we try to seek permanent fulfillment from things that are impermanent. People will pass into and out of our lives, and circumstances change constantly. But this fact also gives us strength. No feeling or experience, however painful, can last forever. Time passes and we move on to heal.

"Easy does it ... but do it."

People in early recovery sometimes feel frantic about everything they want to do. Unconsciously, they operate with the attitude that they must change everything about their lives — and change it now. This slogan reminds us to calm down and tackle one task at a time. We don't have to accomplish everything on our to-do list today.

"Easy does it" is a slogan in itself, yet AA members like to add "but do it." The latter phrase reminds us that we still have goals to meet and responsibilities to handle. Pacing ourselves is different than procrastinating.

"Let go and let God." AA is a spiritual, not religious, program that allows people to define their higher power in their own way. G.O.D., according to another slogan, stands for Good Orderly Direction — a

source of guidance that goes beyond our self-centered opinions and selfish desires. "Letting God" means accepting direction from that source; however we personally define it.

"Keep it simple." AA is sometimes called a simple program for complex people. This slogan reminds us to remember the basics: Don't drink. Go to AA meetings. Do the next right thing. Our problems can be solved one step at a time, one day at a time.

The column is provided by Hazelden, a nonprofit agency based in Center City, Minn., that offers a wide range of information and treatment services on addiction. For more resources, call Hazelden at (800) 257-7800 or check its Web site at www.hazelden.org. Direct your inquiries to mduda@hazelden.org.

Asian sauce flavors pork chops

Anyone who shops at Sam's Club or Costco knows about bulk. Concerning non-perishable items it's all about storage space. When it comes to meat it's about freezer space and organization. You have to know what's in the freezer in order to plan a meal around it.



À LA ANNIE
By Annie Rouleau-Scheriff

Properly wrapping meat and other food for the deep freeze is also important. Invest in quality freezer bags for long-term freezer storage.

Thick, boneless pork chops from Costco can usually be found in my freezer. The quality is outstanding and the price unbeatable. Sometimes I fill the hearty chops with a savory stuffing.

This week I'm preparing pork chops following a

recipe that I found in Gourmet Magazine. With flavors of an Asian influence, these pork chops spend little time in the oven and can be served to your family in less than an hour.

Hoisin and Honey Glazed Pork Chops

1/4 cup Asian oyster sauce (available at Kroger's in the Village)
2 tablespoons Dijon mustard
2 tablespoons hoisin sauce
1 teaspoon finely grated peeled fresh ginger
2 tablespoons honey
1 tablespoon soy sauce
1 bunch scallions, cut diagonally into 2-inch pieces
4 1-inch thick pork chops (2 lbs. total)

Preheat oven to 400 degrees and put the oven rack in the middle of the oven. In a medium bowl, whisk together the oyster sauce, mustard, hoisin sauce, ginger, honey and soy sauce. Stir in the cut scallions. Add the pork chops and turn them in the sauce to generously coat on both sides.

Place the chops in a single layer on a rimmed baking sheet that has been coated with nonstick spray.

Spoon remaining sauce and scallions over the pork and bake at 400 degrees for 15 to 20 minutes.

Turn the oven to broil (leave the baking sheet in the center of the oven) and cook the pork chops for an additional 4 or 5 minutes, until the top of the meat starts to caramelize. Remove from oven and let stand for 5 minutes.

Transfer the pork chops to a serving platter and top with any remaining juice and scallions from the baking sheet.

Pair hoisin and honey glazed pork chops with rice and steamed broccoli for a perfectly balanced meal. You'll enjoy the pungent flavor of this sweet sticky sauce.

I started with 4 very thick chops that weighed in at 2 1/2 lbs. I cut the chops in half horizontally to make 8 3/4-inch thick pieces. Thinner chops will require less cooking time. You may also choose pork chops on the bone.

Have you looked in your freezer lately?

Driving on black ice

"Black ice occurs when snow or heavy rain is followed first by warm temperatures and then very cold weather. The road is visible beneath the clear, shiny surface. This makes black ice difficult to detect and very dangerous to drive on. Understanding the conditions that create it and knowing how to drive on it can be critical.

"If you hit a patch of black ice, the best course of action is no action," said Joel Burrows, the "Car Doctor" of Precision Tune Auto Care.

"Do not brake, accelerate, de-accelerate or even turn the steering wheel. Black ice is usually no bigger than 20 feet, so it's best to maintain your speed and direction until you pass. Your car may feel a little light, but that will only last a few seconds. A sudden maneuver can cause the vehicle to spin out.

If you start to skid, don't hit the brakes. If you have an antilock braking system, the brakes will ease up automatically, provided your foot was on the brake when you started to slide. Then look in the direction you want the car to go and steer that way.

If the rear of the car is sliding to the right (meaning the front would be going left), look and steer right. If not, your car might spin completely around. The car doctor also recommends that you leave plenty of distance between you and the car in front of you to avoid rear-end collisions.

He cautions drivers to be extra careful driving across bridges because ice can form on the bridge pavement more quickly because a bridge deck is open underneath. Allow adequate travel time so you don't have to rush.

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Winter climate control

By Debbie Farmer
Special Writer

We all know that winter brings a lot of changes: the weather, the food, the footwear and all that. But I say the biggest jolt is the changing of the climate control system. It seems the very second I fully understand the mysterious inner-workings of the air conditioner, winter arrives and what tenuous knowledge I had, suddenly becomes obsolete.

In theory, working the central heating system should be easy. If you get a yearning for some heat, you just reach up and move the power switch to "on" and voila! Within

minutes, the ice in the cat's water dish thaws and your living room feels like a beach in South Florida.

But wait. That's what I used to think, too, until my husband installed a new automatic thermostat. This may sound like a nice, sensible thing to do. It is.

Except that apparently, in the world of heating systems, there are two kinds of "automatic" systems: those that function effectively without human intervention and those that function sporadically and only when — ha-ha-ha — they're darn good and ready.

Bet you can't guess what

Family Daze

By Debbie Farmer



kind we have.

Now, granted, things might be different if I was the kind of person who could pay attention during oral instruction. And it's not like my husband didn't try. The day he installed it, he called me over and began pointing vigorously while tossing around all sorts of mysterious words like "mode" and "therms" and "set points."

Then he said something that went like, "You press the red button on the top for heat and the blue one on the bottom for the blower. Then enter the set points by pressing the purple button on the side while holding down the green knob and holding your breath and clapping three times.

"Got it?" By that time my mind had slipped away to thinking about more important issues like, say, what color shoes would go with a navy blue skirt? Will the mullet hairstyle ever come back? And who really believes that orange is the new pink?

I'm not stupid. It's just that I don't want lengthy explanations on how to work stuff. I prefer to think of mastering technology more as a matter of, well... luck. In my defense, it's not just me who thinks this way.

My neighbor, Shirley, a highly educated person, sets her automatic sprinkler system by turning every knob until water starts shooting out onto the lawn.

And every time my friend Carol wants to program the VCR, she starts randomly punching buttons until either the whole thing freezes up in shock or her 9-year-old son feels sorry for her and wanders over to help.

Oh, sure, some people might chalk it all up to being lazy. But I say the real reason is storage space. You see, I've always believed that the brain can only hold so much information at once. So it makes sense that in order to get new information in, old information must be squeezed out.

And who wants to replace the memory of the latest episode of "Survivor" with, say, the directions on how to change the message on an answering machine?

So, that said, as far as the new automatic thermostat goes, I've developed my own, one-step method of getting heat: Press the "On" button down firmly; then say in my best I'm-in-charge-tone-of-voice, "Start now or ELSE."

Then I go put on a sweater and wait for spring.

Debbie Farmer is a humorist and a mother holding down the fort in California. She's also an author. You can order her new book, "Don't Put Lipstick on the Cat," at Amazon.com or from your local bookstore. She can be reached by writing familydaze@oasisnewsfeatures.com.

Hotline available for teens

A new Project SAVE hotline has been implemented to provide teens with a confidential resource to address issues such as teen pregnancies, sexually transmitted diseases (STDs), abstinence-related information and more.

The hotline number is (313) 640-9628. It is open weekdays from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. The hotline is sponsored by St. John Health's (SJH) Project SAVE (Supporting Abstinence Via Education), a program offered through the School-based Health Centers, and funded by the Michigan Abstinence Partnership.

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Protect eyes while skiing

With weather reports for snow out West, it's time to get ready for ski season. Precautions before you hit the slopes can make downhill skiing safe and fun.

"Most people think about their physical fitness for skiing, but they also need to protect their eyes," said Dr. Reza Haque, spokesman for Novartis Ophthalmics North America. "Their 'fitness program' for their eyes begins with a pair of sunglasses that blocks harmful ultraviolet rays. Most people do not realize it, but they are at greater risk for ultraviolet rays in the winter than in the summer. And the glare from snow compounds the problem."

According to Haque, ultraviolet light or UV rays have been linked to various eye problems such as cataracts, sunburn to the eyelids, pterygium (benign lesions found on either side of the cornea), skin cancer around the eyes and AMD, one of the leading causes of vision loss among older Americans. "Inexpensive sunglasses are often labeled that they protect eyes from UV when they really do not," Haque said. "Most will block harmful UVC and UVB rays but not the most damaging UVA rays. It is worth spending more to get full protection."

For the ultimate in protection, skiers should wear wrap-around sunglasses or goggles with shatterproof lenses.

At the end of a day of skiing at mountain altitudes, where the air is very dry, it's important for skiers to rehydrate their eyes, Haque said. Soothing artificial tear products can be used as often as needed.

More safety tips for skiing:

- Equipment should be properly fitted. Boots should fit snugly; skis and poles need to be sized according to the skier's height and ability. Skiers should consult a reputable ski shop for help when renting or purchasing equipment.
- Helmets and goggles should not obstruct the skier's vision in any way.
- Clothing should be warm, windproof and waterproof so the skier does not become chilled. Skiers should dress in layers so

clothing can be added or taken off as needed.

- Skiers should always have a partner. They should stay within sight of each other.

- Before setting off each day, skiers should warm up with a couple of slow ski runs.

- Skiers should keep to slopes that are appropriate for their skiing ability. Skiers should never venture into closed areas.

Most skiing injuries occur in the afternoon, when skiers are likely to be tired. Skiers should know their limitations and rest or stop skiing to avoid injury.

Abstinence Coalition seeks members

The St. John Community Abstinence Coalition is seeking new members. The coalition is sponsored by St. John Health's (SJH) Community Health department and serves as support for the Project SAVE program (Supporting Abstinence Via Education) sponsored by the SJH School-based Health Centers.

Coalition members:

- Create goals and objectives to carry out the mission of the Project SAVE program.

- Work together to create healthy schools and communities.

- Assist in planning and organizing upcoming events.

- Seek out funding to sponsor various activities and events that promote abstinence.

- Recruit volunteers to assist with the activities and events.

- Analyze evaluative tools to ensure the program is successful in increasing knowledge and promoting attitude change in the participants.

The coalition is comprised of the Abstinence staff from the School-based Health Centers, outreach workers, Detroit Public Schools staff, members of the faith-based community, parents and other volunteers.

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Repeated: 9:30 PM, 12:30 AM

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Repeated: 7:30 PM, 1:30 AM

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Repeated: 6:30 AM

11:30 am Out of the Ordinary
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Repeated: 11 PM, 2:30 AM

12:00 pm Economic Club of Detroit
Guest: Kent Kresa, Chairman & C.E.O., Northrop Grumman Corp.
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Repeated: 3 AM

1:00 pm Senior Men's Club
Speaker: Mark Weber, President, Grosse Pointe War Memorial
Luncheon speaker talks on a variety of topics of interest to the men and our community.

1:30 pm Inside Art
Guest: Mary Harrison - Detroit Galleries
Explore the artist's creative process and medium with host Robert Maniscalco.
Repeated: 10:30 PM, 4:30 AM

2:00 pm The Legal Insider
Guests: Timothy Dinan - Gun Laws
Host attorneys, David Draper and Douglas Dempsey, take an inside look at current legal issues.
Repeated: 6 PM, 5 AM

2:30 pm The John Prost Show
Guest: Ruth Edgar - Publisher, G.P. News
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Repeated: 10 PM, 5:30 AM

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4:00 pm Vitality Plus
A half-hour of step or kick boxing exercise.
Repeated: 9 PM, 7 AM

4:30 pm Young View Pointes
Upbeat youth show featuring middle school students reporting on a variety of educational topics.
Repeated: 8:30 PM, 7:30 AM

5:00 pm Positively Positive
An uplifting half-hour of positive attitudes and ideas, hosted by Jeanne McNeil and Liz Aiken.
Repeated: 8 PM, 8 AM

* Schedule subject to change without notice. For further information call 313.961.7811.

St. Paul School plans annual benefit auction

St. Paul Catholic School will hold its annual fundraising auction on Friday, Feb. 6, at the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club. More than 200 items from local merchants and friends of the school will be auctioned.

This year's party, "Books and Beyond," will feature a Love for Learning theme.

The evening begins at 6:30 p.m. and includes a silent auction, a live auction conducted by **Geff Jewell**, a strolling buffet dinner and a cash bar. Tickets are \$65 a person.

The annual event raises funds for enhancing student programs and the school facility. In the past years, proceeds from the auction have paid for Internet access in classrooms, electrical upgrades for technology and playground renovations.

Lucy Mooney, auction co-chairman, said that funds will continue to replace aging textbooks, modernize the school's science resources, address physical plant needs and provide enrichment activities for all St. Paul students throughout the school year.

Items in this year's auction include a week-long vacation at Powderhorn ranch in Colorado; an ebony finish baby grand piano; a private wine tasting dinner for 8; a signed Brett Hull Red Wings jersey; a pearl and diamond necklace; a lobster party for 10, a private salon party, and several

oil paintings.

For ticket information, contact St. Paul Catholic School at (313) 885-3430 or visit the Web site at www.stpaulonthelake.org.

Exceptional benefit

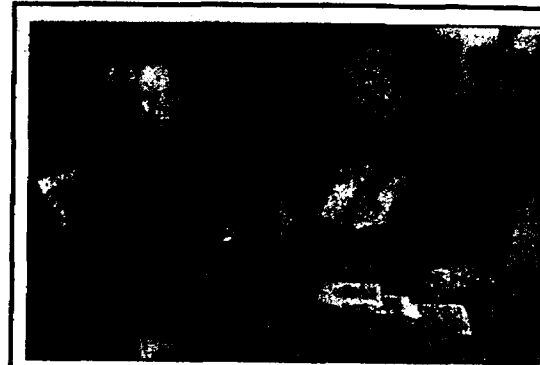
The Foundation for Exceptional Children, a non-public school that offers educational, recreational, therapeutic and social activities for children with physical and mental impairments, will host its 27th annual benefit party from 8 p.m. to 1 a.m. Friday, March 5, at Barrister Gardens Banquet Hall in St. Clair Shores. The foundation is currently seeking sponsors who can help defray the cost of the 800-person benefit.

"This year marks the 50th anniversary of the foundation providing a constructive and caring atmosphere for children with special needs," said **Deborah C. Moffat**, program director of the Foundation for Exceptional Children. "With increased demand for our services, we rely heavily on the success of the fundraisers to keep this program operational."

Opportunities for corporate and individual sponsorships include the following:

- **Bronze Medal Sponsorship (\$250)** — banner display, inclusion in the brochure and two tickets to the event.

- **Silver Medal Sponsorship (\$500)** — banner display, inclusion in the



Colony Town Club

The Colony Town Club membership met at the home of Mrs. Herbert Mainwaring last month to wrap Christmas gifts for cancer patients for the Karmanos Cancer Loan Closet.

Dorothea Flom, at the left, and **Letty Flacus** helped out at the wrapping party.

event brochure, a commemorative plaque and six tickets to the event.

- **Gold Medal Sponsorship (\$1,000)** — banner display, inclusion in the event brochure, a commemorative plaque, the sponsor's company name and logo in all of the Foundation for Exceptional Children's public relations materials and 10 tickets to the event.

Highlights of this year's party will include a silent auction, raffle, cash bar and live entertainment by **Steve King** and **The Dittalies**. Pizza, beer and wine are complimentary with the purchase of a ticket.

To sponsor the event, make a donation to the silent auction, purchase tickets or for more information, call (313) 885-8860 between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m. Mondays through Fridays.

Tickets are \$30 per person or \$250 for a table of 10. All donations are tax-deductible, as allowed by law.

Established in 1954 to provide life experiences and improve the well-being of children with special needs, the Foundation for Exceptional Children became a nonprofit program of the Children's Home of Detroit in 2000. The Foundation for Exceptional Children is the only state-recognized, nonprofit, non-public school serving children with severe disabilities in southeast Michigan and

receives no government funding.

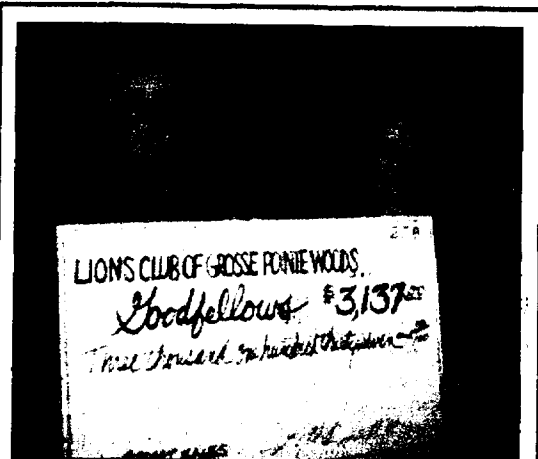
The Children's Home of Detroit is recognized as Michigan's leading provider of specialized services for children and their families since 1836. With two residential campuses in Wayne and Macomb counties, the Children's Home of Detroit is accessible to children from across the state. Specialized residential services provide around-the-clock care so that children may overcome emotional and behavioral problems and return to their local homes and communities.

Eyes ahead: Don't forget the seventh annual "Visions to Remember: Eyes on Antiques" antiques show on Saturday and Sunday, Feb. 7 and 8, at the Edsel & Eleanor Ford House Activities Center, 1100 Lakeshore in Grosse Pointe Shores.

Hours are 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Saturday; 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sunday. Admission is \$8 at the door; \$7 in advance.

This antiques show has become known for its top quality furniture, jewelry, crystal and china. Some 1,000 people are expected to attend this year. Proceeds from the benefit will help blind and visually impaired people throughout southeast Michigan.

The Detroit Institute of Ophthalmology is the organizer of the event and



Lions & Goodfellows

The Grosse Pointe Woods Lions Club gave the Goodfellows a check for \$3,137 representing the funds they raised from the sale of newspapers. At the left is **Pete Waldmeir** of the Goodfellow Foundation. He is accepting the check from **Red Arnold**, president of the Grosse Pointe Woods Lions Club.

Additional checks for the Goodfellows may be sent to Grosse Pointe Woods Lions Club, Red Arnold, 1154 Hampton, Grosse Pointe Woods, MI 48236. For more information, call Arnold at (313) 881-7860.

Northern Trust Bank is the major sponsor.

The "Mardi Gras Preview Party," will be held from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. Friday, Feb. 6. Tickets to the preview start at \$50 and reservations are required.

For more information about the preview party or the show, call (313) 824-4710.

A Grand Night: The 16th annual "Grand Night for Hospice Ball" drew some 600 people to the Ritz-Carlton recently. More than \$310,000 was raised at the silent and live auctions, all earmarked to support eight local hospices.

New this year is a special fund that has been established to support children who experience the loss of a member of the family. Donations to The Children's Grief Fund were collected at the ball and will be used to help hospices provide grief camps, individual and family counseling, school outreach programs, bereavement workshops and art therapy.

Ball chairman was **Nancy Smith**. Co-chairman was **Pamela Berger**.

Women's Committee president is **Sylvia Hagenlocker**.

Kathy Brennan of Grosse Pointe Farms was the silent auction chairman. **Elaine Schweitzer** and her daughters, **Taylor** and **Dana** and **Nancy Altschuler**, all Grosse Pointers, also attended.

Teen volunteers from the area included **Carey Papalekis** and **Alexandra Dickson**.

— Margie Reins Smith



Jenny Lind Club

The Jenny Lind Club of Michigan held its 65th annual Lucia celebration dinner dance on Dec. 12 at the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club.

The event celebrates Swedish traditions for the Christmas season. According to the legend, Lucia, a young betrothed Italian girl, gave her entire dowry to the poor and confessed being a Christian. She carried food and drink to the Christians hiding in the catacombs, and she wore candles in her hair to help light the way. Viking travelers returned to Sweden with tales of Saint Lucia, and she became the symbol of hope, peace and light.

On Dec. 13, in Swedish homes, the oldest daughter serves coffee and specially baked rolls to her parents in the early morning, clad in a white gown and wearing a crown of lit candles.

Christina Clements, daughter of Tina and Ken Clements of Bloomfield Hills, portrayed Lucia.

From left, are "Lucia" (Christina Clements), and **Ingrid** and **William Berge** of Troy, her grandparents.

Grosse Pointers who attended the festivities included **Kathryn Lundell Buehrig**, **Mary Lundell Brown** and **Charles Brown**. Lucia's attendants were **Taylor Brown**, **Mallory Brown** and **Kendall Effinger**, all grandchildren of Mary and Charles Brown.



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Learn about diabetes at VECC education night

A free community education night focusing on diabetes will be presented from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m., Thursday, Feb. 12, at the Van Elslander Cancer Center (VECC), at St. John Hospital and Medical Center. **Linda Urso**, a diabetes nurse practitioner, and **Beth Theisen**, a registered dietitian, will lead the discussion.

Learn about risk factors relating to diabetes and find out what can be done to prevent this chronic disease. Eating right is a preventive

approach for diabetes as well as cancer and heart disease. The American Diabetes Association reports there are 18.2 million people in the United States who have diabetes, but one out of three is unaware that he or she has the disease.

The VECC is located at 19229 Mack and Moross. To register or for more information, call (866) 246-4673.

Free VECC community education night programs are held the second Thursday of each month from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

CORRECTION

The New Arrivals of 2003 published an incorrect photo.



Ralph Kerr Dixon
May 5, 2003 • Ann Arbor, MI.
Kerr (Vois) & J. Paul Dixon

We apologize for this error.

Organ recital is Feb. 8 at Christ Church G.P.

Christ Church Grosse Pointe will sponsor an organ recital, performed by Frederic De Haven, Christ Church's organist and choir-master, and oboist, Arianna Kahan, at 4:30 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 8.

The repertoire for the recital is Bach's music and many of the composers he influenced, or by whom he was influenced.

The program will begin with Bach's well-known Toccata and Fugue in d minor and concludes with Toccata, Villancico y Fuga by 20th century Argentinean composer Alberto Ginastera.

The latter work is very similar in style to the Bach piece and ends with a Fugue on B-A-C-H. The recital will also include works by Krebs,

Rheinberger, Mendelssohn, Buxtehude, Hindemith, and Britten.

Kahan is currently principal oboist with the Southern Great Lakes Symphony and performs on oboe, English horn and oboe d'amore with many of the chamber orchestras in Michigan.

Recently, she performed in an organ and oboe recital in Merton College at Oxford University, England.

This concert is part of the Three Organ Recital series at Christ Church Grosse Pointe, 61 Grosse Pointe Blvd., Grosse Pointe Farms.

Admission is free and all are welcome. A reception will follow.

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

LWV plans tour of CHD

The League of Women Voters of Grosse Pointe's "Second Tuesday" series of coffee and conversation will begin at 9:30 a.m. Tuesday, Feb. 10, at the Children's Home of Detroit, 900 Cook in Grosse Pointe Woods.

The Children's Home of Detroit, founded in 1836, is the oldest provider of specialized services for children in the state.

Learn about all of the many different ways the CHD helps children and their families in the metropolitan Detroit area. Find out about volunteer opportunities and other ways to help keep the organization strong.

Michael Horwitz, executive director of the CHD, will discuss services provided

and the organization's advocacy interest.

Sandy Meador, president of the board of trustees, will talk about how the Children's Home advocates for children and families by working with legislators on key issues.

Debbie Liedel, director of public relations and community services, will present a brief video and give a tour of the Grosse Pointe Woods facility for those who are interested.

Free on-site babysitting is available. Coffee and doughnuts will be served.

Call Sarah Walsh at (313) 881-9650 for more information. Call Laurie Arora at (313) 885-3123 to reserve babysitting.

First English presents concert

The First English Ev. Lutheran Church choir, the Good News Singers, will perform a recital of its favorites at 4 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 22.

A free-will offering dinner will follow the concert, with proceeds to benefit the First English Building Fund.

For a \$100 donation to the fund, the choir will perform requests from church members and friends. Requests must be made by Sunday,

Feb. 8. Bob Foster, music coordinator and choir director will also play some organ favorites. First English is located at 800 Vernier in Grosse Pointe Woods.

The Rev. Walter A. Schmidt is senior pastor and the Rev. Barton Beebe is associate pastor.

For more information, call the church at (313) 884-5040.

New ways to prevent, detect, treat heart disease

A local cardiovascular researcher is making promising strides in the prevention of cell death — so dangerous in heart attacks. This is crucial since cells responsible for the contraction of the heart, are non-renewable cells, and they are incapable of dividing to create new cells.

For instance, once a person experiences the irreversible damage of a heart attack (myocardial infarction), the cardiac cells are only replaced by scar tissue, whose presence reduces the heart's pumping ability.

The man behind the studies is Dr. Tiziano Scarabelli, a cardiac molecular biologist at St. John Hospital and Medical Center's Cardiology division.

He said that cell death is also related to atherosclerotic plaques in the coronary vessels, resulting in formation of blood clots that eventually can obstruct the coronary vessels, leading first to the heart receiving less blood than it needs, and finally to a heart attack.

Scarabelli has focused his research work on the highly promising study of new agents to minimize the cardiac cell death following myocardial infarction. One of these agents, minocycline, is an antibiotic with proven safety, widely used in the clinical setting for the treatment of arthritis and dermatitis, among others.

He first described the heart-protecting effects of this antibiotic in 2001, and for that discovery was given

a new investigator award from the Council on Basic Cardiovascular Sciences of the American Heart Association.

Encouraged by the results from an animal model study, he is working to verify whether minocycline can also prevent cell death in humans by preventing heart attacks through attacking clot-causing plaques in the blood vessels, and bring about an expected decrease in cardiac disease and death.

A second heart-protecting agent being investigated is urocortin, a hormone that is naturally produced in human beings by several organs, including the heart.

Scarabelli has shown that rat cardiac cells grown in the laboratory and exposed to a simulation of myocardial infarction, release urocortin in the culture medium.

"Intriguingly, the cardiac cells releasing urocortin are not dead, but only suffering from a metabolic point of view," he said. "This distinction is very important as the cardiac markers of the ischemia (where the heart receives less blood than it needs) currently available, are passively released by the cells of the heart only after their death."

"Our aim is to verify whether the levels of urocortin in the blood, assessed in patients complaining of heart-related symptoms characterized by low blood flow, can be used as a metabolic marker to show low

blood flow to the heart, with the potential of revealing the existence of that heart condition, before the actual occurrence of cell death," he added.

If this is the case, the use of urocortin in the clinical setting seems to be promising both therapeutically, in order to tailor the anti-low blood flow treatment according to the patient's needs, and diagnostically, to allow early recognition of silent episodes caused by decreased flow of blood to

the heart, for instance in diabetic patients in which the ability to feel chest pain may be minimized by a nervous system that may be impaired at the same time. Information about this and other ongoing studies in the Cardiology Division at St. John Hospital and Medical Center is available by calling (313) 343-8335. Descriptions of current research projects are also available at www.stjohn.org. Go to Services and Heart.

Author of 'Zone' diet books to speak at GP library

The Grosse Pointe Public Library will present Dr. Barry Sears, author of the "Zone" diet books. The Zone Diet is a lifelong hormonal control strategy to lose weight, as opposed to a diet that focuses on cutting calories.

The program will begin at 7 p.m., Thursday, Feb. 12, in the Pierce Middle School auditorium at 15430 Kercheval in Grosse Pointe Park.

Sears will discuss the Zone Diet as it relates to weight loss and nutritional principles. Books will be available for purchase before and after the pro-

gram, and Sears will sign books after he speaks.

Sears began the research that led to the development of the "Zone" diet when he recognized that all the males on his father's side of the family had died of heart disease in their early 50s.

After earning his Ph.D. at Indiana University and doing postdoctoral work at the University of Virginia, Sears was a researcher at Boston University and MIT.

Tickets are free and may be obtained at all three Grosse Pointe libraries. Call (313) 343-2074, (313) 343-2071 or (313) 343-2072 for more information.

LTA presents class Feb. 12

"Will Our Children Have Faith?" is the topic for the next Lay Theological Academy presentation. The program will begin at 7 p.m.

Thursday, Feb. 12, at the Canfield Center in St. Paul Catholic School, 170 Grosse Pointe Blvd.

The presenter will be Janet Schaeffler, OP, associate director of the Office for Catechetics/Religious Education for the Archdiocese of Detroit.

The class will explore the relationships, atmosphere and practices which have successfully fostered children's growth in faith. Babysitting will be available. The cost is \$5. Call (313) 885-7022.

Grand Marais Questers

The Grand Marais Questers will meet on Friday, Feb. 13, hosted by chapter president Anne Ryan. The group will tour the Edsel & Eleanor Ford Gate Lodge and view a collection of automobiles and the new South Cottage exhibit.

Members will also share their Ford memorabilia at a tea prior to the estate visit.

Fox Creek Questers

The Fox Creek chapter No. 216 of Questers will

meet on Thursday, Feb. 5. Marlene Harle will be the hostess; Lynn Detwiler, co-hostess.

The program will be "The Things I Bought for Someone Else that They Never Received." All are invited to participate.

Pettipointe Questers

Pettipointe Questers No. 243 will meet at 11 a.m. Thursday, Feb. 5, at the home of Marg Kalso in St. Clair Shores.

Member Barb Malley will present a paper on Herend china. Luncheon will follow. RSVP to (586) 776-9455.

Kappa Kappa Gamma Alums

The Detroit East Suburban Alumnae Association of Kappa Kappa Gamma will meet on Friday, Feb. 27, for its winter social at the home of Lora and Sergio Mazza.

The evening of cocktails, hors d'oeuvres and dinner is open to all Kappas, singles and couples, friends and spouses.

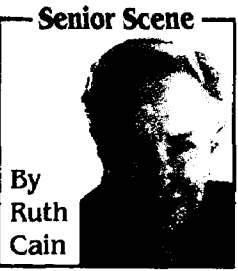
For more information, call alumna president Margy Penirian at (313) 884-8983.

Reservations must be made by Thursday, Feb. 12.

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The beat goes on

A trial I like to describe as a travesty of justice — or even a joke, except for the harm it's done to Martha Stewart and her company — is now under way.



By Ruth Cain

Stewart's great criminal act was making money by selling shares of a company — resulting in a staggering \$350,000, commonly referred to as "walking around money" by most corporate executives — perhaps from a tip given her by an insider in the company.

The insider who may have tipped her off, in addition to many good friends and family members, has been tried, convicted and is now serving up to 10 years in jail. However, since Stewart was not the insider, authorities could not charge her with this crime. But when questioned, Stewart protested her innocence saying that she had not acted on an inside tip. Now authorities rejoiced because perhaps she had lied, thus impeding the prosecution of this insider (not too much, obviously, since he is now in jail) but now they did have a charge.

We all know that lying is bad since we first read about George Washington and the cherry tree.

Chris Webber, the former University of Michigan basketball star, knows lying is bad. He was convicted of lying to a grand jury, was severely punished by being placed on probation and sentenced up to 500 hours of community service.

The maximum sentence for Stewart, if convicted, is 20 years in jail.

I have no idea whether Stewart lied or not.

But what about letting the punishment fit the crime? Stewart's little windfall did not come out of the pension plans of millions of companies throughout the country. Not one person lost a job through her action. Her own company employees didn't lose their jobs and their future pensions.

However, as a result of the prosecution against her, stock in her company has fallen. If convicted, her company will become a much smaller and less profitable one, leading to losses for her stockholders and job losses for her employees.

Without her tremendous creativity, her tireless energy, and her insight into what women especially want and need, the company could go out of business.

Let us never forget the hundreds of executives from such companies as Enron, World Com, etc., etc., whose actions led to bankruptcy, seriously depleting pension funds throughout the country, hundreds of thousands of workers being laid off, with losing pensions that they thought would take care of them in their retirement.

Most of these executives are free, playing at their private golf clubs and living in multi-million-dollar homes. I read one explanation for the lack of indictments: prosecutors couldn't quite figure out what to charge them with.

Try lying!
Ultimately, their only penalty may be facing

some dirty looks or ostracism from their peers. A few million bucks goes a long way to overcome such embarrassment.

Let us hope the eight women and four men on Stewart's jury have the basic sense of fairness and decency that we know good people have.

As you read this, it will have been a little more than four weeks since I had major surgery for a rather large tear in my rotator cuff. My first and only other major surgery took place about 35 years ago. There is one similarity between the two surgeries: They ain't no fun.

But oh, the differences. After that first surgery, whose aftereffects were far milder, I stayed in the hospital for 10 days. By the time I was released, all the nastiness like big-time pain and the need for help doing even minor things had passed.

(Incidentally, I was allowed to stay in the hospital six days after the birth of each of my children.)

I know that getting patients back on their feet quickly after surgery is supposed to be helpful. (Do I really believe that?) And I appreciate that with the cost of health care today those long hospital stays are not economically feasible.

But I wish there was more awareness by the medical profession of the terrible burden placed on patients and their families because of early releases.

I am blessed with seven children who did everything they could to help me during a difficult time. That included taking me to the bathroom night and day during the first three days when I couldn't be trusted to walk without falling over. It also included adding ice every six hours, night and day, to keep a cooling pump operating that is designed to keep inflammation and pain down.

Then there was the planning of meals, shopping and cooking, which they shared. And when I wept in pain and frustration, there was always somebody to give me a pain pill and hold my hand.

My heart goes out to those who don't have large families or the resources to hire help around the clock.

I have to acknowledge the many helps available to us today. The visiting nurse came twice to change the bandage and take my blood pressure. A home health aide gave me showers for two weeks and showed me how to do it on my own.

Another health professional came to give me a list of the agencies that could provide such services as counseling, help with cooking and cleaning the house.

Unfortunately, most of these services require payment, but it is helpful for someone without family to know where help can be found.

I'm still a bit of a way from getting back to normal. Sleeping in my bed (as opposed to a reclining chair) and driving are the two next recovery milestones I'm looking forward to.

The experience also helped me to appreciate the little things I take for granted. The greatest one was feeling warm soothing water splashing over me and invigorating me as I showered for the first time after surgery.

If you have a question or comment for Cain, you can reach her at ruthcain@aol.com.

Tips to help seniors reduce medication errors

(NAPSI) — For many seniors, taking medication is part of their daily routine. And the last thing that seniors need is to worry about a medication error.

Unfortunately, errors do occur, but they can be prevented through special attention and careful monitoring.

As part of its work in patient safety, United States Pharmacopoeia (USP) has created a list of "Tips" for seniors and their care givers

on how to better manage the medication use process and decrease the risk of medication errors.

1. Check the label when you get a prescription to verify that you're receiving the proper medication. If possible, read back the prescription to your pharmacist or health care provider.

2. When possible, keep all medication in original containers.

3. Know what to do if you miss a dosage, and always

remember to contact your health care provider or pharmacist if you have any doubts.

4. Try to fill all prescriptions at the same pharmacy.

5. Read the patient information sheet that accompanies your medication.

6. Should there be a change in the color, size, shape or smell of your medication, notify your pharmacist immediately.

7. Do not share or take another person's medications.

8. When in doubt about a medication you are taking, always consult your pharmacist and/or health care provider. And remember to ask about any side effects that you might experience or expect.

9. When in the hospital:
• State your name before taking any medications, and always offer your wrist bracelet for identification. Ask the nurse to identify each medication by name before you take it.
• If your medication has not been given at its regular time during your hospital stay, inquire of the nurse as to why.

• Remind your health

care provider if you have any allergies to certain medications and food or if you also have a health condition that could affect the use of certain medications.

10. Also remember to tell your health care provider if you are taking any dietary supplements or over-the-counter medications.

11. Finally, create a list of all the medications you're taking.

This list should be updated on a monthly basis, and a copy should be kept with you at all times. Also keep copies at your home, and share with family members and friends who need to know where your personal medication list is located.

Free medication organizer

USP has created a Personal Medication Organizer for use in organizing and accounting for the medications you are taking. To obtain this organizer, visit the Web site usp.org/pdf/patientSafety/personalMedOrg.pdf.

When possible, keep all medication in original containers.

Meals for the Homebound needs volunteer drivers

The Bon Secours Cottage Meals for the Homebound program is the only temporary meal service in the area. It helps individuals for up to eight weeks with home delivery of balanced, healthy, hot meals.

If you have a valid driver's license and proof of automobile insurance, and if you are available for one and one-half hours weekdays (excluding major holidays),

your time and effort could brighten the day of a shut-in.

The program serves zip codes 48224, 48225, 48230 and 48236.

For the last 28 years, the Meals for the Homebound community service program has helped recently discharged patients and elderly people in the community during periods of recuperation or need. The success is due not only to the quality and variety of meals, but also the caring spirit and friendly visit provided by delivery volunteers.

To volunteer your time or for more information, call Bon Secours Volunteer Services at (313) 343-1795.

SOC explores Poland in Feb.

Services for Older Citizens will explore Poland during the month of February. On Tuesday, Feb. 17, a Polish travelogue will be shown.

On Thursday, Feb. 19, the group will visit the American Polish Cultural Center in Troy for lunch; followed by a trip to the Polish Market.

On Friday, Feb. 20, SOC will present a Polka Party with the Go Go Grannies. Activities begin at 11 a.m.

For more information, call Susan Kopf at (313) 882-9600.

SOC talk is about exercise

Services for Older Citizens will present a talk by Pat Coppola, a registered nurse from St. John Hospital's Cardiac Rehabilitation, at 11:15 a.m. Monday, Feb. 9, at the Neighborhood Club. Coppola will discuss and show exercises specifically geared for people who are 55 or older.

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Thank you... and please return no later than April 2nd, 2004

Colonoscopy can save a life

By Denise Martin
Special Writer

Colorectal cancer is the fourth most common cancer among men and women in the United States. But according to the State of Michigan Cancer Registry, the occurrence of colon cancer in Michigan residents is almost tied with breast and lung cancer, which are the most common in our state.

This underscores the importance of regular screening to catch the disease in its earliest, most curable stages.



Martin

Colonoscopy examines entire colon

One of the most thorough methods to inspect the rectum and colon is by colonoscopy. Colonoscopy uses a flexible fiberoptic scope to visually inspect the interior walls of the rectum and colon. During this procedure, a specially trained physician can inspect the colon, biopsy suspicious lesions and even remove entire polyps by inserting small instruments through the scope. Any polyp that is seen is removed or at least biopsied, since even noncancerous polyps have the potential to become cancerous over time.

According to the Centers for Disease Control, screening for colorectal cancer lags far behind screening for other cancers. For persons who are without health insurance, colon screening may be cost prohibitive. But for many whose health insurance covers colonoscopy, the "yuck" factor may be part of their reluctance.

The truth is that the majority of persons who have undergone colonoscopy say that the procedure was not nearly as uncomfortable as they imagined it would be. And the sense of relief that comes from knowing your colon is healthy far outweighs any discomfort involved with the procedure.

Good prep key to success

As is true for many medical procedures, closely following the preparation instructions before the colonoscopy is mandatory for a successful procedure. Preparation begins a day before the colonoscopy and consists of dietary restrictions plus laxatives to clean out the entire colon. Persons preparing to undergo colonoscopy are advised to stay home, or at least stay close to a bathroom, during their prep. Not following preparation instructions can result in an inadequately emptied colon. This prevents the colon from being visualized, and may necessitate rescheduling the procedure.

On the day of the exam, patients are asked to arrive at the Bon Secours Endoscopy Department one hour before their scheduled procedure. During this time, the patient's medical history is taken, and any questions that the patient may have are answered. The patient is then placed on a heart monitor, blood pressure is checked and an intravenous line is inserted through which a mild sedative is introduced at the onset of the procedure.

During the colonoscopy, patients are conscious, but the mild sedative relieves much of their anxiety. Two specially trained nurses remain in the room to monitor the patient's vital signs. Many patients have no recollection of the procedure once they've recovered from sedation. The entire procedure takes about 30 minutes if no polyps are found and a bit longer if biopsies are taken.

Any polyps or lesions found during colonoscopy are removed or biopsied and sent to Pathology for thorough evaluation. Patients receive biopsy results from the physician who performed the colonoscopy.

Newly designed department in top 10 percent nationwide

The physicians and nurses who perform colonoscopies are all specially trained and take great care to protect each patient's dignity and privacy. Bon Secours Cottage's recently updated Endoscopy Department has state-of-the-art equipment and is conveniently located on the second floor at Bon Secours Hospital with easy elevator access. Each procedure suite is private.

In 2003, the Bon Secours Cottage Endoscopy Department received a five-star customer service award from Professional Research Consultants, a nationally known health care marketing research firm. Only hospitals that score in the top 10 percent nationwide receive this prestigious designation.

Denise Martin is assistant nurse manager of the Bon Secours Cottage Endoscopy Department. To learn how you can schedule a colonoscopy at Bon Secours Hospital, call Bon Secours Cottage Physician Referral at (800) 303-7315.

BSC winter fitness classes help you stay fit

Stay healthy and fit and keep the blues at bay this winter by signing up for one of the numerous fitness classes offered by Bon Secours Cottage Health Services. Nationally certified, experienced fitness instructors teach all classes.

Preregistration and payment are required before the start of class. The dates for the winter/spring 2004 fitness programs are Feb. 23-April 10. Registration begins Monday, Feb. 9.

Fitness and conditioning programs take place at the Bon Brae Center, 22300 Bon Brae in St. Clair Shores. For more information or to receive a fitness class registration form, call Community Health Promotion at (586) 779-7900 between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. weekdays.

Senior Fitness I and II

This program welcomes anyone over age 60, at any fitness level. It offers a warm up, very low-impact aerobics, walking, strength and floor exercises and use of cardio equipment. Senior Fitness I is the more intense level. It includes slightly faster music, a longer aerobic segment and a slightly more intense strength training than Senior Fitness II. Both classes take place Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. Senior Fitness I is from 9:15 to 10:15 a.m.; Senior Fitness II is from 10:35 to 11:35 a.m. The cost is \$49.

Better Bones

Research suggests that weight training can help reduce the risk of osteoporosis and improve your muscle strength and bone density. Come join us for a safe and effective workout on state-of-the-art Nautilus equipment. The class is offered from 4:45 to 5:45 p.m., and from 5:45 to 6:45 p.m. Mondays and Wednesdays. The cost is \$53.

FlexFIT Stretch and Flex

This class is offered as a great addition to a cardio fitness program. Basic stretches and flexibility exercises help promote maximum range of motion in everyday movements. The program is offered from 8:15 to 9 a.m. Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. The cost is \$48; \$28 for participants enrolled in another fitness class.

Tai Chi

This class is for anyone between the ages of 18 and 108. It teaches an ancient Chinese martial art form that blends slow movements into a standing meditation. Tai Chi is offered from 7 to 8 a.m. Wednesdays and Fridays. The cost is \$35 for one day a week; \$57 for two days.

CardioMix

This high-energy class guarantees to keep you challenged and motivated. The program includes high- and low-impact aerobics, flexibility, balance and strength training. The program is offered from 6 to 7 a.m.; and 4:45 to 5:45 p.m. Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays for \$62; and from 6 to 7 p.m. Mondays and Wednesdays for \$42.

Step and Core

This ultimate workout uses the Reebok Step to enhance cardiovascular endurance. Weights, tubing and body balls also are used to strengthen and tone all major muscle groups.

The class is offered from 7:15 to 8:15 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays. The cost is \$53.

Intro Strength and Core

This class consists of 12 resistance exercises designed for those new to fitness or who are not conditioned. It's a well-balanced program that every ambulatory person can perform, regardless of age. An educational component is included in the program. Intro Strength and Core is offered from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays for \$49.

Core Combo

This class offers a combination of Pilates-style movements and body sculpting. The program focuses on strengthening and toning major muscle groups to promote a stronger, healthier body, as well as to enhance its natural shape. Core Combo is offered from 6 to 7 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays for \$53; and from 10:15 to 11:15 a.m. Saturdays for \$34.

Yoga

Develop suppleness and stability from a certified yoga instructor.

Work with an energetic spine sensitizer for proper alignment of the spine. Improve your mental and physical abilities. Each class ends with a "flowing" series and full body relaxation. Yoga is offered from 7:45 to 9 a.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays. The cost is \$35 for one day a week; \$62 for two days.

YogaFIT

This nationally recognized yoga program is fitness oriented with a style that follows the traditional group of warm-up, work and cool down exercise models. The benefits of YogaFIT are flexibility, strength and balance, as well as rejuvenation of the body, relaxation of the mind and revitalization of the spirit. The program is offered from 9 to 9:55 a.m. on Saturdays for \$35.

Senior Strength-and-Conditioning Program

This program includes exercises to improve and develop upper and lower body strength. Stretch bands, hand-held weights and chair exercises are incorporated into the program that can benefit all levels of fitness. The program is offered from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. The cost is \$67; and from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays for \$45.

Senior Vigor

This strength training class utilizes Nautilus machines to help increase bone density. The program is geared to the senior participant who wants to maintain an independent lifestyle by improving overall strength and flexibility. Senior Vigor

is offered from 12:15 to 1:15 p.m. Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays for \$78; from 6:45 to 8 a.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays for \$64; and from 12:15 to 1:15 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays for \$53.

Pilates

This class is recommended for those new to Pilates who want to develop fundamental movements to stretch and strengthen each muscle to produce a leaner look and improve posture.

Exercises are safe for joints and ligaments and work specifically to develop muscles that support them. Pilates is offered from 7:15 to 8:15 p.m. on Mondays and Wednesdays; and 9:10 to 10:10 a.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays for \$70 for one

day; \$126 for two days a week.

Morning Mat Science (Pilates and Yoga)

Streamline your fitness program with this body, ball and bar technique format. The combined Pilates and yoga approach to your morning stretch improves flexibility and muscular strength as well as mind and body awareness.

Learn to create fun, positive energy as you begin to understand proper body alignment, thorough stretch adaptations, form and function. This personal training style of fitness is a great way to start your day. The class is offered from 5:45 to 6:45 a.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays for \$63.

X-tra Special Advice

for Parents of Special-needs Children

Mmmmmmm good, Ms. Angie

By Theodore G. Coutilish
and Mary Beth Langan
Special Writers

I can't speak.

But if I did, I would tell

you how much I love Ms.

Angie.

You see, she is one of my favorite teachers at Barnes Early Childhood Education Center in the Woods. She works really hard with me and takes extra time each school day to help me speak. These days, she's teaching me how to say the word "more."

I can "sign it" really great, but saying it is very, very hard.

But my mommy and daddy, I don't say it, no matter how much they try and how many times they ask. I just sign it and scream to get my way. They are such softies.

But not Ms. Angie. She gets me to say "mmm" and sometimes "more," even when I don't feel like it.

I know what you may be thinking. This isn't a lot to ask of a 3-year-old, even one with Fragile X Syndrome and Autism.

But it is.

I can't speak.

But if I did, I would tell

you just how excited I get

and how many times I

jump up and down when

my mommy and daddy

mention Ms. Angie's

name or Ms. Marinel or

Ms. Karen, some of my

other wonderful teachers

at my school. I also really

like Ms. Sharon, Ms.

Kelly and Ms. Dianne.

They all are very fun.

They sing to me. They

play with me. They feed

me snacks. And they help me to learn to wait my turn. Sometimes, I even sit still and look up during song time.

You should've seen me

in September when I

started preschool. I cried

all of the time. I turned

my back and pouted on

the floor. I did not like

school. I did not like

being away from my

mommy and daddy. The

teachers made me do

things I did not like to do.

I can't speak.

But if I did, I would tell

you just how far I've come

along. I don't cry any-

more! (Well, maybe once

in awhile.) I do lots of the

things I am asked to do

and am learning many

new things.

I smile a lot. I like to

ride the wagon and the

swing. I love my school

and it shows. I love my

teachers and it shows.

And I love Ms. Angie and

it shows. She cares a lot

about me. She helps me.

She loves me. She wants

me to talk. She really

does.

I can't speak.

But if I did, I would tell

you just how I feel about

Ms. Angie.

She makes me feel

mmmm mmmm good.

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

GP Chamber Music concert

Grosse Pointe Chamber Music will give a concert at 2:30 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 22, in the Grosse Pointe War Memorial.

On the program is a duo for viola and cello by Stamitz, songs for soprano and oboe by Vaughn Williams and a quintet for winds and piano by Beethoven.

Tickets \$7 at the door; \$3.50 for children 6-15. Discounted annual memberships are \$12 and include admission to the four remaining concerts of this season. Call (313) 885-4633.

Know Your Skin

by Lisa A. Manz-Dulac, MD



Through we often joke about it, there are people who really are allergic to winter.

Winter itch, or cold urticaria as it is more correctly called, is caused by the skin's allergy to cold temperature. Upon exposure to cold temperatures, skin swells up, turns red and can feel like it is burning or itching.

This happens because the skin, trying to defend itself against the cold, produces histamines. For most, these hives only appear on the areas exposed to the cold. In more severe outbreaks, hives can spread over the entire body, producing enough histamine to cause patients to faint or become quite ill.


Outbreaks of cold urticaria usually subside once

the skin becomes warm. Over the counter oral antihistamines are often helpful to relieve the symptoms. If you are prone to winters itch, taking antihistamines before exposure to the cold can limit the potential for hives to appear.

In severe cases, oral or topical steroids may be required to relieve symptoms. In addition, cold urticaria may indicate the presence of underlying diseases, for which your physician may recommend lab tests.

To learn more about the care of cold urticaria, contact your dermatologist, or call us at Eastside Dermatology. Dr. Lisa Manz-Dulac and Associates.

Eastside Dermatology has offices in Grosse Pointe and New Baltimore. You can reach them at (313) 884-3380 or (586) 716-1291.



Have You Heard?

Ginette Lezotte, Au.D., CCC-A
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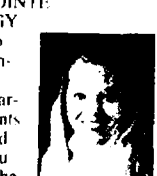
Myth: Wearing hearing aids will stop the progression of hearing loss.

Fact: Most patients who have hearing loss will benefit significantly from hearing aids. The ability to understand speech varies, depending on the nature of the hearing problem. The best time to begin wearing hearing aids is as soon as hearing loss becomes apparent. Hearing aids cannot stop the progression of hearing loss or return hearing to normal. The goal of hearing aids is to make sound easier to hear and improve the level of communication. It takes time to get accustomed to hearing aids and learn how to achieve their maximum performance.

Hearing allows you to communicate with friends, family, co-workers and other persons important in your life. It allows you to stay in contact with the sounds of everyday living. Hearing impairment of any degree creates an invisible handicap that can affect your personal and professional life.

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Dr. Lezotte



FIRST OFFERING

Three bedroom English style Colonial with a great family room and lots of wood and leaded glass detailing. Updated kitchen with gorgeous maple cabinets. New tear-off roof in 2002 and new Andersen windows in 2003. \$200,000 QP91ANI 313-886-5040



FIRST OFFERING

Brick bungalow completely refurbished. Five bedrooms. Large home for the price. Offers two full baths, natural woodwork and newly finished hardwood floors. Newly painted. Too many amenities to mention. A must see home. \$189,900 QP99BEA 313-886-5040



GROSSE POINTE PARK

Center entrance Colonial in prime location. Neutral decor. Hardwood floors throughout. Four bedrooms, two and one-half baths, master bedroom with bath, central air, finished basement, natural fireplace. Two car garage. \$509,000 QP23WHI 313-886-5040



GROSSE POINTE

Exceptional condition. Gorgeous new kitchen with built-ins, fabulous woodwork, newer marble bath with cherry vanity. Spectacular master bedroom with vaulted ceilings. New furnace, air and roof 2003. English garden. \$575,000 QP47WAS 313-886-5040



GROSSE POINTE

English Tudor. Three floors of grace and elegance with a carriage house. Two story foyer leading to sunken garden. Home restored with ceramic tile and marble throughout. This home will not disappoint you! \$2,150,000 QP94LAK 313-886-5040



GROSSE POINTE PARK

Newer vinyl windows, carpet, roof, updated kitchens and baths. Copper plumbing, separate furnaces, enclosed front porch. Owner occupied. Glass block basement windows. Charming patio. Three parking spaces. \$180,000 QP04WAY 313-886-5040



GROSSE POINTE PARK

Outstanding location and neighborhood close to Village and Mair. Great space and floor plan. Large bedrooms. Big kitchen, family room, recreation room with pool table area and fireplace. Newer windows, central air. \$265,900 QP72BIS 313-886-5040



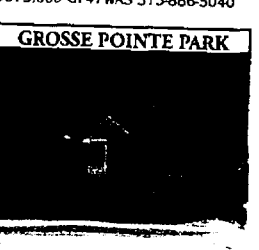
GROSSE POINTE FARMS

Grosse Pointe Farms spacious three bedroom brick ranch with updated furnace, central air, windows and hot water heater. Living room with gas fireplace and kitchen with oak cabinets. Finished basement. \$212,900 QP48ELI 313-886-5040



GROSSE POINTE PARK

Spacious two-family, south of Jefferson. Perfect for extended family or snowbirds looking for peace of mind in having someone to keep an eye on things while they're away. Lots of updates. New price makes this a steal! \$449,000 QP88TRO 313-886-5040



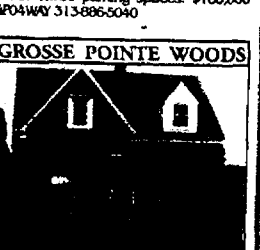
GROSSE POINTE PARK

True "Lakefront" home set on the tip of a secluded point with panoramic views from Peche Island to the Eastern horizon. Freighters glide through the nearby channel. Gorgeous home in spectacular setting. \$2,680,000 QP34LAK 313-886-5040



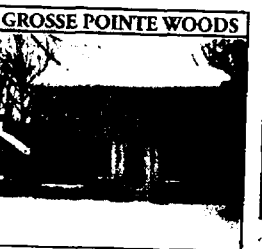
GROSSE POINTE PARK

Restored bungalow with lovely oak kitchen and open floor plan. New roof 2003, hardwood floors, new carpeting in bedrooms. Lovely master bath with Jacuzzi and separate shower. Family room, finished basement with bath. \$184,900 QP81BEA 313-886-5040



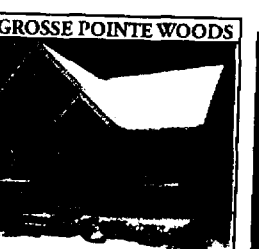
GROSSE POINTE WOODS

Don't drive by this one! Kitchen with eating space, a formal dining room, living room and family room leading to outside deck. Large bedrooms with master featuring a walk-in closet and bath. A must see. \$330,000 QP69HAW 313-886-5040



GROSSE POINTE WOODS

This classic Colonial features four family sized bedrooms and three and one-half baths. Wonderful floor plan. Formal dining, living and family rooms. Newer gourmet kitchen. Finished basement. Private yard. \$514,900 CL96NOX 586-286-6000



GROSSE POINTE WOODS

Sharply updated/decorated. Outstanding kitchen opens to dining and living room. Fireplace in living room. Master bedroom with office, central air, paver patio, new windows '03, second office/play area in basement. \$198,500 QP81HAM 313-886-5040



GROSSE POINTE PARK

Lovely three bedroom, two bath brick bungalow. Great eat-in kitchen, appliances stay. Gas forced air heat, air conditioning, two car garage and a deck in fenced yard. Seller is finishing basement. Home warranty. \$197,500 QP73BEA 313-886-5040



GROSSE POINTE PARK

This split level duplex home provides an open concept with volume ceilings, first floor master suite and large library. Finished extra deep basement offers wet bar, exercise area and full bath. Much more. \$499,000 QP70TRO 313-886-5040

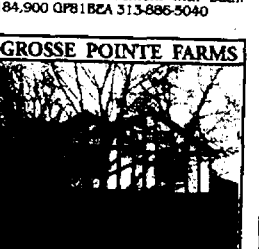
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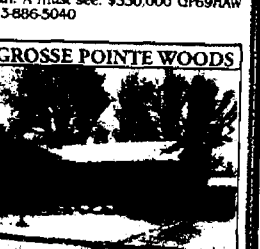
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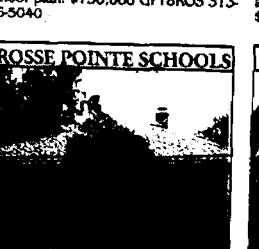
GROSSE POINTE FARMS

Rose Terrace Tudor offers two story Great Room, updated kitchen with granite counters, three fireplaces, second floor library, first floor laundry, large three season room, perfect circular floor plan. \$750,000 QP18ROS 313-886-5040



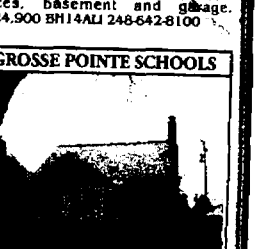
GROSSE POINTE WOODS

Three bedrooms and two full bathrooms with newer furnace, air conditioning and roof. Some hardwood floors, Pergo flooring in kitchen and family room and fresh paint inside and outside. All appliances, basement and garage. \$224,900 BH14ALI 248-642-8100



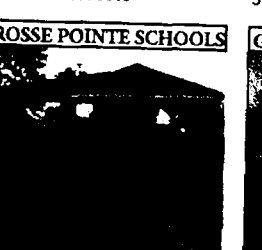
GROSSE POINTE SCHOOLS

Super sharp brick ranch. Grosse Pointe schools. Three bedrooms, three car garage, new kitchen 2003, ceramic bath, new 3D roof, great floor plan. Wonderful all brick block. FHA, VA terms. This home has new Berber carpet. A 101 \$114,900 QP33HUN 313-886-5040



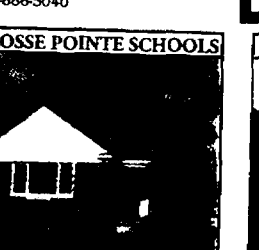
GROSSE POINTE SCHOOLS

Well maintained brick bungalow with newer roof, cement, vinyl windows, furnace, central air and gutters. Natural fireplace, hardwood floors and finished basement with wet bar. Stove, refrigerator, washer and dryer included. \$163,900 QP20KEN 313-886-5040



GROSSE POINTE SCHOOLS

This is the home that you have been waiting for! Beautiful three bedroom ranch on quiet street. Newly decorated kitchen, oak cabinets, custom tile, recessed lights and cathedral ceilings. Cedar paneled and glass room. \$178,000 QP45LOC 313-886-5040



GROSSE POINTE SCHOOLS

Three bedroom bungalow, new kitchen in 2003, new air conditioning and furnace in 2002, new roof in 2001, two car garage, newer windows, fenced yard, natural fireplace, half bath in basement, beautiful landscaping. \$169,900 QP03NOR 313-886-5040



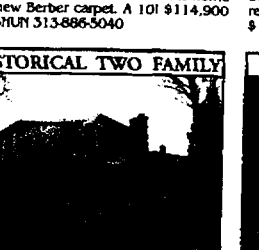
LOVELY CANAL HOME

Wonderful waterfront, totally redone. Addition in 2000 has a master suite, doorwall balcony overlooking water, skylights, gorgeous master bath Jacuzzi, standup shower, cathedral ceiling, ceramic tile. Finished basement. \$274,900 QP35MAP 313-886-5040



WATERFRONT CONDO

Panoramic view of Lake St. Clair. Three full baths, multiple fireplaces, two car attached garage, second floor laundry, Master bedroom suite with private bath, Jacuzzi and fireplace. Family room walkout to paver patio. \$498,000 QP40JEF 313-886-5040



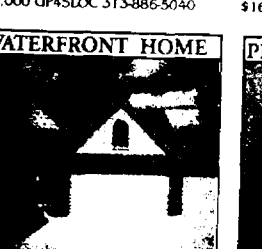
HISTORICAL TWO FAMILY

Unique limestone home. Newer bath 2003, new carpet, copper plumbing, central air and furnace, newer cherry cabinets, sun porch. Two bedroom apartment on second floor with separate utilities and entrance. Private beach. \$209,900 QP68MIL 313-886-5040



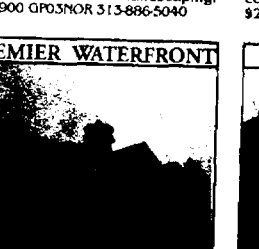
ST. CLAIR RIVER

Wonderful home on St. Clair River. Two levels of gracious living with in-ground pool. Enclosed summer house with kitchen and fireplace. Three bedrooms, two and one-half baths, deck, two boat houses, steel sea wall. \$529,000 QP83NRI 313-886-5040



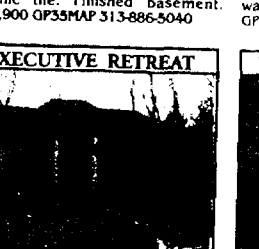
WATERFRONT HOME

Fabulous brick Colonial on a large canal lot. Four larger bedrooms with first floor master suite. Balcony overlooking huge Great Room with fireplace. Three car garage, deep free flowing canal with direct lake access. \$524,900 CH70PLA 586-949-5590



PREMIER WATERFRONT

Condos on the North Channel of the St. Clair River. Historic details throughout. The exterior recreates architecture from the turn of the century. Two piers extend out over the river. Garage and boatwell. Six units. \$399,900 CH98TAS 586-949-5590



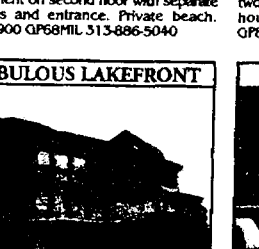
EXECUTIVE RETREAT

Magnificent and spacious home with all the amenities you would expect. Two kitchens, large master suite with jetted tub. Four bedrooms, three and one-half baths, finished walk-out, three car garage. Over an acre, serene setting. \$749,900 CL14BOU 248-620-7200



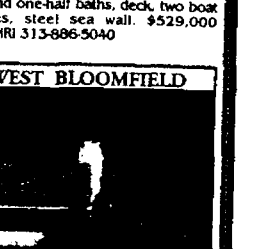
MODERN MASTERPIECE

Exquisite home with newer landscaping, deck and paver patio. Elegant curb presence. Circular drive. Master suite with two way fireplace to sitting room with wet bar. Cherry paneled wine room, steam room and theater room. \$959,900 RO89KUR 248-652-8000



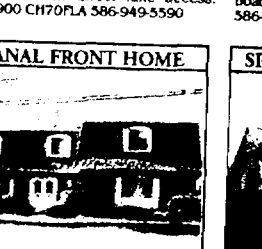
FABULOUS LAKEFRONT

Contemporary with five bedrooms, five and one-half baths. Full bath in each bedroom. Finished walk-out, three car garage, lighted landscape, brick pavers to sandy beach. Zoned heat, central air and vacuum. Many extras. \$795,000 CL30TWI 248-620-7200



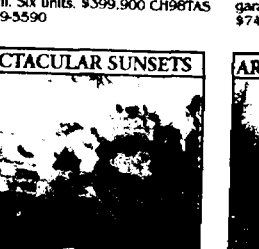
WEST BLOOMFIELD

Custom built contemporary, open floor plan with soaring ceilings, four bedrooms, three and three-half bathrooms, gourmet kitchen with hardwood floors. Walkout lower level with kitchen, library, Jacuzzi. \$580,000 WB96ROL 248-626-8800



CANAL FRONT HOME

Beautiful five bedroom French Colonial on a wide, deep canal. Master suite with gas fireplace. Formal dining room and sunroom overlook charming canal view on large lot. A delight! Motivated sellers. Bring an offer. \$425,000 SC77CLA 586-778-8100



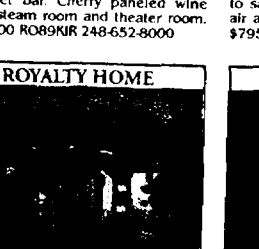
SPECTACULAR SUNSETS

One of a kind lakefront home. Custom throughout. Pavers, granite, glass block, copper rails, stone lighthouse, lighted waterfall, fountain in lake. Custom walk-out, really too much to mention here. Gorgeous! \$799,900 CL37A/C 248-620-7200



ARCHITECTURAL DETAIL

Custom with over 8,000 finished feet. Four bedrooms, four full baths, one powder room and four fireplaces. Entire master bedroom wing with pillared bath, six closets, fireplace and private staircase to loft. Coffered. \$940,000 RO85FLK 248-652-8000



ROYALTY HOME

Two story foyer and Great Room with two beautiful spiral staircases, first floor master suite, four bedrooms on second floor with Jack and Jill baths. Two study rooms. Finished walk-out basement with kitchen. \$2,200,000 WP56TAL 248-626-8800



A REAL BEAUTY

Super home on wonderful lot. Four large bedrooms. Master bedroom with sitting room and fireplace. Skylights, vaulted ceilings and hardwood floors. Updated kitchen, family room with fireplace and library. \$749,000 BH66WIM 248-642-8100



HIGH FASHION

How the interior of this house feels. Two story foyer, huge family room, approximately 18 foot ceiling, five foot island in the kitchen, study, formal living room and dining room. Quiet location. \$420,000 WB30REN 248-626-8800

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February 5, 2004

Norsemen edge Blue Devils in volleyball thriller

By Chuck Klonke
Sports Editor

Remember that burst of energy on the first warm spring day after a long, hard winter?

That's how Grosse Pointe North's volleyball team feels whenever it gets out of the Macomb Area Conference Red Division, which is arguably the best volleyball league in the state.

"We're a different team when we're playing out of our division," North coach Kim Lockhart said after the Norsemen defeated Grosse Pointe South 17-15, 14-16, 15-12 in a well-played match by both teams.

"When we play other teams in our division it's almost like we're playing not to lose instead of playing to win. But when we play in tournaments or in non-league matches, we play more aggressive and with more confidence."

Among the teams in the MAC Red are defending state champions Fraser and Marysville.

All three games were tightly-contested with almost every point a hard-earned one.

South countered North's hard-hitting with some excellent defensive work.

"We hit really well tonight

and in the tournament last weekend," Lockhart said. "Our game is attacking. We've struggled some with our serve, but tonight it was better."

"South played some great defense. They dug some hard balls. It was an awesome match to watch."

South coach Kevin Nugent agreed.

"We played to our skills," he said. "We knew they had some big hitters, but we can negate some of that by controlling our serves and by playing good defense."

"It was a lot of fun, a really intense match, and a lot of enthusiasm from the fans."

One of the highlights for North was the hitting of Jesse Koltun, who had 17 kills to break the old record of 16 set by Lindsay (Simmon) Hill.

Ironically, Hill was helping keep statistics for North and she saw her record fall.

The third game was tied at 7-7 when North scored three straight points on an ace serve by Danielle Zohrob and a pair of kills by Emily Schleicher off sets by Zohrob.

The Norsemen built their lead to 12-7 but South cut the lead to 14-12 on a block by Lesley Dasaro. Schleicher then got a kill for the side-

out, and got another kill to give the Norsemen their final point.

In the opening game, North held a 10-5 lead before Liz Ridgway served four straight points to cut the margin to 10-9. South went ahead 14-11 on two straight serving points by Julianna Burrows, including an ace. North scored the next four points to lead 15-14, but the Blue Devils tied the match on a kill by Megan Switalski.

North got the final two points on kills by Erica Gaitley and Schleicher.

South overcame a 13-8 North lead in the second

game, getting five straight points off serves by Dasaro to tied the game at 13-13.

North took the lead on a block by Liz Andary, but Burrows served three straight points for South, which got the winning point on a block by Ridgway.

Schleicher finished with 15 kills and 10 digs, while Jen Gaitley had eight kills,

17 digs and two aces. Zohrob had 32 assists.

"She has been playing very strong," Lockhart said of her sophomore setter. "We're still a very young team. We have only three seniors."

Lockhart said that winning the South match was important for her team's confidence.

"I'd hate to think about going to Marysville coming off a loss to South," she said.

In last weekend's Northwood Invitational, the Norsemen won their pool with victories over Saginaw Nouvel, Flint Kearsley and Midland Dow.

In the single elimination round, North beat Rochester. The Norsemen then defeated Sterling Heights in the quarterfinals and Freeland in the semifinals before losing to Novi 21-18, 21-19 in the championship match.

"We played strong all day and everybody on the team played a great part in our success," Lockhart said.

Sara Chapman had 42 service points, 10 aces and 28 digs throughout the tournament. Schleicher had 57 digs, 13 aces, 23 service points and 34 kills. Koltun led the team in kills (50) and blocks (25).

Andary had 40 kills and 17 blocks, while Jenny Gaitley had 24 kills, 23 service points, 13 aces and 62 digs.

North is 23-13-3 overall.

Last week, South won a pair of MAC White matches to improve to 5-0 in the division.

The Blue Devils beat Sterling Heights 15-9, 15-8, then defeated Ford II 15-3, 18-16 in a match that had been postponed earlier because of bad weather.

Nugent said that Jessica Ogden played well in the Ford match.

The Blue Devils improved their overall record to 16-8-5.



Photo by Lori Wilson
Jesse Koltun set a Grosse Pointe North volleyball record with 17 kills in the Norsemen's match with Grosse Pointe South.

North bounces back from league defeat

By Chuck Klonke
Sports Editor

Grosse Pointe North's basketball coaches aren't treating last week's 64-55 loss to Fitzgerald as the end of the world.

And if last Friday's 56-45 victory over Romeo is any indication, the Norsemen players have been able to put their first Macomb Area Conference White Division defeat behind them, too.

"Losing this early in the season might be a good thing for us," said North coach Matt Trombley.

Trombley's theory was reinforced by a conversation he had with Romeo coach Dale Teller before the game with the Bulldogs.

Romeo finished 20-0 in the regular season last year, but lost its first game in the state tournament.

"He told me that he wished his team had lost a game earlier in the year because they might have gone into the tournament taking things for granted."

Trombley said.

"We're still a young team and the loss to Fitzgerald is part of the growing process. Now we just have to take care of business until we play them the second time."

That game, at Fitzgerald, is scheduled for Feb. 24.

Trombley said that he knew that the Norsemen would be ready for their game with Romeo.

"We had a couple of good practices, which we didn't have before Fitz, and they came into the game with the attitude that they wanted to make up for what happened on Tuesday," Trombley said.

There were a couple of keys to North's success. One was the play of Bryan Bennett, who started the game guarding the Bulldogs' best player, Cody Cushingberry.

"Bryan did a great job on him," Trombley said. "If he gets going, he can cause a lot of problems, but Bryan wore

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Sobieralski to enter Hall of Fame

By Chuck Klonke
Sports Editor

In his wildest dreams, Mark Sobieralski never thought that some day he would go into the Michigan Interscholastic Tennis Coaches Association's Hall of Fame.

Growing up in the southwest corner of Warren, Sobieralski spent countless hours playing basketball, baseball and football with the neighborhood youngsters.

Tennis, however, wasn't a popular sport with Sobieralski and his friends. In fact, he didn't pick up a racquet until he was in junior high school.

Life takes some strange twists, however. Last fall Sobieralski was notified that he had been selected for induction into the Tennis Coaches Hall of Fame.

"I thought that if I got any honors it would be for coaching basketball," Sobieralski said.

Sobieralski will be inducted on Friday, Feb. 6 in ceremonies at the Troy Marriott, along with longtime coaching rival Bob Murray of Warren Woods-Tower and Jan Esper of Bloomfield Hills Lahser.

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Woods-Shores Babe Ruth parent meeting

The Grosse Pointe Woods-Shores Babe Ruth League has scheduled a parents meeting, registration and player evaluations for the 2004 season.

The parents meeting, followed by registration, will be held Sunday, Feb. 8 from 7 to 8 p.m. at the Grosse Pointe Woods court room.

Registration will continue on Monday, Feb. 9 from 6 to 8 p.m. at the Woods Community Center's Lake Room.

To be eligible, players must be 13 years old, but cannot turn 16 before Aug. 1, 2004. Players must be residents of the Woods or Shores or reside in Harper Woods within the Grosse Pointe school district.

A fee of \$175 per player or \$250 per family is due at registration. New players must present a birth certificate.

Player evaluations will be held on Sunday, March 7 from 1 to 5 p.m. in the Grosse Pointe North High School gym.

The Babe Ruth League consists of a McGwire Division for 14- and 15-year-old players, and a Sosa Division for 13- and 14-year-olds.

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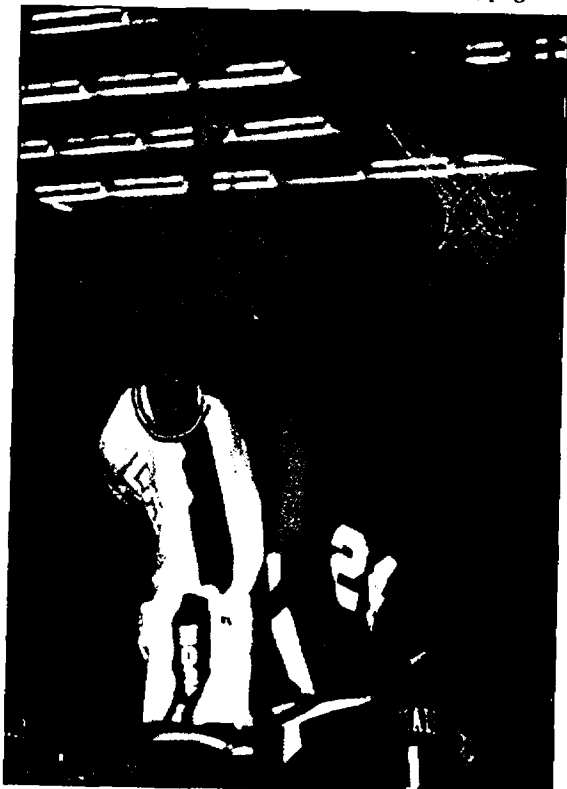


Photo by Lori Wilson
Grosse Pointe North's Marcell Maxwell battles under the boards with Fitzgerald's Dominique Pen-nymon.



The Grosse Pointe Hockey Association Spartans won the International Silver Stick Minor Atom AA Tournament in Newmarket, Ontario. In front, from left, are Connor Wiggins, Ian Fish, Joey Davenport and Geoffrey Welsher. In the second row, from left, are Zach Greiner, Donovan Bewick, Mark Yanis, Craig Pefley, Cam Gibson, Brandon Hawkins, Wesley Cimmarrusti, Kyle Trombley, Justin Nowak, Cam Heath, Timmy Moore and J.P. Lucchese. In back, from left, are coaches Matt Lucchese, Matt Yanis, Tim Moore and Kirk Gibson.

Spartans win Silver Stick title

The Grosse Pointe Hockey Association Squirt A Spartans won the North American championship in the recent International Silver Stick Minor Atom AA tournament in Newmarket, Ontario.

The road to the International Finals of the prestigious tournament started when the Spartans won the Silver Stick Regional at the St. Clair Shores Civic Arena.

The Spartans capped a successful 4-0-1 weekend by defeating the Troy Sting 3-2 in overtime of the championship game. That made the Spartans one of eight North American Regional champions to advance to the International Finals.

And they did even better against the international competition as the Grosse Pointe team won all five of its games, including a 3-1 victory over North Toronto in the championship game.

The Spartans scored twice within 10 seconds in the first period, then made it 3-0

at 1:57 of the third period. North Toronto spoiled the shutout bid with 58 seconds left in the game when the Canadian team pulled its goalie for an extra attacker while the Spartans were killing a penalty for too many men on the ice.

Grosse Pointe used strong defense and goaltending while opening the tournament with an 11-0 victory over the Ancaster (Ontario) Avalanche. The goaltending duo of Joey Davenport and Ian Fish combined for the shutout, and Mark Yanis, Cameron Heath, Donovan Bewick, Wesley Cimmarrusti and Kyle Trombley led the defensive corps that allowed only 12 shots on goal.

The Spartans then faced the host Newmarket Redmen. They built a 6-0 lead through two periods and held on for a 6-3 victory.

The final round-robin game against the Humber Valley (Ontario) Sharks proved to be the toughest test as the Spartans over-

came a first-period deficit to post a 3-2 victory.

In the semifinals, the Spartans beat the Sylvania (Ohio) Maple Leafs 6-2 in a penalty-filled contest.

The Spartans' forwards led the way with aggressive forechecking, unselfish passing and timely scoring. The forward lines of Connor Wiggins, Cam Gibson, Craig Pefley, Timmy Moore, John Paul Lucchese, Zach Greiner, Brandon Hawkins, Justin Nowak and Geoffrey Welsher led a balanced scoring attack throughout the tournament.

By winning the tournament, the Spartans will have their names engraved on a plaque that will be on display at the Hockey Hall of Fame in Toronto until next year's champions are crowned.

Kirk Gibson, assistants Tim Moore and Matt Lucchese and team instructor Rob McIntyre coach the Spartans. The team is managed by Matt Yanis.

Trinity spikers miss a chance

By Bob St. John
Sports Writer

The Trinity Catholic girls volleyball team had a golden opportunity to move into a first-place tie with Marine City Cardinal Mooney last week.

Unfortunately for the host Lancers, they lost 11-15, 15-3, 7-15 to Cardinal Mooney, dropping two games behind the Cardinals on the Catholic League Suburban Division.

Head coach Elvira Mihali watched her Lancers play too tight early in the open-

ing game as the Cardinals built an 8-1 lead.

Junior Anne Wasukanis led the comeback, serving three aces mixed among her seven service points, which helped the Lancers take an 11-10 lead.

Cardinal Mooney senior Sara Fox served the final five points, including three consecutive aces, to clinch the game.

It was all Lancers in game two as senior Danielle Cooper (10 service points and three aces) and Wasukanis (five service

points and two aces) served the team to the win, pushing the match to a decisive third game.

Other standouts in the second game were senior Onicko Biggs, senior Stephanie Sosa and junior Amelia Guyon.

Mihali's squad couldn't maintain the momentum as unforced errors allowed the Cardinals to sneak out with a huge victory.

The Trinity Catholic volleyball team fell to 2-2 in the Suburban Division and 4-3 overall.

North gymnasts post good scores

Kelly Poletis had several excellent routines to highlight Grosse Pointe North's performance in a loss to Fraser in a Great Lakes Conference gymnastics meet.

Poletis scored 8.15 on floor exercise, 8.05 on vault, 7.8 on uneven bars and 7.05 on

balance beam to help the Norsemen post a team score of 115.

Dayle Kronback had scores of 8.05 on vault, 7.65 on bars and 7.05 on beam.

Sarah Colosimo scored 8.35 on floor, 7.85 on vault, 7.5 on beam and 5.25 on

bars.

Mia Mocerri had scores of 7.25 on floor and 7.05 on beam.

Kristin Glovac scored 7.7 on vault, 6.95 on floor and 5.9 on beam, while Erin Vichey had scores of 7.15 on floor and 6.5 on vault.

Coach

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"I'm nervous about getting up in front of my peers and giving a speech," said Sobieralski, who has been the girls tennis coach at Grosse Pointe South since 1993, and has guided the Blue Devils to top 10 finishes in the state tournament every year.

"I've been jotting down notes for a couple of weeks. I don't want to forget anybody, so I'm going to have it all down on paper."

He's going to talk about Dave Gennaro, who won a state championship at No. 1 singles while playing for Sobieralski at Warren Mott.

"That was unheard of for somebody from a blue-collar area, who hadn't really played tennis until he got to high school to win No. 1 singles at state," Sobieralski said.

He'll talk about returning Mott to the glory it had achieved under former coach Ian Frost. When Frost retired, the program fell into disarray, but under Sobieralski, the Marauders once again became one of the top high school tennis teams in Macomb County.

Four times Sobieralski guided Mott to Macomb County Team of the Year honors, and one school year he earned the honor with both the boys and girls squads.

He'll talk about the career move he made in 1993.

Despite his success at Mott, Sobieralski felt that something was missing.

"We weren't ever going to win a state championship," he said. "The first year after Warren High and Mott combined we were 11th in the state. And we never got out of the regional because six of the top 10 teams in the state were in our regional."

Sobieralski was coaching tennis at Wimbledon those days and he saw a job posting for a girls tennis coach at South.

"That was my dream job," he said. "I didn't waste any time applying."

There were a lot of disappointed folks at Mott when Sobieralski left.

"I feel like I left the program in good hands," Sobieralski said. "Larry Harte had been head coach at Warren and he was my assistant that year after the schools were combined, so when I left, he stepped right

in."

He'll talk about his role models — Dick Snyder, who was his basketball coach at Warren Fitzgerald, John Tatsak, his high school tennis coach, and his father, Andrew Sobieralski.

"I had some great role models," Sobieralski said.

"Dick Snyder was a Hall of Fame coach himself. He taught me about hard work, and how to walk that fine line between having the kids like you, but still having them respect you."

"John Tatsak taught me that winning feeling, that never-say-die attitude."



Grosse Pointe South girls tennis coach Mark Sobieralski, right, will be inducted into the Michigan Interscholastic Tennis Coaches Association Hall of Fame this weekend. Sobieralski is shown here playing doubles with former touring pro Gene Mayer.

"My father was an outstanding athlete. He was a Class A softball player in Detroit and he averaged over 200 as a bowler. He'd take me out in the backyard to play baseball, and that's where I got my love for sports."

Sobieralski will talk about the many hours he spent playing sports in the neighborhood.

"That's where I learned how to compete," he said. "I don't like to lose."

Sobieralski doesn't have a lot of experience with losing. He and former University of Detroit standout Joe Kopicki helped make Fitzgerald a basketball power in the old Warren Conference. Sobieralski played No. 1 singles on the Spartans' tennis team as a junior and senior and was a state qualifier.

He'll talk about his 2002 South team that finished second in the Class A state tournament.

"That team really surprised me," he said. "We were leading going into the second day of the tournament."

He'll also talk about two other people who are being honored at the induction

ceremony. Don Murawski, who helps Sobieralski at South, will receive a distinguished service award. Sobieralski's sister, Ann Marie Michol, will be honored as the 2003 state boys coach of the year for her work with the De La Salle squad.

At 43, Sobieralski might be the youngest coach ever to go into the Hall of Fame.

"You have to coach for at least 20 years just to be considered," said Sobieralski, who began coaching tennis at Wyoming Lee High School when he was in his final year at Aquinas College. "I don't think there are many coaches who started younger than I did."

Or have been as successful.

South fans shouldn't worry that the Tennis Coaches Hall of Fame is going to be the culmination of Sobieralski's career.

He still has one dream that hasn't been fulfilled.

"I want the big one," he said, referring to the state Division I championship. "We're always going to have a shot at it. Then it comes down to the luck of the draw and how the ball bounces."

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North

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him down with his relentless defense."

Cushingberry finished with 19 points but several times he was looking to pass the ball instead of shooting it because he was so closely guarded. And many of his long-range shots weren't dropping because he was getting tired.

Michael Bramos also provided a spark for the Norsemen on both ends of the court. Romeo was leading 14-7 when Bramos made a steal and went the length of the court for a slam dunk.

Bramos also figured prominently in North's 16-2 run to end the first half. He hit a couple of baskets, including a putback at the buzzer to give the Norsemen a 25-18 halftime lead, and made perfect passes to assist on baskets by Marcell Maxwell and Andy Bennett.

"Marcell and David (Klein) did a nice job of Romeo's two big guys," Trombley said, as his two post players held the Bulldogs' William

Scarborough and Zach Hayes to a combined 10 points.

North went into the final quarter with a 42-28 lead, and Trombley was happy with the way the Norsemen started the final quarter.

"We did a good job of executing our offense," he said. "We've struggled some in running the offense. That's why I was yelling for us to get some movement. We did, and we got a couple of nice layups. We have to work on that to protect leads."

"Our movement was another thing that was much better than the Fitzgerald game. We did too much standing around on offense in that game."

Bryan Bennett led a balanced North scoring attack with 13 points. He also had five steals. Bramos finished with 12 points, Maxwell scored 10 and Klein added nine.

Bramos pulled down a team-high nine rebounds, while Klein and Maxwell each collected seven.

The story of the Fitzgerald

game was told at the end of the first half and the beginning of the second when the Spartans bridged the two halves with a 20-3 run.

However, Trombley said that the Norsemen's downfall began long before the Spartans ended the first half by scoring the last 10 points, six of them by Andre Lawson, to take a 32-25 lead.

"We didn't practice well the day before and we didn't play very well in the game," Trombley said. "We weren't ready to play with the urgency it takes to beat a quality team like Fitzgerald."

North played better in the second half, but by then the Spartans were leading 42-28 after a three-point basket by Tony Marcotullio with 5:40 left in the third quarter, and the 14-point deficit was too much for the Norsemen to overcome.

North went on a 14-4 run late in the third quarter to slice the Fitzgerald lead to 46-42 but Lawson, who finished with 20 points, hit a

three-point to send the Spartans into the fourth quarter with a seven-point advantage.

"We didn't think from watching our films that Lawson would hurt us as much as he did from outside," Trombley said.

A steal and a layup by Bramos with 1:33 to play brought North to within five points, 58-53, but Marcotullio hit six free throws in the final minute to preserve Fitzgerald's lead.

Marcotullio finished with 19 points and Scott Gajos scored 10.

Maxwell led North with 20 points. Bramos had 15 points and 12 rebounds, including 10 on the defensive boards. He also had three blocks, four steals and four assists. Henry McCain also had four assists.

The Norsemen are 4-1 in the MAC White and 9-2 overall. North hosts St. Clair on Friday, then begins the second half of the league season at home against Marvsville on Tuesday.

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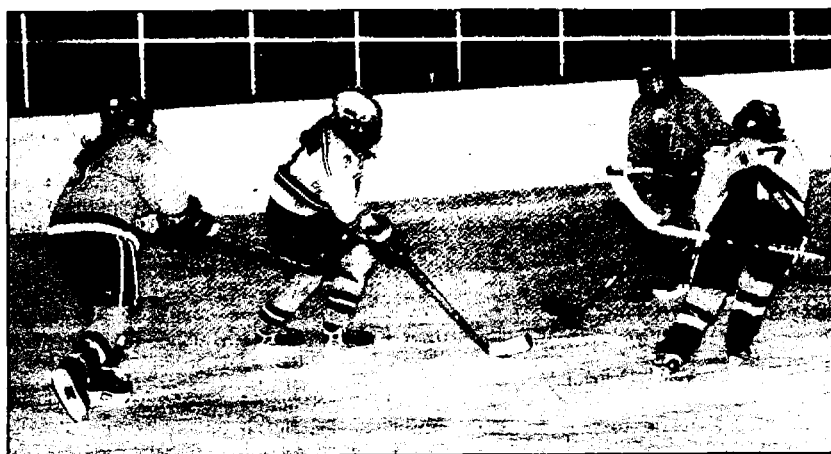


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Freshman forward Amanda Marsh scored two goals for Grosse Pointe South in its victory over Ladywood.

Third period carries South

A three-goal third period snapped a 1-1 tie and lifted Grosse Pointe South's league-leading girls hockey team to a 4-2 victory over Livonia Ladywood.

South leads the Michigan Metro Girls Hockey League's East Division with a 15-1-0 record. Ladywood fell to 11-5 and is second to Cranbrook Kingswood in the West Division.

The Blue Devils dominated the Blazers, outshooting them 37-7, but goalie Danni St. Onge made 33 saves.

Ladywood had an excellent scoring chance in the first period, but South goalie Lauren Stanek made a fine save on a hard slap shot off a 2-on-1 break.

The Blue Devils' Stacey Campbell scored the only goal of the first period at 6:44. She took a pass from Katie Gerow in the high slot and snapped a shot into the upper left corner of the net.

South's penalty killers were busy the entire game as the Blue Devils were shorthanded seven times. The penalty-killing unit of Campbell, Amelia Altavena, Caitlin Larisic and Katie Dosch were able to apply some offensive pressure in

the first period.

Ladywood had another 2-on-1 break late in the first period but Kristin Inger skated back to help out Michelle O'Donoghue, and Campbell covered the off wing before the Blazers could take a shot at Stanek.

Ladywood finally tied the game at 1:26 of the second period on a power-play goal by Laura Szwed.

South's Amanda Marsh broke the tie with a power-play goal at 3:41 of the third period, assisted by Hillary Inger and Megan McCaughey.

Sarah Parker scored from Marsh and Hillary Inger at 8:51, and Marsh capped the scoring with her second goal of the night with Hillary Inger assisting at 10:05.

Katie Gilbride, Amandy Palffy, Campbell, McCaughey and Marsh were strong on offense.

Earlier, South beat a first-year Walled Lake squad 12-2.

Neither team scored for the first 7 1/2 minutes but then the Blue Devils erupted for four goals in three minutes with Campbell, Parker, Hillary Inger and Marsh doing the damage.

Altavena also scored a first-period goal for South to boost its lead to 5-0.

The Blue Devils got second-period goals from McCaughey, Shami Entenman and Hillary Inger.

Whitney Hughes, who started in goal for South, was replaced by freshman Maggie O'Brien late in the second period. Jenya Bakhtina spoiled the shutout when she scored for the Wild with 2:10 remaining in the second period.

Walled Lake's Melissa Galinac scored a power-play goal early in the third period, but South answered with goals by Campbell, McCaughey on a tip-in from Emily Gilbride, and Parker. Campbell completed her hat trick with an end-to-end rush with eight seconds left in the game.

Campbell finished with six points, Hillary Inger had five, Parker four, and Altavena, Marsh, Entenman and McCaughey collected three apiece.

South had solid defensive work from O'Donoghue, Jessica Palffy, Gerow and Linda Stanek.

Hot goalie doesn't stop North

Grosse Pointe North's girls hockey team ran into a hot goalie last week but the Norsemen still came out ahead.

Port Huron netminder Kristina Walker stopped 38 of the 42 shots that she faced, as North posted a 4-2 victory in the Michigan Metro High School Girls Hockey League game.

"She was the glue that held them in the game," said North coach Tim Van Eckoute. "She may be one of the top three or four netminders we've seen."

North outshot Port Huron 18-2 in the first period that

ended in a 1-1 tie. Christy Sandmair scored for the Norsemen after a perfect pass from Emily Nelson at 12:16. It came a minute after Port Huron opened the scoring with a goal by Erica Bailey on a shot that beat goalie Kelley Peers over her left shoulder.

"You could see it coming," Van Eckoute said. "We had pressure and opportunities and nothing to show. Then, boom, they came down and roofed one."

"I was proud of our kids' response, though. We didn't hang our heads. We came right back and scored our-

selves."

In the second period, Chelsea Skorupski got her second straight hat trick.

Her first goal came from Melissa Carron and Maria Feldpausch, the second was assisted by Stephanie Harlan and Kate Zemenick, and the third — only 40 seconds later — came on assists by Feldpausch and Zemenick.

The third period was scoreless as North concentrated on shutting down any comeback ideas that Port Huron might have had.

South forwards on the spot

By Chuck Klonke
Sports Editor

Grosse Pointe South's hockey team needs a couple of things from its forwards as it heads into the final month of the regular season.

"We have to score more goals, but what we really need to improve is our forwards' commitment to their defensive responsibilities," coach Bob Bopp said after the Blue Devils lost 3-2 to Dearborn in a Michigan Metro High School Hockey League game.

"Maybe we're not going to score as many goals as I thought we would, so we have to shore up our defensive play."

Bopp made it clear that he wasn't blaming the defensemen for the defensive shortcomings.

"I've been really happy with the play of the defensemen all season," he said. "Trey Shield is moving in on 100 varsity games, and he's such a solid player on defense. We expect him to play great every game, and he does."

It was South's fifth defeat of the season and all of them have been by one-goal margins.

"This was a very disap-

pointing loss for us, coming off a big win against division rival Divine Child. We talked all week about the importance of this game," Bopp said. "We wanted to win, and even though the effort was there, we didn't get it done."

South's Ben Morawski opened the scoring at 4:29 of the first period. Tom MacEachern skated into Dearborn's zone on a 2-on-1 and made a nice pass to Morawski.

Dearborn tied the game on a shot from just inside the blue line with 1:22 left in the first period. The boost that the Pioneers got from that goal carried into the second period, and Dearborn went ahead 2-1 at 3:40 after a South turnover.

Each team had seven shots in the second period but there was no more scoring.

At 6:22 of the third period, Dearborn made it 3-1. One of the Blue Devils' defensemen tried to send the puck along the boards but it hit the referee's skate and bounced into the slot area. South goalie Mark Grignon made the initial save, but the Blue Devils failed to

clear the rebound and Dearborn scored from a scramble in front of the net.

Tom Porter made it a one-goal game when he tipped in Shield's shot from the blue line at 8:22. Anthony Swancoat also assisted.

Swancoat moved to defense after Sean O'Brien was injured and has played well.

"Anthony had been one of our best forwards, but he looks like he's been playing defense his whole career," Bopp said.

"I've said before that I wish I could clone him and play one at forward and one on defense. He's a natural defenseman. He sees the ice so well. He doesn't panic, and he's usually a half-step ahead of the play."

South had some chances and pulled Grignon late in the game for an extra attacker but the Blue Devils couldn't get the equalizer.

South will play in the Kentwood tournament this weekend. The Blue Devils play Port Huron Northern on Friday. They also have a game on Saturday, then return home to play Trenton on Wednesday.

Busy Knights win twice

The NBA's grueling schedule has nothing on the one that University Liggett School's basketball team has had to play during the past week.

Postponements forced the Knights to play four games in five days, beginning with last Friday's 69-66 thriller against Lutheran Westland.

ULS got the victory on Maurice Taylor's three-point basket at the buzzer.

The game-winning shot capped a fine night for the senior guard, who had 33 points, nine assists and six steals.

ULS jumped ahead 10-0 at the start of the game and the Knights still had a 35-25 advantage at halftime. Westland tied the game with four seconds left, setting the stage for Taylor's winning basket.

Barré Mackie had 19 points and four assists for ULS, while Jonathan Wright collected nine points and 11 rebounds.

The Knights had to play a makeup game with

Cranbrook Kingswood less than 24 hours later, and the fatigue showed as the Cranes rolled to an 80-52 victory.

"We're an energy team, and the energy just wasn't there," said coach Dean Ristovski, whose starters average about 27 minutes of playing time per game.

Taylor finished with 23 points and six assists, while Mackie had 13 points and four steals.

After a day off to catch their breath, the Knights traveled to Clarenceville and beat the Trojans 57-54.

Taylor, who had been struggling from the free throw line, took some extra practice on Sunday, and it paid off in 11-for-12 shooting from the line. He sealed the win by hitting both ends of a bonus with four seconds left.

Taylor finished with 27 points, eight assists and six steals.

"Clarenceville used some gimmick defenses, but Maurice looked relaxed and confident," Ristovski said.

"He took only two shots in the first quarter. He let the game come to him and got his teammates involved."

Wright finished with 20 points and 15 rebounds, while Mackie had only six points but he had five steals and was a force on defense.

Gary Davis-Headd had seven points, seven rebounds and three blocked shots.

"He's our defensive stopper," Ristovski said. "He checks the other team's best offensive player. We have a lot of kids who work hard, but nobody works harder than Gary."

Freshman Carlton Snyder made his most significant contribution of the season.

"He got some key rebounds and set some nice screens," Ristovski said. "He's developing confidence in himself, and the other players have confidence in him, too."

ULS completed its busiest stretch of the season against Hamtramck on Tuesday.

South still looking for a win

By Chuck Klonke
Sports Editor

It's the old chicken-and-the-egg story with Grosse Pointe South's basketball team this season.

"We need a win, but we haven't learned how to win yet," coach George Petrouleas said after the Blue Devils dropped a pair of Macomb Area Conference Red Division games last week to Utica (41-31) and Port Huron Northern (66-51).

"We're making progress. We were in a position to win both games. Against Port Huron Northern we played 2 1/2 quarters of good basketball, but that's not enough."

South was within three points of the Huskies late in the first half, but PHN made a pair of free throws, then hit a three-point shot at the buzzer and the lead swelled to eight at the half.

The beginning of the second half was a disaster for the Blue Devils. "We got pounded on the glass and we had four straight turnovers and (PHN) scored on each of

them," Petrouleas said. "Pretty soon they were up by 17."

Petrouleas said that he was pleased with the way his team battled back, and after an 11-2 run, South had cut the Huskies' lead to 56-51 with three minutes remaining.

Northern scored the last 10 points of the game, including eight free throws.

Free throws were the difference in the contest as the Huskies had a 16-2 advantage from the line. Northern shot 29 free throws to only three by South.

Kyle Bruen led South with 14 points and Christian Conroy added 11.

The Blue Devils played without second-leading scorer Andy Wolking, who was injured in the Utica game.

Poor shooting was South's downfall against the Chieftains.

"We created a lot of turnovers — Utica had 29 for the game — but we couldn't throw the ball in the ocean," Petrouleas said. "We shot 30 percent, and you're not going to win many

games with shooting like that."

"We had opportunities because of their turnovers, but we didn't capitalize. We either turned the ball over ourselves or we missed a shot."

Utica controlled the boards and got a lot of its scoring on putbacks.

The Chieftains led by five points at halftime, and expanded the lead to seven points after three quarters. South got within four points with five minutes to go in the fourth quarter, but the Blue Devils were forced to foul and Utica hit its free throws down the stretch.

Three-point shots can often help a team come back from a deficit, but South shot only 1-for-16 from long range in the game.

Bruen led the Blue Devils with 12 points.

South hosts Dakota on Friday, then begins the second half of the MAC Red season at home against Eisenhower on Tuesday.

Norsemen need coverage work

By Chuck Klonke
Sports Editor

One thing that Grosse Pointe North's hockey team will be concentrating on this week is defensive zone coverage.

"Port Huron Northern's game-winning goal in overtime came from a guy we left all alone in front of the net, and we had about six of those on Saturday (against Clarkston)," said coach Scott Lock after the Norsemen dropped both of their Michigan Interscholastic Hockey League games last week.

North played well in a 4-3 overtime loss to PHN, but it was a disappointing performance a few nights later when Clarkston beat the Norsemen 8-3.

"The Northern game was a pretty good game," Lock said. "We fought back and tied the game after being down 3-1, and we played with intensity."

"The Clarkston game was just horrible. We gave up four goals in the second period. You can't do that."

North controlled the game most of the way against PHN, outshooting the Huskies 41-22.

"We had a lot of chances to win but their goalie was

phenomenal," Lock said.

The Norsemen's Colin Brown tied the game at 1-1 in the first period, but PHN scored the next two goals to lead 3-1. Peter Baratta scored a power-play goal late in the second period to make it 3-2.

North applied some heavy pressure in the third period and Jon Tibaud tied the game with about five minutes left.

PHN got the winning goal with about two minutes remaining in the overtime.

North had a couple of things working against it in the Clarkston game.

"It was Senior Night for them, they had a big crowd and everybody was all fired up," Lock said.

The Norsemen came out strong and had an excellent scoring chance early in the game, but failed to capitalize when one of their top players fanned on a shot from point-blank range.

"Then they scored on a soft goal and it was a difference game," Lock said.

The Wolves scored again early in the second period, but North made it 2-1 on a goal by Jimmy Solomon. Solomon took a shot from the blue line that bounced off the boards, hit the

Clarkston goalie and went into the net.

"I thought getting a break like that might get us going," Lock said. "I changed goalies, too, but nothing seemed to work."

Clarkston led 5-1 after two periods and stretched its lead to 6-1 early in the third.

North cut the lead to 6-3 on Solomon's second goal of the game and one by Baratta, assisted by Solomon, but Clarkston added two late goals.

It doesn't get any easier for the Norsemen this weekend as they travel to the west coast of the state to play Muskegon, Mona Shores and East Grand Rapids. Both teams are ranked in the state polls.

Knights beat Mount Carmel

University Liggett School's hockey team skated to a 4-3 victory over Wyandotte Mount Carmel.

Tommy Russell had two goals and an assist, Adam Rock collected a goal and two assists, and Steve Berger picked up three assists for the Knights.

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Bulldogs win Canadian tourney

The Grosse Pointe Hockey Association Pee Wee AA Bulldogs took first place in the Mississauga (Ontario) Pre-Christmas Invitational tournament. The Bulldogs, who outscored their opponents 20-3, beat another Michigan-based team, Honeybaked, 4-1 in the championship game. The Bulldogs began the tournament with a 3-1 win over a good Sudbury Wolves squad. The Bulldogs then beat Port Credit, Ontario, and Humber Valley, Ontario, by identical 4-0 scores.

In the semifinal round, the Bulldogs beat Orchard Lake 5-1. The Bulldogs continue to show improvement and throughout the tournament they displayed hustle and desire. Goalies Zack Shaw and Steve Peck were outstanding, while the defense played very well in front of them. The forwards created a lot of chances with their unselfish play. The skaters are Ben Miller, Tyler Kolb, Brandon Davenport, Craig Henderson, Pierson Fowler,

Chris Harnadek, Danny Gerow, Keith Sklarski, Steve Seaman, Kelly O'Donnell-Daudlin, Johnny Gallo and Joe Smereck. Johnny Hackett wasn't been able to play because of a broken jaw, but he participated in the warmups and dressed for the tournament games. The Bulldogs are coached by John Hackett, Rick Gram, Mark Miller and Jim Davenport. Diana Miller is the team manager. The squad is sponsored by Don Giffin of Giffin International.

Norsemen swim past Franklin

Michael VanBeek won the 200-yard individual medley and the 500 freestyle to lead Grosse Pointe North to a 188-47 victory over Livonia Franklin in a non-league swimming meet. North's other individual winners were Roy Lucier, 200 freestyle; Karl Tech, 50 freestyle; Larry Briski, 100 butterfly; Chris Blunden, 100 freestyle; Mike Walton, 100 backstroke, and Andrew Fly, 100 breaststroke. The Norsemen had season-best performances from Fly, Ryan Boury and Tim Schultes in the 50 freestyle; VanBeek, Blunden, Briski and Ed Grumeretz, 100

freestyle; Lucier, Walton and John Sattler, 200 freestyle; Brian Cornillie, 500 freestyle; Stephen Cornillie, 100 backstroke and 100 breaststroke; Mike Kedzierski and Fly, 100 butterfly; VanBeek, Boury and Kedzierski, 200 individual medley; and Matthew Doak, Michael Doak and Scott Ulrich, diving. Last weekend, North swam a pair of ranked teams in Division I, losing 145-41 to No. 2 Ann Arbor Pioneer and losing 131-51 to No. 5 Grand Blanc. Highlights for the Norsemen were a win and a state qualifying time by

VanBeek in the 500 freestyle, and a first in diving by Matt Doak. Season-best performances came from Briski, Tech and Blunden, 50 freestyle; VanBeek, Tech, Scotty Moore and Evan Marshall, 100 freestyle; Stephen Cornillie and Matt Lane, 200 freestyle; VanBeek, Stephen Cornillie, Lane and Lucier, 500 freestyle; Moore, 100 backstroke; Fly and Schultes, 100 breaststroke; Briski and Kedzierski, 100 butterfly; Boury, 200 individual medley; and Luke Donahue and Cory Fogelson, diving. North is 5-3 overall.

Pioneers' spikers beat Eagles

By Bob St. John
Sports Writer

Harper Woods' volleyball team had little trouble disposing of Lutheran East last week, winning 15-7, 15-6. "The girls are really playing with a lot of confidence," Harper Woods head coach Laura Bock said. "We're a younger team, but the girls have been making a lot of progress since the first week of the season."

The host Eagles got off to

a fast start, leading 3-0, but the Pioneers took control from that point, thanks to Sally Smolinski, who served four service points. Maria Mahon also served four straight service points to give the visitors an 8-3 advantage in the first game. Ann Marie Solomon, Becky Nanni and Smolinski served the remainder of the Pioneers' seven points. Mahon, Jade King and Smolinski led the team in

kills in the two games. "We have struggled to play consistently," East head coach Reay Zoellner said. "We're playing hard, but the girls are making mistakes that inexperienced volleyball players make." In game two, Khara Fox had a couple of kills, while Mahon, Nanni, King and Smolinski were the serving standouts. The Eagles were paced by Jessie Kollar, Courtney Beschke, Ashley Maestri, Chrystal Pendell and Shana Pritchett.

In other action, Harper Woods beat Warren Fitzgerald, while East beat Detroit Winans Academy and lost to Livonia Clarenceville. "We nearly blew a big lead in that second game, but the girls played well enough to win," Bock said. "We have a good group of girls who are having fun and playing hard every night."

Harper Woods improved to 2-0 in the Metro Conference and 6-3-2 overall; Lutheran East fell to 1-2 in the Metro and 4-12-2 overall. Coming up for the Pioneers are matches on Wednesday and Thursday, Feb. 11 and 12, at Center Line and Lutheran North. Next for the Eagles are home matches on Tuesday and Thursday, Feb. 10 and 12, against Hamtramck and Rochester Hills Lutheran Northwest.

Schihl's grapplers get big win

By Bob St. John
Sports Writer

The Harper Woods wrestling team earned two crucial wins last week, beating Livonia Clarenceville 51-27 and Rochester Hills Lutheran Northwest 69-12. "The wins were big for us because they kept us tied for first with defending champ Lutheran Westland in the conference standings," head coach Adam Schihl said. "We didn't wrestle to our potential, but the guys were able to pull through and win."

The host Pioneers had little trouble beating a depth-depleted Northwest squad. Jeff Bertges (119-pound class), Kevin Sparks (130 pounds), Alex Kidd (135 pounds), Keith Neal (145 pounds), Jeff Orjada (160 pounds) and Jeremy Myers (275 pounds) won by pin.

For Myers, it was his 100th career victory.

Bobby Monaghan (125 pounds) won a 17-4 major decision, and Marcus Renwick (140 pounds) won by technical fall.

Antoine Kennedy (112 pounds), Jake Bertges (152 pounds), Adam DiGiovanni (189 pounds) and B.J. Anthony (215 pounds) won by void.

Clarenceville started the match with a bang, leading 13-12 after Orjada lost a 9-0 major decision.

The Pioneers' Kidd and Neal earned pins to earn the 12 points.

DiGiovanni pinned his foe at 171 pounds to give the

home team an 18-13 lead, but Clarenceville won the next two matches to grab a 25-18 lead.

The rest of the match belonged to the Pioneers as Myers won by void, and Pat Grace (103 pounds) earned a pin in what was the biggest victory of the evening for Schihl's team.

Grace trailed 17-6 with less than 10 seconds left before he was able to get his foe turned on his back, and with only four seconds remaining in his match, he pinned to give the Pioneers a 30-27 advantage.

Kennedy won a 12-7 decision, while Monaghan, Jeff Bertges and Sparks ended the victory with pins.

"This was a little more exciting than it should have been, but we will take the wins," Schihl said. "Now we get ready for a good weekend and concentrate on our final two conference foes."

The Harper Woods wrestling team improved to 4-0 in the Metro Conference and 17-9 overall.

Coming up for the Pioneers is the Hazel Park Team Tournament on Saturday, Feb. 7, and the showdown with defending Metro Conference champ Lutheran Westland on Wednesday, Feb. 11, at home.

Basketball

Harper Woods' boys basketball squad has claimed its spot as the team to beat once again in the Metro

Conference.

With last year's conference semifinal loss to University Liggett School as fuel in the tank, the Pioneers have made it a mission to win back the Metro championship.

"Every player on our team understands his role, and he understands that we win as a team," head coach Loren Ristovski said. "We played a tough nonconference schedule to help us win games in our conference and in the state playoffs. Those tough games are paying off."

The Pioneers began last week with a 78-30 pasting of Livonia Clarenceville and ended it with an 87-62 victory over Rochester Hills Lutheran Northwest.

The starting five of seniors Bruce Mosely and Rodney Batts, and juniors Dan Harris, Justin Popov and Jerome Douglas, has made its mark in the Pioneers first five Metro wins.

Ristovski also counts on James Crawford, Carlos Williams, James Slago, Xavier Fowler, Desmond Meadows, Gilbert Walker, Jesus Melendez and Dexter Jackson to contribute when he enters the game.

The Harper Woods basketball team improved to 5-0 in the Metro Conference and 10-2 overall.

Next for the Pioneers, ranked No. 10 in Class C, is their final regular season conference game on Friday, Feb. 6, at Bloomfield Hills Cranbrook Kingswood.

ND hockey in tough stretch

By Bob St. John
Sports Writer

The Notre Dame hockey team is in the midst of its toughest stretch of games.

In its last three games, the Fightin' Irish lost 4-3 in overtime to Birmingham Brother Rice, 7-0 to Flint Powers and 3-2 to Dearborn Divine Child.

"We intentionally scheduled these tough games to get our team prepared for our tough regional," head coach Kevin McKay said. "I want our guys to play good teams because it will help them in the long run."

All three games were non-league.

The Notre Dame hockey team fell to 8-9 overall.

Coming up for the Fightin' Irish is an away game on Wednesday, Feb. 11, against Orchard Lake St. Mary.

Basketball

The Notre Dame basketball team saw its losing streak reach four last week, falling 62-36 at home to arch rival Warren De La Salle and 73-28 at Detroit Catholic Central.

"We're struggling right now," head coach Don Sicko said. "We're trying to get better with each game, and right now things haven't been going our way."

While most of the Fightin' Irish's opponents have an experienced lineup, Sicko has a roster loaded with underclassmen.

"Everyone is practicing hard, and the attitude remains high, despite our struggles," Sicko said. "There is a light at the end of the tunnel, but it is frustrating to lose games."

The Irish's top scorers and rebounders are senior Seth Quaranta and junior Darryl Clements.

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Wrestling

Notre Dame's wrestling team had to give up six voids in last week's dual meets against visiting Dearborn Divine Child and Pontiac

Notre Dame Prep.

The Fightin' Irish lost 39-36 to Divine Child and 48-20 to Prep.

"We won seven of eight matches against Divine Child, and five of eight against Prep," head coach Gordie Fooks said. "Our guys are wrestling very well, but we just don't have the numbers."

The top grapplers in the meet were Steve Chauvin (145-pound class), Matt Brodich (140 pounds) and Sal Valgoi (119 pounds), who were each 2-0.

Each of the above mentioned grapplers made it to the state tournament a year ago.

Mike Green (130 pounds), Andrew Gray (215 pounds) and Jared Chauvin (135 pounds) finished 1-1.

"Mike, Andrew and Jared can have success down the stretch if they continue to work hard," Fooks said.

Trinity in playoff hunt

By Bob St. John
Sports Writer

Trinity Catholic's girls volleyball team remained in the playoff hunt after beat-

ing Detroit Dominican 8-15, 15-8, 15-2 and Taylor Light and Life 15-7, 15-8 last week.

The Lancers are in third place in the Catholic League Suburban Division with a 4-2 record, while Marine City Cardinal Mooney is in first with a 6-0 record, and Light and Life is in second at 5-2.









Head coach Elvira Mihali and her Lancers have the edge on Light and Life, thanks to beating it twice during the regular season. Mihali's squad was led by seniors Danielle Cooper, Stephanie Sosa and Onicko Biggs, and juniors Anne Wasukanis, Nicole Gailliard and Amelia Guyon.

Later in the week, the Lancers placed third in the Lutheran East Tournament, beating Warren Immaculate Conception in the playoff round.

"The girls are getting better, and gaining more confidence," Mihali said. "Our spiking is better, and our serve is better than last year."

In pool play, the Lancers beat Plymouth Agape Christian and Lutheran East and lost to Center Line. Trinity Catholic's girls volleyball team is 9-4 overall.









Coming up for the Lancers is their final league match on Feb. 11, at home against Detroit Holy Redeemer.

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






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