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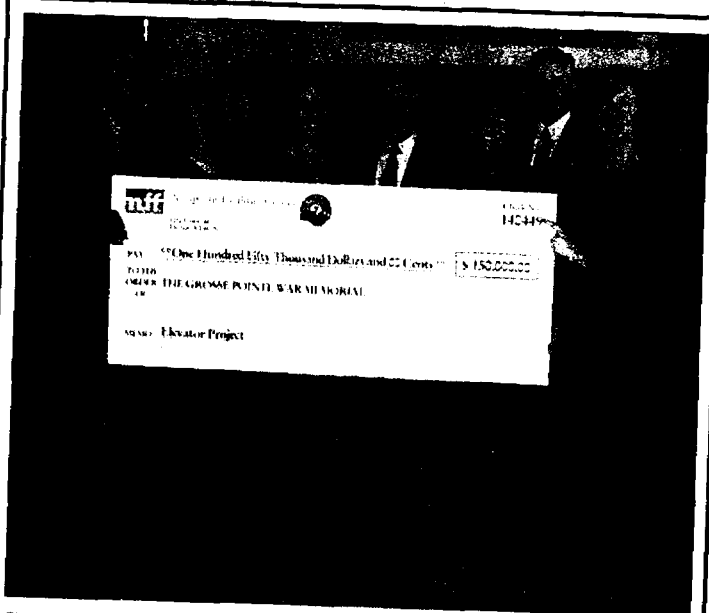
# Grosse Pointe News

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## War Memorial to get a lift

The War Memorial met the conditions of a challenge grant offered by the Nonprofit Facilities Center, a joint program of the United Way and the nonprofit Finance Fund, and received \$150,000 to help fund the installation of a barrier-free elevator. The War Memorial still needs \$150,000 to fund the \$650,000 project; ground-breaking is slated for this fall.

Presenting the symbolic check are, from left, Mark Weber, War Memorial president; former War Memorial board member Claire Perry; Annemarie Harris, Nonprofit Facilities Center assistant program director; board member emeritus Frank Sladen; Teri Carroll, War Memorial community relations director; William Gilbride, War Memorial board chairman; and Diane Van Buren Jones, Nonprofit Facilities Center program director.

## Woods liquor license debate gets last call

By Brad Lindberg  
 Staff Writer

Some people don't know when to say when. Grosse Pointe Woods Mayor Robert Novitke this week entertained public comment on a matter that had been decided the week before.

On the March 1 city council agenda, but already approved by a 4-3 vote at its Feb. 23 meeting, officials revisited pros and cons of an upcoming referendum regarding Class C liquor licenses.

Residents will decide whether four additional restaurants should have a chance to serve beer and wine.

The council's Feb. 23 decision mirrored its recommendation arrived at during a Feb. 9 study session.

Don Berschback, city attorney, said the council last month directed him to "prepare ballot language for the Aug. 3 primary vote to increase the number of tavern/Class C liquor licenses from seven to 11, an increase of four."

If the measure passes, applicants for liquor licenses will no longer have to secure petitions signed by 10 percent of the city's registered electorate — currently 1,309 people — within a 21-day span.

Instead of obtaining petitions, which are hard to compile in only three weeks, applicants would make their case before the city council and meet conditions outlined in a five-page ordinance.

This week's presentations on the topic by a dozen members of the public had no bearing on the council's split decision in favor of the referendum.

Yet responses by council members showed how at

least two of them differ on the role of elected representatives.

"If this (referendum) were to pass," said Allen Dickinson, councilman, "citizens would no longer have direct control over the issuance of (liquor) licenses. It would be entirely in the hands of the council. I think we need more checks and balances than that."

Councilwoman Patty Chylinski wants the issue managed, not administered. "We have been elected," she said. "We are given the job and responsibility. Let us do our job and decide, with input, so our residents and business community can prosper."

"Maybe this council will be very responsible, but what about the next council?" Dickinson said.

### Public comment

Antoinette DiClemente, a retired Mack Avenue shopkeeper now living in Macomb Township, initiated public comment by criticizing four council members who support the referendum: Chylinski, Donna DeSantis-Reynolds, Lisa Pinkos Howle and Darryl Spicher. The latter three swept the last election.

"Four like-minded members (of the city council) have stated in public they were voted in office for change," DiClemente said. "Change simply for change is not always the best route to follow."

After the meeting she was asked if the new council members should backtrack on their campaign promises. "That's up to them," DiClemente said. "It has nothing to do with me."

Comments came from 11 more residents and business

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## Wedding planners register at 2004 show

By Jennie Miller  
 Staff Writer

For a bride, the ideal wedding is not only one filled with loved ones, beautiful flowers, the perfect dress and tasty cuisine, but it is also one that doesn't cause ulcers to plan.

The fifth annual Wedding Show organized by the Grosse Pointe News and St. Clair Shores Connection newspapers proved to be, once again, a wedding planner's paradise. Everything was on hand, from flowers to cakes, caterers to wine vendors, limousines to travel agents.

Brides came out in full force, accompanied by mothers, friends and fiancées to sample treats and search for pieces of the puzzle to create the perfect wedding.

"This is so nice," said Jessica Maliniak of Sterling Heights, who is planning a wedding on Oct. 15. Maliniak visited the Wedding Show, held at Assumption Cultural Center in St. Clair Shores, to search for flowers, gifts for her bridesmaids and other such ideas.

Emily Black, who grew up in Grosse Pointe Farms, brought her mother, her sister, and her tiny nephew along to help her search for ideas for her wedding on Dec. 18.

"I'm just looking around to see what's here — I still need to find bridesmaid dresses, tuxedos, gifts and flowers," she said, looking around the room filled with tables of vendors from around the community. "The flowers here are beautiful. It's fun talking to everyone about what they have to offer. This is just great for someone planning a wedding."

Patrons strolled past luxurious limousines from Maxx and White Knight to enter the cultural center. They were welcomed by the beautiful sounds of a harpist and a pianist.



Photo by David Hughes

Patty Scott of La Fontaine du Chocolat serves up strawberries dipped in dripping chocolate to guests at the 2004 Wedding Show.

Smells of dripping chocolate from La Fontaine du Chocolat mixed with the sweet scent of Josef's Bakery, The Cheesecake Shoppe and Ambiance Cakes. Colorful and exotic flowers from Thrifty Florist and Ariel's Enchanted accented the ambiance.

"This show has a little bit of everything," said Anne Lelenek of Harper

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## WEEK AHEAD

### Monday, March 8

- Grosse Pointe Public Library research staff hours return to the 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. schedule.
- The Grosse Pointe Farms City Council meets at city hall, 90 Kerby, at 7:30 p.m.
- A special session of the City of Grosse Pointe Council will view potential modifications to the rock sculptures at Kressbach Place in the Village shopping district.
- The meeting will be held at city hall, 17147 Maumee, at 7:30 p.m.
- The Grosse Pointe park City Council meets at city hall, 15115 East Jefferson, at 7 p.m.

### Sunday, March 7

A town meeting on the school budget deficit will be held at 2 p.m. in the building next to Speedi Photo at 20237 Mack Avenue in Grosse Pointe Woods. The meeting will be hosted by Ahmed Ismail, a Grosse Pointe Woods resident and business owner who is concerned about school issues.

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## POINTER OF INTEREST

### Gary Mitchell

**Home:** Grosse Pointe Shores  
**Age:** 64  
**Family:** Wife, Liz; five adult children and step-children; and seven grandchildren  
**Occupation:** Recently retired Grosse Pointe Shores director of public safety  
**Quote:** "It's all about respect."  
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Gary Mitchell

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## yesterday's headlines

## 50 years ago this week

■ The recently formed Babe Ruth League of Grosse Pointe will hold its first big rally next week at Grosse Pointe High School auditorium. Pointe boys ages 13-15 and their fathers are invited.

At the meeting, boys will register to play in the upcoming season. Fathers will be asked to volunteer to do whatever they can offer to benefit the project.

■ Mayor Paul Rowe of Grosse Pointe Woods won't be a candidate for reelection this spring. Rowe cites the need to devote more time to his private business as the reason for not running.

■ The brand new Grosse Pointe Symphony Orchestra will give its inaugural concert this Sunday at Parcels Junior High School auditorium.

Players consist of 12 teachers, 18 students, five housewives, one banker, one lawyer and 13 others engaged in various branches of business and industry.

Tickets cost 75 cents for adults and 40 cents for students.

## 25 years ago this week

■ Ten months after a fire which devastated 81-year-old St. Paul On-the-Lake Church, Mass will be held this week to celebrate near-completion of the building's repair.

"Although we will be able to use our church next week, we will delay a formal opening ceremony until everything is completed," says Monsignor Francis X. Canfield, pastor.

■ City of Grosse Pointe council members approve a law to end large house parties that have led to several injuries during recent

months.

Under the new ordinance, the city will be able to prosecute whoever sponsors parties that become "so loud or boisterous as to disturb the peace and quiet of the surrounding area."

The City has experienced four such parties that have gotten out of hand. An estimated 1,000 high school and college age kids attended the most recent shindig.

■ Grosse Pointe Park officials defend their intention to use federal Community Development Block Grants to spruce up the lower Kercheval business district, renovate a house and make low-interest loans available for housing repairs.

About 150 members of Proud of the Pointes oppose the decision during a city council meeting. The session had to be rescheduled at Pierce Middle School auditorium to handle the large number of interested citizens.

POP warns that by accepting federal grants, big brother may force the city to build low-income housing.

## 10 years ago this week

■ Gov. John Engler makes his best sales pitch for Proposal A to about 100 people at Grosse Pointe Woods city hall.

Engler praises the proposal, which contains a 2 percent sales tax increase, as the best option for funding Michigan schools.

■ Susan Wheeler, a City of Grosse Pointe council member since 1987, is chosen to fill the mayor's seat left vacant by the Feb. 24 death of Lorenzo "Red" Browning in Florida.

"I hope to carry on the tradition," Wheeler says. Brown's death by chronic

obstructive lung disease ends the longest career of elected service in the City. Brown served as a councilman and mayor for a combined 22 years.

■ An Apple Macintosh computer is made available to patrons at the Grosse Pointe Public Library central branch.

Patrons wishing to use either the Macintosh or IBM-compatible computers available at all Pointe branches must complete a short computer orientation course.

## 5 years ago this week

■ Like their big-league brethren in downtown Detroit, Little Leaguers in Grosse Pointe are looking forward to a season of batting baseballs around a new ballpark.

On opening day of the Grosse Pointe Farms-City Little League at the corner of Charlevoix and Neff in the City, players and fans will file onto W. George Elworthy Field through a commemorative wrought iron arch styled with a nod to old-time ballparks.

■ A traffic safety study in Grosse Pointe Farms rates Mack and Moross the city's most dangerous intersection.

The likelihood of crashes at the intersection, shared with Detroit, is more than three times greater than anywhere else in the Farms.

■ Grosse Pointe Park officials ask for more information before ruling whether St. Ambrose Catholic Church can proceed with expansion plans.

Expansion would close Wayburn at Jefferson, a move opposed by some neighborhood residents.

—Brad Lindberg

## 50 years ago this week



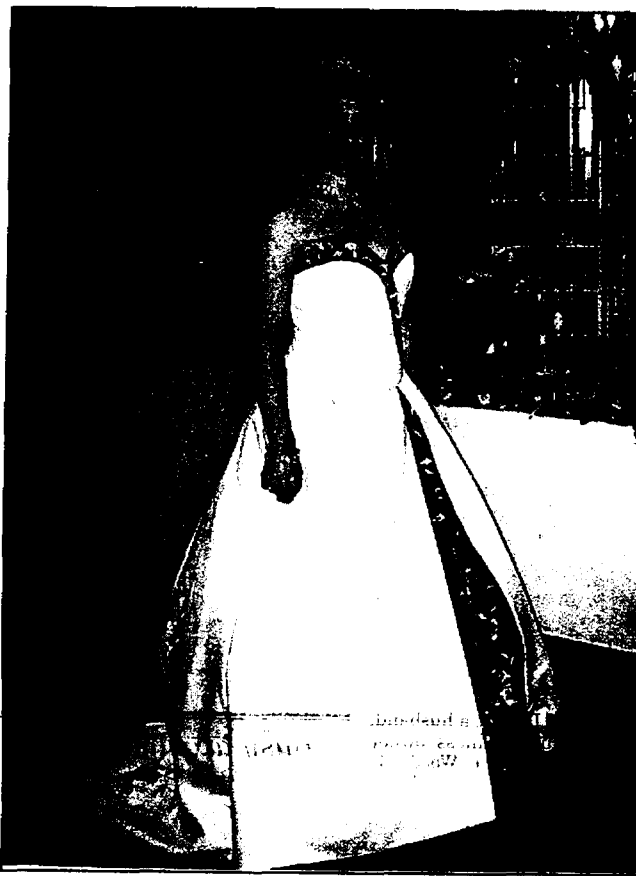
## St. Paul girls win East Side C.Y.O.

For the second year in succession, the St. Paul girls basketball team has captured the East Side C.Y.O. cage crown under the direction of coach Mary Allor. The Flyers are currently battling for honors in the C.Y.O. City playoffs. Team members are, front row from left, Marilyn D'Hooghe, co-captain Nancy Mason, coach Mary Allor, co-captain Marilyn Blondell and Lunn Van Tiem. In the back are, from left, Mary Sutherland, Barbara Blessing, Mary Lou Miller, Beverly Cadieux, Pat Cavanaugh and Nancy Zimmers. (Photo by Fred Runnells. From the March 4, 1954 Grosse Pointe News.)

Right, a Lendzion's model poses in a wedding dress.

Below left, Ariel's Enchanted houses a number of exotic and beautiful flowers for the perfect wedding.

"The big, antique variety of flowers is really in right now, like the cabbage roses with a high petal count," said owner Mark Dikowaki. "Hydrangeas are still strong. Brides are not afraid to opt for stronger colors with beautiful tones."



## Weddings

From page 1A

Woods, who is planning a wedding on July 17. She brought along her bridesmaids, Rebecca Hoglund of Harper Woods and Laura Pianello of Eastpointe to help her look for wedding details.

"There's so much here!" exclaimed Jenny Rolka of

Grosse Pointe Farms as she sampled a taste of Ambiance Cakes. Rolka and her mother, Cindy, patrolled the bakery, tuxedo and limousine tables for ideas for her wedding in August. Both were thrilled to see everything the Wedding Show had to offer.

"This is perfect," Cindy said. "There are a lot of vendors here, but it's not too overwhelming like some wedding shows can be."

Carrie Newman brought along her fiancée, Bill Fraser, both of Washington, to help plan their wedding in August.

"We're looking for a photographer, limousine services and flowers," Fraser

said. "This is an awesome show. It's so personable — we're having a lot of fun and finding so many things."

The usual list of wedding essentials was covered with the presence of businesses that provide dresses, invitations, jewelry and gift shops such as Lendzion's Gowns, Print Xpress, Ahee Jewelers and Something Special. But the show went above and beyond the call of duty with additions such as the Vision Institute of Michigan, who offered eye lifts and botox to the mothers of the bride and micro-derm abrasion for the bride. American Laser Centers provided skin rejuvenation as well as laser hair removal for the honeymoon.

"Our services allow our clients to look better and feel beautiful all over," said representative Kyle Guseila.

Jafra Cosmetics offered free pampering services to bridal parties such as spa facials and full makeovers.

"There's no catch," insisted manager Juli Bastien. "Everything is for sale, but our services are completely free."

While brides had everything at their fingertips, vendors were pleased to get their name and product out to potential clients.

"This is a great marketing opportunity," Guseila said.

"What a great way to present our products," said Bonnie Zaigo of Arbonne International, a health and wellness company.

The Grosse Pointe News and St. Clair Shores Connection newspapers put on a Wedding Show every spring. For more information or to include a company in the event, call (313) 882-6900, extension 567.

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## Keep the Hubble Space Telescope working

By Robert B. Silver, Ph.D.

The National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) recently announced it would let the Hubble Space Telescope (HST) come to a premature end near 2007. This is an unnecessary scientific loss of national and international scope. This is also a glaring example of yet another unfunded or under-funded mandate in the sciences and education by the federal government.

Why is the HST being allowed to come to a premature, fiery end? Let us examine the facts as told by the present administration and its allies, including the current NASA administration.

Since its launch in April of 1990, and following servicing in 1993 and 1997, the HST has provided truly awesome images of the far reaches of the universe. These images, from the deep blue through deep red light, have revealed important, new insights into the creation of the universe and, thus, our own origins.

The fields of medicine, life sciences, manufacturing, information technology and others have benefited enormously from the HST program. The HST program has brought to light many advances in medical imaging and diagnostics, important new discovery tools for biomedical research and image processing.

By 2006, NASA hopes to have launched the Next Generation Space Telescope

(NGST) that promises to provide images that will reveal secrets even closer to the origin of the universe. That is because NGST will operate in the infrared (beyond red) colors of light that, when coming from the far reaches of the cosmos, can reveal earlier moments in time. Humans cannot see infrared light of the type the NGST will detect.

From my conversations with colleagues, scientists and engineers at NASA and elsewhere, there is no doubt that there are many more important images and discoveries to be made with HST. Among these are the coincident imaging of cosmological features with both HST and NGST.

Let me admit here that I am an HST-fan. I spend many of my lunch hours studying the latest images and reports from observations made with HST, and other space and Earth-bound telescopes, posted on the World Wide Web. I also paid my personal tribute to the engineers and scientists at Goddard Space Flight Center (GSFC) when, in March 2001, I had the privilege of telling them of my own studies of living cells at their Engineering Colloquium.

The dedication, vision and accomplishments of the women and men I met at GSFC were unsurpassed. They, and their colleagues, are ready to provide capabilities that are even more powerful for HST — if they are given the opportunity.

All of science, and thus we the people, stand to benefit from such efforts.

So why end HST? Safety? Chronic budget over-runs in other programs? Unfunded presidential mandates? Palaver.

NASA tells us that upgrading the HST is too dangerous. Has something changed at NASA?

There was no such show-stopping safety issue to correct the near fatal flaw of the improperly manufactured primary mirror of HST. NASA tasked some very bright and resourceful scientists and engineers and launched the COSTAR mission in December 1993. By the way, the shuttle was designed specifically to hold the HST as its largest payload. With the shuttle flying again before 2006, safety cannot be an issue.

NASA's budget is tight. Welcome to the world of the rest of us.

NASA has mispent money on the space station project. NASA misled Congress and the professional scientific societies that supported NASA's bid to keep the then U.S. space station program alive. Due to unrealistically low submitted budget figures, NASA had to trim back serious biomedical and biological sciences to a mere shadow of what was promised. How do I know? I was an adviser to NASA for the space station and shuttle missions. I saw the promised numbers and goals; what was promised

would have had enormous payoffs; what was delivered was far less.

By the way, it is my opinion that had NASA really delivered on its many promises, the American people would have kept it in plenty of money.

As I wrote in these pages about a year ago, the Challenger and Columbia tragedies were avoidable consequences of NASA administrative hubris. NASA's poor cost and project management made having "international partners" for the space station essential. The United States has even had to bail out the Russians, whose own poor economic state precluded their producing essential compartments of the space station.

The president, in his 2004 State of the Union Address, mandated missions to the moon and Mars, but did not ask for new money to pay for these undertakings. Now we are told that to do the president's bidding, NASA must use a "take from Peter to pay Paul" accounting scheme. This is simply an unfunded mandate in an election year.

By the way: Planning for a return to the moon and a trip to Mars has been on going at NASA for decades!

Given the massive cost of carrying fuel to Mars for a return trip, it is likely that any near-term human trip to Mars will be one-way. However, we know that the various telescope projects

are models of cost-effective-ness and scientific cornucopias.

Keeping the HST a viable part of our suite of operational space-looking telescopes also supports American education at all levels: from K-12, through universities, through special programs at local libraries, museums and schools. It also helps capture the imagination of our dreamers of all ages.

Who among us has not looked at a starry sky and not wondered: how, why, from where? HST is helping answer those fundamental questions.

In any light, the official arguments to end HST now are simply wrong.

Together the all-too-common practice of issuing unfunded mandates in science, education and health care and the approaching deficit reveal important facets of the current state of management of the federal budget, separate from the current war and related matters.

In its way, the HST is an emblem of the best of America. The miracle of the COSTAR mission and the views into creation itself that HST has given us stand as eloquent testimony to the men and women of America.

Come on America! A sage dean with whom I once worked told me that in times of tight budgets, one invests in the future. We need to again make educa-

tion and science priorities for our nation. Write or call your representatives in government — today. I am. Together we can send an essential message to our representatives in Washington and keep HST working.

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## Why school districts can't save on health care

Over the next few months, as public schools struggle with budget cuts, you can look forward to hearing more and more about MESSA, the Michigan Education, Special Services Administration.

The provider of health insurance for teachers and other employees in roughly half of the state's public school districts, MESSA has used its special relationship with the state's most powerful union, the Michigan Education Association (MEA) in order to assure market share and revenue.

Michigan taxpayers and schoolchildren, however, should balk at the high price of MESSA's insurance, which costs school districts statewide an estimated \$400 million per year more than they would otherwise pay.

MESSA was founded by the MEA and remains that union's health care provider of choice. In fact, the MEA's unstated policy appears to be that once a district has MESSA insurance, it should never be allowed to buy insurance from anyone else. MESSA's coverage is both very generous and very expensive. Ordinarily, a school board facing a combination of tight budgets and rising health care costs would look for alternatives. But MESSA retains its market share through a combi-

nation of special measures that no other health insurance provider can use.

The MEA and MESSA have set up an obstacle course that prevents public schools from introducing competition for teachers' health care coverage or putting reasonable limits on the extent of care.

What other health insurer can count on its customers clamoring for a strike if their employer tries to go with another insurer? Any Michigan school board that considers insurance other than MESSA must be prepared to face at least the threat of an employee strike. In fact, any movement whatsoever towards cost control in health care is likely to be resisted tooth-and-nail by the union.

The most recent example: Four Grand Rapids-area school districts have taken the modest step of proposing that teachers contribute a portion of the cost of their health care. Despite the fact that this is now the practice in virtually every other industry and occupation, MEA officials have begun preparations for an illegal strike and have held a vote on whether to go on strike (as of this writing, the results are unknown).

Another way MESSA retains its market share is by refusing to provide

employers with claims histories, the summaries of claims paid out on an employer's policies. Employers must be able to provide prospective insurers with the information they need to figure out how much they are likely to pay out in health care costs, and this is done through claims histories. Almost all insurers provide such data to clients with 100 or more covered employees. But MESSA, alone among Michigan health insurers or third-party administrators, provides only "regional" — instead of employer-specific — claims information.

MESSA's refusal to provide claims histories for individual school districts makes it much more difficult for insurers to put together bids that can compete with MESSA. Without competitive bids, a school district is more likely to stay with its current plan, even if that plan is a budget buster.

If Michigan's public school districts were able to break MESSA's grip on their pocketbooks, and if they tried to match the coverage and terms typically found in private-sector employment — rather than attempting to match MESSA's lavish benefits, minimal co-pays and deductibles and extremely generous coverage — they could achieve savings of as

much as 20 percent, which comes out to the \$400 million mentioned earlier.

In short, the MEA and MESSA have set up an obstacle course that prevents public schools from introducing competition for teachers' health care coverage or putting reasonable limits on the extent of care. Coverage, copays, and other terms of a health care benefit program, like all terms of employment, are a legitimate subject for collective bargaining. The MEA, however, has no right to dictate that schools purchase health insurance from the union's own special provider, especially in the difficult economic conditions many school districts currently face.

The Michigan Legislature would do teachers, school districts, and children a huge favor by crafting legislation requiring that school districts solicit bids on health care coverage, and that MESSA provide district-specific claims histories for this purpose. Such legislation would not prevent MESSA from providing insurance, but it would prevent it from withholding claims information in order to avoid competition.

By ending MESSA's special status and requiring it to follow the claims history practices of every other

health insurance provider, the Legislature can free up education dollars to be spent the way they should be — on educating Michigan's children.

Paul Kersey is labor research associate with the Mackinac Center for Public Policy, a research and educational institute based in Midland.

## Woods to host supervised party for teenage students

The Grosse Pointe Woods Lakefront Park will host "Party in the Park," for Woods students aged 13-18 on Saturday, March 13, from 7 to 9 p.m.

It is an alcohol, drug and tobacco free event for at the Activities Building.

Admission is free and guests accompanied by a Woods resident are also welcome, but student I.D.s must be presented by all attendees.

The party will feature a disc jockey and refreshments as well as open basketball and wally ball.

There will also be free unlimited access to the pool table, ping-pong table, air and dome hockey, and shuffleboard.

Those wishing to register can call the Activities Building at (313) 343-2295 between 10 a.m. and 10 p.m., Monday through Friday.

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**NOTICE OF PUBLIC TESTING OF ELECTRONIC SCANNING DEVICE FOR SPECIAL ELECTION IN THE GROSSE POINTE PUBLIC SCHOOL SYSTEM**  
NOTICE is hereby given that The Grosse Pointe Public School System will use the electronic scanning device system in all precincts during the Special Election to be held on Tuesday, March 16, 2004. All voters in the City of Grosse Pointe Park (Precinct A), the City of Grosse Pointe (Precinct B), the City of Grosse Pointe Farms (Precinct C), and the City of Grosse Pointe Woods (Precinct D), the Township of Grosse Pointe (Precinct E), the City of Harper Woods (Precinct F) will be using the electronic scanning device.  
NOTICE is further given that the public testing of the electronic scanning device for the Special Election will be held on March 8, 2004, at 9:00 a.m. at the election office in the Administration Building, 389 St. Clair, Grosse Pointe.  
**Stephen Matthews,**  
G.P.N.: 03/04/2004 Secretary, Board of Education

**City of Grosse Pointe Park, Michigan**  
Notice is hereby given that the Board of Review of the City of Grosse Pointe Park, Wayne County, Michigan will be in session in the Municipal Building, 15115 East Jefferson Avenue, Grosse Pointe Park, for the purpose of reviewing the 2004 Assessment Roll:  
**TUESDAY, MARCH 23, 2004**  
**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 24, 2004**  
The board will meet on Tuesday, March 23 from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and Wednesday, March 24 from 9:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. Hearings will be by appointment only. Contact the City of Grosse Pointe Park at 822-4361.  
Resident taxpayers or their representative should appear in person. Written appeals will be accepted postmarked no later than March 24, 2004.  
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**Held responsible**

To the Editor:

The following is an open letter I recently composed sent to Les Monves, chairman of CBS:

**Mr. Moonves:**

How sad that under your watch the "Tiffany network" has rejected the heritage of Bill Paley and Edward R. Murrow.

Once CBS was a network counted among the best and the brightest. You had a great opportunity during the Super Bowl game this past weekend to recover some of that reputation.

The game was an excellent game. Many of the performers, athletic and opening entertainment, were at their best. I never thought, in the middle of such an excellent evening, I and my family would be confronted with a routine which can only be described as a crude example of misogyny and sexually explicit misbehavior.

We turned it off. When we did turn the game back on later, we watched with a "bad taste" in our mouths. We certainly missed several commercials and much of the analysis leading into the third quarter. The rest of the broadcast was not as captivating as it should have been because of the distasteful nature of the half-time show. Let's just say that, after being offended in our own family room, we were no longer in a "buying mood."

This is not a matter of censorship. It is a matter of sensitivity. Most people don't find it an entertaining aspect of a sporting event to have clothing violently ripped from a woman's body exposing intimate areas. It was disrespectful to women and encouraged the worst kinds of behavior among men and boys.

Is this the kind of behavior you encourage in your home? At your workplace? Last Sunday, your workplace was the Super Bowl in Houston.

I don't know about you Mr. Moonves, but I believe that women should be treated with respect. Not as objects to be roughly disrobed in public. I believe that most Americans agree with me.

You have already offended your audience. You offend us even more by the lame and frankly unbelievable denials of responsibility for what was obviously a scripted and intentional moment. (I read that Viacom and MTV each promised "shocking moments" from Ms. Jackson's routine in advance of the half-time show. Apparently efforts were then made to erase those promises from the record, but too late.) Your network, as the broadcaster, is ultimately responsible. So are you.

I am not going to threaten that my family and I will never watch CBS again. We

probably will. However, we will not be as likely to watch CBS as we might otherwise have been. We will certainly be less likely to watch any live CBS productions in the future. We do not want to be offended again if we don't have to be. As the saying goes, "Fool me once, shame on you. Fool me twice, shame on me."

I am sure that you have personally maintained a level of "plausible deniability" as to the offending routine. I am just as sure, however, that the executives at Viacom and MTV who put this together and sent it out over the public airwaves for millions around the nation and the world to watch were either fully aware of the intended offense, or disingenuously avoided "actual" awareness while encouraging the risk of it.

In either event, unless there are serious repercussions among the people whose bad judgment led to this crude event, it will be apparent that this kind of conduct is not only tolerated but is tacitly encouraged by you and those who administer CBS under you. Such a condition would not be acceptable to me, my family or the American people we know.

By copy of this letter, I am voicing our combined sentiments to FCC Chairman Michael Powell, the CEOs of General Motors, Ford Motor Company, the McDonald's Corporation, Anheuser-Busch, Pepsico, Procter & Gamble and other principal advertisers.

I am also sending a copy of this letter to Mr. Paul Tagliabue, commissioner of the National Football League. It is my hope that by sharing these concerns with those to whom you and your shareholders might be accountable, that some real corrective action might take place.

Mr. Moonves, I know that you live and work on the East and West Coasts. Perhaps this gives you the sense that those of us who live in between don't count for much. It feels like you forgot about us.

I assure you that such sentiments are wrong and not in the best interests of your shareholders. From coast to coast, there are more folks and more consumers like us than not. We don't attend penthouse parties on 5th Avenue or Wilshire. We are the hard-working Americans whose consumer habits support your lifestyle. We are, for the most part, well educated, thoughtful people who love our families, our homes, our neighbors and our country.

We might be factory workers or farmers, fishermen or firefighters, teachers or preachers, cops, small-business owners, lawyers, doctors, professors, secretaries and/or homemakers. We pay our bills. We also, in reality, pay yours. We are tired of being taken for granted. We are tired of presumptuous bigots and pseudo-intellectuals who think that the things that we value in our culture mean nothing and proceed to abuse the public trust by collective face.

I probably don't speak for many of your insider friends in Greenwich or Beverly Hills. But as for the rest of us, I would like to tell you, loud and clear, in the words of another heard not long ago: "We are mad as hell and we are not going to take it anymore!"

**Gary R. Dettloff, J.D.**  
Grosse Pointe Woods

**Of the Bible**

To the Editor:

I am a subscriber to the Grosse Pointe News. This letter is in response to the article "Bible stories," printed in the Feb. 12 issue of the Grosse Pointe News. The Life Application Study Bible was referred to in my commentary.

The Bible is at the top seller year after year. It is the Holy Book from God. The Bible leads man to salvation, it is the doom of sinners, its doctrines are true, its precepts are binding, and its contents are immutable.

The article mentioned that "a man can't possibly live in the belly of a whale." This story is covered in the Old Testament book of Jonah. It was God's instructions that Jonah would go and preach His word of salvation to Nineveh where the people were living in evil.

Jonah was not desirous to go to Nineveh. Accordingly, Jonah went aboard a ship going in the opposite direction. While en route, a violent storm was created by God. The sailors were concerned for their lives in the violent storm. They began questioning who had sinned to cause this storm.

Eventually, Jonah presented himself as the sinner for not being obedient to God, requesting that the sailors throw him overboard. As the sailors threw Jonah overboard, the raging storm ceased, the waters became calm and Jonah was swallowed by a great fish headed toward Nineveh.

Let us go to Matthew 12:40: "For as Jonah was in the belly of the great fish for three days and three nights, so I, the Son of Man, will be in the heart of the Earth for three days and three nights."

The Word of God was written for man for his eternal life. Make it your daily visit, talking to God by reading His Word.

The writers were inspired by the Holy Spirit. Is there anything so precious and so meaningful in this life than the road to salvation?

**Sam A. Cracchiolo Sr.**  
Delray Beach, Fla.

**Safe sidewalk**

To the Editor:

This is in response to the letter "Icy walks a concern," published in the Feb. 12 issue of the Grosse Pointe News.

I am in total agreement with the letter writer — ice-covered sidewalks are a danger to everyone, in particular the children.

Our parcel of property is located on a busy intersection and it is actively

walked daily with children going to and from Ferry Elementary along the west side of Wedgewood Drive between N. Brys and Roslyn. For the last two weeks, I have been taking my son to afternoon kindergarten and have been forced to cross Wedgewood at my driveway as the stretch from South Brys to Roslyn has been a complete sheet of ice.

I do understand when people are on vacation or hospitalized that it's difficult to do it yourself, but you can certainly hire someone to have your walk cleared for the children so that they are not slipping and, perhaps, a serious injury take place.

I have also seen the crossing guard at Roslyn Road and Wedgewood chipping away at the ice and providing salt, from the city, to put on the sidewalk. C'mon, homeowners. This is not the responsibility of the crossing guard.

I also go along with the letter writer's comment regarding a "code enforcement" for these homeowners that they maintain a safe and clean sidewalk for everyone.

**Judy Bradley**  
Grosse Pointe Woods

**House Bill 4784**

To the Editor:

House Bill 4784 would allow capped homesteaded assessments to remain capped on properties purchased by citizens who have lived in the same local tax-collecting unit for three years or more.

As it is now, it is financially very difficult for older citizens to downsize or younger ones to "upsize" in their traditional communities. A smaller home might well carry a greater "stepped up" tax bill while a larger one assuredly would.

The prime purchase question has become, not what is the asking price, but what would the real estate taxes "step up" to? And, can we afford the new taxes? Or, would we have to change our life styles or stop funding for retirement, college, etc.?

In effect, government tax policy is determining where our children and we will be living in the future. While those living in a "taxing district" would still be just as poorly off if they wanted to move into another "taxing district," at least those who want to stay in their local community, could remain after downsizing or upsizing.

Perhaps the next step could be the elimination of the step up for everyone, regardless where they moved in the state. After all, why should local governments receive a "windfall" of this magnitude? They took no risks of ownership, paid no homeowner's insurance premiums, paid none of the taxes they charge us, and made no sacrifices to maintain the home. Why should they continue to receive a "windfall" calculated to drive us from our local communities?

House Bill 4784 deserves support. It is not perfect, but something must be done soon. It is a good place to start.

**R.K. Barton, III**  
Grosse Pointe Farms

**Thanks for support**

To the Editor:

I would like to thank the city of Grosse Pointe Farms for its support of senior services through Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds. Its approval of \$42,000 in CDBG funds for Services for Older Citizens will enable us to provide services to seniors of Grosse Pointe Farms and their families.

We anticipate providing more than 600 Grosse Pointe Farms seniors 5,000 hours of service with these funds. While these statistics speak for the money spent, they also each represent a face and a story that we are fortunate to get to know.

The money will be spent on minor home repairs, food, case coordination, information and assistance and meals on wheels. These are services that are needed, but beyond the services this money actually travels all the way to the heart of the seniors.

One 97-year-old Grosse Pointe Farms senior put it best after receiving a handmade Christmas tree from a Grosse Pointe Academy kindergarten class, "This was my best Christmas ever, thank you for thinking of me." This came from a woman who had given up on celebrating, until we reached out to her through our meals on wheels program.

The friendship received every day from our volunteer sustains her almost as much as the food she receives.

Thank you for giving us the opportunity to meet these wonderful people and answer the needs that they have.

**Sharon Maier**  
Executive Director  
Services  
for Older Citizens

**Regulations**

To the Editor:

This is in response to the letter "Colonial look to Mack" printed in the Feb. 12 issue of the Grosse Pointe News. My family moved to Grosse Pointe Woods in 1947. I have lived here for over 50 years and I am unable to recall any ill-looking signs on top of commercial buildings.

I supported the Colonial theme for the commercial district when it was proposed years ago, but today I question my wisdom in continuing this support.

I was fortunate that a Colonial theme was provided for I like this style of architecture. If a modern theme were selected I would have not liked that. The new dentists' office and the Mobil building at Mack and Vernier look nice, but to these eyes so does the BP gas station at Vernier and Harper.

As long as the property is kept clean and neat, should not the store owner decide the style of their building? Isn't this the idea of freedom? Take a look at the beauty salon on Mack and Allard, how did this gray and black modern facility get approved as a Colonial structure?

When I drive down Mack I see a dying, plain and bland-looking commercial district. When I walk down

Mack I almost get hit by passing bicyclists and am startled by joggers who do not display the common courtesy to speak up and state that they are coming up from behind to pass me.

One day I witnessed an elderly woman walking and pulling her two grandsons in a wagon get hit by a bicyclist. The bicyclist was window-shopping as she pedaled down the sidewalk instead of displaying respect to others utilizing the walkway.

What I have witnessed over the past half century is a city dying due to over-regulation both in the commercial and residential districts.

I encourage the new city council members to continue their good work and question why things are done the way they are done. It is time that the regulations are looked at and probably repealed. It is time to turn back the clock and once again make Grosse Pointe Woods a free and healthy community to live in.

As I walk in my neighborhood I am seeing more piles of dog droppings than I did in years past. The trash in the commercial district and "trash" being left behind by those walking their dogs indicate a lack of pride within one's community.

People will say that one cannot turn back the clock, but I question why not? Stop regulating us to death.

To the new Grosse Pointe Woods council members and one incumbent, please keep asking the questions and bring freedom back to our city.

**Margaret Potter**  
Grosse Pointe Woods

**Secular press**

To the Editor:

This letter is written in response to the article, "Catholic reform misplaced," that appeared in the Dec. 11 edition of the Grosse Pointe News. This editorial criticizing the Roman Catholic Church was anonymous, without a source. In good, professional journalism, a source is always given.

If the anonymous person has a complaint about the Catholic Church, which he or she obviously has, I suggest that he or she register the complaint in a Catholic newspaper such as The Michigan Catholic.

The Grosse Pointe News is a community newspaper, and an article of this inflammatory nature, in which any religion is criticized, does not belong in a secular newspaper.

I further suggest that the editor of this newspaper establish and enforce editorial guidelines as to what is or is not to be published. When this is accomplished, articles of this nature will not be published.

Furthermore, a written apology naming the source of this article should be forthcoming in your next edition.

**Dorothy B. Griggs**  
City of Grosse Pointe

**Deadline for  
Letters  
to the Editor  
is 3 p.m.  
Monday**

**Grosse Pointe Township****ANNUAL MEETING OF ELECTORS  
AND PUBLIC HEARING ON THE  
2004/05 TOWNSHIP BUDGET**

To the Electors of Grosse Pointe Township, Wayne County, Michigan:

You are hereby notified that the Annual Meeting of the Electors of Grosse Pointe Township will be held at 8:00 a.m. on Tuesday, March 16, 2004. The Board will convene in the first floor Council Chambers of the Grosse Pointe Shores Municipal Building, 795 Lake Shore Road, Grosse Pointe Shores, Michigan. All matters required by law to be acted upon by the Township Electors will be considered at said Annual Meeting.

A public hearing will also be held at the time of the Annual Meeting on March 16, 2004 on the adoption of the Township Budget for Fiscal Year 2004/05, of which a copy is available for public inspection at the office of the Township Clerk, 795 Lake Shore Road (second floor), Grosse Pointe Shores, Michigan. The public may provide written and/or oral comments on the budget.

**Robert Graziani,**  
Township Clerk

G.P.N.: 03/04/2004

City of Grosse Pointe, Michigan

**PUBLIC NOTICE  
2004 REAL PROPERTY  
ASSESSMENT ROLL**

THE 2004 REAL PROPERTY ASSESSMENT ROLL will be complete and available for public inspection at our Municipal Office, 17147 Maumee Avenue:

MARCH 1, 2004 through MARCH 19, 2004  
(Saturdays and Sundays excluded)  
During the Hours of 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

The estimated State-Equalization factor for 2004 is 1.0000 Residential and 1.0000 Commercial. The Taxable Value increase is limited to 2.3% unless the property was transferred in 2003.

All complaints will be considered by the BOARD OF REVIEW which will convene on Monday, March 22, 2004 and Tuesday, March 23, 2004.

G.P.N.: 02/26/2004 &amp; 03/04/2004

**Karen A. Johnson**  
Assessor

**FYI**

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"maybe even in the back seat of a station wagon on a bumpy road in the Rift Valley of Kenya."

**Fundraiser**

The Foundation for Exceptional Children holds its 50th anniversary benefit party Friday night at Barrister Gardens in St. Clair Shores, from 8 p.m. to 1 a.m.

Established in 1954 to improve the well-being of children with special needs,

the non-profit foundation became part of the Children's Home of Detroit in 2000.

The event draws 800 persons to a silent auction, raffle, cash bar, pizza, wine and beer party. If you want to help or purchase \$30 tickets, you may call (313) 885-8860 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Thursday or Friday.

**Ben Burns of the City of Grosse Pointe** is a professor in the journalism program at Wayne State University. He can be reached at [burnsben@comcast.net](mailto:burnsben@comcast.net) or by phone at (313) 882-2810.

## Realtors kick off Habitat fundraising effort

By Michael Shelton  
Special Writer

The Grosse Pointe Board of Realtors and Habitat For Humanity kicked off a fundraising effort at a special meeting in the Lavins Activities Center on Wednesday, Feb. 25.

The organizations are looking to raise \$60,000 toward the construction of a new Habitat house in Detroit's Tricentennial Village this year.

"This really is the largest undertaking we've ever jumped into," said Anne Marie DeRosier, board president.

"We had a great kickoff; we already had around 15 to 20 people who have contributed already just from this one little meeting; so I'm very excited about it," said Lewis Gazoul, board vice president.

"We're always looking for community involvement. We're a very giving organization; but not a lot of people know that."

The site for the house is located in Detroit's Core City Neighborhoods near West Grand Blvd. and 24th Street near Tiger Stadium.

Tim Hudson, development director for Habitat Detroit, said that the plan is to have the basement foundations started in April, have the roofing completed in June, and finish the house in November.

He also said there will be a break in July for the Blitz on Jane Street, where Habitat plans to build five homes in one week on Detroit's east side.

The blitz is being done in preparation for former president Jimmy Carter's visit to

Detroit in 2005 for his Work Project.

Rob Dewaelsche, executive director of Habitat for Humanity Detroit, said the site consists of 16 square blocks with 200 houses.

"There will be 60 new homes in the community, and 43 have already been constructed," Dewaelsche said.

Gazoul said the project will consist of two phases: fundraising and the actual construction.

He said the board will get the word out through press releases and sending mail to the local businesses around the five Pointes, St. Clair Shores, Detroit, and Harper Woods to introduce the project and ask for volunteers and contributions.

"We have a certain number of brokerages in the board, and we'll have an inter-board competition as to who can find the most contributors," Gazoul said.

"At our annual membership meeting, the winning company will get the big plaque. It's just a friendly competition."

Habitat for Humanity is a non-profit Christian housing ministry that provides affordable homes for families in need.

According to Hudson, Habitat Detroit has been involved with local churches in the Pointes in building eight homes.

Hudson said that the house will be either a two-story bungalow or a ranch and that the \$60,000 is only part of the cost.

"Basically the other costs include about \$12,000 that go into the pre-development costs, acquisitions, survey-

ing and site preparation to prepare for the house," Hudson said.

"The actual cost of the house is \$62,500, and then the contracted labor we need to secure to do the mechanicals runs us about 18 to 20 thousand."

DeRosier said that board members have been involved individually with similar projects.

Myrna Smith, a member of the education committee, said that she was inclined to ask the board to help build a house after hearing Hudson speak.

"The directors approved, and the rest is history," Smith said.

DeRosier expects 100 percent participation from the board.

She also hopes that the board's affiliates, local businesses, and the general public will also get involved through monetary donations and volunteering on build days.

Other speakers included Ken Benson, president of Habitat Michigan, as well as Grosse Pointe Park mayor Palmer Heenan.

Carolyn Jones of the Michigan Association of Realtors was also on hand to film the crowd for a film. It will be used at the annual association conference.

Free breakfast was also served, courtesy of John Adams Mortgage Company.

For more information about the project, contact Habitat Detroit at (313) 521-6691 or visit [www.habitat-detroit.org](http://www.habitat-detroit.org).

Those interested can also call the Grosse Pointe Board of Realtors at (313) 882-8000.



Photos by Michael Shelton

From left: Habitat Detroit Executive Director Rob Dewaelsche, Grosse Pointe Board of Realtors president Anne Marie DeRosier, Board Executive Vice President Bobbi Sexton, board member Myrna Smith, Habitat Detroit development director Tim Hudson, and Board Vice President Lewis Gazoul.



The crowd, gathered at the Lavins Center Auditorium, makes some noise before the meeting for a Michigan Association of Realtors film.

## 'Town meeting' Sunday on schools' budget deficit

Ahmed Ismail, a husband, business owner in Grosse Pointe Woods, is so concerned about the cuts the school board is considering to solve its projected \$5.2 million deficit that he has taken it upon himself to host a "town meeting" on Sunday, March 7, at 2 p.m. to give everyone in the Grosse Pointes an opportunity to brainstorm on ways to minimize the impact of the school system's funding shortfall.

"After attending the school board meetings over the past two years and, in particular, the recent untelevised school board work sessions on what changes in our staffing, class sizes and offerings may take effect for the upcoming school year, it has become a great concern to me that every option has not been considered to lessen the impact on our students," Ismail said. "Busy taxpayers and parents have no convenient way to ask questions and get timely, accurate answers from the school board on changes being considered."

Ahmed Ismail, meeting organizer

nient way to ask questions and get timely, accurate answers from the school board on changes being considered. Every meeting is on a school night. The opportunity when public comment is allowed is many times after 10 p.m., at which time there is often a three-minute limit on any comment and no open back-and-forth discussion allowed between other parents and/or the board members.

"The real flaw in our system is that there is no regular opportunity for the community to talk to each other and the board at a sane hour

of the day in a relaxed environment about what are sure to be dramatic changes to our school system.

"Because of this missing link in our system, we are losing out on using the talents and insight of thousands of talented residents, teachers and students who may have innovative ideas that can lessen the pain to our students of the upcoming budget cuts.

"Important decisions are about to be made by our school board on the future of our schools and the education that our children receive. These decisions will

not only affect our children, but also our very lifestyle and property values for every taxpayer in our community."

Ismail, 51, and his wife, Mary Ann, have three sons Jonathan, 14; Scott, 12; and Alex, 9. His children attend school at Ferry and Grosse Pointe North in the Grosse Pointe Public School System. Ismail is a former student of Poupard, Parcels and Grosse Pointe North and South High Schools. He has been a business owner for over 30 years on Mack Avenue in the Woods. He was recently appointed to the Planning Commission of the City of Grosse Pointe Woods.

"The incredible wealth of 'out-of-the-box,' positive ideas that I feel our residents, teachers and students can offer our school board on ways to wisely cut school spending while minimizing the impact on the educational system we have come to expect as taxpayers has to be tapped," Ismail says. "These ideas need to be consolidated into a concise list with their related potential savings indicated by the school administration."

"If this master list is distributed to the community and the school board members, everyone will be playing off of the same deck, and the board will have the benefit of everyone's ideas and priorities before any decision is made by the school board on budget cuts."

Ismail feels confident a freer and more productive discussion between concerned residents, teachers and/or administrators can take place in a private setting on a Sunday afternoon rather than late on a school night under the formal structure of a school board meeting.

The town meeting on the school budget deficit will be held in the building next to Speedi Photo at 20237 Mack Avenue in Grosse Pointe Woods. The entire community is encouraged to attend to share ideas. Refreshments and rewards for creative ideas will be

provided. Those who cannot attend or wish to remain anonymous are encouraged to contribute their ideas by fax (313-647-0908), e-mail ([ahmed.ismail@comcast.net](mailto:ahmed.ismail@comcast.net)) or by simply dropping them off at Speedi Photo. A consolidated list of all ideas

will be provided to all attendees at the start of the town meeting.

For additional information, contact Ismail at the above-mentioned phone number or e-mail address.

## Liquor

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representatives.

Spresa Manuslaari, speaking on behalf of Maxine's Italian Cuisine restaurant, advocated additional liquor licenses.

"A lot of our customers would like to enjoy a glass of wine with their meal," she said.

Carol Allfonsi, owner of Little Tony's Lounge for 34 years, said, "There should be beer and wine. Liquor is something else."

Angelina Ferlito of the family-owned Ferlito's Family Dining & Pizza, said, "I'm convinced having beer and wine would help my business. I have had clients come in and not stay because I didn't have beer and wine."

A homeowner was concerned that increased business patronage would strain already stressed parking capacity on Mack.

John Lamia, a Mack businessman for more than 30 years, favored additional Class C liquor licenses.

"It's helpful for existing businesses but also to bring people into our area," he said.

Thomas Fahrner, one of two incumbent council members who lost reelection bids last year, opposed the referendum.

"Get petitions signed, and let the people vote on it," he said.

Philip Gaglio, a homeowner, opposed the referendum. "I don't see why council members would want to put themselves in the position of doling out licenses at their discretion and possibly getting into conflicts of interest."

"We're not taking this out of the hands of the voters," said Councilwoman Howle. "If voters don't want these licenses, they can vote no. All we've taken is the small step of getting 1,300 signatures out of the equation. Whether it happens in August is entirely up to you."

Edwin Framalino, owner of two Mack businesses, said additional liquor licenses

would make Woods businesses stronger and increase their value.

"With that comes an increased tax base," Framalino said. "Everybody wins because of that, including residential, because they are tied together. Any proactive approach you can take to help save Mack Avenue I appreciate."

"I am very pro-business, especially Mack Avenue small businesses," Chylinski said. "This is a wonderful opportunity for some of our longstanding businesses to offer more choices in their dining experience."

"If someone wishes to obtain a license they should follow procedure," said Mayor Novitke. "If they cannot get 1,300 registered voters (to sign a petition), it shouldn't be on the ballot."

"Some people want to hold onto laws that were passed in 1950," Chylinski said. "We have to look ahead for small businesses in this economy."

The Aug. 3 referendum will take place as planned.

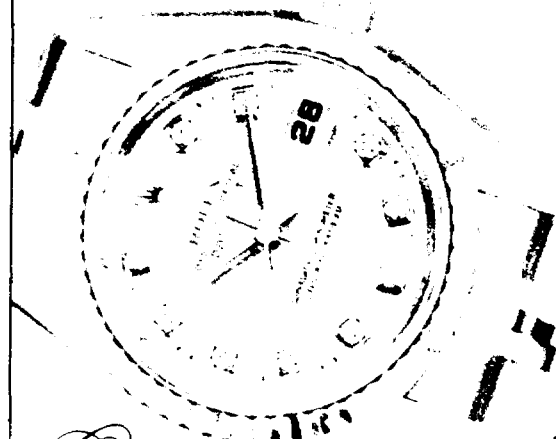
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# Retiring chief caps 40-year career

By Brad Lindberg  
Staff Writer

"It's all about respect," said Gary Mitchell.

Respect oneself, family, friends — everyone.

"If you can obey that rule, you're a good person," said Mitchell.

Hard words to live up to. But Mitchell did. And it took him to the highest rank of his career.

"It's nice to end your career at the top," he said.

Mitchell has retired as Grosse Pointe Shores director of public safety and chief of police and fire. He'd been on the job 40 years, including the first six as a patrolman in Grosse Pointe Park.

"I wanted to be a police officer since I was 12 years old," said Mitchell, 64, a Shores resident.

Mitchell was born in Detroit and spent grades three through eight at the Hall of the Divine Child military school in Monroe.

"I've been in uniform since I was eight years old," he said.

As a kid, he hung around the Detroit Police Department 5th Precinct.

"I had a friend whose brother drove the paddy wagon back in the late 1950s," Mitchell said. "His name was Duke McCarthy."

At 6-foot-4, McCarthy was an impressive figure to a star-struck youngster.

"I decided police work was going to be my career," Mitchell said.

Less than a decade later, Mitchell was wearing badge No. 135 in Grosse Pointe Park.

"I had put in my application to all the Pointes," Mitchell said. "After I tested in the Shores, Chief Art Louwers of the Park called me on a Friday. He said, 'I heard you tested in the Shores.'"

"Yes, sir, I did," Mitchell said.

"Do you still want to be a police officer in Grosse Pointe Park?" Louwers asked.

"Yes I do," Mitchell said.

"Meet me in my office Saturday morning at 9 o'clock," Louwers said.

The meeting convened. "Raise your right hand," Louwers said.

Mitchell complied. Louwers gave the oath of office and led the rookie officer to the property room. Louwers handed Mitchell a couple pairs of pants and a coat.

"It was five sizes too big," Mitchell said. "He grabbed

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the back of the coat, pulled it back and said, 'That fits fine. Here's your .38 revolver and badge. Report to Corporal Martin at midnight on Sunday night.'

That was the beginning of Mitchell's career as a police officer.

"At that time training of police officers left a lot to be desired," Mitchell said. "We went to what they called the police academy one day per week for several weeks. The academy was put on by the FBI, Wayne County prosecutor's office and Michigan Chiefs of Police."

Bill Furtaw, the Park's retired deputy director of public safety, remembers being a rookie alongside Mitchell.

"We worked together on a Christmas morning," Furtaw said.

What promised to be a slow day turned into anything but. Events began with a heart attack victim. Then a double suicide. Then a childbirth.

"No one expected to take any calls that day," Furtaw said.

Mitchell left the Park at his father's request to operate a family business. Mitchell's father ran nursing homes for mentally retarded male wards of the state.

"It was a very depressing job," Mitchell said. "I ran the business for 10 months and decided to continue my police career."

The Park had a policy of not rehiring former employees. That's when a slot opened in the Shores. It was 34 years ago, Feb. 25, 1970. Badge No. 8.

Mitchell moved through the ranks: corporal, sergeant, staff sergeant, lieutenant, and inspector.

In 2000, a fifth gold stripe was sewn onto the sleeves of Mitchell's dress blue uniform, indicating promotion to director of public safety. The top job carried no badge number.

"When you're No. 1, it just says chief," Mitchell said.

Mitchell and his wife, Liz, have been married 27 years. They met at a wedding.

"I was with another date," Mitchell said.

A friend pointed out Liz (a Shores resident), said they'd make a great couple and gave him her telephone number.

A while later Mitchell was

on patrol when he saw Liz playing tennis at the municipal park.

"She was pretty cute," Mitchell said.

He told his patrol partner, "I'm gonna date that girl. Someday I might marry her."

The partner said, "You don't have a chance."

"I called her and the rest is history," Mitchell said.

"He told you that?" Liz said. "I'm a lucky gal. He's a great guy."

His secret?

"His sense of humor," Liz said. "He makes me laugh."

Liz works at the Fontbonne Gift Shop at St. John Hospital. She's also a senior fund raiser and development officer for the St. John Foundation.

"My wife and I are looking forward to our 'On Golden Pond' years," Mitchell said.

Mitchell has two adult children from a first marriage, three step-children who are all adults and married, and seven grandchildren.

Liz called her husband "doting grandfather."

The days when a police officer could show up, be sworn in and on the beat within 24 hours are over. Public safety officers are cross-trained in police and fire fighting. Shores officers go a step further.

"When you call us, within three minutes you'll have a police officer, firefighter and paramedic standing at your



Gary Mitchell rose from patrolman in Grosse Pointe Park to chief of public safety in Grosse Pointe Shores during a 40-year law enforcement career.

Photo by Brad Lindberg

door," Mitchell said. "Public safety is like an insurance policy that sits in the drawer until you need it. When you need it, it's important."

In 2003, the Shores' 20 officers completed a combined 1,410 hours of training.

"That's one of my priorities — keeping our guys educated and sharp," Mitchell said. "We've gained the respect of our peers because we do that. We try to keep up to date and give our officers the equipment they need to do their job. It's

only fair."

Fairness is an essential element of effective leadership.

"A good police administrator must be fair and consistent," Mitchell said. "Your officers need to know the policies and procedures you expect them to always abide by. This will impart your expectations and there will never be any surprises."

Mitchell leads by example.

"It's trickle-down," he said. "If you're professional, and treat people like profes-

sionals, they're going to act like professionals. We have well-educated officers who are sensitive to the needs of the public. They know I am. It's wonderful to have a job where you enjoy going to work. That's the way it's been for me the last 34 years. Our officers see that and emulate it."

He said, "I feel I leave the officers of Grosse Pointe Shores well-equipped, well-educated and on a continued path to protect and serve the community in a professional manner."

## Frost causing pot holes to crop up

By Brad Lindberg  
Staff Writer

Winter weather has Grosse Pointe streets any favors.

Road crews in the Shores prowl byways every morning patching pot holes.

Tom Collins and Bruce Hayes, employees of the public works department, find enough cracked and heaved-up roadway to apply a yard of cold-patch per day. Cold-patch is ground-up asphalt mixed with tar. It can be used in winter if the weather cooperates.

"If it's cold, it gets like concrete," Hayes said.

There are two ways to apply cold-patch. One is to dump a shovel full in a hole and hurry away.

The other method, which the Shores uses, is to chip open a damaged road surface.

Cracked and loose concrete is removed and swept up. Cold patch is packed in the hole and pressed even with the road surface, leaving as few air pockets as possible.

During a warm spell last Friday afternoon, Hayes and Collins repaired pot holes on Greenbriar Lane. Hayes

shoveled cold patch and Collins pressed it into place with the soles of his size-12 shoes.

"We pat it down so it doesn't come up when people drive over it," Collins said.

"Frost in the ground this month has been horrific," said Brett Smith, Shores DPW head. "We've had a lot of cold weather. The ground is moving quite a bit."

He compared portions of Lakeshore, a county road, to a washboard.

"Every day we're finding things that need to be taken care of," Smith said.

In addition to prompting pot holes, cold temperatures lead to broken water mains because soil shifts during



Tom Collins and Bruce Hayes are part of a crew from the Grosse Pointe Shores public works department who, weather permitting, cruise the village every weekday morning patching pot holes.

the cycle of freeze and thaw.

Smith reported five water main breaks since late January.

"That sounds like a lot, but we're at the average for the year," he said.

More unusual, water mains have broken at Osius

Park. "We had two, which in the 25 years I've been around is the first time I've seen it happen," said Jim Cooke, parks and recreation director. "As soon as we fixed one break, of course, we had another one."

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### City of Grosse Pointe Woods, Michigan

**NOTICE OF REVIEW OF THE 2004 ASSESSMENT ROLL:**  
Notice is hereby given that the Board of Review of the City of Grosse Pointe Woods, Wayne County, Michigan, will be in session in the Community Center of the Municipal Building, 20025 Mack Plaza, Grosse Pointe Woods, Michigan on

**Tuesday, March 9, 2004  
Tuesday, March 23, 2004**

from 9:00 a.m. to noon, 1:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m., and 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. EST, for reviewing the 2004 Assessment Roll. All persons considering themselves aggrieved by their assessment, or who have any questions or comments, may make an appointment to appear before the Board of Review by contacting the Tax Department (phone 313-343-2435) between February 23 and March 12, 2004. Resident taxpayers must appear in person or send an agent to appeal their assessment.

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**William B. Knapp,**

G.P.N.: 02/19/2004, 02/26/2004, 03/04/2004 City Assessor

### City of Grosse Pointe, Michigan Wayne County

#### BOARD OF REVIEW MEETING

The Property Assessment Roll of the City of Grosse Pointe, Wayne County, Michigan, for the year 2004 has been compiled. The estimated State-Equalization Factor for 2004 is 1.0000 Residential and 1.0000 Commercial. The taxable value increase is limited to 2.3% unless ownership of the property was transferred in 2003. Therefore, in accordance with the General Property Tax Laws of the State of Michigan and Section 35, of the City Charter, as amended:

**The Board of Review  
will meet  
Monday, March 22, 2004  
and  
Tuesday, March 23, 2004**

March 22, 2004 from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.  
and March 23, 2004 from 9:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Such meetings will be held at the Municipal Offices, 17147 Maumee.

**Karen A. Johnson,**  
Assessor

GPN: 03/04/2004, 03/11/2004 & 03/18/2004



# Can I go home again?

I will be going home this month to bury Mom. She died a year ago and was cremated. Her remains reside in a nice, pewter urn, but we kids would like her to have a final resting place where we can go to say a prayer and talk to her in privacy.

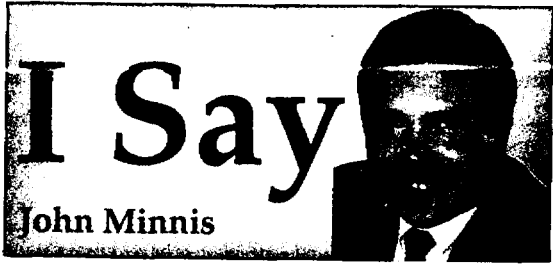
Yale is a small, farming town in the Thumb. We were "city people" when we moved there in 1963 from the west side of Detroit. I was 8 years old when we moved to the Farm, and I was already one of seven!

Mom gave birth to her eighth and last child shortly after we moved out of the city. It must have been the clean, fresh air.

City people believe living on a farm has to be neat. It was, much of the time. We could hike for hours and play without fear of making noise or running in front of cars. We all had our own pony, or at least one we preferred.

But it wasn't all fun and games. We all had our chores that had to be done morning and night. That meant hauling water, grain, hay and slop before school and before dinner. That meant lugging water from the house several times a day during the winter because it would freeze solid otherwise.

While the farm life looked



great to city kids, we longed for life "in town." We envied the boys who could ride bikes, play with kids other than their siblings and go uptown for candy and pop.

Living five miles away from town precluded any such activity. The nearest kids to play with were several miles away. We'd ride our ponies there sometimes, but their parents would get all upset by what our animals left behind.

What we boys resented most was not being able to participate in organized sports, at least not to the extent the town kids did. They could just walk to practice and games. We, obviously, could not. And with eight kids, my parents would have had to hire a fleet of taxis to get us all to our various practices and games.

We did get to participate in Boy Scouts, though. The

annual summer camp, Klondike Derbies and other events are among my fondest memories.

If I could return to any age or time of my life, it would be 12 years old on the farm. That was an age and time of innocence. It was before girls and the conflict and confusion of adolescence. I enjoyed each day for what it was — another day to explore.

My brothers and sister and I will be going home later this month. Our father has purchased a plot, and we kids are buying the headstone.

We think mom would have preferred to be buried in Yale, in "the country" rather than in the city or even in Port Huron where she lived her final years.

Like me, she sometimes

resented living in the relative deprivation of a rural community. She resented the lack of shopping and social activities. I resented the lack of opportunities, both in education and in jobs.

Advanced placement at Yale High School was taking Algebra II and physics, mere prerequisites for Grosse Pointe students.

As far as jobs were concerned, forget it. There's nothing like mucking barns to sharpen one's ambitions. I feared I'd be stuck shoveling manure for the rest of my life.

College and a white collar and tie look awfully good from the end of a pitchfork.

It will be good returning home again, both for my Mom and for me.

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# The Op-Ed Page



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

## Streetwise

### Question of the Week:

Vendors at Wedding Show 2004, sponsored last week by the Grosse Pointe News and The St. Clair Press Connection, were asked: How did you meet your significant other?



"I applied for a job where John was working. I would have married him right then if he'd asked me." They've been married 27 years.

**Melinda McClellan**  
Grosse Pointe Park  
co-owner of Write to the Pointe



"I met my husband, Steve, at church. We were in the same youth group in junior high school. We started dating in 1959 and got married in 1966."

**Sandy Gillespie**  
Grosse Pointe Farms  
owner of Something Special



"In class at University of Michigan Dearborn. We were in a group studying for a test."

**Jason Parent**  
Grosse Pointe Woods  
owner of Pro D.J. Services



"I knew Frank from grade school. We met again at a funeral. He was helping my mother down the steps."

**Cindy Brady**  
Grosse Pointe Park  
co-owner of Write to the Pointe



"I met Sam Webster when the other man I was with at the University Club in Detroit left to make a phone call. We've been together for 15 years."

**Charlene Blondy**  
Detroit  
owner of Posterity: A Gallery



"My high school friend had been telling Steve about me." Six months later he called for a date. "The first time I went out with him I thought, Oh, what am I doing. It's eight years later; we've been married for five. Imagine that."

**Camille Naimy-Rickabus**  
Troy  
owner of Cami's Specialties

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](mailto:editor@grossepointenews.com)

## fyi

by Ben Burns

### Alien machine

I never had a love/hate relationship with my typewriter. I just loved it, particularly when I got to the IBM Selectric with its cute little type ball, dancing as I wrote.

I can't say the same for my computer. I love it when I can track obscure facts on the Internet, send e-mails, stories and pictures in a flash, but some days it acts like it is a curse from an alien culture on a faraway planet.

The companies that provide the component parts have set up barriers to ever talking to a human employee so you can sort out what the problem du jour is. You get shunted from Web site to Web site, or you get to talk to a machine, and choose one of a half dozen numbered options none of which will solve your problem.

Thus small computer repair shops are springing up to keep those of us with limited computer smarts in operation.

**Mark Shook** of the Woods is a partner in one such shop called The PC Clinic at 21530 Harper north of old Eight Mile. You can also contact them at [www.pccliniconline.com](http://www.pccliniconline.com) and invite them to help via the Internet.

In any event, here are a couple of Mark's more bizarre stories from the computer repair battlefield that should make all of us

non-computer geeks feel we are not alone. Names have been withheld to protect the innocent.

A Pointes lady with a small business calls Mark after he has delivered her repaired machine.

"I can't get the computer to accept a CD disc. Every time I put it in, it jams."

Mark hastens to the scene to check it out. As he walks up to the woman's desk where she has placed the computer tower on the floor, he notices four small legs on top.

"Here try this," he says and turns it over, right side up. The disk works just fine when it is put on the proper side of the tray.

Another customer calls and tells **Jerry and Mark**, "My coffee cup holder is broken. I put a mug on it, and it just fell off." They explain that computers don't come with coffee cup holders, and that is the CD disk tray that has been snapped off.

The fact is those folks are not dumb. There are just so darn many things that can go wrong with a computer that you sometimes lose sight of the obvious.

I spent 20 minutes on the phone recently with a nice Comcast tech named Raymond trying to figure out why I get a Send/Receive error message every time I send an e-mail. We finally concluded that the e-mail system works, but neither of us has a clue how to get rid of the bad

message. So I'll live with it. Computers — I love them and hate them.

### G.P. Connection

**Ken Van Dellen** of the Park, who taught at Daystar University in Kenya a couple of years back, was making a short return visit recently to scout out details for a tour package for university supporters so they could see first-hand the good the school is doing.

He was jolting along over 18 miles of rough road into the East African Rift Valley to visit a water well project, and he got talking to **Keswe**, a Daystar grad.

When Van Dellen advised Keswe where he lived, the Kenyan said he knew someone from Michigan. It turns out that his friend was **Kris Ozar** of the Park.

"He's from my town, and he graduated from Calvin College, my alma mater," Van Dellen said.

Keswe asked Van Dellen if he could help him reconnect with Ozar, and within hours of Ken's return to Grosse Pointe, he had called the Ozar home here and got Kris' e-mail address and sent Keswe's greetings back to Africa to Mombasa, where Ozar is working on a mission project.

"You just never know when you're going to make a Grosse Pointe connection," Van Dellen said.

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## Points about the Pointes

### Got an idea on how to ease the pain of our School Budget cuts? Join us this Sunday!

If you've been following the struggle that our School Board is going through trying to figure out where to find the \$5 million we're going to be short this coming year, you know it is not a pretty picture. The School Board members know in their hearts that something has to go, and that we can't spend what we don't have forever. The challenge they face is, "What do we cut that will hurt our kids the least?"

They have come up with a shopping list of potential cuts, all of which will be painful to someone. In the next few months, they will have to slice \$5 million in operating expenses. Many of us in the community question the completeness of the list and are asking, "Has any stone in the quest for creative cost cutting been left unturned?"

The Board's challenge reminds me of a trip our family took to Captiva Island a few years back. One of my sons had spent hours combing the beach looking for a certain kind of shell. Frustrated, he came back to the pool and announced with great certainty that there were no more shells like the one he wanted on the beach.

His younger brother said he would go look for the shell that didn't exist. About 15 minutes

later, he came back from the beach with the exact shell his older brother had announced absolutely did not exist!

Like finding that shell that didn't exist, when it comes to the future of my children's education, I want the benefit of all of the eyes we have in our community focused on finding ways we can keep our class sizes small and our core curriculum challenging. This is a daunting task in light of the upcoming school budget bloodbath gifted in part by our governor.

For that reason, we will be hosting a **Town Meeting this Sunday, March 7th at 2PM**. The topic of discussion will be **Thinking Outside of the Box for Creative Ways to Make our School Dollars Stretch**. The meeting will be held at **20237 Mack Avenue**, which is the building between us and Franklin Bank.

Parents, seniors, and particularly teachers and students are encouraged to attend. If you have an idea, however obscure you think it is, share it with us. If you can't make it, please e-mail me your ideas or drop them off at the store. Don't forget...your idea just may be our missing shell!

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## Druggies

Grosse Pointe Shores police notified four sets of Pointe parents last week that their children had been caught in a car containing an assortment of drugs, including hallucinogens, and related paraphernalia.

During a traffic stop on Friday, Feb. 27, at about 10 p.m., police who searched the car recovered a bag of mushrooms, two small bags of marijuana, a pipe, an electronic scale and \$70 in small denominations.

Police said a 16-year-old passenger from the Farms had a second bag of mushrooms in his coat pocket. A patrolman pulled over the teal green 1994 Mercury Cougar on southbound Lakeshore when a lit cigarette thrown from the car hit the officer's cruiser.

The Mercury smelled of marijuana which the driver, a 16-year-old Woods resident, admitted smoking.

Also in the vehicle were two additional Woods residents ages 15 and 16.

## Two caught in one traffic stop

A 29-year-old Detroit man was caught driving in the City of Grosse Pointe last week despite his license having been suspended 22 times.

The man also was wanted in Detroit on a \$1,102 outstanding warrant for 11 misdemeanor traffic violations. He was wanted in Wayne County on a \$1,755 warrant for non-support.

On Wednesday, Feb. 25, at 1:21 p.m., a patrolman pulled over the man on westbound Mack near Cadieux for driving a car with a broken windshield.

A 28-year-old female passenger, also from Detroit, was arrested on drug charges. She had a small bag of marijuana in her

pants pocket.

## Gas 'n' go

On Tuesday, Feb. 24, at 5:25 p.m., the unknown driver of a dark blue GMC Envoy pumped \$25.54 worth of gasoline from a service station in the 17800 block of Mack in the City of Grosse Pointe but drove away without paying.

## Bike theft

On Monday, Feb. 23, a Detroit man reported the theft of his 12-speed Schwinn bicycle from in front of a store in the 17100 block of Kercheval in the City of Grosse Pointe. He said the theft occurred on Wednesday, Feb. 18.

## Dog set aside

A 14-year-old boy allegedly forgot about tying his shepherd-mix dog to a bench outside a store in the Village shopping district on the afternoon of Saturday, Feb. 28.

Police were told the animal had been abandoned "for hours."

At 6:35 p.m., police took the dog to a veterinarian after a store representative had tried without success to find the owner.

The owners, who lived in Grosse Pointe Park, were tracked down and issued a \$95 ticket.

Police said the boy's mother was "irate about the ticket and the fine." She reportedly disputed that her son had abandoned the dog since 3 p.m.

A store employee remembered seeing the dog upon arriving for work at 3 p.m.

## Bike found

On Sunday, Feb. 29, at 10:30 a.m., police found a blue and yellow boys Magna Dirtstorm bicycle on the sidewalk outside an apartment building in the 1700

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block of Vernier in Grosse Pointe Woods.

## One too many

A 53-year-old Grosse Pointe Woods man said he consumed only one drink before driving with a .101 percent blood alcohol content in Grosse Pointe Woods on Sunday, Feb. 29, at about 3 a.m.

An officer had seen the man's gray Ford Taurus drifting from lane to lane on southbound Mack before making a traffic stop on eastbound Lochmoor.

## Caught drinking

On Sunday, Feb. 29, at 1:08 a.m., a 29-year-old Roseville man tested positive for a .148 percent blood alcohol level when investigated for drunken driving in Grosse Pointe Woods.

Police said the man had been driving his black 2001 Dodge station wagon at 57 mph on southbound Mack near Allard, a 35 mph zone.

The man admitted drinking three beers. He refused to take a second Breathalyzer test; so officers obtained a search warrant for a blood test at a local hospital.

## Setting an example

Grosse Pointe Woods police said the mother of a 14-year-old girl found passed out at an underage drinking party became "extremely uncooperative" when officers announced plans to test the juvenile for alcohol consumption.

"(The woman) ordered officers out of the house," police said.

The daughter was one of several youngsters found amid numerous beer cans and bottles during an unsupervised party at the house in the 1800 block of Manchester on Friday, Feb. 17, at 10:30 p.m. Numerous guests fled the scene before police arrived.

The mother told police she "just arrived home and observed a large crowd of kids exit the rear of the home and escape through the back yard."

Police said the woman "kept intervening" when officers tried to measure the blood alcohol levels of a handful of kids left behind.

"I informed (her) that she could be charged with having an underage drinking party," police said. "She appeared to understand."

The woman's daughter refused to take a Breathalyzer test.

## Athletic burglar

Sometime between 9 a.m. and noon on Friday, Feb. 27, someone stole more than \$1,100 cash from the office of a restaurant in the 19800 block of Mack in Grosse Pointe Woods.

The manager suspects someone entered the locked office by climbing shelves in an adjoining storage room, scaling a dividing wall and dropping down. There's more.

"The manager stated that three times in the last month money has been missing from waitress' purses," police said.

## Batty

On the morning of Friday, Feb. 17, a resident of the 19200 block of Raymond in

Grosse Pointe Woods reported a bat in the basement.

Police were unable to locate the animal and advised the homeowner to contact a pest control service.

## Passed out in driver's seat

On Thursday, Feb. 26, at 3:20 a.m., a 26-year-old Grosse Pointe Woods man was found passed out in the driver's seat of his black 2001 Lincoln four-door wedged against the curb on eastbound Sunningdale west of Fairway in Grosse Pointe Woods.

The vehicle was in drive with the engine running. Upon being roused by officers, the man stomped on the gas pedal, causing the car to jump the curb and nearly hit a tree.

The man registered a .17 percent blood alcohol level. Officers found suspected marijuana, two pipes, rolling papers and a rolling machine in the vehicle's center console.

## Tape takers

On Friday, Feb. 27, at 12:09 p.m., Grosse Pointe Park police caught two Detroit youths who stole video tapes from the local branch of the Grosse Pointe Public Library. The tapes were recovered.

## Van found

Grosse Pointe Park police recovered a 2000 Chrysler Town and Country van that had been stolen in Detroit. Recovery occurred in the 1300 block of Beaconsfield on Wednesday, Feb. 25, at noon.

## Anniversaries

The following public safety officers are celebrating anniversaries with Grosse Pointe Park:

- Lt. John Sauber, 22 years;
- Lt. James Chopp, 22 years; and
- PSO Brent Merlington, eight years.

— Brad Lindberg

## Will Granholm's college tuition hold make the grade

By Brad Lindberg  
Staff Writer

Michigan's public universities are being challenged to bite the financial bullet at both ends.

Faced with cuts in state aid, the state's 15 public universities and numerous community colleges have been asked to limit tuition increases to the rate of inflation.

Gov. Jennifer Granholm made the request during her 2004 State of the State speech.

"Wayne State University is the first to agree not to raise tuition beyond the rate of inflation," Granholm said. "I challenge others to follow their lead."

"It'd be nice if state appropriations to support higher education were tied to inflation," said Andrew Richner, a University of Michigan regent and resident of Grosse Pointe Park. "We've suffered enormous cuts to our budget over the last year and a half."

Higher education hasn't been immune to the state's budget problems.

From 2002 to fiscal year 2004, Michigan reduced funding to public colleges and universities by \$152, according to a September 2003 report on declining state support by the Presidents Council, State Universities of Michigan.

Cuts amounted to 9.4 percent. They came while schools dealt with a standard 4 percent annual increase in fixed costs.

State cuts and increased costs created a combined 13.4 funding gap from the year before.

These pressures grew while enrollment systemwide increased nearly 10 percent during the last decade. Enrollment jumped 4 percent from 2002 to 2003.

"I don't like the disproportional impact on higher education that budget cuts have made," Richner said. "My priorities would be different. We have to invest in our future. That means investing in higher education."

"Our state universities are being funded at 1999 levels with no adjustments for enrollment increases or inflation," said Irvin Reid, chair of the Presidents Council (and president of Wayne State) in the organization's State of the Public Universities address in November 2003.

Schools responded to funding cuts by reducing costs and raising tuition.

Since 2002, Michigan's public universities collectively began cost savings totaling \$159 million, according to the Council. Some 1,500 full time jobs

have been eliminated.

"When is the bleeding going to stop?" Richner said. "We can't keep taking cuts. We will suffer."

Tuition hikes for the fall 2003 term reached an average 10 percent beyond the year before.

The economic squeeze could continue as Michigan is forecast to have a \$1 billion deficit next year.

Richner acknowledged Granholm's budget problem. But he said a healthy higher education system will lead to a strong state economy.

"I'm in favor of keeping tuition as low as possible to maintain accessibility and affordability of higher education," Richner said. "But I'm also committed to making sure academic excellence of the university."

"Our universities deliver economic value by creating jobs and nurturing Michigan's most important asset, a highly skilled workforce," Reid said in his speech.

"Education and economic development are inseparably linked," said Ed Gaffney, R-Grosse Pointe Farms.

"Without a sound public education system in place, businesses will not have the diverse and highly skilled work force that is needed to take on global competition."

"Michigan's economic future is less about manpower and more about ingenuity, creativity and the discovery of new knowledge," Reid said. "We are in a war for our state's economic future. To be competitive, we must create a highly trained work force."

Richner said downward trends in state funding threaten U-M's standing in the marketplace and, by extension, the state's ability to attract business.

"As class sizes grow, we've had to lay off faculty and plenty of administration," Richner said. "Our focus is cutting fat where we can. I don't mean to overstate this, but you can only do so much without jeopardizing quality. It has a direct impact on attracting students and faculty."

In her State of the State address, Granholm repeated her call from last year to spur economic development by developing cool cities — "cities that attract young workers and businesses that rely on their talents."

"She's right," Richner said. "People want to live where there are hot jobs and cool cities. How do you get hot jobs and cool cities? Through having highly educated people. In a modern economy, you need people who are trained and educated."

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**Theodora Wilson Acomb**

## Theodora Wilson Acomb

Grosse Pointe Farms resident Theodora Wilson Acomb, 88, died Friday, Feb. 27, 2004 at St. John Hospital in Detroit.

Born in Detroit on Sept. 30, 1915 to William Robert Wilson and Gertrude Gray Wilson, Mrs. Acomb graduated from the Liggett School in Detroit in 1933.

Prior to her marriage to Edward G. Acomb, she worked at a laboratory. Subsequently she was a secretary at Detroit Edison's Delray office.

Mrs. Acomb was very involved in the community. She was a member of the Detroit Industrial School, a board member and president of the Neighborhood House Settlement, a board member of the Neighborhood Service Organization, a board member of the District Nursing Society, treasurer of Children's Museum Friends, a founding member of the Association for Retarded Citizens and a member of the Grosse Pointe Memorial Church where she was on the library committee.

She also had many interests and hobbies. She enjoyed her family, gardening, architecture, interior decorating, travel, music and the Red Wings. She was a former member of the Indian Village Chorus and

the Grosse Pointe Community Chorus, and supported the Detroit Public Library, the Detroit Institute of Art and Belle Isle.

Mrs. Acomb is survived by her daughters Anne M. and Lindsay; and sister Aileen Trix.

She was predeceased by her husband Edward; sisters Anne Grovac, Laura Wilson, Beatrice Howell; and brothers Gordon Wilson and Bayard Wilson.

A memorial service will be held at the Grosse Pointe Memorial Church, Barbour Chapel, 16 Lakeshore Drive, Grosse Pointe Farms on Tuesday, March 9, at 11 a.m.

Interment is at the Columbarium of the Grosse Pointe Memorial Church.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Coleman Foundation, 313 S. Church St., Hudson, MI 49247 or Services for Older Citizens, 17150 Waterloo, Grosse Pointe, MI 48230.

## Edith M. Frazier

City of Grosse Pointe resident Edith M. Frazier, 75, died Sunday, Feb. 22, 2004.

Mrs. Frazier was born in Grosse Pointe on July 16, 1928 to Hugh and Anne McIlroy.

She is survived by daughter S. Lynn Dugan; sons L. Scot and J. Craig Frazier; grandchildren Michael King, Taylor Crowley and Sydney Dugan; and sister Joan Freismuth.

Funeral services were held Wednesday, Feb. 25 at Verheyden Funeral Home in Grosse Pointe Park.

Memorial contributions may be made to Henry Ford Hospice.

## Fredrick "Ric" Gonzalez

Waterford resident Fredrick "Ric" Gonzalez, 54, died Sunday, Feb. 22, 2004.

A graduate of Grosse Pointe High School and Princeton University, Mr. Gonzalez was co-owner of

Gonzalez Design Group.

He is survived by wife Ricca; brothers Gary Gonzalez (Chris) and Patrick Desmet (Julie); sister Michelle Foster (Robert); parents-in-law Jim and Betty Ricca; brother in law Jim Ricca (Lynn); and many nieces and nephews.

A funeral Mass was celebrated on Thursday, Feb. 26 at St. Anne Church in Detroit.

Memorial contributions may be made to St. Anne Church, 1000 Ste. Anne, Detroit, MI 48216 or the Gabriel Richard Society.

## Mary Louise Smith Reynolds

Former Grosse Pointe resident Mary Louise Smith Reynolds, 82, of Traverse City died Thursday, Feb. 26, 2004 at her Highlander home.

Mrs. Reynolds was born in New York City on June 26, 1921. She married Bruce K. Reynolds at Christ Church in Grosse Pointe on Nov. 24, 1948.

She was a member of Grace Episcopal Church in Traverse City and held membership in the Daughters of the American Revolution, the PEO, the Old Mission Women's Club and the Interlochen Women's Club. She held a variety of offices in these organizations.

Mrs. Reynolds is survived by her daughters Nancy (Bruce) Papet of Troy and Julie (Randy) Payne of Manistee; five grandchildren, Lindsey, Jeff, Brian, Elizabeth and Zachary; sisters Elaine (John) Jacobs of Arizona and Marge (John) Holschuh of Ohio; cousins Jean (Len) Jensen and Doris (Dean) Freidell; sister-in-law Sally (Bob) Petersen and treasured friend and cat, Shelly.

She was predeceased by her husband, Bruce, who died on March 7, 1999 and by her parents.

Funeral services were held on Saturday, Feb. 28 at

the Reynolds-Jonkhoff Funeral Home in Traverse City. Committal services took place March 2 at White Chapel Memorial Cemetery in Troy with the Rev. Jonathan Sams of St. Stephens Episcopal Church in Troy officiating.

Memorial contributions may be made to your local Humane Society, the American Heart Association or to a charity of your choice.

## Wanda Janet Robbins

Wanda Janet Robbins, 78, died Tuesday, Jan. 27, 2004 at the John Muir Hospital in Walnut Creek, CA.

Born in Detroit to John and Elizabeth Heggs on September 2, 1925, she earned her masters in education from Wayne State University.

Mrs. Robbins served as teacher for the St. Clair Shores School District.

She enjoyed tennis, golf, swimming, yoga, antiques and the arts.

She is survived by sons Greg, Doug, Richard and Eric; and grandchildren Heather, Sean, Colin, Wil, Sara, Megan, Christian, Stephanie and Alexander.

She was predeceased by husband Dick Robbins and brother John.

Mrs. Robbins was cremated.

Memorial contributions may be made to the American Lung Association.



**Margaret Worcester Dudley Thurber**

## Margaret Worcester Dudley Thurber

Margaret Worcester Dudley Thurber, "Peggy," died on Thursday, Feb. 26, 2004 at her home in Grosse Pointe.

Born on July 14 in Detroit to Louis Dudley and Mabel Worcester, she attended the Old Trail and Hathaway Brown Schools in Akron, Ohio, where her family relocated. She graduated with a Bachelor of Arts degree from Bennington College, Vermont, in 1941. Before her marriage, she was executive secretary of the American Book Publishers Association, first in Washington, D.C. and then in New York City.

Together with her husband, she had a great affection for gardens, books, history, the arts and our National Parks, to which they traveled often.

She was a member of the National Society of Colonial Dames in the state of Michigan, having served as its corresponding secretary; the Metropolitan Opera Guild, New York City; Michigan Opera Theatre; Detroit Symphony Orchestra Hall; Detroit Historical Society; Friends of the Detroit Public Library and the Grosse Pointe Public Library; and, since 1979, the Sigma Gamma Association.

She was predeceased by her husband, Donald M. D. Thurber.

Funeral services will be held at Christ Church-Detroit, 960 E. Jefferson on Thursday, March 4, at 11 a.m.

Burial is at Woodlawn Cemetery in Detroit.

Memorial contributions may be made to a charity of your choice.



**Helma Watts**

City of Grosse Pointe resident Helma Watts, 93, died Thursday, Feb. 26, 2004.

Born in Applegate, Mich. on Feb. 23, 1911 to Alexander and Maude McDonald, Mrs. Watts graduated from the Farrand School of Nursing at Harper Hospital.

She was a member of the Harper Hospital Auxiliary and the Country Club of Detroit. Family, needlepoint, knitting and gardening were some of her favorite interests.

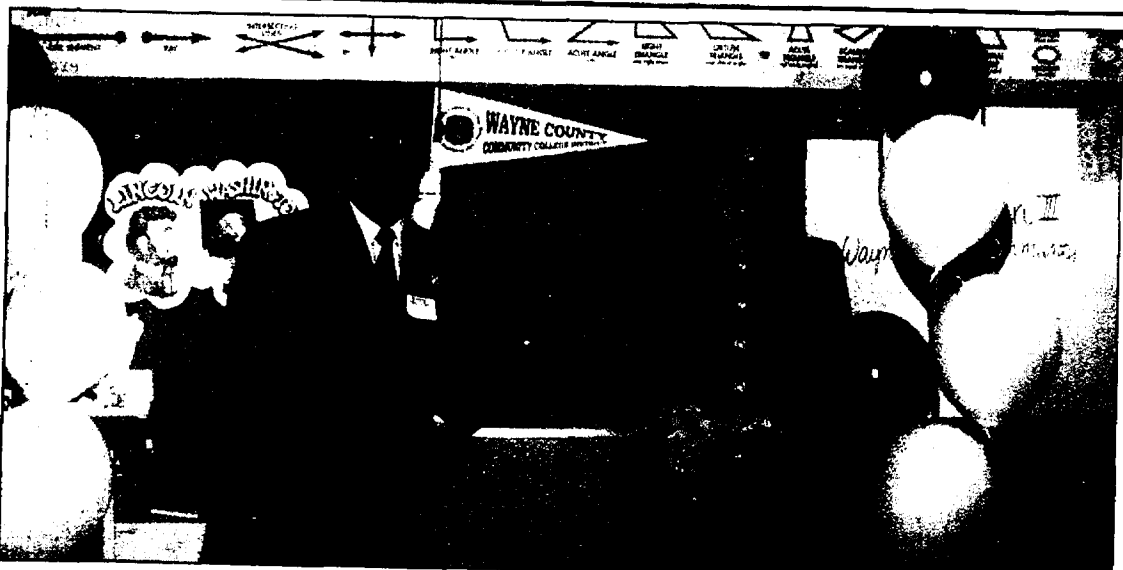
Mrs. Watts is survived by sons Frederick Watts Jr. and Charles M. Watts; grandchildren Laura Wholian, Charles, Frederick (Trace), Sarah Hipps and Andrew; great-grandchildren Matthew, Sarah, Charles, Anne and Andrew Jr.; and sister Thelma Brady.

She was predeceased by husband, Dr. Frederick Watts.

A memorial service was held on Monday, March 1 at the Verheyden Funeral Home in Grosse Pointe.

Interment was at Woodlawn Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to a charity of your choice.



Dr. George Swann III, president of Wayne Community College, above with college professor Emily Mitseff, spoke to Ferry Elementary students about his life, the college and ways to approach and work in the world.

## Wayne President visits Ferry with pearls of wisdom

Dr. George Swann III, president of Wayne County Community College, visited Ann Passino's fourth and fifth grade class at Ferry Elementary on Friday, Feb. 27. Swann told students about his life, the inception and nature of Wayne and paths to reap rewards from life.

Swann beamed about the wide range of people who attend Wayne.

"It's exciting because you never know what a person brings in," he said. "When you talk to people, you get a sense of the richness of their experience."

A one-time theater aficionado, Swann encouraged students to be creative and intellectually curious, especially through writing and reading.

"When you read, you're using your mind to visualize what's taking place. That's where creativity comes from," he said. "It's important that you keep

He also urged selflessness. "It is important to build

something bigger than yourselves," he said. Charismatic and engag-

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## Schools must tighten fiscal belt

We cannot in good conscience support the Tuesday, March 16, vote for a six-year, 1-mill tax for the Grosse Pointe public school district's so-called "Sinking Fund."

We regret having supported the Grosse Pointe Public School System's \$62-million bond request a couple of years ago, and we are certainly not going to support yet another tax.

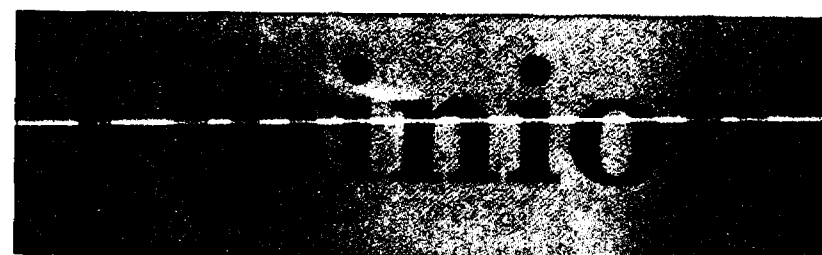
True, the state of Michigan, the bad economy, Proposal A, Gov. Jennifer Granholm, the state Legislature and the mechanics of Proposal A and the Headlee Amendment all play a part in the school district's projected \$5.2 million budget deficit for the next school year.

But we do not think the school district has suffered over the past years. The district's General Fund has grown 34.04 percent since 1994, while enrollment has risen only 11.19 percent. Notice, too, in the accompanying graphic, that per-pupil spending has grown 22.91 percent in nine years!

Why does it cost us so much more to teach kids today vs. just a decade ago?

The district has a fund equity balance of \$14 million. The \$5.2 million shortfall could be paid out of the fund equity (rainy-day funds), and no cuts would have to be made.

But that would, perhaps, be short-



sighted. Cuts must and should be made, and it is the school board's job to make the tough decisions.

The board earlier made a tough decision to consider reducing the high and middle school schedule from seven hours to six. When a groundswell of protest by parents, students and some faculty erupted, the board quickly tabled the matter indefinitely.

Now, in view of the governor's decision to stick it to the so-called "wealthy" school districts, we wonder if the school board backed down too soon. The reduction in class hours

could have saved the district \$2.9 million a year.

Before the voters is a 1-mill request to fund repair projects in the district. The Sinking Fund, if approved, would not be for long-term repairs, such as roofs, boilers or new construction, that would last for more than 20 years. Rather, the fund is to pay for shorter-term items, such as parking lots and such.

However, we think parking lots should be paid for by parkers — students, faculty and school employees.

Employees on the Hill pay \$600 a year to park. Why can't students, fac-

ulty and staff pay \$100 a semester for the privilege of parking on or near school property? That includes school parking lots and side streets.

Further, school enrollment may be trending downward. While the Grosse Pointe school district projects flat or a slight enrollment decrease over the next five years, the statewide enrollment picture is downward.

According to Jack McHugh, legislative policy analyst for the Mackinac Center for Public Policy, in an essay titled, "Why Are Schools Borrowing More?" schools are spending more and more to support fewer and fewer kids.

"The bottom line is that the size of the market Michigan schools serve is declining," he writes, "and there is nothing they can do about it. School districts tempted to dodge the demographic bullet with deluxe buildings and beggar-thy-neighbor policies should think twice. Instead, they should work on what really matters: making their education programs better."

We think the school district should dig in and weather the storm. The projected \$5.2 million deficit is only 5.3 percent of the district's general fund. Surely cuts can be found.

If not, then perhaps an across-the-board 5 percent pay cut to all school employees would not be out of line given the economic climate in Michigan.

Ask Compuware employees and everyone else taking pay cuts or freezes and having to foot an increasing amount of their health insurance premiums what they think. They can't go back to the well, and the school district shouldn't either.

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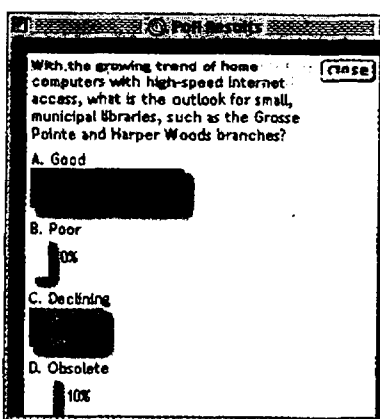
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## Readers still favor libraries

Despite the popularity of home computers, respondents to our online Internet poll were overwhelmingly optimistic about the future of small, branch libraries.

In response to the question, "With the growing trend of home computers with high-speed Internet access, what is the outlook for small, municipal libraries, such as the Grosse Pointe and Harper Woods branches?" 60 percent said "Good."

None answered "Bad." Thirty percent thought the future of small libraries was "Declining," while 10 percent thought such facilities were "Obsolete."



Address comments to cartoonist Phil Hands at [phands@grossepointenews.com](mailto:phands@grossepointenews.com) or go to [www.philtoons.com](http://www.philtoons.com)

## Letters

### Quality of schools

To the Editor:

I am writing in support of the sinking fund vote on March 16.

I am sure we are all aware of the economic problems the state of Michigan is facing. School funding is one of the cutbacks the governor continues to evaluate and Grosse Pointe, like other districts, is at the top of her list for additional cuts.

According to The Detroit News and Detroit Free Press article on Saturday, Feb. 14, the Grosse Pointe Schools could be faced with another \$2.1 million in lost funding. The sinking fund is the only option available for all of us to protect the quality of our schools.

This is not a "stealth" election. By law, the district must have a balanced budget completed and approved by the end of June 2004. The train has already left the station, the budgeting process has already begun for the 2004-2005 school year.

That is why the election needs to be held now. The district cannot wait until June, to know if this money will be available.

The district is not alone and a number of other districts are using bonds to help balance their budgets. By comparison to districts

like Novi, West Bloomfield, Northville, Troy and Birmingham we are not overtaxed. For a home with a "taxable value" of \$200,000 the effect will only be \$200 a year (less than 55 cents a day).

Yes, we have the "technology and capital improvement" bonds in place. However, by law the funding the district received cannot be used for any other expenses. These funds cannot be used for curriculum, salaries or any other general fund expenditures.

The sinking fund is not about raising our taxes, it is about maintaining the excellence of our schools. All of the funds generated by the sinking fund stay in Grosse Pointe.

Our school system is one of the best things about Grosse Pointe. It is why people move here and live here. I urge everyone to vote "yes" on March 16.

**Patrick Burke**  
 Grosse Pointe Farms

### School budget

To the Editor:

This coming Wednesday, March 10, the Ferry School PTO will host a public forum at its regular meeting on the upcoming special election for the sinking fund.

All interested parties are invited to attend at 7 p.m. in the East Centrum of Ferry School. We will hear from a

member or members of the Grosse Pointe School Board regarding the budget issues facing the school district and the reasons behind the proposal for a sinking fund millage.

Numerous misconceptions about the sinking fund millage abound currently and need to be addressed and dispelled. As one example, I have heard the question raised as to why the school system is unable to redirect funds from the bond toward the budget shortfall. Simply put, the reason is that it is illegal to do so, as the funds which became available as a result of the approval of the bond were designated to be used only on certain projects and in ways specified at that time.

Another matter many people still assume is that the dollars contained in our tax bills for the schools go to our schools. This used to be the case but is no longer true. The funds go to Lansing, from where we then receive all of our funding (and from where much of that funding is repeatedly cut throughout the school year, even after the school system's budget has been approved and set in place).

In short, it is crucial for the health of the educational program of Grosse Pointe schools for us to support this millage. In addition, we need to continue to request that our state legislators

address the continuing budget deficits in Lansing which result from the lack of reliable revenue the state experiences due to Proposal A.

Please remember during these times that our community isn't just a "nice place to live," and won't remain what we most love about it without our involvement and hard work.

This is a special place, largely due to the fact that the populace of Grosse Pointe was always very willing to foster an enhanced educational experience for its students, for which we have been rewarded with a very high percentage of high school graduates, very well-recognized college graduates and a school system with a national reputation for excellence.

We have also been rewarded with very appreciable and stable property values. This community isn't just a nice place to live, it is truly an assemblage of high values and a quest for superiority and distinction. As go our schools, so will go our community.

Again, I invite any interested persons to attend the forum this coming Wednesday. If you have concerns relating to how the school system's funds are apportioned and why additional funds are being requested, please come and receive the information so vital to an informed voter.

I urge you to not only attend this meeting but also to vote on Tuesday, March 16.

**Janis Ferworn**  
 President  
 Ferry PTO  
 Grosse Pointe Woods

### Correction

To the editor:

The Harper Woods Public Library is excited about its renovation and expansion plans. Although the planning phase is lengthy, the new building should provide room for many additional services that are currently not possible, such as a quiet study area, tutoring room and an elevator.

The Grosse Pointe News has provided excellent coverage of the library plans, but I would like to clarify an item mentioned in a recent article by Carrie Cunningham. The article stated that the renovation "will increase the book amount by 20 percent, or about 8,000 books."

As much as I wish the above statement were true, it is not. While it is true that the library will have the future space for 20 to 25 percent more books, videos and other materials, the reality is that the money for a special purchase to fill that shelf space does not exist. The funds for a special book purchase cannot come from the building bond because

the funds cannot be used for normal operating costs, such as book purchases. The bond can be used only for capital expenditures, like construction costs.

The city and the library are experiencing reductions in operating revenues in these tough economic times. It will not be possible for the library to immediately fill the new shelf space, and we did not want the public to get the wrong impression. I hope that this letter will prevent any misunderstandings.

Harper Woods is not alone in this concern. The cuts made by the State of Michigan to municipal revenue sharing, Library State Aid and mandated Headlee millage rollbacks are affecting the budgets of most cities in the tri-county area. In addition, local tax issues are a further drain on the city and library budgets.

There are possible solutions to these state and local concerns, and we hope that these ideas will be supported and implemented in the near future. Meanwhile, the library will provide the best service it can within its operating budget, and the building committee will continue working toward making the renovated library the best it can be.

**Dale Parus**  
 Library Director

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# Ever popular Ford Explorer ranks high for 2004

By Greg Zyla

We test drove Ford's popular 2004 Explorer, the best-selling sport utility vehicle for the past 12 years.

Up front, we want to emphasize that although our tester bottom-lined for \$40,000, Explorers start at \$26,600 for the two-wheel-drive XLS and \$27,877 for the four-wheel-drive model. Our testers are usually the fully loaded upscale models, but mechanically, the lesser-priced Explorers share the same mechanicals with the more pricey models.

The Explorer, regardless of model choice, is one of the best-looking SUVs out there. Fog lamps and power mirrors were standard on our metallic green tester, while platinum gloss step bar, cladding and bumpers really set this SUV off. All-terrain white letter 17-inch all-season tires and machined aluminum wheels complete the motif.

Inside, our Explorer featured a third-row seating package for \$745 and a great \$1,295 rear-seat entertainment center, featuring a DVD player. An \$850 power moon roof, \$560 safety

canopy, \$695 leather package with power driver seat, \$120 adjustable pedals and a \$650 auxiliary climate control finished off the interior options.

Standard features are numerous, from all the power windows to storage bins, power outlets and cup holders. The instrumentation is excellent, the view for everyone is great, and the comfort and quietness are superb. Overall, we give the Explorer an A-plus in interior design and functionality.

The third row is a wee-bit cramped for adults, but smaller individuals and kids will love it. Accessing the third row is easier than on competitor models, thanks to the second row's multifunctionality. It's a 40/20/40 split folding bench seat, and if you fold both second and third rows you'll find more than 80 cubic-feet of cargo space.

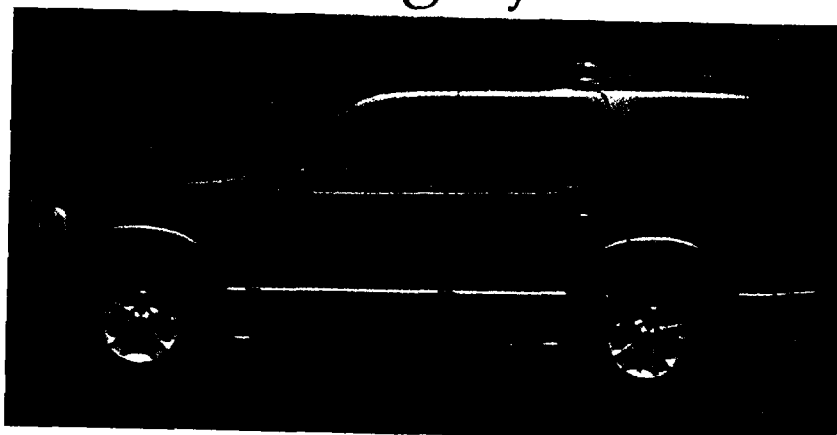
Under the hood, the now popular and powerful 4.6-liter V-8 powers the Explorer flawlessly, producing 239 horsepower. Towing is a breeze, thanks to a standard 3.73 axle ratio and a maximum towing capacity of

7,000 pounds.

Explorer's 4x4 system is a touch-of-the-button selection with Auto, 4x4 high and 4x4 low available. High-tech traction control also helps in moving this Explorer, and after an 8-inch snowfall blasted the Northeast, we found out just how good owning an Explorer is. After the snow, we just powered up the Ford, put it in drive and drove right out of our unplowed driveway!

The only transmission available with the 4.6-liter V-8 is a five-speed electronic automatic overdrive with overdrive lockout switch. Stopping Explorer is a breeze, thanks to four-wheel power discs. The suspension system is fully independent, while steering is power rack and pinion. The ride is more luxurious than "off road," but rest assured that this SUV will go anywhere, especially when the AdvanceTrac option (\$795) is activated to help in both ascents and descents in tough highway and off-road conditions.

In addition to its long list of standard equipment and options, our Explorer includ-



2004 Ford Explorer XLT Sport 4x4

ed a 290-watt six-disc music system for \$510 featuring in-dash changer with seven premium speakers and an 8-inch subwoofer. Also optional was a \$795 safety group, and with \$645 added for destination, the base went from \$33,375 to \$40,555.

Important numbers include a wheelbase of 113.8 inches, 22.5-gallon fuel tank, 4,469-pound curb weight, seven-passenger seating and EPA numbers of 15 mpg city and 19 mpg highway.

We like Explorer, and

when one realizes that a 2004 Explorer can be parked in the driveway starting at \$26,600 retail, we have to rate this fine vehicle a nine on a scale of 10. Yes, it's that good.

— King Features Syndicate

## Headlight maintenance essential for safer driving

(NAPSI) — Statistics shine a light on an important safety concern — visibility. More traffic accidents occur at night than during the day. The University of Michigan Transportation Research Institute recently released a study showing that approximately 2,300 pedestrians are killed in the United States annually because of drivers' inability to see at night.

Maintaining your car's headlights can be an important step in safer nighttime driving. To maintain your headlights, be sure they are:

- Clean — Give them a quick scrub when you wash your windows at the gas station. Clean headlights can help you see better and can help prevent glare, which can be intensified by dust

and dirt particles on the glass.

- Aimed properly — Headlight aim can often be knocked out of position by driving off-road or over potholes, which may contribute to unsafe nighttime driving conditions. Next time you get your oil changed or are at the repair shop, ask the service person to check, and if necessary, adjust your headlights.

- Free of road chips, condensation and surface scratches — These things decrease visibility and contribute to glare while driving.

"Proper headlight maintenance is critical to safer driving, especially during nighttime hours," said Dennis Holt, reliability and manager,

Sylvania Automotive Lighting. "Most people change their car's oil and rotate tires on a regular basis. We also encourage everyone to get in the habit of routinely maintaining their headlights."

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## Phaeton

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nearly 204 inches long and 57 inches tall, the Phaeton is nearly the same as the Mercedes S-Class and BMW 745Li in length and height.

Offered with two engines, including a powerful 6.0-liter W-12, — basically three banks of four cylinders each — the Phaeton has full-time all-wheel drive, an abundance of safety features, plus numerous unique creature comforts including a draft-free, four-zone climate control system with humidity sensors and separate temperature controls and an onboard com-

puter system that can also be operated from the rear seat.

I was relieved to find that the radar systems in the Phaeton did not brake or take over steering: it just beeped. Backing out of a tight space in a parking garage sets off a chorus of beeps, as it warns that there is a wall ahead, a car behind and cars on either side.

Are consumers ready for a luxury Volkswagen, a nameplate known for cute little Beetles and dependable small and midsize sedans, like the Jetta and

Passat? Obviously, Volkswagen marketing executives think so. They say they are convinced there is a market for the Phaeton.

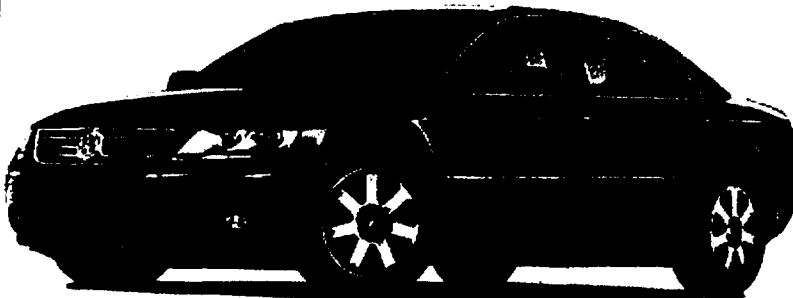
Volkswagen loses sales every year to consumers who want to move upscale, but are forced to leave the VW brand for a Mercedes or BMW to do so. When Toyota, Honda and Nissan did this, they created new luxury nameplates, Lexus, Acura and Infiniti. VW is taking a chance that the Phaeton will keep VW owners coming back to VW showrooms.

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## ULS middle school students help autistic students

By Carrie Cunningham  
Staff Writer

Autism can be isolating and difficult, but students from University Liggett Middle School are making the days of students who have this condition brighter.

Under the direction of ULS athletic director Helen Slade and special needs educator for the Grosse Pointe Public Schools Betty Lou Rowe, young ULS students are engaging in a variety of activities that both help special needs students accomplish tasks and provide them with compassionate relationships.

ULS students work together with students from Grosse Pointe North High School, Mason Elementary and Poupard Elementary on artwork, cooking and numeracy skills. For Valentine's Day, they made



University Liggett Middle School eighth-graders Guy Rizzo and Adam Swider, above, aid children with autism in the Grosse Pointe Public School System.

Photo by Carrie Cunningham

heart soaps together.

The special needs students sometimes have trouble with physical movements. The schools have materials like climbing toys and trampolines to help

them move around better.

"We engage them in activities to work on sensory integration," said Rowe.

Socialization is another hurdle the students face. By becoming friends with the

middle school children, they can emerge from the often alienating shell of their condition and be part of the Grosse Pointe community.

"We would make jokes, and they would laugh," said

ULS eighth grader Guy Rizzo.

"It's nice to see them smile," added another ULS eighth grader Adam Swider. "It's nice because we are their friends."

"I just think you have to know what's in common. These are people who are labeled, but they're the same," Slade said.

Rowe thinks the camaraderie between the students aids the ULS students in disseminating awareness about the many facets of autism.

"Hopefully, they can educate their family members and friends that they're just like everybody else," Rowe said.

The ULS students additionally experience the warmth of service in an interpersonal way.

"I feel good about helping

people who need help," Rizzo said. "It's not like helping the poor where you donate socks. You talk to them."

The exchange between the ULS students and the autistic children was borne out of a summer program Rowe coordinates for special needs children. Rowe talked with Slade about building on the summer program, and now the ULS students visit the autistic children every Thursday, with the program running through April.

"It's nice because you look forward to it," Swider said.

The relationship among the students has been all by measures a glowing success for all involved.

"The kids are really enjoying it," Slade said.

"They help out a lot," Rowe said.



## Music Man to come to life

The charm, comedy, warmth and rousing music of Meredith Wilson's classic American musical, "The Music Man," will come marching onto the stage of the Grosse Pointe Performing Arts Center March 4 to 6.

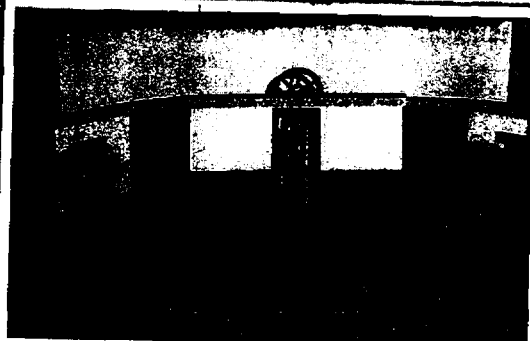
North High school students have been hard at work bringing to life Professor Harold Hill and the town of River City Iowa. It's the story of wily musical instrument salesman, Hill, who convinces a town that the only way to solve problems is to have a boys' band. He eventually falls in love with Marian the librarian. Hill and the town are changed forever in the summer of 1912 as the town finds it has something to be excited about.

Pictured in back from the left are Barbershop Quartet members Ross Gardner, Anthony Adams, Terrell Thompson and Drew Blohm. In front are Ben Lupo as Harold Hill and Angela Theis as Marian the Librarian.

The production is under the direction of drama instructor, Michelle Stackpoole, the co-direction of Marty Bufalini, the vocal direction of Mandy Scott, the musical direction of Dave Cleveland and the choreography of Maria Moscatto.

Performances are at the Performing Arts Center, 707 Vernier in Grosse Pointe Woods on Thursday, March 4, at 7:30 p.m. and Friday and Saturday, March 5 and 6, at 8 p.m.

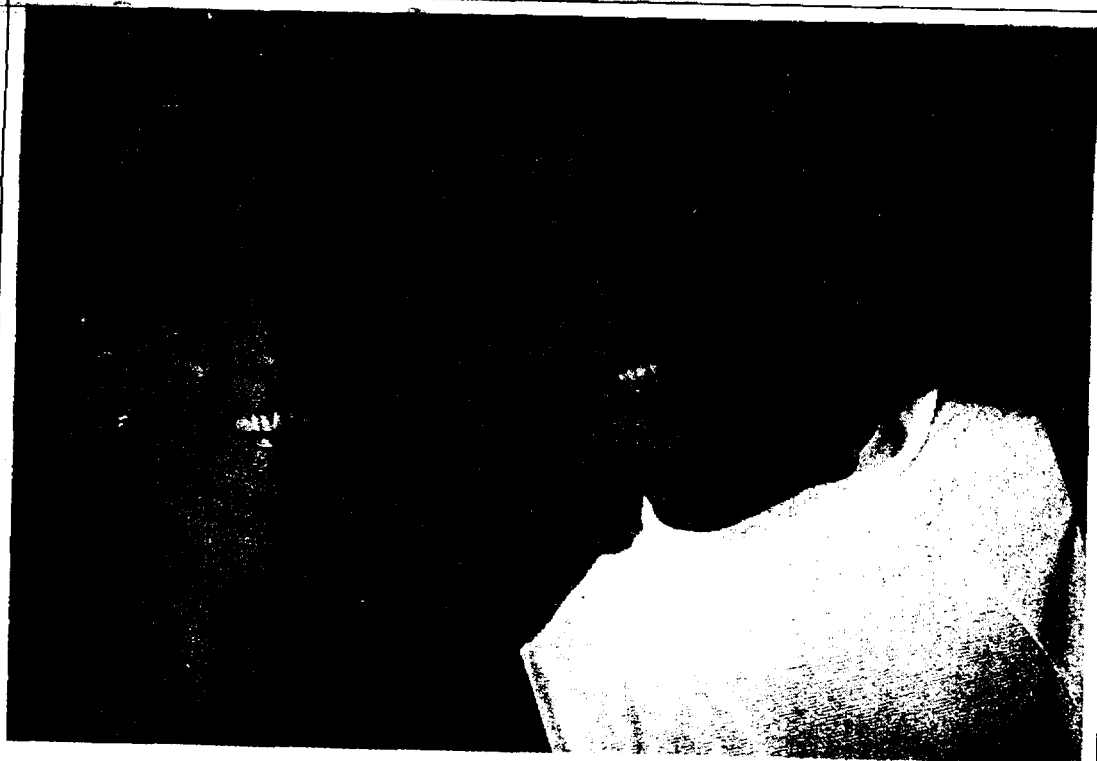
Tickets are \$8 for the balcony and \$12 for the main floor. They are available at Wild Birds Unlimited on Mack and the theater door prior to performances.



## Dazzling design

At the state festival sponsored by the Educational Theater Association, Stefania Ford received superior ratings for her set design for the upcoming University Liggett School production of "Where's Charley." Ford's scale model, above, was impressive with a sense of architectural detail seldom seen in such a young designer.

"Where's Charley" runs Thursday through Sunday, March 4-7. Show times are 7:30 Thursday through Saturday, with a closing 2 p.m. matinee on Sunday. Tickets are \$5 for reserved seats, and \$4 for general admission. For more information, call Dr. Phillip Moss at (313) 884-4444.



## Sinking fund forums

There will be a variety of meetings for the public to learn about the sinking fund. A meeting will take place Wednesday, March 3 at the district's office on St. Clair; on Thursday, March 4, the public is invited to Mason Elementary on Vernier at 7 p.m.; on Wednesday, March 10, at 9 a.m. there will be a meeting at Monteith Elementary located at Chalfonte on the corner of Cook; also on Wednesday, March 10, a meeting will take place at Ferry Elementary on Roslyn and Morningside off of Vernier at 7 p.m. and lastly, Chris Fenton, assistant superintendent for business affairs and support services, will be present at a meeting on Tuesday, March 9 at 9:30 a.m. at the Children's Home of Detroit, 900 Cook Road.

## South Jazztet are outstanding

The South High School Jazztet was named "Outstanding Jazz Combo" at the University of Michigan Jazz Festival held on Saturday, Feb. 14, in Ann Arbor. The Jazztet performed for adjudicators Ellen Rowe, Director of Jazz Studies at U-M, and Marion Hayden, a bassist and U-M faculty member. Students also attended instrumental clinics and workshops and attended a performance by the U-M Jazz Ensemble, and jazz greats Hank Jones, Steve Houghton and Dave Vadala. The Jazztet will also perform at MSBOA Michigan Secondary Bands and Orchestra Association Jazz Festival in March. Representing South were James O'Connell (trombone), Tom Stoepker (guitar), Mike Malis (piano), Mike Bassett (bass) and John Maltz (drums). The advisor for the Jazztet is Dan White, South teacher.

## SO, YOU'VE TURNED 50. CAN WE TALK?

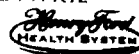
You may not know it, but if you're age 50 or older, you are at risk for developing colorectal cancer, the second leading cancer killer in the United States. For some, there are no symptoms until the disease has progressed. Protect yourself and get tested. If detected early, this form of cancer is curable.

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## Science teachers present facets of curriculum to board

By Carrie Cunningham  
Staff Writer

Members of the Grosse Pointe Public School System's science department made a presentation at the Monday, May 4 conference meeting of the board of education about the necessity of maintaining the excellence of the district's science curriculum. Head of K-12 science Sue Speirs, and North science chair, Anne Mudo, outlined to the board ways to keep students learning science in a fashion that will make them exemplary scientists.

The need for vigilance highlights how the budget crisis might affect valued instruction in topics like science.

The goals of the district's science department are to have students understand the core concepts of earth, physical and life sciences, to be able to conduct thorough

investigations and to engage scientific questions in a rigorous manner.

To achieve these ends, the department needs to concentrate on assessment, develop meaningful content, nurture staff growth, integrate new learning with prior knowledge and promote general science literacy.

The science department at the high school level offers a wide range of courses, including: astronomy, environmental science, geology, microbiology, physiology, AP environmental science, AP biology, AP chemistry and AP physics. The department additionally proposed at the meeting the possibility of introducing a course on advanced topics in astronomy.

In order to advance and maintain the science curriculum, staff needs to be current with scientific concepts. For instance, it was

suggested at the meeting that one good way to achieve this end is to have teachers go to a conference entitled "The Fragile Brain" by Eric Jensen.

These kinds of exercises cost money, and board member Jack Ryan said deciding on whether to fund them is the type of question the board has to unfortunately face.

"Something like this is essential. This is something we're looking to cut. Those are painful cuts," Ryan said.

Speirs and Mudo imparted to the board both the richness of the current curriculum and ways to maintain this value, showing how important it is to keep good instruction even in the face of budget cuts.

"The crux is the renewal of existing courses," said Susan Allan, assistant superintendent for curriculum.

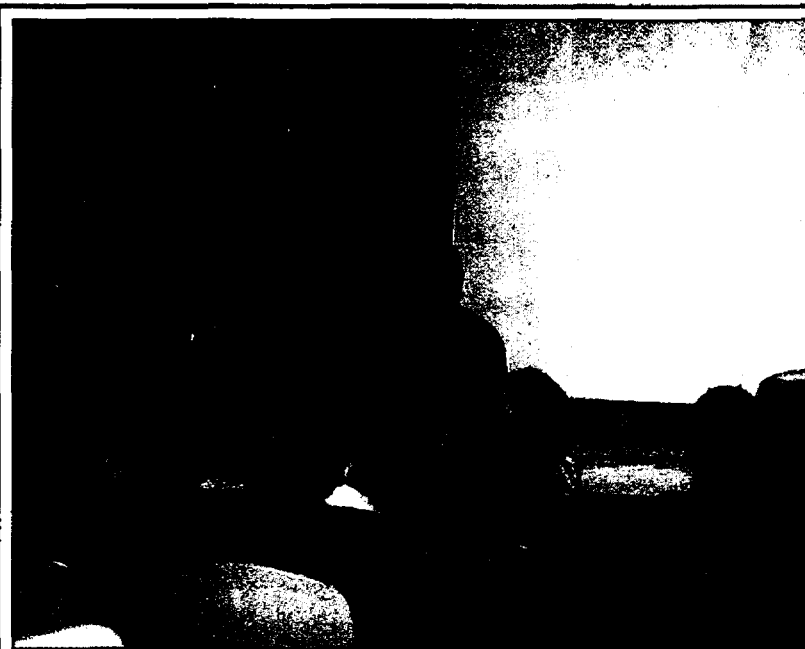


Photo by Carrie Cunningham

## Talented trumpet player

Chris Botti, a world renowned jazz trumpet musician, visited University Liggett School on Thursday, Feb. 26, and talked about his life playing soulful sounds. Botti has played with Paul Simon, Joni Mitchell and Sting. He played in front of 750,000 people in New York City's Central Park with Simon, and accompanied Sting in his Brand New Day Tour. He has also made a career as a soloist, having come out with five CDs under the Columbia label. He has spent the past four and a half years living in hotels and touring around the world.

Botti told the students how he knew he wanted to be a musician since he was around 13 and funneled his passion by practicing with dedication.

"If you can find a way to channel your energy, it's a great thing," he said. Botti played with Sting on the night of the 26th following his travels around Detroit.

## Bids for Pierce, Parcels middle school auditoriums to be decided

By Carrie Cunningham  
Staff Writer

Bids for the refurbishment of the auditoriums at Pierce Middle School and Parcels Middle School were presented at the Monday, May 1, conference meeting of the Grosse Pointe Board of Education. They will be voted on at the regular meeting of the board on Monday, March 8.

At Pierce, the project will provide heating, ventilation and air conditioning for the auditorium. The project will cost \$246,868 and will be completed by Supreme Heating & Supply. It will be funded with the energy bond and the capital improvement bond.

Parcels' auditorium will also receive heating, ventilation and air conditioning improvements as well as a dehumidification system for both gyms. The changes will cost \$467,000 and will be worked on by Rene Vanassche & Sons. Like Pierce, it will also be funded by the energy and capital improvements bond.

If approved, both projects are slated to begin in the summer. Chris Fenton, assistant superintendent for business affairs and support services, thinks the auditorium revamping will go smoothly.

"This is a pretty straightforward project," he said. "We don't anticipate any problems."

## South German students, program honored

The executive council of the American Association of Teachers of German (AATG) has commended 25 Grosse Pointe South High School students for their performance in the 2004 AATG National Testing and Awards Program. The achievement casts a very favorable glow on the students, the German program and the school district.

The following students were commended for placing in the top one-third of all students participating: Julia Anderle De Sylor, Mary Klacza, Saman Mirkazemi, Anna Nowosad, Christine Smith, Andrea Wittmann, Alexei Dodson, Stephen Lambers, Christopher Muhich, Thomas Porter, Tony Wang, Jeffrey Zuteck, Elizabeth Johnston, Robert Latham, Curtis Mumaw, Charles Scholfield and Jonathan Wiseman.

Nine students scored in the 90th percentile or higher and are eligible to further compete for a four-week study trip to Germany. They are: Mycah Artis, Andrew Klacza, Eric Palmer, Andrew Evelhoch, Matthew Monahan, Lauren Scopel, Daniel Fishman, Anastasia Moustardas and Alexandra Somand.

## Parcels student wins Macomb Daily spelling bee

Parcels Middle School seventh grader Jamie Ding took the top honors in the Macomb Daily Regional Spelling Bee held Saturday, Feb. 14. Ding competed against 91 other students from the area. He spelled the word "quoits" correctly, surpassing his last opponent, Roger Van Vechten, who is home-schooled in St. Clair Shores.

Ding is the third winner from Parcels to win the event.

For his achievement, Ding will receive a free trip to Washington, D.C. the week of May 30 where he will get the chance to show off his spelling prowess in the Scripps Howard National Spelling Bee.

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## NOTICE OF SPECIAL ELECTION TUESDAY, MARCH 16, 2004 THE GROSSE POINTE PUBLIC SCHOOL SYSTEM, WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN

TO THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF SAID SCHOOL DISTRICT:

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a Special Election for The Grosse Pointe Public School System will be held in the School District on Tuesday, March 16, 2004.

THE POLLS OF ELECTION WILL BE OPEN FROM 7:00 A.M. TO 8:00 P.M., EASTERN DAYLIGHT TIME, ON MARCH 16, 2004.

### REPAIR AND IMPROVEMENT SINKING FUND

Shall the Grosse Pointe Public School System, County of Wayne, Michigan, be authorized to levy 1.00 mill to create a sinking fund for the purpose of the construction or repair of school buildings and the improvement and development of sites and, to the extent permitted by law, the acquisition and installation of furnishings and equipment, by increasing the limitation on the amount of taxes which may be imposed on taxable property in the School District for a period of six (6) years, being the years 2004 to 2009, inclusive? It is estimated that 1.00 mill (\$1.00 per \$1,000 of taxable valuation) would raise approximately \$2,830,000 in the first year that it is levied.

(Under state law, sinking fund proceeds may not be used to pay teacher or administrator salaries.)

The places of election will be the duly designated voting places in each election precinct in the School District and are as follows:

**PRECINCT A** - All voters in the City of Grosse Pointe Park vote at PIERCE MIDDLE SCHOOL, 15430 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe Park, Michigan.

**PRECINCT B** - All voters in the City of Grosse Pointe vote at MAIRE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, 740 Cadieux, City of Grosse Pointe, Michigan.

**PRECINCT C** - All voters in the City of Grosse Pointe Farms vote at BROWNELL MIDDLE SCHOOL, 260 Chalfonte, Grosse Pointe Farms, Michigan.

**PRECINCT D** - All voters in the City of Grosse Pointe Woods vote at PARCELS MIDDLE SCHOOL, 20600 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods, Michigan.

**PRECINCT E** - All voters in the Township of Grosse Pointe vote at the GROSSE POINTE SHORES ADMINISTRATION OFFICES, 795 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Shores, Michigan.

**PRECINCT F** - All voters in the City of Harper Woods portion of the Grosse Pointe Public School System vote at POUPARD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, 20655 Lennon, City of Harper Woods, Michigan.

**ABSENT VOTER COUNTING BOARD** (All absentee voter ballots) Voting place at BARNES SCHOOL, 20090 Morningside, Grosse Pointe Woods, Michigan.

Each person voting in this election must be a registered elector in the City of Township within the School District in which the person resides.

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

Dated: March 16, 2004

G.P.N.: 03/04/2004 & 03/11/2004

**Stephen Matthews,**  
Secretary, Board of Education

## 2004 VW Phaeton not for just any Volks

There it was, sitting in the drive, its deep blue finish gleaming in the February sun. And the silver-colored VW for Volkswagen very prominent at the end of the long hood.

It was the new VW Phaeton, Volkswagen's first entry in the full-size, super-luxury market. With prices above \$60,000, this is a market occupied by the likes of the Mercedes-Benz S-Class and the BMW 7-Series.

This is an unusual animal. For one thing, it isn't a phaeton. "Phaeton" is usually used to describe a convertible sedan. Originally, it meant any car with a removable top. The VW Phaeton is a four-door sedan, and the top does not drop.

In addition, its nameplate, "Volkswagen," means "People's car." Stickers start at around \$65,000. And the test car we had with Volkswagen's new W-12 engine ran the price up to \$94,600 and with option packages around \$100,000.

One's first impression behind the wheel, on creamy, perforated leather seats and surrounded by more creamy leather trim, is wow, it's like the Rolls-Royce in which we went to dinner four years ago on a chilly March night.

Except that time we were passengers, relegated to the elegant back seat.

With the 2004 Phaeton, we were in control. Or were we?

The seat belt was stubborn but finally rolled off its spool. The ignition was so anxious it seemed to want to start without the retractable key. The engine — VW's new 6.0-liter W-configured, 12-cylinder engine — just purred.

We're off and on our way



to an appointment in Northville.

The heated steering wheel is on, according to a light on the complex instrument panel. No quick way to turn it off. The temperature for the driver's side is set at 72 degrees. Too warm for a sunny morning. Yet the temperature button did nothing. Thank goodness the power windows are up to snuff. There's cooler air coming into the five-passenger interior with power-adjusted, heated and cooled front bucket seats and adjustable rear seat.

How do I switch from the established electronic elevator music to CBC? Pressing the audio button plus a variety of others that might affect the sound system did nothing but affect the volume.

The trip to Northville was accomplished in record time. And why not? This magnificent highway cruiser flies. You don't realize you are up to 80 mph — but so are several others on I-96 and I-275.

We reach our destination and pull in to park. The parking assist system is working today, signaling lights in strategic places in the sedan and sounding a variety of tones, depending on whether the object you are approaching at slower speeds is in front, on the side or behind you.

OK, time to get serious.

Inside the locking glove box is an owner's manual the size of a small telephone book. Trouble is, the black leather or leatherette-bound tome is fastened with an artful round clasp that won't — at least for a minute or two of struggle — open.

Good thing we finally mastered that because we referred to the manual almost every time we were in the new Phaeton. The \$75,000-and-up luxury car has more buttons and functions than a NASA control station.

A clear warning on the information screen in the middle of the instrument panel tells you not to enter info while driving. No kidding. That's fine, but how do you turn the temperature down and change the radio station?

A second driver wondered the same thing later that day. At first, he said, nothing responded on the instrument panel. But on another trip, it did. Electronic malfunction? No, I suspect it is either a function of age or social class or maybe both.

Cars which are targeted at the young, like the Toyota Scion, may be very nice but often have features that puzzle me because it is targeted at the young, not me. But I can't imagine that Volkswagen is targeting a very young demo-



graphic with a car that not only competes in price with upscale BMW and Mercedes models; it's not too far below the prices of its new Bentley stablemate, also a W-12.

So it must be social caste. But why would Volkswagen market it as a Volkswagen, a People's car? It is said that Packard was hurt by introduction of the lower priced Clipper in the '30s, because the wealthy Grosse Pointe dowager would see her cook driving a Packard with the same name as hers.

Anyway, to get back to the problem of changing the station on the radio: It turns out there is a button, one of eight unmarked buttons around the navigation system screen, that turns on the instruments in the

central part of the dash — mainly, the radio, the heater and air conditioner unit and the navigation system.

I pushed it by accident and was able to change the station on the radio. Eureka! I do not like cars which are so complicated I have to look in the owner's manual to operate them. I don't like cars that do things on their own, like lock the doors in an attempt to lock me out of the car when I am putting mail in the mailbox.


Having vented this rant, I must admit that driving the Phaeton is a remarkable experience, as much as I suspect driving a new Bentley must be like or a 7-Series BMW. Sitting in the spacious rear seats reminds us of a 1937 Lincoln we sat

in during an auction in Cleveland.

The Phaeton is assembled at Volkswagen's new "transparent" factory in Dresden, Germany, which opened in 2002. It is called a "transparent" factory because it is built largely of glass windows and walls with wood floors, without a smoke stack in sight. (Sounds a little like the "Crystal Palace" Ford built in Highland Park to manufacture the Model T.)

The stretched American Phaeton is almost 5 inches longer than the European model and rides on a 118-inch wheelbase, which gives the flagship sedan incredible legroom for both front and rear passengers. At


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# Expect earnings gains as spring bulbs rise

LTS was on holiday last weekend in Florida. The following items were filed before our press deadline.

## Fannie & Freddie

The mortgage twins, Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac (F&F), were back in the news last week.

Fed Chairman Alan Greenspan testified before the Senate Banking Committee on Tuesday, Feb. 24.

He warned that the two big, government-sponsored mortgage institutions pose a "systemic risk" that could cost taxpayers dearly.

In the event of a financial calamity, it would be difficult for Congress to avoid a bailout because of the general belief in the marketplace that their bonds would be backed by the "full faith and credit" of the United States, which is not true.

Originally chartered by Congress, both Fannie and Freddie were created to expand the pool of money for home mortgages.

F&F purchase qualified home mortgages from local lenders, freeing that money to be available for additional lending.

The purchased mortgages

are bundled as collateral for Fannie and Freddie bond issues, which are resold to institutional investors.

This works so well that about \$4 trillion of mortgages — about three-quarters of all outstanding single-family mortgages — are held by F&F.

Over the decades, Congress had permitted F&F to become public corporations, whose stock is traded on the NYSE, with Fannie (FNM) about 76, and Freddie (FRE) about 62.

Since Congress makes the rules, its corporate siblings follow Mickey Mouse governmental accounting, instead of SEC-mandated GAAP public accounting.

Wall Street was not surprised last fall when Freddie Mac executives admitted to understating \$5 billion earnings "to smooth-out the long-term earnings trend."

One analyst said, "Those government puppets can't even cheat fair!"

Then last October, Fannie Mae corrected \$1 billion of accounting errors.

If the Feds want investors to have faith in government-sponsored enterprises, they should first begin by following CPA

## Let's talk... STOCKS

By Joseph Mengden



audited public accounting standards.

### Hide and seek?

Recently a Grosse Pointe investor asked LTS to help find his IRA mutual fund, which has changed names three times.

He couldn't even find it quoted in Barron's weekly "Mutual Fund" section?

Barron's lists about 4,400 "open-end" mutual funds, with assets over \$100 million, or about 55 percent of the publicly held funds. New funds, filed daily with the SEC, multiply like tadpoles in a summer fishpond.

This investor told LTS he originally purchased mutual fund shares as an IRA tax deduction.

Over five years in the early 1980s, he invested \$10,000, before the IRA rules were changed prohibiting additional contributions by employees of companies having a defined-benefit plan.

A friend at work recommended the Stein Roe Universe mutual fund out of Chicago.

The semi-annual dividend income (if any) and the year-end capital gains distributions (if any) were to be automatically reinvested in additional shares each year. The fund called this "compounding." All IRAs are tax-deferred until retirement.

In the late 1980s, he remembers Stein Roe advising him his IRA fund had been merged into their SteinRoe Capital Opportunities Fund.

Since the investor could not purchase additional shares or redeem shares without penalty, he tossed all the Stein Roe mail into a shoe box.

Last month, LTS offered to be detective for the investor, opening the shoe boxes and separating the year-end statements from the sales-pitch material.

A Mi-Reference sheet was tabulated listing all the dividend reinvestments each year of the 21-year ownership period.

The original \$10,000 purchases accumulated to a December 1999 peak market value of \$59,111, only to crash 44.1 percent by year-end 2002!

In late 2002, Stein Roe was merged into the Columbia Management Group, a Fleet Boston Financial company. Bank of America's recent take-over of Fleet Boston is pending regulatory approval.

In the Stein Roe takeover on Dec. 6, 2002, the G.P. investor's 1,930+ shares of SR Capital Opportunities fund were exchanged for 2,236+ shares of Columbia Special Fund Z, both valued at \$34,367.

In 2003, the fund's name was again changed to Columbia Mid-Cap Growth Fund - Z.

As such, LTS located its December 2003 market value of 19.29/share, or \$43,133 for the entire IRA, a 26.3 percent increase over the takeover value 13 months earlier.

The G.P. investor is very happy to have survived the

## Stock Market at a Glance

Friday Close, 2/27/04

Dow Jones Ind.	10,584
Nasdaq Comp.	2,030
S&P 500 Index	1,145
\$ in EURs	1.2495
Crude Oil (Bbl.)	36.16
Gold (Oz.)	396.80
3-Mo. T-Bills	0.93%
30-Yr. T-Bonds	4.84%

2000-2002 crash and to have earned a 15.8 percent average annual return over the life of his investment so far.

The bad news is that the Columbia funds and Fleet Boston were among the first mutual funds targeted for investigation last summer by the New York attorney general, and not yet settled.

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.

## A Smithsonian snapshot in time

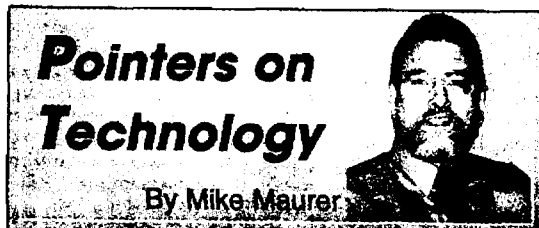
All the news that will fit in print is our topic for this week.

There has been a lot going on in the world of technology, some of it interesting and some not.

Here is some good news. Microsoft Corp. has announced it will extend support for Windows 98, Windows 98 S.E. and Windows Millennium Edition through the end of June 2006.

That is a reversal of a decision from last month. Support for Windows 98 and Windows 98 S.E. had been scheduled to expire at the end of December, but the software monolith decided to keep supporting those systems in large part because some customers in developing countries were not aware it was ending.

Duh, whose fault is that? It wasn't said out loud, but I think part of the decision may have had something to do with Windows users who like the older, simpler operating systems. It seems the more Microsoft



## Pointers on Technology

By Mike Maurer

adds to its operating systems, the greater the chance for bollixing it up. Me? I like the Windows 98 (Version 2). I've been using it for five years. I know its weaknesses — and strengths.

Here is a weird one.

The Smithsonian Institution is getting into the online music business. Its Folkways division owns tens of thousands of folk songs by artists, including Pete Seeger and Leadbelly. It is beginning to offer them for sale. Peppercoin (www.peppercoin.com), a startup in the business of micropayments, has been tapped to handle the transactions. Each song will cost

99 cents. And yeah, I'm an old folkie.

Got Comcast? Here is one from the legal front.

A lawsuit claiming that cable TV franchise fees in some Michigan communities are excessive (and therefore are improper taxation under the state Constitution) is being heard in Macomb County Circuit Court.

Jason Thompson of the Detroit law firm Charfoos and Christensen represents St. Clair Shores citizens who want an accounting of the fees.

The Headlee Amendment of the state Constitution requires local government to obtain voter approval for new taxes. To be valid, the franchise fees must be spent on the service for which they are collected. However, the city's audits show it has collected more franchise fees than the city spent on cable TV services.

According to the suit, the fees are improper new taxation.

Charfoos & Christensen has filed similar suits on behalf of cable TV customers in Troy, Midland, Warren, Grand Rapids, Ann Arbor, Canton Township, Royal Oak, Muskegon, Livonia, Plymouth and Westland.

See a trend? Stay tuned, so to speak.

Moving on. If you have an extra \$500,000 sitting on the kitchen table blocking the toaster, I know where you can spend it.

Steve Chase, the former chairman of America Online, has bought a 50 percent interest in Exclusive Resorts Club, a holiday home-sharing group.

In London's Financial Times, Chase said, "Members are able to, in essence, have dozens of great homes in varied locations, at less cost than they'd incur to have just one home."

Steve Case also told the paper that members pay a deposit of \$325,000, plus annual dues, to have access to a portfolio of luxury

beach, golf and ski resorts. Homes are worth as much as \$3 million.

Guess I'll still be vacationing in Elk Rapids. That's OK. I love the Cajun food at Pearl's.

Remember Polaroid pictures? Remember rubbing them, or shaking them, to make them dry and develop faster?

Music fans of hip-hop, Outkast, and I use the term "music" very loosely here, apparently like to "Shake it like a Polaroid picture." But Polaroid is warning consumers that taking the advice of the hip-hop star could ruin your snapshots.

Outkast's No. 1 hit "Hey Ya!" includes the "shake it" line as a reference to the motion that amateur photographers use to help along the self-developing film.

But in the Q&A section on the Polaroid Web site, the company says that shaking photos, which once helped them to dry, is not necessary since the modern version of Polaroid film dries behind a clear plastic window.

The image "never touches air, so shaking or waving has no effect," the company said on its Web site. "In fact, shaking or waving can actually damage the image. Rapid movement during development can cause portions of the film to separate prematurely, or can cause 'blobs' in the picture."

Well, we did timeshare; so let's do time.

Every page of every issue of Time magazine ever published is going to be scanned, digitized and organized into an archive that will be available, free, to the magazine's subscribers on its Web site.

Hewlett-Packard Co. will create the digital archive, which will include 4,000 issues from 1923 to the present.

And the wait won't be long. The project is expected to be complete by this May.

Now if only National Geographic and Life would do the same.

I'd be able to see the floor and walls of my basement again.

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.

## Decorating on a budget: tips for sprucing up your house this spring

By Mary Davis

For this Michigan transplant, the preludes to spring are almost as enjoyable as the season itself.

This morning I was privy to a spirited conversation between three chatty cardinals. With their bright red plumage and fetching calls, these heralds of spring allowed me a glimpse of the grand production nature has planned when winter retreats.

Perhaps it's the drama of spring — the revival of dormant earth, warm temperatures and the vivid colors — that inspires us to improve our surroundings.

But it doesn't take a large and expensive renovation to rejuvenate a space.

This season, if you want to make over your space, but don't have the money or time to invest in a large improvement project, consider employing these inexpensive suggestions.

If you want to freshen up your living room but don't want to invest in brand new furniture, consider purchasing ready-made slipcovers.

Prices vary according to the size of the furniture (chair, love seat, sofa) and the fabric.

Generally, the heavier the fabric, the more expensive the slipcover will be.

Prices also depend on the company you order the slipcover from.

A machine-washable 100 percent cotton sofa slipcover from Target.com will run you about \$129.

A brushed twill sofa slipcover from Pottery Barn runs about \$670.

Visit [www.slipcovers.com](http://www.slipcovers.com) for other companies who manufacture slipcovers.

Perk up your dining room decor by adding a cascading fern or fresh cut flowers from your garden.

Plants naturally draw attention away from uninteresting areas of the room. Do you have a den or study that requires some jazzing up?

Consider designating a wall for a picture gallery and group your pictures by theme.

A friend of mine collects prints from cities she visits. Her study, for example, features work from artists

who live and work in Colorado.

Quaking yellow aspens and colorful sunsets adorn her walls and add color to a room that would otherwise disappear in a sea of paper and computer equipment.

For continuity, hang similarly sized and shaped frames together. Decorating experts also suggest matching frame colors so as not to detract from the pictures themselves.

Want to dramatically change the look of a room but don't want to invest in expensive wall coverings? Try your hand at faux painting.

Using simple tools like sponges, rags and newspaper to apply a combination of paint and glazes, you can produce dramatic textures with minimal decorative painting experience and expertise.

Visit your local home improvement store for tips on combining and applying colors.

Lowe's and Home Depot stores often conduct do-it-yourself courses on faux painting.

If you're looking to make some subtle changes to your kitchen, consider replacing the hardware on your cabinets.

Cabinet hardware comes in variety of sizes, finishes and styles.

When making your selection, be sure and consider the overall style of your kitchen.

For kitchens that are eclectic or contemporary in style, consider opting for utensil-style hardware. Each piece costs between \$3 and \$4.

For formal kitchens, stick with brass, iron or pewter hardware.

Prices can range from \$5 per piece to over \$10 per piece.

Even minor changes to a home, such as paint and cabinet fixtures, can add hundreds — if not thousands — of dollars to its value.

Mary Davis manages public affairs for the Michigan Credit Union League (MCUL), a statewide trade association representing Michigan credit unions.

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## Lake Township

### ANNUAL MEETING OF ELECTORS AND PUBLIC HEARING ON THE 2004/05 TOWNSHIP BUDGET

To the Electors of Lake Township, Macomb County, Michigan:

You are hereby notified that the Annual Meeting of the Electors of Lake Township will be held at 5:30 p.m. on Monday, March 15, 2004. The Board will convene in the first floor Council Chambers of the Grosse Pointe Shores Municipal Building, 795 Lake Shore Road, Grosse Pointe Shores, Michigan. All matters required by law to be acted upon by the Township Electors will be considered at said Annual Meeting.

A public hearing will also be held at the time of the Annual Meeting on March 15, 2004 on the adoption of the Township Budget for Fiscal Year 2004/05, of which a copy is available for public inspection at the office of the Township Clerk, 795 Lake Shore Road (second floor), Grosse Pointe Shores, Michigan. The public may provide written and/or oral comments on the budget.

**Raymond Suwinski,**  
Township Clerk

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# Young rock musician wins talent show at GP South

By Carrie Cunningham  
Staff Writer

During his sophomore year, current Grosse Pointe South High School senior Kyle Smith was living and going to school in San Diego, Calif., where his dad, Bruce Smith lives. Smith's parents are divorced; his mother, Penny Stocks is the principal for Poupard Elementary. Smith and his father would often get in arguments when they were living together. Feelings of ill will often percolated between them, but then Smith, a musician, started to play tunes on instruments, and tensions between him and his father were mollified.

"I'd sit down and play my guitar, or I'd play the piano, and it was something that brought us together," Smith said.

For Smith, the communal aspect of music is something that appeals to him, and he enjoys sharing his talents with others. For his acumen, he won first place in a talent show at South on Feb. 5 and 6 for his rendition of two original songs: one, a song called "Far Away" and another untitled blues song. He played with fellow musician, Mike Formisano.

He and Formisano are in a band with students John Hume and Sasha Savinov in a recently-formed group called Four Guys Chilling. The four boys, who had occasionally played with each other, were talking before the talent show and decided to cobble together a band. For their act, they played songs by the Dave Matthews Band and the group Sublime. While the crowd loved the electrifying sounds



Photo by Carrie Cunningham  
Kyle Smith, above, won first place in a South talent show for performing two original songs.

of Four Guys Chilling, there was unfortunately some profanity in one of the songs which the group omitted but the audience sang. The band was disqualified for the pro-

fanity. Smith subsequently persisted, however, in a second act with his two original songs to garner first place honors at the show. Other

acts in the show included monologues and readings.

Smith, who has never taken a music lesson, loves to write down his emotions in his songs.

"You're not always going to come out and say this is how I feel, but you can put it into a song. People will listen," he said.

Playing in front of a crowd is both nerve-wracking and awe-inspiring for him.

"I get so nervous right up until I walk on stage. I get so pumped to be in front of people, especially when you know that they like it," he said.

Smith and his band Four Guys Chilling plan to stay together and play locally. They hope to play at the café, Cappuccino.

Headed to Long Beach State in southern Los Angeles next year for col-

lege, Smith wants to pursue his music while studying architecture as a back up career path. Smith's cousin, Ken Smith, works for MTV and has put him in touch with a producer. The producer liked his music - of the same stripe as music by the Dave Matthews Band - and asked Smith to send him more tracks.

While making it in the music industry is a gamble whose outcome is determined by luck and timing, Smith says he would regret it if he at least didn't try to become a professional performer.

With support from friends and family, Smith heads out to California as a dreamer equipped with confidence and a quiet, humble charm.

"It's just a fun thing. I like to be in front of people. I like to perform," he said.

# AP psychology to be offered at GP North and South

By Carrie Cunningham  
Staff Writer

The caverns of the mind always astonish, perplex and inspire.

Students from Grosse Pointe North High School and Grosse Pointe South High School will get the opportunity to explore the brain and its role in human behavior in a new Advanced Placement Psychology course.

Teachers Danielle Dipert and DeEtte Horan will teach the course as a fall semester offering at North and South respectively. A

widely esteemed text book by David Myers, a Hope College professor, will guide students' instruction.

"I've always wanted to (teach the class), but it was a matter of getting experience and getting interest from the kids," said Dipert, who majored in psychology at the University of Michigan.

Currently, an introductory psychology class is taught at the high schools traversing a wide range of areas such as the brain, research methods, learning development,

chopathology and personality. The AP course will build on these themes while adding some more advanced topics like social psychology, consciousness, therapy and intelligence.

The course will help students earn college credit as well as introduce them to a possible career field. Dipert said many students who want to take the class have expressed an interest in child psychology.

Comprehending the frontier of the mind is very important, Dipert said, and the topics covered in the



Photo by Carrie Cunningham  
Danielle Dipert, above, will teach a new AP Psychology offering at Grosse Pointe North High School. Teacher DeEtte Horan will teach the same course at Grosse Pointe South High School.

course will help students in any walk of life they choose.

"It's so practical. I think it's important to understand people. It's fascinating to learn about people and why they behave the way they do. You can use it to solve so many problems," she said.

The mysterious facets of the mind await Grosse Pointe high school students.

"I'm really excited. It's going to be a good challenge," said Dipert.

# North Band and Orchestra inspire at MSBOA festival

North High School was represented extremely well at the Michigan School Band & Orchestra Association (MSBOA) District Solo and Ensemble Festival held at Rochester High School the weekend of February 1. Students performed solos and ensembles for professional adjudicators and were given a rating of 1-5 based on the quality of their performance. Students were judged on the overall execution of their piece, including technique, intonation, ensemble, tone, and dynamics. Performances good enough to receive a 1st or 2nd division rating were awarded medals.

Receiving a 3rd division for a good performance were: Stacie Sharples,

Maggie Casey and Brook Largay (Flute Trio).

The following students received second division medals for an excellent performance: Brielyn Egnalowski; Sarah Lupo (Flute Duet); Molly Cohn; Brittany Treusch (String Duet); Alexandria Costakis; Allison Frantz; Molly Cohn (String Trio); Jessica Anderson; Melissa Anderson (Violin-Flute Duet); Katie Bossack; Jordan Bossack (String Duet); Elise Fields; Katie Bossack (String Duet); Paul Browksi (Piano Solo); Nicolas Segovia (Piano Solo); Jennifer DiBattista (Piano Solo); Stephanie Ewart (Piano Solo); Jennifer DiBattista (Cello Solo); Ben Lupo (Cello Solo); Colleen Saffron

(Violin Solo); Kyle Kwiatkowski (Violin Solo); Thomas Cameron (Viola Solo); Kathy Holm (Violin Solo); Mike Brinker (Alto Sax Solo); Sarah Lupo (Flute Solo); Graham Kozak (Clarinet Solo); Shannon Reynolds (Flute Solo); Kelly Jennings (Oboe Solo); Alex Hubbell (Euphonium Solo); Marie LaCombe (Bass Solo).

The following students received a 1st division medal for a superior performance and qualified to participate at the State Festival on March 27th: Rebecca Rhee (Piano Solo); Ashley Allemon; Kara Miller (Violin Duet); Joseph Hong; Kyle Kwiatkowski; Carly Hanna; Margaret Walton (String Quartet); Ben

Lupo; Thomas Cameron; Joseph Hong (String Trio); Bridget Brosnan (Flute Solo); Lauren Zedan; Ashley Payton (Woodwind Duet); Liz Rabadoux; Larry Briski; Michael Murphy; Beth Dulam Dane Wilborn (String Quintet); Meghan Gleason (Clarinet Solo); Andrea Sheridan; Carly Hanna (Viola Duet); Bridget Brosnan; Jane McDonnell (Woodwind Duet); Frank Serraiocco (Trumpet Solo); Elizabeth Cramer (Cello Solo); Roy Lucier (Alto Sax Solo); Alex Duncan (Trumpet Solo); Caitlin Fuhrmann (Oboe Solo); Ben Wasmuth (Trumpet Solo); Joseph McDonnell; Michael Hulway (Trumpet Duet); Ben Wasmuth; Alex

Duncan; Cory Stanton (Trumpet Trio); Nick Ridella (Trumpet Solo); Michelle Lamont; Amanda Kliczuk (Violin Duet); Jennifer Smith (Violin Solo); Maria Saliccioli (Clarinet Solo); Alexander Sikorski (Piano Solo); Lauren Remus; Michelle Lamont; Steve LaRue; Abhinav (String Quartet); Nicole Diesing (French Horn Solo); Amanda Klimczuk (Violin Solo); Rebecca Rhee (Violin Solo); Joseph Hong (Violin Solo); Chris Blunden; Nicole

Diesing; Matt Goerke; Ed Grumeretz (French Horn Quartet); Justin Todd; Kristin Glovac; Maria Saliccioli; Rob Ingalla (Clarinet Quartet); Ed Grumeretz (Piano Solo); Amanda Klimczuk (Piano Solo); Roy Lucier; Meghan Gleason (Saxophone Duet); Alexander Sikorski (Marimba Solo).

These students are members of the North Band or Orchestra Program under the direction of David Cleveland and Joe Bauer.

## Young writer to be published

Alexa Cornwall will have her story, "Paula's Biggest Fear," published in the Michigan Reading Association's (MRA) publication Kaleidoscope. The publication features excellent writing from young writers across the state.

Cornwall's story depicts a girl who is afraid of going away to camp. She discusses the decision of going to camp with her parents but feels reticent despite their support. When she goes to sleep the same night, she has positive dreams about being at camp and then decides to attend.

"Thank you," she tells her parents the day she leaves for camp. "If it weren't for you, I would never have overcome my fear."

In addition to having her story published, Cornwall will attend a Young Authors' Luncheon at the MRA's Annual Conference on Sunday, March 21. Singer/songwriter Steve Seskin will be present. He wrote the words for the Peter, Paul and Mary song "Don't Laugh at Me."

Limning anguish and the conquering of fear, Cornwall has begun her journey as a writer who writes with insight.

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Plans and specifications for the project may be obtained from P&MC. Please call Paul R. Wills, ALA with P&MC prior to picking up plans at (248) 223-3316.

The Library anticipates awarding a contract in late March; the security system installation is anticipated to be August 1, 22004; the substantial completion date for the facility will be October 1, 2004.

The Library reserves the right to adjust any/all proposals submitted, and to accept any proposal which it shall deem to be the most favorable to the interest of the Library.

Additional information regarding the security system may be obtained from the Library's Owners Representative, Plante & Moran, CRESA, LLC, Paul R. Wills, AIA at (248) 223-3316.

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# Diversity Club hosts olympics at Beacon

By Jennie Miller  
Staff Writer

In a nation which plays host to a myriad of peoples and cultures, the Diversity Club at Harper Woods High School strives to promote understanding and acceptance.

The club brought this initiative to Beacon Elementary School on Thursday, Feb. 26, with the Worldwide Cultural Olympics, a student-organized event.

"The Diversity Club promotes diversity at a number of different levels," said advisor Sam Jackson, a local pastor who serves as the district's community liaison when it comes to diversity issues. "We are seeking a better understanding within the community."

Seventeen high school students feel a connection to the cause and dedicate their free time to partaking in Diversity Club activities. In preparation for the Olympics, the students

researched games from countries around the world and brought the activities to Beacon.

"This year we wanted to be more proactive and more interactive with the community," Jackson said. "With the Olympics, the students get to interact with the elementary schoolers through games and competition. They're having a great time and learning a lot about themselves."

Each grade level spent a class period in the gym with the club members. In small groups, the students learned dances and competed in games from the Philippines, India, Japan and Ghana.

"This program is entirely student-generated," Jackson said, proud of the energy the group devoted to the cause. "They've done an amazing job with it."

The students at Beacon were thrilled with the activities.

"They had the best time," said principal Nancy

Ozimek. "The kids absolutely loved it, and the high school kids did such a good job. They were great leaders and very organized."

Some of the Beacon teachers discussed the message of understanding and acceptance before and after each class that participated in the activities.

"We helped to solidify the message," Ozimek said. "It was definitely worthwhile, and the kids understood what it was all about."

The Diversity Club is planning other activities within the community throughout the year, including an international taste fest in conjunction with area businesses on April 7, a costume day and fashion show on May 19, as well as a faculty/student volleyball tournament on Thursday, March 18, at 4 p.m. The group is also currently training with the National Council of Community Justice to plan long-term actions which promote diversity.



Students involved in the Diversity Club at Harper Woods High School include William Caldwell, Maheen Basheer, Maria Mahon, Bridget Wagner, Stacy Douglas, Aliman Aziz, Tim Folmar, Jarriel People, Jamar Vester, Rebecca Dennis, Travis Williams, Ebone McLean, Jasmine Patterson, Kris Familara, Stacey White and Kaitlin Carolan.

## St. Patrick's Day dinner for seniors

The Harper Woods Seniors St. Patrick's Day Dinner Dance will be held Thursday, March 11, at the Harper Woods Community Center. Cocktails and salad bar will be served beginning at 1:30 p.m., with a sit-down dinner served at 2 p.m. Music will be performed by the Varitones from 2:30 to 4:30 p.m. Cost for the event is a donation of \$10 for a resident of Harper Woods, and \$15 for residents of other communities. Drinks are included in the price. Tickets are available at the Recreation Office in Johnston Memorial Park.

## Mom-to-mom sale

The Beacon Elementary School parent organization is hosting a "Mom-to-Mom Sale" on Saturday, March 27, at Harper Woods High School. The sale will run from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Admission is \$1. Tables are available to rent for \$15 if reserved by March 13; after that they are \$18. Rack space is \$3. Ten percent of the selling price on big ticket items goes to the organization.

For an application, visit the Web site, [www.mom2momlist.com](http://www.mom2momlist.com) or call Denise (313) 882-3297 or Sandy (313) 884-5601. Applications are also available at Beacon Elementary School.

Items for sale will include children's clothing, maternity clothing, toys, books and games. Big ticket items include high chairs, cribs, strollers and large toys. Also available for purchase will be food, baked goods, Beacon Family Cookbooks and FoodDoodler markers.

## CITY OF HARPER WOODS POLICE DEPARTMENT WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN

### NOTICE AUCTION OF IMPOUNDED/ABANDONED VEHICLES

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1992 Ford Thunderbird	2DR	1FAP6489NH145459
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## Harper Woods Notes

### Dean's List at Lawrence Tech

Joseph Jaworski, of Harper Woods, was named to the Dean's Honor Roll for the fall semester at Lawrence Technological University. To make the honor roll, a student must maintain at least a 3.5 grade point average for the term.

### Dean's List at Adrian College

Harper Woods resident Kristen Toy, a senior at Adrian College, was named to the school's Dean's List.

To achieve this honor, full-time students must maintain a 3.5 grade point average. Toy, an art major, graduated from Harper Woods High School in 2000.

### Hip-hop musical

"Youth Under Construction," an award-winning hip-hop musical with a positive message, was performed at Lutheran High East on Saturday, Feb. 28.

The group sang and danced to a collection of original R&B, hip-hop and rap music, using upbeat songs like "You Stand Out,"

"Good Things," "Figure Out," and "Much Better."

The group also held an interactive program following its performance, which covered important issues for youth such as bullying.

### District analyzes facilities

Harper Woods schools will hold meetings of its new facility analysis committee on Wednesday, Feb. 25, March 3, 17 and 24 at 7 p.m. in the secondary school's media center. The committee's findings will assist school administrators to for-


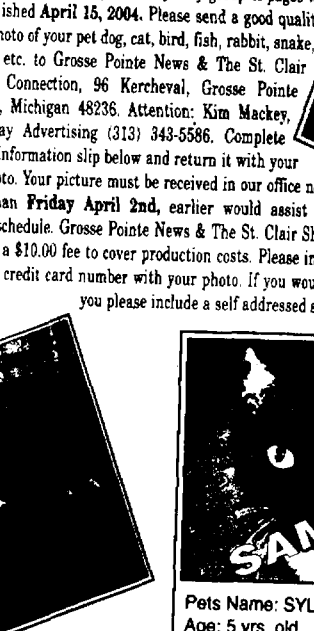
mulate the necessary changes to the buildings in the district.

### Senior program

St. Peter's Senior Learning Center is holding a program entitled Mind Over Matter on Tuesday, March 9, 16 and 23, from 10:45 a.m. to 12 p.m. The program, which has a \$15 registration fee, helps seniors to better understand the way they think, feel and react to stress. For more information, call program director Marion McCarthy at (313) 343-0771.

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## Tyrone honors African Americans

By Jennie Miller  
Staff Writer

Tyrone Elementary School teacher Sarah Brown believes that anyone can make a difference in the world.

"One person with courage can achieve greatness," she said.

In honor of Black History Month, which includes a national celebration of Martin Luther King Jr.'s birthday, Brown championed an after school club for students interested in learning more than the average school day provides.

Twenty elementary school kids jumped at the chance to study the greatness of prominent African Americans.

"It is fantastic the number of students who turned out for this," Brown said.

The students included Katie Kloosterboer, Kristina Madigan, Madeline Gbur, Ashley Sanders, Devonte Kennedy, Douglass Wilber, Adam Devine, Lauren Marshall, Eric Johnson, Brianna Fortuck, Thomas Kiah, Jacob Garsra, Tyisha Smith, Alex Colista, Adam Marshall, Samira Simpson, Charnay Woods, Asia, Courtney Foster and Sharell Lockett.

"We met after school a few days each week," Brown explained. "Every student chose one influential African American they wanted to study. The idea was to present these individuals with a Hall of Fame award. Each student also made a life-sized doll of the individual they were studying."

On Friday, Feb. 27, the entire school gathered in the



Students at Tyrone Elementary School studied courageous African Americans throughout history and presented their findings to their peers. Those participating in the voluntary research included Katie Kloosterboer, Kristina Madigan, Madeline Gbur, Ashley Sanders, Devonte Kennedy, Douglass Wilber, Adam Devine, Lauren Marshall, Eric Johnson, Brianna Fortuck, Thomas Kiah, Jacob Garsra, Tyisha Smith, Alex Colista, Adam Marshall, Samira Simpson, Charnay Woods, Asia, Courtney Foster and Sharell Lockett.

gym to listen to the stories of these courageous African Americans.

"American history is filled with voices of African American people who have spoken out against injustice and inequality," Brown said, adding that the ones depicted are just a handful of those influential characters throughout history.

Those depicted were Sojourner Truth, Harriet Tubman, Charlotte Forten, Nat Love, Booker T. Washington, Paul Robeson, C.J. Walker, Jesse Owens,

Ella Fitzgerald, Langston Hughes, Rosa Parks, Martin Luther King Jr., Thurgood Marshall, Romare Bearden, Louis Armstrong, Coleman Young, Bill Cosby, Maya Angelou, Aaliyah and Oprah Winfrey.

"These people came from different cities, different lifestyles, and different time periods, but the one thing that binds them together is that they all have made a lasting impression in American life," Brown said. The participating students learned a great deal about history and civil rights, but also about the importance of honoring and celebrating black history, not just during the month of February.

"There are a lot of great African American heroes, and I learned a lot about some of them," said Adam Devine. "It is important to honor black history and to teach people about what great things African Americans have accomplished."

Jacob Garsra presents his findings on Martin Luther King Jr. to his peers at Tyrone Elementary School.

"It's so important to learn about civil rights and the people who have made it easier for us to live," said Eric Johnson.

The students put forth a great amount of effort and work for these presentations, but made sure to have fun along the way.

"It was a lot of work to make the character and do the research, but it was so important to do this," said Thomas Kiah. "Blacks really made an improvement in the world today."

"I really enjoyed making the doll because my mom and I got to spend a lot of time together," said Katie Kloosterboer. "I learned a lot from the project too — these people did so much for our world."

Brown was impressed with the dedication shown by the students.

"The best part was their enthusiasm and being excited about learning," she said. "It's important to talk about all these great people because it really only takes one person to make a difference. You can accomplish so much just by having courage, and I'm glad we got to send that message to the whole school."

## PUBLIC SAFETY REPORTS

### Felonious assault

On Tuesday, Feb. 24, at 9:20 p.m., a Warren resident was assaulted by an armed man in a parking lot of a high school in the 20200 block of Kelly.

"Give me all of your money!" a man shouted at the woman as he reached into his pocket and held a hard object to her side. A witness approached the man and asked what he was doing.

The subject turned and pointed the object at the witness, and shouted: "I'm not kidding! Give me all your money!"

A vehicle then drove by, startling the perpetrator, who then fled westbound across Kelly.

It didn't take long for Harper Woods police officers to arrest a 22-year-old Detroit man who fit the subject's description. He was identified by both the victim and the witness, and a knife was discovered in his pocket.

ken, and his tools were missing.

### Stolen car

A Clinton Township resident's black 2003 Jeep Liberty was stolen from a parking lot in the 18000 block of Vernier between 7 a.m. and 2 p.m. on Wednesday, Feb. 25.

### Damage all around

While Harper Woods police were investigating damage to a blue 2001 Plymouth Neon in the 20800 block of Littlestone on Wednesday, Feb. 25, they discovered two other cars in the same lot were broken into.

The Neon's owner reported her cell phone was missing from the vehicle. The radio and CD collection were taken from a maroon 1985 Jeep Cherokee in the same lot, which might have been left unlocked. A gold 1997 Geo Prizm, whose owners could not be located, was also damaged.

### Car stereo/speakers stolen

Speakers and a stereo valued at \$800 were stolen from a black 1999 Honda Accord on Wednesday, Feb. 25, between 10:30 p.m. and 1 a.m.

The vehicle was parked in a driveway in the 20900 block of Beaufait. The owner discovered damage to the driver's side window and noticed his Sony AM/FM CD Stereo was missing, along with Sony Sub-Woofers and Kenwood Power Boosters.

Upon further investigation, the man noticed a flashlight and a flat head screwdriver on the floor of the vehicle that did not belong to him.

### Auto B&E

A resident of the 20000 block of Kenosha called Harper Woods police after hearing a noise and noticing the interior light was on in her white 2003 Dodge Ram 2500 on Saturday, Feb. 28, at 12:30 a.m.

Police discovered the driver's side door lock was punched, although nothing was missing from the vehicle. Upon further investigation, police officers discovered fresh damage to the woman's garage door, but nothing was reported missing.

### Vehicle damage

After a report of two suspicious males in the neighborhood of the 20800 block of Wildwood, a resident noticed fresh damage to her tan 1991 Plymouth Sundance at 1 p.m. on Thursday, Feb. 26.

Harper Woods police discovered a small hole underneath the driver's door handle. No entry was gained and nothing was missing.

### Tools missing

Work tools were discovered missing from a maroon 1996 Ford Aerostar on Wednesday, Feb. 25.

A man parked his vehicle in the 21100 block of Kenmore at 4 p.m. and upon returning at 6:10 a.m., noticed the passenger side window was broken.

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## CITY OF HARPER WOODS WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN SYNOPSIS: REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING FEBRUARY 18, 2004

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

ROLL CALL: All Council persons were present except Councilman Hugh Marshall.

### MOTIONS PASSED

- 1) To excuse Councilman Hugh Marshall from tonight's meeting because of a prior commitment.
- 2) To receive, approve and file the minutes of the regular City Council meeting held February 2, 2004.
- 3) To adjourn to the Conference Room to continue discussion on the 2004 City Council Civil Setting Session.
- 4) That the agenda of the regular City Council meeting having been acted upon, the meeting is hereby adjourned at 8:41 p.m.

### RESOLUTIONS PASSED

- 1) To approve the following items on the Consent Agenda: (1) Approve the Accounts Payable listing for Check Numbers 69660 through 69807 in the amount of \$239,971.80 as submitted by the City Manager and Finance Director, and further, authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to sign the listing. (2) Approve payment to Aelli Construction in the amount of \$9,224.61 for services performed on three water main breaks the City experienced in January.
- 2) To approve payment to Florence Cement Company in the amount of \$22,973.88 for Progress Payment No. 5 (Final) and approve Change Order No. 1 (Balancing) on the 2002 Concrete Pavement Repair Program, #180-067.
- 3) To adopt the Policy Regarding Credit Card Transactions for the City of Harper Woods in compliance with Public Act 226 of 1995.
- 4) To approve the Restated Interlocal Agreement for the City's participation in the Conference of Eastern Wayne and, further, to authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to sign the Agreement.

Kenneth A. Poynter,  
Mayor

Mickey D. Todd,  
City Clerk

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## Youth group fasts to understand hunger

By Jennie Miller  
Staff Writer

While forty million Americans were gabbing about the Academy Awards and gushing over celebrity millionaires, 12 teenagers in Harper Woods were starving themselves to understand hardships people face.

A part of the Eastside Community Church youth group, these youths endured 30 hours of a modified fast, during which time they consumed only juices and liquid supplements. The exercise helped the teens understand hunger and gave them a chance to give back to the community while volunteering at the Hope Baptist Center in Detroit.

"The kids were excited about this for a lot of different reasons," said youth director Julie Sorter. "They're being taught as Christians to reach out to others. It's about kids helping other kids. They want to feel this to know what others are feeling and gain a greater understanding of why these kids need help."

The youth group, which spans fifth through 12th grades, dedicates a lot of time to community service.

"We go to Hope Baptist once a month and feed the homeless," Sorter said. "The kids just want to be there to help other people. We have been collecting canned goods in conjunction with this lock-in to bring to the Center for their food pantry which they use to hand out food to those who have homes."

The famine exercise,

according to Sorter, has worldwide and historical significance.

"It is under the umbrella of World Vision International, which began just after the Korean war when a soldier wondered what was going to happen to all the orphans left behind," Sorter explained. "He began a small effort to provide relief for those children. From that small beginning, World Vision has turned into a large organization that provides many diverse assistance efforts in approximately 100 countries."

Across the world, there are 15,347 youth groups that signed up to participate in the famine.

"This event is an international opportunity for youth to save youth across the globe," Sorter said.

Eastside Community Church also featured a fundraiser called "SPLASH."

"We asked people to take baby bottles and set them next to their sinks in their homes," Sorter said. "Each time they ran clean, fresh water they were asked to drop in change."

"The reasoning behind this is that World Vision installs wells in communities first to help people acquire clean water. They then proceed with farming and health education."

Sorter said this experience was quite valuable for the kids involved.

"This was the first opportunity some of them had to be leaders and it has been a wonderful learning opportunity for them," she said. "It is giving them an opportunity to learn not only how to reach a hand out to others, but also to see what they have within themselves as they grow in these formative years as teens."

In addition, the youth group has been asking for

donations from the community. It takes \$30 to feed a child for a month, according to World Vision, which delivers 84 percent of all funds to assistance-related projects. The group is collecting donations until Sunday, March 14.

Sorter is touched by the dedication and heart shown by the youth group.

"For me, to see these youth willing to go 30 hours with water and juice, all to reach across the globe as missionaries to help save other kids is awesome," she said. "It makes my heart leap with joy."

The famine culminated following the Eastside Community Church service on Sunday. The students served lunch to churchgoers, and then replenished themselves and celebrated their accomplishment.

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Photo by Lori Wilson  
There's always plenty of excitement when the hockey teams from Grosse Pointe North and Grosse Pointe South face off.

## North's complete game beats Spartans

By Chuck Klonke  
Sports Editor

Grosse Pointe North's basketball team learned a valuable lesson the first time it played Fitzgerald. "They're a good team, but the first time we played them we didn't give our best for the whole game," said coach Matt Trombley after the Norsemen's 64-40 victory over the Spartans.

The win moved North into a first-place tie with Fitzgerald in the Macomb Area Conference White Division. The Norsemen took over the top spot by themselves a few nights later when they beat Romeo 54-47 while Fitzgerald was losing to Port Huron. Trombley made sure that his team learned from the earlier meeting.

Before the players boarded the bus, Trombley showed them a portion of the first game against Fitzgerald. "I showed them about 15 minutes when we really got after (Fitzgerald)," Trombley said. "I wanted that to be fresh in their minds when they went out on the court."

After a few minutes of feeling each other out, the Norsemen ended the first quarter on a 10-0 run. After that, the Spartans never were really in the game.

North led by 14 points after three quarters, and Fitzgerald never got closer than 11 the rest of the way. "The start of the game was like two heavyweight fighters jabbing at each other, afraid to make a mistake," Trombley said.

Trombley said that his team's defensive play was the key to the victory. "It was a very physical game," Trombley said. "But our kids are used to playing like that. Our practices are like that. At first they didn't like it, but now they're getting used to it, and that has paid off for us."

"Fitzgerald isn't a real deep team, and we felt that if we got after them for the whole game, we'd wear them down."

In the first Fitzgerald-North game, the Spartans' Andre Lawson scored 20 points. In this contest, he scored only seven, thanks to a fine defensive effort by Maxwell.

"Marcell did a good job of denying him the ball in the post, and when he did catch a pass, there was immediate help," Trombley said.

"Marcell also had a big block off the glass. He had a huge defensive game."

Maxwell was just one of several players who made major contributions to the victory. Henry McCain came off the bench and hit a three-point basket, and finished with seven points.

David Klein had some good moves to the basket and also grabbed several rebounds.

Michael Bramos finished with 18 points to lead the Norsemen. "Michael had some nice finishes on fast breaks that he turned into three-point plays, and did all the things we expect from him," Trombley said. "Jake

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## Trinity, first-year coach win first league title

By Michael Shelton  
Special Writer

Harper Woods Trinity Catholic's boys basketball team raised its first ever League Championship trophy while singing Queen's "We Are the Champions."

The Lancers earned that right Saturday after a 67-57 victory over Redford Bishop Borgess in the Catholic League East/West Championship game at Calihan Hall on the campus of Detroit Mercy.

It is the first league basketball title in the school's 44-year history as well as the first championship game appearance, coming two years after the school changed its name from Bishop Gallagher to Trinity.

"It was huge for the school. We've got a lot of alumni from Bishop Gallagher to come out," said Trinity head coach Ed Banks, who won the title in his first year.

"We did this for the alumni: a lot of the people never had a chance to win the Catholic League Championship, so we wanted to bring it home for them."

The Lancers will wrap up the regular season tonight, March 4, at Center Line St. Clement at 7 p.m.

Trinity will then host Lutheran East in the districts on Monday, March 8, at 8 p.m.

Senior forward Ronald Hildreth led the way for the Lancers (13-4) with 18

points and six rebounds. Junior center Antonio Hinton grabbed 19 rebounds and scored 12 points for Trinity.

"Different people are just stepping up at different times. They played their hearts out," Banks said. Quinton Washington and Kyle Williams both scored 9 points for the Lancers.

"We try not to have superstars. We want five guys in double figures every game," Banks said. "Ron Hildreth had a good game; Kyle Williams stepped up. Antonio stepped up big with rebounding and scoring; he does everything. I love that kid."

The league title was a goal Banks said the team talked about at the beginning of the

season after he first took the job.

"My seniors never won more than four games. The first person I met on the team was Ron Hildreth, and we had a long talk. I told him we're going to get to the Catholic League. We just need everybody to work," Banks said.

"He believed in me. I told him I'm gonna need you to help me keep the team together. He stepped up, and this is the benefit of it."

The Lancers came out running in the first quarter, going on a 15-2 run to start the game.

With strong defense, Trinity forced seven Spartan turnovers in the first half.

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## 'Brick wall' doesn't stop Norsemen

By Chuck Klonke  
Sports Editor

Grosse Pointe North's hockey team usually has an advantage in quickness against its opponents, but that almost wasn't enough to get the Norsemen past Grosse Pointe South in the first game of the Division II state regional tournament on Monday night.

"We were quicker, but that doesn't matter when you're going up against a brick wall all the time," North coach Scott Lock said after the Norsemen's 1-0 victory over the Blue Devils.

The "brick wall" that Lock was referring to was South goalie Mark Grignon, who frustrated the Norsemen at every turn.

"He was phenomenal," Lock said. "He made some saves that were unbelievable. I don't think he saw some of the shots that he stopped."

North had a 44-22 advantage in shots on goal, but the only one that got past Grignon was a slap shot by defenseman Shawn Hunter on a power play with 1:23 left in the second period. Lock said that he wasn't surprised by Grignon's heroics.

"We knew how good he was," Lock said. "Now we've got another one just like that coming up. De La Salle also has a very good goaltender (Chris Joswiak). The Norsemen play the

Pilots, who beat University of Detroit Jesuit 5-1 in the other first-round game Monday at the Mount Clemens Ice Arena, on Friday at 6 p.m. The championship game will be Saturday at 7:30 p.m.

If Grignon was the No. 1 star in the game, Hunter was probably No. 2.

"He had an awesome game," Lock said. "He played a lot of minutes, and his goal was just a cannon shot."

Peter Baratta fed Hunter a pass at the point and he fired a rising shot that got just inside the left goalpost. Grignon appeared to be screened on the shot.

"He never saw it," said South coach Bob Bopp. "It's a shame he had to lose the game, because he was outstanding, like he has been all season. He gave us a chance to win this game."

Lock said that it was important to capitalize on that power play.

"It's a big goal coming with two minutes left in the period," he said. "It was a great shot, and we had traffic in front of the net."

Although his performance was overshadowed by the spectacular saves turned in by Grignon, North goalie Jordan Zielke stopped everything the Blue Devils sent his way as he recorded his first high school shutout. Zielke didn't have to make as many difficult saves as

Grignon, but when he was called on, he came through, too.

"We were able to keep most of their shots on the perimeter, and when Jordan made the save he didn't give up many rebounds," Lock said.

Some of Zielke's best saves came in the third period. He made a good save on Tom Porter with about six minutes left. Then he stopped a shot by Brandon Krajniak with Joey Parke camped at the doorstep waiting for the rebound that never materialized with about a minute and a half to go.

North started the third period with 1:46 of power-play time, but the Norsemen weren't able to add to their lead.

"We were hoping to get that second goal and maybe take some of the wind out of their sails, but we didn't," Lock said.

Killing off the penalty seemed to give the Blue Devils new life.

"We tried to pour it on in the third period, but they withstood it, and they had a stretch of about four or five minutes where they kept the puck in our zone," Lock said.

It was high school hockey at its best — a game that would have been worthy of the state championship contest.

"What a great game," Lock said. "Both teams came

in well-prepared. They had a system and we had a system. Both teams skated well and worked hard. It was a clean game, but there was a lot of hard hitting."

Although Bopp was disappointed in the outcome, he wasn't disappointed with the way his team played.

"We came here expecting to win, and expecting to give our best effort," Bopp said. "We didn't win, but we gave our best effort, and I'm happy with our team."

"Both teams worked hard, but it was a clean game. There was a lot at stake for both teams."

South had several players, in addition to Grignon, who performed well but Bopp singled out Brian Gatloff, Anthony Swancoat and Sean O'Brien.

"Gatloff had a big game," Bopp said. "He won a lot of faceoffs. O'Brien came back (after suffering a broken wrist on Jan. 17) and Swancoat hurt his knee last week but played tonight. Both of them did a good job."

"It was a good year for us. We got a lot better in the last couple of weeks. That Trenton game (a 5-1 loss) woke us up."

South finished with a 17-8 record. All of the defeats were by one-goal margins except the Trenton game and a 2-0 loss to Port Huron Northern in which the Huskies scored an empty-net goal in the final seconds.

## South completes MAC Red swim sweep

By Chuck Klonke  
Sports Editor

Grosse Pointe South's swimming team seemed to take its Macomb Area Conference Red Division championship in stride last week.

"That's because there's something even bigger in the Blue Devils' plans."

"This is nice, but we're really looking forward to two weeks from now," said coach Bill Thompson. "We've really set our sights on the state championships. This was a good trial run for us."

The Division I state meet will be held in Ann Arbor on March 12 and 13, and South will have 11 swimmers competing.

Last year, the Blue Devils finished 11th in the state. This year's team has been ranked in the top five in the state all year, and South was fourth in the latest state poll.

A taste of success at last year's state meet has provided the Blue Devils with incentive for this year.

"We know what to expect this year," Thompson said. "We'll be ready. You have to be ready on that day."

"It's going to be a fun two weeks getting ready for the state meet. That's the

reward for all the hard work those guys have put in up to this point."

South breezed through the MAC Red dual meet season undefeated. The Blue Devils didn't even have a close meet, and the conference meet was no exception.

South finished with 495 points, while Grosse Pointe North was runner-up with 278. Fraser, which won the Macomb County championship, was third with 207 points.

"We've had a good mental approach all season, and that was a plus for us today," Thompson said. "Physically, we were ready, but when it comes to championship meets, the mental approach is what sets you apart."

South won 11 of the 12 events. The only person to break the Blue Devils' domination of the meet was Romeo's Anthony Serio, who finished first in the 200-yard freestyle, nosing out South's Casey Browning. Both swimmers had state-qualifying times in the event.

Ben Jenzen, who was voted the meet's outstanding swimmer, won the 50 freestyle in 21.44, only .10 seconds off the meet record set by former Blue Devils swimmer John McClellan.

Jenzen also won the 100 freestyle in 49.37, and anchored the winning 200 medley and 200 freestyle relays.

"It's nice to see him get the award with the career that he's had," Thompson said. "He does a great job in the 50 and 100, and it's a nice plus to know that you have him anchoring the relays. You count on him to do well, and there hasn't been a meet where he's disappointed us. He's as outstanding as they come."

One of the strengths of this year's South team is its diving.

The Blue Devils had four of the top six divers. Justin Linne won the event with a scored of 375.50 points, and teammate Dan Kastner was second with 317.70. Kieran Connolly-Ng and Ty Latimore finished fourth and sixth, respectively.

"They're real hard workers," said diving coach Chad Hepner, who was an all-state diver at South before going on to a fine career at Michigan State. "They've dedicated themselves to improving."

"Justin and Ty went to a couple of diving camps at Michigan State, and the facilities there enabled them

to learn some new dives. Dan's success is the result of four years of working hard."

South's Luke Richard set a conference meet record with his winning time of 53.88 in the 100 butterfly, breaking the old mark of 54.11 set in 1994.

South's other individual firsts came from Jon Sax with a time of 2:03.09 in the 200 individual medley; Casey Browning, 4:47.37 in the 500 freestyle; David Richardson-Rossbach, 56.60 in the 100 backstroke; and Pete Stevens, 1:04.72 in the 100 breaststroke.

"I was really pleased with the way we swam today," Thompson said. "We had a lot of drops in time from (Friday's preliminaries), which is hard to do with the quick turnaround."

"Luke had a great swim, and Casey's 500 swim was outstanding. Everybody that we had entered, made the finals. That was one of our goals."

The division championship was the sixth straight for South.

"We talk a lot about tradition," said Thompson, who was an outstanding swimmer himself for the Blue

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Photo by Lori Wilson  
Grosse Pointe South's Jon Sax finished first in the 200-yard individual medley at last weekend's Macomb Area Conference Red Division swimming meet.





## Champs again

The Grosse Pointe Academy varsity volleyball team won its Bulldog Invitational for the 15th consecutive season. The Grosse Pointe Academy squad won all 12 of its games. Kensington Academy was runner-up with a 10-2 mark. University Liggett School finished third at 7-5. Grosse Pointe Academy is unbeaten in nine regular season matches. In front, from left, are Emma Brush, Emily Liggett, Ashley Thibodeau, Anna Basse and Claire Flood. In back, from left, are Susanna McMillan, Alexis Stepanek, Liza Dzul, Paige Simmons, Stephanie Skau and Chloe Kirchner. Not pictured are Sarah McCuish and Bhreyana Squires.

## North makes its speed pay off

By Chuck Klonke  
Sports Editor

It looked like somebody had attached weights to the skates of the Livonia Churchill hockey players before their game with Grosse Pointe North last weekend.

However, that might not be as much of an indictment of the Chargers as it is a compliment to the Norsemen.

"We really utilized our speed in that game," North coach Scott Lock said after the Norsemen's 5-2 victory over the No. 3 ranked team in the state in Division I.

"We beat them in the neutral zone and worked well without the puck. All four lines played well, and the defense moved the puck well."

North dominated the first period, although Churchill got on the scoreboard first with a goal by Sean Burke at 4:33.

It took the Norsemen only 12 seconds to tie the game.

Jon Tibaud won a faceoff, and got the puck to Shawn Hunter. The Chargers' goalie stopped Hunter's shot, but Shaun Fulton knocked in the rebound.

North broke the tie at 7:31 of the first period on a backhand shot by Peter Baratta, set up by Bobby Scarfone.

Baratta made it 3-1 at 11:06 when he knocked Scarfone's rebound into the net. Scarfone was set up by a nice pass from John Dallas.

Baratta had a couple of other good scoring chances that were stopped by the Churchill goaltender.

"Peter has been playing well," Lock said. "This is when we need our seniors to step up."

Fulton scored his second goal of the game on a breakaway at 11:34 of the second period. Julien Horrie made it 5-1 at 6:15 of the third period, assisted by Andrew Tignaneli and Drew Davis. Churchill's Dan Wensing completed the scoring with

4:04 remaining in the game. Jordan Zielke played the first two periods in goal for North. Tony Sabatini played the third period.

Earlier, North beat Farmington United 4-3 on Baratta's goal with about three minutes left in overtime.

"It was a great passing play off a faceoff," Lock said. "Dallas made a pass to Scarfone, who got it to Baratta. Peter used his speed to get around the 'D' and got off a great snap shot."

Horrie had scored the tying goal with about 3 1/2 minutes remaining in regulation.

Dallas and Tibaud had North's other goals in the seasaw game.

"Zielke played real well and all of our defensemen played well," Lock said. "The forwards did a nice job, too. (Eddie) Tropp and Dallas had real strong games, and Tignaneli played well defensively."

## Farms promoter schedules next bout

Prominent Grosse Pointe Farms attorney and boxing promoter/manager John Carlisle and Four Corners Productions have scheduled the next night of professional boxing for Friday, April 2, at DeCarlo's Banquet and Convention Center in Warren.

The top-flight card will be headlined by Rubin "Hollywood" Williams, 22-1, who redeemed himself Oct. 17 at the DeCarlo's center with a skillful ninth-round defeat of Tony Menefee.

Also on the card will be Team Detroit heavyweights Leon Nolan, 20-0; Obed Sullivan, 40-8-2; and Julius Joiner. Carlisle's lightweight Marlon Davis will round out

Team Detroit on the card, which will be sure to feature other exciting match-ups.

VIP and \$200 ringside tickets are available through DeCarlo's at (586) 759-6500. General admission tickets are \$25 and are

available at the door the night of the fight.

A cash bar and concessions will be available.

DeCarlo's Banquet & Convention Center is located on 10 Mile, one block east of Mound Road.

## Knights erupt in finale

University Liggett School's hockey team wrapped up its regular season with an 8-1 victory over Anchor Bay.

Sophomore Alex Amicucci, a midseason callup from the junior varsity team, led the way with his first two varsity goals.

Tom Russell also scored

twice for the Knights, while Michael Zukas, Joe Burchi, Jake Keith and Adam Rock had the other ULS goals.

Antonio Evangelista was in goal for the Knights.

ULS begins state Division III regional play tonight, March 4, at 7:45 against Orchard Lake St. Mary.

The game will be played at Cranbrook Kingswood.

## South skaters wrap up Metro East Division championship

By Chuck Klonke  
Sports Editor

As a defenseman, many of Trey Shield's contributions to Grosse Pointe South's hockey success has gone unnoticed.

And that's just fine with the unassuming senior.

However, when the Blue Devils played their final home game of the season last week against Riverview Gabriel Richard, Shield was the center of attention.

"His whole family was there, nieces and nephews and cousins, and I think Trey was a little embarrassed by all of the attention," coach Bob Bopp said after South's 9-2 victory in the Michigan Metro High School Hockey League game.

If he was, it didn't affect his play.

"Trey has played many great games over his four years at South, but I think this was his best yet," Bopp said.

"For players like Trey Shield and Brandon Krajniak, it had to be especially emotional, since both have been here for four years."

A total of 13 seniors were honored before the game.

"Brandon Krajniak has become such a solid player for us this year," Bopp said. "He has been a leader on and off the ice. His first two years he was going through the young player mode. He struggled some last season, but before this year we chal-

lenged him as a senior to step up, and he certainly has."

Stefan Harris also had a memorable home finale.

"It was great to see Stefan, who is a great defensive defenseman, get a goal and an assist," Bopp said. "He is known for his smart play, and not for scoring goals."

Other seniors honored were Dan Rosso, Brian Gatloff, Paul Kossak, Mark Diebel, Anthony DeLaura, Robbie Barrett, Nick Andrew, Pat LaRiviere, Sean O'Brien and Mark Grignon.

South, which won the league's East Division championship with a 10-3 record, scored the game's last seven goals.

Richard opened the scoring at 2:37 of the first period, but Kossak tied the game at 4:11, assisted by Taylor Ryan. Joey Parke gave South a 2-1 lead at 6:18, with Shield getting the assist. About a minute and a half later, the Pioneers scored again to pull into a 2-2 tie.

After that, it was all South. Gatloff broke the tie at 1:02 of the second period, and Diebel and Harris followed with goals to send the Blue Devils into the third period with a 5-2 lead.

Andrew, Tom Porter and Ben Morawski scored third-period goals for South before Gatloff capped the scoring with his second goal of the game at 11:29.

Other South assists came from Porter, Andrew, LaRiviere, DeLaura, Rosso, Diebel, Krajniak and Kossak.

Earlier, the Blue Devils beat a strong Ann Arbor Huron team 4-2 to clinch the outright division championship.

Among Huron's victories this year are wins over Trenton and Ann Arbor Pioneer.

"It was a good game between two teams that really moved the puck well," Bopp said. "Our defensemen are playing well in our zone. The forwards backchecked very hard."

"The way the team is playing now, we're using everyone who dresses and everyone is playing well."

Huron opened the scoring at 10:41 of the first period, just as a South penalty was expiring.

Rosso tied the game at 12:39, assisted by Barrett and Shield, and 51 seconds later, Porter put the Blue Devils ahead with Diebel and Parke getting the assists.

Gatloff scored a power-play goal late in the second period, assisted by Harris and Andrew. Parke completed the South scoring at 8:38 of the third period. DeLaura and Krajniak got the assists.

Huron capped the scoring with 3:45 remaining in the game.

South finished the regular season with a 17-7 overall record.

## Eagles win two non-leaguers

By Bob St. John  
Sports Writer

Lutheran East's boys basketball team won its non-league games last week, beating Monroe Lutheran South 70-31 and Taylor Light and Life 60-53.

"It was nice to get a couple of wins," head coach Joe Beck said. "We want to have some momentum heading into the state tournament." The host Eagles had little trouble beating South, playing its first year of varsity sports.

Junior Andrew Zoellner had 16 points and eight rebounds, while senior Tom Kempinski had 15 points to lead the Eagles.

Light and Life put up a better fight than South, but the host Eagles still prevailed.

They had a 27-20 halftime lead and had to withstand foul trouble to win the game.

"We had one guy foul out and two others who had four fouls," Beck said. "It was a competitive game, and a good one for us to win."

Senior Robert Carlisle had 14 points and nine rebounds, while Zoellner had his second straight solid effort, collecting 10 points and 11 rebounds.

Senior Matt Johnston chipped in with eight points and seven assists for the Eagles, which improved to 7-12 overall.

volleyball team dropped its nonleague match last week, falling 12-15, 10-15 to visiting Plymouth Agape Christian.

"The girls played well at times, as has been the case in most of our matches this season," head coach Reay Zoellner said. "It seems as if the girls make their mistakes late in each game, which ultimately sends us to a loss. The girls are playing hard and learning the game at the varsity level."

It was all underclassmen against Agape Christian as juniors Shana Pritchett and Quimisha Goss, and sophomores Jessie Kollar, Courtney Beschke, Ashley Maestri, Chrystal Pendell and Mary Orocz each had their moment in the lime-light.

"I like our enthusiasm for the game," Zoellner said.

"The girls understand that it takes time to really learn how to play the game, and they have responded very well to my coaching."

Later in the week, the Eagles lost to Livonia Clarenceville in the first round of the Metro Conference Tournament at Rochester Hills Lutheran Northwest.

The Lutheran East volleyball team finished the season 2-7 in the Metro Conference, and it fell to 6-20-4 overall.

Next for the Eagles is a 5:30 p.m. Class D district semifinal on Friday, March 5, at home against Detroit Holy Redeemer.

If they win, the Eagles face the winner of the Trinity Catholic/Detroit Urban Lutheran game in the district title match later that evening.



## Fall standouts

Emma Brush and Curtis Fisher were named the Grosse Pointe Academy's fall athletes of the season at a recent assembly for middle school students. Each of them was chosen for the honor based on athletic achievements, academic performance, citizenship and leadership ability. Brush, a seventh-grader, was the most valuable runner on the girls cross country team. Her teammates selected her for the sportsmanship award on the varsity basketball team. She is also a high honors student and a scholar athlete. Fisher, an eighth grader, was voted most valuable player by his teammates on the boys soccer team and he also received the Bulldog award.

## City of Grosse Pointe Farms, Michigan

### BOARD OF REVIEW

Meetings for the purpose of reviewing the 2004 Assessment Roll for the City of Grosse Pointe Farms, Wayne County, Michigan, will be held by the Board of Review on:

TUESDAY, MARCH 9, 2004  
from 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.  
from 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

and

MONDAY, MARCH 22, 2004  
from 1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.  
from 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

at City Hall, 90 Kerby Road, Grosse Pointe Farms, Michigan 48236. Hearings will be scheduled by appointment. Please contact City of Grosse Pointe Farms at 885-6600, Ext. 252.

Tim O'Donnell,  
City Assessor

GPN: 03/04/2004, 03/11/2004, 03/18/2004

## Notre Dame hockey drops a pair of games

By Bob St. John  
Sports Writer

The Notre Dame hockey team lost its final regular season games last week, losing 7-2 to Orchard Lake St. Mary and 2-1 to Warren De La Salle.

"We played a very tough schedule during the month of February, and we hope it helps us prepare for our regional tournament," head coach Kevin McKay said.

Seniors Chris Small and Brekan Kohlitz scored the

Fightin' Irish's goals against St. Mary, while junior George Ambrozzy tallied against De La Salle.

"We played pretty well in each game, but we had a bad five-minute stretch in each game that led to our losses," McKay said.

"We have to play a complete three periods if we want to advance out of our regional."

The Notre Dame hockey team ended its regular season 11-12 overall.

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The Lutheran East girls

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Head coach Ed Banks, fifth from left, guided his Trinity Catholic boys basketball team to the Catholic League A-East/A-West Division playoff championship last weekend, beating Bishop Borgess in the finals.

## Trinity

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The play of the game came in the second quarter when after a wild scramble for the ball, Washington dove and fired the ball cross-court to Hildreth who dunked with one hand to score two of his 15 first-half points.

Hinton also had 10 rebounds in the first half, and Trinity had a 34-24 half-time lead.

"Our plan was we're going to run; we're going to keep pressing; we've got more bodies than they have; we're conditioned very well; we've got good athletes; and we're going to press the whole game," Banks said.

Trinity retained a 10 point lead at the end of the third after a lay-up by Washington beat the buzzer.

But Borgess would not go down without a fight, forcing 11 Trinity turnovers in the second half and pulling to within 49-43 in the fourth. Jason Hawkins had 22 points and four rebounds to lead the Spartans.

"I knew it wasn't going to be easy. I know their coach and some of his boys and they fight. They never give up," Banks said. "They beat the number one team in our league (Royal Oak Shrine), and I told the boys be prepared because they are going to make a run."

The Lancers answered Banks' call. Williams scored on a lay-up, drew a foul and converted the three-point play.

Borgess' junior center DeAngelo Seale then fouled out of the game. He had 14 points and 9 rebounds for the Spartans.

It was the first meeting of the year between the schools.

### Catholic League Semifinals

Trinity advanced to the title game after defeating Riverview Gabriel Richard in overtime 47-43 in the semifinals on Thursday Feb.

26 at Schoolcraft College.

Antonio Hinton led the Lancers with 18 points, with 8 coming in the fourth quarter and 7 on free throws, as well as four rebounds.

Senior Lonnie Pettway also contributed 9 points and 3 steals; Lance Caldwell had seven rebounds and Quinton Washington had 5 steals.

"This was the biggest win of my coaching career this year. This is the biggest win of all those seniors," said Trinity head coach Ed Banks.

"I had juniors step up: Kyle, Lance, Ron. Hinton stepped up big for us scoring in the paint. He was huge."

The Lancers started out strong in overtime with the score tied at 35, controlling the ball for the first two and a half minutes.

Quinton Washington then scored the first two points of the session to give Trinity the lead.

Then after Richard forward Mike Palazzolo traveled, Kyle Williams scored two more for the Lancers.

Then after a Trinity steal, Williams was fouled and sank two free throws to give Trinity a 41-35 lead.

Williams had 5 points in overtime.

Palazzolo pulled Richard to within three, and the Lancers had a chance to tie. But Mike Seneski missed a three-point attempt, and Caldwell sank two free throws to clinch the win.

The Lancers had to overcome a 31-23 deficit in the fourth and did so scoring 8 unanswered points, with Lance Caldwell tying the game at 31 on a rebound and putback.

"I just told them the game is not over; we have a lot of time. The way we play defense with the full-court, we're never out of the game," Banks said.

"They bought into my system at the beginning of the year, and they stayed with

it. That's how we won this game."

Antonio Hinton then hit two free throws to give Trinity a 35-33 lead with 15 seconds left, and the Lancer faithful was fired up.

But the Pioneers would force overtime after forward Anthony Crowley hit a jumper from the left corner to beat the buzzer and send the crowd into a frenzy.

The game started out slowly with Richard holding an 8-6 lead at the end of the first quarter.

"We came out sluggish. Gabriel Richard wanted to slow the pace. They took us out of our rhythm a little bit," Banks said.

In the second quarter, the Lancers had 11 turnovers compared to Richard's 9, and Hinton ended up with three fouls as the Pioneers took a 14-11 halftime lead into the locker room.

"I told the kids we either win or go home," Banks said. "We worked too hard during conditioning and all during the year to let this game go away like this. The guys dug deep, and I told them to leave it out on the floor."

The Lancers had only 6 turnovers in the second half compared with Richard's 9.

Cody Johnson had 14 points for the Pioneers.

## North pair in state mat finals

Two Grosse Pointe North wrestlers will compete in the state Division I individual championships at the Palace of Auburn Hills from March 11 through 13.

Ryan Stephens finished fourth at 171 pounds in last week's regional at Chippewa Valley High School. He takes a 35-15 record into the state finals.

Spencer Channel also finished fourth in the regional at 215 pounds, and his season record is 35-17.

Stephens and Channel are both juniors.

## South keeps shooting and it pays off with another victory

By Chuck Klonek  
Sports Editor

Grosse Pointe South's basketball coaches had a message for their players at halftime of last week's game with Port Huron Northern.

"One of the things we talked about at halftime was to keep shooting," said coach George Petrouleas after the Blue Devils' 43-33 victory in the Macomb Area Conference Red Division game.

"And they came out in the second half and hit five of their first six shots."

That put the cap on a 13-0 run that started with the final four points of the first half, as South overcame a seven-point lead by the Huskies.

Kyle Bruen, who scored all of his game-high 10 points in the second half, started the third quarter with a three-point basket. He also scored a two-pointer, while Andy Wolking also had a pair of baskets in the Blue Devils' 9-0 spurt to start the second half.

Northern cut the lead to 30-29 late in the third quarter, but South answered with baskets by Wolking and Bruen to increase the lead back to five points early in the fourth quarter.

The Huskies never got closer than three points the rest of the way and the Blue Devils held Northern without a field goal for the final 5:49.

"We caught them on a bad shooting night, but it was one of our most solid games of the year," said Petrouleas, who has seen his team win four of its last six contests.

The victory avenged an earlier loss at the hands of the Huskies. In that game, PHN had 29 free throws to only three by South. The Huskies also outrebounded the Blue Devils in the first meeting, 36-23. This time South had the edge on the boards, 32-28.

"In the games we've won, we've usually outrebounded our opponents," Petrouleas said.

Three seniors turned in excellent performances for South. Bruen had eight rebounds to go with his 10 points, Nate Jones had eight points and 10 rebounds, and Brett Read finished with eight points and eight rebounds.

The Blue Devils also blocked several of the Huskies' shots, with Jones continuing to look very strong inside.

"Our three seniors stepped up and gave us the leadership when we needed it," Petrouleas said.

South started slowly. The

Blue Devils scored the first basket of the game but they didn't score again until early in the second quarter. By that time, Northern had a 9-2 lead.

With a minute and a half left in the first half, the Huskies were ahead 22-15, but South got a basket by Read on a nice assist from Zac Hacias, and Jones made it 22-19 at halftime on a soft jump shot with 46 seconds remaining.

"We were in a lot of games earlier in the season, but we couldn't get over the hump," Petrouleas said. "Now the kids have more confidence."

No matter what the Blue Devils' record is at the end of the season, the players have earned the respect of their coaches.

"A lot of teams that started out 0-12 would have given up," said assistant coach Vito Tocco, "but not these kids. They never stopped working."

## North

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Bloomhuff had a great defensive game. It was a total team defensive effort. Holding a team like that to 40 points is quite an accomplishment."

Earlier, North beat Fraser 71-60 to set the stage for the showdown with Fitzgerald.

"Fraser came out in a zone, which was a challenge for our guys," Trombley said. "But Bloomhuff hit a three, which gave us a positive image that we could hit from the perimeter."

Bramos had four triples in the first quarter that helped give the Norsemen a comfortable lead.

Although North ended the first half with a 7-0 run, Trombley felt that his team could have played better.

Apparently, Maxwell thought so, too, and took matters into his own hands.

"He had a couple of dunks early in the second half that really seemed to get us motivated," Trombley said.

Bramos led in scoring with 23 points and Maxwell finished with 16. Also providing scoring help were Klein with eight points, and Alex Sultan and Bryan Bennett with seven apiece.

The Norsemen avoided a letdown after the Fitzgerald game with their 54-47 win at Romeo, although it wasn't one of their best games.

North jumped out to a 12-5 lead after one quarter and had a 30-22 halftime advantage.

"We thought we should have been up by 15 or 20 points at halftime, but we made some careless mistakes with the basketball," Trombley said.

Romeo continued to hang around in the second half, and when Cody Cushingberry hit a three-point basket late in the third quarter, the Bulldogs were

Earlier, South beat Utica 46-40 in another comeback victory.

The Blue Devils trailed by three points after the first quarter but they tightened up on defense in the two middle periods, holding the Chieftains to a combined 10 points.

"We did a better job of rebounding," Petrouleas said. "We got some key rebounds and putbacks."

South led 36-24 at the end of the third quarter and maintained its lead for most of the final quarter.

Eric Berschback was the only Blue Devils player to score in double figures with 10 points.

"But just like (the PHN) game, we had good balance," Petrouleas said. "Ten of the 11 players scored (against Utica)."

South closes out the regular season on Friday at Dakota.

within five points.

"We took some quick shots, and we let them think they could play with us," Trombley said.

With a minute and a half remaining, North's lead had melted to three points. That's when Trombley called a timeout.

"I told the kids that if all they focused on was the crowd and the inconsistency of some of the (officials') calls, they weren't going to win," Trombley said. "But if they concentrated on taking care of the ball, and locking up on defense, we'd be all right."

The team heeded Trombley's request. As he has done so often this year, Bennett provided the spark. He went in for a layup to restore North's five-point lead, then made a key steal on Romeo's next possession.

Bramos finished with 14 points and eight rebounds, while Bennett had 13 points. Klein scored 10 points and Maxwell had eight.

North got another solid defensive game from Bloomhuff.

"He caused a lot of turnovers with his pressure on the ball," Trombley said.

The Bulldogs were another team that used a lot of zone defense against the Norsemen.

"We've seen more of that the second time around the league," Trombley said. "With our athletes, teams don't want to play us man-to-man."

Trombley said that he doesn't mind seeing the zone defenses.

"It makes us work harder to get the ball inside, which will make us a better team for the districts," he said.

North begins Class A district play against Detroit Denby on Monday. The Tars are ranked No. 1 in the state in some of the polls.



## Eagles soar

The Metro Eagles, a team made up of players from the City of Grosse Pointe, Grosse Pointe Farms and Grosse Pointe Park, went undefeated to win its division at the recent January Jam AAU girls basketball tournament in Bloomfield Hills. In front, from left, are coach Jim Dixon, Elle Farber, Shelby Stone, Taylor Wizner, Julie Wittwer, Sydney Machesky and coach Bill Ventimiglia. In back, from left, are Joanna Manos, Alisha Rodney, Dana Davenport, Sally Dixon and Sarah Ventimiglia. Not pictured is Emily Flom.

Grosse Pointe was well-represented at the National Field Hockey Festival, which was held in Indio, Calif.

Seven players from the Pointes were on the select team, which was named Charlie's Angels in honor of the squad's manager, Charlie Brown.

Local players were Mallory Brown, Andrea Caralis, Laura Danforth, C.C. Mengel, Ali Morawski, Aimee O'Brien and Margi Scholtes.

There were also nine players from the Ann Arbor area on the team.

Charlie's Angels finished second in their division with a 4-0-2 record.

There were 104 under-19 teams competing in the division. Charlie's Angels played against teams from Texas, Delaware, Pennsylvania, Ohio and Virginia.

The annual festival is designed to showcase high school players and to give them an opportunity to compete against some of the best field hockey players in the country.

## Grosse Pointe Soccer Association

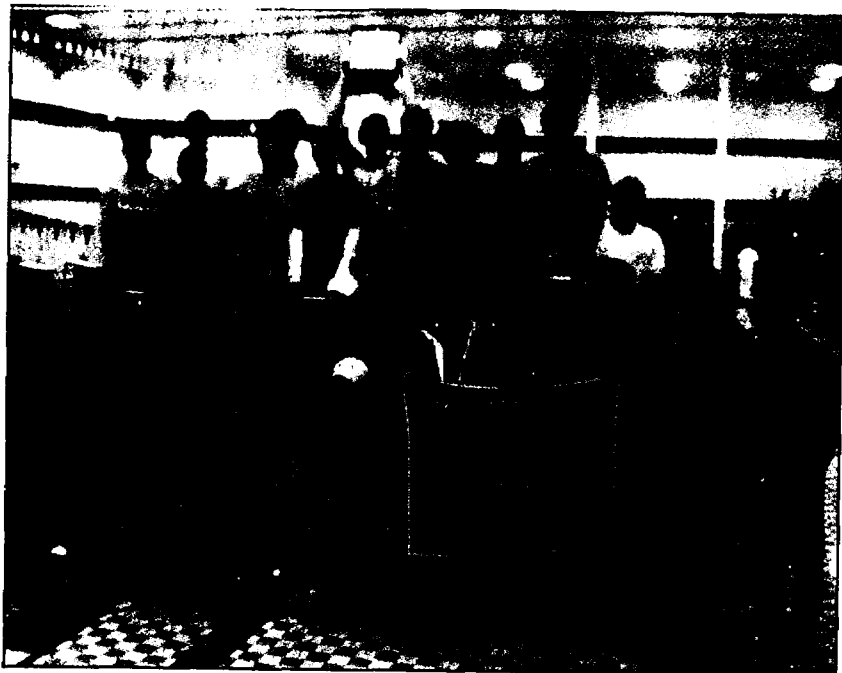
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Members of Grosse Pointe South's swimming team and coaches Bill Thompson, Elizabeth Bourke and Chad Hepner hoist the championship plaque after the Blue Devils won their sixth straight Macomb Area Conference Red Division championship.

## Swim

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Devils. "The guys take it to heart. It's something we're proud of. They work hard. We try to teach them to approach swimming and life the right way."

North coach Mike O'Connor was pleased with his team's performance, which included more than 90 percent of the Norsemen posting season-best times.

Highlights for North were a third-place finish and a state-qualifying time for Larry Briski in the 100 butterfly, and a second place finish and state-qualifying time in the 200 freestyle relay by Briski, Chris Blunden, Stephen Cornillie and Michael VanBeek.

Season-best performances for North came from Briski, Blunden, Karl Tech and Brian Cornillie in the 50 freestyle; Stephen Cornillie, Blunden, Tech and Evan Marshall, 100 freestyle; VanBeek, Stephen Cornillie and Matt Lane, 200 freestyle; and VanBeek, Lane, Roy Lucier and John Sattler, 500 freestyle.

Also, Scotty Moore, Brian Cornillie, and Ed Grumeretz, 100 backstroke; Andrew Fly, Tim Schultes and Marshall, 100 breaststroke; Briski, Mike Kedzierski and Moore, 100 butterfly; Fly, Lucier, Ryan Boury and Kedzierski, 200 individual medley; and Matthew Doak, Luke Donahue, Scott Ulrich and Cory Fogelson, diving.

Following are the winners in each event, along with the North and South swimmers who placed in the top 12.

**200-yard medley relay:** 1, Grosse Pointe South (David Richardson-Rossbach, Pete Stevens, Luke Richard, Ben Jenzen), 1:41.47 (state qualifying time); 3, Grosse Pointe North (Mike Walton, Andrew Fly, Ryan Boury, Karl Tech), 1:53.00.

**200 freestyle:** 1, Anthony Serio, Romeo, 1:45.34 (state cut); 2, Casey Browning, South, 1:46.91 (state cut); 3, Michael VanBeek, North, 1:51.22; 4, Stephen Cornillie, North, 1:51.75; 7, Andrew Graham, South, 1:53.82; 9, Danny Basile, South, 1:57.26; 10, Matt Lane, North, 2:03.75; 12, Mike Mullinger, South, 2:09.96.

**200 individual medley:** 1, Jon Sax, South, 2:03.09 (state cut); 2,

Pete Stevens, South, 2:07.10; 3, David Richardson-Rossbach, South, 2:08.90; 6, Andrew Fly, North, 2:16.95; 8, Joe Ryan, South, 2:20.36; 9, Roy Lucier, North, 2:21.29; 10, Ryan Boury, North, 2:21.79; 12, Mike Kedzierski, North, 2:28.16.

**50 freestyle:** 1, Ben Jenzen, South, 21.44 (state cut); 2, Luke Richard, South, 22.37 (state cut); 3, Mike Dunaway, South, 22.77 (state cut); 4, Larry Briski, North, 23.11; 5, Wilson Holm, South, 23.26; 6, Chris Blunden, North, 23.97; 7, Karl Tech, North, 24.06.

**Diving:** 1, Justin Linne, South, 375.70 points; 2, Dan Kastner, South, 317.70; 3, Matthew Doak, North, 317.30; 4, Kieran Connolly-Ng, South, 290.65; 6, Ty Lettimore, South, 258.80; 7, Luke Donahue, North, 226.95; 8, Scott Ulrich, North, 213.65; 9, Cory Fogelson, North, 186.65.

**100 butterfly:** 1, Luke Richard, South, 53.88 (state cut, breaks meet record of 54.11); 2, Robby Browning, South, 54.93 (state cut); 3, Larry Briski, North, 55.56 (state cut); 4, Andrew Graham, South, 57.37; 5, Jon Sax, South, 57.66; 8, Mike Kedzierski, North, 1:03.20; 9, Ryan Boury, North, 1:04.18; 10, Scotty Moore, North, 1:05.98.

**100 freestyle:** 1, Ben Jenzen, South, 49.37 (state cut); 2, Mike Dunaway, South, 50.73; 3, Stephen Cornillie, North, 51.07; 5, Ryan Gunderson, South, 52.97; 8, Chris Blunden, North, 53.47; 10, Alex Garbarino, South, 54.33; 11, Karl Tech, North, 54.49.

**500 freestyle:** 1, Casey Browning, South, 4:47.37 (state cut); 3, Michael VanBeek, North, 5:01.76; 4, Danny Basile, South, 5:04.58; 5, Jeff Tompkins, South, 5:04.77; 7, Matt Lane, North, 5:37.99; 8, Roy Lucier, North, 5:38.91; 9, Mike Mullinger, South, 5:41.24.

**200 freestyle relay:** 1, Grosse Pointe South (Luke Richard, Mike Dunaway, Casey Browning, Ben Jenzen), 1:03.97 (state cut); 2, Grosse Pointe North (Larry Briski, Chris Blunden, Stephen Cornillie, Michael VanBeek), 1:32.96 (state cut).

**100 backstroke:** 1, David Richardson-Rossbach, South, 56.60 (state cut); 2, Robby Browning, South, 57.84; 3, Wilson Holm, South, 59.63; 5, Ryan Gunderson, South, 1:00.67; 6, Scotty Moore, North, 1:05.06; 7, Brian Cornillie, North, 1:05.19; 8, Mike Walton, North, 1:06.38; 9, Ed Grumeretz, North, 1:09.79.

**100 breaststroke:** 1, Pete Stevens, South, 1:04.72; 3, Andrew Fly, North, 1:08.21; 4, Waseem Ksehati, South, 1:08.63; 5, Grant Withers, South, 1:09.26; 7, Jamie Handley, South, 1:11.67.

**400 freestyle relay:** 1, Grosse Pointe South (Casey Browning, Jon Sax, Mike Dunaway, David Richardson-Rossbach), 3:26.00; 2, Grosse Pointe North (Stephen Cornillie, Chris Blunden, Larry Briski, Michael VanBeek), 3:28.42.

## Harper Woods seniors pave way to 15th straight victory

By Bob St. John  
Sports Writer

The Harper Woods boys basketball team stretched its winning streak to 15 last week, beating visiting Lincoln Park 68-57.

"It was a nice effort after we struggled in the first half in our previous game against Cranbrook," head coach Loren Ristovski said. "Our seniors started on senior night, and it was great for them to leave with a win."

The Pioneers were led by senior Bruce Mosely with 17 points, while seniors Gilbert Walker and Rodney Batts, and junior Justin Popov, each had 12 points.

"We needed a game in which everyone played well from start to finish," Ristovski said. "We have a chance to win some games in the state playoffs, but the guys have to be focused on each opponent and play with

a passion that they did when they beat De La Salle."

The Harper Woods basketball team improved to 17-2 overall.

Coming up for the Pioneers is their regular season finale on Friday, March 5, at home against Detroit Martin Luther King, and a Class C district first-round game on Tuesday, March 9, against Memphis at Rochester Hills Lutheran Northwest.

### Volleyball

Harper Woods' girls volleyball team earned the Metro Conference Tournament's No. 4 seed last week, splitting two matches.

The Pioneers lost at home to University Liggett School in three games and turned around the following night to beat host Bloomfield Hills Cranbrook Kingswood in three games.

"The girls have been a little inconsistent, but they're having fun out on the court and playing hard, which is the important thing," head coach Laura Beck said.

Seniors Becky Nanni, Angela Wierszewski and Kahra Fox played well defensively for the Pioneers, while the leading hitters were juniors Maria Mahon, Sally Smolinski and Jade King.

Other standouts were junior Annmarie Solomon, senior August Bragg, senior Ashley Harris, junior Bridget Wagner and junior Natalie Barranca.

The Harper Woods volleyball team is 4-4 in the Metro Conference.

## Norsemen complete best season

Grosse Pointe North's girls hockey team wrapped up the best regular season in team history last week when the Norsemen beat Ladywood 3-1 in a Michigan Metro Girls High School Hockey League game.

The victory gave the Norsemen an 18-5-1 overall record, which eclipsed the school record of 15 victories that was set a year ago.

Ladywood opened the scoring in the second period but North's Melissa Carron tied the game on a power-play goal with three minutes remaining in the second period. Jessica Richardson assisted.

Christy Sandmair broke the 1-1 tie when she scored four minutes left in the third period. Carron scored her second goal of the night after the Blazers pulled their goalie for an extra attacker.

North goalie Angela Lee made some outstanding saves late in the game, including a couple that she stopped with her head.

Kate Zemenick played defense with Maria Feldpausch out and played well.

"The girls stepped up and played great when they needed to," said coach Tim Van Eckoute. "Angela was great in net, and Kate filled the void on defense pretty seamlessly."

North, which outshot Ladywood 38-15, had to wait until Grosse Pointe South played Regina to find out where it would be seeded for the playoffs.

"We've done everything we can do. Now it's out of our hands," Van Eckoute said. "No matter what, we can rest assured that we rose to the occasion, and did what we needed to do."

The Norsemen finished 17-4-1 in the league.

## South has top seed in state girls hockey

Grosse Pointe South didn't leave anything to chance when it came to seeding for the state girls hockey tournament.

The Blue Devils wrapped up the Michigan Metro Girls High School Hockey League overall championship with two games remaining.

League standings determine the seeding order for the state tournament which will be held at the Novi Ice Arena from March 6-13.

South, which has won or shared the league's regular-season championship in six of the last seven seasons under coach Bill Fox, is the defending state champion.

The state tournament will be held in four rounds. The opening round begins on March 6 at 5 p.m. with the teams seeded fifth through 12th battling for the right to meet the top four seeds in the quarterfinals on March 9.



The senior members of Grosse Pointe South's swimming team display the awards they collected at the Macomb Area Conference Red Division meet last weekend. From left, are Waseem Ksehati, Dan Kastner, Ben Jenzen, Mike Dunaway and Mike Mullinger. Kastner was the meet's outstanding senior diver, while Jenzen was named swimmer of the meet in a vote of the league's coaches.

## HW, East wrestlers make state finals

By Bob St. John  
Sports Writer

Harper Woods senior Adam DiGiovanni and Lutheran East senior Chris Jurczak advanced to next weekend's Division IV state finals.

DiGiovanni (171-pound class) and Jurczak (112 pounds) each earned gold medals in their respective weight classes in last weekend's individual regional tournament at Blissfield.

"It's great for Adam to make it back to the finals, but this time he is a top seed," Harper Woods head

coach Adam Schihr said. "He has made it the past couple of years, but he was always a fourth seed, which made it tougher to earn a medal. I think he has a great shot this season."

DiGiovanni beat his Lutheran Westland foe in the finals after losing to the same wrestler the previous seven times they have met this season.

For Jurczak, making a trip to the state finals has been his mission during the entire season, and his hard work was rewarded with a gold-medal performance.

The Pioneers' other regional qualifiers (Bobby Monaghan, Antoine Kennedy and Kevin Sparks) were eliminated before making the final four.

Earlier in the week, Harper Woods lost 49-26 to Lutheran Westland in a Division IV team regional championship match at Blissfield.

"We had four starters out of the lineup, which might have made it a much closer final score," Schihr said. "We might have been able to win it if we had a full lineup."



## South standout

Grosse Pointe South's Ben Jenzen is one of six male finalists for the Detroit Athletic Club High School Athlete of the Year award, which will be presented at the Dodge National Athletic Awards to benefit the March of Dimes on Tuesday, March 16 at the Fox Theatre in Detroit. Jenzen is a standout on the South football, baseball and swimming teams. In front, from left, are South baseball coach Dan Griesbaum, Doug Jenzen, Liz Jenzen, Ben Jenzen, swim coach Elizabeth Bourke, and South athletic director Matt Outlaw. In back, from left, are WJR's Frank Beckmann, DAC president-elect Joe McMillan, and swim coach Bill Thompson. Tickets for the awards ceremony may be ordered from the South Booster Club by calling the high school athletic department at (313) 432-3541. Tickets are \$15 if bought before March 12. Tickets purchased at the door are \$35. Checks should be made payable to the Grosse Pointe South Booster Club.

### Village of Grosse Pointe Shores

#### NOTICE PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED 2004 VILLAGE PROPERTY TAX MILLAGE RATE AND 2004/2005 AMENDED BUDGET

The Council of the Village of Grosse Pointe Shores, Michigan will hold a Public Hearing during the regularly scheduled Council meeting, 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, March 16, 2004. Purpose of the hearing is the adoption of the amended general fund and other budgets for fiscal year 2004/2005. The property tax millage rate proposed to be levied to support the proposed amended budget, along with a review of water/sewer, and other Village fees will be the subject of this hearing.

The hearing will take place in the Council Chambers of the Grosse Pointe Shores Municipal Building, 795 Lake Shore Road. Copies of the proposed budgets are available for public inspection

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## Dogs

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the age of 12. Stein and her husband, Al, decided to concentrate on wheatears after a visit to the DKC dog show.

"We sat down in a chair, and one of the dogs jumped in my husband's lap. It's like they chose us," she says.

Stein is also a member of a local breed club, the Motor City Soft-Coated Wheaten Terrier Club, which is recognized nationally.

The Motor City Club has about 150 members and provides many services specifically for the breed, including rescue. Stein is chairperson of the club.

"Rescue is when people contact you or you get wheatears out of a shelter, you evaluate them, bring them back to health and place them with families that have been screened," Stein said.

At last year's DKC dog shows, the wheaten was selected to be the highlight

breed and Stein and the Motor City Club were a part of the action.

"We presented information. It was a new thing and it went over very well. It was standing-room only, and hopefully it brought a lot of education to people," she says.

"We've won the best bench exhibit the last couple years. This year we'll have the Irish countryside theme and highlight the wheaten as the all-purpose farm dog."

Stein is a veteran of dog shows, having shown and championed many of her own dogs throughout the United States and Canada.

Maevie will be a part of this year's show and she is hoping to win best in her breed in the conformation competition.

Stein usually helps groom several dogs before they go into the ring.

"They are checked more thoroughly than most humans are. There is a lot of scissoring, combing and

touching up faces," she said.

She compares conformation to a beauty pageant and the dogs must conform to the breed standards such as size, color, coat and temperament.

The Motor City Club also visits nursing homes, publishes a newsletter, conducts research, gives a grooming class, and even has a dog boutique.

Its official Web site is [www.motorcitywheatens.org](http://www.motorcitywheatens.org) and its hotline is (248) 557-2812.

Stein also says that litters that are raised in a home get along better.

"The ones in the pet shops don't know how to play with other puppies and don't know the restraints," she says.

The DKC dog shows have a large variety of dogs and are great venues for the family, according to Stein.

"It's hands-on experience with the dog they're interested in, and it's very important to talk to a reputable breeder," she says. "Kids can develop a lifelong interest in a sport that

helps them do something they enjoy."

Jackie and Al Stein have a son, Jeff, and a daughter, Kim.

When Harper Woods native Karen Gunn isn't grooming pets at the Grosse Pointe Pet Salon on Mack Avenue, she is taking care of a group of wire-haired dachshunds.

"They're smaller, have high energy and fit my personality," Gunn says. "These dogs have to keep up with me and vice versa. And I love their cute little faces."

Gunn says that dachshunds are compact, easy to travel with and have a big-dog personality despite their small stature.

"They are confident, sure of themselves and they don't take (anything) from anyone," she says.

Gunn has been showing dogs for 24 years and has been breeding dachshunds for 15 years.

Two of her dogs will be competing in this year's DKC dog shows. Louise will participate in obedience and Stella will be in conforma-

tion.

"We're shooting to be the winners dog," Gunn says. "Males and females will compete for best in show prizes."

The obedience competition is different from conformation.

"The judge gives a dog 200 points and then deducts points if they don't sit right or heel properly. A dog needs 170 points to qualify for a leg and there are three legs in obedience," Gunn said.

Getting the dogs prepared for the shows takes work.

Her dogs train once or twice a week and Gunn visits dog shows every month when possible.

"It starts with hand-stripping the coat 12 weeks prior to the show, keeping nails trimmed, cleaning teeth," Gunn said. "We do refresher classes for conformation and practice their gait and standing on the table."

Gunn is also a member of the Dachshund Club of America and National Miniature Dachshund Club. "They promote the wel-

fare and standards of the dachshund, keeping them sound in structure and mind and health," Gunn says.

Gunn has found homes for half a dozen dogs from rescue and welcomes a new litter almost every year.

She does sell dogs, but Gunn also makes sure owners fulfill her criteria so the dogs are well cared for.

People who want more information on dachshunds and other breeds can visit [www.infodog.com](http://www.infodog.com).

Gunn encourages people to come out to the DKC dog show because it is a great spectator event.

"It is the best place to see dogs and you can see every breed all day," she says.

Karen and her husband Robert also own a chain of car washes called Washpointe and they have a son, Steven, and a daughter, Kellie.

Whether it's competition, education, or just a day to get out of the house, the Detroit Kennel Club dog shows offer a variety of activities for dog-lovers.

## The spirituality of recovery is about a new way of life

As John Mac Dougall, manager of Spiritual Care at Hazelden, points out, abstinence is but one element in recovery from addiction. Many people quit drinking or quit another addiction only to start practicing it again. They don't realize that quitting is merely the beginning of recovery, and they treat the symptoms of the disease and not the disease itself.

"The Twelve Steps of Alcoholics Anonymous only mention alcohol once, in Step One," Mac Dougall said. "The Twelve Step model of recovery that we suggest is spiritual. It's about getting honest, finding a higher power, and admitting that you can't do it alone."

Spirituality, Mac Dougall said, is three-dimensional and deals with the quality and nature of our relationships as they relate to a higher power, to others, and

to ourselves. All three of these components are intertwined, he said. "For example, it's not possible to love God and treat others like dirt."

People come to treatment with a variety of motivations. "They often come to get away from something they view as worse than treatment — divorce, bankruptcy, bill collectors. . . . Most people come to escape from the pain of the disease. We help them make a turn. Instead of running away from sickness, we encourage them to move toward the positive values of recovery and health."

Some people come to treatment having neither a conscious belief in nor a relationship with a higher power, Mac Dougall said. "We aren't concerned with what they believe about God's name and address, or whether they view AA or their peer group as their

higher power.

"A lot of people come into treatment saying, 'I don't believe in anything I can't understand,' or 'I don't need to rely on a higher power because I do everything myself.' I ask them if they ever take aspirin, which was discovered in 1897. People took it for 100 years without understanding how it worked because it made them feel better. Then I ask them if they knit their own clothes or grow everything they eat. We help them to see connections and how we're interdependent for almost everything we do."

When people complain they don't have a definition of God, Mac Dougall tells them he doesn't either.

"Instead of pointing out what to believe in, I ask them to pay close attention and note what they observe in their own life or in others' lives to see where the power is showing up. If they take a

close look at their peers, they can see them getting better. I urge them to look for the extraordinary thing that's happening in our ordinary lives."

Our higher power is like heat from the sun. When we sit on a screened porch on a hot summer day we can feel warmth generated by the sun, even though we cannot see the source of that warmth. If we go into an air-conditioned house to get a glass of water, we know the warmth is still there, ready for us. It did not leave when we walked away.

Spirituality is something

like that. We may walk away, but our spiritual self waits for us patiently, like a trusted friend.

The spirituality of recovery is a different way of life, characterized by letting go of control and accepting the guidance of a higher power, peers in recovery, and Twelve Step programs.

It offers a process of spiritual growth that goes far beyond the mere cessation of drinking and drug use. This new way of life teaches honesty, willingness, trust, community, respect, serenity, courage and wisdom.

"In recovery, we do much

*This health column offers information needed to help prevent and address substance abuse problems. It 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](http://www.hazelden.org). Direct your inquiries to [mqduda@hazelden.org](mailto:mqduda@hazelden.org).*

## Boating class offered by G.P. Power Squadron

The Grosse Pointe Power Squadron will offer its 10-week boating safety course beginning Monday, March 15, at Grosse Pointe North High School. Classes run from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m.

Topics included in the

course: Rules of the road; navigation; VHF radio; trailering; Marine law; charting on Lake St. Clair; anchoring; Lake St. Clair weather; and personal watercraft operation.

Those who successfully

complete the course will get a USPS certificate, a laminated wallet card and a Michigan DNR card, which is required for boaters 12-16 years old.

Registration will begin at 7 p.m. in Room No. 312. The cost of the course is \$55, and includes a USPS student manual, folder, Lake St. Clair chart No. 14850 and the exam fee.

Plotting instruments which are needed for chart work will be available for those who need them at an additional cost.

For more information, call the GPPS information line at (313) 418-5911 or go to [www.usps.org/localusps/grossepointe](http://www.usps.org/localusps/grossepointe).

## Pride of the Pointes

Jill Bramos of Grosse Pointe Shores and Erin Kenney of Harper Woods were named to the dean's list at Hope College.

Bradford J. Walling, son of James and Jane Walling of Grosse Pointe Woods, was named to the dean's list for the fall semester 2003 at Michigan State University. Walling attends the College of Agriculture and Natural Resources and is majoring in packaging and is spending the winter in Atlanta for an internship at Mead West Vaco.

Lawren Morawski of Grosse Pointe Park was named to the dean's list for fall 2003-2004 at the University of Hartford.

Elizabeth L. Dowers of the City of Grosse Pointe was named to the College of Arts and Sciences' dean's list at Loyola University for the first semester of 2003-2004. Dowers is also a member of

Golden Key, a national merit scholars society for college students.

Nicholas A. DiLoreto, son of Robert and Susan DiLoreto of Grosse Pointe Farms, was named to the dean's list at Bucknell University for the 2003-04 fall semester.

Army National Guard Pfc. Kenneth T. Potenga, son of Kenneth and Marilyn Potenga of Grosse Pointe Park, has been deployed on temporary duty assignment to Sinai, Egypt, to serve as a member of the Multinational Peacekeeping Forces and Observers (MFO).

Jennifer Amsden of Grosse Pointe Shores earned a perfect 4.0 grade point average at Michigan State University for the 2003-04 fall semester. She is a Grosse Pointe North graduate.

Eight Grosse Pointers were named to the fall honors list at Central Michigan University. They are Michael S. Berschback and Christina M. Ventimiglia of the City of Grosse Pointe; Lauren E. Handley of Grosse Pointe Farms; Andrew P. Madison of Grosse Pointe Park; William A. Nixon of Grosse Pointe Shores; and Daniel P. Griesbaum, Kathryn R. Longley and Amy E. Somerset of Grosse Pointe Woods.

Kathryn Anne Hollerbach of Grosse Pointe Farms was named to the dean's list at Wake Forest University for the fall semester 2003.

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## Afternoon of prayer, reflection hosted by alums

On March 10 from 1 to 5:30 p.m., Monsignor John P. Zenz will conduct an afternoon prayer and reflection in the Grosse Pointe Academy's Lake Shore building, including a celebration of the Mass. This service, hosted by the Academy Alumni Association, Grosse Pointe, is open to the public.

Since 1990, Zenz has served as Moderator of the Curia for the Archdiocese. In this capacity, he coordinates the work of 240 employees of the Central Services of the Archdiocese.

In conjunction with the auxiliary bishops, Zenz is also responsible for administrative matters having to do with archdiocesan and religious order clergy and the staffing of parishes.

He finds time to do extensive work with the Catholic Television Network of America and to lead the popular Theology on Tap series at Dick O'Dow's Irish Pub in Birmingham. He was the driving force behind the Jubilee 2000 Program, the archdiocesan spiritual renewal program from 1996-2001.

## Concert at Woods church

The first of a series, "Concerts on the Corner," will feature Julie Jordan and Margaret Rees at 3 p.m. Sunday, March 7, at Grosse Pointe Woods Presbyterian Church, 19950 Mack in Grosse Pointe Woods.

Jordan is a member of the piano faculty at Juilliard School. She will play Beethoven's Opus 31 "The Tempest," Chopin's Scherzo in B minor, Debussy's "L'Isle Joyeux" and Ravel's Sonatine.

Rees is a soprano and lives in Grosse Pointe Farms.

She will perform Rachmaninoff Vocalise, arias by Rossini and Puccini and a selection of Welsh folk songs.

Tickets will be available at the door.

Future programs will be presented on Sundays, March 28, April 25 and May 2. For more information, call (313) 886-4301.

Zenz has also taught and done spiritual direction at Sacred Heart Major Seminary for 25 years. Since 1982, he has been weekend associate at Holy Name Parish in Birmingham. He serves as confessor to the Cloistered Carmelites and as chaplain to the Christ Child Society and the Detroit Chapter of Legatus. He is on a number of boards, including The Michigan Catholic Academy of the Sacred Heart and Loyola High School and is active with a number of small groups of men and women seeking spiritual renewal.

A \$15 donation is requested for the afternoon, which includes the program and refreshments.

Make checks payable to the Academy Alumni Association and mail them to the Grosse Pointe Academy, 171 Lake Shore Road, Grosse Pointe Farms, MI 48236, Attn: Mary Beth Westwood.

Donations may also be made at the door.

## Fontbonne presents 'Lenten Day of Renewal'

Monsignor John Zenz will lead the 15th annual Lenten Day of Renewal, "Living the Story of Faith," on Friday, March 19, at Our Lady Star of the Sea Catholic Church.

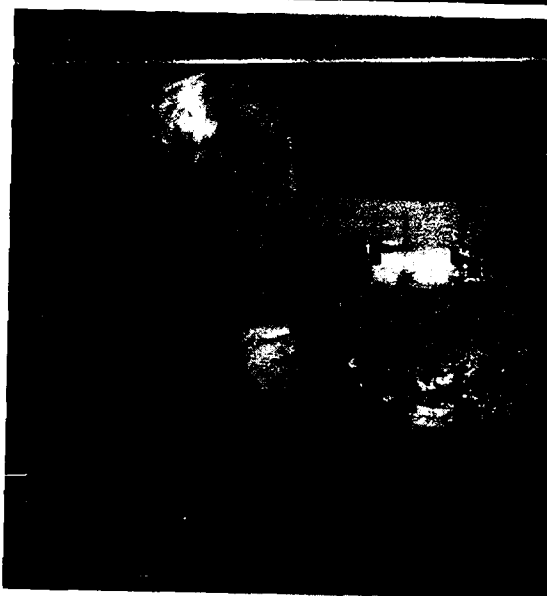
Zenz serves as Moderator of the Curia for the Archdiocese of Detroit and has taught at Sacred Heart Seminary for 25 years.

He works with small groups seeking spiritual renewal and serves as chaplain for the Christ Child Society, the Detroit Chapter of Legatus and the Cloistered Carmelites.

Co-chairmen of the event are Carolyn Wagner, Lorna Zalenski and Pat Minnick.

The cost is \$25. Reservations must be made by Friday, March 12. Send a check to Fontbonne Auxiliary, St. John Hospital and Medical Center, 22101 Moross, Detroit, 48236.

For more information, call the Fontbonne office at (313) 343-3675.



The Most Rev. Thomas J. Gumbleton, auxiliary bishop of the Archdiocese of Detroit, shared photos from his Jan. 12-22 stay in Baghdad, including this picture of a child playing in war rubble.

## Concert slated March 14 at G.P. Memorial Church

Music at Memorial and Friends of Music will offer the final concert in the 2003-04 music series at 7 p.m. Sunday, March 14, at Grosse Pointe Memorial Church, 16 Lakeshore in Grosse Pointe Farms.

The concert, "Music of Hope and Resurrection," will feature the Memorial Church Choir with orchestra and will include the Michigan premiere of "From Darkness to Light," by Canadian composer Ruth Watson Henderson.

The work, written for choir, soloists and orchestra with organ, was commissioned for the 2002 national

convention of the American Guild of Organists in Philadelphia.

Other music will include Paul Halley's "Voices of Light," for choir, piano and flute as well as the movements "Winter" and "Spring," from Vivaldi's Four Seasons.

An assortment of light-hearted madrigals and part-songs will be offered by the choir's section leaders.

Tickets are \$10 for adults; \$5 for senior citizens and students through high school.

For more information, call the church office at (313) 882-5330.

## Men's Ecumenical Breakfast speakers for March, April

The Ecumenical Men's Breakfast meets at 7:30 a.m. Fridays at Grosse Pointe Memorial Church. Upcoming speakers are:

**March 5:** Dr. Paul M. Zavell, Knights of Malta

**March 12:** Diane Stewart, executive director, Jefferson East Business Association

**March 19:** The Rev. Dr. David A. Steele, president, Lutheran Social Services of

Michigan.  
**March 26:** Monsignor Ricardo E. Bass, St. Joan of Arc Catholic Church

**April 2:** The Rev. Fred Harms, St. Paul Lutheran Church

**April 9:** The Rev. Tim Cuny, St. Clare of Montefalco Catholic Church

**April 16:** The Rev. Patrick Halfpenny, St. Paul Catholic Church.

## Gumbleton tells crowd of 400 about trip to Iran

The Most Rev. Thomas J. Gumbleton, auxiliary bishop of the Archdiocese of Detroit, drew an audience of more than 400 on Feb. 23 to a public forum sponsored by Pointes for Peace at St. Ambrose Roman Catholic Church.

Gumbleton described his Jan. 12-22 trip to Iraq and shared photographs of war-torn Baghdad and Iraqi people.

"Conditions in Iraq are worse now than at the height of the UN sanctions," Gumbleton said. He cited soaring cancer rates especially among children, sanitation problems and rising crime. An eight-time visitor to Iraq since 1990, Gumbleton is pastor of St. Leo's Roman Catholic Church in Detroit, founding president of Pax Christi USA and co-founder of the Michigan Coalition for Human Rights.

His presentation in the new St. Ambrose community center known as the Ark, marked the seventh public forum sponsored by Pointes for Peace, a community-based citizen group, in its first year.

Looking ahead, Pointes for Peace will welcome Brad Van Guilder, Ph.D., to its next public forum at 7:30 p.m. Monday, March 29, at St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church, 375 Lothrop in Grosse Pointe Farms.

Van Guilder, a physicist with the Ecology Center of Ann Arbor, will speak on "The Hidden Health and Environmental Effects of War."

The presentation is free to the public and light refreshments will be served.

For more information, call (313) 882-7732 or (313) 822-2702 or e-mail pointesforpeace@yahoo.com.

## New procedure relieves extreme pain from cancer

A promising minimally invasive surgical procedure to relieve cancer pain that is not being helped by conventional medical or surgical methods is being performed at St. John Hospital and Medical Center by Dr. Luis Camero, chief of thoracic surgery, along with neurosurgeon Dr. Wael Kaakaji.

To alleviate unmanageable internal organ pain from cancer, nerves are cut between the ribs and diaphragm. Using a miniature camera positioned through a tiny opening in the patient, the surgeon views the internal area on large screens in the operating room as he cauterizes the visible nerves on top of the ribs. The surgical instruments are also inserted using only small holes.

The procedure is called a Splanchnicectomy via Video Assisted Thoroscopic Surgery (or VATS).

"This is a therapeutic option that is promising for several reasons," Camero said. "It is a simple procedure that requires no chest tube to be placed in the patient for drainage following the surgery. There is a significant decrease in the amounts of pain relievers

used, as well as a shortened length of hospital stay — usually two-to-three days, which allows the patients to return home where they are most comfortable."

For more information, call (586) 777-8440.

Both physicians work with patients from the Van

Elslander Cancer Center

and St. John Minimally

Invasive Surgery Center at

St. John Hospital and

Medical Center.

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## Off-green thumb

Like most people, I haven't lived all these years on this planet without becoming confused about a thing or two.

But, I admit, one of the things that confuses me the most is why people keep trusting me to take care of their house plants.

It's not that I don't like flora and fauna and all that, but let's just say I'm the sort of person who has trouble maintaining the delicate balance of nature.

Oh sure, there are occasional success stories about exceptionally hearty plants that have withstood my care, but for the most part, the ones with the highest survival rate at my house are of the silkea plastica variety.

But just try explaining this to desperate people who need you to take care of their house plants so they can go away on vacation. Go ahead, try it.

If you're anything like me, you won't have the heart to say no, and you'll somehow end up getting talked into doing it as a... (ha, ha) ... favor.

The directions seem simple enough. "All you have to do is water it twice a week," they call as they drop it on my doorstep with the car running. "It should be fine."

Fat chance.

Of course, the plant will start out looking good. Maybe even great. It might even look pretty sitting in your living room on your bookshelf.

Don't let this act fool you.

For example, take a particularly sensitive potted bougainvillea I'll call Justine. A year ago, I got stuck watching her while my friend Barb went to

## Family Daze

By  
Debbie Farmer



the Bahamas. Now that just shows my bad attitude.

I shouldn't say, "I got stuck." I think I may have accidentally volunteered. I'm sure I was thinking that it wouldn't be so bad. And it wasn't.

But sometime around the third day living with my family, Justine's leaves shriveled and went brown. This should've been my first clue that something was wrong.

I moved her into the kitchen, which had more light. The next day she lost her flowers. I gave her some vitamins. Then she went limp. I sprayed her with organic fungicide to kill earwigs and mites. She grew scaly. I put her underneath a heat lamp on my nightstand and read her chapters from a steamy romance novel.

She died.

Frankly, I could never quite forgive myself.

When Barb came back, I broke the bad news and offered to buy her a new one.

"Oh, that's OK," she said a little too brightly. "Really."

Then she ran for her car.

Soon after that, the word was out on the street that I was a willing plant sitter. The next thing I knew my friend Linda

dropped off her high-maintenance topiary. This was followed by my neighbor Pat's temperamental tomato plant and then a mysterious, slightly hostile, bonsai tree.

I killed off almost all of them immediately.

Which makes me wonder why people still bring me their plants to watch. Call me crazy, but I'm beginning to suspect that maybe, just maybe, people don't want them back. My house has become, in fact, some kind of dumping ground for unmanageable house plants.

As crazy as this sounds, it would sure explain a lot of things like, say, why my friend Tammy has never picked up the out-of-control ficus tree she dropped off before she left on vacation last spring, and why I found three nervous-looking fuchsias sitting on my doorstep this morning.

Of course, this could all be just my imagination. Maybe odd forces are at work, and people actually trust me because they think I'm good with plants.

And, really, I am getting better with them. In fact, the other day, I think I actually bonded with a philodendron. Well, at least, I watered it, and it didn't die.

It might have been a coincidence. But sometimes, with nature, that's enough.

*Debbie Farmer is a humorist and a mother holding down the fort in California and the author of "Don't Put Lipstick on the Cat." She can be reached by writing family-daze@oasisnewsfeatures.com.*

## HOSTIA presents 'A Night in Venice'

An opera program will be presented at the Detroit Waldorf School (DWS) auditorium at 4 p.m., Sunday, March 7, under the artistic direction of former opera singer Dina Soresi Winter.

Discover the Heights of the Spirit Through the Integration of the Arts (HOSTIA) that opera, dance and instrumental music can evoke in the human soul. HOSTIA will present music at its best by top-notch singers and instrumentalists.

The flavor of Italy will prevail as Winter presents soloists of the Detroit

Concert Choir and the Michigan Opera Theatre. Songs of Northern Italy and Naples will be heard with an Italian "orchestra" of accordion, guitar and mandolin.

Operatic selections from the most beloved works of Puccini, Verdi and Donizetti will be sung by Michele Marszalkowski and Bonnie Brooks; comic relief and music will be provided by Pam Berger and Grosse Pointer Stan Harr.

Program selections will include "O Sole Mio," "Nessun Dorma" from Puccini's "Turandot," "Una Voce fa" from "The Barber of

Seville;" the Trio from Gounod's "Faust," and the quartet from Verdi's "Rigoletto."

Grosse Pointer Bill Kupsky will add his pianistic expertise to the program. Dina Winter of Grosse Pointe Farms will give short descriptions of content of the music.

Refreshments will be available in the Waldorf Cafe after the concert.

Tickets are \$15 for adults and \$8 for students between 7 and 15. The event is not for children under 7. For information and advance tickets, call DWS at (313) 822-0300 or (313) 885-7882.

## Clean your medicine cabinet

(NAPSI) — Take time to check the medicine cabinet for expired medications and stock up with what's needed most.

Jan Engle, PharmD, clinical professor of pharmacy practice at the University of Illinois at Chicago (UIC) College of Pharmacy, offers these medicine cabinet tips:

### Medicine

#### must-haves

There are several over-the-counter staples to keep on hand so you won't run out when you need them the most.

- Allergy and cold — Sniffles aren't for summer and can be controlled well with over-the-counter (OTC) products that keep annoying symptoms at bay. For nasal congestion, stock up with a decongestant like pseudoephedrine (Sudafed) or a nasal spray like Sinex. For a runny nose or allergy symptoms, look for a non-drowsy formulation like loratadine. For a hacking non-productive cough, try a cough suppressant containing dextromethorphan.

- First aid — Stock up on multi-sized adhesive bandages and antibiotic ointments like Neosporin.

- Stomach problems — H2 blockers or antacids like Tums are fine for occasional heartburn. If you have frequent heartburn (heartburn two or more days a week), you might consider a 14-day

course of Prilosec OTC. It is the only one pill a day OTC medication that can relieve frequent heartburn for 24-hours.

For diarrhea, Imodium-D is one option. For multi-symptom relief from upset stomach, indigestion, nausea, heartburn, and diarrhea, Pepto Bismol is good to have.

- Pain relief — It's good to have at least one analgesic in your medicine cabinet, depending on your needs. All can relieve aches and pains and fever, but acetaminophen is safe in most people and doesn't cause stomach upset the way some of the other pain relievers can.

- Summer itches — Bug bites and poison ivy can be relieved with a cream or lotion containing hydrocortisone to prevent scratching and reduce potential for infection.

#### Read the package

- Dosage — Take a medication exactly as prescribed. More doesn't mean better, and it's critical that children don't receive adult size doses.

- Storage — Most labels indicate that the bathroom, which tends to be moist and warm, is the worst place for medication. Try a kitchen cabinet.

"Always check the expiration date," says Engle, "using products that have

expired could lessen the effect or make you sick."

### Ask

#### your pharmacist

Pharmacists are specialists when it comes to OTC and prescription medications, and they can answer questions, advise you on side effects, and most importantly, help you understand potential interactions among OTC and prescription medications.

"The little bit of time it takes to take stock of what remedies you have on hand and what you might need to throw out, can ultimately save time — and your health — later," says Engle.

For more information on over-the-counter and prescription medications, visit the American Pharmacists Association consumer Web site [pharmacyandyou.org](http://pharmacyandyou.org).

## Bon Secours Cottage offers many community support groups

Bon Secours Cottage Health Services offers a variety of support groups to the local community. Meetings take place at Cottage Hospital, 159 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe Farms; Bon Secours Hospital, 468 Cadieux, the City of Grosse Pointe; or the Bon Secours Nursing Care Center, 26001 Jefferson, St. Clair Shores.

Alcoholics Anonymous — Meetings take place at 1 p.m. Sunday in the Connelly Auditorium at Bon Secours Hospital. For more information, call (313) 885-1888.

Al Anon — Meetings take place from 10:30 a.m. until 1 p.m. Saturday in Conference Rooms 1-4, first floor, at Cottage Hospital. For more information, call (888) 425-2666.

Families Anonymous — Open to the public; however, we do not encourage the person with the problem to attend these meetings. Children younger than 15 should not attend. Meetings are held from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. every Thursday at Cottage Hospital, lower level Board Room B. Preregistration is not necessary. No dues or fees are required. For more information, call (313) 882-1921.

Alzheimer's/Dementia: Bon Secours Nursing Care Center — Community caregivers are invited to attend monthly sessions that focus on coping with these debilitating conditions and place emphasis on caregivers "caring for themselves." Meetings are held from 4 to

5:30 p.m. the third Monday of each month in the In-Service Room. For information, call (586) 779-7032.

### Bereavement

Bon Secours Cottage Hospice — Staff from Bon Secours Cottage Hospice facilitates evening and afternoon meetings that are directed to any adult who has experienced the death of a loved one. An evening Spousal Support Group also is offered for people whose spouses have died. For information on specific meeting dates and locations, call (313) 343-6051.

Bon Secours Hospital — Any adult who has experienced the death of a loved one is welcome to attend free monthly afternoon or evening sessions at Bon Secours Hospital. For more information or to register, call (313) 343-1656.

Younger Adults — Individuals between 20 and 50 years of age who have experienced a significant loss or an accumulation of losses over an extended period of time, are invited to listen, share and validate the grief and bereavement processes. The free program takes place from 7 to 8:30 p.m. the fourth Thursday of each month in the first-floor chapel at Cottage Hospital. For information, call (313) 343-1656.

Perinatal Loss Support Group — Bon Secours Cottage Perinatal Bereavement Support Group meetings are a grief support group for patients and families who have experienced an adverse outcome of a desired pregnancy such as a missed abortion, miscarriage at any gestation, intrauterine fetal demise, stillbirth, traumatic or any other pregnancy loss. The group meets the second and fourth Monday of each month (except holidays) at 7 p.m. at Cottage Hospital, 159 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe Farms, in the chapel

located in the main lobby. For additional information, call Marie Borsa at (313) 343-1656.

There is no charge or need to register.

## Grosse Pointe War Memorial's WMTV5

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### Did you know?...

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## Fox Creek Questers

Fox Creek chapter No. 216 of Questers will meet on Thursday, March 4. Betty Reas will present a program, "Shoes." Georgie La Duc is hostess and Nancy Bierley is co-hostess.



## Guests will 'Ooooh' and 'Aaah' over Turkish cigars

Individual appetizers are usually more difficult and time consuming to prepare than dips or spreads. The presentation of such however will usually lead to an "Ooooh" or "Aaah." This is the case with this week's recipe for Turkish cigars.

Feta cheese tossed with fresh herbs wrapped in phyllo dough to create little cigar-shaped appetizers. If you have never worked with phyllo dough, this may be the time to start. The recipe calls for 16 sheets of phyllo dough. A 1-lb. box contains about 20, leaving a few sheets for trial and error.

**Turkish Cigars**  
14 oz. feta cheese, crumbled  
2 large eggs, beaten  
1/2 cup finely chopped mixed herbs, such as dill, mint and parsley  
Salt and pepper to taste  
16 sheets phyllo dough  
6 tablespoons butter, melted

In a medium bowl, combine the feta with the eggs

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By Annie Rouleau-Scheriff



and the mixed herbs and season with salt and pepper. Have two large baking sheets set aside. You'll be working with two sheets of phyllo dough at a time. Cover the remaining phyllo with a slightly damp towel to keep it from drying out.

Working over a large clean surface, lay out a sheet of phyllo and brush it with some of the melted butter. Press a second sheet of phyllo directly on top. Cut the dough in a cross into four even rectangles. Spread 1 tablespoon of the feta filling along the short end of one of the rectangles, leaving a good half

inch on each side. Roll up the phyllo, neatly tucking in the ends about 1/3 of the way up to enclose the filling. Continue to roll to the end, placing the rolled cigar seam-side down on a baking sheet. Brush with additional melted butter.

Repeat with the remaining phyllo dough and feta filling. Preheat the oven to 350 degrees after you have completed the first 16 cigars. Roll the remaining 16 cigars and place on the second baking sheet.

Bake at 350 degrees for 30 minutes, rotating the baking sheets in the oven halfway through the baking time (15 minutes). The cigars should be a golden brown when they come out of the oven.

These tasty cigars can be

served warm or at room temperature. Packed with flavor from the feta and fresh herbs, these Turkish cigars can be cut in half on a diagonal and presented cut-side-out on a serving platter. One recipe will produce 64 mouth-watering bites to pass.

Make sure to measure the filling with a tablespoon measuring spoon, as the recipe for the filling makes the exact amount to yield 32 cigars.

Prepare the cigars up to several hours before baking. Store tightly wrapped in plastic in the refrigerator until baking time.

Turkish cigars require some effort, but the final presentation and flavor will leave your guests whispering "Ooooh" and "Aaah."



Turkish Cigars are appetizers made with feta cheese, a mixture of herbs and phyllo dough.

## Historical Society names new curator

The Grosse Pointe Historical Society has announced the appointment of Suzy Berschback as the new curator for the society.

Originally incorporated in 1947, the Grosse Pointe Historical Society was reorganized in 1980. Since 1995, the society's collections have been housed at its Resource Center at 381 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe Farms. The center is open for research on Tuesdays and Wednesdays, from 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and 1:30 to 4 p.m.

Across the street at 376 Kercheval, is the society's Provencal-Weir House, built around 1823 and thought to be the oldest surviving building in the Grosse Pointes.

The purpose of the Grosse Pointe Historical Society is to preserve and promote the history of the Grosse Pointe community. The Provencal-Weir House is open for touring the second Saturday of each month from 1 to 4 p.m.

"I have been involved

with the Grosse Pointe Historical Society since 1991," Berschback said. "While working for the Grosse Pointe War Memorial as its public relations coordinator, I started delving into our community's rich history, beginning with the Alger family. The result of that search for a family history and pictures is now on display in the hallway connecting the Alger House and the art wing."

"This led eventually to another project, the book 'Grosse Pointe 1880-1930' with Madeleine Socia, published by Arcadia in 2001. I also had the pleasure of being involved in the production of the society's videos with Kimberly Conely," she said.

"From 1998-2000, I was actively involved in the society as my husband, Chip, was the society's president. Most recently, I coordinated the interactive storytelling event, 'Legends of the Fall,' the retelling of five of our Grosse Pointe legends."

"I have enjoyed watching the society grow and look forward to working with the board and membership to maintain the excellent traditions of the past two decades and explore new opportunities."

"I look forward to a promising future filled with great opportunities to celebrate and share our history."

"Thanks to former curator, Jean Dodenhoff, and her 23 years of dedication to the society and its mission, the collection is in remarkable order. The society now has an important collection to share with the community."

For more information, call the (313) 884-7010 or visit the Web site at [www.gphistorical.com](http://www.gphistorical.com).



Suzy Berschback, G.P. Historical Society curator

## Window box basics for gardeners

For green thumb-types who don't have the time, space, or energy to pursue their passion on a large scale, a window box is the perfect alternative. The Spring 2004 Gardener's Companion can help you get started with these basic tips for creating a glorious window box garden.

- Select a container style, color, and material to complement your house or deck. Plastic is inexpensive but may sag; fiberglass is pricey but sturdy and durable. Wood looks great but if you plant directly in it, will only last a few seasons, even with regular painting or staining; using a plastic liner inside will extend its lifespan for several years.

- If your box will be in a hard-to-reach spot, or if you plan to go away during the summer, do yourself a favor and spring for a self-watering window box.

- Choose a container that's as deep as possible for maximum rooting room. This will improve plant growth and cut down on the need for watering.

- As you select your plants, stick with those that grow no higher than about

eight inches; larger plants will block your view. Include some bushy plants, plus some trailers to spill over the edges.

- Take color cues from your house and from the gardens around your home. White and pale yellow blooms are ideal companions for the places you sit at night.

- Fragrant plants are a treat near open windows or around a deck.

- For the best-looking boxes, water often so that they never dry out completely. Frequent fertilizing is a must, too. Apply a liquid fertilizer according to label instructions every 10 to 14 days to encourage lush foliage and fabulous flowers.

This excerpt is from the Spring 2004 issue of "The Old Farmer's Almanac Gardener's Companion."

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## GP Library to host 'A Not Very Scientific Evening'

The Grosse Pointe Public Library will present "A Not Very Scientific Evening with Bill Bryson" at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, April 1, at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore in Grosse Pointe Farms.

Bryson will speak about his adventures as he retells the humorous and informative stories that inspire his many books.

"I'll be discussing the universe, the meaning of life and why dogs don't like me," Bryson said.

His recent releases include, "A Short History of Almost Everything," "Bill Bryson's African Diary," "In a Sunburned Country" and the New York Times best seller, "A Walk in the Woods."

His books have been

translated into about a dozen languages and have been best sellers in Great Britain, Australia, Ireland, New Zealand and Canada.

Bryson contributes regularly to National Geographic and National Geographic Traveler, and he wrote a weekly column on American affairs for the London Mail newspaper.

He has also written for Esquire, GQ, Granta, Outside, Conde Nast Traveler, Travel & Leisure, Bon Appetit, Sports Illustrated, the New York Times Magazine and many other publications.

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## The Hill takes second place in food, wine benefit

The Hill Seafood and Chop House placed second at the 9th annual Michigan Culinary Food & Wine Extravaganza.

An estimated crowd of 600 people raised about \$40,000 on Feb. 24 for three food-related organizations: the MCFWE Scholarship Fund, which supports local high school, trade school and college students who are studying the culinary arts; the Blue Water Chefs Association, which promotes the advancement of education and professional development of chefs in Macomb and St. Clair counties; and Team Macomb, the Culinary Olympic Team from Macomb Community College.

A panel of judges awarded a trophy, cash prizes and (of course) extensive bragging rights, to five restaurants.

First place: Mac & Ray's — \$750 and a traveling trophy. The restaurant's entry was fois gras with Brie and sun-dried cherry chutney in pastry phyllo with mango salsa.

Second place: The Hill — \$500. Shrimp vegetable pasta with white chocolate sauce.

Third place: Andiamo's — \$400. Pan fried gnocchi topped with a wild mushroom sherry cream sauce.

Fourth Place: Steve &

Rocky's — \$300. Sea bass with noodle kugel with dill sauce.

Fifth Place: Howe's Bayou — \$200. Chicken and andouille sausage gumbo.

Cafe Cortina has claimed the trophy for the past two years.

Guests found elaborate samples of food and wine at the Mardi Gras-themed event, which was held at Mac & Ray's Banquet & Conference Center in Harrison Township. They also found silent and live auctions, a band and a raffle.

Unlike other food events, MCFWE was designed to highlight the complementary pairings of food and wine.

Participating restaurants were matched with wine purveyors, and together they determined a food and wine pairing for guests to try.

"By creating a competition among restaurants, MCFWE ensures that guests are treated to an evening filled with incredible food and wine," said Roger Petri, event chairman and director of operations at Mac & Ray's. "This is really the only event conducted by the hospitality community for the hospitality community," he said. "Monies raised at the event go directly to local students pursuing their dreams of becoming chefs."

"While the restaurants compete fiercely for the trophy, the camaraderie among the chefs is unmistakable, and guests enjoy the opportunity to savor samplings from some of the area's best restaurants."

**Benefit:** The Foundation For Exceptional Children, a private school offering educational, recreational, therapeutic and social activities for children with physical and mental impairments, is celebrating its 50th year.

The Foundation will hold its 27th annual benefit party from 8 p.m. to 1 a.m. Friday, March 5, at Barrister Gardens Banquet Hall, 24225 Harper, St. Clair Shores.

The evening includes a silent auction, raffle and live entertainment by Steve King and The Dittilies. Pizza and beverages will also be served.

All proceeds will go toward operating costs of the Foundation For Exceptional Children.

**Blues Night:** Friends of Grosse Pointe War Memorial will present "Blues Night with the Jukes" on Friday, March 12, at the Alger House.

The Jukes, a hometown band known for its Chicago-style blues, will play from 8 to 11 p.m.

Desserts, coffee and set-

ups will be provided; beverages are welcome. Tickets are \$20. Call (313) 881-7511 for reservations.

**Birthday party:** Pewabic Pottery will celebrate its 101st birthday at a party on Saturday, March 13, at its headquarters, 10125 E. Jefferson in Detroit. The party is open and free to the public from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Festivities will include hourly tours from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., a book signing of a new children's book, "Fired Magic, Detroit's Pewabic Pottery Treasures," and a birthday cake.

"Pewabic is an undiscovered national treasure," said Terese Ireland, executive director. "There is an increasing awareness about the importance of the pottery as both a historic and artistic site."

The pottery is open to the public year-round and offers tours, classes and workshops for children and adults.

It creates tile for architectural installations and showcases more than 60 ceramic artists and a museum store. Hours are Monday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Admission is free. More information may be found at [www.pewabic.com](http://www.pewabic.com) or by calling (313) 822-0954.

— Margie Reins Smith



## Optimists present Boxing Classic

The Lakeshore Optimist Club of Grosse Pointe will hold its 10th annual Wild Game Dinner and Boxing Classic on Friday, March 12, at the Barrister Gardens in St. Clair Shores.

The fundraiser includes live, sanctioned amateur boxing and a wild game dinner menu as well as many raffle prizes. Proceeds go to help local youth organizations, including the Foundation for Exceptional Children, the Family Center, The Neighborhood Club, the Old Newsboys' Goodfellows Fund, scholarship programs and more.

Optimist president Don Beardsley of St. Clair Shores is shown convening with Optimist hostesses at last year's fundraiser.

General admission ticket prices begin at \$80. For information, call Nancy Grose during business hours at (586) 445-6760.

## Bon Secours Cottage offers volunteer opportunities

Bon Secours Cottage Health Services welcomes new volunteers at both hospital campuses, the Bon Secours Nursing Care Center (NCC) and Bon Secours Place at St. Clair Shores, assisted living.

Individuals seeking rewarding experiences, from lending a hand or offering a caring touch to patients and guests, should consider joining the Bon Secours Cottage volunteer team.

Hospital volunteers are needed to assist and contribute in the following areas:

- To act as patient and visitor escorts
- To assist at information desks, surgical reception desks and on nursing units
- To prepare and deliver Meals for the Homebound
- To perform clerical duties in the volunteer workroom and hospital departments
- To sew hand puppets, crochet lap blankets and pop popcorn.

Both hospitals need early risers to work in several areas, and Cottage enlists additional volunteers to work in its gift shop. At the NCC, volunteers visit one-on-one with residents and assist with group social activities as well as transporting residents to and from various locations within the facility.

Eucharistic ministers are also needed at the NCC to distribute Holy Communion to residents. At Bon Secours Place, volunteers greet guests at the front entrance during the day and evening and also visit with residents and assist with recreational and social activities.

To request an application to volunteer, call Bon Secours Hospital, Grosse Pointe at (313) 343-1795; Cottage Hospital, Grosse Pointe Farms at (313) 640-2455; Nursing Care Center, St. Clair Shores at (586) 779-7011; Bon Secours Place at St. Clair Shores at (586) 498-4501.

## Weddings/Engagements



Mr. and Mrs. William Martin Northway Jr.

cus berries.

The maid of honor was the bride's sister, Mollie Wimsatt of Grosse Pointe Farms. She wore a black sleeveless full-length chiffon dress and carried a bouquet of bronze roses and hibiscus berries.

The best man was the groom's brother, Tobin Northway of Traverse City.

Ushers were the bride's brothers, Robert Wimsatt of St. Clair Shores, Mark Wimsatt of Superior Township, Matt and Dan Wimsatt, both of Ann Arbor; and Ken Faris of Portage Lake.

The mother of the bride wore a full-length black dress and jacket trimmed with beading and a corsage of cream and bronze roses.

The groom's mother wore a full-length dress and jacket in autumn hues and a corsage of bronze and cream roses.

Readings were by Kristen Wimsatt of Superior Township, Kate Wimsatt of Ann Arbor and Pamela Jakiela of Berkeley, Calif.

The bride earned a Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of Michigan. She is a buyer for Whole Foods Market in Ann Arbor.

The groom earned a Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of Michigan. He works for the Webmaster Team for the University of Michigan.

The couple honeymooned in New Zealand. They live in Ann Arbor.



Roger William Ferworn Jr. and Melani Diane Moore

## Moore-Ferworn

William and Terri Moore of Rochester Hills have announced the engagement of their daughter, Melani Diane Moore, to Roger William Ferworn Jr., son of Roger and Janis Ferworn of Grosse Pointe Woods.

A June wedding is planned.

Moore earned a bachelor's degree in business administration from Western Michigan University.

Ferworn earned a bachelor's degree in aviation science from Western Michigan University.



Alyssa Wideman and Robert Gates

## Wideman-Gates

Tom and Nancy Wideman of Ithaca have announced the engagement of their daughter, Alyssa Wideman, to Robert Gates, son of Dennis and Kathy Gates of Grosse Pointe Woods. A June wedding is planned.

Wideman earned a Bachelor of Science degree in merchandising management from Michigan State University.

She is a retail real estate leasing consultant for The Bieri Co.

Gates earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in advertising from Michigan State University. He is a senior account executive for Aerotek Automotive.

## Wimsatt-Northway

Kathleen Ann Wimsatt, daughter of Daniel and Kathleen Wimsatt of Grosse Pointe Farms, married William Martin Northway Jr., son of Dr. William M. Northway and Ellen Northway, both of Traverse City, on Oct. 11, 2003, at Matthaei Botanical Gardens in Ann Arbor.

Dr. Ken Phifer officiated at the ceremony, which was followed by a reception at Cobblestone Farm in Ann Arbor.

The bride wore a silk strapless bordeaux gown with a matching stole. She carried a bouquet of cream and bronze roses and hibiscus berries.

## Babies

### Andrew Domenick Marcaccio

Mark and Andrea Marcaccio of Grosse Pointe Park are the parents of a son, Andrew Domenick Marcaccio, born Feb. 4, 2004.

Maternal grandparents are Theodore and Anna Niforos of Clinton Township.

Paternal grandparents are Arno and Jean Marcaccio of Grosse Pointe Woods. Great-grandmother is Helen Collias of Harrison Township.

### Jacob Francis Tedesco

Tambre and Yusef Tedesco of Grosse Pointe Woods are the parents of a son, Jacob

Francis Tedesco, born Feb. 16, 2004. Maternal grandparents are Peter and Jeanette Waggoner of the City of Grosse Pointe.

Paternal grandparents are Teddy and Tamam Tedesco of Grosse Pointe Park.

Maternal great-grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. John F. DeHayes Sr.

### Josephine AnnaBelle Hodges

Michele and Matthew Hodges of Grosse Pointe Park are the parents of a daughter, Josephine "Effie" AnnaBelle Hodges, born Jan. 30, 2004.

Maternal grandparents are Darlene Young of

Eastpointe and the late Edward Young.

Paternal grandparents are Ruth Herbert Brant of Carleton and the late Herbert Brant, and Thomas Hodges of Rockwood.

### William John Roberts

Thomas and Sara Roberts of Grosse Pointe Woods are the parents of a son, William John Roberts, born Feb. 4,

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2004. Maternal grandparents are James and Dorothy Black of Grosse Pointe Farms.

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## Resource Center helps patients

The Bon Secours Cottage Health Services Diabetes Center offers individuals with diabetes educational literature, videotapes and outpatient counseling to help them "live well" with diabetes. Located at 22300 Bon Brae in St. Clair Shores, the center is a component of the Adult Outpatient Diabetes Program that emphasizes education as the primary factor in successfully managing diabetes.

According to Vivian Brzezicki, outpatient diabetes program coordinator, diabetes can be a difficult disease to live with, because everything individuals eat affects their blood sugar levels.

But with the proper education, diabetes can be effectively managed.

At the center, individual counseling is offered to patients on diet, exercise, foot care, administering insulin injections and more. Visitors can view educational videos at the facility or check them out to watch at home with family members.

People need not be enrolled in the Bon Secours Cottage Outpatient Diabetes Program to use the Resource Center for counseling or to get free or low-cost educational materials to help them manage their disease. However, a physician referral is required and appointments are necessary.

For more information, call (586) 779-7661.

## Exercise is helpful for arthritis

By Andrea Renee Wyatt, M.S.S., C.S.C.S.

Q. I am experiencing arthritis in my knees and slightly in my hands. Can exercise help alleviate some of my symptoms? If so, what type of activities or exercise program should I participate in?

— L.W., Atlanta.

A. The term "arthritis" means "joint inflammation" and covers a group of more than 100 diseases. There are many forms of arthritis with symptoms that cause stiffness, pain, redness, inflammation and tenderness in your joints. Osteoarthritis, rheumatoid arthritis and gout are common forms of arthritis.

Before embarking on an exercise program, you should ask your doctor to diagnose the specific form of arthritis you are experiencing. Once that is identified, he or she can recommend guidelines for you to follow when starting an exercise program. Your doctor more than likely will refer you to a physical therapist or fitness professional to assist you in setting up a proper and safe exercise program.

Along with other treatments, exercise is a great way to help manage your arthritis symptoms.

According to The Cleveland Clinic, a personally designed exercise program can help relieve pain and fatigue while preserving joint structure and function.

A program focusing on stretching and flexibility, strengthening exercises and aerobic conditioning can help protect your joints and relieve some symptoms. Here are a few examples:

- Stretching and flexibility exercises help to maintain range of motion in your joints. They can be performed as a way to warm up before strength and aerobic exercise. Stretching should be done gently and slowly.

- Strengthening exercises help keep muscles around the joints strong and stable to protect them from further damage.

- Aerobic exercises keep your heart rate up for an extended period of time, con-

ditioning your cardiovascular system. This is also important for improving muscle endurance and helping to maintain weight through calorie expenditure.

- Maintaining a normal weight will keep unwanted stress off joints.

- Your doctor may also recommend other forms of exercise, such as water exercises, yoga or Pilates.

As you begin to exercise, your body will have to adapt to the new stresses placed on it.

Since everyone reacts to exercise differently, it's very important that you contact your doctor if you begin to experience any symptoms making your arthritis worse (such as increased fatigue, swelling or discomfort lasting longer than a few days).

If you have a fitness or training question, e-mail Andrea at [letters.kfws@hearstsc.com](mailto:letters.kfws@hearstsc.com) or write her in care of King Features Weekly Service, P.O. Box 536475, Orlando, FL 32853-6475.

## Fitness tips for people living with pain

(NAPSI) — Contrary to conventional wisdom, exercise may provide some relief for chronic pain sufferers. Studies show that arthritis sufferers can help manage their pain through physical activity.

"When people rest they

become what we call de-conditioned, meaning their muscles and joints lose their associated range of motion and strength which lessens their ability to perform the activities of daily living," says Annie O'Connor, PT, OCS a practicing physical therapist and corporate director of musculoskeletal practice, Rehabilitation Institute of Chicago, Chicago, Ill. "This de-conditioning process can lead to further problems that may perpetuate the pain."

Engaging in a regular exercise program can help keep your body in top shape, promote weight loss, relieve stress and reduce your risk of injury by increasing bone and muscle mass.

In addition, during physical activity your body releases certain chemicals called endorphins, which block pain signals from reaching your brain.

The following are tips for starting and sticking to an exercise program:

- Check with your doctor before starting any fitness program.

- Pick one type of activity (i.e., walking, tennis, etc.) you enjoy and want to do

more of.

- Initially do a little bit of the activity, enough that does not produce any change in your symptoms. This is your baseline; add one to five minutes more of this activity a day to progress to the level you are interested in doing.

- Set simple goals like a walk around the block; then over time progress to longer-range goals (a more intense hike in the park).

- Don't let minor flare-ups stop you. They're just your body's warning response to the unaccustomed level of activity.

Simply lowering the intensity of your workout will allow your body to recoup, and your symptoms will usually subside in a week depending on how much over-activity was done. Then you can return to progressing.

The good news is that if you stick with your activity routine for six months, chances are it will become a habit.

So it's important that you don't let minor pain or stiffness get in the way of your daily workout.

## Screening will prevent most cervical cancers

By Dr. Carl Buccellato  
Special Writer

Cervical cancer is the third most common gynecologic malignancy — behind uterine cancer and ovarian cancer — in the United States. It is, however, a very preventable cancer for women who undergo regular gynecologic (GYN) examinations that include Pap smears.

The purpose of a Pap smear is not necessarily to detect cervical cancer but to prevent it. More than half of the women in the United States with cervical cancer have never had a Pap smear or have not had one for more than 10 years.

Women are advised to begin having an annual GYN exam with Pap smear by age 21 or at the age they become sexually active. Annual Pap smears should continue throughout a woman's lifetime, with the frequency in the senior years determined by the woman's physician.

Pap smears screen for abnormal cell growth (dysplasia) in the lining of the cervix. Dysplasia is a pre-malignant condition that, if left untreated, can develop into cervical cancer over an extended period of time.

Women who undergo annual gynecologic exams and Pap smears rarely receive a diagnosis of cervical cancer because regular screening catches the condition at the stage of abnormal cell growth, long before it develops into cancer.

The incidence of cervical cancer peaks for women in their 40s, but it's not much higher than it is for women in their 30s, 50s or 60s. Women are less likely to be diagnosed with cervical cancer in their 70s; however, it's important that they continue to have regular GYN exams and Pap smears if they have a uterus.

### Cervical cancer result of sexually transmitted disease

A little-known fact to the general public is that cervical cancer is essentially a sexually transmitted disease. As much as 90 percent of cervical cancer is caused by the human papillomavirus (HPV), which is sexually transmitted.

This infection is very common in the general population and often produces no symptoms. A person's risk of contracting HPV is directly related to her lifetime number of sexual partners and is somewhat related to her age at first intercourse. Fortunately, only a minority of women who acquire HPV will develop a cervical abnormality such as dysplasia or cancer.

It is possible for a woman with no sexual history and no exposure to HPV to develop cervical cancer. Smoking can increase the risk of developing cervical cancer. Although other gynecologic cancers can be hereditary, it appears there is no such association with cervical cancer.

### Symptoms may mean cancer is advanced

By the time a woman experiences the typical symptoms of cervical cancer, the disease is usually advanced. Symptoms begin with a watery or slightly bloody vaginal discharge. Some women may develop bleeding after intercourse and experience progressively irregular bleeding unrelated to periods.

Symptoms of advanced disease include pain in the lower back, abdomen and legs.

An annual gynecologic exam and Pap smear will likely prevent cervical cancer from ever having a chance to develop. During a Pap smear, a physician collects tissue cells throughout the cervix, which are then examined microscopically to look for abnormal cells or dysplasia.

Also, during the pelvic exam, if the physician sees abnormal looking tissues on the cervix, he or she may biopsy this area for further evaluation.

An abnormal Pap smear requires follow-up based on the diagnosis of the Pap smear and the patient's risk factors. If the Pap smear shows abnormal cells,

the physician may perform a colposcopy, which uses a magnifying instrument to better visualize the lining of the cervix. During the procedure, the physician can take biopsies of any suspicious tissues. Depending on the biopsy results, the plan may be to follow up with repeat Pap smears or colposcopy.

If the patient has a severe pre-malignancy, she may require a cervical conization procedure in which the doctor removes a cone-shaped piece of cervical tissue containing the abnormal area. This can be done on an outpatient basis using traditional surgery or electrosurgery.

The prognosis for pre-invasive cervical cancer is excellent and always treatable, if the patient follows up with her physician appropriately. But cervical cancer need not be a concern for the majority of women if they simply undergo regular GYN exams and Pap smears.

Dr. Buccellato is a Bon Secours Cottage, board certified obstetrician/gynecologist with Grosse Pointe OB/GYN. For an appointment, call Bon Secours Cottage Physician Referral at (800) 303-7315.

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## Know Your Skin

by Lisa A. Manz-Dulac, MD



Winter Itch. A form of asteatosis, this skin condition is exacerbated by cold and dry winter conditions.

Occurring most commonly on the legs, arms and upper body, the skin becomes very dry and appears cracked and even scaly. Because the affected areas are prone to moderate itching, patients who scratch over a prolonged period of time are also susceptible to infections of these areas.

The best tactic against winter itch is prevention by following a regimen that protects your skin against winter's dryness.

This includes: regular use of moisturizers, especially after bathing; avoid baths which are dehydrating, and take short, warm (not hot) showers; and if your condition persists, contact your physician or dermatologist who may prescribe topical creams and ointments to help clear the affected areas.

To learn more about winter itch or other forms of asteatotic dermatitis, contact your dermatologist, or call us at Eastside Dermatology, Dr. Lisa Manz-Dulac and Associates.

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## A unique book collection

A few years ago, I was invited to a library warming (which is akin to a house warming) by Grosse Pointe Dick Grady. During the evening, Grady gave tours of the just completed expansion of his library designed for the lower level of his home. It increased the capacity to some 25,000 volumes he had collected. It was an awesome sight.

I had known for years about Grady's addiction to collecting books. I first met Grady and his wife Betty at the marking sessions each summer for the thousands of books collected by the Grosse Pointe chapter of the American Association of University Women (AAUW) for its outstanding annual used book sale.

Betty would frequently complain — not always in jest — that Grady's books were slowly taking over their house. She went so far as to suggest they buy a house that was for sale across the street from them. It would be a good parking place for the books.

Thus the new library, which was both a dream and a necessity.

I think many of you would be interested in this unique collection; so I talked to Grady recently for further details.

First, the library itself. Grady sat down with a cabinet maker to design bookcases that could hold the greatest number of books as well as a floor plan that would allow room to walk between the cases. Grady said the hardest chore, however, was repositioning the overhead lights.

There are 5,000 books in the first floor formal library, all dealing with ancient and medieval material. Another 2,500 books are shelved in the guest bedroom, and some 2,000 philosophy books are in the living room. More about that later.

The new library is separated into some 50 topics that reflect the subjects that have intrigued Grady over the years.

His collecting habit began before he started

### Senior Scene

By  
Ruth  
Cain



school. Over his bed was a bookcase that contained a large book of Bible stories and the Bible itself, as well as the works of Shakespeare and Edgar Allan Poe.

His early reading was in mystery and horror, starting from Poe and later switching over to science fiction.

In his teens, based on his early Bible reading and upbringing in a small Methodist church, he began to read religion, philosophy and the classics, in translation.

He worked briefly in a mental hospital and began to read about psychology and psychiatry.

Grady earned a degree in electrical engineering and worked professionally in computing and its management. He worked in what is sometimes called management science, with mathematical models of various parts of the business.

That required a whole lot of reading, so his mid-career reading was dominated by computer science topics.

But his interest in ancient literature persisted and he was fascinated by the words of the late John C. Gardner who wrote a variation on the Beowulf saga that Grady found quite beautiful, titled "Grendel."

Grady said he first read "Grendel" in about 1972 and struggled with its meaning for years. He hoped some competent writer would write an answer to the new questions which Gardner had raised in Grady's mind.

Finally, in 1982, he decided he should write it himself. It took about 10 more years and rewrite after rewrite to achieve

that goal.

The book, which centers around a retelling of the story of Beowulf, is titled "No Monstrous Friends."

It is scheduled for publication in late 2004 or early 2005. The book is the first part of his trilogy titled "The Bar-Cain Trilogy." It further explores the Beowulf saga.

In recent years Grady has been extremely interested in philosophy and religion. His favorite philosopher, whom he discovered about 50 years ago, is Michel de Montaigne, the inventor of the essay. He considers Montaigne the fellow who most avidly pursued the advice from Apollo to "Know thyself."

Roughly speaking, Grady's collection started because when he became engrossed in a subject, he would collect every book published on that subject. He may not read all of them, but they are there for reference when needed.

This creates a problem, since his library space is limited.

So for every book he adds to his collection, he must now dispose of another book. It's a never-ending culling process that takes him up to 20 full days a year, on average.

Does Grady ever lend any book from his collection? Of course not, but if someone exhibits an interest in a book, or he knows of someone who would be interested in a book in his collection, he will buy a copy and give it to the person. Grady figures he has probably given away thousands of books in his lifetime.

Although Grady has not read every book in his collection, he has read many of them, plus many others that don't fit into his collection.

He continues to read, usually a book a day, but always with attention and care.

If you have a question or comment for Cain, you can reach her at [ruthcain@aol.com](mailto:ruthcain@aol.com)

## Unhealthy lifestyles drive up state health costs, slow economic growth

A study commissioned by the Michigan Economic Development Corporation (MEDC) concludes that the unhealthy lifestyles of Michigan residents make them vulnerable to coronary disease and diabetes, major factors that are driving up the cost of health care in Michigan.

"This study makes it official: Too many Michigan residents weigh too much, smoke too much, and don't exercise enough — all of which contribute to making Michigan among the least healthy states in the nation," said MEDC President and CEO Don Jakeway. "We need to educate more of our residents about the direct relationship between their own health, bottom-line health care costs and the number of jobs available."

According to the study, overweight and obese individuals can expect to incur up to \$1,500 in additional medical costs every year because of their unhealthy lifestyles. Those costs are often borne by Michigan employers through higher health care insurance premiums.

The MEDC commissioned the Altarum study to explore the critical link between the costs of health care and the strength of Michigan's economy. Only the health and wellness results were released recently. The full study is expected to be reviewed and approved by the MEDC executive committee later next month.

Jakeway said the study will be helpful to the state in

developing a strategy to reduce the cost of health care.

Dr. Kimberlydawn Wisdom, Michigan's first surgeon general, said that while encouraging healthy lifestyles and preventing chronic disease are critically important, Michigan needs to begin by focusing its collective energies on tobacco cessation initiatives.

"We have been presented with a unique opportunity to improve the health of hundreds of thousands of Michigan citizens," Wisdom said. "Every Michigan citizen pays more than \$500 every year in state and federal taxes to treat effects of smoking-related illnesses. Encouraging our citizens to quit can make them — and their pocketbooks — healthier right now. Recognizing the link between better health and lower expenses for citizens and businesses is an important first step toward helping citizens significantly reduce their dependency on tobacco and ultimately create a healthier Michigan."

According to Michigan Department of Labor and Economic Growth director David Hollister, the study should alert local leaders that community-wide efforts to encourage walking, weight reduction and helping smokers quit can pay off in a big way by sending a positive signal to potential employers.

"Communities need to understand that companies may take one look at a locality with less than favorable health statistics and be

scared off by the potential impact on their bottom line," Hollister said. "Physical health and economic health go hand in hand."

The findings released recently are part of a study commissioned by the Michigan Economic Development Corporation from Altarum, a nonprofit research and innovation institute based in Ann Arbor, to compare Michigan's employer-paid health care premium costs to 17 similar or "benchmark" states.

The study found that Michigan has the highest rates of death from coronary heart disease, ranks second for obesity and diabetes, and ranks sixth for smoking when compared to any of the benchmark states in the study.

The benchmark states are: Arizona, California, Colorado, Florida, Georgia, Illinois, Indiana, Maryland, Massachusetts, Minnesota, North Carolina, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Texas, Virginia, Washington and Wisconsin.

The Michigan Economic Development Corporation, a partnership between the state and local communities, promotes smart economic growth by developing strategies and providing services to create and retain good jobs and a high quality of life.

For more information on the Michigan Economic Development Corporation's initiatives and programs, visit the Web site at [www.michigan.org](http://www.michigan.org).

## BSC offers free blood pressure screenings

As part of its ongoing community health program, Bon Secours Cottage offers free blood pressure screenings at three locations. Staff and trained volunteers are available to check community members for undetected cases of hypertension, provide nationally accepted guidelines for follow-up with a health care professional and furnish additional

screening and health education information.

Blood pressure screenings are offered at the following locations:

**Bon Secours Hospital**  
Main Lobby  
468 Cadieux Road,  
Grosse Pointe  
Mondays, 1 to 3 p.m.  
**Bon Secours Cottage**  
Home Medical  
21571 Kelly Road,

**Eastpointe**  
Second and fourth  
Wednesdays, 9 to 11 a.m.  
**Cottage Hospital Main Lobby**  
159 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe Farms  
Second Friday of the month, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.  
For more information, call (586) 779-7900 between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m., weekdays.

## Schonenberg honored by Farms

By Brad Lindberg  
Staff Writer

Fran Schonenberg returned to her old stomping grounds recently, all smiles, blushing and a little teary-eyed.

Schonenberg, who served six years as a council member in Grosse Pointe Farms, was invited back to council chambers to receive a proclamation from her former colleagues.

"It was a good six years," she said. "My family was brought up to serve the community. It's been very gratifying to finish up, so to speak, on city council."

"She never sought the spotlight, but always was there to do the work," said Ed Gaffney, former Farms mayor. Gaffney returned from his new role as state representative in Lansing to

attend the ceremony.

"She has good community spirit," he said.

The resolution recognized Schonenberg's "considerable talents" in strengthening ordinances and "working toward eliminating the parking and traffic congestion on the Hill."

"Schonenberg has at all times been a positive force in the guidance of her city government and has, moreover, been a supportive and steadfast friend of her colleagues on the city council."

The Farms council honored her "meritorious service to the citizenry of the Farms. The council recognizes and extends its appreciation for the contributions she has made in the cause of good government and making the Farms a better place in which to live."

Schonenberg said serving on the city council was a lot of work.

"Sure," she said, "but you want to feel useful in this world."

She's not through yet.

"I still have my weekly TV show," she said. Schonenberg hosts "The S.O.C. Show" for Services for Older Citizens. It airs on WMTV-5 cable each day at 8:30 a.m. and 11:30 p.m.

Schonenberg also is secretary of the board of directors of the Detroit Area Agency on Aging.

## Bon Secours Cottage offers nutrition counseling

Bon Secours Cottage Health Services offers an individualized nutrition counseling session by a registered dietitian that covers a variety of diets that include weight reduction, low cholesterol, diabetes and cardiac.

The session takes place at Cottage Hospital, 159 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe Farms (one mile south of Moross).

Free parking is available in the parking deck on Muir. Please bring your parking ticket into the program for

validation. Call (313) 640-2650 for more information or to make an appointment.

## Senior Men's Club meets

The Senior Men's Club of Grosse Pointe will meet at 11 a.m. Tuesday, March 9, at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial. After lunch and a short business meeting, the speaker will be Rob Johnson. Johnson's talk will be about a sailing adventure. A short question and answer session will follow.

## Speaker comes to SOC

Services for Older Citizens will present a guest speaker to talk about joint and hip pain, at 11:15 a.m. Monday, March 8, at the Neighborhood Club.

Heidi Kalinowski, a nurse practitioner from St. John Hospital and Medical Center, will talk about arthritis pain, advanced treatments, medications, nutrition and exercise.

For more information, call (313) 882-9600.

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