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The Strategic Planning Committee of the Grosse Pointe school board meets tonight, Feb. 3, at 6 p.m., in the Wicking Library at South High School.

WEEK AHEAD

Saturday, Feb. 5

Our Lady Star of the Sea School holds its annual school auction beginning at 5 p.m. at the Lochmoor Club. For more information, or to purchase tickets, call the school office at (313) 884-1070 or the Lochmoor Club at (313) 886-1010.

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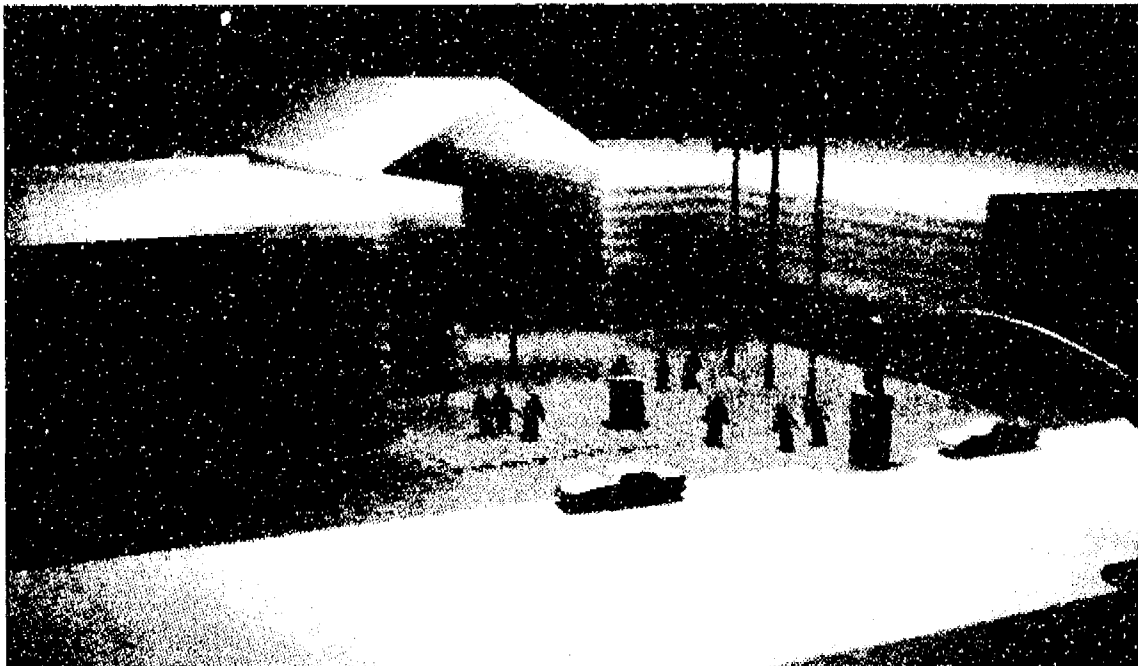
Pianist Julia I will be the guest artist for the Grosse Pointe Symphony Orchestra concert at the Parcels Middle School auditorium at 3 p.m. The concert, conducted by Kevin Miller, will include Tchaikovsky's 1st Piano Concerto and Schubert's Symphony No. 8 "Unfinished." Dr. Jack Dubois will offer a free preconcert lecture at 2 p.m. in the Parcels choir room. Tickets for the concert are \$15 for adults, \$12 for seniors and free for students aged 18 and under. For more information, call (313) 882-0077 or visit www.grossepointesymphony.org.

Monday, Feb. 7

The Grosse Pointe Farms City Council meets at 7 p.m. at the Farms city hall.
 The Grosse Pointe Woods City Council meets at the Woods city hall at 7:30 p.m.
 The Grosse Pointe Board of Education meets at the Wicking Library at Grosse Pointe South High School at 8 p.m.

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Above and below are pictures of a model City of Grosse Pointe Councilman John Stevens had built to depict his ideas on what can be done with former Jacobson's building.



Flu bug closes 2 schools

By Ann L. Fouty
 Staff Writer

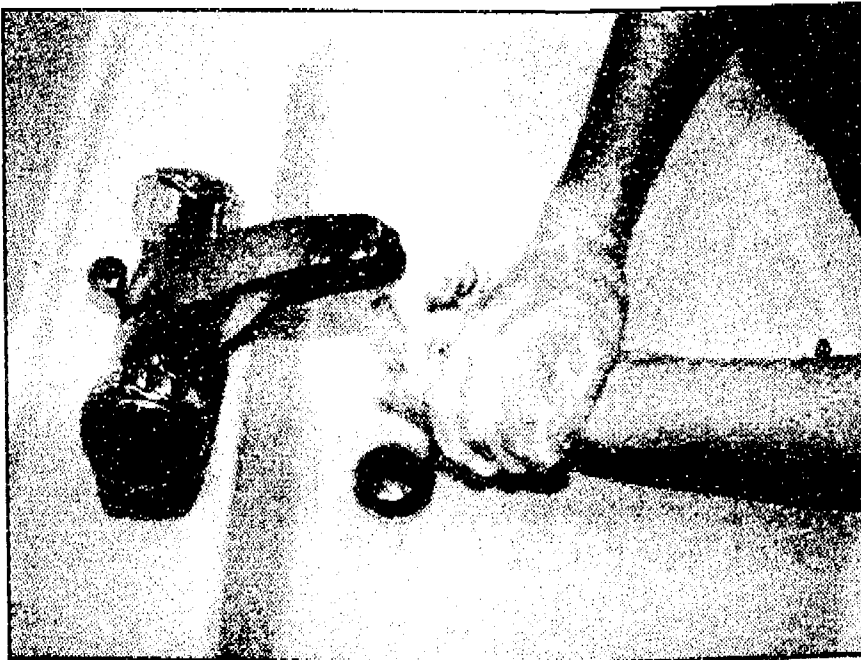
The flu bug flew into town last week causing enough absences to close Grosse Pointe Academy and St. Clare of Montefalco School. St. Clare shut down Thursday, Jan. 27, and Friday, Jan. 28. The Academy was closed Friday, Jan. 28.

Academy's director Phil Demartini said in his 32-year career in education he has never had to close a school due to illness. "We made the right decision for the health and safety of the community," he said.

Nearly one-third of the 350 enrolled in the Academy's preschool through eighth grade program were showing signs of illness early in the week. When he saw the number nearing 90 by the end of the school day and after an intramural activity, Demartini called school off for the following day. A cleaning crew was called in to disinfect everything. Five faculty members and one administrator were also stricken with the flu which starts with a high fever. Closing St. Clare was decided after in-depth consideration, said Principal Patricia Ferguson-Chaney, who checked first with the parish priest and with the archdiocese. More than 75 students were down with the flu. St. Clare, too, had everything sanitized last week.

"We began noticing absences increase on Tuesday (Jan. 22), and by 2:30 p.m. Wednesday more than 75 children were sick." She visited all classrooms, and teachers told her of how many students were sick, getting sick and should be home.

"It's always a touchy call for a parent. We advise them once the fever breaks, to wait 24 hours before sending them back to school," she said.



Best advice to help avoid catching the flu or cold: Wash your hands frequently!

Ferguson-Chaney indicated in addition to the flu, some students had strep throat. Dr. Steven Sandubrae, director of Bon Secours/Cottage Health Services Emergency Department, talked firsthand about the flu symptoms while suffering from a 101 degree temperature. He was at home with a virus brought home by his daughter who suffered from it the previous week. Sandubrae said a school setting is a prime setting for the spread of flu and

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City's Stevens' plan for Jake's

'This is a workable solution'

By Brad Lindberg
 Staff Writer

Are you tired of the Jacobson's site going nowhere?

John Stevens is. Stevens, a City of Grosse Pointe councilman and architect, has put together plans to renovate the block-long Jacobson's building in the Village.

The building on Kercheval has been vacant nearly three years. Its resurrection is considered a central and cohesive element to the central business district's economic vitality.

Stevens, restless from inaction, has created an architectural model, drawings and a preliminary budget showing the city could buy the building and prepare it for multiple retail and office tenants.

Total cost? A little more than \$11.5 million.

"The thing is dragging and dragging," Stevens said of overtures by developers dating back 10 months that have either been withdrawn or stalled due to costs.

He said a private developer has requested the city contribute the equivalent of \$10 million in aid and services to make use of the site.

Private plans depend on the city paying to raze the two-story structure and adjoining \$5 million municipal parking garage. The plan also requires rezoning the Village commercial district to allow condominiums reaching six stories, which exceeds the City's 45-foot height ordinance.

Stevens strongly opposes contributing millions of tax dollars to help private entities profit off Jake's, particularly when for about a 10 percent greater investment the City could do it in-house and reap the rewards.

"For our community to invest money in a special interest is wrong," Stevens said. "The garage is a big

issue. In my package, the garage is not costing us anything."

Stevens' proposal retains the Jacobson's building and garage but breaks up the former store's monolithic Kercheval brick facade with a glass-walled courtyard.

To promote pedestrian traffic, Stevens introduced a ground-level walk-through connecting the parking garage to Kercheval. He also added a pair of second-story skyways from the parking deck to Jake's building.

"I came up with a model based on no variances and no zoning ordinance changes," Stevens said.

He said a ground-level passageway from the garage to Kercheval would make it easier for shoppers parking in the garage to walk to stores elsewhere in the Village.

The 2,800-square-foot courtyard not only reduces the Kercheval facade to a more human scale, but also provides an inviting public space. In addition, the glass outer walls increase lineal storefront footage which retailers can use as display windows.

"I want to open things up, give more frontage and attract people walking through," Stevens said. "Grosse Pointe is a very fine drawing card. I believe there are a lot of retail businesses that will be very interested."

Renovations to the building's interior — creating a central lobby and providing interior corridors, restrooms and equipment areas — reduce rentable space from the current 83,160 square feet to 58,468 square feet, excluding the basement.

Once construction is complete, the City could sell the building or retain ownership and manage the property through a leasing firm.

"I know, in my profession-

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POINTER OF INTEREST

Harry Kefalonitis

Home: Grosse Pointe Shores
 Age: 41

Family: Wife, Kami, a doctor, and their two young sons, Spero and Dionisis

Occupation: Small business entrepreneur

Quote: "More and more people from the Grosse Pointes and other suburbs want a vibrant city. Young people are moving downtown. We all want our city to thrive. I want to be part of the comeback."

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Village boosters take bull by horns; conduct own survey

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

Nearly 400 petitioners are rolling out the red carpet for retailers and family-friendly restaurants to set up shop in the Village.

Most respondents to a Pointe-wide grassroots survey during the holiday season welcome the likes of Crate & Barrel and Pottery Barn moving into downtown Grosse Pointe.

In addition, 250 people signed a separate petition from the same group opposing discount and outlet-type stores opening in the former Jacobson's building or elsewhere in the Village.

The homegrown effort to

drum up interest in the City's six-block central business district comes from Tricia Wood and Christine Wardwell, sisters-in-law from the City and Farms, respectively. The pair founded Concerned Citizens for the Village.

"We're going to send the survey to various stores to convince them there is interest in their coming here," Wood said. "We still have people approaching us to sign them."

Wood lives one block from the block-long Jacobson's building on Kercheval, vacant for nearly three years.

Although the multi-state

department store chain closed in bankruptcy, the local store remained profitable to the end.

"We really believe in this neighborhood," Wood said. "It's a nice area; great schools. But we need places to buy a purse or pair of kid's shoes or pantyhose. You can't get these simple items in the Village right now."

When formulating the store survey, Wood and Wardwell compiled a list of retail businesses they'd "love to see in the Village." In addition to those already listed, suggestions included Anthropology, Restoration Hardware, Smith & Hawkin and Williams Sonoma.

"Those are stores where we shop," Wood said.

Petitioners were asked to choose from those selections in addition to recommending others not listed.

Of write-ins, 236 people wanted J. Crew. Of major department stores, Saks 5th Avenue led the way with 18 votes followed by Nordstrom, Lord & Taylor, Von Maur, Parisian and others.

Six people asked for a small hotel comparable to the Townsend in downtown Birmingham.

Two respondents bucked the trend and favored SteinMart, a discount store. One woman from the Farms wants a fish market.

The restaurant most selected was California Pizza Kitchen.

Many department stores named in the survey have already rejected the Village. Their responses came last summer in a retail analysis commissioned by City offi-

cials.

Wood hopes her effort will be an additional tool to attract companies such as Saks' that "might be on the edge" of deciding to locate in the Village.

"We need to make sure we try to keep an eye on the future," Wood said. "Those are the stores that will attract young families. We need stores and restaurants that are nice and you can take your kids to."

"We're on the same page," said Councilman John Stempfle. "We don't want any dollar stores; any low-end stores."

Jake's

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al judgment, that this is a good deal," Stevens said. "This is a workable solution."

The building's market value, appraised last December, is "no more than \$7 million," Stevens said.

He proposed various financing strategies, including a loan, issuing bonds or borrowing from the City pension fund, which a recent audit calculated is overfunded by \$12 million.

"We have the wherewithal to do it," he said.

"I'm in favor of the plan that will bring life to the corner sooner than later," said Jim Bellanca, an attorney representing owners of about 40 percent of Village property. "Not only do the citizens of Grosse Pointe have a right to it, but all merchants who have stuck by the Village and City are

"I encourage them to participate in the effort to promote business," said John Stevens, councilman. "I understand their frustration. I am equally frustrated."

"It shows initiative and concern, but it's naive," said Frederick Marx, principal of Marx Layne & Co. communications in Southfield. "Retailers for the most part today don't handle their own real estate matters. They use very sophisticated leasing firms. All that data is very much available to these companies."

Marx, a retail specialist

with more than two decades in the consulting business, used to work for Hudson's and managed public relations for Jacobson's.

"Leasing companies not only look at quantitative data but also qualitative data, such as how people live," Marx said.

Wood said a vibrant Village will improve property values in the Pointes.

"If we don't support it, it's not going to be there," Wood said. "You have to put our money where our mouth is. We did almost all our Christmas shopping this year in the Village."

entitled to it."

Stevens has a record of getting things done in the Village during his first term in office.

He lined up a national retail expert to drum up interest in the district by big-name department stores such as Nordstrom and Saks Fifth Avenue.

The same consultant surveyed the Village's strengths and weaknesses to let municipal officials know how to make the area more appealing to quality retailers.

Also, Stevens' actions led to what was seen as sooner-rather-than-later resolution of ongoing deliberations over what to do with a wall sculpture at the corner of Kercheval and St. Clair.

Many members of the public criticized portions of the wall as too big and out of scale with nearby structures.

Stevens lined up a contractor to tear it down.

Now Stevens brings his no-nonsense approach to the Jacobson's site.

Also interested in the location is Cullan Meathe, the owner of Metro Cars. Meathe says he has a purchase agreement with CVS Pharmacy, owner of the former Jacobson's property and building.

The city council is expected to see Meathe's plan at a Monday, Feb. 7, work session.

The outcome of the session will determine whether Meathe, of the Farms, gets to make a formal presentation to the public.

Stevens, who has already criticized Meathe's plans and ability to get the job done, hopes his will take center stage.

— John Minnis, editor,
contributed to the article.

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Some Pointes may see smaller wholesale water bills

By Bonnie Caprara
Staff Writer

After five years of double-digit increases, some of the Grosse Pointes may be getting a reduction in their wholesale water rates.

Proposed wholesale water rates from the Detroit Water and Sewerage Department (DWSD) for the 2005-06 fiscal year are expected to go down 8.99 percent in Grosse Pointe Park and 8.40 percent in Grosse Pointe Shores.

"We're elated," said Michael Kenyon, village superintendent of the Shores. He credited residents for cutting back on water usage during peak demand hours, which in part contributed to the proposed rollback.

Park City Manager Dale Krajniak credited new meters for giving a more accurate assessment of water usage, and thus proposed lower rates.

"We're happy to see the rate decrease, especially since our costs have gone up

about 10 percent a year for the past five years," Krajniak said.

"These rates have been going down system wide for the past three years, but not in all of the cities," said George Ellenwood, DWSD spokesman. "The Pointes just happen to be on the upside of that this year."

However, Grosse Pointe Woods is planning to see a 9.99 percent increase in its wholesale water rate.

Ellenwood said water rates in the Woods may have gone up because of increased use during peak times. However, he said rates may likely come down next year with the new Mack water main in place.

Woods City Manager Mark Wollenweber was unavailable for comment.

Sewage rates for all of the Grosse Pointes went up, but not drastically.

The wholesale sewage rate in the City of Grosse Pointe is expected to go down 1.08 percent while the monthly fixed rate is

expected to go up \$2,078.73, or 20.75 percent. The wholesale sewage rate in Grosse Pointe Farms is expected to go down 2.10 percent while the monthly fixed rate is expected to go up \$4,570.99, or 20.02 percent. Each of the cities is also expected to receive adjustments, or look-backs, for adjustments on their 2003-04 billings.

"It looks like we'll get an inflationary increase of about 3 percent to 3 1/2 percent this year," said John Modzinski, Farms comptroller. "There are no surprises this year."

Michael Overton, city manager of the City, said he has not seen the numbers yet.

The sewage rates in the rest of the Grosse Pointes will leave them minimally affected. The Park may see a 1.21 percent increase in wholesale sewage and a \$630.04, or 9.93 percent, monthly fixed cost increase. The wholesale sewage and monthly fixed rates for the Northeast Wayne County

System, which is comprised of the Shores, Woods, Harper Woods and St. Clair Shores, are expected to go up by 0.74 percent and 7.01 percent respectively. It will also receive an \$89,620 2003-04 lookback adjustment.

Ellenwood said increases in the monthly fixed charges are the suburbs' 17 percent share of \$1 billion in sewage upgrades. Local sewage upgrades have included improvements at the Connor Creek sewage plant and expansion of the fish habitat in the Detroit River at Maharis Park.

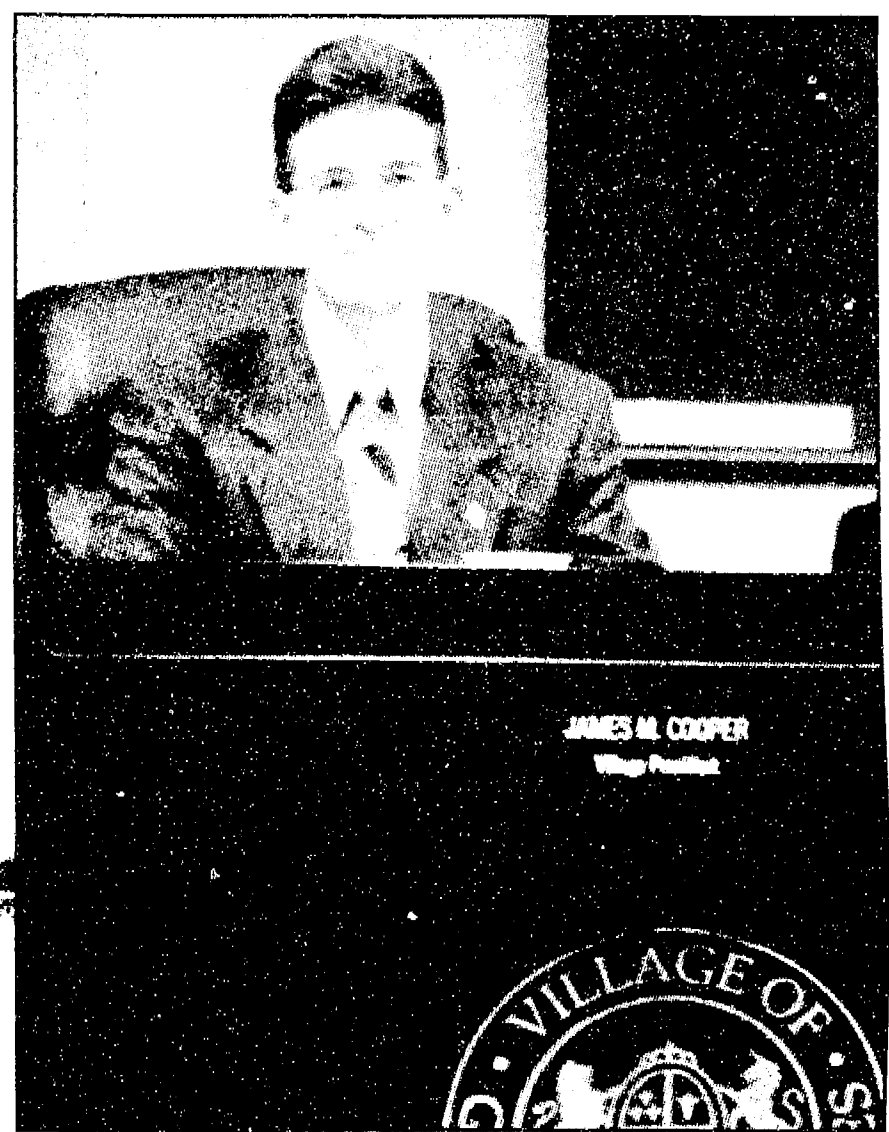
It is not known how the new projected wholesale rates will affect local water and sewage rates in the individual municipalities at this time.

The wholesale rates are subject to approval after a public hearing to be held by the Detroit City Council at its Thursday, Feb. 10 meeting.

Proposed wholesale water rates				
Customer	Existing 2004-2005 \$/Mcf.	Proposed 2005-2006 \$/Mcf.	Change \$/Mcf.	%Change
Grosse Pointe Park	7.90	7.19	(0.71)	-8.99%
Grosse Pointe Shores	11.07	10.14	(0.93)	-8.40%
Grosse Pointe Woods	7.31	8.04	0.73	9.99%

Proposed wholesale sewage rates				
Customer	Existing 2004-2005 \$/Mcf.	Proposed 2005-2006 \$/Mcf.	Change \$/Mcf.	%Change
Grosse Pointe Park	9.08	9.19	0.11	1.21%
N.E. Wayne County (GP Woods, GP Shores, Harper Woods and St. Clair Shores)	8.14	8.20	0.06	0.74%
Grosse Pointe	14.76	14.60	(0.16)	-1.08%
Grosse Pointe Farms	15.21	14.89	(0.32)	-2.10%

Proposed fixed monthly sewage charges				
Customer	Existing 2004-2005 \$/Mo.	Proposed 2005-2006 \$/Mo.	Change \$/Mo.	%Change
Grosse Pointe Park	6,342.95	6,972.99	630.04	9.93%
N.E. Wayne County (GP Woods, GP Shores, Harper Woods and St. Clair Shores)	195,838.62	209,564.85	13,726.23	7.01%
Grosse Pointe	10,382.41	12,461.14	2,078.73	20.02%
Grosse Pointe Farms	22,020.61	26,591.60	4,570.99	20.76%



Dr. James Cooper, president of Grosse Pointe Shores.

Shores faces longterm projects in 2005

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

Major issues on tap for this year in Grosse Pointe Shores council chambers will affect the village for decades.

"You have to be proactive," said Dr. James Cooper, village president.

Projects due for completion in 2005 include:

- continuing infrastructure improvements funded last summer by a voter-backed bond,
- creating a new master plan for the municipal harbor to complement the updated master plan for Osirus Park,
- designing a modernized municipal harbor funded by boater fees, and
- studying the benefits of buying drinking water from someplace other than the Detroit water department

and its recent trend of rate increases.

"We're at a point in Grosse Pointe Shores history where these things need to be looked at," Cooper said. "We have a very good council, manager and directors of departments. They are looking at the future. That's what residents want."

Infrastructure work includes more than \$1 million in street repairs, \$1.5 million of sewer lining and restoration of the south-end sewer pump station.

"Just about every street will be attacked in some way or another, with concrete or asphalt," said Mike Kenyon, village manager.

Regarding Osirus Park, three firms have been asked to bid on building a new marina.

"We're going to ask them to redesign the entire har-

bor, and or just portions of the harbor," Kenyon said. "We wanted to look at what it costs to renovate the entire harbor and have a deluxe harbor. We'll see if we can afford a new harbor. If not, we might have to do parts of the harbor."

At minimum, he said Fiberlas walls near the outer portions of the marina need repairs.

Kenyon said a redesigned harbor will maintain the current footprint but likely feature wider fairways to ease navigation and accommodate modern, wider power boats.

Also at the park, a few residents have asked village officials to erect a community center. Similar structures have been constructed in Grosse Pointe Woods and Park. One is due for completion this spring in the Farms.

"The important thing is Grosse Pointe Shores is being populated by younger families," Cooper said. "They need areas to recreate. The park is a natural. If people go to the park, they will see the activity. As you can see from people who are coming to council meetings, people want to explore recreational facilities."

Shores officials more than a year ago prompted a study to determine the costs and benefits of creating a separate water filtration system

for 23 suburbs in eastern Wayne, Macomb and much of Oakland counties. All participating communities purchase water from Detroit but are disgruntled with increased costs.

A three-month study concluded a separate, regional system would cost more than \$1.4 billion.

As a result, Shores officials have partnered with Grosse Pointe Woods and Farms to determine the benefits of tapping into the Farms filtration plant on Moross.

"The water feasibility study is a very important way of separating ourselves (from Detroit)," Cooper said. "With new technology, we could increase the Farms capacity to supply us, it only makes sense. With the Woods, it's going to be beneficial to both of our communities. Even the Farms, because they would update their facilities."

Valentine's Day at the War Memorial

Two special events have been planned for Valentine's Day, Monday, Feb. 14, at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore in Grosse Pointe Farms.

An Afternoon Tea, hosted by the War Memorial, will be held from 2 to 4 p.m. in the historic Alger House. The tea will include imported English teas, afternoon tea sandwiches, scones, sweets and piano entertainment by Garry Aboud.

The Sounds of Sinatra concert by Mark Randisi will be held from 8 to 11 p.m. in the Fries Ballroom.

"We began offering monthly afternoon teas last summer and I am delighted to say that they have been a resounding success," says LouAnne Wattrick, director

of Lifelong Learning at the War Memorial. "We have been sold out for each of our teas and have repeat guests attend them."

"We have asked Mark to come back to the elegant Fries Ballroom especially for Valentine's Day by popular request," says Wattrick. "It is a wonderful opportunity to enjoy a candlelight evening of fabulous music with your special someone." A dessert table, coffee, tea and pop will be included. Your beverages are welcome.

To reserve your tickets, call (313) 881-7511.

Corrections

Corrections will be printed as necessary. If there is an error of fact in any story, call the newsroom at (313) 882-0294.

In a Dec. 30 front-page photo, "Let's go sledding!" we mistakenly identified Brian Watkins' fiancé, Brittany Carron, as his cousin. We apologize for the error.

Flu

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other contagious illnesses. The early flu symptoms are different for everyone. Generally, there are three symptoms to look for: a fever, feeling tired and achy and a cough.

Both Demartini and Ferguson-Chaney said their students were plagued with fever, lasting up to seven days, followed by a barking cough.

Once those symptoms are evident, Sandubrae said, stay home; get plenty of rest; drink fluids, and take Tylenol or Motrin. Tylenol can be given for a lower grade fever. He recommends Motrin for a fever registering higher than 101 degrees.

He stresses drinking plenty of fluids, including chicken noodle soup. "It's nice and warm. Drinking fluid is the most important. The additional liquid helps to loosen the secretion and get rid of it. The drier the body's system, the thicker the mucus. Chicken noodle soup also has a psychological benefit."

"This flu knocks people out. This strain is a good week before feeling better; it's not a two or three day thing," he said.

As the academy and St. Clare restock soap and hand sanitizers, Sandubrae

reminds students to wash their hands regularly.

St. Clare's school nurse has shown children how to properly wash their hands. Pull the towel down first. Run water; add soap and rub hands together while singing the alphabet song through once. Students should also pay attention to their cuticles and fingernails. The school has also been supplied with a new product created by a local doctor called Dermal Defense Cream, the principal said. The cream when applied feels almost like a glove and kills 99 percent of the germs up to four hours.

Sandubrae agrees that prevention is the first step in stemming the spread of this year's colds and flu.

Demartini and Ferguson-Chaney say their classrooms have been supplied with hand sanitizing material, and the bathrooms have been restocked with soap and fresh towels. Only a handful of students remain on the sick list early this week; so the principals are hoping the worst is behind them.

Grosse Pointe schools were not experiencing any higher-than-normal absences, said Superintendent Susan Klein.

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The German cities of Lübeck and Hamburg were important musical centers during the period with repertoire that has provided the inspiration for this program.

The mythic figure of Orpheus - who moved men, beasts, woods, and rocks with the music of his lyre - is considered the patron saint of all musicians. La Gente D'Orfeo (The People of Orpheus) was formed in 2001 to play the chamber music repertoire of 17th century Italy and other western European countries.

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Shores entrepreneur contributes to the comeback of Detroit

By Patti Theros
Special Writer

As Detroit prepares to make a comeback, Harry Kefalonitis is already showing his commitment to the city. Just over a year and a half ago, he opened Harry's Detroit, an upscale-sports restaurant and bar located by the Fox Theatre.

"I'm a native Detroiter, and I love cities. I'm the third generation from my family to own a business in Detroit," says Kefalonitis.

Both Kefalonitis' father and grandfather each had businesses just around the corner from where Harry's Detroit is presently located.

"This area has been the traditional epicenter of entertainment. We're just around the corner from the Fox Theatre, Ford Field and Comerica Park. We also contribute to that entertainment focus by providing complimentary parking and a shuttle-bus service for our customers to other downtown events," adds Kefalonitis.

"The NHL lockout has somewhat affected our business, but we're a young business and we're growing.

We've diversified to provide other services, such as catering, and we've added a Web site, harrysdetroit.com. We also have a fabulous chef who has been with us since we opened," he says.

In 2004, a Detroit magazine named Harry's Detroit the best "sports bar food" in the metro Detroit area. Recently, Kefalonitis and Chef Jim Lamb were featured on War Memorial Cable's "Who's In the Kitchen?" show with Grosse Pointer Chuck Kaess. (See recipe below.)

Kefalonitis has been in the restaurant business for more than 10 years and is a graduate of Wayne State University.

"I love the restaurant business," he says. "I'm very proud of my product — the food, the environment, the service. I enjoy meeting the different types of people who come into my business. I meet people from many corporations and just last weekend the mayor of the City of Detroit came into the restaurant."

Kefalonitis purchased the two-story restaurant building 11 years ago.

POINTER OF INTEREST



"In 1994, there weren't any other businesses in the area. It was an empty building with a lot of graffiti on it. I wanted to get in early and take a gamble on the area and then eventually become a pillar in the community," he explained. "Today the area is turning around. We have Comerica Park, Ford Field and new condominiums on Woodward Avenue. On Thanksgiving Day this year, we had a line outside our restaurant due in part to the parade and the Lions home game."

Coincidentally, the building Kefalonitis purchased was originally called Harry's Bar. Kefalonitis renamed it Harry's Detroit, and in 2001, he hired subcontractors to renovate the 5,000-square-foot building. To preserve some of the original interior of the restaurant, Kefalonitis restored the bar area and maintained its original location and length. The bar is comprised of oak and is believed to be one of the longest bars in the city.

The interior decor of the restaurant is "classic big-city style," Kefalonitis adds, "I wanted the restaurant to have that urban feeling. I added the high ceilings, classic oak bar and large-flat screen televisions for sports fans. This restaurant might remind someone of a sports

restaurant/bar they might see in Chicago or New York."

The exterior back wall of the restaurant has a very large Harry's Detroit mural that covers a once graffiti-ridden wall. A local Detroit artist designed the logo that uses the Old English-style lettering.

Harry's Detroit officially opened in July 2003.

"Today we have a great lunch crowd, and our regulars are from many downtown Detroit businesses," says Kefalonitis.

To reinforce his commitment to the city, Harry's Detroit makes many donations throughout the year to various Detroit and local charities and fundraisers including churches, schools and the Karmanos Institute.

In the future, Kefalonitis plans to renovate the upstairs part of the restaurant to accommodate private meetings and large parties. His goal is to have it completed before the 2006 Super Bowl.

"I want Harry's Detroit to be a destination place. I want it to be some place that people say, 'Hey if you're



Left, Grosse Pointe Shores resident Harry Kefalonitis stands in front of his commitment to the City of Detroit, his sports restaurant, Harry's Detroit.

Above, Kefalonitis purchased this building 11 years ago which houses his downtown restaurant.

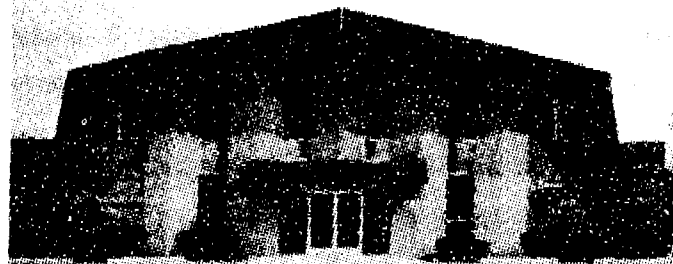
Below, Kefalonitis with his wife, Kami, and sons Dionisis and Spero.

going to Detroit, you have to go to Harry's Detroit," he says.

"More and more people from the Grosse Pointes and other suburbs want a vibrant city. Young people are moving downtown. We all want our city to thrive. I want to be part of the comeback."

While the restaurant business often requires some demanding late-night hours, Kefalonitis can often be seen in the early morning weekend hours with his 6-year-old son Spero at University

Liggett's McCann Ice Arena in Grosse Pointe Woods. His son plays hockey for the Grosse Pointe Hockey Association. His other son, Dionisis, is too young to play yet, but he is getting ready. "As soon as Dionisis is old enough to play, I'll have him out there skating. I love my work at the restaurant but nothing can compare to the time I spend with my wife and family. It's through their support that I have been able to pursue my entrepreneurial goals," says Kefalonitis.



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yesterday's headlines

50 years ago this week

■ Commencement speakers during January graduation exercises at Grosse Pointe High School expound upon "Ingredients for Successful Living."

Kathryn Elfes gives a speech about "Intellectual Curiosity" followed by Jay Hooker with "Ambition" and "The Unknown Quality" by Beverly Harling.

■ Grosse Pointe Park residents of Maryland Ave. from Kercheval to St. Paul trample hard on the toes of council members in demanding the Lake Shore Coach Lines route be removed from

their street.

Residents attest that since buses have been routed on their street the resale market of their property has shrunk 25 to 40 percent of former potential buyers.

■ The once-beaten Grosse Pointe Blue Devils basketball team regains a measure of prestige following its first loss last week by whipping a surprisingly strong Big Red team from Port Huron 67-63.

25 years ago this week

■ The same kids with a national reputation for big spending on booze and drugs try to show a different side

by raising \$2,830 in contributions for CARE to give food and water to Cambodian refugees.

The check presentation ceremony is quite unlike national hoopla given to Grosse Pointe South High School students when a recent survey revealed they spend more than \$4,000 per year on themselves and \$80 a month on alcohol and illegal narcotics.

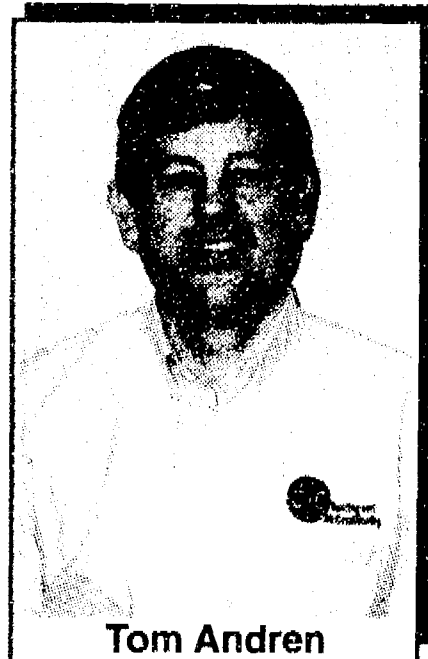
■ The Save Our Shops movement protests plans by a bank to replace six neighborhood retail shops, including the popular Pointe Pedlar, on Fisher in the City of Grosse Pointe.

50 years ago this week



Crusaders carry on work of mercy

The Grosse Pointe War Memorial Cancer Society Ladies, who call themselves the "Crusaders," are cheerfully and industriously at work making cancer pads. Standing from left are Golda Newcomb, Isabel Sutherland and Muriel Rowe. Seated from left are Ciola Urban, Eva Laidlaw, Sally Ward, Mary Rozyski, Helen Aubiz and Ange Anderson. (From the Feb. 3, 1955 Grosse Pointe News.)



Tom Andren

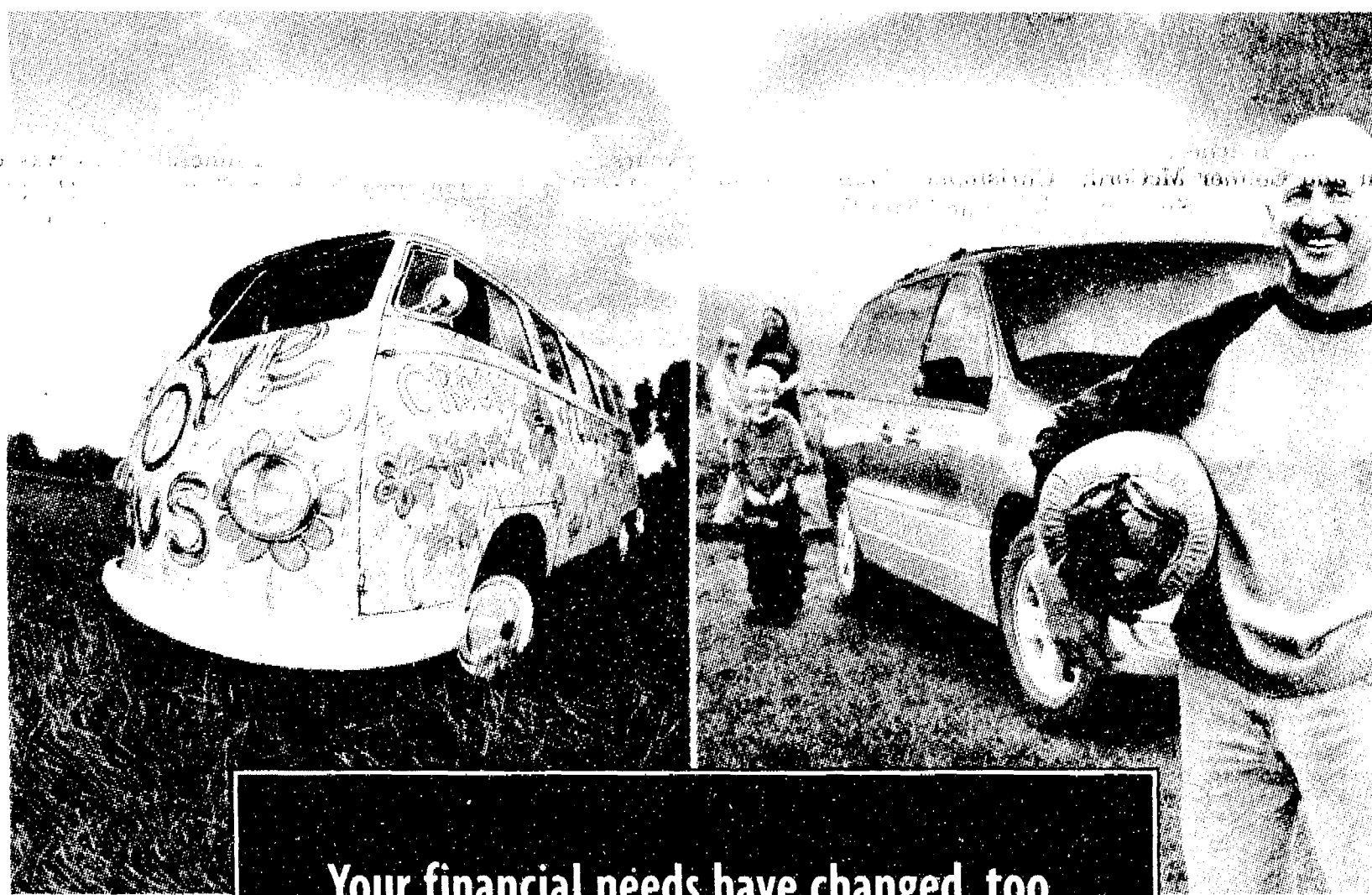
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ment in the three-month old Jeanne Clyne murder case involves Grosse Pointe Farms police releasing descriptions of two men and a woman they think were involved in, or witnesses to, the Halloween knife slaying on Kercheval near the Hill.

10 years ago this week

■ Although no mandate has been issued by government environmental agencies, Grosse Pointe Shores officials want to be prepared if the state Department of Natural Resources tells communities along Lake St. Clair to separate their combined sewer systems.

The village's engineering consultants present a plan to continue converting some combined systems to separate systems, one for sanitary waste and the other for storm water.

The Shores began separating its sewer systems a decade ago in the mid-1980s.

■ Jon Rice, head football coach at Grosse Pointe South High School, will be inducted into the Michigan High School Football Coaches Association Hall of Fame in March.

Rice's teams have compiled an overall record of 165-83-1, including 15 league championships and five trips to the state playoffs.

■ Grosse Pointe Farms resident Anthony Soave, president of City Management Corp., and Detroit Mayor Dennis Archer drop the puck at the official grand opening of the second ice rink at City Sports Center on East Lafayette near Mount Elliot

in Detroit.

Many Grosse Pointe Hockey Association teams and Grosse Pointe South High School play their games at the complex.

5 years ago this week

■ Grosse Pointe Shores, Farms and City unite to save money on dredging their municipal harbors.

While each community's harbor is different, by banding together and having one contractor do the work, officials figure the cost to each city will be less than if they went it alone.

■ Grosse Pointe's latest piece of high-tech firefighting equipment passes its first test.

Only days after being put into operation, City officers use a thermal imaging camera that can see flames and hot spots inside walls and ceilings.

The equipment, paid by donations from the Grosse Pointe Rotary Club, is used at a house fire on Grayton in Grosse Pointe Park. Departments from four of the Pointes respond to the three-alarm fire.

■ Legislation requiring an opportunity for public comment before water can be diverted from the Great Lakes is awaiting action in Lansing.

"Michigan is blessed with the most fresh water in the country," says Sen. Joe Young Jr. D-Detroit, sponsor of the bills. "But there is no policy in our state regarding our most precious resource. I find that appalling and alarming."

— Brad Lindberg



Passel of pups to adopt

Stosh the miniature schnauzer looked forlorn that he was leaving his foster mother Margie Bauer of Harper Woods. He was adopted last Saturday by a Port Huron family.

Because a snowstorm canceled the first adoption session of the year, the Grosse Pointe Animal Adoption Society is overflowing with 60 dogs and cats ready for adoption Saturday, Feb. 5, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Children's Home of Detroit, 900 Cook Road in Grosse Pointe Woods. Bauer has hosted nine pups like Stosh for the society until they were vetted as ready to go and healthy with all shots.

Charles Joseph Dawood

Grosse Pointe Park resident Charles Joseph Dawood, 79, died on Monday, Jan. 31, 2005.

Mr. Dawood was born on Feb. 12, 1925, in Detroit. He served in the U.S. Armed Services for 5 years — one of which he spent in Okinawa. He was awarded the Good Conduct Medal, the Victory Medal, the Asiatic Theater Ribbon, and the Japanese Service Medal.

In 1960, he opened Dawood's Boutique which is located in the Village of Grosse Pointe.

Mr. Dawood was an active participant of Alsac, March of Dimes, St. Maron Maronite Catholic Church, and Capuchin Monastery.

Mr. Dawood is survived by his daughters, Antionette (Louis) Dasard and GERALYN (John) Okonowski, his grandchildren, Rose, John, Maria, and Robert; and his brother, Eddie Dawood of Oak Park.

He was predeceased by his wife, Betty.

A funeral Mass will be celebrated on Thursday, Feb. 3, at 10 a.m., instate at 9:30 a.m. at St. Maron Maronite Catholic Church, 11466 Kercheval Ave., Detroit.



Dennis Michael Egan

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Former Grosse Pointe resident Dennis Michael Egan, 59, died on Friday, Jan. 28, 2005, in Naples, Fla., where he resided for the past 3 years.

He was born in Detroit, and raised in Grosse Pointe.

While he was growing up, he enjoyed horseback riding. He and his brothers were

known as "the Free Press kids" when they had their paper route as young boys.

Mr. Egan attended Austin Preparatory School and graduated from Grosse Pointe High School. He attended Palm Beach Community College.

He joined the National Guard where he served in the Detroit riots of 1967. He was very patriotic throughout his entire life.

He started his first business, The D.M. Egan Men's Clothing Store, in the Village of Grosse Pointe. At that time, he was the youngest person to own a store in that area. Over the years, he owned two restaurants in Grosse Pointe. He was also employed by Ameritech Publishing.

He was very active in all of his children's sports activities, and remained close to his parents and family. His best friend was Kenny Trombley, who now lives in Cleveland, which was one of Mr. Egan's favorite places.

Mr. Egan was a past member of the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club. He enjoyed boating, skiing and being with his many friends. He was a lifelong dog lover, and is survived by his last dog, Max.

He is survived by his wife, Mary Pat Egan; his parents, Leo and Patricia Egan of Bloomfield Hills; his children, Kellie (Jamie) Thom, Lori Egan, and Dennis Jr. (Teresa) Egan; his grandchildren, Rowan, and Lauren Thom; his brothers, Thomas Egan, Gary Egan, and Jim Egan; his sister, Patricia Egan-Myers; his former wife, Diane Egan; his nieces; and his nephews.

He was predeceased by his brother, Patrick Egan.

A memorial service will be held on Friday, Feb. 4, from 3 to 9 p.m. at the Chas. Verheyden Funeral Home, 16300 Mack, Grosse Pointe Park.

A funeral Mass will be celebrated on Saturday, Feb. 5, at 11 a.m. at St. Irenaeus Church, 771 Old Perch Road, Rochester Hills.

Arlie "Whitie" Ellis

Arlie "Whitie" Ellis, 88, of Grosse Pointe Woods died on Saturday, Jan. 29, 2005, in St. John Hospital.

Mr. Ellis was born on Sept. 26, 1916, in Georgia.

He was a member of the Merchant Marines and a Golden Gloves boxer.

He was an interior and exterior decorator.

His interests included fishing and spending time with his family.

Mr. Ellis is survived by his wife, Sarah Ellis; his daughter, Kathy (Ted) Deiss; his son, Rick (JoAnn) Ellis; his grandchildren, David (Ann) Ellis, Trevor, Tegan, and B.J. Ford; his great-grandchildren, Faith and Max Ellis; and his sister, Artie (Causton).

A memorial service was held on Tuesday, Feb. 1, at A.H. Peters Funeral Home in Grosse Pointe Woods.

Betty M. Grosshans-McAllister

Former Grosse Pointe Farms resident Betty M. Grosshans-McAllister, 93, died Monday, Jan. 24, 2005, at Sunrise Assisted Living in Findlay, Ohio.

She was born on Feb. 25, 1911, in Chicago, Ill., to Merton and Dolores (Welborn) Miller.

She married the late Elmer Grosshans in 1932. After his death, she married Samuel McAllister in 1977; they were divorced.

Mrs. Grosshans-McAllister spent most of her adult life in Grosse Pointe Farms, working many years as a secretary for the Sixth Church of Christ.

She was involved in the Grosse Pointe Women's Club and many civic organizations in Grosse Pointe Farms.

She is survived by her daughter, Lynn Joy (Dick) McCord of Findlay; her grandchildren, Cherie (Chuck) Merzbacher of Dublin, Ohio, and Donald (Merrie) McCord of Woodbury, Minn.; her great-grandchildren, Caitlyn and Chad Merzbacher, and Collin and Conner McCord; and her niece, Suzanne Wagner of Hoisington, Kan.

A funeral service was held on Jan. 28, in the chapel at Birchaven Retirement Village in Findlay.

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

Online condolences may be made at www.coldren-crates.com.



Norvell "Buzz" Hansz

Former Grosse Pointe Farms resident Norvell "Buzz" Hansz, 72, of St. Clair Shores died on Sunday, Jan. 23, 2005.

He was born on June 18, 1932, to Armen and Janette Hansz in Detroit. He graduated from Grosse Pointe High School in 1951. He attended the University of Illinois for two years.

During the Korean War, he was a staff sergeant in the U.S. Air Force.

He was employed as a supervisory engineer at Daimler Chrysler.

As a 25-year resident of Grosse Pointe Farms, he was involved in many community groups. He was a member of the St. Basil Dad's Club as a Weeblo Boy Scout leader, the Chrysler Management Club and the Grosse Pointe Farms Boat Club.

His interests included sailing, motorcycling, wood-working and music.

He is survived by his wife, Carol M. Hansz; his daughters, Beverly Wofford of St. Clair Shores, and Sharon (Steve) Henning of Arizona; his sons Gary A. (Melissa) Hansz and Daniel R. Hansz, both of Goodrich, Mich.; and his grandchildren, Christopher Wofford, twins Jason and Tim Wofford, Joe Wofford, Hunter Hansz, twins Joshua and Noah Hansz, and Sabrina Henning, and twin boys expected in July.

He was predeceased by his parents, Armen and Janette Hansz.

A funeral Mass was celebrated on Jan. 27, at St. Paul Catholic Church in Grosse Pointe Farms. Interment is in St. Paul Columbarium.

Memorial contributions may be made to ALS of Michigan, 21311 Civic Center Dr., Southfield, MI 48076 and to Bon Secours Cottage Hospice, 131 Kercheval, Ste. 95, Grosse Pointe Farms, MI 48236.

Guido Regelbrugge

Guido Regelbrugge, 66, died on Sunday, Jan. 30, 2005, at his home in Grosse Pointe Woods.

He was born on Nov. 7, 1938, to Victor and Rachael Regelbrugge in Seklo, Belgium. He played soccer in Belgium's first division, and he was an officer in the Belgian Air Force.

Mr. Regelbrugge received a bachelor's degree from the University of Detroit and a master's degree in French from Wayne State University.



Guido Regelbrugge

He taught French at Grosse Pointe High School from 1966 to 1968, and at Grosse Pointe North High School from 1968 to 2000.

While at Grosse Pointe North, he started the boy's soccer program in 1980 and the girl's soccer program in 1984. He coached until 1995.

He also started Grosse Pointe North's National Honor Society, and served as head of the program for 35 years.

Mr. Regelbrugge was a member of the Grosse Pointe Senior Men's Club.

He is survived by his wife, Diann; his sons, Paul, David, Daniel, Joseph, Frank and Sean; his six grandchildren; his sisters, Martha, Leona, Josee, Jeanine, Lieve and Magda;

and his brothers, Roger and Armand.

He was predeceased by his parents, Victor and Rachael Regelbrugge; his sister, Marie Louise; and his brother, Edmund.

A funeral Mass was celebrated on Feb. 2, at St. Joan of Arc Church in St. Clair Shores. Interment is in White Chapel Cemetery in Southfield.

Memorial contributions may be made to the International Myeloma Foundation, www.myeloma.org.

Marguerite C. "Peggy" Shumaker

Grosse Pointe Farms resident Marguerite C. "Peggy" Shumaker, 89, died on Friday, Jan. 28, 2005.

Mrs. Shumaker was born on Oct. 23, 1915, in Detroit. She was a graduate of the Academy of the Sacred Heart.

She had been a resident of Grosse Pointe Farms since 1963, and a lifetime summer resident at the family cottage on Gratiot Beach in Port Huron.

She was a devoted wife, mother and grandmother. She enjoyed working on crossword puzzles.

She was a member of the Christ Child Society, and the Monday Prayer Group at St. Paul Catholic Church in Grosse Pointe Farms.

Mrs. Shumaker is survived by her sons, Edward J. (Cynthia) Shumaker of St. Clair, Thomas C. (Sharon) Shumaker of the City of Grosse Pointe, and Peter E. (Mary Ann) Shumaker of Grosse Pointe Farms; and her grandchildren, Thomas, Edward, Nicholas, Christopher, Aaron and Catherine Elizabeth.

She was predeceased by her husband, Dr. Edward Shumaker who died on March 12, 2000; and her sister, Mary Grace Command.

A funeral Mass was celebrated on Jan. 31, at St. Paul Catholic Church. Interment will be in St. Paul Columbarium at a later date.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Academy of the Sacred Heart, 1250 Kensington, Bloomfield Hills, MI 48304.

U.S. Postal asks customers to clear snow

It is the time of year letter carriers battle frigid temperatures and deep snowdrifts to deliver the mail.

Customers should make sure to clear accumulated snow and ice from their walkways and steps to ensure daily delivery of their mail. As an act of kindness, customers could also make a path at an elderly or disabled neighbor's home.

As a condition of delivery, customers are required to ensure that proper access is

provided to mail receptacles.

Proper access includes the removal of large accumulations of snow and ice from the area around curb line receptacles, so that a letter carrier can access the mailbox from his or her vehicle.

Those customers who have door delivery or receptacles mounted near the house, must keep sidewalks, approaches and stairs to the receptacle free of ice and snow.

Postal Service employees

want to deliver all the mail, every piece, every day, but accumulated snow and ice on steps and walkways create dangerous obstacles for letter carriers to maneuver and account for more than 60 percent of carrier injuries.

Rather than risk injury,

letter carriers are instructed to bypass any residence where snow and ice present a hazard to their safety.

If a customer feels their residence has been bypassed unnecessarily, they should call their local post office to discuss the situation with the manager.

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Jake's site: KISS method best for City

City of Grosse Pointe elected officials have two proposals before them on how to develop the former Jacobson's property, now vacant for three years.

One plan, by Metro Car entrepreneur Cullan Meathe of Grosse Pointe Farms, has all the complications and headaches of a classic Trump deal. A second plan, presented by Councilman John Stevens, an accomplished architect and businessman, follows the KISS method — keep it simple stupid.

Meathe says he has a purchase agreement with CVS Pharmacy, owner of the property, though no one with the city has seen anything in writing that confirms a contract exists between the two parties.

He is proposing a \$93 million project that would include an underground garage and a new, six-story building with ground level retail, office and/or retail on half of the second level along with parking in the other half and topped by four stories of condominiums. The proposed building would take up all of the Jacobson's property and the city's

parking deck and then some.

Partners in the project, according to Meathe, include luxury home builder Toll Brothers and the City of Grosse Pointe.

In a meeting with the Grosse Pointe News publisher and editor, Meathe said the City of Grosse Pointe would be responsible for tearing down the old Jacobson's building and city-owned parking garage (appraised at \$5 million) and building a new underground garage and a second-story garage. The cost to the city he estimates at about \$12 million.

As partners in the for-profit project with Meathe, the City would own the parking while Meathe, Toll Brothers, et al, would own the building, retail space, offices, condominiums, etc.

Councilman Stevens has publicly expressed concerns about Meathe's plan and Meathe's ability to pull it off. We have similar reservations.

We find the plan too cumbersome, iffy and fraught with complications. The last thing we want is for the project to tie up the Village business district for years to come and be stalled

by financial and/or legal woes.

Rather, we like Stevens' simpler plan as spelled out in a front-page story by Brad Lindberg in this week's Grosse Pointe News.

Stevens suggests keeping the original Jacobson's building and city-owned parking deck. He recommends converting the building back into the many storefronts it once was.

To make the building and parking deck more accessible to shoppers and tenants and to improve aesthetics, Stevens' model shows a courtyard cut into the Jacobson's building mid-block. The architect has also proposed covered, second-story pedestrian bridges from the existing parking garage into the newly revamped building.

Total cost for Stevens' plan: \$11.5 million — and that includes \$7 million for buying the property. (CVS paid \$11 million for the property, \$4 million more than its appraised value.) Stevens estimates rents would bring in \$864,240 a year to pay for the project.

He recommends the city purchase

the property from CVS and finance the purchase and renovation with bonds or investing some of the city's \$12 million in surplus pension funds.

The city could continue to own the property and turn it over to a private company to manage, or it could sell the renovated building to an investor.

One negative of the city owning the building, according to a city official, is that the property would be taken off the tax rolls. Who knows, perhaps rents would bring in more than the taxes would?

Another critique of Stevens' plan is that it misses a "once in a lifetime" opportunity to greatly increase the city's tax base. A new, six-story building with luxury condominiums would bring in a lot of new taxes for the city and schools.

Maybe, but promise of more taxes has blinded many a city council into approving a plan that never develops as promised.

In order to make Meathe's plan work, the council would have to grant a huge height variance and vacate city property and rights of way and purchase some residential properties. Then there is the claustrophobia of residential homes abutting a six-story megalith.

Stevens' plan requires no variances and no turning over of city property to a private developer. His proposal has promise in its simplicity. At any rate, it would open the door for other developers and ideas to come forward.

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\$100 to run for school board

If you want to run for the school board — and we hope several of you will — it will only cost you \$100 to get on the ballot.

The filing deadline for the May 3 election for the Grosse Pointe Public School System Board of Education is 4 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 8. As of last Tuesday morning, no candidates were known to have filed.

Up for re-election this time around are Joan Dindoffer and Joseph Brennan.

If you have never run because you do not have time to collect the 40 to 100 signatures required, don't worry. In lieu of signatures, you can pay a non-refundable \$100 fee.

The same goes for party-affiliated candidates for state representative or senator. According to the Michigan Secretary of State Web site, even can-

didates for city, township or library board only need to pay \$100 in lieu of signatures. Some local city clerks, however, say a fee in lieu of signatures is not in their charters.

At any rate, the filing deadline is fast approaching, and we need good, civic-minded candidates to come forward.

Nominating petitions, affidavits of identity and/or a fee of \$100 must be filed with the School District Filing Official, who is the city clerk of the City of Grosse Pointe Park, 15115 E. Jefferson (313) 822-6200.

While Park City Clerk Jane Blahut is the filing official for the school district, Grosse Pointe Woods City Clerk Louise Warnke will be the official responsible for counting the election results.

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Address comments to cartoonist Phil Hands at phands@grossepointenews.com or go to www.philtoons.com

Letters

Make Jake's a youth center

I believe a good solution for the Jacobson's building is to make it a Grosse Pointe Community Center. If all the Grosse Pointe parks got together and made use of this building for anyone with a park pass from all the Grosse Pointes, it may actually give our youth a decent, safe place to hang out. You could have roller skating, concession stand, video arcade, exercise and much more. That's my thought.

Cyndi Craven
Royal Oak (formerly of
Grosse Pointe Woods)

Condominium project

To the Editor:

I wrote the following letter to the Grosse Pointe Farms City Council regarding the condominium project at 50 and 60 Lakeshore:

Grosse Pointe Farms City Council:

I sincerely hope that you would give the PUD project at 50 and 60 Lakeshore your utmost consideration. That project, along with an improved retail environment in the Pointes, is, I believe, essential to the long-term welfare of all the Pointes.

It is such a shame that when citizens of means

determine they no longer want the hassle of maintaining a large residence, they must move away to places like Birmingham or Bloomfield, or out-of-state because we cannot accommodate them here.

This project calls for very high-end residences and certainly would be an upgrade in appearance from what is there now and also from what would go there if it was restricted to single-family homes.

I recognize that plowing new ground is never comfortable for councils, but true vision is required at this time for we truly are at a crossroad.

Our image as a community is slipping and along with it is our attractiveness to new buyers. Grosse Pointe real estate has been lukewarm at best for some time now. If the project were not ultimately approved, it is certain that 12 more families will leave the Grosse Pointes prematurely as they look for residency situations that enhance their mobile lifestyles.

The typical buyer for this type residence more than likely spends many months in other climates and simply do not want the grief of taking care of a single-family home as they age and travel.

Change is sometimes hard for any community, but those that have failed to do so ultimately fall on hard times. This project is a very low-risk, high-end project

and I would be proud to have it become a part of our community.

Most people who oppose the project do not oppose the project itself, they oppose the idea of change. Most have not seen how beautiful the buildings are slated to be, nor are they aware of the small percentage of land it would occupy. They are simply afraid of change.

A lot is riding on your decisions in this matter and I encourage you to be strong and show vision. Our future depends on it.

Gordon L. Stewart
Grosse Pointe Shores

Term limits

To the Editor:

I was amazed to read the Jan. 6 Grosse Pointe News "lead story" by Brad Lindberg, "Pointe reps favor longer term limits," about Grosse Pointe Republican state lawmakers Andrew Richner and Ed Gaffney arguing against the merits of term limits.

First of all, this is not a news story. This is an opinion piece, a story about the views of Richner and Gaffney, and should be in the op-eds.

Secondly, nowhere in the article does Mr. Lindberg note the hypocrisy of Republican lawmakers being against term limits since term limits were the foundation of the 1990s "Republican Revolution" led by Newt Gingrich.

Lindberg paints a picture of Richner being a victim when Richner's own party fought very hard to get the term limits constitutionally installed into law throughout the country.

Lindberg fails to state any of the reasons that Republicans gave when they fought for term limits. Richner whines that term limits are "inherently discriminatory and undemocratic." Was Richner voicing this opposition when his fellow Republicans were fighting for the Michigan constitutional amendment supporting term limits or did he himself actually support term limits in the 1990s?

In fact, I wonder how Mr. Richner himself voted on term limits. That would have been a good question for Mr. Lindberg to ask both Mr. Richner and Mr. Gaffney.

Scott Ivers
Grosse Pointe Park

Pointer of the Year

To the Editor:

I was reading the Grosse Pointe News and I came across the article proclaiming Carly Piper to be the Grosse Pointe News' Pointer of the Year ("Carly Piper is G.P. News' Pointer of the Year"). Frankly, I was appalled.

It's great that Carly had a dream and she had the courage to follow her dream. She is a fine example of hard work and commitment. However, she is an athlete.

An athlete entertains, they do not do anyone any good.

Don't you think it's better to be serving in Iraq, fighting for your country, freeing oppressed people, than winning in the Olympics?

Next year, I hope you choose a better candidate for your Pointer of the Year. Maybe a soldier who at this moment is giving his or her life for their country and for the freedom of oppressed people.

Morgan L. Hodges
Grade 8
Harper Woods

Post-Labor Day school start

To the Editor:

On first glance, the proposal to start school post-Labor Day looks attractive ("Parents seek post-Labor Day start of school," Jan. 20). Who wouldn't want a few extra days off?

Looking at the reality of hours required, however, I think that we all need to consider where the hours will come from.

From my perspective, enjoying a midwinter break and a spring break — likely targets should we delay the fall start — outweighs the benefit of starting after Labor Day.

Alan Domzalski
Grosse Pointe Woods

Voting for future

To the Editor:

Seniors pay property taxes to support schools even when they can see no

direct benefit to themselves. Parents pay Social Security and Medicare taxes at rates their own parents never experienced, even though they may never reap the level of benefits currently offered to retirees.

One recommendation for school funding reform is to exempt seniors. One proposal for Social Security reform is to reduce current benefits. When the votes are all in, especially the absentee ballots, I hope we see that all Grosse Pointers have chosen to renew, renew and restore.

An ownership society is one in which we own responsibility for our parents, grandparents, children and grandchildren.

"A person who plants a tree knowing he will never experience its shade is just beginning to experience the meaning of life."

Tom Nugent
Grosse Pointe Farms

Letters welcome

The Grosse Pointe News welcomes your Letters to the Editor. Letters should be limited to 250 words. All letters will be edited for length and content. Include a daytime phone number for verification or questions.

The deadline for letters is 3 p.m. Monday.

Send letters to Editor, Grosse Pointe News, 96 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe Farms, Mich. 48236; or fax them to (313) 882-1585. Letters may also be sent e-mail to: editor@grossepointenews.com

Keeping up appearances

Having covered all of the city councils, the school board and the library board at one time or another in the Grosse Pointes in the past six years at the Grosse Pointe News, I can assuredly say that driving a Lincoln Navigator through any one of those budgets would be like riding a bull through the League Shop.

If anything, if a request for any kind of luxury would come up for council approval. If a council didn't question it, a constituent or employee would — or should I say has.

Last summer the Grosse Pointe Library Board wanted to spend \$165,000 on sculptures for the Ewald

Branch. When members of the Grosse Pointe Artists Association heard about the proposed expenditures (which I'm sure preferred the board spend that kind of cash on local artists), the board nixed the purchases.

Last winter Grosse Pointe Woods Councilwoman Patricia Chylinski was successful in getting three of her council colleagues to get behind her to scale back on a party for the city's volunteer commissioners at a Woods private club from \$70 a head to almost half the amount. Was it a commendable action? I haven't asked the commissioners in the City of Grosse Pointe, who don't get treated to any kind of fete.

Of course, there always seems to be one person on every council or board who has to question every expen-

I Say

Bonnie Caprara



diture on every agenda.

"Can't we buy two new police cars instead of three?" "Is there a reason why we can't wait another year to replace this dump truck?" "Can't we get these picnic tables cheaper anywhere else?"

These questions usually come up when everyone else is ready to vote "yes" and when I'm thinking where I'd really rather be is at home in my jammies in front of the

TV and under the covers.

Then I remember what the nature of democratic governments is all about: checks and balances. The questions may seem needle-some, annoying and unpopular, but they also make sure public expenditures are accountable.

Considering the budget crises many governmental bodies face these days, our cities are in relatively pretty good shape. I have yet to

write a story about massive layoffs, salary cutbacks or city employees having to give up their cars.

There's also another side of accountability: appearances.

In the Pointes, the public buildings are always clean, neatly landscaped and well-maintained, but never overbuilt or overdecorated. Even municipal vehicles are presentable and serviceable. While I can't speak for the types of vehicles that are used for undercover police work, I've been told on more than one occasion that public safety employees have used their own vehicles — none of which is a \$57,000 SUVs.

Unless we're talking about garbage trucks or ambulances or fire engines, there's not one municipal

employee riding around in an oversized luxury vehicle in the Grosse Pointes — not even our full-time city managers. Through covering related stories throughout the years, a few city managers I happen to know about get vehicles allowances of about \$550 to \$600 a month to cover payments, insurance and maintenance on some nice and serviceable vehicles such as the Crown Victoria, Taurus and Explorer.

Mike Kenyon, village superintendent of Grosse Pointe Shores joked: "I have to wash my own car, and no, my wife doesn't get a car."

It's worth noting Kenyon's wife, Angela, is the executive assistant in the village office. However, I'm sure they share rides to and from work.

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Streetwise

Question of the Week:

Who do you think will win the Super Bowl?



Mike Barker

"The New England Patriots. Their quarterback is super."

Mike Barker
Grosse Pointe Farms



Jake Wernet

"The Patriots. They're good."

Jake Wernet
Grosse Pointe Woods



Lauren McLaughlin

"I don't even know who's playing."

Lauren McLaughlin
City of Grosse Pointe



Shari Warezak

"New England by eight points. I have a lot of friends in Boston."

Shari Warezak
Grosse Pointe Park



Denise Hayes

"I don't know who is playing. I'm not into sports."

Denise Hayes
Oakland Township



Mason Hayes

"I'll have to ask my dad. I'm only 6 months old."

Mason Hayes
Oakland Township

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

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by Ben Burns



Front lines

After two tours of duty in the Persian Gulf, Navy Lt. Bibiana Danko these days is piloting her MH-53 Sea Dragon, the western world's largest helicopter, on tsunami mercy missions in Indonesia.

Danko, 28, and her fellow pilots from the U.S.S. Essex delivered 170,000 pounds of food, water and other supplies in three days in Sumatra in mid-January. The daughter of Jack and Danusia Danko of the Park, "Bibi," as she is called, graduated from Grosse Pointe South in '95 and from the Navy Reserve Officers Training program at Cornell in '03.

Bibi writes: "I was the first helo from the squadron to go in, which was pretty cool. This is a place of such stark contrasts right now.

The amazing natural beauty of the islands alongside utter devastation. The extreme gratitude and joy we see in the faces of the people we are bringing supplies, compared to how sad their current situation is.

"Basically what we're doing is we take off at 0700 (which means getting up at 0430), fly to one of two main distribution points on land where we drop off a combo of Marines and sailors from the ship who coordinate the loading efforts; then we load up on supplies for the tsunami survivors...

"The first day I landed twice in the middle of an extremely devastated area, i.e., no trees, roads partially washed away and surrounded by foundations of houses that used to be there. The roads are narrow here, too. If you land the same head-

ing as the road you can barely fit your landing gear on the road. Sometimes one of the tires is off on the shoulder. ... Then people come out of the woodwork, running up to your aircraft, and help unload it. They are usually very respectful, helpful and organized in helping to offload. It's so sad though... That first day we saw this one girl offloading a tent and rice and putting it in her own little pile and carrying it off by herself. She was by herself and maybe about 9 years old.

"We also fly up and down the coast looking for people signaling... Sometimes we're able to land the helo and bring them supplies. Other times, it's heartbreaking because we'll either be empty or not able to land it near the people signaling because there may not be a place to safely land...

"The flying is amazing. I've been landing in places I never would've imagined, seeing such beautiful scenery while flying, but the devastation is never not shocking...

"Today we landed twice in a small soccer field where a lot of kids showed up and tried to play in the rotor wash while we took off. Other times, we've landed on top of a small grass mound just big enough for the 53 that people had marked with an 'H' for a



Bibi Danko, Grosse Pointe South Class of 1995, delivers supplies to tsunami survivors in her MH-53 Sea Dragon, one of the world's largest helicopters.

See FYI, page 10A

Points about the Pointes

It's Board of Education election time again....

are you up to the challenge?



On February 8th, the armchair economists and educators critical of our schools system will be faced with I call "put up or shut up" day. It's the last day to file the application to run for the School Board election in May. Two seats of the seven on our School Board who are up for grabs.

As I write this, I know of no applications having been filed by our two incumbent of any new candidates. As someone who was staring at the blank application a year ago debating as to

whether or not to turn it in, I can tell you it is a BIG decision.

Some advice for you. Don't run for School Board because you think it would be "fun", and don't run because you want to make sure that the education for your kids is the best it can be. If elected, you will quickly discover that 'fun' and 'doing what's best for my kids' will no longer be relevant.

Once elected, the 'fun' concept will wear off quickly. If you are as anal as I am about understanding issues before voting on them, you will be attending at least two meetings a week beyond the televised meetings and spend an hour a day on e-mails with other taxpayers and administrators. Most of us have "funner" things to do after work. The far bigger challenge you will face is that what is best for you or your children can no longer be the driving force in decision making. Your sole focus (if you are an ethical person) has to be on what is best for the ENTIRE community, not just your kids or favorite interest groups.

The flip side of the above is that the work is incredibly rewarding. Are you up to the challenge?

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Tsunami survivor relates 40th birthday surprise in Maldives

Dan and Gert LaFerte, formerly of the City of Grosse Pointe, were anxiously awaiting word on the day after Christmas, Dec. 26, from their daughter Helen, a Grosse Pointe South alumna, and her husband, Roy Patterson.

The Pattersons currently live in Dubai, United Arab Emirates, where the LaFertes' son in law was transferred by his firm. They were to be in Sri Lanka and the Maldives when the tsunami struck.

The LaFertes' relief must have been great when they received the following e-mail from their daughter.

Hello!

Roy arranged my surprise 40th birthday to be in Sri Lanka and the Maldives. We then extended our trip by one day so that we could spend all Christmas Day and

Boxing Day there as well. (We didn't know that we would also be staying for the tsunami!)

Despite it being a terrifying experience, no harm came to our family, and thank goodness Roy was able to get us on the first, and seems now, one of the only, commercial flights out.

It certainly could have been a lot worse for us: It could have been nighttime; we could have been playing on the beach as we normally did at that hour; we could have had our bungalow french doors open as we normally did; the water could have broken through our doors and windows as it did on so many bungalows; it could have been high tide; Molly or Josephine could have been playing on the porch when the wave hit; it could have been one more foot of water (a wave about 4 feet rolled over our island,

and then the subsequent waves were less each time); we might not have been able to make it to the airport that evening, etc.

Fortunately, Roy's mobile phone was one of the few that was working; so he was able to keep in touch with people in Dubai and find out about the flights.

We and a few other couples took a speed boat to the island airport and camped out there until the Emirates flight was ready for departure. Everyone was walking around in a daze and still pretty shocked. Everyone was very calm, though, and very accommodating to us with the kids (giving up their chairs, offering water, blankets, etc.).

The flight had come in that morning basically in the middle of the tsunami, and they just waited for the OK to return the aircraft to Dubai, and they picked up whoever was in the airport at the time. From what we are seeing now, not too many other aircraft went down there; so the governments (UK, Turkey, France, etc.) are sending down aircraft to evacuate their citizens there.

So, it will be a birthday and Christmas that I don't think we will ever forget. We are very, very fortunate that we got out with no injuries. And we are devastated to think about all the tens of thousands of others that were not so fortunate. Just so horrible!

But we are back and hoping that you all have a Happy New Year.

Love,
Helen, Roy, Josephine and Molly

Mrs. LaFerte was kind enough to forward her daughter's e-mail to us, and we e-mailed Mrs. Patterson for more information about what they were doing when

the tsunami struck. This is what she wrote back to us:

We were on the island of Kurumba, in the Maldives. We had previously been in Sri Lanka for a two-day visit to Colombo.

I had actually been out walking the beach the morning of the tsunami trying to settle our 1-year-old daughter who would not sleep from about 4:30 till 6 a.m. She finally went back to sleep at 6 a.m., and then at 6:30 a.m. on the 26th, we were awoken by the earthquake. The bed and room shook enough to wake us; we knew it must be an earthquake but just went back to sleep.

Later in the morning at 10:30, I heard all this water. I thought it must be pouring down with rain despite the fact the sun was shining. I went to look out the window and saw that the sea was up about 4 feet. The water was rushing in through the door, and we had about 2 feet of water in the room, but thank goodness the french doors did not break. I remember looking out and seeing seaweed and all sorts of trash just floating by our window.

My husband yelled, "Get the kids, and go out the front door!" which I did. When I opened the front door, it of course was flooded there too, and a lot of water came rushing in. I slammed the door and ran to the phone and called reception and yelled, "Help! Get us out of here! Send a boat! We are going to drown!" Then the line went dead. I just thought the water level would keep going up and up, and my children would drown for sure.

I was totally panicked, but

my husband was very level headed about it. He unplugged all the electrics, started putting our passports, money, jewelry, etc., in the safe deposit. He got as much stuff as he could off the floor, etc.

The water level outside never got higher than about 4 feet, and when the water began to subside, there was a knock at the door telling us to get out and go to reception. We ran to reception in the water with the kids, and they passed out life preservers. Most of the women with children went to a second floor area and just waited in disbelief. By then, the wave and water had subsided, and people began to mill around. We went back to our room to pack up our stuff just so we were ready to leave.

About an hour later or more, our neighbor came running in and said, "Helen, get out; another one is coming. Grab the kids; forget your stuff; run!" I panicked again as another wave came, but it was only half the size of the first.

Everyone began talking about an aftershock, and people said that at 2 p.m. the news confirmed a second wave would hit (all, of course, unconfirmed rumors). So everyone was on edge. My husband kept calling the airline to see what our chances of getting on a flight that night were. The island was trashed. Clothes, trees, sun beds, cushions, tables, etc., everywhere. The tennis courts were still under water, etc.

We had all our wet stuff packed up, and we just milled around that day. They opened a restaurant and put food out for people to

eat and drink. I fed the kids, and they took their naps in the stroller. The staff was doing its best to clean up the rooms so the guests could stay in them. We were given a clean and dry room for that evening. We put the kids to bed and then were told that a speed boat would be available at about 11:30 p.m. We decided to go to the airport that night for fear that things would get worse.

The resort had posted two big vessels on the water to evacuate guests if another tsunami hit. I think it was a bit more PR than anything. We didn't feel our family would be safe on one if they became needed.

At about 2:30 a.m., we got on an Emirates flight back to Dubai and then watched as the story unfolded. We could not believe the devastation.

At the time, it was really terrifying, but in retrospect, it was nothing compared to what others encountered.

Honestly, the worst thing we lost was my daughter's teddy bear. She still talks about the wave taking her teddy called "Shake Shake." And she wants some of her PJs back as well.

I hope the above answers the questions that you had. Please contact us if you should need any further information.

Happy New Year from the Gulf.

Helen LaFerte Patterson

Thank you, Helen and Roy, for sharing your harrowing experience with us and your friends back in Grosse Pointe. We are happy and relieved that you and your family are OK following the tsunami of 2004!

City of Grosse Pointe Park, Michigan

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Pursuant to Federal Guidelines, a public hearing is scheduled before the Mayor and City Council on **Monday, February 14, 2004 at 7:00 p.m. in the Municipal Court/Council Chambers, 15115 E. Jefferson**, for the purpose of Comments, review and Approval of use of Federal Community Block Grant Funds for the following or other approved projects.

Announcing the City's objectives and proposed uses for developing projects using Federal Community Block Grant funding. Subject to full funding by Wayne County, as herewith listed: (These are estimated amounts)

- Infrastructure Review and Repair \$39,000
- ADA Compliance City Hall 19,000

Services for Older Citizens

- Minor Home Repair 10,000
- Case Coordination 2,000
- Information/Referral Service 1,000
- Meals on Wheels 8,000

Interested persons are invited to comment on the possible Projects listed above or suggest other projects. These suggestions must identify and benefit community development or housing needs of low and moderate-income residents. Please write or call the City Offices, 15115 E. Jefferson, Grosse Pointe Park, MI 48230 (313-822-4281)

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helo landing spot...

"Yesterday one of the guys landed on a road and part of it collapsed underneath him. Luckily everyone was already back in the aircraft after the offload when it happened, and he was able to take off as soon as he felt the aircraft start to roll one direction...

"We're going to start doing more 'freelancing' over the next week or so. We'll just load up as much as we can (12,000 to 15,000 pounds) and fly up and down the coast looking for people.

"... We usually land right about sunset (between 6:30 and 6:45 p.m.) after flying around all day. It's really tiring sometimes, but everyone wants to keep going because of what we are doing. I've been up since 4:30 a.m. this morning and

should go to sleep soon, but you come back from these missions so wired it's hard to go to bed right away..."

Semifinalist

Ruvani Fonseka, of the Shores, daughter of **Dr. Kumudinie and Upala Fonseka**, made the semifinals of the teen "Jeopardy! Quiz Show" competition last Thursday night by answering questions worth \$22,995. While she came in second in her round due to some aggressive bidding by an opponent on the final three questions, her dollar total qualified her for a second appearance Friday, Feb. 4, at 7:30 p.m. on the game show.

Ruvani, a North junior, knew and was quickest to answer the names of movie stars, fictional characters, authors, sculptors, star athletes, dictionary definitions,

medical terms and French words, historical figures, the inventor of the rotary lawn mower and some of the geologic features of Mount Everest on her way to the semifinals.

Her most embarrassing moment came when she had a verbal slip and referred to the Rio Grande River as the Rio de Janeiro.

Not surprisingly, she is good in and loves English, math and biology; she studies Italian and is an accomplished singer.

She is thinking about attending one of several colleges, including the University of California at Berkeley, Harvard, Michigan or Michigan State, when she graduates.

But, she added, "Maybe I should take Harvard off my list" after reading about the flap created when Harvard President Lawrence Summers said perhaps one reason there aren't more women mathematicians was the innate differences between women and men. "Berkeley might be friendlier," she concluded.

Brain dead

In last week's column about **Joe Wade Formicola** being inducted into the Specs Howard School of Broadcasting Hall of Fame, I referred to his mother as Rose. Well her name is **Grace**, and while happy with the article and proud of her son, she intends to continue being Grace Formicola. And the picture outline referred to Joe Wade as John. He has not changed his name either.

Also, I wrote that **Josef "Begosian"** was a pleasant chap who has run his French bakery on Mack at Brys in the Woods for years. I am informed by a friendly source that it is spelled Bogosian. Was there a full moon last week?

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

City of Grosse Pointe Farms, Michigan

NOTICE OF CLOSE OF ACCURACY TEST

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN TO THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF Grosse Pointe Park, Grosse Pointe, Grosse Pointe Farms, Grosse Pointe Woods, Harper Woods and the Village of Grosse Pointe Shores that a Public Accuracy Test will be conducted at your city/township clerk's office on **TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 2005 AT 2:00 P.M.**, for the purpose of testing the accuracy of the tabulating equipment and programs which will be used to tabulate voted ballots for the SCHOOL MILLAGE ELECTION OF THE GROSSE POINTE PUBLIC SCHOOL SYSTEM to be held on Tuesday, February 22, 2005

Interested parties are invited to attend.
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Local Pointers have the perfect gift for Valentine's Day

By Bob St. John
Staff Writer

Long-time friends Lisa Francis and Katie Jordan have the perfect gift for Valentine's Day or an upcoming birthday for your wife, mother, daughter or sister: a decorative handbag. Francis and Jordan, lifelong Grosse Pointe residents, began their small business called Bow-licious last year, and its growth has been out of this world.

"We were working on a project called 'Build a Bow' which turned into another project that then finally turned into Bow-licious," Jordan said. "Lisa and I thought it would be a great idea to make handbags that came with multiple accessories that would go with several outfits. Our product saves money in the long run because handbags can get outrageously expensive."

"Katie and I work well as

a team, and it helps that we live a couple of houses from each other," Francis said. "We can work on our handbags at night when our kids go to bed, and if we need something we can walk right over to the other person's house and get it."

Francis has a marketing background and a bachelor's degree she earned from Michigan State University, while Jordan is a Hillsdale College graduate with a bachelor's degree in international business.

"I work with the sales aspect, and Lisa works with our marketing of the product," Jordan said. "We work perfect as a team, and things are going pretty well for us right now. Our item makes a perfect gift for Valentine's Day, a birthday, or even Mother's Day coming up in May."

What exactly is the product?

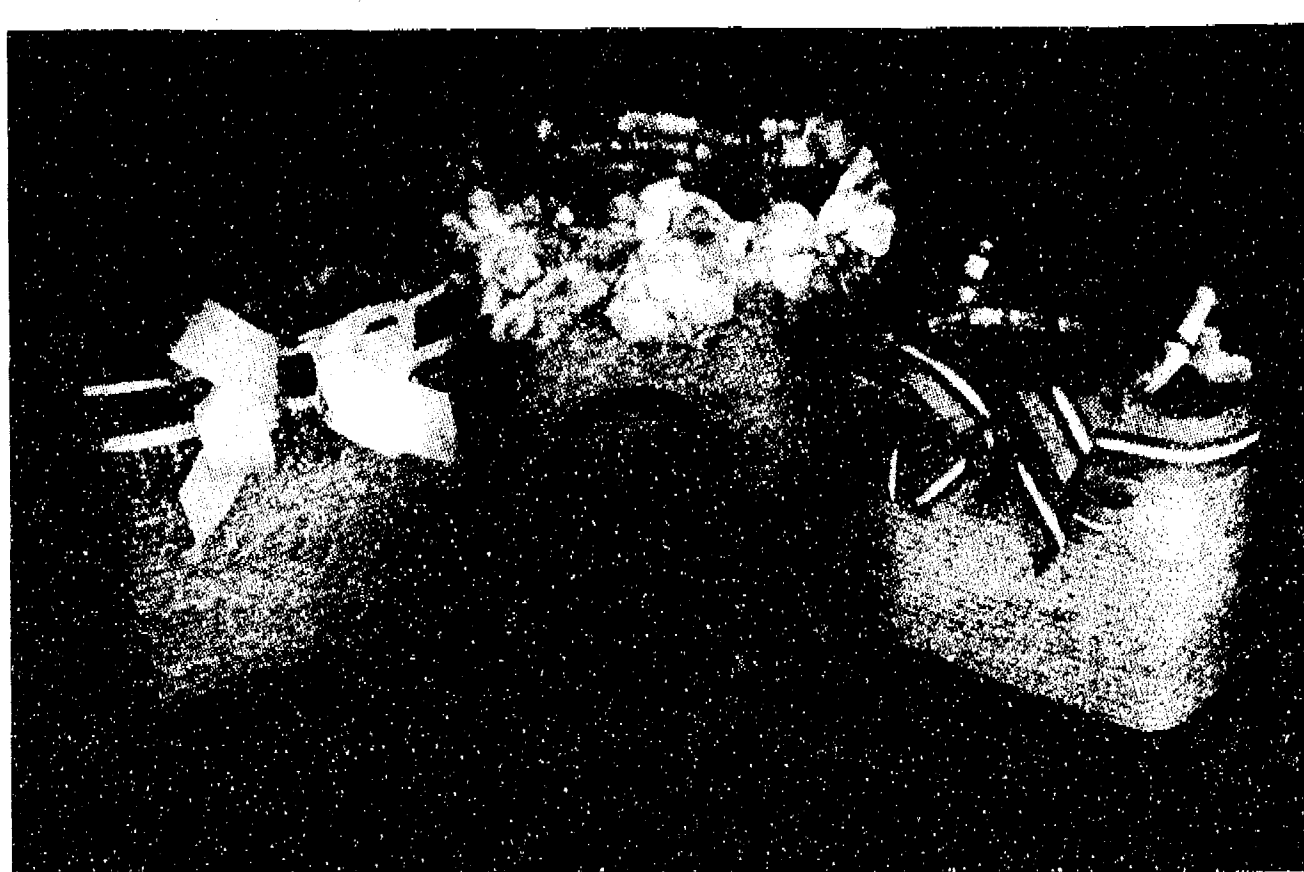
The handbags are medium size purses, and the accessories are designed belts that Velcro around the top of the item to give it a certain flavor.

The belts that adorn each handbag come with bows, flowers, and several other colorful items, such as cheetah prints, and they come in more than a dozen colors to match a person's clothing apparel for each day of the week.

Each handbag comes with three accessories, and the cost is \$65. It is an outstanding bargain considering some handbags alone can cost anywhere from \$100 to \$300 each.

And those expensive handbags don't come with accessories.

"We want to market our product to people who want a good, versatile item that



The decorated handbags, above, are examples of what kind of gift a loved one can receive.

saves money and looks good with more than one outfit," Jordan said.

The ladies use several outfitters, and they make each accessory for the handbags they purchase from a wholesaler.

"Business is going good," Francis said. "We didn't think we would be this busy, but busy is good, and we hope we can sell more with Valentine's Day and Mother's Day approaching."

The duo are available to display their merchandise at home shows, and by appointment.

They are also planning to attend a show on March 4 at the Assumption Cultural Center (the theme is Girls Just Want to Have Fun). All proceeds benefit the Northwest Guidance Center, and they are donating a handbag to the Our Lady Star of the Sea school auction this weekend.

Francis said the two will have handbags for sale on the Hill's shopping night on Monday, Feb. 7, from 6-8 p.m. at the Hill Restaurant (123 Kercheval). A portion of the sales will go the America Red Cross to help the tsunami victims.

"We want everyone to know about our product because we think they make great gifts for your loved one(s)," Jordan said. "We're lucky because we have very supportive spouses. Our husbands help us out when we need it, and that makes our business easier to handle."

For information about Bow-licious, a creative collection of handbags, bows and belts, contact Francis at (313) 881-4188 or Jordan at (313) 884-5858. You can also send them an e-mail at lfrancis612@yahoo.com.

"We're very happy with our progress, and hopefully

our little business will continue to grow," Francis said.



Photos by Robert McKeen

Lisa Francis, left, and Katie Jordan started a business called Bow-licious, which is a collection of handbags, bows and belts.

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What did you learn in school today?

Mom and Dad, here is one to keep your eyes on, especially for your kids interested in biotechnology. It's a little early, but remember the bird and the worm story?

MichBio, the state's life sciences industry association, is planning to develop student chapters at nine colleges and universities in Michigan. The schools involved are Central Michigan University, Eastern Michigan University, Grand Valley State University, Kalamazoo College, Michigan State University, Oakland University, the University of Michigan, Wayne State University and Western Michigan University.

Did I miss anyone? The student chapters are intended to help students learn about job opportunities in Michigan's life sciences industry through programs like career days, internship programs and industry guest lectures.

MichBio has also announced that its BioConnections internship program placed 27 paid interns this past summer. For the first time, MichBio expanded the BioConnections program outside the Washtenaw County area, placing students in Detroit, Kalamazoo, Grand Rapids and Lansing. Internship positions ranged from organic chemistry to entrepreneurial MBA positions. BioConnections is funded by a three-year, \$1.1 million grant from the Michigan Economic Development Corp.

It aims to place students in Michigan's life sciences industry and keep them in Michigan after graduation. The intern program is available year-around to all life science companies in Michigan. MichBio now has more than 160 members.

It sounds great, as long as I don't have to dissect another frog.

While we're in school, let's



Pointers on Technology

By Mike Maurer

talk nano-technology.

The latest e-newsletter of the Michigan Small Tech Association has an interesting little story on the efforts of Pravansu Mohanty, an associate professor of mechanical engineering at the University of Michigan-Dearborn.

He wants to introduce the principles of nano-technology well ahead of the college level, from kindergarten through 12th grade. From a practical standpoint, early introduction of these new principles can help young students understand how nano-technology might fit into career decisions they will eventually need to make.

"At the college level, I began by providing introductory course work on the rudiments of nano-science and nano-technology," said Mohanty. "The course work is general and open to all engineering and science students. Since the very beginning of my tenure here, I have wanted to bring this learning down to the public school level."

In case you didn't know, nano-technology means think small; think smaller, and then think smaller again. We're talking about technology as small as a human hair.

Oh, heck. As long as we're in school, let's stay in school.

The Visteon Prototype Center, which will allow engineering students to transform innovations and ideas into three-dimensional working models, is now open at the University of Detroit Mercy campus. The center was made possible by a grant from Visteon Corp., but they wouldn't say how

much. My guess is it wasn't pocket change. Also, when you think Visteon, think car parts.

No dozing off now, class.

My son and I were out at the Lawrence Technology University (formerly LIT) recently and saw some of Al Taubman's money at work, as well as that from Grand Rapids-based Steelcase Inc.

Steelcase made a contribution of ergonomic furniture and workplace consulting services to the \$9.6 million, 38,000-square-foot A. Alfred Taubman Student Services Center just finished at the university. Steelcase and Lawrence Tech also wouldn't disclose the value of the Steelcase contribution.

Come on, guys. Inquiring, and sometimes just nosy, minds want to know.

The Taubman student center includes a number of sustainable design and energy efficiency features, including a green, sedum-covered roof for insulation and rainwater runoff handling, 300-foot-deep geothermal wells to assist the building's heating and cooling systems and photovoltaic power.

If you don't know any-

thing about geothermal wells, just call Detroit Edison and ask about heat pumps for the home. And, no, you don't have to dig a 300-foot deep hole in your back yard.

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.

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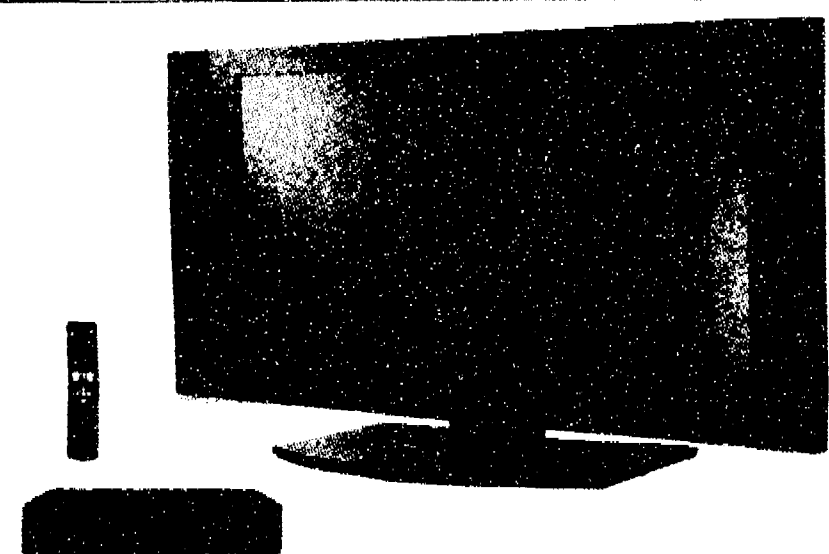
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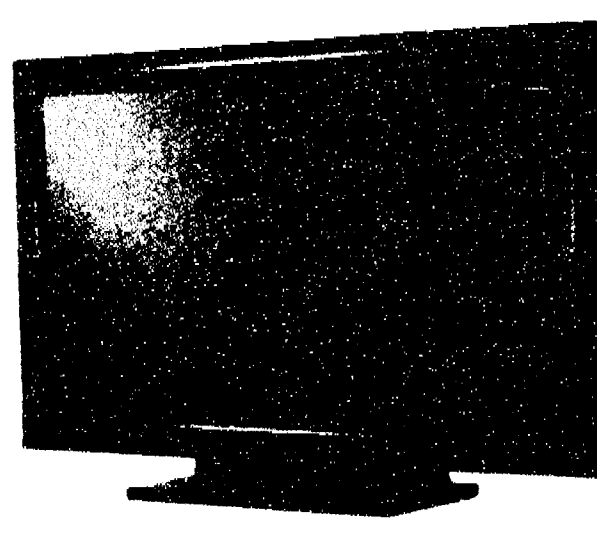
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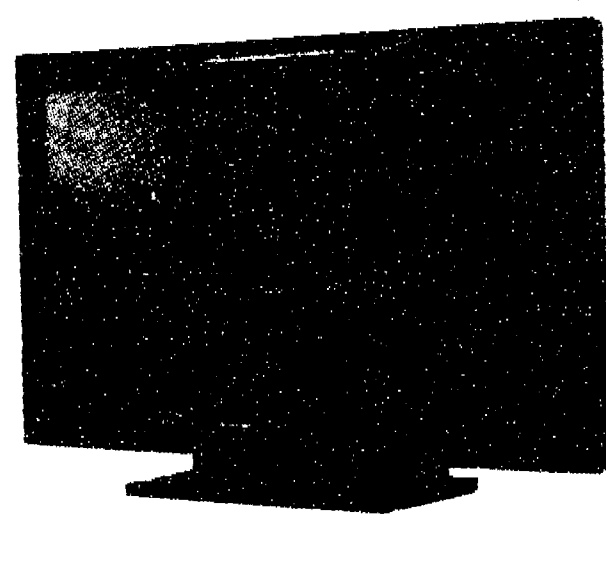
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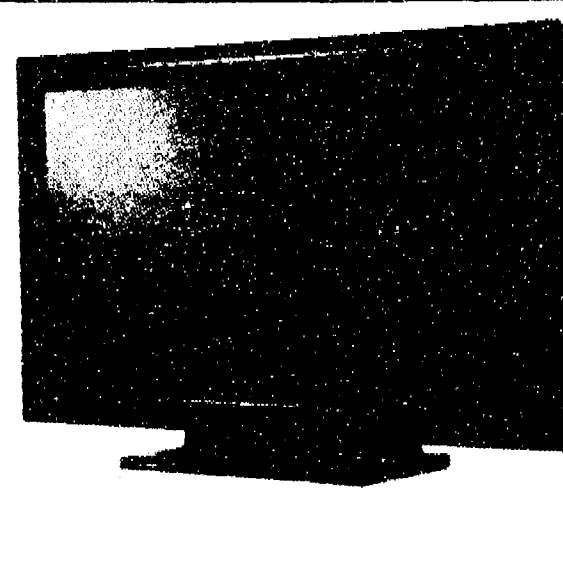
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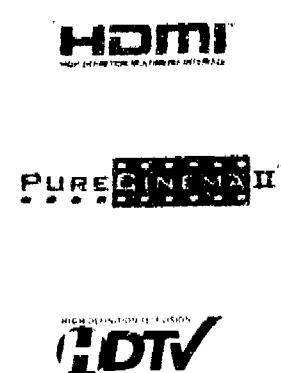
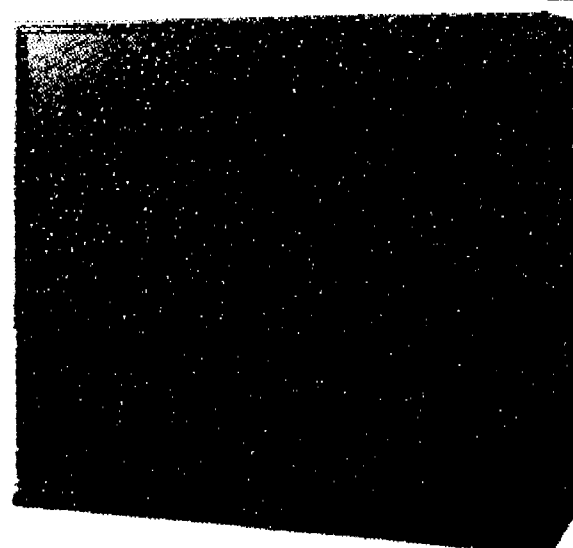
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MEAP tests address skill levels

By Ann L. Fouty
Staff Writer

Grosse Pointe teachers prepare their students for the MEAP (Michigan Education Assessment Program) throughout the year. With a curriculum closely aligned to MEAP objectives, Grosse Pointe students generally keep up with and outpace many other Michigan students taking the same test during the same three-week period.

The window for this year's MEAP is closing. From Jan. 24 through Feb. 11, Michigan students attending public schools are laboring over math, science, social studies, reading and English Language Arts.

These comprehensive tests, which began in the 1970s, have evolved from questioning students on their basic math and reading skills to include reading, writing, math, science and social studies, explains Lee Warras, director of school and community development.

The test results, which will be available in the spring, are given for the following purposes:

- Providing an assess-

ment of curriculum implementation.

- Providing information on individual students that indicates the degree to which students have mastered core curriculum benchmarks.

- Results are the basis for the Michigan Merit Awards.

- To provide an integral part for the school report cards that are required by federal No Child Left

students and defined sub-categories must take the test for the district to meet annual yearly progress requirements of the federal No Child Left Behind program.

"In the elementary and middle schools, having all students take the MEAP is not a significant issue — most in fact do. In the high schools there is more of a challenge to get all juniors to take the MEAP. There are several reasons for that. MEAP scores are not part of the entrance requirements for many colleges; thus students do not value their importance for gaining entrance into college. In addition, students are often involved in multiple testing experienced during the spring. Some students choose to skip MEAP in favor of putting their energies into other assessments. The state does provide scholarship money to students who take the full battery of MEAP and pass all tests," he says.

Even though testing takes time away from the day-to-day lesson plans, the results provide necessary information.

"Staff uses these results to improve learning and implement reteaching strategies where necessary," Warras says.

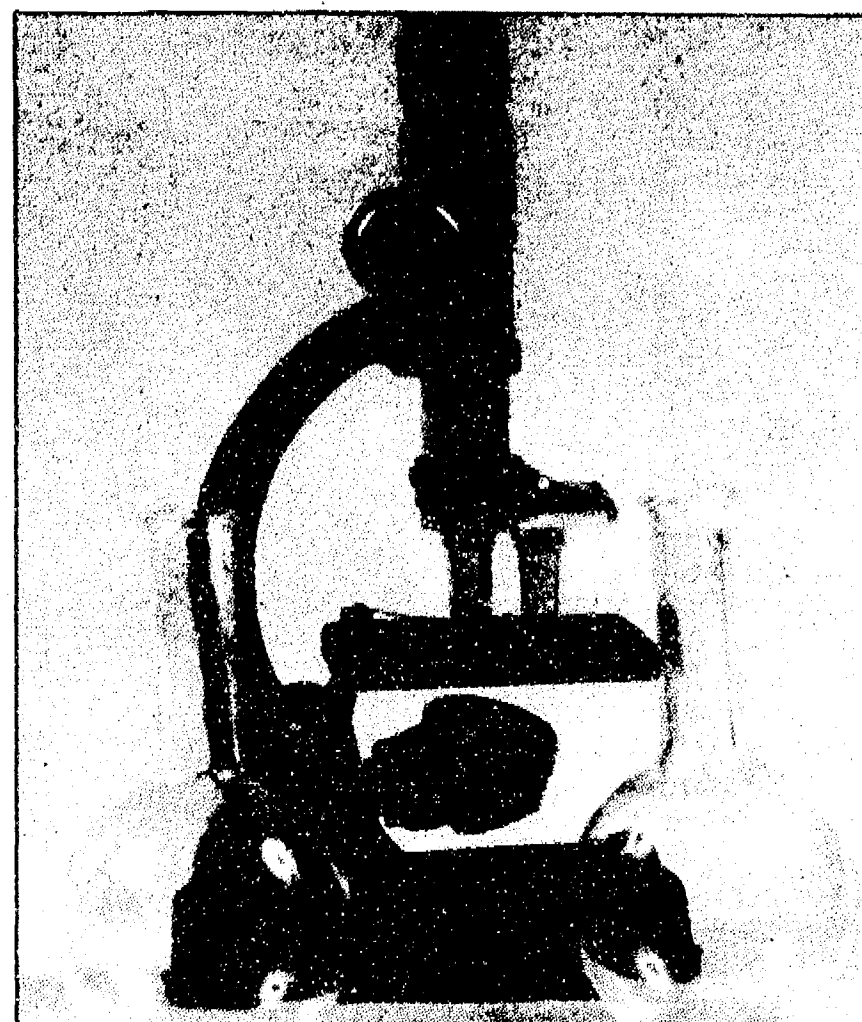
Teachers may be tweaking their lesson plans having seen where deficiencies may lie; they will also be presented with

a host of new information.

Students in grades three, five, six and eight will be taking "field test versions of a new test" that are being designed for the 2005-06 English Language Arts. Likewise, third, fifth, sixth and seventh graders are doing a sample of a new math test.

"Information gleaned from these field tests will be used to develop grade level content expectations, which beginning in 2005-06, will assess students in every grade, third through eighth, on content learned the previous year," he says.

Photos by Robert McKenn



MEAP to be replaced in 2005-06 with Michigan Merit Exam

Under new legislation, the Michigan Education Assessment Program (MEAP) will be replaced with a college entrance-type exam, called the Michigan Merit Exam, beginning in the 2006-07 school year.

This new, more rigorous exam is to help teachers better understand what students have learned in the classroom and identify the progress students still need to ensure success in college in the 21st century workplace.

"To create a strong economy and good jobs, we need to reach our goal of doubling the number of college graduates in Michigan," said Gov. Jennifer Granholm. "We know the more you learn, the more you earn, and this new exam will help high school students gain the knowledge and skills they need to succeed in college and the workplace. This new exam sends the message that we expect every student will continue their education beyond high school."

The new Michigan Merit Exam will test college entrance readiness in English, math, reading and science, and measure a student's ability to successfully enter the work force. The exam will also contain a social studies component.

Replacing the MEAP test with a college entrance based exam such as the new exam, was among the 191 recommendations of the Commission on Higher Education and Economic Growth presented in December. The report called for the implementation of a new set of rigorous standards for all high school students based on the skills needed to succeed in college and the workplace.

Under the new laws, the Superintendent of Public Instruction, the Michigan Department of Education, and the State Board of Education will be responsible for developing the new high school standards that support the new Michigan Merit Exam.

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Ewald Library turns page to new era

By Beth Quinn
Staff Writer

Since the closing of the old Park library on Dec. 10, 5-year-old Scott Leising of Grosse Pointe Park has been counting the days for the new one to open.

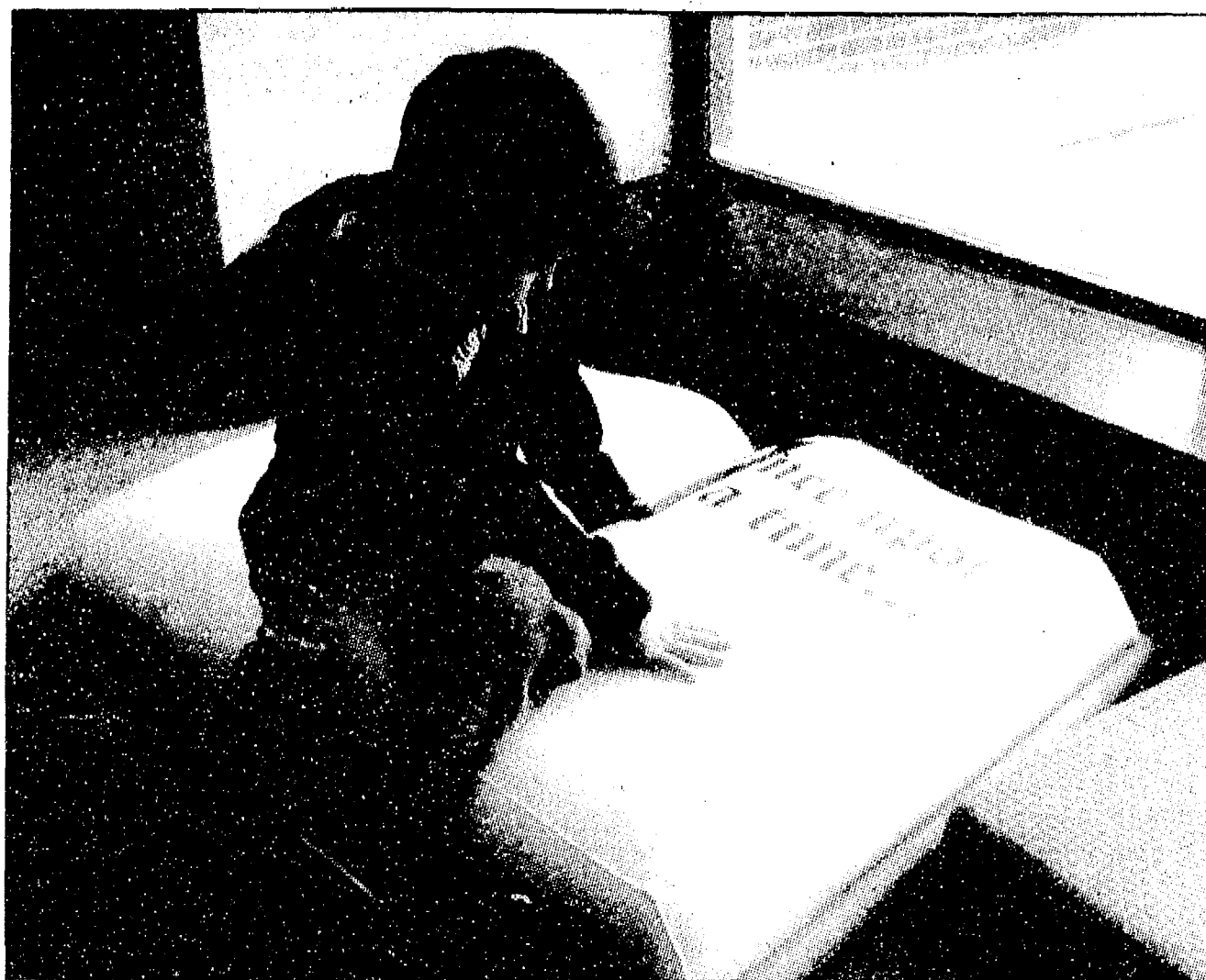
Not surprisingly, he was one of the first patrons to visit the Carolyn and Ted Ewald Memorial Library when it opened to the public on Thursday, Jan. 20.

"He is so excited to be here today," said his nanny, Kathy Gardner.

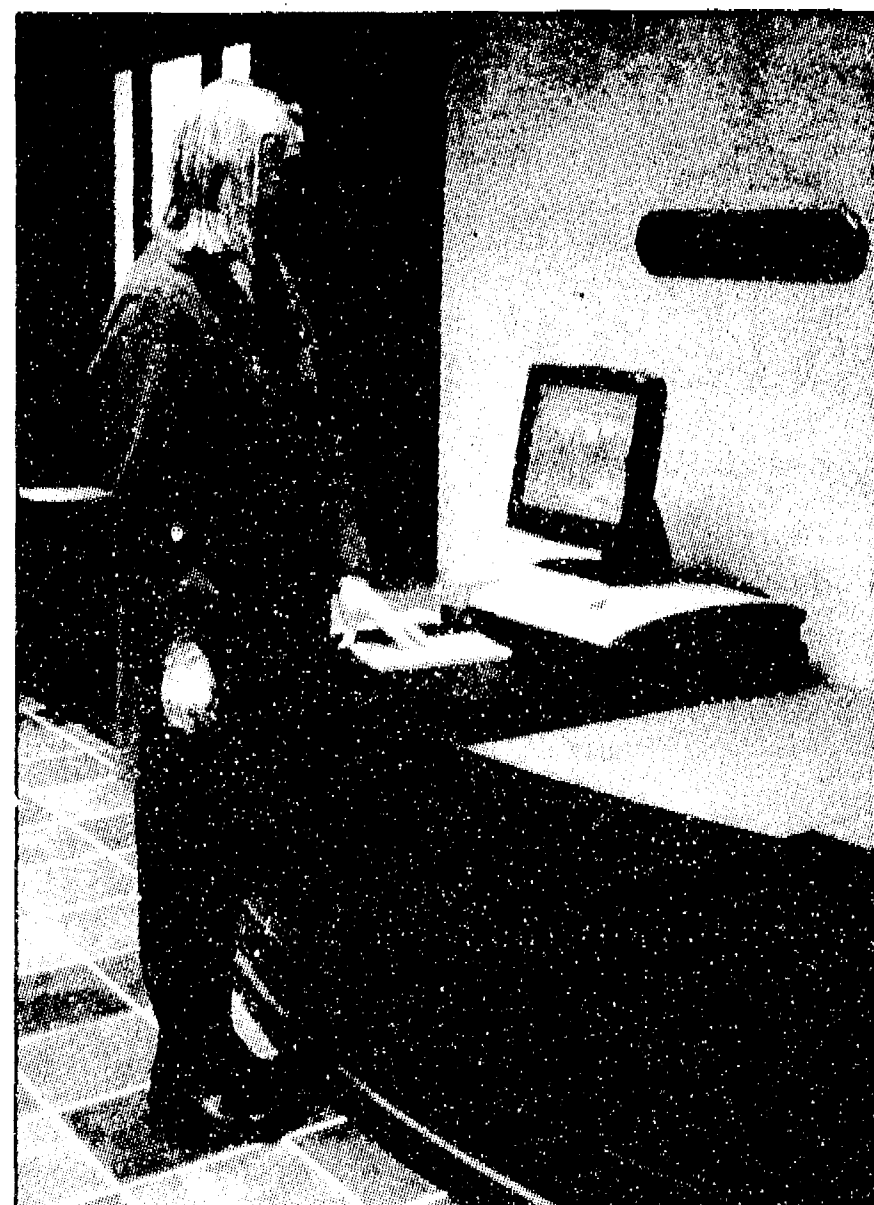
They were joined by other Park Branch regulars who were comparing the old with the new; by other patrons who were on a mission to check-out materials; and by the curious who were wandering around the building.

The library still has some finishing touches to be completed. Some staff members were wearing their coats because the inside temperature was chilly. The temperature controls are being adjusted.

One of the lighting suppliers went out-of-business



Scott Leising, 5, a Trombly kindergartner, read aloud the words "Once Upon a Time" printed on a whimsical pillow in the Ewald Library's children's room.



Ewald circulation staff member Jean Weston scans a book during a demonstration of the automated self check-out computer at the library.

so certain areas aren't lit to the staff's satisfaction. Additional wood trim

needs to be installed at the reference desk and entrance to the Youth room.

The staff wrote an apology to the patrons for the inconvenience they might experience due to those loose ends, but the patrons did not seem to notice.

Grosse Pointe Park resident Patty Zrimec came with her daughter, Caroline, 2, to get some children's books and to use one of the computers.

"We think it's beautiful," said Zrimec.

Vickey Bloom, director of the Grosse Pointe Public Library, and John Clextion, branch coordinator for the Ewald library, were at the centralized reference desk assisting patrons as well as getting feedback and suggestions from them.

"I missed the patrons while we were closed," Clextion said. "I'm glad we're up and running."

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Reading for a cause

On Friday, Jan. 21, Grosse Pointe Academy students turned the ever-popular "D.E.A.R." (Drop Everything and Read) program into something new: a fund raiser for the tsunami relief effort. First-through eighth-grade students and teachers gathered in the field house with a favorite book, and in some cases a pillow or stuffed animal, to read in support of the South Asia tsunami victims. A total of \$1,002.46 was collected and will be sent to the Save the Children Foundation. This was the first in a series of events to raise money for this relief effort. Among the readers were eighth-grader Chloe Kirchner who read to her first-grade buddy Katherine FitzSimons.

Red Cross relief fund helped by Brownell students, staff

In light of the devastating tsunamis that rocked Southeast Asia, the Brownell sixth-graders have donated \$1,400 to the American Red Cross relief efforts.

The money was raised through an economics unit where the students created their own businesses and merchandise and sold them to students, teachers and parents in December.

After holiday vacation, the sixth-grade students started to express an interest in helping the tsunami victims. In a unanimous vote, the 124 pupils decided to donate

all proceeds from Mini Society to the Red Cross and its relief efforts. In recognition of his or her donation, each sixth-grader who took part will receive a red wristband that has been produced primarily for the relief efforts.

In previous years, proceeds from Mini Society have been given to the Leukemia Society and the International Heifer Foundation.

"The overwhelming response and desire to help others in this tragedy by our students is an extremely proud moment for all of us

who work with these sixth-graders," said teacher Jan Morrison.

Brownell is also planning other fund raising events to assist the victims of the tsunami in the coming months.

Join Kid's Club on Feb. 12

Join the Kid's Club between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. on Saturday, Feb. 12, at Soulliere Garden Center, 23919 Little Mack, St. Clair Shores, to make a Valentine's Day spiral mobile and a handprint card.

These activities are appropriate for children ages 3-13 years, but younger children can do the activities if assisted by an adult.

Sign up your child by calling (586) 776-2811 or 1-800-844-GROW.

Deadline nears for board seat

The deadline to file a petition to run for the Grosse Pointe Board of Education is 4 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 8.

Petitions may be obtained at the administration office, 389 St. Clair, or at the city clerk's office.

A minimum of 40 and maximum of 100 Grosse Pointe Schools' registered voter signatures must be on the nominating petition.

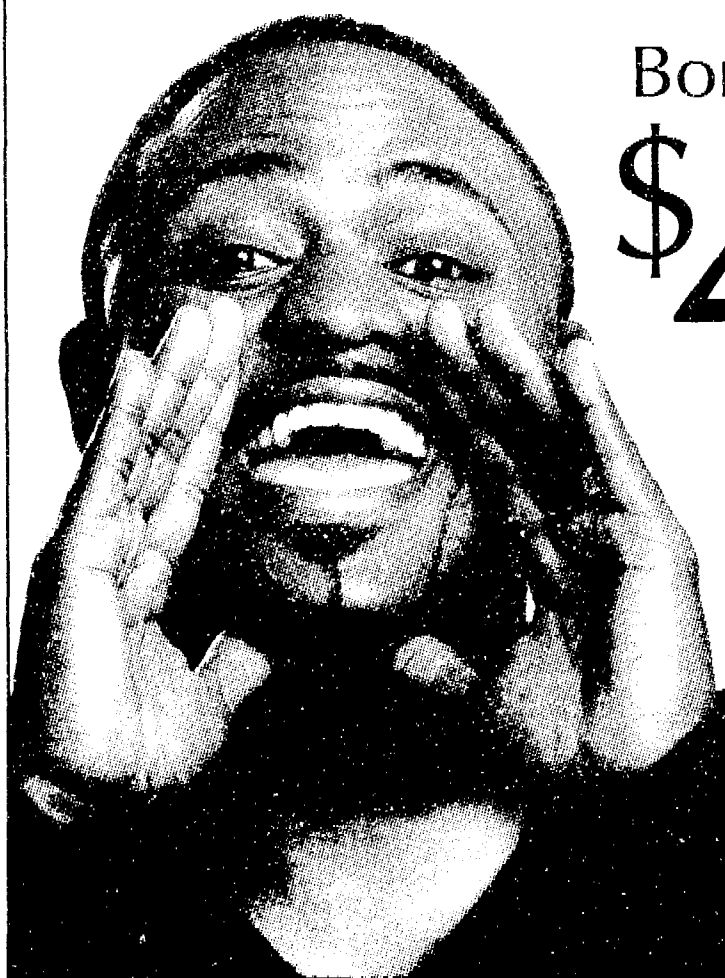
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The three middle school girls are hard at work, selling pizza and breadsticks to their fellow classmates on Wednesday, Jan. 26. In 15 minutes, they had collected nearly \$200 for the victims of the December tsunami.

After-school snack

Parcells sixth-graders, from left, Rachel Neveux, Catie Murray and Nikki Radulovich show their profits from a pizza and breadstick fundraiser.

Three Parcells girls sell pizza for tsunami victims

Stefan Cross
Special Writer

As the bell struck to let class out on Wednesday, Jan. 26, a wave of Parcells Middle School students herded their way toward a pizza and breadstick stand set up to aid the tsunami relief fund.

The fundraiser was organized by three sixth grade Parcells students, with some

help from their teacher, Linda Angelilli, and their principal, Mark Mulholland. The girls who set up this charitable event were Catie Murray, Rachel Neveux and Nikki Radulovich.

"Nikki, Catie and Rachel were impacted greatly by the tsunami tragedy and wanted to do something to help the victims," said Karen Radulovich, Nikki's

mother.

The girls purchased discount pizza and breadsticks from Mr. C's and sold them to their fellow classmates as school got out. Within 15 minutes the girls had sold

out and were able to bring in close to \$200 to help out the victims of the tsunami.

"They came up with this concept, and thanks to Miss Angelilli and Mr. Mulholland, they were able

to translate their idea and compassion to add to the cash donations already made," said Karen Radulovich.

In addition to the pizza and breadstick fundraiser

Parcells has held other fundraising events such as jeans or hat day.

The total collection donated by students and staff has been able to raise is nearly \$2,000.

State, local incomes establish school budget

By Ann L. Fouty
Staff Writer

During two informational and instructional meetings last month, Chris Fenton explained how public school finances are generated, and how the Headlee Amendment and Proposal A have negatively effected those revenues for the Grosse Pointe School system.

It has become more difficult to adopt a balanced budget and keep quality educational programs available to 9,000 students, central administration and the board of education members have said. Before asking voters to approve millages, administrators are educating the community on how funding takes place for the local district.

More than half of what Grosse Pointe spends on each pupil comes from the state. At the state's level, it spends more than a third of its budget on education and 80 percent of that figure on kindergarten through 12th grade education. The \$14.8 billion spent on education (\$12.5 million in K-12) is generated from sales tax (40.8 percent), income tax (16.1 percent), the state's 6 mill education tax (15.1 percent), liquor excise, casinos, specific taxes, federal funds (10.7 percent), real estate transfer tax, lottery transfer (5.2 percent), tobacco taxes and use taxes.

The state allows \$7,068 for each student's education, and Grosse Pointe spends more than \$11,000 per student, he explained. The latter amount is a combination of the state school aid fund, the local 18 mills and local hold harmless millage.

The state, Fenton explained, assumes Grosse Pointe is levying the full 18 mills. However, that 18 mills has been chipped away for the past five years to 16.7 mills, due to the Headlee rollback. Headlee limits the growth in tax assessment amounts.

Fenton also added that FICA and retirement costs have increased 22.5 percent recently. The state establishes the retirement amount, he said, hence the local contribution is out of the district's control. He expects that rate to jump another 20 percent during the next five years. Fenton also foresees continuing health care increases which add another drain on the general fund budget.

Proposal A took away local revenue generating control, Fenton continued. When Proposal A went into effect in 1995, it prohibited a school district from raising more money per pupil equalizing student spending in every Michigan public school district.

It also fixed Grosse Pointe's amount per student at \$1,893. That amount has remained unchanged since 1995. When the economy is strong, the state spends additional money on K-12 education.

However, as has been in recent years, Michigan's economy is not strong and the state has been cutting its budget. This translates into reducing the funds its allocates to every district in the state, including Grosse Pointe.

This information and more is available on Channel 20, in informational packets available in the administration building or by calling the superintendent's office at (313) 432-3004 or Fenton's office at (313) 432-3080. The district's Web site, www.gpschools.org, also has extensive information.

Next week: An explanation of the millage three proposals Grosse Pointe voters will be asked to vote on Tuesday, Feb. 22, to help balance the school budget and avoid a reduction in staff and programs.

The first is asking for a renewal of the combined homestead gap and technology millages. The second and third pertain to the renewal of the non-homestead millage. All millages will expire on June 30.

By Matthew Vengalil
and
Mithila Krishnan
Special Writers

On the day after Christmas, students at Parcells Middle School were filled with awe as they saw pictures of a mega-tsunami wreaking havoc in southern Asia. As the waves daringly journeyed ashore, they were merciless to none, taking people and villages as if they were nothing but a child's toy. After the waves finally receded, people instantly began searching for loved ones. Their hopes were crushed, for at every turn there was another dead body, and the air stank of death.

Nearly a week later, more than 160,000 people were left dead and the number was expected to double as a result of the spread of diseases and the need for fresh water grew.

Governments around the world were moved by this natural disaster, contributing foreign aid money. It was soon realized that without the help of the people, like you and me, not much could be done to help tsunami victims.

On the first Monday of the new year (and the first day back at school), Mithila Krishnan, a seventh-grader at Parcells Middle School, and her parents created a plan to send aid to the tsunami victims of India and Sri Lanka.

Mithila's parents were both born in southern India and felt it was their responsibility to help out their fellow countrymen. They



Photo submitted by Parcells Middle School

Matthew Vengalil and Mithila Krishnan

decided to get together with the other Indian families in Grosse Pointe and donate money to the Lions Club International based in Chennai, India.

Krishnan's grandfather is a member of the Lions Club International and had pledged to give the aid donated to the people who needed it most.

On Tuesday, Krishnan carried a note containing information on donating money to tsunami victims to school. She gave the note to Matthew Vengalil, a fellow classmate (Vengalil's parents were also born and raised in southern India). As he silently read the note, his English teacher, Mrs. (Donica) Keogh asked if she could see it.

After reading the note's content, she told Vengalil that she thought that it was a wonderful idea to donate money to the Lions Club International and asked if she could put it on the school's announcements.

The two agreed saying it

principals had approved the fund raiser. The principals defined Hat Day as a day students could bring in at least \$1 and wear a school appropriate hat. They also insisted that teachers and staff could wear jeans if they brought in at least \$5.

Days before the fund raiser, Keogh and Cooper's advisory created flyers that reminded everybody about the upcoming Hat Day.

On Jan. 14, more than \$1,700 was raised at Parcells Middle School for tsunami relief.

Teachers and parents were delighted that most everyone remembered to wear a hat and nearly all students donated more than \$1.

What started out to be an idea had blossomed into an event that teachers and students won't forget for many times to come.



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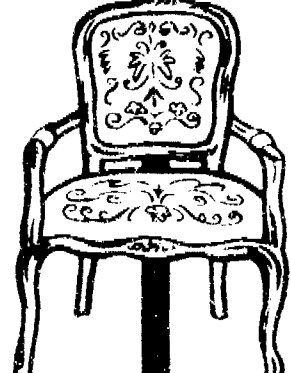
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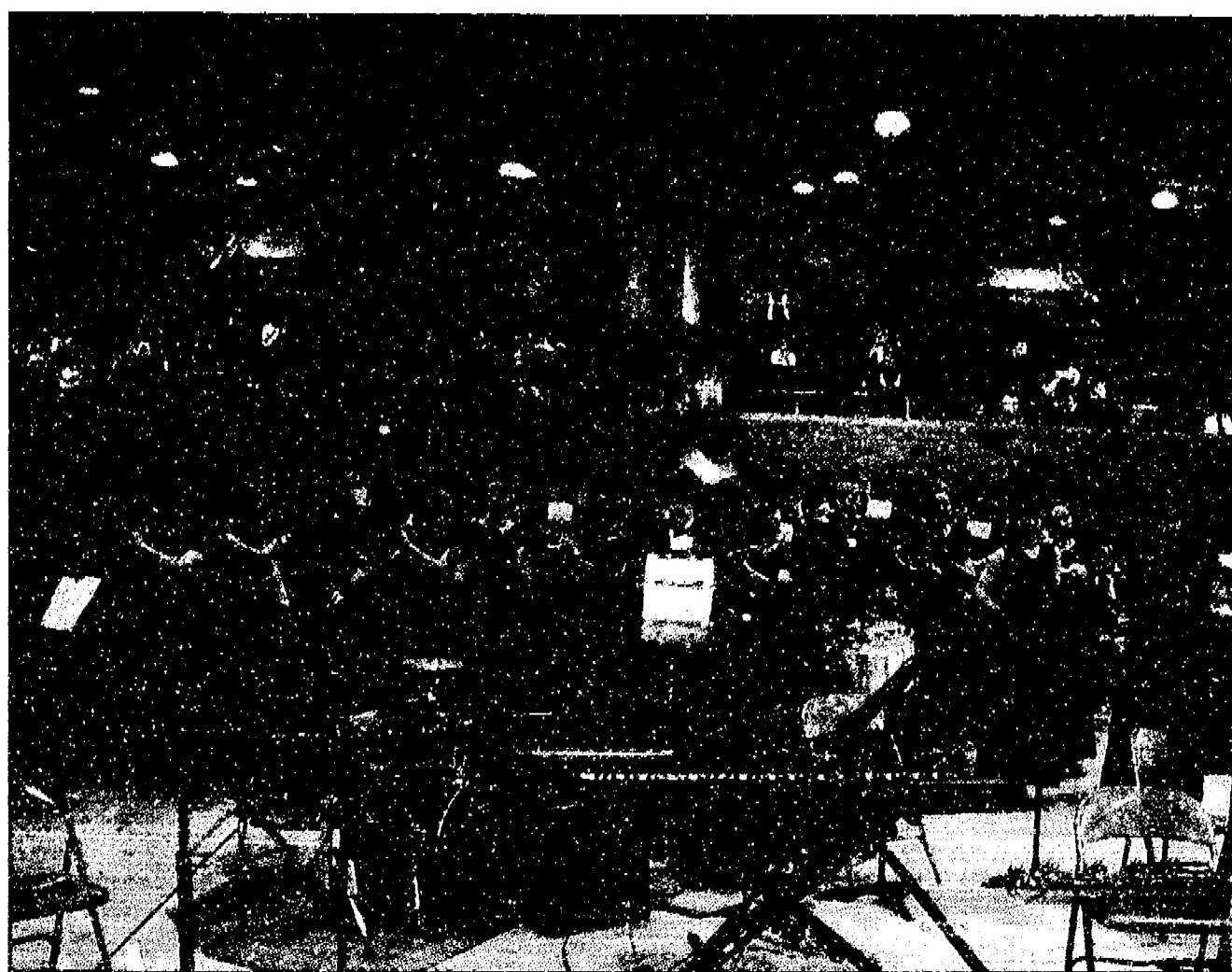
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On Friday, Jan. 14, Grosse Pointe North was the host to the special music event, String Extravaganza, featuring students from both Grosse Pointe North and South high schools as well as all three middle schools. Several hundred parents, friends and guests enjoyed the performance, including selections from "Pirates of the Caribbean" and "Hoe Down."



Photo courtesy Star of the Sea

Cow comes home

After Mass on Sunday, Jan. 16, two Our Lady Star of the Sea families went to lunch at a St. Clair Shores Nautical Mile restaurant and found Kenny Jr. on roller skates there. A photo scrapbook of his adventures and a plea to be taken back to his home with Father Ken Kauchek were found around his neck. In his travelogue, Kenny Jr. is pictured in restaurants, Grosse Pointe Shores and Woods city offices, the beef section of a local grocery store and in front of Our Lady Star of the Sea's nativity scene. Families who found the checkered cow were Donna, Jody, Peter and Dominic Taverelli of St. Clair Shores and Mary Martin and Stephen Speak of Grosse Pointe Woods and their children, Joshua and Alicia. Kenny Jr. was reported missing on Jan. 7.

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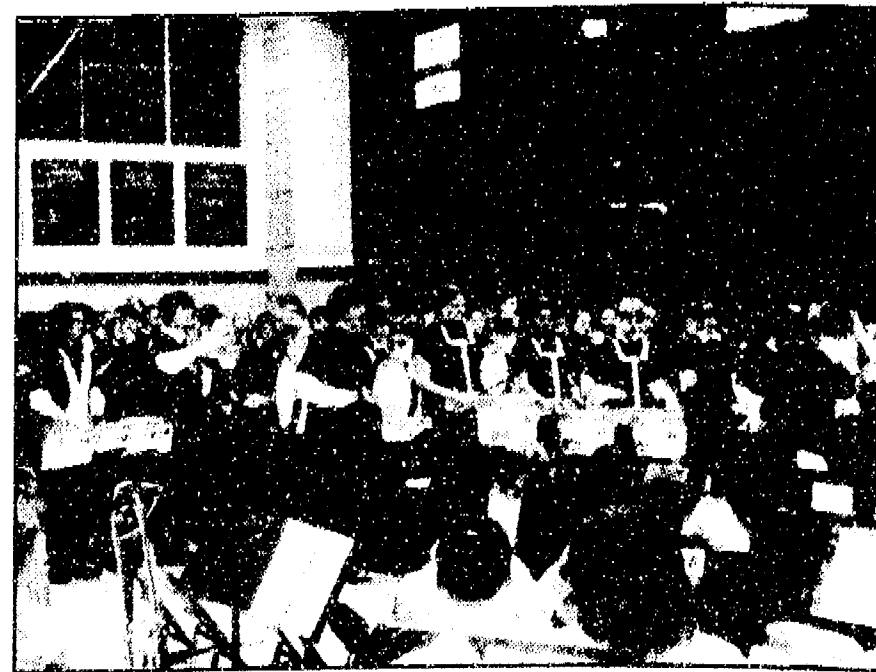
He is in his second term representing the Grosse Pointes in Lansing.

North band, orchestra impress festival's judges

Grosse Pointe North High School was represented extremely well this past weekend at the MSBOA District Solo and Ensemble Festival held at Rochester High School. 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.

The following students received second division medals for an excellent performance: Kathy Holm and Brittany Bate (violin duet); Rai-Ada Lanier and Jordan Bossack, (violin duet); Abhinav Krishnan and Jon Schultes (violin duet); Lauren Still and Danielle Dumont (violin duet); Quinn Wolf and Alexandra Scratch (trumpet duet); Chelsea Smialek, Sheila Geraghty and Vicky Jennings (clarinet trio); Meredith Chicklas and Katie Singer (violin duet); Rhochelle Krawetz and Nick Coates (saxophone duet); Kristen Sheridan and Stephanie Jovanovski (flute duet);

Stephanie Larue and Rob Keirnan (saxophone duet); Colleen Saffron (violin);



Photos courtesy Grosse Pointe Music Department

Music in the air

Music filled the air at Grosse Pointe North as band students played such songs as "Mickey Mouse March," "Fiddler on the Roof" and "Procession of the Nobles" during the department's annual band-orama. The audience was entertained by the jazz band, the pep band, the drum line and Parcells and Brownell Middle Schools' students. Music directors are Joe Bauer, John Donnellon, James Gross, Dean Doss and Dave Cleveland.

Lauren Remus (cello); Rachel Brusstar (violin); Charles Visser (trumpet); Kevin Rey (bassoon); Caitlin Fuhrmann (oboe); Matthew Herman (trumpet); Molly Cohn (viola); Quinn Wolf (trumpet);

The following students received a first division medal for a superior performance and qualified to participate at the State Festival on March 19th: Nicole Diesing (french

horn); Joseph Hong (violin); Kyle Kwiatkowski (violin); Rebecca Rhee (piano); Joseph Hong, Thomas Cameron and Ben Lupo (string ensemble); Martin Brosnan (cello); Frank Serraiocco (trumpet); Meghan Gleason (Clarinet); Ed Grumeretz (piano); Roy Lucier (saxophone); Graham Kozak (clarinet); Ben Wasmuth (trumpet); Jenny Barger (flute); Jennifer DiBattista (piano); Mary Ridella, Brianne McDonald and Caroline Verbeke, (flute trio); Maria Salciccioli, Graham Kozak, Elizabeth Kalina and Rob Ingalls (clarinet quartet); Roy Lucier, Meghan Gleason, Mike Brinker, and Eli Wilson (sax quartet); Thomas Jones (bassoon); Janna Fuller (violin); Maria Salciccioli (clarinet); Thomas Cameron (viola); Ben Wasmuth, Nick Ridella, Frank Serraiocco, Nicole Diesing, Chris Blunden, Ed Grumeretz, Jeff Kurtz and Darius Merriweather, (brass ensemble);

Nicholas Ridella (trumpet); Kara Miller, Ashley Allemen and Michelle Lamont (violin trio); Alex Swanson and Eli Wilson (baritone sax duet); Jenny Barger and Julianne Hong (woodwind ensemble); Annie Driscoll (trumpet); Paul Browski (piano); Amanda Klimczuk, Rebecca Rhee, Betsy Chaklos and Beth Dula, (violin quartet); Liz Cramer (cello); Molly Cohn, Brittany Treusch (string duet); Amanda Klimczuk (violin); Jennifer DiBattista (cello); Kim Coughlin and Katie Brennan, (violin duet); Alexandra Costakis and Colleen Saffron (violin duet); Peter Dong and Martin Brosnan, (string ensemble); Julianne Hong (clarinet); Kyle Dettloff, Kevin Rey, Rachel Curran, Chelsea Smialek and Kari Anne Stall (woodwind ensemble); Amanda Klimczuk, (piano); Peter Dong (violin); Jenny Barger, Caitlin Fuhrmann, Julianne Hong, Thomas Jones and Chris Blunden (woodwind ensemble); Michale Brinker (saxophone); Brooke Largay and Stacie Sharples (flute duet); Alex Sikorski (piano); Bobby Seidarabi (piano); Alex Sikorski, Tawney Fuhrmann, Ben Wasmuth, Steve Larue and Ed Grumeretz (percussion ensemble); Rochelle Krawetz (clarinet); Alex Sikorski (snare drum); Elizabeth Simon (violin);

The above students are members of the North Band or Orchestra program under the direction of David Cleveland and Joe Bauer.



Photo by Robert McKean

King portrayal

During the afternoon of Tuesday, Jan. 18, students at St. Clare of Montefalco School brought Martin Luther King Jr. out of the history books and into the students' consciousness through short skits and songs about Martin Luther King Jr. Fifth-graders presented "Martin Luther King Jr. Remembered," which portrayed important people in King's life, such as the Rev. Ralph Abernathy, Henry David Thoreau, Mahatma Gandhi and Rosa Parks. The student body was encouraged to be a "light" by becoming peace-makers. Each time a student is recognized for a peaceful act, his or her name will be added to a paper chain, with the goal that the chain will encircle the entire school, up and down the stairs and through the hallway. During the evening community celebration, the Dearing Detroit Dance and Nigel John of the Gratitude Steel Band paid tribute to King's legacy.

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Each vehicle is launched with two new engine options: supercharged or normally aspirated.

The supercharged 400 bhp 4.2-liter V8 engine found in the Range Rover for 2006 offers 35 percent more power than the outgoing V8 and over 25 percent more torque, contributing to a more refined vehicle. The normally aspirated 4.4-liter V8 engine produces 305 bhp and is also more powerful than the outgoing V8.

Range Rover Sport, meanwhile, is powered by a 390 bhp, 4.2-liter supercharged V8 engine producing a top speed of 140 mph. A normally aspirated 4.4-liter, 300 bhp V8 engine is also available.

"We see the addition of these two models as a natural progression for the Range Rover nameplate," said Matthew Taylor, managing director, Land Rover. "Performance blended with a premium package, but grounded in Land Rover heritage. There is now a Range Rover to satisfy the widest range of consumers."

The Range Rover for 2006 maintains its role as the flagship for the brand, emphasizing grace, class and understated luxury. While the model retains its critically acclaimed styling, subtle changes enhance its look, including new front grille and bumper, power vents, lamps and wheels. New 19-inch alloy wheels are also offered.

The supercharged deriva-

tive is distinguished by additional styling modifications, including a diamond mesh front grille and power vents, unique 20-inch alloy wheels, and special black-on-silver badges.

Additional features on the Range Rover for 2006 include:

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Design cues borrowed from the iconic flagship model — such as a floating roof — help ensure a strong family

resemblance. However, Range Rover Sport delivers its own interpretation on the theme with its muscular design, powerful stance and aggressive lines, making it the most aerodynamic Land Rover ever built.

Additional features on Range Rover Sport include:

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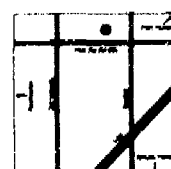
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2005 Audi A8 L Quattro gives power and comfort

By Greg Zyla

We test drove the luxurious and performance-bred 2005 Audi A8 Quattro L, the latter standing for "long wheelbase" — base price: \$69,900; price as tested: \$79,220. Built with an aluminum space frame and body shell, Audi's A8 saves 300 pounds compared with conventional steel-frame cars. However, even with the use of aluminum, this German luxury sedan is still a heavier car than most.

Under the hood sits the high-tech 335-horsepower 4.2-liter V-8, tweaked to deliver five more horsepower for 2005. With five valves per cylinder, this 255 cubic-inch engine propels the A8 from zero to 60 mph in only 6.5 seconds. Considering that the A8 weighs 4,288 pounds, its performance is truly amazing. For those who want even more, check out the 12-cylinder version.

The standard six-speed Tiptronic automatic transmission is geared for better fuel-mileage numbers than the previous model's five-speed automatic, and the EPA numbers come in at 18-miles per gallon city and 24-mpg highway on premium fuel only. There's a 23.8-gallon fuel tank, so drivers can go a long way between fill-ups.

Thanks to the 335-horsepower engine and the celebrated Quattro all-wheel-drive system, drivers will enjoy the best of all worlds,

from acceleration to poor-weather maneuverability. Add the standard adaptable air suspension with automatic load leveling and continuous road dampening, and you've got the ultimate in road handling technologies.

The A8 L is longer than many of its competitors' "long" or "extended" models. With a wheelbase of 121.1 inches, A8 passengers will enjoy the added rear-passenger legroom, road stability and that special ride comfort that longer-wheelbase cars provide. The extended wheelbase equates to an added 3 cubic feet of headroom and 2 inches of additional rear legroom.

Although A8 4.2s come standard with 17-inch alloy wheels and tires, our model featured the optional 18-inch wheels and tires for \$1,700 more. The result is a more "racy" look while supplying better road grip without sacrificing comfort.

The A8's cabin is very luxurious, with all the powers and leather touches expected in a top-class vehicle. The dashboard and gauges are high-tech, while burled wood trim and brushed metal create the final artistic statement. The A8 interior is indeed "mood ready," thanks to Audi's Multi Media Interface w/color screen. This system highlights the numerous controls with a 7-inch flip-up display screen activated by a selec-

tor knob below the gearshift. MMI handles the voice controls, DVD Navigation system, XM Radio and the 12-speaker Surround Sound premium BOSE audio system with six-disc changer. The result is concert-hall-style performance.

The suspension is a four-link aluminum setup up front with a Trapezoidal link rear. Braking comes from four-wheel discs with anti-lock that work better than most we've tried in emergency stops. As for safety, everything expected is standard equipment, including front and rear side air bag supplemental restraints, front knee air bags and two Sideguard curtain air bags big enough to protect all side passengers. Altogether there are 10 air bags just waiting to protect you in an event of impact.

We've driven many Audis recently, and the A8 L is another fine example of superior German craftsmanship. With other options like heated seats, a convenience package and adaptive cruise control, the final cost came to \$79,220. It's not cheap, and it's not meant to be.

We give the Audi A8 L a solid nine on a scale of one to 10.

Likes: Power, comfort, room, looks.

Dislikes: Daytime running lights not available.

— King Features Syndicate



2005 Audi A8 L Quattro

NAIAS 2005 TV debut a success

NBC's live coverage of the North American

International Auto Show attracted 8.8 million viewers in the event's television debut on Sunday, Jan. 23. The two-hour NBC Sports special, featuring NBC's NASCAR announcer and production team, delivered a 2.4 (7 million HH) national rating and 5 share according to Nielsen Media Research.

"The fact that nearly 9 million people tuned in to a debut television event is evidence that America has a fascination with cars," said Jon Miller, senior vice president, programming, NBC Sports. "Detroit is the center of the automotive world and the auto show from Detroit is the 'don't miss' event for car fans to see what is new and different. Our NASCAR team delivered a live show that let fans at home experience the excitement of the automotive

industry's premier event."

The first-ever broadcast from Detroit showcased the famed 97-year-old North American International Auto Show, which attracts more than 750,000 visitors and some 6,600 journalists in the Motor City each year.

The telecast originated live from the auto show exposition with NBC's NASCAR announcers Bill Weber, Allen Bestwick and Benny Parsons anchoring a fast-paced tour of the most popular and interesting 2005 models with

NASCAR pit reporters Marty Snider and Dave Burns visiting exhibits and talking to experts from the automotive world. Taped features included test drives with star NASCAR drivers Jeff Gordon and Kurt Busch plus interviews with auto racing icons Roger Penske and Richard Petty.

Sam Flood was the executive producer of the International Auto Show on NBC and James Shifftan served as coordinating producer for the telecast.

Source: NAIAS

Consumer Reports 2005 survey predicts reliability

(ARA) — Consumer Reports' New Car Preview 2005 included a first look at its latest reliability findings. The publication is part of the Consumer Reports' Cars series of special automotive

publications.

Consumer Reports had the largest response to its latest annual auto reliability survey ever, allowing the non-profit organization to compile reliability portraits on more than 810,000 vehicles, up from 675,000 vehicles in 2003 and 480,000 in 2002. This is the second year in a row that Consumer Reports surveyed subscribers to both its magazine and its Web site, ConsumerReports.org, a total of more than 5 million consumers throughout the United States.

The survey was conducted in the spring of 2004 and covered 1997 to 2004 models. To calculate predicted reliability ratings on currently available models, CR averages the overall reliability scores for the most recent three years, provided that the vehicle remained substantially unchanged in that period and also didn't change for 2005. If a vehicle was new or redesigned in the past couple of years, CR may use only one or two years' data, if that's all that's available.

Consumer Reports recommends only models that have performed well in tests conducted at its Auto Test Center in Connecticut and that have shown average or better reliability in its annual survey. Vehicles that perform poorly in government or insurance industry crash tests and rollover tests will also not be recommended.

Occasionally, Consumer Reports may recommend a new or redesigned model that's too new to have compiled a reliability record if it scores well in CR's tests and if previous generations had consistently outstanding reliability.

Among the 32 models with the highest reliability rating in the new (2004) survey, 29 carry Japanese nameplates, with Toyota, 16; and Honda, seven, claiming the most. Among the 38 models with the lowest rating, 20 are European.

The survey also shows that gas/electric hybrid vehicles appear to be holding up well thus far; the Prius and Honda Civic Hybrid were among the most reliable cars.

The most reliable SUVs are the Toyota Land Cruiser, Toyota Highlander, Mitsubishi Endeavor and Toyota RAV4. Among the new or redesigned SUVs, the redesigned Lexus RX330 was above average.

The pickup to earn the top rating is the Toyota Tundra. The new Chevrolet Colorado and GMC Canyon both scored above average — a rarity for first-year GM products.

More detailed results and analysis will be presented in Consumer Reports Annual Auto issue in April 2005.

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Two druggies

Two 22-year-old men from Grosse Pointe Woods and the Farms were arrested on drug charges Friday, Jan. 28, at 2:45 a.m. by City of Grosse Pointe police.

A patrolman saw the Woods man run his silver 2003 Honda Civic through a stop sign at Neff and Mack.

Officers searching the vehicle found:

- in the center console, a glass marijuana pipe with marijuana residue;
- under the driver seat, a plastic bag containing marijuana residue;
- in a compact disk case, two glass pipes with marijuana residue;
- on the front passenger floor, a glass pipe with marijuana in the bowl and
- in the passenger compartment, two air fresheners.

Car damage

A woman from the City of Grosse Pointe has reported that on Friday, Jan. 7 her 2004 Cadillac Escalade was vandalized while parked behind a coffee shop in the 17000 block of Kercheval in the Village.

Police said the damage consisted of three scratch marks along the driver-side. Damage is estimated at \$1,000.

Finds wallet

A City of Grosse Pointe public works employee on the afternoon of Friday, Jan. 21, discovered a man's wallet containing \$20 cash in the back of a refuse truck. The wallet belonged to a resident of Detroit's eastside.

Small fire

On Monday, Jan. 24, at 10:45 p.m., two City of Grosse Pointe public safety officers used a fire extinguisher to douse a small fire behind a Dumpster in the 300 block of Roosevelt.

An officer described the burning object as "some type of electronic device."

I.D. fraud costs woman \$970

A woman from the City of Grosse Pointe has been billed \$970 for transactions charged to a credit card obtained fraudulently in her name over the Internet.

Thieves made eight illegal purchases on Jan. 18 and 19 at stores in Oak Park, Livonia, Royal Oak, Westland and Lincoln Park.

The victim thinks her identity was stolen when a bank statement was mailed to her former address in the 1400 block of Maryland in Grosse Pointe Park.

Won't stop, demands respect

A drunken 40-year-old St. Clair Shores man was arrested Saturday, Jan. 22, at 11:43 p.m., after leading City of Grosse Pointe police on a short car chase into Grosse Pointe Farms.

"I don't stop for police unless they show me respect," the man said. Police said he tested positive for a .36 percent blood alcohol level.

Officers had been warned the man was drunk while shopping at a store in the 300 block of Fisher.

Police responding at the scene said the man "appeared intoxicated but was not causing a problem."

Officers moved in when the man drove away in a red 1991 Ford Festiva on Grosse Pointe Boulevard.

He ignored police pursuing in a squad car with emergency lights and siren activated.

"I knew you were behind me," the man said upon finally stopping about a mile down the road near Cloverly.

15 warrants, 27 suspensions

On Thursday, Jan. 27, at about 4:30 p.m., a City of Grosse Pointe patrolman suspected a 1991 Dodge van parked on Mack near St. Clair of having fraudulent license plates.

Investigation proved him right. The plates were for a 1995 Chevrolet Lumina. The officer waited for the driver, a 35-year-old Detroit man, who was wanted in Detroit on 15 various traffic warrants.

The man's driver license had been suspended 27 times.

He was wanted in Harper Woods for a traffic violation and in Eastpointe for contempt of court.

City police held the man for Detroit authorities.

Good dog helps police nab crook

Don't be surprised if a dog living in the 500 block of Lincoln of the City of Grosse Pointe is a descendant of Rin Tin Tin.

As with the crime fighting canine of television fame, on Saturday, Jan. 29, at 2:35 p.m., the local animal led police from the City, Farms and Park to a felon hiding on the floor of a closed garage.

The 20-year-old male suspect from Detroit was wanted for attempted car theft, receiving stolen property, vandalism and unlawful use of a motor vehicle.

He ran away from a Farms officer who stopped him on Lincoln for driving a maroon 1979 Oldsmobile lacking a headlight and front bumper.

As officers from multiple departments searched the neighborhood, the barking dog tipped them off to the man's hiding place.

Purse picked

Sometime between 4 and 5:30 p.m. on Saturday, Jan. 29, a thief stole a City of Grosse Pointe woman's wallet from her purse left unattended in an office on Kercheval in the Farms.

"(The victim) was contacted by Ferndale police (at) approximately 8:15 p.m.," said Farms police. "They had located a few of her credit cards."

Tire not spared

On the afternoon of Saturday, Jan. 29, a man living in the 200 block of McKinley in Grosse Pointe Farms discovered the spare tire stolen off his 2004 Jeep

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The man isn't sure when the \$100 tire was taken.

Warrants and suspensions

A 55-year-old Detroit man was caught on Saturday, Jan. 29, at 10:07 p.m., in Grosse Pointe Farms driving a 2004 Chrysler Sebring with an expired license plate on eastbound Mack near Hillcrest.

The man had four outstanding warrants and 10 driving suspensions, including six convictions requiring plate confiscations.

The warrants were for misdemeanors and civil actions from 36th District Court in Detroit and 24th District Court in Allen Park.

Office theft on Hill in Farms

Last week a leather desk set valued at \$500 was reported stolen sometime during December or January from an office in the first block of Kercheval in Grosse Pointe Farms.

Helps Detroit

On Tuesday, Jan. 25, at 11:49 a.m., a Grosse Pointe Farms patrolman was flagged down by a Detroit resident in the area of Radnor and Chandler Park.

The man told the officer that men in a nearby blue Pontiac Transport van had just burgled a house in the 18600 block of Chandler Park.

The officer pursued the van, which stopped in the 5700 block of Radnor.

"The occupants of the van (three 51-year-old Detroit men) were removed at gunpoint," police said.

The victim identified numerous stolen items in the van, including a Gateway computer.

Detroit police took the men into custody. Also in the van were two women, ages 32 and 48, and two infants.

Speeding drunk

A 31-year-old St. Clair Shores man was arrested Saturday, Jan. 30, at 2:49 a.m., for driving drunk in Grosse Pointe Shores.

An officer said the man's blood alcohol level measured .168 percent.

Police said the man had been speeding his silver 2002 Jeep stationwagon 16 mph over the limit on northbound Lakeshore near Deeplands.

Kicks nurse

A 37-year-old St. Clair Shores woman arrested for drunken driving in Grosse Pointe Shores allegedly assaulted a registered nurse upon being taken to a Detroit hospital for a blood test.

On Wednesday, Jan. 26, at 8:08 p.m., a Shores officer caught the woman weaving a 2001 Dodge Durango on northbound Lakeshore near Duval.

The woman failed field sobriety tests. She was transported to the hospital

for the blood exam because she refused to take a breath test.

Police said the woman kicked and nearly knocked over a nurse. Detroit police are handling the assault charge.

Not hurt

An 86-year-old Grosse Pointe Shores man wasn't injured when he lost control of his car Wednesday, Jan. 26, at about 8 a.m. on southbound Lakeshore, crossed the median into oncoming lanes before crossing back onto the median and stopping.

Numerous people reported the crash to Shores police.

The man and a witness said a truck in the right lane moved left, causing the Shores resident to take evasive action.

Shores police notified the Secretary of State's office to reevaluate the man's driving status.

I.D. theft

On Tuesday, Jan. 25, a Grosse Pointe Shores woman reported someone had charged \$2,236 in her name.

The woman isn't a stranger to identity theft and credit fraud. During the past few years she received bills for items charged in the name and Social Security number of her deceased father.

Lamp fire

Grosse Pointe Shores public safety officers investigated a burning odor in the 600 block of Lakeshore on Monday, Jan. 24, at 6:14 p.m.

"(Officers) found the odor emitting from a lamp that had a 250-watt bulb which was not the proper bulb for the type of lamp," police said. "The lamp started sparking with a small flame."

Officers unplugged the lamp and took it outside.

Wrong way

On Monday, Jan. 24, at 2:43 a.m., a 48-year-old man from Big Rapids was caught driving drunk in oncoming lanes of traffic on Lakeshore in Grosse Pointe Shores.

Officers said the man was driving southbound in the northbound lanes past the southern city limits.

The man denied drinking but tested positive for a .169 percent blood alcohol level.

"Yes, I had a few," he finally admitted.

— Brad Lindberg

Heart stolen

A store in the 19800 block of Mack in Grosse Pointe Woods reported a floral heart bouquet was taken sometime between 9 p.m. on Sunday, Jan. 23, and 8 a.m. on Monday, Jan. 24.

Trickle to flood

A resident in the 2100 block of Hawthorne in Grosse Pointe Woods probably never imagined the water he saw trickling down the side of his neighbor's house caused a major flood.

Public safety officers inspected the house after receiving the concerned neighbor's call at 10 p.m. on Sunday, Jan. 23.

They found a pipe had broken in the second-story bathroom, which resulted in major water damage in the house, including eight inches of standing water in the basement.

The officers turned off the water and notified the homeowners, who were out of town.

Stolen car swap

A 1999 Dodge Intrepid parked in the street in the 1200 block of Beaconsfield in Grosse Pointe Park was stolen sometime between 1 and 8 p.m. on Tuesday, Jan. 25.

A 1998 Ford Taurus with its engine running was found abandoned nearby.

Van recovered

Grosse Pointe Park public safety officers recovered a 1990 Dodge Caravan reported stolen out of Warren during a traffic stop at Mack and Beaconsfield at 9:39 p.m. on Tuesday, Jan. 25.

The driver of the minivan, a 19-year-old Detroit man, was arrested.

Case crack(ed)

A 23-year-old Grosse Pointe Park man was arrested for driving under the influence of crack cocaine.

The arrest took place during a traffic stop at Cadieux and Maumee at 9 p.m. on Thursday, Jan. 27.

Two snow blowers taken

Two snow blowers were taken from a garage in the 1900 block of Broadstone in Grosse Pointe Woods sometime between 3:30 p.m. on Thursday, Jan. 27, and 10:45 a.m. on Friday, Jan. 28.

Traffic stopper

A witness reported a woman flashing her breasts at oncoming traffic in the 20400 block of Mack in Grosse Pointe Woods at 4:37

p.m. on Saturday, Jan. 29.

A public safety officer caught up with the woman, a 65-year-old Detroit resident, who said she was only standing in traffic trying to cross the street.

The officer suggested she exercise more caution the next time she tried to cross a street.

Minors detained

Five juveniles from the Grosse Pointes and Detroit were arrested for being in possession of alcohol and marijuana in a parked Honda at Yorkshire and St. Paul in Grosse Pointe Park.

Park public safety officers responded to a complaint of the suspicious activity in the car at 9:03 p.m. on Saturday, Jan. 29.

The youths were turned over to their parents after being arrested.

Target

A car parked in the 500 block of Cook in Grosse Pointe Woods was hit by three paint balls sometime between 11 p.m. on Saturday, Jan. 29, and 12:15 a.m. on Sunday, Jan. 30.

The car sustained no permanent damage.

Fleeing & eluding

A 23-year-old Detroit man was arrested for fleeing and eluding Grosse Pointe Park public safety officers during a traffic stop at 2:08 a.m. on Sunday, Jan. 30.

Officers attempted to stop the man's 1996 Ford for speeding at Mack and Wayburn. The driver led officers on a chase to Connor in Detroit.


The driver was also arrested for outstanding warrants as was a 21-year-old Detroit man, who was a passenger in the car.

Assist

An off-duty Detroit police officer flagged down a Grosse Pointe Park patrol car to help with an arrest of a larceny suspect at a service station at Mack and Chatsworth in Detroit at 9:52 p.m. on Sunday, Jan. 30.

The Park officers helped detain the suspect until uniformed Detroit officers arrived on the scene.

— Bonnie Caprara



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New design guidelines in works for Village

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

New design guidelines being written for the Village shopping district eventually will be eased into law.

"A lot of this is already in existing ordinances," said Mike Overton, manager of the City of Grosse Pointe.

He referred to a 20-part, 35-page draft outlining proposed architectural, signage, lighting and color standards.

The coordinated quilt of forthcoming standards is intended to preserve the central commercial district's "quintessential main street character" while allowing creative latitude for econom-

ic development.

Members of the city council this week received their first look at the recommendations and agreed to work toward the report's refinement and implementation within coming months.

"These are guidelines," Overton said. "As the city council becomes comfortable with them, ordinances will be changed to bring guidelines into ordinances."

"We are not going to be able to enact all these ordinances in one fell swoop," said Mayor Dale Scrace.

"There will be minor modifications to a number of ordinances, but it is clearly not wholesale change,"

Overton said.

All categories of design adhere to the overall influences of traditional Grosse Pointe architecture: Colonial American, Tudor, French country, Victorian style of Italianate, Gothic and Queen Anne.

Existing structures will be grandfathered into compliance over time.

"It's grandfathered until it comes in for change," Scrace said.

The most obvious proposed changes concern commercial signs and outdoor lighting.

Blade signs, currently illegal, are now recommended for inclusion in the district's pallet of architectural elements intended to evoke the community's French and English heritage.

"They can be very ornate and beautiful pieces of art," Overton said.

Blade signs, a hallmark of centuries-old London pubs and stylish Paris boutiques, project 90 degrees from a facade. As such, they are oriented toward pedestrians rather than passing motorists.

"This isn't radical stuff," Overton said.

Not radical, but lighting changes are intended to be visually dramatic.

"Guidelines are intended to ensure that lighting will be used to accent the buildings in the Village and create a vibrant and inviting pedestrian environment," according to authors of the design report. "Lighting should be directed at the building, and the lighting source should not be visible to the eye."

Moreover, "Interior display lighting should be used during non-business hours to contribute to the overall vitality of the business dis-



Photos by Brad Lindberg

Guidelines being written to enhance the Village recommend using gooseneck lighting to accent architectural details. Shopkeepers will be asked to illuminate display windows until 11:30 p.m. to make the nightscape more vibrant.

trict. All sign lighting should remain in use until at least 11:30 p.m. year-round."

The 12-member guideline team was assembled from civic, business and residential circles into the Village Design Committee.

Members consist of Mayor Scrace, Overton, councilmen Joe Jennings and John Stevens, Village shopkeepers Ellen Durand (president of the Village merchants association), Michael Kramer (past president) and Georgia Valente, city planning consultant John Jackson, property owner representatives Jim Bellanca and Robert Sfire, and citizens Beverly Leinwebber, a Village booster; and Robert Wood, a designer.

"The committee is a recommending body to the council," Overton said.

"I'm most excited about lighting and signage guidelines," Kramer said. "They can have an effect in a relatively short period of time. It's been a long time coming."

"The Village needs to be lit at night," Leinwebber said. "I love blade signs."

"The end result is a wonderful improvement to the Village," Valente said.

The proposal recommends that building materials be selected from the context of surrounding neighborhoods in order to blend the community's commercial and residential influences.

Building colors are to be drawn from shades typical

of early American architectural style, according to the report.

"There was considerable debate on the committee about whether we should have a color palette," Overton said. "We decided to compromise. We didn't want to limit people too much. We want to let them use their own creativity, but we do want to have a sense of early American traditional colors. We don't want to see neon green."

If ordinances are enacted as expected, new buildings will be required to have first floors with 15-foot ceilings.

"Modern retailers want higher ceilings," Overton said. "If you don't have higher ceilings it's more difficult to lease space."



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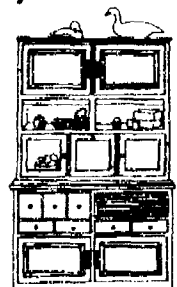
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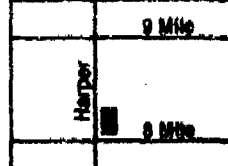
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ID theft:

Who ya gonna call when you're life's on hold?

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

In a world where the Internet has made a person's identity as insecure as loose change, some people wonder who Jennifer Wojcik really is.

Is she a 27-year-old preparing to become a state police crime scene investigator? Or is she a deadbeat who buys things but doesn't pay?

Is she hog-wild about applying for credit cards, or prudent with pennies because she's saving to buy her first house?

The real Wojcik lives in the suburbs, has a full-time job downtown as an insurance adjuster and works weekend nights as a dispatcher for the Grosse Pointe Shores Public Safety Department.

She pays her bills, has only one credit card, doesn't use it unless she has to and never uses it over the Internet.

Her black sheep alter ego is a fake; an offspring of identity theft.

It's a growing problem born of computers and criminals. The problem is likely to get worse unless potential victims — us — wise up and fight back.

"Don't expect the authorities to do it for you," Wojcik said.

"Credit card theft is hard to prosecute," said Shores Sgt. Dan Pullen.

"It's hard to prove," added

Ron Wiczorek, a detective in the City of Grosse Pointe.

"Police can only do so much," Wojcik said. "The more information you give them (about the crime), the more they can go with. The first time I filed a police report it was closed in about three days because they had no leads."

She returned with more information and police reopened the case.

State laws going into effect March 1 specifically address identity theft. Laws establish a six-year statute of limitations and make the crime punishable by up to five years in prison, a \$25,000 fine or both.

The problem remains how to catch criminals who surf the Internet to catch waves of personal information from victims living anywhere from next door to halfway across the world.

"It's almost like somebody is following you or watching you," Wojcik said. "Very creepy."

Life on hold

Wojcik's problems surfaced in December 2003. A jewelry store sent her a letter rejecting a credit application she'd never requested.

Then a letter from a national department store. Credit accepted. Again, she'd never applied.

"I called and gave them a hard time," Wojcik said. "I couldn't understand how

my credit went through."

Things dwindled down for a few months during which Wojcik sought her credit history from the big-three of reporting agencies: Trans Union, Equifax and Experian.

"Only Trans Union sent a credit report," Wojcik said. "I filled out forms telling them what should and shouldn't be on the report. I never heard back."

No news is not always good news.

"Almost a year to date from the first letter (Wojcik has a mind for dates, facts and figures when it comes to people ripping her off) I started getting more letters saying my credit application was denied at this store and this store and this store," she said. "I was worried because it was Christmastime. I didn't want to get a big bill from somebody spending in my name."

An updated credit report showed an illegal \$1,856.71 purchase in her name from Overstock.com on-line retailer.

"I immediately reported the fraudulent account," she said. "They told me they could send out a fraud affidavit saying I did not order the products and the account was not mine."

"Credit card companies make good for what the customer loses, but they don't go after the bad guys who are doing it to begin with," said City Detective Jim Fox.

Company representatives wouldn't tell Wojcik about the person who'd opened a fake account in her name.

"Although this technically was my account, they were not required by law to give all the information because they had to protect the other person, a criminal," she said.

Wojcik shifted into investigation mode.

"I'm one of those people who likes to put the pieces together," she said.

She learned the fraudulent order had been placed by a man and delivered to a vacant house in Detroit.

Lately, the bills have stopped, but not the hassle.

"I can't get a mortgage at this time because of the identity theft," Wojcik said. "It's not because they don't know who I am. It's because they don't want to allow anyone else to get a mortgage in my name. I have to put my life on hold because somebody is pretending to be me."

It's a feeling many people are having this time of year. Reports of credit fraud have been peppering Grosse Pointe police reports as residents receive bills from the holiday buying season.

"Credit cards are used so much during the holidays," Pullen said. "People should take time to look at their bills to make sure the purchases are legitimate."

Prevention

Police say the best way to fight identity theft is to prevent it in the first place.

"A lot of people make the mistake of carrying their Social Security card in their purse or wallet," Pullen said. "If a thief gets your Social Security card, you're really in trouble."

He said to store Social Security cards in a safe deposit box.

Pullen advised businesses and residents to shred documents before disposal.

He told of a case where employees of a commercial cleaning company were



Photo by Brad Lindberg

Jennifer Wojcik spends a lot of time answering telephone calls as a public safety dispatcher. But she's had to put her financial life on hold due to being a victim of identity theft.

number, you won't be charged thousands and thousands of dollars," he said.

He recommended suspending mail delivery while out of town on vacation, even if for one day.

"If someone steals mail out of the mailbox, they can get a tremendous amount of information," Fincham said.

"Have a credit check done every six months," Pullen said. "A lot of people don't know their credit has been ruined until it's too late."

Wojcik warns not to divulge personal information over the telephone.

"Pay cash when you can, especially in restaurants," she added. "Watch behind you at the ATM. Camera cell phones can take pictures of you typing your PIN number or of your credit card number."

Wojcik tracks her spending, especially to search for fraudulent activity.

"I've always been on top of things," she said. "I'm organized and responsible. That's why out of all people, I don't know how this happened to me."

Reporting ID theft

If someone steals your identity to obtain credit, report the incident to each of the three credit reporting agencies below.

Have them place a fraud alert on your file.

Credit reports are sent free of charge.

Credit fraud

- Equifax
- Mailing address: P.O. Box 740241, Atlanta, GA 30374-0241.

To order your credit report, call: (800) 685-1111.

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Checking up

If your checks have been lost or stolen, close the account.

Either you or your banker should contact the following major check verification companies.

Ask that stores that use their services not accept your checks.

- TeleCheck: (800) 710-9898 or (800) 927-0188.

- Certegy, Inc.: (800) 437-5120

- International Check Services: (800) 631-9656.

Call SCAN at (800) 262-7771 to learn if someone has been passing bad checks in your name.

Tell police

Victims of identity theft and credit fraud should file a report with their local police or police in the community where the crime occurred.

Provide police with as much information as possible.

Include credit reports, fraudulent bills, notification of accounts opened in your name and letters from debt collection agencies.

Valentine's Day at Ford House

Say goodbye to that boring box of chocolates and tired bouquet of flowers. An elegant evening is planned at the historic Edsel & Eleanor Ford House beginning at 5:30 p.m. on Sunday, Feb. 13. After a candlelit tour of the home, guests will enjoy a gourmet dinner, champagne and a decadent dessert.

The Enchanted Evening will showcase the home aglow in soft candlelight — actually, electric candles — that create a warm one-of-a-kind experience at Ford House. The event offers an intimate view of the home while providing a cozy getaway from the harsh winter cold.

Cost for this event is \$36 per person and requires a reservation. For tickets, call (313) 884-4222. The Edsel & Eleanor Ford House is located 1100 Lakeshore in Grosse Pointe Shores.

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Stein named woman of the year at First English

By Ann L. Fouty
Staff Writer

Jacqueline Stein was named the Woman of the Year by the First English Ev. Lutheran Church women. She will be honored at the 17th annual Katy York Honoring Women Luncheon on Saturday, Feb. 12. The event, sponsored by the Southeast Michigan Women of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, will be held at the Best Western Sterling Inn, 34911 Van Dyke, Warren, beginning at 11 a.m.

"I was flabbergasted and humbled," she said when she heard of her nomination. "Our church has extremely dynamic women and to think I am following in their footsteps. I don't put myself on that level."

From her resume, Stein might well put herself in the dynamic category because of all her involvement in church activities.

The Grosse Pointe Woods resident and member of the church for 16 years is a president of Peace Circle, past director of the Board of Fellowship helping plan Lenten meals, the church picnic and Sunday morning coffee hours, a catechism guide, Christian Group Work Camp volunteer, adult guide, committee member of the FELC Golf Outing, youth activity chauffeur/chaperone, volunteer for "Tuesday Means Pizza," Christmas craft, night volunteer and "God's Creatures" Christmas tree coordinator.

The Peace Circle is one of five women's groups which meets for fellowship and is involved in numerous volunteer activities including Heartline in Detroit. Most recently, the group is making up Valentine boxes for the halfway house. She said the circle also helps with the homeless projects. It's a great group of friends, she

said, "who are there for each other."

As youth chaperone, she has been on winter retreats with teens and has traveled to both West Virginia and Indianapolis to take on labor-intensive projects, as well as run devotions during their time away from home.

Because Grosse Pointe North High School has an open campus lunch, the church has opened its doors to high school students providing them with a pizza, salad, cheese bread and beverage lunch for \$4 every Tuesday.

"It's great to see the kids. It's an all-you-can-eat. We average 200 in two lunch hours. It's a safe environment, a great time to get together, plus there is fellowship."

Stein goes on to explain that Christmas craft night encompasses crafts to be made by preschoolers through adults. Some craft



Jacqueline Stein

projects are free, and some have a nominal fee attached. "It's a great fun thing," she said.

Creating a "God's Creatures" Christmas tree grew out of her love for animals.

"Everyone loves animals," Stein explained. She contacted dog groups across the country for donations, and before she knew it the tree in the new building was filled

with new, natural animal ornaments. It was topped with a star made of twigs and berries.

From decorating a Christmas tree to filling boxes for residents of a halfway house, Stein summed up her work by saying, "I believe it is my Christian obligation. I get the satisfaction of helping, being where I'm needed, meeting the people involved, and I provide an example for my children."

In the community Stein's interest in a love of dogs manifests itself in her membership in Soft Coated Wheaten Terrier Club of America as past president, as well as a contact for the Michigan Wheaten Rescue,

member of Terrier Club of Michigan, chair of the Wheaton Homefinders Rescue, as well as an exhibitor in Motor City SCWT exhibit at the Detroit Kennel Club Dog Show; and she's a breeder and grooming specialist of Wheaten Terriers.

Stein is a past volunteer at her children's schools, Mason, Parcels and Grosse Pointe North High School, and a member of Notre Dame High School Parent Club of Harper Woods where she was chair of the "Late Night Catechism" dinner theatre event.

She and her husband, Alan, have two children, Kimberly, 19, and Jeffrey, 16.

Learning to pray

The Spirituality Center of Christ Church Grosse Pointe is offering two February workshops that can help individuals literally discover new paths into their prayer life.

The first is a five-hour workshop entitled On Pilgrimage with the Prayer Labyrinth, and will meet at Jefferson Avenue Presbyterian Church at 10 a.m. on Saturday, Feb. 19.

Eileen Herbst, recently returned from advanced training at France's Chartres Cathedral, site of a centuries-old labyrinth, will introduce the origins of this form of prayer. The day begins with an introduction, prayer exercises, and a video. After lunch participants will begin to walk and pray their way around a 14-circuit canvas-and-Velcro labyrinth in stocking feet.

Labyrinths were an ancient resource adapted by medieval Christians unable to be pilgrims to the Holy Land. Contemporary retreat centers and churches are finding new application for this ancient form.

To register, call Maryann at (313) 885-8481, extension 114, by Wednesday, Feb. 16, (or by Monday, Feb. 14, to reserve a catered lunch). Space is limited.

The second workshop, "Praying with Scripture," is a four-week series that will meet Wednesdays beginning Feb. 23.

During the two-hour evening session, Janis Fletcher, an accomplished spiritual director and Scripture Teacher, will unfold a way to use Scripture to enrich the experience of praying. It approaches listening and responding to God as the heart of prayer and will model ways of using Scriptures to do so. There will be several moments of actively trying these ways of praying during the series.

Fletcher, currently a member of Our Lady of LaSalette Church in Berkeley, has a long career in parish ministry in the Archdiocese of Detroit and elsewhere. She has also been a Scripture scholar and instructor in several settings, many of them ecumenical. Each session runs from 7 to 9 p.m.

Registration ends on Friday, Feb. 18, and the enrollment fee is \$15 per session.

To register for either of these workshops, call Maryann at the aforementioned phone number or go online to www.christchurchgp.org/spirituality to register and download a flier.

For more information, call Canon Ron Spann, director, at (313) 885-4841, ext. 113.

Memorial Church hosts concert

La Gente D'Orfeo will present a concert at 4 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 6, at Grosse Pointe Memorial Church, 16 Lakeshore, in Grosse Pointe Farms. The Ann Arbor quartet will feature Daniel Foster, violin; Kiri Tollaksen, cornetto; Debra Longergan, cello; and Martha Folts, virginal and organ. The early-music specialists will offer a program and a reception afterward. Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$5 for students and seniors and will be available at the door. For more information, call (313) 882-5330.



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This year's auction, "All Aboard, Auction 2005," features a tropical cruise theme with tickets priced at \$185 for couples and \$145 for single tickets. Included in the ticket price is an open bar and food stations featuring international fla-



A pedigree Old English sheepdog will be auctioned off during the annual Our Lady Star of the Sea annual fundraiser.

vored cuisine, such as the Orient, the Caribbean, South America, Italy and a Belgian chocolate fountain. Also included is the opportunity to shop both the live and silent auction and to dance to the music of "The Relies."

The admission price also includes one raffle ticket. Raffle prizes are a trip to the Mayan Riviera, and cash prizes of \$2,500, \$1,500 and \$500. Co-chairs for the event are Linda Kusch of Grosse Pointe

Woods and Amy Graham of Grosse Pointe Park.

Some of the hundreds of items to bid on include tickets to Super Bowl XL in Detroit, a Rainbow Systems playscape, three mink coats, a Renoir lithograph, a pool table, a black and white diamond bracelet, a basketball hoop, a Moped, family vacations, and an oil painting commissioned and done by local artist Jane McFeely, created especially for this event.

It has become a Star of the Sea tradition to feature a dog as a live auction item. This year's dog is a purebred Old English sheepdog. The puppy was born in November 2004 to a pair of fifth generation Champion Old English sheepdogs, and the auction item includes all the pedigree papers, obedience classes, crate and boarding.

New to this year's auction is a package donated by the Star of the Sea Alumni which is a 51-inch Toshiba wide-screen, high-definition projection television, a DVD player, a Sony home theater system complete with sub-woofer, receiver, satellite speakers, a 40-hour Ti-Vo system, high-definition cables and a professional to hook it all up in your home.

All funds raised will benefit the Star of the Sea students.

"Funds have been earmarked for further computer technology and licenses, new science materials, paint to brighten the classrooms, new stage lights and

improved sound system for the gym, cupboards and sinks in the art room, Spanish textbooks and other educational enhancements," said Principal

Patricia S. Stumb.

For more information, or to purchase tickets, call the school office at (313) 884-1070 or the Lochmoor Club at (313) 886-1010.



A man's watch will be another one of the auction items, along with trips and a diamond bracelet.



St. Paul Auction

St. Paul Catholic School will hold its dinner and auction at 6:30 p.m. Friday, Feb. 4, at the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club. Auction planners, in the front row, seated, from left, are Katy Brennan; Debra Temrowski, TPG President; and June Keane.

Standing, from left, are Cindy Leaman, principal; Sharon Kuchta; Lauren Clune; Sue Rauh; Heather Chase; Lynne Williams, auction chairman; Richard DeLoof; Jeff Cook; and Betty Lalich, teacher representative.

Not shown, are Michael Stafford and Sue Peterson. For information or tickets, call Maureen at (313) 886-1720.

Chowder and Chili for Soup(er) Bowl

With all the Super Bowl hype in the air, I decided to get in on the action. My idea of a super bowl is quite different from the actual game. My super bowl is a large bowl filled with something yummy to eat. To keep things competitive, I'm offering two recipes this week. You can decide which will be the better choice for your party next Sunday — chili or chowder? If your group will be large, you may want to make both.

Chorizo Chili with Cannellini Beans

1/2 cup olive oil, divided
8 slices bacon, chopped
4 bay leaves
4 medium or 2 large onions, chopped
8 garlic cloves, finely chopped
1 tablespoon plus 1 teaspoon fresh rosemary, chopped
2 teaspoons fresh thyme, chopped
1 tablespoon plus 1 teaspoon paprika
8 tomatoes chopped (about 4 cups)
2 lbs. uncooked chorizo, cut into 1/2-inch pieces
3 19-oz. cans Progresso cannellini beans, drained and rinsed
1/2 cup dry red wine salt and pepper to taste
1/2 cup fresh flat-leaf parsley, chopped

Heat 1/4 cup of the olive oil in a heavy Dutch oven on medium heat. Add the bacon and the bay leaves and cook until some of the fat begins to render. Add the onion and cook for 10 to 15 minutes, until the onion becomes soft and begins to brown (stirring every few minutes).

Stir in the garlic, rosemary, thyme and paprika. Add the tomatoes and reduce the heat. Cook and stir over a medium-low heat until the tomatoes soften. Add the chorizo, beans, wine and 3 cups of water to the pot. Bring the pot to a low boil and simmer (covered) for 10 minutes or so.

Taste, season with salt and pepper and stir in the parsley and the remaining 1/4 cup of olive oil. Serve this over-the-top spicy chili with baked crusty multi-grain bread. You'll find a half-baked loaf of multi-

grain or French bread at Kroger's in the Village. It's a terrific bread product that you finish baking in your oven.

Chorizo is a spicy sausage used both in Mexican and Spanish cooking. The actual heat of the sausage may vary but it's usually on the spicier side of spicy. Less adventurous palates may want to substitute hot or mild Italian sausage in place of the chorizo.

Fish Chowder

2 1/2 cups frozen corn, thawed and divided
8 slices bacon, chopped
3 cups chopped onion
1 1/2 cups finely chopped celery
1 1/2 cups finely chopped shallots
4 garlic cloves, minced
1/4 cup chopped fresh flat-leaf parsley
1 tablespoon chopped fresh thyme
1 tablespoon paprika
3 tablespoons butter
1/4 cup flour
3 cups whole milk
1 teaspoon salt
1/2 teaspoon black pepper
2 8-oz. cans clam juice
2 bay leaves

1 1/2 lbs. Yukon gold potatoes, cut into 1/2-inch cubes (about 4 cups)

2 lbs. firm white fish fillets (such as halibut or cod), cut into bite-sized pieces

Place 1 cup of the corn in a food processor (or blender) and process until smooth. Transfer to small bowl and set aside. Cook the bacon in a Dutch oven over medium-high heat until crisp.

Remove from the pot with a slotted spoon and place on paper towels to drain. Pour off all but 1 tablespoon of fat from the pot. Return pot to heat and add the onion, celery, carrots, shallots and garlic. Sauté over medium heat for 5 to 10 minutes, until the vegetables become soft.

Remove from heat and stir in the parsley, thyme and paprika. Transfer the mixture to a bowl and set aside.

Melt the butter in the Dutch oven over medium heat. Gradually whisk in the flour and cook for a minute or two, until browned. Gradually whisk in the milk. Add the cooked vegetable mixture, salt, pepper, clam juice,

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potatoes.

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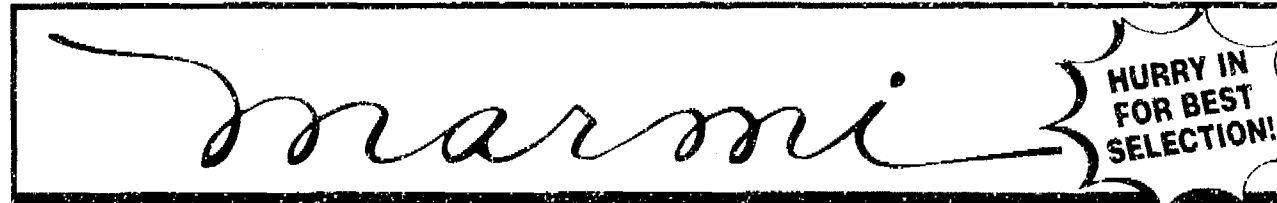
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Meetings

Herb Society

The Herb Society of America, Grosse Pointe unit, will meet at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 9, at the Children's Home of Detroit, 900 Cook, in Grosse Pointe Woods.

The speaker will be Pat Sagert. She will present a program about United States presidents whose beverage of choice was tea, and how tea was used by these presidents politically and socially.

Members and nonmembers are welcome. For more information, call Kathy Peabody at (313) 886-2797.

Senior Men's Club

The Senior Men's Club of Grosse Pointe will meet on Tuesday, Feb. 8, at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial. The speaker,

Judge John Fikens, will talk about the Detroit water system. For more information, call (313) 881-7511.

Fox Creek Questers

Fox Creek Questers No. 216 will meet at 12:30 p.m. on Thursday, Feb. 3. The hostess will be Nancy Grunewald, and co-hostess is Anne Thomas.

The program, by Julie Christie, is "The History of 1st and 2nd United States District Court Judges in Detroit: Ross Wilkins and John Longyear and their Portraits."

Grand Marais Questers

The Grand Marais chapter of Questers will meet at 9:30 a.m. Friday, Feb. 11, at the home of Betsy Rowe.

After refreshments and a business meeting, the hostess will present a program on the identification and care of glass. She will use examples from her collection.

Toastmasters

The Northeastern Toastmasters Club is an international nonprofit organization that helps people speak more effectively in public.

Toastmasters teaches communication and leadership skills with hands-on experience and practice.

The club is open to anyone in the community, and visitors are welcome. Annual dues are about \$70.

For more information about the local chapter of Toastmasters, or for the time, date and location of the next meeting, call Tamara at (313) 885-6571.



Republican Club officers

The Eastside Republican Club has elected new officers for the 2005-07 term. Marti Miller (second from right) of Grosse Pointe Woods is the new president. She was a precinct delegate involved in Republican politics since the late 1970s and is a member of the executive committee of the 13th Congressional district and the state committee of the Michigan Republican Party. She is also a past president of the Republican Women's Club of Grosse Pointe.

The club meets at 7:30 p.m. on the third Tuesday of each month at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial.

From left, are Linda Solterisch, director; Dan Grano, director; Therese Joseph, secretary; Jim Miller, treasurer; Tom McCleary, director; Miller, president; and Walt Koppy, director.



Newcomers Club

The Grosse Pointe Social & Newcomers Club held its 59th annual Holiday Ball at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial. Standing, from left are Matt and Melissa Carstens, John and Nicki Gersch and Amy Chesterton. Seated, from left, are Tom and Julie Clarke and Patrick Chesterton.

The Grosse Pointe Social & Newcomers Club, established in 1945, is a non-profit social organization for married couples new or currently residing in the Grosse Pointes. Events are held monthly from September through June.

Upcoming events include a wine tasting, a progressive dinner and a Kentucky Derby Party.

For more information, visit www.grossepointenewcomers.com or call (313) 640-1794.



G.P. Garden Center

The Grosse Pointe Garden Center held its annual meeting and luncheon on Jan. 21 at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial. The guest speaker, Mary Northcutt, gave a program, "Celebrate the Seasons."

New officers of the group, from left, are Marie Mainwaring, assistant treasurer; Sarah Flynn, treasurer; Carol Sauter, corresponding secretary; Jean Azar, president; Adrienne Gregory, second vice president; Betsy Maitland, first vice president; and Carolyn Nantroup, recording secretary.



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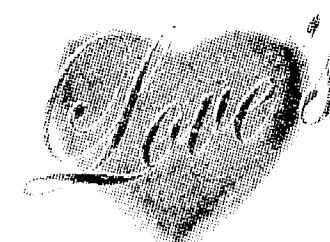
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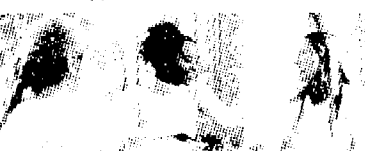
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Minimally invasive surgery makes varicose veins vanish

By Drew Georgeson, D.O., F.A.C.S.
Special Writer

A new minimally invasive surgical technique to remove unsightly and painful varicose veins in the legs offers individuals a safer, more effective treatment method with minimal scarring and significantly reduced recovery time.

Varicose veins in the legs often are hereditary and are more common in women. They can occur in people whose jobs require a lot of standing, such as hairdressers and factory workers.

Also, the added weight and hormonal changes that occur in pregnancy may cause varicose veins.

In the legs, where blood flows back to the heart against gravity, tiny one-way valves within the veins open as blood flows toward the heart, and they close to keep it from flowing back down. Veins bulge or become varicose when these valves malfunction allowing some of the blood to flow backward, pooling in the veins.

Besides creating bumps and discoloration, varicose veins can be painful and may burn, itch and cause fatigue in the legs. The condition usually progresses and can lead to complications such as phlebitis, bleeding, chronic swelling in the legs and slow-healing ulcerations.

Compression stockings are prescribed as the first line of treatment for varicose veins. These tight-fitting stockings help minimize symptoms and discomfort for individuals whose jobs keep them on their feet, but they will not prevent varicose veins from developing. When symptoms become significant or complications develop, surgery is the next option.

The traditional vein stripping method is tedious, requiring as many as 20 to 30 incisions, and surgeons cannot always see the entire vein to confirm complete removal. Plus, with the stripping method, there is more chance for nerve injury, and recovery time is lengthy.

The minimally invasive TriVex System for outpatient varicose vein removal was approved by the FDA in 1999 and has been used worldwide since development in 1996. Because varicose veins are recognized as a medical condition, the procedure is covered by most insurance plans.

TriVex uses transilluminated powered phlebectomy, a patented, clinically tested surgical technique for varicose vein removal. Transilluminated refers to the passing of light under the skin, and phlebectomy is the medical term for vein removal.

In this procedure, the surgeon removes the vein using a small, precise surgical device while viewing the vein with a transilluminating light.

Clinical studies suggest that this method enables the surgeon to remove veins using a minimal number of small incisions and short operative times, which may result in an easier recovery for the patient. Cosmetic results are good.

After the procedure, thick purplish ridges are replaced by smooth skin that can look as if varicose veins were never present. And once removed with the TriVex System, varicose veins usually don't recur.

This outpatient procedure generally takes 40 minutes, and patients are able to walk to their cars. They can typically return to work and resume regular activities within a week to 10 days.

Patients with many large varicose veins need not worry about compromising circulation in their legs if they have many unsightly veins that need to be removed. The majority of blood return comes from veins deep within the legs. But when the superficial veins break down, it clogs the system and causes problems on the surface.

Individuals with thin spider veins on their legs are not candidates for this procedure, but there are also new minimally invasive outpatient procedures to treat those types of veins. They, too, require fewer treatments and provide long-term results.

Dr. Georgeson, a Grosse Pointe native, is a board-certified Bon Secours Cottage general surgeon. He is the only physician in southeast Michigan performing this new procedure with a specially trained team at Cottage Hospital.

For an appointment, call Bon Secours Cottage Physician Referral at (800) 303-7315.

Or, learn more about the procedure at a free lecture, "Vanish Those Veins," at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 23, at the Bon Secours Connelly Auditorium, 468 Cadieux, in the City of Grosse Pointe. To register for the free program, call (586) 779-7900.

Our first trial of a medication

By Mary Beth Langan and
Theodore G. Coutilish
Special Writers

When parents are attempting to help their children with different therapies, diets, supplements and medications, what is being introduced may be referred to as a "trial."

The word trial never seemed to have an impact on us in the midst of our previous attempts to help Andrew become less hyper-aroused and more focused.

We tried different tools within the world of sensory integration therapy. Some worked; some did nothing or could not be tolerated. Overall, even the worst results could be categorized under "no harm, no foul."

Omega-3 fatty acids. They didn't seem to have an effect on Andrew. Perhaps a bit fishy smelling, but overall "no harm, no foul."

Gluten-free, casein-free diet. More commonly used if you have autism without having Fragile X Syndrome. Although Mary Beth couldn't find more than two families in the FX world who considered it worth the trial, she felt it was necessary to do before entering the world of meds.

After six months of higher food bills, we had a just-as-picky-eater who seemed no different. He's still drinking rice milk but is

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basically off "the diet."

Overall, "no harm, no foul."

OK. This was our last-ditch effort before we brought real meds into the ring. A trial of folate (folic acid, at a mega dose). It's been shown to help a healthy number of children with FX. Unfortunately, folate did not seem to have an effect on Andrew.

But, "no harm, no foul."

Then, we began our first trial of real medication. And we learned the meaning of trial.

Skipping the legal definition, a trial is the "act or process of testing, trying or putting to the proof by actual or simulated use and experience" and a "state of pain or anguish caused by a difficult situation or condition." It's also a "test of patience or endurance." These all seem to fit quite well with the experience of our trial.

We were slapped with the reality of why "trial and error" are words linked in a common phrase.

The verdict is still out in our first trial, but a med, which is supposed to make



Langan-Coutilish family

FXers who often have poor sleep patterns sleep through the night, made our little man, who was a

pretty good sleeper, someone who parties from 1 to 4 a.m.

Between lack of sleep and still having high anxiety and hyperactivity, the first two weeks meant much worse days instead of better ones. We are seeing some positive changes now, but they have not been dramatic.

While waiting for the verdict on this trial, we returned to the dictionary. A verdict is "an expressed conclusion or judgment." A judgment can mean "a rough guess or estimation."

This is why they call it "the practice of medicine."

Grosse Pointe residents Theodore G. Coutilish and Mary Beth Langan created this column to share experiences from their journey as parents of a child with Fragile X syndrome (fragile.org). Send your questions or comments to tcoutilish@dmac.wayne.edu or mblangan@hotmail.com.

Meals for the Homebound needs volunteer drivers

Is there someone you know who is recuperating from surgery or an illness and unable to cook for himself or herself?

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Celebrating its 28th year of providing "good help to those in need," the Bon Secours Cottage Meals for the Homebound program is a community service that assists recently discharged patients and elderly in the community during periods of recuperation or need.

The Bon Secours Cottage Meals Program is the only temporary meal service in the area. It helps individuals for periods up to eight weeks.

Balanced, healthy, hot meals (regular diet only) are prepared by Food and Nutrition Services and delivered by Bon Secours Cottage volunteers during the noon hour Monday through Friday, excluding major holidays.

The success of the program is due to the quality and variety of meals provided, along with the caring spirit and friendly touch provided to the recipients by the volunteers.

Residents of the Grosse Pointes, Harper Woods, and Detroit area (ZIP codes 48224, 48225, 48230 and

48236) are eligible.

Are you or someone you know interested in brightening the day of a shut-in? As a Bon Secours volunteer delivering meals to the homebound, you can make a difference in their life by reaching out through food and friendship.

Volunteer drivers are needed for approximately an hour and a half at a time during the noon hour weekdays, excluding major holidays.

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Know Your Skin

by Lisa A. Manz-Dulac, MD



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Hypertrophic scars describe scars that stay within the area of the injury but which have become raised or lumpy, and may be red and itchy. These kinds of scars appear as the site heals; some may recede, even without treatment. Hypertrophic scars can occur with patients of any age or skin type.

Keloids are abnormal scars which extend and spread beyond the area of the injury, usually forming after the site has healed. Keloids never go away by themselves and can continue to grow and enlarge over time. More common in patients between 10 and 30 years of age, as

well as for African-Americans, keloids are most likely to appear on the earlobes, neck and shoulders, breast bone, or hands and forearms, though they can develop anywhere.

No one knows why these forms of unsatisfactory scars occur. It is estimated that 10-15% of scars may be abnormal. Treatment of these scars can be difficult. Options that may be discussed include use of silicone gel dressings, pressure, corticosteroid injections, laser therapy, or for severe cases, surgery and excision. Patients with keloids may also find that once treated, especially when treated by excision, their keloids can reappear.

To learn more about abnormal scars and their treatment, contact your dermatologist, or call us at Eastside Dermatology, Dr. Lisa A. Manz-Dulac and Associates with offices in Grosse Pointe and New Baltimore. You can reach them at (313) 884-3380.

Experience a drum circle

Megan Gunnell, certified music therapist at Bon Secours Cottage, will facilitate a Drum Circle experience from 7 to 8:30 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 9, in Connelly Auditorium, Bon Secours Hospital, 468 Cadieux in the City of Grosse Pointe.

Learn how rhythm and drumming can unleash a sense of self-awareness.

Recent research shows that a single drumming

experience also can significantly increase the disease-fighting activity of circulating white blood cells. A wide variety of world percussion instruments will be provided. The class is sponsored by the Bon Secours Cottage Integrative Therapy Committee. The class fee is \$15. To register, call Bon Secours Cottage Community Health Promotion at (586) 779-7900.

Blood drive at War Memorial

The Grosse Pointe Community Blood Council and the American Red Cross will hold a blood drive from 9 a.m. to 8:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 10, at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore.

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SOC Options

How to survive loss

By Sharon Maier

SOC Executive Director

Recently I attended the funeral of a much-loved man. His smile lifted our spirits three days a week as he attended our exercise classes, and he always pitched in to make our programs run smoothly. He always helped, always danced, often laughed and was a joy to be around.

To us he seemed healthy and vital. Last week he died of pneumonia.

At his funeral the priest paid a wonderful tribute to him and then mentioned that he heard someone say, "Pneumonia is an old man's friend."

While John passed away quietly from what some people would call an old man's friend, I know pneumonia is the enemy of those who lose someone to it. Losing someone you care about is a painful process which most of us would like to avoid.

My time at Services for Older Citizens has taken me to more funerals than at any other time in my life. Each funeral is hard. It's not easy to lose your friends around you and keep going. It's not easy to make new friends after you've lost someone you care about.

While I'm not a senior yet, I definitely feel the same pain that they do when having many people close to me leave this world. Individual beliefs help sustain each of us. But day-to-day, when I

look up from my desk, expecting to see a smiling face, but no one is there, it still leaves a huge emptiness in my life.

As the SOC director, I have a hard time dealing with these losses, and I know that the seniors that we serve feel the same emptiness. Starting with the loss of my dad when I was 15 and my mom when I was 21 then counting the losses I've felt during my five years at SOC, I have become aware of some simple truths:

- You are not alone. No matter how you feel, you are not alone. First of all, multitudes have gone through a similar experience. It is almost impossible to find a person of any age who has not lost a loved one.

- You have permission to react. I remember how hard I tried to hold back my tears at my father's funeral. The shortest verse in the New Testament is "Jesus wept." So did Abraham; so did Moses; so did Mohammed; so did Buddha; and so does everyone who ever loved someone and had that loved one taken away from him or her.

Those who bottle the grief up inside are doomed to have the grief burst out another way. Tears of grief are nature's way of reducing the tension caused by a loss.

- Anger is a normal response when someone we love is taken. We ask

"Why me?" and it makes us angry and frustrated. Loneliness is another basic emotion that we must conquer.

- Lead yourself to the time of acceptance. Our reaction to separation goes through various phases of grief, starting with shock, numbness and a sense of disbelief.

Many times we give to other people the appearance of holding up well and being quite accepting of our loss. However, phases of grief are natural, and acceptance takes a long time for most people. The initial intense numbness will turn to feelings of pain and longing. When the full impact of the death sets in, we begin to realize that our lost loved one will not return.

- Despair, depression, and guilt make us feel irrational and sometimes irritable. The tendency is to shun offers of comfort and support, to focus on memories of our loved one or to become angry at being left. All this and more is the process of learning to live with our loss. This process of grief will continue on a diminishing scale until we gradually come to the time of acceptance.

- Bereavement takes time and effort. If we don't put some effort into the healing process, we may lengthen the time of grief and suffering until the possibility of permanent damage to our system will loom above us.

- We seek for the time of acceptance and the beginnings of a new life. It can't be rushed, but neither can it be delayed too long. While each loss we face hits us at a different level, each one needs to be noticed and addressed.

Beginning at 11:15 a.m. on Wednesday, Feb. 16, at the Neighborhood Club, Father Rich from Bon Secours Hospital will share ways to deal with loss. Advance registration is not necessary.

SOC plans trip to Orchestra Hall on Feb. 10

Services for Older Citizens offers local affordable trips every Thursday. Trips fill up fast and new trips are added often. To keep posted, call the SOC office at (313) 882-9600 or stop in at the Neighborhood Club, 17150 Waterloo in the City of Grosse Pointe.

The next trip will be to "A Gershwin Valentine" on Thursday, Feb. 10, at Orchestra Hall in downtown Detroit. Peter Nero, often called the leading interpreter of Gershwin, will conduct the special concert which will include "An American in Paris," "Cuban Overture" and "Rhapsody in Blue."

The bus departs SOC at 9:30 a.m. Tickets include round-trip transportation, a ticket to "A Gershwin Valentine," and a box lunch to take home. Resident price is \$43; nonresident, \$46.

Call (313) 882-9600 for more information.

Christ the King hosts auction

Christ the King Lutheran Church will host a Friday, Feb. 4, auction at the Greek Assumption Cultural Center, 21800 Marter.

Funds will be used for the building project which incorporates the preschool and administration offices.

The evening begins at 7 with dinner, followed by a silent and live auction. There will be an open bar included in the \$35 ticket. Call Nina at (313) 884-5090.

Senior Men's Club members choose from 13 sub clubs

The Senior Men's Club of Grosse Pointe prints a calendar of events on the back page of its newsletter. The December-January calendar listed one or more activities for every single weekday except New Year's Eve.

Christmas Eve day actually offered two choices: tennis at 10 a.m. or bridge at 12:30 p.m.

Some 180 to 200 men meet on the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial for lunch and a program.

"We're proud of the camaraderie," said Hal Suminski, one of club's directors. "It's a group of 'class' people."

Members represent a broad spectrum of occupations: educators, engineers, brokers, clergymen, bankers, doctors, lawyers, media, sales and many occupations related to the automotive industry.

Retired businessmen make up the largest percentage of members, said Al Thomas, first vice president.

Requirements are simple: a member must live (or have lived) in one of the five Grosse Pointes; he must be 65 years old or retired, and he needs two sponsoring members. The initiation fee is \$50; dues are \$25 annual-

ly.

But the best part of all, Suminski said, is the 13 sub clubs that meet regularly. Members with specific interests join one or more of these groups. Interests include bowling, bridge (contract and duplicate), choral singing, fishing, golf, investing, technology, billiards, reading and tennis.

Thomas said the newest sub club, technology, draws about 50 people to each meeting. Members of the bridge group play cards three times a week. The choral group sings at every meeting and practices several times a month.

The golf group plays several times a week during the summer months, Thomas said, and is the biggest sub club of all. "Probably 100 men take part in the golf program during the year," he said.

The club roster numbers nearly 900, but Suminski said the group is on a campaign to recruit new members.

"Less than a year ago, we had a membership of 1,000," Suminski said.

Thomas said in spite of the lower membership count, "Attendance has held up nicely. We're financially sound."

Thomas said the advantages of membership in the Senior Men's Club are:

- The opportunity to meet many other men from the Grosse Pointe area;

- A chance to hear top-notch speakers. Past speakers have included Gov. Jennifer Granholm, Judge John Fikens, Ernie Harwell, Kwame Kilpatrick, and more.

- More than a dozen sub clubs to choose from, according to individual tastes and interests. Sub clubs have their own meeting schedules.

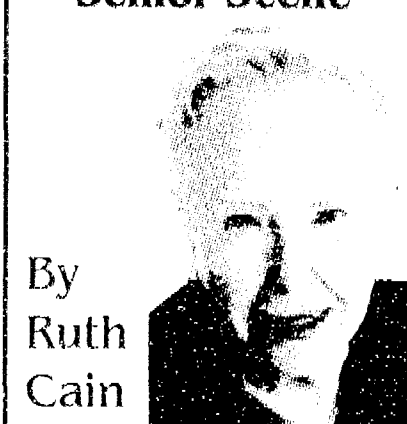
- The opportunity to participate in several trips and social events during the year. The group goes to the theater in Canada and to sporting events and holds four or five parties that include wives each year.

Thomas said the next meeting will be Tuesday, Feb. 8. Judge John Fikens will discuss the Detroit water system.

Anyone interested in learning more about membership in the Senior Men's Club of Grosse Pointe should call Michael Quinn, membership chairman, at (313) 881-2518 or go to the Web site: www.gpsmc.homestead.com.

Planning for aging

Senior Scene



By
Ruth
Cain

For years we were told that we should plan for retirement and that our post-retirement could easily involve many additional years of life. Planning was helpful because it forced us to look at the different circumstances we would be facing.

But in the years that have followed retirement, the inevitable process of growing older begins to affect us in ways neither planned nor expected.

I thought it would be interesting to interview some local women aged 70 and older about how getting older has changed their lives.

The thing these women welcomed most was freedom.

For most it means freedom from the responsibility of families, jobs, or schedules that had to be met. These are no longer a part of our lives. We can set our own agenda, doing what we want to do, when we want to do it and how.

Freedom can also mean no longer being required to accomplish something to prove your value. Goals established years earlier but not accomplished can be discarded with no regrets.

There is also freedom for spontaneity so that an invitation to a movie, a trip, or something interesting doesn't have to be juggled with a full calendar.

Lee Hennes loves having the leisure to try new things, stretch her mind and read all those books she never had time for.

Gerry Szymanski feels free to drop anything she's doing if she loses interest in it. She does not feel obligated to fill anybody's expectations but her own.

Helen Dzeba echoes that, saying "If I find an activity or even volunteering that is not challenging or useful, I'm able to move on to something else." She also believes seniors should not feel intimidated into mastering any technological equipment, because others believe it's necessary for a fulfilling life.

"Never let anyone bamboozle you into doing something you have no interest in, or something that takes more time than you care to spend."

Teresa Gillis says growing older means there's little left for her to fear.

There are other kinds of losses. Clara Breicha's two favorite activities were walking and playing the piano.

"My husband and I frequently walked 50 blocks," she said. She fell several years ago and although she didn't break any bones, she worries more now about the possibility of falling.

It's a fear we all share, because breaking a bone when you're older can change your life.

Clara also loved playing the piano, but fingers are not as agile as you grow older and playing is no longer the great pleasure it was.

"Arthritis may not kill you," said Doris Cook, "but it can make living difficult. Climbing stairs, changing bedding, carrying in groceries worsens my arthritic pain. In a few years I plan to move to a senior complex where such chores won't be necessary."

Mary Ann Lawlis said she and her husband loved jumping into their car for a short or long trip or flying to far away lands. But as they grow older, the greater possibility of a sudden illness when traveling far away from home and family worries them and keeps them closer to home.

Some things connected with aging aren't that bad, just irritating. Jane O'Halloran speaks for us all when she says she and her husband hate the time spent waiting in doctors' offices, scheduling and taking multiple medical tests, or just the day to day routine of taking pills at certain times.

I thank these lovely women for sharing their thoughts with me and with you. I know some of them will strike a chord in you. I'd like to hear your experiences about growing older.

If you have a question or comment for Ruth Cain, you may reach her at ruthcain@comcast.net.

Evensong, Candlemas service

All are invited to Evensong and Candlemas Service at Christ Church Grosse Pointe sung by the Choirs of Men and Boys at 4:30 p.m., Sunday, Feb. 6.

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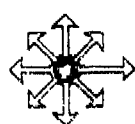
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Jarvi picks winners for last year on DSO podium

Music that deserves more frequent performance than it gets graced the Detroit Symphony program last weekend. It seems to express a determination to give credit where it is due by Neeme Jarvi in his last season as music director.

Happily we can look forward to future appearances by Jarvi as conductor emeritus. It will surely help us make the transition to new leadership on the DSO podium. But while we have him still with us, we can continue to exult in the Jarvi verve and adventurous spirit.

That was evident immediately last weekend as the program opened with one of tango composer Astor Piazzolla's few works for symphony orchestra.

"Tangazo" is an unusual blend of jazz, modern classical form traceable to Stravinsky, and tango origins.

The famous dance rhythm was not evident at first as cellos and basses gave voice to a soulful statement that could easily express the atmosphere of Buenos Aires' underworld, where the tango was born.

Gradually, the provocative Latin rhythm broke out, accented by such unorthodox techniques as the musicians tapping, instead of playing, on their instruments. Jarvi and the

orchestra captured the mood and played it with verve until the composition faded quietly to its conclusion which it did so unexpectedly that the Maestro had to cue the audience to come out of its reverie and applaud.

They did, with gusto. The showstopper of the concert, however, was pianist Alexander Markovich with the rarely performed second concerto by Tchaikovsky. That rarity may be attributable to the finger-crunching complexity of the piano part, or it may be the fact that it is a relatively long work. But there is no lack of beautiful music and with a pianist like Markovich, lots of exciting technical display.

The opening sounds like a triumphal march for the tsar of Russia. It is a grandly impressive theme and it was obvious from the start that Markovich was going to play the concerto for all its worth. As the first movement moved into a softer, more lyric passage, he achieved graceful phrasing and shading. Together pianist and conductor caught the mood change perfectly with the melodic episode. It was Tchaikovsky at his most tender and romantic.

As the music resumed its power and drama, Markovich played with

bravura, reminiscent of the style of the great, old-time Russian virtuosos. His crescendos on a downward scale ended in crashing chords with stunning emotional climax.

Yet each time the music resumed a tender and tuneful mood, he played with delicacy and sweetness that was dreamlike.

With a duet for violin and cello, the second movement opening was a special treat. Concertmaster Emmanuelle Boisvert and principal cellist Robert deMaine turned it into a love song in a performance that ranked their instruments among the most expressive lovers of all time.

Resuming the exultant mood, the last movement opens with music that sounds like a royal celebration. The soloist and conductor made it sparkle with grandeur and energy, taking it at a brisk pace, surely the maximum that the composer might have intended.

The effect was uplifting and in spite of the incredible tempo, every note was crystal clear and the themes rang out like chimes. It was an exceptional credit to the artistry of conductor, soloist and orchestra, and they carried it off with exciting style and brilliant ensemble.

It was especially impressive to note as a part of

State of the Arts



By Alex Suczek

Markovich's expansive style that he is not the least bit shy about pedaling liberally. The effect added greatly to the overall impact. His expression of appreciation for the generous ovation was "Sentimental Waltz," by Tchaikovsky and the audience's response sounded like it still wanted more.

The change in atmosphere after intermission was distinct. Reflecting a special interest of his own, Maestro Jarvi returned to a choice work of one of his favorite composers.

The great Danish musician Carl Nielsen is included in the romantic category, but his compositions span the transition to modernism and were even a significant influence on Dmitri Shostakovich.

Nielsen's 5th Symphony has melody and feeling, but overall is less emotional and arouses more intellectual interest in the develop-

ment and treatment of his ideas. It was an excellent foil for the emotional roller coaster that had preceded it, and it received a sensitive and polished performance by Jarvi and the orchestra.

There is a moving progression of moods influenced by Nielsen's impressions of the first World War in Europe.

A snare drum conveys the tension as it interrupts the music, which subsequently expresses a melancholy that was later a hallmark of Shostakovich.

As the work progresses, Nielsen's optimism prevails. Jarvi was effective in raising the mood of the performance to the positive level as it brings the work to an uplifting conclusion.

Jarvi, too, had an encore which he swung into very quickly at the end of the symphony, possibly motivated by the fact that he was at the very last minute of the orchestra's two-hour allotment for the performance. (More time meant overtime.)

"Lyric Waltz," by Nielsen's artistic beneficiary, Shostakovich, in Jarvi's inimitable playful style, provided a conclusion that was both appropriate and uplifting, so much so that they played it twice.

Jarvi is on the podium

again this weekend with more of his favorite material — an all-Tchaikovsky program. The high point will be "Variations on a Rococo Theme," performed by DSO Principal Cellist Robert deMaine. Opening and closing the concert will be the Serenade for Strings in C major and the Symphony No. 4.

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The speakers will be Richard Kirk, Belle Isle Nature Zoo naturalist, and Roni Hutchinson, Belle Isle Nature Zoo interpreter.

The Junior League of Detroit will host a Saturday

morning program once a month during 2005 at the Nature Zoo. For details, call (313) 881-0040 or visit www.jldetroit.org.

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In partnership with the Detroit Zoo, the project will offer year-round educational, recreational and environmental conservation opportunities to Detroit families, including nature displays, programs, nature walks and craft projects.

Since 2001, the Junior League's signature project

has been a partnership with the John C. Monteith regional branch of the Detroit Public Library to provide special Saturday and weekday afternoon educational programs to local children.

League members have also invested thousands of volunteer hours and some \$150,000 in physical upgrades and monthly enrichment programs. The project will conclude in 2005.

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The Rev. Roger Lumbré and Deacon William Jamieson officiated at the ceremony, which was followed by a reception at Blossom Heath Inn in St. Clair Shores.

The bride wore a white A-

line chiffon beaded gown with long sheer bell-shaped sleeves and a chapel-length train. She carried a bouquet of dark red roses and white calla lilies.

The matron of honor was Bethany Delikat of Sterling Heights.

Bridesmaids were Jessica Killenberg of Grosse Pointe Woods, Anne Scallen of Troy, Shannon Cayce of St. Clair Shores, Catherine Andrews of Cleveland Heights, Ohio, Jennifer Zann of Ann Arbor and Beth Dixon of Rochester Hills.

Attendants wore two-piece floor-length A-line satin red dresses and carried bouquets of dark red roses and white floral stock.

The best man was the groom's brother, Patrick Zann of Cleveland Heights, Ohio.

Groomsmen were Bradley Schechter of Brighton, Brian Scheuring of Berkley, Kevin Delaere of Rochester Hills, Christian Zann of Lincoln Park, Ill., John Zann of Ann Arbor and the bride's brother, Jeremy Dixon of Rochester Hills.

Ushers were Arlow Anticau of Eastpointe and Kevin Delaere of Rochester Hills.

The mother of the bride wore a floor-length hunter green satin dress with a beaded jacket. Her corsage

was dark red roses and white freesia.

The groom's mother wore a floor-length plum satin jacket and skirt. Her corsage was also of red roses and white freesia.

Scripture readers were Ralph and Evelyn Schultz of Ferndale. The master and mistress of ceremony were Matthew and Debbie Diaz of Highland Township.

The bride earned a Bachelor of Science degree from Eastern Michigan University, a master's degree in social work from Wayne State University, and a certificate in alcohol and drug abuse studies from Wayne State University and an education specialist degree in the field of special education administration from Wayne State University. She is a school social worker in the Harper Woods Public Schools.

The groom earned a Bachelor of Arts degree with a concentration in economics from the University of Michigan. He also earned a certificate as a public accountant and business valuation analyst. He works for Groen, Kluka & Co., a public accounting and consulting firm.

The couple traveled to St. Lucia in the West Indies. They live in Grosse Pointe Farms.

Bon Secours Nursing Care Center offers volunteer opportunities

If you have time to give, consider volunteering at the Bon Secours Nursing Care Center (NCC) or Charlotte's Place Senior Day Care Center. Both are located on Jefferson at Lakeland (between 10 and 11 Mile) in St. Clair Shores.

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South skaters take title in East Kentwood tournament

By Chuck Klonke
Sports Editor

Disappointment is often a good teacher.

Grosse Pointe South's hockey team learned a valuable lesson when it lost in the championship game in the Alpena tournament during the Christmas break.

Last weekend, the Norsemen put that lesson to use when they beat two solid teams to win the East Kentwood tournament.

"The whole team played well, and I have to give our captains a lot of credit for having everybody ready to play," said Blue Devils coach Bob Bopp. "Both games were

truly a team effort with everyone playing well."

South opened the tournament with a 6-2 win over Birmingham Combined, then defeated host East Kentwood 3-0 in the championship game.

It was the third time the Blue Devils have won the tournament, but the first time since 1999-2000. It was the third tournament win of the season for South, which also took first place in Big Rapids and in the City Tournament the Blue Devils hosted.

"After beating Alpena, a very good team, in the first game (of the Alpena tourna-

ment) the players thought the championship game (against University of Detroit Jesuit) would be an easy win," Bopp said.

"This time when we got to the rink, we were ready to play."

On the first shift of the game, Bryan Mansfield fired a shot from the point that Joey Parke tipped, but the East Kentwood goalie made an outstanding save.

"That set the tone for us," Bopp said.

On South's next shift at the 58-second mark of the game, Taylor Ryan scored, assisted by Ryan Abraham and Frankie DeLaura.

Four minutes later, Parke scored a power-play goal, assisted by Ryan.

South continued to play well in the second period and at 5:51, Sean Daudlin made it 3-0. Park and Mac Brookes got the assists.

Brad Allemon, who was in goal for both games, turned away 15 shots to record the shutout, and was named player of the game.

"He didn't have a lot of shot, but he had to make some big saves," Bopp said.

"In the third period we seemed to be a little tired and had some problems breaking the puck out of our zone but I think that with

playing three very good teams in four days, that might be expected."

South knew that it would have a tough test against a veteran Birmingham team that the Blue Devils had scrimmaged in the preseason.

"We played great from the drop of the puck until the game ended," Bopp said. "We've been talking about playing from start to finish. We have given up too many goals late in periods and now that we're heading into the last month of the season, we want to eliminate that."

Parke, who was named player of the game after col-

lecting two goals and an assist, made an excellent pass to Tom Porter, sending him in alone on the Birmingham goalie. Brookes also assisted on the goal at 5:53 of the first period.

At 10:31, D.J. Rentz took a pass from Tom MacEachern at the side of the net and scored to give the Blue Devils a 2-0 lead.

Parke made it 3-0 at 1:03 of the second period with a power-play goal, assisted by Anthony Swancoat. Parke scored again at 11:31 of the second period with Brookes and Scott Maxwell assisting.

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South gymnasts edge North in crosstown rivalry

By Bob St. John
Sports Writer

Grosse Pointe South's girls gymnastics team edged city rival Grosse Pointe North 122.30-119.05 last week.

"Our girls did a nice job," South head coach Cathy Conger said. "It was a very close, competitive meet, and we are happy to come out on top because (Dave) Taylor always has his team ready to compete."

"We gave it a solid effort tonight but came up a little short," North head coach Dave Taylor said. "We're young and inexperienced, but the girls are getting better."

The Lady Blue Devils held a slight edge in the vault, parallel bars, and floor exercise, while the Lady Norsemen had the advantage in the balance beam.

South's top gymnasts were Olivia Vandenbusche, Kristin Zens, India Wilson, Madelyn Mollison, Liz Davisson, and Lindsay Holder on the vault.

On the bars, Gracie Turin, Vandenbusche, Mollison, Amy Liang, Holder, and Davisson were the Lady Blue Devils' top performers, and on the balance beam, Conger watched Hannah Srebernak, Liz Trexler, Jackie Madison, Davisson, Holder, and Wilson lead the pack.

The Lady Blue Devils' top gymnasts on the floor exercise were Vandenbusche, Madison, Mollison, Wilson, Davisson, and Holder.

For North on the vault, Brittany Treusch, Sara Shubnell, Mia Mocer, Kristen Glovac, Leah Steele, and Sarah Colosimo paved the way.

Andrea Kouiter, Angelica Parkison, Erin Vishey, Glovac, Colosimo, and Marisa Thomas were the Lady Norsemen's top performers, while Shubnell, Glovac, Steele, Mocer, Thomas, and Colosimo were North's top gymnasts.

On the floor exercise, Parkison, Vishey, Glovac, Mocer, Thomas, and Colosimo were the team's top performers.

The top score in each event was an 8.3 (Holder) on the vault; a 7.95 (Thomas) on the parallel bars; 8.65 (Thomas) on the balance beam; and an 8.65 (Holder) on the floor exercise.

South's other gymnasts who competed but didn't record a varsity score were Kristen Sheridan, Stephanie LaRue, and Brianne McDonald.

Grosse Pointe South's

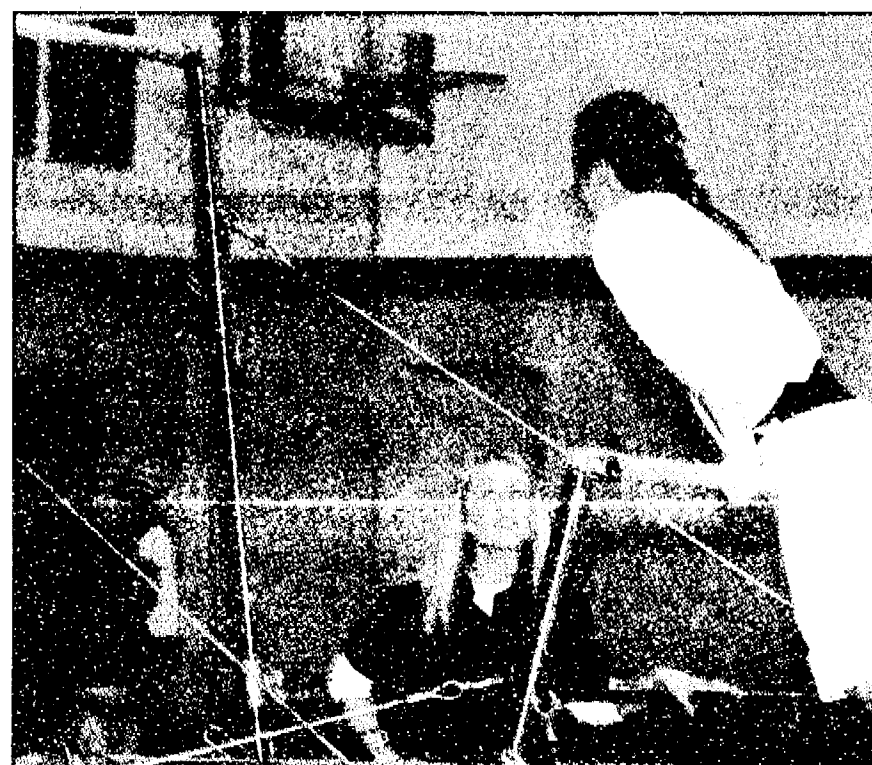
gymnastics team improved to 2-4 overall, while North's squad fell to 2-8.

Last weekend, Conger guided her team in the Troy Athens Invitational.

"This was really good because we were up against high school gymnastics' best," Conger said.

Livonia, the odds-on favorite to win the state title this year, won the invitational, while South placed seventh out of the 11 competitors, earning 124.45 points.

Davisson and Wilson came within tenths of a point of placing in the all-around standings, while Liang, Srebernak, Trexler, Gracie Turin, Vandenbusche, and Zens had solid routines that helped the Lady Blue Devils achieve their highest team score of the season.



Photos by G. Neal

Head coach Cathy Conger, left, keeps a keen eye on one of her gymnasts during warmups before her Grosse Pointe South squad faced host Grosse Pointe North.

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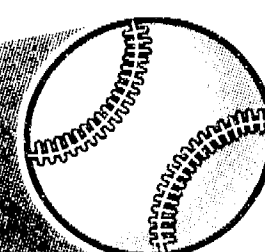
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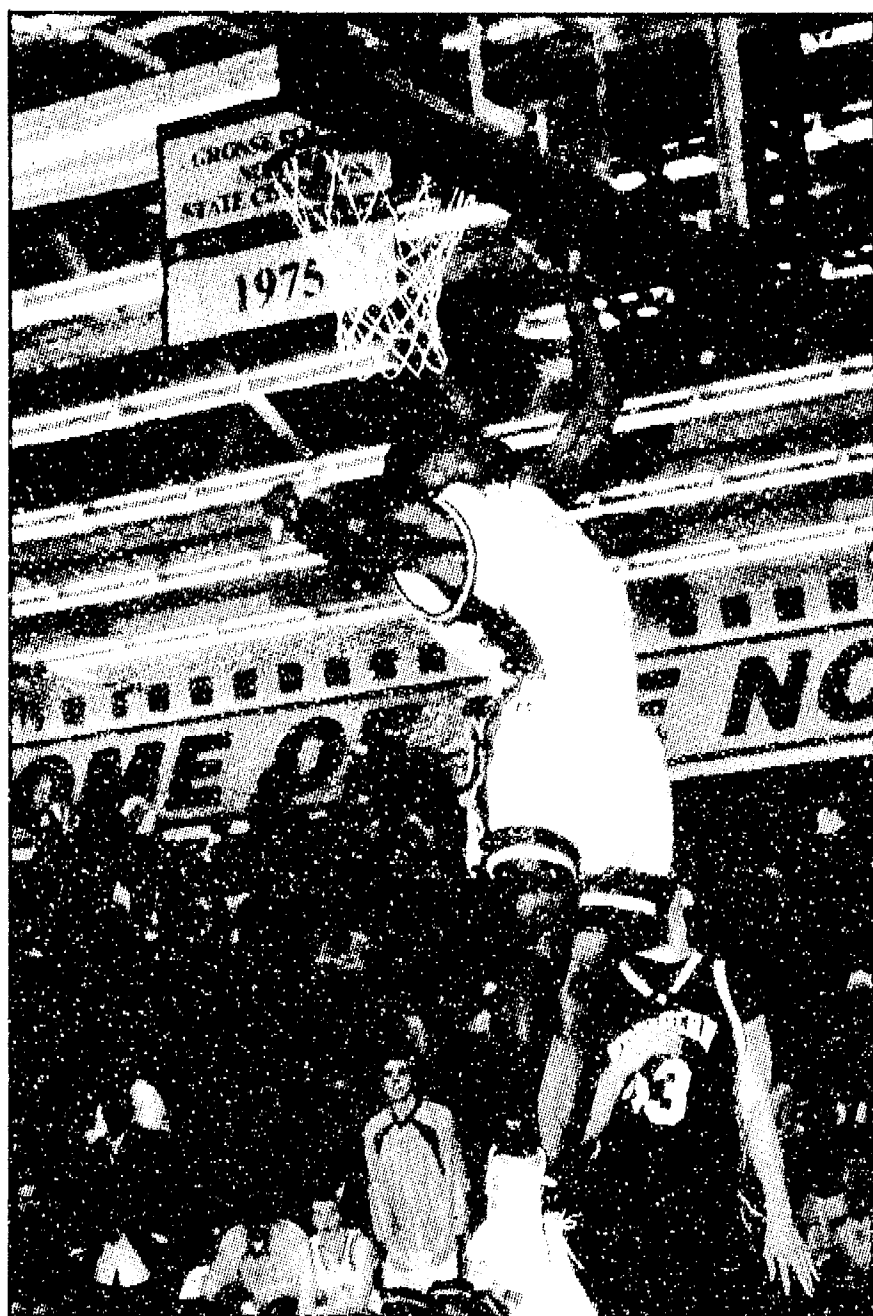


Photo by Dr. J. Richard Dunlap
Marcell Maxwell of Grosse Pointe North goes high for a layup against Port Huron Northern.

Norsemen play in smart in victory over P.H. Northern

By Chuck Klonke
Sports Editor

Grosse Pointe North's basketball team has received a lot of compliments this year, but two-thirds of the way into the season, coach Matt Trombley was still looking for one more reason for folks to admire the Norsemen.

"We've had compliments for playing hard and for playing great defense, but we haven't been getting compliments for playing smart basketball," Trombley said after the Norsemen remained unbeaten in the Macomb Area Conference Red Division with Friday's 66-35 victory over Port Huron Northern.

"I told them that they had to play real smart tonight. I sent out the message that they shouldn't be letting teams score 50 points against us, and they responded to that. If we want to go far in the tournament, we can't let up in the second half after playing so well in the first half. This game was a good step forward for us. We took pride in playing good smart basketball for the whole game."

North had its usual strong start. The Norsemen led 22-5 at the end of the first quarter and stretched the lead to 35-15 at halftime.

North continued to play well in the second half, and when the reserves came into the game they didn't let up. Dwight VanHoesen hit a

pair of three-point baskets in the fourth quarter, while Ari Wagner and Alex Sultan each hit one triple. Sultan was getting back into action after missing several games with an injury.

Michael Bramos led North with 21 points. He also had five rebounds. Marcell Maxwell had 11 points and a team-high seven rebounds. Henry McCain had eight points. David Klein grabbed four rebounds and Andy Bennett collected four assists.

"It was a fun game," Trombley said. "Northern didn't do a real good job of getting back on defense, so we had quite a few dunks. Michael had three and Henry had one."

Earlier, North used a series of mini-runs to beat L'Anse Creuse 60-50, but Trombley was most pleased with the way the Norsemen worked against the Lancers' pressure defense.

"We did some good things against their pressure half-court trap," Trombley said. "That's been one of our weaknesses this year. We made some pretty passes and hit the middle guy."

"That's tough to teach because it's so hard to duplicate that kind of pressure in practice. Then in games, we've either thrown the ball away or we've rushed things and have taken bad shots. That defense hurt us against Country Day (one of

By Chuck Klonke
Sports Editor

Grosse Pointe South basketball coach Jay Ritchie hates to see the number 50 show up on the opposition's side of the scoreboard.

When that happens, he figures that the Blue Devils are courting disaster.

"This is our kind of game," Ritchie said after South's 47-46 victory over Utica Ford II in a Macomb Area Conference White Division contest ended a three-game losing streak for the Blue Devils.

J.C. Cruse hit two free throws with 6.2 seconds remaining to give South the win.

"If we can keep the score under 50, we're going to be in every game, but we always have to play solid defense," Ritchie said.

In South's three defeats during the brief slump the Blue Devils allowed 59, 56 and 76 points.

"We lost three straight, but we felt a little snakebit," Ritchie said. "We weren't playing terribly, but we'd have stretches where we didn't play as well as we'd like. And it seems like we can't

stand prosperity. North's two defeats this season), and we've made it a major focal point since then."

L'Anse Creuse made the Norsemen work for the victory.

"They're a good shooting team, but we did some things defensively, and we made some runs at critical times so they weren't able to come back," Trombley said.

The Lancers had taken a 29-28 lead early in the third quarter on a basket by John Brandenburg, but North answered with a 16-5 run to lead 44-34 with 40 seconds left in the third quarter. Bramos and McCain each had five points during the run and Maxwell added four.

L'Anse Creuse got back within seven early in the fourth quarter but McCain's third three-pointer of the game triggered a 10-1 run that put the Norsemen up by 16 with just under four minutes to play.

In North's last four games, McCain has made 11 three-point baskets.

North outscored L'Anse Creuse 12-0 at the end of the first quarter and beginning of the second to go ahead 20-11, but the Lancers closed the margin to 26-23 at halftime.

McCain and Bramos led a balanced scoring attack with 19 points apiece, while Klein and Maxwell added 10 each. Bramos had 12 rebounds, McCain grabbed six and Bennett pulled down five.

Maxwell had four steals and Bramos and Bennett had four assists apiece.

Klein has played well in recent games, and his contributions against L'Anse Creuse went beyond his scoring.

"They're big, and David did a good job of fronting their post men," Trombley said. "He's been taking away the entrance pass to the post, which is critical for our defense."

Erik Jacques and Brandenburg led L'Anse Creuse with 12 points apiece, and Mike Stafford had 11. Brandenburg and Stafford each had seven rebounds.

North begins the second half of the division season on Friday at Chippewa Valley.

North swimmers win twice

Karl Tech won two freestyle events last week to lead Grosse Pointe North's boys swimming team to a 115-70 victory over Fraser.

The win evened the Norsemen's record in the Macomb Area Conference Red Division at 2-2 and improved their overall mark to 5-2.

stand prosperity.

"I think that has something to do with our inexperience. A lot of these kids haven't been in the position of having a lead that many times, and they lack some of that killer instinct where you put a team away. Instead we let teams back into the game."

That happened against Ford, but this time South had an answer for the Falcons' run.

The Blue Devils played an excellent first half. They built a 14-3 lead in the opening quarter, but Ford went on a 6-0 run to cut the margin to five points early in the second period.

"That's happened to us a lot this year, too," Ritchie said. "We'll play effectively for a quarter and have a pretty good lead, but by the time the quarter ends, the score is only 15-10 or something like that."

South came out of the first half with a 27-20 lead.

"We had good ball movement, but then in the third quarter we got stagnant on offense," Ritchie said. "We tried to beat people 1-on-1 instead of looking for the open man like we did in the first half."

Cruse opened the second half for South with a basket off a steal, but then Ford went on a 15-1 run to build a 35-30 lead with 6 1/2 minutes left in the game.

Then Christian Conroy went to work for the Blue Devils. He hit three three-point baskets and a pair of free throws for all 11 of his points during a 13-5 surge by South. Conroy's second triple with 5:18 left snapped a 35-35 tie.

"Those baskets by Christian were huge," Ritchie said. "He missed some shots in the first half but we told him to keep shooting. We'd determine when he should stop shooting. Those triples he hit came off of the offense."

Cruse, who led all scorers with 23 points, gave South a 45-42 lead when he made two free throws with 42.1 seconds left.

Charles Wojdyla hit a pair of foul shots to bring the Falcons within a point, and after a steal by Karl Nichols, Aaron Hacias hit a jump shot with 12.1 seconds left to give Ford a 46-45 lead.

Cruse was fouled near midcourt and the sophomore forward stepped to the line and hit both free throws to give the Blue Devils the lead again. Ford took a shot at the buzzer but it missed the mark.

Cruse also had a team-high six rebounds for South, which finished the first half of division play with a 4-3 mark.

Wojdyla led Ford with 11 points and Hacias finished with 10. Nick McDonald had

nine points and eight rebounds.

Earlier, South lost 76-67 in double overtime to Dakota.

In that game, the Blue Devils led by 13 points in the fourth quarter, but the Cougars hit a couple of quick three-point baskets to get back into the game.

South needed a tip-in by Brendan Howe at the buzzer to send the game into overtime.

The Blue Devils had a chance to win late in the first overtime, but this time the shot at the buzzer didn't go in.

The big difference in the game came at the free throw line. Dakota made 30 of 46 attempts, while South went to the stripe only 13 times and made 10 of its attempts.

Conroy led the Blue Devils with 23 points and Howe finished with 12.

Ritchie praised the play of guard Eddie Barclay, who moved into the starting lineup for the last two games.

"He gives us some good pressure defense," Ritchie said. "He's done a nice job. We just told him to go out and play good defense, and he has done that."

The split in its two games last week improved South's overall record to 9-4. The Blue Devils start the second half of the MAC White season at home against Stevenson on Friday.

Ristovski, ULS beaten by older brother and Pioneers

By Bob St. John
Sports Writer

Dean Ristovski and his University Liggett School boys basketball team battled big brother Loren and his state-ranked Harper Woods squad last weekend, losing 76-37.

"Loren always wants to get the upperhand, especially after we upset him in the conference semifinals a couple of years ago," Ristovski said. "We have a nice rivalry, but Loren's squad has had the upperhand the past few years."

"Dean does a nice job with his kids," Loren said. "We enjoy competing against each other, as do our players. They want to beat Dean as much as Dean's kids want to beat me. It adds a little more to the game."

Dean and his staff had to come up with a game plan to try and slow down the high octane Pioneers, ranked No. 5 in Class C.

"We had to take the air out of the ball and try to not turn the ball over," Dean said. "We have to play a perfect game to beat Harper Woods."

The first quarter couldn't have gone better for ULS as sophomore Carlton Snyder, Jr. and senior Jonathan Wright combined for 13 points as it trailed 18-17.

It went down hill from there as the Knights were outscored 25-6 in the second quarter to fall behind 43-23 at the half.

They were held to only 14 second-half points as the Pioneers' swarming defense was too much for the Knights to handle.

"We got off to a very good start, but we couldn't keep up with Harper Woods," Dean said. "They're too big and too quick for us, and that was evident as we were outplayed in the final three quarters. Our kids played hard, but that is not good enough against Harper Woods."

Wright scored 16 points

and grabbed eight rebounds, while Snyder, Jr. had nine points.

Sophomore Nick Waller had six points, seven rebounds, and three blocked shots for the Knights.

"We knew we had to take (Jonathan) Wright and (Nick) Waller out of their comfort zone," Loren said. "Our kids did a great job of making it tough for them to get going, and that is why we won."

The Knights' struggle continued at the foul line as they made only 10-of-24 free throws, and they committed 19 turnovers.

Harper Woods was led by seniors Justin Popov (21 points), Ryan Coleman (14 points), and Dan Harris (10 points and eight assists).

Earlier in the week, University Liggett School lost 63-51 to Macomb Lutheran North.

"We had no energy in the first half, and it showed as we scored only 14 points," Dean said. "We're playing with no continuity on both ends of the court, and you can't win playing that type of basketball."



Photo by Bob Bruce
University Liggett School freshman Nick Waller scored six points, grabbed seven rebounds, and blocked three shots in the Knights' Metro Conference loss to Harper Woods.

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Overtime goal lifts Norsemen to victory over Grosse Ile

By Chuck Klonke
Sports Editor

A long, tough season is wearing on Grosse Pointe North's hockey team.

"We've got a bunch of guys sitting in the stands with injuries, but it's not just physically that the season is taking a toll, it's mentally, too," coach Scott Lock said after the Norsemen bounced back from a disappointing loss to Clarkston to beat Grosse Ile 3-2 on Colin Brown's unassisted goal with 51.5 seconds left in overtime.

"We've played a lot of hockey already. And we have

two more tough games this week. We have Port Huron Northern, which beat us earlier in the year, and Mona Shores."

The injuries have forced North's coaches to juggle the lines and make changes in the special teams units.

"We had two of our defensemen, Andrew Tignanelli and Drew Davis, playing up front when we were shorthanded (against Grosse Ile)," Lock said.

He was able to do that because some of his less-experienced defensemen have played well.

One in particular is Matt

Miller, a junior whose ice time has been increasing with each game. Miller had a strong game against Grosse Ile.

"He's one of the kids who has taken advantage of the opportunity to get more ice time," Lock said. "Jim Moran had a real strong game against Grosse Ile, too. That's why we've been able to play some of our other defensemen up front on special teams."

Evan Chase also had a strong game in goal for the Norsemen, making several outstanding saves as North avoided losing consecutive

games for the first time this season.

Jeff Rohrkemper and Michael Cartwright played well up front for the Norsemen.

"They're not the biggest guys on the team, but they're willing to throw their weight around and make the checks," Lock said.

The night didn't start out well for North. Grosse Ile, which is state-ranked in Division III, got a goal on a one-timer by Tommy Conti 22 seconds into the game.

"One of our guys got a little tangled up in front of the net," Lock said. "That wasn't

the way we wanted to start after the Clarkston game."

The Norsemen shook off the early goal and seemed to have an edge in play during a penalty-filled first period. North tied the game with 19 seconds left in the period when Eddie Tropp scored a power play goal from Jimmy Solomon and Jon Tibaud.

The parade to the penalty box continued in the second period and the Red Devils regained the lead on Matt Cobb's goal at 11:38 on a 2-on-1 break.

Once again, North got the equalizer in the final seconds of the period, and once again it was Tropp scoring a power-play goal. This one came with 16 seconds to go and Moran and Brown assisted.

"It's unusual to score power-play goals that late in a period, but we didn't have a chance to build on them because we'd wind up in the penalty box at the start of the period," Lock said.

"We played with a lot more desperation than we did against Clarkston, but we still let too many things bother us. It's hard for us to overcome the things that happen to us."

The third period was scoreless but North was applying some heavy pressure late in the period. Red Devils goalie Aaron Taylor

made a good save on Rohrkemper with 4:10 to go, and Tignanelli was hooked on a breakaway with 3 1/2 minutes to go.

In the overtime, Tropp was robbed by a good save by Taylor but in the final minute, Brown intercepted a clearing pass, whirled and beat Taylor with a low shot to the far corner of the net.

"We've been pretty successful in overtimes this year," Lock said, pointing out that the Norsemen are 3-0-1. "We've played a lot of close, tough games and we're learning from it."

Lock felt that the 8-3 loss to Michigan Interscholastic Hockey League rival Clarkston was also a learning experience for his team.

"We saw how hard work can pay off," he said. "We've played other hard working teams, but nobody has worked harder than (Clarkston). And they have a lot of skill to go with it."

The Wolves led 4-0 after the first period as they out-shot North 13-3 and seemed to beat the Norsemen to every loose puck.

Doug Rahaim poked in a rebound on a power play at 2:59 of the second period, but Clarkston scored a power-play goal of its own late in the period to make it 5-1.

Rahaim scored his second of the game for North in the third period, and Rohrkemper also scored for the Norsemen.

Rahaim finished with two goals and an assist, while Rohrkemper had a goal and two assists.

Robbie Ireland, Julien Horrie and Solomon had the other assists for North.

Alex Handley, Bryan Morin and Trevor Johns each scored twice for Clarkston.

Knights get loss, tie

By Bob St. John
Sports Writer

The University Liggett School boys hockey team lost 3-1 to Warren-Sterling Unified last weekend.

The host Knights got a goal from Alex Amicucci (assisted by George Wines and Charles Warren) at the 3:53 mark of the second period.

Warren-Sterling scored the winning goal 39 seconds later, and it added an insurance goal late in the third period.

On Monday, ULS played a make-up game against visiting L'Anse Creuse North, tying 4-4.

Adam Rock, Stone Hazlett, Ryan Deane, and Jake Keith tallied for the Knights, 5-7-2 overall.

Hockey

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Birmingham spoiled Allemon's shutout bid at 4:53 of the third period, but Abraham answered with an unassisted goal 11 seconds later.

Birmingham scored again at 7:02, but once again South came right back. Maxwell scored unassisted at 7:23.

Allemon made 25 saves. Although Parke was named player of the game, his line-mates Porter and Brookes also played very well.

"That line is so quick and is clearly one of the best lines in the state," Bopp said.

Bopp was also pleased with the play of his defense corps of Swancoat, Mansfield, Ryan, Daudlin, Maxwell and Sam Mott.

"They were at their best in this tournament," the coach said. "It's a good feeling to have six defensemen that you know can play."

Earlier, South returned from an 11-day layoff to play Cranbrook Kingswood and the Blue Devils dropped a 6-1 decision to the top-ranked Division III team in the state.

"I don't think the layoff hurt us," Bopp said. "Cranbrook has a really quick and skillful game and the first period was a great period of hockey — lots of skating and very few whistles."

South had three excellent scoring opportunities in the period, but couldn't beat the Cranes' goalie.

Cranbrook opened the scoring midway through the first period on a shot that went off Swancoat's stick and eluded Allemon. The Cranes made it 2-0 on a goal with 13 seconds left in the period.

South also played well in the second period and DeLaura just missed with a backhand shot. Shortly after that, Cranbrook scored to make it 3-0.

"Allemon made some great saves, but so did Cranbrook's goalie," Bopp said. "We were down 3-0, but I thought we were playing well against a very good team."

The Blue Devils got on the scoreboard at 5:20 of the third period. MacEachern took a pass from Jimmy Marshall, skated over the blue line and fired a shot into the net.

"The best thing in this game was the play of the line of MacEachern, Marshall and Rentz," Bopp said. "It would be a big lift for us the rest of the season if they continue to play like that."

The only disappointment for Bopp was the last 10 minutes of the game. South took six minor penalties and the Cranes scored three times, including twice on the power play.

"We had played a great game up to MacEachern's goal, but the last 10 minutes were so disappointing," Bopp said. "Take away the last 10 minutes and it was a good game for our team to play. Playing a quick team like that helped get us ready for the East Kentwood tournament."

South is 11-4-1 and the Blue Devils will host Wyandotte Roosevelt at City Sports Center on Saturday



Grosse Pointe South's coaches and players celebrate after winning the East Kentwood hockey tournament.

South swimmers beat Troy, East Detroit

Troy's swimming team weathered some treacherous driving conditions to get to a recent meet against Grosse Pointe South, but the Colts couldn't fight off the Blue Devils in the pool.

South won all but one event to win the non-league meet 136-50.

"Troy has some swimmers ranked high in the state, so we were happy to come away with the victory," said

South coach Bill Thompson. "It was nice to see the boys swim with such great effort and enthusiasm, considering we are still in the heavy part of our training."

Thompson said that morale has been a factor in the team's success.

"The boys are all very supportive of each other, from the seniors right on down to the freshmen," he said. "It really helps to know you have the team behind you when you get up on the blocks before a race. We have a special group of kids this year."

South won seven events in state-qualifying times.

The 200-yard medley relay team of Robby Browning, Pete Stevens, Luke Richard and Ryan Gunderson took first place with a state-qualifying time of 1:42.73.

Casey Browning won the 200 freestyle in 1:47.03, also a state cut. Danny Basile was third and Jeff Tompkins fourth.

The Blue Devils swept the 200 individual medley, led by Jon Sax, who won in a state-qualifying 2:04.01. Stevens touched second and David Richardson-Rossbach finished a close third.

Richard sprinted to first

place in the 50 freestyle. His time of 22.62 was a state cut. Gunderson was hot on his heels, finishing second in 22.97.

South's divers took the top three spots in the one-meter event. Senior Justin Linne posted a personal-high score of 253.15 to position himself among the state's elite. Steady performances by Ty Lattimore and Alex Oddo brought them second and third place, respectively.

Richard made it a hat trick with a win in the 100 butterfly. He was followed by Robby Browning and Troy's Chris Johnson. Andrew Graham finished fourth.

Not to be outdone, Sax took his second individual victory in the 100 freestyle, and made it a threesome when his 200 freestyle relay team also won. Swimming with Sax in the 200 free relay were Richard, Gunderson and Casey Browning. Their time of 1:32.69 was another state cut.

South's B relay team of Alex Bordyukov, Tim Denton, Graham and Tompkins took second place.

Casey Browning led a South sweep of the 500

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Grosse Pointe South's Justin Linne performed this dive while recording the best score of his career.

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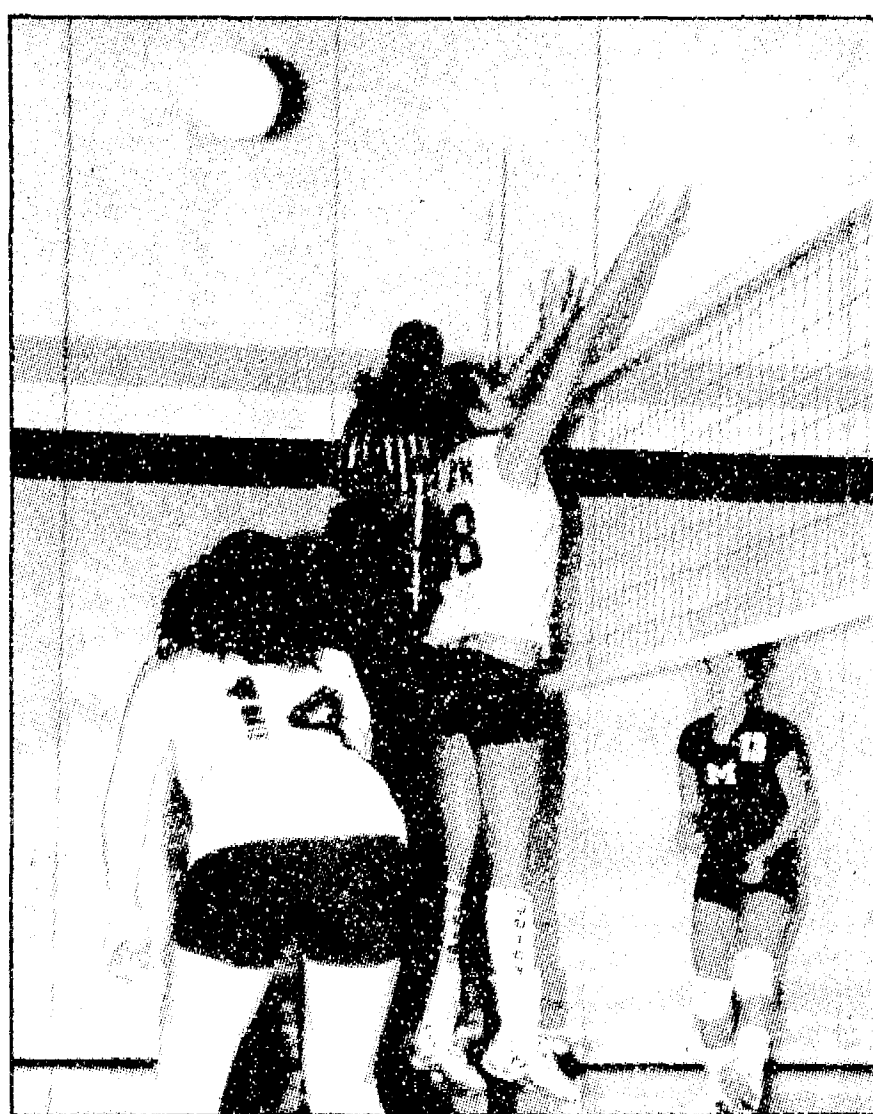


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Grosse Pointe North's girls volleyball team beat Sterling Heights, thanks in part to the play of junior setter Danielle Zohrob, No. 14, and junior middle hitter Jessi Koltun, No. 8.

North spikers stand tall in Red Division

By Bob St. John
Sports Writer

Grosse Pointe North's girls volleyball team got back on the winning track last week, beating Sterling Heights 29-31, 25-23, 25-15, 25-22.

"The girls played awesome in games three and four," head coach Kim Lockhart said. "They started flat in the first and second games."

Junior Jessi Koltun set a single game school record with 24 kills, while senior Liz Andary had 17 kills and 23 digs.

Junior Danielle Zohrob had 46 assists and two aces, while junior Erica Gaitley chipped in with 16 digs, and junior Caitlin Bennett added 15 digs and two aces.

They lost 14-25, 22-25, 16-25 to league-leading Marsville on Monday.

In other action, the Lady Norsemen finished 3-1-1 in

the Dakota Cougar Invitational last weekend.

North beat Marine City 25-16, 25-21 and Utica 25-16, 25-21, and split with Dakota 21-25, 25-16 in pool play.

The Lady Norsemen beat Troy Athens 25-21, 27-25 in the quarterfinals, but lost 20-25, 25-21, 10-15 to Rochester in the semifinals.

Koltun had 46 kills, 12 digs, five blocks, and five aces in the tournament, while Andary added 38 digs, 53 kills, five aces, and five blocks. Other standouts were Bennett (30 digs and 11 kills), Zohrob (81 assists and 19 digs), and junior Colleen Ryan (34 digs).

L'Anse Creuse beat Rochester in the championship game.

The Grosse Pointe North volleyball team stands 3-4 in the Macomb Area Conference (MAC) Red Division and 16-10-1 overall.

South spikers ready for second half

By Chuck Klonke
Sports Editor

Kevin Nugent is feeling good about the way his Grosse Pointe South volleyball team is heading into the second half of the Macomb Area Conference White Division season.

"We had a strong match against Anchor Bay, then we played well in the North Branch tournament last weekend," Nugent said after the Blue Devils opened the second half of the MAC White season with a 23-25, 25-19, 25-13, 25-15 win over Warren Mott.

"We built off of those matches, and we want to continue to build off of them. Our match with Mott was night and day difference from the first time we played them and went five games. We were 2-4 the first time through the league and I think everybody knows we're better than a 2-4 team."

Rachel Sullivan's setting

was one of the keys to South's win over the Marauders.

"They didn't know how to read her sets on the other side of the net," Nugent said. "She did a great job of setting."

"We hit big and we blocked big at the net."

Margi Scholtes is developing into a dangerous hitter for the Blue Devils.

"Margi has really stepped up her game and has come into her own as an attacker," Nugent said. "She's hitting well. Lately, she's averaging five or six kills a game."

Scholtes had an excellent tournament at North Branch.

South was undefeated in pool play, beating Caro 27-25, 25-20; Oxford 25-16, 25-18; Dryden 25-22, 25-16; and Millington 25-21, 25-9.

That sent the Blue Devils into the next round where they lost 28-26, 25-19 to North Branch.

"I thought they were the

strongest team in the tournament," Nugent said. "We got into a good tempo with our offense. We had two game points in the first game, but couldn't finish them off."

Nugent said that the whole team played well in the tournament, but singled out Ashley Read and Dana Schweitzer, along with Scholtes.

Earlier, South lost a three-game match to Romeo, which is undefeated in the MAC White, but the Blue Devils played well.

"Lauren Russell had a phenomenal match," Nugent said. "She did a great job of blocking, and that kept us in the match for a while."

After a disappointing loss to Ford II, South bounced back with an impressive performance against Anchor Bay. South won the first two games, but lost the next three to the Tars, who are second in the division.

"I think the kids learned a

lot about closing teams out," Nugent said of the Anchor Bay match.

Win a date with Blue Devils volleyball team

Some lucky Grosse Pointe South student is going to be one happy fellow in a few weeks.

For the second year in a row, the South volleyball team is doing several promotions to drum up more interest in the squad.

And the top prize once again is a date with the entire varsity team.

All contestants have to do is attend as many home games as possible and enter their names before the district tournament matches at South on Saturday, Feb. 26. The drawing will be held at that time.

The only restriction is that the contest is only open to boys who are students at South.

In another promotion, the team gave away a Super Bowl sub package at its match with Warren Mott on Monday.

South hosts a seven-team tournament on Saturday, and there are home matches on Wednesday, Feb. 16 against Ford II and Monday, Feb. 21 against Anchor Bay.

Swim

freestyle with a state time of 4:48.41. Basile and Tompkins finished second and third, respectively.

Richardson-Rossbach outswam Robby Browning and Troy's Jamie Martone to take first place in the 100 backstroke. Wilson Holm was fourth.

Stevens touched first in the 100 breaststroke, followed by freshman Michael Manos in second place and Jamie Handley in fourth.

Troy's only victory came in the final event of the meet, the 400 freestyle relay. South's team of Sax, Richardson-Rossbach, Graham and Casey Browning came in second and the Blue Devils' B relay team of Tompkins, Joe Ryan, Basile and Alex Garbarino was third.

Two days after beating Troy, the Blue Devils returned to competition with a Macomb Area Conference Red Division meet against East Detroit and South won 137-42.

The Blue Devils' effort was highlighted by several personal-best swims.

South dominated the three relays, and also swept several individual events.

Tompkins, Ryan and freshmen Beau Yavor and J.P. Lang set the tone for the meet with a win in the opening event, the 200 medley relay.

Graham led a Blue Devils sweep in the 200 freestyle, touching first in 1:57.28. Chris Vella was second and Robby Mullinger finished third.

The 500 freestyle saw another sweep by South. Richard and Stevens took the first two places with personal-best times. Ryan finished third.

South's divers were unopposed. Oddo was first with a score of 194 points.

Gunderson, Sax, Robby Browning and Tompkins breezed to another win for South in the 200 freestyle relay. The 400 freestyle relay team of Sax, Richardson-Rossbach, Richard and Stevens closed out the meet with a victory.

South's other winners were Manos in the 100 butterfly, Borydyukov in the 100 breaststroke, Basile in the 100 backstroke and Handley in the 200 individual medley.

Strong swims by Reynolds Graves in the 50 freestyle, Carlos Padilla and Mike Robinson in the 100 freestyle, and Garbarino in the 100 butterfly helped secure the win for South.



Heavyweight Spencer Channel was one of two Grosse Pointe North wrestlers to take first place at the Holt Invitational.

Norsemen best in Blizzard

The Grosse Pointe Norsemen took first place in the junior varsity high school division of the Niagara Falls Blizzard challenge hockey tournament.

The Norsemen defeated Pittsford, N.Y., 3-1 in the championship game of the tournament, which was

aply named.

When the Grosse Pointe contingent tried to return home after the tournament, the roads in Canada were closed because of a "white-out" blizzard and the group had to spend one more night.

The Norsemen, who entered the tournament playing their best hockey of the season, continued the trend with excellent team defense and a solid puck-control offense.

Goaltender Mike Mackool and an aggressive five-player defensive corps led by team captain Michael Lucchese gave up only three goals in the tournament.

The offense was led by Marshall Ochylski, who collected five goals and seven assists; Joe Smith, five goals and one assist; Michael Walsh, four goals and one assist; and Dan Bogosian, three goals and one assist.



The Grosse Pointe Norsemen finished first in the high school junior varsity division at the Niagara Falls Blizzard challenge hockey tournament. In front is coach Jayson Weatherington. In the first row, from left, are Thomas Winterfield, James Caruso, Charlie Trost, Evan Rutkofske, Mike Mackool, Marshall Ochylski, Joe Durfee-Smith, John Gay and Dominic Giordano. In back, from left, are manager Bob Kollar, coach Dave Brozo, Dan Bogosian, Michael Lucchese, John Ramberger, Michael Walsh, Jeff Holmes, coach Brad Eickhorst and Brian Flemion.

North

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Aaron Bowersox in the 50 freestyle; Tim Schultes and Mike Walton, 100 freestyle; Matt Lane and Roy Lucier, 500 freestyle; Jeff Moore and Chris Bill, 100 breaststroke; Ryan Boury and Brian Cornillie, 100 butterfly; and Mike Kedzierski, 200 individual medley.

Earlier, North beat Livonia Franklin 137-33 in a non-league meet that was highlighted by double victories from Kedzierski (200 individual medley and 100 butterfly), Michael VanBeek (200 and 500 freestyle) and Tech (50 and 100 freestyle).

Walton won the 100 backstroke and Fly was first in the 100 breaststroke.

Bowersox had his best time of the season in the 100 freestyle; Walton had a season-best in the 500 freestyle; and Kedzierski and Lucier swam their season's best times in the 200 IM.

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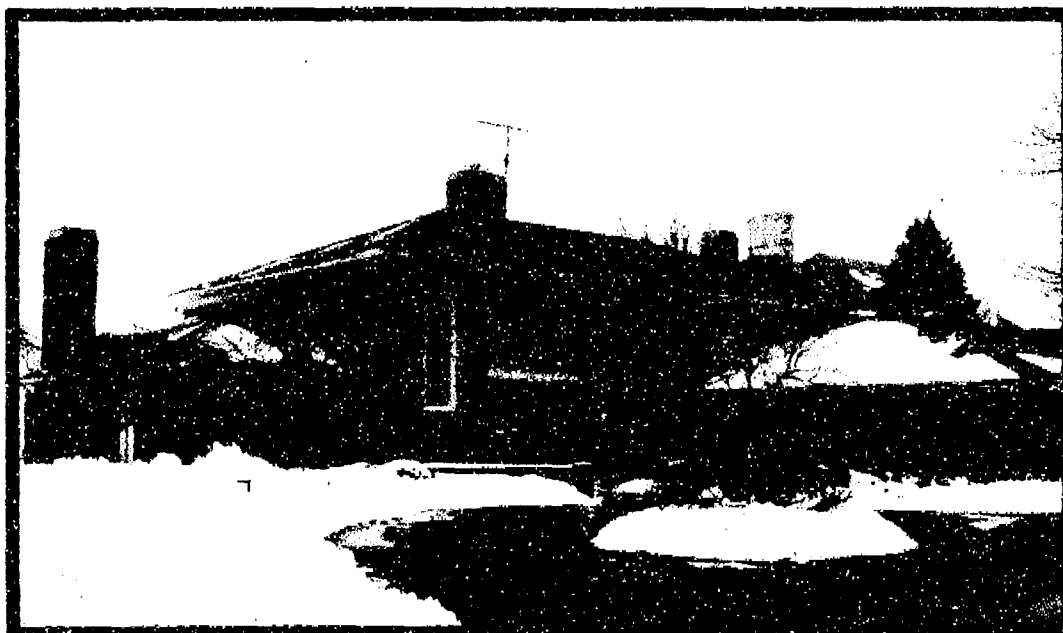
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Winter brings out the best in birds and bird stories

What a delightful time of the year this is for those of us who share the hobby of bird feeding. Just the other day at the Grosse Pointe Audubon meeting, Judy Florian was excitedly sharing stories about the Carolina wren that's visiting the new peanut feeder that she and her husband, Mike, bought from us. Carolina wrens are not a numerous species in this area, which makes a sighting of them very special.

One of my favorite stories this past week came from Amy Gordon who holds a special place in my heart. Amy was my original contact at the Edsel & Eleanor Ford House, helping me to establish the Bird Walks that we lead on the marvelous estate grounds. Now a proud stay-at-home mom, she was telling how her young son, Jack, was watching birds at their feeder when he exclaimed "Look, Mom we have three pigeons. Aren't we lucky?" I realize that not all who feed the birds would agree with his sentiment. But the pleasure he expressed brings a smile to my face each time I recall his words. We could use his counting abilities during the Great Backyard Bird Count in February.

Some customers bring proof of their happy bird experiences to us at the store. Ralph Binge has a great number of goldfinches coming to the feeders that he keeps well-stocked with our Nyger seed. The photo shows five feeders with just about every one of the 30 perches being used by a goldfinch. Mr. Binge is looking forward to the next few months of observation as the finches begin their spring feather molt and become brighter as the new yellow feathers replace the current olive green plumage.

The Donaldsons in Grosse Pointe Park have also shared photos with us.

In another Carolina wren situation, a pair of these birds is keeping warm by using their front door wreath. The birds have invited themselves indoors on occasion. Stop in and see the "living room decorations" on the back hall bulletin board at the store as well as Mr. Binge's goldfinches.

Both my employee Deb Veryser



and a customer who also lives on Hampton in the Woods have been sighting a red-bellied woodpecker at their feeders. We've heard a number of reports of red-bellied woodpeckers in the area, evidence that this bird is expanding its range from the South.

We also hear stories about the joy that birds bring when the phone rings. Just this morning, I received a call from Priscilla Posselius who was happy to report that she and a friend had seen 50 robins eating fruit in a number of trees located on Stanton Lane in the Farms. We talked for a while about the fact that birds don't migrate as a result of weather. They will stay if enough food is available in any area, regardless of the temperature. It was heartwarming to hear Ms. Posselius say that she "just had to call the bird ladies" to let them know about this significant sighting.

During the last snowstorm we experienced, I had another phone call. This time it was my friend Tony Pasko. He called to say that he and his wife, Lori, were enjoying their cocooning at home in this weather as they had a dozen bluebirds visiting their feeder. Bluebirds are a thrush, and similar to their cousins, the robins, they will remain in an area as long as the food sources are available. They were finding plenty of sunflower chips at Tony and Lori's feeder. This helped them to get through what may have proved to be a fatal day for them. I was certainly glad to hear of this happy bird feeding experience.

The pleasure of the hobby

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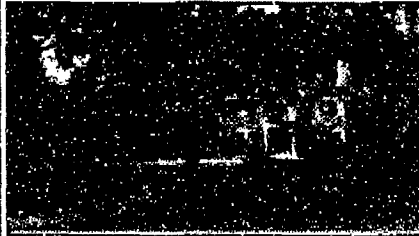
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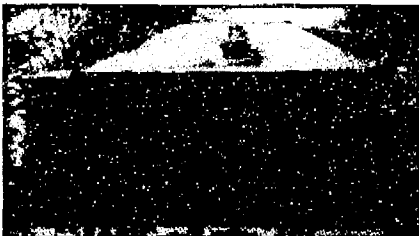
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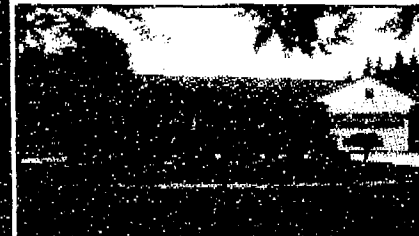
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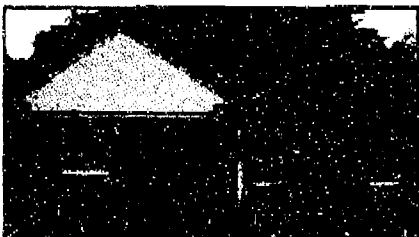
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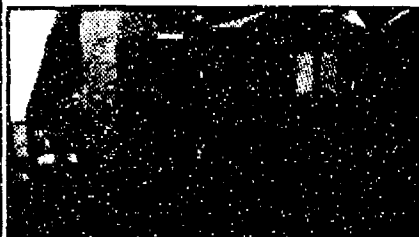
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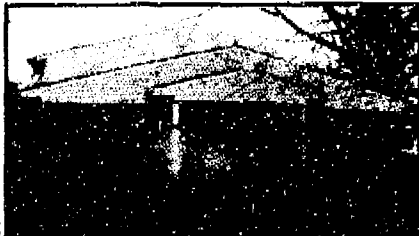
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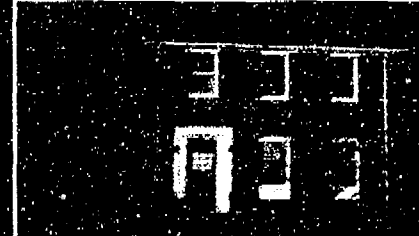
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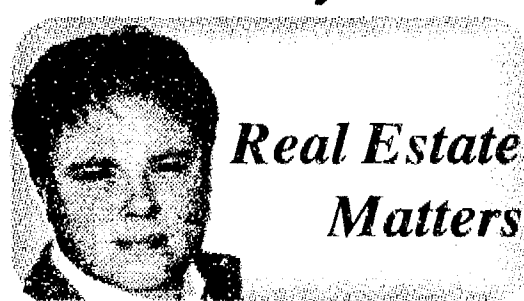
Q. I'm thinking about selling my home "For Sale by Owner." What are the pros and cons?

— Erin of Grosse Pointe Farms.

A. Erin, that is a more common question than you might think. Certainly, there are advantages and disadvantages to any course of action. To start, most people sell For Sale by Owner (FSBO) for one reason — commission. Some also believe they have the follow-through and knowledge to handle one of the biggest transactions of their life. Whatever your reasons, if you are going to sell your own home, you will be doing all of the work of a seasoned Realtor with the vast resources of the brokerage behind them.

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By Steve Aiuto

qualify buyers, set appointments, and then show your home at any hour? And finally, can you comfortably, effectively, and without an intermediary, deal with a buyer so as to negotiate a sale? If the answer to any of these questions is "no," your chances of succeeding is practically nonexistent.

Why go it alone then? Saving thousands of dollars in commission is a pretty good reason. Secondly, some home owners can truly look at the process as a business venture and accordingly lay out a plan to succeed. Those who do sell their own home usually report feeling a tremendous sense of accomplishment.

The road to selling a home is often lined with legal pitfalls, price haggling, and the everyday, garden-variety clashes between buyers and sellers. So be prepared, selling a house is seldom an issue-free endeavor.

The National Association of Realtors has found that approximately 90 percent of those who try to sell on their own eventually list with a Realtor. Why is this you ask?

Perhaps, the primary reason that most homeowners cannot sell on their own is that they get in the way of the process — emotionally. Most sellers, wearing emotional blinders, understandably think that their home is special and therefore should sell with absolutely no effort — just because it's their home. Realtors see this all the time. If you are too attached to the thing you are trying to sell, how can you impartially judge its value?

Further, how can you objectively see its shortcomings? This is why the vast majority of FSBOs are overpriced. Remember this: The buyer who looks at your house

knows you're not paying a commission; so they have probably deducted much of that amount in their mind. They also intuitively know that if the basement leaks three months down the line, they are going to have to call you direct — not the broker. Most people do not feel terribly comfortable dealing with potentially ugly issues head-on. How you soothe a buyer's hesitancy in dealing with these issues will likely determine whether you are in the 90 percent or one of the rare private sellers.

One of the keys to successfully selling a house is being flexible, friendly and responsive to any and all would-be buyers. In a robust market, sellers can do less and sometimes, though rarely, get away with it. We are not in that type of market. In leaner times, buyers are not just around the corner. If you are to sell your own home, you need to saturate the market with its presence. Brokerages do this for you in a variety of ways — Multi-list,

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89 LAKESHORE

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109 MEADOW LANE

PERFECT LOCATION and wonderful condition are two of the attributes of this darling home. The charming exterior combined with its three bedrooms, one and one half baths, terrace with awning, finished basement and updated kitchen with eating area will make this a smart choice. See it today.



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Wall Street bond traders are constantly trying to figure out what's



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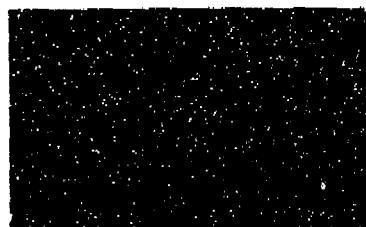
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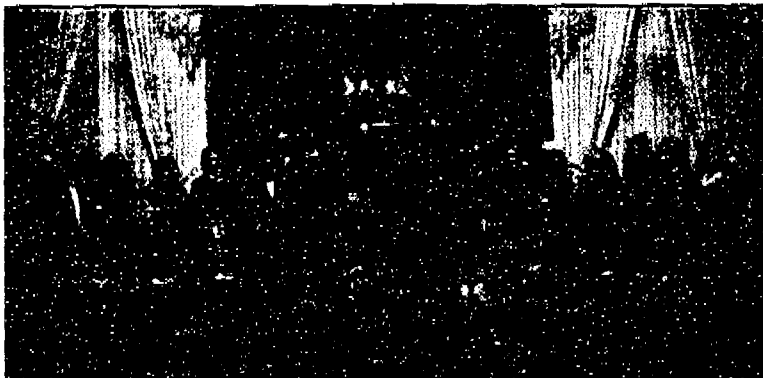
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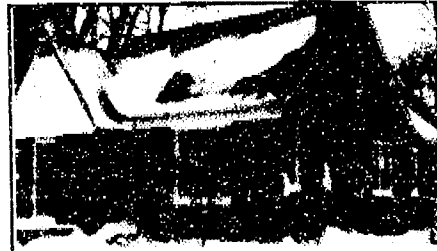
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GROSSE POINTE FARMS Roomy
Gracious three bedroom offers beautiful hardwood floors and newer kitchen with appliances. Huge master bedroom with bath, two fireplaces. Knotty pine recreation room and bath in basement. Two car garage and immediate occupancy.
(LGP40MAD) 313-886-5040 \$249,900



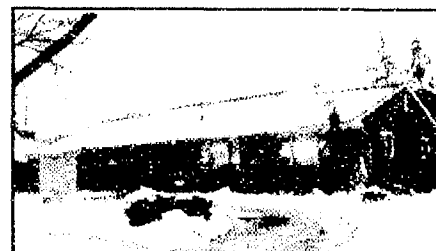
GROSSE POINTE WOODS Great Home
Neat and clean with many newer features in popular Woods area. Natural fireplace in living room, formal dining room, beautiful hardwood floors, Mutschler kitchen, master bedroom with bath and sitting room. Basement.
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GROSSE POINTE Magnificent
This English Tudor offers three floors of grace and elegance with a carriage house. Two story foyer leading to sunken garden. This home has been restored with ceramic tile and marble throughout. It will not disappoint you!
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GROSSE POINTE FARMS Exceptional
Five bedrooms, three plus car garage, two and one-half baths, fireplace, spa in outdoors four seasons room, Pella windows, newer kitchen with Pewabic tile, all appliances stay, newer furnace and air, all the amenities.
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GROSSE POINTE SHORES Elegant
For the buyer who expects excellence and desires a ready to move into home, this spacious ranch offers a master suite with richly appointed bath (granite and marble throughout), Contemporary layout with lots to delight.
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GROSSE POINTE Spacious
Spacious three bedrooms, two and one-half baths, two car garage, two fireplaces, finished basement, library, Florida room, rear deck, air conditioning, fenced yard, corner lot, occupancy at closing. Home Warranty.
(LGP66CAD) 313-886-5040 \$299,900



GROSSE POINTE FARMS Lovely
Three bedroom, two bath home offers a location that's an easy walk to the Hill, Pier Park, schools, more! Pretty hardwood floors, leaded glass windows, breakfast nook, den. Partly finished basement, newer boiler.
(LGP43MCM) 313-886-5040 \$295,000



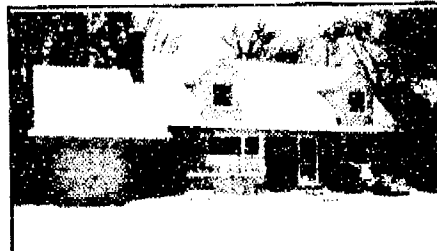
GROSSE POINTE WOODS Lovely
Delightful brick Colonial with outstanding detail and decor. Living room with bookcases which surround a natural fireplace. Huge sharply updated kitchen with lots of cabinets and counter space, opens to bright family area.
(LGP70HAW) 313-886-5040 \$250,000



GROSSE POINTE PARK Attractive
Traditional carriage style Colonial with amazing appeal. Leaded glass French doors, hardwood floors. Newer custom kitchen opens to recent family room addition with vaulted ceiling. Close to Village, shopping and schools.
(LGP47GRA) 313-886-5040 \$324,900



GROSSE POINTE FARMS Stunning
Brick three bedroom Colonial, one and one-half baths, one and one-half car garage. Spacious living room with gas fireplace, family room with French glass doors, central air, hardwood floors and Home Warranty.
(LGP67TOU) 313-886-5040 \$249,900



GROSSE POINTE FARMS Enjoy
Rich and airy Cape Cod on generous lot. Vaulted great room, master suite, two updated full baths, two fireplaces. Several upgrades. Near elementary and middle schools. Designed for your comfort and pleasure!
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GROSSE POINTE WOODS Updated
Three bedrooms, two and one-half baths. 2004 updates: waterproofed and finished basement with drywall, drop ceiling, recessed lights and carpet. Added hardwood floor in kitchen, refinished all floors and painted.
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GROSSE POINTE WOODS Must See
This is it! Charming Woods ranch in prime location. Many updates including roof, furnace, windows and more. Kitchen with eating space. Recreation room. Immediate occupancy.
(LGP30LAN) 313-886-5040 \$169,900



GROSSE POINTE FARMS Exquisite
Gorgeous Georgian, prestigious locale, seven bedrooms, five full and one half baths. Three fireplaces, updated kitchen, butler's pantry, finished basement with rec room. Tavern room with wet bar. Newer furnaces, oil, roof, refinished hardwood floors.
(LGP71LEW) 313-886-5040 \$900,000



GROSSE POINTE WOODS Two Family
Great locale! Brick two family income. Many updates, also includes hardwood floors, beautiful gas fireplace, formal dining room. Finished basement for extra living space. Separate furnaces and utilities makes smart buy.
(LGP61VER) 313-886-5040 \$255,000



GROSSE POINTE PARK Opportunity
Two family income with finished basement living area. Newer vinyl siding and two car garage. Upper unit has finished third story attic. Separate furnaces and utilities. Close to schools, churches and waterfront parks.
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GROSSE POINTE Spacious
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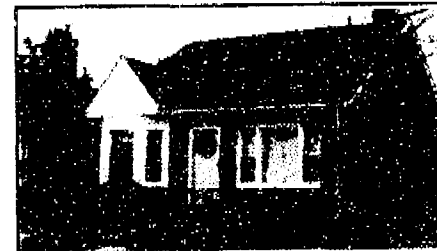
GROSSE POINTE WOODS Value
Nice starter home. Newer kitchen, bathroom, tear-off roof in 2000. Cute and cozy. Great area of Grosse Pointe Woods with all the amenities of schools, waterfront park, public services for a great price. Won't last.
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GROSSE POINTE WOODS Simple
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GROSSE POINTE WOODS Charming
Many recent updates including most windows, roof, furnace, central air, refinished floors. Newer oak kitchen, full bath in finished basement, natural fireplace. Newer two car garage, driveway and deck. Appliances stay.
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GROSSE POINTE PARK Grand
Seven bedroom, five bath two family home in great location south of Jefferson. Fireplaces, central air, newer roof/boilers. Great investment at this low price. Check out the comparables and hurry in with an offer.
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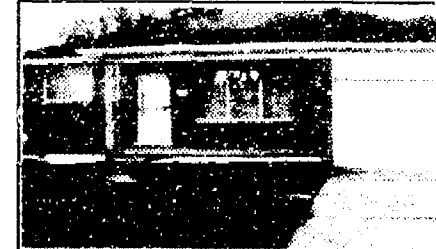
GROSSE POINTE CITY Brick Tudor
Three bedroom, two full bath brick bungalow. Spacious kitchen with dining area, hardwood floors. Master bedroom has stall shower and double sinks. Recreation room with half bath. Appliances included. Home warranty.
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GROSSE POINTE WOODS Move-In
Three bedroom updated Colonial. Newer kitchen, windows, concrete, two and one half car garage. Deep lot, beautiful family room, fireplace, finished recreation room in basement with wet bar and half bath.
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GROSSE POINTE SCHOOLS Attention
Attractive Harper Woods ranch. Hardwood floors, formal dining room. One and one half baths. Doorwall leads to rooftop patio with lights. Central air, alarm system, newer windows. Attached two car garage. Home warranty.
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GROSSE POINTE SCHOOLS Sharp
Updated, clean contemporary three bedroom. Newer bright kitchen, all appliances, tile floor, tear-off roofs, vinyl windows, furnace, central air and more. Multi-skylight bedroom, walk-in closet. Nice open backyard.
(LGP51COU) 313-886-5040 \$155,000



GROSSE POINTE SCHOOLS Nice
Nice three bedroom ranch at a good price! Finished basement with full bath and two extra rooms. Newer roof, electrical, copper plumbing, large two car garage, basement waterproofed from the outside, home warranty.
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GROSSE POINTE SCHOOLS Beautiful
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Real Estate -

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Web sites, full-page ads, calling other agents, etc.

Ask any Realtor and he or she will tell you that sales are based on the number of contacts. Not everyone you show your home to will want to buy it. Further, not everyone you meet will feel comfortable with the concept of buying from the owner. If the average is 50 potential

buyers to one ready, willing, and able buyer, then how are you going to go about finding 50 qualified buyers — not just nosy neighbors?

How you put the world of buyers on notice that your house is for sale will decide if you fail or succeed. In a word, just a yard sign and some homemade fliers will seldom work.

Think of it like this: On a \$200,000 house, if someone told you that investing \$1,500 in advertising could save you tens of thousands of dollars, would you do it? Of course you would. Why then do the vast majority of FSBOs only spend \$20

on an impersonal, store-bought yard sign, and then print a few marginal fliers on the home computer and think they mastered the art of real estate? It makes absolutely no sense, and here's the kicker: Savvy buyers — which are now the majority thanks largely to Realtors — will seldom compensate that kind of indifferent effort. Selling a home is exactly that — sales. The market seldom falls right into your lap.

At the end of the day, far too many private sellers assume that

"it's easy to sell a house." If you also believe this, then you will undoubtedly underestimate the difficulty and effort needed to succeed in a competitive marketplace. The 90 percent who tried and gave up thought it was easy too. Remember, "you get what you give," and if you give 100 percent effort, you just might be one of the 10 percent who get a successful sale.

Steve Aiuto is a licensed Realtor living in Grosse Pointe Park.

For the Birds

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extends beyond the store when I deliver seed to Mrs. Glover who is unable to drive to Wild Birds Unlimited in order to pick up seed. We gladly deliver to shut-ins, and the bonus is taking a few extra minutes to watch birds at feeders where our seed is being eaten. Mrs. Glover had a number of chickadees darting back and forth from her evergreens to the feeding station. Being able to watch the birds is her connection to the out-of-doors, and she's grateful

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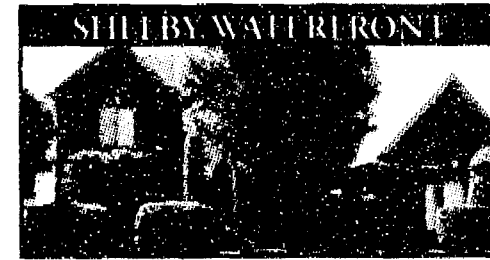
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- ST. CLAIR SHORES RANCH**
- 3 bedrooms, and a newer family room
 - Attached 2 car garage on dead-end street
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- ST. CLAIR SHORES RANCH**
- 3 bedroom brick ranch
 - Just off the Nautical Mile
 - New windows, roof and bath
 - Family room with fireplace and doorwall
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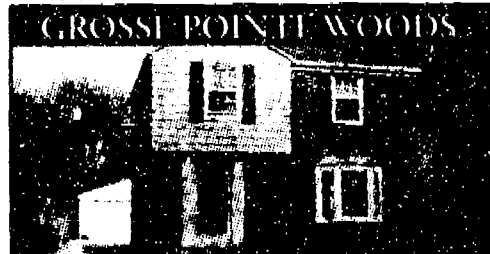
- ST. CLAIR SHORES RANCH**
- 3 Bedroom remodeled brick ranch
 - Huge open concept kitchen and family room
 - Finished basement, den, and fireplace
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- ST. CLAIR SHORES RANCH**
- Completely remodeled w/ 3 bedrooms
 - New marble kitchen, and finished basement
 - New roof, furnace, AC, windows, and carpet
 - Large deck and stamped concrete driveway
 - Just Reduced: \$199,500



- GROSSE POINTE WOODS**
- 3 bedroom brick bungalow
 - Newer kitchen, hardwood floors & new carpet
 - Remodeled family room with doorwall
 - Newer windows, roof, plumbing & electrical
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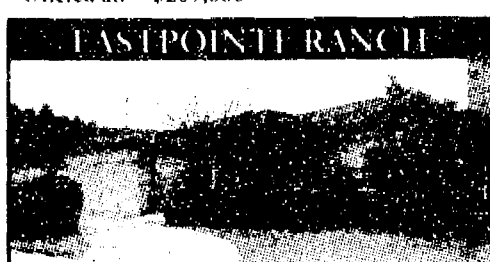
- GROSSE POINTE WOODS**
- Brick Colonial - walk to St. John Hospital
 - Living room w/ fireplace and a family room
 - Hardwood floors, newer windows, updated bath
 - Furnace and central air '99, patio and garage
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- ST. CLAIR SHORES**
- 3 bedroom bungalow newly remodeled
 - Master suite with balcony, WIC, and skylights
 - New kitchen and first floor laundry
 - New carpet, tile floors, dimensional roof & more
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- ST. CLAIR SHORES RANCH**
- Complete new kitchen in 2000
 - Newer windows, furnace and central air.
 - Semi Finished basement with half bath
 - Patio, inground sprinklers, 2.5 car garage
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- Attached garage and circle driveway
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 - Offered at: \$159,900



- EASTPOINTE**
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- DETROIT**
- Updated 3 bedroom starter
 - Tear off roof '04, siding and furnace '97
 - Bath, windows and central air in 2000
 - Finished basement with glass block windows
 - WHY RENT? Only \$91,000



- STERLING HEIGHTS**
- 3 bedroom, 2,000 s/f, Urica schools
 - Windows in '04, newer AC, Roof in '00
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 - Living room, great room, and den
 - Offered at: \$228,500



- STERLING HEIGHTS**
- 3 bedroom ranch with 2 full baths
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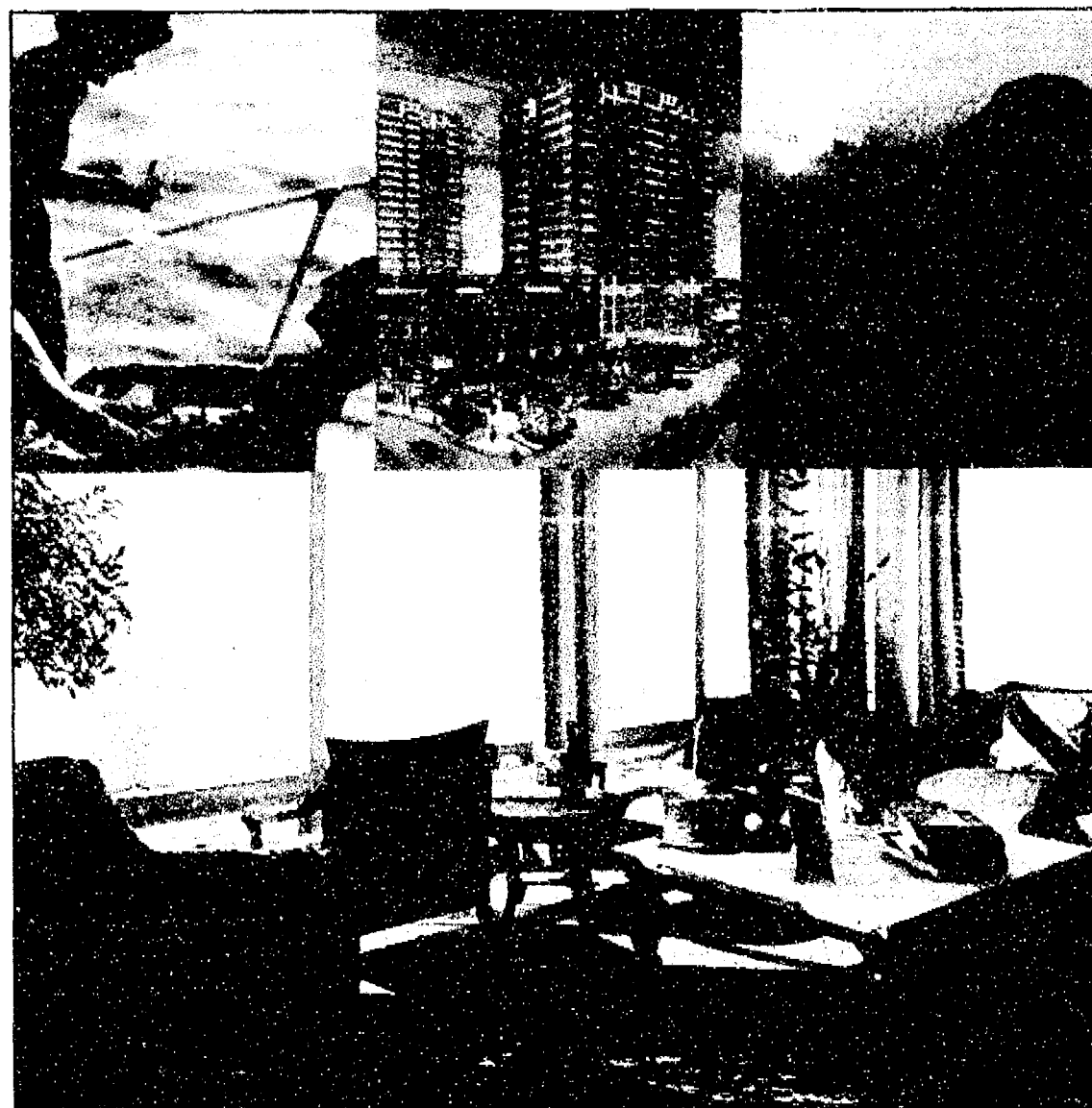


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would allow you to borrow some or all of that \$70,000. A HELOC has a credit limit and a revolving balance, meaning that you can borrow up to a certain amount, pay some or all of it back, and borrow again up to the limit.

Most home equity loans are taken either to make improvements that add to the value and personal enjoyment of the home, or to refinance and consolidate current debts that have been incurred on credit cards through purchases of dinners, clothes, weekend getaways and everyday living expenses.

Consumers borrowing against the equity of their home for a new kitchen generally feel OK about the borrowing because they are adding value to their home; however, when their borrowing is to refinance credit cards and consolidate other loans, the decision becomes problematic.

Many consumers find themselves with more credit card debt than they can handle. Refinancing your debt into a home equity loan doesn't increase your debt, it just moves it.

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Before considering taking cash out based on the equity of your home, you should consider why you're borrowing and which loan makes the most sense for you.

Nathan M. Steiner is a loan officer of Flagstar Bank and a lifelong resident of Grosse Pointe Farms. You may contact him at (888) 881-4457. The information in this column should not be construed as an extension of credit.

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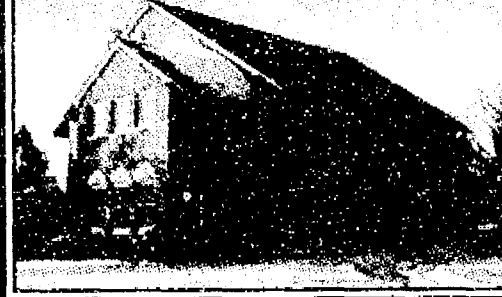
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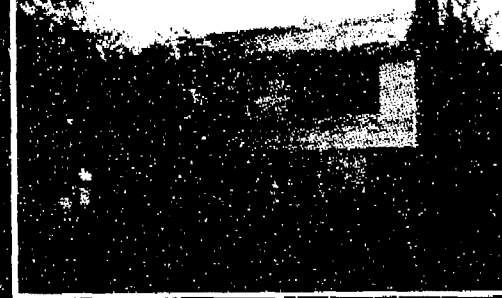
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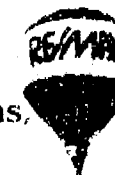
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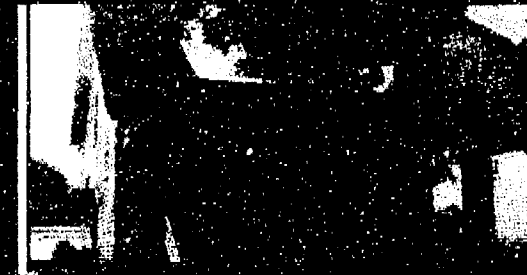
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