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## WEEK AHEAD

### Thursday, Jan. 19

Services for Older Citizens (SOC) offers a trip to the Detroit Symphony Orchestra's performance of "The Music of Star Wars," highlighting the music of John Williams.

Ticket cost is \$52 for residents; \$55 for non-residents. Departure from SOC is at 9:30 a.m.

The first-graders at St. Clare of Montefalco Catholic School are having a fundraiser at Brueger's Bagels, 17144 Kercheval in the Village, between 3 and 7 p.m. The proceeds from all sales benefit the school's Accelerated Reading Program.

### Sunday, Jan. 22

The 18th century "B minor Mass" by Johann Sebastian Bach will be performed at 4 p.m. at the Christ Church Grosse Pointe, 61 Grosse Pointe Blvd., Grosse Pointe Farms.

Advance tickets are available at the church. Main floor tickets are \$25; sides and balcony are \$15. For more information, call (313) 885-4841.

### Monday, Jan. 23

Teachers' Record Day. No school for all Grosse Pointe public school students.

The monthly meeting of the Grosse Pointe Public Library Board of Trustees will start at 7 p.m. at the Ewald branch library, 15175 E. Jefferson, Grosse Pointe Park.

The Grosse Pointe Park city council will meet at 7 p.m. in city council chambers, 15115 E. Jefferson.

The City of Grosse Pointe city council will meet at 7 p.m., in City Hall, 17147 Maumee.

### Tuesday, Jan. 24

A teen poetry program will be held from 7 to 8:30 p.m. at the Ewald branch library, 15175 E. Jefferson, Grosse Pointe Park. Teenagers will have a chance to read their own poetry on an open mike. There will be a poetry slam and prizes award.

An Extended Day Kindergarten Information Night will start at 7 p.m. in the Barnes Early Childhood Center gym, 20090 Morningside, Grosse Pointe Woods.

### Thursday, Jan. 26

The Pointe Knitters will meet at 7:30 p.m. at the Children's Home of Detroit in Grosse Pointe Woods. The program

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File photo by Brad Lindberg

The landlocked condition of Rankin Peck's boathouse (in the distance), which he now calls a beach house, is often cited as a consequence of accretion on the Lake St. Clair shoreline north of Vernier in Grosse Pointe Shores.

## Book Brigade bridges old and new Woods libraries

By Beth Quinn  
Staff Writer

In the shadow of the soon-to-open Woods Branch Library, students of Parcels Middle and Mason Elementary schools ceremoniously lined-up to pass the last 100 children's books from the former branch to the new one during the Grosse Pointe Public Library's second Book Brigade on Wednesday, Jan. 11.

Though the second brigade was smaller in size, with 500 student participants, compared to the 1,000 students in the December 2004 Ewald branch brigade, the balmy, spring-like weather made up for the lack of numbers.

"I was wondering how we could top the Ewald Book Brigade, but the weather did it for us," said Grosse Pointe Library Foundation Director Marcia Scavarda, who originally conceived the Book Brigade idea. "It is wonderful to see so many children excited about the new library. This event is all about the kids."

Unlike the students in the Ewald brigade who were bundled-up against the elements and whose mitten-clad hands had a hard time grasping the books, the Woods brigade students were able to hand off the books with ease.

"I remember seeing the students,

with mittens, in the south end struggling to pass the books," said Dr. Suzanne Klein, superintendent of Grosse Pointe Public Schools. "I also remember hearing one of the boys say to his classmate, 'You know, we're a part of history.' It is special events that punctuate time; that stand-out in our memories."

Along the line, the personality of different students became evident in the way they passed the books. Some rambunctious types play "hot potato" with the books. The numbers-oriented students counted how many had been passed. The readers among them took a second to peek inside. One first grade girl, obviously a collector, was hoarding the books until a teacher gently reminded her to pass them along.

Library Director Vickie Bloom was thrilled to see that Mason student, Carter Kerr who was next to her as the last child in the chain, was pausing to look inside the books.

"The little boy next to me, Carter, wanted to read every book," Bloom said. "It was just wonderful to see."

His teacher at Mason, Julie Walkley, was not surprised.

"He was very excited about being in the Book Brigade," she said. "He often

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## Stink raised over buildup of accretion

By Brad Lindberg  
Staff Writer

During his 35 years reporting news on Channel 2, Joe Weaver was the Detroit broadcast market's equivalent of E.F. Hutton. When Weaver spoke, people listened.

Speaking last week with the same confident voice the retired newsman broadcasted issues of his day, Weaver showed he still doesn't pull punches.

"Things are changing in a different direction in the Grosse Pointes," said Weaver, a Grosse Pointe Shores homeowner.

He spoke to about 100 people gathered at the War Memorial to discuss consequences of soil and vegetation building up along parts of the once-unobstructed Lake St. Clair shoreline.

"I don't know how many of you have had your property appraised in the last couple of weeks," Weaver said. "We had ours appraised. We lost about \$500,000 value."

Most of Weaver's problem is the soft real estate market for expensive homes.

Many people he was speaking to while moderating a forum on accretion organized by Sen. Martha Scott, D-Highland Park, fear property values will drop even more. They fear the shine of Grosse Pointe living is being tarnished by a shoreline clogged with washed up sand, overgrown weeds, smelly dead fish and rotting vegetation.

Main examples are north of municipal harbors in the Farms and Shores.

### Red alert

"I'm warning you — warning the municipalities, warning everybody — if you don't clean up accretion, you will have lake[side] real

estate properties drop," said Hugo Higbie, Farms resident and more than 50-year veteran of the local real estate industry.

If accretion goes unchecked, Higbie told the War Memorial gathering, economic fallout affecting shoreline homeowners is sure to migrate inland.

"This is one of the most serious problems I've seen in Grosse Pointe today," Higbie said. "Lake St. Clair is incredibly valuable to all Grosse Pointe. We have to protect that water. We have to protect that shoreline."

Decreased lakefront property values could trigger cascading effects throughout the Pointes.

Reduced home values mean reduced tax assessments, which, unless property tax rates are increased, mean less revenue for cities to maintain high levels of services that help make the Pointes a desirable place to live and invest in houses.

"If we don't do something about this and it gets worse, people who live along the shore will mass together and say we want our taxes reduced by half," said Rankin Peck, Shores resident. "Who's going to pick that up? The other 54,000 people who live in the Grosse Pointes."

Peck's family has owned a house in the 800 block of Lakeshore for 65 years.

For most of that time, the back yard overlooked a boathouse propped over at least three feet of water lapping against the seawall.

In recent years, as accretion piled up along the shoreline and waves succumbed to scrub grass, shrubs and weed trees, Peck's boathouse has

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Photo by Robert McKean

Noah Manian and Billy Hoover from Karen Cole's kindergarten class at Mason Elementary School pass the last book.

## POINTER OF INTEREST

### Carol Marais

Home: Grosse Pointe Park

Age: 50

Family: Husband, Claude, and daughter, Michelle, 15

Occupation: Owner of Kenniss Academics in the City of Grosse Pointe

Quote: "I learned in Atlanta that I could change lives."

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Carol Marais



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## yesterday's headlines

## 50 years ago this week

■ James Lee II, president of the Grosse Pointe board of education, writes an open letter to residents asking for their support in an upcoming vote on funding of a new middle school to be constructed on Chalfonte in Grosse Pointe Farms.

Money also would be used to build swimming pools at Pierce and Parcels junior highs in the Park and Woods, respectively.

■ Parking meters are installed in part of the municipal lot on the Hill in Grosse Pointe Farms. No meters are installed in the lot's rear two rows.

■ Five hundred new residents of the Pointe attend a reception for newcomers at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial.

## 25 years ago this week

■ Grosse Pointe Woods residents having boats moored along the Milk River at Lakefront Park support construction of a new bridge across the waterway. Boaters express their views in a questionnaire.

Due to high levels of Lake St. Clair, the existing bridge is too low to allow access to 53 boat wells upstream.

■ Members of the Grosse Pointe school board release Superintendent William Coats from his five-year contract, effective in June.

Last July the University of Michigan board of regents offered Coats a full professorship in the school of education.

■ Despite predictions that the Grosse Pointe public school system will lose near-

ly 2,000 students in the next four years, administrators recommend all of the district's buildings be kept open for the near future.

Superintendent William Coats says school buildings are being used for expanded programs, including resource centers, paperback libraries, career centers, art, music, special education and gifted student programs.

## 10 years ago this week

■ After sifting through what amounts to a pile of ashes, Grosse Pointe Farms fire officials conclude the cause of the Dec. 17 fire that gutted the Kenwood home of former Detroit Tiger Cecil Fielder cannot be determined.

"Sometimes a house burns so badly you cannot find a thing; there's nothing left to look at," says Samuel Candela, Farms fire chief.

■ The Michigan State Hospital Finance Authority grants permission for St. John Hospital to sell \$65 million worth of bonds to finance medical center improvements.

Money from the bond sale will go toward projects that broke ground in 1993. The final project, consisting of four operating rooms on the second floor of the concentrated care building, should be completed in 1997.

■ Pointe public school administrators are pleased with new Andersen windows installed two years ago at Montiet Elementary School in Grosse Pointe Woods, but local officials didn't realize the entire nation would be able to appreciate the craftsmanship.

The Montiet job turned out so well the school appears in Andersen's 1995 commercial design series brochure.

"It came as a surprise to us," says Chris Fenton, assistant superintendent of

business affairs, discussing the unexpected publicity.

## 5 years ago this week

■ City of Grosse Pointe officials proceed with plans to sell about \$2.5 million in bonds to finance improvements to Neff Park.

In accordance with residents' wishes, City officials decide to replace the municipal swimming pool with a larger facility.

■ Grosse Pointe Woods residents may be able to pay water bills by automatic withdrawal.

The idea comes from resident John Young.

"It would be a big cost savings and convenience to residents," Young tells city council members, impressed with the notion.

■ Grosse Pointe North's gymnastics team gets the Great Lakes Eight season off to a good start with a win over Trenton.

Leslie Cadorn leads the way with regional-qualifying scores in floor exercise (8.25), uneven bars (8.1), balance beam (7.5) and vault (7.8).

— Brad Lindberg

## Week Ahead

Thursday, Jan. 26

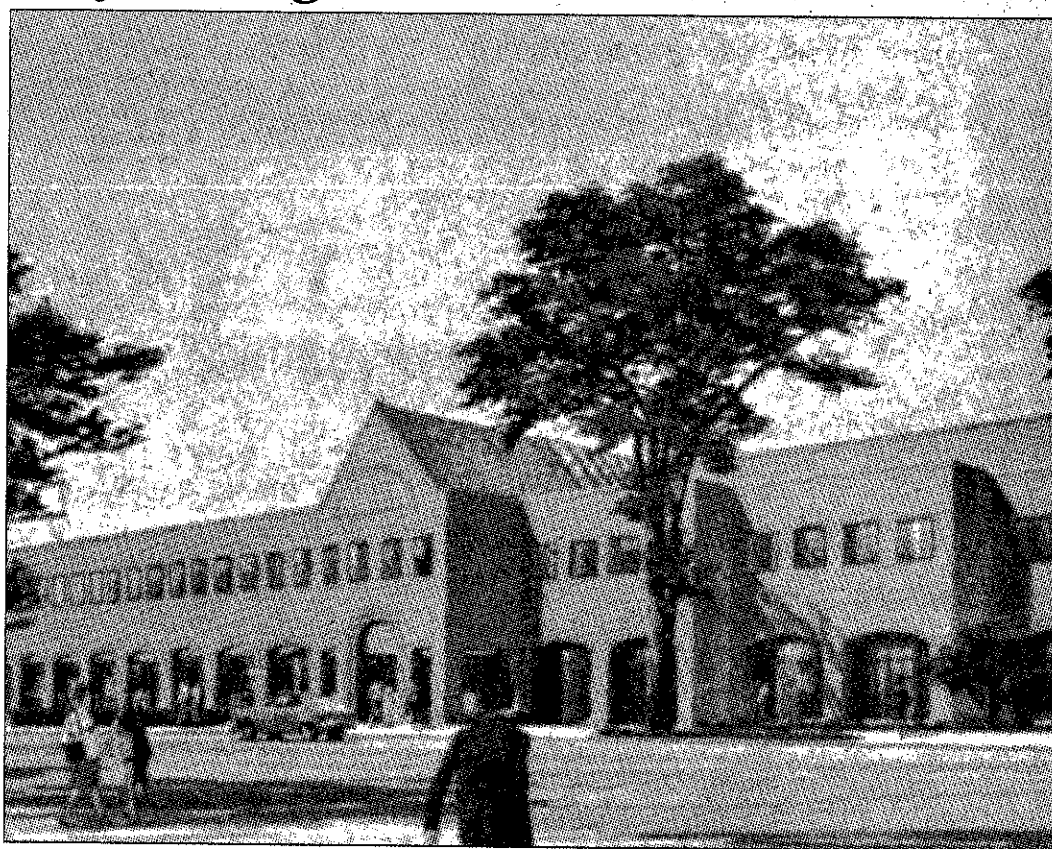
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will be a knitted heart sachet using mitered squares. Knitters of all skills are welcome.

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A Kindergarten Parent Information Night will be held at 7 p.m. in the library of Trombly Elementary School, 820 Beaconsfield, Grosse Pointe Park.

## 25 years ago this week



## Hill development

This artist's rendition shows the tentatively named Hill Pointe Building proposed by the Kercheval Development Co. for the area now occupied by a closed Standard Oil Station and two houses on Muir Road at Kercheval on the Hill in Grosse Pointe Farms. Rising three stories, the building will provide about 44,000 square feet of rentable space. A 24-foot atrium will run from the roof to the structure's full basement. (From the Jan. 15, 1981 Grosse Pointe News.)

## Farms applies for ash borer grant

By Brad Lindberg  
Staff Writer

More than 2 percent of Michigan's 700 million ash trees have been killed by emerald ash borer.

Most of the 15 million casualties are in southeast Michigan. Lansing officials say more will follow unless the cash-strapped state gets more financial reinforcements from the federal government to contain the invasive insect.

Last year Michigan received \$12.7 million of \$25 million emergency funds requested of the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

"The beetle's aggressive nature will not subside," said Patricia Lockwood, the governor's emerald ash borer policy director. "Funding must continue for Michigan to make additional strides in curbing the pest's relentless attack on our state's ash resources."

Yet in Grosse Pointe Farms, believed to be the second Michigan community behind White Lake Township to marshal resources against borer invasion in the fall of 2002, none of the roughly 637 municipally-owned ash trees died last year due to the half-inch metallic green bug's incessant appetite.

"Two ash trees died on Lewiston, but they were inspected thoroughly and there were no borers in them," said Terry Brennan, Farms head of public service and point man in the city's ash tree protection campaign.

Having kept borers at bay throughout the Farms by injecting ash trees with insecticide costing \$25,000 per year, Brennan spent time in his office last week trying to ensure the community will continue having a diverse tree population that can overcome extinction of a single species.

Brennan is applying for a \$20,000 federal grant to plant new trees. A total of \$500,000 has been made available to Michigan cities and non-profit organizations from the USDA Forest Service and Private Forestry Program.

Frank Schulte, director of forestry for City of Grosse Pointe public works, is applying for a grant.

"We were granted \$12,500 last year," Schulte said.

Money available this year is being administered through the state Department of Natural Resources. Qualified applicants must:

- be located within 21

southeast Michigan counties quarantined due to emerald ash borer.

- provide 50 percent matching funds or in-kind service, and

- use grants for tree planting, trimming or removing hazardous trees and compiling tree inventories.

Applications are due Feb. 22. Projects must be completed by May 31, 2007.

"Over the last five years we've planted on average 75 to 80 trees per year," Brennan said. "If we can accelerate that by getting matching funds from the state, we can bump it up to a 150 trees planted."

He wants to continue planting a variety of trees to broaden the number of species in the Farms' urban forest.

Due for planting this year are Kentucky coffee trees, hornbeams, autumn blaze maples and others.

The two dead ash on Lewiston might be replaced with Valley Forge elm. The variety resists Dutch elm disease, which showed up in the Pointes more than 50 years ago.

The invasive disease practically wiped out the nation's American elm population except in diehard enclaves such as the Pointes, where residents continue to encourage city leaders to protect the tall, vase-shaped shade trees.

"I've been told that as far as elm trees, we're one of the last areas in the region that has one of the highest elm tree populations per capita in the area," Brennan said.

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## Book brigade

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frequents the library. He checks out books and movies. He was very thrilled to go and help."

Many of the students said they were anxious for the chance to get into the new library which they witnessed being built everyday on their way to and from school.

"I think it's great that we are doing this," said Parcels sixth-grader, Andrew Foinn, 11, of Grosse Pointe Woods. "As soon as it's open, I'm going in."

"I think it's pretty cool to help out the library," said another sixth-grade student, Julian Ross, 12. "I think I will use the library more now that it will have more technology and have a place to hang out."

"The kids are thrilled," said the boys' teacher, Nan Sabella of Grosse Pointe Woods. "They have been watching the progress right along. It will be very exciting just to get in there and

explore."

Many of the adults watching the brigade were aware of the symbolic significance of the event.

"It is amazing to see the excitement. The library continues to be a tribute of this community's ability to work with a common vision," said former library board president, John Bruce.

Current board president, Harvey Weaver, agrees. "This is the beginning of a celebration of a great partnership of the community."

It took twenty minutes to move the books between the two buildings.

The last book was "Holding at Third" by Linda Zinnen. It is a story about how a 13-year-old boy adjusts after moving to a new town where his older brother is receiving treatment for his cancer.

The dedication of the new Woods branch will be held on Saturday, Jan. 28, at 2 p.m. The public is invited to attend.

## 18 more boat slips for Farms harbor

By Brad Lindberg  
Staff Writer

Renovations to Grosse Pointe Farms marina have been amended to include a greater number of smaller boat wells.

Design changes expected to cost between \$75,000 and \$100,000 were prompted by owners of small boats.

At last month's council meeting, a couple dozen skippers of craft in the 18-to-25-foot range protested that initial harbor revisions would saddle them with wells that were unnecessarily wide and correspondingly expensive.

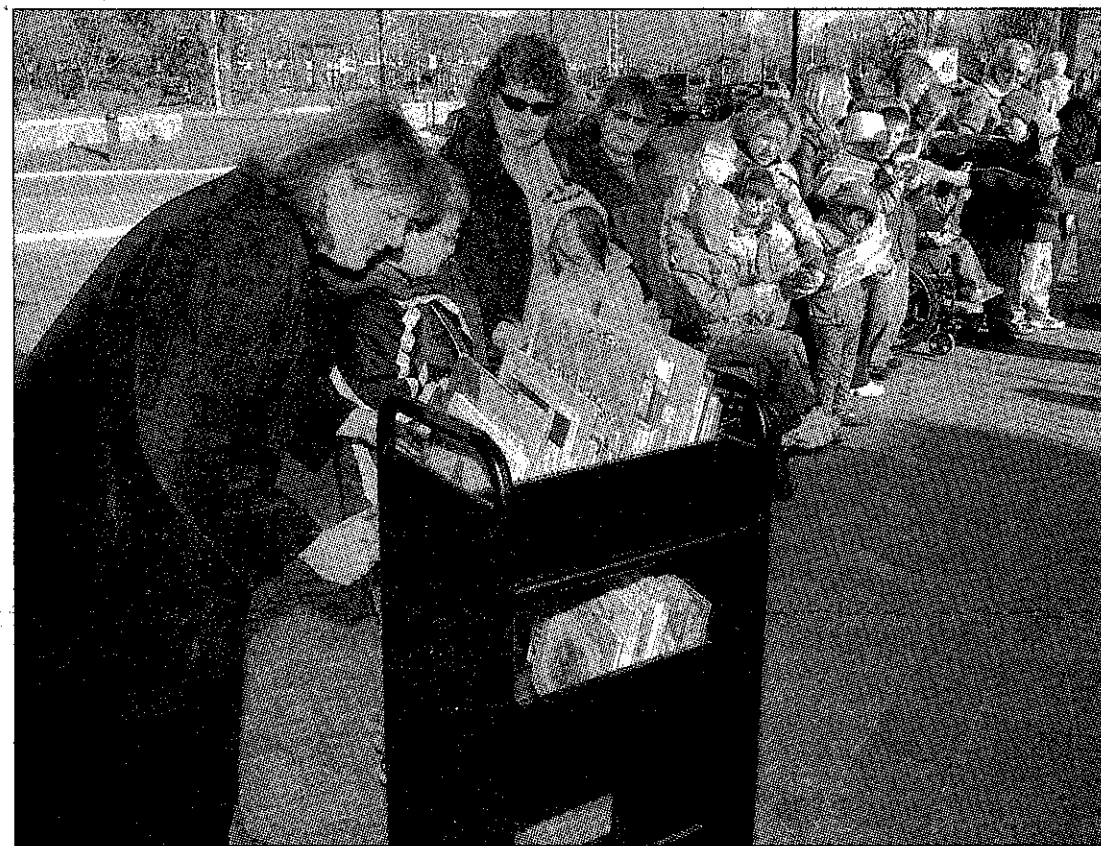
"Because of rate structures based on square footage, individuals were paying more than they needed to pay," said Shane Reeside, city manager, at this month's council meeting. "There was, in a sense, dead space in the wells."

"Renovation of the renovations," as Mayor James Farquhar called it, will result in 18 more wells than originally planned.

When construction of the new \$4.8 million harbor — paid mainly by boat rental fees, not general taxes — is finished by Memorial Day weekend, Pier Park will be able to moor 330 boats. Each slip will have a finger dock and access to electrical and fresh water outlets.

Overall revenue from the new configuration will be about the same as before — minus roughly \$1,000 per year due to lost space because of such things as additional fingerdocks.

"The overall objective of the plan is to increase the number of slips and try to afford more residents the opportunity to take advantage of the harbor," Reeside said.



Photos by Robert McKean

At the beginning of the line, Woods branch manager Lesley Wutzke and youth services librarian Jane Marsdaen, above, pass the books from the old library.

At the end of the line, right, Library Director Vickie Bloom places the last books on a cart at the entrance of the new library.

## Accretion

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become landlocked. It also has been anointed by accretion critics as the unofficial symbol of bad things to come if accretion isn't reversed or at least stopped.

Peck is one of many residents blaming accretion on construction of Shores Osius Park and Grosse Pointe Yacht Club, both of which are on landfill jutting into the lake. Such projections interrupt near-shore currents which formerly carried silt and sand downstream.

"Silt hits those seawalls, bounces back and falls onto the bottom of the lake," said Jack Caldwell, Peck's neighbor. "When I moved (onto Lakeshore) 16 years ago, I had three feet of water below my seawall. I now can walk out probably 300 feet (beyond the seawall) before I get my feet wet. If we continue to let that grow, we will have a marsh out there full of sludge."

That's not the image wanted by a mature residential community competing against numerous up-and-coming Detroit suburbs for a new generation of well-heeled home buyers.

"I don't want to see Grosse Pointe going down to failure," said Warren Wilkinson, City of Grosse Pointe resident and president of newly-formed Neighbors Concerned about the Lakefront, or NCLF (comprised of former members of now-disbanded Neighbors Concerned about Yacht Club Expansion, or NYCE).

"With accretion — the look, the smell and awful water — we're not going to have anything," Wilkinson said. "We don't want to lose

this battle."

### Some solutions

About a half-dozen Shores residents want 160,000 cubic yards of accretion (spread over 80 acres) dredged and shipped away, thereby returning the shoreline to the way it was in about 40 years ago. That's when some tunnels were filled in that had let shoreline currents carry sediment through the Shores and yacht club harbors.

"Since that time, accumulation has developed north of the harbor," said Joann Ross, a Grosse Pointe Park attorney representing dredging applicants.

Because the area in question belongs to the state, dredging requires permission from the state and federal officials.

The initial dredging application was subject to several objections during a public hearing in June 2005 at Parcels Middle School.

"General objections were adverse impacts to fisheries, waterfowl nesting, loafing areas, water quality issues," said Andrew Hartz, of the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality Land and Water Management Division. Hartz's division administers laws concerning construction activity in the state's lakes, rivers, streams, ponds, wetlands and Great Lakes.

"Dredging is a very expensive solution that might not be the ecologically best one," said Christie McGillivray, Lake St. Clair community organizer of Clean Water Fund in Clinton Township. "We don't want to create more of a problem by taking

drastic steps and in the long term hurt the ecology of the lake."

Applicants have temporarily withdrawn their petition to address concerns.

### Another problem

Assuming that dredging permit is issued, how to fund the project looms as an even bigger problem. Cost estimates approach \$7 million.

William Gilbride, attorney for owners of a house in the 800 block of Lakeshore, said his clients "are looking for a fair and equitable way to shoulder the cost of cleaning (accretion) and restoring the natural flow. Cost should be born by a much wider group of people, not just residents who live and are most affected by accretion in front of their homes. We'd like to see the cost born by the state, village and city as well as residents who live along there."

It will take some fishing to find money in Lansing available for dredging.

"I serve on the appropriations committee," said Sen. Scott. "We don't have any money. But if all of us elected officials could come together, maybe we can find money someplace."

"The federal government is the place to go," said Rep. Edward Gaffney, R-Grosse Pointe Farms, attending the forum.

"The county cares about the accretion problem," said Christopher Cavanaugh, the Pointes' Wayne County commissioner, also attending. "We pledge to help. It's up to the state to get us a lot of money."

A less expensive and less comprehensive compromise would be to install powerful

pumps to usher shoreline currents around Osius Park and the yacht club.

"Sediment bypass should restore natural shoreline littoral currents," said John Booth, a dredging applicant and Shores lakeside resident for 25 years. "However, it will do nothing to remove existing accretion. There seems to be some consensus forming for sediment bypass to be a first step. Dredging is a big issue and perhaps can be addressed later. Sediment flow-through is critical."

"Flow-through sounds like a great idea," McGillivray said.

When Booth looks out his back window, he doesn't like what he sees.

"Not only does accretion grow north, it also grows out into the lake," he said. "There is a large sandbar forming. It's about 1,000 feet offshore. When that sandbar breaks water, it will backfill all the way to the shoreline."

Booth foresees a near future with hundreds of acres of accretion separating former lakeside properties from the actual shoreline. The mixture of sand, soil, weeds and whatever washes up will stretch from Osius Park to Gaukler Pointe, site of the Ford House.

"All of those (shoreline) properties are going to be separated from the state by hundreds and hundreds of feet of vegetation," Booth said. "That's the kind of real estate decline they're talking about."

"It's important to get working on it to make something happen," Scott said. "It's not going to go away. We need to deal with it. Let's get this done before it gets worse."

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# Grosse Pointer brings world view to local education

## POINTER OF INTEREST

By Beth Quinn  
Staff Writer

Last year the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development released data based on a three-year study that made headlines around the United States: American high school students have a poorer mastery of basic math concepts than their counterparts in most other leading industrialized nations.

The United States ranked 24 out of 29 countries studied. The top five were Finland, South Korea, the Netherlands, Japan and Canada. Poland, Hungary and Spain were the three countries ahead of the U.S.

There are many theories on why U.S. students lag behind their peers abroad in math. They range from a teacher shortage to a lack of sufficiently challenging math courses to an over emphasis on standardized tests.

Grosse Pointe Park resident Carol Marais, owner of Kenniss Academics, has a theory of her own. She believes that our approach to math is the root of the problem. She uses the analogy of math being taught as a spiral. Concepts are taught in small doses. Teachers expose the students to a little bit and then move on to another one. They keep rotating around and around, using a piecemeal approach to teaching the basic structure of math.

"If you don't really grasp a mathematical concept in the beginning, you won't have a foundation to build onto for the next time you encounter a more complex version of the concept. By the time you reach fifth grade, you have trouble with more complex concepts; so you think you are stupid," Marais said.

Marais notes that other countries, in particular Japan, look at math as a language in which students master one mathematical skill before moving onto the next. Marais likens this to building blocks. For example, students are not taught subtraction until they can add. A child completely mas-

ters the basics and gains proficiency with each successive step. One block acts as a foundation for the next block. With each block master, a child gains confidence to move to a higher level.

"Algebra is when a student starts the language. If a student doesn't have a firm foundation of basic math concepts, then he can't become fluent in the language," Marais said. "This is why so many middle and high school students have trouble with algebra. They don't know the basic concepts, the basic vocabulary of math, well."

Marais has had first-hand experience with international education. Though she was born in America she lived in Bangkok between the ages of 6 and 16. Her father was a medical research scientist for the Southeast Asia Treaty Organization (SEATO).

"It opened me up to believing that there are other ways and beliefs that can be valid," Marais said. "I saw that our (the American) way is not the only way."

She came back to the States to complete her education. Marais earned her bachelor's degree at Duke University and master's degrees in public health and business at Tulane University. She later did her doctoral work in strategic management at Columbia University.

She went on to become a consultant for Anderson Consulting (now called Accenture) before being recruited by New York University to teach health care economics.

While living in Atlanta, Ga., Marais decided to retire from work to stay at home with her newborn daughter, Michelle. However, Marais found that being a fulltime stay-at-home mom was not her calling.

She was able to utilize her business management, consulting and teaching skills when she opened a Kumon Math and Reading Center franchise, a Japan-based learning center. Her center in Atlanta was one of

Kumon's fastest growing franchises. It was at this center where she saw the effectiveness of devising a system of incremental mastery of basic skills.

"I learned in Atlanta that I could change lives," Marais said.

Marais hopes that she will do the same here in Grosse Pointe by starting Kenniss Academics in the City of Grosse Pointe. The word, "Kenniss" is a derivative of the word "ken" which means to know.

The center offers a flexible curriculum from which students of all levels and abilities ranging from remedial to gifted would benefit, but Marais knows she must break down some preconceived ideas that American parents have about supplemental education before parents of good students would send their children to Kenniss.

Not only do schools in Asia approach math differently from most American schools, but also Asian parents view supplemental education outside the classroom as enrichment rather than remedial. Asian parents provide extra-curricular instruction for their children, but they also accept and expect that their children will do at least 20 minutes of homework every day of the week.

"I saw that parents in Asia started their children in pre-school or kindergarten with supplemental math instruction," Marais noted. "This insures that their children master the fundamentals early, and they have no history of problems."

Marais sees the combination of the spiral approach to learning fundamental skills and parents viewing supplemental instruction as merely tutoring in problem areas as the reason why American students are falling behind their international counterparts.

"We shortchange every student in this country by using this approach."

Marais also believes that parents wait too late to get additional help for a child who is struggling academically. On average, parents don't seek help for their child until the second half of fifth grade or until middle school.

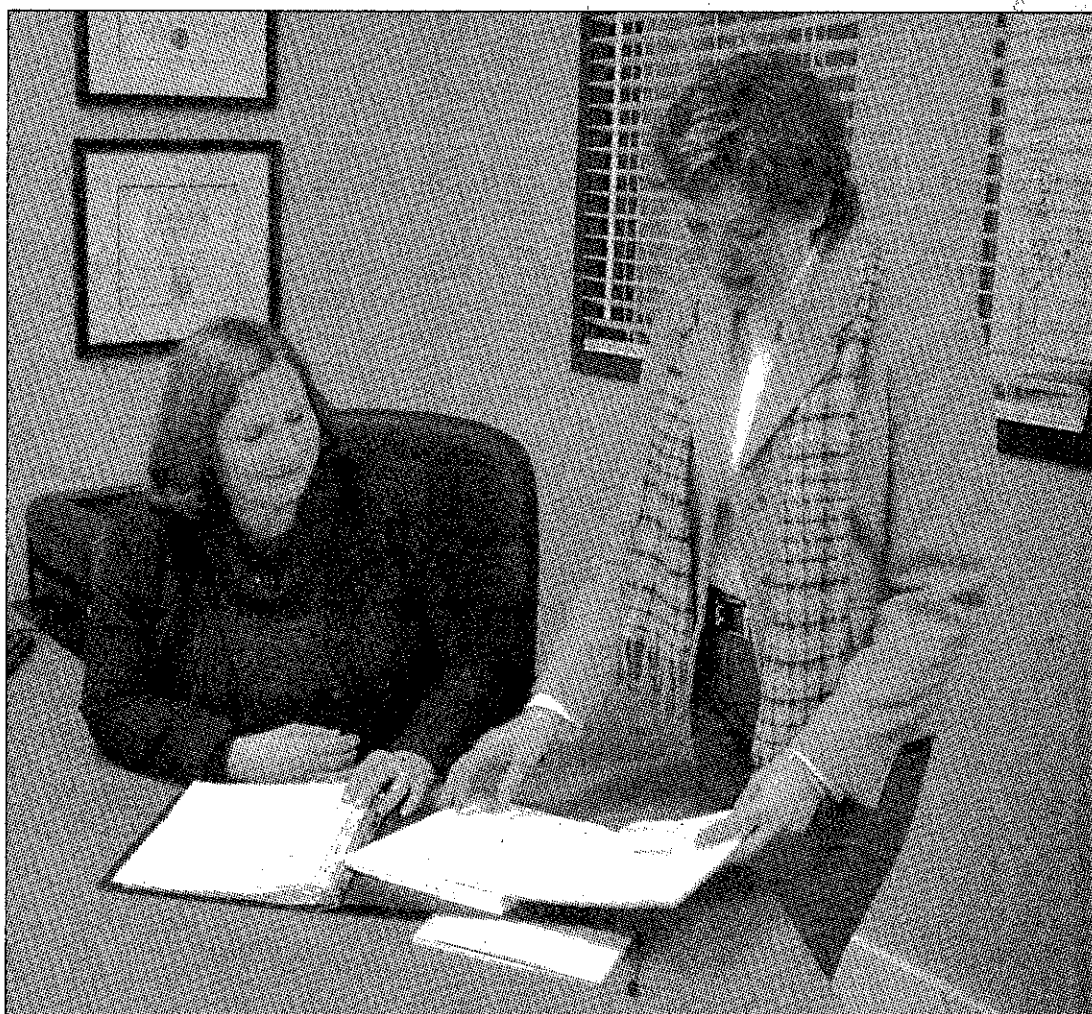


Photo by Beth Quinn

Carol Marais, right, and Anne Sullivan, both of Grosse Pointe Park, confer over the progress report of one of their students at Kenniss Academics, located on Mack in the City of Grosse Pointe.

Marais and her Kenniss staff have incorporated the mastery technique to support their students in reading fluency and comprehension, and writing and grammar.

They also offer high school students assistance in study and organizational skills, and preparation for standardized tests such as the ACT and SAT.

The ratio of Kenniss staff

members to students is based on Marais' belief that children gain confidence and feel empowered when they work independently. At Kenniss, clusters of three to four children work at a table with a tutor, rather than having each child work privately with the tutor.

"When a child works one-on-one with a tutor, we are telling that child 'You are not capable of doing this

independently, let an adult do it,'" said Marais.

Marais has seen amazing results from her students who have learned that they have the power and the ability to master skills necessary to do well in academic subjects.

"We have seen children here who have been able to excel in areas where they were once struggling, and it is humbling," Marais said.

## G.P. Shores trustees might change election schedule

By Brad Lindberg  
Staff Writer

Grosse Pointe Shores trustees have 18 months to choose a new village election schedule.

Options are to hold municipal elections in September of odd-numbered years or in November of even years.

The choice concerns whether local issues will be highlighted by themselves on a September ballot or on November general elections

ballots shared with county, state and federal matters.

Shores voters currently elect trustees to four-year terms in September.

Shores officials had been elected in May. Michigan lawmakers forced the change last year by requiring municipalities to choose either September or November elections. The goal was to standardize voting dates.

If Shores officials switch

to November elections, the decision would have to be announced prior to the filing deadline 12 weeks before the September 2007 election.

"Our absolute outside deadline would be close to June 2007," said Mark McInerney, village attorney. "Anytime between now and then we could make that change."

During an uncontested election last September, incumbent trustees Rose Garland Thornton, Karl Kratz and Linda Walton were reelected to four-year terms. In September 2007, Village President Dr. James Cooper, trustees Dr. Brian Hunt, Fred Minturn, Glenn Peters and Clerk Victoria Boyce will be eligible for reelection.

Because state law forbids elected terms to be shortened, a switch to November elections means Shores trustees would serve one-time terms longer than their standard four years.

"If the village adopts a resolution to fill its elected positions in conjunction with the even-year November general election, three trustee positions filled in September 2005 would next be elected in November 2010 as opposed to 2009," according to Christopher Thomas, Michigan director of elections. "The office of village president and village clerk would next be elected in 2008 as opposed to 2007."

November elections mean office holders elected last September would serve more than five years. People elected in May 2004 would have slightly more than four years.

"That's if we made the adjustment to a November election every two years at the same time as state elections," McInerney said. "If we stay the way we are, with September odd-year elections, the next election would be in September 2007. That would be for people who were elected in May 2004."

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# Former Woods resident brings happiness to children

By Bob St. John  
Staff Writer

Dr. Saleem Raza accomplished a medical feat for the ages, scoring a 750 on a national In-Training Exam.

Not one out of the thousands of third-year medical residents nation-wide who took the exam came close to his 750, and his colleagues believe that score might be an all-time high.

The average score a resident will achieve is 450.

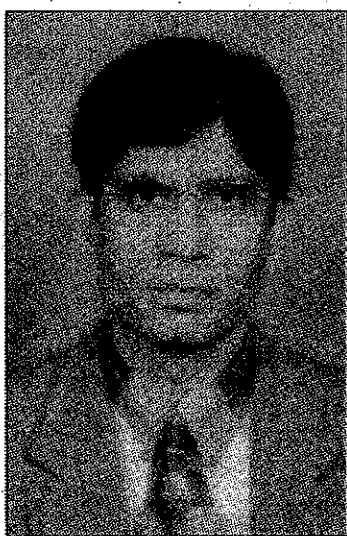
"I am honored that I received such a high score," Raza, 50, said. "I have had the fortune of working around the world, and I have seen first-hand children die from AIDS and hunger; so I have taken my knowledge and use it every day I am on the job."

Raza, a former Grosse Pointe Woods resident, is a third-year resident at St. John Hospital and Medical Center, focusing on a career as a pediatrician.

"I love working with kids," he said. "They come in sick and leave a few days later with a smile on their face. You can't beat that feeling of accomplishment. It means so much for the families of sick children that they get better. It's not fun when a child is ill, and I get the fortune of making them better. It's a very rewarding career."

Raza's teacher at St. John, Dr. Douglas Ziegler, forwarded the test results and a message to several of his colleagues. The message said, "One of my residents, Dr. Raza, had a standard score of 750 on the in-training exam this year. Since this is the highest score I personally have ever seen, I wondered if you might be able to tell me how many residents nationwide had a higher score this year?"

That number came back as zero as Dr. Raza was No. 1 in the country.



**Dr. Saleem Raza, above, recently scored one of the highest scores ever recorded in a training exam, a 750.**

"I get a lot of support from my wife and children, and I always have had the support from my parents and colleagues," Raza said. "I have used my training and knowledge, and not just the knowledge I acquire from books, to do so well."

"It's important for me to learn how to be a completely well-rounded doctor, and that includes a great bedside manner because children want to see a happy face, not a sad face when they are not feeling well."

Getting a first-hand knowledge of some of the world's most dreadful diseases (particularly fighting AIDS in Africa) gives Raza an advantage over many younger residents who have been outside of the United States.

According to the World Health Report, the leading causes of death due to infectious diseases is lower than respiratory infections (3.9 million people), HIV/AIDS (2.8 million), diarrheal diseases (1.8 million), tuberculosis (1.6 million), malaria (1.2 million), and measles

(0.6 million). More than 90 percent of the deaths from infectious diseases world-wide are caused by these diseases that Raza has treated on a first-hand basis.

Raza sees very few cases such as those mentioned working at St. Johns, but he saw hundreds of cases of these during his work abroad.

"I grew up in Pakistan and was fortunate to have a father and mother who stressed education," Raza said. "I am the second oldest out of eight children (he has five brothers and two sisters); so I was always looked up to by my younger siblings, and I couldn't let them down."

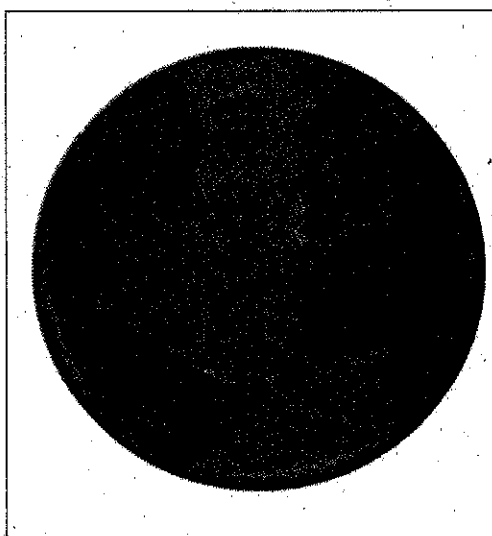
Raza's father told him something he keeps dear to his heart, and that is, "Ignorance and illiteracy are two diseases that will bring you down," which is one motivating factor to his focus on becoming a doctor.

"Life moves forward, not backward," he said. "I always look at what I can do to make life better for the future, and for the future of my wife and children, and being a dedicated doctor is what I can do to accomplish that goal."

Raza has been married to Shumaila for 18 years, and they have four children, two boys and two girls.

The girls are Afrah, who is a 4.0 student at Grosse Pointe North High School and wants to pursue a career in medicine while attending Columbia University or the University of Michigan, and Leena, who is a sixth-grader at Parcels Middle School.

Afrah is involved in several clubs and a branch leader for WILLOW, a women's organization at the high school. Leena is an all-A student and plays soccer.



**Raza has spent years in some of the world's lower economic nations, helping sick children get better.**

The boys are Shuaib and Saim, who attend Parcels Middle School and Mason Elementary School.

Shuaib is the student council president and also has a 4.0 grade point average. He is in the running club and plays soccer, while Saim also plays soccer and was fortunate enough to have skipped a grade, going from kindergarten to second grade.

"Shumaila and I stress education, and our children

understand how important it is to get a strong education," Raza said. "My wife takes incredibly good care of her family, setting up an environment which nurtures their success. She is the central pole whom everyone leans on."

Nurturing the sick back to health is what Raza has been studying his entire adulthood.

He has spent time in Saudi Arabia (south of Iraq, between the Red Sea and the Persian Gulf), Zimbabwe (a republic of 7,500,000 people in southern Africa, Zambia (also republic of 3,650 people in southern Africa) and the United Kingdom, attending to the sick, helping people of all ages get back on their feet.

"I have been in some horrific areas of the world in which children die from malnutrition and AIDS right in

front of my eyes," Raza said. "It's very sad to see anyone die, but even more so if the person is a child. Children are our future, and they need all of the love, support and nurturing we can give them."

Dealing with strains of infectious diseases not seen here in America has also made Raza a better, more thorough doctor. In fact, the only continent he has never been on is Australia.

"Being older than the other residents has allowed me the opportunity to enhance my knowledge that has helped me through medical school and residency," Raza said. "I am ready to be a doctor, and that opportunity is coming soon."

Raza, who moved from Grosse Pointe Woods to Harper Woods, should have little trouble breezing through the state board exams, which will allow him to receive his license to practice medicine.

"I can't wait, and I know my family will be proud to see their husband and father become a doctor," Raza concluded.

## GPW public safety signs up for child is missing program

By Bob St. John  
Staff Writer

The Grosse Pointe Woods department of public safety has joined the "A Child is Missing" (ACIM) group.

ACIM is based in Fort Lauderdale, Fla., and is a non-profit organization created in 1997 to assist local authorities in locating missing children, the elderly (Alzheimer's patients), college students, or the disabled (often unconscious).

"This system will help bring thousands of more eyes and ears into the process of helping us quickly find a missing person," Woods director of public safety Mike Makowski said. "It's very important for us to be a part of this network because you never know when someone, usually a child, could turn up missing."

ACIM assists law enforcement in search/early recovery efforts during the initial hours of a person's disappearance.

If Woods public safety officials receive a call about a missing person, they contact ACIM and give the operator vital information about the person, such as description, clothes worn, time of disappearance and location last seen.

A rapid-response neighborhood notification system utilizing a high-tech telephone program is broadcast after ACIM has been alerted.

The next critical step involves ACIM pulling up the location, using a computerized mapping system, and recording a personalized alert message about the missing person and area last seen.

The alert message is then telephoned out to the area where the person was last seen.

ACIM says it can place up to 1,000 calls in 60 seconds. Call recipients are asked to call the public safety department with any information they have about the missing person.

"The extra eyes and ears throughout our community is a huge asset to our own officers trying to locate the missing person," Makowski said. "A larger area of the community could be scanned than if our officers and the missing person's family were the only ones looking. I'm glad we have signed up with ACIM."

Makowski said the calls the Woods department of public safety receive involve a child who is at a friend's or relative's house and hasn't called home to say he or she is there, or an elderly person has walked out of the home and isn't cognizant of where he or she is and just walks on down the street.

"We haven't had any cases of missing children who have been abducted, and I hope we never do, but we are better prepared to handle a case with the assistance of ACIM," Makowski said.

ACIM has not replaced the Amber Alert, but it is another tool in helping public safety officers find missing people.

Signing up for ACIM was free of charge, but ACIM would like letters asking to formally participate. To access the service, call (954) 763-1288 or (888) 875-2246. For more information about ACIM, go to [www.achild-issmissing.org](http://www.achild-issmissing.org).

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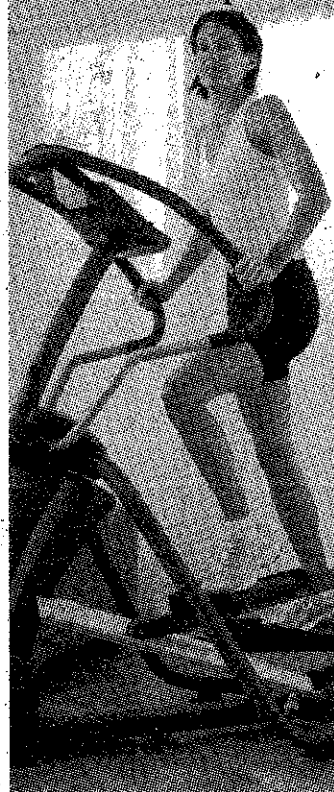
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## Home B&amp;Es

Detectives and residents of two neighboring City of Grosse Pointe households are determining if losses resulted from a pair of home invasions discovered the morning of Wednesday, Jan. 11.

Police said the crimes occurred between 3:30 and 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 10.

A public safety officer was investigating a burglary in the 800 block of Lakeland when he noticed evidence of a second break-in next door.

In both instances burglars entered the dwellings by breaking through rear doors.

"(I) observed a screen door on the ground near the rear patio door," said the officer. "Broken glass from the patio door was on the ground."

Portions of one home had been ransacked.

"Dresser drawers were open and emptied," police said. "Jewelry was on the floor, and closets (had been) searched."

The other home contained few possessions because new owners had not moved in completely.

## Pranksters

A week after thieves took five lighted candy cane Christmas ornaments from the front lawn of a house in the 500 block of Rivard in the City of Grosse Pointe, someone on Friday, Jan. 13, at about 10 p.m., knocked over a basketball goal set up near the driveway.

The homeowner said both incidents were preceded by someone ringing the doorbell and running away.

## Police find wheelchair

On Friday, Jan. 13, at 4:30 p.m., a City of Grosse Pointe patrolman found a Breeze model 510 wheelchair abandoned in a parking lot near Kercheval and Cadieux in the Village.

Police are storing the wheelchair in an evidence room.

## Lucky 13

Friday the 13th brought good luck to a Grosse Pointe Farms woman targeted by a credit thief.

The woman was contacted by a suspicious company representative confirming a \$1,164 credit purchase to be mailed somewhere other than the buyer's home address.

The Farms resident hadn't placed the order. Upon reporting the fraud to her credit card company, the woman learned someone had tapped her account for a \$594 purchase.

Police said the woman suspects her account information was obtained one day last week when she left her purse unattended at work for a short time.

## Alien

On Friday, Jan. 13, at 4 a.m., an allegedly drunken 26-year-old male illegal immigrant reportedly

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almost crashed a minivan into a Grosse Pointe Farms patrolman cruising the area of Moross and Grosse Pointe Boulevard.

"The driver appeared disoriented," police said.

The suspect's minivan bore a license plate that wasn't filed with the state. Police said the plate's annual tab was fraudulent. Police said the driver had a Mexican identification card but no Michigan driver license.

The man registered a .14 percent blood alcohol level.

Officers found an open bottle of beer in the minivan's center console, plus several more open beer bottles elsewhere in the vehicle.

Farms officers turned over the man to U.S. Border Patrol agents.

## Near miss

On Friday, Jan. 13, at 12:43 a.m., a man who registered a .138 percent blood alcohol level reportedly almost drove his 1993 Ford Tempo into a Grosse Pointe Farms police car sharing westbound Mack from Moross.

Police said the 33-year-old Clinton Township resident was drifting his vehicle.

"(The) driver's speech (was) slow and heavily slurred," police said.

## Pass the ammo

Whoever lost a .22 caliber bullet on the grounds of a public high school in Grosse Pointe Farms can claim the property at police headquarters.

A female 12th-grade student found the bullet during the morning of Tuesday, Jan. 11. She passed the ammunition to a teacher who gave it to an administrator for safekeeping. Police retrieved it during the noon hour.

## Lost or picked?

A Rochester Hills woman suspects a pickpocket knows what happened to her red wallet, lost while she shopped for groceries Monday, Jan. 9, from 12:45 to 12:55 p.m., at a store in the 18800 block of Mack in Grosse Pointe Farms.

"(The victim) states there was no way she could have dropped the wallet from her pocket," police said.

## Intrepidation

During the night of Sunday, Jan. 8, unknown car thieves left behind no signs of forced entry when they stole a 2000 Chrysler Intrepid parked and locked on the street in the 400 block of Madison in Grosse Pointe Farms.

## Truck picked

A 2005 Dodge 1500 pickup truck was stolen while parked in the driveway of a house in the 400 block of Belanger.

The victim told Grosse Pointe Farms police the

theft occurred sometime between Sunday, Jan. 8, at 7 p.m., and about 6:25 a.m., the next day.

## Print I.D.

A 48-year-old Grosse Pointe Park man was arrested for drunken driving in Grosse Pointe Shores on Sunday, Jan. 15, at 2:41 a.m.

An officer spotted him operating a 1987 Pontiac at 12 mph over the limit on northbound Lakeshore from Fontana to Roslyn.

"The vehicle was swerving from the left lane to the right lane, nearly striking the curb," police said.

The man registered a .169 percent blood alcohol level.

Police said the man lied about his identity but was found out through fingerprint records.

## Runs light

Running a red light led to a 21-year-old Gibraltar man being arrested for drunken driving on Saturday, Jan. 14, at about 2 a.m., in Grosse Pointe Shores.

An officer said the man drove his 2001 Chrysler through a red light from Vernier to northbound Lakeshore.

Reports show the man had a .101 percent blood alcohol content.

## No U-turns

Grosse Pointe Shores police said a 49-year-old Flushing man on Friday, Jan. 14, at 12:30 a.m., made an illegal U-turn from north to southbound Lakeshore at Vernier.

Police stopped the man in his 2003 Cadillac at Stratton.

"The driver's eyes were bloodshot and his speech was slurred," police said.

Police measured his blood alcohol level at .116 percent.

## Fire alarm

On Wednesday, Jan. 11, at about 1 p.m., a malfunction-

ing furnace blower triggered a household fire alarm on Lochmoor in Grosse Pointe Shores.

Public safety officers turned off the furnace and stayed at the scene until a furnace repairman arrived.

— Brad Lindberg

## Fraud

On Saturday, Jan. 14, in the early afternoon, a 48-year-old Grosse Pointe Woods man reported to police that an unknown person used his credit card on Christmas Eve to purchase \$1,953.24 worth of items and services from the Nextel/Sprint store at Macomb Mall.

The man provided a copy of his statement to police as evidence. He also told police he did make a \$423.98 purchase at the store earlier in the day and said that the clerk who helped him was acting "funny" and talking loud when reviewing his credit information.

On Jan. 4, he received calls from his credit card company, telling him of the nearly \$2,000 purchase and about the possible fraud.

The case is being investigated.

## Too young to drink

On Sunday, Jan. 15, at 12:45 a.m., Grosse Pointe Woods police questioned two 15-year-old Grosse Pointe Woods teenagers as they walked down Goethe.

The officer called for backup so they could check cars along Goethe for any damage.

As the officer was speaking to the teenagers, he could detect an odor of intoxicants, and asked them if they had been drinking.

At first, both said no; then they changed their story, saying they had a couple of shots of alcohol at a party they attended earlier that evening.

The officer asked the boys to take a portable breath test, and the results came back at .09 and .085.



## Camera recovered

City of Grosse Pointe police are seeking the owner of a digital camera that was recovered with the arrest of a larceny suspect. The camera is believed to have been stolen from Bon Secours Hospital on Oct. 26. Above is a photo stored on the camera. The owner may call Lt. James Fox at the City of Grosse Pointe Public Safety Department at (313) 886-3200 to retrieve the camera.

Both teenagers were arrested for minor in possession of alcohol by consumption and taken into custody.

A short time later, their parents came to the police station to pick them up.

## Wanted with six warrants

At 2 a.m. on Saturday, Jan. 14, Grosse Pointe Woods police observed a 1990 Chevrolet parked at the curb on eastbound Vernier with its hazard lights on.

Upon further investigation, police found out the passenger in the car, a 39-year-old Melvindale woman, was wanted on six warrants.

Five of the warrants were out of Detroit, and another was out of Grosse Pointe Farms. The total of the bonds came to \$1,301.

The woman told police she was not driving the car and said the driver was walking to the nearest gas station to get some gas for the car. The woman did not have a driver license on her or any of the vehicle's paperwork.

The woman was arrested and taken into custody.

Calls to Detroit police were not answered, but a short time later Grosse Pointe Farms officers came to pick up the woman.

## Our man from Flint

On Saturday, Jan. 14, at 2:20 a.m., a 32-year-old Flint man was stopped for traveling 48 miles per hour in a 35 mph zone and swerving in his 2005 Tahoe on northbound Mack.

The man produced his driver license and registration, but no proof of insurance.

The Grosse Pointe Woods officer could also smell an odor of intoxicants coming from the man's facial area and asked the driver if had anything to drink.

The man said he had a couple of bottles of beer at a Detroit nightclub and said he was on his way home but was unsure of his whereabouts.

The officer asked the man to exit his vehicle and perform several field sobriety tests, which he failed. He was also asked to perform a

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# Full agenda in the City Monday night

The City of Grosse Pointe council, meeting as the planning commission, will be burning the midnight oil at its next Monday, Jan. 23, meeting scheduled across Maumee at the Unitarian Church.

On the agenda is approval of a Planned Unit Development designation for the proposed Sunrise Development senior condominium project on St. Clair, behind CVS. Also slated that night are special-use requests by St. Clair Associates, owners of the former Jacobson's building on Kercheval in the Village commercial district.

The four-story, 79-unit senior condominium project is meeting resistance by some nearby residents who feel the project is out of scale with the residential neighborhood.

The height, lot coverage and density of the Sunrise project do exceed residential zoning maximums. The maximum height for any residential neighborhood is 35 feet or 2 1/2 stories. Sunrise is asking for four stories

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and a height of 46 feet (measured to the midpoint of the roof).

The coverage of the roughly 2-acre parcel is slated to be 45 percent, 10 percent more than the 35 percent maximum allowed under the existing residential zoning. Condominium density, of course, exceeds that of single-family residences.

The PUD designation, if approved, would give the city council regulatory flexibility in dealing with variances under the underlying residential zoning. Normally the petitioner, Sunrise, would be required to show a hardship in order to be granted variances. But under a PUD, the development must result in a recognizable and substantial benefit to the users of the project and to the community.

In recommending approval of the PUD designation, city planning consultant McKenna Associates said the Sunrise development would provide additional housing opportunities for Grosse Pointe's aging population.

Other benefits listed by McKenna include additional foot traffic to Village businesses, exceptional architecture, reconstruction and repaving of municipal Parking Lot 4, extension of the Village streetscape down St. Clair and improvement of public facilities and water service on St. Clair.

The public hearing Monday night will not be for the purpose of approving the Sunrise site plan. Rather, the council will be considering whether to approve the overlying PUD designation, which would give the developer and city far more flexibility than the underlying residential zoning.

Also at Monday night's meeting, the council will be considering several special-use requests (exceeding 5,000 square feet) submitted by St. Clair Associates, owner of the former Jacobson's property, now dubbed Kercheval Place, at 17000 Kercheval.

The new owner is seeking permission for a Coldwater Creek women's apparel store at the corner of Notre

Dame and Kercheval, as well as office use on the second floor. Coldwater Creek is based in Sandpoint, Idaho, and has seven stores in Michigan — The Village of Rochester Hills, Eastwood Towne Center, Woodland (Grand Rapids), Laurel Park Place, The Crossroads (Portage) Briarwood Mall and Prime Outlets at Birch Run.

St. Clair Associates is also seeking permission for The Fresh Market, a small produce/health-food chain, to open in the former Jacobson's building. It would be the Greensboro, N.C.-based company's first store in Michigan.

Along with The Fresh Market, St. Clair Associates is also seeking special-use approval for condominiums.

Acting City Manager Brian Vick said Tuesday that The Fresh Market special-use request was made too late for Monday's night's meeting, and because the market and condominiums are tied to resolving parking issues, they would most likely not be addressed Monday night.

Either of those two issues — Sunrise and Kercheval Place — is enough to fill a planning commission and council agenda for one evening — especially considering the many comments from the many members of the public who are expected to attend.

The meeting begins at 7 p.m. at the Unitarian Church. We urge all concerned residents to attend.

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## 'Crash' exposes biases

By Kelly Fordon

This Sunday the Lay Theological Seminary is presenting an "Afternoon at the Movies," which will feature the movie "Crash" followed by a discussion at Grosse Pointe Memorial Church. The movie, written and directed by Paul Haggis of "Million Dollar Baby" fame, is a powerful, life-changing film. Oprah Winfrey devoted an entire show to "Crash" earlier this fall because she was so moved by the picture that she felt compelled to share the experience with her audience.

I also emerged from this movie about racial inequity wanting to post a billboard on Mack. While parts of it are actually painful to watch, it pushes beyond race and class and offers a vision of humanity that is as close to divine as anything I've ever seen on the screen.

That being said, it is not a movie for the fainthearted.

This story, told in vignettes, takes place one cold Christmas in Los Angeles. Similar in style to "Short Cuts" or "Magnolia," the audience is presented with many disparate, but intersecting stories.

There is a black cop, Graham (Don Cheadle), who is involved with his partner (Jennifer Esposito). He's a nice, upstanding citizen.

His mother is a crack addict. Despite her own travails, she is incensed that her son is dating a white woman. Graham uses his relationship to get back at her. The irony is that Graham's girlfriend is actually Latina. The further irony is that Graham can't remember what country his girlfriend comes from. His girlfriend is exasperated by Graham's ethnocentricity, but she is a bigot as well. When she stops a Chinese woman for a traffic violation, she says: "What? Oh, I blake too fast?"

At one point, the movie cuts to two young black men (rap star Chris "Ludacris" Bridges and Larenz Tate) discussing racial inequity as they meander through an upper middle class section of Los Angeles. Bridges' character feels as if everyone is looking at him because he's black, and the paradox is that he actually is a thug who is about to steal a car. Is he a thug because he's living up to societal expectations or vice versa?

Another overlapping story line centers on a wealthy black filmmaker and his mixed-race wife. They are victimized by the police because they are dri-

ving the same type of car that Bridges' character steals from a white couple in the earlier scene. The cop who stops them, Ryan (Matt Dillon), knows that this isn't the couple who stole the car. He knows he's a racist, but he can't stop himself. He humiliates the wealthy black couple because he's angry at a black woman who works for an HMO that is refusing to cover his father's health care expenses.

"I look at you," he later says to the HMO staffer, "and I'm thinking about the five or six white guys who didn't get your job."

The fantastic thing about this movie is that in the real world very few people own up to prejudice. Most people these days are too politically correct to say what's on their mind. They might

think it, but they would never say it. In this movie — because we're given access to everyone's thoughts — the audience is confronted by the powerful, ugly impact these beliefs have on society.

None of the characters in the movie is immune from racial profiling. Each one is both a victim and a perpetrator. By allowing this kind of dialogue, the audience

is able to see how ridiculous it is to reduce fellow human beings to stereotypes — and how damaging.

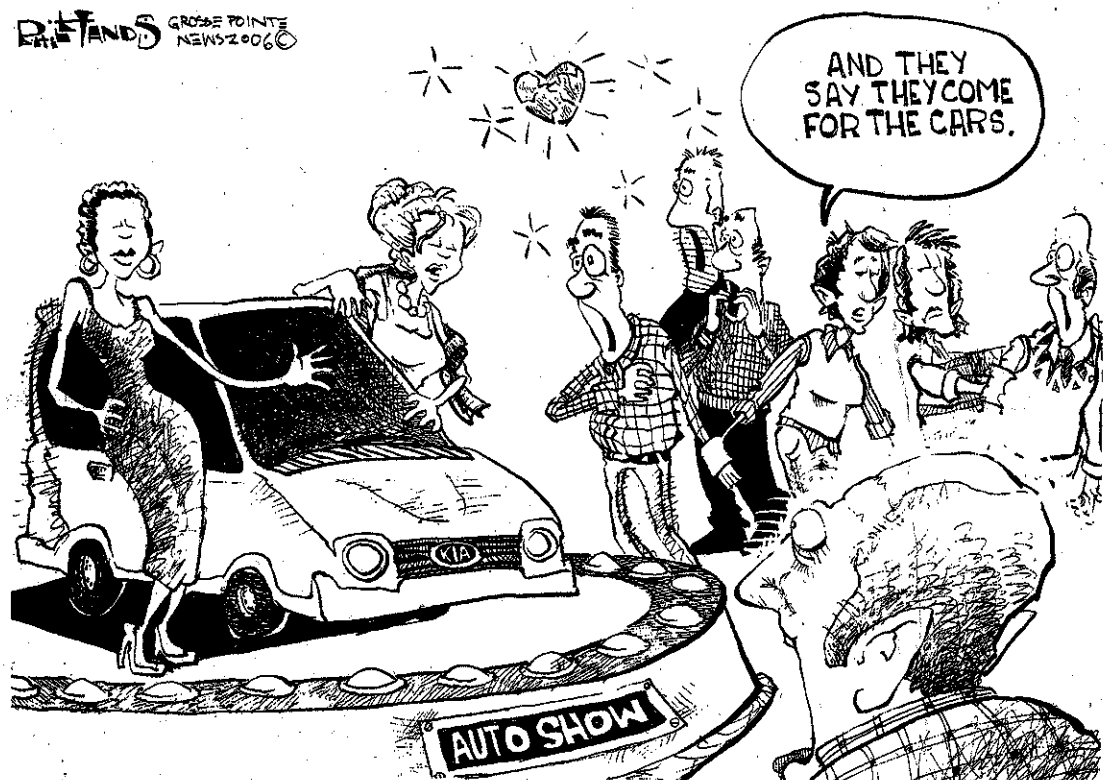
Everyone pays a price for it.

Lest you think that this is just one long rant on racism, there is redemption at the end. It's not a Cinderella ending by any means. The real transformation takes place in the viewer who recognizes by the end of the film that every person on the screen was acting out of fear and that that fact alone unites us all. Taking our problems out on other people or other racial groups only ensures perpetual alienation.

More precisely, you will leave the movie theater with the certainty that many of society's problems are caused by our mutual distrust. The movie leads us to the recognition of the evil within us and the conviction that we must do something about it.

The Lay Theological Seminary, a consortium of Grosse Pointe churches, presents the movie "Crash" followed by a discussion at the Grosse Pointe Memorial Church on Sunday, Jan. 22, at 2 p.m. The presenters are Gerhard Heinen and the Reverend Canon Ronald Spann. Freewill offerings accepted.

Kelly Fordon is a journalist, living in the City of Grosse Pointe.



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## Letters

### GP skyscraper

To the Editor:

Does Grosse Pointe want a residential skyscraper?

The residents of Grosse Pointe need to be aware of a proposed "skyscraper" in a residential neighborhood.

City officials of the City of Grosse Pointe are pushing through the approval of a 45- to 48-foot tall (four to five stories) retirement home on a residential street (St. Clair, between St. Paul and Kercheval). This is far taller than any structure that currently exists in the entire city.

Just as a point of reference, the Jacobson's building in the Village is only two stories. This new development is twice that height. Perhaps more.

In addition, city officials have verbally approved two other major variances from the new "master plan" for development, a plan the taxpayers of Grosse Pointe only recently paid to create.

They seek to waive the requirement for two parking spots per condo unit and accept

Sunrise Development's request for only one per unit. The development by Sunrise is for independent living, which means 55 and over. Most 55 and older couples I know have two cars. Where are they going to park? Invariably, in the neighborhood. This constitutes an inevitable and substantial encumbrance on the citizens of the City of Grosse Pointe.

In addition, city officials also believe that the current requirement of a 25-foot setback is acceptable for a four- to five-story building, even though the setback is based on one that is required for a two-story structure. Any competent city planner knows that as height increases, so too should the setback — by at least 10 feet per story. The mayor has sought no such consideration for the citizens he represents.

No one disputes that retirement housing in Grosse Pointe is necessary and needed. Indeed, despite the fact that it would consume most of the block on which I grew up, I cannot deny that St. Clair Avenue likely is a good spot for retirement housing.

Sunrise Development bought the first six homes on St. Clair (starting from the Village toward St. Paul) leaving two homes and a rental complex on the corner. For what are clearly selfish, bottom-line reasons Sunrise has opted not to purchase the entire block. If Sunrise were to purchase the remaining two homes, they would have enough room to lower its buildings to two or three stories, provide ample parking and allow for proper setbacks. As an owner of one of the homes in question, I can tell you the reason they don't — profit!

If the elected representatives of the City of Grosse Pointe allow Sunrise to go

up instead of buying just a bit more property — again, going up higher than any existing building in the city — they have every reason to do so. Sunrise, after all, is a corporation trying to increase its bottom line at our expense.

If the City of Grosse Pointe allows this extraordinary change in its profile, it will constitute an indelible blight on this community.

I've happily lived in my home for most of my 46 years. Nevertheless, my neighbor and I would prefer to sell rather than live next door to an overbearing skyscraper.

We understand the need for revitalization of the Village area and the need for retirement living. We do not, however, feel that the ageless charm and character of Grosse Pointe should be handed thoughtlessly to an out-of-state corporation. That is what some city officials are about to allow to happen.

Duncan MacEachern  
City of Grosse Pointe.

### Village height issues

To the Editor:

The master plan for the City of Grosse Pointe as found on its Web site [grossepointemi.us/page/page/798071.htm](http://grossepointemi.us/page/page/798071.htm), addresses height restrictions for the down-

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# What's harder? An ace or a 300 game?

I recently interviewed a Grosse Pointe Park man who recorded the ninth hole in one of his career back in November.

The ace got me thinking. What is easier to do, get a hole in one or bowl a 300 game?

In my opinion, it is easier for a professional bowler to roll a perfect game than an amateur, and easier for an amateur golfer to hit a hole in one than a professional.

My opinion was formed

knowing that more amateur golfers can get reasonably lucky to have a golf ball roll into the cup on a par 3 to get an elusive ace, and easier for the professional bowler to send 12 perfect balls into the pocket to get a 300 game.

I have shot par on a golf course, recording a 71 at St. Clair Shores Country Club, but my highest bowling score is only a 190.

I have come within an inch of getting a hole in one, but obviously my 190 bowling score is a far cry from a perfect 300 game.

Both sports are madly popular in the United States, and golf is more of a universal game compared to bowling.

In doing a little research, I found out that a computer program calculated a professional golfer's odds at getting a hole in one are 1 in 3,756 compared to 1 in 12,750 for an amateur.

The national record for holes in one for a year is 11



set in 1962, and the odds of an amateur getting two aces in one round are 1 in 9,222,500.

In fact, 75-year-old amateur golfer Norman Manley reports he has 59 career aces, and had as many as five in one year.

Golf Digest lists him as the national amateur record holder for that statistic.

On the other hand, the PBA (Professional Bowlers Association) says that less than two-tenths of one percent of the leagues 52,612 games bowled during the 2004-05 season resulted in a

300 game.

Now that is not too many.

After reading those statistics, I would have to say that the chance at getting a hole in one is better than rolling a 300 game. Do you agree or disagree?

The only golf course in which I was able to get a hole in one is a putt-putt, but that doesn't count. I have played a few rounds of golf with guys who have recorded an ace, including one round at the Lochmoor Club when a friend of mine holed his tee shot on the 11th hole, which is a par 3.

The shot came off the club and we both watched it hit the green, bounce twice and roll into the cup.

I have also watched a couple of professional golfers on television nail a hole in one, and during my days working at Lochmoor I witness several aces.

Unfortunately, I have never seen someone bowl a 300 game or watch an amateur or pro get a perfect game.

Some comparable achievements in sports would be throwing a no-hitter in baseball (or a perfect game) or collecting a triple-double (scoring double-figures in three statistical categories such as points scored, rebounds and assists) in a basketball game.

One of the most memorable accomplishments in sports is scoring 100 points in a basketball game. Wilt Chamberlain is the only professional hoopster to even accomplish the feat, but it

has been done a handful of times at the collegiate and high school level.

Rushing for 2,000 yards in a season has been done only a few times in the history of the NFL. O.J. Simpson, Eric Dickerson, Barry Sanders, and Jamal Lewis are the only pros to rush for more than 2,000 yards, while the feat has been accomplished more than a dozen times at the collegiate level.

Trying to accomplish a hole in one, bowl a 300 game, throw a perfect game, or score 100 points in a game is something athletes strive to do each time they compete.

Reaching the athletic pinnacle is a driving force behind athletics, and it drives men and women to reach new heights.

Congratulations to those men and women in 2006 who get a hole in one or bowl a 300 game. Maybe I will join this club as spring is right around the corner.

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# The Op-Ed Page



## Triple digits

Peer pressure can accomplish amazing things. Dick Strowger, of the City, believes that's what got him started while working at a summer job in 1958.

Everyone else was doing it. So ever since, several times a year, Strowger makes an appointment, lies down on a hospital-style bed and donates blood. He hit 100 pints as an apheresis donor on Dec. 29, 2005. (Apheresis means they take the pint of blood, remove the needed components and put the rest back. You can do that about every two

months.)

None of the blood donating detracted from Strowger's highly successful work life that reads like an entry from "Who's Who."

Strowger, father of two sons, is a retired CPA from a prominent national firm and a retired executive director of the Detroit Historical Society.

He serves on the boards of Adrian College, Bon Secours Hospital, The Salvation Army, the Michigan Colleges Foundation, Wayne State's College of Fine and Performing Arts, the Grosse Pointe Historical Society,

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and as an usher in church. "Being retired makes it a lot easier to donate, but I have given four times a year for many years," Strowger told "Spotlight on Life," a Michigan American Red Cross publication. "If I reach the end of a calendar quarter and haven't given, I know it's time to get on the

phone to schedule an appointment," he said. Strowger told the Spotlight writer that one of his first blood-donating experiences might have been his most intimidating one. It was near Halloween. "All of the nurses were dressed up as Dracula, werewolves or witches," Strowger said.

Strowger's wife is Patricia Ellis, director of media relations for the United Way for Southeastern Michigan, and blood donating runs in the family as Strowger encourages others to lie back, relax and help.

"One son has already given his first gallon," Strowger said.

With blood in short supply due to the holidays, weather and travel, the Red Cross is looking for an additional 1,900 donations in January to meet current demands.

If you need more incentive than just being good at heart, the region is raffling two vacation packages to Orlando, Fla., including round trip air and hotel for two to donors. The contest ends Jan. 28.

You must weigh at least 110 pounds, be 17 or older and generally in good health to donate. You can call 1-800-GIVELife or visit [www.givelife.org](http://www.givelife.org) to schedule an appointment or locate a nearby blood drive or donor center.

When I was in the hospital recently, I received four units of blood and spent some time reflecting on the four anonymous individuals who contributed to my recovery. Who were they? What did they do? Why did they donate? Perhaps I got lucky and got one of those Strowger pints, and maybe it will make me a better person. It sure couldn't hurt my math skills.

## Pleasant note

Peter Kernan, chair of the Grosse Pointe Senior Men's Club Golf League, sends along a pleasant note inviting men folks who are retired or at least 65 to take part in the decades old group.

Last year, 175 league members played at Chandler Park, Golden Hawk and St. Clair Shores, and the men are divided into three flights based on handicaps. A season-ending banquet is included in the \$35 membership fee, and you don't have to belong to the Senior Men's Club to play, although it is encouraged.

by Ben Burns



beautiful and matchless Michigan summer day with a group of congenial friends, hoping for a few great shots."

The league is one of 13 subgroups of the Men's Club, which boasts nearly 1,000 members and meets for lunch to hear interesting speakers twice a month at the War Memorial. For more information about the golf league, contact Nick Knoda at (313) 881-8750. For more information about the Senior Men's Club, contact Jay Flowers at (313) 886-6399, or visit the club's Web site at [www.gpsmc.homestead.com](http://www.gpsmc.homestead.com).

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# Streetwise

## Question of the Week:

How frequently do your kids participate in sports or other extra-curricular activities?



Robert Toma

"I would say always. My seventh-grader is in the process of trying out for the volleyball team."

Robert Toma  
Grosse Pointe Woods



Mary Ellen Meyering

"My children have lots of outside activities, but they aren't tied in with the schools."

Mary Ellen Meyering  
Grosse Pointe Woods



Marsha Fenner

"They're still in elementary school and do not participate in extra-curricular activities."

Marsha Fenner  
Grosse Pointe Woods



Tom Brown

"Anything that's sports related."

Tom Brown  
Grosse Pointe Woods



Susanne Kennedy

"Frequently. My fifth-grader is in band, football, and basketball. My kindergarten is involved with soccer."

Susanne Kennedy  
Grosse Pointe Woods



Anne Sutton

"My second-grader participates in ice skating, but not involved in school activities yet."

Anne Sutton  
Grosse Pointe Woods

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

## January lake levels

The following lake levels as of Jan. 6 are offered by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers:

All of the Great Lakes are 4 to 13 inches below the levels of a year ago. Lake Superior is expected to fall 3 inches over the next month. Lake Michigan-Huron is below chart datum and should decline 1 inch over the next 30 days.

Lake St. Clair is expected to fall 1 inch over the next month. Lake Erie and Lake Ontario are expected to be an inch lower in 30 days.

Levels over the next few months on all the Great Lakes are expected to remain lower than 2005.

The Lake Superior out-

flow through the St. Marys River into Lake Huron is projected to be near average during the month of January. Flows in the St. Clair and Detroit rivers are anticipated to be below average during January. Niagara River and St. Lawrence River flows are projected to be near average in January.

Alerts: Users of the Great Lakes, connecting channels and St. Lawrence River should keep informed of current conditions before undertaking any activities that could be affected by changing water levels.

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## Letters

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town area with taller buildings of up to four stories allowed on the block of Kercheval between St. Clair and Notre Dame.

It also addresses the blending of structures to the scale and architecture consistent with those currently found in Grosse Pointe.

The style and quality of the Sunrise development behind CVS seems consistent with this plan, but the scale and proposed location simply are not.

It seems like those in charge of development are trying to push through the Sunrise development in an effort to make up for lost time on the Jacobson's project.

The proposed height of the Sunrise development (four-plus stories) is obtrusive to the neighborhood and, in particular, the adjoining properties. This structure will be very visible from Lakeland to Notre Dame. It will be very offensive to all of the homeowners on the first block of Neff.

This will have a harmful effect on the both resale value and the ability of the landlords to keep those properties rented — and landlords in the city are already having problems.

It doesn't seem to be that hard to come up with a win-win solution. There has been some discussion as to how the project grew from three to four-plus stories.

This centers around whether or not two adjacent properties can be purchased and added to the project. If acquired, the developer can decrease the height back to its original three-story plan. Perhaps it also allows the developer to have an opportunity to sell some additional condos and recover these costs.

Another measure to make the scale more attractive would be to reorient the building on the site.

The last proposed plan entails a building with two wings centered around a large courtyard. In the plan, the open end of the courtyard faces Lake St. Clair. If the courtyard were to face Neff Road, and if the ends of the building facing Neff Road were three stories (to the top of the roofline), this would reduce the scale of the structure and make for a much better transition with the adjoining neighborhood.

Of course the planting of mature trees, perhaps ever-

greens, and a high enough perimeter wall, perhaps 6 foot, would all be pluses.

It seems like a little more negotiation could bring forth a lot more charm. Please come and present your views at the City of Grosse Pointe Council meeting on Monday, Jan. 23, at 7 p.m.

**Rand Sobczak**  
City of Grosse Pointe

## Clarified details

To the Editor:

There have been a number of letters to the editor printed in the Grosse Pointe News which, in my personal opinion, have put forth inaccuracies in the facts surrounding the lease between the Grosse Pointe Public School System and the Grosse Pointe Public Library.

Since the majority of the Grosse Pointe Board of Education voted to approve renting the land to the library for the next 100 years for \$100 under the lease presented, clarifying the majority of these inaccuracies at this point serves no purpose.

The purpose of this letter is to clarify a number of items reported in the Grosse Pointe News Jan. 12 front-page article, "Library lease rubber stamped by school board." Based on the volumes of information that have been presented on this issue, it is understandable that the essence of my concerns on two issues outlined in this article were not specifically reported with what I feel is a necessary background.

As the article referenced, I presented my fellow board members with a four-page memo which outlined issues I felt should be resolved with the proposed land lease based on my experiences over the past 30 years as a commercial landlord. These were items which I would never allow to go uncorrected or clarified in a five-year lease, let alone in a 100-year lease at the rate of only \$1 per year.

Two of the issues specifically addressed in the article were the control, use and maintenance of the plaza on the south and east sides of the new library and the subletting of interior spaces within the new library. Without background information or more detail, both of these issues might seem insignificant to your casual readers.

With regard to the L-shaped plaza on the east and south sides of the new

library, I did not feel all of the aspects of the maintenance of this area as well as the areas between the new library and both Mack and Vernier were properly addressed. These areas are technically beyond the footprint of the land that the library has leased, yet they will clearly be used by the library as though it was their land.

It is clear from all of the plans submitted that the library building was never designed with any expansion of the Parcels Middle School auditorium ever anticipated.

This could create a problem for the school system in the very near future, as its location and the plaza design may prohibit us from expanding the Parcels auditorium stage as outlined in the literature for the \$62 million 2003 voted bond. In order to keep this commitment to the voters, we will have to expand the auditorium to the west into the plaza toward the library.

In my personal opinion, this reality should have been spelled out to the library with total clarity so that future school boards are not put in the position of having to tell taxpayers that they cannot deliver on a commitment made in the bond literature.

I do not believe that any lease of this magnitude should leave any ambiguity or "we'll work it out if it becomes a problem."

While the parties have a wonderful relationship now and in the past, nothing is forever. While many may feel my mind-set is one of a fatalist, when it comes to a 100-year lease, I would much rather err on the side of caution. A portion of these concerns were addressed in the final lease as approved.

My conservative side would have much preferred a simple dimensioned drawing conceptually showing how close the west wall of the Parcels auditorium stage will have to be moved to accommodate a full orchestra as intended under the voted bond.

The other issue specifically referenced in the article is the subletting of part of the new library to an outside vendor for the purposes of an on-site coffee bar. This may sound like a far-fetched concept. I think it is a natural, but I can't take credit for it. It was a concept that was discussed briefly at a recent library board meeting I attended at which time the library's bond counsel reviewed the options the library had for financing of future projects.

I understand it is a concept that is happening around the country in other libraries and may be a possibility in the future in Grosse Pointe. As the major book stores have discovered, the in-house coffee bars make financial sense. In light of the school system only charging the library \$1 per year for the land lease, I felt and still feel that a revenue-sharing arrangement on this or any for-profit venture within the leased premises would have been a prudent clarification of this portion of the lease.

The above and a litany of other issues were the basis of my request that we get a second legal opinion on the lease document. I felt and still feel that the investment in this legal opinion would have been a prudent use of tax dollars and should have been a step in our due diligence, especially considering the lease we approved will

bind four generations of taxpayers and dozens of school boards to follow us over the next 100 years.

All of us on the school board have a moral, if not legal, obligation to apply every one of our life skills to best serve the community.

In the case of our present school board, to the best of my knowledge, I am the only member with a long-term and continuing involvement in commercial construction and real estate. This puts the moral obligation on my shoulders of having to apply the same scrutiny I would apply in my private sector work to every construction and real estate issue that comes before the school board.

It is exactly what I did in my analysis of the library's land lease. Once I did that and presented my concerns to my fellow board members, it was up to the majority to decide if my concerns were valid and if any or all should have been acted upon. If I were to have done any less, it would have been a breach of the commitment I made to the taxpayers of the community when I asked them to elect me to the school board.

I feel I have done this to the best of my ability on this issue. The rest of the school board members have listened carefully and have voted 6-1 against my recommendation for a second legal opinion and the lease as it stands has been formally approved by the school board.

At this point, we have to consider the issue a closed one, begin in a few short weeks to enjoy the new library for the spectacular architecture that it is, and move on to address the rest of the challenges that face our school system.

**Ahmed Ismail**  
Grosse Pointe Board of Education Member

## Thanks for support

To the Editor:

It's good to have friends. We at The Family Center have been blessed with an abundance of good friends who make it possible for us to serve as a valued resource for parents and those who work with children in our community.

Our heartfelt thanks go to Beth Moran and Lois Warden who chaired our recent fund-raiser, Holly Fest, and to our many friends who helped make it a smashing success. Suzanne Klein and Rep. Ed Gaffney served as honorary chairpersons. Joe DuMouchelle gave of his time in auctioning items donated by Beth and Tom Quinn, Beth Moran, Cathy Nowosielski, Sherry McRill, and Gail and Lois Warden.

The \$23,000 raised at this event will support the exciting projects and programs we have in store for 2006, including Play Central, monthly presentations for parents of adolescents, a Parenting Symposium on March 11 and an afternoon of music and rhythm on April 2 to celebrate Month of the Young Child.

We especially wish to thank our sponsors, and the schools and businesses that provided exceptional items for the Holly Fest auction. Our sponsors included our lead sponsor, Bon Secours Cottage Health Services, as well as Henry Ford Hospital, Lear Corp., St. John Hospital and Medical Center, Comerica, Merrill Lynch, Grosse Pointe News,

Higbie Maxon Agney Realtors, and Russell Development Co.

The following schools and businesses donated items to the auction: Barnes Early Childhood Center, Defer Elementary School, Ferry Elementary School, Grosse Pointe South High School, Mason Elementary School, Monteith Elementary School, Our Lady Star of the Sea, Poupard Elementary School, Richard Elementary School, Sunshine Street Co-op Pre-school and University Liggett School, the city of Grosse Pointe Farms, the Detroit Red Wings, Elan Candies by Marilyn, Farms Market, Flowers by Gabrielle, Get Organized, The Greenhouse Salon, Health Alliance Plan, The Hill Seafood and Chop House, Joseph DuMouchelle International Auctioneers, Kindermusik, Lamia & Lamia, The League Shop, National City Bank, James Peery, Pointe After, Petit Fleur, Valente Jewelers, The Whitney, and Wild Birds Unlimited.

The Family Center is looking forward to another year of helping to build stronger families and is ever grateful for the support that allows us to continue this important work.

**Diane Strickler**  
Director  
Family Center

## Alternatives for new curriculum

To the Editor:

I've heard that the Grosse Pointe Board of Education is considering sweeping changes to the elementary school curriculum, in addition to the changes they recently approved for middle school.

If I had to rely on the Grosse Pointe News for the middle school information, I don't know if I would have seen it tucked away at the back of the Schools section.

Changing the middle schools' seven-period day to six periods is huge news. Are parents going to read about the proposed elementary changes the same way, after the fact?

The proposed changes for elementary are going to eliminate the library special for fourth and fifth grades and strip away the underpinnings of the music program.

General music will be split into vocal music for one semester and instrumental for the other semester, which will end up being nothing more than a sampling of an instrument. This will certainly kill the honors band and orchestra: Who will be able to play an instrument with so little training? How will they be prepared for middle school band or orchestra?

Talented teachers without seniority will be eliminated. Who is going to teach their classes?

In Michigan, music teachers are certified "K-12 Music" so if a vocal teacher is eliminated, his or her classes could be taught by an instrumental teacher. This is outrageous!

If this were happening to the athletic department, there would be an uproar. Concerned parents need to go to board meetings and be vocal about their concerns.

Don't let the board sneak this by without an explanation. There are alternatives.

**Laura Larson**  
Grosse Pointe Farms

## A tribute

To the Editor:

It is not often that a loyal Democrat recognizes a well-known Republican (with the notable exception of Sen. John McCain), but I am writing to extol the virtues and accomplishments of an extraordinary man, Mayor Palmer Heenan of Grosse Pointe Park.

Mayor Heenan, now in his ninth decade, graduated from Grosse Pointe High School, Princeton University and the University of

Michigan Law School. He made a great success in his business, family and religious life and is an exceptional athlete, winning his golf club championship in four different decades.

What makes Mayor Heenan so special, however, is his public service. He has been mayor of Grosse Pointe Park for more than 20 years and is a founding member of the Grosse Pointe Park Foundation.

The progress our community has made under his leadership is manifest, including many beautification projects, the redeveloped City Hall and the notable construction which has occurred at Windmill Pointe Park.

I can think of no one in our community who is more worthy of the tribute suggested in Ecclesiastes, "Now Let Us Praise Famous Men." May God bless and keep you, Pete.

**William D. Hodgman**  
Grosse Pointe Park

## Thanks for successful 'Book Brigade'

To the Editor:

As director of the Grosse Pointe Public Library, I want to thank all the children, parents and teachers who helped us move our "last 100 books" from the current Woods Branch to the new Woods Branch.

Children and teachers from Mason Elementary School and Parcels Middle School lined up from the school entrance of the old Woods Branch to the entrance of the new branch. We could not have done it without them, and their enthusiasm tells me the new Woods Branch library is going to be a popular place in the near future.

Unique community events such as this are part of what makes Grosse Pointe such an exceptional place to live and work. We are proud of the beautiful new facility that we will soon be turning over to its rightful owners, the taxpayers of Grosse Pointe.

Hopefully, those who took part in our very special event, the "Book Brigade," will fondly remember their personal contribution to our beginning.

**Vickey Bloom**  
Director  
Grosse Pointe Public Library

## Letters welcome

The Grosse Pointe News welcomes your Letters to the Editor. All letters should be typed, double-spaced, signed and limited to 250 words. Longer letters may be edited for length and all letters are subject to editing for 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@grossepointe.news.com

## Corrections

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

A photo with the Ihab Zaki Pointer of Interest story on page 4A last week was incorrectly placed and identified. The photo is not a rug. It is a painting by Grosse Pointe artist Hala Besmar, who will be featured in an upcoming Pointer of Interest article.

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## G.P. Chamber of Commerce announces Board of Directors

The Grosse Pointe Chamber of Commerce recently met and announced the formation of its board of directors that will be inducted on Wednesday, Jan. 25, at the Inaugural Dinner being held at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial.

At the meeting of the board of directors, Judge Matthew Rumora was elected president, Mike Reno vice president, Eric Turin secretary and Kay Agney treasurer.

Executive Directors Mary Huebner and Jane Lightfoot were gratified that members of the Interim Steering Committee volunteered to continue working with the Chamber as board members.

Kay Agney, immediate past president of the Grosse Pointe Board of Realtors; Glen Smiley, president of St. John Health Foundation; Ed Russell, president of Russell Development and Shane Reeside, city manager of Grosse Pointe Farms, all volunteered to serve on the board of directors.

Agney, of Higbie Maxon Agney Realtors, strongly supports the Chamber mission to promote the Grosse Pointes. She has worked hard to develop promotional material that will showcase all five Grosse Pointes.

Smiley wished to continue with the Chamber because his personal experiences so closely align with its purpose. When he relocated to the Metro Detroit area, he found that even after requesting to look at the Grosse Pointe area, his relocation service did not bring him here. It took a friend to drive him and his wife,

Donna, to the Pointes where they quickly felt the Grosse Pointe community was exactly what they were looking for.

Russell, a lifelong Grosse Pointer, knows how a chamber of commerce can impact a community because his commercial development company commitments require travel to many different locations. He is aware that when people look for information about a city, most often a chamber of commerce is contacted.

Reeside is supportive of the Chamber and sees it as an extension of what the cities have already begun. He said the five city managers regularly meet to discuss many common issues and the Chamber will reinforce that effort. He is also excited to serve on the Public Policy Committee.

Jan Duster, community relations supervisor with Bon Secours Cottage Hospital, served on the Interim Steering Committee and will be succeeded by John Danaher, president of BSC Health Foundation, on the board of directors.

Both Duster and Danaher have experience with multiple civic and community groups, and are excellent representatives for the Pointes.

Also serving on the inaugural board is Judge Matthew Rumora from Grosse Pointe Farms who will also serve as chairperson of the Government Relations Public Policy Committee.

Rumora will be chairing the Public Policy Committee meeting on Friday, Feb. 3.



Chamber of Commerce members who have advised they would like to join this committee will be contacted with further details.

Alison Haus, owner of MadiLu and Ethan Too and Urban Daisy, and Mike

Reno, owner of IXL Glass, have joined the board and will be valuable voices representing retail business concerns.

Both are members of their respective Retail Associations and are looking

forward to promoting Chamber events and activities.

Eric Turin, co-owner of Frontier 3 Advertising Agency, and Jack Ryan, an independent marketing representative, have also agreed to serve the Chamber of Commerce.

These business owners have excellent and varied business experience and have also served our community in other capacities.

Turin is on The Farms Beautification Committee; Ryan is past president of the board of education of the Grosse Pointe Public School System.

Beverly Leinweber served on the Interim Steering Committee, but due to personal and travel considerations has requested to serve on the Ambassador Committee rather than the board of directors. She is the director of strategic planning for the Grosse Pointe Village Association and has an irreplaceable knowledge

of retail needs. She will continue to support the Chamber of Commerce and retail business community.

If interested in attending the Grosse Pointe Chamber of Commerce Inaugural Dinner, call the chamber of commerce at (313) 881-GPCC (4722) for reservations. Networking begins at 6:30 p.m., while serving wine and hors d'oeuvres, and a seated dinner begins at 7:30 p.m.

Remarks will conclude the program at 8:15 p.m.

The purpose of the Grosse Pointe Chamber of Commerce is to represent the varied interests of our membership while promoting commerce, events and activities for the five Grosse Pointe communities through effective advocacy.

For more information, contact Huebner or Lightfoot, co-executive directors of the Grosse Pointe Chamber of Commerce, at (313) 881-4722.

## Wireless networking technology that is right for consumer

(ARA) — With increased access to broadband and increasingly connectable audio, video, and gaming devices, more people are linking these devices using networks. According to the NPD Group, more than 34 percent of American homes have a network. And of those, 68 percent include wireless connectivity, according to The Diffusion Group.

Whether it's for sharing photos with family and friends or setting up the kids' computer to print in your home office, your networking needs can be easily satisfied with a wireless network; but how can you tell which one is best? What sort of questions should you ask? And how do you set up a network easily and quickly?

Browse your favorite e-mail site, or walk through any electronics store, and you'll see numbers and letters that read like hieroglyphics; these represent standards. The Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers (IEEE) develops standards in order to assure products from different manufacturers work together. 802.11 is the designation for standards associated with wireless networking. Letters are appended for specific versions.

- 802.11b: The first wireless data standard, uses the 2.4 GHz frequency with a signaling rate of 11 Mbps.

- 802.11a: Uses the 5 GHz frequency, with a signaling rate of 54 Mbps. Mostly used in businesses and while faster than 802.11b, has a shorter range and is much more expensive.

- 802.11g: The latest wireless standard uses the 2.4 GHz frequency, with a signaling rate of 54 Mbps. The most widely used standard today for home and business.

enhancements of 802.11g with signaling rates greater than 54 Mbps. Compatible with 802.11b/g, but designed to work best with products from the same manufacturer.

- 802.11n: The next standard is expected to be announced by the end of 2006. Uses the 5GHz frequency and will deliver vastly improved speeds. Just how fast and how far this standard will operate is not yet known.

- MIMO: Sometimes referred to as "pre-n," MIMO (multiple in, multiple out) products are non-standard. They use multiple antennas and radios to increase signaling rate and the range of a wireless network.

Which Is Right For Me?

802.11b products, while extremely inexpensive, are much slower and typically less secure than alternatives. 802.11a products are primarily used in businesses and more expensive than even 802.11g solutions, which offer comparable or better performance, as well as compatibility with 802.11b. Products compliant with 802.11g are the most widely used and provide users with good coverage and speed. MIMO and pre-n systems, while fast, are expensive in comparison to 802.11g and in danger of becoming obsolete next year when the IEEE finalizes the 802.11n standard.

Accelerated 802.11g products are typically the perfect solution for home and small business networks. Fully compatible with 802.11b/g products, accelerated g products, such as Super G or Max G, provide increased speed while still operating within the 802.11g standard.

What's Super G or Max G?

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# Internal Revenue Service reminds buyers about tax break

The Internal Revenue Service is reminding taxpayers who purchased hybrid vehicles in 2005 that they can claim their clean-burning fuel deduction. The vehicles listed below have been certified by the IRS as qualifying for the \$2,000 deduction.

• Ford Escape Hybrid — Model Year 2006

• Mercury Mariner Hybrid — Model Year 2006  
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• Toyota Prius — Model Years 2001 through 2005  
• Toyota Highlander Hybrid — Model Year 2006

• Honda Insight — Model Years 2000 through 2005  
• Honda Civic Hybrid — Model Years 2003 and 2005  
• Honda Accord Hybrid — Model Year 2005  
Individuals must use Form 1040, not one of the shorter forms, to claim this deduction. Taxpayers

should put "Clean-Fuel" and the deduction amount on the dotted line to the left of line 36, including this amount in that line's total adjustments to income. Taxpayers should also be aware that:

• It is a one-time, \$2,000 deduction.

• Only the car's original purchaser can claim

the deduction.

• Previously unclaimed qualifying hybrid vehicles purchased within the last three years can be added by amending the tax return from the year of purchase.

• The deduction applies only for the year you put the car on the road.

• 2005 owners of fully electric vehicles get an even larger deduction: a tax credit up to \$4,000.

For purchasers considering a hybrid in 2006, the Energy Tax Incentives Act of 2005 gives buyers of fuel-saving vehicles a tax credit. The IRS is currently working on regulations regarding the actual credit amounts for tax year 2006.

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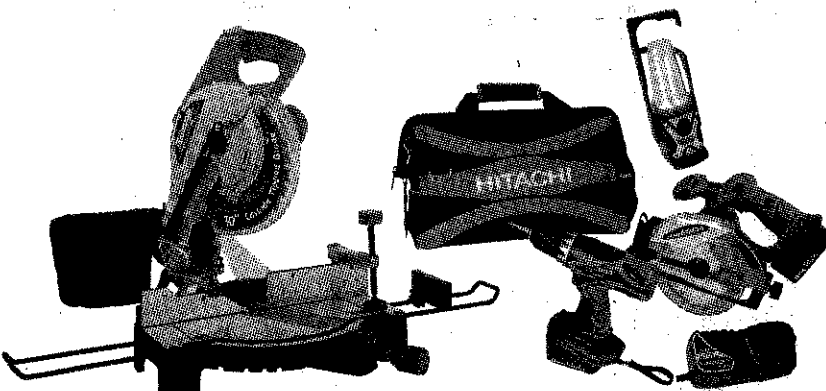
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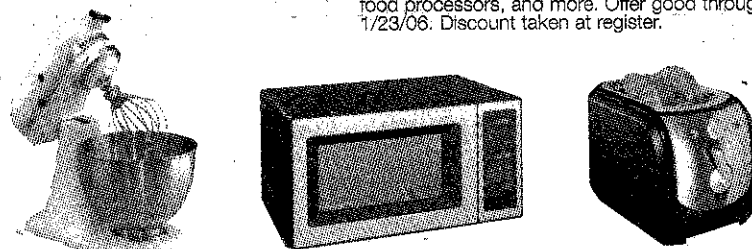
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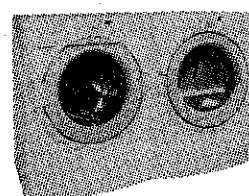
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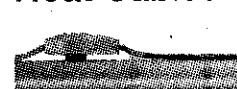
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## Do black ties mean black ink?

Research conducted this past year or so by Deloitte & Touche USA LLP suggests events like the 2006 Charity Preview not only aid the community but enhance organizational performance and individual success.

An October 2004 study showed 72 percent of the nation's employees would choose a company that supports charitable causes when deciding between two jobs with the same location, responsibilities and compensation.

The response was 87 percent for employed students over 18, underscoring a critical link between charity and the Generation Y workers who will be desperately courted by corporate America as Baby Boomers retire. The poll also found that 58 percent believe workplace volunteer opportunities improve morale while 61 percent say it communicates a company's values.

A June 2005 study showed that 79 percent of workers agree that volunteerism can advance one's career. In addition, 87 percent feel it expands one's professional network, and 93 percent believe it teaches leadership.

Both polls were conducted as part of Deloitte's annual IMPACT Day of community service.

Last year's Charity Preview raised \$7 million for children's causes.

## Tech

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Using proprietary technology, some companies have found ways to make 802.11g networks operate faster. U.S. Robotics has launched an accelerated g product line called MAXg, which not only increases speed, but also extends the range of the wireless signal.

The company reports 50 percent range improvement (up to 225 feet), and a signaling rate of up to 125 Mbps, more than doubling the speed and range found with standard 802.11g products. And at \$59.99 for the Wireless MAXg Router, a better value is hard to find.

Lastly, be sure to evaluate the ease with which your new wireless products are installed and that they support security. Things to look for are support for WPA2 (at minimum WPA); an installation wizard for both product set-up and security; and Routers include an integrated SPI firewall.

This will assure a smooth installation and wireless network security. To get more information about wireless networking and products, visit [www.usr.com/maxg](http://www.usr.com/maxg).

Setting up a home network should not be difficult or time consuming. With a small amount of knowledge about how the systems work and what works together, you should be able to have every device in your home running smoothly in the course of an hour.

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## Science teacher tunes students into the world around them

By Ann L. Fouty  
Staff Writer

There is excitement coming from Don Pata's physics room. The Grosse Pointe North students are learning how this subject relates to their world.

"The way I teach physics, I try to help students develop a sense of physical world and themselves. I want them to do, look and make sense (of their world)," said Pata, who has just received the Metro Detroit Science Association's teacher of the year award. He was nominated by colleague Mark David.

He illustrates the use of physics in their every day lives. "We look at factors in driving, seat belts and air bags."

In addition to pointing out the practicality of physics, he subtly helps them boost their critical thinking skills.

In a recent class he guided his students through a lesson on mass and weight. When the subject was introduced, he said, students stated mass and weight were the same. After a trip to the lab where they brain stormed, developed a lab procedure and drew a conclusion, illusions were broken, and new concepts emerged.

"The kids thought mass and weight are the same. They are related but not linked," Pata said. He said his part in the lesson was to guide them with subtle hints. They built it on their own.

"They are asked to do thinking, to explain their thinking. The kids are forced to explain thinking. It's a skill that will take them far," he

said.

Pata continued, "The first time they applied skill force and gravity. I'm flattered. They are applying it to the every day world."

Another important factor he must keep in mind as he teaches five physics classes a day is that about one-third of students are considering a career in engineering. To help them along the way, he has students build catapults and a mouse trap car.

He hasn't stopped at car designs, but is developing a curriculum on the science of cell telephone and wireless.

"It's taking off. Kids love it," he said.

"These kids are so amazing. They are constantly improving; so it's not difficult to keep myself fresh. The kids push me and I have to bring my A game every day. I must bring the best," Pata said.

It's obvious Pata loves being a teacher. In fact, Pata, who has been at North for seven years, said he doesn't know what he would do if not a teacher.

One day during his under grad years at Wayne State, he was walking through the student center and saw an ad for the Peace Corps.

"It was a stroke of luck," said the Harper Woods resident.

Pata spent a year in Guinea as a high school teacher teaching science, math, chemistry and physics, even though teaching hadn't occurred to him.

"I learned more about myself, the kids and the culture. I feel fortunate to have had the experience. The kids

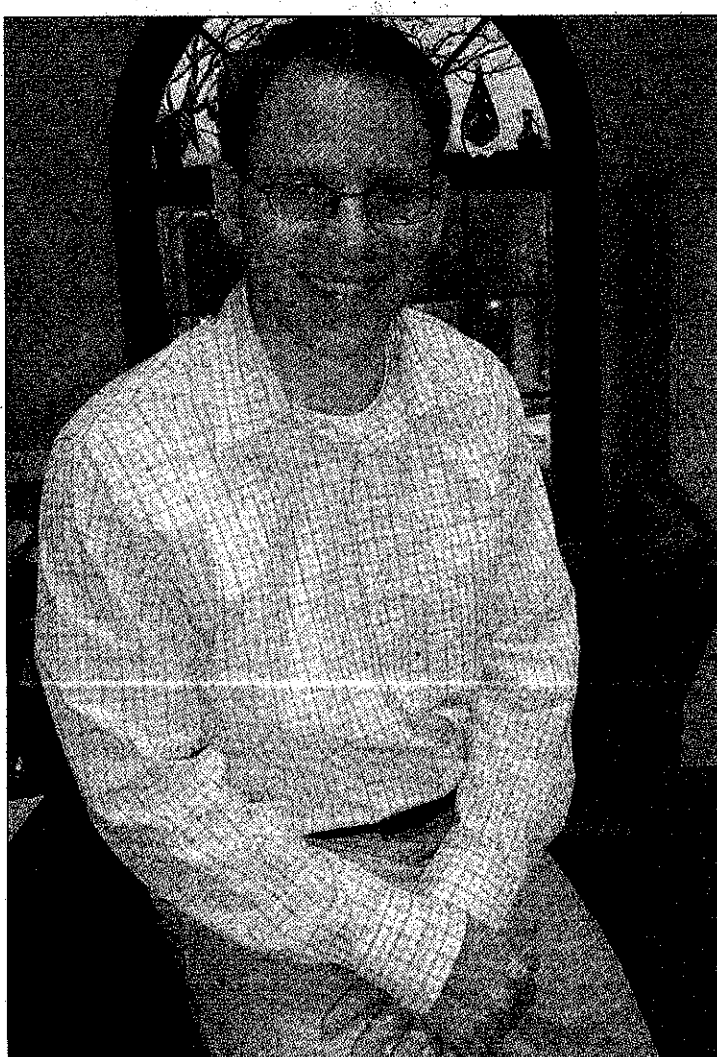


Photo by Ann L. Fouty

**Grosse Pointe North's physics teacher Don Pata has been named as science teacher of the year by the Metro Detroit Science Association.**

were wonderful," he said.

As soon as he returned home, Pata enrolled in Wayne State's master's program and began his road to becoming a teacher in his home district, following in his sister's footsteps, who is a math teacher at Dakota. "She's a great inspiration," he said.

"There was an opening in

Grosse Pointe, taking the place of a retired teacher. The district is wonderful. I wanted to give back to the community that I took so much from. I am so lucky," he said.

"If I wasn't a teacher, I don't know what I would be. There are few jobs that can be this rewarding. It is demanding."

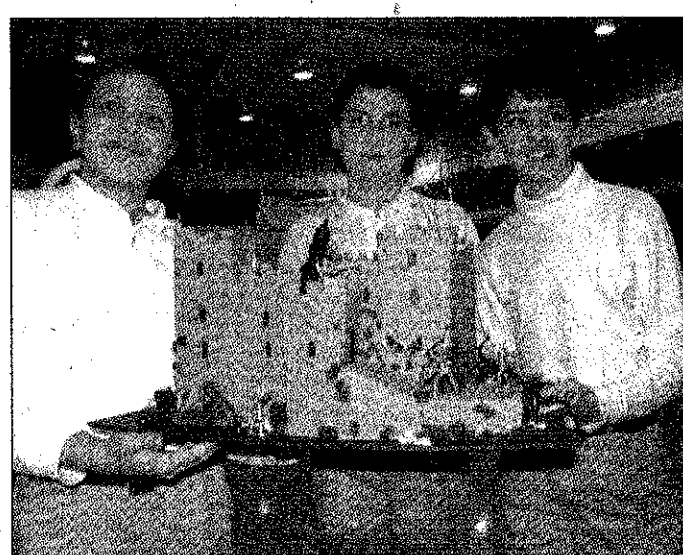
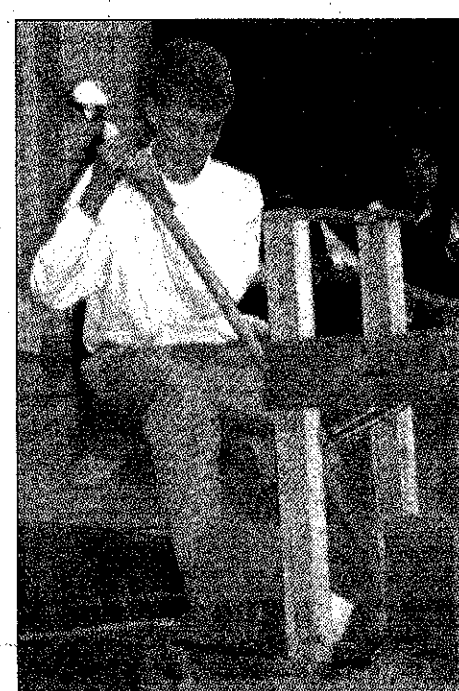


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## Castle attack

What is the history of the castle? How were castles built? And what would it take to destroy one? The seventh grade social studies classes taught by Paul Ignagni at Our Lady Star of the Sea School recently completed a European history segment by constructing models of castles and attempting to destroy them, like, below, Joseph Henrichs of Grosse Pointe Woods, by catapulting a cannon (weighted sock) at the structures via a firing device resembling a trebuchet.



Castles were built of clay, Legos, cardboard, paper, Styrofoam and marshmallows. The castle built by, top from left, Albert Karschnia of St. Clair Shores, Michael Abdenour of Grosse Pointe Woods and Charlie Roarty of Grosse Pointe Shores received no damage following a heated rampage.

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## Schools to award diplomas to vets of WWII, Korean

By Ann L. Fouty  
Staff Writer

Military veterans of the Korean conflict and World War II whose high school education was interrupted by military service have the chance to apply for a high school diploma.

Grosse Pointe Public Schools has awarded several diplomas to veterans who were in good standing with the school prior to military enlistment, said Superintendent Suzanne Klein. They have been offered different venues in which to accept their diplomas, and all have opted to do it in a private ceremony or at a board meeting, clad in cap and gown. Veterans are also welcome to participate in the June graduation ceremonies, she said, but none have accepted.

This special recognition is open to WWII veterans who left the Grosse Pointe Public School district between Dec. 16, 1940, and Dec. 31, 1946, for immediate military service without graduating from high school.

Korean veterans who left Grosse Pointe High School

between June 27, 1950, and Jan. 31, 1955, may also apply.

An application may be retrieved from [www.michigan.gov/dmva](http://www.michigan.gov/dmva).

Specific family members may also apply on the behalf of a living or dead veteran.

The form may be completed by the veteran. On behalf of the veteran, the veteran's spouse, brother or sister, children or grandchildren may also complete the form. The application requires a copy of the veteran's discharge from military service. The school district will verify the dates of the veteran's school enrollment from its records.

Some 653,000 Michigan men and women served during WWII, and about 220,000 Michigan men and women served during the Korean War.

It has been estimated that about 175,000 WWII veterans and 125,000 Korean veterans live in Michigan, though there are no figures available on how many of these men and women graduated from high school.

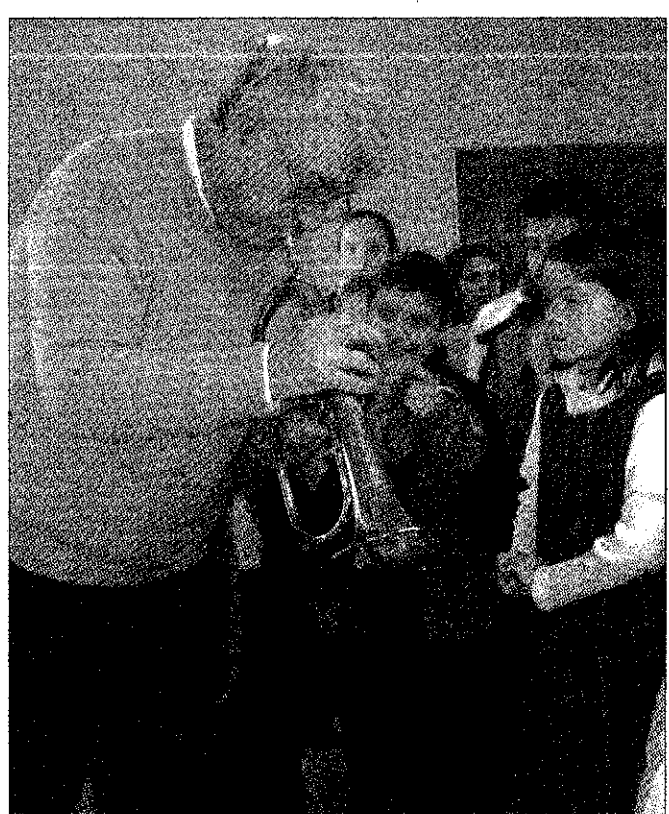


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## Music and math

On Dec. 1, St. Clare of Montefalco Catholic School hosted William Hart, Michigan's Professor of the Year 1989-1990, as a guest speaker. Hart enriched the students from kindergarten to eighth grade as he presented "The Joy, Wonder and Fun of Mathematics," an interactive assembly. He was there to help students love and respect math. Math and music connections, mathemagical tricks and "psychic" predictions were performed and then explained. The students were fascinated with the teasers, riddles, logic, mysteries of 9 and 0, probability, birthday coincidences, disturbing counter intuitive oddities, highly visual geometrical surprises, calendar patterns and tricks, and problem solving strategies. Here Hart demonstrates to the third- and fourth-graders how basically playing the same three notes in different order and duration will result in numerous popular melodies.

## Safety saves child

By Ann L. Fouty  
Staff Writer

For fifth-grade safety patroller Molly Kaiser, it was all in a day's work.

However, Defer Principal Ron Wardie thinks her act of pulling a boy out of the path of an oncoming bus exemplifies his school's Safety Patrols.

On Wednesday, Nov. 9, Kaiser was at her usual busy post on Kercheval and Nottingham. A second-grade student stepped into the street without looking for oncoming traffic. He was headed right into the path of a Detroit Public School Bus.

"I called to him," she said, clad in her pink winter coat, but the youngster did not stop. So she pulled on the arm of his jacket getting him safely back to the curb as the bus swerved to miss him. Kaiser said the boy thanked her and expressed that he thought the bus would stop for him.

"All safeties care a great deal about keeping our kids safe," Wardie said. "It was a brave act. Molly exemplifies our safeties."

Kaiser felt pretty good, too, about her action.

"Helping others is the best, and I feel good about it," she said. "It's a busy corner, one of the busiest."

Usually Kaiser is occupied helping kindergartners hang their coats up and handing out papers for the teachers. One day a week, Wednesdays, she is filling in for the usual safety while he

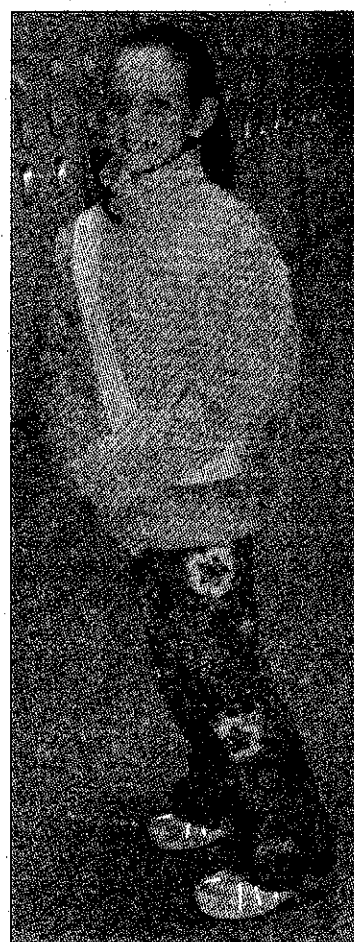


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**Defer fifth-grader Molly Kaiser pulled a boy out of the path of an on-coming bus on Kercheval and Nottingham.**

is in choir.

According to Kaiser her parents called her a hero that day and took her out for dinner.

More accolades came from the Grosse Pointe Police Department saying she did exactly what a Safety Patrol was to do.

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There will be an extended day kindergarten (EDK) information night at 7 p.m., Tuesday, Jan. 24, in the Barnes Early Childhood

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Grosse Pointe Public School System offers two programs:

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For any kindergarten program, residency and enrollment for that student must be processed by appointment at 389 St. Clair Avenue, Room 203. Contact Kathy Lynch at (313) 432-3083 to make an appointment.

### Gifted program

The Grosse Pointe Public School System is beginning its annual search for first-through fourth-grade students who are intellectually/academically gifted.

If you are interested in having your child screened for the gifted program, contact Cynthia Doherty, Coordinating Psychologist of the Gifted Program at (313) 432-3045.

### Math curriculum

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## Speaker to discuss bipolar disorder

The Grosse Pointe Schools Community Education Department is offering a class entitled "Learn About Bipolar Disorder" from 7 to

9 p.m. on Thursday, Jan. 26, at North High School.

Instructor Jacqueline Castine is a community education specialist for the Oakland County Community Mental Health authority and the author of "I Wish I Could Fix it, But..." Phoenix Publishers 2005.

This interactive class will help those who attend learn success strategies for coping with this brain disorder and how to respond to family members or friends who struggle with mental illness and addictions, especially

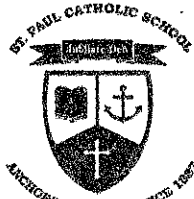
those who refuse to seek help. Castine speaks from her own experience with recovery from chemical dependency, codependency and bipolar disorder and as the mother of two adult children who have also experienced these difficulties.

About 2.3 million Americans, nearly 1.2 percent of the U.S. population, are presently diagnosed with bipolar disorder. With accurate diagnosis and treatment, people with bipolar disorder can lead full and productive lives. However, if left untreated, people with the disorder are at great risk for suicide, incarceration, substance abuse, job loss or other harmful consequences. About 40 percent of people with untreated bipolar disorder abuse alcohol or drugs. In addition, the mortality rate for people with untreated bipolar disorder is higher than it is for most types of heart disease and many types of cancer. About 25 to 50 percent of people with bipolar disorder attempt suicide at least once; this is one of the highest rates for any psychiatric disorder.

For more information on the class and how to register, call (313) 432-3880. The cost is \$22. Castine's book can be purchased for \$12 at the class.

## St. Paul Catholic School

*A Grosse Pointe Educational Tradition Since 1927*



**Open House**  
**January 29, 2006**  
**11:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.**

**Preschool: 3 year/4 year old program**  
**Young 5's Program**  
**All Day & Half Day Kindergarten Programs**  
**Grades 1-8**

Preschool registration for new families will be accepted at the Open House.

Open registration for new families with students in Young Five's through 8th grade will begin on March 6, 2006.

**High academics + Nurtured spirituality=**  
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## SCHUMMER'S SKI SHOP



Mack Avenue just north of Vernier road in Grosse Pointe Woods

"No Time Like Snow Time!"

**313 881-4363**

## Shores Theatre

Jan. 20<sup>th</sup> through Jan. 26<sup>th</sup>

**HOOD-WINKED**

Rated PG  
(1:00, 3:00, 5:00, 7:00, 8:45)

**RUMOR HAS IT**

Rated PG-13  
(1:00, 3:00, 5:00, 7:15, 9:15)

Call for the latest shows and times

**586.775.6800**

9 Mile & Mack • St. Clair Shores



# Winter camp provides 'blast' during break

Grosse Pointe Winter Youth Camp is the response to "there's nothing to do."

When schools are closed Feb. 20-24 for winter break, children and parents are sometimes at odds about what to do. In answer to that, North's athletic director Chris Clark and Todd A. Carney, camp and clinic event manager for Grosse Pointe North High School, put their heads together to provide a two-fold opportunity: one that meets the needs of families and another to give students a hands-on experience working with children.

The week-long fun-filled camp is reasonably priced and held at Grosse Pointe North.

North students who are considering a career in teaching get hands-on training with children in first through fifth grades.

"We thought that we could provide an opportunity to give the elementary students and their parents an option for the week long February break that is cost effective," said Carey of how the program began.

As the idea grew, they decided to use the local talent of North students.

"The camp counselors are all North students," he continued. "We have several returning from last year's staff and another group of outstanding individuals for this year. The application process here is very highly competitive; I received more than 60 applications this year compared to about 30 last year."

While Carey oversees the camp, students are the ones who set up the activities which include swimming, games and crafts. The team is led by Wayne State University education major and North alumni.

Carey explains that the day is broken up into several different activities through which campers move from crafts, to movies, to sports, to swimming.

"Kids get a big kick out of being able to swim in the dead of winter!" he said.

Students bring their own lunch and snacks every day.

"We have the use of the cafeteria tables at North, and it worked out well last year. Having the students bring their own meals and refreshments avoids potential allergy problems," he said.

Carey goes on to say that

parents have given him positive feedback on the staff and program.

He found through their comments that there definitely was need in the community, and the community responded to the need.

"We were very encouraged by the outstanding support from the community," he said.

## Grosse Pointe Winter Youth Camp

Grades 1-5

Monday through Friday, Feb. 20 through 24  
8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Grosse Pointe North High School

Camper's Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
City \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
Birthdate \_\_\_\_\_ Grade \_\_\_\_\_ Male \_\_\_\_\_ Female \_\_\_\_\_  
Current School \_\_\_\_\_  
Emergency Contact Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Emergency Contact Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_  
Authorization Signature \_\_\_\_\_  
Additional Medical Information \_\_\_\_\_

T-Shirt Size: S M L XL XXL  
(Youth Sizes) Circle one

In order to receive a T-shirt the camper must have been registered on or before Friday, Feb. 3

Enclose check for \$150 with registration.

Make check payable to:  
Grosse Pointe North High School

Send by mail or deliver to:  
Grosse Pointe North Winter Camp  
707 Vernier  
Grosse Pointe Woods, MI 48236

For more information, call (313) 432-3395

City of Grosse Pointe, Michigan

### NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING CITY OF GROSSE POINTE PLANNING COMMISSION MONDAY, JANUARY 23, 2006 - 7:00 PM UNITARIAN CHURCH 17150 MAUMEE, GROSSE POINTE, MI 48230

#### SUNRISE DEVELOPMENT FINAL PLANNED UNIT DEVELOPMENT APPROVAL

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Grosse Pointe Planning Commission will hold a public hearing as noticed above to consider final PUD approval for the proposed Sunrise Senior Living Development located on the east side of St. Clair Avenue between Kercheval Avenue and St. Paul Avenue. The applicant is Sunrise Development Inc.

The project is being proposed for development under Section 90-76. Planned Unit Development, of the City of Grosse Pointe Zoning Ordinance which allows planned unit developments subject to approval by the Planning Commission.

The following specifications are proposed for the project:

1. Project Type: Four Story, 79 units, senior condominium development.
2. Current Zoning: R-2, Two-family Residential District & P-1 vehicular Parking District.
3. Total Parcel Size: 1.93 Acres
4. The applicant is requesting final PUD approval for the 79 unit senior condominium development located on the east side of St. Clair Avenue between Kercheval Avenue and St. Paul Avenue.

The proposed plans for this project are available for inspection by the public at the City Offices during regular business hours Monday-Friday 8:30 am - 5 pm

Julie E. Arthurs,  
City Clerk

G.P.N.: 1/19/2006

### ELECTION COORDINATING COMMITTEE OF THE GROSSE POINTE PUBLIC SCHOOL SYSTEM

#### NOTICE FOR FILING NOMINATING PETITIONS FOR GROSSE POINTE BOARD OF EDUCATION

Notice is hereby given by the Election Coordinating Committee, comprised of the municipalities of Grosse Pointe, Grosse Pointe Park, Grosse Pointe Farms, Grosse Pointe Shores/Grosse Pointe Township, Grosse Pointe Woods and Harper Woods, to the electors of the above-stated municipalities, that Nominating Petitions for candidates seeking election to the following offices; i.e.,

One (1) member for a four (4) year term and One (1) member for a one (1) year term for the School Board of Trustees for the Grosse Pointe Board of Education (to be elected at a regular election to be held Tuesday, May 2, 2006)

will be available at the Grosse Pointe Board of Education business office at 389 St. Clair, Grosse Pointe, Michigan, from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday thru Thursday and 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. on Friday. Nominating petitions may also be obtained from the City Clerk's office of the above-stated municipalities. **Qualifications:** Any registered voter who resides in the Grosse Pointe Public School System district is eligible to be nominated for School Board Trustee.

**Filing deadline: No later than Tuesday, February 7, 2006, on or before 4:00 p.m.** For an individual's name to appear on the official ballot as a candidate for school board members, the candidate shall file a Nominating Petition (signed by a minimum of 40 and a maximum of 100 electors of the school district) and an Affidavit of Identity. In lieu of a petition, a candidate for school board member may pay a non-refundable fee of \$100.00 to the **School District Filing Official**. If paid by the due date for a Nominating Petition, it has the same effect as the filing of a Nominating Petition.

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City Clerk of Grosse Pointe Park  
Phone: 313 822 6200

Shane L. Reeside  
City Mgr./City Clerk of Grosse Pointe  
Phone: 313 885 6600

Julie Arthurs  
City Clerk of Grosse Pointe  
Phone: 313 885 5800

Lisa Hathaway  
City Clerk of Grosse Pointe Woods  
Phone: 313 343 2440

Mickey Todd  
City Clerk of Harper Woods  
Phone: 313 343 2510

Robert Graziani  
City Clerk Grosse Pointe Shores/Grosse Pte Twp.  
Phone: 884 0234

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Photo courtesy Poupard Elementary School staff

## Toys galore

Stuffed animals, remote-control vehicles, jewelry making kits, board games, cars, trucks and dolls came in to Poupard Elementary School. Children donated more than 50 toys and \$200 for the Toys 4 Tots Christmas drive. Student Council representatives who spearheaded the drive include from left in front row, Kat Peters-Fineske, Thea Barrak, Josephine Bennett; top row from left, Daven Palmer, Hannah Lane, Isabelle Ellery, Kiara Jackson, Sean O'Melia, Hannah Jones, Zeena Al-Katib and Emily McBride.

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City of Grosse Pointe Farms, Michigan

### SUMMARY OF THE MINUTES JANUARY 9, 2006

The Meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m., beginning with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Present on Roll Call: Mayor James C. Farquhar, Jr., Councilmembers Douglas F. Roby, Jr., Peter W. Waldmeir, Therese M. Joseph, Joseph T. Leonard, Charles S. Terry Davis III

Those Absent Were: None.

Also Present: Messrs. Burgess, City Attorney; Reeside, City Manager; Tepper, Assistant City Manager; Brennan, Director of Public Service; Huhn, Park & Recreation Director; Jensen, Deputy Director, Public Safety.

Mayor Farquhar presided at the Meeting.

The Council approved the Minutes of the Regular Meeting, which was held December 12, 2005, as corrected.

The Council rescheduled the Public Hearing for a Sign Permit Appeal requested by Wachovia located at 131 Kercheval to Monday, February 6, 2006 at 7:00 p.m.

The Council approved and authorized the Harbor Proposed Plan Modifications, as submitted.

The Council, acting as a Zoning Board of Appeals, approved the Minutes of the Public Hearing which was held on November 14, 2005; adjourned the appeal of Edward & Stephanie Donaldson of 160 Touraine to Monday, February 27, 2006 at 7:00 p.m.

The Council approved the proposed projects for the Community Development Block Grant Program for Program Year 2006-2007, as follows:

|                                   |          |
|-----------------------------------|----------|
| Services for Older Citizens (SOC) | \$42,000 |
| Mack Avenue Streetscape           | \$11,000 |
| Administration                    | \$ 5,900 |
|                                   | \$59,000 |

The Council approved the Resolution for the Metro Act Application submitted by Clearlinx Network Corporation.

Upon proper motion made, supported and carried, the Meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

THE NEXT REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL WILL BE HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 90 KERBY ROAD, GROSSE POINTE FARMS, MICHIGAN 48236, ON MONDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 2006 AT 7:00 P.M. THE MEETING IS PUBLIC. INTERESTED PROPERTY-OWNERS AND RESIDENTS ARE INVITED TO ATTEND. RESIDENTS MAY ALSO VIEW THE AGENDA AND MINUTES ON THE CITY'S WEBSITE: WWW.CI.GROSSE-POINTE-FARMS.MI.US/

James C. Farquhar Jr.,  
Mayor

Shane L. Reeside,  
City Clerk

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## Gerald Eugene Bodendistel

Gerald Eugene Bodendistel, 70, died on Thursday, Jan. 12, 2006, in Ft. Myers, Fla.

He was born in Guelph, Ontario, Canada, to Dr. Justin and Mary Bodendistel.

He graduated from the University of Toronto in 1958 and the Pharmacy College at Wayne State University in 1963.

Mr. Bodendistel worked at Wilson & Wolfer Pharmacy before becoming the owner of Beacon Pointe Pharmacy in Grosse Pointe Park. After he sold the pharmacy, he worked for Bon Secours Hospital, and later in Florida on a contingent basis.

He was involved in many organizations including Wayne State University Pharmacy Alumni Association (past president), Metropolitan Detroit Pharmacy Association (past president), Michigan Pharmacists Association (past president), the Ancient Order of Hibernians—Father Solanus Casey Division, and the Grosse Pointe Park Business Association (past president). He was a member of the Grosse Pointe Senior Men's Club, and Club 55 in Windsor, Ontario, Canada. He was a former member of the board of directors for the Detroit Institute of Ophthalmology.

Mr. Bodendistel was an avid golfer and a member of Herons Glen Golf Club. He was proud of the fact that he had two holes in one.

He is survived by his wife of 45 years, Mary Ann Bodendistel; his daughter, Monica (James) Taubitz; his son, Timothy (Jennifer) Bodendistel; his grandchildren, Lauren, Melissa and Stephanie Taubitz; and Kirk and Sean Bodendistel; his sister, Sr. Patricia Bodendistel, O.S.U., and Helen Kefalas; and his brothers, Kenneth (Christa) and Paul (Margaret) Bodendistel.

He was predeceased by his children who died as infants, Margaret, Paul and Thomas Bodendistel.

A funeral Mass was celebrated on Wednesday, Jan. 18, at St. Joan of Arc Church in St. Clair Shores. Interment is at Mt. Olivet Cemetery in Detroit.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Father Solanus Casey Guild, c/o Capuchins, 1820 Mt. Elliott, Detroit, MI 48207.

## Albert Daas

Former City of Grosse Pointe resident, Albert Daas, died on Tuesday, Jan. 3, 2006, at St. John Hospital.

He was born to Charles and Martha Daas on Aug. 30, 1929, in Detroit. He was the third child in a family of four children.

Mr. Daas earned a Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of Detroit and a master's degree from Wayne State University where he completed course work of a doctoral degree.

He enjoyed a long and successful career in education, both as a legendary English teacher and as a college administrator. His experience included the years spent at Roseville High School, Highland Park High School and Highland Park Community College.

After his retirement from Michigan public schools, Mr. Daas developed a second career as an interior designer with clients in Michigan, Illinois, Florida and New York.



Albert Daas

He leaves a host of friends who will cherish his memory as a truly unique and special person, and as an authentic connoisseur with a fine appreciation of literature, art, theater and food.

Mr. Daas is survived by his brother, James Daas of Rochester Hills; his nieces, Martha and Kathy Daas; and his nephews, Charles and Gregory Daas, and Kevin Zigarac.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Capuchin Soup Kitchen/Jefferson House, 1820 Mt. Elliott, Detroit, MI 48207.

## Iva Lorene Ferguson

Iva Lorene Ferguson, 99, died on Friday, Jan. 13, 2006, at the Saline Evangelical Home in Saline.

She was born on Jan. 10, 1907, in Romeo, the only child of Herman and Marie Ferguson. She was known as "Fergy" by family and colleagues and lived in the Detroit area most of her life before retiring to Frankenmuth.

She was employed by Parke Davis Pharmaceutical Co. her entire career as a bacteriologist.

Her family and close friends will remember her by her love of animals, children, her daily walks and her many years of service as a church organist in east Detroit.

She is survived by a large adopted family including Shirley Blanchard Wever, Robert Blanchard, Jane Blanchard Klotzner, Mary Blanchard, and many nieces and nephews.

Information about a memorial service will be announced at a later date.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Frankenmuth United Methodist Church or the Saline United Methodist Church.

## Gloria Florence Hart

Gloria Florence Hart, 83, of Grosse Pointe Woods, died on Thursday, Jan. 5, 2006, at Bon Secours Hospital.

She was born in Calumet to George and Florence Daigle. Mrs. Hart left the "Copper Country" and moved to Detroit to attend college. She later met and married E. Warren Hart.

The couple started a family and moved to Toledo, Ohio, where Mrs. Hart was socially active in the community, serving as president of "The Towne Club," as well as being a Cub Scout den mother for her boys. In 1959, the family moved to Grosse Pointe Park and in 1971 to the Woods.

Mrs. Hart was well known throughout the Detroit advertising community, working many years for the Adcraft Club of Detroit before moving in 1973 to the Detroit Free Press where she stayed until her retirement.

Other than her family, her passions included solving the New York Times crossword puzzles, which she did in ink and frequently completed in as little as 15 minutes, and playing bridge. She played both social and sanguine, and lived by the rules, stating "a peek is always better than a finesse."

She enjoyed her family



Gloria Florence Hart

and friends, and lived life fully. Her philosophy on life can be best summed up with a quote from John Irving: "It is very hard work — and a fine art — to not take yourself seriously." Another quote, one from George Eliot, sums up her zest for helping others: "What do we live for, if it is not to make life less difficult for each other?" After retiring, Mrs. Hart did so, in many ways, including volunteering with Services for Older Citizens.

Her presence will be sorely missed. When her spark went out, the world became a little dimmer.

Mrs. Hart is survived by her sister, Valerie Anderson; her children, Jon (Kim), Jim (Kris), Mary and Bob (Melissa); her grandchildren, Nina, Tristan, Ian, Matthew, Brian, Logan, Ryan, Steven and Kevin; and her great-granddaughters, Vanessa Kruiss and Hadley Hart.

She was predeceased by her husband, E. Warren Hart; her brother, Paul Daigle; and her granddaughter, Tiffany Hart.

A memorial service will be held at St. Joan of Arc Catholic Church, 22412 Overlake, St. Clair Shores on Thursday, Jan. 19, at 7 p.m.

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

## Helen Jean Kipka

Helen Jean Kipka, 86, died on Tuesday, Jan. 10, 2006.

She was born on Jan. 24, 1919. She graduated from Grosse Pointe High and the University of Michigan where she was a member of Pi Beta Phi sorority. She married Donn Kipka in January 1942.

Mrs. Kipka worked as a service representative for Michigan Bell Telephone Co. and Brooklyn Bell to be with her husband who was stationed in the U.S. Coast Guard Training Base. Their first child, Nancy, was born on Staten Island, N.Y.

After the war, Mrs. Kipka became involved at Grosse Pointe Memorial Church as an elder, a third grade Sunday school teacher and as a member of women's groups and church councils. She taught at the co/op nursery school at Christ Church for over 20 years.

Mr. and Mrs. Kipka enjoyed traveling, with their trip to the Holy Land with their senior pastor as the most memorable.

Mrs. Kipka enjoyed numerous sports such as skiing, golfing, bowling, sailing, swimming and hiking. Bridge, knitting and sewing were her favorite pastimes. She was a devoted wife, mother, grandmother and friend to many.

She is survived by her children, Nancy (Ken) MacLean, Bud (Kris) Kipka and Cathy (Chuck) Krause; and seven grandchildren.

The family will have a private memorial service.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Grosse Pointe Memorial Church, 16 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms, MI 48236, or the Salvation Army, 1627 W. Fort St., Detroit, MI 48216.

## Stanley Miers

Former Grosse Pointe Woods resident Stanley Miers, 79, of Franklin, N.C., died Tuesday, Jan. 10, 2006,



Helen Jean Kipka

at his residence.

He was a native of St. Joseph, a son of the late Walter and the late Klementina Miers.

Mr. Miers was a U.S. Navy veteran of World War II. He was detached from the Navy into 2nd Marine Division, where he was assigned to the Underwater Demolition Team, predecessor to the SEALs of today. He was presented with a Purple Heart, 60 years later, in November 2005.

He worked at Detroit Edison for 28 1/2 years and retired in 1975. He was a 32nd Degree Mason, a member of Junaluska Lodge, Scottish Rite, Shriners Club, Lions Club for 32 years in Michigan.

Mr. Miers was a member of St. James Lutheran Church and a lifetime member of Disabled Veterans. He was a member of the Lutheran Church of the Holy Family in Highlands and attended Ridge Crest Baptist Church in Franklin.

He is survived by his wife of 59 years, Claire Janice Eismont Miers; daughter, the Rev. Patricia A. Young of Glendale, Ariz.; son, Kenneth Miers of Kalispell, Mont.; sister, Helen Carver of San Diego, Calif.; five grandchildren, Anthony, Nancy, John, Wayne and Stephen; two great-grandchildren, Autumn and Natalie; and many nieces.

He was predeceased by his sisters, Jeanette Shaw, Elizabeth Mussler and Wanda Thude; brother, Walter; and grandson, Ryan.

Funeral services were held on Friday, Jan. 13, in Franklin. The Junaluska Lodge No. 145 conducted Masonic rites following the service. Interment will be held at a later date at Clarks Chapel United Methodist Church Cemetery with military graveside rites.

Memorial contributions may be made to Ridgecrest Baptist Church, 206 Ridge Crest Baptist Church Rd., Franklin, NC 28734.

## Douglas James Moran Jr.

Douglas James Moran Jr., 79, died on Sunday, Jan. 15, 2006.

He was born on Jan. 22, 1926, and was a native of Grosse Pointe and a descendant of the original French settler Charles Claude Morand. He was married to another Grosse Pointe native, Patricia Robinson Moran.

He raised his family in Grosse Pointe Park, Rochester and retired to Lake Orion. He worked 40 years as a sales/engineer supporting the Ford Motor Co.

He is survived by his children, Doug (Peggy) Moran, Janice Vurginac (Bob Scott), Kathy (Rob) Bell, Jack (Karen) and Patrick (Lynn) Moran; his sister, Joan Boehm; and 11 grandchildren.

He was predeceased by his wife, Patricia Robinson Moran.

A memorial service will be held on Thursday, Jan. 19, at 1 p.m., with a visitation starting at 11 a.m., at the Modetz Funeral Home, 100 E. Silverbell, Orion. Interment will be at Eastlawn Cemetery in Orion Township.



Sophie M. Ryberg

Memorial contributions may be made to St. Mary's-in-the-Hills Episcopal Church, 2512 Joslyn Court, Lake Orion, MI 48360.

Memories may be shared with the family at their online guestbook at [www.modetzfuneralhomes.com](http://www.modetzfuneralhomes.com).

## Louis W. Piper

Former Grosse Pointe Farms resident Louis W. Piper, 84, of Winter Haven, Fla., died of complications from Alzheimer's disease on Saturday, Jan. 7, 2006, at Winter Haven Hospital.

He was born on Aug. 20, 1921, in Grosse Pointe Farms, to Lewis A. and Josephine (nee Schubert) Piper.

He lived in Grosse Pointe his entire life until he and his wife, Evelyn "Geneve" Piper, moved to Florida in 1988. He enjoyed living in a warmer climate and having a home on the water. His hobbies included gardening, fishing, and working on handyman projects since he was a jack-of-all-trades.

During World War II, Mr. Piper served in the U.S. Navy for four years in the Pacific theatre.

He worked as an automobile designer for General Motors Corp., and the Boomer Co.

He is survived by his wife, Evelyn "Geneve" Piper; his son, Louis W. Piper of California; his sister, Doris Piper of Utica; his brother, Richard Piper of Utica; and two grandchildren.

He was predeceased by his daughter, Julie Sauget.

Memorial services were held on Tuesday, Jan. 10, in Winter Haven.

Interment will be in the spring of this year at Woodlawn Cemetery in Detroit.

## Sophie M. Ryberg

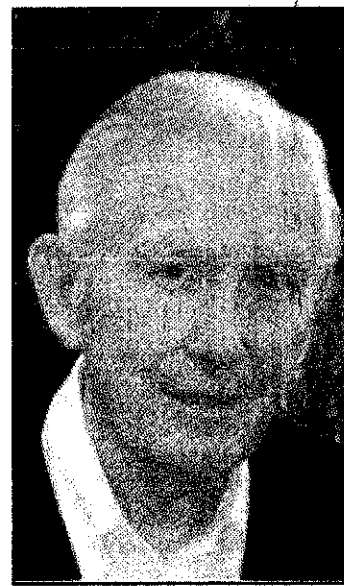
Former Grosse Pointe Farms resident Sophie M. Ryberg, 89, died suddenly on Friday, Dec. 30, 2005, in Prescott, England.

A longtime resident of Grosse Pointe Farms, Mrs. Ryberg resided the last 10 years with her daughters in England.

She was an inspiration to her family for her attitude about life and about her advancing age. She voiced no fear of death, delighting rather in the opportunities of each day and the companionship of her daughters, grandson and son-in-law, Jim Lancaster.

Her son, Erick Ryberg, wrote: "Not appreciating how much she gave of herself and how much love she emanated, mother puzzled as to what she did to deserve the love and care of her family. But it was her generous heart, delight in her children and grandchildren, and her embrace of those who joined her family by marriage that endeared us all to her. Memories of her life and love will comfort us in her passing but she will be sorely missed."

She is survived by her children, Patricia Munday of Bury St. Edmunds, England, Erick (Amy) Ryberg of Farmington Hills, and Frances (James) Lancaster of Prescott; her grandchildren, Joshua Munday and Benjamin Ryberg; and her sister Irene (Richard) Frank of Grosse Pointe Farms.



Walter "Dick" R. Weber

She was predeceased by her husband, Leonard Ryberg; her sister, Martha (Marcel) Baldinger; and her brother, Anthony Slowik.

Memorial services were held in Prescott on Monday, Jan. 9, 2006. A funeral Mass will be celebrated at 10 a.m. on Saturday, Jan. 21, at St. Paul Catholic Church, 157 Lakeshore in Grosse Pointe Farms. Interment will be at the St. Paul Columbarium.

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

## Walter "Dick" R. Weber

Walter "Dick" R. Weber, 71, of the City of Grosse Pointe, died from complications due to Parkinson's disease on Friday, Jan. 13, 2006, at St. John Senior Community in Detroit, surrounded by family and friends.

He was born on June 16, 1934, to Walter F. and Rita C. Weber in Chicago, Ill. He graduated from St. Ambrose High School in Grosse Pointe in 1952 and went on to attend the University of Notre Dame in South Bend, Ind. After graduating in 1956 with a bachelor's degree in business and accounting, Mr. Weber joined the U.S. Army and was given an honorable release as private first class in 1958.

Mr. Weber spent two years at the Gilson-Ayres office equipment company in Troy, and in 1960, he left to start his own business. He owned and operated the American Platen Co., in Detroit until his retirement in 2001.

In 1960, Mr. Weber met Glenys LaCombe while attending a Notre Dame football game and the couple wed on April 11, 1964. Their son, John, was born in 1966 and daughter, Lynn, was born in 1967.

Mr. Weber was a member of the Notre Dame Alumni Club, and was an avid golf, football and hockey fan. He was very active in the Grosse Pointe community and was involved in many charitable activities throughout his life.

In recent months, Mr. Weber enjoyed the company of his closest friends, family and "grand-dog," Emerson, who kept him active and optimistic as his illness progressed.

He is survived by his wife, Glenys C. Weber; son, John R. Weber; daughter, Lynn C. Weber; and brothers, Barry and Mark Weber.

He was predeceased by siblings, Terry Turner and David Weber.

A memorial service was held on Tuesday, Jan. 17, at Chas. Verheyden Funeral Home in Grosse Pointe Park.

A memorial contribution will be made in his name by the family.

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

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Safety

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portable breath test, which registered at .16 percent blood alcohol level.

The man was arrested for operating a motor vehicle while intoxicated and for speeding.

Defective headlight sheds light

On Friday, Jan. 13, at 5:43 a.m., a 21-year-old Detroit man was pulled over on Mack at Hunt Club for having a defective headlight.

A LEIN (Law Enforcement Information Network) check revealed the man never acquired a driver license.

He was arrested and issued citations for driving with a defective headlight, not having a proof of insurance, and for driving without a license.

The man posted a \$100 bond later that morning and was released.

Thanks you SCS police

On Thursday, Jan. 12, at 11:29 p.m., Grosse Pointe Woods police received a call from the St. Clair Shores Police Department, saying it had arrested a man who had two outstanding warrants out of the Woods.

Woods officers picked up the man, booked him, and placed him in a jail cell.

Vandal Chili

On Thursday, Jan. 12, at 12:30 a.m., a 57-year-old Grosse Pointe Woods man

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living in the 1200 block of Hampton reported to police that an unknown person threw chili on the driver-side door of his 2003 Buick LeSabre.

Avoiding potholes?

On Tuesday, Jan. 10, at 9:05 p.m., a 48-year-old Detroit man was stopped at Mack at Moross for improper lane use.

The man said he was trying to avoid potholes. A LEIN check revealed the man's driver license was suspended.

He was arrested and issued citations before he posted a \$100 bond and was released at 10:10 p.m.

Driving status suspended

At 9:40 a.m. on Tuesday, Jan. 10, a 25-year-old St. Clair Shores woman was clocked driving 37 miles per hour in a 25 mph zone (Marter Road).

A LEIN check revealed the woman's driving status was suspended; so she was arrested and taken into custody. In addition, her car was impounded.

Computer larceny

On Monday, Jan. 16, at approximately 3:20 p.m., a laptop computer was removed from an unlocked vehicle parked on the street

in the 15000 block of Kercheval in Grosse Pointe Park.

Toro taken from garage

On Thursday, Jan. 12, between 10 a.m. and 8:15 p.m., a red electric Toro edger was taken from an unlocked garage of a home in the 1400 block of Lakepointe in Grosse Pointe Park.

Stolen

On Monday, Jan. 9, at 6:50 p.m., an unlocked 20-inch boys red/silver bike was removed from a business in the 15000 block of Jefferson in Grosse Pointe Park.

Assisting

On Monday, Jan. 9, at 2:03 a.m., Grosse Pointe Park police officers were called to assist in another matter involving a stolen 2002 Cadillac Escalade, taken in Detroit and found in the rear of a property in the 2100 block of Alter Road.

Car taken

Overnight on Saturday, Jan. 14, a 2003 Pontiac Grand Am was taken from the street in front of a home in the 1300 block of Lakepointe in Grosse Pointe Park.

Jeep Liberty gone from Park

On Wednesday, Jan. 11, at approximately 1:30 p.m., a

dark blue 2003 Jeep Liberty was taken from the driveway of a home in the 700 block of Barrington in Grosse Pointe Park.

Busted

On Friday, Jan. 13, at 3:25 p.m., a 17-year-old Detroit man was located by Grosse Pointe Park police officers attempting to enter a 2002 Dodge Neon parked at a home in the 500 block of Lakepointe.

The teenager was arrested and taken into custody.

Drug related

On Tuesday, Jan. 10, at 8:02 p.m., a 41-year-old Detroit woman was begging at the intersection of Kercheval and Nottingham in Grosse Pointe Park.

Police officers questioned the woman and found her to be in possession of narcotics. She was arrested immediately.

— Bob St. John

Fallen ash being replaced in Shores

By Brad Lindberg  
Staff Writer

More trees were planted on municipal property in Grosse Pointe Shores during 2005 than were cut down due to emerald ash borers.

"This year, 25 new trees were planted throughout the village," said Brett Marshall, chairman of the village tree board. "Emerald ash borer has claimed four more ash trees this year."

Ash tree losses totaled 15, with approximately 315 remaining.

"Of the ones still surviving, the majority are in great shape," Marshall said.

He said some diseased ash had been infected by borers for "a long time." Others trees were injured and more susceptible to borer infestation.

"We're finding trees with weak root systems, which is causing early decline," Marshall said.

Shores employees have been trained to inject ash trees with insecticide proven to protect against emerald ash borers.

The invasive insects have killed about 15 million ash trees in Michigan since arriving in western Wayne County nearly 10 years ago. Although no one knows exactly how the bug landed in North America, it was likely hidden inside wood comprising a crate of manu-

Cold makes smooth skating at City park

By Brad Lindberg  
Staff Writer

Old Man Winter trumped three chilling machines set up at Neff Park to ensure the new skating rink stays frozen.

An early-season cold snap had the chillers sitting almost idle during the run-up to Christmas. Machines designed to maintain ice at 24 degrees weren't needed when nature blew in freezing weather.

When temperatures returned to normal this year, however, chillers clicked on and did their job.

The rink and warming house are open noon to 9 p.m. Sunday through Thursday and noon to 10 p.m. Friday and Saturday.

Busiest hours have been between the end of school and dinner.

"As word of mouth gets to our residents, more and

more people are coming down," said Christopher Hardenbrook, City director of parks and recreation.

Hockey isn't allowed. Hardenbrook confiscates pucks from hockey players who won't take no for an answer.

On the other hand, broom ball, a brand of watered-down hockey, is encouraged.

"We had 12 guys out for the first broom ball Saturday," he said.

Hardenbrook might organize a league if enough people show interest.

Until last year, skating took place at Elworthy Field.

Shifting activity to Neff Park was part of a general effort to make Neff a focus of year-round activity.

"It was so well received by residents we thought it would be great to have a refrigerated ice rink," Hardenbrook said. "Then we wouldn't have to depend on weather."

Independence from weather came sooner than later. Members of the Grosse Pointe Foundation offered to pay half the cost of the rink.

Chiller machines or not, cold wind and the ice rink outside his office had Hardenbrook thinking of home. He's from Marquette.

"When we had snow for two days that really reminded me of up north," he said.

He enjoys keeping the rink clean for smooth skating.

"We bought a snow blower to make it easier to clear the rink," Hardenbrook said. "I don't know if I was working or playing."

He cleared the rink and more.

"I cleared paths on the pool deck and around the chillers," he said. "I started doing walkways and the pavilion. Sure, it needed to be done. But I was enjoying it."

City of Grosse Pointe Woods, Michigan

NOTICE TO BIDDERS : 2006 GMC W42  
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Sealed bids will be received by the City at the office of the City Clerk, 20025 Mack Plaza, Grosse Pointe Woods, Michigan, until 9:30 a.m. on Wednesday, February 1, 2006, at which time and place the proposals will be publicly opened and read aloud for furnishing the following item: 2006 GMC W42 Commercial Chassis Step Van with dual rear wheels and aluminum package delivery body - 14,500 GVWR or more. Copies of specifications and bid sheets may be obtained from the City Clerk. The City reserves the right to reject any or all proposals, to waive any irregularities in the bidding and to accept any proposals it deems to be in the best interest of the City.

Lisa Hathaway  
City Clerk

GPN: 01/19/2006

CITY OF HARPER WOODS  
WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN  
SYNOPSIS: REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
DECEMBER 19, 2006

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

ROLL CALL: All Councilpersons were present.

MOTIONS PASSED

- 1) To receive, approve and file the minutes of the regular City Council meeting held December 5, 2005.
- 2) That the agenda of the regular City Council meeting having been acted upon, the meeting is hereby adjourned at 8:14 p.m.

RESOLUTION PASSED

- 1) To approve the following items on the Consent Agenda: (1) Approve the Accounts Payable listing for Check Numbers 75831 through 76005 in the amount of \$444,303.08 as submitted by the City Manager and Finance Director, and further authorize the Mayor and city Clerk to sign the listing. (2) Approve payment to Marine City Nursery in the amount of \$5,360.00 for the purchase and planting of 40 trees in the City. (3) Approve payment to Wayne County in the amount of \$5,075.00 for prisoner lodging and maintenance for the month of October 2005. (4) Approve payment in the amount of \$5,741.00 to the Michigan Municipal League for membership dues covering the period February 1, 2006 through January 31, 2007. (5) Approve payment to Honeywell Building Solutions in the amount of \$17,112.00 for a three-year maintenance contract for the heating and cooling system at City Hall. (6) Approve final payment number five to Grosse Pointe Farms in the amount of \$37,591.18 for our annual lease payment for the radio system.
- 2) To deny and refer the request to re-zone a vacant lot at 18555 Eastwood from R-1 Residential to C-1 Commercial, back to the Planning Commission for further review and explanation, or report, on what basis the Commissioners voted against the recommendation of the Planning Consultant to deny the requested re-zoning.
- 3) To renew the City's participation in the Michigan Municipal League's Liability and Property Pool for 2006 in the amount of \$234,677 for coverage as stated in their renewal proposal and, further that competitive bidding be waived in accordance with City Policy, and further, this renewal is subject to final review and approval by the City Manager's office.
- 4) To approve payment to Galui Construction Company, Inc. in the amount of \$27,513.04 for Progress Payment No. 11 on the 2003/04/05 Concrete Pavement Repair Program, #180-076/081/088.

Kenneth A. Poynter, Mayor

Published: GPN, Jan. 19, 2006

Mickey D. Todd, City Clerk

CITY OF HARPER WOODS  
WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN  
SYNOPSIS: REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
JANUARY 4, 2006

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

ROLL CALL: All Councilpersons were present except Mayor Pro tem Vivian M. Sawicki & Councilperson John M. Szymanski.

MOTIONS PASSED

- 1) To excuse Mayor Pro tem Vivian M. Sawicki and Councilperson John M. Szymanski from tonight's meeting because of prior commitments.
- 2) To receive, approve and file the minutes of the regular City Council meeting held December 19, 2005, and furthermore, receive and file the minutes of the Board of Zoning Appeals meeting held on December 21, 2005.
- 3) To hold Goal Setting sessions on February 6th and February 22nd immediately following the regularly scheduled City Council meetings.
- 4) That the agenda of the regular City Council meeting having been acted upon, the meeting is hereby adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

RESOLUTION PASSED

- 1) To approve the following items on the Consent Agenda: (1) Approve the Accounts Payable listing for Check Numbers 76006 through 76163 in the amount of \$665,684.11 as submitted by the City Manager and Finance Director, and further, authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to sign the listing. (2) Approve payment to Anderson, Eckstein & Westrick, Inc. in the amount of \$5,038.00 for professional services during the month of November 2005 for the following projects: 2005 Pavement Joint & Crack Sealing, #180-089; 2005 General, #180-090; the High School Project, #180-091 and the 2005 Concrete Pavement Repair Project, #180-088. (3) Approve payment to Value Trends, Inc. in the amount of \$13,000.00 for their appraisal services in conjunction with the Ad valorem Appeal for Eastland Center.
- 2) To approve payment to Wayne County in the amount of \$163,963.25 for the operation and maintenance of the Milk River Drain for the 1st quarter of FY 2006.
- 3) To adopt the following Resolution: The City Council of the City of Harper Woods hereby directs that all labor contract negotiations, mediations, Act 312 arbitrations, grievance arbitration hearings or sessions where the City of Harper Woods is a party to the proceedings be held in City facilities located within the City of Harper Woods unless otherwise ordered by a court of competent jurisdiction.)

Kenneth A. Poynter, Mayor

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Mickey D. Todd, City Clerk



# EyesOn Design awards outstanding designers

Grosse Pointe Dr. Philip C. Hessburg, president of the Detroit Institute of Ophthalmology in Grosse

who as General Motors vice president of design led the revitalization of Cadillac; Trevor Creed, senior vice

## Autos

By Richard Wright



Pointe Park, proclaims himself not a "car guy." But, he admits, he knows guys who are.

In what is becoming a regular appearance at the North American International Auto Show, Hessburg, who last led the EyesOn Design show from a local event in the Grosse Pointe Academy parking lot to a major internationally acclaimed automotive design show, introduced a star-spangled panel of automotive design experts headed by Tom Gale, former Chrysler Corp. executive vice president of design who led the corporation to a leadership position in design, who selected three winners of EyesOn Design awards.

Presenting judges with Gale were William G. Davidson, senior vice president and chief styling officer of Harley-Davidson and a grandson of one of the founders of the motorcycle firm; Giorgetto Giugiaro, a founding partner of ItalDesign and designer of such vehicles as the Fiat Panda and Puto among many others; and Michael Graves, American architect and interior designer.

Judges included such luminaries as Wayne Cherry,

president of design for DaimlerChrysler Corp.; Charles M. Jordan, who retired as GM vice president of design in 1992; J. Mays, group vice president of design at Ford Motor Co.; Jack Telnack, former Ford Motor Co. vice president of global design who presided over creation of the Ford Aero styling of the 1983 Ford Thunderbird, and Edward T. Welburn Jr., General Motors vice president of global design.

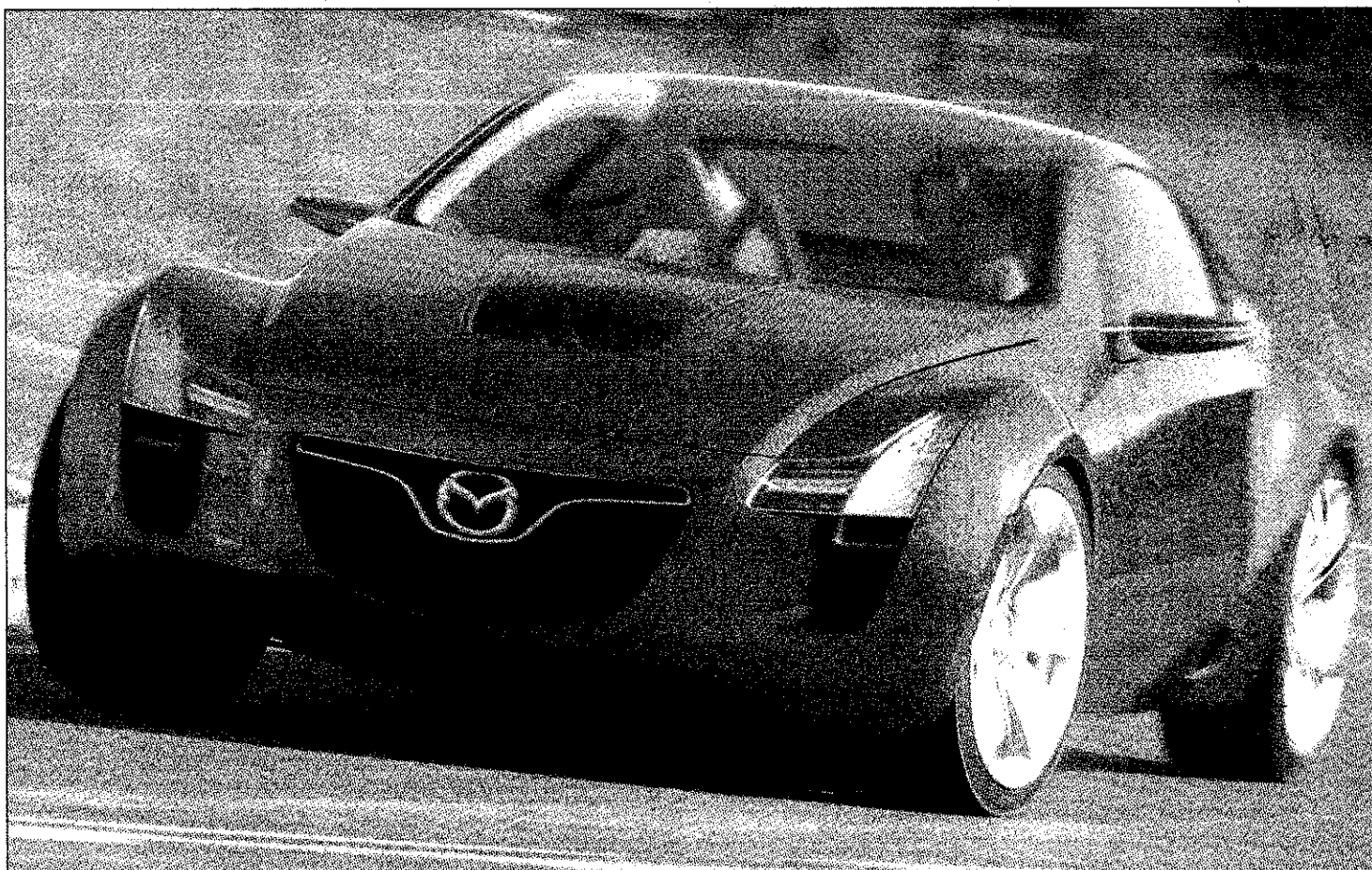
Three sporty cars — a European exotic, a Japanese concept car and an updating of an American classic — won EyesOn Design awards. The judges selected three award winners:

- Aesthetics and Innovation Award: The Mazda Kabura.
- Concept Implementation Award: Chevrolet Camaro.
- Functionality Award: Ferrari FFX.

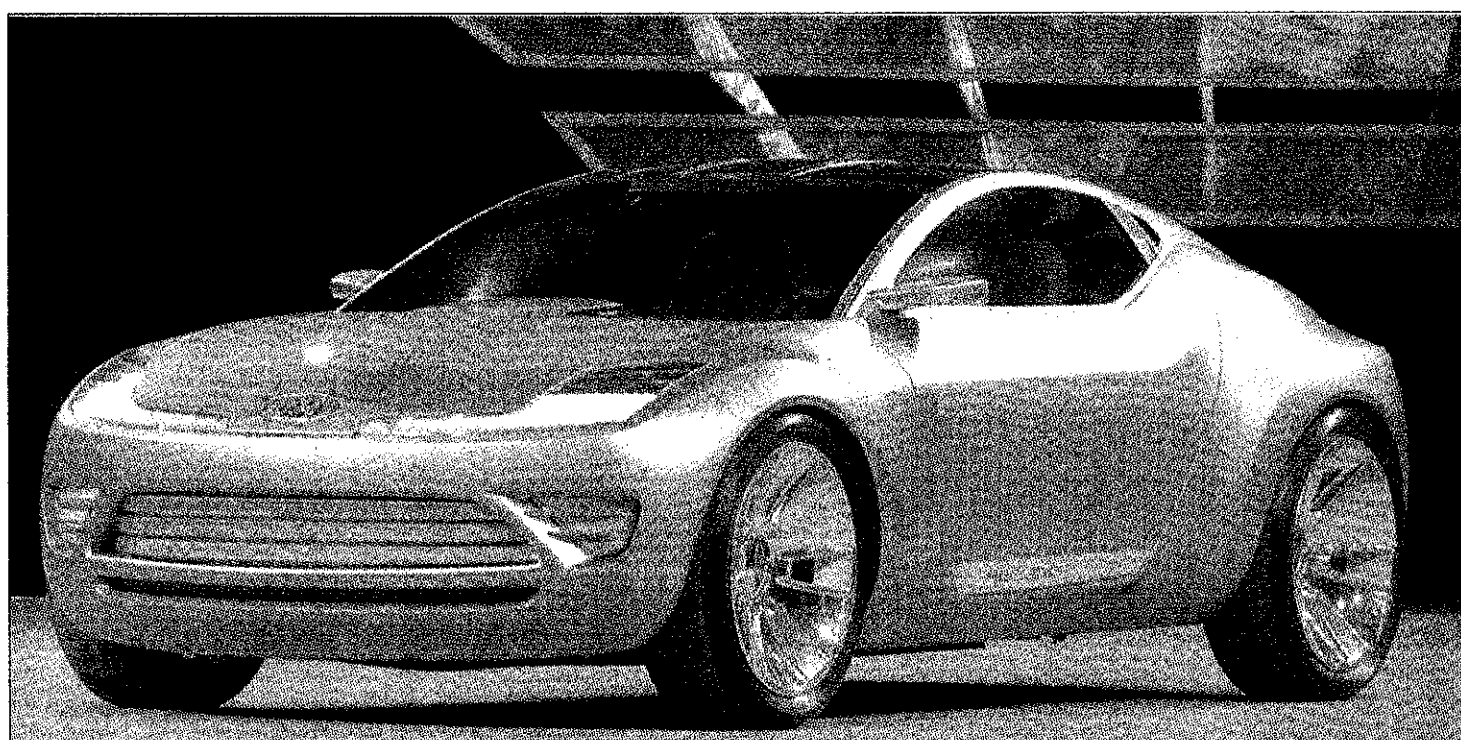
### Ford: Bold and American

Whatever else is in Ford's future, you can be sure of one thing — it will be bold and American. Driving home the theme of "bold American

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The Detroit Institute of Ophthalmology presented its Aesthetics and Innovation Award to the Mazda Kabura concept car.



The Ford Reflex concept car represented an interesting approach to small-car design.

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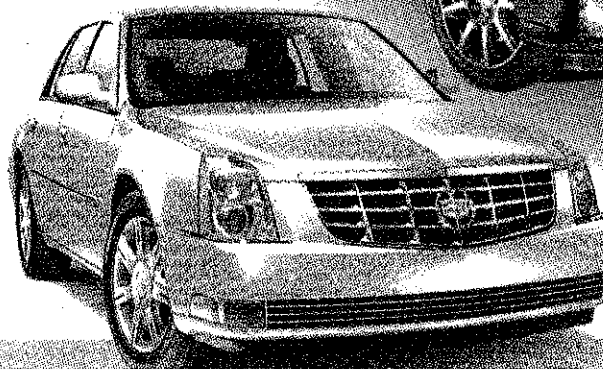
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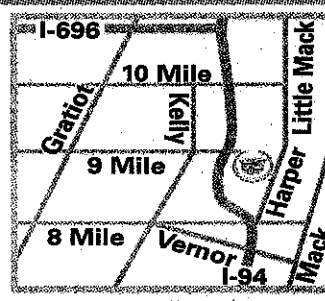
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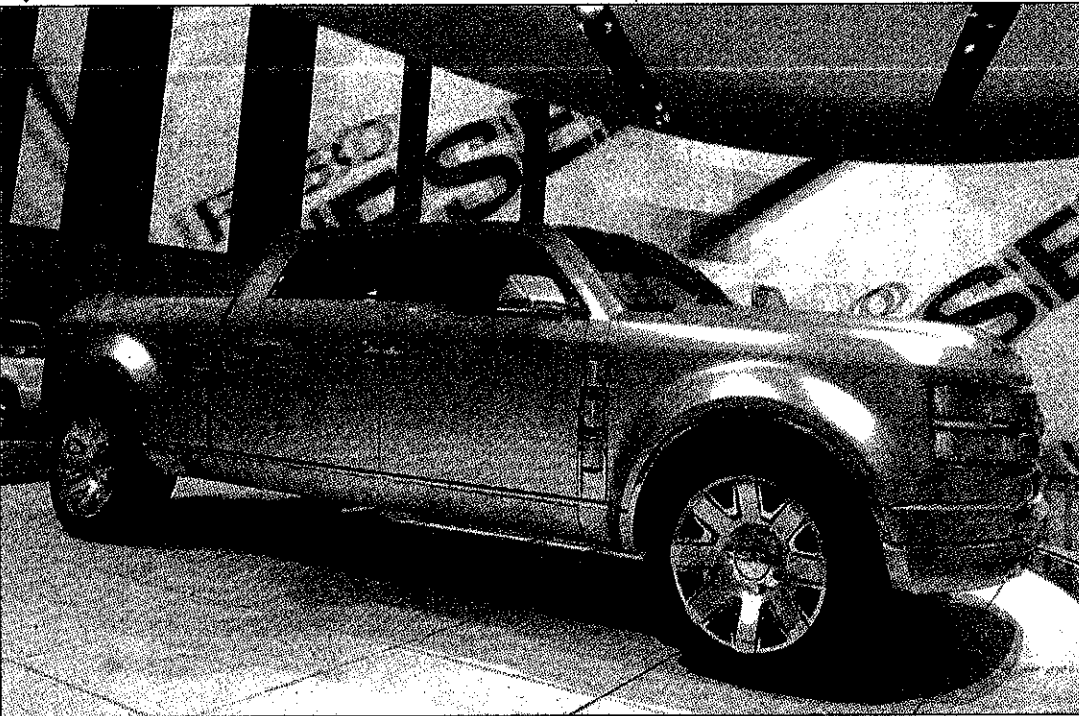
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The Ford F-250 Super Chief concept took its styling cues from the locomotives of the 20th century.

Design

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design," Ford Motor Co. unveiled two new 2007 production vehicles and two new concepts at the show.

The 2007 Ford Edge is that company's bid to carve a niche in the "crossover utility vehicle" segment, which Ford describes as the fastest-growing market segment.

A car-based five-passenger "CUV," The Edge is powered by a new 3.5-liter V-6, and all-wheel drive is available. The vehicle actually looks more like a station wagon than a sport utility, especially with its Panoramic Vista Roof.

The other new production car introduced is the 2007 Ford Shelby GT500 Mustang convertible, the most powerful Mustang ever, with a 5.4-liter 475-horsepower V-8 with intercooled supercharger.

"We will be America's car company," vowed Mark Fields, president, The Americas, Ford Motor Co.

Ford also introduced two concept vehicles: a small Ford Reflex which features reverse-hinged "butterfly" doors, mesh seats and an advanced diesel-electric hybrid engine which drives the Reflex from 0 to 60 in less than seven seconds, and a very large truck, the Ford

F-250 Super Chief concept.

The interesting thing about the Reflex is that it appears to be a serious attempt to build a small, fuel efficient car that Americans might be interested in buying.

At the other end of the size scale is the Super Chief, a concept truck which draws its styling cues from some of the great trains of the 20th century and features a supercharged V-10 engine which can run on gasoline, ethanol or hydrogen.

The return of the Camaro

It was a noisy unveiling of a concept car. Accompanied by a marching drum corps from Saginaw, and a bevy of high-performance Camaros from the late '60s, Chevrolet presented its modern concept of the Camaro.

It was an impressive showing of an impressive car, a car with a history and with a pre-made rank of enthusiasts. The Chevrolet Camaro was introduced in 1967, largely in response to the success of Ford's Mustang.

As a lower cost volume car, it had a small six-cylinder engine, as did the Mustang. But Chevrolet had learned its lesson with the 1953 Corvette, which had the same six-cylinder Blue

Flame engine as was in Chevy's family sedan, and the sluggish PowerGlide automatic transmission. Chevrolet offered the Camaro with an optional V-8.

It was the higher-performance versions of the Camaro which finally gave it its personality. While the Mustang went on to become a chic's car and eventually hot performer, the Camaro went for the young male market that later coalesced into the muscle car crowd.

The 2006 Camaro concept leaves no doubt that it is a muscle car. In a body strongly evocative of the earlier Camaro is a 400-horsepower six-liter V-8, mated to a six-speed manual gearshift.

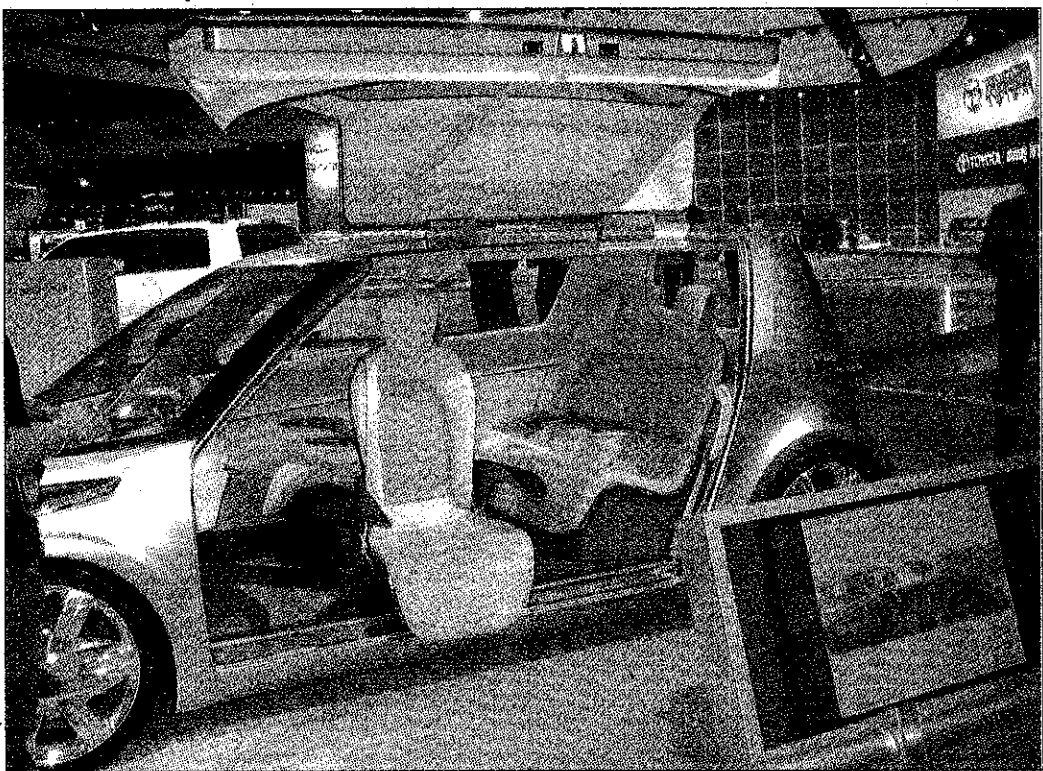
Declining sales caused Chevrolet to cancel the Camaro at the end of the 2002 model year, but the car's many fans are obviously enthusiastic about its possible return.

The 2006 concept looks like a Camaro. But while the early models were rounded and flowing like European sports cars of the day, the new concept features sharp corners, a lower profile and a high beltline — like contemporary European sports cars.

But under the hood and in personality, it is a far cry from the first six-cylinder automatic Camaros.



Chevrolet conjured its classic Camaro with this concept car. The Camaro was built from 1967 to 2002.



A glimpse of the future?

This Toyota concept car, the Fine-T, is a hydrogen fuel cell hybrid with drive-by-wire instrumentation. Seat controls help passengers get in and out and everything, including the gullwing doors, is operated by buttons.

Turbocharged Acura RDX Prototype debuts at the NAIS

The highly anticipated Acura RDX Prototype SUV debuted at the North American International Auto Show.

Combining sport utility with sports sedan handling and performance, RDX features an innovative 2.3-liter four-cylinder turbocharged engine, Acura's exclusive Super Handling All-Wheel Drive (SH-AWD), and is designed to redefine the entry premium SUV segment. This near-production prototype provides an advance preview of the all-new RDX that will go on sale this summer.

"The RDX Prototype represents the forward thinking that will be seen in the next generation of Acura light trucks," said John Mendel, senior vice president, auto operations. "It is loaded with leading-edge technology and it exemplifies what we call intelligent performance: a sporty, luxurious and functional SUV that has outstanding performance yet is also fuel efficient."

RDX features an all-new 2.3-liter i-VTEC four-cylinder turbocharged engine that generates 240 horsepower and 260 pound-feet of torque. This is the first application of forced induction technology in Acura history. The revolutionary i-VTEC Turbo technology uses a variable flow turbocharger, which is exclusive to the RDX, and provides dramatic performance benefits while maintaining excellent fuel efficiency. To complement the all-aluminum high-performance engine, the RDX uti-

lizes Acura's steering wheel-mounted paddle shifters to manually operate the 5-speed sequential SportShift automatic transmission.

Acura's Super Handling-AWD system is tuned specifically for the new RDX platform. SH-AWD's sophisticated electronic controls automatically distribute torque fore and aft, as well as splitting the rear torque left to right. The result is dramatically enhanced handling, traction and stability during sporty driving as well as in inclement weather. A sophisticated chassis with fully independent front and rear suspension complement the SH-AWD. Vehicle Stability Assist (VSA) combines with large disc brakes and ABS to enhance control.

The RDX is built on an all-new global light truck platform. Reflecting Acura's commitment to safety through innovation, the RDX is equipped with the Advanced Compatibility Engineering (ACE) body structure and additional state-of-the-art safety features. The ACE structure helps to disperse collision forces over a larger frontal area. The system also helps to provide enhanced protection for vehicle occupants while at the same time increasing compatibility with other vehicles in a frontal collision. Front, side and side curtain air bags, in addition to rollover sensors add an extra measure of safety.

The chiseled exterior styling combines with a generous greenhouse to provide excellent visibility for driving in city traffic or on twisty

mountain roads. RDX employs a compact upper body with an aggressively raked beltline, sporty wheel flares and a substantial hood that flows down from the windshield to an aggressive Acura signature five-sided grille. Custom 19-inch alloy wheels give the RDX Prototype an aggressive stance. Dual exhaust tips, HID headlights, and a rear spoiler add to the sporty appearance of the vehicle.

Inside, the RDX combines richly appointed materials with a sporty, driver-oriented cockpit. The center console features an innovative storage system, which allows for hidden and lockable storage of a briefcase or laptop computer. The prototype's interior features an assortment of leading-edge technologies, such as the Acura Navigation System with Voice Recognition, AcuraLink satellite communication system with real time traffic and HandsFreeLink wireless telephone interface. A premium Acura/ELS DVD-Audio system is tuned to deliver rich surround sound to the cabin.

The RDX offers seating for five and a versatile rear cargo hatch allows for easy load-in and storage. The second row seats split and fold flat into the floor, providing ample cargo space for an active, on-the-go lifestyle.

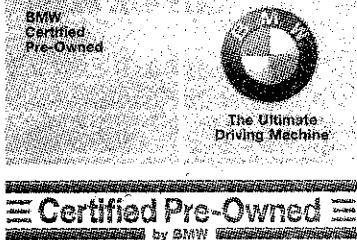
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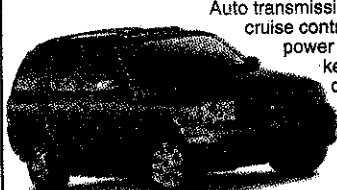
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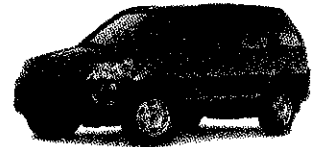
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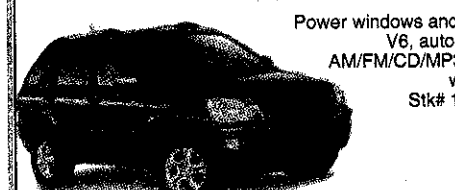
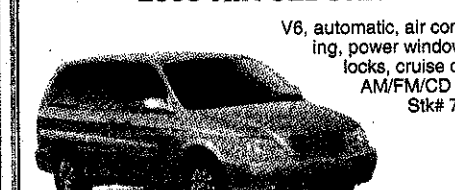
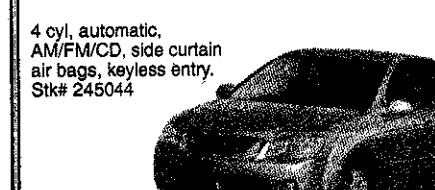
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January 19, 2006

## A-birding we will go

By Brad Lindberg  
Staff Writer

If it walks like a duck, quacks like a duck, is black and white with hints of emerald green on the head and a white spot on each cheek, it's not just any duck.

It's a male common gold-eneye duck.

If it walks like a hawk, screams like a hawk, is brown and white, stocky, with broad wings and a red fan-shaped tail, it's not just any hawk.

It's a red-tailed hawk. There's a fighting chance members of both winged species will be perched within walking distance of each other this Saturday morning on the grounds of the Edsel & Eleanor Ford House in Grosse Pointe Shores.

At 8 a.m., Jan. 21, the first bird walk of the year begins at the 87-acre estate occupying Gaukler Pointe.

There's room for nearly three-dozen walkers to line up under the leadership of Rosann Kovalcik, bird enthusiast and owner of Wild Birds Unlimited in Grosse Pointe Woods.

Enrollment is limited to 30 people at \$6 each. Advance registration is required by calling the Ford House at (313) 884-4222. Walks last about 1 1/2 hours.

"Afterward we go into the kitchen and have hot coffee, hot chocolate and tally birds we've seen that day," Kovalcik said.

Kovalcik reminds participants to dress warm and wear waterproof footwear.

"This hobby is year-round, whether it is snowy or rainy," she said. "We bring extra binoculars for people who don't have them."

Kovalcik has been shepherding monthly (except December and summer) birdwalkers at the wooded, lakeside Ford estate for nearly 10 years.

Her January walks typically yield sightings of about 25 species, from red-bellied woodpecker to peregrine falcon.

She's tallied dark-eyed junco, snow bunting and winter wren.

She's heard the "pidara pidara pidaro" call of the Carolina wren and the "see sooo sideeda sldio" of the brown creeper.

So far, winter walks haven't turned up gray catbirds or turkey vultures. But who knows what Saturday morning will bring?

"Maybe we will get to see the eagle," Kovalcik said.

She was referring to a bald eagle sighted the last few weeks along the western Lake St. Clair shoreline.

"Speaking of raptors," Kovalcik said, "we've had increased numbers of hawk sightings. I think that's because it's easier to see hawks when there's not leaves on trees."

"Other birds that may be found at the Ford House this time of year are white-breasted nuthatch, tufted titmouse, tundra swan, American goldfinch, house finch and Cooper's hawk," said Bill Rapai, president of

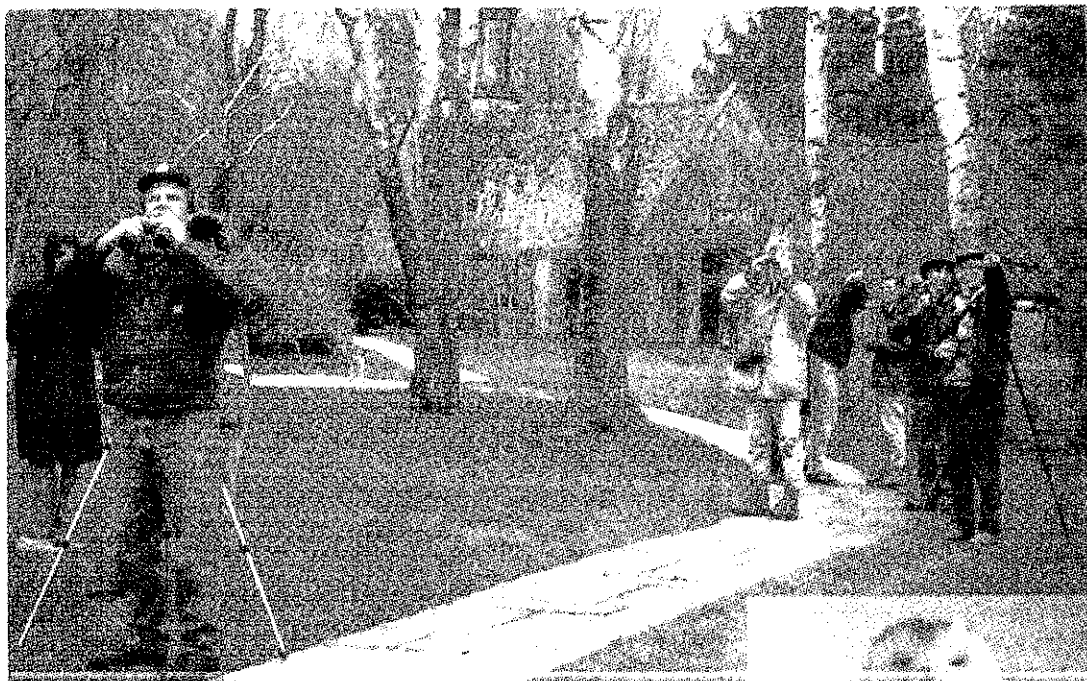


Photo courtesy of Edsel &amp; Eleanor Ford House

the Grosse Pointe Audubon Society and City resident.

Southeast Michigan, and the Ford estate in particular, is fertile territory for birdwatching.

Lake St. Clair offers open water for fishing, which explains the sharp-eyed eagle perched in treetops along the waterfront.

"If the water is open, Lake St. Clair has the largest population of certain ducks that call Lake St. Clair their winter grounds," Kovalcik said. "They come down here for the same reason the eagle would be here — food. Birds are always going to go where there's food."

The mixed hardwood habitat, meadows and wetlands preserved when Eleanor Ford willed the family homestead be held in trust for the community

provides a smorgasbord for migratory birds seeking respite.

"Different types of trees attract different types of insects and, therefore, different types of birds," Kovalcik said.

A section of the estate was designed specifically for birds.

Jens Jensen, top landscape architect hired in the late 1920s to fashion the property with natural flair, transformed a sandbar into a peninsula called Bird Island. Jensen ordered planting of seed-bearing shrubs to attract songbirds.

Winds from northern Canada often bear birds that otherwise wouldn't fly this far south, such as snowy owl and Iceland gull.

"There is always the chance of seeing something arctic or boreal," Kovalcik

Native to the Caribbean, magnificent frigatebirds are known as aerial pirates because they steal food from gulls in flight. Their 90-inch wingspan reportedly gives them the longest wing-to-height ratio of any bird.

Birkner made his sighting last fall at his cottage on Lake Huron in Ontario, Canada. It goes to show what may turn up.

Random sightings of rare, often colorful and sometimes quirky birds fuel the passion of birdwatchers.

"The challenge is, 'I wonder what I can find today,'" Birkner said.

This weekend Kovalcik will be on the lookout for a brown creeper.

The five-inch-long bird has feathers of reddish, brown and gray — perfect camouflage against a background of tree bark.

Creepers have strong talons for latching onto tree trunks. A stiff tail provides additional support and balance while creepers use their thin bill to probe bark crevasses for such things as spider eggs and beetle larvae.

"You can always tell them, even from a distance, because they'll get so far up in a tree, then go to the next tree," Kovalcik said. "But they start at the bottom again and kind of spiral up."

For more information about the Edsel & Eleanor Ford House, 1100 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Shores, see the Web site [www.fordhouse.org](http://www.fordhouse.org).

Bird photo by Peter Birkner  
Snowy owl

said. "The boreal forest in Canada is one of the main breeding grounds for birds that spend time in South America."

Winds blow both ways.

Peter Birkner, a bird-watcher from St. Clair Shores, credited south winds left over from powerful hurricanes for sighting a magnificent frigatebird.

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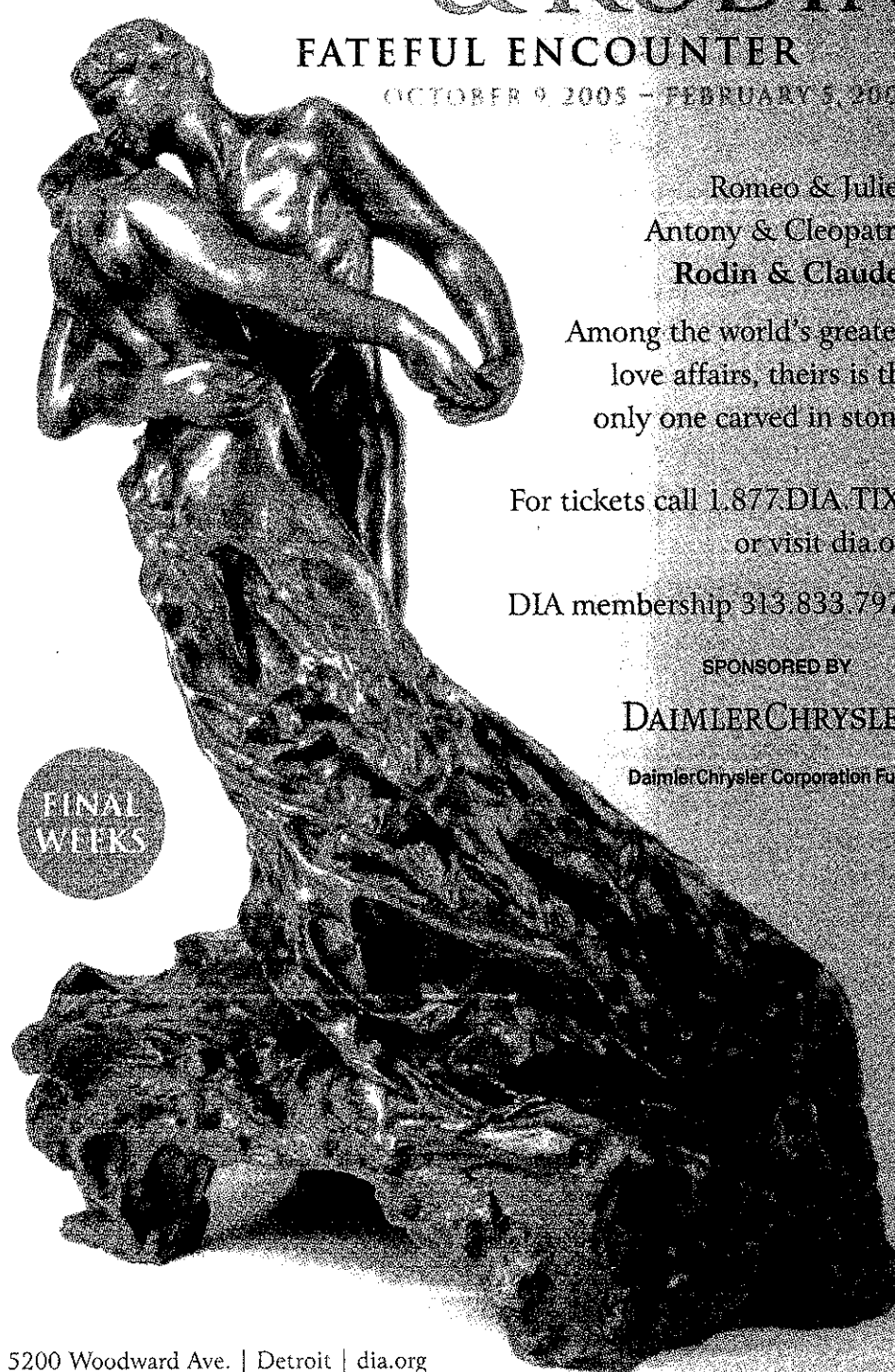
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# G.P. poster honors Van Elslander Cancer Center staff

By Beth Quinn  
Staff Writer

Cancer is a journey, a terrifying journey.

Betty Carpenter of Grosse Pointe Farms knows this all too well. Since being diagnosed in 2003, she admits that her life has been turned upside down.

However, she considers herself to be blessed because she was a patient at St. John Hospital and Medical Center's cancer facility, the Van Elslander Cancer Center in Grosse Pointe Woods. She refers to the center's staff members as her angels.

"Every pair of hands that touched me was gentle and kind," Carpenter said.

One day as she was driving up to the center, she saw that the valets were wearing jeans. When she inquired why they were casually dressed, she was told that employees who contributed to the needy-patient fund were entitled to take part in Casual Fridays. They told her stories about patients who lost their jobs and who didn't have enough to eat.

"I've been through the

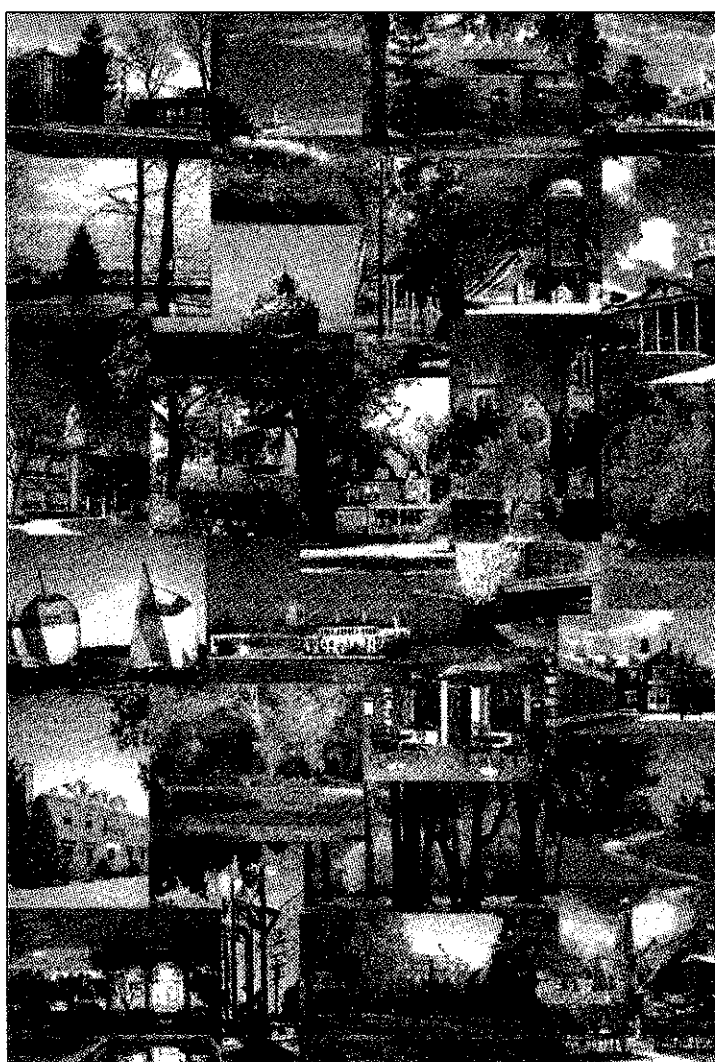
wringer but I wanted to help and contribute to this fund to aid these people."

Carpenter was also looking for a way of giving back to the center for the outstanding treatment it was giving her. She decided to use her talent as a professional photographer to raise money for the center. She is the creator of the well-known poster depicting emblematic scenes of Grosse Pointe. Since that poster was produced 15 years ago, Carpenter decided to make a new one and donate the proceeds to the center.

The Van Elslander Cancer Center's administrative director of oncology services, Donna Handly, also from the Farms, is delighted that Carpenter created a new poster in honor of the center and its staff members.

"Many people look for ways to give back for the treatment they receive here. It's really touching to me that Betty feels so strongly about us," Handly said. "It (the poster) is really an act of love on her part."

Handly agrees with Carpenter that the Van Elslander staff is comprised



GROSSE POINTE

Photos courtesy of Betty Carpenter

The proceeds of Betty Carpenter's new poster of Grosse Pointe, above, benefit the Van Elslander Cancer Center in Grosse Pointe Woods.

From the moment patients arrive at the center, right, they are greeted by caring and compassionate staff members.

of highly competent professionals who care profoundly about the emotions and feelings of their patients and the patients' families. The entire staff — from the valets who greet people at the entrance to the oncologists — works as a team to provide outstanding customer service.

"The goal of the entire staff is to provide a support level unparalleled in the community," Handly said. "We assess each patient individually to see where they are physically and emotionally."

"Every single person who works here is critical to the care of the patients. Everybody does whatever they can to meet the needs of our patients."

Taking care of patients' physical, emotional and spiritual well-being is integral in battling cancer. Handly noted that research demonstrates that patients have better outcomes if their stress levels can be reduced during their treatment.

The architects of the state-of-the-art Van Elslander Cancer Center designed it to provide everything cancer patients and their caregivers need for cancer treatment and recovery under one roof. The round infusion room, where chemotherapy is administered, has large windows to make the room sunny and cheery. There is a meditation room for prayer and solitude in which a weekly service of healing is held.

The Valade Healing Arts Center offers massages, reflexology, yoga, holistic consultation, a smoking cessation program, music and art therapies.

"The planners thought of everything — even the air circulation is engineered to eliminate that hospital smell, because they know how upsetting that smell can be," said Carpenter.

Carpenter's gratitude to the center also inspired her to bring together the Van Elslander Cancer Center and the Grosse Pointe Chamber of Commerce. She felt that they could benefit from an affiliation with one another.

"Both really believe in this community," Carpenter said. "One of the Chamber's goals is to promote the community to Grosse Pointers so they will have more pride in this community. The Van Elslander Center has a zeal about offering this community the highest quality of treatment available."

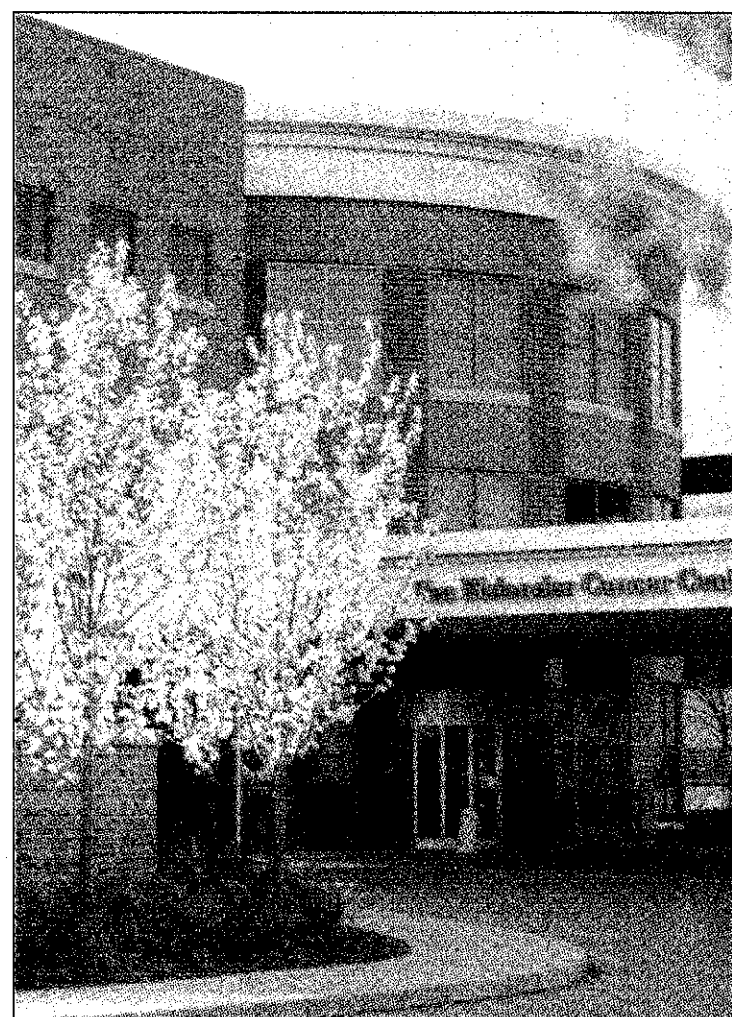
"It (the Van Elslander Center) adds so much value to our community," said Mary Huebner, co-executive director of the Chamber.

"It's such a world-renowned facility."

Carpenter has created an exhibit, titled "In the Hands of Angels," showcasing the Van Elslander Center for the Chamber of Commerce's inaugural dinner at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial on Wednesday, Jan. 25. The display honors the center's staff by showing quotes from and photographs of three staff members: parking attendant Kristopher D. Natschke, laboratory assistant Joan Bass, and oncologist Dr. Robert M. O'Bryan.

"This trilogy sums up the entire Van Elslander staff," Carpenter said. "It's not an 'I', it's a 'we'. Without its people, the center would just be a nice pile of bricks."

Carpenter's poster will also be sold by the Chamber at the inaugural dinner and at its online store at [grossepointechamberofcommerce.org](http://grossepointechamberofcommerce.org); and can also be purchased at Posterity: A Gallery in the Village and the Great Frame Up in Grosse Pointe Woods. All proceeds benefit the Van Elslander Cancer Center.



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## Angel tree

Co-chairmen Lisa Thams of Grosse Pointe Farms and Nicole Polizzi of Grosse Pointe Woods stand in front of an Angel Tree Ministries Christmas tree. The two women are coordinators for this interdenominational outreach program for the children of Wayne County prisoners. Polizzi obtained the names of the children from the Prison Fellowship's Angel Tree program. Some 35 families in Grosse Pointe participated in the program by buying gifts for the more than 100 children of Wayne County inmates. A local teen hockey team also brought presents for five children. Volunteers delivered the presents. This is the fourth year Polizzi has chaired the event. "Every year the children's little faces light up when we bring the gifts to them. They're so happy that their parents thought of them. This is sometimes the only gift they receive at Christmas," said Polizzi, whose father is a retired Detroit police officer. For more information about the program, e-mail Polizzi at nicolepolizzi@comcast.net.



Photo courtesy St. Paul Catholic School

## Spreading the warmth

St. Paul Catholic School students are collecting new or gently used hats, scarves, gloves and socks for several community parishes which are in need, as well as for Catholic Social Services. Boxes sit outside the main office waiting to be filled. In the past, students have visited some Detroit area schools, such as Holy Trinity Catholic School, where they spent a winter day with those students. One first-grade boy, while walking with a St. Paul parent and child, said, "My sister and I have to share the scarf I am wearing. It's so cold. I'm glad today is my day for the scarf." These visits and work with the homeless and other are real-life reminders to St. Paul students of how young and old are lacking in basic comforts.

As the boxes fill up, so do the hopes of helping make simple wishes of those in need come true. Eighth-grader Ben VanBerkum, sixth-grader Katelyn Forbes and St. Paul Principal Mary Miller (middle) await more socks, hats, scarves and mittens to be put into the decorated boxes.

## Tuesday Musicales at GP United Methodist Church

Grosse Pointe United Methodist Church, 211 Moross, Grosse Pointe Farms, will be the site of a 10:30 a.m., Jan. 24, Tuesday Musicales of Detroit fifth morning concert.

The program includes "Mai, Op. 1, No. 2" by Gabriel Faure, "Oh, Quand

ke dors" by Franz Liszt, "Mandoline" by Gabriel Dupont, "Si mes vers avaient des ailes" by Reynaldo Hahn, "Clair de Lune Menuet, Op. 46, No. 2" by Gabriel Faure and "Notre Amour, Op. 23, No. 2" also by Faure.

Linda Munch is the soprano and Diana Munch will accompany on piano.

"Song for Cello and Piano" by Marin Goleminov, "Sonatina for Cello and Piano" by Parashkev Hadjiev, "Allegro, Adagio, Vivace" will be played by Minka Christoff-Cornelson, cello and Ginny Shover,

piano. "Movement I, Andante Molto" from "A Psalm Cycle" by William S. Hartley, "Entr'acte" from Act III of "Carmen" by Georges Bizet, "Movement II, Pastorale" from "Duo for Flute and Oboe" by A. Ginastera, "The Seasons: I Summer, II Autumn, III Winter, IV Spring" by Brian Kelly, a traditional Shaker hymn "Tis a Gift to be simple" arranged by David Weller and "Air I" from "Suite fur Zwei Altblockfloten und Violoncello" by G.F. Handel will be performed by Cheryl West, flute, guest Laura

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The Woodland Trio, from left, Kerstin Allvin, Jeffery Zook and Caroline Coade.

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## Technical support for seniors

I sometimes look on my computer as the symbol for all modern technology. So, I'm a little cynical when I hear how technology is helping seniors to a better life.

But I guess I have to question my belief. A plethora of technologies on display at a recent White House Conference on Aging are aimed at "helping seniors and their families live happy and healthy in their own home."

The chairman of the Center for Aging Services Technologies (CAST) who arranged the conference admits that recent technologies from e-mail to MP3s (I'm quoting, I don't have the vaguest idea what MP3s stands for), from online shopping to cell phones, haven't done a lot for seniors. "Now," he says, "it's time for technology to transform the experience of aging."

CAST brings together 400 businesses, groups, universities and others working to find new ways to improve life for older people. The focus for the technology involving older folks is in four important areas: disease prevention, early detection, caregiver support and maintaining independence. Here are some exam-

### Senior Scene

By  
Ruth  
Cain



ples of new products.

Intel has a phone for those with early and developing cases of memory-wasting Alzheimer's disease. A screen like that of a computer monitor sits next to the phone. It provides a photo of the caller, tells who he or she is and when they last talked. No more embarrassing pauses while the person getting the call tries to remember who the caller is.

A company called Accenture has developed a medicine cabinet that can be programmed to keep track of what medicine it holds and when it should be taken. A built-in camera scans the face of the person at the cabinet and a voice can remind that it's time to take a pill. If the wrong bottle is chosen, a voice warns of the error.

Congress may be very

concerned about medication errors in hospitals, but experts find that most of such errors occur at home.

The Medical Automation Research Center at the University of Virginia has developed floor sensors that track the movement of a senior. They can recognize changes in gait and detect a fall and call a caregiver for help. Another innovation is a bed that senses breathing rate and pulse and can call a caregiver for help if there is a sudden change.

The Oregon Health Sciences University knows that most people, including seniors, like to play games and has developed video games that track over time the dexterity and speed of the person playing them. Changes that can indicate neurological diseases are recorded and can help doctors to recognize patterns they couldn't from an occasional office visit. Note that this monitoring is not intended to be an invasion of a person's privacy, but to lead to early detection that will provide more effective help in treatment.

I recently saw an ad about a product called ClearSounds Freedom Phone, a product that makes use of technology to help those with moderate to severe hearing loss as well as those with vision problems.

As more and more baby boomers meet the 60-year mark, research on newer and better technology to help in the aging process will heat up. Unfortunately all the exercising, good nutrition and good attitudes aren't going to avoid the vision and hearing problems that accompany aging. But maybe advanced technology will deal with those problems also.

You may contact Ruth Cain at  
ruthcain@comcast.net



Friends and volunteers Patti Scherer, seventh grade, Parcels Middle School; and Elise Corden, seventh grade, Brownell Middle School, wearing white, helped make gift baskets.

## Holiday spirit across generations

The Christmas season has wound down, but the generosity of the community has left an impact others will remember for a long time.

On Dec. 14, the rooms at Services for Older Citizens (SOC) were filled with Christmas volunteers making holiday gift baskets for homebound seniors.

Over 200 local students, church groups and families gathered for an evening of assembling gift baskets, listening to Christmas music, eating pizza and sharing in

the holiday spirit with one another.

Over 250 gift baskets were assembled and delivered to local seniors for the Christmas holiday. Many calls came into the SOC office from seniors who received baskets expressing the joy to see the volunteers at their door with a beautiful basket and a warm smile.

"It was the highlight of my holiday," said one local senior. "I would not have seen another person or exchanged Christmas cheer

if it had not been for the volunteers bringing me a gift basket; it was a true blessing," said another. The calls and notes reconfirm the mission of SOC to make the holidays brighter for local seniors.

The community of Grosse Pointe and Harper Woods made this project successful, and SOC appreciates all the helping hands that assisted in collecting items, assembling and delivering baskets, and sharing your time and love with the elders of the community.

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## Michael Geibel

By Betsy Schulte

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**Family:** Grew up on Detroit's west side. Two kids: His son, Joe, a carpenter lives in Rochester Hills with his wife, Angela. Daughter, Adrienne, a music teacher in Redford has two children, Katie, age 9 and Mikey, age 11.

**Bio:** Mike's past includes a career in the Navy and as a Marine Corps Reserves lieutenant, a junior high math teacher in Detroit, and then 30 years as a social studies teacher at Finney High School. His hobbies include traveling, spiritual development and volunteering.

His volunteering has included work with the Master Gardeners and other gardening groups, ushering and greeting at the Unity Church in Royal Oak and, most recently, assisting in the Warming Center for the homeless. Mike also volunteers on a weekly basis at Services for Older Citizens; his duties have included delivering Meals on Wheels, escorting seniors on rides to appointments, working on special events and any-

thing else that might come up.

Mike believes volunteering gives us a strong purpose in life. He also believes that volunteering is our highest calling in life.

"There really is nothing more important than volunteering your time," explains Mike. "I have learned to recognize that volunteers get more out of volunteering than they put in. If you are blessed with good health, a little free time and prosperity, there's nothing more important than giving back. Your love and kindness can make a big difference to family, co-workers, the less fortunate and seniors and on and on. To me it is really like doing God's work here on Earth."

"There have been so many great volunteering experiences that have blessed my life: Spending time with a sweet senior couple that no longer can drive as I escort them to their appointments, spending a couple hours with a Meals on Wheels recipient on Thanksgiving Day, enjoying her wonderful company and warm per-

### POINTES OF LIGHT Volunteer of the month



sonality and meeting a senior with an injured hand at the flu shot clinic who wouldn't go to get his hand examined because his wife was sick and needed him more than his hand hurt. That experience still brings tears to my eyes. All these memories have helped me to learn that whatever you give back in life comes back to you tenfold."

One of Mike's heroes is Jimmy Carter, who said it best when he said, "Throughout my life, I've seen the difference that volunteering efforts can make in people's lives. I know the personal value of service as a local volunteer."

I think Mike has found that to be true, and we are pleased to honor Michael Geibel as volunteer of the month.

## SOC offers winter outings

Services for Older Citizens (SOC) offers the following trips for the season:

- The Hilberry Theatre will present "Electra" on Wednesday, Jan. 25.

Driven by an insatiable desire to avenge her father's death at the hands of her mother, Electra seeks and gains revenge and thus turns her triumph of justice into a tragic repetition of her mother's crime in Sophocles' immortal tragedy.

Tickets cost is \$20; \$23 for nonresidents.

Departure from SOC is at 1 p.m.

- Dine at the Hong Hua restaurant on Thursday, Jan. 26.

Specializing in seafood dishes, Hong Hua offers an array of Cantonese menu choices. It was voted "Restaurant of the Year" in only its second year by Hour Magazine. You can choose from sweet and sour chicken, stir-fried sliced beef with broccoli, or shrimp with lobster sauce.

Tickets cost is \$24; \$27 for nonresidents.

Departure from SOC is at

11 a.m.

- Dine at Charley's Crab on Thursday, Feb. 9.

Charley's Crab in Troy, has always been the company's flagship restaurant. And, for over 25 years, it has remained the No. 1 seafood restaurant in the metropolitan Detroit market.

Tickets cost is \$29; \$32 for nonresidents.

Departure from SOC is at 10:40 a.m.

- Visit the Detroit Science Center on Thursday, Feb. 16.

Ignite your desire for discovery with the largest touring exhibit on space exploration at The New Detroit Science Center. "Space: A Journey to Our Future" will take you on a fantastic voyage through the past, present and future of space exploration. You can even touch a moon rock.

Tickets cost is \$19; \$22 for nonresidents.

Departure from SOC is at 8:50 a.m.

- Visit the Windsor Casino on Monday, Feb. 20.

Journey to the Windsor Casino. Your price per per-

son is only \$9. With this you also receive a \$15 meal voucher or a \$10 gaming voucher. Register early; this trip fills up fast.

Tickets cost is \$9; \$12 for nonresidents.

Departure from SOC is at 9:30 a.m.

- Visit Windemere Park on Thursday, March 2.

Experience a new standard of senior living the whole family will enjoy. Featuring an indoor Main Street with neighborhood services, a domed, landscaped atrium and apartments that are 20 percent larger than in most other communities.

Tickets cost is \$10; \$13 for nonresidents.

Departure from SOC is at 10:15 a.m.

For more information or to register, call the SOC office at (313) 882-9600.

Services for Older Citizens, located at 17150 Waterloo in the City of Grosse Pointe, is a non-profit organization that provides comprehensive services for seniors in the five Grosse Pointes and Harper Woods.



## Dual diagnosis?

By Jeff Jay and Debra Jay  
Special Writers  
Dear Jeff and Debra:

Our 24-year-old son has begun treatment for excessive drinking. It's alcoholism, really, but it's hard to imagine that word applying to such a young person. Anyway, the counselor at the treatment center says that our son also suffers from anxiety disorder; so they will be treating him for both problems. The counselor says our son is "dual diagnosis" and that he may be a high risk for relapse. Can you tell us more?

— Worried Parents

Dear Worried:

About 15 percent of Americans have some kind of mental health problem or will suffer an acute episode of symptoms at some time during their lifetime (for example, unusually severe depression following the loss of a loved one). So, naturally, people suffering from alcoholism will have similar rates of co-occurring conditions (mental health and alcohol problems). Many

researchers believe that alcoholics and addicts suffer a much higher rate of mental health problems, and this may be true, but there are many problems in trying to diagnose these issues accurately.

For one thing, it's hard to distinguish Post Acute Withdrawal Syndrome (PAWS) from anxiety and depression in the early phase of alcoholism treatment. If the diagnostic work is done too early or without compensating for the effects of PAWS, then it is very easy to misdiagnose an anxiety disorder.

Alcoholics will often welcome this misdiagnosis (and even encourage it), as it may indicate that they really don't have a substance abuse problem, and that if they take the right medication they can resume drinking. There is an old joke in the treatment field that patients would rather be crazy than alcoholic.

On the other hand, it may be relatively easy to show that the anxiety disorder came well before any use of alcohol. For example, there may be evidence of severe social phobias or panic attacks in the patient's early school years. If so, medical treatment for the anxiety disorder will probably be very beneficial. Indeed, the treatment for alcoholism may not be possible without treatment for the anxiety disorder, as the patient won't be able to participate meaningfully in group therapy.

Unfortunately, many clinicians argue among themselves about the right course of treatment. Some are sure that most anxiety and depression problems will disappear if the patient gets serious about recovery. Others are equally certain that up to 80 percent of addicts have mental health problems and will benefit by some kind of prescription drug therapy.

Often the family can play a key role in helping the treatment team. Alcoholism patients are very poor historians, and they also tend to minimize their symptoms as well as their alcohol and drug use. Families may not have all the facts, but they are often an invaluable source of insight for the counselors.

Psychiatrists who treat substance abusers should be certified in addiction. And alcoholism counselors who have to treat mental health issues should likewise be certified for mental health work. Too often in the past, each group has claimed expertise in each other's field, while not having adequate training. Even today, the issues around substance abuse and mental health are hotly contested. In truth, our families and our society would rather treat mental health problems than addiction. The former will often respond to a pill (at least temporarily), and the latter carries a terrible social stigma.

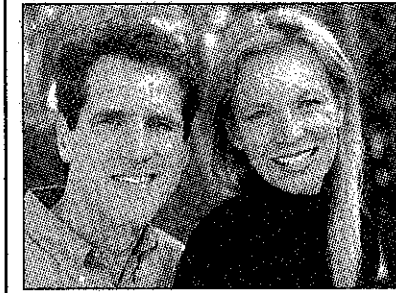
A new study in the August 2005 issue of *Alcoholism: Clinical & Experimental Research* shows that social anxiety disorder and panic attacks must be proactively treated in order to prevent relapse.

One of the co-authors of the study, Dr. Sherry H. Stewart, said:

"Having 'panic disorder' — persistent 'panic attacks' or episodes of intense anxiety and arousal — at the outset of alcoholism treatment was the best predictor of a relapse to dependence at treatment follow-up. This pattern suggests that panic disorder is a risk factor for a major relapse, and social phobia a risk factor for a minor relapse, following alcoholism treatment."

So the rule of thumb for clinicians must be: treat what you see, but don't mistake symptoms of one illness for symptoms of another. They often have a lot in common. In the case of your son, let's assume that the diagnosis is correct. That means, when he gets out of treatment, he must follow through with AA, aftercare counseling and appropriate treatment for his anxiety disorder. If all the bases are covered, everybody wins.

Jeff Jay and Debra Jay are professional interventionists who live in Grosse Pointe Farms. Contact them at (313) 882-6921 or through their Web site: <http://lovefirst.net>.



Jeff and Debra Jay

## Connections ease the path to age 5

Andrew turned 5 on Jan. 8. Some days we didn't know if we'd make it to this special milestone.

Not counting the 20 hours of labor, the C-section or the first days of oogling our new baby, the first moment we realized "life as we knew it" was over came when 3-day-old Andrew had some breathing issues, turned blue and had to be transferred to Henry Ford Hospital's Neonatal Intensive Care Unit for a short stay.

That was followed by two years of visits to many doctors for various reasons before we ended up with an answer as to why things were not progressing in the same manner as discussed by the most common development guides.

For those following a similar path, we wanted to share what has helped us during the past five years and what we hope will help us reach the next five and beyond.

Connections with family members and friends when we needed all types of help, including someone to read a book for the 100th time, babysit, listen, go to a doctor's appointment, help with therapy costs, push and push and push a swing and donate frequent flyer miles to get to a conference.

Connections include professionals in Andrew's life who have good things to offer. It has helped to get ideas from them regarding how to help our son be the best he can be and in what ways we can help this happen.

Connections with parents who have children with Fragile X syndrome and/or autism share similar experiences.

Connections allow us to learn from these parents about many things, including therapies and interventions that might help Andrew, and from those who are ahead on the path. In return, we share with those who are still coming

### X-tra Special Advice

for parents of children with special needs

along the path.

Connections include parents of children with any special need in our own community through whom we learn about the educational, therapeutic and fun opportunities available in our neighborhood and with whom to share life stories — the good and the bad —

and to learn from each other.

These connections have happened via in-person conversations, telephone, e-mail, chat rooms, books, conferences. They've happened in clinic waiting rooms, at Fragile X Association of Michigan, PTO and Arc meetings, in grocery stores and in parking lots and at important nights out with other moms.

The connections may come from near or far or from out of nowhere, yet are all so important. Hillary Clinton popularized the sentiment, "It takes a village to raise a child."

We believe the village raising Andrew is larger



Andrew, 5, Grosse Pointe's newest tricyclist

form the villages in all of our lives.

Grosse Pointe residents Theodore G. Coutilish and Mary Beth Langan created this column to share experiences from their journey as parents of a child with Fragile X syndrome [[fragilex.org](http://fragilex.org)]. Send your questions or comments to [ag5046@wayne.edu](mailto:ag5046@wayne.edu) or [mblangan@hotmail.com](mailto:mblangan@hotmail.com).



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## Know Your Skin

by Lisa A. Manz-Dulac, MD



An extremely itchy patch of skin that is thicker and darker in color than surrounding skin may indicate a skin condition known as lichen simplex chronicus.

"Lichenified" is the term used to describe skin that is thickened, leather-like and discolored, similar to an elephant's skin (though not quite as thick). Lichen simplex chronicus is caused by a regular and persistent cycle of irritation, rubbing, itching and scratching which causes the skin to change texture and appearance. It is more common in

women: the neckline, wrists and ankles are most often affected.

A physician's assistance is usually required to control the disease. Treatment plans typically require the use of a combination of medications such as corticosteroids, antihistamines and moisturizers to help reduce itching and improve the skin's condition. In addition, patients with lichen simplex chronicus should also avoid hot water, abrasive soaps, and irritating fabrics such as wool.

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## 'Kid Trumpeter' shares clever key for long 100-year life

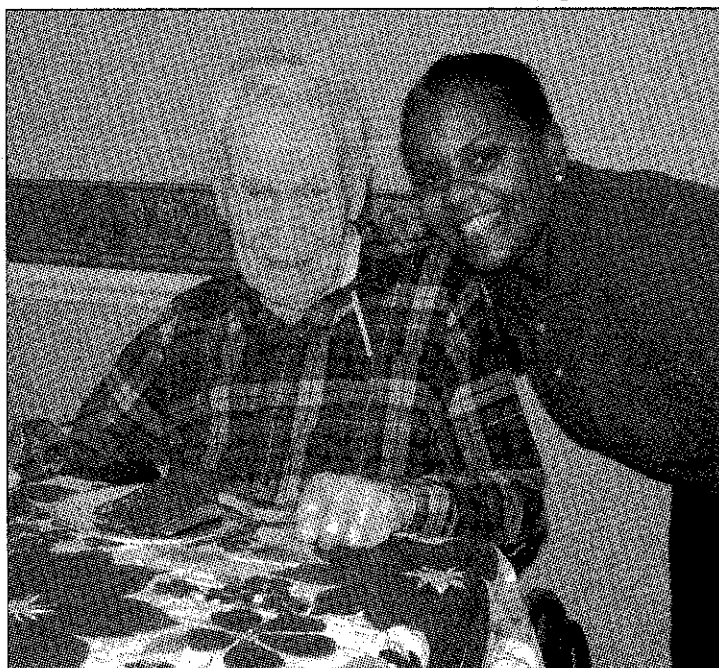
It's human nature to wonder what life will be like if we live to see age 100. At the Bon Secours Place Assisted Living Community in St. Clair Shores, one gentleman now knows exactly what it's like to be 100 years old. According to Ed Singelyn, who celebrated his 100th birthday Jan. 3, "To be 100 is to be one day older than 99."

Bright blue eyes, a ready smile and a keen sense of humor are some of Singelyn's more immediately recognizable features. But in 100 years of living, this quick-witted gentleman has more than a few feathers in his cap. He doesn't like to talk about himself much though — he says it seems boastful, and that's just not the kind of guy Singelyn is. Born in Detroit, in the

area that is today Hamtramck, Ed is a 1931 magna cum laude graduate of the Detroit College of Law. He was employed with the Wayne County Friend of the Court for 44 years as investigator, prosecutor and chief referee. Military service is also part of his life's work, including a World War II post on Harsens Island for the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary.

Singelyn speaks fondly of Kathleen, the "wonderful woman, the daughter of an eastsider," to whom he was married for 71 years. Kathleen died in 1999 at age 93. The couple have two children, six grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

Singelyn was known as the "kid trumpeter" in his day. "I made a living playing the trumpet at first, and



Bon Secours Place resident Ed Singelyn, joined by caregiver Joyce Wilson, celebrates his 100th birthday with a slice of cake and chocolate ice cream.

then I used it as a sideline," says Singelyn. "I worked days and played at night." Sometimes a series and other times just a single engagement. Singelyn played gigs that include the first Detroit Thanksgiving parade, local movie theaters, the Bob-Lo Boat, Detroit Lions' and Tigers' games, and the Belle Isle band shell.

Singelyn says, with all that performing, he was used to playing for an audience and didn't get nervous. "But now, if I just think about playing for an audience — I get nervous," says Singelyn. Singelyn belongs to the Detroit Federation of Musicians — 82 years and going strong.

Today, Singelyn is a six-year resident of Bon Secours Place, having moved in "just

after the place opened," he says. He likes it there and said it's "better than living alone; the food's all prepared, and they treat you pretty good here." He finds his caregivers to be "very cooperative and helpful to us old coots."

Singelyn has made a few friends at Bon Secours Place, and considers all of his "co-tenants" to be his friends. "There are good people here — not a bunch of 'dunderheads' — they're honest, down-to-earth people," says Singelyn.

When asked his secret for long life and mental acuity, Singelyn says, "The secret is to just keep on breathing."

But looking a little more closely, the key seems to be multi-faceted: work hard, play hard; hold on to good friends and family; don't boast, and maybe most important, be laid back about it all.

Just keep breathing.

## St. John to hold lectures

St. John Hospital and Medical Center offers the following meetings for Thursday, Feb. 2:

- Gilda's Club Supper Lecture, held from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at the Van Elslander Cancer Center, 19229 Mack Ave. in Grosse Pointe Woods.

Cheryl Beshada, certified medical hypnotherapist, will discuss how to improve sleep, reduce pain and learn to relax with hypnotherapy.

The lecture is free. For more information, call (313) 647-3004 or Gilda's Club of Metro Detroit at (248) 577-0800.

- Reiki Intro to Energy Evening, held from 7 to 8:30 p.m. at the Van Elslander Cancer Center Valade Healing Arts Center, Ste. 30, 19229 Mack Avenue in Grosse Pointe Woods.

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## Medicare insurance seminar

An insurance seminar will be held on Thursday, Feb. 2, from noon to 1 p.m. at Henry Ford Medical Center — Pierson, 131 Kercheval Ave. in Grosse Pointe Farms.

Terina Clark, insurance specialist at Henry Ford Health System, will speak on the new Medicare prescription drug coverage, Medicare Part D, as well as about other aspects of health insurance.

The seminar is free; light refreshments will be served.

For more information or to register, call (800) 436-7936. Space is limited.

## Bon Secours Cottage offers free flu shots

Bon Secours Cottage Health Services will provide free flu shots to members of the community from 4 to 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 25, at St. Joan of Arc Church, in the multi-purpose room, 26120 Greater Mack, between Eight and Nine Mile roads in St. Clair Shores.

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## DSO adds visuals to its sensory delicacies

In the concerts of last weekend, the Detroit Symphony expanded its experiments with adding visual enhancements and commentary from the performers to the concert presentation. So far, the novelty and experimental status make it a mixed experience, but the possibilities are intriguing.

One idea is that having live projection of individual musicians and sections of the orchestra on video screens mounted above the boxes on either side of the stage can help the audience follow more closely how the musicians perform and, indeed, which of the musicians is playing "that haunting solo." The other idea was to have the conductor speak before each piece with information about the composer and his work.

On the positive side, both devices can be very informative. They also generate a focus for the audience, attracting its attention and helping it to better understand and pay closer attention to the performance. With some improvements in the technique and execution, both efforts could be popular enhancements at concerts.

Two shortcomings of the video screen coverage were noticeable. The screened interview with violin soloist Viktoria Mullova had a nice, personal quality but fell short in helping listeners to understand artistic features of her performance

### State of the Arts



By  
Alex  
Suczek

— why she was using gut strings and why she played along with the orchestra when she was not soloing, for example.

Camera work picking out players and sections during the performance also seemed haphazard. We probably have been so spoiled on major network broadcasts by expert panning on instruments in momentary limelight that we expect the same sophisticated technique here.

There is no question that with proper effort, it can be achieved. It was especially pleasant to experience the light humor and charm of conductor Nicholas McGegan as he offered, through a hand-held microphone, commentary on the composer and structure of each work on the program. While his hand-held notes seemed more anecdotal than artistically insightful, there was material of interest.

We learned that the Beethoven violin concerto was a flop when first performed, that Schubert's

score for the "Unfinished Symphony" was mislaid by its messenger on the way to an orchestra (and remained lost for 40 years) and that the King George's command performance of Handel's "Fireworks Music" was upstaged when the palace-like pavilion built for the event unintentionally burned to the ground during the performance.

It seems likely that music lovers would respond with greater interest to more insightful commentary. On the other hand, we did relish getting the flavor of the conductor's witty personality and trying to judge whether it is reflected in his interpretations.

The fact that the gut strings on Mullova's violin produce a softer, more poetic sound would have helped explain the restraint and tenderness of the concerto performance. She played with exquisite delicacy and phrasing in contrast to more histrionic and virtuosic treatments in other performances.

McGegan held his reduced orchestra at a dynamic level that made it fully possible to appreciate Mullova's superb technique, intonation and purity of sound, even in the most intricate passages and at the very top of the violin's range. When she actually burst forth with more virtuosic display in the cadenzas, the increased energy had all the more impact.

Informed by McGegan in his commentary that

Schubert influenced Brahms and even Bruckner, we would have appreciated a few examples. Left to our own ears, we appreciated that the performance seemed very free and expressive. The orchestra sang Schubert's melodious themes and the sentiments, ranging from morose to the composer's inevitable sunbursts of happiness, were vivid. By the ending, there was no need to wonder if he intended to leave the work at only two movements. It is totally fulfilling.

In the Handel, McGegan seemed to bring a personal style to the military moods and dance forms of the Fireworks music. The phrasing was crisp, even clipped at times and the trumpets, horns and other winds seemed to revel in the rousing treatment of their parts. It was a piercing statement of this grand piece of music taken at a wonderfully lively tempo.

Yet another enhancement to DSO programming is the inclusion of an increasingly diverse selection of concerts. This weekend, the pops series led by Erich Kunzel brings "Music of Star Wars."

Returning to the classics, there is music of Richard Strauss on Jan. 26, 27 and 28 led by Til Eulenspiegel's Merry Pranks in Orchestra Hall and on Friday, the 27th, "Music of Miles Davis" in the Music Box.

Two weeks later, on Feb. 9 to 12, conductor Mark Wigglesworth offers

"Musica Celestis" of American composer Aaron Jay Kernis, and the Tchaikovsky violin concerto with Midori as soloist. On Friday, Feb. 10, composer Kernis will also appear in the recital hall with Pro Musica to comment on his life and work in a concert

combining five of his works for small ensembles with Beethoven's Archduke Trio. The performance is by the eminent Contrasts Quartet of piano, strings and clarinet.

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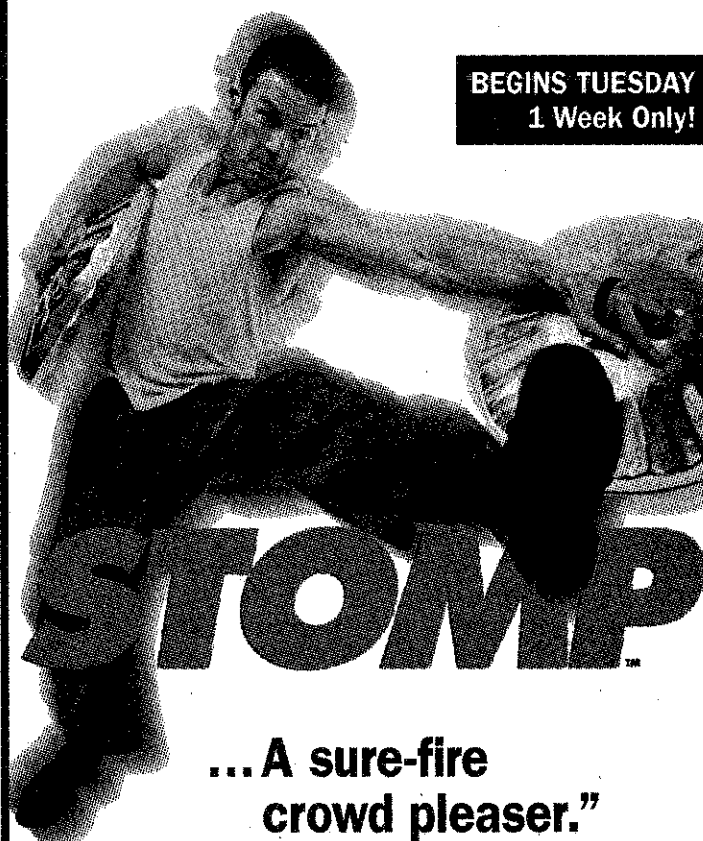
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## Salvage that holiday summer sausage

Raise your hand if you received a summer sausage in a holiday basket, and it has found its way to a cupboard where it will sit and sit for who knows how long.

What is a summer sausage anyway? It's a dried or smoked sausage that can be stored outside of the refrigerator — making summer sausage the meat choice of gift baskets. I turned one of my summer sausages into a big, round, delicious winter frittata chocked full of veggies and potatoes to complement the smokey flavor of the sausage.

### À LA ANNIE

By Annie Rouleau-Scheriff



tent frittata.

Cook the frittata over medium heat until the bottom forms a golden crust. The center of the frittata will still be soft and liquid-like. Use a heat proof spatula to check the bottom of the frittata as it's cooking. Transfer the skillet into the oven and bake at 350 for 12 to 15 minutes, allowing the

frittata to cook throughout. Turn the oven to high broil for a few minutes, if you like a crusty frittata. Remove the skillet from the oven, and carefully flip the skillet over onto a large, round serving plate. Cut into wedges and serve.

It seemed as though my frittata was sticking to the nonstick skillet, but I was happily surprised when it landed on the serving plate basically intact. The side that was bottom down (the broiled side) was more attractive for presentation purposes; so I flipped my frittata one more time so it looked as good as it was going to taste.

I just enjoyed a slice of the winter frittata reheated in the microwave and drizzled with some pure maple

syrup (an idea I got from my friend Carl). Super yummy.

I had cooked mushrooms on hand. Otherwise, use fresh, and throw them in with the potatoes.

You can scale this jumbo frittata (it will feed 8 to 10) down to a smaller skillet if you wish. Just cut back on everything. Leftover frittata, however, will freeze well for another winter breakfast, lunch or dinner.

### Winter Frittata

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- 12 eggs
- 2/3 cup heavy cream
- 1 1/2 cups shredded sharp cheddar cheese
- 3 tablespoons olive oil
- 3/4 cup sliced shallots (or other onion)
- 2 cups (fresh packed) shredded hash brown potatoes
- 1 - 5 oz. summer sausage, quartered lengthwise and sliced into 1/4 inch pieces
- 1 cup cooked sliced mushrooms
- 1 cup cooked spinach, drained and chopped (or 1 - 10 oz. box frozen, thawed and drained)
- 1/4 cup fresh chopped parsley
- Salt and pepper to taste

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Beat together the eggs with the heavy cream. Stir in the shredded cheese and set aside. Heat the olive oil in a 12-inch, oven-proof, nonstick skillet over medium heat. Add the shallots and cook for a few minutes. Add the potatoes and cook and stir for 7 or 8 minutes. Add the sausage and continue cooking for a few more minutes. Stir in the mushrooms, spinach and parsley. Taste the mixture and season with salt and pepper. Pour the egg mixture into the skillet, and toss everything gently with the eggs to make a consis-

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## Adding winter interest to your garden

Let us love winter, for it is the spring of genius. (Pietro Aretino, 1492-1556)

The average gardener looking out the window during the often dreary month of January wants spring to come tomorrow. Author Vincent A. Simeone told me by phone that he suggests we think of winter as a wonderful time to enjoy the garden.

"It's a different, beautiful time of year to see the evergreens highlighted," said Simeone. "The core essences and the whole structure of the garden are visible in winter."

In his new book titled, "The Wonders of the Winter Landscape — Shrubs and Trees to Brighten the Cold-Weather Garden" (Ball Publishing, \$24.95), Simeone shares his Top 15 Woody Plants for Seasons Interest. Much as certain physicians see the body for its bones, Simeone appreciates the skeleton of the seasonal garden and how it can come to life during winter.

Some suggestions include viburnum for its winter fruit. Of special interest is arrowwood (viburnum den-

### Down to Earth

By Kathleen Peabody

tatum) with blue winter fruit and Linden (viburnum dilatatum), a flowering shrub with cranberry red fruit in winter. For its wood, the coral bark Japanese maple (acer palmatum "Sango Kaku") or the redbird dogwood (cornus stolonifera) show their red bark, a wonderful addition to a snowy day or dreary afternoon.

Simeone also says the hybrid rhododendron lends an interesting look to the winter garden. "When the

sun is low, it lights things differently, shadowing certain parts of the plant," said Simeone. "It can be beautiful."

As director of Long Island's Planting Fields Arboretum State Historic Park, Simeone understands the northern garden and its need for a little extra to make it through our long winters.

Simeone's emphasis is on deciduous trees and shrubs sharing the elegance of plants with attention-grab-

bing leaves and fruits, so wonderful against the gray winter sky.

Other suggestions for the winter garden come from this year's president of the Master Gardeners of Greater Detroit, Cheryl English.

"Adding winter interest to the garden can be as simple or sophisticated as you like," says English. She has decorated a small tree directly outside her front window with crystals that glitter in the winter sun. She also suggests that added lighting can be a boost to the garden during all seasons, but particularly in winter.

English recommends considering color, texture, form



The beautiful red stems of the coral bark maple (acer palmatum "Sango Kaku") stand out among the browns of our Michigan winters.

and plant matter when planning your landscape, as it carries over each season. Notice the tall grasses holding their own during the winds and snows of the season.

So, if you're interested in enhancing your garden for four-season interest, check out the Simeone book, and remember your winter gar-

den as you place your orders in the seed catalogs making their way to our mailboxes right now. Happy highlighting!

Kathleen Peabody is an Advanced Master Gardener who lives (and gardens) in Grosse Pointe Woods. Reach her online at kmaslanka-peabody@sbcbglobal.net

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## South hockey team ends long drought against North

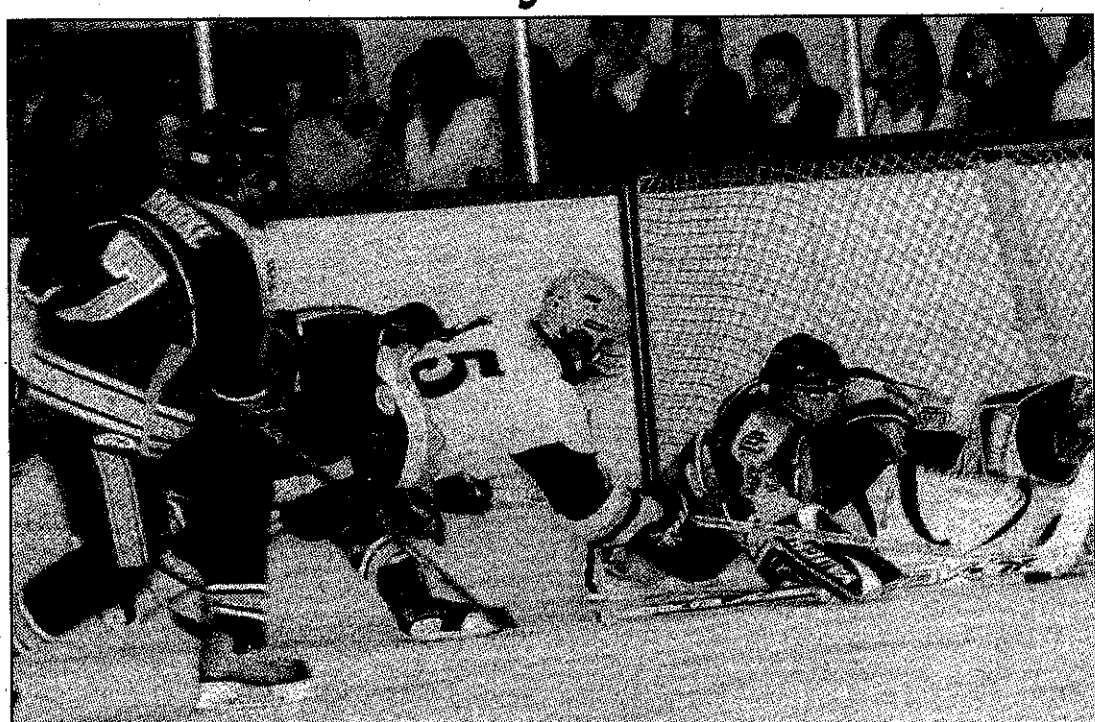


Photo by Dr. J. Richard Dunlap  
**Grosse Pointe South's Mac Brookes (15) is denied here by North goalie Evan Chase, but Brookes scored later in the game. Brookes is being watched by North's Mike Rourke (17).**

By Chuck Klonke  
 Sports Editor

The scene looked straight from the final game of the Stanley Cup playoffs.

The moment the final buzzer sounded, Grosse Pointe South's hockey players swarmed over goalie Trevor Sattelmeyer, congratulating each other for their efforts in the Blue Devils' 5-2 victory over Grosse Pointe North in front of a packed house at City Sports Arena.

"Everyone played well for us," said South coach Bob Bopp. "I was very happy with the way we played. We came into the game confident and determined."

It was the first time South had beaten North since the 1998-99 season.

"They outworked and outplayed us," said North coach Scott Lock. "They deserved to win. Give them credit. They kicked our butts from beginning to end, except for maybe the last five minutes."

North's Mike Rourke opened the scoring with a shorthanded goal at 12:40 of the first period, but South came back in the second period and scored three times, including two of its three power-play goals.

The Blue Devils had a 5-on-3 advantage at 4:30 of the second period when Trevor Flaska took a pass from Trevor John in the slot and scored to tie the game at 1-1.

North had a two-man

advantage for 1:19, but the Norsemen failed to score.

"Our penalty killing did a great job the whole game," Bopp said. "Nick Cinqueranelli was on the ice for most of that 5-on-3 and he was outstanding."

Moments after his penalty expired, Tim Shield sent a pass to Scott Maxwell, who broke in alone on goalie Evan Chase and gave South a 2-1 lead at 8:13. Sam Mott also assisted.

Mac Brookes, who had a shot deflected over the net by Chase early in the period, gave the Blue Devils a two-goal cushion with a power-play goal at 9:39. After Chase made the save on Geoff Osgood, Brookes came into the slot area and knocked in the rebound. Flaska had the second assist.

"If this was Hockey Night in Canada, Brookes would have been the No. 1 star," Bopp said. "He was all over the ice all night, but it wasn't just what he did on the ice. His leadership was just as important. When North scored to cut the lead to 4-2, he said some good things on the bench so that nobody got down."

"We don't have a lot of seniors, but we have some good leadership from them."

Another of the seniors, Frankie DeLaura, gave South a 4-1 lead with a power-play goal at 5:37 of the third period. DeLaura also scored the Blue Devils' final goal into an empty net with 47 seconds remaining.

Shield assisted on both of DeLaura's goals, while

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## North spikers win two straight

Grosse Pointe North's volleyball team seems to have found a winning formula.

The Norsemen posted their second victory in a row in the tough Macomb Area Conference Red Division on Monday with an impressive 25-18, 11-25, 25-23, 25-16 win against Chippewa Valley.

"We played amazing defense and attacked aggressively," said coach Kim Lockhart. "The girls have really been playing like a team lately — lots of communication and intensity."

Erica Gaitley had 13 digs, two ace serves, 10 kills and

20 serve receptions. Caitlin Bennett collected 13 digs, 13 kills, three blocks and an ace.

Andrea Bedway had nine blocks, while Allyce Kulek and Colleen Ryan had 14 digs apiece.

Danielle Zohrob had 13 assists and ran off eight service points in the fourth game.

Last week, the Norsemen picked up their first MAC Red win with a 25-18, 27-25, 25-22 victory over Port Huron Northern.

"The girls came out with a purpose," Lockhart said. "They played much tougher

and consistent than they had against Fraser (in their previous game)."

Gaitley led North with 12 kills, 15 digs, 15 serve receptions and one ace. Zohrob had 27 assists and 13 digs. Ryan had six kills and 13 digs, while Bedway had seven blocks.

In the 25-21, 21-25, 28-26, 25-22 loss to Fraser, Bennett led North with 11 kills and seven digs. Gaitley had seven kills, 20 serve receptions and 17 digs. Zohrob collected 27 assists and had 23 digs.

"It was a very unemotion-

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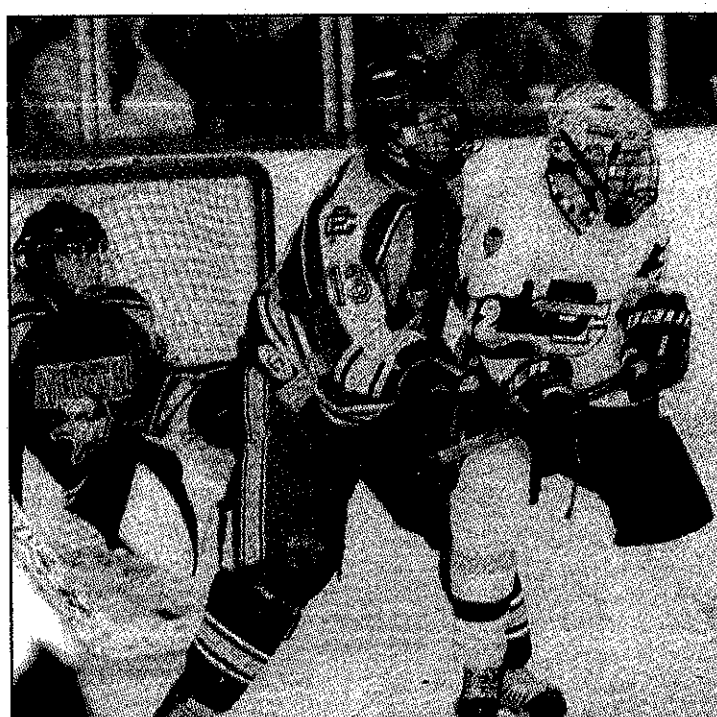


Photo by Dr. J. Richard Dunlap  
**South's Taylor Flaska (22) battles for position in front of the net with North defenseman Adam Davis, moments before he scored the Blue Devils' first goal.**

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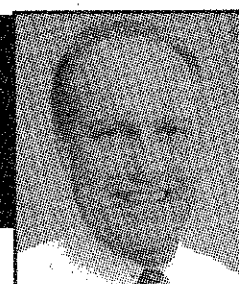
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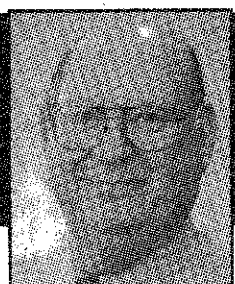
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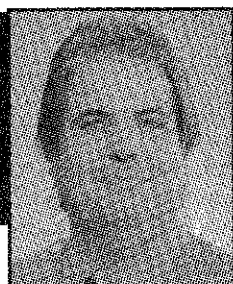
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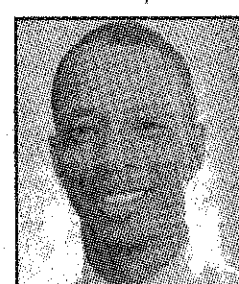


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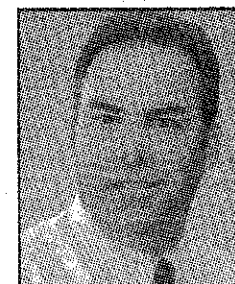
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# South senior swimmers get a win in final dual with North



Photo by Bob Bruce

South's Jamie Handley took first place in the 100-yard breaststroke.

## Lee, Zarb combine to shut out Pioneer, again

By Bob St. John  
Sports Writer

It didn't take long for the Grosse Pointe North girls hockey team to get back in the win column after its recent loss to rival South.

Last week, the host Norsemen had little trouble disposing of improving Ann Arbor Pioneer 3-0.

Head coach Tim Van Eckoute watched his club outshoot the visitors 27-12, including 10-2 in the first period when the Norsemen jumped out to a 2-0 lead.

"I was very pleased with the way we played," Van Eckoute said. "Ann Arbor has recently beaten Cranbrook, which indicated to me that they have improved. I was glad to see us carry the play most of the night; our penalty killing was excellent, and so was the goaltending when called upon."

North's defense was outstanding as senior tri-captain Liz Rabidoux and sophomore Meredith Chicklas made it nearly impossible for Ann Arbor's offense to get into any kind of flow.

Sophomore Rachel Lentz, freshman Lauren Walsh, freshman Alexa Lucchese, sophomore Katie Latimer and junior Johanna Ventimiglia were also outstanding, playing a smothering defense in front of goaltenders Angela Lee and Jaclyn Zarb.

It was the second straight time Lee and Zarb combined to shutout Ann Arbor. North

beat Pioneer 3-0 on Dec. 20, at Yost Arena.

"We didn't play very well, and it showed in the stats," Ann Arbor head coach Lon Grantham said.

Van Eckoute also called out the solid play of Latimer and Christy Listwan, saying he felt they took another step forward in their hockey development.

Junior Emily Nelson got the home team revved up early, scoring a breakaway goal at the 7:32 mark. Nelson received a pass at center ice, faked a defender and went in on Ann Arbor goalkeeper Clarice Grantham.

It was no contest as Nelson put two moves on Grantham and put the puck into the net for the 1-0 lead. Lucchese recorded her first varsity goal later in the first period as her shot rolled over Grantham's stick.

Senior Christina Sandmair finished the scoring with a goal at the 4:14 mark of the second stanza.

Grosse Pointe North improved to 10-2 overall.

## ULS girls fall to WL

By Bob St. John  
Sports Writer

University Liggett Schools girls hockey team's attempt to win a second straight game in a row ended with a 9-2 loss to visiting Walled Lake last week.

The Lady Knights fell behind 2-0 within the first two minutes of the game, but Elizabeth Palmer scored to cut the deficit to 2-1.

It was downhill from that point as the Wild built a 5-1 first-period lead and extended it to 7-2 after two stanzas. Monique Squiers scored the Lady Knights' second goal.

The Wild's top players were Molly Baker and Lindsay Szuka.

Head coach Laura Owczarski and her Lady Knights fell to 1-7 in the Michigan Metro Girls High School Hockey League.

By Chuck Klonke  
Sports Editor

Grosse Pointe South's swimming team didn't want the 14 seniors on the squad to be disappointed with their final dual meet against crosstown rival Grosse Pointe North.

"This is a meet we always point to, especially the seniors," said South coach Bill Thompson after the Blue Devils' 115-71 victory in the Macomb Area Conference Red Division meet.

"We wanted the whole team to perform well for them, and send them off on a good note."

They certainly did. South won every event and posted four Division I state qualifying times in the process.

"We've been working hard," Thompson said. "We just came off Christmas training, so I was happy to see them swim like that when they're tired."

North probably posed the biggest obstacle between South and another MAC Red dual meet championship, but that doesn't mean that Thompson is going to let his team relax.

"We're pointing to the end of the season — the MAC (division) meet and hopefully, the state meet," he said. "But it isn't magic that makes you do well at the end of the year. It's hard work."

Thompson doesn't think that the Blue Devils will let down even if the rest of the dual meets in the division appear to be easy victories.

"We don't compare ourselves to other swimmers," he said. "We try to get personal best times. We focus on that rather than focusing on the competition."

South graduated several swimmers from the squad that finished fourth in the state last season, but so far this year the Blue Devils

haven't skipped a beat.

"We have a big senior class, but we also have a large number of new swimmers," Thompson said. "It's an interesting mix. I'm pleased with the way they've banded together."

"The seniors are great leaders. They've taken the new guys under their wing and let them know what's expected of them. I've been pleased with the way the young guys have improved. They've come from swimming in the summer, which isn't as intense, but they're able to see the benefits of hard work. The seniors are a good character group, and the others are following them."

Thompson, who swam for Fred Michalik at South, said that the veteran swimmers indoctrinate the newcomers into the tradition of South swimming.

"I graduated in 1988 and the tradition started long before that," Thompson said.

"There has been a system set up where the seniors lead by example. The biggest thing is, you have to work hard. It's not easy, but when everyone is making a common sacrifice, it helps you get through it."

Casey Browning and Jon Sax each won two individual events and swam on a pair of winning relays for the Blue Devils.

Browning won the 200-yard freestyle in 1:47.64 and came back to take the 100 butterfly in 54.26. Both of his times met state-qualifying standards.

Sax was first in the 200 individual medley with a state cut time of 2:03.44. He also won the 100 freestyle in 23.53.

South's other individual firsts came from Dan Pogue in the 50 freestyle (23.85); Dan Basile, 500 freestyle (5:08.27); Alex Glendenning, 100 backstroke (1:00.26); Jamie Handley, 100 breast-

stroke (1:05.35); and Ty Lattimore, diving (225.70 points).

Lattimore led the Blue Devils' only sweep of the meet. Alex Oddo was second with a score of 203.15 and Spencer MacGriff came in third.

"Chad (diving coach Chad Hepner) has done a fantastic job with our divers," Thompson said. "We have six divers and in this meet two of them scored over 200 points, which is outstanding."

South had a pair of 1-2 finishes. Basile was second in the 200 freestyle, while Riley Sherer was runner-up to Sax in the 100 freestyle. North had several solid performances, including a pair of runner-up finishes by Michael Lane in the 200 individual medley and the 100 breaststroke. Lane's IM time was a season best.

Other season bests from the Norsemen came from Karl Tech, Matt Lane and Chris Cullen, 50 freestyle; Alexander Hunt, Tech, Eric Jorgenson, Tim Schultes, Cameron Howle, Mike Kedzierski, Cullen and Aaron Egan, 100 freestyle; Stephen Van Beek, 200 freestyle; Van Beek, Austin Damm and Matt Lane, 500 freestyle; Mike Walton and Scotty Moore, 100 backstroke; Andrew Fly, Jeff Moore, Max Hunt and Cullen, 100 breaststroke; Kedzierski and Ryan Boury, 100 butterfly; and Fly, 200 individual medley. Charlie Cooper posted his best diving score.

"We have a lot of people who are improving," said North coach Mike O'Connor.

Following are the swimmers who scored points in each event:

**200 medley relay:** 1, Grosse Pointe South (Alex Glendenning, Michael Manos, Alex Boryukov, Dan Pogue), 1:46.90. 2, Grosse Pointe North (Mike Walton, Andrew Fly, Mike Kedzierski, Karl Tech), 1:51.9. 3, Grosse Pointe

North (Scotty Moore, Chris Bill, David Castile, Robert Briski), 1:58.82.

**200 freestyle:** 1, Casey Browning, South, 1:47.64 (state qualifying time). 2, Dan Basile, South, 1:55.29. 3, Cameron Howle, North, 2:02.23. 4, Eric Jorgenson, North, 2:02.50. 5, Stephen Van Beek, North, 2:08.71.

**200 individual medley:** 1, Jon Sax, South, 2:03.44 (state qualifying time). 2, Michael Lane, North, 2:07.39. 3, Jamie Handley, South, 2:17.61. 4, Andrew Fly, North, 2:17.75. 5, Riley Sherer, South, 2:18.83.

**50 freestyle:** 1, Dan Pogue, South, 23.53. 2, Karl Tech, North, 23.85. 3, Ryan Boury, North, 24.09. 4, Alex Hunt, North, 24.45. 5, Michael Manos, South, 24.70.

**Diving:** 1, Ty Lattimore, South, 225.70 points. 2, Alex Oddo, South, 203.15. 3, Spencer MacGriff, South, 160.85. 4, Cory Fogelsong, North, 126.10. 5, David Castile, North, 120.85.

**100 butterfly:** 1, Casey Browning, South, 54.26 (state qualifying time). 2, Mike Kedzierski, North, 58.34. 3, Ryan Boury, North, 59.68. 4, Andrew Graham, South, 1:00.27. 5, Joe Ryan, South, 1:01.62.

**100 freestyle:** 1, Jon Sax, South, 50.96. 2, Riley Sherer, South, 53.30. 3, Alex Hunt, North, 54.06. 4, Karl Tech, North, 54.55. 5, David Cockell, South, 56.17.

**500 freestyle:** 1, Dan Basile, South, 5:08.27. 2, Cameron Howle, North, 5:18.98. 3, Jack Hessburg, South, 5:25.62. 4, Stephen Van Beek, North, 5:37.75. 5, Austin Damm, North, 5:39.54.

**200 freestyle relay:** 1, Grosse Pointe South (Jon Sax, Dan Pogue, Alex Boryukov, Casey Browning), 1:32.20 (state qualifying time). 2, Grosse Pointe North (Alex Hunt, Michael Lane, Ryan Boury, Karl Tech), 1:39.17. 3, Grosse Pointe South (Tim Denton, Beau Yavor, David Warr, Joe Ryan), 1:41.45.

**100 backstroke:** 1, Alex Glendenning, South, 1:00.26. 2, Mike Walton, North, 1:02.83. 3, Eric Jorgenson, North, 1:04.15. 4, Scotty Moore, North, 1:07.50. 5, J.P. Lang, South, 1:07.70.

**100 breaststroke:** 1, Jamie Handley, South, 1:05.35. 2, Michael Lane, North, 1:06.35. 3, Michael Manos, South, 1:06.37. 4, David Cockell, South, 1:07.94. 5, Andrew Fly, North, 1:09.57.

**400 freestyle relay:** 1, Grosse Pointe South (Jon Sax, Riley Sherer, Dan Basile, Casey Browning), 3:35.52. 2, Grosse Pointe North (Eric Jorgenson, Stephen Van Beek, Ryan Boury, Michael Lane), 3:48.19. 3, Grosse Pointe South (Andrew Graham, Tim Denton, Jack Hessburg, Paul Kelly), 3:59.82.

## Two sweeps carry South past Fraser

Grosse Pointe South's swimming team swept the 200-yard individual medley and the 100 butterfly on the way to a 124-62 victory over Fraser in a Macomb Area Conference Red Division meet.

Casey Browning won the 200 IM with a state-qualifying time of 2:04.66. Teammates David Cockell and Michael Manos took second and third, respectively.

Dan Pogue led the sweep in the 100 butterfly, while Riley Sherer was second and Cockell came in third.

Jon Sax won the 200 freestyle in a state cut time of 1:49.34.

South divers Ty Lattimore and Spencer MacGriff finished 1-2 in their event.

Other individual firsts from South came from Sherer, 50 freestyle; Jamie Handley, 500 freestyle; Alex Glendenning, 100 backstroke; and Manos, 100 breaststroke.

South's 400 freestyle relay team of Browning, Danny Basile, Riley Edwards and Sax won with a state-qualifying time.

The Blue Devils also won the 200 medley relay with the team of Basile, Beau Yavor, Sherer and Pogue.

## Area swimmers among best at Frost Fest meet

Several local swimmers did well in the Pointe Aquatic Swim Club's annual Frost Fest meet that attracted more than 512 athletes from 19 swim teams from Michigan and Ontario.

The three-day meet was held at the Grosse Pointe North High School pool. Many of the local swimmers posted personal-best times.

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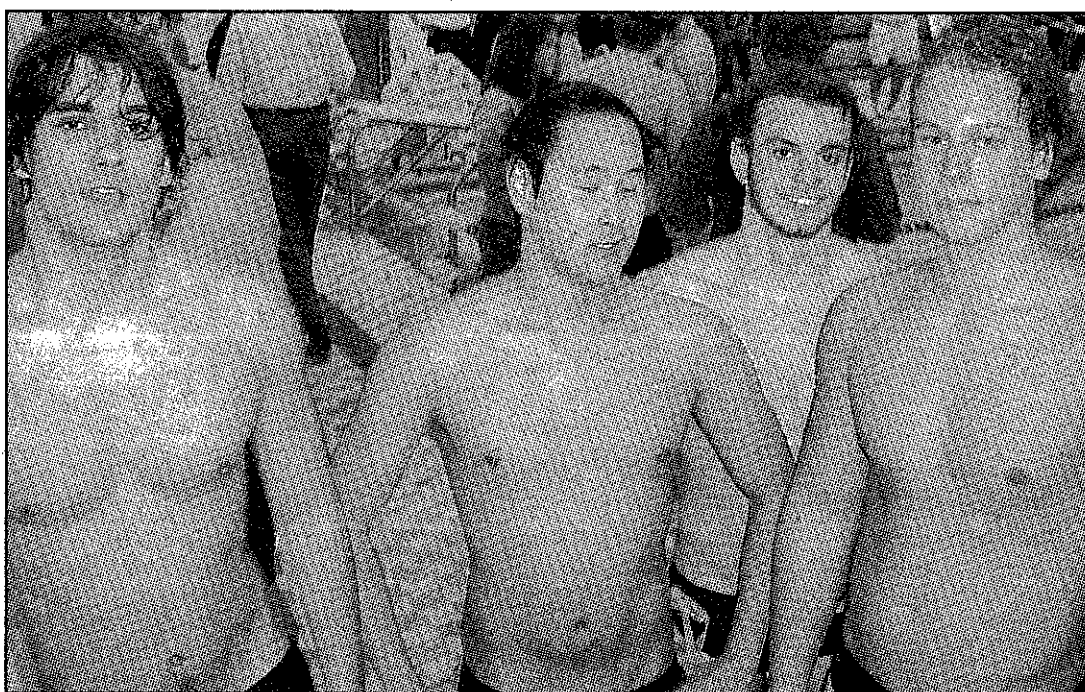


Photo by Mark Basile

Grosse Pointe South's 200-yard freestyle relay team posted a state Division I qualifying time in the Blue Devils' victory over Grosse Pointe North. From left, are Alex Boryukov, Casey Browning, Jon Sax and Danny Pogue. Browning and Sax also qualified in individual events.

## South girls put on offensive show

By Bob St. John  
Sports Writer

Grosse Pointe South's girls hockey team put up a season-high 14 goals against host Regina last weekend, winning 14-5.

"There was no shortage of offense; that is for sure," co-head coach Bill Fox said. "The girls really moved the puck well, but our defense and goaltending weren't the greatest."

The Lady Blue Devils scored five goals in each of the first two periods and added four in the third.

This was the third time this season that the Lady Blue Devils have scored double digit goals as they had 11 against Farmington Hills Mercy and 10 against Walled Lake.

Senior Ali Morawski and junior Amanda Marsh each scored four goals, while

senior Hilliary Inger added a hat trick.

Sophomore Laura Bristol nearly had her first career hat trick for the team, scoring two goals, and senior Katherine Gerow tallied one goal to round out the two touchdowns they put on the board.

"We have been working on our puck movement, setting up our plays, especially during our couple of powerplay opportunities," co-head coach Ed O'Malley said.

The Lady Blue Devils outshot the Saddlelites 38-19.

"We gave up too many shots (10) in the final period, and we can't have that happen," Fox said.

Fox pointed out the solid efforts posted by freshman Hannah Orlicki and sophomore Mary Dosch as the younger players saw a lot of minutes against the Saddlelites.

The Grosse Pointe South girls hockey team reclaimed first place in the Michigan Metro Girls High School Hockey League East Division with 16 points, improving to 8-1 overall.



Photo by Bob Bruce

Grosse Pointe South senior Katherine Gerow, right, scored a goal in the Lady Blue Devils' 14-5 victory over Regina.

## Volley

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al match, very up and down," Lockhart said. "The games could have gone either way."

Earlier, North finished second at the Port Huron Volleyball Tournament, losing 25-18, 18-25, 15-13 to Cousino in the championship match.

The Norsemen defeated Richmond 25-20, 25-23 in the semifinals.

North won its pool. The Norsemen beat Imlay City 21-16, 21-19, and Trenton 21-16, 21-16. North split with St. Clair, 18-21, 21-15, and L'Anse Creuse North, 21-16, 19-21.

Zohrob had 110 assists, 25 digs and eight aces during the tournament. Gaitley finished with 46 kills, 36 digs and nine aces and Bennett collected 30 kills, 32 digs and 10 aces.

Alexa Bergamo had 39 digs and four aces, while Meghan Potthoff had 20 kills and 20 blocks.

The Norsemen are 2-2 in the MAC Red and 11-4-3 overall.

North will compete in the Fraser Invitational on Saturday, then host L'Anse Creuse on Monday, Jan. 23.



## University Liggett School boys hockey shakes off rust, beats Bishop Foley 6-4

**By Bob St. John**  
Sports Writer  
University Liggett School's boys hockey team finally got back to action last week after taking one month hiatus.

Head coach Terry Olson got his Knights back in the groove for its home game last weekend, which turned into a 6-4 win over Madison Heights Bishop Foley.

The victory ended a six-game winless streak (0-5-1) that came against Division I and II competition.

"It was good to be back on the ice, and even better to get a win in our first game of 2006," Olson said.

The Knights scored 21 seconds into the game when senior Alex Amicucci tallied, assisted by junior Mike Zukas and sophomore Mike Burchi.

"It didn't take us long to get a goal, and it was nice to get our crowd immediately into the game," Olson said.

The Ventures scored the next goals to grab a 2-1 lead, but with less than two minutes remaining in the opening stanza, senior Adam Rock scored a powerplay goal, assisted by junior Ryan Deane.

Bishop Foley once again gained a one-goal lead, but the Knights tied it on a shorthanded goal by Burchi, assisted by Zukas.

With less than three-tenths of a second left in the second period, the Knights took the lead for good as junior Greg Jones ripped a

slapshot by the goaltender, giving the home squad a 4-3 lead.

They made it a 5-3 game 16 seconds into the third period as sophomore Mike Thomas tallied with Rock drawing an assist.

The Ventures cut the deficit to 5-4, scoring a powerplay goal at the 5:23 mark.

Burchi scored his second goal of the game with 1:30 left in the game, tallying on

the powerplay. Zukas and freshman Drew Amato had assists.

There were 16 penalties called in the game as each team had eight, and there were four powerplay goals and one shorthanded tally in the contest.

"It wasn't the prettiest game, but a win is a win," Olson said. "I told the guys all season they had to come out in the third period and

be more aggressive, and I think they did that against Bishop Foley."

ULS improved to 5-6-1 overall and 5-2-0 against other Division III schools.

Upcoming for the Knights is an away game on Tuesday, Jan. 24, against Macomb Dakota, at Fraser's Great Lakes Arena, followed by a home game on Wednesday, Jan. 25, against Auburn Hills Avondale.

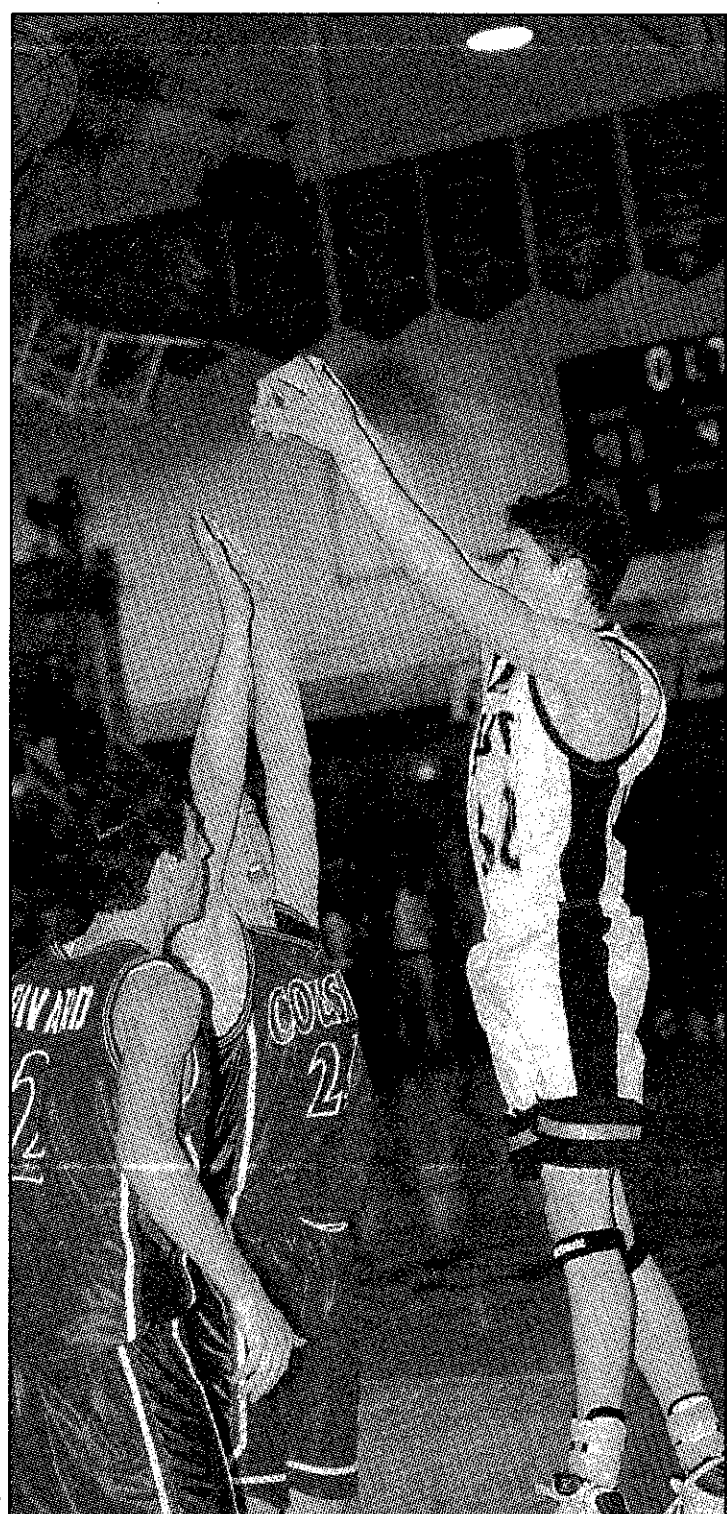


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**South's Jimmy Saros shoots over a pair of Cousino defenders.**

## South boys hoops split MAC games

**By Bob St. John**  
Sports Writer

Grosse Pointe South's boys basketball team evened its league record at 1-1 last week, beating host Warren Fitzgerald 57-49.

The winless Spartans led 26-23 at the half before Blue Devils head coach Jay Ritchie gave his team a pep talk during the intermission.

Senior guard Christian Conroy sparked a second-half comeback, helping the Blue Devils score 18 third-quarter points. Conroy ended up scoring a career-high 31 points.

Junior J.C. Cruse added seven points, as did sophomore Jim Saros, and sophomore Melvin Malone finished with six.

Three nights later, South hosted Warren Cousino in a Macomb Area Conference (MAC) crossover game, losing 45-41.

Ritchie's squad shot less than 40 percent from the

field and made only 5-of-13 free throws compared to 19-of-28 for Cousino.

The home team never got into a rhythm, trailing 13-9 after the first quarter, 23-21 at the half, and 39-32 after three periods of play.

Despite the abysmal shooting, they were never out of the game and cut the deficit to 39-36 after consecutive baskets by Cruse and Saros.

Cousino hit several free throws in the final couple of minutes to win the game.

Conroy had 14 points, but left the gym on crutches after spraining his right ankle, and Cruse had nine points.

Saros and Malone chipped in with seven and six points, respectively.

Grosse Pointe South fell to 3-4 overall, while Cousino improved to 7-2.

The Patriots were led by senior Kurtis Fournier, who had 12 points and 14 rebounds.

## North gymnasts bring home medals

Two medal-winning performances highlighted Grosse Pointe North's gymnastics team's efforts at last weekend's Fraser Invitational.

Co-captain Sarah Colosimo placed fifth in floor exercise with a personal-best score of 8.4. She was also seventh in balance beam with an 8.2.

Jenna Simon was seventh on floor with an 8.1. The freshman finished 10th on vault with an 8.0. Her all-around score was a personal-best 29.80.

Brittany Treusch recorded her best score in vault with a 7.65.

The meet was a bitter-sweet one for senior Erin Vishey, who will graduate this month. In her final meet, she had a fine performance of 6.4 in vault, 6-3 on uneven bars and 7.55 on floor.

North opened the season with a victory over Troy and a close loss to Ann Arbor

Pioneer. Earlier this month, the Norsemen performed well in a meet at Birmingham Groves.

Following are some of the top scores in the various routines from the earlier meets:

Vault — Andrea Koueiter, 6.05; Sara Shubnell, 7.10; Treusch, 7.35; and Simon, 7.9.

Bars — Simon, 6.35.

Beam — Colosimo, 8.25; Koueiter, 6.05; Shubnell, a personal-best 6.30; and Leigha Fisher, 4.65. Fisher is a new member of the squad.

Floor — Simon, 7.15; Koueiter, a personal best 6.55; Shubnell, 6.25; Treusch, 6.2; and Rebecca Zachary, 5.5. It was Zachary's first competition on floor.

Senior co-captain Marsia Thomas is unable to compete this year because of an injury, but she has attended each meet to support her teammates.

## Hockey

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Lance Lucas and John also had assists.

"It's good to see Frankie picking it up," Bopp said. "He's been hot the last two games."

In South's last two games, DeLaura has three goals and two assists.

Lock said that North's special teams haven't been up to their normal standards in recent games.

"We can't seem to score on the power play and we've been giving up too many power-play goals," he said. "In our first 66 penalty-killing opportunities this year we gave up only one goal. In our last five games, we've given up at least one power-play goal — and we gave up the three against South."

Julien Horrie scored from the edge of the crease with 8:07 left in the game to cut South's lead to 4-2, but the Norsemen couldn't get any closer.

"We played our best in the second period," Bopp said. "Between the second and third periods I told them to play like it was a 0-0 game. We knew North wasn't going to quit. We got a little too defensive at one point, but we didn't panic after they

scored their second goal."

Several other Blue Devils earned praise from their coach.

"Mike Lewandowski hasn't had a lot of ice time, but when he got the chance to play more against North he took advantage of it," Bopp said. "I can't say enough about Sattelmeyer. He's had big wins against North and East Kentwood. He's played a lot more than we anticipated and has done a great job."

"Trevor John had a couple more assists, and he sees the ice so well. Mott and Maxwell continue to play well. They're becoming one of the best defense pairs we've had here."

Both teams came into the game after a disappointing loss in league contests earlier in the week.

South dropped a 5-4 decision to Ann Arbor Pioneer in the Michigan Metro High School Hockey League.

The Blue Devils jumped ahead on a power-play goal by Ryan Abraham, assisted by Mott and DeLaura, at 7:41 of the first period. Pioneer then scored five straight goals before the period ended.

"We just didn't play well," Bopp said. "We were sloppy on defense and gave up a

couple of breakaways. They scored on a 5-on-3."

Once South got that first period out of its system, it looked like a different team.

"We were outstanding in the second and third periods," Bopp said. "We should have at least gone into overtime because we had two goals disallowed. One of them definitely should have been a goal because the puck was over the line before the net was knocked off."

Lucas scored at 10:15 of the second period, assisted by Tom MacEachern, and DeLaura's power-play goal from Shield and Abraham at 11:50 cut the Pioneers' lead to 5-3.

A power-play goal by Lewandowski at 10:21 of the third period made it 5-4. Brookes and DeLaura had the assists.

While South built on its momentum from the second and third periods against Pioneer, North had a disappointing third period in a 3-1 loss to Brother Rice in a Michigan Interscholastic Hockey League game.

One of the Brother Rice players got a major penalty with four seconds remaining in the second period, but North was unable to score with nearly five minutes of power play time to start the

third period.

The Norsemen also had a power play midway through the period and were unable to score, and they had a 6-on-4 advantage for the final 17 seconds.

"We're just not a very good hockey team right now," Lock said.

"Maybe we overestimated ourselves at the start of the year, but in practice we look awesome. It doesn't look like anybody can stop us, but when there's one puck on the ice, it all goes out the window."

Lock is hoping that things turn around this weekend when North travels to Marquette for two games.

"That's not going to be easy," he said. "They're undefeated."

In the Brother Rice game, Alex Davenport scored North's only goal at 7:29 of the second period to cut the Warriors' lead to 2-1. Dante DeSerrano assisted.

Alex Krushelnyski, the son of former Red Wings assistant coach Mike Krushelnyski, scored what turned out to be the game winner for Brother Rice at 1:04 of the second period.

South returns to league action on Saturday at 7:30 p.m. against Divine Child at City Arena.

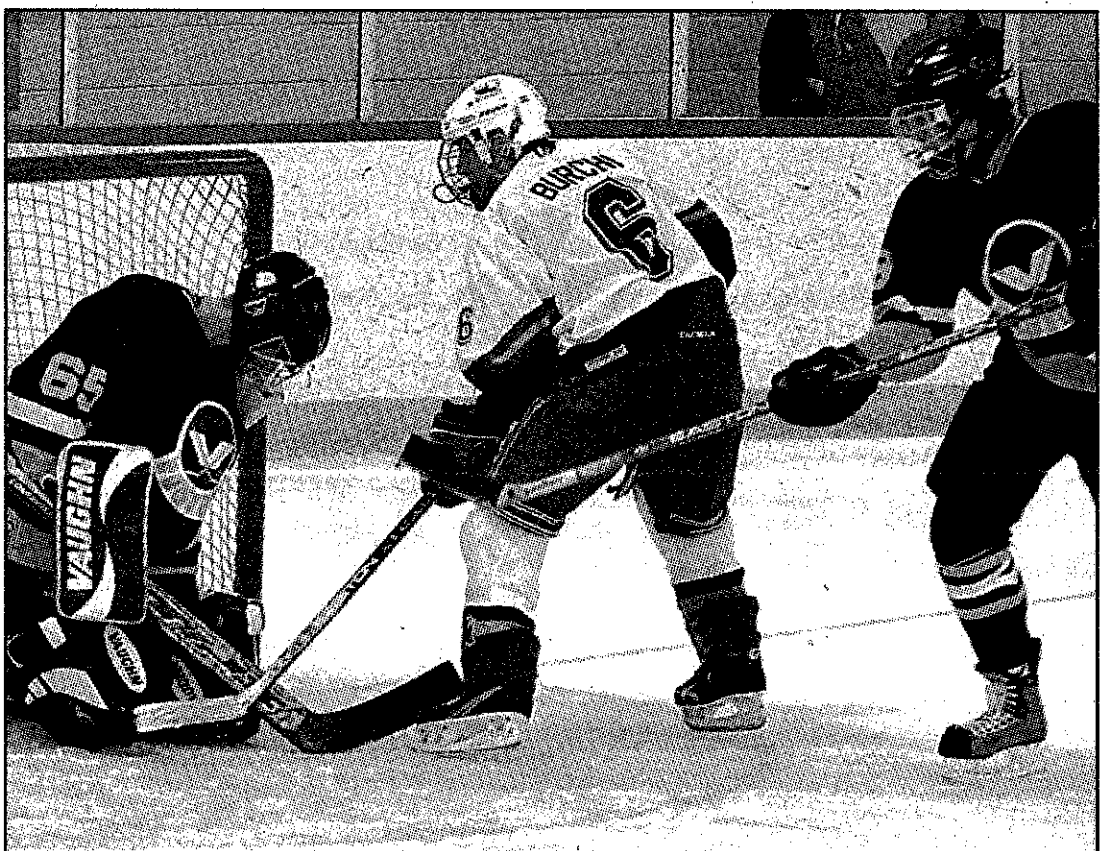


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**University Liggett School's Mike Burchi scores a goal after getting past Bishop Foley's Sean Patwell (9). The Ventures' goalie is Cory Jackovich. ULS ended a five-game losing streak with a 6-4 victory.**

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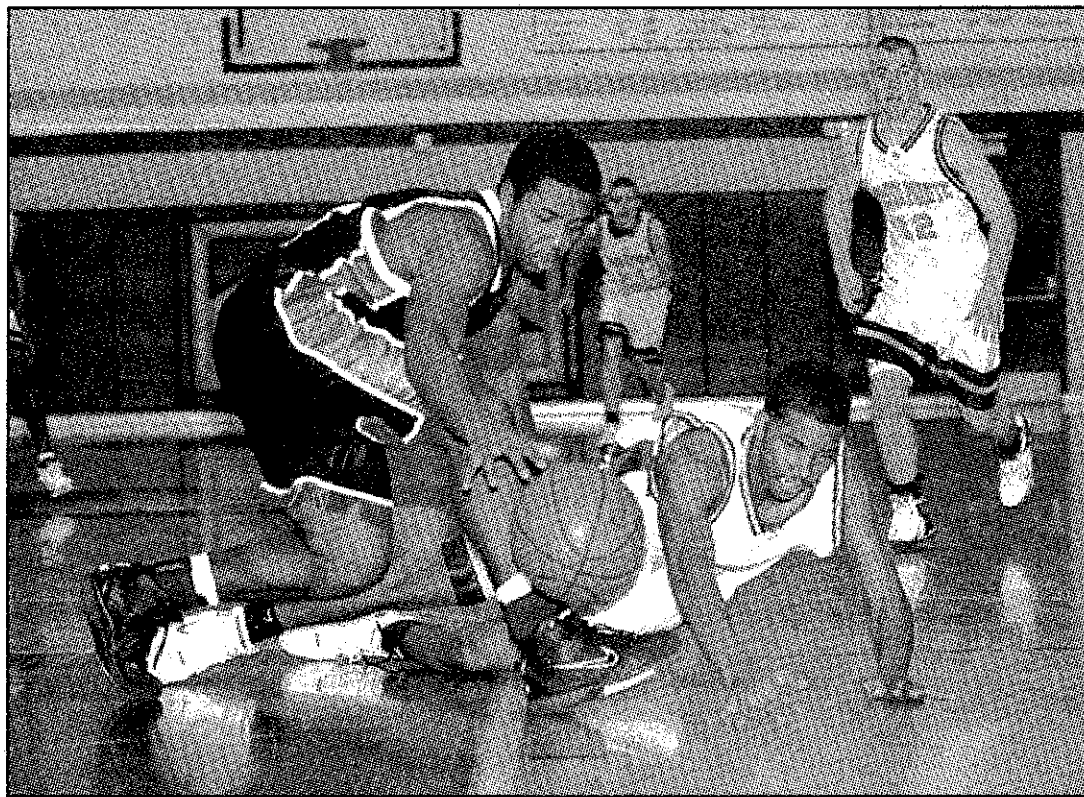
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# Norsemen showing improvement with each outing



North's Dwight Van Hoesen and Utica's Chris Robinson go after a loose ball.

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## ULS freshmen win tournament

University Liggett School's freshman volleyball team won the Silver Division championship at the Waterford Kettering tournament.

Knights coach Dan Sullivan said "the team displayed great teamwork and

focus as the day progressed."

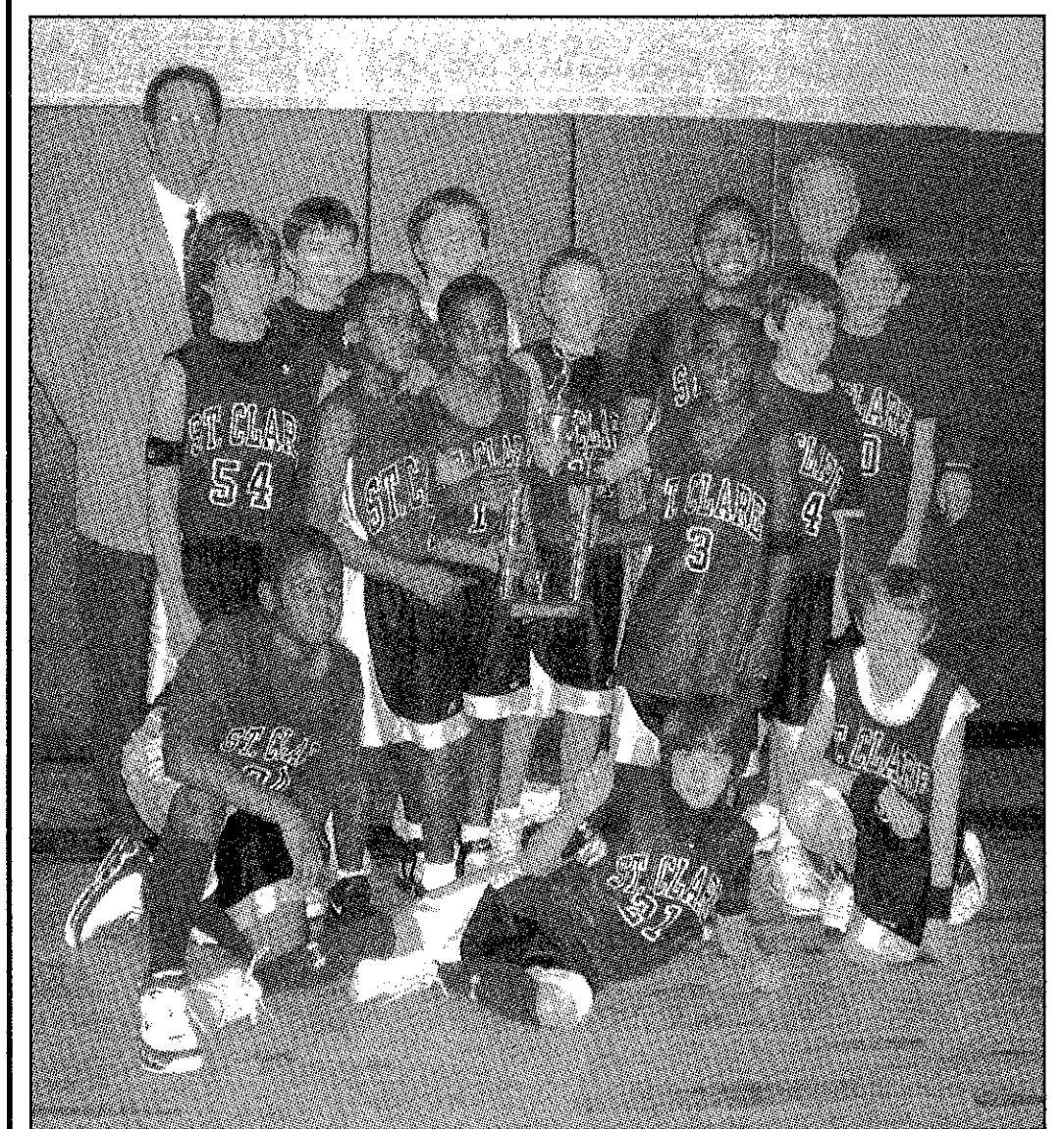
ULS won its last three matches by winning third-game tiebreakers. The Knights beat Romeo in the semifinals and defeated Lutheran North in the final.

ULS was led by the strong back row defensive play of

Whitney Baubie and Jill Tines and the serving of Moriam Aigoro. Megan Amicucci did a fine job of setting, while the Knights were helped by solid all-around play from Chloe Kirchner, Charlotte Waldmeir, Kristin Peterson and Danielle Masi.



University Liggett School's freshman volleyball team won the Silver Division championship at the Waterford Kettering tournament. In front are Chloe Kirchner, left, and Kristin Peterson. In back, from left, are Jill Tines, Moriam Aigoro, Megan Amicucci, Charlotte Waldmeir, Danielle Masi and Whitney Baubie.



## Tourney champs

St. Clare's sixth grade boys basketball team won the St. Bartholomew Christmas Tournament. The Falcons won all four games, including a victory over Star of the Sea in the championship game. St. Clare also beat St. Joseph, Immaculate Conception and Marist Academy. Team members are Justin Browning, Derek Thorton, Joe Srebernak, Blake West, K.J. Schaeffer, David Harris, Matthew Reno, Conor Buckley, Brian Fontaine, Kaelen Cole, Alex Reynolds, Ted Berkowski, Tim Kramer, Brian Hall, Michael Nehra and Kurt Hamel. Bob Conway is the head coach. His assistant is Tim Kramer.

By Chuck Klonke  
Sports Editor

Things are a lot different this year on the Grosse Pointe North basketball scene.

Instead of working toward a long run in the state tournament, the Norsemen are just looking for steady improvement.

And they seem to be getting it.

"They're all learning and getting experience," coach Matt Trombley said after North's 63-56 loss to Utica in a Macomb Area Conference Red Division game.

"Take away what's on the scoreboard. How much did we improve? I thought we made a lot of offensive improvement tonight over our last game (a 69-54 loss to Romeo). We made mistakes, but they're mistakes we can fix.

"We took a lot of good shots tonight. We didn't rush things. In fact, I can't think of any bad shots that we took."

The Norsemen made Utica sweat out its victory. The Chieftains led 55-47 with 2:23 remaining, but with 1:09 to go, North had sliced the lead to 57-54 on a jumper by Cory McCain.

Before McCain's shot brought the Norsemen within three, Adam Miller hit a pair of free throws, and Dwight VanHoesen drove for a layup, was fouled and made the free throw to complete the three-point play.

"They didn't give up," Trombley said. "They kept battling. I thought we'd win it."

Unfortunately for North, Utica's 6-foot-8 Dex Battista had different ideas.

Battista, who finished with 25 points and 11 rebounds, made five free throws in the last 56 seconds to secure the win for the Chieftains.

"He's tough. He earned his points," Trombley said of Battista. "Jacob (Bloomhuff) did a good job on Dex, but we don't have anybody who could block his shots."

Utica went ahead to stay midway through the third quarter during an 8-3 run that was triggered by a basket by Frankie Carlesimo. Battista had eight points during the third quarter which ended with the Chieftains leading 41-37.

VanHoesen led North with 21 points, including 18 in the second half, while Miller finished with 18.

"This was Adam's best game offensively," Trombley said. "He was under control from the start. He made some great moves on the break. He changed speeds. He attacked the basket and

came off some screens."

VanHoesen led North with six rebounds, and Bloomhuff had five. Jason Aubrey came off the bench and contributed six points and four rebounds.

Carlesimo finished with a season-high 18 points for Utica.

One of the big factors in the Romeo game came at the free throw line where the Bulldogs made 22 of 30 attempts while North went 2-for-12.

"We showed improvement from the Chippewa Valley game when we scored only 11 points in the first half," Trombley said.

"We had 19 in the first quarter against Romeo."

The Bulldogs led 30-25 at halftime but after three quarters the score was tied at 42-42.

"They were big and athletic," Trombley said. "We didn't do a good job on the glass. We also didn't guard their best player very well. He was 16-for-16 from the line."

Defensively, the Norsemen are also trying to find their way.

"We're trying to figure out which seven or eight guys can do the job defensively," Trombley said. "The seniors know how. They were on a team that did it last year."

"Having Jacob back has made a big difference. And when we get Nick (Waller) in another week, that will help, too."

VanHoesen led North with 18 points, McCain had 10, Marc Reno finished with nine and Miller added 10.

"Cory had a good game against Romeo," Trombley said. "He showed a lot of intensity on defense. Reno has been one of our most consistent defensive players, and Dwight is coming along defensively."

North plays at L'Anse Creuse North tonight, Jan. 19 in a MAC crossover game. The Norsemen's next home game is Tuesday, Jan. 24 against L'Anse Creuse.



Photo by Dr. J. Richard Dunlap

North's Jason Aubrey puts up a shot while Utica's Dex Battista tries to block it. The Norsemen's Jacob Bloomhuff watches.

## Fest

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Pointe Aquatic had 45 swimmers participate with first-place finishes from Ali Deloof, Gabby Deloof, Catie Deloof, Kaelyn Mocer, Ryan Graham, Jacqueline Shea, Chris Cornell, Hannah Everett, Emily Turnbull, Zachary Hannah, Maresa Leto and Christian Mellos.

Top 16 finishes came from Nora Oliver, Caitlyn Buchanan, Connor Buchanan, Katherine

Graham, Jackie Deloof, Mallory Jammet, Michelle Ewart, Michael Janes, Molly Dewald, Tori Wuthrich, Juliette Tripp, Anthony Lesha, Meredith Tulloch, Jack Martin, Jack Gallant, Annie Eugenio, Ariel Kwakye, Nicholas Yoo, Abbey Schuetze, Bella Gallant, Kayla Gallant, Sarah Sherer, Scott Adelson and Eric Rearden.

Event winners from the Grosse Pointe Gators Swim Club, which had 63 swim-

mers participate, were Craig Campbell, Lindsey Phillips, Wayne Brackett, Ben Moss, Megan Bergeron, Kendall Effinger, Sam Effinger, Matt Mandel and Tori Bruce.

Top 16 finishes by the Gators were achieved by Erica Bruce, Henry Fildes, Kelsey MacConnachie, Megan Tomasi, Devlin Francis, Morgan Clevenger, Erin Belanger, Jennifer Vermet, Kate Van Pelt, Patrick Jackson, Julia Moss, Jennifer Maiorana, Nina Smith, Charlie Delany, Cameron Francis, Griffin Brooks, Alexandra Rogers, Becky Weiland and Lyuba Popadic.

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Brie Sherer of Grosse Pointe Farms was the only entrant from the Birmingham Blue Dolphins Swim Team and she had an excellent first-place time in the girls 500-yard freestyle.

## Volleyball tryouts begin on Sunday

The Michigan Elite Volleyball Club, formerly the VIP Club, will hold tryouts the next three Sundays to select teams for the club's spring volleyball program.

The tryouts will be to select regional and national select teams and to fill national team spots.

All tryouts will take place at the Macomb Community College Sport and Expo Center.

The schedule for Jan. 22 is 14-and-under, 8 to 11 a.m.; 15U, 11 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.; and 13, 16, 17 and 18U, 2 to

4:30 p.m.

Jan. 29 is team placement day. The schedule is 14U, 8 to 10 a.m.; 15U, 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.; and 13, 16, 17 and 18U, 2 to 4:30 p.m.

Tryouts for 12U will be Feb. 5 from 8:30 a.m. until noon.

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**414** Neff. Four bedroom, 2 1/2 bath. Air conditioned, two car garage. \$1,400. (313)884-6451

**596** Notre Dame- completely renovated 1 bedroom lower unit. Walking distance to the Village! New kitchen, bath, carpeting, roof, windows, garage and dishwasher. Stove and refrigerator provided. New furnace, window air conditioning unit provided. Separate basement storage. No pets. \$900. Shown by appointment. New Clam Investment. (313)884-6861

**700 APTS/FLATS/DUPLEX  
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**598** Notre Dame- Completely renovated. 1 bedroom upper loft. Walking distance to the Village! New kitchen, bath, carpeting, roof, windows, garage. Stove and refrigerator provided. New furnace, window air conditioning unit provided. Separate basement storage. No pets. \$750. Shown by appointment. New Clam Investment. (313)884-6861

**755** Harcourt- \$875. 2 bedroom, new kitchen, air. Sharp decor throughout. (313)821-8411

**838** Neff, 2 bedroom upper, near Village. Appliances, extras. \$700- \$800 range. (313)882-2079

**870** Nottingham. 4 unit building. Spacious 2 bedroom lower, hardwood floors. \$625/ month. 586-212-0759, or 313-567-4144

**876** Trombley, upper 3 bedroom, 2 bath, natural fireplace, breakfast nook, garage, separate basement. \$1,200/ month plus security deposit, no pets. (313)882-3965

**926** Nottingham- 2 bedroom lower, all appliances, off-street parking, \$750/ month plus security. 313-823-5852

**700 APTS/FLATS/DUPLEX  
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**927** Harcourt. Upper flat, 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, large kitchen, den, living room, fireplace, dining room, laundry room, garage. Heat included. Available 2/06. Non-smoking. \$1,200/ month. (313)822-9913

**BEACONSFIELD** 895, south of Jefferson, upper 2 bedroom, remodeled, painted/ mini blinds, new kitchen. Heat & water included. \$875/ month. No pets. (248)370-8865

**DUPLEX**, 19119 Roscommon, 2 bedroom, basement, yard. \$650/ deposit. 586-791-2534.

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**GROSSE** Pointe Park, Lakepointe. Lower flat. \$775/ month, plus utilities. All appliances included. (586)739-7283

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POINTES/HARPER WOODS**

**GROSSE** Pointe Park, Nottingham, upper, 2 bedroom apartment. \$595/ month plus utilities, 586-739-7283

**HARPER** Woods- 2 bedroom duplex, basement, fenced yard, close to schools, section 8 ok. \$700/ month. Rent or rent to own. (586)293-8185

**HARPER** Woods, Kingsville. Spacious 2 bedroom, carpeted, appliances, laundry, no pets. (313)881-9313

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**594** Alter Road- lower, 2 bedroom. Stove, refrigerator, washer/ dryer, window air conditioning unit, basement, garage. \$700/ month, \$700 security. (313)331-1767

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**DUPLEX-** 2 bedroom, central air, basement, 22110 Moross. \$795. Section 8 OK. (313)343-0622.

**EAST** English Village, very clean 2 bedroom lower, 5801 Grayton. \$625. (313)343-0554

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**1** bedroom, Roseville. All appliances. No pets. (248)543-3940

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**242** McKinley- 3 bedroom, 1.5 bath, half finished basement. Close to Richard Elementary, South Hill school, and the Hill. \$1,800/ month. 248-249-7735

**3** bedroom/ 1 bath. Harper Woods/ Grosse Pointe Schools. Living room, family room, new kitchen, finished basement. Includes appliances. \$995 per month plus security deposit. Call (586)899-8515

**4** bedroom, 3 bath home, completely renovated. 2,100 square feet. \$1,200. (586)295-5640

**873** Loraine- 4 bedroom, 1 bath bungalow. Approximately 1,100 sq. ft. Freshly painted, newer Berber carpeting, 2 car garage. No pets. \$1,200. Available January 1st. Shown by appointment. Jim Saros Agency (313)884-6861

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**705 HOUSES FOR RENT  
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**GROSSE** Pointe Farms- Completely renovated brick colonial, 6 bedrooms, 5.3 baths. State of the art kitchen, master suite. D&H Properties, (248)737-4002

**GROSSE** Pointe Park, Maryland. 3 bedroom single house, 2 car garage. \$1,100/ month, plus utilities. (586)739-7283

**GROSSE** Pointe Woods, St. John Hospital area. 3 bedroom colonial with family room. \$1,200 per month. (313)884-7000

**HARPER** Woods. 3 bedroom, 1 1/2 baths. Decorated, deck, garage, fenced. \$845. (313)882-4132

**LAKEPOINTE-** classic English Tudor home, short walk to Windmill Pointe Park/ Trombly school. 6 months plus lease available. \$2,750/ month. (248)936-5504.

**MARYLAND,** rear home. 3 bedrooms, fresh paint, appliances. Yard maintenance. \$800. (248)343-7540

**PEMBERTON-** lovely tudor, 3- 4 bedrooms, newer gourmet kitchen, formal dining room, family room, finished basement, 2 car garage, walk up attic, first floor laundry, all appliances. \$1,850/ month. (313)443-9968

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DETROIT/WAYNE COUNTY**

**19525** Westphalia- 3 bedroom brick colonial, living room with fireplace, dining room, partially finished basement. \$800. Shown by appointment, Jimco Properties. (313)884-6861

**3** bedroom, Detroit home. Newly painted, hardwood floors. New windows. Rent/ buy. Call bob, (313)824-2010

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**CADIEUX/ Morang.** Clean, 2 bedroom brick. Living room, dining room, basement, 1 1/2 car garage, appliances. \$800/ month, plus security. (313)881-2425

**EAST** Warren/ Mack, 4975 Anatole- 3 bedroom, finished basement, new windows. \$650/ month plus security. (313)882-8390

**GUILFORD-** clean 3 bedroom home, freshly painted, \$550/ month. (586)321-2828

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**BEAUTIFUL** St. Clair Shores 3 bedroom brick ranch, 2 car garage. \$1,050. 586-294-4158

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**CONDO:** Lakeshore Village. 2/ 2 like new. Available January 1, \$900. Call (313)407-4383

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**LAKESHORE** Village- 2 bedroom, refurbished. No pets. \$850/ month plus security. 313-729-0108

**NEWLY** decorated, 1 bedroom condo, 9 Mile/ Harper area, \$600/ month. All utilities included. (586)344-3597

**PERFECT** Village location. Grosse Pointe 2 bedroom condo. Hardwood floors, furnishings available, flexible lease. \$875/ month. (313)378-8978

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**ST. Clair Shores-** large 1 bedroom upper. Great location. Free heat, no pets. \$575, plus security. 586-530-9154

**TWO** bedroom, 2 bath condo on Nautical Mile. Covered parking. \$850. 313-506-4285.

**716 OFFICE/COMMERCIAL  
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**100** sq. ft. furnished space in Grosse Pointe, Thursday, Friday. Inquire at (313)300-9232

**BRUSHWOOD CORP.** (313)331-8800  
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615 Sq. Ft. Kercheval, Parking; \$750/ month

**1,800** Sq. Ft. Kercheval Parking; \$1,800/ month

**400** Sq. Ft. E. Jefferson Parking; \$450/ month.

**741** Sq. Ft. E. Jefferson Parking; \$800/ month

**1,680** Sq. Ft. Mack \$1,500/ month

**ST. Clair Shores-** Professional office space available. 586-445-3700.

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Completely renovated space with new electrical, plumbing, heating and cooling, water heaters, recessed lighting, flooring, new bathroom, drywall and paint.  
Indoor and outdoor seating.  
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**FLORIDA** sunshine and golf! Beautiful, new 2 bedroom, 2 bath condo. Tennis, large pool, all the amenities. Close to Fort Meyers and Sanibel beaches. \$1,000 weekly, \$3,100 monthly. Call (248)608-9908 or visit [www.greatblueheronenterprises.com](http://www.greatblueheronenterprises.com)

**MIROMAR** Lakes, Ft. Myers. Gated community, first floor condominium. 2 bedrooms, 2 bath, den with pull out couch. Pools, beach, spa and fitness center, boating, skiing, fishing and tennis. Long term rental (one month minimum). Non-smoking/ no pets. (419)882-5445/ (419)704-1281/ (419)704-1280.

**SARASOTA,** Siesta Key. Sudden illness makes Gulf & Bay Club Resort available, February, March, April in the gulf front "E" building. 2 bedroom, 2 bath, ground floor. \$5,900/ month. Call Wil @ (941)587-5067.

**TREASURE** Island Florida, 2 bedroom, 2 bathroom, gulf front condos. Boardwalk, tennis, pool. Located in the gated "Land's End" association at the end of Sunset Beach. Walk for miles on the gulf beaches. Beautiful sunsets from the balcony. 2 units available. 313-881-0204 or 313-690-1894

**723 VACATION RENTALS  
MICHIGAN**

**1** bedroom, sleeps 4, non-smoking condo. Available winter break, February 17th-24th. Mountain. Run at Boyne Mt. (313)886-1722

**CASEVILLE/ Saginaw** Bay- private lakefront homes. Booking now for winter/ spring weekends and summer 2006. 989-874-5181, DLFC102@avci.net

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**HINT:** There might be more than one answer hidden in the six columns or two diagonals. Happy Hunting!

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