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FRIDAY, MARCH 31

♦ VillageToy Company, 16900 Kercheval, celebrates its Grand Re-opening today and tomorrow, Saturday, April 1, from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

SATURDAY, APRIL 1

♦ LocalMotion holds an "Eco-friendly Home Products Expo" from noon to 4 p.m. at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms.
♦ Monteith Elementary School holds its first auction at 7 p.m. at the Assumption Cultural Center, 21800 Marter, St. Clair Shores. Tickets are \$40 and include gourmet food stations for dinner, a chocolate fountain for dessert and an open bar.
♦ St. Clare of Montefalco PTO hosts its annual auction and dinner, "Auction Fiesta," from 5:30 to 9 p.m. Tickets are \$35 and \$40 at the door. For information, call (313) 881-7729.

SUNDAY, APRIL 2

♦ Daylight Savings Time begins at 2 a.m. Move clocks ahead one hour.
♦ National Library Week starts today.
♦ The Family Center of Grosse Pointe and Harper Woods celebrates its sixth annual Month of the Young Child with a music concert for families from 12:30 to 3 p.m. at the Barnes Early Childhood Center, 20090 Morningside, Grosse Pointe Woods. Admission is \$5 per family. For information, call (313) 432-3832.
♦ Grosse Pointe North Concert Band and Symphonic Band perform at 3 p.m. at Detroit Orchestra Hall. Tickets are \$25 for box seats, \$12 for general admission, \$8 for students and seniors and are available at Wild Birds Unlimited Nature Shop, 20485 Mack. For information, call (313) 884-3432.

MONDAY, APRIL 3

♦ Last day to register to vote for the May 2 Grosse Pointe Public Schools System board positions.
♦ The Grosse Pointe Farms City Council meets at 7 p.m. at city hall, 90 Kerby Road.
♦ The Grosse Pointe Public Library hosts a presentation by Francis Grunow, executive director of Preservation Wayne

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Revenue enhancement?

At 6 p.m. work session Monday, school board to discuss new foundation

By Ann L. Fouty
Staff Writer

Discussion of the revenue enhancement committee will be on the Monday, April 3, Grosse Pointe Board of Education agenda, with the hopes of injecting renewed life into it.

Following a presentation in

February, the committee, which plans to raise substantial money for the Grosse Pointe School System, fell back to regroup. Committee member Lorna Utley had asked the board for \$60,000 in start-up fees and a \$750,000 loan over three years to help generate millions of dollars.

During the March 23 special

meeting, members heard that more expertise was needed to get the committee back on track in a revised approach and members would scale back their start-up fee request.

One of the stumbling points during the earlier presentation was the lack of governance specifications, as the committee would be autonomous from

the school board. The board was assured by trustee Joan Dindoffer that those issues would be tackled.

"We're working on a kick-off in the fall," she said of when the fundraising campaign would begin. Dindoffer noted there will be a time line and definition of how the money will be allocated.

Both community members and board members want to be assured that funds raised via the revenue enhancement committee will not affect fundraising efforts by PTOs, athletic and music boosters, whose efforts are already in place.

Some say money should be spent for classroom support.

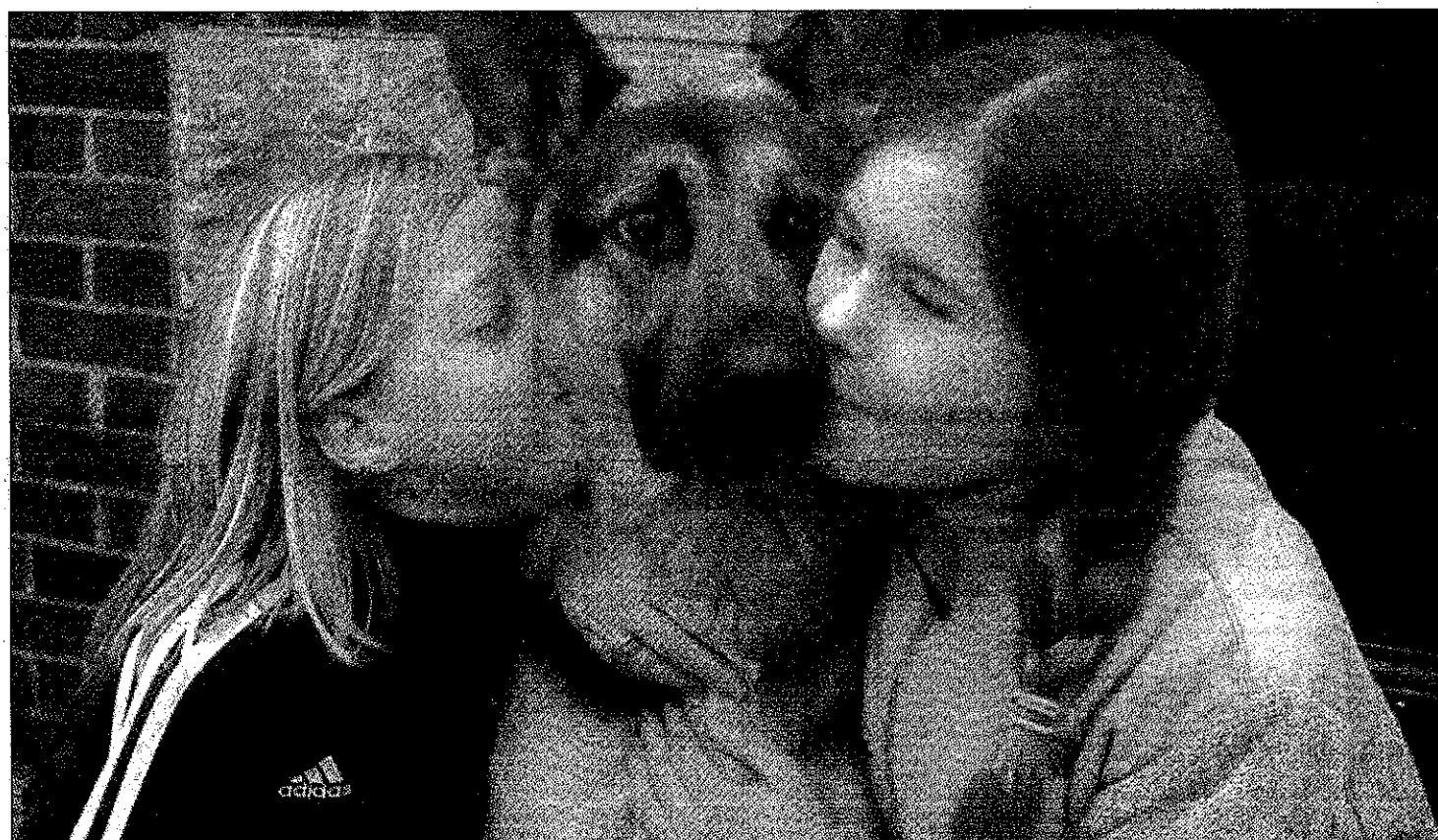


PHOTO BY BRAD LINDBERG

Annika Nixon, left, and Cat Trost donated money they earned selling lemonade to help buy Raleigh a bulletproof vest.

CITY OF GROSSE POINTE

Lemonade money goes to Raleigh

Richard students
latest to give

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

Rack up more fans of Raleigh.

Annika Nixon and Cat Trost, both in fourth grade at Richard Elementary, like the police dog so much they're helping buy

him a bulletproof vest.

The girls donated \$103.06 they earned last summer selling lemonade.

"We were going to give it to the Grosse Pointe Animal Shelter but decided to give to Raleigh when we noticed him in the paper and learned he needed a bullet jacket," said Nixon, 9, from the City of Grosse Pointe.

She and fellow resident

Trost, 10, are among hundreds of people helping outfit Raleigh, the City of Grosse Pointe K-9 officer, with the same type of protective wear worn by his two-legged comrades.

Raleigh had been on the job only a few weeks last Thanksgiving when he sniffed out hidden narcotics and guns during a drug raid conducted by the Grosse Pointe Harper

Woods Special Response Team.

Last week while working the overnight shift with handler PSO Michael Almeranti, Raleigh detected marijuana in the cars of two drivers pulled over for traffic offenses.

"He has a really high drive," Almeranti said.

When City residents Brian Leslie and Janice Cassetta

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Shores won't dredge

Accretion removal
delayed for 2 years

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

An application to dredge sediment from the shoreline north of Vernier is being shelved for up to two years.

State and federal environmental officials agreed to hold the application dormant at the request of its sponsors.

In the meantime, an international study of the effects of dredging the 27-foot-deep shipping channel might indicate why sediment is settling along parts of Lake St. Clair's western shore.

"A report on that study is to be issued sometime in 2008," according to Grosse Pointes' state Sen. Martha Scott, R-Highland Park.

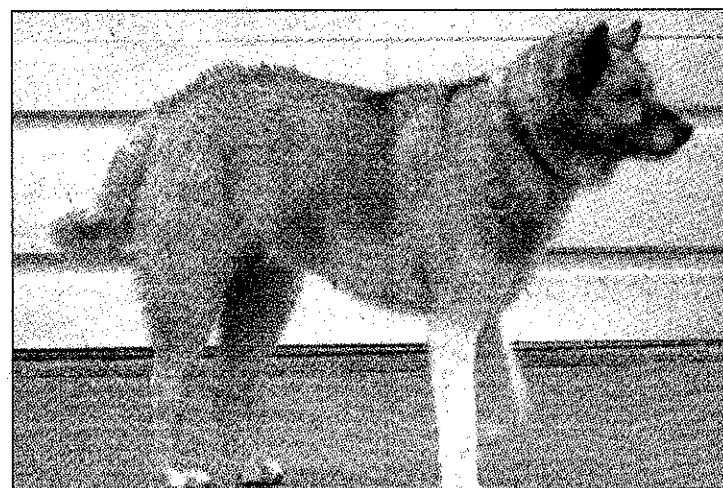
The International Joint Commission, comprised of United States and Canadian representatives from states and provinces within the Great Lakes basin, commissioned the report.

Its purpose is to determine how the U.S. Army Corps of

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Stray dog

Grosse Pointe Woods public safety officers are looking for a stray dog that has been seen from South Renaud to Rosedale Court. The dog has a purple collar, but no visible tags. "Although the dog is non-confrontational, he will not allow anyone near him. He immediately runs away," Woods Director of Public Safety Mike Makowski said. "He does not look neglected. He is not malnourished nor does he look mangy." If anyone has any information, contact the Grosse Pointe Woods Department of Public Safety at (313) 343-2400.



POINTER OF INTEREST

'I've always been a star. I just don't think America noticed.'

T.R. Youngblood

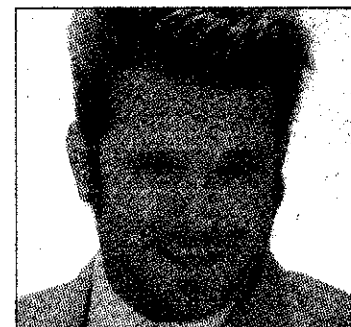
Home: Grosse Pointe Farms

Age: 30

Family: Wife, Tracy

Claim to fame: Castmember of "Survival of the Richest" reality television show

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2A | NEWS

Yesterday's headlines

1956

50 years ago this week

♦ Voting machines will streamline balloting in next week's Grosse Pointe Woods municipal election.

For the first time in its history, the Woods will have voting machines in each of its nine voting precincts to expedite ballot casting.

♦ For the first time in 23 years, Grosse Pointe Park police will have a motorcycle unit to apprehend speeders and control traffic.

Delivery of a \$1,836 motorcycle is expected within 60 days.

♦ Twenty-four Grosse Pointe High School writers produce a barrage of 35 winning entries in the 1956 Southeastern Michigan Scholastic Writing Awards.

These winners competed against 6,900 manuscripts submitted by students from seven counties.

this week in Grosse Pointe Park.

Bryant convinces state social services officials to delay licensing the facility for at least two weeks.

♦ Grosse Pointe Farms musician Stephanie Leon takes the \$1,000 top prize in the Pointe's first statewide piano competition funded by the Michigan Foundation for the Arts held at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial.

Leon, 21, beat 15 contestants during the two-day meet sponsored by the Grosse Pointe Summer Music Festival. Leon is a graduate of South High and music student at the University of Michigan.

♦ Grosse Pointe Park police corral a 25-pound pig found strolling along Windmill Pointe Drive.

Police said a resident later claimed the 6-week-old animal had been purchased as a joke for a friend's birthday.

comes in second with 34 percent of Pointe voters.

♦ The Grosse Pointe Woods city council unanimously approves variance requests by the Grosse Pointe Public School System that will allow installation of permanent lights around the Grosse Pointe North High School football field.

♦ Grosse Pointe Woods councilmembers pass an ordinance that could result in a \$50 fee for residents who cancel their boat well rental after June 1.

"The reason for the policy is that it becomes more difficult for the city to fill an empty boat well later in the boating season," says Bill Babcock, Woods parks and recreation director.

2001

5 years ago this week

♦ The Michigan State Court of Appeals turns out the light on a suit filed by neighbors of Grosse Pointe North High School opposing the installation of lights around the football field and scheduling Friday night games.

The suit was against Grosse Pointe Woods and the school system.

♦ In an effort to get more funding for projects, the Grosse Pointe Historical



1956: Teenagers form Republican Club

Among 30 teenagers who formed their own club in the 14th District Republican Headquarters this month, members from the Pointe are, standing from left Sandy MacMechan, Julie Chadwick, Wayne O'Neil, advisor; Phil Warren, Joyce Bushong and Sue Brown. Seated are Sally Macaulay, advisor; Jack Medley and Margo Miller. (From the March 29, 1956 Grosse Pointe News.)

1981

25 years ago this week

♦ Grosse Pointe's Republican State Rep. William Bryant enters the battle to stop a group home for mentally impaired people from opening

1996

10 years ago this week

♦ Sen. Robert Dole, R-Kan., receives support from 59 percent of Grosse Pointe voters in the Michigan Republican Presidential primary election.

Statewide, Dole receives 51 percent backing.

Locally, Patrick Buchanan

Society approaches Pointe city councils for annual donations of \$5,000.

Money would also help pay

the Provencal-Weir House mortgage and rent for society offices.

♦ For the first time in six years, the Grosse Pointe News cover price will go up at newsstands.

Starting with the first issue in

April, an increase of 2 cents will take the price to \$1 per issue. The increase is forced upon the publication due to a severe postal rate increase over the past six years, including an 8 percent increase last January.

— Brad Lindberg

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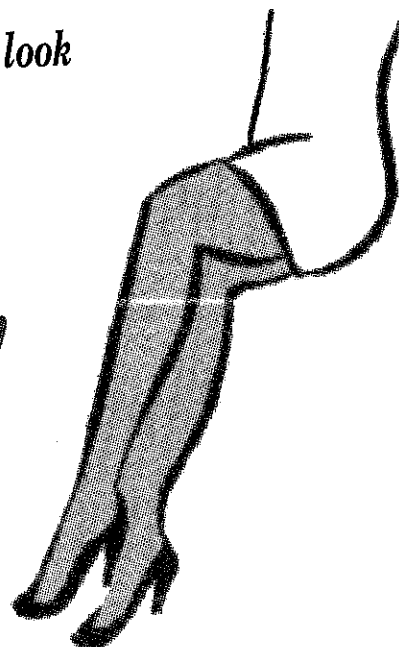
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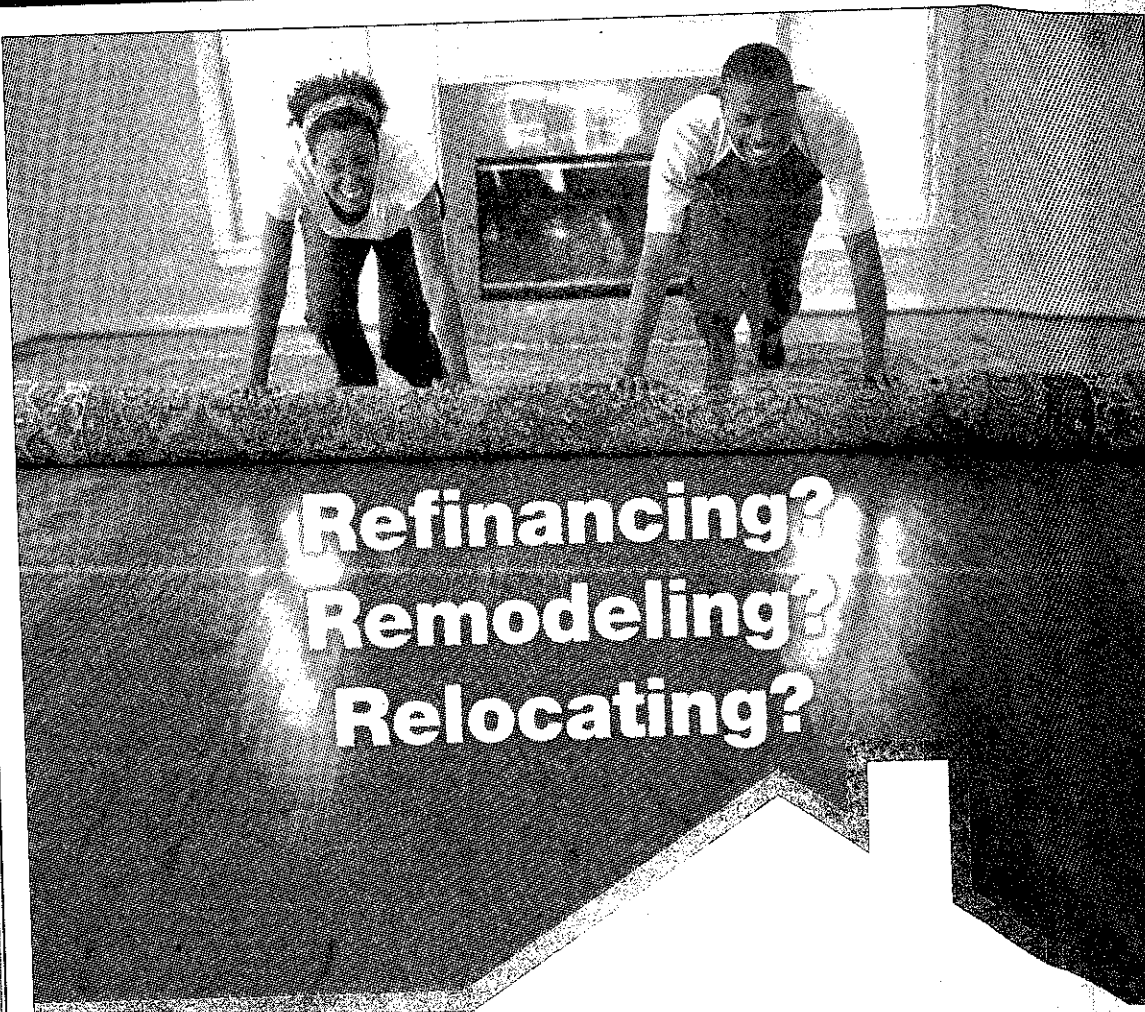
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Lou and Barbara Prues of Grosse Pointe Park conditioned for six months before undertaking the climb to the top of Mount Kilimanjaro, Africa's highest point at 19,335.6 feet.

Ain't no mountain high enough

Here they are, Lou Prues, 59, and wife Barbara, 52, of Grosse Pointe Park at the top of Mount Kilimanjaro, standing on the tallest freestanding mountain in the world.

With 40 porters and guides, they and 10 other adventurers took seven days to reach the African summit and two days descending.

Of the 10 in the group, nine made it to the top. According to Prues, the normal success rate is 55 percent.

The couple spent six months preparing for the climb by walking five miles at a time carrying a backpack, working out on the treadmill, lifting weights and a bicycle spinning class for Barbara.

"As you climb, you go through five distinct zones: the forest, heathers, moors, "moonscape" and glacial. In a word, from lush to stark," he said.

Among the "high" spots in the adventure was climbing the Baranco wall, a sheer wall of 1,000 feet in elevation. In the final six hours, the group covered one foot per minute.

Prues said he and his wife felt emotionally, spiritually and physically spent upon reaching their goal.

"We really were not sure we could do it, but we wanted to try and so a year ago we made the commitment," he said.

The couple can look back at 2:35 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 26, as a high point in their lives and are willing to share their experience with others.

Following the trek up the mountain, the Prues spent a week on a camera safari in the Ngorongoro Crater and the Serengeti.

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on "Downtown Detroit: Preserving Our Region's Heart" at 7 p.m. in the Ewald branch meeting room, 15175 E. Jefferson, Grosse Pointe Park.

♦ The council of Grosse Pointe Woods meets at 7:30 p.m. in council chambers, 20025 Mack.

♦ Grosse Pointe Board of Education meets at 6 p.m. in South High School, Room 154 for a work session.

♦ A conference meeting of the Grosse Pointe Board of

Education will be held at 8 p.m. in Wicking Library, South High School.

TUESDAY, APRIL 4

♦ "No Fines Day" at the three Grosse Pointe Public Library branches. The library hosts children's author and artist Denise Fleming for a children's program from 4 to 5 p.m. at the Woods branch, 20600 Mack and for an adult and family program from 7 to 8 p.m. at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms.

♦ Grosse Pointe South High School holds its annual ArtFest, starting today and ending on Saturday, April 8 at the school's Cleminson Hall. The student art show hours are 7 to 9 p.m., with an awards ceremony at 8 p.m. tonight; 8 a.m. to noon and 7 to 9 p.m., Wednesday, April 5; 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. and 7 to 9 p.m. Thursday, April 6; 8 a.m. to 3 p.m., Friday, April 7; and 10 a.m. to

2 p.m., Saturday, April 8. Admission is free. The public is welcome.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 5

♦ The three Grosse Pointe Public Library branches host "Coffee and Doughnut Day." The library presents Edward McKeehan of the Detroit Institute of Arts who will talk about "African-American Art from the Walter O. Evans Collection" at 7 p.m. in the Woods branch meeting room, 20060 Mack.

THURSDAY, APRIL 6

♦ "Free Video with Check-out Day" at the three Grosse Pointe Public Library branches. The movie "Shrek" plays at 7 p.m. at the Ewald library branch, 15175 E. Jefferson, Grosse Pointe Park. Former Detroit Tiger Dave Bergman and former Detroit Free Press sports columnist Curt Sylvester talk about "Major League Baseball," starting at 7

p.m., at the Grosse Pointe Public Library Woods branch, 20060 Mack.

♦ Grosse Pointe South All School Musical presents "West Side Story," today through Sunday, April 9, at the Grosse Pointe Performing Arts Center, 707 Vernier, Grosse Pointe Woods. The curtain rises at 7:30 p.m. tonight, 8 p.m. on Friday and Saturday and 3 p.m. on Sunday. Tickets are \$15 for the main floor, \$10 for balcony, \$9 for students and seniors, and are available at Posterity: A Gallery in the Village. For information, email Val at viklong@sbcglobal.net.

♦ St. Clare of Montefalco Catholic School's production of "Beauty and the Beast" runs today through Saturday, April 8. Performances begin at 7 p.m. at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms. Reserved seating only. Tickets are \$7, \$8 and \$9. For more information, call (313) 647-5100.

GROSSE POINTE FARMS

Overgrowth along shoreline may be hewn

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

Farms officials have retained an environmental consultant and plan to partner with lake-side residents to at least groom vegetation growing on accretion near the park.

"We retained Environmental Consulting Technology, of Ann Arbor, to look at our accretion area and see what we can do to improve the looks of it," said Shane Reeside, city manager. "They came in with GIS (geographic information system) mapping to identify the make-up of the accretion and are recommending that most of the existing vegetation, which is invasive phragmites, be removed."

Phragmites can grow nearly 20 feet tall in dense stands. A landscape plan with native Michigan plants is being considered.

A permit is needed to groom the area, which owned by the state.

"We'll be setting up a meeting with adjoining neighbors to try to get their support in a joint application to the Department of Environmental Quality," Reeside said. "The state has an interest because the accretion is below the high water mark. Adjoining property owners have an interest because they look onto it and they may have riparian rights. We have an interest because it impacts everyone in the community. We want to clean up that site."

In addition to the short term strategy of dressing up the accretion area, Farms officials want a long-term solution to sediments being deposited in the area.

However, a flow-through culvert near Lakeshore would most likely be ineffective.

RALEIGH: Dog unites community

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learned the Pointes' first police dog was entering harms way without armor, they announced the fundraiser with a goal of \$2,000. Excess money raised will pay for dog supplies, special K-9 equipment in the police cruiser Raleigh shares with Almeranti, and Raleigh's annu-

al training updates at a police dog academy.

In less than a month supporters from throughout the Pointes wrote checks, held bake sales and emptied piggy banks to help protect the 90-pound German shepherd who adores his handler and looks at life as an ongoing game of hide and seek.

Cassetta sponsored a dog wash that raised more than \$800.

"The dog really brings the community together," Cassetta said. "Most people thought the dog wash was a fun thing to do

as a family."

"The response from everyone has been fantastic," Almeranti said.

Police turned down donations from business people whose generosity hinged on their companies or products being attached to a publicity campaign.

But gestures like Nixon's and Trost's have been welcomed with heartfelt thanks from officers who respond to emergencies without condition.

The girls' lemonade venture taught them a lesson in supply and demand. At 50 cents a

glass, Nixon and Trost were being undercut by a rival operation down the street.

"Customers were going there because it was cheaper," Trost said.

The girls lowered the price to 25 cents and sales took off.

Nixon comes from a family of animal lovers. They have three dogs.

Trost said she shares a fish with her little sister but would rather have a dog.

"You can cuddle with him and sleep on your bed with him and take him for walks and play," Trost said.

DREDGE: St. Clair work suspected

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Engineers dredging of the St. Clair River system has effected water quality and levels of Lake St. Clair.

"Dredging in Lake Huron and the St. Clair River may have contributed to raising the volume of sediment suspended in the water," said Joanne Fitzgerald Ross, attorney for a group of mainly northshore Grosse Pointe Shores homeowners who originally filed the dredging application last year.

"There is concern that (the Corps) took up too much riverbed and didn't put down material to keep the riverbed where it was supposed to stay," said Becky Booth, a dredging applicant and member of Neighbors Concerned about the Lake Front. "That might be one reason we have all this accretion out there. It has to come from someplace."

"If the Corps made a mistake, then, ironically, the Corps could be liable for some of this damage and therefore be a source of funding for dredging as part of remediation," said John Booth, Becky Booth's husband.

The area proposed for dredging measures about 4,000 feet above Shores Osius Park toward Gaukier Point and to slightly more than 1,000 feet offshore.

Unofficial cost estimates reach \$7 million to dredge and dispose of the 125,000 cubic yards of accretion, or sediment released when water flows too slowly to suspend particles of earth.

Members of the Lake Front group claim construction of and modifications to the upstream breakwall of Osius Park, plus closing water flow-throughs at Grosse Pointe Yacht Club, created the barrier that blocked inshore currents, causing accretion.

Shores officials reject the claim and haven't signed onto the dredging application.

A comparable but much smaller area of accretion is ex-

panding north of Grosse Pointe Farms Pier Park at the foot of Moross. Waves that used to slap the breakwall now roll onto a wedge of earth thick enough to support 10-foot trees.

Farms officials have retained environmental consultants to at least landscape their accretion and keep the area from expanding.

The International Joint Commission retained W.F. Baird & Associates Coastal Engineers of Toronto, Ont., to study riverbed dredging. The Booth's retained Baird in 1998 to study accretion in connection with proposed expansion of the municipal and Yacht Club harbors.

Baird last year completed a six-month study for Canadian clients about how dredging the St. Clair River contributed to "ongoing erosion" of the riverbed.

Parts of the upper St. Clair River channel at Port Huron were found eroded to more than 60 feet deep. Dredging contributed to, but most likely wasn't the only factor leading to, a "significant" 8 to 13-inch

lowering of Lakes Michigan and Huron from 1960 to 2003, according to the study.

"This drop represents an irreversible decline in the long-term average lake levels without compensation measures," according to the report summary.

The St. Clair River chug-a-lugs an average of 5,200 cubic meters of water per second. But a Baird scientist said there is no linear correlation between channel dredging and accretion along the Pointe shoreline.

"I don't see a direct relationship there," said Rob Nairn, a Baird coastal river engineer and author of the recent study. "Increased flows are almost unmeasurable. Not a lot (of sediment) moves down the river in the first place. Secondly, the area eroding is glacial till, and till would be mostly made up of clay particles."

Nairn said sediment being deposited off the Shores consists of silt and sand, which is lighter than clay.

"The lighter stuff gets stuck out in the middle of the lake," he said. "It doesn't end up on the shoreline."

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POINTER OF INTEREST

T.R. Youngblood hit it big at birth. Now he's on the cusp of potential Hollywood stardom as a castmember of a WB Network reality television series pitting seven haves against seven have-nots.

Born to survive on the right side

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

When you're born on third base, it's a lot easier to score the winning run than if you entered the world with two strikes and the sun in your eyes.

It's a distinction T.R. Youngblood recognizes as he once again breezes across the plate, tipping his hat to another run batted in by fortune of birth.

There's a narrow but deep streak of scalawag running down the back of ever-young T.R.

You know him without having met him. He's that fun-loving, likable rascal of a hail fellow well met. You want him at your party but won't let him date your sister.

Youngblood is the infectious comic, that spark of wit in others and whose faults are envied for his ability to sidestep the penalties of personal indiscretion.

He gets away with breaking rules but would never hurt anyone.

He's that man of bold effronteries and bald-face lies plopped into a velvet world where all the year is playing holidays and to sport is definitely less tedious than to work. He carouses beyond the gravity of consequence, where fallout from screwing up lands you near the top.

One imagines T.R. has never turned down a drink, rarely turned a page and honed his handwriting by signing tabs sent to his parents for payment.

He's the perfect candidate to represent the idle rich on a reality television show debuting

tomorrow night at 8 p.m. on The WB network.

"I would say I fall into that category," said Youngblood, 30, of Grosse Pointe Farms.

The show goes on

Youngblood is one of 14 castmates that were holed up for a month in a Southern California mansion competing for \$200,000 on "Survival of the Richest."

Seven rich kids with a combined worth exceeding \$3 million compete in various tasks with seven candidates taking respite from dodging bill collectors back home. The have-nots owe a combined debt of \$150,000.

"I've always been a star, I just don't think America noticed," Youngblood said.

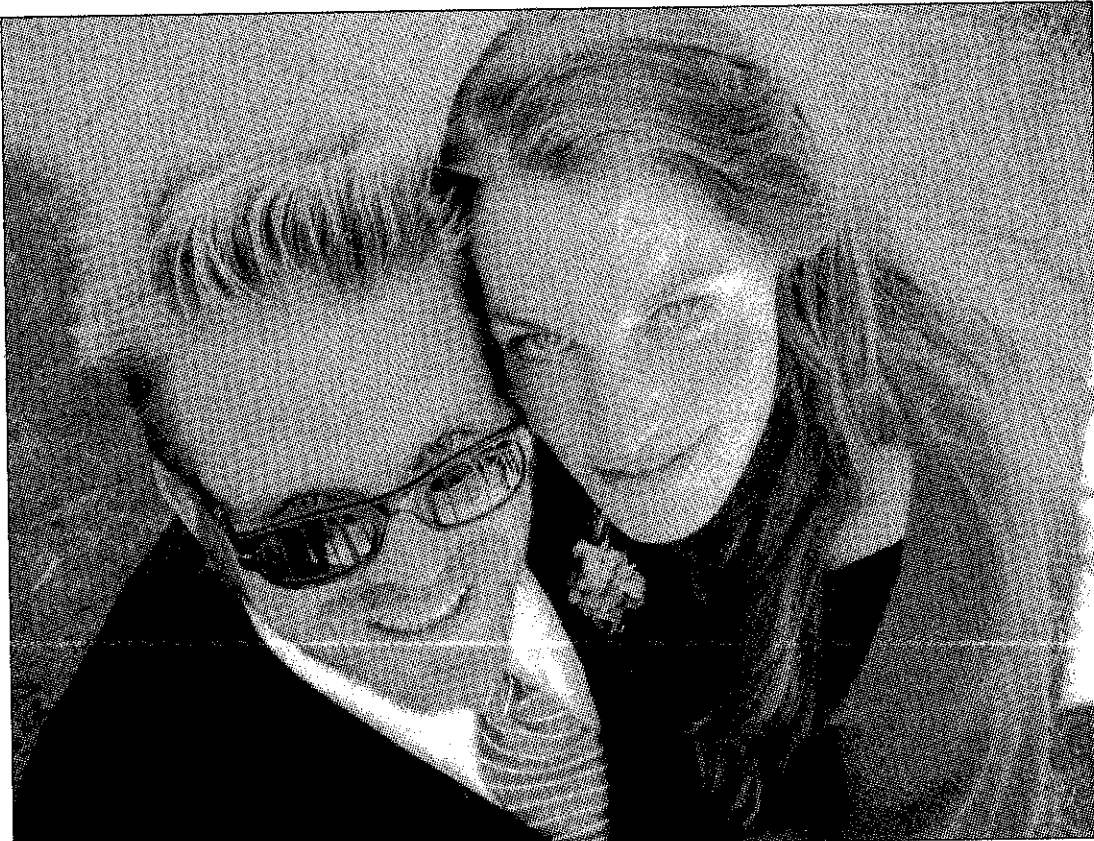
This six-episode brain bender comes from the producers of "The Bachelor," "My Big Fat Obnoxious Fiance" and others.

Youngblood hasn't seen the show. He doesn't know who wins. He can only speak about the filming experience in general terms, including concern that creative editing might portray him other than the regular guy he really is.

"The niche I fit on the show is the funny fat guy," Youngblood said. "There was the token gay guy, the token black guy, the token Asian, the token Jewish girl with a dog, token pretty girl and token single mom."

An anti-blab employment contract spiked with penalties makes sure castmembers won't give away possible plot lines and anecdotes before credits wrap on the final episode.

"The show is really clever," Youngblood said on the cusp



T.R. Youngblood and his wife of four years, Tracy, knew each other as children but re-met after college.

of fame or infamy. "I guarantee magic and excitement. Lots of twists and turns. I never knew what was going to happen. I never knew who was on my side. It was like chess for the brain and body."

Youngblood learned of "Survival of the Richest" a year ago this month while in Chicago. He was out of work from a sales job at a Budweiser distributorship owned by a friend from the Farms.

"It didn't work out because of my driving record," Youngblood said.

He answered the casting ad off a Web site and wrote producers a funny letter, known in the biz as a hook. Producers

bit, line and sinker. They called a week later and asked about his appearance.

"I told them I look like a young, blond Burt Reynolds," Youngblood said. "They were laughing."

Next a producer arrived.

"I was supposed to meet with him for a half-hour," Youngblood said. "It ended being a two-hour interview videotaped. We went out for Manhattans afterward."

About a week passed until producers sent Youngblood an offer and 56-page contract.

Youngblood asked a team of attorneys, including Gene Boyle Jr. of Grosse Pointe Shores, to whittle down the terms.

"I spoke with the producer and their legal counsel," Boyle said. "It was clear that they wanted T.R. He was a hot prospect for them."

Back story

Youngblood's life is punctu-

ated by the passage of soft deadlines.

At South High he excelled at acting. He won a theater scholarship to the University of Colorado at Boulder, one of the Princeton Review's top party schools. Academics played third fiddle to skiing and weekend vacations to Las Vegas.

"It took me seven years, but I graduated," Youngblood said. "I don't know if my parents want to read this, but I'd take every March off. One of my friend's parents would rent a house in Aspen. We'd go skiing."

On the drive back to campus they chain-smoked cigarettes to irritate their throats. A visit to the campus doctor and misdiagnosed bronchitis earned a retroactive pass from classes.

"I haven't heard that one, but I don't doubt it," said his mother, Susan Ricci. "I couldn't understand why it took him so long to graduate. I knew he was enjoying skiing, but I did-

n't know he was skiing that much."

It was enough to get him job tending bar at The H Seafood & Chop House.

Youngblood has been married four years to the former Tracy Duell. They knew each other as children while sailing at Bayview Yacht Club.

"We re-met after college at the Village Idiot Pub," Youngblood said.

A regular Joe

For all his privilege, Youngblood's Hollywood ac-counter with denizens of Debtville wasn't a culture shock. Youngblood said he's always been a cut-up, but maintains an honest sense of self.

"Without my parents and the people I grew up around, I wouldn't be anywhere," Youngblood said. "I am lucky to come from a great place."

"He was brought up that everybody is equal and he's no better than anybody else," Ricci said. "He puts his socks on the same way everybody else does. He has such a good heart. He really is a kind kid. Even his teachers said that. Well, not all of them."

Youngblood made friends on the show with someone from a similar economic background named Hunter, a world traveler and member of a family worth \$20 million.

"Hunter went to Harvard and was a cheerleader," Youngblood said. "He was a bit of a ham."

Without being specific — don't forget that contract — Youngblood said he grew weary of being filmed 24 hours per day.

"It's very intrusive," he said. "You're forced to ask to go to the bathroom. You're forced into a weird, submissive role. Being watched, you're more aware of your movements. You're aware and submissive at the same time."

Contestants lived in an information bubble sequestered from current events.

"I found out about Hurricane Katrina from the pool cleaner at the mansion," he said. "It was like being on an island. The pool guy comes up and tells me New Orleans is gone. What do you mean gone? It made me realize that I take everyday information in the press for granted. The experience definitely changed the way I live and what I appreciate. It was a positive change for the better."

He's happy it's over.

"Any time you live in a house with 13 people for a month with no TV, or radio or newspapers, you're going to get on

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Holy Week Worship

Christ Church Grosse Pointe

Palm Sunday, April 9

8:00 am Holy Eucharist
9:00 am The Liturgy of the Palms and Holy Eucharist
11:15 am The Liturgy of the Palms and Holy Eucharist

Monday, April 10

7:00 pm Holy Eucharist with Junior Daughters of the King and Children's Choir

Tuesday, April 11

7:00 pm Holy Eucharist with Penitential Order

Wednesday, April 12

7:00 pm Tenebrae: Service of Light into Darkness
Prayer Labyrinth open for independent meditation through Good Friday morning

Thursday, April 13

7:00 pm Maundy Thursday Foot-Washing & Altar Stripping
Prayer Vigil in St. Margaret's Chapel begins, and continues through Good Friday morning

Friday, April 14

9:00 am Morning Prayer
12:00 pm Good Friday Liturgy
2:00 pm Stations of the Cross for Children
7:00 pm Compline and Mozart *Requiem* by Christ Church Chorale and Choirs (no tickets required, early seating advised)

Saturday, April 15

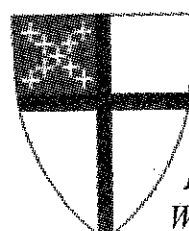
8:00 pm The Easter Vigil with Holy Baptism and Reception

Easter Sunday, April 16

7:00 am Holy Eucharist
9:00 am Festival Holy Eucharist with Flowering of the Cross
10:30 am Easter Egg Hunt
11:15 am Festival Holy Eucharist

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Ready for borer war

Bids to inject municipally-owned ash trees in the City of Grosse Pointe show the range of prices charged by different companies to do similar work, and why cities are generally required to obtain competitive bids when seeking to hire private contractors.

Arbor Pro Tree Service won the contract with a low-bid of \$13,200. Two competitors wanted \$15,810 and \$17,250, respectively.

All three companies were vying to inject 316 city-owned ash trees on rights of way, in the Village business district, on Mack Avenue traffic islands and at Neff Park.

"All bids include the pesticide Imidacloprid, which is a longer-lasting pesticide," said Frank Schulte, public service director and City point man in protecting ash trees from emerald ash borer invasion.

Injections of Imidacloprid have been shown to remain in

'The City injected 316 ash trees last year and only lost four.'

a tree's cambium layer, the thin strip of living wood just beneath bark where borer larvae develop, for about a year.

"This gives the City a better window of opportunity to kill the emerald ash borer in its larvae state where the most damage to the tree is done," Schulte said.

He summarized an analysis of the chemical's efficacy posted on the state's emerald ash borer Web site: www.emeraldashborer/treatment.cfm.

"Imidacloprid killed 50 percent of beetles caged on leaves from trees treated with pointer Imidacloprid within five days," Schulte said. "Beetles on Imidacloprid-injected trees

consumed less than half as much foliage and many chose to starve rather than feed."

Studies show that larvae density on treated trees is less than 25 percent of on untreated trees, according to the report.

"The City injected 316 ash trees last year and only lost four, which were in poor condition," Schulte said.

— Brad Lindberg

G.P. FARMS

Egg hunt at Pier Park April 8

The Grosse Pointe Farms Parks and Recreation Department will host its Annual Easter Egg Hunt for Grosse Pointe Farms children ages 2-12 years at Pier Park on Saturday, April 8.

Participants should arrive at Pier Park by 9:45 a.m. The hunt goes on rain or shine. Parents should outfit their children with a basket or bag for the Egg Hunt which starts at 10 a.m.

After the hunt, meet the Easter Bunny in the Great Room of the Community Building and receive a special treat.

There is no fee for this event. For further information call the parks department at (313) 343-2405.

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each others nerves," Youngblood said.

Youngblood's mother doesn't know what to expect when she flips on the show.

"I'm excited but nervous," Ricci said. "I don't know if I'm going to be embarrassed or happy. He's off the wall."

Boyle said if he were a gambling man, "which I'm not," he would bet Youngblood achieving success on the show.

"T.R. can size up a person accurately within a short period of time," Boyle said. "Then he has the moxie to either get the best out of that person or tweak that person to where they are out of their comfort zone."

Youngblood hopes to return to Hollywood.

"I have an idea for a show," he said. "I have two producers on board who were part of our show. It's a show for the holidays that will test peoples' charity."

Youngblood said the storyline of "Survival of the Richest" changes week-to-week.

Sometimes competitors lose by direct elimination. Sometimes there's a vote-off.

"Hopefully it will keep viewers on their toes and make them want to watch," Youngblood said.

Check local listings for The WB's "Survival of the Richest," scheduled to debut Friday, March 31, at 8 p.m. The show might be delayed until Saturday, April 8 at 8 p.m., due to airing of a Detroit Pistons basketball game on Friday night.

T.R. Youngblood taught his dog, Windsor, to ring a bell when he wants to be let outside.



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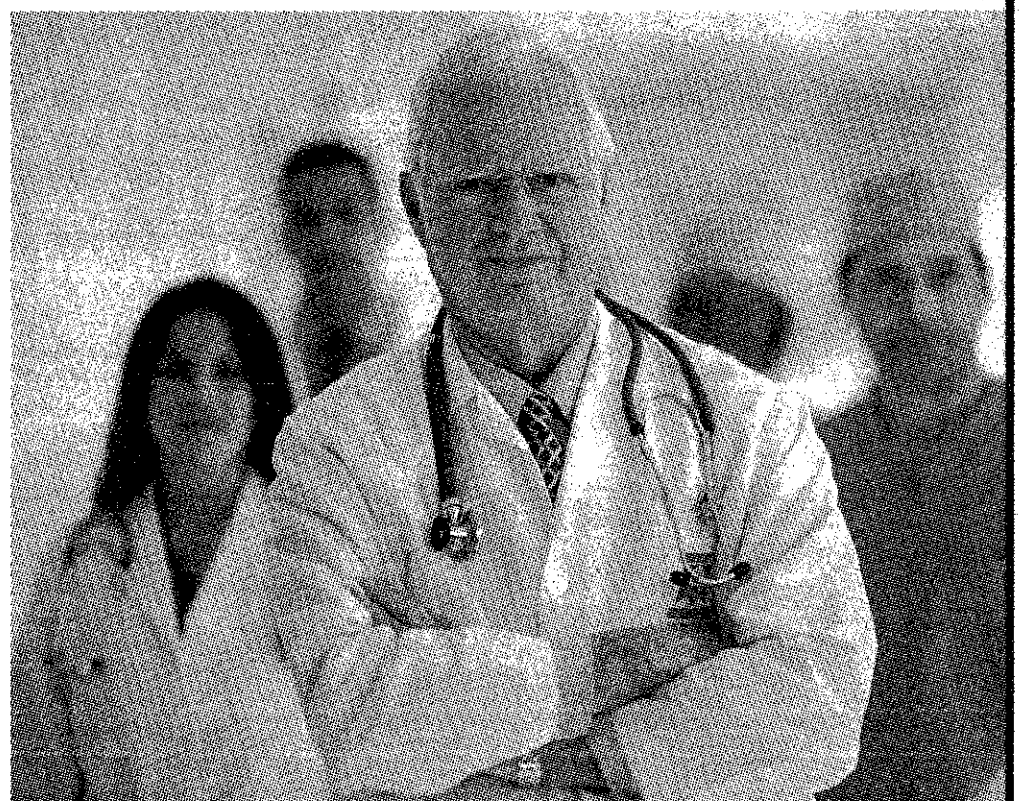
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City of Grosse Pointe

Man gets 6th drunk driving arrest

City of Grosse Pointe police intend to seize the black 1999 BMW 328iC driven by a male resident arrested for drunken driving on Thursday, March 23, at 9:01 p.m.

Police said the 47-year-old suspect has had five drunken driving convictions in 10 years. His driver license has been revoked three times within a decade and suspended four times.

An officer last week stopped him for swerving his BMW on southbound Rivard near Goethe. Police said the man crossed into the oncoming lane and nearly hit the northbound curb.

The man refused to take a breath test, police said, so they obtained a warrant for his blood to be drawn at a local hospital for testing of alcohol content.

Park man charged with car theft

A 18-year-old Grosse Pointe Park man has been charged with car theft by City of Grosse Pointe police.

On Friday, March 24, at 6:04 a.m., officers arrested the man while responding to a report of someone in a minivan pushing a black 2004 Dodge Ram on westbound Mack from Washington.

Police caught up with the suspects on Harper and Chester near the I-94 expressway. The minivan driver sped away. The Park man allegedly exited the Ram, fled on foot but was caught on Woodhall. Police said he possessed a flat-

head screwdriver.

The Ram had been stolen while locked and parked in the 700 block of Washington, police said.

Gets license tabs from 'someone'

On Sunday, March 19, at 9 p.m., City of Grosse Pointe police pulled over a 26-year-old Detroit woman whose 1998 Ford Escort carried a license plate tab dated for 2007.

"She stated she bought it from someone," police said.

Raleigh rack's up two collars

Raleigh, the City of Grosse Pointe police dog, sniffed out two drivers on drug charges last week.

On Tuesday, March 21, at 6:45 p.m., he helped investigate a 37-year-old Park woman pulled over on westbound Waterloo for driving a Plymouth Neon with a broken tail light.

"Raleigh was walked around the vehicle and indicated positive for narcotic odor on the driver's door," said PSO Michael Almeranti, Raleigh's handler. "Raleigh was let into the vehicle and indicated on the driver's seat and a tote bag on the passenger seat. Inside the tote bag was a pill bottle with 5.2 grams of marijuana and two pill bottles with marijuana residue."

On Friday, March 24, at 1:20 a.m., Raleigh indicated the presence of suspected drugs in a gray 2005 Ford Explorer driven by an 18-year-old City woman.

Almeranti had stopped the woman for reportedly weaving her vehicle from Mack to

southbound Rivard near Charlevoix. The driver registered a .07 percent blood alcohol level and was cited for alcohol consumption.

Almeranti said he called Raleigh upon seeing a suspicious bag between the legs of a 19-year-old female front seat passenger from the City.

"(I) found two suspected marijuana cigarettes on the floor and in the back seat pouch," Almeranti said. Police also cited the passenger.

—Brad Lindberg

Grosse Pointe Farms

No burglary, arrested anyway

Grosse Pointe Farms police thought they had a second-story man in their sights when called to a suspicious situation in the 100 block of Mapleton on Saturday, March 25, a few minutes before 8 p.m.

A man with a ladder had been reported climbing into the house. Police learned the suspect was a resident they had arrested five times before, at least once for drugs.

"(He) stated he lost his keys and had to climb into his window," said a responding officer. "Knowing that (he) had a pre-existing warrant for child neglect, (I) conducted a follow-up investigation and found him still wanted in Oakland County for child neglect."

Police arrested the man on the outstanding warrant which carried a \$8,417 bond.

U-turn prompts investigation

A 19-year-old Macomb Township woman was arrested

for drunken driving Friday, March 25, at 3:24 a.m., in Grosse Pointe Farms.

Police said they spotted her making a U-turn without signaling at a traffic island on Mack near Moross.

She registered a .09 percent blood alcohol level and had a cut on her nose. She told police the injury occurred when she "got beat up" at an eastside bar.

Driver has 44 license suspensions

A 54-year-old Detroit man with 44 driver license suspensions was caught Thursday, March 23, at 2:30 p.m., operating a 1990 GMC Astro van on southbound Lakeshore in Grosse Pointe Farms.

The vehicle carried license plates registered to a 1994 Chevrolet pickup truck.

Officers impounded the van. A 23-year-old male passenger from Detroit was arrested on a \$1,000 outstanding warrant for unspecified charges from Pleasant Ridge.

Admits smoking marijuana

On Thursday, March 23, at 2:13 a.m., Grosse Pointe Farms police filed drug charges against a 41-year-old Detroit man caught driving a 2005 Chevrolet Impala with a broken headlight on Mack near Moross.

"He admitted smoking marijuana one-half hour prior to being stopped," Police said. "He also admitted drinking but stated he drank very little."

Officers searching the vehicle said they found an open bottle of brandy, rolling papers and the remains of two suspected marijuana cigarettes.

Bad luck of the Irish

On the morning of Tuesday,

March 21, a Grosse Pointe Farms man discovered someone had stolen his Irish flag hung above his front porch in the 300 block of Kercheval.

He last saw the 3 by 4-foot flag one day before.

stantiate his financial status with a Wayne County Circuit Court document indicating his recent inheritance of nearly \$877,000. The judge who reportedly signed the document said it was fake.

Sounds like failed con attempt

A 39-year-old Detroit man who police said has six aliases is being investigated for allegedly trying to pass bad checks as payment for a house in Grosse Pointe Park.

On Tuesday, March 31, a Farms man told police the supposed buyer had presented two checks exceeding \$600,000 for property in the 1300 block of Three Mile in the Park. A bank representative said the checking account didn't exist.

The Detroit man tried to sub-

Walking around with open beer

A 47-year-old Detroit man was cited in Grosse Pointe Farms on Sunday, March 19, at about 4 p.m., for having open intoxicants in public.

An officer spotted the man walking unsteadily on the eastbound Beaupre sidewalk near Kerby.

"He pulled out an open (beer can) from inside his jacket," police said.

—Brad Lindberg

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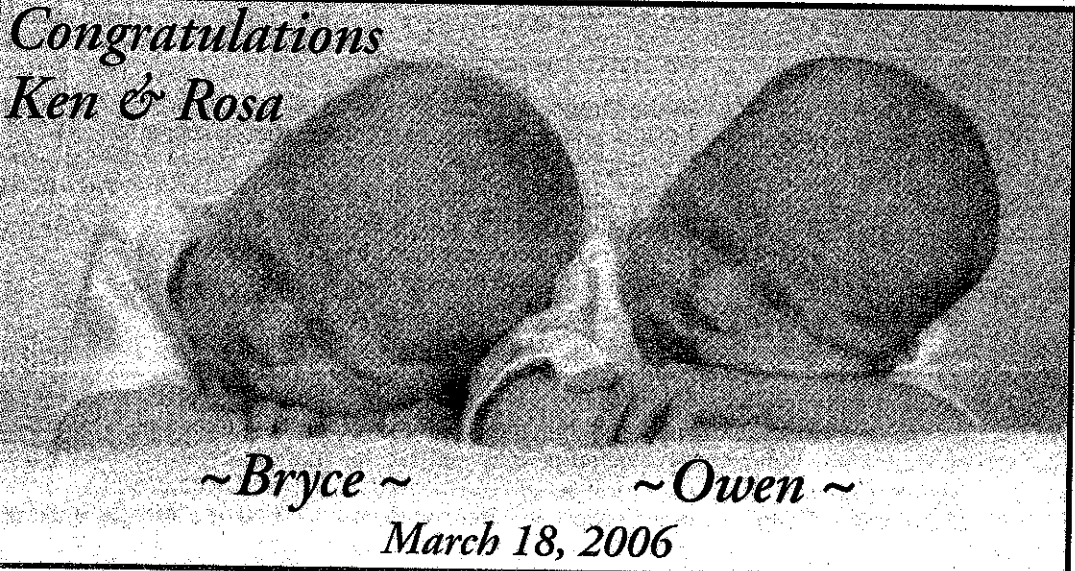


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A new look

Residents of Grosse Pointe Woods can pick up a new license plate holder for their vehicle at city hall for a small fee. The new items were handed out during last week's "State of the City" address given by Mayor Robert Novitke.

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EDITORIALS

Revenue enhancement

As with a bad penny, the Grosse Pointe school board's bankrupt "revenue enhancement" proposal keeps turning up. This time it will be at a 6 p.m. non-televised board of education work session Monday, April 3, in Room 154 at Grosse Pointe South High School. We are told the revenue enhancement transition committee will present a revised fundraising program that will only cost the district a one-time \$100,000 loan to launch. The board would then possibly vote on the plan at its April 10 meeting. We understand there is a closed meeting scheduled with Richner & Richner L.L.C., a professional fundraising consulting firm.

The skids seem to be greased this time around. Readers will recall the plan met with severe criticism in February when the revenue enhancement committee asked the board for a "seed money" loan of up to \$750,000 over three years, beginning with an initial amount of \$60,000. During that three years, a projected \$3 million was hoped to be raised and given back to the Grosse Pointe school district. Consultant Cedric Richner cited East Grand Rapids, which raised \$1.5 million in the past three years, the same figure Grosse Pointe has raised without a formal revenue enhancement foundation. Other districts cited were Bloomfield Hills which raised \$350,000 in three years, Birmingham \$508,000 and Scarsdale, N.Y. \$900,000.

We remind taxpayers, as do stock brokers, that past performance is no guarantee or indicator of future earnings. It is all speculative in the end.

Even though the price tag is considerably lower this time around, we still think creating a foundation, hiring a professional fundraiser and seeding it with school system dollars is a bad idea.

It seems to us that fundraising should be a volunteer effort. If the school board wants to create a volunteer foundation, similar to those created by our municipal governments, fine. City foundations raise a good sum for their respective communities, and many good projects are made possible due to the work of the foundations.

Also, one wonders if it is ethical to spend taxpayer funds for non-educational, speculative ventures. The school district is facing a \$3 million deficit. If \$750,000, \$100,000 or \$60,000 can be taken out of the school's rainy-day fund, then those dollars should be spent in the classroom.

We have nothing against the school district raising funds — even major contributions — to support our excellent educational programs. However, we do object to paying outside consultants money to raise money, especially when we are cutting programs.

Sure, create a foundation to raise money. But do it with volunteer labor and donated materials. We are sure there are plenty of professionals, parents and businesses that will step up if asked.

Pointers rally 'round Raleigh

People love dogs. Grosse Pointers really love Raleigh. In fact, dog-lovers are already well on their way to reaching the \$2,000 goal set by City residents Brian Leslie and Janice Casetta. They announced the fundraiser after they learned, Raleigh, the City's police dog, did not have body armor of his own.

The Cassettas raised \$800 washing dogs. On this week's front page, we have the story of Richard fourth-graders Annika Nixon and Cat Trost, who raised \$103.06 last summer selling lemonade. When they heard of Raleigh, that is where they decided their hard-earned money should go.

True, the City could afford to buy Raleigh his own vest, but the public participation helps the residents become involved with their police officers — both two- and four-legged. We applaud their efforts.

Some may say the money could be better spent elsewhere, such has to provide medicine and water for children in impoverished countries. But Grosse Pointers — and their children — have always been big supporters of those less fortunate, and we are confident they will continue to be.

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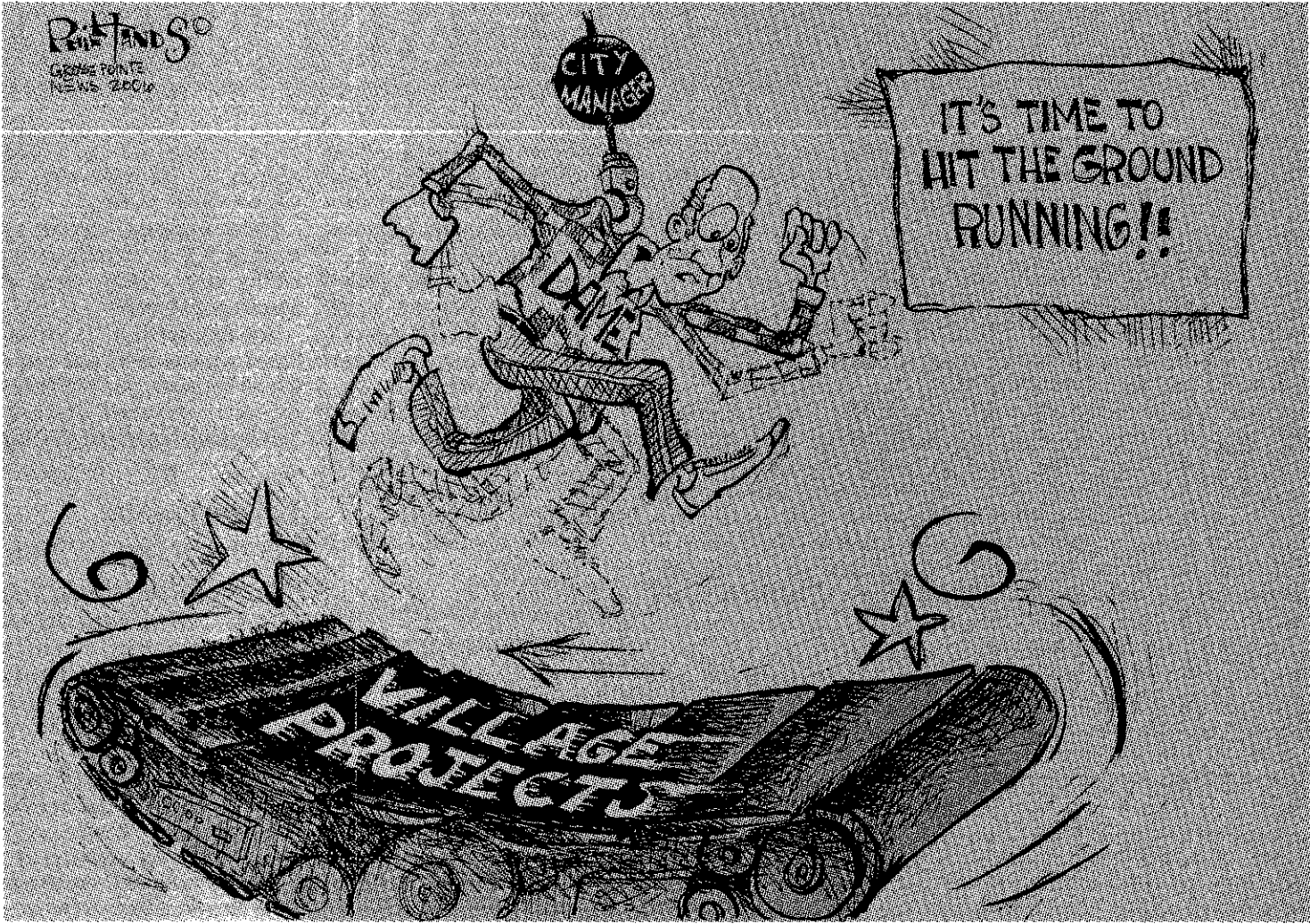
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LETTERS

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CTE needed in our schools

To the Editor:

On Friday, March 3, the Macomb Intermediate School District held a hearing on requirements for high school graduation and citizens had the opportunity to voice their opinion about the new proposal. During the meeting, Chief Academic Officer Dr. Gail Green of the Macomb Intermediate School District gave a testimony to the Senate Education Committee and expressed some concerns about the state board's proposal. Macomb County surveyed the class of 2000 and analyzed the status of its 21 districts in order to determine the best possible way to approach the new proposal. In her presentation, Dr. Green mentioned that the class of 2000 reported that they had wished they had a better grasp of financial management and investments. She read this aloud after expressing her concerns about what the senior math class should be.

What about requiring a class called Personal Finance? Why was this overlooked? I was shocked to find out that there are no proposed requirements related to career and tech education (CTE). Our nation is reportedly spending more money than we make these days and people are digging themselves further into debt. Why are we not concerned about this? How can our youth grow to become globally competitive when we cannot even take care of ourselves, starting in our own homes? Under the State Board of Education's proposal, Michigan students would be required to take only one year of health and physical education. Doesn't anyone care about the health and well-being of our youth? It is important to equip our students with good nutrition and health skills so they can function to the maximum as a valuable contributing citizen in society.

Family and Consumer Science (formerly known as Home Economics) teachers help students learn how to manage their allowances, budget and the pitfalls of credit card spending; how to buy a car or rent an apartment; careers; the responsibilities of parenting; and the basics of nutrition. I am appalled when I tell people what I teach and they respond with an answer like "Oh, so you teach kids to cook and sew."

Our curriculum goes into so much more depth than that. Family and Consumer Science teachers provide students with practical knowledge that helps them become successful adults.

Further, we align our curriculum with core subjects. We are able to teach math in a very concrete, hands-on modality. We also incorporate a lot of science into our curriculum. How many other subjects have that to offer? Our department helps students become contributing members of society as family members, workers, consumers and citizens. The Senate and the House Education committees need to consider having Family and Consumer Science requirements. The preconceived notions about Family and Consumer Science that consist of generalizations and ideologies manifest into a lack of appreciation and understanding of what we teach. I chose to study Family and Consumer Science during my undergrad at Michigan State because I believe in what I teach.

SONJA TOMOVSKA
Family and Consumer
Science Educator

Why afternoon for address?

To the editor:

Why would Grosse Pointe Woods Mayor Robert Novitke have the State of the City address on a Friday afternoon at 12:30 p.m.?

Only 30 people attended, including those retired from full-time employment (council members Victoria Granger, Peter Waldmeir and Allen Dickenson.) St. Clair Shores has the speech before a regularly scheduled city council meeting, Roseville has its on a Saturday and others have evening meetings so working residents have the opportunity to attend the event. Why even have a speech if plans are not announced? This is just a feel-good publicity stunt for the mayor and his cronies.

VITO CIARAVINO

Grosse Pointe Woods

Road due for repair

To the Editor:

While the paving of Vernier between I-94 and Mack Avenue is being done, I hope it will extend into some of our residential streets, particularly the street that runs behind Parcels Middle School (I believe it is Sunningdale Park).

It has been decaying as long as I remember and doesn't

need any more holes filled to make more bumps. Now we must use it because our new library has a "Right Turn Only" sign.

That road is a mess and it is long past due for repair.

SUE TERNES
Grosse Pointe Woods

PUD problems

To the Editor:

I thought "PUD is mud for homeowners" (in the March 23 Grosse Pointe News) article accurately portrayed both sides of the planned unit development (PUD) controversy. There are a few points I would like to clarify.

My neighbor, the Murphys, and I have no interest in slowing the revitalization of Jacobson's or any other project in the Village. In fact, we were very sensitive during our effort to stop the PUD that this would not happen. We met with the mayor and each council person and asked whether or not the PUD was necessary for the Village and was told it was not.

Therefore, we are attempting to stop the PUD simply because it allows Sunrise to build a 4-plus story building right next to us and behind us, in a residential area. I was quite surprised to hear the city council "tie in" the revitalization of the Village with the PUD and, consequently, insinuate that anyone in opposition to the PUD is also against developments in the Village.

My neighbors and I are very much in favor of developments in the Village and, to set the record straight, I would not object to Sunrise building on St. Clair as long as they conform to the residential area. To conform would mean a two-story structure with proper setbacks and adequate parking.

By the way, in the G.P. News editorial (March 23) it was mentioned that the PUD included property from Waterloo to Kercheval and between Cadieux and the rear property line of Neff. In fact, the PUD extends from Waterloo to St. Paul however, your "Freudian slip" actually makes more sense for the PUD (as was mentioned in the city council meeting). Keep the PUD in the Village area and not in surrounding neighborhoods.

DUNCAN MACEACHERN
City of Grosse Pointe

PUD: Sensitivity, compromise needed

To the Editor:

I am concerned about the Planned Unit Development (PUD) approved by the Grosse Pointe City Council on March 20. I am concerned because it involves the whole of the Grosse Pointes and the downtown commercial area.

Despite questions and protests by the residents involved at the council meeting, the elected officials refused to compromise on the development proposal. There is deep concern about the insensitivity of that council for the many

residents who are being displaced or enclosed by a building (Sunrise) that is larger than was initially discussed.

The PUD could happen anywhere. In other words, "it can happen to you," as the old song goes.

The only ones who would benefit from a smooth and quick transition by the use of a PUD is the developer and the city council by taking away the democratic right to protest and be heard.

Everyone in our area is anxious for the Village to succeed with proposed improvements. But there must be a compromise in size and design to make everyone happy. Council members have to work with the residents by being forthright and fair to business and your residents. That is the only way your plans can be effective and successful.

ELAINE HARTMANN
Grosse Pointe Farms

Not convinced PUD a good idea

To the Editor:

Monday evening, March 20, trying to be a good and informed citizen, I went to the City of Grosse Pointe council meeting at the Unitarian Church where there was to be discussion of the approval of a Planned Unit Development (PUD) of a four-story complex to be built in the CVS parking lot (bounded on the east and west by Neff and St. Clair where there is already significant residential). I confess I didn't know much about PUDs except I was sympathetic to homeowners who felt threatened. I was hoping to learn about the pros and cons of such a development at the meeting.

Almost immediately, I learned that PUDs were first introduced with the Master Plan for the City of Grosse Pointe which was drawn and approved in 2004 - long after many homeowners had purchased their property on Neff and St. Clair. After much resident protest, we were told that PUDs were good for the city and the Planning Commission recommended its approval, which the council did.

I remain to be convinced that the PUDs talked about will benefit the city or the residents of the city. Most people in that room had rallied to support the city in its discussions about the development of the Jacobson's property. Where was the city when the citizens needed its support?

SARAH HILL
Grosse Pointe

An awesome performance

To the editor:

Thank you, Grosse Pointe South High School band and orchestra students, Dan White, James Gross and Shirley from Travel Adventures.

I had the fortunate experi-

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I SAY By Bob St. John

Opening Day a big deal for baseball fans



Spring is here, which means it's time for some Detroit Tiger baseball.

This is the time of the year for the diehard baseball fan to salivate and actually think the hometown team has a shot at the World Series.

Owner Mike Ilitch and President and General Manager Dave Dombrowski made some major changes during the off-season.

The biggest being the dismissal of Alan Trammell as manager and the hiring of Jim Leyland, who led the Florida Marlins to their first World

Series title in 1997, beating the Cleveland Indians in seven games.

Leyland brought in Don Slaught (hitting coach), Lloyd McClendon (bullpen coach), Gene Lamont (third base coach), Rafael Belliard (infield coach), Andy Van Slyke (first base coach) and Chuck Hernandez (pitching coach) to round out his coaching staff.

The Tigers made positive strides last summer, but player discontentment was one reason Trammell was excused as manager.

It's now the new management's job to whip this band of underachievers into winners, and so far so good as Leyland vows to rid the Tigers of their nice-guy label and turn them into "ball players."

For the Tigers to finish with a winning record for the first time in more than a decade, the veterans have to step up.

Catcher Ivan Rodriguez,

shortstop Carlos Guillen, second baseman Placido Polanco, right fielder Magglio Ordonez and third baseman Brandon Inge have to play up to their potential and stay healthy.

Craig Monroe and Curtis Granderson must play consistent defense in left and center field, respectively, while designated hitter Dmitri Young has to drive in more runs.

Second-year player Chris Shelton, who displaced Carlos Pena as the starting first baseman, must make sure last year's success continues this summer.

Kenny Rogers, one of the team's off-season acquisitions, is a veteran lefthanded pitcher who could benefit from pitching in spacious Comerica Park.

The rest of the starting pitchers, Jeremy Bonderman, Nate Robertson, Mike Maroth and rookie Justin Verlander need to deliver productive

starts.

Todd Jones is back for his second tour of duty with the Tigers. He should be a lock for 30 to 35 saves, but with better starting pitching and good relief pitching, those save totals could push past 40.

As for the bullpen, Fernando Rodney, Jamie Walker, Franklyn German, Craig Dingman and Chris Spurling can't be inconsistent as a year ago.

They have to come in, throw strikes and get the key outs in the late innings so they can turn the lead over to Jones.

Fellow rookie Joel Zumaya, born a month after the Tigers won the 1984 World Series, has the potential to be a very good Major Leaguer.

Leyland has yet to determine Zumaya's role, but one thing is certain, he made the squad and will pitch in front of fans at Comerica Park.

Detroit has an uphill battle

when it comes to contending for a division title.

Last year's American League Central Division champion Chicago White Sox went on to capture their first World Series since 1917, ending an 88-year drought.

The Chicago Cubs haven't won a World Series since 1908. The last time the Tigers won the World Series was 1984.

The White Sox are favored to repeat as champs, but the Cleveland Indians have a powerful lineup and very good pitching that could help take the division away from Chicago.

The Minnesota Twins have great pitching and a suspect offense; so fans can't count them out.

The Twins won three consecutive division crowns before the White Sox won it last season.

One thing is for certain, the Kansas City Royals will finish

last in the AL Central.

Do the Tigers have a legitimate shot to win the division or gain a wild card spot in the playoffs?

What could happen to the Tigers during the summer of '06?

At the very best, the Tigers' offense finishes in the top three or four in the AL and the pitching is in the top half of team ERA (earned run average).

Detroit stays in the playoff hunt until the final few weeks of the season and posts an 85-77 record.

If the offense is inconsistent, if the defense continues its trend of shoddy play, and the pitching gets tagged, the Tigers will be a distant fourth, finishing 74-88.

Good luck Tigers. They officially open the 2006 season on Monday, April 3, at Kansas City with Rogers getting the start on the mound.

STREETWISE

With our long winters, what do you do to cope?

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



'I hang out with friends, go shopping and tanning.'

KELLY LAMB
Grosse Pointe Farms



'I still go outside everyday, whether it's cold or warm, and enjoy what we have.'

DAN O'CONNELL
Grosse Pointe Farms



'I like to go tanning.'

NICOLE BURKE
St. Clair Shores



'I visit my friends in warm places like Palm Beach and the Carolinas.'

GRETEL BROWN
Detroit



'I just try to be optimistic.'

LARRY BURNS
Grosse Pointe Park



'I hang out with my friends.'

SOPHIA ALIOTTA
Grosse Pointe Farms

FYI By Ben Burns

It takes 8 for brown recluses to tango



The roving reporter at the Rotary Club of Grosse Pointe usually provides a few news items collected from members, tells a couple of mostly clean jokes and recounts humorous items gleaned from the Internet.

Last week, the reporter informed the Rotarians that M.G. Weber, daughter of Mark and Judy Weber of the City and a student at Lewis and Clark College, had received a grant to study the mating habits of the brown recluse spider popu-

lation in Peru. M.G. graduated from South in 2003 and expects to graduate from L&C in '07.

The reporter then called on Mark Weber, the head of the War Memorial, to explain why that was an important study. He gave an explanation that went something like this:

It seems that the population of brown recluse spiders is declining. (We don't know for sure whether that is the case or they are just more successful at hiding from prying scientific eyes.)

In any event, the mating ritual of the spider, according to Weber, involves the male brown recluse performing a dance in front of the female of his affection. If the female finds the dance laudatory, the two mate and produce little brown recluses.

If the female concludes the male has eight left feet and can't dance, she eats him. The fear among scientists is that male spiders are simply not dancing as well as they used to dance and are thus winding up on the dinner plate.

Weber concluded by saying if that struck a chord of concern in any human hearts, the War Memorial offers a series of dance classes. To the best of our knowledge, no guy who took them has ever been converted into a main course.

Cross to bear

When the Rev. Gerald Spice of St. James Lutheran Church, that lovely little spiritual edifice on the Hill behind Richard Elementary School, arrived at the Grosse Pointe Ecumenical Men's Breakfast last week, he was wheeling a large suitcase

behind him as though he were going on a trip.

What he unpacked were crosses in all shapes and sizes — crucifixes, Christus Rex, Maltese, Greek and Latin, metal, wood, ceramic, stained glass, woven and even a partial architectural one he recovered from the site of a church that was being demolished in Lancaster, Pa., to make way for a bank. (There has to be some irony in that.)

Spice, who has been pastor of the Evangelical Lutheran congregation for two years, has collected crosses since he was a senior in the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee where he majored in music.

He reported that the first crosses date to about 300 A.D. and that every culture tends to modify them to match their physical circumstances and

traits.

When folks learned that Spice collected crosses, they started buying and making them for him. By the time he was pastor of a church in Louisville, Ky., he had assembled 2,000 — far too many to display.

So one Sunday, he laid out crosses from his collection on tables and advised the congregants they could take one after services if they desired. There was one caveat: They had to display them. The crosses were gone within minutes. Spice repeated the exercise a second Sunday, and now has under 1,000.

You can actually see some of the stained glass ones hanging in Spice's office window that faces on the parking lot behind the stores on the north side of Kercheval on the Hill.

The Ecumenical Men's Breakfast, which has provided a spiritual message and solid food for males of all faiths for more than 35 years, meets weekly on Fridays at 7:15 a.m. and finishes by 8:15 a.m. during the school year at Memorial Church, 16 Lakeshore, in the Farms next to the War Memorial. Breakfast is \$6, but first-time visitors eat free.

Upcoming speakers include Jim Alexander from The Gideons, March 31; Bruce Calderwood, Detroit Rescue Mission, April 7; Greek Orthodox priest Father Demetrios Kavadas, April 14; Jack Williams, Habitat for Humanity, April 21; Teresa Tomeo, TV personality and motivational speaker, April 30;

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GUEST EDITORIAL By William D. Hodgman

Save gas, go nuclear

For the economic survival of auto manufacturing and Grosse Pointe's future, it's crucial that we get behind an all-out program for expanding the use of atomic power nationally.

As though our battered car industry isn't troubled enough, the appetite of the world for depleting fossil fuel to light their furnaces and power vehicles threatens Detroit's only real profitable market segment: large trucks and SUVs. With automotive employment already down by more than 50 percent, the industrial heartland simply cannot absorb more body blows, or unemployment here might reach double the U.S. average, leading to further poverty, blight and social polarization.

While our local carmakers have made half-hearted efforts to implement ethanol-powered vehicles and "hybrid" technology, they — as usual — trail international competitors (especially Toyota) and many of us

'(R)educe our dependence on oil and natural gas by substituting nuclear power wherever ... feasible to cover residential and commercial energy needs.'

really doubt their commitment and competence to make revolutionary changes. There's just too much history of complacency and bungling to believe that GM, Ford and Chrysler will be change agents, especially when what's needed is a "sea change."

A manifest way to address many problems at once is to reduce our dependence on oil and natural gas by substituting nuclear power wherever economically and environmentally feasible to cover residential and

commercial energy needs. At the same time, enthusiasts for the "green" point of view do not have to abandon their essential opposition to excessive drilling in the tundra and to destructive logging in national forests.

Nuclear power works in France and it is the overwhelming energy choice for the ravenously developing economies of India and China. We need to overcome our irrational fears that every nuclear facility should be conflated with the Chernobyl and the Three Mile Island disasters and take care of business.

Our fear that local nameplates can't or won't solve the energy crisis is well-founded. Committing to nuclear power could preserve Detroit's market share with a resulting retention of manufacturing jobs vital to Grosse Pointe's future, while providing us a blessed morale boost in these dark times.

William D. Hodgman is an attorney living in Grosse Pointe Park.

Points about the Pointes

A box in the basement and your family history.. what can you do to save it for your children?



If you're like us, you have a box or two of moldy, creased photos in your basement that have moved with you from house to house for decades. Some are of you when you were a baby, while others are cracked black and white photos of grandma and grandpa taken with a Kodak Brownie camera before you were born.

These forgotten photos are your family history. They serve as the only link your children

will ever have with your past. Don't let this link die.

Instead, let us bring them back to life. We can fix the cracks, restore the color, remove the water stains, and even rebuild missing body parts.

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Dredging to help Park marina

By Bob St. John
Staff Writer

Boaters who use Windmill Pointe Park Marina will get a little relief this summer after the canal is dredged.

The water table is getting too low and park officials were worried about boats getting stuck in the muck when exiting or entering the marina.

"The dredging will allow the boaters easier access in and out of the marina, especially for the larger vessels," Grosse Pointe Park Director of Public Service Chris Reimel said.

Approximately 1,500 yards

of soil will be lifted from the bottom of the canal and trucked to a Class 2 landfill. During the dredging process, the soil will be housed behind of across the road in an overfill parking lot.

"This will minimize the amount of dirt and mud created around the park," Reimel said. "The entire process should take between one and two weeks."

Grosse Pointe Park city council approved the dredging plan.

The last time the marina was dredged was in 2001.

GROSSE POINTE PARK

Windmill Pointe Park boat slips go quickly

A number of slips have recently become available at Windmill Pointe Park Marina.

Several rental cancellations created these openings. The cancellations, according to Grosse Pointe Park Parks and Recreation Director Terry Solomon, occur every year and are due to residents who move out of the city, don't want to continue the job of main-

taining their vessel, or other reasons.

"We get maybe 10 to 15 boat well cancellations each year," Solomon said. "We have a waiting list of 700; so we can use every boat slip that opens up."

Boat wells range in size from 8-feet, 7-inches by 29 feet to 13-feet by 35-feet.

— Bob St. John



PHOTO BY JOHN MINNIS

Gaidica addresses 13th district

WDIV TV-4 weatherman Chuck Gaidica, formerly of Grosse Pointe Shores and now of Northville, addressed the 13th Republican District Executive Committee at its annual fundraising buffet dinner Thursday, March 2, at the Sinbad's. Gaidica began his talk by saying, "I'm one of the few conservatives in the media who is willing to admit it." He then discussed the TV political coverage and the realities of local television broadcasting. He said Republicans and conservatives are failing to get their messages out.

Also making short appearances were U.S. Senate Republican Primary candidates the Rev. Keith A. Butler and Oakland County Sheriff Michael J. Bouchard, who hope to unseat U.S. Senator Debbie Stabenaw.

Others in attendance included Michigan Supreme Court Justice Maura Corrigan and her son, Dan Grano, a Grosse Pointe Park councilman; State Rep. Ed Gaffney, R-Grosse Pointe Farms; Grosse Pointe Farms Mayor Pro Tem Terry Davis, Farms Councilwoman Therese Joseph and Farms City Manager Shane Reside; City of Grosse Pointe Councilman John Stempfle; Michigan Appellate Judge Kirsten Frank of Grosse Pointe Park and Wayne County Circuit Judge James Chylinski of Grosse Pointe Woods.

Pictured with Gaidica, center, are, from left, National Committeeman Chuck Yob, 13th Republican Committee Chairman Ed Joseph, dinner sponsor Tom McCleary of Grosse Pointe Farms and National Committeewoman Holly J. Hughes.

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LETTERS: South kids a class act

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ence to be a parent chaperone for the Grosse Pointe South band and orchestra trip to New York City.

To the young adults, you were awesome. Your performance was first rate, and you were rewarded for it. Gold first place to the symphony band

and silver second to the symphony orchestra. The symphony band also received the judges/adjudicators award for having one of the highest scores in the competition.

Our students as a whole also received the Spirit of New York award for their unselfish acts of lending their instruments to students from other groups, because of instruments broken during the flight to New York. Thank you, Mr. White and Mr. Gross, for preparing our students for their first-rate performance.

Shirley, from Travel Adventures, thank you for planning a once-in-a-lifetime experience for the group and myself. Having been to New York on numerous occasions, this is the most memorable.

To the parents of the students who attended, your children represented you well. They were awesome and conducted themselves accordingly. It was a great experience for me. Thank you!

JULIA STANTON
Grosse Pointe Park

sition" to the revised program. Just as with a TV program that you deem inappropriate for your child and don't let them watch, you can opt out of any part of this new sex ed program.

My major concern is parents who believe it is the job of our teachers to raise our children. Not only do they have to teach, be a shoulder to cry on, be a friend, confidant and everything else they try to squeeze into what little time they have with our kids, but you are now asking them to teach your child to "live a moral, character-based life."

You have got to be kidding me. That is your job as a parent. I see more and more parents putting the blame for everything that goes wrong with our children on our teachers and the district. Parents need to take responsibility for their children and be the parent, which should be your most important job, and let the teachers do their job.

PATRICIA RIVERA
Grosse Pointe Park

Character lessons begin at home

To the parent who told me to "get my head out of the sand":

You have got to be kidding me! First of all, the board was asked to revise the sex ed program. Committees and subcommittees were formed, and with much work, and debate, with ample opportunity for parents to voice their concerns, a new program was developed, brought to the board of education and approved. This is what we asked for.

Secondly, "many well educated parents and professionals from the community, eloquently and emphatically" voiced their approval of the proposed program, and out of the 3,000-plus high school students, yes, two students did in fact come to "state their oppo-

Letter to editor leads to job offer

To the Editor:

I just wanted to thank you for publishing my letter two weeks ago urging people to obtain the helpful assistance at SOC to navigate the complicated Medicare Part D program. Several people have approached me and thanked me for providing them this information.

But, most of all, dear editor, I wish to thank you for publishing the letter as it resulted in my being offered a part-time position to write articles for a Web page for a law firm.

If I ever need another job, believe me, I will be sure to write a letter to the editor of the Grosse Pointe News. Thank you.

MARION MCCARTHY
Harper Woods

FYI: Episcopal Men's lineup

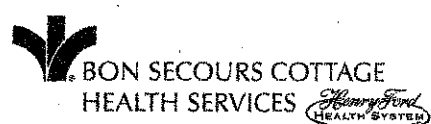
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the Rev. Harry Cook, Episcopal priest, May 5; and Neal Shine, retired Detroit Free Press pub-

lisher, for a special Saturday Mother's Day breakfast with spouses on May 13.

For more information, call Janet Ruthven at Memorial Church at (313) 882-5330.

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THOMAS P. BRUETSCH has been named partner in the Detroit-based law firm, Bodman LLP.

Bruetsch concentrates his practice on complex commercial litigation. He has represented clients on issues relating to domestic and international banking and finance, professional sports stadium leases and construction, trust and estate contests, governmental and commercial contract litigation, and environmental matters. He is a graduate of the University of Michigan and Wayne State University Law School. Bruetsch is a Grosse Pointe Park resident.



KEN BRYANT has been appointed to the new position of Vice President, Commercial Loan Officer of

Community Central Bank, the wholly owned subsidiary of Community Central Bank Corporation, announced Ronald R. Reed, President and CEO. Bryant has the responsibility of generating new commercial business for the bank. He brings more than 27 years of banking experience. He most recently served as VP at Charter One Bank and was a SVP/Senior Loan Officer at Macomb Community Bank prior to that. He graduated from Walsh College and is a resident of Grosse Pointe Farms.



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Italian eatery ready to roll

DiNoto's Genuine Italian Carry Out received its official city welcome during a ribbon-cutting ceremony on Thursday, March 23. Grosse Pointe Woods Mayor Robert Novitke, center, cut the ribbon held by owners Rose DiNoto, left, and Pino DiNoto, right.

IRS says watch for identity theft

The Internal Revenue Service is alerting taxpayers this filing season to watch out for schemes that may result in identity theft or financial scheming.

High on the list is "phishing," a favorite ploy of identity thieves. During the past few years, the IRS has observed criminals working through the Internet, posing even as representatives of the IRS itself, with the goal of tricking unsuspecting taxpayers into revealing private information that can be used to steal from their financial accounts.

"Michigan is being hit hard with phishing emails in this tax season. Don't let yourself get involved in a tax scam or be victimized by one," said IRS spokesman Luis D. Garcia. "Be very careful who you trust for tax advice and who you trust with your personal information."

"The 'phishing' ploy and other schemes surface each year as tax filing season is in full swing," said Garcia. "Con artists shamelessly take advantage of people. People should be on-guard for these scams."

Identity theft

It pays to be choosy when it comes to disclosing personal information. Identity thieves have used stolen personal data to access financial accounts, run up charges on credit cards and apply for new loans. The IRS is aware of several identity theft scams involving taxes or schemers posing as the IRS itself.

The IRS does not use e-mail to contact taxpayers about issues related to accounts or refunds. If there is any doubt whether a contact from the IRS is authentic, call 1-800-829-1040 to confirm it.

Bogus refund

The caller says a refund is waiting with the IRS, and a bank account or other personal information is needed to have the refund deposited. Don't buy into this scam. The IRS does not call taxpayers informing them that bank account or other personal information is needed to receive a refund.

The schemer is attempting to steal identity or financial information.

The IRS would notify a taxpayer by mailed correspondence if they have an outstanding refund forthcoming. Subsequently, a refund check would be issued and mailed to the taxpayer.

To follow-up on a refund, call the IRS at 1-800-829-1040 or check the "Where's My Refund?" feature at www.irs.gov.

Pay the tax, then get the prize

The caller says you've won a prize, and all you have to do is pay the income tax due. Don't believe it. Someone who really wins a prize may need to make an estimated tax payment to cover taxes due at the end of the year. But the payment goes to the IRS, not the caller.

Whether the prize is cash, a car or a trip, a legitimate prize giver generally sends both the winner and the IRS a Form 1099 showing the total prize value that should be reported on the winner's tax return.

Return preparer fraud

Dishonest tax return preparers can cause many headaches for taxpayers who fall victim to their ploys. Such preparers derive financial gain by skimming a portion of their clients' refunds and charging inflated fees for return preparation services.

They attract new clients by promising large refunds without using proper records or documents. Taxpayers should choose carefully when hiring a tax preparer. No matter who prepares your tax return you are ultimately responsible for its accuracy.

Share/borrow EITC dependents

Unscrupulous tax preparers "share" one client's qualifying children with another client in order to allow both clients to claim the Earned Income Tax Credit. For example, one client may have four children but only needs to list two to get the

maximum EITC. The preparer will list two children on the first client's return and the other two on another client's tax return. The preparer and the client "selling" the dependents split a fee.

The IRS prosecutes the preparers of such fraudulent claims, and participating taxpayers could be subject to civil penalties.

How to report tax fraud activity

Suspected tax fraud can be reported to the Treasury Inspector General for Tax Administration (TIGTA) toll-free Hotline at 1-800-366-4484 or on the Web at: www.treas.gov/tigta.

"The best advice for individ-

uals is to remember the concept of 'buyer beware,'" Garcia said. "Think carefully before paying for services or furnishing personal information. Don't be fooled by outrageous promises. If something sounds too good to be true, it probably is."

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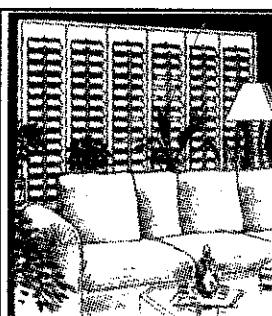
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Library hosts writer

By Beth Quinn
Staff Writer

Alexander McCall Smith, author of the internationally best-selling No.1 Ladies' Detective Agency series, will share his experiences "On Being a Serial Novelist" in a program presented by the Grosse Pointe Public Library, at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, April 27, in the Pierce Middle School auditorium, 15430 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe Park.

McCall Smith has a reputation for being a charming and witty author and speaker. Since the age of 28, he has written more than 50 books, including specialist academic titles, short story collections and a number of popular children's books.

He is best known for his internationally acclaimed six-part series about Precious Ramotswe, the Botswana heroine of The No.1 Ladies' Detective Agency. The mysteries give the reader a glimpse into the everyday life in Africa. The books have been translated into 29 languages.

McCall Smith was born in what is now Zimbabwe, and was educated there and in Scotland. He became a law professor in Scotland, and it was in this role he first returned to Africa to work in Botswana, where he helped to establish a new law school at the University of Botswana.

He is a professor of Medical Law at the University of Edinburgh and has been a visiting professor at numerous universities in Europe and the United States.

McCall Smith is also the vice-chairman of the Human Genetics Commission, the chairman of the British Medical Journal Ethics Committee and a member of

the International Bioethics Commission of United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO).

When he is not teaching, writing or setting health policy, he enjoys playing wind instruments. He performs the

bassoon in an amateur orchestra called "The Really Terrible Orchestra," that he co-founded.

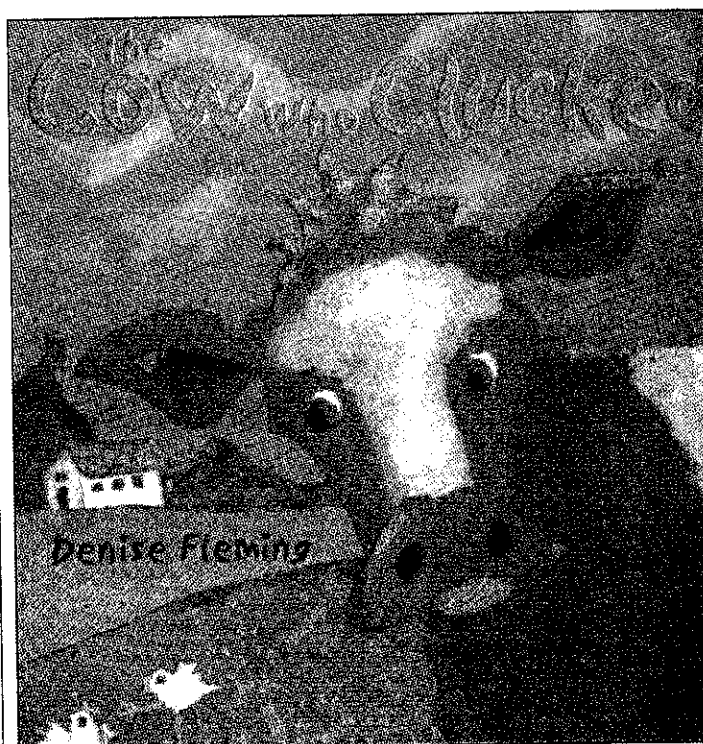
McCall Smith is currently working on a new series featuring a Scottish-American female detective. The first book, "Crushed Strawberry," will be

published in 2007.

Tickets are free of charge and will be available beginning Saturday, April 1, for Grosse Pointe residents and Sunday, April 9, for non-residents. For more information, call the Central branch at (313) 343-2074, ext. 220.



Alexander McCall Smith, author of the best-selling No.1 Ladies' Detective Agency series, will be at Pierce Middle School on Thursday, April 27, for a Grosse Pointe Public Library lecture.



Children's book author and illustrator, Denise Fleming, who wrote "The Cow Who Clucked" will be in Grosse Pointe for National Library Week.

National Library Week

The Grosse Pointe Public Library will celebrate National Library Week, April 2-8. It has planned programs to entice the public to walk through its doors.

On Monday, April 3, Francis Grunow, executive director of Preservation Wayne will present "Downtown Detroit: Preserving Our Region's Heart" at 7 p.m. in the Ewald branch meeting room, 15175 E. Jefferson, Grosse Pointe Park.

All three branches will be holding "No Fines Day" on Tuesday, April 4.

During the day, award-winning children's author and artist Denise Fleming will visit the Woods branch, 20600 Mack, at 4 p.m. and the Grosse Pointe War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms, at 7 p.m. Both events are free, but registration and tickets, available at the three branches, are required.

During the Woods program,

Fleming will show children ages 4 to 12 how she creates her books. At the War Memorial, she will share anecdotes with adults and families about the inspirations for her stories and the techniques of her art.

On Wednesday, April 5, Edward McKeenhan of the Detroit Institute of Arts will speak on "African-American Art from the Walter O. Evans Collection" at 7 p.m. in the Woods branch meeting room.

The three branches will be holding "Free Video with Checkout Day" on Thursday, April 6. The movie "Shrek" will be shown at the Ewald branch at 7 p.m. and a drawing for a pair of tickets to the Shrek Theater will be held.

At the Woods branch, former Detroit Tiger Dave Bergman and former Detroit Free Press sports columnist Curt Sylvester talk about "Major League Baseball," starting at 7 p.m., Thursday.

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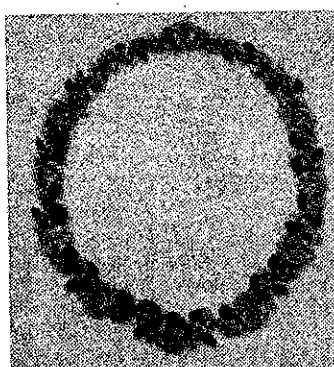
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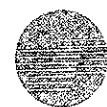
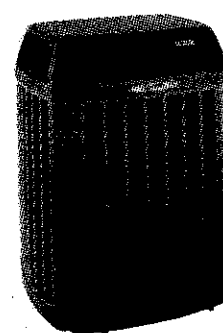
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GROSSE POINTE ACADEMY

Historical figures walked halls

By Ann L. Fouty
Staff Writer

Thomas Jefferson stood next to Steven Spielberg. J.K. Rowling's Harry Potter sat behind Davy Crockett. Supreme Court Justice Thurgood Marshall posed for pictures with civil rights activist Ella Baker.

Twenty-three historical figures, both national and international, were brought to life by third-graders at Grosse Pointe Academy.

Each child chose a person that interested them and used the school's library for research.

Sydney Gamble chose Amelia Earhart because, "She was the first woman to fly a plane. She was cool." Gamble dressed in a short jacket, white scarf and "aviator glasses."

Paul Revere was brought to the classroom by Mac Carroll.

"I learned he gave up school to become a silversmith," Carroll said. "He lead the alert that the British were coming."

Magician Harry Houdini was Jared Brush's choice. "I chose Harry Houdini because I like magic and I got a box of magic tricks for Christmas."

"I learned that Harry Houdini could get out of handcuffs and straight jackets and that he likes to escape from things," Brush said.

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PHOTO BY ANN L. FOUTY

Famous historical personalities walked the halls of Grosse Pointe Academy. They were brought to life by the third-graders of Jeanette Stepanek and Debby Woleny's classes. Figures chosen were Paul Revere, Harriet Tubman, Chuck Yeager, Henry Ford (one as a young man and one as a business man), Eleanor Ford, two George Washingtons, Harry Houdini, Betsy Ross, Pablo Picasso, Steven Spielberg, Thomas Edison, Davy Crockett, Amelia Earhart, Marie Curie, J.K. Rowling, Robert Ballard, Thurgood Marshall, Neil Armstrong, Ben Franklin and Ella Baker.

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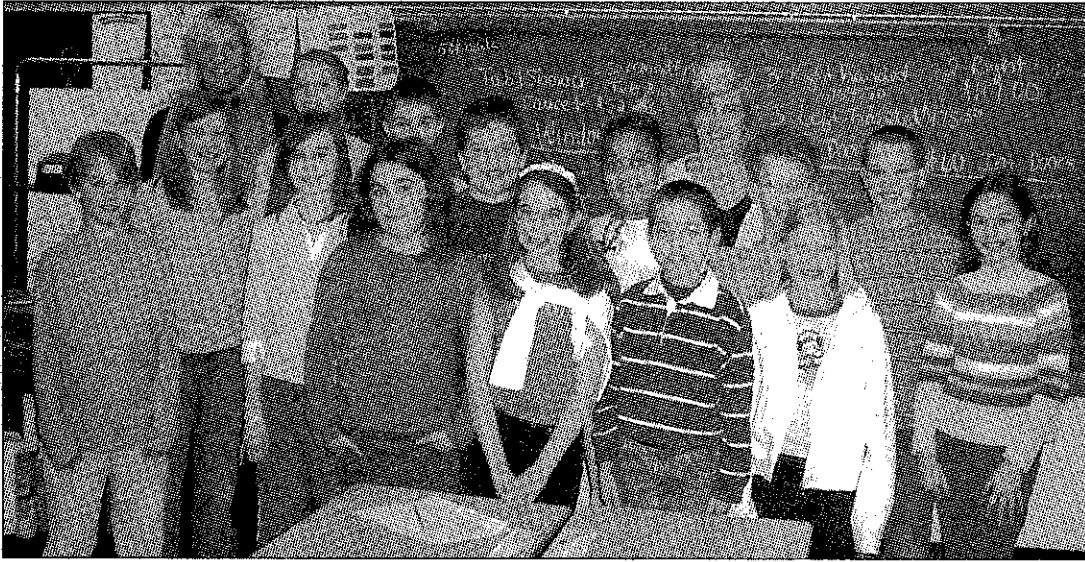


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Maire Elementary school students who assisted in raising money for Project Welcome Home, included, in front, Zack Raycraft, Neala Berkowski, Jenna Roby, Gracie Henning, Sophia Lianos, Patrick TomHon, Kimberly Barbour and Meghan Carlyle. In back row, Dana Moir, Ann Urbiel, Jacob Malbouef, Patrick Jackman, Che Jean Charles, Karen Henning, Hunter Benz, Ben Schneider.

Contributions continue to add up

Parcells Middle School students have set a goal at \$5,000 for Project Welcome Home. They are well on their way to reaching that amount which will go to help build a Habitat for Humanity house.

The house is destined for a

family whose home was destroyed by Hurricane Katrina.

Students are nearly at the half way point having raised \$1,830 from their fall dance, \$248 from hat day and \$175 from the penny wars. Weekly bake sales are also helping the bottom line.

At Maire Elementary School, students have raised \$1,747.78 in a jar war campaign.

Sharon Gallacher's classes collected more than \$250, while Dana Moir's and Becky Easlick's classes filled their jars.

Maire teachers also donated to the campaign in the "dollars for jeans" day.

By donating, teachers were able to wear blue jeans to school.

Fourth- and fifth-grade students who helped with the success of the project are Ann Urbiel, Sophia Lianos, Jenna Roby, Kimberly Barbour, Neala Berkowski, Ben Schneider, Meghan Carlyle, Patrick Jackman, Grace Henning, Hunter Benz, Patrick TomHon, Che Jean Charles, Zachary Raycraft and Jacob Malbouef.

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Pierce choir first at singing out

On March 13, 130 students from the Pierce seventh- and eighth-grade choirs performed two pieces for a panel of three judges at the Macomb Community College Performing Arts Center.

They also demonstrated their sight reading skills for an

other judge.

Both choirs came home with a first division rating from each of the judges.

This qualifies the choirs for the state choral festival in May.

Heather Albrecht directed the choir and was accompanied by Sharon Sparrow.

UNIVERSITY LIGGETT

Variety of activities hosted for public

Drop-In open house

University Liggett School (ULS) will host a "Drop In" open house from 9 to 11 a.m. on Thursday, April 6. Prospective student parents and others interested in finding out about the ULS educational experience may visit both campuses: 1045 Cook Road (primary school, kindergarten and grades 1-5 and 9-12) and 850 Briarcliff Drive (middle school, grades 6-8).

Personalized tours will be available, as will application, scholarship and financial aid information. Refreshments will be served.

For more information, call ULS at (313) 884-4444, ext. 217, or visit www.uls.org.

Admissions testing

ULS will host admissions testing for the 2006-07 school year on from 8:15 a.m. to noon, on Saturday, April 8, at the main campus, 1045 Cook Road, Grosse Pointe Woods.

ULS will be testing prospective students from pre-kindergarten through Grade 12. To register for the April 8 testing, call the admissions office at (313) 884-4444, ext. 217, or visit www.uls.org for more information. Space is limited.

College Fair

More than 90 colleges and universities will participate as ULS hosts the 2006 College Fair from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m., on Tuesday, April 4, in the gymnasium on the main campus, 1045 Cook Road, Grosse Pointe Woods. ULS College guidance counselors will be available for general, informal discussions on the college admissions process.

All metro Detroit-area high school students and their parents are invited to attend. Meet and talk with representatives from colleges and universities from all regions of the United States, including Bucknell, Carnegie-Mellon, Colgate, Dartmouth, Hillsdale,

Kalamazoo, Lake Forest, Loyola University-Chicago, Michigan State, Ohio State, Pennsylvania State, Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, Skidmore, the U.S. Military Academy-West Point, U.S. Air Force Academy, U.S. Naval Academy, University of Michigan, Vanderbilt and Yale.

The event is free. For more information, contact the ULS Office of College Guidance, (313) 884-4444, ext. 233.

Solo and ensemble

More than 30 ULS upper and middle school students participated in the Michigan School Band and Orchestra Association (MSBOA) Solo and Ensemble Festival recently.

Student musicians received either Division I (superior) or Division II (excellent) ratings for their performances.

ULS upper school students who participated include Tara Stanley, Rachael Farber, Lindsay Brownell, Dan Foster, Anna Zinkel, Kristin Peterson, Anna Myavec, Luisa Myavec, Jamie Bow, Alex Houghtalin, Brian Boll, Tim Boll, Michael Thomas, Charlie Litch, Hiram Faircloth, Anthony Provenzano, Jonathan Nicholl and Detra Ward.

Middle school students who participated are Maggie Zinkel, Meghan Caraway, Camille Langston, Barry Johnson, Ai Yamasaki, Nozomi Yamasaki, Natalie Boll, Mary Grech, Laura Stanley, Blaire Chennault, Tessina Bantos, Paula Frascchetti and Shelby Schoensee.

Earning Division I (superior) ratings were Tara Stanley and Rachael Farber, violin duet; Rachael Farber, violin solo; Anna Myavec, Luisa Myavec and Jamie Bow, clarinet trio; Lindsay Brownell, piano solo; Detra Ward, baritone solo; Barry Johnson, flute solo; Natalie Boll, Mary Grech and Ai Yamasaki, flute trio; Maggie Zinkel, Meghan Caraway and Camille Langston, clarinet trio;

Laura Stanley, violin solo; Laura Stanley and Ai Yamasaki, violin duet; Ai Yamasaki and Nozomi Yamasaki, flute duet; and Blaire Chennault, Tessina Bantos and Nozomi Yamasaki, mixed trio.

Earning Division II (excellent) ratings were Lindsay Brownell, Dan Foster, Anna Zinkel and Kristin Peterson, clarinet duet; Brian Boll, Tim Boll, Hiram Faircloth, Charlie Litch and Michael Thomas, brass quintet; and Shelby Schoensee and Paula Frascchetti, clarinet duet.

Rich Fanning is the instrumental teacher for lower, middle and upper school students at ULS.

Athletes attend sports leadership conference

Eight ULS students attended the Michigan High School Athletic Association's 2006 Women in Sports Leadership Conference in Lansing in February.

The MHSAA Women in Sports Leadership (WISL) Conference is the first, largest and longest-running conference of its type in the country. The conference is designed for those interested in becoming a high school coach, administrator or official, and is held in Lansing every other year.

The students participated in a variety of workshops on sports leadership, fair play, officiating, preventing sports injuries, fitness and nutrition, and self-motivation.

"I think this was a great experience for the girls," said ULS Athletic Director Michelle Hicks.

The ULS students who attended the weekend conference include freshmen Megan Amicucci, Chloe Kirchner and Janaya Gripper; sophomores Taylor Brown, Jamie Bow and Laura Hicks; and juniors Carrie Taylor and Monique Squiers.

SCHOOL BOARD

Legislature should review graduation requirements

By Ann L. Fouty
Staff Writer

Action by the state House and Senate to require stiffer high school graduation requirements has left Grosse Pointe educators and the board of education asking legislators to look at the consequences of the changes.

The House, two weeks ago, passed one set of requirements and the Senate is working on another set of requirements, dissimilar enough to raise questions.

Should the Senate approve a set of requirements different from what the House has passed, a joint conference committee would have to be called to iron out the differences, something that they don't want to do, according to Susan Allan, assistant superintendent for curriculum and instruction.

Grosse Pointe Board of Education trustee Joan Dindoffer said she is hearing that rigor, relevance and relationship are being poured into the updated requirements. In

reality, the plan would prevent such. A student's full potential will not be achieved, under the new guidelines she said.

"As a board we see some of the problems, she said. "There are still some issues."

Concerns such as the proposed math sequence prompted the board to go on record as urging the governor, the legislature, the State Board of Education and the Michigan Department of Education to carefully consider unintended consequences of the proposed legislation before making the changes final.

Being overly prescriptive may restrict student access to the most rigorous courses available, prevent students from pursuing courses most relevant to their interests and talents, and stave off students success, the board and administrators claim.

The new graduation requirements call for four English credits, which aligns with Grosse Pointe schools requirements. However, it also asks for end of year course assessment. The prescribed high

school content expectations may limit the district's ability to provide and the student's ability to enroll in a wide variety of English electives tailored to suit individual needs and interests, said a memo to legislators drafted by the board.

The memo also stated the math sequence proposed would present a problem for struggling learners and for the strong math student who takes algebra I as a seventh or eighth grader.

The memo goes on to point out that geography as a part of both world history and U.S. history would not be covered as thoroughly and geography would be better served as a separate course.

The board also stated advanced placement history, government and economics courses are governed by the College Board and cannot be combined with Michigan Merit Curriculum course content.

Addressing the one credit of visual, performing or applied arts, should also include foreign language, Grosse Pointe educators say.

St. Clare students present 'Beauty and the Beast'

St. Clare of Montefalco Catholic School presents Disney's musical, "Beauty and the Beast," on April 6, 7 and 8, at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore Drive, Grosse Pointe Farms.

The play is directed by St. Clare music and drama

teacher, Kim Korba and her husband, Russ, with orchestral direction by Paul Roache of Detroit.

Some 100 children are involved in the production with 60 children on stage and another 40 in support roles of make-up, stage crew, sound,

lighting, art and ushering.

Performances begin at 7 p.m.

Reserve tickets are \$7 for the Thursday night performance, \$8 for Friday night and \$9 for Saturday's production. Call the school at (313) 647-5100 for tickets.



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Sounds of dropping pins

By Ann L. Fouty
Staff Writer

You can hear a pin drop in the gym at St. Clare of Montefalco.

In fact, you can hear about 60 pins, give or take a few, dropping.

The sounds of pins being knocked over is the result of six bowling lanes set up in the gym as part of the school's physical education program.

Bowling Proprietors Association of America delivers lanes, balls and pins to various schools around the country, including Wayne and Macomb counties.

St. Clair Shores' Shorecrest Lanes provided equipment to St. Clare of Montefalco school for three weeks.

The equipment will then move on to another school, with the goal of increasing interest in bowling.

Physical education teacher

Beth McCreedy discovered the program during a summer physical education conference and decided to try again, having little success two years ago.

"I did bowling two years ago. It didn't generate as much interest. It's more exciting this time," she said.

Armed with a CD and folder provided by the bowling association, McCreedy has the lessons at her fingertips.

Her efforts have translated into enthusiastic young bowlers who are learning technique, how to keep score and sportsmanship.

The carpet lanes are about half the length of a real bowling alley lane and the balls are thick rubber, she said.

Balls come in two weights; one for the early elementary hands and a heavier one for upper elementary and middle school students.

"The kids are loving it," she said.

The pins are different colors so if some happen to flip into an adjoining alley, there will be little confusion over who knocked which one down, she said.

Prior to the start of school, eighth-graders set up the allies for lessons of approach and release, strike relay and a week of tournaments.

There are three on a team — the bowler, the pin setter and one to return the ball.

Fifth- through eighth-graders are learning to keep score.

McCreedy has all levels of bowlers, she said.

A few are on leagues and others are novices but picking up the skill of keeping their arm straight, follow through and knocking 'em down.

The best part is Shorecrest will offer coupons for a free game, and the school will provide a field trip later in the month for the best team.



PHOTO COURTESY GROSSE POINTE NORTH HIGH SCHOOL

Grosse Pointe North High School will perform under the direction of former North band director Nathan Judson on Sunday, April 2, at Orchestra Hall.

Retired director returns to stage

Nathan Judson, retired Grosse Pointe North High School band director, will guest conduct the bands at DSO Orchestra Hall, at 3 p.m., Sunday, April 2.

Judson served as director of bands and orchestra at North from 1968 to 1987. During that time, North's instrumental music organizations won consistent first division ratings in Michigan School Band and

Orchestra Association (MSBOA) district and state finals.

After earning a bachelor's and master's degrees from the University of Michigan, Judson taught for 35 years in Goodrich, Trenton and Grosse Pointe. He was president of the MSBOA from 1969 to 1971.

Judson and his wife, Christina, live in Grosse Pointe Woods. He is an active adjudicator at MSBOA Band and

Orchestra festivals.

Tickets for the concert may be purchased at Wild Birds Unlimited Nature Shop, 20485 Mack Ave., Grosse Pointe Woods, or by contacting Donna Ridella at (313) 884-3432. Box seats (available at Wild Birds only) are \$25, general admission is \$12, students and senior tickets are \$8.

No gold cards will be accepted.



PHOTOS BY ANN L. FOUTY

U.S. Supreme Court Judge Thurgood Marshall (J.R. McCarren) and Ella Baker (Carmella Goree) were good friends, working for civil rights.

FAMOUS: Making the world better

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From American's historical figures to movie directors, the students were learning tenacity, courage, strength and values, said third grade teacher Jeanette Stepanek.

"They can become the person," she said. "And understand a different time in the world and how they helped solved problems."

Students from Stepanek's and Debby Woleny's classrooms learned how many famous people overcame hardships, persevered and helped make the world better.

Donna Goree, mother of Carmella, said the two asked their pastor of a person who might not be well known and came up with Ella Baker, who was born in 1903.

Carmella said in her presentation that Baker planned to be a medical missionary but was unable to afford the cost of school. She became active in the Student Non-violent Coordinating Committee, the Southern Christian Leadership Conference and established an American Cancer Society chapter in Harlem.

Goree said she was learning along side her daughter about Baker's involvement in the civil rights movement years before Martin Luther King Jr. So interested in Baker, Goree purchased a book for her daughter on Baker and one for herself.

Books were one of three required resources used by the students. Their report included a picture of their famous person, headers, a local map and a world map showing areas where he/she lived and worked, which demonstrated



Brooke Ottaway portrayed Betsy Ross who was born a Quaker in 1752 in Philadelphia. According to Ottaway's report, George Washington asked Ross to make a six-pointed star for the country's first flag, but Ross told him a five-pointed star was easier to sew.

their computer savvy.

Three weeks later, it was show time. Stepanek said it takes a considerable amount of courage for students not only to memorize their one-page report but to recite it before their classmates, guests and be video taped. But they learned, she said, about friendship, compassion, fairness, courage, caring and foresight.

While astronauts are focused on year after year, Stepanek noted this year there were a variety of personalities.

This year's historic figures brought to life included: Paul Revere, Harriet Tubman, Chuck Yeager, Henry Ford (one as a young man and one as a business man), Eleanor Ford, two George Washingtons, Harry Houdini, Betsy Ross, Pablo Picasso, Steven Spielberg, Thomas Edison, Davy Crockett, Amelia Earhart, Marie Curie, J.K. Rowling, Robert Ballard, Thurgood Marshall, Neil Armstrong, Ben Franklin and Ella Baker.

Vendors needed for flower sale

The Grosse Pointe South High School flower sale committee is seeking vendors for its Friday, May 12, event.

The flower sale is scheduled from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday,

May 12, and from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday, May 13.

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AUTO WIRE By Steve Schaefer

One wonders at the possibility of a Chevrolet HHR sized H4 someday, but for now the H3 is the easiest-to-live-with Hummer ever made.

Hummer H3 markets big seller

If you've been craving the macho power of a Hummer but are waiting until Hummers become drivable in normal traffic and more affordable, you're in luck. The new H3 is here, delivering much of the Hummer go-anywhere talents and brick-house styling in a much more accessible package.

The original Hummer, now called the H1 Alpha, is based on the military's Humvee, which has seen service in the Gulf War in 1992 and today in Iraq. In 1992 the Humvee was converted for civilian use, leaving much of the enormous, impractical, road-hogging qualities intact. The H2 debuted in 2002 as a more civilized and affordable alternative to the \$100,000-plus H1. The H3 takes the next step, paring nearly 17 inches in length, six inches of height, and 6.5 inches of width from the H2. Oh, and it also dropped 1,700 pounds, too.

Unless you simply must be the biggest guy on the block, this new offroader is a fine choice for normal life. It fits in a garage, turns in a tidy 37 feet, and gets typical mid-size SUV mileage, 16 miles per gallon city, 19 mpg highway, with the optional four-speed automatic. If you opt for the standard five-speed manual transmission (the first one ever offered in a Hummer), you gain one mpg in the highway rating. Happily, the H3 uses regular fuel.

The only powerplant is GM's Vortec 3500, a 3.5-liter inline five-cylinder engine. Borrowed from the mid-size GM pickups,

it puts out 220 horsepower and 225 pound-feet of torque. Those numbers aren't bad, but this little beast weighs 4,700 pounds, so acceleration uphill is leisurely.

Unlike its big brothers, however, the new Hummer feels athletic and sharp in town, and standing 6-foot, 2-1/2 inches tall, it still puts your view high over most other drivers, who will likely be admiring you in your chunky ride. Interestingly, the H3's width is just three millimeters greater than its height.

The slit-like windows from other Hummers prevail, as do the vertical front and rear panels, upright windshield, minimal overhangs, and bold wheel outlines. The spare sits at the rear, and the chrome grille wears the seven slots that annoy the Jeep folks so much. Huge wheels and tires are bigger than those on other mid-size SUVs. With wide pillars and narrow windows, visibility is predictably poor, so back up or change lanes with care.

Inside, the new Hummer has neither the stark utility of the H1 nor the exaggerated chunkiness of the H2. The dash is simple and neatly contoured, with satin metal trim. My boulder gray metallic test car featured an ebony interior, which means lots of matte black plastic, but the materials and assembly were premium sedan level. The rubber-wrapped dials move with authority and plenty of grip. A fat T-handle shifter and a thick-rimmed steering wheel convey toughness as you grab them.

The H3 comes with an elec-



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The 2006 Hummer H3

tronic tire pressure monitor. One morning, it indicated that I had a low tire (the display doesn't tell you which one). I examined all four tires, and they all appeared fine. However, at the gas station, the right front one came up ten pounds low. This kind of information helps you keep the pressure correct for safety, less tire wear, and better fuel mileage.

This may be a junior-size Hummer, but the H3 is still a full-featured rock climber. The

electronic four-wheel-drive system, combined with 9.1 inches of road clearance and a maximum breakover angle of 25 degrees lets the H3 go almost anywhere. You can ford a 16-inch stream at 20 mph, or if you're willing to slow down to 5 mph, you can drive through a full two feet of water. The Hummer will climb 16-inch vertical steps and rocks, too. Four underbody shields protect its innards.

But you're probably just going to drive to work in this

thing, or maybe dashing about on the weekends, and the H3 is happy to do so. Despite the huge tires, the ride is smooth and quiet, giving you full enjoyment of the sound system. My tester had the optional seven-speaker Monsoon sound system (\$845), and also XM Satellite Radio (\$325), which offered a wealth of enjoyable listening.

I had just a few little complaints. The power window buttons are located far back on the armrest, so I had to move

my arm awkwardly to use them. The optional sunroof (\$800), though hugely panoramic, created some wind buffeting at speed. The tuner and volume knobs on the audio system are the same size and are stacked one above the other and I frequently grabbed the wrong one.

The upscale interior and

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Grosse Pointe News

Kia Rio offers consumer value

Kia Motors America (KMA) offers the all-new 2006 Kia Rio subcompact sedan. Already recognized as a value leader in the entry-level segment, the Rio sedan features distinctive styling with a longer wheelbase, a wider track and more horsepower than its predecessor for better handling, a smoother ride and improved performance — base price, \$11,110.

The new Rio also offers class-leading interior volume and six standard air bags, including full-length side-curtain air bags.

Rio's longer wheelbase and increased width and height contribute to a best-in-class 92.2 cubic feet of passenger room with a long list of standard features, increasing its appeal for the value-conscious shopper.

"The 2006 Rio reinforces Kia's position as a value leader in the subcompact class with its comprehensive list of standard features and emphasis on safety, delivering an affordable and fun-to-drive vehicle," said Peter Butterfield, president and CEO of Kia Motors America Inc. "With Kia's commitment to value, quality and safety, Rio will continue to be a success in the entry-level segment."

The 2006 Kia Rio is the company's latest new product designed specifically to attract a larger number of American consumers to the Kia brand. In the past three years Kia has aggressively expanded its product offerings to include new products such as the Spectra compact sedan and Spectra5 five-door, the Amanti large premium sedan, the Sorento mid-size SUV and the Sedona minivan.

Designed to stand out from the crowd in the entry-level segment, Rio's European-in-

spired exterior design radiates a youthful personality from the sedan's sportier, more substantial appearance.

Built on a new platform with a longer wheelbase (98.4 in.) and increased overall width (66.7 in.) and height (57.9) compared to its predecessor and most of its competitors, the new Rio offers a spacious interior package:

- With total interior volume of 92.2 cubic feet, the Rio has the roomiest cabin in its segment.

- The 2006 Rio's trunk capacity is significantly larger than ever before. At 11.9 cubic feet, the trunk volume represents a 29-percent increase over the previous generation vehicle.

Rio's exterior design refinements provide a more athletic stance and a more significant, yet modern appearance to the vehicle. Changes to the front of the Rio include an aggressively styled black mesh grille, swept-back headlamps and bumpers with black inserts.

A distinctive black bodyside molding runs the length of both the front and rear doors and ties into the black inserts on the bumpers creating a unified look with a subtle wedge shape. Sculpted arches at each fender contribute to Rio's wide, assertive stance.

Following in the footsteps of the all-new Kia Spectra introduced in 2004, the new Rio sedan is the latest realization of Kia's efforts to offer an unprecedented level of standard safety equipment in all of its vehicles.

Rio features six standard air bags, including dual advanced front and front seat-mounted side air bags, and full-length side curtain air bags. Sensors controlling the front supplemental restraints determine

the position of the seat, whether the seat belt is buckled, whether the front passenger seat is occupied, and the severity of a frontal impact before deployment.

Rio is the only vehicle in its class with standard full-length side curtain air bags, and replaces the Kia Spectra as the lowest priced car in the United States to offer this feature as standard equipment.

The 2006 Rio comes equipped with standard front-wheel disc brakes. Anti-lock brakes (ABS) with four-wheel disc brakes are optional.

Additional safety features include: front seat belt pretensioners and force limiters, three-point seat belts for all five seating positions and dual Lower Anchors and Tethers for Children (LATCH) child safety seat anchors in the rear seat.

With increased horsepower and torque with reduced emissions from the previous generation vehicle, the Rio offers improved performance. In fact, the new Rio offers more standard horsepower than any vehicle in its class.

Rio's new 1.6-liter DOHC engine, which incorporates continuously variable valve timing, produces 110-horsepower and 107 pound-feet of torque. Rio provides the most standard horsepower in the subcompact segment.

Rio's engine can be mated to either a five-speed manual or an optional, electronically controlled four-speed automatic transmission.

Stopping power has increased due to larger diameter front disc brakes. Four-wheel antilock brakes with rear discs are optional.

Unlike many subcompact sedans that offer low-tech, entry-level suspension layouts, the 2006 Rio features an inde-



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2006 Kia Rio

pendent front suspension and semi-independent rear suspension for responsive handling and ride comfort.

Rio's suspension layout uses MacPherson struts with coil springs in front and a torsion beam axle with coil springs in the rear, tuned to achieve a healthy balance between a comfortable ride and responsive handling.

Front and rear stabilizer bars are standard on all Rio models. Aiding handling is a precise rack-and-pinion steering system.

Rio's wider track and improved suspension and steering systems provide better handling characteristics and improved performance over the previous generation Rio. A longer wheelbase helped designers carve out more space for rear seat passengers while enhancing ride comfort.

Occupant safety, as well as a long list of standard convenience features, is one of the defining qualities of Kia's recent wave of new products. Rio

was engineered to provide a quiet, vibration-free cabin that would complement the vehicle's improved performance and handling characteristics.

The four-door Rio is available in two trim levels: Base and LX.

Like all of Kia's vehicles, each model offers a generous list of standard features inside and out, including dual advanced front air bags, front seat side and full-length side curtain air bags, three-point seat belts for all five seating positions, eight-way manually-adjustable driver's seat, rear window defroster, variable intermittent windshield wipers, dual body-color outside mirrors and black bodyside molding.

The LX trim level offers additional standard equipment, including: full wheel covers, air conditioning, an AM/FM/CD audio system with four speakers, 60/40 split folding rear seatback, power steering and a height-adjustable steering column.

The Kia Rio is built at Kia's Sohori manufacturing facility in South Korea.

HUMMER: This year's hottest ticket

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well-mannered handling are pleasant surprises here, but the most enjoyable news is on the window sticker. My test car's price, before options, was only \$28,935. With the optional four-speed automatic transmission (\$1,695), chrome appearance package (\$850), aforementioned audio upgrades, and a couple of other little items, the bottom line for my tester came to \$35,225. As you can imagine, at that price, Hummer 3 sales are brisk.

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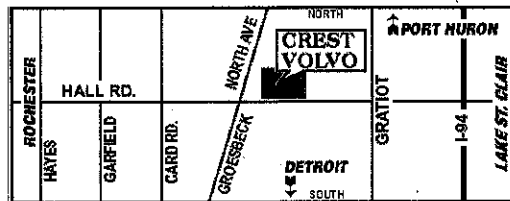


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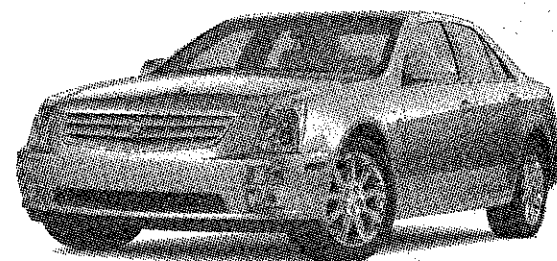
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OBITUARIES

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Barbara Watts Boyce

Barbara Watts Boyce of Naples, Fla., and Highgate Springs, Vt., died Friday, March 24, 2006.

Mrs. Boyce had lived in South Freeport, Maine, and Grosse Pointe before retiring to Naples in 1990. She was a graduate of the University of Vermont in Burlington.

She enjoyed collecting antiques, playing bridge, designing jewelry and spending time with her family.

Mrs. Boyce was past president of the Assistance League to the Northeast Child Guidance Center and the Eighteen Holers.

She was an active member at the Wyndemere Country Club and a past member of the Grosse Pointe Hunt Club.

Prior to her retirement, she owned and operated The Red Shed Antiques Shop in Yarmouth, Maine.

She is survived by her husband of 55 years, Charles R. Boyce; her four children, Deborah (Michael) Cave of Bloomfield Hills, Donna (Mell) Fuller of Exeter, N.H., Charles (Bonnie) Boyce of Tarrytown, N.Y., and Betsy (George) Zeino of The Woodlands, Texas; her brother, Loren (Margaret) Watts of Naples, Fla.; her sister, Julie (James) Skillings of Bonita Springs, Fla.; her eight grandchildren, Matthew and Alex Fuller, Christin and Hayley Cave, and Caitlin, Charles, Thomas and John; and her nieces and nephews.

A funeral service was held on Monday, March 27 in Naples, Fla.

A memorial contribution may be made to The Friends of Mississquoi Bay, P.O. Box 91, Highgate Springs, VT 05460.

Mary Georgeades

Mary Georgeades, 87, of St. Clair Shores, died on Monday, March 20, 2006, at Bon Secours Hospital.

She was born on March 3, 1919, in Detroit to John and Sylvia Voulgaris. She was a high school graduate and a homemaker.

Mrs. Georgeades is survived by her daughters, Joann Tsangalias and Sylvia Stuart; and her sister, Lucille Asters.

She was predeceased by her husband, George Georgeades; her sisters, Christine Costas and Martha Voulgaris; and her brother, Michael Voulgaris.

A funeral service was held on Thursday, March 23, at Assumption Greek Orthodox Church in St. Clair Shores. Interment is at Cadillac Memorial East Cemetery in Clinton Township.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Mental Illness Research Association, 43494 Woodward Ave., Suite 201, Bloomfield Hills, MI 48302, or to Assumption Greek Orthodox Church, 21800 Marter, St. Clair Shores, MI 48080.

Ralph E. Kelchner

Ralph E. Kelchner, 66, of the City of Grosse Pointe, died on Saturday, March 25, 2006, at Bon Secours Hospital.

He was born on Jan. 11, 1940, in Detroit and was a 1958 graduate of Cass Tech High School. While in high school, he was named to the All City Football squad and later played semi-professional with the Oakland Blue Jackets football team.

After graduation, he went into the Merchant Marine during which he sailed on the Wm. H. Donner hauling steel on the Great Lakes. He later worked as an engineer for General Motors styling, Ford Motor automotive tooling and Efficient Engineering automotive tooling.

He was active in the community as a member of Acanthus F. & A.M., Shriners, Elk's Lodge No. 34, and the Moose and Eagles Lodges. He be-

longed to the Detroit Yacht Club.

Mr. Kelchner enjoyed cooking and working with his hands. He built his own home at Higgins Lake.

He is survived by his wife of 30 years, Sheri; his daughters, Stacy (Keith) Lanson and Jody (Mickey) Ward; his six grandsons; his one great-grandson; and his sister, Jo Ann Crooks.

A memorial service was held on Tuesday, March 28, at A.H. Peters Funeral Home in Grosse Pointe Woods. Interment is at Acacia Park in Beverly Hills.

Memorial contributions may be made to the American Diabetes Association, 30300 Telegraph, Suite 117, Bingham Farms, MI 48025 or to the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society/Michigan Chapter, 1421 Twelve Mile, Bldg. A, Madison Heights, MI 48071.

Hashem Shaalan

Hashem Shaalan, 45, died suddenly on Saturday, March 18, 2006, at his home in Valencia, Calif.

Mr. Shaalan was born on July 20, 1960, to Leila Safwat and Karim Shaalan. He grew up in Grosse Pointe Park and was a 1978 graduate of Grosse Pointe South High School.

His dynamic career took him all over the world, though he always called Grosse Pointe home. He talked about moving back to Grosse Pointe during a recent visit with friends.

After graduating from South, Mr. Shaalan enlisted the U.S. Navy in 1981 to become a member of the SEAL (Sea, Air, Land) team. He graduated from the BUD (Basic Underwater Demolition) in a class 119 with many notable accomplishments, one of which was setting the 5.5 mile swim record. His first assignment after graduation was service to Underwater Demolition Team No. 12 as a member of the second platoon. He went on to serve with the SEAL Delivery Vehicle Team No. 1 as a plank owner where he completed a seven-month deployment to Asia. While on deployment, his platoon responded to international security missions and conducted cross-training exercises.

Upon his return from Asia, Mr. Shaalan was selected to serve for the Navy's elite counter-terrorism team, SEAL Team Six. While his duties with Team Six were highly classified, his operational tempo and training increased substantially. His team was deployed worldwide in response to numerous acts of terrorism. He served as a department head, assault team member and instructor at Team Six. His areas of expertise included Close Quarter Battle, dive supervisor, jump master, range safety officer, explosive breacher, Middle-East analyst and Arabic linguist. He was awarded a Presidential Citation and the Navy/Marine Corps Medal for Heroism before he completed his tour as an instructor in the Team Six training department.

Mr. Shaalan then embarked on a career as a military adviser in 1988 and worked around the globe with a focus on counter-terrorism and anti-terrorism. He provided protective security services for numerous dignitaries, Fortune 500 companies and private businesses throughout Africa, Asia, Europe, the Middle East, South America and the United States.

While continuing to provide military instruction and security services to the international community, Mr. Shaalan maintained membership with the U.S. Parachuting Association, Frogmen Unlimited and the Fraternal Order of UDT/SEALs.

He had a passion for the movie business and recently pursued a career as an actor, consultant, producer and stuntman. He made significant contribution in many films: "Behind Enemy Lines: Axis of

Evil" (2006), "Mr. & Mrs. Smith" (2005), "S.W.A.T." (2003), "Terminator 3: Rise of the Machines" (2003), "Three Kings" (1999), "Out of Sight" (1998), "Surface to Air" (1997), "Rangers" (2000), "G.I. Jane" (1997) and various television reality shows.

He is survived by his parents, Leila Safwat and Karim Shaalan; his brothers, Shariff and Ash; his sister, Nadine (Bob Britt); and many good friends.

A memorial service was held in Los Angeles, Calif., on March 26. A second memorial service will be held at noon on Saturday, April 15, at Grosse Pointe United Methodist Church, 211 Moross, Grosse Pointe Farms.

Memorial contributions may be made to Grosse Pointe South Athletic Scholarship Fund, 11 Grosse Pointe Blvd., Grosse Pointe Farms, MI 48236.

Melbourne Bob Stuck

Melbourne Bob Stuck, 92, of Traverse City, died on Friday, March 24, 2006, at St. John Hospital.

He was born on Dec. 25, 1913, in Otsego Village to Melbourne Henry and Ivah (nee McNutt) Stuck. He graduated from the University of Illinois with a bachelor's degree in electrical transmission. He worked as a construction engineer for Consumer's Power Co. from 1947 to 1981.

Mr. Stuck was active in the community as a member of Masonic Lodge No. 222, the Shriners and Elks. His interests included hunting, fishing and skiing, a sport he learned at the age of 45. He also enjoyed doing projects which required his handyman skills.

He is survived by his sons, Terry (Jill) and Randy (Colleen Flaherty) Stuck; his seven grandchildren; 12 great-grandchildren; his brother, D.O. (Alice) Stuck; and dear friend, Pauline Brink.

He was predeceased by his first wife, Margaret Ione and his second wife, Loretta.

A memorial service will be held on Saturday, April 1, at 2 p.m., preceded by visitation at noon, at A.H. Peters Funeral Home, 20705 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods. A second memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. on Saturday, April 29, at the Presbyterian Church, 701 Westminster Rd., Traverse City. Inurnment will be at Memorial Gardens Cemetery in Traverse City.

Memorial contributions may be made to Shriner's Hospital for Children, 211 N. Oak Park Ave., Chicago, IL 60707.

Louise Varney TeWalt

A memorial service for Louise Varney TeWalt, 90, of the City of Grosse Pointe, who died Thursday, Feb. 16, 2006, will be held Friday, April 7, at 1 p.m., in the Alger House of the Grosse Pointe War Memorial.

Thomas J. Tracy Sr.

Grosse Pointe native Thomas J. Tracy Sr., 67, died of prostate cancer on Wednesday, March 22, 2006, at his home in Santa Ana, Calif.

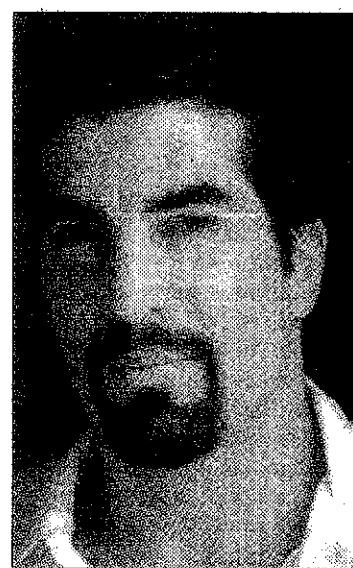
He was chief executive and principal owner of Tracy McCanna; grandchildren, Gregory Jr., Remington and Shane; brother, Emmet Tracy Jr.; and sisters, Mary Kay Farley and Denise Summers.

A funeral Mass will be celebrated on Friday, March 31, at 11 a.m. at Mission Basilica San Juan Capistrano, 31522 Camino Capistrano, San Juan Capistrano, CA 92675; phone number (949) 234-1360.

Memorial contributions may be made to the St. Josephs Hospital Cancer Center, attn: Julie Holt, 1100 West Stewart Dr., Orange, CA 92668.



Ralph E. Kelchner



Hashem Shaalan



Thomas J. Tracy Sr.



David Grover Wormer

Tomadur Engine Co., and in 2000 became Tracy Industries Inc.

Highly respected in his industry, Mr. Tracy served as president of the Production Remanufacturers Association and was awarded that organization's highest honor for outstanding contribution to the industry.

Mr. Tracy was a man of extraordinarily strong and devoted faith. His deep involvement in the Catholic Church included being a Knight in the Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulcher of Jerusalem. He served on several key committees in the Diocese of Orange, Calif., and acted as a financial adviser and friend to a number of religious orders. The Diocese of Orange presented him with the 2004 Bishop Tod D. Brown Award for Exemplary Business Integrity.

Mr. Tracy was very active in politics and a lifelong member of the Republican Party.

As a third-generation Irish American, he was actively involved in many Irish organizations. He received in 1996 the American Ireland Fund Distinguished Leadership Award which recognizes "An American of Irish heritage whose accomplishments exemplify the spirit of Irish immigrants, who contributed so vitally to the development of the United States as a great nation."

For many years, Mr. Tracy devoted countless hours toward his commitment to seeking peace in Ireland. In 1999, University College Cork, Ireland, awarded him an honorary degree of Doctor of Laws honoris causa for his selfless personal dedication and philanthropic generosity in supporting Ireland and its heritage, as well as for his continued championship of studies in conflict resolution.

Mr. Tracy is survived by his wife, Erma Jean; children, Cynthia, Christina, Katherine, Kilian and Thomas Jr.; sons-in-law, Brian Rofer and Greg McCanna; grandchildren, Gregory Jr., Remington and Shane; brother, Emmet Tracy Jr.; and sisters, Mary Kay Farley and Denise Summers.

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David Grover Wormer

Former Grosse Pointe Farms resident David Grover Wormer, 81, died on Monday, March 20, 2006, at his Indian Village home in Detroit.

He was president of the Wright Austin Co. of Detroit from 1950 to 1995.

Mr. Wormer was born on Oct. 25, 1924, in Grosse Pointe Farms and was a graduate of Grosse Pointe High School. He was a resident of Grosse Pointe Farms for most of his adult life before moving to Indian Village.

In 1943, he entered the U.S. Army Air Corps and contributed to the war effort through flying instruction, aircraft maintenance, and ferrying cargo. He served both in the United States and the Pacific theater until the end of World War II. He then spent several years in the U.S. Air Force Reserves.

He was known widely for his love of flying and his skill as a pilot. Mr. Wormer was instrumental in arranging the 40th anniversary commemoration of the April 1942 Doolittle bomber raid on Japan. The 1982 commemoration was held in Washington, D.C., and observed by Gen. Jimmy Doolittle, along with members of the media. During the ceremony, Mr. Wormer and four other aficionados of antique warbirds, flew B-26 bombers in formation.

Mr. Wormer was widely respected in the manufacturing world. He improved the Wright Austin gas/liquid separators and traps which he worked on during a period of 50 years and through the application of hundreds of business and manufacturing solutions. Although he left the business in 1995, his products continue to be widely used in a variety of industries throughout the world.

Always an active member of the community, Mr. Wormer maintained memberships in the Belle Isle Medical Society, the Grosse Pointe Hunt Club and the Detroit Yacht Club.

He attended Jefferson Avenue Presbyterian Church, where he was a member of the congregation for many years. He maintained memberships in the University Club and the Detroit Boaf Club during their years of operation, and the Country Club of Detroit while living in Grosse Pointe.

He is survived by his children, Christiansen (Rebecca) von Wormer, Sigrid (Richard Levey) Wormer Christiansen and Anne Marie (James) Wormer Palozzolo; and his grandchildren, Eben and Tristan Levey, and Kelsey von Wormer.

He was predeceased by his daughter, Sarah Dudley Wormer, and his former wife Anne Getz Wormer.

A memorial service will be held at 4 p.m. on Friday, March 31, at the Jefferson Avenue Presbyterian Church, 8625 East Jefferson Ave., Detroit. Interment will be at the Wormer family plot in Elmwood Cemetery in Detroit.

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CITY OF HARPER WOODS WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN

SYNOPSIS: REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING MARCH 20, 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 Councilman Szymanski.

MOTIONS PASSED

- 1) To excuse Councilman John M. Szymanski from tonight's meeting because of a prior commitment.
- 2) To receive, approve and file the minutes of the regular City Council meeting held March 6, 2006, and furthermore, receive and file the minutes of the Library Board meeting held on February 16 2006, and the Special Library Board meeting held on February 27, 2006.
- 3) To add to the agenda discussion and/or action on adopting a resolution in support of Michigan Senate Bill 372, which if adopted, would establish a regional Water Accountability Advisory Board to review the activities of the Detroit Water and Sewage Department and to make recommendations for suggested improvements.
- 4) That the agenda of the regular City Council meeting having been acted upon, the meeting is hereby adjourned at 8:18 p.m.

RESOLUTION PASSED

- 1) To approve the following items on the Consent Agenda: (1) Approve the Accounts Payable listing for Check Numbers 76702 through 76817 in the amount of \$193,360.30 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 the City of Grosse Pointe Farms in the amount of \$14,063.68 for Harper Woods' proportionate share of the Inter-municipal Radio System covering the period from July 1 through December 31, 2005. (3) Approve the request from the Shamrock Cab Company for (12) taxicab licenses for 2006, for the cabs as listed in the City Clerk's Office. (4) Approve the request from Harper Woods Little League to hold their annual opening day parade on Saturday, April 29, 2006, at 11:00 a.m.
- 2) To adopt the fee schedule as prepared by the Fire Chief for inspections, tests and plan reviews.
- 3) To approve payment in the amount of \$51,681.74 to Wayne County for the Milk River Drain interest payments: \$30,473.37 on the 1991 Series Bond, \$3,897.27 on the 1992 Series Bond and \$17,311.10 on the 1993 Series Bond.
- 4) To adopt a resolution in support of Michigan Senate Bill 372, which if adopted, would establish a regional Water Accountability Advisory Board to review the activities of the Detroit Water and Sewage Department and to make recommendations for suggested improvements, and furthermore, direct the City Clerk to send a copy of this resolution to State Senator Martha Scott and State Representative Ed Gaffney.

Kenneth A. Poynter,

Mayor

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Mickey D. Todd,

City Clerk

SAFETY: Some people never learn

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Grosse Pointe Park

Stolen from closets

Overnight on Saturday, March 25, an unknown person forcibly entered two storage closets in the basement of a home in the 1500 block of Hampton in Grosse Pointe Park.

Items missing are a 20-inch RCA television, a vacuum cleaner, and a man's red/white/blue Fuji Mountain bike.

Under the influence of narcotics

On Thursday, March 23, at 2:04 p.m., the driver of a motor vehicle accident at the intersection of Maryland and Charlevoix in Grosse Pointe Park fled the scene and struck another vehicle on Mack and Maryland, injuring the driver.

The 28-year-old Grosse Pointe Park man was found to be allegedly under the influence of narcotics at the time of the accidents. He was arrested.

Robbed at knife point

On Saturday, March 25, at 11:03 p.m., a woman exited the DOT bus at the intersection of Jefferson and Maryland in Grosse Pointe Park and was approached by a 36-year-old Detroit woman with a knife who demanded her purse.

The purse was handed over and the victim received a cut on her hand. The suspect was pursued by the bus driver and Park police. Officers eventually located the woman still in possession of the knife near Alter and Jefferson.

She was arrested. "It was a great arrest and some nice team work between the bus driver and our officers," Park Deputy Chief John Schulte said. "They tracked the woman down and arrested her. It would have been easy for her to hide anywhere that late at night, but the bus driver and officers were persistent."

— Bob St. John

Grosse Pointe Shores

Shores' Ellison takes on drunks

Amy Ellison, a public safety

officer in Grosse Pointe Shores, last week showed why she has won three straight annual enforcement awards from Mothers Against Drunk Driving.

On Friday, March 24, at 11:59 p.m., she pulled over a 41-year-old Grosse Pointe Park man for allegedly weaving his 2003 Chrysler pickup along northbound Lakeshore from Edgewood. The man "slurred through" a series of failed tests before registering a .119 percent blood alcohol level, Ellison said.

Ellison's second arrest of the week came two nights later at 12:10 a.m. Sunday, March 26.

She stopped a 34-year-old Farms man driving a 2004 Chevrolet Cavalier on southbound Lakeshore at Woodland Shore. The man allegedly had been speeding 47 mph.

"(His) eyes were bloodshot and his speech was slurred," Ellison said.

The man registered a .182 percent blood alcohol level.

A 35-year-old female passenger from Detroit was arrested on a \$200 warrant for failing to appear in court on unspecified charges. She posted bond and was released at 2:30 a.m.

Drunk driver almost falls down

On Saturday, March 25, at 2:26 a.m., a 44-year-old Clinton Township woman registered a .16 percent blood alcohol level during a drunken driving investigation in Grosse Pointe Shores.

"During sobriety tests (I) observed the (woman) swaying and nearly falling," said the arresting officer.

Police had noticed the woman driving a 1993 Jeep station wagon at 53 mph on northbound Lakeshore near Hampton.

Drunk suspect stumbles & sways

On Monday, March 20, at 8:14 p.m., Grosse Pointe Shores police stopped a 68-year-old Grosse Pointe Farms man reportedly driving a silver 2003 Mercedes Benz two-door 51 mph on southbound Lakeshore near Clairview.

"(He) stumbled and swayed as he exited the vehicle," police said.

The man reportedly registered a .17 percent blood alcohol level.

He was released from jail on a \$100 bond the next day at 5 a.m.

Cat injured hiding under car hood

Grosse Pointe Shores police don't know the fate of a cat

burned badly while wedged against an exhaust manifold in the engine compartment of a North Duval homeowner's Jaguar.

Police said the resident discovered the animal after driving.

"The cat was extremely burned over half of its body and bleeding from its mouth," police said.

While trying to rescue the animal on Tuesday, March 21, at about 4 p.m., it bit through an officer's Kelvar bullet-resistant glove, splitting the nail on the middle finger of his right hand.

Officers resorted to using a stick and water hose to extricate the injured animal.

"The cat was last seen running westbound through yards on Duval," police said.

— Brad Lindberg

Grosse Pointe Woods

Two people stopped in stolen vehicle

On Monday, March 27, at 1:37 a.m., a 31-year-old homeless man and his 48-year-old passenger from Detroit were pulled over on Harper and Allard after police performed a LEIN (Law Enforcement Information Network) check that revealed the blue 1995 Ford minivan was stolen out of Dearborn Heights.

The two Woods police officers told both the man and woman to exit the vehicle slowly and kneel on the pavement away from the vehicle.

Both were handcuffed and arrested. During the initial interview, the driver gave a false name (one of six he is known to go by).

A LEIN check on the woman revealed she had five warrants out of Detroit and was transported to Grosse Pointe Shores' Public Safety Department to be held overnight.

An officer searched her purse and found a suspected crack pipe, a push rod and a screw driver.

The vehicle, owned by a Dearborn Heights man, was impounded, and both the man and woman were questioned by Dearborn Heights police several hours later.

Mp3/CD player taken out of car

On Sunday, March 26, at 1:35 p.m., a 19-year-old Grosse Pointe Woods man was inside a business in the 19300 block of Mack when he learned an unknown man broke into his car and stole his Mp3/CD player.

A Grosse Pointe Shores couple was exiting the business

when they heard a window smash.

They looked up and saw an adult man look directly at them with a radio in his hand before getting into a dark blue SUV and speed away.

The teenager was told of the theft and came out to investigate. He saw the front passenger window of his vehicle was smashed with an unknown object. The Mp3 player was missing.

The couple was able to get a license plate number, which was traced to a 2005 Jeep station wagon registered to a Detroit man.

Cab driver on Mack hits and runs

On Saturday, March 25, at 4:36 p.m., a 62-year-old Grosse Pointe Shores woman was rear ended as she was waiting to pull out onto Mack.

The woman reported to police that a vehicle labeled with a local taxi cab logo on the door struck her and drove away.

Two witnesses, a 53-year-old Macomb Township man and a 41-year-old Detroit man, saw the accident and backed up the woman's story.

Woods police contacted the taxi company and got the name of the driver, a 50-year-old Harper Woods man, who was driving the cab during the time of the accident.

The taxi driver told his boss the damage happened when he ran into a light post.

A LEIN check revealed the man's driver license has been suspended three times and had been issued warrants out of Taylor and Northville for his arrest.

Police were unable to contact the man.

Arrested on \$36,000 county warrant

On Sunday, March 26, at 1:30 a.m., a 46-year-old Detroit man driving a red 1993

Cadillac was stopped at the intersection of Harper and Allard for having an improper display of his license plate.

A LEIN check revealed the man had two outstanding warrants out of the Wayne County Sheriff's Office for failure to appear in court with a total bond of \$36,115.

The man was arrested.

Driving on a flat tire

On Sunday, March 26, at 2:19 a.m., a 19-year-old Mount Clemens man was observed driving his 1984 Buick LeSabre with a flat rear passenger tire causing damage to the rim on Harper and Allard.

The Woods police officer pulled the man over, who failed to provide a driver license, registration or proof of insurance.

A LEIN check said he never acquired a driver license. He was arrested.

Apartments broken into

On Saturday, March 25, a 47-year-old West Bloomfield Township woman who is a manager of an apartment complex in the 2300 block of Stanhope reported to police that several units were broken into sometime between 11:50 a.m. and 7:15 p.m. the day before.

She was making her rounds when she noticed the front door to one of the units was ajar.

She entered the unit and saw damage to the lock and wall around the door.

The manager immediately called police and officers searched the complex for evidence. Detectives are still investigating.

Bike taken from school bike racks

On Saturday, March 25, a 9-year-old Grosse Pointe Shores

boy and his 40-year-old father called Woods police to report a stolen bike.

The boy parked his 2005 Haro, 20-inch, black bike in the bike rack at Ferry Elementary at 8:15 a.m.

When he returned to the rack at 3:15 p.m., the bike was missing.

Picked up at the county jail

On Thursday, March 23, at 6 p.m., Grosse Pointe Woods police officers picked up a 20-year-old Detroit man from the Wayne County jail after he was arrested.

A LEIN check revealed the man had two outstanding warrants out of the Woods for disorderly conduct and resisting arrest. The bonds totaled \$1,000.

Drove through red light

On Tuesday, March 21, at 12:46 a.m., a 25-year-old Detroit man was stopped on Mack and Torrey for disregarding a red light in front of city hall.

The man, driving a silver Mercury, did not have a driver license, registration or proof of insurance.

A LEIN check revealed his driver license was suspended. The man was arrested.

Unusual circumstance

On Tuesday, March 21, at 10:19 p.m., a 33-year-old Detroit woman was stopped at Harper and Lochmoor.

An officer said a LEIN check revealed the 1992 Chevrolet Caprice she was driving was impounded more than a decade ago.

The check also revealed the woman had a warrant out of Warren with a \$6,000 bond.

She was arrested.

— Bob St. John

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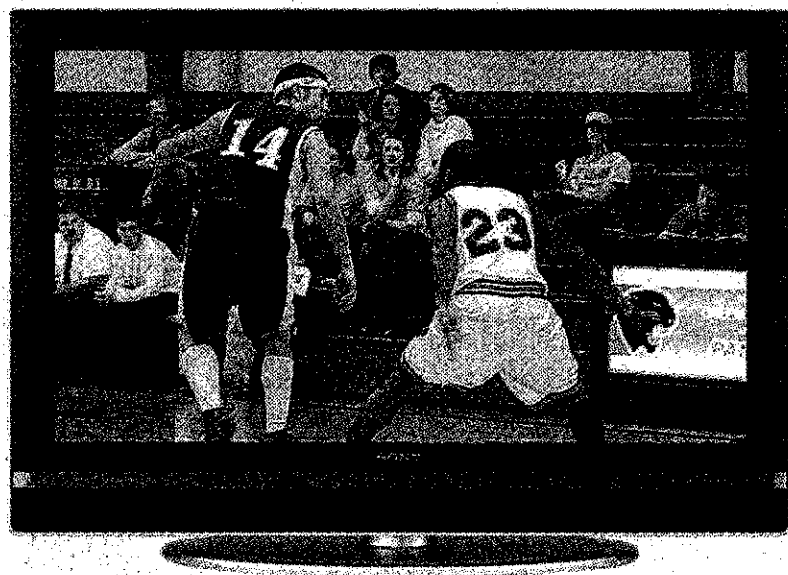
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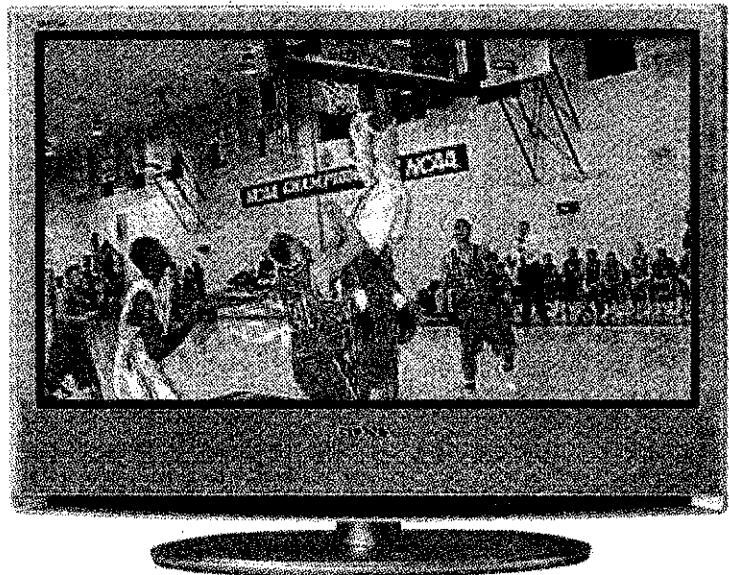
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Breast cancer survivor, **Kim Hammonds** is sharing with patients of the Van Elslander Center what hidden talents she discovered during her infusion treatments.

The art of healing

By Ann L. Fouty
 Staff Writer

It might be hard to believe but cancer patients look forward to chemotherapy treatments at the Van Elslander Cancer Center.

Patients, mostly women, are looking forward to and trying to change their treatment days because of a Washtenaw County woman, Kim Hammonds, who had breast cancer and a vision to bring art as a diversion to those undergoing infusions.

"I went nuts," Hammonds said of spending hours at the University of Michigan Comprehensive Cancer Treatment Center completing her infusion chemotherapy treatments. For eight weeks she sat for four to eight hours per treatment reading, talking to her husband and becoming mentally exhausted. "It's a mentally debilitating experience," she said.

Enter Diane Marx, a University of Michigan art student and volunteer at the cancer center. She spends two days a week assisting patients



Diane Marx, left, and artist Geri Malfroid with her work "Stanford." It's a fabric print that will be on display through April 30 with other works done by patients at the Van Elslander Cancer Center. Art materials were donated by the Zoe Foundation for Infusion Art Therapy.

in the healing process through art. She introduced Hammonds to art therapy.

"I had never picked up a paint brush before. Now I was mixing colors and learning how to make shapes. I was looking forward to going to chemotherapy," Hammonds said.

She was diagnosed with breast cancer three years ago, when her daughter, Zoe, was 2 years old. Now a survivor, Hammonds wanted to share her uplifting art experience with other patients. In just three years cancer patients at the Van Elslander Cancer Center, U of M Comprehensive Cancer Center and St. Joseph Mercy in Ann Arbor are recipients of fundraising by the Zoe Foundation for Infusion Art Therapy, a 501(c)3 organization. Mount Clemens General Hospital will be the next recipient of the Zoe Foundation's project.

The Zoe Foundation is strictly for the enjoyment of art and has no certified thera-

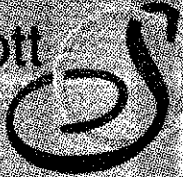
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pists on staff, it is solely for providing art experience for the cancer patient, Hammonds pointed out. All material is free to the patient.

"The art therapy program at the Van Elslander Cancer Center has been in place for a year. Patients undergoing cancer treatment use a variety of mediums to express themselves, whether in pencil, chalk, silk painting, water color, pastel, colored pencil, jewelry making or acrylic," explained Mary Natschke, R.N., a certified holistic nurse and manager of the Valade Healing Arts Center at the Van Elslander Cancer Center.

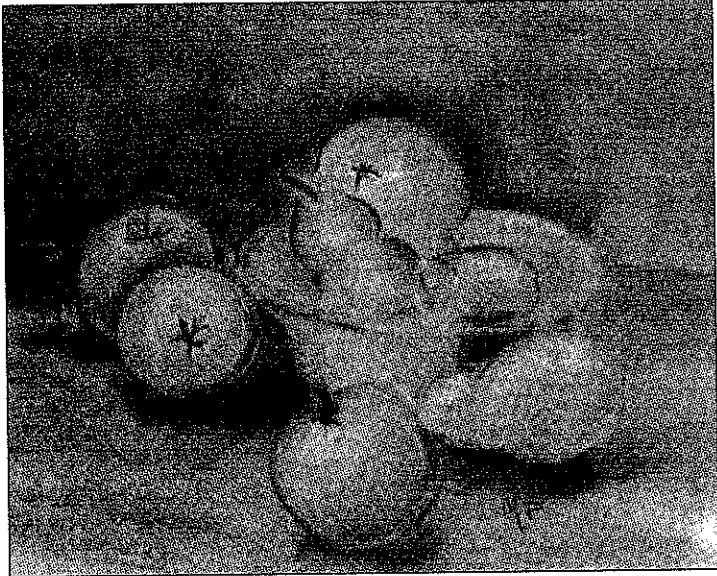
"This supports the healing of the mind, body and spirit. All three are needed for healing," she said.

Marx, who spends two five-hour days at the center, can't say enough positive things about the program.

"I just love it," said Marx, who now has a degree in fine arts.

Most patient feedback has been positive, Marx said, particularly because she brings out artistic talent people didn't know they possessed.

"I approach everyone as a beginner. We start with some-



The above study in charcoal was done by a patient. It is part of the "Taking Flight, a Journey into Nature with Art" exhibit which is hanging in the Van Elslander Cancer Center.

thing simple. We start off with a bracelet. They feel confident. They bring their families to see (their works of art). They are encouraging to each other. They say, 'I didn't know I could do this,'" she said.

Hammonds said of the recipients of the Zoe Foundation, "It warms my heart. They are learning about artistic skills. They are very proud of their work."

Patients' artistic talents may be relayed in the form of a memory box, beginning a scrapbook, making jewelry or expressing themselves through painting. Marx offers one workshop a month in addition to keeping her cart stocked with art supplies for about 10 activities. Those un-

dergoing treatment select a project, pull a tray to their chairs, or haul their IVs to a table and produce a picture, many of which Marx will frame for them.

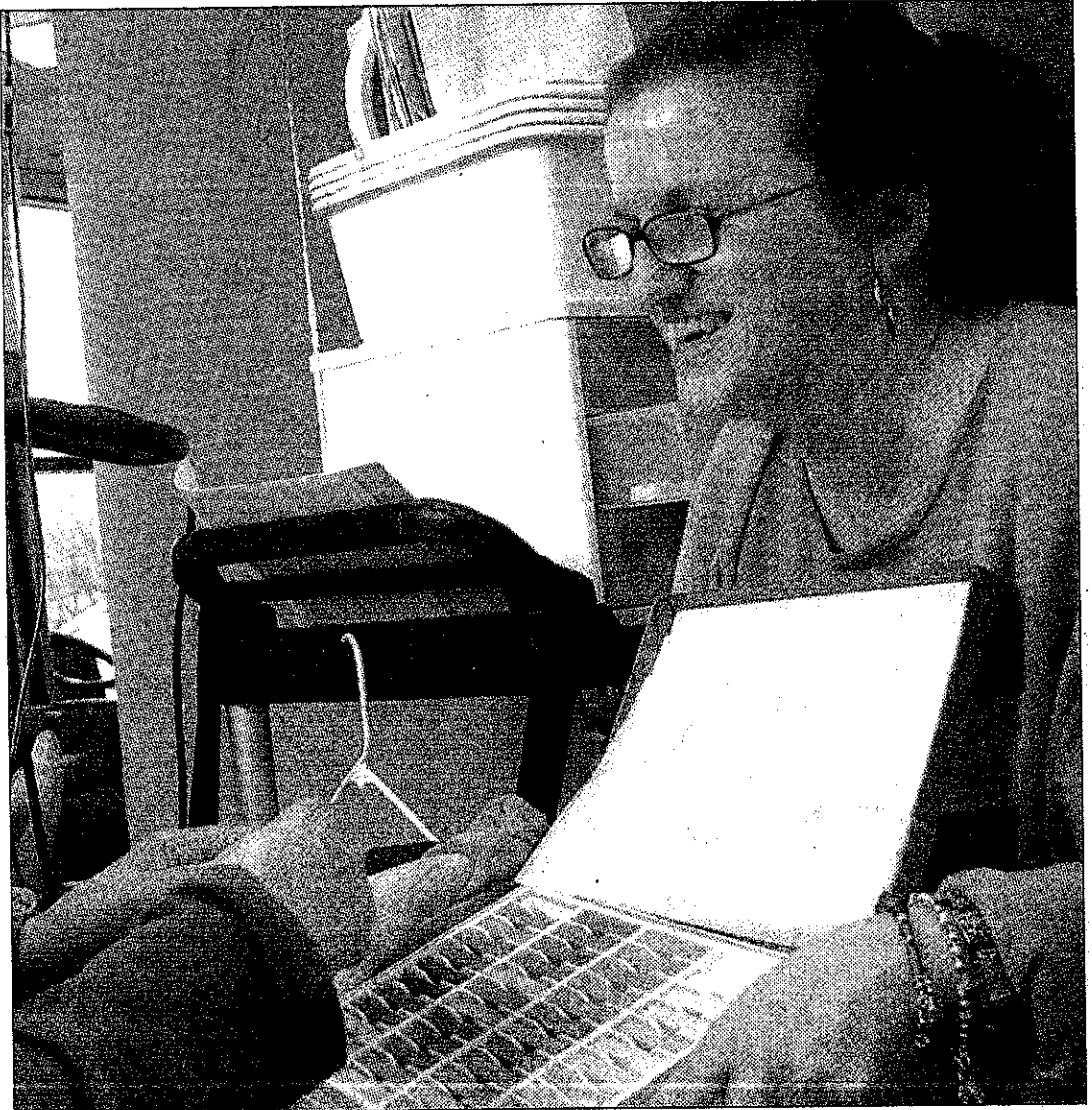
"We introduce them to a medium and start with an idea or a photo. They work with whatever they want," she said.

"Diane builds relationships. The feedback has been outstanding. Patients say they can't draw a straight line and this is bringing out artistic talent they didn't know they had," Natschke said.

It was like that for Hammonds.

She found she enjoyed painting and became hooked.

"It was something to look forward to, making new



PHOTOS BY ROBERT MCKEAN

Artist Diane Marx, right, opens up her art cart for Van Elslander Cancer Center patients to help them tap an inner talent. On a cart with materials supplied by the Zoe Foundation for Infusion Art Therapy, Marx will interest patients receiving chemotherapy in an art project. Here she offers chalk to a patient.

friends and forgetting about the happiness and hope on cancer," she said. "I can't tell you how great it feels to see people's faces and how appreciative they are."

Many patients take their new-found talents home and continue, as did Hammonds, who is an information technologist, director of manufacturing systems for Ford Motor Co.

She is still painting, along with Zoe, who is now 5.

"We started painting for fun. We have a studio. It became a ritual. We sit on stools and talk and paint and catch up. I truly feel that I'm leaving a legacy for my daughter."

In addition to the peaceful painting time she and her daughter spend, Hammonds is also helping cancer patients turn a stressful and exhausting experience into one that is uplifting and can heal a wounded spirit.

"This is just positive energy," Hammonds said.

Completed works of cancer patients can be seen in "Taking Flight, a Journey into Nature with Art" exhibit through April 30 on the first floor gallery of the Van Elslander Cancer Center.

Local artists who can volunteer time to the art project at Van Elslander are needed. For more information, call the center at (313) 647-3000.

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Farms man to lead St. John campaign

Civic and community leader James B. Nicholson of Grosse Pointe Farms has been named chairman of the St. John Hospital Expansion Campaign.

He leads a key group of community members in its effort to raise \$25 million in the next 18 months to support the expansion and renovation of St. John Hospital and Medical Center in Detroit.

The total cost of the project is estimated at \$156 million with a completion date in 2008.

Nicholson is a longtime supporter of St. John Hospital. He has served in many capacities for the hospital and medical center, including its board of trustees in the 1990s. He is a current member of the St. John Hospital Foundation Board and serves as chairman of the board of LaSalle Bank Midwest N.A., the Amerisure Cos., the Detroit Symphony Orchestra, The Futures Foundation and the Huron Clinton Metroparks Foundation.

Kicking off campaign activities, Nicholson stressed the vital importance of St. John Hospital to the eastside community.

"We are privileged to help ensure that the St. John legacy of care continues for our children and grandchildren," he said.

The expansion project includes:

- ◆ A six-floor pavilion with 144 private patient rooms.
- ◆ A world-class heart and circulatory center.
- ◆ A diagnostic imaging center with services in one location adjacent to a new lobby.
- ◆ A redesigned emergency department, nearly doubled in size, to provide faster, more efficient care.

For more information about the campaign, contact Ralph Ahee, director of capital campaigns, St. John Hospital Foundation, (313) 343-7482.

FORD FOCUS: Ford Motor Co. board director Edsel B. Ford II of Grosse Pointe Farms was the keynote speaker at the March 28 inaugural meeting of Focus Macomb: A Partnership for Economic Growth held at the Best Western Sterling Inn, Sterling Heights.

The meeting was the first gathering of 100 community leaders invited by Macomb County Board of Commissioners Chair Nancy White to discuss issues affecting the county's economic growth and make recommendations for change.

"We have a dynamic group of leaders from business, education and government who



James B. Nicholson of Grosse Pointe Farms, as chairman of the St. John Hospital Expansion Campaign, will lead a group of community members in its effort to raise \$25 million in the next 18 months to support the \$156 million expansion and renovation of St. John Hospital and Medical Center in Detroit. The project is estimated to be completed in 2008.

have agreed to focus their expertise on changing perceptions and realities about Macomb County," said White. "Our goal is to make Macomb County a can't-miss destination for business growth and new jobs."

Ford kicked off Focus Macomb with a speech about the need for regional cooperation. Ford is a retired Ford vice president and former president and chief operating officer of Ford Credit. He joined Ford in 1974 and was elected to its board of directors in 1988.

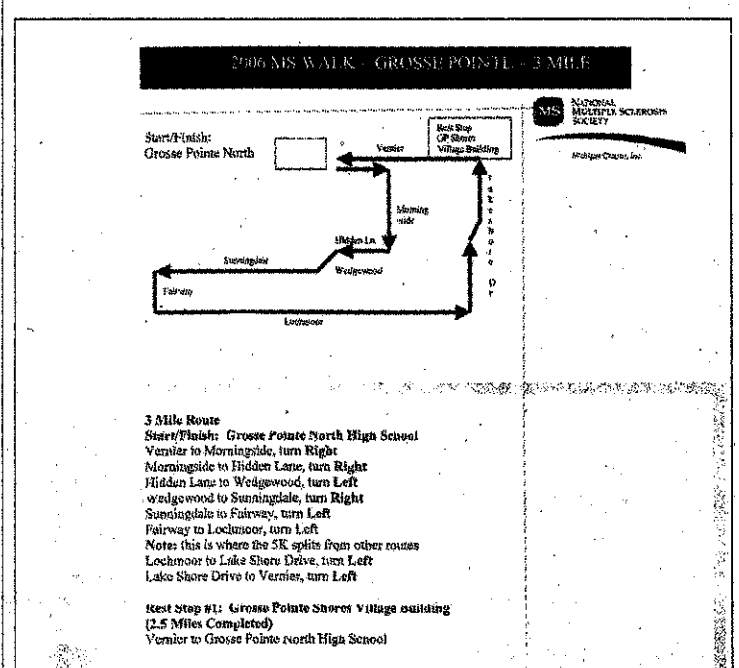
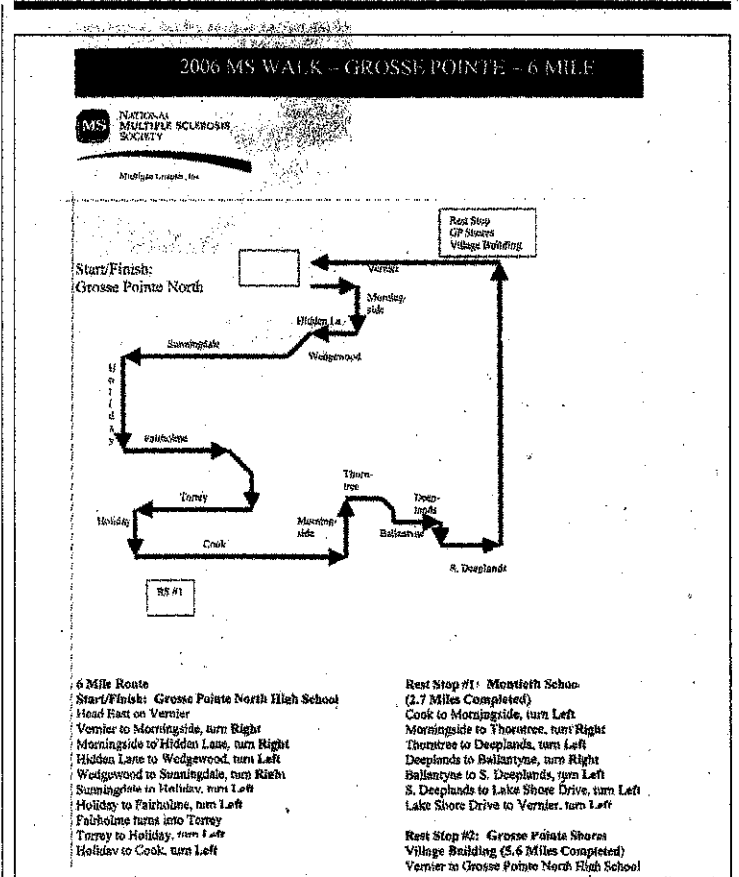
REGATTA CHARITY: Since 1993, sailors across America

have been raising more than just a sail to help save the lives of children and adults with leukemia, lymphoma, Hodgkin lymphoma and myeloma. World-renowned sailor Gary Jobson has served as the national chairman of the Leukemia Cup Regatta since the first race in Annapolis, Md. Each year Jobson travels to a few select locations to promote local efforts in the Leukemia Cup.

Jobson will be in Michigan at 7:30 p.m. Friday, March 31, at Grosse Pointe Yacht Club. Sponsored by the Leukemia Society and the Great Lakes

Yacht Club, the Evening with Gary Jobson event is open to all Michigan sailors.

Tom Verbeke of Grosse Pointe Woods is co-chairing the May 20 Leukemia Cup Regatta (www.cverbeke.com).



Benefit walk

The city of Grosse Pointe Woods is hosting the 2006 MS Walk on Sunday, May 7. The walk benefits the National Multiple Sclerosis Society. Participants will walk around Grosse Pointe North High School. There is a three-mile and a six-mile course. There is one rest stop (Grosse Pointe Shores Village Building) on the shorter course and two rest stops (Montith Elementary School and Grosse Pointe Shores Village Building) on the long course. See the graphs above that diagram the short and long course. For more information, contact Grosse Pointe Woods city hall at (313) 343-2440.

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Political fundraiser

Jim Marcinkowski, candidate for the U.S. House of Representatives 8th Congressional District, was the guest of honor at a fundraiser held March 21 in the Grosse Pointe home of Marianne Williamson. He is currently Royal Oak's deputy city attorney and formerly an attorney in the Oakland County prosecutor's office and case officer for the Central Intelligence Agency. He told supporters — including U.S. Sen. John Conyers, D-Detroit, and Nancy Skinner, a candidate for Congress in Michigan's 9th District — he will fight against policies that threaten the middle class, including exporting jobs, outsourcing careers, slashing pensions and mandating dependence on foreign oil. At left, Marcinkowski chats with Conyers at the fundraiser. Above, from left, are Nancy Skinner, Marianne Williamson and Jim Marcinkowski.



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Church event listings

◆ **Christ Church Grosse Pointe's Purple Perspective** Lenten Series concludes with the 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, April 4, lecture by the Rev. David D. Dieter, the associate rector of Christ Church.

Dieter will help attendees synthesize the themes of reconciliation expressed in the previous Tuesday evenings. He will assist in insightful discussion regarding ways in which we can live daily into the Christian call to being reconciled to one another and to the world.

The evening begins with a 5:45 p.m. prayer, a soup and salad supper at 6 p.m. and the Purple Perspective lecture from 6:30 to 8 p.m.

Supper and on-site child care reservations may be made by calling (313) 885-4841, ext. 114.

◆ **St. Lucy Catholic Church**, 23401 E. Jefferson, St. Clair Shores, sponsors a blood drive from 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. on Sunday, April 9.

Walk-ins are welcome.

For more information, contact Liz Schmitt-Matzen at (586) 772-4493.

◆ On Good Friday, April 14, at 8 p.m., **Old St. Mary's Church** in Greektown will host a service of music and readings featuring Antonin Dvorak's "Stabat Mater," performed by Old St. Mary's Festival Choir, soloists and orchestra.

There is free parking. A free-will offering will be taken.

For more information, call the parish office at (313) 961-8711.

◆ The Board of Social Action at **First English Ev. Lutheran Church** sponsors a blood drive

from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday, April 9.

The American Red Cross will manage the day and no appointments are necessary.

The church is located at 800 Vernier and Wedgewood, Grosse Pointe Woods.

For more information, call (313) 884-5040.

◆ **Holy Week at First English Ev. Lutheran Church**, 800 Vernier, Grosse Pointe Woods, begins with Palm/Passion Sunday, April 9. Worship service is at 8:15 a.m., contemporary service at 9:30 a.m. and traditional service with a procession of palms at 11 a.m.

Title of the day's study is "The Triumphant Entry."

Sunday school is at 9:45 a.m.

Maundy Thursday worship service with Holy Communion begins at 7 p.m. on April 13 with a study of "The Last Supper." Good Friday, April 14, "The Death of Jesus" is presented at two services, 1 p.m. and the Tenebrae service, solemn Service of Shadows at 7 p.m.

Easter Sunday, April 16, "The Resurrection of Our Lord" will be presented at the 7 a.m. service. The contemporary service is at 9 a.m. and the festival worship service at 11 a.m. with Holy Communion served at each service.

For more information, call the church at (313) 884-5040.

◆ **Dr. Leonard Swidler**, Catholic theologian and professor of religion at Temple University, will speak at 10 a.m. Sunday, April 9, at **Grosse Pointe Congregational Church**, 240 Chalfonte, Grosse Pointe Farms. He is an expert

on ecumenism and is the author of more than 30 books.

There will be a question and answer period following the presentation.

◆ "Good Friday Walking the Way of the Cross" will begin at 3 p.m. Friday, April 14, at **St. Ambrose Catholic Church**, 15020 Hampton Road, Grosse Pointe Park.

This ecumenical offering of the Lay Theological Academy under the sponsorship of St. Ambrose Church features the Stations of the Cross at specific sites on the east side for devotions and prayers on Christ's Passion that brings its redemptive meaning into focus.

A soup lunch will be served to participants upon returning to St. Ambrose after the final Station. A freewill offering will be taken.

◆ **Evensong** will be sung at **Christ Church Grosse Pointe** at 4:30 p.m. Sunday, April 2, by the Choir of Men and Girls.

Music will include Evening Canticles by Orlando Gibbons, Responses by Bernard Rose and a motet "Miserere Mei" by Allegri-Mozart.

Tickets are not required.

◆ **Rabbi Sherwin Wine** returns to the **Grosse Pointe Unitarian Church** for three lectures on Thursdays, April 6, 20, and 27 at 7:30 p.m.

The series entitled, "Three Crises" will include talks on Iran, Israel and Venezuela.

The church is located at 17150 Maumee between St. Clair and Neff. No pre-registration needed.

Lectures are \$10 each or \$25 for all three. For more information, call (313) 881-0420.

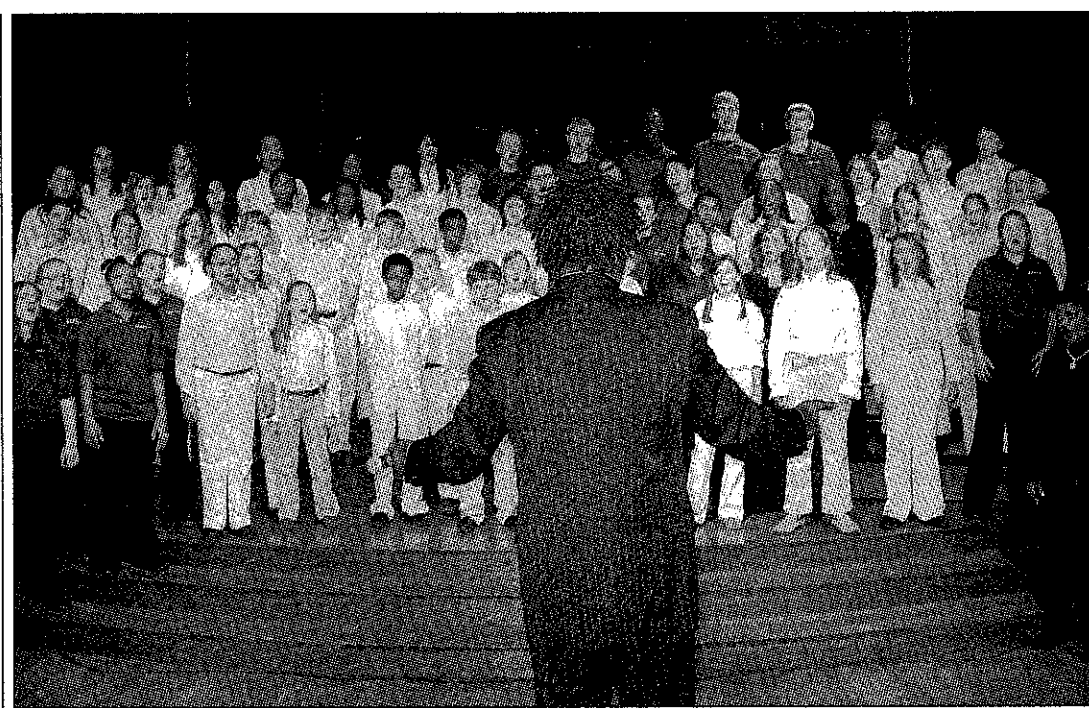


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Gospel conductor

The Grosse Pointe Academy welcomed Preston Brown for the third consecutive year as a guest conductor in a celebration of gospel music on Tuesday, March 14. Brown is the music director for the Fellowship Chapel Praise Team as well as East Middle School in Farmington Hills. Vocal students from East Middle School joined Grosse Pointe Academy students and alumni in "Glorify Him" and "He's Never Failed Me Yet," among other gospel favorites. The evening featured solo performances by members of the Fellowship Chapel Praise Team and a finale of "I Need You" by the full ensemble.

PASTOR'S CORNER

By the Rev. Tim Holzerland

Storms don't last forever

If you don't like Michigan weather, just wait a day! This expression is often used during the early spring months when the temperature and conditions can fluctuate on a daily, even hourly, basis.

Most people quickly adjust to the current conditions knowing that bad weather doesn't last forever and that warmer weather will be coming soon. It's too bad we can't adopt the same attitude when it comes to the changes in our lives.

Today, many people's moods could be described as unsettled.

It's easy to understand this feeling with the war, the economy, the terror threats in area schools and an overall attitude of cynicism and gloom. The current events of the day can

cause people to doubt if we will ever see a "sunny day" anytime soon.

We are not the first people to feel this way.

When Jesus was in a boat with His disciples and a storm came up in the middle of the night, the waves were so high the disciples were afraid they were going to drown. They cried out to Jesus who spoke to the wind and waves. The storm then subsided and all was calm. (Mark 8:22-25)

It's easy to think that our current state in life is like a storm that will never end, but like Michigan weather, we know that storms don't last forever. Jesus was with His disciples in the boat and He is yet in the midst of our storms today.

He will not let them last forever! The death and the Resurrection of Jesus Christ is

our assurance that brighter days, with a deeper faith, are ahead with the promise of the glory of heaven.

We should have the same attitude toward our worries as we have toward the weather. Life is unpredictable and always changing, but Jesus gives us a deeper faith as He speaks to us through the words of the Bible.

Through His words, we can trust in a savior who hears our cries and gives us the strength to keep moving.

Do you see the "storm clouds" gathering in your life?

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The Rev. Tim Holzerland is the associate pastor at Christ the King Lutheran Church.

Summer camp registration now open

Assumption Eastpointe Center and Nursery School and Toddler Center are offering activities for youth 7-12 and children ages 1-6.

There are nine-week programs for toddlers, young children and pre-teens in an air-conditioned environment. Programs run from June 19 through Aug. 18.

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Express Yourself is the main theme for youth 7-12 which includes movement and creativity under three major themes, fitness for life, the world is a stage and welcome to our

gallery. The first will center around the Presidential Council on Physical Fitness; the second is a dinner theater; the third will be highlighted in three-week segments ending with a celebration activity open to families and friends.

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WEDDINGS

Magner-Mozer

Heidi Jean Magner, granddaughter of Patricia and Jim Larsen of Fergus Falls, Minn., married Frederick Matthew Mozer, son of Judith Bailey of St. Clair Shores, formerly of Grosse Pointe Park, and Herman E. Mozer of the City of Grosse Pointe, on Dec. 23, 2005, at St. James Lutheran Church in Grosse Pointe Farms.

The Rev. Gerald Spice officiated at the candlelight ceremony, which was followed by a reception at the Bayview Yacht Club.

The best man was Rob Sharrow of Los Angeles and formerly of the City of Grosse Pointe.

The bride's attendant was the groom's aunt, Johanna Diepenhorst of the City of Grosse Pointe.

The bride graduated from the University of Texas in Dallas and is a sales executive with N.T.R. Global in Dallas.

The groom attended Wayne State University and the University of Michigan-Dearborn before moving to Dallas. He is completing a degree in information technology at Kaplan University. He is employed as a software engineer with Intuit Software Corp. in Dallas.

The couple honeymooned in Puerto Vallarta, Mexico. They live in Richardson, Texas.

Mooney-Maitland

Kathleen Mooney, daughter of Marilyn R. Mooney of Shelby Township and the late James E. Mooney, married Gordon W. Maitland, son of Gordon and Elizabeth Maitland of Grosse Pointe Farms, on Aug. 13, 2005, at Grosse Pointe Memorial Church.

The Rev. William Yeager officiated at the 6:00 p.m. ceremony, which was followed by a reception at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial.

The bride wore a pearl white silk satin strapless gown that featured pearls and crystals on the dropped waistline. She carried a bouquet of white and green hydrangeas and white roses.

The matron of honor was the bride's sister, Diane Sotiroff of Bloomfield Hills.

Bridesmaids were the bride's sister, Carol Szatkowski of Rochester; her daughters, Jena and Laura, Reggie Goldman of Port Huron, Laura Aylor of Northville, and Jill Chapman of Birmingham. Junior bridesmaids were Brooke and Allison Maitland and Sara Szatkowski.

Attendants wore light blue floor-length A-line dresses with beaded trim at the empire waist. They carried bouquets of green, white, and blue hydrangeas, and white roses.

The flower girls, Amanda Maitland and Alexa Sotiroff, wore white tea-length dresses with pearl accents and carried baskets of flowers.

The best man was the groom's brother, Edward Maitland of Beverly Hills.

Groomsmen were Jeff Carlson of Barrington, N.H., Greg Davis and Joseph Louisel, both of Grosse Pointe Woods, Charles Matthews of Grosse Pointe Farms, David Peters of St. Clair Shores, and Kevin Sullivan of Royal Oak.

Scripture readers were the groom's sister, Katherine Waugaman of Scottsdale, Ariz., and Eric Linder of Bloomfield Hills.

The mother of the bride wore a champagne-colored floor-length dress and jacket with beaded trim and a wrist corsage of white and peach roses.

The groom's mother wore a sea foam green floor-length dress with beaded bodice and jacket and carried a long-stemmed white rose.

The bride earned a Bachelor of Arts degree from Western Michigan University and a master's degree from Walsh College. She is employed at Duramed Pharmaceuticals.

The groom earned a

Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of New Hampshire and master's degree from Wayne State University. He is an assistant vice president at March USA.

The couple traveled to Napa Valley and San Francisco. They live in Plymouth.

Jennings-Tucker

Catherine Anne Jennings, daughter of Ruth and Thomas Jennings of Northfield, Ill., married Stephen Richard Tucker, son of Joan and Richard Tucker of Grosse Pointe Shores, on Oct. 8, 2005, at St. Clements Church in Chicago. The Rev. Thomas Hickey officiated at the ceremony, which was followed by a reception at the Chicago Club.

The matron of honor was Meg Wanick of Annapolis, Md. The bridesmaids were Julia Barry and Christy Foran, both of Chicago, Daisy Helber of Denver, Courtney Johnson of Tampa, Fla., and Paloma Strong and Megan DeGraeve, both of San Francisco.

Sarah Cohen and Alison Quinn also took part in the ceremony.

Bill Quinn of Sterling Heights and Brian Quinn of East Lansing were best men.

James Hall of West Bloomfield; Michael Jennings and Stephen Jennings, both of Chicago; and Eric Soffin of San Francisco were groomsmen.

Scripture readers were Lisa Bieker of Denver; Ann Daly of Seattle, and Rick Weinberg of



Mr. and Mrs. Frederick Matthew Mozer



Mr. and Mrs. Paul Raymond Coyro



Mr. and Mrs. Gordon W. Maitland



Mr. and Mrs. Andrew David Fortna

Austin, Texas.

The bride attended Miami University of Ohio and is employed by Travel Leisure Golf.

The groom attended Western Michigan University and is employed by Cool Savings.

The couple traveled to Brazil for their honeymoon. They live in Chicago.

Girodat-Coyro

Jodi Lyn Girodat, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Donald F. Girodat Jr. of Grosse Pointe Park, married Paul Raymond Coyro, son of Dr. and Mrs. William F. Coyro Jr. of Grosse Pointe Park, on Aug. 12, 2005, at St. Ambrose Catholic Church.

The Monsignor Peter

Lentine officiated at the ceremony, which was followed by a reception at the Roostertail.

The maids of honor were Jillian Marie Girodat of Grosse Pointe Park, sister of the bride; and Kathryn Marie Lupo of Chicago, Ill.

The best men were William F. Coyro III of Providence, R.I., brother of the groom; and Raymond Anderson of Ithaca, the uncle of the groom. Ushers were Peter Mertz of Grosse Pointe and Edward Thomas Girodat of Eastpointe.

Scripture readers were Dane A. Lupo Sr. of Grosse Pointe Park, Christopher Pellerito of Grosse Pointe Woods, and Charles Anderson of Providence, R.I., uncle of the groom.

The soloist was Julie Di Mambro of Grosse Pointe.

The couple honeymooned in Aruba.

They live in Grosse Pointe Park.

Wehmeier-Fortna

Alexandra Marie Wehmeier, daughter of Sandra Gommel and Paul Wehmeier, formerly of Grosse Pointe Farms, married Andrew David Fortna, son of Rhonda and Dennis Fortna of Castle Rock, Colo., on Jan. 15, 2006, at The Lodge in Telluride Mountain Village, Colo.

The Rev. Aaron Cooper officiated at the 3 p.m. ceremony, which was followed by a reception at The Lodge.

The bride wore a candlelight silk A-line gown. She wore her mother's pearls and carried a bouquet of bright-colored calla lilies with lush dark greens.

The matron of honor was Virginia Krueger of Chelsea. Bridesmaids were Kristin Gier

of Scottsdale, Ariz., Katie Gommel of Las Vegas, and Sara Cooper of Colorado Springs, Colo.

The best man was Michael Baker of Littleton, Colo. Groomsmen were Jason Ryer of Bolivia, Jeffrey Ryer of Breckenridge, Colo., and Wilson Wehmeier of Killeen, Texas.

The mother of the bride wore a long black plaid taffeta skirt with a white renée top and carried a nosegay of assorted flowers.

The mother of the groom wore a long black skirt with a brocade top and carried a nosegay of assorted bright flowers.

The Scripture reader was Wilson Wehmeier, the bride's brother. The soloist was Sara Cooper, the groom's sister.

The bride earned a degree in geography from the University of Vermont. She will complete her degree in physical therapy in May.

The groom earned a degree in molecular biology and mathematics from the University of Colorado. He is a data analyst at Return Path in Superior, Colo.

The couple skied in Telluride for a short honeymoon, and will travel to Hawaii for a longer honeymoon in May. They live in Longmont, Colo.

Caramagno-McNeilly

Pamela Rose Caramagno, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Caramagno of Grosse Pointe Farms and Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Mannino of Harper Woods, married Matthew Lawrence McNeilly, son of Mr. and Mrs. Walter McNeilly

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ENGAGEMENTS

Moran-Lowe

Joe and Beth Moran of Grosse Pointe Farms have announced the engagement of their daughter, Elizabeth Lambert Moran, to Terry Philip Lowe, son of Anne and Dave Lowe of Auckland, New Zealand. A September wedding is planned.

Moran earned a Bachelor of Science degree in early childhood education from Indiana University. She is a kindergarten teacher in London, England.

Lowe attended Glenfield University in Auckland and is a property developer.

Law-Schroeder

Richard and Lyn Law of Austin, Texas, formerly of Grosse Pointe, have announced the engagement of their daughter, Madelyn Lindsay Law to Jeremy Winfield Schroeder, son of Robert and Mary Schroeder of Grosse Pointe Farms. A June wedding is planned.

Law earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in psychology from San Francisco State University. She is a software quality assurance lead for Health Plus in Brooklyn, N.Y.

Schroeder earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in film from Ithaca College. He is a best boy grip for the television show "Law & Order."

Barnes-Platt

Gregory L. and Alice B. Barnes of Bend, Ore., have announced the engagement of their daughter, McKenzie Reed Barnes, to Richard Booth Platt Jr., son of Anna D. Warren of Metamora and Richard B. Platt of Grosse Pointe Farms. A September wedding is planned.

Barnes earned a Bachelor of Science degree in biology and anthropology from St. Lawrence University and a master's degree in medical science from Northwestern University. She is a cardiology physician assistant at Sinai Grace Hospital.

Platt earned a Bachelor of Science degree in geology from St. Lawrence University. He is a candidate in the master's program in entomology at State University of New York, Syracuse, College of Environmental Science and Forestry.

Nutter-Sharrow

Richard and Rowene Nutter of Grosse Pointe Woods have announced the engagement of their daughter, Genevieve Claire Nutter, to Robert F. Sharrow III, son of Robert and Pamela Sharrow of Grosse Pointe Park. A July wedding is planned.

Nutter earned a Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of Michigan and is currently working on a master's degree in urban planning and design at UCLA.

Sharrow earned Bachelor of Science degrees in mechanical engineering and aerospace engineering and a Master of Engineering degree in space systems from the University of Michigan. He is a mission engineer for Mars Reconnaissance Orbiter (MRO) at JPL in Pasadena, Calif.

Reinholz-Blake

Mark and Jane Reinholz of Grosse Pointe have announced the engagement of their daughter, Katie Reinholz, to Patrick Blake, son of Fran and Joan Blake of Grosse Pointe. An October wedding is planned.

Reinholz earned a Bachelor of Business Administration degree from the University of Michigan. She is an accountant with Clayton & McKervey, P.C. in Southfield.

Blake is a sales representative with Nova Press in Detroit.

Zeller-Rodriguez

Michael and Marie Zeller of Grosse Pointe Farms have announced the engagement of their daughter, Marsha Lynn Zeller, to Jonathan Sibaja Rodriguez, son of Ana Lucia and William Sibaja Rodriguez of Paras in the Province of San Jose, Costa Rica. A May wedding is planned.

Zeller earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in advertising at Michigan State University. She is a travel consultant for Costa Rica and Panama.

Rodriguez earned a licensed degree in industrial engineering from the University of Costa Rica, San Jose. He is an organizational development consultant and founder of his consultancy, Innova Solutions Group.

Munck-Carpenter

Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Maiorano of Grosse Pointe Park and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Munck of Belleville have announced the engagement of their daughter, Stephanie Christine Munck, to Jason David Carpenter, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Carpenter of Waterford. A December wedding is planned.

Munck earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in international relations and Spanish from Michigan State University, a teaching certification in political science, Spanish, and history, and a master's degree in teaching from Wayne State University. She is a Spanish and history teacher at Warren Mott High School.

Carpenter earned a Bachelor of Science degree in history, social studies, and political science from Central Michigan University, a teaching certification in social studies, and a master's degree in teaching from Wayne State University. He is a government, AP government, and economics teacher at Warren Mott High School.

Mansfield-Kowal

Carol Mansfield and Patrick Mansfield, both of Grosse Pointe, have announced the engagement of their daughter, Jennifer Mansfield, to Michael Kowal, son of Craig and Susan Kowal of St. Joseph. A July wedding is planned.

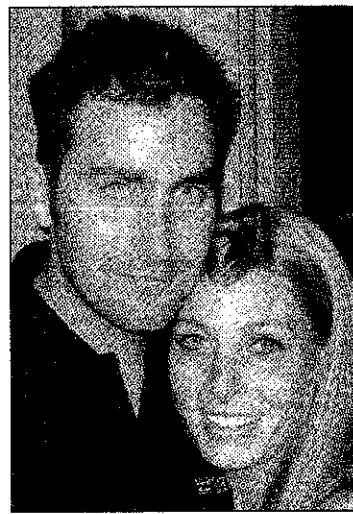
Mansfield earned a Bachelor of Science degree from Miami University of Ohio. She is a recruiter with Citadel Investment Group LLL in Chicago.

Kowal earned a Bachelor of Science degree from Miami University of Ohio and is currently attending DePaul University, Kellstadt Graduate School of Business. He is a client business manager in financial markets with AT&T in Chicago.

Gallatin-Dickerman

Patricia and Jerry Gallatin of Adrian have announced the engagement of their daughter, Jami Gallatin, to William "Bill" L. Dickerman III, son of Jody Donnelly-Dickerman of Harrison Twp. A July wedding is planned.

Gallatin earned a degree in physical education, health and



Terry Philip Lowe and Elizabeth Lambert Moran



Patrick Blake and Katie Reinholz

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Stephanie Christine Munck and Jason David Carpenter

recreation from Adrian College. She is employed by Morning Fresh Bakery.

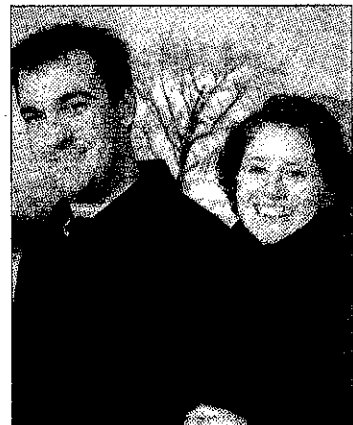
Dickerman earned a degree in physical education, health and recreation from Adrian College. He is employed by VanErt's Lawn Service and Landscaping.

Caramagno-Marzan

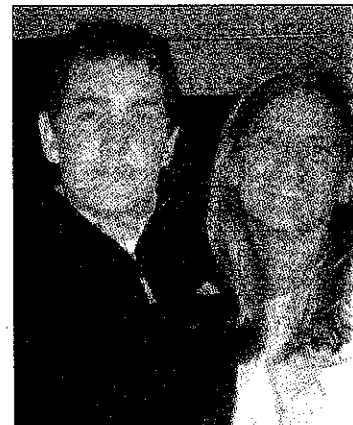
Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Caramagno of Grosse Pointe Farms and Mr. and Mrs. Tony Mannino of Harper Woods have announced the engagement of their daughter, Cherilyn Caramagno, to Christian Marzan, son of Mr. and Mrs. Leonardo Marzan of Harper Woods. An August wedding is planned.

Caramagno earned a Bachelor of Arts and Science degree in sociology from Wayne State University. She is employed by the Autoimmune Diseases Association.

Marzan earned a Bachelor of Science degree in computer science from Wayne State



Jeremy Winfield Schroeder and Madelyn Lindsay Law



Michael Kowal and Jennifer Mansfield



Cherilyn Caramagno and Christian Marzan

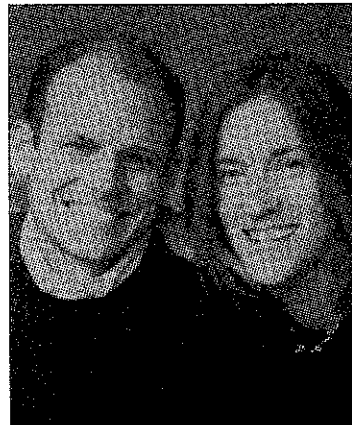


Cherilyn Caramagno and Christian Marzan

University. He is employed by U.S. Army Corps of Engineers as an IT Specialist.

Septic-Kerasiotis

John Septic and Laura Septic, both of Harbor Springs, have announced the engagement of their daughter, Jennifer Septic, to Yorg



Richard Booth Platt Jr. and McKenzie Reed Barnes



Jonathan Sibaja Rodriguez and Marsha Lynn Zeller



William L. Dickerman III and Jami Gallatin



Yorg Kerasiotis and Jennifer Septic

Kerasiotis, son of Paul and Elena Kerasiotis of Grosse Pointe Woods. A September 2007 wedding is planned.

Septic earned a bachelor's degree in visual arts from Albion College. She is an art director at Leo Burnett Detroit.

Kerasiotis earned a bachelor's degree in communication arts and advertising from Michigan State University. He is a musician.

WEDDING:
Caramagno-McNeilly

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of Tecumseh, Ontario, on Nov. 12, 2005.

The ceremony was held at the Little Wedding Chapel in Fraser, and was followed by a reception at Fogalar Furlan in Windsor, Ontario.

The bride wore a white organza A-line, off-the shoulder gown and a chapel-length train. She carried a cascading bouquet of roses, calla lilies and orchids.

The maid of honor was Jennifer Edmonds of Grosse

Pointe.

The attendants were the bride's sisters, Rachelle Caramagno of Harrison Township, Heather Michalak of Macomb Township, Patricia Polk and Cherilyn Caramagno, both of St. Clair Shores.

The flower girls were Kayla Caramagno and Windsor Caramagno McNeilly, daughters of the couple.

The attendants wore periwinkle two-piece dresses.

Walter McNeilly of Tecumseh, Ontario, the groom's brother, was the best man.

The groomsmen were Chuck Sylvester, Mark Suznivich, Jeff Nessel, and Mike Corazza, all of Windsor, Ontario.

The couple honeymooned in



Mr. and Mrs. Matthew Lawrence McNeilly

the Dominican Republic. They live in Tecumseh, Ontario.

Spring gardening event on Belle Isle

"A Day in the Gardens" will be held at 8 a.m. Saturday, April 1, in the conservatory and greenhouses on Belle Isle, Detroit.

Vendors will offer an array of products from garden art to labor-saving tools.

Lectures will be held on topics ranging from "creating whimsical outdoor spaces" to "caring for your treasured

trees."

Sponsors of "A Day in the Gardens" on Belle Isle include the Garden Club of Michigan, Greektown Casino, Inland Press and Tepel Brothers Printing.

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SENIOR SCENE By Ruth Cain

A robotic dog sitter? It's possible



We have gotten so used to the wonders of technology that our reaction to new products has become, "So what else is new?" For example the robot that vacuums rugs. It's now being marketed, probably at a pretty price, but most people's attitude is, they've been talking about this for a long time.

A Japanese research team, however, has come up with a wonder: a seeing, hearing and smelling robot that can carry human beings and is aimed at helping care for the country's growing number of elderly.

Japan had a declining popu-

lation in 2005 for the first time since World War II as more young people put off starting families. Added to that, Japan's population is among the world's longest living.

Riken, a Japanese government-backed research institute, has made a 5-foot RI-MAN humanoid that can already carry a doll weighting 26 pounds and could be capable of bearing 150 pounds within five years.

The 220-pound robot is covered by 0.2 inches of soft silicone. It is equipped with sensors that determine a body's weight and position.

It can also distinguish eight different smells, detect which direction a voice is coming from and use sight to follow a human face. The research firm would like to develop a capacity for RI-MAN to detect a human's health condition through the person's breath.

RI-MAN will probably have

other uses as research proceeds. I can think of one that may not be important in the total scheme of things, except to me.

Several years ago, I took care of my daughter and son-in-law's cockapoo, Richie. Richie was the sweetest and most lovable dog I've ever known. She didn't immediately accept strangers. She observed them over a long period, and if she found them worthy, accepted them as friends.

Since I had been to Chicago many times, Richie and I were friends. While she was with me, I got up early in the morning, dressed and took Richie out. I did the same thing in the evening, as well as walking her during the day. Fortunately, it was warm outside, and it was pleasant.

The only problem we had during her stay was whether she could sleep on my bed. I was firm that she could not,

but the minute I turned my back, there she was on the bed. I showed her the bed in the other room and patted it so she'd see how great it was. No go. I finally closed both doors to my bedroom and went to sleep. In the morning, I found her sleeping on the other bed. She seemed to bear no hard feelings toward me.

Saturday morning I had to go to the store. I promised her I would return in 35 minutes. She looked so sad I felt terrible. When I returned 35 minutes later, she went into a paroxysm of joy. She jumped in the air and ran in circles. Never in my life has anybody been so happy to see me. Of course the next day when her real family returned, she jumped into my son-in-law's arms. He carried her out to the car, and she gave me nary a glance. I now knew Richie was fickle.

About a year and a half ago,

I went to a new dentist. I was escorted to the chair for the dental work. While I waited, a small ball of fur suddenly jumped onto my lap, curled up and went to sleep.

I was shocked but decided the dog was harmless. I thought that the dentist would shoo her out before he began work, but she remained on my lap without moving or waking up during the process. When he finished she stirred.

I thought it would jump off the chair, but the dog inched back and forth on the edge, looking down and deciding it couldn't jump that long distance to the floor. She was lifted down.

The dentist told me she was a Lhasa-poo, and he'd gotten her from the Mount Clemens Animal Shelter. He hadn't been looking for a small dog, but observing her gentle ways and no barking, he was hooked and took her home.

I wanted to go out that minute and get a Lhasa-poo. One worry about getting a dog had been what to do with a dog when I traveled. With such a small dog, it wasn't a problem. I could put her in a small carrying case and take her everywhere I went.

But the major problem remained. Taking her out on cold, dark mornings before the workmen had shoveled snow or spread salt. As I get older and heavens knows what's happening to my bones, I tend not to go out when it's icy or deep snow. Try telling that to a dog.

Every so often I long for a dog before reason returns. But, think, how about a robot that could take her out in the early morning and late evening? I fear that is not a viable solution, but I can dream, can't I?

For questions or comments, you may reach Ruth Cain at ruthcain@comcast.net.

U-M: Flu shots save lives

By Krista Hopson

To increase influenza vaccinations rates among those aged 65 and over who are at high risk for influenza-related mortality, the federal government could consider borrowing a page from the pharmaceutical companies' prescription drug advertising campaigns.

By using direct-to-consumer advertising, an effective tactic used by pharmaceutical companies to encourage consumers to seek information about new treatments, researchers at the University of Michigan Health System say the federal government could

promote flu vaccination to the elderly in a cost-effective manner that would ultimately save lives.

Study results show that if the Department of Health and Human Services were to lead a 10-year flu vaccination program aimed at elderly people with the same intensity as pharmaceutical companies' direct-to-consumer advertising campaigns, it could save more than 6,500 lives at a cost of \$37,600 per life-year saved for the duration of the program.

The study, the first to analyze the cost-effectiveness of an intense federal advertising campaign aimed at vaccination, appears in the March issue of

Preventive Medicine.

Annual vaccination is the single greatest defense against the flu, reducing illness, hospitalizations and even death.

Despite being an efficient and cost-effective way to prevent mortality from flu among the elderly, it's still an underutilized tool.

Vaccination rates are falling more than 25 percentage points below the national goal of 90 percent, says study author Matthew Davis, M.D., M.A.P.P., an assistant professor of pediatrics and internal medicine at the U-M Health System, and of public policy at U-M's Gerald R. Ford School of Public Policy.

SOC provides rides for seniors

Volunteering to be an escort driver is a great way to meet new people and give back to the community.

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This program is designed for

seniors who need a ride to the doctor or store and are unable to arrange their own transportation. Call Services for Older Citizens at (313) 882-9600 for more details or to be added to the list.

Volunteers must be 18 years

of age, have a valid driver's license and a good driving record.

Services for Older Citizens (SOC) is a nonprofit organization dedicated to helping older citizens maintain their lives in independence and dignity. SOC was founded in 1978 to provide comprehensive services for seniors in the five Grosse Pointes and Harper Woods.

SOC events in April

Services for Older Citizens (SOC) will hold the following events in April at the SOC office, 17150 Waterloo, City of Grosse Pointe.

- ◆ Managing Your Lifestyle will be offered at 11:15 a.m. Monday, April 3.
- A guest speaker from the American Heart Association will discuss the association's effort to reduce death caused by cardiovascular disease. Topics include choosing a healthy lifestyle, nutrition facts and shopping made simple.
- Lunch will be served.
- ◆ Bingo will be held at 10 a.m. Tuesday, April 4.
- Game players are encouraged to bring a friend and stay for lunch.
- ◆ Maximizing Your Legacy will be offered at 11:30 a.m. Wednesday, April 5.
- Dan Tripp, guest speaker, will discuss the strategies to minimize tax, while maximizing assets to be transferred.

Learn how to "unlock the power of annuities" to create tax-free wealth.

For more information, call (313) 882-9600.

Matinee movies planned

Popcorn and a movie, anyone?

Movie Day has been planned for most Fridays in April at Services for Older Citizens, 17150 Waterloo, City of Grosse Pointe.

Showing April 7 is "Under the Tuscan Sun," followed by "Vertigo" on April 21 and "Must Love Dogs" on April 28.

The movies start at 11:30 a.m. Popcorn is provided.



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FAMILY DAZE By Debbie Farmer

Blue-blood dog in a red-blooded family



As of last week, we have a new addition to the family. His name is Murphy, and he's six pounds and three ounces, 12 inches long, and keeps us up all night.

Before you start breaking out the "Congratulations! It's a Boy," balloons, let me add that he is gray, furry and, if not watched closely, drinks water out of the toilet. Yes, it's a puppy. A PUPPY!

Some of you may not think it's such a big deal. But up until

last month, we've been Official Cat People. We always have hordes of them milling around the house and lying around in the potted plants. But for some mysterious reason I'll call guilt, we crossed over the domestic animal kingdom line into Dog Territory.

So now we have a puppy. But not just any puppy. One with a pedigree. Yes, I said pedigree. I know what you're thinking: "How does something like this happen to a family that leaves their Christmas lights up all year and thinks macaroni and cheese with tuna is a fancy meal?"

I'd like to say it was a very calculated and practical decision that we weighed carefully, factoring in time, money, attention, lifestyle and mental stability. But you should know me

much better than that by now.

The real story is that last week my son said something over breakfast that sounded like: "Hey, can we get a dog?" Harmless? Ha! Ha!

So, as with any guilt-ridden parents, I mean, conscientious animal lovers, we went to the city pound to adopt a nice stray mutt who needed a good home. There was one particular drawback to this plan, however: The pound was closed. So then (and this is when the tide began to turn), we decided to "just look" down the street at a place that should just call itself the Very Expensive Pet Store.

Those of you who are seasoned shoppers know that to "just look" is secret code for going to a boutique and ending up spending more money than

you ever thought possible for a pair of really cute shoes you really didn't need but couldn't resist. Which is exactly what happened here.

Approximately one hour and five bazillion dollars later we ended up with — wait for it — a purebred miniature Schnauzer. It is the shoe equivalent of anything made by Fendi, which means we not only overpaid; we now have a dog that's way overqualified to live with us.

Don't worry, I'm not saying that we're not good pet owners. I'm just saying that we're not what anyone would call show-dog material. We're the type of people who get their pets by herding them into the house after they wandered in the back yard by mistake. So you see why this sort of pres-

sure could be alarming.

But let me just say that, besides all of the stress, I've learned a thing or two in these last weeks about owning a dog. I learned that there are tons of high-fashion accessories you can buy for a dog, such as fancy bandanas, custom visor caps and crystal hair clips. I learned that there is an actual product out there called (and I'm not kidding) a Dooty-Duffel, which is a special bag to take along on walks to pick up — well, you can figure it out.

And I learned that it doesn't matter how much money you spend on a purebred dog, it pretty much acts just like the free ones you get at the pound. It still chews on the sofa, nibbles on the carpet and snacks on everyone's tennis shoes.

So after replacing the furniture, repairing the carpet, buying new shoes, and building an \$800 fence around the pool so it won't fall in and drown, our dog expense tally comes to the exact same amount of money it takes to run, oh let's see, France.

Sure, in some circles I'd be called a dog aficionado. In other circles, "sucker." Whatever. But I'm not bitter. Murphy is already a part of our family, and the kids love him.

And, hey, isn't that what owning a dog is all about?

Debbie Farmer is a humorist and a mother holding down the fort in California and the author of "Don't Put Lipstick on the Cat." She may be reached at www.familydaze.com or by writing familydaze@oasis-newsfeatures.com.

Original Orchestra Hall seats for sale to public

The Detroit Symphony Orchestra (DSO) is selling original Orchestra Hall theater seats along with rare DSO and Library of Congress archive items.

Made of wood and cast iron and upholstered in red and brown, the seats were removed from the hall in 2003 to make way for new "self-rising" seats that conform to fire codes.

The DSO is selling the seats to raise money for its Archive Project, to preserve the history of the DSO and Orchestra Hall and make archival items available for research and public

viewing.

Each seat will cost \$250 and two or more seats can be purchased as attached units. The seats will be on display in the atrium of the Max M. Fisher Music Center and viewed on the DSO's Web site detroitdsymphony.com where they also can be ordered.

The seats available for sale were installed in the hall when it opened in 1919. The upholstery suffered severe deterioration during the years that the hall was abandoned. It was replaced during the massive renovation that took place be-

tween 1970 and 1989.

The Library of Congress exhibit includes rare items from its musical archive, including the original score to Gershwin's "Porgy and Bess" and an original sketch for Copland's "Appalachian Spring."

The DSO archive exhibit includes scores from two works resulting from the Federal Music Project (FMP), part of the Works Progress Administration (WPA) program. The FMP's function was to provide jobs and income to unemployed musicians, conductors and composers during the Great Depression.

The FMP was responsible for the "copying project," in which unpublished music of the great masters was copied and made available to any orchestra desiring it.

The DSO will display two examples from the copying project: "Poupee Valsante" by Ede Poldini; and variations on a theme, "Enigma," by Edward Elgar.

For more information, call (313) 576-5100.

Verdi's 'Aida' opens MOT's 35th season

Verdi's Aida

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DATES AND TIMES:
Saturday, April 22, 8 p.m.
Sunday, April 23, 2 p.m.
Wednesday, April 26, 7:30 p.m.
Friday, April 28, 8 p.m.
Saturday, April 29, 8 p.m.
Sunday, April 30, 2 p.m.

Michigan Opera Theatre's season of Desperate Divas continues with a new production of the Giuseppe Verdi's "Aida," April 22-30. The production opens a month-long celebration, in which Michigan Opera Theatre will commemorate both its 35th anniversary and the 10th anniversary of its home, the Detroit Opera House.

Verdi's "Aida," with libretto by Antonio Ghislanzoni, made its world premiere in Cairo, Egypt, in 1871. Though Verdi's expansive body of work has earned him a reputation as the greatest Italian musical dramatist — with more than 25 operas to his credit — it is his Aida, more than any other work, which has secured a special place in the repertoire of opera companies worldwide. Its rich score and dramatic libretto continue to captivate audiences more than 130 years after its premiere.

Set in Egypt, in the time of the pharaohs, "Aida" is the tale of an Ethiopian princess enslaved by the king of Egypt and in love with a general at war with her own people. Though Aida's affections are returned by the general Radamès, he is also the object of princess Amneris's desires.

Following Radamès' victory against the Ethiopians, the king promises him to Amneris, jilting the beautiful Aida. Captured by the Egyptians, the Ethiopian king Amonasro pressures Aida, his daughter, for information about the Egyptian army — information which she can only obtain from her lover, Radamès. Torn between loyalty to her homeland and loyalty to her lover, the desperate diva convinces Radamès to forsake his country and bride and run away to Ethiopia with her. He agrees, disclosing the location of the Egyptian army. Disillusioned upon discovering Amonasro's plan, Radamès surrenders himself to be tried as a traitor. Though Aida is able to escape, Amonasro is killed.

Radamès is condemned to death. He is to be buried alive under the altar of the Temple of Vulcan. Once thrust into his crypt, he utters his wish that Aida may be happy and never learn the details of his demise. It is then that he sees a figure approaching him in the darkness, and realizes that it is none other than Aida, who has waited three days in the tomb for him. As Amneris prays for Radamès at the altar above them, Aida lays, dying, in his arms.

Michigan Opera Theatre's 2006 production of "Aida" will feature performances by some of opera's biggest stars, including the company debuts of tenors Salvatore Licitra (April 22, 26, 29) and Antonello Palombi (April 23, 28, 30) in the role of Radamès. Russian-born local favorite, Irina Mishura will return to sing Adalgisa (April 22, 26, 28, 30), alternating with Nancy Maultsby (April 23, 29) in her company debut.

Gregg Baker, having appeared with Michigan Opera Theatre, most recently, in the world premiere of Margaret Garner, will sing the role of Amonasro. Opera's most desperate diva, "Aida," will be sung by Indra Thomas (April 22, 26, 29), who debuted in the company's 2002 production of "Il Trovatore," and Lisa Daltirus (April 23, 28, 30), who debuted to much acclaim in the 2005 production of Tosca.

Other noteworthy artists include Chinese bass Hao-Jiang Tian, American bass Valerian

Ruminsky, Latvian-born local soprano Elena Repnikova Beck and local tenor Lonel Woods. Aida will be directed by Bliss Hebert, creator of more than 300 productions of some 100 operas, and the Michigan Opera Theatre Orchestra will perform under the baton of Maestro Giuliano Carella.

This lavish new production of "Aida," co-commissioned by Michigan Opera Theatre, Florentine Opera, Florida Grand Opera and Opera Carolina, features stunning sets and costumes by Allen Charles Klein. The only designer to dedicate his career solely to design for the operatic stage, Klein is one of the world's most sought after scenic artists. Recent Michigan Opera Theatre productions by Klein include "Rigoletto" in 2004, "The Marriage of Figaro" in 2002 and "Werther" in 1999. Lighting for the production has been designed by Kendall Smith, who has created lighting for more than 50 Michigan Opera Theatre productions.

The co-production of "Aida" is made possible by a gift from the John S. and James L. Knight Foundation. Surtitles for the production have been underwritten by Ronald K. Morrison. Michigan Opera Theatre's 2006 Spring Opera Season is supported by Cadillac. The April 28 performance of Aida is made possible by the DeRoy Testamentary Foundation, and the April 29 performance has been underwritten by the DTE Energy Foundation.

Tickets for Michigan Opera Theatre's Aida range in price from \$23-\$113, and are available in person at the Detroit Opera House ticket office, by phone at (313) 237-SING (7464), or online at www.MichiganOpera.org. Tickets are also available at all TicketMaster outlets by phone at (248) 645-6666 or online at www.TicketMaster.com.

Michigan Opera Theatre is a nonprofit organization.

Interlochen orchestra to perform in Detroit

Detroit will be the final stop on a three-city Midwest concert tour by the Interlochen Arts Academy Orchestra, a premier high school orchestra. The orchestra will perform

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Mosaic troupe returns to 'Hastings Street'

Opening May 12 is the much anticipated return of the internationally acclaimed Mosaic Youth Theatre of Detroit's smash hit, "Hastings Street."

An audience favorite when originally presented during Detroit's tricentennial celebration five years ago, this play with music is based on oral histories. "Hastings Street" will run for two weekends, May 12-21, at the Detroit Film Theatre at the Detroit Institute of Arts.

"Hastings Street" explores the lives of teenagers in 1940s Detroit and their experiences in the "Black Bottom" neighborhood, the Paradise Valley Entertainment District and on the famed Hastings Street.

The best in jazz, swing and blues from the era will be heard as the play tells the story of a time and place where African-Americans first flourished in the Motor City in the

face of widespread bigotry. Joining the Mosaic young artists on stage will be Detroit stage actor Council Cargle in the role of Langston Hughes. This is the first time Mosaic has invited an Equity actor to join them on stage.

"Many of the young people in our group had never heard of Hastings Street," Mosaic founder and CEO Rick Sperling says. "To develop the script, the music and the production design required the young artists to conduct research and interview Detroit residents in their 70s and 80s who grew up in that era. It is a chance to bring Detroit's thrilling cultural past to light."

For teenagers in Detroit's "Black Bottom," the '40s were a time of exploration and excitement as well as discrimination and conflict. Hastings Street was at the heart of it all,

filled with business and commerce by day, and bright lights and danger by night. This area featured the world-renowned Paradise Valley Entertainment District that presented greats such as Duke Ellington, Ella Fitzgerald and Count Basie.

Hastings Street celebrates the tight-knit community of Black Bottom as well as the vibrant energy of Paradise Valley. Demolished for "urban renewal" in the early '50s, Hastings Street is brought vividly back to life by Mosaic's young performers.

The play, set in 1945, follows a group of students at Miller High, Detroit's first predominantly African-American high school, as they attempt to create a play about their own lives. The "Y-Gees" (short for Youth Guidance) are preparing the play to be performed at an annual talent competition called the "Jabberwock," which is, to this day, presented annually by the African-American Sorority, Sigma Delta Theta.

"One of the amazing things about performing this show at the DIA," says Sperling, "is that we will be presenting the play in the same theater that the Jabberwock was presented back in 1945."

For more information on Hastings Street, call Kimberly Shelby at (248) 307-0503.

A meatless dish — or side — for Easter



Finding myself knee-deep in crock pots the past few weeks, I couldn't resist bringing another slow-cook wonder to your attention.

Ratatouille (ra-tuh-TOO-ee) is a heaping of fresh vegetables brought together with a touch of garlic, olive oil and tomato paste. Traditionally cooked covered in the oven for several hours, ratatouille is a perfect candidate for the crock.

Ratatouille

1 lb. eggplant, peeled and cut into 1-inch chunks
1 1/2 teaspoons salt, divided
1 large onion, cut in half

lengthwise and thinly sliced

1 each large green and red pepper, cut into strips

1 lb. zucchini, sliced

1 1/2 lbs. Roma tomatoes, halved and cut into wedges

3 tablespoons tomato paste

3 tablespoons extra-virgin olive oil

1 tablespoon sugar

1/4 teaspoon black pepper

3 large garlic cloves, minced

1/2 cup chopped fresh basil

1/4 cup capers, drained

Place the eggplant in a colander over the sink and toss with 1/4 teaspoon of the salt. Let stand for 30 minutes. Meanwhile prep all of the other veggies. In a small bowl,

whisk together the tomato paste with the olive oil, sugar, pepper, garlic and remaining 1 1/4 teaspoons salt.

In a large, greased crock pot, layer half each of the onions followed by the eggplant, pep-

per strips, zucchini and tomatoes. Spoon half of the tomato paste mixture over the veggies and repeat with another layer beginning with the onions and ending with the remaining tomato paste mixture. Cover and cook on low for eight to nine hours or until all of the vegetables are tender throughout.

Stir in the basil and the capers and serve hot, warm or room temperature over crostini (toasted bread rounds), with crackers or as a side car to meat off the grill. Pass the grated or shredded Parmesan if you please.

Ratatouille will be a delightful option for vegetarians this Easter. Either by itself or sitting next to the holiday ham or lamb, the flavors of the vegetables give this pot a terrific balance. Wait until just before serving to stir in the basil. If you don't care for capers, substitute with salt to taste.

G.P. Symphony showcases pianist Ivan Moschuck

Grosse Pointe South High School freshman Ivan Moschuck will play Edvard Grieg's Piano Concerto during the final concert of the Grosse Pointe Symphony Orchestra's 53rd season at 3 p.m. Sunday, April 2, at Parcels Auditorium, Mack at Vernier in Grosse Pointe Woods.

Conductor and violinist Joseph Striplin will conduct Die Meistersinger Overture by Richard Wagner and Symphony No. 6 by Antonin Dvorak.

Moschuck has been playing piano since the age of 5. For the last seven years, he has studied with Margarita Molchadskaya and Marina Zarkhin in the St. Petersburg School of Music in Farmington Hills. He won the Michigan Music Teachers Association Piano Concerto Competition in 2005, received first place in the Young Artists Scholarship Competition held by Metropolitan Detroit Musicians League in 2004 and attained a superior rating for six consecutive years in the National Federation Festivals.

Joseph Striplin has conducted the Detroit Symphony Civic Orchestra, the Lyric Chamber Ensemble, the Wayne State University Summer String Orchestra, the Dearborn Youth Symphony, and the Savannah Symphony.

A student of former DSO violinist Jack Boesen, Striplin is a graduate of Cass Technical

High School and Wayne State University. Striplin's formal training as a conductor began under the guidance of Valter Poole and continued with private instruction from Gustav Meir of the University of Michigan. Striplin has been a violinist with the Detroit Symphony Orchestra since 1972 and is conductor and mu-

sic director of the Southfield Philharmonic.

Prior to the concert, Dr. Jack Dubois will offer a free lecture at 2 p.m. in the Parcels choir room. Tickets for Grosse Pointe Symphony concerts are \$15 for adults, \$12 for seniors and free for students 18 and under. For information, call (313) 882-0077.

MEETINGS

Pettipointe Questers

Pettipointe Questers chapter No. 243 will meet at 11 a.m. Thursday, April 6, at the home of Jean Srigley. The program, "Mirrors," will be presented by Celia Copeland. You are invited to bring your special old mirrors to show.

Please bring a sandwich. RSVP to Srigley by April 3.

Windmill Pointe Garden Club

The Windmill Pointe Garden Club will meet Wednesday, April 5, at the home of Cathy Murray.

"Attracting birds to your garden" is the topic of conversation.

The meeting is being co-hosted by Doris Woerner.

Mothers of Preschoolers

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Detroit Alumnae Panhellenic Association

The Detroit Alumnae Panhellenic Association invites the public on a "Journey to the Emerald Isles" with an Irish Dance Performance, luncheon and raffle to benefit the organization's scholarship fund. The event will be held from 11 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. on Saturday, April 29, in the Lakeland Manor. The cost is \$27. Reservations must be made by Thursday, April 20, by calling Bridget Holton at (734) 464-9297.

Fox Creek Questers

The Fox Creek Chapter No. 216 of Questers will meet at 12:30 p.m. Thursday, April 6, at the home of Rita Brennan.

After the meeting, the group will visit the one-room Cook School on Mack. Member Kathy Conlon, whose relatives attended Cook School, will talk about the school, which is among the oldest buildings in the Grosse Pointes. The present owner will also talk about the building.

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The event will take place any time between 1 and 4 p.m. Saturday, April 8, at the Provencal-Weir House, 376 Kercheval.

"While the tradition of afternoon tea is often credited to Anna, Duchess of Bedford,

there is historical evidence that the French were actually the first to enjoy this break with tea

and a small snack," Harrison said. "This event will be a wonderful way to learn about the

history, tradition and etiquette of afternoon tea, as well as some fun parlor games."

The tea is part of the society's Second Saturday Pastimes series. For informa-

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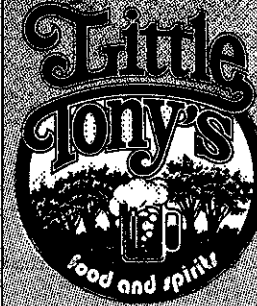
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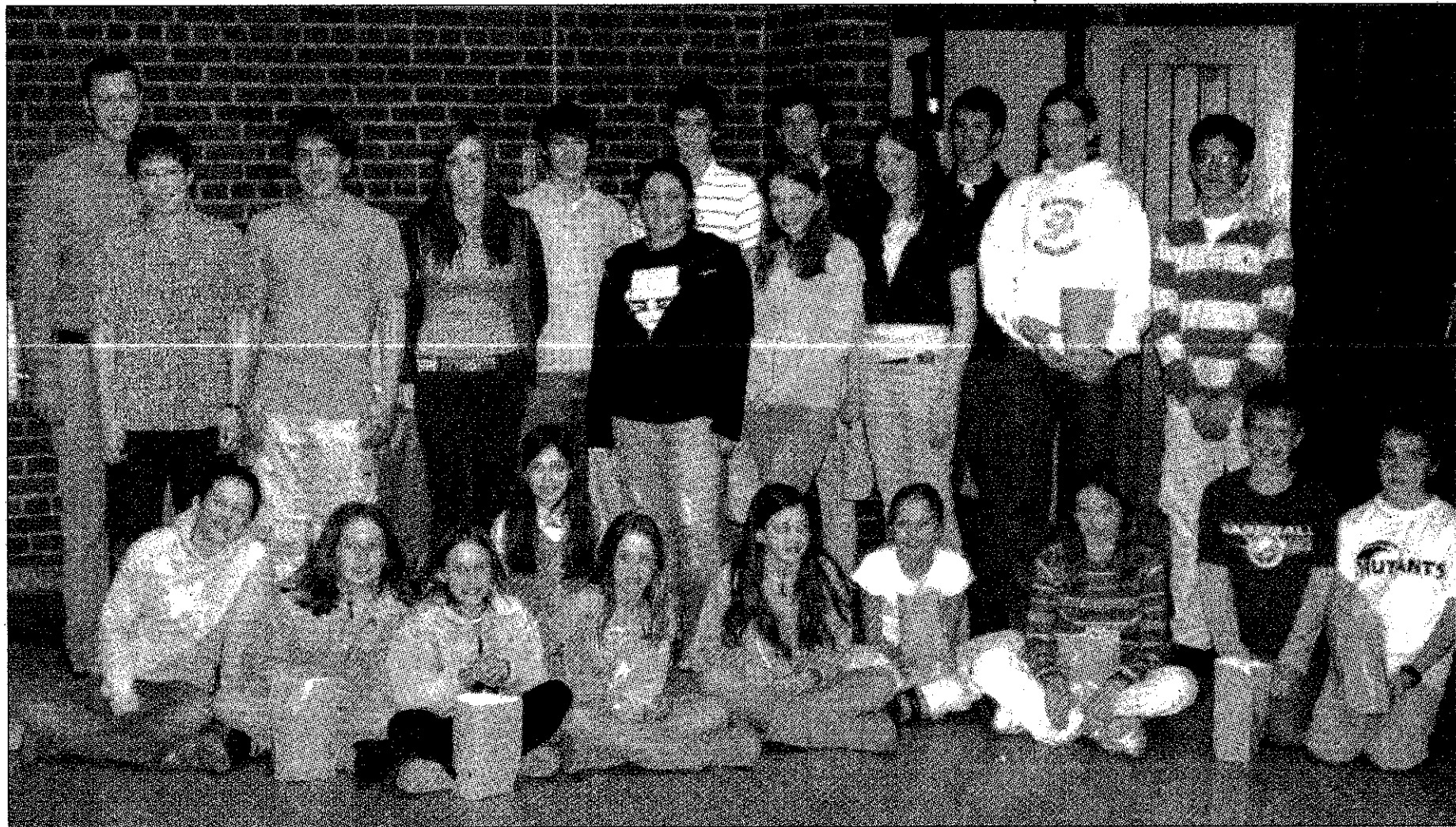
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GROSSE POINTE SWIM CLUB

Gators cruise in swim meet



The Grosse Pointe Gators Swim Club had a good representation at the Junior Olympic swimming meet. In front, from left, are Eliza Mott, Erin Belanger, Kelsey MacConnachie, Jennifer Vermet, Lily Pendy, Ella Pendy, Tenley Shield, Meg Phillips, Chris Montague and Ben Moss. In back, from left, are coach Will Alberts, Luke Hessburg, Brad Foster, Allison Little, Joe Hessburg, Alex Henning, Matt Mandel, Megan Brooks, Chris Brownell, Lindsey Phillips, Matt Schmidt, Karen Schumann and Mitch Vermet.

The Grosse Pointe Gators Swim Club was represented by 29 swimmers at the recent Junior Olympics meet in Holt.

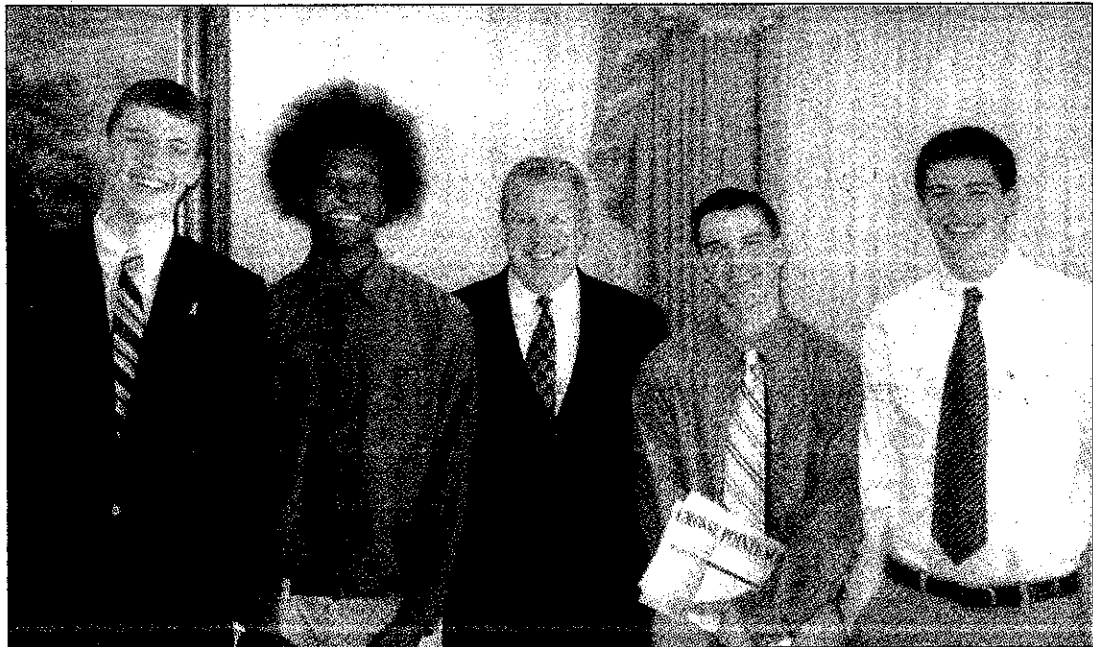
In order to qualify for the meet, swimmers had to achieve qualifying standards set by USA Swimming and Michigan Swimming.

The Gators' Kelsey MacConnachie won the girls 10-and-under 50-yard butterfly, while teammate Kendall Effinger was first in the girls 13-18 200 butterfly.

Megan Brooks was second in both the 50 and 100 breast-stroke races for girls in the 11-12 age group.

Other Gators who finished in the top 10 in their age groups were Erin Belanger, Megan Bergeron, Karen Schumann, Joe Hessburg, Mitch Vermet and David Calcaterra.

Posting season-best times for the Gators were Meg Phillips, Tenley Shield, Lily Pendy, Ella Pendy, Leah Baker, Erica Bruce, Tori Bruce, Lindsey Phillips, Alex Henning, Allison Little, Chris Montague, Brad Foster, Ben Moss, Matt Mandel, Matt Schmidt, Patrick Jackson, Matthew Leone, Luke Hessburg, Chris Brownell and Henry Fildes.



Hoops honors

Four Grosse Pointe South basketball players earned all-Macomb Area Conference White Division honors. From left, are senior forward David Baldwin, junior guard J.C. Cruse, coach Jay Ritchie, senior guard Christian Conroy and sophomore guard Jimmy Saros. Cruse and Conroy were first-team selections. Conroy was also announced as the team's Most Valuable Player at the season-ending banquet at the Lochmoor Club.

UNIVERSITY LIGGETT SCHOOL

Winter sports athletes earn honors

Several University Liggett School athletes were honored for their achievements during the winter sports season.

Among the highlights for ULS was the state district championship won by the volleyball team.

The top individual honor went to Elizabeth Palmer, who was named to the All-State first team in girls hockey. Teammates Alex Houghtalin and Monique Squiers earned All-State honorable mention.

All-Metro Conference first team honors in volleyball went to Samantha Troyanovich. Carrie Taylor was a second-team all-league selection in volleyball.

Matthew Langston was

named to the all-Metro Conference second team in basketball.

Following are the school honors in each of the winter sports:

Varsity basketball — Langston and Carlton Snyder, most valuable players and Patrick Gustine, most improved player.

Junior varsity basketball — Andrew Malaski, most valuable, and Derek McLaughlin, most improved.

Freshman basketball — Blake Chouinard, most valuable, and Peter Rentschler, most improved.

Boys varsity hockey — Alex Brooks and Charlie Warren, most valuable, and Steven Saurbier, most im-

proved.

Girls varsity hockey — Palmer, most valuable, and Caitlin Munn and Meghan Wilson, most improved.

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GROSSE POINTE SOUTH TENNIS



Four Grosse Pointe South players made the 2005 boys tennis All-State team. From left, are Matt Prigorac, Jimmy Dixon, Joe Vallee and Ben Hartman.

Vallee overcomes injuries

By Chuck Klonke
Sports Editor

Joe Vallee had an outstanding tennis season for Grosse Pointe South last spring.

The senior was the Blue Devils' No. 1 singles player for the fourth straight season, and he went into the state Division I tournament as the fifth seed in his flight.

Vallee posted a 10-5 record against some of the best players in the state. He won a regional championship, was all-league and the MVP of the Macomb Area Conference Red Division.

It was a fine way to end an outstanding high school career, but South coach Tom Berschback can't help but wonder what Vallee would have accomplished if he had been healthy.

"He had an injury-plagued season," Berschback said. "Joe played with a lot of pain most of the year."

Despite that, Vallee was named to the Division I All-State team selected by the Michigan High School Tennis Coaches Association.

He was joined by teammates Ben Hartman, Jimmy Dixon and Matt Prigorac.

"Joe's work ethic was phenomenal," Berschback said. "Two or three times he went on his own to the west side of the state to play."

"He was also a tremendous leader."

One of Vallee's most memorable matches came in the regional final when he defeated Troy's Brad Parks 6-2, 6-3.

Hartman, a sophomore, played No. 2 singles for the second year at South.

"Ben showed great improvement from his freshman year," Berschback said. "A lot of kids say, 'I'm gonna get better,' but he did."

"He's quiet, but very competitive."

Hartman was 18-7 and each of the losses were to players seeded at the state meet. Two of the defeats came against Ann Arbor Pioneer's No. 2 singles player, and Hartman was the only one to defeat the Pioneers' standout.

Hartman advanced to the

state semifinals before losing 7-5, 4-6, 6-4.

"Ben learned a lot from Joe on how to get mentally fit for a match," Berschback said. "He was a lot stronger than he was as a freshman, too."

Dixon and Prigorac formed South's No. 1 doubles team and playing together they posted a 21-4 record. The only team to beat them was Pioneer's No. 1.

"Matt is lefthanded and he has a devastating spin serve," Berschback said. "In doubles, the serve is a great weapon."

Having a lefthander and a righthander creates problems for the opposing teams. "You have a forehand on both sides and doubles players usually like to hit outside," Berschback said. "Dixon has a very powerful forehand. He's also an excellent server."

Dixon and Prigorac were seeded third at the state meet and they beat the No. 2 seed on their way to the finals.

Dixon, a sophomore, was All-State as a freshman when he played with Gabe Silveria and advanced to the state semifinals.

Prigorac, a junior, moved up from fourth doubles.

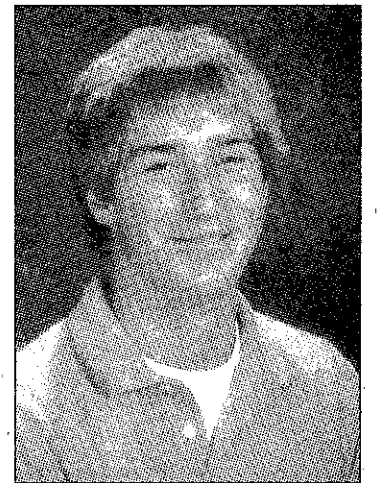
Freshman earns soccer honor

Michael Cunningham, a resident of Grosse Pointe Farms and a freshman at Grosse Pointe South, has been selected by the United States Youth Soccer Olympic Development Program to participate in the 24th annual Trofeo Dell'Amicizia Invitational tournament in Biella, Italy.

Cunningham will join 17 teammates from 13 Midwest states to compete against teams from Germany, The Netherlands, Italy and Russia in the tournament that runs from April 15 through 18.

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GROSSE POINTE NORTH FOOTBALL

Krucki enters hall of fame

By Chuck Klonke
Sports Editor

Once a football coach, always a football coach.

That describes Jim Krucki, the man who started the rich football tradition at Grosse Pointe North.

"I called Jim to congratulate him on going into the Hall of Fame, and after we did the usual chit-chat about 'how's the family and stuff,' we spent the longest time talking Xs and Os," said Frank Sumbera, who succeeded Krucki as coach of the Norsemen and has kept the tradition alive.

"He's been out of coaching for more than 25 years, but being a football coach is something that never leaves you."

Next Saturday, Krucki will be inducted into the Michigan High School Football Coaches Hall of Fame in ceremonies at the University of Michigan's Crisler Arena.

"I'm so happy for him," Sumbera said. "He taught me so much about the game of football, but even more than that, he's been a great friend for all these years."

Krucki now lives in Saline but still follows North. He said he is honored to have a place among the finest high school coaches in Michigan.

However, he admitted that he was a little surprised when he got the word.

"I've been out of the business for so long, but I was just delighted," Krucki said. "My only regret was that a lot of the people who were instrumental in my success are no longer around to be a part of this. They've either died or they're scattered around the country."

Krucki became North's head coach in 1969.

It was the second year the Norsemen played varsity football.

The team posted a 4-5 record that first season, but that was a springboard to bigger and better things.

In the next four seasons, Krucki's North teams posted a combined 33-3 record.

The 1973 team finished the season 9-0 and tied for second place in the state Class A rankings behind Saginaw Arthur Hill, which was undefeated and unscored upon.

That was the year before the state football playoffs began, so the Norsemen never got a chance to see how they'd do against Arthur Hill.

"I sort of regret that we didn't have the playoffs that year," Krucki said. "I don't know if we'd have beaten Arthur Hill, but I'm sure we would have scored on them."

"That was a good team. We had a good quarterback, good wide receivers and a fine tight end. Our offensive line wasn't real big, but they held their

own."

When Krucki retired after the 1980 season, and turned the reins over to Sumbera, who joined him as an assistant coach on his first North team, he had compiled a 78-30 record with the Norsemen.

Stepping aside was difficult, but Krucki made sure that he didn't get in Sumbera's way.

"He told me that if I needed something, he'd be there but he wouldn't come to any of our games for a year because he didn't want me to think he was looking over my shoulder," Sumbera said, and added with a smile, "but I'll bet he was sitting in his car watching from the parking lot."

Close.

"I watched every game through a hole in the fence," Krucki said. "I didn't want people coming up to me that first year, asking me what I would have done in a certain situation; what play I would have called for."

"That first year away I really missed being around the kids. The second year, I still missed game days. But by the third year, I had found another way to live."

As good as his teams were, Krucki's fondest memories of his years at North were the people he worked with.

"I had great kids, great assistant coaches and wonderful

support from the athletic directors, Ed Wernet and Tom Gauerke, and the Boosters Club," Krucki said.

These days, Krucki stays close to high school sports by watching his grandchildren.

"I missed out on a lot of my kids' activities because I was coaching, so I'm making up for it with my grandchildren," he said. "I make a lot of trips to Findlay, Ohio, where one is an all-league volleyball player and another one is a middle linebacker on the ninth-grade football team."

There are still a lot of reminders of the Krucki years around the football office at North.

"I still have Jim's old filing cabinets," Sumbera said. "He's definitely the most organized person I've ever been around. He taught me how to be and stay organized."

Jim emphasized all aspects of the game, and I've tried to do the same. I still use his basic system, although over the years you make some adjustments."

If anyone from the 1970s walked into one of North's preseason practices, he'd think he was in a time warp.

"I've kept Jim's philosophy for two-a-days," Sumbera said. "We go from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. and then they have the rest of the day off. We take a

30-35 minute break for lunch, but we keep the kids around during that time. It worked great for him, so why change it?"

Krucki said that organization was one of his strengths.

"That is one thing I did well," he said. "I was a math teacher and I guess that carried over into athletics."

When Krucki makes his induction speech and reflects on his fondest memories, he'll think about the players who helped make it all possible.

"The highlight of my time at North was all of the great kids that I coached — and there were so many of them," Krucki said.

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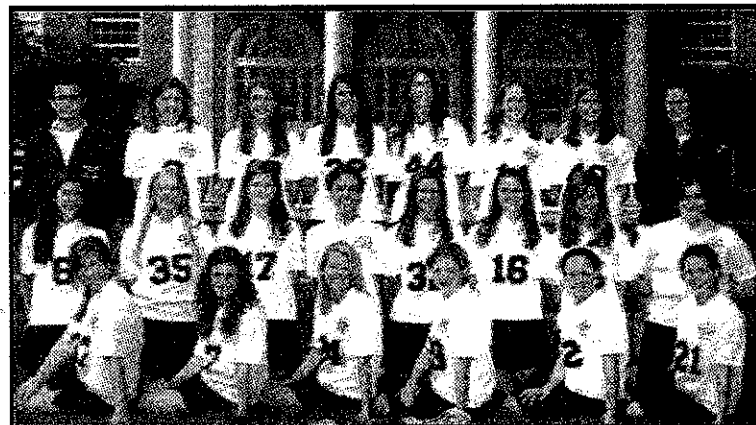
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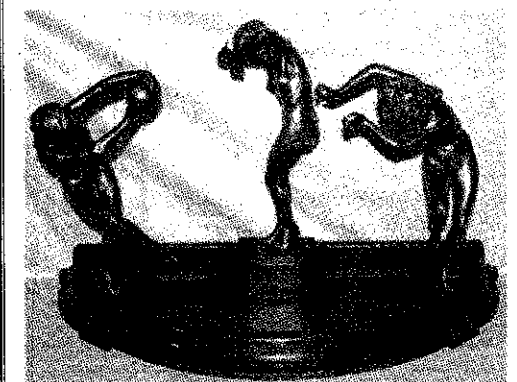
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