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♦ "Epic Proportions" will be presented at 8 p.m. by the Grosse Pointe Theatre in Fries Auditorium of the Grosse Pointe War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms. It can also be seen at 8 p.m. Jan. 19 and 24 through 27 and at 2 p.m. Jan. 21. Tickets are \$15 and can be purchased by calling (313) 881-4004. Student tickets are available only at the door and cost \$8.
♦ The Grosse Pointe Public Library hosts City of Grosse Pointe police officer Mike Almeranti and Raleigh, the police dog, at 4 p.m., at the Ewald Branch, 15175 E. Jefferson, Grosse Pointe Park. Officer Almeranti will talk about their duties and provide a demonstration. All ages welcome.

MONDAY, JAN. 22

♦ The Grosse Pointe Public Library board holds its monthly meeting at 7 p.m. in the Woods branch library, 20680 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods.
♦ Grosse Pointe Park City Council meets at 7 p.m., 15115 E. Jefferson.
♦ The City of Grosse Pointe council meets at 7:30 p.m., 17147 Maumee.

TUESDAY, JAN. 23

♦ LocalMotion hosts a nutrition lecture at 7 p.m. at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms. Cynthia Browne, M.D., Ph.D., presents "Nutrition for the Treatment and Prevention of Chronic Disease." Browne is a radiation oncologist at St. John Hospital and a nutritional oncologist. The lecture is open to the public. Donations are appreciated. Call (313) 881-2263 to reserve a seat.

WEDNESDAY, JAN. 24

♦ The Grosse Pointe Art Center holds open studio from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the center, 1005 Maryland, Grosse Pointe Park. The fee is \$5 for non-members and free for members. For more information, call (313) 821-1848.
♦ Elementary school foreign language discussion hosted by the district's Educational Programming Leadership Committee, begins at 7 p.m., in the gymnasium of Poupard Elementary School, 20655 Lennon, Harper Woods.

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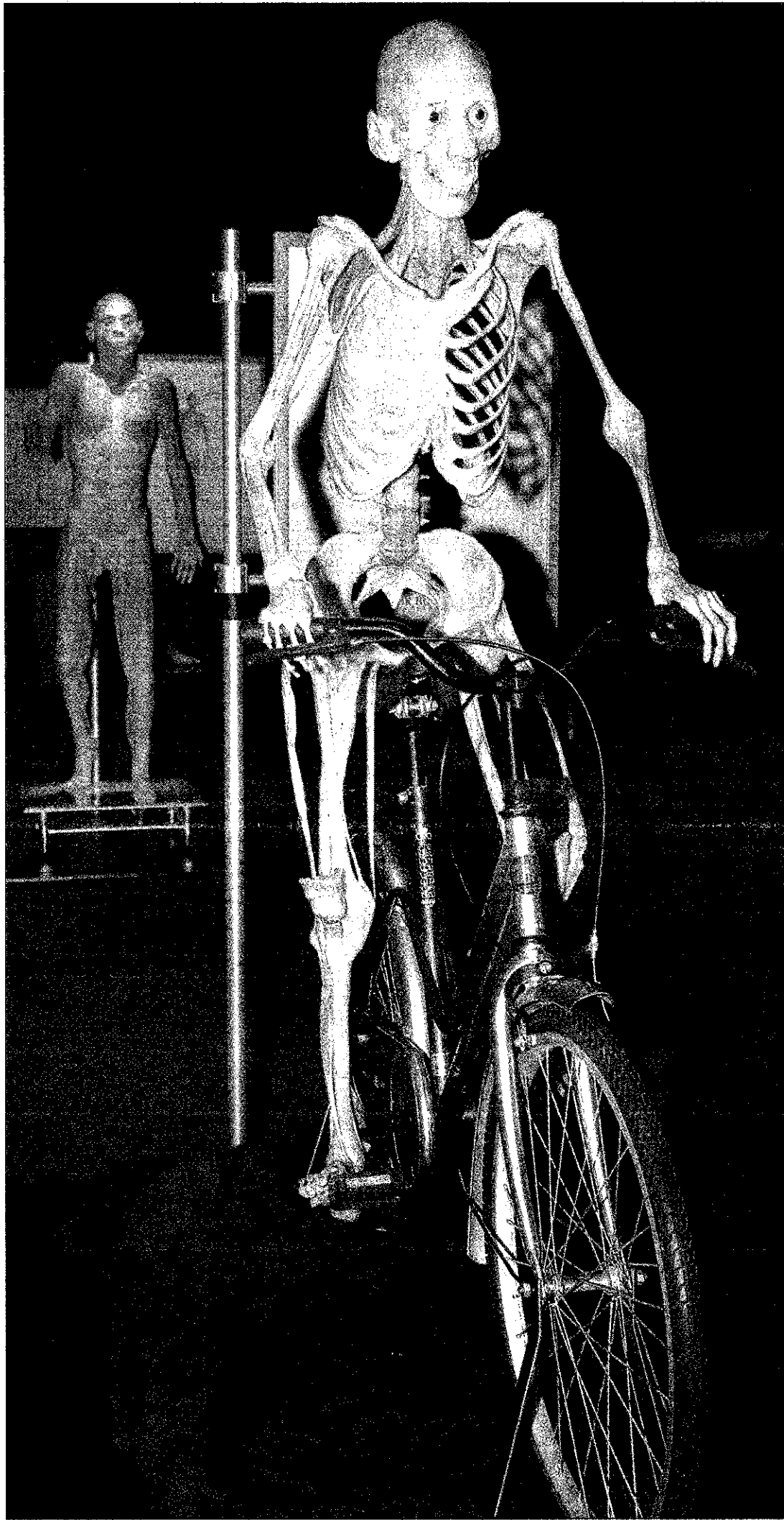


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Mr. Bones

This biking skeleton is just one of 20 human specimens on display at the Detroit Science Center's "Our Body: The Universe Within" exhibit through May 28. It's an inside view of what lies just beneath the skin from the top of the head to the bottom of the feet and from front to the back, male and female. For the complete story and more pictures, see page 1B.

GROSSE POINTE WOODS

Cook School getting good foundation

By Bob St. John
Staff Writer

Grosse Pointe Farms' Thomas Kleiner Construction Co. will be handling the next round of work performed on

the historic Cook Schoolhouse. Grosse Pointe Woods' City Council approved the \$15,500 bid during Monday night's meeting. Other bids submitted were for \$19,000 and \$18,000. "We're comfortable with the

company and the work that will be completed," City Administrator Mark Wollenweber said.

Workers will lay plywood

See SCHOOL, page 2A

GROSSE POINTE PUBLIC LIBRARY

Central committee planning

27-member Central Library building committee meets

By Beth Quinn
Staff Writer

If the old adage, "There's power in numbers," is true, then the newly-formed building committee for the Grosse Pointe Public Library's Central branch is off to a good start.

The 27-member committee is comprised of Library Director Vickie Bloom, Assistant Director Cynthia ZurSchmiede, library staff members Priscilla Burns, Kathleen Gallagher and Stefanie Lozon; Trustees Laura Bartell, Ed Frederickson,

Robert Klacza and Mary Beth Smith; and 18 community members: Laurie Arora, Charles Collinson, Janet Cornillie, Donald Day, Diana Domin, Tony Foust, Brian Garves, William J. Giovan, Margot Kessler, Steve Najjar, Jennifer Nolan, Stuart Pettitt, Bill Salot, Bob Schaltenbrand, Henry Sprague, W.A. Steiner, Mary Wells and Michael West. Last December, the library asked residents interested in being involved in planning a new Central branch library to

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GROSSE POINTE FARMS

Winterfest heating up

The Hill to host this year's family event

Winterfest comes to the Hill business district Sat. Jan. 27, beginning at 11 a.m.

Activities include ice-carving demonstrations, a chili cook-off contest and sampling, live music featuring the classic rock band "Passage," a 25-foot children's slide and free refreshments including chili dogs, coffee, hot chocolate and S'mores.

Most activities start at 11 a.m. and conclude at 3 p.m.

Sponsors of this year's Winterfest are Finesse Cuisine catering LTD, Bon Secours Cottage Health Services and the Grosse Pointe Chamber of Commerce.

Various local businesses will be open and the public can register for individual door prizes by visiting those locations. All individual business-drawing entries will be en-

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POINTER OF INTEREST

'I try to have fun, and I do the best that I can in whatever I am doing.'

Monique Squiers



Home: Grosse Pointe Shores
Family: Father, Robert; mother, Cindy; brother, Robbie
Claim to fame: Accepted to MIT, as well as being an all-state hockey and soccer player
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Yesterday's headlines

1957
50 years ago this week

◆ **COMMUNITY GROUPS RALLY BEHIND NEW LEVY:** The presidents of the Grosse Pointe Parent-Teacher Associations and the officers of the P.T.A. council, representatives of the Mother's Club and the Dad's Club have given unqualified support to the 4 mill operating levy proposed by the school board up for a special election vote.

The groups met with the board and school officials in a recent planning session. The 4-mill proposal will raise revenues to pay teachers salaries, hire additional teachers and make improvements to school facilities.

◆ **WOODS BOND ISSUE TO ASK FOR \$718,000:** The Grosse Pointe Woods city council approved a bond issue to acquire money for the development of Ghesquiere Park; construct a new municipal building and purchase and develop a 10-acre park site in the northeast section of the city.

The three issues would result in no tax increase for residents and have been debated for months. Council members felt that the time was right to proceed with the projects. A recent survey concluded that the Woods is lacking in park space based on its number of residents.

◆ **BOYS + MATCHES = \$7,000 DAMAGE:** Two young Grosse Pointe Farms boys ignited their second floor clothes closet while playing with matches resulting in \$7,000 in damages to their home.

Eighteen firemen responded to the blaze on Hendrie Lane after the housekeeper, who called the Woods fire department by mistake, reported it. The fire was contained to the second floor.

◆ **TWO MEN INJURED IN CAR ACCIDENT:** A car driven by a City of Grosse Pointe man ran a red light at Kerby and Kercheval and struck a car traveling through the intersection, resulting in injuries to two men.

The driver, who was unharmed, admitted to running the red light. The two men in the other car suffered minor injuries and were taken to an area hospital.

1982
25 years ago this week

◆ **PARK MOVES ON MACK REDEVELOPMENT:** Park officials are seeking federal funds as seed money for a plan to redevelop the first two blocks of Mack near the city's Detroit border.

The funds, administered through the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program, will help purchase land including the Union Street bar and the Pointe Cab Company. The Park already owns a lot on the block.

The goal of the redevelopment is to protect the adjoining residential area from blight.

◆ **NEW DISTRICT PLAN MAY RETAIN GOP COUNTY COMMISSIONER:** A newly aligned first district combining the Pointes, Harper Woods and a portion of northeast Detroit may be enough to support Republican candidates for the Wayne County commission.

The 156,000-person district was approved by the county apportionment committee, and will be bounded by Eight Mile on the north and Lake St. Clair on the east. The southern line will follow Alter to Mack, east to Bedford, and from Bedford to I-94.

◆ **COMMISSIONER ATTEMPTS TO STOP ROAD UNION:** Wayne County commissioner George Killeen has started action to remove two members of the county road commission who voted to unionize the group.

The two, chairman Michael Barry and Grace Hampton from the governing board, voted to set up a bargaining committee and approved a tentative six-year contract guaranteeing jobs, salaries and fringe benefits for 74 commission supervisors and department heads.



PHOTO BY FRED RUNNELLS

1957: Snowed under

The worst blizzard in a quarter century dumped nine inches of the white stuff on the Pointes. Rooftops like this one took most of the burden, but children didn't mind as long there was plenty of snow left on the ground. (From the Jan. 17, 1957, Grosse Pointe News.)

1997
10 years ago this week

◆ **DISTRICT, TEACHERS REACH TENTATIVE PACT:** Almost five months after the Grosse Pointe teachers' employment contract expired, teams representing the school system and the 500-member teachers' union reached a tentative agreement.

The four-year agreement,

reached after countless hours of bargaining, features a 9 percent overall increase in pay to be dispensed in increments over the lifetime of the agreement. Elementary teachers will also receive an increase in planning time and all teachers will have more options in the healthcare benefit package offerings.

◆ **CHRIST CHURCH GETS READY FOR EXPANSION:** The congregation of Christ Church in Grosse Pointe Farms has raised \$4.5 million in pledges to fund construction of a new building and a renovation project scheduled to begin later this year.

The 60-year-old Episcopal

church is expanding to accommodate the needs of its members and the community. The church has collected more than \$1 million of the pledged funds.

2002
5 years ago this week

◆ **JACOBSON'S VOWS TO STAY OPEN:** Despite Jacobson's Stores Inc. recently filing for Chapter 11 bankruptcy, officials from the store said the Village store will remain open.

The company filed for protection after years of lagging sales that have closed stores in Ohio and Florida. No Michigan stores are slated for closure.

The Village landmark, which is the company's most profitable store, closed its Store for the Home in 1998 to consolidate its current facility.

◆ **HUNT CLUB WORKING ON NEW BARN:** Grosse Pointe Hunt Club officials are going forward with plans to replace the barn destroyed by fire with a new design that vastly departs from the former building's appearance.

The replacement barn is being designed for the safety and comfort of the horses, and not for the convenience of their human caretakers.

The former barn, which dated back more than 100 years, was burned to the ground in a case of alleged arson by a 23-year-old man playing with fireworks.

◆ **POINTES, HARPER**

WOODS CONTINUE FIGHT OVER WCCC TAX LEVY: Representatives from the Pointes and Harper Woods have vowed to continue the fight against a recent 150 percent tax increase to support Wayne County Community College.

The communities, which comprise just over 3 percent of the community college's district, are responsible for funding 11 percent of the college's tax base.

Area city councils are considering allowing a vote to remove themselves from the district and its taxing authority.

— By John Lundberg

SCHOOL:
Pro bono
work done

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around the entire area to protect the grass; and excavate an area of basement wall to be waterproofed among other projects.

The city is saving money on the project, thanks to Galui Construction Co., which did the foundation and floor free of charge. Sadler Electric wired the basement, also free of charge.

"It's a neat project and we have been fortunate to have so many people help the city out with the costs," Wollenweber said.

The schoolhouse was moved from its old location at Lochmoor and Mack to its new home in Ghesquiere Park in early December. There isn't a completion date, but Wollenweber said it should be completed by the summer at the latest.

WINTER:
Grand prizes
will be grand

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tered into the "Grand Prize Drawing About Town Entertainment Package."

The grand prize drawing will consist of gift certificates for various restaurants, professional sports tickets, theater performance tickets, a hot stone treatment, an overnight stay at Grand Traverse Resort, Traverse City, autographed Detroit Tiger Kirk Gibson picture, autographed Detroit Piston Lindsay Hunter basketball, autographed Detroit Red Wing Henrik Zetterberg hockey puck, and other prizes.

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GROSSE POINTE FARMS

Skeet shooting at Pier Park draws fire

By John Lundberg
Staff Writer

The notion of re-establishing skeet shooting at Pier Park in Grosse Pointe Farms had council members drawing lines in the sand at the Jan. 8 council meeting.

Councilman Charles "Terry" Davis III asked the council to approve a trial period where sportsmen could use the park to engage in skeet shooting. Davis said he wanted the approval to jump-start the proposal of re-establishing skeet shooting at the park before winter draws to a close. The sessions would be two hours

long on Saturdays.

And that's where the lively debate began.

"I'm personally opposed (to the proposal)," said councilman Peter Waldmeir. "(But) I'd rather have robust debate (over the idea)."

Mayor James Farquhar Jr. initially introduced a motion to have the proposal sent to the parks and harbor committee for its consideration. Then, once it had studied the idea, it could come back to the council for discussion at its regular workshop session Jan. 22.

But Davis wanted to press forward fearing more delays would lose the season com-

pletely.

"I'm not naming names, but I have spoken to four members who support (the plan) if the city attorney can draw up a waiver (to protect the city's liability)," Davis said.

But other council members were wary of such a proposal.

"I'm going to need more time to consider allowing bringing guns into the park," said councilman Louis Therios. "I'm not ready to vote on this, even preliminarily."

Waldmeir, however, had reached his conclusion.

"You don't have to wait for my (vote) when the proposal comes back to council," he

said. "My vote is 'No.' No guns in Pier Park."

Safety was the chief concern over allowing the return of skeet shooting to the park. According to Shane Reeside, the sport was discontinued at the park in the mid 1960s because of environmental concerns over the use of lead shot over the lake.

Dan Jensen, Farms public safety director, said that he approached the idea with an "open mind," but now opposes it because there are now more winter activities at the park than previously when skeet shooting was allowed.

"My concern is that I can't

guarantee (the safety) of firearms being transported through the park with kids there," he said. "I think we can come up with a program to (safely) transport guns through the park, but I cannot guarantee that no accidents would take place."

"We are encouraging people to come into the park and I have a rough time allowing people carrying firearms into an area where kids are playing. These guns shoot shot. It's a risk."

Davis then asked Jensen why his opinion had changed since he last discussed the idea with him days before the meeting.

"(When we talked before,) you were in favor of discussions," he said.

Jensen replied his opinion hadn't change, but had become "enhanced" after discussing the safety issue with his staff and gun enthusiasts. He said because circumstances in the park have changed since skeet shooting was permitted, that prevented him from supporting its return.

Farquhar's earlier request to have the proposal sent to the parks and harbor committee was approved by council. The committee is expected to return with recommendations in the near future.

CENTRAL: \$1.8 million already raised

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apply for a position on the committee. After reviewing the applications, the board invited all applicants to serve on the committee.

The group convened for the first time on Wednesday, Jan. 10, in the large meeting room at the Ewald branch library.

The meeting began with members going around the U-shaped conference table introducing themselves and stating their reasons why they wanted to be on the committee.

While some said they wanted to be involved in determining the building's architecture and others were more interested in specific interior spaces, all mentioned they wanted the new Central branch to be a great building.

"I live within walking distance of Central," said Giovan. "I'm hoping it turns out to be as attractive of a building as this one and the Woods branch."

Trustee Ed Fredrickson, who is chairing the committee until an owner's representative is hired, outlined the duties and goals for the committee.

The committee's first order of business will be selecting the owner's rep to oversee and manage every aspect of the project from hiring an architect to working with the construction company. The library issued Request for Proposal (RFP) for an owner's rep in December, 2006.

The building committee would work closely with the owner's rep to formulate a RFP for architects, review the proposals, interview candidates and recommend an architect to the library board by April.

Once the building's architect is selected, the committee will work with him/her on a needs assessment, preliminary space planning, conceptual drawings and project cost estimates.

When the architectural plans are finalized, the committee will assist the owner's rep in the selection of a contractor and construction manager.

Frederickson noted that the committee would be involved in virtually every aspect of the building's design except for the interior decorating.

"The committee is too large to be making decisions about colors and furniture," he said. "It will be left to the staff members to work with the interior decorator — people who are familiar with the library's needs."

Frederickson urged committee members to be proactive by asking numerous questions on even the smallest detail during the various planning stages.

"I encourage you to ask lots of 'whys' because the 'whys' are going to be very impor-



PHOTOS BY BETH QUINN

The Central Library building committee gets up to speed on the the project by reviewing the architectural firm Fanning Howey and Associates' conceptual plan for a new library.



Central branch library building committee members get acquainted at their first meeting on Wednesday, Jan. 10, at the Ewald Branch.

tant," said Frederickson.

A new Central branch library similar to the three-level 40,000 to 45,000 square-foot facility the architectural firm Fanning Howey and Associates proposed in its conceptual plans would carry an estimated price tag of \$20 to \$23 million.

Frederickson broke down ways the new building would be funded. The library has earmarked \$5 million in its capital fund for the endeavor. The Grosse Pointe Library Foundation, which has already raised \$1.8 million for the pro-

ject, is responsible for finding donors to foot a portion of the bill. The balance would be funded by a taxpayer-ap-

proved millage.

According to Frederickson, the building committee will be involved in the library's public

relations campaign to garner the support of taxpayers and seek potential donors.

"You will be a vital interface with the public to help them understand why it's important to do and worth the money," he said.

Later in the meeting, board President Laura Bartell walked the group through a Powerpoint presentation of Fanning Howey's pro bono feasibility study and conceptual plan for a new Central branch.

Correction

Contrary to what was reported in the Jan. 11 edition, members of the Grosse Pointe school board haven't decided to reschedule their twice-monthly meeting dates from

the first and second Mondays of the month to the second and fourth Mondays of the month. A decision was expected at this week's meeting, scheduled after deadline.

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POINTER OF INTEREST

Monique Squiers is a University Liggett School senior who wears many hats each and every week. She is a daughter, an older sister, a student, an athlete and a teacher.

ULS senior accepted to prestigious MIT

By Bob St. John
Staff Writer

Monique Squiers could be a poster child for the definition of a true student-athlete.

The 17-year-old University Liggett School senior and Grosse Pointe Shores resident carries a grade point average above 4.0 and is a standout athlete.

"I try to have fun and I do the best that I can in whatever I am doing," Squiers said. "I enjoy school and I love playing sports."

Squiers has been accepted to several high-profile colleges, including MIT (Massachusetts Institute of Technology) in Cambridge. She is waiting for other universities to send acceptance letters, but it looks as if MIT will be her college of choice.

"Monique is leaning on attending MIT," her father Robert Squiers said. "It's an honor that MIT has accepted Monique's application."

Squiers and her family visited MIT and spoke with the head hockey and soccer coaches.

"I think Monique can compete on those sports teams," Robert said. "I think she can handle the academic and athletic aspects of college. She is very dedicated and organized."

Squiers was the captain of the Knights' varsity girls basketball team this fall. She was on the varsity squad her sophomore, junior and senior years and played on the junior varsity squad during her freshman season.

Currently, Squiers is one of two captains on ULS' girls hockey team. Last year, she earned all-state honorable mention and was an all-league first team performer.

The ice hockey team was strong during her first two seasons, but dropped in the standings last year after the top players graduated.

Her role as a freshman was to fit in with the veterans to help the team win. As a sophomore, she was called upon to be a team player and a positive piece of a successful puzzle.



PHOTO BY BOB BRUCE

ULS senior Monique Squiers, left, has been called a true team player during her hockey career. Last year and this season, Squiers has been highly supportive of newcomers such as goalkeeper Janaya Gripper, right.

Last year, Squiers took over

as the leader of a team composed mainly of inexperienced skaters.

This season, Squiers was once again called upon to be one of the squad's two do-everything players. She said she has more confidence in the abilities of her teammates, who improved from a year ago.

"Monique is a good leader, who gives 110 percent in every game and every practice," girls hockey head coach Laura Owczarski said earlier this winter. "She, and (Elizabeth) Palmer, lead by example, which is what every coach wants from their captains."

Squiers was switched from defense to forward, which helps the Lady Knights' offense, as she is seen as one of the fastest skaters in the league.

She is also an all-state soccer player. Last year, the Knights were ranked No. 5 in the state. Squiers earned all-regional, all-district and all-conference first team accolades as well as the team's most valuable player honor.

"I hope to continue my hockey career in college, as well as play college soccer," Squiers said.

"Monique has always been self-motivated to do her very best in her academics and ath-

letics and has excelled at both," her father said. "However, she is nonchalant about it and most people, even some she is well-acquainted with, are surprised to learn just how gifted she is."

Squiers began playing soccer at age 5. At age 7, she started playing basketball and as a seventh grader, her hockey career began.

The climb to all-state status was honed by attending ice hockey camps at Dartmouth and Princeton. She has also attended soccer camps, as well as the Michigan and Notre Dame Research Assistant Polymerase Chain Reaction camp.

Outside the athletic field, Squiers attended the Interlochen Center for the Arts and teaches catechism and Sunday school.

"I enjoy almost everything I do," Squiers said. "Aside from school, sports are my life. Then again, I can't imagine not playing the piano."

"However, there is one thing that stands out. I love teaching Sunday school. While teaching, I am always amazed by what I learn from my students. Seeing God through their eyes opens my mind to new ideas, adding to my visions of him and faith as a whole," she added. "I love knowing that I can make a difference in others' lives by expanding their moral and religious foundations while strengthening my own."

In the classroom, Squiers has excelled in a curriculum composed of advanced placement world history, U.S. history, chemistry, English XII, calculus, biology, physics C and Latin literature.

Her scholastic distinctions include Cum Laude Society, AP Scholar, Maxima and Magna Cum Laude (Latin), Rensselaer Medal (science and math), Michigan Merit Awards Scholarship, Terrill Newman Scholar (top 10 percent in grade point average at ULS), a Williams Book Award and five other scholastic awards at ULS.

"We are a close family," Robert said. "We are present at or supportive of all the kids' activities."

Squiers has a younger brother, Robbie, who is a 13-year-old eighth grader at ULS.

"Monique is a typical teenager," Robert said. "She loves iPods, Facebook, cell phones, text messaging, video games, television and Johnny Depp."

"We don't see Monique going off to MIT as a farewell; we see it as an exciting, new opportunity for all of us. Sure we will miss her considerably, but with digital photos, e-mail, camera phones, texting, game video, web cams, game reports, school news, Cambridge news online and all the other ways to keep in contact, we'll manage," Robert said.

Squiers' current trek through the high school hockey schedule has she and her teammates battling for a possible division title.

"All of my teammates have improved and we're having fun coming together as a team," Squiers said.

During the next few months, Squiers will be getting ready for the state hockey playoffs, preparing for her final high school soccer season and finalizing her choice of colleges.

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Republican Party co-chair to speak

The Eastside Republican Club Forum will host Republican Party co-chair Jane Abraham at 7:30 p.m. during its Tuesday, Jan. 23, meeting in the Alger House of the Grosse Pointe War Memorial.

She will speak on "The Future of the Republican Party" in her first appearance before the club.

A businesswoman, political activist and mother of three, Abraham is a longtime Michigan Republican Party leader. Born in Detroit, she was educated in Detroit and Warren public schools and graduated from Oakland University in 1981 at the age of 19.

In addition to attaining academic honors at Oakland, Abraham was president of the university's student govern-

ment in her senior year.

"Jane is an all-around woman with nonpolitical interests as well," said Marti Miller, chair of the Eastside Republican Club. "She is active in a number of community organizations and is on the boards of the Detroit-based Covenant House serving at-risk and homeless children who have nowhere else to turn, the National Arab American Museum based in Dearborn and the LAB School."

Admission to the forum is free. The public is welcome regardless of political affiliation. Refreshments will be served upon arrival and a question and answer session will follow the program.

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GROSSE POINTE PARK

Local family mourning loss

By Bob St. John
Staff Writer

Grosse Pointe Park resident Thomas Lueders, 26, was laid to rest two weeks ago in Massachusetts, where he spent a majority of his childhood.

The family had a memorial service in Michigan before flying out to the east coast for the burial.

Lueders and his father Richard, 53, were vacationing in Key West during the holidays when both were found unconscious in their hotel room Wednesday, Dec. 27, by Doubletree Grand Key Resort manager Steve Robbins.

In published reports, Robbins tried to administer CPR to the father and son, but



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Thomas Lueders, above, moved to Grosse Pointe Park when he was a teenager and graduated from Grosse Pointe South in 1999.

eventually became ill himself.

All three were taken to the Lower Keys Medical Center.

Thomas never woke up and passed away from what initial reports labeled carbon monoxide poisoning. A formal autopsy is ongoing. Richard recovered, as did Robbins.

A published report says that poisonous fumes, perhaps coming from the hotel's fourth-floor boiler room, triggered the trauma.

The hotel closed directly after the incident and guests were redirected to local hotels.

It was the second time in December guests staying on the Doubletree's fourth floor had to be rushed to hospitals. On Dec. 21, a family from Iowa was treated for what investigators then called food poison-

ing.

"The hotel remains under the control of the Key West Fire and Police Department and they have graciously allowed our core staff to have access to limited office space on the first floor and the outside facility," said Karen Thurman, Doubletree Grand Key Resort spokesperson. "We do not know how long the investigation may continue. Hotel staff continues to assist guests and relocate them to alternate accommodations. We have made definite plans to remain closed through Feb. 28.

"While we are anxious to have the hotel reopened, we are taking every possible measure to insure the safety of our guests and team members."

Carbon Monoxide facts

Definition: Carbon monoxide is a colorless, practically odorless, and tasteless gas or liquid. It results from incomplete oxidation of carbon in combustion.

Sources of CO: Unvented kerosene and gas space heaters; leaking chimneys and furnaces; back-drafting from furnaces; gas water heaters, wood stoves, fireplaces, gas stoves, generators and other gasoline-powered equipment; automobile exhaust fumes from attached garages; and boilers.

Health effects: At low concentrations, CO can cause fatigue in healthy people and chest pain in people with heart disease. At higher concentrations, impaired vision and coordination; headaches; dizziness; confusion; and nausea are symptoms. At moderate concentrations, angina, impaired vision, and reduced brain function may result. At higher concentrations, CO exposure can be fatal.

"Lower Keys Medical Center is participating with local authorities in their ongoing investigation," said Meylan Lowe-Watler, chief operating officer Lower Keys Medical Center. "Due to the status of the investigation, we are unable to release specific details related to the events."

"Richard Lueders visited our

Emergency Services Department after being released from Florida Regional Medical Center in Fort Meyers, Fla. and thanked our Emergency Services staff for saving his life and doing everything we could for his son," said Lower Keys Medical Center representative Randy Detrick.

GROSSE POINTE PARK

Officials say yes to bids

By Bob St. John
Staff Writer

The wrecking ball will be in full swing demolishing build-

ings in the 14900 blocks of Jefferson and Mack in Grosse Pointe Park within the next two months.

City council approved a

\$73,500 bid from Homrich to complete the Jefferson project and a bid of \$33,000 from Upright Wrecking to complete the Mack job during a recent meeting. Other bids were received.

The price includes demolition, removal of debris, basement removal, backfill with clean soil, and leaving site clean and level.

"We're trying to get rid of the eyesores around those areas," Director of Public Service Chris Reimel said.

"They have been vacant buildings for some time and leveling the area will help the redevelopment of those areas of our city," said Dale Krajniak, city manager.

The demolition should be completed within the next 30 to 45 days, Krajniak said.



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The above property on the corner of Jefferson and Alter in Grosse Pointe Park will be torn down to make room for redevelopment.

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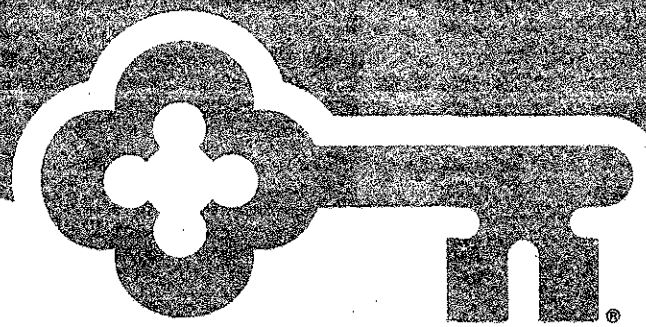
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GROSSE POINTE PARK

Beautification award honorees for 2006

Grosse Pointe Park honored residents and business owners who won Beautification Commission Awards for their landscaping efforts.

Awards were divided into three divisions: Business, residential and civic. Plus a Mayor's Award was handed out.

Bob Ramsey, event chairperson, explained.

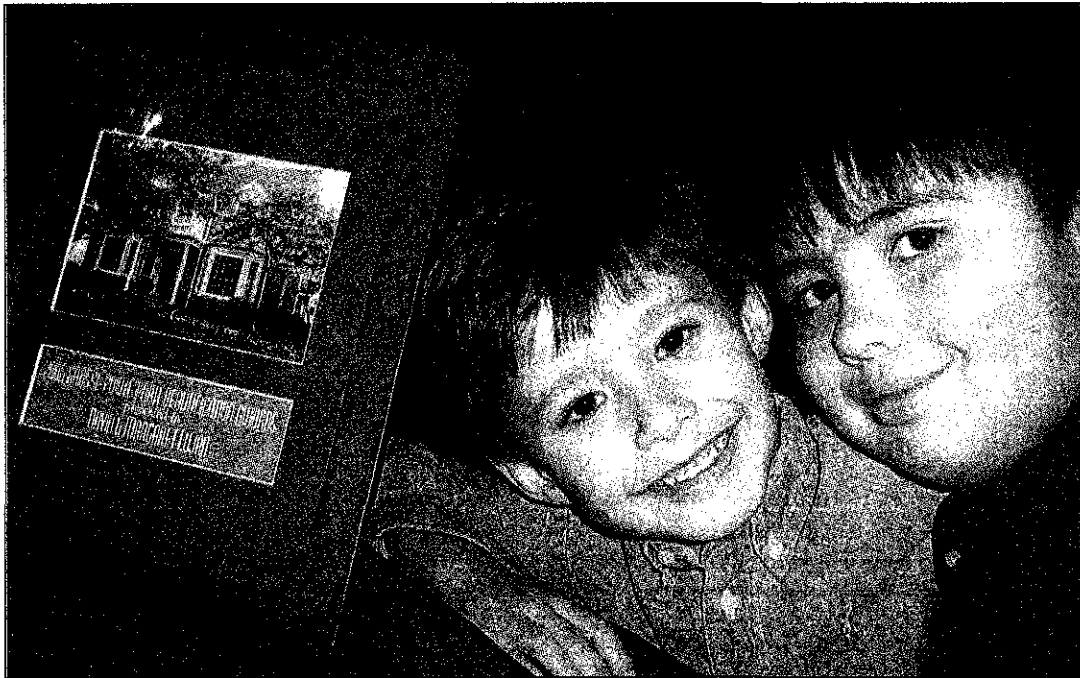
The park is divided into 5 geographic areas and awards were given in each.

"We have diversity of housing styles," said Ramsey, commission chair of the residential area.

Commissioners kept a keen eye on their assigned area of the city and watched progress during the year. They nominated six homes from each area and the owners were invited to join commission members for a cocktail party. The winners received a framed photo of their home and yard.

"We look for the street value," Ramsey said, "Something the public can enjoy without going into the backyard."

Three homes were recognized for their spring gardens, which abundantly used daffodils, the Park's official flower, as well as azaleas and rhododendrons. Another 30 were nominated just for their



Above, Christopher Lujan, left, and his brother Matthew were all smiles after parents David and Margaret Lujan earned a residential award in area three.

overall appearance.

Businesses were recognized for having gone above and beyond the normal landscaping.

Civic awards were given to people whose landscaping benefits the general community.

This year 88-year-old Edward Gruca was given a civic award because he originated a program to inject elm trees to prevent Dutch elm disease some 30 years ago.

"He was proactive to save the elms," Ramsey said.

Another Civic Award winner was Timothy Greening, who through an Eagle Scout project, began the memorial tree program in the Park and has put a play mat on Grosse Pointe Shores.

The Business Award went to Mulier's Market Inc.

Residential award winners in area one were Charles Tryer, Rodger and Kathleen

Hunwick, Suzanne McDonald, Annita Fischer and Daniel Hanneman, Mathew J. Hepper and Allen E. Wire.

Honorees in area two were Rob and Julie Boggs, L. Murray, M.D., and Pauline Thomas, Ron and Diane Strickler, John M. Jones, JoMarie and Jimmy Schmidt, and Dr. William and Mary Coyro.

Area three winners were Stacey Chen and Susan Dimoff, Edie and Cormac O'Byrne, Carol and Ron Kotz, Stephen and Cheryl Winter, Dale and Robin Johnson, and David and Margaret Lujan.

Resident honorees in area four were Larry and Liz Bsharah, Amanda Conti, Gregory Urbiel and Cindy Drost, Kay Wasinger, Steve Marr and Amer and Cynthia Aboukasm.

Area five award winners were The Weidig family, David F. Kelley, Timothy Sullivan, William Young, James

Corbett, and Tony and MaryAnn Henrichs.

Spring garden honorees were Rudy and Susan Vanderbroeck, Sharon Goldsby and Donald Garver, M.D.

Mayor Palmer Heenan presents his award and said this is the highlight of his year, Ramsey said.

"The Park is looking wonderful. It's inspiring to see neighbors and neighborhoods looking better. It's a beautiful place to live," Heenan said.

Barbara Miller, chairperson,

William Grogan, vice-chairperson and Sue Hanson, secretary, joined commissioners William Balance, Dee Cimini, Brian Colter (Grosse Pointe Park's city forester), A. Pat Deck, Barbara Feldman, Roger Garrett, Shellie Hansen, Marcy Kimmel, Mary Kravutske, Albin Mazur, Robert Nye, Janis Ramsey, Robert Ramsey and Frank Romano.

Joining Heenan were members of the city council.

— Bob St. John and Ann Fouty

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Grosse Pointe Park Mayor Palmer Heenan, left, poses with Eugene Mulier, who earned an award for landscaping his business, Mulier's Market Inc.

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EDITORIAL

Rev. Dr. King's message today

On Monday, we observed the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s birthday. Nearly four decades ago, the Rev. Dr. King made his March 14, 1968, speech before some 2,700 spectators in Grosse Pointe High School's gymnasium.
Today we look back proudly at that moment as an example of our overall goodness and openness and fairness. Others of the time may have been bigots, but not us.

The Rev. Dr. King was invited to Grosse Pointe by the Grosse Pointe Human Relations Council, a group of concerned citizens who worked for humanitarian goals, such as fair housing.

However, the Rev. Dr. King's visit was not without controversy. Some 200 pickets marched and shouted and jeered on Grosse Pointe Boulevard outside of the parking lot entrance to the school. According to one witness, who was a senior at The High (now Grosse Pointe South) at the time, pickets actually spit at cars as they entered the school's parking lot.

Tensions were so heightened that a Grosse Pointe police chief actually rode on the Rev. Dr. King's lap to shield him from possible assassins. The fear proved justified when the Rev. Dr. King was shot dead just three weeks later.

Prior to and during the speech, according to the March 21, 1968, Grosse Pointe News, an "ultra-right wing organization, Breakthrough" handed out fliers urging "Americans" to protest the Rev. Dr. King's speech at Grosse Pointe High School.

In the flier, the Rev. Dr. King was accused of being a traitor and aligning with the Communists under the guise of peace. He was criticized for seeking U.S. recognition of Communist China and for not speaking "on behalf of the oppressed millions living under the brutal tyranny of the Hammer & Sickle."

The Rev. Dr. King's visit to Grosse Pointe, according to the flier, was part of a plan to "bring our country ever closer to a state of total anarchy, communist revolution, overthrow and finally conquest. Thus the only AMERICAN response to King's visit can be and IS — LET HIM COME IF HE DARES!"

Hecklers disrupted the Rev. Dr. King's speech many times. One young ex-Navy serviceman, who was invited on stage by the Rev. Dr. King to speak, objected to the peace advocate's opposition to the Vietnam War on the grounds that it would make his "years of service go down the drain."

We look back at the histrionics of March 1968 with an indulgent chuckle. Those were the attitudes of times, we say. People were more intolerant and less informed than we are today. We realize the Communist threat was not really a threat.

Today, the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. is regarded as an American hero and certainly not a traitor. The Rev. Dr. King was a Nobel Peace Prize recipient. We would not dishonor such an esteemed guest today.

But our smugness would be misplaced. Last May, the Grosse Pointe News was criticized for reporting the speeches of not one but four Nobel Peace Prize laureates who, at the invitation of Grosse Pointe Park resident Dr. Ali Moini, came to Detroit and spoke at Wayne State University.

Like the Rev. Dr. King, the four Nobel Peace Prize recipients spoke against an American war. This time in Iraq. These peace advocates were also called traitors and anti-American.

Both the Rev. Dr. King's and last year's Peace Prize laureates' visits coincided with the Christian season of Lent, a time set aside for reflection, repentance and charity.

At one point during a heckler's interruption, the Rev. Dr. King commented that he had been searching for a theme for what he called "this Lenten Service." It came to him that night: "Forgive them for they know not what they do (Luke 23:34)."

We like to pride ourselves on how far humanitarly we have come since 1968, the year after the horrific Detroit riots, and we have come a long way. But with humility we have a long way to go.

The text and audio clip of the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s speech, photographs and other items may be found on the Grosse Pointe Historical Society's Web site, gphistorical.org.

Correction

Last week's editorial, "Good Idea," incorrectly stated that the Grosse Pointe Public School System Board of Education had voted to change its meeting schedule from the first and second Mondays of the month to the second and fourth Mondays.

That was incorrect.

While board members had commented favorably of making the change at its Monday, Jan. 8, work session, no vote was taken. The board was expected to take up the matter at its Tuesday, Jan. 16, meeting.

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Thanks for help in Farms

To the Editor:

On Jan. 15 my daughter's car was hit on Lakeshore and she ended up in Lake St. Clair. Within a few minutes the Grosse Pointe Farms police were there and quickly got her safely out of the car. Needless to say, she was extremely upset.

I just wanted to thank all the officers, including officer McQueen, for their quick response and your consideration toward my daughter, my husband and myself.

Also, to all those unknown people who called 911 and stopped to help, and Doug Cerra of Pointe Towing — thank you.

It is times like these one truly appreciates the privilege we have living in the Pointes.

JOANNE DENNIS
Grosse Pointe Woods

Band-O-Rama enjoyed

To the Editor:

On Jan. 11 my husband and I had the pleasure of attend-

ing the Band-O-Rama! at Grosse Pointe North High School where our two grandsons, a sixth- and an eighth-grader at Brownell Middle School, were playing.

The bands were from Brownell Middle School, Parcels Middle School, and Grosse Pointe North High School and they were just terrific.

I also want to mention that they had senior citizen seating on the main floor which was very helpful.

We are most grateful to live in a community that has such a great group of young musicians.

CAROLE TECH
Grosse Pointe Shores

Trombly school safety crossing

To the Editor:

We would like to thank the city of Grosse Pointe Park on behalf of all Trombly Elementary School families for listening and responding to parents' concerns regarding the safety of our children. Last week, the crossing

guard at Essex and Beaconsfield was relocated to another school. Upon the request of several parents and administrators to protect the safety of students at Trombly Elementary School, the city of Grosse Pointe Park has placed a public safety officer at the intersection.

Thank you to the city for listening and responding so quickly.

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VA Medicare Part D model is flawed

To the Editor:

Using the Veterans Administration as a model for Medicare Part D prescription access may sound like a great idea, but it's seriously flawed.

The VA plan covers only 13 of the top 33 brand-name medicines used by seniors. This means that if we adopt the VA model, seniors would have to pay the full retail price for some widely-used treatments for heart disease, pain and other serious diseases.

As most people know from experience, all medicines for a certain use aren't the same. What works for me may give you a headache or nausea, or even worse, may not work well for your medical condition. This is why having more choices is so important.

America's seniors and veterans deserve the same type of plan that is used — and working — for federal employees. The Federal Employee Health Benefits

Program relies on multiple competing companies to provide both low prices and a wide choice of important medicines.

D.J. DORNEY BOEHM
Grosse Pointe Shores

Fifth grade report on Michigan

To the Editor:

I am in the fifth grade at Ripon Christian Elementary School in Ripon, Calif. I have adopted your state as a class project. I will be doing a report and making a display about Michigan.

Toward the end of April or beginning of May, my class will be having a "State Fair." I will display and show everything that I have gotten and learned about your great state to my whole school.

It would be helpful to me if you could ask the Grosse Pointe News readers to send me postcards of Michigan, maps, brochures, information about wildlife, industry, neat places to visit, statistics, sports teams and any other information and items about Michigan your readers feel would be helpful.

I hope your readers will help me with my project. I'm looking forward to hearing from them and promise to send a thank you to them for helping me. I am excited to learn about your state.

ADRIANNA VAN GRONINGEN
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OFFERING FROM THE LOFT

Redefining our heroes

Much has been written about heroes. We first learned about heroes as small children. They were mythical beings capable of accomplishing insurmountable feats, and we were in awe of them. They were legends of immense courage or strength and intangible except through our imaginations.

We read "Profiles in Courage" and other tomes recognizing great men and women and their outstanding contributions on a grand scale across the decades. However, we tend to overlook what is in our own backyards.

As we grew and matured, we came to realize that heroes touch our lives every day. Most heroes don't think of themselves as unique. They are usually just doing their job. And, as a result, our lives become easier and difficulties more bearable. Those extraordinary people who walk among us with their quiet dignity are often unaware of their impact on others.

We take so very much for granted in our lives — our health, the comfort of our homes, heat, food, shelter, clothing. How often do we think about the ordinary citizens who make a difference?

I was making a mental list of those who might qualify as some of my personal heroes. The list is lengthy; however, I will attempt to offer a sampling: The friend who drives a husband to physical therapy several mornings a week; a spouse who endures chronic pain without complaint; the clergy who inspire, visit and comfort; the young parents who wait and pray by the incubator where their child struggles with her daily battles; the doctors and nurses who minister to us all; those with serious illnesses who continue to lead meaningful lives without a hint of giving in to diseases that assault their bodies. Our lives are filled with heroic people too numerous to identify without embarrassing them.

We take so very much for

granted in our lives — our health, the comfort of our homes, heat, food, shelter, clothing. How often do we think about the ordinary citizens who make a difference? Heroes abound in this community. Look at the people who stand guard for our children as they cross busy streets on their way to school. Some of these adults have been doing this for years. Do we ever stop to think of how much dedication it takes to coach a team? The mothers and fathers who come in all weather to encourage our children and often to drive them to the practices are worthy of acknowledgment and praise. In my opinion, the friend who shows up with a quart of soup and a book constitutes a tiny act of heroism.

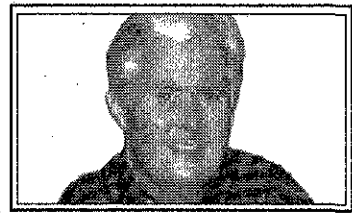
The devotion and integrity of

our teachers, police and firemen and sanitation employees provide us with a comfortable lifestyle and feeling of well-being. Lifeguards who watch over our children and grandchildren in our parks are unsung heroes. And let us not forget those who deliver meals and who regularly volunteer in countless organizations. We don't have to use a magnifying glass to spot an ordinary hero. He might be the person who opens the door for you or offers to return your grocery cart on a cold and rainy day. If we focus, we can meet a hero every day.

The editor of this paper had a great suggestion when I informed him of my subject line for this week's column. We are asking YOU, OUR READERS, to call John Minnis, editor and general manager of the Grosse Pointe News (313) 343-5590, or e-mail him at jminnis@grossepointenews.com, and share with him any random acts of kindness you have witnessed and would like to share. What a nice idea to spread your joy and appreciation. Go for it!!!

I SAY By John Lundberg

I think Detroit; therefore, I am



As the year 2001 opened, I was presented with a choice to make related to baseball. One was to play in a men's senior hardball league; the other involved coaching. I had played baseball up to the college level, and had never coached.

Easy decision, right? But after careful reflection, the thought of playing competitively again began to lose some of its veneer — especially for a

person heading for a rapid collision with his 40th birthday. So I chose coaching. The glory days would remain in the rearview mirror.

In hindsight, the choice should not have required as much self-debate. You see, months earlier I had read an editorial by then-Detroit Free Press publisher Heath Merriweather, extolling the achievements of Mike Tenbusch and Dan Varner, co-founders of Think Detroit.

What caught my attention was that both Tenbusch and Varner were graduates of University of Detroit-Jesuit High School, where I also finished. Anyone familiar with the school is fully aware of the fraternal bond enjoyed by its alumni. The Jesuit motto, "Men

for Others," resonates through most of its graduates, and Think Detroit was an extension of that mission.

So I volunteered. The organization had begun operations just years before. Its objective is helping Detroit youths by offering a variety of sport leagues, and instruction in technology, mainly computer training, all for nominal costs.

Volunteering is the sine qua non of the organization. The coaching ranks are a motley assortment of men and women, all with one common thread: helping Detroit children embrace their childhood.

It was not an altogether simple assignment.

I can't remember the moment when I lost the last trace of childhood innocence. I sup-

pose most people don't. I mean, it's kind of hard to fully define a time and space to pack away those last vestiges of surprise and wonder.

I grew up in the City of Grosse Pointe. My experiences were confined to the comforts this wonderful community afforded me. Summer days were expended playing hardball with neighborhood friends, who, like me, had distant ambitions of someday playing the diamond like our heroes. A quick bike ride to Elworthy Field on Neff resulted in an afternoon's worth full of spirited competition.

Those memories were in direct conflict with the harder realities I faced with Think Detroit. If there is one word to describe my coaching experi-

ence, it would be improvisation. The challenges of inner-city coaches include some dynamics not found in its more affluent boundary communities.

Instead of blocks, parents have to travel miles to the nearest playing field, if available. Field grading, a suburban formality, took on a different element because of broken bottles and other harmful debris. Practice spectators often featured persons not often found in a typical Norman Rockwell print, if you catch my drift.

I guess my objective was to instill some confidence into these young men before their everyday realities of life took hold. But when streetwalkers are as casual in their lives as the UPS driver is in the suburbs, some differences cannot be

erased.

But some can. The sound of a bat greeting a ball remains universal. Field chatter, if of slightly different vernacular, does not change. The shrieks and shouts indigenous to children is the same.

So what did you learn, Dorothy?

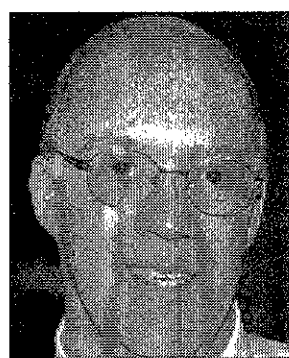
The lessons of my five seasons are this: Youth is youth. The energy, curiosity and reckless abandon are common regardless of the environment. Parents know this; so do coaches. I found that there are few things more rewarding than helping a youth, who looks up to you with an unblemished expression of wonderment, navigate the tricky rocks and shoals of adolescence.

That's why I think Detroit.

STREETWISE By Renee Landuyt

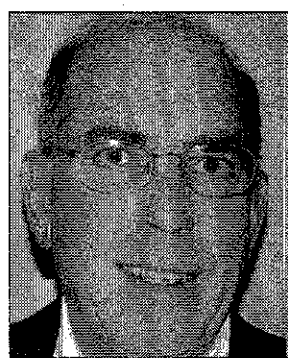
Do you plan on going to the auto show, and have you in the past?

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 e-mail to editor@grossepointenews.com



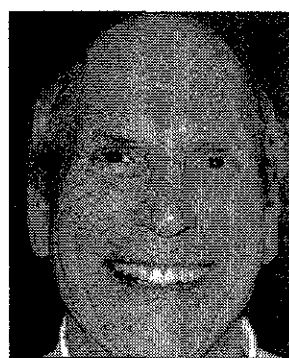
'In my corporate automotive days, I went all the time; then my daughter, Lauren, and I started a tradition and went together, but this year she is away at college.'

BILL HARRINGTON
Grosse Pointe Park



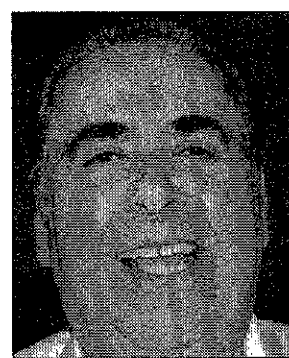
'I won't be going this year because I just renewed my lease car and I don't need to see what else is out there.'

BOB BERSCHBACK
Grosse Pointe Park



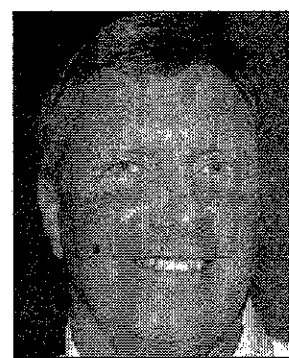
'Yes, I attend every year and this year my wife, Anne, wants to look for a new car.'

DON BERSCHBACK
Grosse Pointe Park



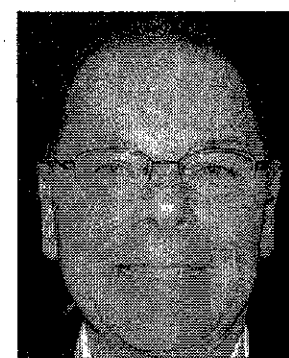
'Yes to both. I went on the first day the event was open to the media.'

DOMINIC LAROSA
Shelby Township



'I go every year and went early this year because my daughter works at the auto show.'

DENNY CAVANAUGH
City of Grosse Pointe



'Yes, I have attended in the past and I plan on going this year because I am in the market for a new car.'

PAUL VENTIMIGLIA
Grosse Pointe Woods

FYI By Ben Burns

Box of books reveals a mystery in Woods



There are hundreds of mysteries at the Grosse Pointe Woods Library, but perhaps one of the most compelling ones is a true story.

As the Friends of the Library volunteers were gathering and sorting books and setting up shelves in what will open Friday, Feb. 9, as a used-book store featuring current titles, DVDs, VCR tapes and CDs, one member, Joanne Dennis, opened a DVD case included in four boxes of books and found an envelope containing \$200. At the bottom of the box was a rosary and a crucifix.

The volunteers checked with the front desk, but no one knew who had dropped off the boxes. They started paging through the books and found two that were inscribed to a "Cathleen Breen."

Armed with that information, they checked to see if she had been a member of the library, but found no record. One of the inscriptions in the two books indicated Ms. Breen had been ailing. But a quick search of the Internet for death notices or obituaries also turned up nothing.

So the Friends are turning to the public and asking for any information on Cathleen Breen. If so, contact me at the phone number or e-mail address at the end of this column. I'll pass it along to the Friends.

Meanwhile, the Friends are putting the finishing touches on converting what was designated as "the Weeding Room" in the basement of the Woods Library into a book store that will be called "Friends Down Under."

The store will be open beginning the second week in February on Tuesdays from 1 to 8 p.m. and Fridays from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. If you want to donate quality, gently used books you can drop them at the front desk. The Friends plan to continue their twice a year book sales. They suggest no donations of Readers Digest, National Geographics, law books, old computer books, old accounting books or old encyclopedias.

They prefer current books and classics in good condition.

The Friends credit circulation clerk Lynne Severini, who grew up walking to the Woods Library, for coming up with the idea for the store. Volunteer coordinator Elsie Onychuk, who rallies the troops for the book sales and other duties, is also involved, as is Tom Fentin.

The Friends members visited libraries in Southfield, Plymouth, Canton and West

Bloomfield to see how new facilities were handling used book stores.

It makes sense that several of the Friends, who love books, are also authors; so if you visit Friends Down Under, you might just run into Gloria Whelan, author of some 35 books aimed at the teenage market. She plans to take her turn volunteering.

Whelan, who moved back to the Grosse Pointes a couple of years ago after a 30-year sojourn in a home up north, said her time with the Friends "has been a wonderful, wonderful experience." She characterized the Classic Books Lecture series initiated a few years ago by Mary Beth Smith, another author, that features outstanding faculty from the University of Michigan as "unique."

On her Web site, GloriaWhelan.com, she explains how she started writing.

"I began making up stories before I could write. I would tell a story to my baby sitter, and she would type it out. When I got to elementary school, I began writing poetry. In high school, I edited the school paper. I never stopped writing. I think all the books I read when I was young had a lot to do with my writing."

And she confesses: "Every author has a secret desire to run a book store."

Whelan's latest book came out in the fall and is titled, "Summer of the War," and she has completed a picture book

to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the completion of the Mackinac Bridge, called "The Mackinac Bridge: The Five Mile Poem."

Not smart

The moral of this story is that if you are going to steal someone's car, purse or wallet, don't go to the place where they work to cash a check. Sue Gawel of the Park had her 9-year-old minivan stolen while exercising in St. Clair Shores.

Being a banker, she canceled the credit cards and

closed her checking account when she got to work at a local bank the next day. She headed off to another branch, where she also works, and got a phone call from the teller who closed the account. "There is a man here trying to cash one of your checks," the teller said, and Gawel responded, "Call the police."

But they didn't have to. The assistant branch manager recognized a Detroit police officer doing banking business. The officer called for back-up and arrested the man.

The bogus-check casher had failed to notice Gawel's business cards from that branch or her picture and name in the lobby when he entered the bank. The officers checked all the cars in the parking lot and found one that had been reported stolen, but it wasn't Gawel's, which is still missing.

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

House bill eases overseas voting

Members of the military and voters overseas can use a federal postcard application to register to vote under legislation signed into law by Gov. Jennifer Granholm.

"U.S. citizens overseas still have the right to vote," said 1st District State Rep. Ed Gaffney (R-Grosse Pointes-Detroit), who sponsored the bill. "This is the least we can do, especially for our men and women who

risk their lives to preserve the freedom to vote for all Americans. We should do everything we can to ensure those who want to vote can do so easily."

The bill allows members of the military or voters who live abroad to use the federal postcard application in place of the current voter registration and absentee voter application forms. It also allows them to request

an absentee ballot using the postcard application.

The postcard application no longer has to be notarized, and is valid for one year and the next two regularly scheduled federal general elections.

"There is little public policy that is more important than supporting the men and women who put their lives on the line for our freedom," Gaffney said.

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KATHLEEN M. KOSMATKA, a partner in the Detroit office of Deloitte & Touche USA LLP, has been elected to the Walsh College Board of Trustees for a three-year term. Kosmatka has more than 29 years of professional tax experience and consults on tax and compensation matters to multinational companies and employees on international assignments. She is a member of the Walsh College President's Advisory Council and the Walsh College Foundation Board of Directors; Junior Achievement of Southeastern Michigan; and the Metro Detroit YMCA Camping Services branch. She has a bachelor of accountancy degree from Walsh College. Kosmatka resides in Grosse Pointe Farms.

trademark registration applications; conducting patent and trademark searches; preparing, evaluating and negotiating licensing agreements; writing information technology/e-commerce/internet policies and agreements; obtaining copyright protection; obtaining licenses to use copyrighted works; advising schools on copyright matters; managing computer fraud and abuse act cases; managing intellectual property litigation; and advising clients on their intellectual property. She is a graduate of the Michigan State University College of Law (J.D., cum laude, 2002). She received a Merit Scholarship, a Jurisprudence Achievement Award for Secured Transactions, and served as president (2000-2001) and computer intelligence officer (1999-2000) of the Cyberlaw Society. Rajzer earned an undergraduate degree from the University of Michigan (B.S., Computer Science, 1999). Prior to law school, she was employed as a web site designer and as a computer and networking technician. She is a member of the State Bar of Michigan, the Computer Law Section and the Intellectual Property Section of the State Bar of Michigan, and the Michigan Intellectual Property Law Association. Rajzer is a resident of Grosse Pointe Woods.



JULIE A. RAJZER was recently hired as an associate attorney at Butzel Long. Rajzer concentrates her practice in the area of intellectual property law. She has expertise in all aspects of intellectual property and information technology law, including prosecuting patents; writing patentability/infringement opinions; prosecuting



PHOTO BY TED HUEBNER

New to the City

Grosse Pointe Hamilton Funeral & Cremation Society, which has been in business for 150 years, moved to 17728 Mack in the City of Grosse Pointe. City officials gave the business its official welcome during a ribbon-cutting ceremony Tuesday, Jan. 9. Taking part in the ceremony were from left, Laurie Racey (family services coordinator), Barry Hamilton (director), Dale Scrace (City of Grosse Pointe mayor), David Hamilton and Mary Huebner (Grosse Pointe Chamber of Commerce executive director). The original business was located on Lafayette in downtown Detroit.

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Refuse collector approved

Refuse vendor Lonnie G. Urquhart received city council approval to drive through the streets of Grosse Pointe Woods and pick up items he thinks are worth money. "We have allowed Mr. Urquhart to do this in the past; so I don't see any reason why we can't continue to allow him to collect refuse," Woods city councilmember Vicki Granger said. The vote was 6-1 with Lisa Pinkos Howle the lone "no." "I don't think we need people driving up and down our streets picking through trash," Pinkos Howle said. Woods Mayor Pro-Tem Al Dickinson said, "It is my understanding that these refuse collectors actually save our city money because they pick up some of the bigger items so our workers don't have to and we don't have to pay for that." Urquhart's stipulation as a refuse collector is that he can't collect, remove or cart away any materials between 10 p.m. and 6 a.m.

—Bob St. John

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RECEIPT OF BIDS

The City of Grosse Pointe Woods will receive sealed bids until **11:00 am local time on Tuesday, February 6, 2007**, at the offices of the City Clerk, City of Grosse Pointe Woods, 20025 Mack Plaza, Grosse Pointe Woods, Michigan 48236, at which time and place all bids will be publicly opened and read aloud.

DESCRIPTION OF WORK

The approximate quantities involved in this work are as follows:

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PLANS AND SPECIFICATIONS

Plans and specifications are on file and copies may be secured on **Tuesday, January 23, 2007**, at 1:00 pm, at the offices of Anderson, Eckstein and Westrick, Inc., 51301 Schoenherr Road, Shelby Township, Michigan 48315. A fee of Twenty Dollars (\$20.00) will be required for each set of proposed plans and specifications and will not be refunded. A mailing fee of Ten Dollars (\$10.00) to cover handling and postage will be charged to anyone wishing to receive the plans and specifications via United Parcel Services. Specifications and plans are also on file for viewing at the office of the City Clerk

BID SECURITY

A certified check, bank draft, or satisfactory bid bond, executed by the bidder and a surety company, payable to the City of Grosse Pointe Woods Treasurer, in an amount at least equal to five percent (5%) of the bid amount, shall be submitted with each bid.

WITHDRAWAL OF BIDS

No bid may be withdrawn for a period of **ninety (90) calendar days** after receipt of bids.

AWARD OF CONTRACT

The City of Grosse Pointe Woods reserves the right to accept any bid, to reject any or all bids and to waive any irregularities in bidding. The successful bidder will be required to furnish satisfactory performance, maintenance and guarantee, labor, and material bonds and insurance certificates.

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Welcome to SCS

Alexander Apess, left, a Grosse Pointe Woods resident and manager of Armando's and Sons Jewelry on Mack in St. Clair Shores, was welcomed to the Nine Mile business community by St. Clair Shores Mayor Robert A. Hison. Apess helps run the family business.

South graduate opens dog park

Liz Blondy announces the opening of her new business, Canine To Five, located in downtown Detroit at 3443 Cass.

Blondy, who grew up in the City of Grosse Pointe and graduated from Grosse Pointe South in 1992, officially opened the indoor dog park Nov. 12.

"We average between 18 and

30 dogs certain days and so far business has been very good," Blondy said. "We're expanding our services because of the public demand. It's a lot of work, but I'm having a blast."

The dog park operates from 9 to 11 a.m. The first hour is for dogs under 30 pounds, under six weeks old, older/slower dogs and take-it-easy-type dogs. The second hour is for all other dogs more than 30 pounds.

All dogs must be up-to-date on current vaccinations

(DHLLP, Bordetella and rabies) and must be socialized and able to play well with others. Owners are asked to stay with their dogs.

While Canine To Five will have a staff member on hand, it is a requirement that each dog owner be present.

The cost is \$5 per hour long visit and \$2 for each additional dog from the same family.

The facility encompasses 4,700 square feet of heated indoor space and 1,400 square feet of fenced-in outdoor space.



PHOTO COURTESY OF LIZ BLONDY

Liz Blondy, above, opened the Canine To Five indoor dog park in November. She is a former City of Grosse Pointe resident and a graduate of Grosse Pointe South High School.

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City of Grosse Pointe Farms, Michigan NOTICE OF ENACTMENT OF AMENDMENTS TO WASTEWATER DISCHARGE CONTROL ORDINANCE

ORDINANCE NO. 375

On January 8, 2007, the City Council of the City of Grosse Pointe Farms enacted an amendment to the Wastewater Discharge Control Ordinance, originally enacted September 14, 1992 as Ordinance No. 314, Code No. 8-06, as previously amended February 23, 1998 by Ordinance No. 342. As authorized by Section 117.3(k) of the Michigan Compiled Laws, the following summary shall serve as official notice of enactment of the foregoing amendment and is submitted in lieu of publication of the full text of the amendment. A true copy of the full text of the amendment is available for inspection or photocopying at the office of the City Clerk, City of Grosse Pointe Farms, 90 Kerby Road, Grosse Pointe Farms, Michigan 48236.

The purpose of the original Ordinance was to ensure public health and safety by abating and preventing pollution through the regulation and control of the quantity and quality of wastes discharged into the collection and treatment system operated by the City of Detroit Water and Sewerage Department. Consistent with such purpose, the amendment (which restates the original Ordinance in its entirety) incorporates modifications to the code of federal regulations governing the discharge of wastewater, streamlines necessary procedures for compliance with such federal regulations, seeks to improve the efficiency, operation and implementation of the City of Detroit Water and Sewerage Department's industrial pretreatment program, and establishes new regulatory requirements for centralized waste treatment facility dischargers and groundwater dischargers.

The Ordinance, as amended, establishes criminal misdemeanor penalties (a fine of not more than \$500 or not more than 90 days' imprisonment or both) for any violation of any provision of the Ordinance. Additionally, the Ordinance authorizes the commencement of civil actions to enforce compliance with the provisions of the Ordinance.

Adopted by City Council: January 8, 2007

G.P.N.:01/18/2007

Matthew Tepper,
City Clerk

City of Grosse Pointe Farms, Michigan WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN CODE NO. 2-06 AMENDMENT TO GENERAL RETIREMENT ORDINANCE

ORDINANCE NO. 376

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE GENERAL RETIREMENT ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF GROSSE POINTE FARMS, ORDINANCE NO. 316, CODE NO. 2-06, ENTITLED "AN ORDINANCE TO REPLACE CHAPTER 16 OF THE CHARTER OF THE CITY OF GROSSE POINTE FARMS AND TO PROVIDE A RETIREMENT SYSTEM FOR GENERAL EMPLOYEES."

The City of Grosse Pointe Farms Ordains:

Section 1. Amendment to Section 3.2(2) of the General Retirement Ordinance. Section 3.2(2) of the General Retirement Ordinance, Code No. 2-06, Ordinance No. 316, is restated in its entirety as follows:

- (2) employees designated by the city as being employed in a position normally requiring less than 35 hours of work per week or normally requiring less than 1,000 hours of work per year.

Section 2. Effective Date. This Ordinance shall take effect twenty (20) days after its enactment, or upon its publication, whichever is later.

Section 3. Severability. If any portion of this Ordinance shall be held invalid, the remainder of this Ordinance shall not be affected thereby.

Matthew Tepper,
City Clerk

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CITY OF HARPER WOODS WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN SYNOPSIS: REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING JANUARY 3, 2007

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 John M. 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 December 18, 2006, and furthermore, receive and file the minutes of the Planning Commission meeting held December 20, 2006.
- 3) That the agenda of the regular City Council meeting having been acted upon, the meeting is hereby adjourned at 8:22 p.m.

RESOLUTION PASSED

- 1) To approve the following items on the Consent Agenda: (1) Approve the Accounts Payable listing for Check Numbers 79164 through 79296 in the amount of \$545,541.75 as submitted by the City Manager and Finance Director, and further, authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to sign the listing.
- 2) To approve the agreement with Wayne County and Grosse Pointe Woods for the traffic signal upgrade at the intersection of Allard/Eastwood and I-94 at a total cost of \$114,100.00, subject to the receipt and approval by the City Manager of a detailed cost breakdown.
- 3) To adjourn to executive session for the purpose of discussing litigation

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Council signs off on new building exterior

By John Lundberg
Staff Writer

The front facade of Saga Communications on the Hill will soon be getting a facelift, now that the Farms city council has approved its site plan.

The two-story building, located at 73 Kercheval, will undergo reconstructing, including the roof line to remove one A-frame and replacing it with a shed-style dormer, reconfiguring the front doors into one common entry; and upgrading the windows and trim.

The council also had to give its stamp of approval to the barrel-shaped glass sign above the front door as those signs are no longer allowed in the Farms' sign ordinance.

The company plans to etch its logo into the glass above the door, which required sign ordinance review.

"We plan to do it once and do it right," said Rob Wood, project designer.

Though all council members applauded the new appearance, councilman Charles Davis voiced concern over replacing one of the full display windows with two separate windows. He said that while the change would be consistent with a non-retail business like Saga, he questioned if removing a display window would discourage a retail business from locating there if Saga closed or left the Hill district.

"Would the (appearance) be permanently transformed that way?" he asked.

Wood assured Davis that the windows could easily be converted back to a full display window.

The existing brick building facade material will be replaced with gray cultured stone. The second floor will have a fiber cement stucco



PHOTO BY BOB ST. JOHN

Saga Communications, above, will feature a new facade, thanks to the approval of the Grosse Pointe Farms city council.

surface with batten replacing the current facade.

The roof will be cedar and the entryway will feature a French door. Limestone will be used for the base of the building, window trim and sills.

Because the barrel-shaped sign over the front door was found to be unique and not at odds with the ordinance, the council approved the plan unanimously.

Hybrid gets Internal Revenue Service OK

Owners of the 2007 Nissan Altima Hybrid may be entitled to a \$2,350 credit on their tax bills.

The Internal Revenue Service has acknowledged the certification by Nissan North America Inc. that its 2007 Nissan Altima Hybrid

vehicle meets the requirements of the Alternative Motor Vehicle Credit as a qualified hybrid motor vehicle.

The full credit is \$2,350; however, consumers seeking the credit may want to buy early as the full credit is avail-

able for a limited time.

Taxpayers may claim the full amount of the allowable credit up to the end of the first calendar quarter after the quarter in which the manufacturer records its sale of the 60,000th vehicle. For the second and third calendar quar-

ters after the quarter in which the 60,000th vehicle is sold, taxpayers may claim 50 percent of the credit. For the fourth and fifth calendar quarters, taxpayers may claim 25 percent of the credit.

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Grades 9-12 curriculum being reviewed

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

High school freshmen for whom algebra doesn't add up are slated to receive a helping hand.

"You're going to see an additional support course similar to the freshman assist we recently put in place for English that will help students with an additional period of math," said Susan Allan, Grosse Pointe public school assistant superintendent of curriculum. "That means those students would be taking two periods of math, one of which was the targeted course, and another intended to ensure their success with that new and more challenging curriculum."

The option is among changes to the public high school curriculum scheduled to be in place when the next academic year starts in September.

Grosse Pointe district administrators have agreed to update the grades 9-12 curriculum as

set by the state or deemed appropriate to improve academics.

School board members must confirm the alterations by March to conform with calendar schedules agreed to in labor contracts.

Most changes amount to housekeeping, such as with honors journalism. The course's "pilot" designation will be deleted, according to Allan.

More encompassing changes will stem from new state high school graduation requirements. All Michigan students must now complete four years of mathematics, including algebra II, to graduate.

"Because of that, we've taken a new look at the (math) sequence," Allan said.

Board members can count on more recommendations to come.

"You'll be seeing more detail when we bring the full curriculum to you in March," Allan said. "Due to the delay in receiving the high school content expectations from the state, the math committee is currently finalizing their curriculum proposal for 2007-08. That will come to the board (of education) separately."

Math adjustments approved so far concern early mathematics courses.

"The essential sequence will no longer include basic algebra and basic geometry and the new pre-algebra class will cor-

respond to the former basic algebra class," Allan said.

In previous years, the district, as required by law, wouldn't let students test out of courses required for graduation.

Students had to enroll in physical education, civics and government whether they already knew the material or not.

Allan said a new statute may — or may not — allow opting out but isn't clear enough to make a U-turn in district policy.

"It's a gray area," she said.

Upon advice from the district's attorney, the district's existing rule will stay in effect until the legalese is clarified.

"The prudent course of action is to let the old wording stand," she said.

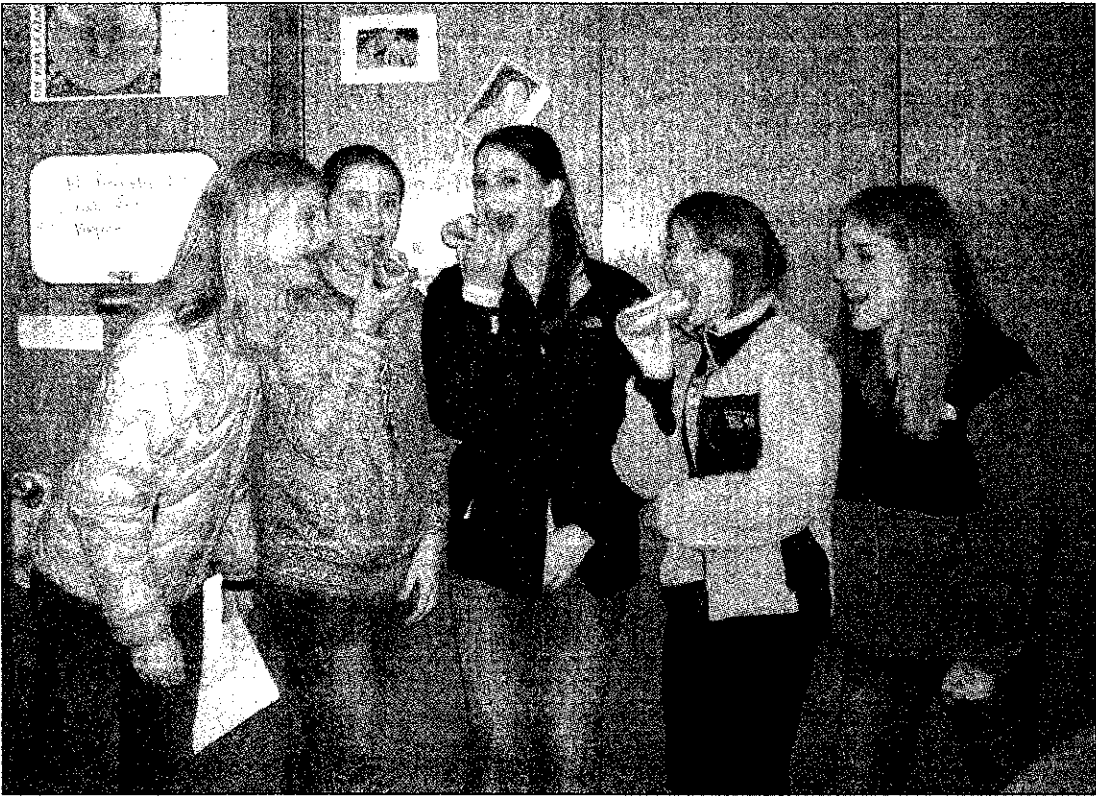
Other changes are:

- Computers**
- ◆ Beginning computer programming will undergo a title change and a language update to C++.
- Lifeskills**
- ◆ A new pilot course will be offered in hospitality services to prepare students for careers in hotel and restaurant management, or for entry into university programs such as those at Michigan State University and Cornell University.
- Performing arts**
- ◆ A new Piano I class at South High for keyboard neo-

- phytes aiming to enroll in Music Through Technology.
- ◆ Enrollment in Music Through Technology will require instructor permission.
- Physical education**
- ◆ The second-year course is

- deleted.
- ◆ Courses that had been part of the second year requirement will be offered as electives.
- Community school**
- ◆ Course descriptions will be added to introductory classes

See HIGH, page 1XA



Pierce open house

Pierce Middle School eight-graders, from left, Sara Ventimiglia, Lorna Burns, Jenny Stratelak, Kylie Huitsing and Emma Maniere get a jump on the school's annual Coney Island Night and Open House. Fifth graders planning to attend Pierce next year, along with their families, are invited to Coney Island Night and Open House from 6 to 8 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 25. Students and staff representing extra curricular and elective activities will be on hand to answer questions. Pierce Fiddlepointe will provide musical entertainment. The dinner is sponsored by the Pierce PTO and supported by volunteers of Pierce Student Council. Tickets for the event are \$3.50 and will be sold at the door. For additional information, call (313) 432-4700.

Correction

The Jan. 4 story, "District inks tech contract" was wrong. A computer software services contract was under discussion by the Board of Education but not acted upon, nor will it be brought back for approval.

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14A | SCHOOLS

Math main part of middle school changes

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

Middle school mathematics students next year can count on a problem-filled curriculum. District administrators are preparing tougher math standards in concert with updated state-wide objectives issued by Michigan education officials. Newer math studies come as part of middle school curriculum changes supported last spring by the board of education. "The main change is far greater incorporation of algebra at the lower grade levels,"

said Susan Allan, Grosse Pointe assistant superintendent of curriculum. "Teachers are currently piloting (two sets of) new textbooks. One set is being piloted in all three (of the district's) middle schools. At the end of the semester, we'll switch textbooks so they have an opportunity to teach from the second set." Math changes due for the 2007-08 academic year include: ♦ Lessons utilizing computer skills and spreadsheets will be incorporated into seventh and eighth grade classes. ♦ Sixth grade curriculum

will explore algebraic concepts, including variables, formulas and simple equations, to support numerical reasoning. ♦ Teaching algebraic concepts and solving equations continues into seventh grade, where the focus expands to proportional reasoning. ♦ Eighth grade students will be presented more extensive algebraic concepts, including solving and graphing two-variable equations and inequalities, and solving equations involving rational and irrational numbers. Classmates will encounter polynomials and functions, and solve algebraic equations to determine probability. ♦ Honors students will be busy with factoring linear and quadratic equations, graphing and problem solving. Online interactive support software will be made available to students to reinforce classroom learning at home.

"Students able to access online, which is the vast majority of our students, will be able to get small tutorials (and) quizzes that will give them immediate feedback on how they're doing," she said. The district's middle school math curriculum is being altered to meet new objectives set by the state Department of Education and standards of the National Council of Teachers of Mathematics. Objectives emphasize computation, measuring, mathematical reasoning, problem solving, estimating, geometry, algebra, statistics and probability. Math students aren't alone in facing new programs of study. When classes begin next fall,

honors science and social studies courses will be in place for seventh and eighth grades. "Teachers have already had a full-day meeting to begin work on those courses," Allan said. "Several more (meetings) are scheduled to have them ready for implementation." Sixth-grade honors English will maintain one period every other day with course titles changed to honors English Language Arts: Literature, and Honors English Language Arts: Writing. Eighth-grade honors English will require writing a memoir and comparative essay. The new Modern Languages curriculum will continue to be implemented.

"Due to the proposal for implementation of an elementary foreign language program for 2007, the middle school teachers have recommended temporarily continuing the option of exploratory French and Spanish to smooth the transition," Allan said. Regarding electives, students will be able to repeat Art 2D and 3D. Also, changes in computer studies are anticipated to meet new state standards. "Reading and math foundation courses we piloted last year at Pierce and Parcels (have been) implemented in all three middle schools to support our learners who are struggling," Allan said.

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HIGH: Changes coming

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Special education

♦ The nature and purpose of some courses will be spelled out in introductory paragraphs.

Career programs

♦ Grosse Pointe students beginning in grade 11 can enroll in career programs ranging from floriculture to welding. Classes are taught at the Golightly Center on East Jefferson in Detroit. Due to classes being part of the Detroit Public Schools, Pointe students must adhere to the DPS dress code and provide their own transportation to and from the center.



First in forensics

The 2006-07 Grosse Pointe Academy forensics team earned six first-place awards in the seventh and eighth grade Eastside Catholic Forensics League meet held Dec. 9. Pictured with team coaches Harriett Whitaker (left) and Mary Jo Johnson (right) are, from left: Alex Parker (first place in storytelling), Samantha Sternad (first place in prose), Robert Stanley (two first places in storytelling), Michael Leahy (first place in impromptu) and Katarina Goitz (first place in prose). Second places were earned by Taylor Bell in poetry, Samantha Fitzpatrick and Rich Cieszkowski in multiple interpretation, Chandler Warren in declamation, and Grace Rentschler and Somers Brush in duo. Third place honors were awarded as follows: Samantha Sternad and Katarina Goitz in prose, Emily Skau and Taylor Bell in poetry, Chandler Warren and Liam McIlroy in declamation, Adam Smith and Michael Leahy in impromptu, and Grace Rentschler and Somers Brush in duo.

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
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Kindergarten registration starts soon

Kindergarten registration is fast approaching.

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Call (313) 432-3083 for an appointment.

Parents interested in extend-

ed day kindergarten should make their appointment before Friday, Feb. 16 because of the EDK application deadline Wednesday, Feb. 28, and placement lottery March 1.

An informational meeting for extended day kindergarten will be held at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 31 in the Kerby Elementary gymnasium, 285 Kerby, Grosse Pointe Farms.

Half-days

Half-day kindergarten registration is at the administration offices.

During registration and enrollment appointments, half day kindergarten students will receive information about their neighborhood elementary school, its round-up date, and any school specific forms.

Extended day

During registration, extended day kindergarten families will receive the EDK letter and application.

This will be the only place families can obtain that application this year. They will be encouraged to fill out the application and hand it in that day with their \$500 registration fee.

EDK applications are due before Wednesday, Feb. 28, to ensure all paperwork is in order before the March 1 lottery drawing.

Families will be notified of their placement the first week

of March. Last year, families were placed and the lottery eliminated long registration lines.

The EDK sites this year are:

- ◆ Barnes School, 20090 Morningside in the Woods;
- ◆ Defer Elementary, 15425 Kercheval in the Park; and
- ◆ Kerby Elementary, 285

Kerby in the Farms.

Families can rank their top three choices on the application. The fee this year for the EDK program is \$3,600.

District to hold language meetings

The Educational Programming Leadership Committee of the Grosse Pointe Public School System is scheduling a public forum to discuss ideas being considered for introducing a foreign language program in the elementary schools.

The forum is scheduled for 7 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 24 in the gymnasium of Poupard Elementary School, 20655 Lennon, Harper Woods.

Information about what is being considered will be dis-

cussed. Community members will have an opportunity to share their ideas and concerns.

Part of the discussion will focus on an idea to reduce time allotted to library skills instruction in favor of time devoted to foreign language.

The committee studying this issue will use the information gained from the forum as well as other research to develop its report to the Board of Education. No action has yet been taken by the Board of Education on this matter.

Prize-winning Irish author to visit ULS

The University Liggett School Book of the Semester Club host Irish author Patrick O'Keeffe, winner of Ireland's Story Prize, reading from his collection of four novellas, "The Hill Road."

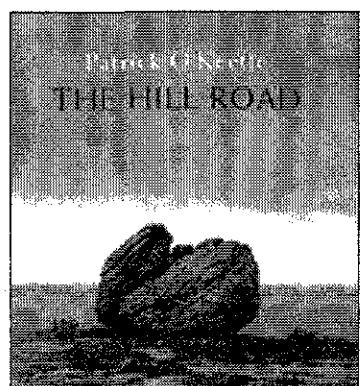
O'Keeffe will appear at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 30, in the school's "Manóglán" Arts Wing, 1045 Cook, Grosse Pointe Woods.

The \$20,000 Story Prize was established in 2005 to honor short fiction.

O'Keeffe, a lecturer in the University of Michigan College of Literature, Science and the Arts, grew up on a dairy farm before immigrating illegally to the United States in 1986, according to a U-M statement.

Overlapping stories in "The Hill Road" concern people living in and around a small town in rural Ireland.

The book reveals "the precarious balance of family intimacies played out in the timeless and cloistered world of the Irish farm country. Love and secrets, unfulfilled dreams and missed opportunities, fear, greed, and compromised



moral decisions all leave their mark here," according to Viking publishers.

A reviewer for the Baltimore Sun praised the book's "lyrical eloquence," while a counterpart from the New York Times Book Review cited the "dreamlike collection" as "lush and evocative."

O'Keeffe will sign copies of his book, lead a discussion about "The Hill Road" and answer readers' questions.

The public is invited. Attendance is free, but reservations are required. To reserve a seat, e-mail Walter Butzu at wbutzu.org or call (313) 884-4444.

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Albert A. Beste

Former Grosse Pointe Shores resident Albert A. Beste, 93, of St. Clair Shores, died Monday, Jan. 1, 2007.

The oldest of nine children, he worked hard and set high goals. He was a devoted father, faithful friend and had a zest for life and learning. All will remember his great smile.

In 1932, he graduated with excellence from De La Salle Collegiate High School in Detroit. Although the Depression was still affecting the local economy, he was fortunate to be employed by the Koenig Fuel and Supply Co., as a result of winning a four-year scholarship to De La Salle sponsored by John F. Koenig. Mr. Beste's initial responsibility was being a credit manager. By determination, hard work and long hours, he subsequently was promoted to office manager, controller and vice president of fuel sales.

In the mid-1930s, Mr. Beste enrolled at the University of

Detroit Night School, gaining credits which enabled him to attend the University of Detroit Law School, where he became active on the Law Journal staff. Unfortunately, after World War II ended, he reluctantly discontinued his law studies.

During his business career of 44 years at Koenig, he expanded his knowledge and ability by becoming active in various business organizations. As credit manager, he joined the Retail Credit Association of Detroit, the National Association of Credit Men and the Construction Industries Credit Group, becoming president of these organizations. As he advanced to office manager and controller, he joined the National Management Association, the Sales/Marketing Executives Club of Detroit, the Detroit Oil Men's Club and the Wayne Oakland-Macomb Fuel Oil Council, gaining presidency or executive responsibility.

Mr. Beste frequently presented business talks on sales, administration and credit topics both locally and nationally. In 1960 and 1961, the U.S. State Department asked him to lead seminars in Jamaica with the objective of assisting Jamaican businesses gain greater efficiency in those areas. He lectured at several universities, and wrote numerous articles for leading publications throughout the country which are still being referred to today.

He retained his affiliation with De La Salle Collegiate as a member of the board of trustees and advisors. Mr. Beste was an enthusiastic

founder and past president of the Optimist Club of Downtown Detroit and was active in the Grosse Pointe Senior Men's Club.

After retirement in 1978, he continued his business affiliations for many years. He served as president and director of the American Association of Retired Persons (AARP) and, in his 80s, he was chapter organization specialist for five years, organizing more than a dozen chapters in various cities throughout the state.

He was a member of the Older Persons Advisory Commission of the city of St. Clair Shores, the English Speaking Union and Alliance Francaise de Grosse Pointe. He was a lifetime member of the Honest John Investment Group which he founded in 1956.

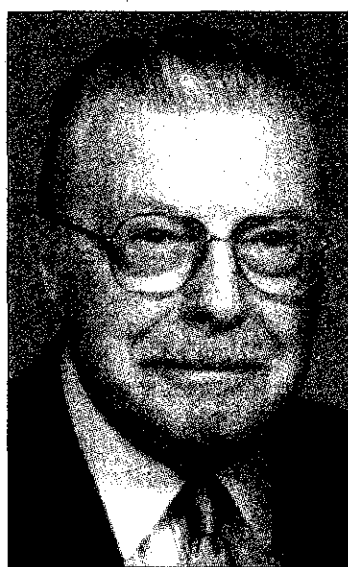
Mr. Beste is survived by his three children; seven grandchildren; and 13 great-grandchildren.

A funeral Mass was celebrated at St. Paul Catholic Church in Grosse Pointe Farms.

Shirley Hay Hafke

Former Grosse Pointe resident Shirley Hay Hafke, 85, died of natural causes Saturday, Dec. 23, 2006, at the Sunbridge Nursing Home in Toledo, Ohio.

She was born July 27, 1921, in Detroit, to Ivan C. and Caroline M. Hay and was raised in Grosse Pointe. Following graduation from the Sacred Heart Academy in 1939, she attended Marygrove



Albert A. Beste

College in Detroit.

Mrs. Hafke was a homemaker blessed with impeccable taste. She was loved and admired by family and friends.

She is survived by her daughter, Wendy (Stan) Reynolds of Tucson, Ariz.; son-in-law, Stephen White of Toledo, Ohio; grandchildren, Adam and Miranda Reynolds, and Melissa White; and sisters, Carol Griffin and Betty Hay of St. Clair Shores.

She was predeceased by her husband, W. Ellis Hafke; and daughter, Karen White.

Interment is in Tucson, Ariz.

Merrill Eugene Honderich

Merrill Eugene "Gene" Honderich, 87, formerly of Grosse Pointe, died Tuesday, Dec. 19, 2006, in Tucson, Ariz., after a battle with bone cancer.

He was born Dec. 22, 1918, in Moline, Ill., to Frances Irvine Honderich and Lillian Francis Hays. He earned a bachelor's degree in architectural engineering at the University of Illinois in 1942. He married Helen E. Bott of Detroit on May 22, 1943. Mr. Honderich served during World War II in the 295th Combat Engineers' Battalion and was awarded a Bronze Star.

While living in Detroit and Grosse Pointe, he was active in the Jefferson Ave. Methodist Church, Grosse Pointe Senior Men's Club and the Grosse Pointe Barbershop Chorus.

Mr. Honderich was an engineer for the Thomas E. Currie Co., a concrete and paving company in Detroit for 25 years before starting Honderich Concrete Inc., in Roseville. He retired from



Gladys Podmore Lennox

Koenig Concrete Co. and moved in 1989 to Green Valley, Ariz., where he became active in the Valley Presbyterian Church choir and golfed at the St. Ignacio Golf Club, getting three holes-in-one.

He is survived by his wife, Helen; two children, Pat (John) Chasteen of Grosse Pointe Shores and Thomas E. Honderich of Indianapolis, Ind.; four grandchildren, Scott (Isabel) Sneddon, Heather (Terry) Forrester, Jamie Chasteen and Mark Chasteen; two great-grandchildren, Layne and Hunter; and brother, Forrest Irvin Honderich of Tucson, Ariz.

The memorial service was held in Green Valley, Ariz., on Friday, Dec. 22.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Valley Presbyterian Church Choir, 6900 S. Camino Del Sol, Green Valley, AZ 85614 or to the American Cancer Society.

Gladys Podmore Lennox

Gladys Podmore Lennox, 96, died Sunday, Jan. 7, 2007, in Naples, Fla., where she had resided for the past 10 years.

She was born May 1, 1911, in Oswego, N.Y., to John and Florence Podmore. She was a graduate of Scott High School and Hood College in Frederick, Md.

Mrs. Lennox was a member of Epworth United Methodist Church and involved in the Marjorie Mayer Circle. She belonged to the Inverness Club, Toledo Club, The Cotillion Club, Toledo Hospital Auxiliary and American Association of University Women.

Mrs. Lennox enjoyed travel-

ing and collecting antiques. She was a devoted wife and mother, and was blessed with a long life.

She is survived by her children, John (Gwenn) Lennox of Lafayette, Calif., Barbara (D.J.) Kennedy of Grosse Pointe, and Arthur Jr. (Bette) Lennox of Bellaire; grandchildren, Heidi (Jeff) Rehman, Rebecca (Matt) Ballema, Tripp and Patrick Kennedy, and Ian and Brooke Lennox; great-grandchildren, Lauren McCarty, and Megan and Lindsey Ballema; and her niece and nephews.

She was predeceased by her husband of 50 years, Dr. Arthur Lennox; and sister, Marion Loughran.

A memorial service was held Saturday, Jan. 13, in Toledo, Ohio. Interment is at Toledo Memorial Park.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Alzheimer's Association.

Condolences may be sent to the family at www.walkerfuneralhomes.com.

Thomas Joseph Nally

Thomas Joseph Nally, 88, died on Monday, Jan. 1, 2007, in Norwalk, Conn.

The son of Irish immigrants and a New York City police lieutenant, Mr. Nally believed in the importance of education at an early age. He earned a bachelor's degree in history and a law degree with distinction in 1942 from St. John's University in Brooklyn, N.Y.

Mr. Nally graduated early from law school to serve in World War II. While serving in the U.S. Navy, he was the executive officer and later the captain of LCI 80, a ship which was a part of the Pacific Fleet. Upon his safe return from the Pacific, he was awarded the Silver Star, the Bronze Star and the Purple Heart for his combat activity.

Because of his superior knowledge of the sea and exemplary navigational skills, Mr. Nally was requested by the Navy to teach naval officer candidates at Cornell University in New York. While teaching at Cornell, Mr. Nally's interest in the Federal Bureau of Investigation was born. In 1945, he began his long and successful career in the bureau.

During his FBI assignment

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RECEIPT OF BIDS

The City of Grosse Pointe Woods will receive sealed bids until 10:00 am, local time on Tuesday, February 6, 2007, at the offices of the City Clerk, City of Grosse Pointe Woods, 20025 Mack Plaza, Grosse Pointe Woods, Michigan 48236-2397, at which time and place all bids will be publicly opened and read aloud.

DESCRIPTION OF WORK

The approximate quantities of work for this project are as follows:

Fairholme Road

Cold Milling HMA Surface, Full Depth	6,360	SYD
Conc Base Cse, Nonreinf, 8"	2,700	SYD
Conc Pavt with Integral Curb, Nonreinf, 8"	2,000	SYD
HMA, 36A (Top Course)	375	TONS
HMA, 13A (Leveling Course)	605	TONS
HMA, 36A (Wedge Course, Hand Patching)	175	TONS
Driveway, Nonreinf Conc, 6"	12,000	SFT

Lochmoor Boulevard

HMA Surface, Rem, Modified	1,175	SYD
HMA, 36A (Top Course)	100	TON
HMA, 13A (Leveling Course)	165	TON

Asphalt Maintenance Program

Cold Milling HMA Surface, Modified	2,000	SYD
HMA Pavement Resurfacing	330	TON

PLANS AND SPECIFICATIONS

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BID SECURITY

A certified check or the included Bid Bond, executed by the Bidder and a surety company, payable to the City of Grosse Pointe Woods, in an amount at least equal to five percent (5%) of the bid, shall be submitted with each bid.

WITHDRAWAL OF BIDS

No bid may be withdrawn for a period of sixty (60) calendar days after the receipt of bids.

AWARD OF CONTRACT

The City of Grosse Pointe Woods reserves the right to accept any bid, to reject any or all bids and/or to waive any irregularities in bidding. The successful bidder will be required to furnish satisfactory performance, payment, and maintenance and guarantee bonds and insurance certificates.

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City of Grosse Pointe Woods

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OBITUARIES: Loved ones remembered

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in New York, he married in 1950 his longtime sweetheart Margaret Mary Allen in Brooklyn. Shortly thereafter, Mr. Nally was transferred to Alaska and their first son, Thomas Patrick, was born. They moved to Washington, D.C., and their family grew to include Dennis Matthew, Michael Joseph, Margaret Mary and Kathleen Ann.

Mrs. Nally was diagnosed with cancer in 1972 and passed away shortly thereafter. Equipped with his strong sense of family values, Mr. Nally turned his tragedy of losing his wife of 22 years into a lesson for his children about the importance of family togetherness.

Mr. Nally retired from the FBI in 1979 after serving for 35 years in both Washington, D.C., and Detroit. Upon his retirement, he renewed his law career and passed the Michigan bar to become a prosecutor for the state.

Mr. Nally retired from the practice of law in 1989 and moved to Florida. Even in retirement, he continued to contribute to the country as an active member in the Society of Former Special Agents of the FBI, where he was responsible for awarding scholarships to worthy applicants. Mr. Nally was asked to serve as a board member and president of the Tampa chapter.

He was an active member of Saint Jerome's parish in Largo, Fla., where his gleaming Irish smile welcomed many. He was an enthusiastic participant of the Imperial Point Community Center where, when not golfing, he spent countless hours swimming and entertaining grandchildren.

Mr. Nally married Margaret Warner upon moving to Florida. They spent 17 years together embracing their family and welcoming them for annual get-togethers in honor of "Grandpa Nally's" birthday. While in Florida, he looked forward to updates on his grandchildren, and receiving countless cards and pictures. He will be remembered for his wholesome family values which offered inspiration to many.

One of Mr. Nally's favorite pastimes was spending time on the water, whether on a boat, swimming in the ocean or recounting a tale of his boating adventures. He enjoyed walks on the beach and fishing. The prospect of these activities, especially with grandchildren, always brought a sparkle to his eye. If he was not on the beach or in the water, he was most likely perfecting his "Jack Nicklaus" golf swing on the driving range.



Virginia Allard Shannon

Mr. Nally will be remembered for his constant "be happy" attitude and ability to always make lemonade out of every lemon.

He is survived by his wife; three sons; two daughters; and 17 grandchildren.

A family funeral Mass was celebrated Thursday, Jan. 4, in New Canaan, Conn. Interment is at St. John's Catholic Cemetery in Queens, N.Y.

Virginia Allard Shannon

Lifelong Grosse Pointe resident Virginia Allard Shannon, 85, died Saturday, Jan. 13, 2007, at St. John Hospital in Detroit of complications from Alzheimer's disease.

She was born Oct. 1, 1921, at her family home on Rivard and graduated from Grosse Pointe High School in 1940. She married Russell Conrad and later Richard F. Shannon.

Mrs. Shannon was a member and the secretary of St. James Lutheran Church for 38 years, proudly working for seven pastors.

She was active in the community as a member of the Grosse Pointe Farms Boat Club and as a life member of the VFW Ladies Auxiliary Bruce Post in St. Clair Shores. After retirement, she volunteered at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial, Grosse Pointe Historical Society and the Services for Older Citizens (S.O.C.).

She enjoyed dancing, playing cards, bowling, the company of good friends and time spent in Ft. Lauderdale, Fla., and Las Vegas, Nev.

She is survived by her daughter, Diane Kade; brother,



Otto Ernst Strek

Earl H. Allard; daughter-in-law, Ruth M. Shannon; grandchildren, Wendy George, D.J. Honstain and Michael Shannon; and great-grandchildren, Elizabeth, Daniel and Teagan George.

She was predeceased by her parents, Thomas and Marietta Allard; brother, Charles M. Allard; and sons, Thomas C. and Richard F. Shannon Jr.

Interment is at Cadillac Memorial Gardens.

Memorial contributions may be made to St. James Lutheran Church, the Grosse Pointe War Memorial or the charity of one's choice.

Expressions of sympathy may be made at kaulfuneral-home.com.

Otto Ernst Strek

Otto Ernst Strek, 82, died Wednesday, Jan. 3, 2007.

Mr. Strek was born and raised in Detroit, and graduated from Southeastern High School. After high school, he was inducted into the military and served in the U.S. Army during World War II in the Pacific theater. Upon returning to Detroit after the war, he studied engineering at Wayne State University.

After college, Mr. Strek began his career as an engineer in sales. Later, he and a partner formed Bishop Strek Inc., a manufacturing representative company that serviced numerous industries for more than four decades.

Mr. Strek was a member of Grosse Pointe Memorial Church and served as the scoutmaster of Boy Scout Troop No. 96 from 1951 to 1960. His other interests included skiing, tennis and gardening.

Mr. Strek is survived by his wife of 47 years, Helen (nee Artman) Strek; children, Mary (Greg Lewis, M.D.) Strek, M.D., John (Deborah) Strek and Peter Strek; grandchildren, Jeremy, Rebecca, Rachel, Jonathan and



Edwin F. Zemmin

Stephanie; sister, Hildegard Stanley; and brother, Karl Strek.

He was predeceased by his brother, Win Strek.

A memorial service was held Saturday, Jan. 6, at Grosse Pointe Memorial Church.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Kaden Strek Trust Fund, or Grosse Pointe Memorial Church Outreach/Mission Program.

Memories may be shared with the family at WujekCalcaterra.com.

Edwin F. Zemmin

Edwin F. Zemmin, 91, of Grosse Pointe Woods, died Saturday, Jan. 13, 2007, at his home.

He was born Sept. 15, 1915, in Detroit, to William E. Zemmin and Anna Aertz Zemmin. Mr. Zemmin graduated from the University of Detroit College of Business.

He founded and ran Zemmin and Co., until his retirement in 1984. After he retired, he became a world traveler, visiting many European countries, the Caribbean Islands and China.

Mr. Zemmin was a lifelong sailor who extensively raced and pleasure-sailed. Over the

years, he owned several boats, the last one of which he actively sailed until three years ago. He skippered several family-crewed Port Huron to Mackinac races. He was a past commodore of Bayview Yacht Club where he was a member from 1958 until his death.

Mr. Zemmin was active in the community as a member of Grosse Pointe Men's Garden Club, Grosse Pointe Senior Men's Club and Our Lady Star of the Sea Church ushers.

He is survived by his wife of 31 years, Lillian Fredricks Simko Zemmin; son, William (Kathleen) Zemmin; daughters, Marilyn (Rick) Koenigbauer and Susan

Zemmin; step-sons, James (Sharon) Simko and Thomas Simko; step-daughters, Barbara Owens and Pat O'Connor; 18 grandchildren; and 19 great-grandchildren.

He was predeceased by his first wife, Rita Visentin Zemmin, to whom he was married for 35 years.

A funeral Mass was celebrated Wednesday, Jan. 17, at Our Lady Star of the Sea Church. Interment is at Mount Olivet Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to Hospice of Michigan, 400 Mack Ave., Detroit, MI 48201, or the Society of St. Vincent de Paul, 3000 Gratiot, Detroit, MI 48207.

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City of Grosse Pointe Woods, Michigan

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DESCRIPTION OF WORK

The approximate quantities of work for this project are as follows:

Alternate "A" - Pipe Burst
8" HDPE SDR-11 Water Main, Pipe Burst 3,800 LF
Alternate "B" - Directional Drill
8" HDPE SDR-11 Water Main, Directional Drill 3,800 LF
Alternate "C" - Open Cut
8" D.I. CL-54 Water Main 3,800 LF
together with related appurtenances as well as clean-up and restoration.

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TEST DRIVE By Greg Zyla

With its sleek, stylishly sculpted exterior, the 2007 Toyota RAV4 Limited rolls like a true SUV. It's just the right size and respectably rugged.

2007 RAV4 Limited packs as powerful



This week, it's the all-new, third-generation 2007 Toyota RAV4 compact SUV we're testing, and boy, have things changed for the better — base price: \$26,420; price as tested: \$30,713.

Offered in three distinct grades, RAV4 comes in Standard, Sport or top-of-the-line Limited with a choice of either 2- or 4-wheel-drive and in-line-4 or V6 engines.

All models offer a commanding 269-hp 3.5-liter V6 engine, making RAV4 the most powerful vehicle in its segment. Our tester came with the V6, and it is easily the quickest compact SUV we've ever driven.

Of course, more horsepower usually means less fuel mileage, but Toyota's exclusive five-speed automatic transmission with special gearing allows the V6 RAV4 to offer fuel efficiency equivalent to less powerful competitors. Specifically, 21 city and 28 highway numbers will surely attract consumers who want more go for their money.

Huge improvements in safety are also noteworthy, as standard features now include driver and front passenger front-seat-mounted side air bags, along with first and second row roll-sensing side curtain air bags — formerly optional.

RAV4 provides more interior



2007 Toyota RAV4 Limited

room from its 14-inch longer design, although the vehicle is on the "higher end" of compact dimensions. Built on an all-new platform, "RAV" now offers an available third row seat that is so popular these days, regardless of SUV size. The result is the expected tight quarters, where perhaps young children and the family dog will enjoy their surroundings. Welcome, however, are more head and legroom for second-row passengers and a wider stance that aids in handling and stability.

Outwardly, RAV4's identity is still intact, although its trapezoidal grille and four-bulb headlamps give it a more rugged look. Out back, a traditional SUV design awaits the

consumer, complete with the externally mounted spare tire.

The higher cost Sport and Limited models receive things such as fog lights; roof rails and cross bars; heated power outside mirrors; rear privacy glass; smoked headlamp trim, sport-tuned suspension and unique dark charcoal fabric seating. The Limited is distinguished from the Sport by 17-inch tires versus 16, six-spoke alloy wheels and a chrome grille.

The most impressive feature, however, is that V6 engine, which is the most powerful in the segment. With 269 horsepower at 6,200 RPM and 246 pound-feet of torque at 4,700 RPM available, our RAV4 went from zero to 60 mph in 6.7 sec-

onds. Performance like this is not expected from a compact SUV, especially one with 4x4 capability. Specifically, 4x4 designs add more weight to the vehicle, so those who purchase 2-wheel drive V6 RAV4s can expect even quicker performance, and better EPA numbers.

Even with its larger dimensions and increased passenger room, RAV4 handles better, turns tighter and offers a stronger, stiffer structure. Underneath, a fully independent 4-wheel suspension features front struts and a rear double wishbone setup, resulting in athletic handling and a comfy, car-like ride.

All V6 RAV4 models come

with Hill-start Assist Control, Downhill Assist Control, Vehicle Stability Control, Traction Control, 4-wheel disc Anti-Lock Brakes with Electronic Brake-force Distribution and Brake Assist. Limited features include dual zone climate control with air filter; upgraded seat fabric; eight-way power driver seat with adjustable lumbar; AM/FM six-disc in-dash CD changer with six speakers, and a host of other standard features your Toyota dealer will gladly explain.

Important numbers include a wheelbase of 104.7 inches (older RAV4s have a 98 inch wheelbase), 3,675 pound curb weight, 7.5 inch ground clear-

ance, 15.9 gallon (87 octane) fuel tank, 3,500 pound tow capacity with a tow package, and up to 73 cubic-feet of cargo space with seats folded.

We applaud Toyota's effort with the new RAV4, and rate it a strong nine on a scale of one to 10. Our Limited V6 is pricey with options such as a moonroof, tow package and split/stow third row seat, but remember that \$20,850 will put you in a base 4-cylinder RAV4 that you can be just as proud of.

Likes: New size, Toyota reliability, lots of power, fun to drive.

Dislikes: Third seat tight, \$30K puts you in a nice Toyota Highlander.

Greg Zyla is a syndicated auto columnist.

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Grosse Pointe Shores

Vehicles egged

Police detained a 17-year-old Grosse Pointe Woods male after a traffic stop near Ballantyne and Fordcroft at 11:14 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 13.

Police observed the vehicle exiting the area where they found egg shells in the roadway.

Police noticed the vehicle also had a runny substance on its driver's side.

After stopping the vehicle, the driver admitted he was responsible for egging four vehicles on Fordcroft. The driver was taken to his home. Four other occupants were taken to the station and held until they were picked up by their families.

License suspended

A 41-year-old St. Clair Shores woman was arrested following a traffic stop at Lakeshore and Hampton at 6:15 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 11.

Police stopped the vehicle for having a defective brake light. A LEIN (Law Enforcement Information Network) check revealed that her driver license was suspended and she was taken into custody.

The car was parked and secured. The woman was taken to the station where she posted bond and was released.

Purse stolen

Police are investigating the theft of a purse from a woman who was in her garage in the 500 block of Ballantyne at 4:08 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 8.

Police said the victim was unloading groceries from her car when the suspect grabbed the purse off her shoulder and fled. Police believe the suspect was driving a dark-colored four-door vehicle observed speeding north on Cook.

The purse contained credit cards, and house and car keys. The cards were immediately canceled. Police were later notified by a credit card company that someone attempted to use the victim's card at an area gas station.

The victim was advised to change her door locks, and the house was placed under a special watch.

cial watch.

— By John Lundberg

Grosse Pointe Farms

Drunken driving

A 33-year-old Inkster woman was arrested after a traffic stop at Lakeshore and Moross at 5:23 a.m. Sunday, Jan. 14.

Police stopped the vehicle after observing it weaving across the road.

Upon questioning the woman, police noted a strong odor of intoxicants and the woman was disoriented. After failing several field sobriety tests, she registered a .21 on a breath test.

A cup containing liquor was discovered after searching the vehicle.

A LEIN (Law Enforcement Information Network) check revealed the woman had 17 license suspensions and was wanted on an arrest warrant in Farmington.

Her vehicle was impounded.

Liquor looted

Police are investigating the theft of several cases of liquor from a car parked in an unlocked garage in the 100 block of Lakeshore. The theft was reported at 10:18 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 13.

Police said the liquor was stolen between Dec. 26 and the day it was reported. It was valued at \$4,500.

Speeding arrest

Police arrested a 41-year-old Detroit male after a traffic stop at Mack and Allard at 3:57 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 13.

Police stopped the vehicle for speeding.

Upon questioning, a strong odor of intoxicants was detected coming from the man's facial area. While exiting the vehicle police said the man was unsteady on his feet and he failed several field sobriety tests. He then blew a .17 on a breath test.

A LEIN check revealed the man was wanted on a Macomb County arrest warrant and had several license suspensions.

He was taken into custody and his vehicle was impounded.

Retail theft

A 47-year-old Detroit woman was arrested for stealing over-the-counter medicine from a store in the 100 block of Kercheval at 4:09 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 11.

Police said two women entered the store and the suspect was observed by the store manager putting the medicine in her purse and then exiting. The suspect's vehicle was observed parked at Kercheval and Neff, where police stopped and questioned the suspect.

The woman was arrested after the medicine was found in her possession. A LEIN check revealed she was wanted on several warrants, including a felony warrant in Macomb County.

She was taken to the station and held for pickup by Macomb County law enforcement.

— By John Lundberg

City of Grosse Pointe

Carjacking

Police are investigating a carjacking from the driveway of a house in the 500 block of University at 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 13.

Police said the victims had just pulled into the driveway when two males approached them and forced them out of the vehicle.

The thieves then fled on University.

The woman suffered a contusion on her arm from being pulled out of the vehicle. She was attended to by paramedics.

Police put out a broadcast alert of the theft and the house was placed under special watch.

Drug bust

Police arrested a 19-year-old Detroit male for alleged drug dealing after observing a suspected sale in the 4000 block of Cadieux at 7:27 p.m. Friday, Jan. 12.

Police were watching the suspect's car parked in a parking lot, when another vehicle, containing three males, drove up and parked.

During the alleged sale, the suspect was arrested by police,

whereupon more than 200 grams of marijuana and other drug paraphernalia was discovered in his vehicle. More than \$600 in cash was found in the man's clothing.

The suspect was taken to the station and held for pickup by Detroit police. The alleged drug buyers were also detained by police.

— By John Lundberg

Grosse Pointe Woods

Fence damaged

On Saturday, Jan. 13, at 5:20 a.m., a 16-year-old Grosse Pointe Woods teenager crashed his silver 2004 Pontiac Grand Prix into the fence on the northeast corner of the baseball field at Grosse Pointe North High School.

High school workers noticed the damage and reported it to police.

The teen's mother also called police to report the incident.

Parole violator

On Friday, Jan. 12, at 12:46 a.m., a 36-year-old Oak Park man driving a blue 1992 Mercury Marquis was seen swerving on Mack.

A Grosse Pointe Woods police officer observed the erratic driving for several minutes before making a traffic stop.

The man could not produce any identification or vehicle information.

He eventually told the police officer, "I'm in trouble, aren't I, because I don't have a license and I'm violating my parole by drinking."

The officer asked the man how much he had to drink and the driver said two or three beers.

The driver also said he was on his way home to Oak Park but was lost.

The driver said he thought he was in Eastpointe on Nine Mile.

The man failed several field sobriety tests and registered a .134 percent blood alcohol content when given a portable breath test.

He was arrested for operating a motor vehicle while intoxicated, driving with a suspended license and not having vehicle information.

Warrant arrest

On Wednesday, Jan. 10, at 8:45 p.m., a 33-year-old Detroit woman driving a black 1992 Mercury four-door was stopped at the red light on Harper and Allard after a Grosse Pointe Woods police officer ran a LEIN (Law Enforcement Information Network) check on her license plate.

The LEIN check revealed she had a warrant out of Harper Woods for failure to appear in court and her driver license was suspended three times.

The woman was arrested and her car was turned over to her passenger, a 29-year-old Detroit woman.

Car stolen

On Wednesday, Jan. 10, at 5:57 p.m., a 35-year-old Grosse Pointe Woods man living in the 600 block of Hampton reported his silver 2005 Toyota was stolen.

He said the theft took place between Dec. 28 and Jan. 8. He also said he didn't report the theft earlier because he thought his wife had the vehicle.

Cell phone taken

On Tuesday, Jan. 9, at 12:30 p.m., a 36-year-old Grosse Pointe Woods woman reported an unknown person stole her cell phone from her vehicle.

The woman said she went into a business in the 20400 block of Mack and left her vehicle unlocked. The phone was gone when she returned a short time later.

The woman reported the theft to her cell phone company.

Duo busted

On Tuesday, Jan. 9, at 6:30 p.m., two Detroit men, ages 17 and 18, were observed running a red light on Vernier in a gray 2000 Chevrolet Astro.

A LEIN check revealed the

car was stolen out of Warren. The driver turned right onto Toles Lane and the two exited the van and began to flee.

After a short foot chase, the two men were caught and arrested for possession of a stolen vehicle and fleeing and eluding police.

— Bob St. John

Grosse Pointe Park

Larceny

Between Monday, Jan. 1, and Sunday, Jan. 7, a Sears Craftsman lawn mower, chain saw, McCulloch trimmer and Techumseh snow blower were taken from an unlocked garage of a home in the 1300 block of Devonshire in Grosse Pointe Park.

Vehicle theft

On Friday, Jan. 12, at 8:17 a.m., a 2004 Lexus 470 SUV was left running in the driveway of a home in the 1100 block of Bedford in Grosse Pointe Park. The vehicle was stolen.

Arrested

On Monday, Jan. 8, at 11:54 p.m., Grosse Pointe Park police officers observed two men in a car traveling north on Devonshire.

The driver drove into Detroit, but were caught a short time later. The driver, a 17-year-old Detroit resident, was arrested.

Busted

On Saturday, Jan. 13, at 11:49 p.m., Grosse Pointe Park police officers stopped a 1999 Buick LeSabre after a LEIN (Law Enforcement Information Network) check revealed the vehicle was stolen out of Center Line.

A 15-year-old Grosse Pointe Park resident, who was driving, was detained.

— Bob St. John



Swearing-In Ceremony

Left, Judge Muriel Hughes of Grosse Pointe, recently appointed by Gov. Jennifer Granholm to the Third District Court, presided over the Jan. 3 Swearing-In ceremony at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial of the district's state senator. Holding the Bible for state Sen. Martha G. Scott (D), District 2, is Scott's granddaughter, Cristina Tice. The ceremonial swearing-in inside the Senate chambers for all newly elected senators was held Wednesday, Jan. 10, at the State Capitol, Lansing.

Vehicle teeters on breakwall

A Grosse Pointe Woods woman escaped injury after a car collision on eastbound Lakeshore caused her vehicle to spin over the median, across westbound Lakeshore and coming to rest teetering over Lake St. Clair's breakwall.

Police said a St. Clair Shores woman, driving a Grand Prix, struck the victim's Jeep while entering Lakeshore off Provencal at 4:11 p.m., Monday, Jan. 15.

The victim lost control of her vehicle and was forced over the embankments.

The St. Clair Shores woman was also uninjured.

Police from both Grosse Pointe Farms and Grosse Pointe Shores arrived to assist with the vehicle's retrieval.

A local towing company was called in to removed the car from the breakwall.

Police said the vehicle did not go into the water and none of the car's fluids contaminated the lake.

— By John Lundberg

GROSSE POINTE SHORES

Home break-in has Shores police investigating

Police are investigating a burglary from a home on Willow Tree Place reported at 9:07 p.m. Monday, Jan. 15.

Police said the homeowner could not open his garage door when he arrived home.

The man entered the house through the front door and noticed that the electricity

was off.

After manually opening the garage door, he returned to the house and entered the master bedroom.

It was then he noticed dresser drawers had been opened and his wife's jewelry box was on the closet floor.

He immediately left the

house and went to the police station to report the incident.

When officers arrived, they discovered that a basement window had been broken and the house's electronic meter removed, which deactivated the house's security system.

They found dirt near the

broken window and muddy shoe prints in the bedroom near the doors and drawers.

The homeowner reported that jewelry and a handgun were missing, but, as of press time, had not taken a full inventory of what may be missing, police said.

— By John Lundberg

City of **Grosse Pointe Farms**, Michigan

SUMMARY OF THE MINUTES
JANUARY 8, 2007

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

Present on Roll Call: Mayor Farquhar; Councilmembers Roby, Joseph, Davis III, Theros, Leonard and Waldmeir.

Those Absent Were: None.

Also Present: Messrs. Burgess, City Attorney; Reeside, City Manager; Tepper, Assistant City Manager; Modzinski, City Controller; Jensen, Director Public Safety.

Mayor Farquhar Presided at the Meeting.

The Minutes of the Regular Meeting held December 11, 2007, were approved as submitted.

The Council approved the Site Plan Review for 73 Kercheval Avenue.

Following a Public Hearing, the Council adopted the proposed Amendment to the Sewer Ordinance, Ordinance No. 375.

Following a Public Hearing, the Council adopted the proposed Amendment to the General Retirement System Ordinance, Ordinance No. 376.

The Council awarded the contract for CSO Outfall Modification, in the amount of \$199,550.00 to the low bidder, O'Laughlin Construction, Inc.

The Council approved the following items from the Consent Agenda:

- Re-appointment of the following members to the City's Election Commission, each to serve a two year term:
Mrs. Joan Bartosiewicz
Mrs. Donna Imesch
Mrs. Marilyn Stanitzke

The Council approved the 2007 Harbor Rules & Regulations Policy.

The Council received the Public Safety Report for November 2006 and ordered it placed on file.

The Council approved the resolution authorizing the issuance of not to exceed \$2,400,000 limited tax general obligation refunding bonds (lakeside sewer separation), series 2007, as amended.

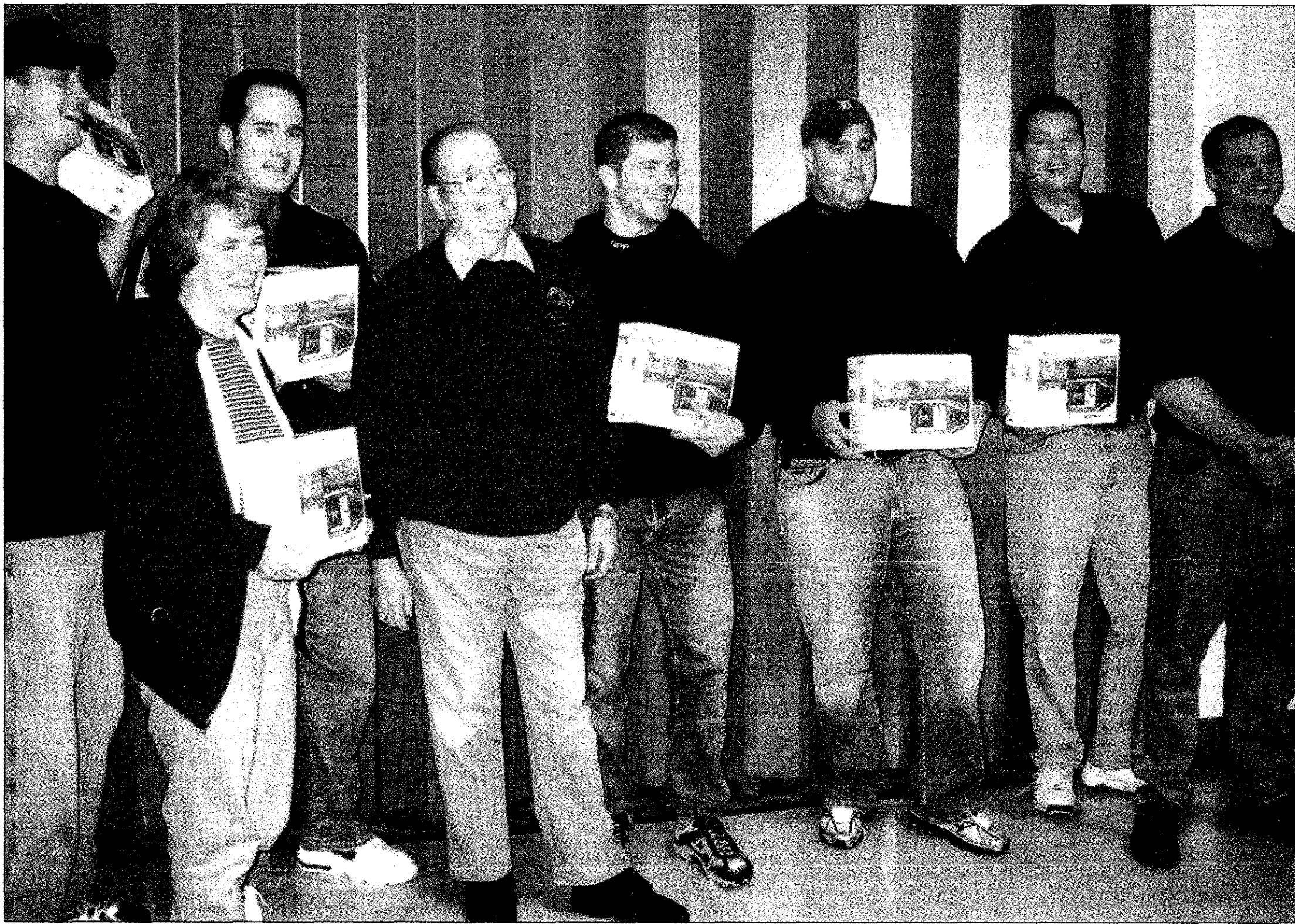
Upon proper motion made, supported and carried, the Meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

THE NEXT REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL WILL BE HELD ON MONDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 2007 AT 7:00 P.M. IN THE CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 90 KERBY ROAD, GROSSE POINTE FARMS, MICHIGAN 48236. THE MEETING IS PUBLIC. INTERESTED PROPERTY OWNERS AND RESIDENTS OF THE CITY ARE INVITED TO ATTEND. YOU MAY ALSO VIEW THE AGENDA AND MINUTES ON THE CITY'S WEBSITE: www.ci.grosse-pointe-farms.mi.us/

James C. Farquhar Jr.
Mayor

Matthew J. Tepper
City Clerk

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Car 54, where are you?

At a recent meeting, Grosse Pointe Fraternal Order of Police Lodge 102 Community Oriented Projects Fund Associate President Larry Switzer, fourth from left, presented Magellan Road Mate 760 global positioning system units to representatives from each of the five Grosse Pointe public safety departments and the Harper Woods police department. Pictured above receiving the units are from left, Grosse Pointe Farms officer Frank Zielinski, Grosse Pointe Woods officer Sally Begin, Harper Woods officer Bob Bensinger, Grosse Pointe Park officer Ryan Milroth, City of Grosse Pointe officer Joe Adams, Grosse Pointe Shores officer Dan Pullen, and Grosse Pointe Farms officer and lodge president Tom Shimko.

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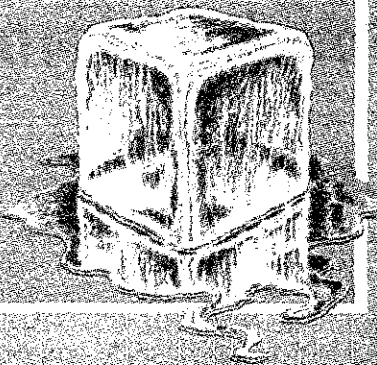
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Teens and drinking
Parents share the facts and dispel myths of alcohol consumption. **PAGE 5B**

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What gets under your skin? The **Detroit Science Center's** newest exhibit, 'Our Body: The Universe Within,' reveals what is just out of sight. It's a look and learn adventure.

The body inside out

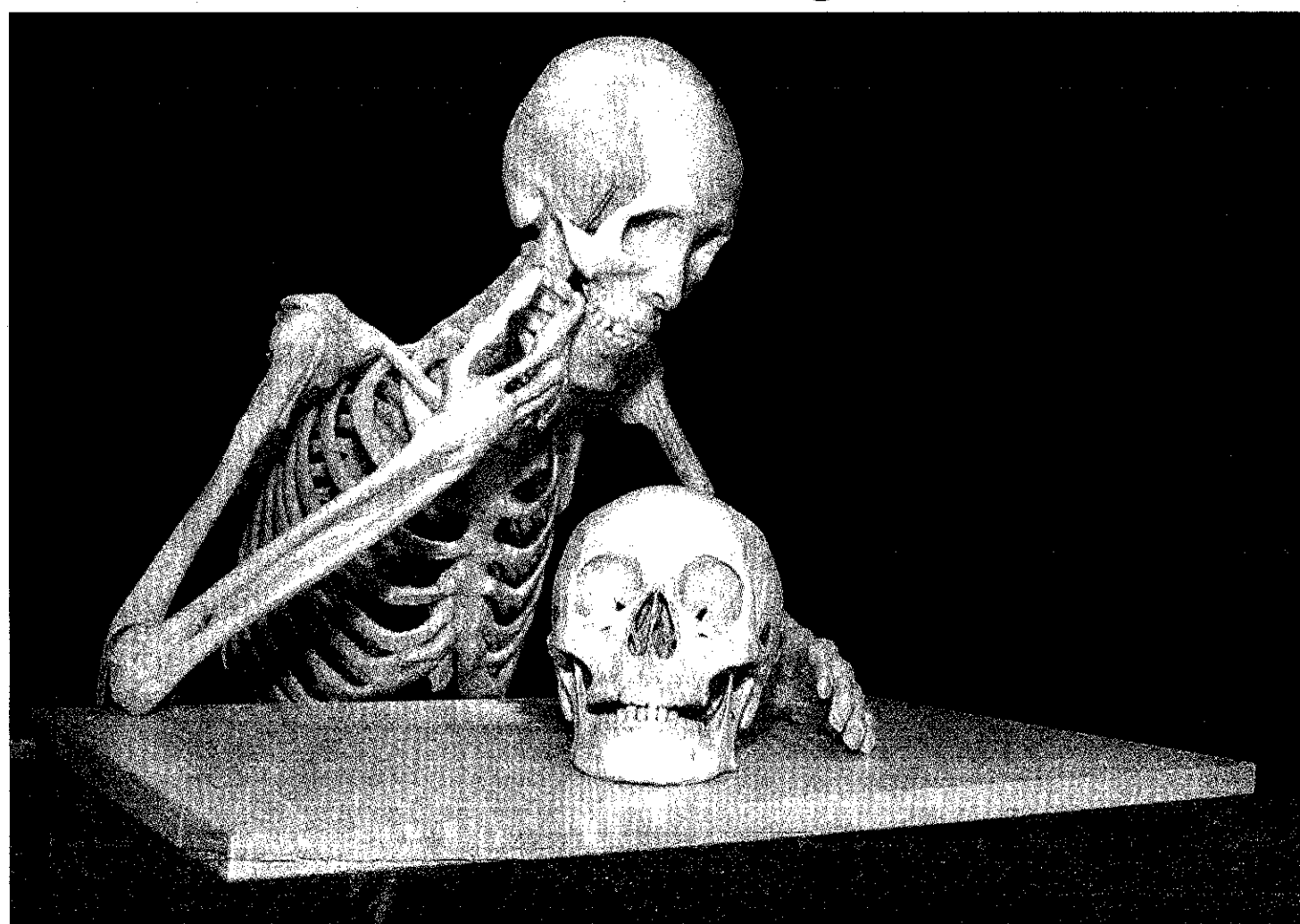


PHOTO BY RENE LANDUYT

By Ann L. Fouty
Acting Features Editor

What is under the skin?

A few bones, some muscles, organs packed together and miles of blood vessels and nerves.

Visitors to the Midwest's opening of "Our Body: The Universe Within" at the Detroit Science Center will discover all the answers. For the next four months visitors can tour an exhibit which features human specimens uncovered, nothing is held back. It's not for the faint of heart, not to be touched and not recommended for those less than the age of 13 years.

The skin and fatty tissue have been stripped away, fluids removed and replaced with a polymer plastic which is initially pliable. Some 15,000 hours is devoted to putting each body in a natural pose, followed by

This inquisitive skeleton greets visitors to the "Our Body: The Universe Within" exhibit at the Detroit Science Center. All 20 bodies on display have undergone a special process to be preserved.

60 days in which the body or organs harden. What visitors will see through May 28 is the much-talked about Chinese-owned human body exhibition, bringing the outside into view and into perspective.

Chinese bodies, donated to science, have been put through a special preservation process, and the visitor is able to see inside. Organs are both whole and dissected and opened for visitors to see inside and out, views only scientists, doctors and surgeons typically see.

In the exhibit of 20 full bodies and 135 individual displays, the visitor can see from the cerebral cortex to the bottom of the foot, from the front to the back. It's all there.

Differing from those in Los Angeles or Cleveland, this exhibit, one of three touring the country, is more scientific, said Todd Slisner, vice president of science programs. He said he toured the exhibit in Orlando before booking it for Detroit and appreciated its emphasis on science and education. With an astronomy background, Slisner said he had to do some

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BODIES: Take a good look

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“boning up” on the inner workings of the human anatomy.

Visitors, he said, should come away with a deeper appreciation for the human body.

“It’s a powerful exhibit,” said John Miller of Grosse Pointe Park and a Detroit Science Center vice chair. He, as well as other board members, including his wife, Chris, are anticipating the exhibit will generate considerable curiosity, enough to bring back those who haven’t seen the renovated science center and new visitors, too. The center hired 20 additional employees to handle the anticipated 50,000 guests expected each month and cover the extended hours of operation.

“This is a large traveling exhibit for us.

“The first time I saw it I was absolutely awed. It’s just spectacular,” Miller said.

There are three screens with drawings of Leonardo da Vinci and muscular and internal organs to introduce guests to the fourth-floor exhibit.

The first specimen brings a smile. There is a skeleton, knee bent, standing on one foot studying a skull, not unlike what the guests will soon be doing. Don’t fault the next specimen for riding a Fore’er bike without a helmet. It seems so happy.

Once that tour is completed and the marvels of how each system — separate and unique in its functions — works in harmony with the other to keep you holding this paper and drinking your favorite beverage is understood, there is more.

The second floor hosts MicroWorld, a shorter exhibit of four specimens and seven showcases. It features intensely magnified images of healthy and diseased skin, organ and cell samples.

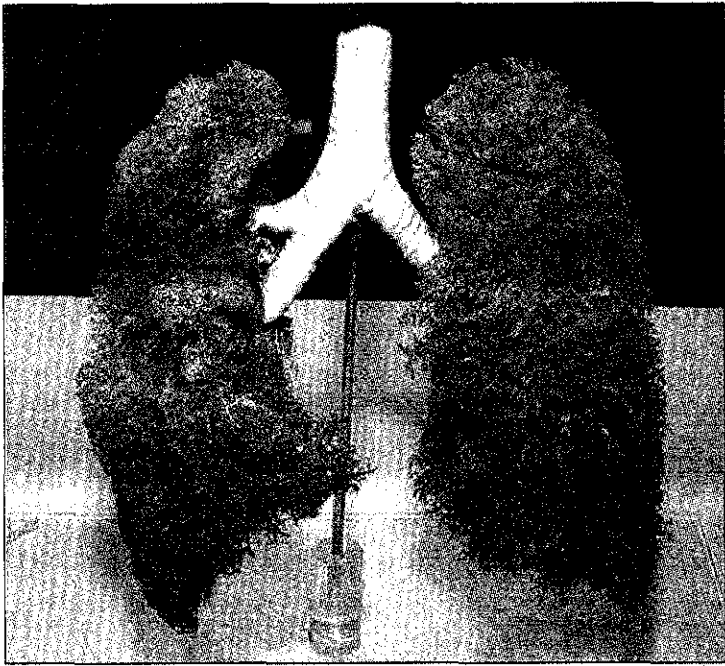
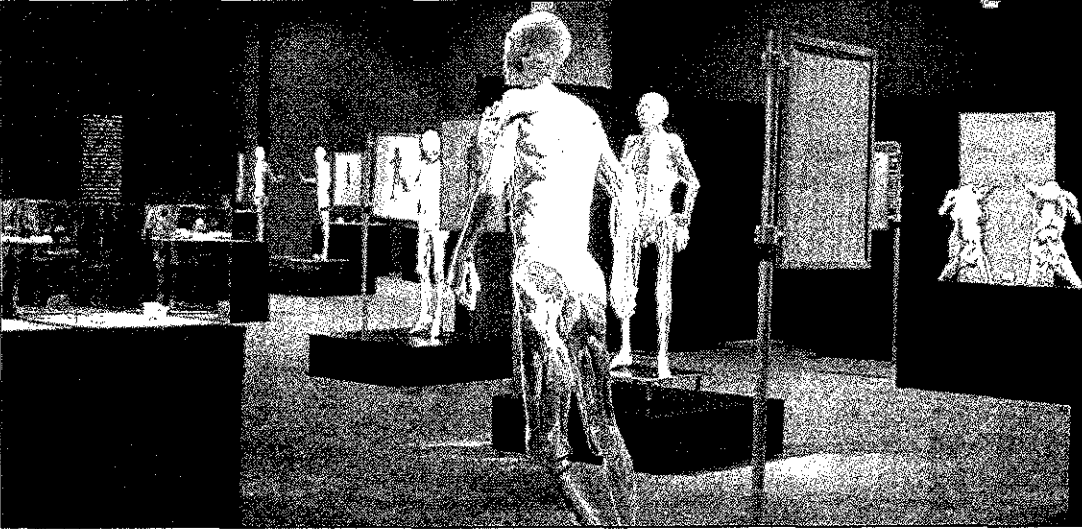
Visitors can investigate the microscopic forces that impact health and discover the surreally artistic effect achieved by viewing these samples under extreme magnification.

In conjunction with the exhibit, the science center will show the IMAX Dome Theatre film “The Human Body.”

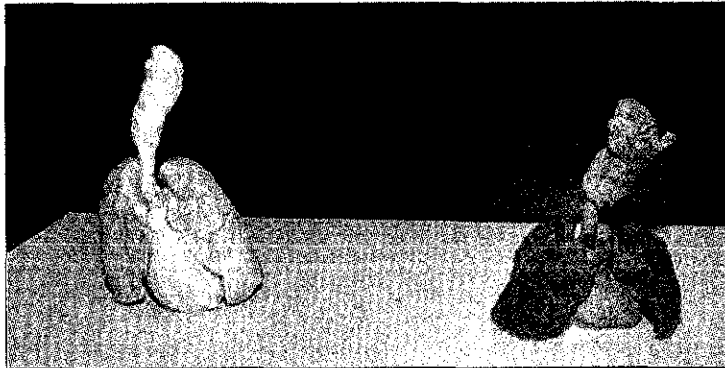
Tickets to “Our Body: The Universe Within” are \$24.95 for adults, \$22.95 for seniors and \$19.95 for children.

Science Center admission is included. Children ages 12 and under must be accompanied

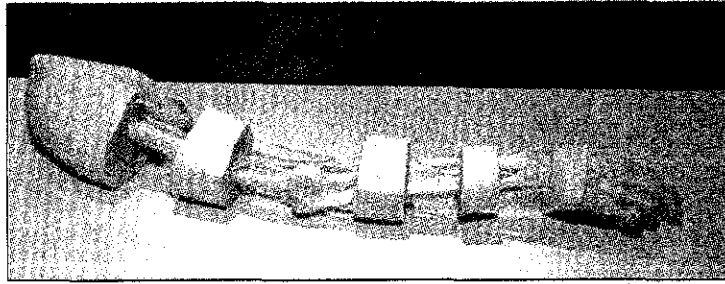
by an adult. Tickets to the IMAX are \$3 for adults and \$2 for children and seniors, with the purchase of “Our Body: The Universe Within” ticket.



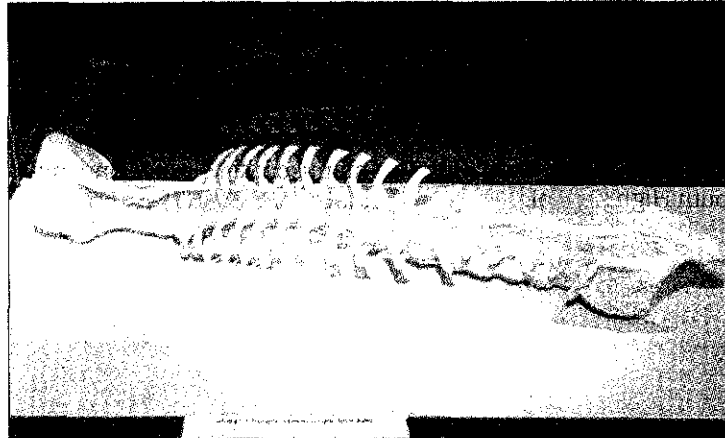
The trachea, bronchi and lung blood vessels are included in the respiratory exhibit.



On the left, above, are the healthy lungs and heart; on the right are the diseased lungs and heart.



Nerves of the arm is one of the more than 130 displays in this no-touch Detroit Science Center exhibit.



Above, is a back view of the spinal column and ribs. Top left, “Our Body: The Universe Within” is comprised of actual human specimens showing the various systems. Lit from above, the exhibits are treated with respect and reverence. Bottom left, this specimen illustrates the circulatory system. One viewer noted the system has similarities to a coral reef.

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PRIDE OF THE POINTES

Albion College freshman **Christian Bielski** has been named to the dean's list. He is enrolled in the Gerald R. Ford Institute for Public Policy and Service and is the son of Christopher Bielski and Miriam Bielski of Grosse Pointe Park. He is a graduate of Grosse Pointe South High School.

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Christopher Blunden, a sophomore at Albion College, has been named to the dean's list. He is majoring in biology and minoring in chemistry

and is the son of Paul Blunden and Elizabeth Blunden of Grosse Pointe Shores. Blunden graduated from Grosse Pointe North High School.

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Albion College freshman **Caitlin Fuhrmann**, who is in the Gerald R. Ford Institute for Public Policy and Service, was named to the dean's list. She is the daughter of Marshall Fuhrmann of Monroe and Kimberly Fuhrmann of Grosse Pointe Woods. She graduated from Grosse Pointe North High School.

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Albion College junior **Alexander Galvin** was named to the dean's list. He is a junior majoring in economics and management and minoring in speech communication. Galvin is the son of Don Galvin and Stephanie Galvin of Grosse Pointe and a graduate of Grosse Pointe South High School.

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Christopher Henes, a junior majoring in chemistry and minoring in cell and molecular biology and management, with a concentration in the Gerstacker Liberal Arts Program in Professional Management at Albion College, was named to the dean's list. He is the son of Stephen Henes of Birmingham and Sara Henes of Grosse Pointe Park and a graduate of Brother Rice High

School.

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Fayza Hussein, a senior at Albion College and is majoring in French and minoring in psychology, was named to the dean's list. Hussein is the daughter of Faleen Hussein and Alya Abdulrazak of Grosse Pointe Shores and a graduate of Grosse Pointe North High School.

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Albion College freshman **Holly Huth** was named to the dean's list. She is the daughter of Paul Huth and Catherine Huth of Grosse Pointe Farms and a graduate of University Liggett School.

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Erin MacLeod was named a new Albion College Fellow. To attain the honor, students must maintain a 3.7 GPA for three consecutive semesters. MacLeod is a junior majoring in speech communication and German and is the daughter of Donald MacLeod and Lynn MacLeod of Grosse Pointe Woods. She graduated from Grosse Pointe North High School.

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Megan McCaughey, an Albion College junior majoring in economics and management and speech communication, was named to the dean's list. She is the daughter of Timothy McCaughey and Mary McCaughey of Grosse Pointe Park and a graduate of Grosse Pointe South High School.

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Eagle fulfills his requirement through play

By Ann L. Fouty
Acting Features Editor

Mike Corbett is 18 and attends University Liggett School. As a senior he is looking forward to college and most likely attending his No. 1 pick, DePaul University in Chicago.

First things first. He had to complete his Eagle Scout project before turning 18 last Christmas Day.

"I had a couple ideas which were rejected," he said "And I began stressing out."

The idea of a puppet theater came to him when he spotted his old puppet theater tucked into the basement of his home in St. Clair Shores.

With the realization that everyone at his home parish, St. Lucy Catholic Church, can use and benefit from a puppet theater, he drew up the plans, a mock design and an unrealistic theater measuring 6- by 20-feet.

"I was scared when I measured it," he said.

Corbett scaled it back to a more modest 6- by 12-feet. It can be closed up and transported on a trolley he and his volunteers also made.

Construction began with do-

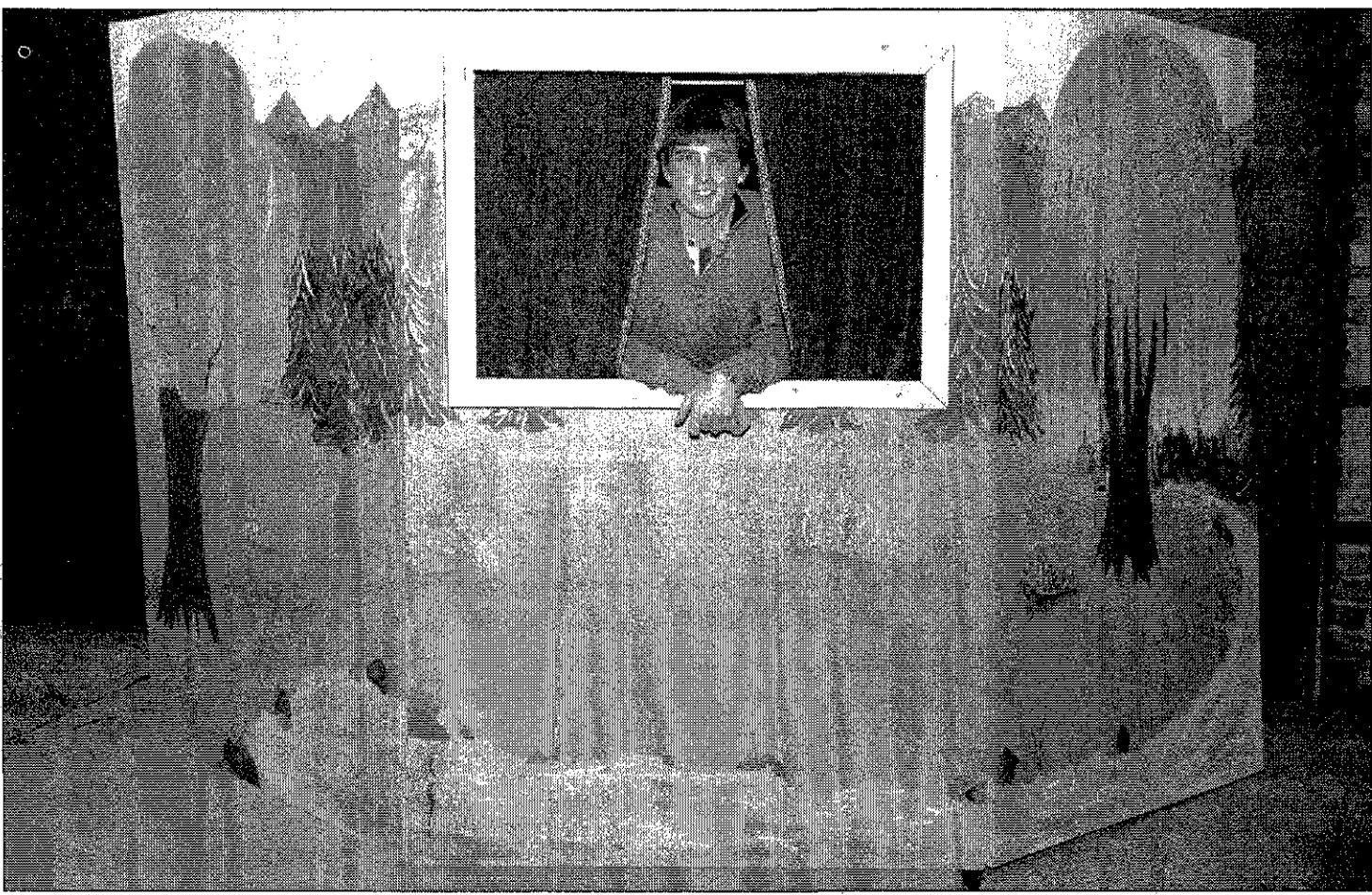


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Now appearing — Mike Corbett the newest Eagle Scout in Troop 1489. He earned his rank by designing and constructing a puppet theater for St. Lucy Catholic Church.

nations from Kuka Robotics and Sorrento Pizza, to feed the volunteer scouts. His grandmother made the burgundy velvet curtains, trimmed in gold and red for the theater which will serve the church's puppet ministry/youth min-

istry and clown ministry. These ministries teach Bible stories to the youngest parish members.

The puppet theater was delivered Dec. 20 and is ready for use.

Corbett is the second Eagle Scout in his family, with older brother T.J. earning the rank. A member of Troop 1489, he has 21 merit badges on his sash.

Scouting fills one segment of his life. When not attending classes or studying, he is at play practice or swimming practice. Corbett will portray Lumiere in ULS's "Beauty and the Beast" production.

This is his first year as a member of the ULS dive team, which practices in Lakeview High School's pool.

"We have to learn six dives," he said.

Following graduation, Corbett plans to pursue studies to become a veterinarian. However, he knows there are many options open to him. He said he has a wide range of interests, one of them being scouting.

"Learning leadership," he said the most important part of his scouting career. "It's the main theme of scouting. They will be the leaders of the community."

CLUB MEETINGS

Classic book series

Entering its fifth season of the Classics Books Lecture Series, The Friends of the Grosse Pointe Public Library once again partners with the University of Michigan's Department of English and Literature to feature six lectures in 2007 at Grosse Pointe South High School.

At 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, Jan. 25, Theresa Tinkle, University of Michigan associate professor and Professor Arthur F. Thurnau, will open the series with the classic English epic, "Beowulf."

"Although not a particularly cheerful poem, it's certainly topical," Tinkle said.

Usually considered the earliest epic, Beowulf narrates a hero's confrontation with the monstrous forces that threaten his society and his ultimate defeat in battle with a dragon.

The poem celebrates Beowulf's strength and courage, even while it exposes the tragic limits of his actions. It is a poem about loyalty and betrayal, feasts and feuds, masculine war and feminine grief, the strength of the human spirit and the power of one man to stand against the forces of disorder in his society.

Tinkle is a scholar of Latin and English literature between the late classical period and the beginning of the Reformation.

She has published a book on medieval myths of Venus and Cupid, co-edited two collections of essays and published numerous articles on medieval manuscripts, drama and religion.

She is currently finishing a book about how medieval readers interpret the Bible.

Lectures are held at the Grosse Pointe South High School Auditorium. Enter the building from the parking lot on Grosse Pointe Boulevard. Lectures are free to Friends' members. Tickets for non-members are \$10. Students and teachers may attend free of charge.

For more information call (313) 343-2074, ext. 6.

Friends and Neighbors

The Friends and Neighbors Club holds its monthly luncheon meeting from 11:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 1, at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial. The topic is From Memory Boxes to Show Pieces. Jennifer Marquedant of

"Once Upon a Family" will demonstrate ways to display photos.

Babysitting is available.

For more information, call Kelley Vreeken at (313) 884-8705 or visit the Web site gpfnc.com.

League of Women Voters

The Grosse Pointe League of Women Voters is offering high school girls a chance to learn about the challenges and rewards of holding public office 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Friday, Jan. 29, at St. Ambrose Church's the Arc, 15020 Hampton, Grosse Pointe Park.

The "Running and Winning" workshop is a one-day event to give girls the opportunity to meet with local women office holders, develop leadership abilities and explore public service as a career through interviews with elected women officials.

Elected officials to participate include Jean Weipert, Victoria Granger, Therese Joseph, Angela Kennedy, Joan Dindoffer, Alice Kosinski, Sen. Martha Scott, Patricia Godcheaux, Prosecutor Kym Worthy, Justice Maura Corrigan, Vivian Sawicki and

Cassandra Ulbrecht.

Admission is free and breakfast and lunch will be provided.

For more information or to make a reservation, call Christina Schlitt, vice president voter services at (313) 882-9006.

DAR

Louisa St. Clair Chapter National Society Daughters of the American Revolution of Grosse Pointe holds its 114th birthday Saturday, Jan. 20, at the Edison Boat Club.

Invited guests include members of the Michigan Daughters of the American Revolution State Board, area Daughters of the American Revolution Chapter Regents, John Paul Jones Society Children of the American Revolution senior members and members of the Michigan Sons of the American Revolution.

To make a reservation, call Susie Scheiwe at (313) 881-3367.

Senior Men's Club

The Grosse Pointe War Memorial will be the setting

for the Senior Men's Club luncheon meeting at 11:15 a.m. Tuesday, Jan. 23. All men more than 60 years of age are invited to attend.

Fred Girard, an investigative reporter for The Detroit News, will relate many stories of the past.

Having received more than 100 journalism awards in his career, he will discuss the disappearance of Jimmy Hoffa, as well as the University of Michigan booster scandal. He has taught computer-assisted investigative reporting to seniors and graduate students at Wayne State University and

now at Oakland University.

For more information about the Senior Men's Club, call Ted Everingham at (313) 822-1111.

Women's Connection

The Women's Connection of Grosse Pointe meets at 6 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 25, at the La Moda Beauty Salon and Spa for an evening of dinner, pampering and relaxation.

For information, reservations and a schedule of service and prices, call Nancy Neat at (313) 882-1855.

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*Alan Marschke received his M.A. from Wayne State and studied at the Textile Museum in Washington, D.C. He was recently elected to the Board of Directors for the Asian and Islamic Art Forum of The Detroit Institute of Arts.

Theater offers 'Half Price Saturday'

All Saturday Matinee general admission tickets for the run of "Between Men and Cattle" at the Detroit Repertory Theatre are now half price courtesy of a grant to the theater from the Target Corporation.

"Half Price Saturday Matinees" will continue through March 17. "Between Men and Cattle" will take the stage every Thursday through Sunday until March 18.

"The partnership between the (theater) and Target has been a long and fruitful one," said Artistic Director Bruce Millan. "Both of us share the desire to make the educational benefits of live professional theatre experiences affordable and family friendly."

"Now, there will be a lot of very appreciative individuals and families who will come to see a performance of 'Between Men and Cattle' who would not have been able to do so otherwise."

The sponsorship is part of the ongoing support Target provides to local communities throughout the country.

Every week Target gives more than \$2 million to strengthen families and communities across the nation, with a focus on education, the arts, social services and other community partnerships, according to Laysa Ward, vice president of community relations for Target.

"At Target, we are making a real difference every day through our sponsorship program," he said. "We're proud to partner with the Detroit Repertory Theatre as part of our ongoing commitment to give back to the communities."

For ticket information, visit detroitreptheatre.com.



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Contributing

The Lakeshore Optimist Club of Grosse Pointe hosted two representatives of the Old Newsboys Goodfellows Fund of Detroit and presented them with contributions totaling \$955 to help the Goodfellows provide Christmas gift boxes to needy Detroit children. From left, are Optimist president Jeff vonSchwarz of Grosse Pointe Farms and Goodfellow James Goss of the City of Grosse Pointe and Conrad Koski of Grosse Pointe Farms.

Correction

Jacques Allard was misidentified in a picture printed the Jan. 4 issue of The Grosse Pointe News. He is on the left.

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Webcast explores current views

Christ Church Grosse Pointe, 61 Grosse Pointe Blvd. invites the community to watch a free live Webcast of Trinity Institute's National Theological Conference, "God's Unfinished Future: Why it Matters Now," Jan. 22 through 24.

The conference explores personal, political and environmental impact of "ultimate visions" with today's theologians.

In America today there is a battle over Christianity's vision of God's future. Popular works such as the "Left Behind" series pit the forces of good and evil in an imminent showdown where God will defeat the forces of evil, the earth will be annihilated, and the saved lifted up. The claim of this conference is that this vision is a massive and dangerous distortion of the biblical picture of God's purpose. This apocalypticism, in our tradition and others, supports a politics of polarization, violence and extremism.

Sessions run from 6:30 to 9 p.m. Monday, Jan. 22. Sessions on Tuesday and Wednesday, Jan. 23 and 24, run from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. The exact schedule of speakers is listed on the institute's Web site at trinitywallstreet.com.

The conference brings together four theologians. Jurgen Moltmann, author of "Theology of Hope and The Coming of God," has championed an alternative to contemporary renderings of apocalypticism.

The Rev. Barbara R. Rossing, Th.D., author of "The Rapture Exposed," will trace the development of the prevailing narrative and propose a reading of the text more faithful to

Christian tradition.

The Rev. Peter J. Gomes, best selling author and Plummer Professor of Christian Morals at Harvard, will reflect on how a vision of God's future has served as a source of hope and direction in the African-American struggle of liberation. James Carroll, preacher and novelist, is a former Catholic priest whose novels have been compared by reviewers with the moral fiction of Graham Greene.

For more information, call (313) 885-4841.

CHRIST THE KING

Curriculum maintains balance

What components make up a good preschool?

Is it the latest in facilities, fittings and furniture, all designed according to research into young children's needs and learning styles?

Is it a staff that maintains the perfect balance between knowledge and competence? Is it a curriculum that places equal emphasis on social, physical and spiritual development?

Area parents seeking sound early childhood education can ask these questions from 1 to 3 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 28, at Christ the King Lutheran Preschool's

open house.

"Our open house gives us a chance to showcase our educational and spiritual strengths," said Sharon Ziegler, Christ the King's preschool director since 2001. A graduate of Concordia University in Seward, Neb., she earned a Bachelor of Science degree in early childhood education in 1986.

"Parents can explore our classrooms, talk to our teachers and aides and familiarize themselves with the program," she said.

"Information they take home with them, especially our hand-

book, will show them our typical schedule, how we break down our time and the activities we do on a daily basis.

"It's a great way for parents to get an insight into what we do and why we do it. It helps them compare us with other preschools so they can make the best decision possible on where to send their child."

Ziegler said Christ the King's curriculum focuses on educating the whole child, devoting time to physical, social and spiritual growth. Classes are divided by age into 3-year-olds, 4-year-olds and young 5-year-

olds.

Lessons are theme-oriented, with a new theme introduced every couple of weeks. Four-year-olds and young 5-year-old classes set aside time for kindergarten readiness, which includes learning the alphabet and numbers.

In addition, the preschool plans occasional field trips and special events, such as Preschool Sunday, in which the children perform a program for their parents and Christ the King's congregation.

The preschool's curriculum is also Christ-centered, introducing children to simple concepts of the Christian faith that they can understand.

"Our schedule always includes daily Jesus time, where we tell stories about Him and sing songs to Him," Ziegler said. "Once a month, we hold Jesus time right in the church — we call it chapel time — with Pastor Holzerland. Here's where the children learn to conduct themselves in church — for example, how to be quiet, how to sit, when to stand. We also show them how to live like God's children every day, focusing them on love and forgiveness."

"This is the most exciting part of all, because they can take those lessons home and practice them in their families. In a very real way, they're carrying the Gospel with them from Christ the King and into the world."

No reservations are necessary. Attendees should use the Farmer Jack entrance, where they will be directed to the classrooms on the church's lower level. For more information, call Christ the King (313) 884-5998.

COMING EVENTS

◆ Catch the new session of Who Am I?

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ies of Parts I and II into an action plan. A deceptively gentle way to take action on the universal spiritual maxim to know yourself.

The classes are held from 9:15 a.m. to 1:15 p.m. on eight Fridays, Jan. 19 through March 16, in Miller Hall (Christ Church Grosse Pointe, 61 Grosse Pointe Blvd, Grosse Pointe Farms).

For details and to register, call (313) 885-4841, ext. 113, or visit christchurchgp.org/spirituality.

◆ Sportscaster Vic Faust will speak at 7 p.m. Friday, Jan. 26, at Grosse Pointe Woods Presbyterian Church, 19950 Mack.

Faust anchors the 6 and 11 p.m. sportscast on Channel 7 and hosts a 30-minute Sunday Sports Update.

He also has a radio spot on 103.5 WMUZ. Originally from

Missouri, Faust came to Detroit in 2004.

To be successful, he said one must "act with integrity, be honest, keep your faith and bring your best every day."

He will share his personal testimony of faith, his experience in the sports world and how faith has a place in his life. There will be stories of fellowship among professional athletes and tales of his sportscasting career.

◆ The youth of the church at First English Evangelical Lutheran Church are in the final stages of planning their annual winter retreat to Michi-Lu-Ca from Jan. 26 through 28.

The Lutheran camp is located in Fairview between Grayling and Harrisville. Middle school and high school youth in the community are welcome; cost is \$45 per church member or \$75 for

non-members.

Along with hiking and sledding, fireside chats, games and food, the young campers will view Pastor Jerry's power point presentation called "Body Life: A Study of St. Paul's Teachings On Respecting One's Body as the Temple of the Lord."

Upcoming activities for First English Youth of the Church are a 30-Hour Famine and Laser Tag on Feb. 23, Road Rally in April, and the annual Youth Work Camp in June.

In addition, there is supervised open gym and youth room for high school age neighborhood youth every Wednesday evening.

Contact Pastor Jerry Elsholz at the church at (313) 884-5040 with questions or to register.

First English is located at 800 Vernier at Wedgewood in Grosse Pointe Woods.

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ASK THE EXPERT By Mary Ellen Brayton

Have a conversation with teens about drinking



Question: My daughter is a freshman at Grosse Pointe North. What is the best way to approach the topic of drinking with her so that she'll actually listen?

A: For many parents, bringing up the subject of alcohol is no easy matter. Think of this discussion with your child as the first part of an ongoing conversation. Remember, do make it a conversation, not a lecture. Here are some topics to help you get started:

1) Listen to your child's

view: Ask your teen what she knows about alcohol and what she thinks about teen drinking. Listen carefully without interrupting. Not only will this approach help your child to feel heard and respected, but it can serve as a "lead-in" to discussing alcohol topics.

2) Share the facts: Although many kids believe they already know everything about alcohol, myths and misinformation abound. Here are some important facts to share:

a) Alcohol is a powerful drug that slows down the body and mind. It impairs coordination; slows reaction time; and impairs vision, clear thinking, and judgment.

b) Beer and wine are not "safer" than hard liquor. A 12-ounce can of beer, a 5-ounce glass of wine, and 1.5 ounces

of hard liquor all contain the same amount of alcohol and have the same effects on the body and mind.

c) On average, it takes 2 to 3 hours for a single drink to leave the body. Nothing can speed up this process, including drinking coffee, taking a cold shower, or "walking it off."

d) People tend to be very bad at judging how seriously alcohol has affected them. That means many individuals who drive after drinking think they can control a car — but actually cannot.

e) Anyone can develop a serious alcohol problem, including a teenager.

3) Dispel the myths: The media's glamorous portrayal of alcohol encourages many teens to believe that drinking

will make them popular, attractive, happy and "cool." Research shows that teens who expect such positive effects are more likely to drink at early ages. Watch TV shows and movies with your teen and talk about how alcohol is portrayed. Most people don't know that alcohol is a depressant and can, in some cases, bring on feelings of sadness or anger rather than carefree high spirits as is commonly shown.

4) Discuss the consequences: Forget the scare tactics. Discuss the consequences of alcohol use for minors and the law as well as school suspensions.

One of the leading causes of teen deaths is motor vehicle crashes involving alcohol. Drinking also makes a young

person more vulnerable to sexual assault and unprotected sex.

And while your teen may believe she wouldn't engage in hazardous activities after drinking, point out that because alcohol impairs judgment, a drinker is very likely to think such activities won't be dangerous.

Talk about maintaining self-respect — let them know that they are too smart and have too much going for them to need the crutch of alcohol. We all know people who have done something embarrassing that damaged important relationships and their self-respect while drinking.

5) Family history: If one or more members of your immediate or extended family has suffered from alcoholism,

your child may be somewhat more vulnerable to developing a drinking problem. Your child needs to know that for him or her, drinking may carry special risks.

This information was taken from a publication available from the National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism. Visit niaaa.nih.gov for more information.

Parents really are the anti-drug. Parents are powerful — you can make a difference.

Mary Ellen Brayton is the program director at The Family Center, 20090 Morningside Dr., Grosse Pointe Woods, MI 48236; or call (313) 432-3832; or her cell at (313) 582-0528, or visit the Web site at familycenterweb.org.

HEALTH COLUMN By Jeff and Debra Jay

Brain development known to be impaired due to drug use



Dear Jeff and Debra: I've learned that my 16-year-old daughter is smoking marijuana. I commented that her eyes looked red and irritated after being at a party. Without hesitation or shame, she said, "Mom, I smoked a little weed with my friends. It's no big deal. Everyone does it." Her forthrightness shocked me, I could barely speak. I was totally unprepared for this kind of encounter with

my daughter. I never dreamed she would use drugs, let alone tell me about it.

I finally composed myself and told her we would talk about it later and then sent her to bed.

The next day at breakfast, I confronted her. I told her I expected her to stop using drugs.

She told me I was overreacting and that marijuana is nonaddictive and safer than drinking.

She feels confident that by smoking pot no more than 2 or 3 times a week, it is quite harmless.

To be honest, I didn't know if what she was telling me was true or not. Am I overreacting?

Should I accept some recreational pot use as a normal part of growing up in America?

SQUARE MOM

Dear Mom,

You are not being "square" when questioning your daughter's drug use. You are being a responsible and prudent parent. Marijuana is not a safe drug. Between 1993 and 1998, the number of teenagers entering drug rehabilitation programs rose 45 percent.

The increase was mostly due to an increase in marijuana dependence.

Marijuana is an addictive drug.

Research shows that heavy use of marijuana may put

adolescents at risk for impaired development of the language area of the brain. Dr. Sanjeev Kumra, a researcher at Long Island Jewish Medical Center, reports:

"During adolescence a number of different cognitive functions are continuing to grow and improve. We know the type of essay you can write at grade 9 is very different than the type of essay you can write in college. There must be parts of the brain that are growing that allow you to be able to think more in abstract terms — to be able to use inferential thinking."

Using marijuana may interfere with brain growth responsible for our ability to

think abstractly and inferentially — and these changes may be permanent.

When comparing brains of non-pot smoking teens with those of pot smoking teens, scientists find differences primarily in the forebrain regions, which includes the cerebrum — the area of the brain responsible for higher mental functions, such as thought, reason, emotion and memory.

We've viewed brain scans belonging to adolescents who use marijuana and have seen the changes.

For example, the brain of an 18-year-old who smoked pot four times a week over a period of three years was noticeably atrophied as compared

to drug-free brains. Your daughter needs to be told that she is messing with a rapidly developing brain, and evidence says she may be changing how her brain functions for a lifetime.

Jeff Jay and Debra Jay are co-authors of "Love First: A New Approach to Intervention for Alcoholism and Drug Addiction," and Debra Jay is the author of "No More Letting Go: The Spirituality of Taking Action Against Alcoholism and Drug Addiction."

Jeff and Debra Jay are professional interventionists who live in Grosse Pointe Farms. They may be contacted with your questions at (313) 882-6921 or lovefirst.net.

Behavior modification classes set

Wellness seminars for weight control and smoking cessation are being offered at St. John Macomb Hospital, 11800 East 12 Mile, Warren.

These programs combine hypnosis with behavior modification.

Participants learn to lose weight or stop smoking without feelings of deprivation or denial in one session and eliminate unproductive habits

such as overeating, bingeing, snacking, or reaching for a cigarette.

The first 45 minutes of each session are a free orientation. If the participant feels comfortable with the program, they pay a one-time fee of \$69.

This fee includes a hypnotic session, behavior modification booklet, home reinforcement audiocassette tape (CDs

are available), and unlimited free repetitions of the hypnosis, if needed.

The weight loss seminar is scheduled from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Tuesday Jan. 30.

The stop smoking session is from 6:30 to 8 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 6. Reservations are not required.

For more information, call 848-2822 or visit easywillpower.com.

Residents can join two cancer fundraising events

After his mother passed away from breast cancer in 2001, Francesco Lucarelli decided to help fight cancer.

He will be climbing Mount Kilimanjaro to raise funds, seeking pledges for each 1,000 of the 19,335 feet he will conquer from Feb. 5 through 19.

Proceeds will support the Van Elslander Cancer Center (VECC) Adolescent and Young Adult Oncology Program at St. John Hospital.

Lucarelli will be honored during the Champions for Life Champions Reach New

Heights event from 7 to 10 p.m. Friday, March 2, at the VECC, 19229 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods.

The event features a silent auction, wine tasting and strolling dinner.

Supporters may follow Lucarelli's ascent online at stjohn.org/ChampionsReachNewHeights.

For more information, call Lorraine Owczarek at (586) 582-7509.

Wayne County residents can buy daffodils through Feb. 16, as a way of supporting the

American Cancer Society. The daffodil is the American Cancer Society's perennial symbol of hope for cancer patients throughout the community.

Daffodils may be ordered in bunches of 10, either with or without a vase, for a donation of \$10 and \$15, respectively.

To place an order, call the American Cancer Society office at (248) 557-5353.

Orders will be accepted until Feb. 16 with flower deliveries occurring March 13 through 15.

Red Cross Blanket Days are drawing to a close

The 2006 American Red Cross Blanket Days for the Homeless campaign is on its way toward completion.

To date, the Red Cross has collected more than 3,000 twin-size blankets from groups and individuals.

Red Cross volunteers will continue to do pick-ups from organizations completing

their drives.

"The 2006 Blanket Days for the Homeless campaign is on course to meet its goal due to the ongoing support of our campaign sponsors, partners and our community at large," said Glen Hendricks, director of emergency services.

"We have received a very positive response this year

and we are truly grateful to all those who participated so far. "However, more can be done.

"We encourage those who have not had the chance to donate to help us give the gift of warmth this winter."

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SENIOR SCENE By Ruth Cain

Stay grounded when fighting a cold

Here's a horrifying statistic. You are up to 113 times more likely to leave an airplane with a cold than if you had stayed on the ground. So says a study from the University of Victoria, Canada.

If you already have a cold when you board, it'll probably get worse.

"Pressure differences during the flight plug up your inner ears and sinuses so you'll feel worse when you get off the plane," says Neil Schachter, M.D., author of "The Good Doctor's Guide to Colds and Flu."

But there are measures you can take when you fly, he adds.

Reduce pressure effects by taking an antihistamine (decongestants can raise blood pressure) if you have any sign

of a cold.

Keep hydrated. Dry cabin air can be alleviated by sipping water throughout the flight to keep mucus membranes working. Hot drinks are especially effective, but avoid caffeine. Also, use a saline nasal spray.

You catch more colds by touching than by breathing. Don't borrow your neighbor's pen. Wash your hands frequently and use alcohol-based hand sanitizers. More than 200 viruses cause the common cold, so antibacterial sanitizers won't help.

Pack these: Zinc lozenges can reduce a cold's symptoms and duration, but don't take more than one or two or you will lose your sense of taste or smell. While Vitamin C can't prevent a cold, it's a natural antihistamine that relieves symptoms without sleepiness.

Chicken soup provides comfort and inhibits inflammation.

Tips

You've all heard the tips for keeping your brain young, but a member of the American Geriatrics Society makes them meaningful by giving an explanation of why these ideas are helpful.

◆ See your health care professional regularly. Health problems such as high blood pressure, diabetes, depression, or not eating right, make it hard to keep your mind sharp. It's important to get regular check-ups to make sure you're in good health and that any health problems are under control.

◆ Regular exercise — at least 30 minutes, three times a week — can help you stay sharp. Exercise increases

blood flow to the brain, which helps keep the brain healthy and working well. Exercise may even help new brain cells grow. Walking is probably the easiest thing to do. Dancing, cycling, swimming and gardening are also great exercise choices.

◆ Older adults don't need less sleep than younger adults. Getting less than 7 or 8 hours of sleep at night can make it harder to concentrate and remember.

◆ Long-term stress can make it hard to get a good night's rest. Stress can also make it harder to concentrate, learn and remember. Exercise, prayer and meditation are good stress relievers.

◆ Spending time with other people also seems to give your brain a boost. Meet and get to know others: join a club, go to

a senior center, volunteer, try a part-time job.

◆ A diet that is low in saturated fat (the kind found in fried foods, butter, cheese, beef and pork) but rich in fruits and vegetables and B vitamins is good for your brain. Your diet should also include a couple servings of fish, especially salmon, tuna, sardines, and mackerel, each week. These fish are high in omega-3 fatty acids, which are good fats that your brain needs. Ask your doctor or nurse if you should also take a multiple vitamin daily.

Senior internet sites

Here are the best internet sites for seniors.

◆ NIA publications.org. It posts articles on diseases, "healthy aging," safety and more from the National

Institute on Aging.

◆ Allthingsfrugal.com. Provides tips on saving money, printable coupons, and a list of "what goes on sale when."

◆ elderhostel.org. Offers travel information and tours for people over 55. Programs include meals, lodging, tour guides, side trips, and airfare for international destinations.

◆ FDIC.gov. Offers online tutorials to help users hone their money management skills.

◆ AARP.com. Covers the gamut of senior issues, including health insurance, grandparenting, Medicare, and financial planning.

I hope these tips help you stay healthy, wealthy and wise for this new year.

You can reach Ruth Cain on her email: ruthcain@comcast.net

Seniors can benefit from Medicare's preventive services

By Tommy Thompson

As a former Secretary of Health & Human Services (HHS), I am particularly interested in the recent changes to Medicare.

I've been reading a lot about the new prescription drug coverage, also known as Part D. It's great to see the impact of the new program — now more than 38.2 million, or 90 percent of those eligible for Medicare have help paying for their drugs.

What many people do not realize is that the law that brought about Part D included more than just prescription drugs. The law, known as the

Medicare Modernization Act of 2003 (MMA), contained other measures to improve Medicare. One very important change was the coverage of additional preventive health services.

Preventive services are often health care screenings or tests that are performed by a doctor to understand your current health status. They can also be used to predict potential health care risks. The medical community now understands that identifying and treating a condition early on can result in better health outcome results. Preventing something before it starts can be even better.

Medicare first began covering preventive services in 1981. Throughout the years, new services have been added. The services listed below are some of the ones offered by Medicare.

◆ A one-time Welcome to Medicare physical exam.

◆ Health screenings for cardiovascular disease, breast cancer, cervical and vaginal cancers, colorectal cancer, prostate cancer, diabetes, glau-

coma and bone density.

◆ Flu and hepatitis shots.

◆ The most recently added preventive service, smoking and tobacco use cessation.

More information about Medicare's preventive services can be found at the Web site medicare.gov or by calling (800) MEDICARE. You should also consult with your doctor and Medicare to understand which services would be helpful to you and your level of cov-

erage.

These preventive services are important, but we still have a ways to go. Today's health care systems focus the vast majority of resources on treating problems that already exist. We need to learn better ways to keep people as healthy as possible as long as possible. Not only is this better for patients and their families, it saves the overall system a lot of money. I encourage all seniors to talk

to Medicare and their doctors about the preventive services available through Medicare. As more seniors use these services, the more public support there will be for making services such as these available to seniors. It's just one step toward changing the system to provide real health care, not just sick care.

Tommy Thompson is former Health & Human Services Secretary.

Elmwood Foundation has second donor reception

Contributors to the Historic Elmwood Cemetery Foundation were treated to an afternoon tea and greeted by Elmwood's Board of Trustees President Francis W. "Sandy" McMillan II and foundation board president Terry Peck Book.

Book said, \$25,000, a third of the goal for this year's major project, the chapter restoration, has been reached.

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chapel, built of local limestone and timber, is now just 10 years younger than the cemetery itself, and an estimated \$75,000 is needed to provide it with a new roof, new interior venting and a fresh coat of paint, inside and out. The chapel plays an increasingly important role in the life of the surrounding community, as a center for concerts, educational programs, lectures, memorial programs and weddings.

Send for brochure to cut energy costs

With Old Man Winter knocking on the door, looking for ways to cut monthly energy bills is on the to-do list.

Tips such as lowering the thermostat each degree can save up to 5 percent in heating costs and others can be found in the brochure "Powersmart: The Power is in Your Hands" from the Alliance to Save

Energy and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.

For a free copy, send your name and address to the Federal Citizen Information Center, Dept. 626N, Pueblo, Colo., call 1-888-878-3256 and ask for item 626N; or visit pueblogs.gov to read and print the brochure.



Heart to heart

Individuals, families, church groups and schools are invited to help brighten up Valentine's Day for a senior. Join Services for Older Citizens for a morning of fun at the Neighborhood Club on Saturday, Feb. 3. Volunteers will deliver homemade valentines to seniors in Grosse Pointe and Harper Woods. Call the SOC office at (313) 882-9600 to be put on the list of volunteers. The event will be from 10 to 11 a.m. and a light breakfast will be provided. "The seniors cherish these small tokens of love," says Mary Rose Nelson, volunteer coordinator "One senior said it was the first valentine she received in over 20 years."

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DOWN TO EARTH By Kathleen Peabody

'Plant of the year' perfect for Michigan growing



It's the time of year when various national organizations choose their "plant of the year." And this year is an exciting one for gardeners in Michigan because we can grow both selections as perennials.

Two organizations, the International Herb Association and the Perennial Plant Association have made their choices and, as a longtime Herb Society of America, Grosse Pointe Unit member, I couldn't be happier.

Lemon balm (*Melissa officinalis*), was chosen as "Herb of the Year" by the International Herb Association. This easy-to-grow herb finds its way into many local gardens. There's really nothing like the lemony aroma from this wonderful plant, but some may consider it rather weedy. It's true that it may not be the most well-behaved plant on the planet, but it has so much to offer. And, it can be trained to obey.

Melissa officinalis is part of the mint family, Lamiaceae, sporting the noted square stems. The varieties of lemon balm are few with one known as golden, or *Melissa officinalis* "Aurea," from which the color variation is really caused by a virus. Another version sells itself as lime balm but the oil composition is no different from the lemon balm. Herb specialists such as Charles Voigt, with the Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Sciences at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign and au-

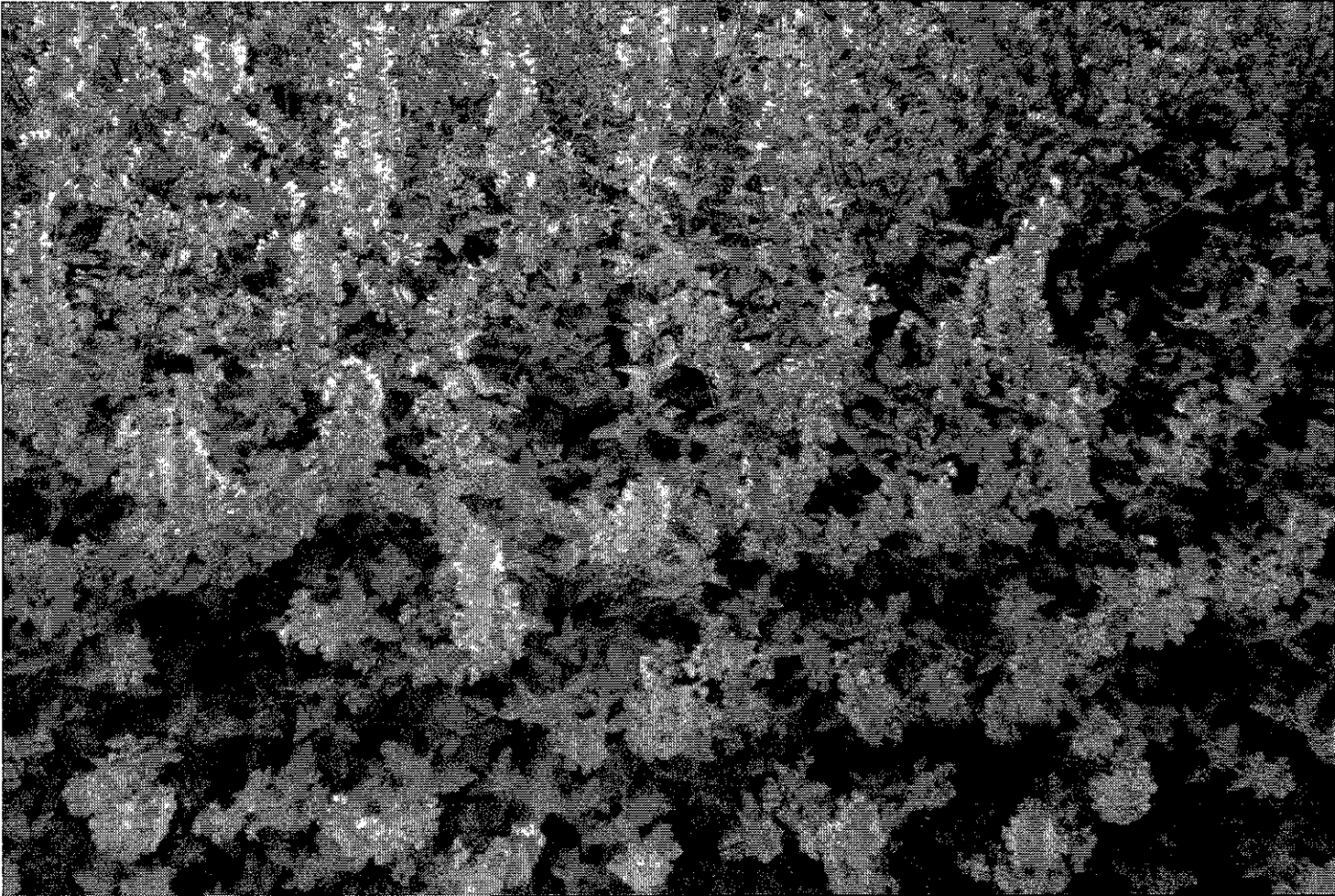


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Nepeta "Walker's Low"

thor of "Lemon Balm, Not Just a Sweet Smelling Weed Anymore" in "The Herbarist," wonders if it is truly a different variety.

Voigt writes that lemon balm does best in full to part sun, but will most likely survive in all but the deepest shade. Yes, it does self-sow quite eagerly but it is not as invasive as some of the mints we grow. The plant enjoys a well-drained loam with a pH near 6.5.

As for behavior, use of an organic mulch will keep the leaves cleaner and assist with winter survival. Harvest lemon

balm before its flowers open to alleviate the release of seeds.

Bees love lemon balm, so plant it where passers-by will not be bothered. The plant is not bothered by other insects.

Voigt said to trim and use the leaves in teas, salads, poultry stuffing, punch and marinades for fish. As with all herbs, this continued harvesting helps keep the plant in line.

Lemon balm works well with corn, broccoli, asparagus, lamb, shellfish, freshly ground black pepper and beans as well as vinegars, drinks and cake frostings.

Lemon balm mimics citronella oil and, according to Voigt, might be effective in mosquito repellants. With its sedative properties, it has been used for centuries as a medicinal agent, even as a mild form of herbal Valium.

"Literature describes it as being antioxidant, antimutagenic, antibacterial, and antiviral," Voigt writes.

Our other star plant, this one chosen by the Perennial Plant Association as "2007 Perennial Plant of the Year," is *Nepeta* "Walker's Low," also known as catmint.

This variety of catmint was first introduced in 1998 in Europe and has become more popular with each passing year. With its lovely, long-blooming blue-violet flowers, a gray foliage, and lack of pest or disease problems, it's a wonderful addition to our local gardens.

This too is a member of the Lamiaceae or mint family. This variety can grow to 36 inches tall, making it one of the largest cultivated nepetas. This particular plant has crinkled, aromatic, silver-green foliage and will bloom almost continu-

ously from May to frost, if pruned back by two-thirds when the initial flowers fade. It will spread from 30 to 36 inches.

Nepeta "Walker's Low" is a good companion plant for both early summer and late season combinations, pairing well with *Coreopsis verticillata* "Moonbeam," *Salvia nemorosa* "Mainacht," or *Dianthus gratianopolitanus* "Feuerhexe," all previous award winners.

In the herb garden, this plant plays well with sages, thymes and silvery plants like lamb's ears. With its soft mounding habit that camouflages the lowers stems, it is also a classic companion for roses.

Nepeta "Walker's Low" also is visited by bees and butterflies, making it a wonderful addition to the wildlife garden. It is hardy in zones 3 to 8. It is salt tolerant and has few pest or disease problems. This catmint does well in a sunny site, but will tolerate some shade in hot climates.

Be sure to add one or both of these herbal plants to your summertime garden. Enjoy the scent, the wildlife they attract, and the beauty they bring to your life.

Kathleen Peabody is an Advanced Master Gardener who lives (and gardens) in Grosse Pointe Woods. Reach her online at kpeabody@grossepointe-news.com

What's going on?

Sue Grubba will lecture on garden lighting at the Grosse Pointe Garden Center's annual luncheon meeting at noon on Fri., Jan. 19, at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial. Reservations for lunch are required. Call (313) 881-7511 ext. 206 for details.

A LA ANNIE By Annie Rouleau-Scheriff

Impromptu lunch was five stars from first bite to last



I threw an impromptu luncheon for six recently. With only about an hour to work with, I prepared a delicious pasta with eggplant and prosciutto, an easy arugula salad and garlic bread. The entire meal was well received, especially the pasta.

Rigatoni alla Melanzane (Eggplant)

1/4 cup olive oil
1 small onion, finely diced
3 large garlic cloves, thinly sliced
2 medium eggplants, peeled and cut into bite-sized pieces
1 28-oz. can whole tomatoes

with juice, tomatoes broken apart using your fingers
1/4 lb. sliced prosciutto, chopped (optional)
1/2 cup dry red wine
1 teaspoon dried oregano
1/4 cup chopped fresh parsley (or 2 tablespoons dried)
1/2 teaspoon crushed red pepper flakes
Salt and pepper to taste
1 lb. rigatoni
Fresh Parmesan cheese

Heat the oil in a large skillet over medium heat. Add the onion and the garlic and cook

for about five minutes. Add the eggplant, tomatoes, prosciutto, red wine, oregano, parsley, pepper flakes, salt and pepper. Stir well and bring the mixture to a boil. Cover, reduce heat and simmer for 30 to 40 minutes, stirring occasionally.

Meanwhile, cook the rigatoni according to package directions. Drain the cooked pasta and add it to the skillet. Toss well to distribute the sauce over the pasta.

Transfer to a large, shallow serving bowl and garnish with

fresh parsley and shaves of fresh Parmesan cheese.

You'll enjoy the flavor combination in this easy-to-make pasta that was inspired by

Tastes of Italia. Vegetarians can hold the prosciutto and still have a palate pleasing pasta.

Homemade gingerbread topped with fresh fruit salad

rounded out my last-minute luncheon.

My friend (and lunch guest), Virginia, pronounced the lunch "five star all the way!"

Auto show noted with special offer

Attendees of the 100th North American International Auto Show can get a free ticket to select Detroit Symphony Orchestra performances.

The DSO will give one free ticket when one ticket is purchased with proof of an auto show ticket stub to the "Big Band 'Hit Parade'" on Jan. 18 through Jan. 21; a performance by jazz singer Jane Monheit Jan. 25; and "deMaine's Dvorak" on stage from Jan. 26 through Jan. 28.

"This is a big anniversary year for the auto show and we want to demonstrate our support for this high-profile event," said Ross Binnie, DSO vice president for sales and service. "We've got the world coming to Detroit and we want to show off our city and its music."

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Eames lounge chair: An icon of modern design

The Henry Ford will present **The Eames Lounge Chair: An Icon of Modern Design**, Feb. 3 through April 29 at Henry Ford Museum.

This traveling exhibit, organized by the Grand Rapids Art Museum and Herman Miller Inc., features more than 30 objects from the design partnership of Charles and Ray Eames.

The Eames lounge chair was created through experiments with molded plywood furniture designs and was first introduced to the public in 1956 on NBC's "Home" show. The leather-upholstered, rosewood-veneered chair and matching ottoman partnered comfort with modernistic design.

"This exhibit on the Eames lounge chair is an example of what Henry Ford Museum is all about — great American innovation," said Christian Overland, vice-president of museums and collections for The Henry Ford.

"Charles and Ray believed in bringing the best to the greatest number of people, and their lounge chair has become an American icon of comfort and modern design that set the standard for furniture design in the world."

The Eames exhibit will display an "exploded" version of the chair, and visitors will be able to explore vintage photographs and films that reveal how it was manufactured and assembled.

In addition, visitors will get a glimpse of the sharp design contrasts between the Eames lounge chair and other lounge chairs, with the exclusive display of the shabby recliner used by the character Martin Crane in the hit television show, "Frasier."

The Eames lounge chair and ottoman stand among the most significant and collectible furniture pieces of the 20th century. The iconic de-



Ray and Charles Eames, iconic designers of the modern century, are photographed at the Aspen Design Conference in 1976.

sign is a culmination of the pair's efforts to create comfortable and handsome lounge seating by using production techniques that combine technology and handcraftsmanship. Its heritage goes back to the molded plywood chairs pioneered by the Eameses in the 1940s.

Early in their careers, they transformed their passion for molded plywood designs into affordable, yet high-quality furniture for average consumers. In 1940, for the MoMA show "Organic Design in Home Furnishings," they submitted a prototype of a lounge chair with modern aesthetics that offered the comfort of a traditional armchair.

Following that competition, they continued to experiment with this lounge chair made of three large sections of curving molded plywood.

The chair was an instant commercial success because of its elegant and sophisticated design. In the first year, Herman Miller sold nearly 500

sets priced more than \$500. Sales gradually rose with the popularity of the design and by 2005, a total of more than 100,000 chairs were sold, most of them still in service.

The original design of the lounge chair resembles a first baseman's glove with three curved plywood shells made



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The Eames lounge chair and ottoman designed and created by Charles and Ray Eames were first introduced in 1956. The chair is an icon of mid-century modern design.

of rosewood and padded with black leather upholstery filled with down, and duck feathers. The ottoman, a single-curved shell, was similarly padded. Charles and Ray Eames used rubber shock mounts for connections, providing resiliency and flexibility.

The swivel base has a five-star "spider" mechanism made of cast aluminum and is painted black.

The lounge chair and ottoman have remained largely unchanged in the last half-century, although rosewood was discontinued about 15 years ago because of environmental concerns.

Current veneer options include cherry, walnut and santos palisander. Still produced by Herman Miller, it is currently priced at \$3,250 and up,

with the ottoman.

Selections of molded plywood furniture created by Ray and Charles Eames in the 1940s will also be on display, as well as a molded plywood sculpture constructed during the same period by Ray Eames.

Accompanying the full display will be a 190-page hardcover book, in which design critics, historians, and other experts explore the numerous facets of the Eames' iconic design.

Henry Ford Museum is open seven days a week, 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Admission is \$14 adults, \$13 seniors and \$10 youths; members and children four and under are free.

For more information call (313) 982-6001 or visit thehenryford.org.

Designers gave best to greatest number

Charles Eames met Bernice Alexandra (Ray) Kaiser in 1940 at the Cranbrook Academy of Art in Bloomfield, where he was a teacher and the head of the industrial design department and she was a student.

Both were born into middle-class families.

Both pursued their love of the arts at an early age and in later years, both believed in (as once mentioned by Charles) "bring(ing) the most of the best to the greatest number of people for the least cost."

When they joined their talents, they exploded onto the design scene.

Charles Eames was born in St. Louis, Mo. in 1907.

Despite his father's death at an early age, Charles thrived as a student in high school.

In addition to being the captain of the football team, president of his senior class and a track star, he delivered the valedictory address for his senior class and was voted most likely to succeed.

After the birth of his only child, Lucia Dewey Eames, with first wife Catherine Dewey, Charles opened his second architectural firm with friend Robert Walsh.

As "Eames & Walsh," Charles and Robert designed many buildings together, including the Meyer House and

the Dinsmore House.

It was through these projects that the work of Charles Eames caught the eye of Finnish architect Eelii Saarinen who, at the time, was director of the Cranbrook Academy of Art in Michigan.

In 1938, Eames began his first semester at Cranbrook in the Architecture and Urban Planning Program.

Ray Eames was born in Sacramento, Calif., in 1912. She, too, showed an early interest in, and aptitude for, art and followed that artistic course throughout her high school and college years.

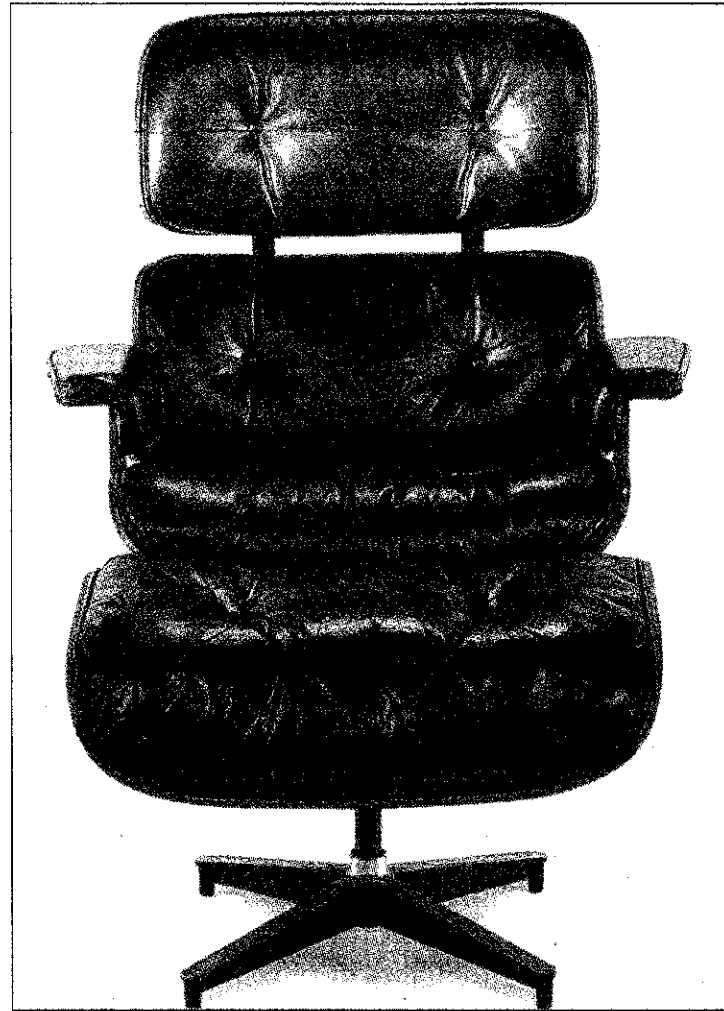
Her post-college life found her entrenched in New York City's art world. In the fall of 1940, she began attending classes at Cranbrook Academy of Art.

The following summer, she married Charles Eames.

Their post-wedding trek to California, and the friendship they established with Art & Architecture magazine publisher John Entenza, paved the way for the Eameses to achieve fame in the design world.

Entenza introduced Charles and Ray to architect Richard Neutra, from whom they rented an apartment where they first started experimenting with molded plywood furniture.

The combination of Charles



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and Ray Eames' creative ideas produced a series of furniture, the most iconic being the Eames lounge chair and ottoman first introduced to the public in 1956.

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Poets Follies jazzed up for Jan. 26

There will be much to be jazzed about as there will be celebration at this month's Poets Follies at the Grosse Pointe Art Center from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. Friday, Jan. 26.

Peter Markus, of Trenton, will be awarded the Humanities Professional Award by the Michigan Humanities Council at the Poets Follies. Markus, who will also name Wayne State University Urban Writer in Residence that day, will read from his books "The Singing Fish" and "Good, Brother."

Poets Follies director Mariela Griffor, of Grosse Pointe Park, will be reading selections from her book, "Exiliana," released this month. "Exiliana" is Griffor's autobiography in poetry in which she details her flight

from her homeland of Chile in 1986 after the assassination of her fiancé by Augusto Pinochet's secret police.

Hannelore Hahn, executive director of the International Women's Writing Guild, will also read. Hahn, of New York City, is the author of two non-fiction books, "Remember the Magic" and "Places;" a children's book, "Take a Giant Step" and an award-winning memoir, "On the Way to Feed the Swans."

Marsha Carter, of Detroit, is a poet and host of the Tuesday night Unrestricted Soul, Jazz & Poetry Open Mic at the Grand City Grille in the Fisher Building. She will recite pieces from her recently released compact disc.

A condensed version of the Luddites, billed as the world's

loudest acoustic band, will perform its blend of folk, rock, ragtime, klezmer, and Bourbon Street swing. Bringing half the band will be Ken Talbot, of Clawson, on guitar, mandolin and cello; vocalist Lisa Goedert and Rob Goedert, both of Ferndale, on guitar, accordion and mandolin; Stuart Tucker, of Hamtramck, on drums; and Grosse Pointe Park resident Al Berdayes on congas, timbales and hand percussion.

Admission to the Poets Follies is \$5.

The Grosse Pointe Art Center is located at 1005 Maryland in Grosse Pointe Park.

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Devils' defense never rests



PHOTO BY BOB BRUCE

Grosse Pointe South's P.T. Shirar takes aim at the basket during the Blue Devils' victory against Stevenson last week.

Victories over Port Huron, Stevenson keep Blue Devils unbeaten in Macomb Area Conference White Division action

By Chuck Klonke
Sports Editor

There's one thing that Grosse Pointe South basketball coach Jay Ritchie is never concerned about.

That's getting a strong defensive performance from the Blue Devils.

"Our effort on defense has been outstanding all season," Ritchie said after South's 47-25 victory against Stevenson last week kept the Blue Devils undefeated in the Macomb Area Conference White Division and overall.

"I know we'll play hard and we'll get after it defensively every night. We're going to keep the games close with our defense and that'll give us a chance to win every game."

It took a little while for South's offense to start clicking against Stevenson, but the defense was in gear from start to finish.

The Titans didn't score in double figures in any quarter but the fourth and only then because they scored seven points — all by Antony Benjamin — in the last 2:33 against the Blue Devils' third unit.

While J.C. Cruse and P.T. Shirar took care of things offensively for South with 15 points apiece, Jimmy Saros sparked the defensive effort with his performance against Stevenson's top player, Jon Goike.

"Goike is a great player and Jimmy held him to two baskets and he made him work hard for every shot he took," Ritchie said. "Jimmy pretty much wore him out."

South scored the first six points of the game but at the end of the first quarter, the Blue Devils had only a 6-5 lead. A 16-4 second-quarter advantage put South ahead 22-9 at halftime. The Blue Devils kept adding to the lead in the second half, and it eventually reached 25 points with about three minutes remaining in the game.

"We hit some big shots in the second and third quarters," Ritchie said.

"One of the biggest was that three-pointer by (Mike) Herzog (early in the second quarter). He had 10 points. Hopefully, this is a breakthrough game for him."

Shirar, who also had 14 rebounds, caused problems for

the Titans in all sorts of ways.

"Their big man (6-foot-6 Tom Klonowski) got three quick fouls guarding P.T.," Ritchie said. "That took away a lot of Stevenson's inside game."

A strong second quarter was also the key to South's 57-39 victory against Port Huron earlier in the week.

The Blue Devils outscored the Big Reds 18-5 in the second quarter to lead 28-13 at halftime. South's lead eventually reached 28 points midway through the fourth quarter.

"Once again, it was P.T. inside and J.C. on the perimeter," Ritchie said.

Shirar finished with 17 points, while Cruse had 15.

South is 7-0 overall and 4-0 in the MAC White. The Blue Devils host Grosse Pointe North on Friday, Jan. 19 in a MAC crossover game.

South has also added a game to its schedule.

The Blue Devils will play Roseville Conner Creek East on Monday, Feb. 19. South also has a game the following night against Sterling Heights Summit Academy. That contest was rescheduled from Jan. 19.

South swimmers nip North

Grosse Pointe North won more battles but Grosse Pointe South won the war last week when the crosstown rivals met in a Macomb Area Conference Red Division swimming meet.

North won seven of the 11 swimming events, but a shutout in diving and South's depth paid off in a 96-84 victory for the Blue Devils.

South coach Eric Gunderson said that he knew the meet would be close, but he was surprised at how close it turned out to be.

"I didn't expect a tie after diving," Gunderson said. "There were a lot of close races and our depth helped us pick up the win during the second half of the meet."

The Norsemen got off to a good start, winning the first four events.

North's 200-yard medley relay team of Mike Walton, Michael Lane, Mike Kedzierski and Karl Tech outswam South's quartet of Dan Basile, Michael Manos, Brad Kaminski and Matt Mandel to win in 1:48.42. North's B relay was third.

The Norsemen dominated the 200 freestyle with Cameron Howle finishing first in 1:56.05, just touching out teammate Austin Damm. Both North swimmers posted season-best times. South's Michael Shook was third.

Lane won the 200 individual medley in 2:05.48, just missing a state-qualifying time with his best time of the season. South's David Cockell was second.

The 50 freestyle was an exciting sprint to the wall led by

North's Tech and South's Riley Sherer. Tech touched first in 23.56. Sherer was second in 23.90. Manos and Mandel grabbed the next two spots for South.

The Blue Devils closed the gap in diving as they were unopposed. Jordan Long won and Will Kelly was second. The 10-0 advantage in diving tied the meet.

Depth in the later events helped South build and maintain a lead.

Basile scored valuable points with victories in the 500 freestyle and the 100 backstroke. The 500 freestyle was as exciting as a sprint with Basile swimming shoulder-to-shoulder with Howle, who finished a close second. Shook

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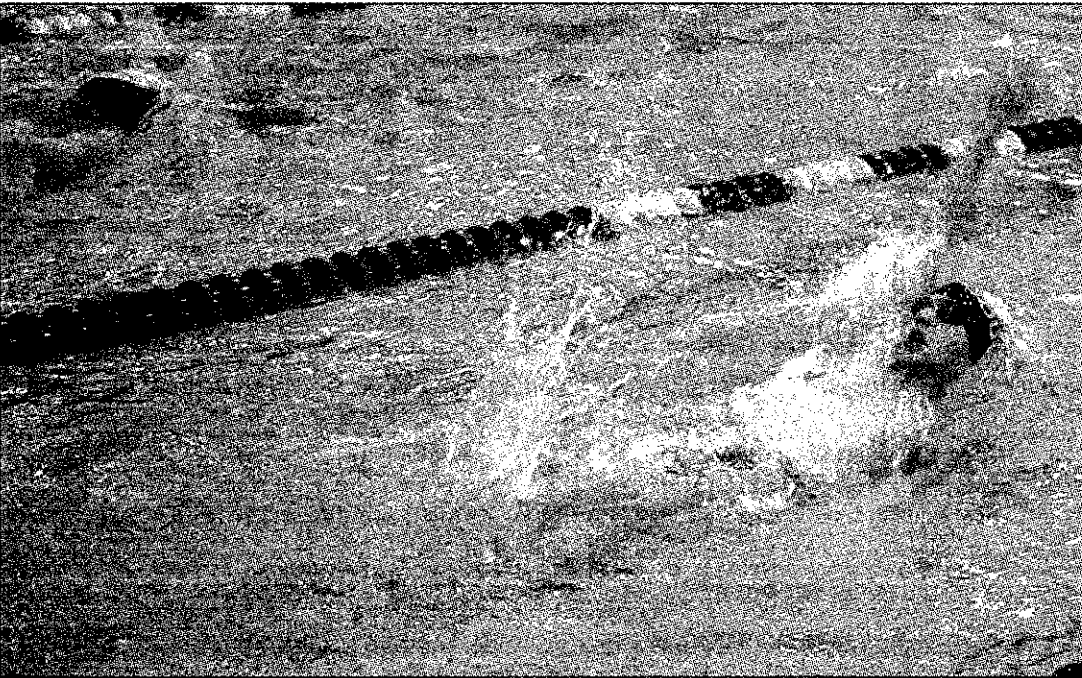
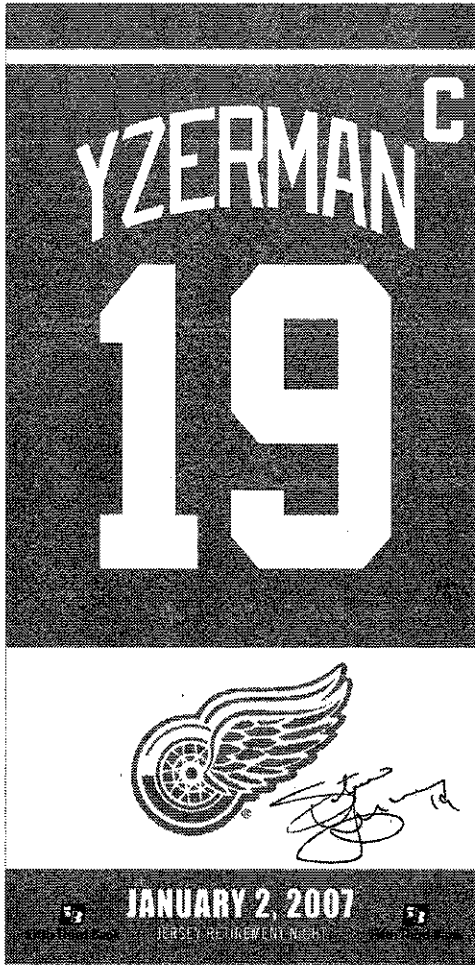


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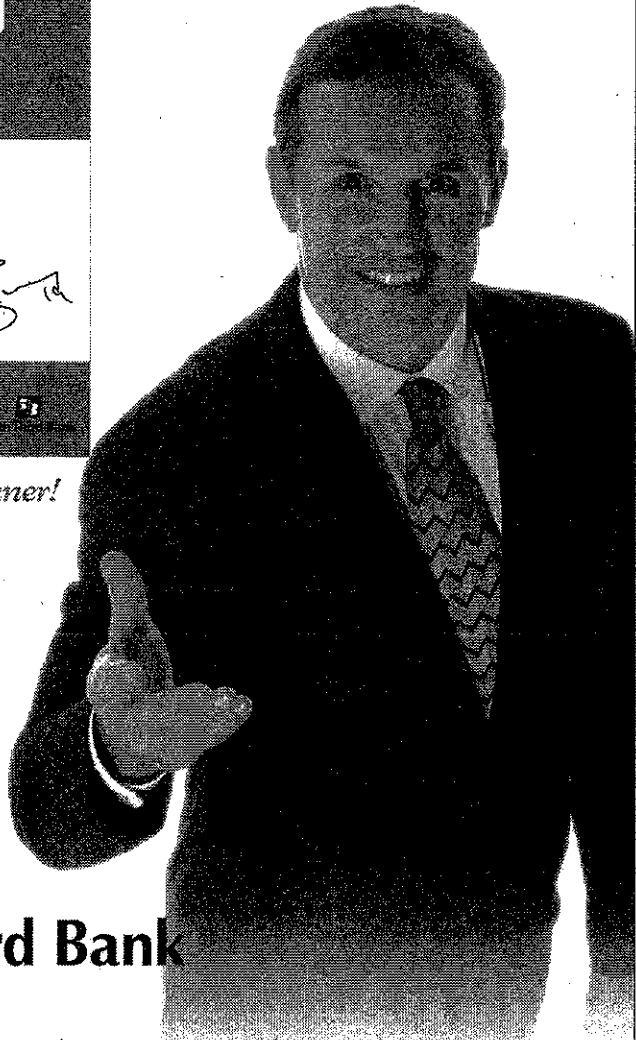
South's Dan Basile swims to a victory in the 100-yard backstroke.



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The Detroit Boat Club youth girls eight crew finished fifth among 61 boats in the Head of the Charles Regatta in Boston. Members of the crew are Emma Peck (coxswain), Caroline Sweeney, Lauren Shook, Chrissy Turner, Claire Vandelinder, Liz Kalina, Kenzie Largay, Taylor Dodson and Claire Hubbard. The girls wore orange socks and Tigers baseball caps in honor of the baseball team's playoff run last fall.

DBC rowers do well in Boston race

A fifth-place finish by the youth girls eight crew was the top showing by Detroit Boat Club rowers who competed in the Head of the Charles regatta in Boston.

The DBC rowers raced elite crews from Canada and the East Coast on the three-mile course that curves along the Charles River where the Boston College, Harvard, Riverside and Cambridge boat houses are located.

The very challenging course requires sharp strategy, endurance and power to be suc-

cessful in the largest two-day regatta in North America.

Members of the youth girls eight crew, which competed against 61 other crews, were Emma Peck (coxswain), Caroline Sweeney (stroke), Lauren Shook, Chrissy Turner, Claire Vandelinder, Liz Kalina, Kenzie Largay, Taylor Dodson and Claire Hubbard. Their time was 18:04.77.

In men's singles, Jason Koch was seventh with a time of 19:46.872 and Stephen Lambers was 10th in 19:50.962. There were 45 com-

petitors in that event.

The youth fours men placed 10th among 51 boats with a time of 18:18.365. Rowers were Trevor Behl (coxswain), Chris Cullen (stroke), Eric Jorgenson, Jeff Johnston and Tim Craig.

The youth boys eight completed the course in 17:16.76 to finish 57th out of 79 boats. The crew consisted of Chris Simon (coxswain), Taylor Freeman (stroke), A.J. Donzalski, Tom Janiak, Charlie Cullen, Andrew Kastner, John McCutcheon, Joe Adams and

John Silva.

The youth women's four was 34th in a 50-boat field with a time of 21:36.50.

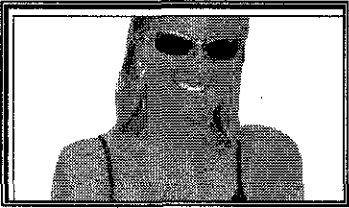
Crew members were Kitty Nichenstein (coxswain), Allison DeClerq, Jourdan Kondrat, Kathryn Switalski and Kellie Brown.

Dr. Richard Bell coaches the men's varsity team. Hans Doerr and Pete Rosberg are the women's varsity coaches.

More information on the junior rowing program is available at the DBC website: dbcjuniors.com

ON SAIL By Sandra Svoboda

Miss sailing? Try these



How nice that January is offering so much sailing to write about! Out-of-town regattas. Local Seminars. Changes to the Port Huron-Mackinac Race. Unseasonably warm weather that could affect the Lake St. Clair level next summer. Ice boating.

I'll try and tackle the first two today and others in the hopefully near future.

First, if you're really missing sailing and just hearing news and discussion about it would help numb your craving, check out the Detroit Regional Yachting Association's Wednesday seminars. A link to the schedule is on the web site at www.drya.org if you have not already seen it.

The 11-night series that rotates locations between area clubs is designed to cover a variety of topics. Some will introduce the hopeful novice sailor to some helpful, new concepts. Others will help nautical veterans refresh their knowledge and skills.

Topics include weather; sails, handicapping, navigation, first aid, rules and heavy weather sailing, and they'll be presented by local "experts."

Then there's me and the session I'm doing. The DRYA calls it "A Female Perspective" but I'm calling it "Sail Like a Girl." (Faithful readers will remember that column.)

We'll talk about special opportunities and considerations for women in the sport. We'll relive some of the events of 2006 — complete with pictures and stories from the audience too. And we'll splash the area schedule for 2007 that includes more clinics and more regattas than the area might have ever had.

To lend legitimacy to the event, Paula Tutman will be on hand. As a WDIV-TV4 reporter, she did a series of sailing reports last summer where she introduced viewers to the sport through her new, first-time-sailor perspective.

We'll be at Bayview Yacht Club at 7 p.m., Wednesday, Jan. 24. I hope to meet some of you there.

But back to actual sailing. Several sailors and boats that call Grosse Pointe yacht clubs home now are down South at the Acura Key West Race Week that ends Friday. We'll try and get some of their

stories in next time -- if they're printable in this hometown newspaper!

This month started with several Grosse Pointe families trekking to Miami for the annual Orange Bowl Regatta, the US Sailing-sponsored, Junior Olympic event at the Coral Reef Yacht Club in Miami.

Area sailors among the 600 (!) competitors included (with apologies if I miss anyone): Tyler Black, Daniel Bracciano, Katie Bracciano, Robert Declercq, Thomas Gmeiner, Lauren Knowles, Blair Listwan, Christie Listwan, Troy Marowske, Carlo Magaard-Romano, Lorenz Magaard-Romano, Grace Pytell, Lynn Pytell, Ian Robinson, Nathan Robinson, Erik Romer, Alex Romer, Brady Savage and Charlie Trost.

Also among the sailors were the Barbours, of Grosse Pointe. John Barbour is a past commodore of Bayview Yacht Club, and his three children sail. Daughters Kimberly and Katie Leigh raced their Optimists at the Orange Bowl Regatta while son Sammy, unfortunately, sat out during the holiday week regatta.

"I ended up not sailing because I could not find a crew down there as we expected to," Sammy said.

Still, he watched the racing from a power boat on the water. The sport itself offers enough helpful, new lessons from spectating that makes watching a learning experience too.

John Barbour says the story of the annual Orange Bowl event is the commitment families have to "the sailing thing" as he calls it. (That's an understatement; it's a lifestyle, hobby, network, religion and sport all in one place.)

"Travel regattas are truly team efforts," Barbour says, adding the lessons he emphasizes are sportsmanship, tenacity, endurance, integrity and learning to be tough in the face of adversity.

Whew. That's a lot in one windward-leeward course!

On a less dogmatic but happy note, my dog Bear seems to have survived his ACL surgery and is on track for rehabbing in time for sailing season -- as long as I am a helpful nurturer.

Thanks to a most helpful neighbor, my house now has been adapted for him -- we don't call it a "ramp" off the back porch, it's a "gangplank" keeping in humorous nautical metaphors. Bear appreciates all the inquiries from readers on his behalf.

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North hoops team splits two games

By Chuck Klonke
Sports Editor

Grosse Pointe North's basketball team has done a good job of bouncing back from defeats this season.

That's not quite what coach Pat Donnelly is looking for, however.

"We have bounced back, but we need to find a way to win without the motivation of a loss," Donnelly said after the Norsemen's 61-46 victory against Utica in a Macomb Area Conference Red Division game.

The victory came after a 53-40 loss to L'Anse Creuse earlier in the week.

"I can only give the 'win one for the Gipper' speeches so many times. There has to be self-motivation," Donnelly said. "I want the kids to remember how good it feels when we win. I'd like that to be their motivation. If it's going to be a loss that motivates them, we'll never be more than a .500 team."

Donnelly was disappointed

with the intensity at the beginning of the L'Anse Creuse game.

"For some reason we started flat," he said. "I didn't think we were ready to play. We have to figure out how to get motivated at the start of every game so we don't have these big holes to climb out of."

L'Anse Creuse jumped out to a 19-7 lead in the first quarter, sparked by the shooting of Tony Carreri, who led all scorers with 24 points.

Carreri hit a three-point buzzer beater at the end of the quarter.

North cut the Lancers' lead to seven points at halftime, then pulled into a 34-34 tie at the end of the third quarter.

"We had some momentum, but they hit a three, then got a steal and a breakaway layup," Donnelly said. "Then we got an offensive rebound and missed the putback. That sequence seemed to deflate us."

"But that's what happens when a team has to dig out of a deep hole. It expends so much energy coming back that it

doesn't have enough energy to finish. That's why you have to be prepared to play at the start."

One of the players who helped trigger the Norsemen's comeback was Frank Ferretti.

"He came off the bench and gave us some energy when we were sluggish," Donnelly said. "He got some steals, some key rebounds and hit a couple of shots. He got his most playing time of the year because of the effort he brought into the game. He was a big reason for our comeback."

Dwight Van Hoesen led North with 14 points.

The start of the Utica game was different than the L'Anse Creuse contest.

"The intensity was there, but the defensive intelligence wasn't," Donnelly said.

There was some miscommunication on defense and the Chieftains took advantage of it and had a three-point lead after the first quarter. Once that got straightened out, it was all North.

The Norsemen led by two

points at halftime, and built the lead to 22 points in the fourth quarter.

"We stopped getting beat in the transition, we pressured them on defense and created some turnovers that we converted into baskets," Donnelly said.

Donnelly said that Nick Waller, who had 18 points and was in double figures rebounding and had seven blocks, played his best game of the season.

"We talked during the week about him being more aggressive and how we needed him to step up because there was going to be so much focus from teams trying to stop Dwight," Donnelly said. "We needed to have some other scoring options."

Van Hoesen also had a strong game and finished with 16 points.

North is 2-3 in the MAC Red and 5-4 overall. The Norsemen play at Grosse Pointe South on Friday and return home to play East Detroit on Tuesday, Jan. 23.

North skaters bow in final

By Chuck Klonke
Sports Editor

It took a while for Grosse Pointe North's hockey team to shake off the rust after being idle for three weeks.

"We had 21 days between games and we looked sluggish when we played Brother Rice," said North coach Scott Lock after the Norsemen completed a busy week. "But we got better the next two games and that's what we're looking for — improvement."

After the 3-1 loss to the Warriors in the Michigan Interscholastic Hockey League showcase, North traveled to the west side of the state and split a pair of games in the Stan Konrad Tournament hosted by Muskegon Mona Shores.

North beat Portage Central 6-2 in the opening game, then dropped a 5-2 decision to East Kentwood in the championship game.

"It was much closer than that," Lock said of the loss to East Kentwood, which was ranked third in Division I last week. "We came out awesome

at the start. We were up 2-0, but they got a goal and then scored a power-play goal with 20 seconds left in the first period. That took away some of our momentum."

Tim Tibaudo opened the scoring for North, assisted by Jeff Holme. Doug Rahaim made it 2-0 with Jeff Rohrkemper and Dante DeSeranno getting the assists.

"In the second period (East Kentwood) raised their level of play and they scored a late goal to make it 3-2," Lock said. "We played a strong third period. We hit four goalposts and didn't score. Then they got a power-play goal with two minutes left and added an empty-netter. It was a much more even game than the final score."

North victory against Portage Central could have been even more lopsided if the Norsemen hadn't had a pair of goals disallowed.

"We just had a higher skill level than they did," Lock said.

Doug Rahaim had two goals and two assists, while Rohrkemper collected a goal and three assists.

Michael Neveux, Evan Skorupski and Alex Davenport had the other North goals. Michael Rahaim had a solid game in goal for the Norsemen.

"Our special teams played much better in the tournament and our defense was good, too," Lock said. "Neveux and Skorupski had real strong games, and so did Anthony Raymond."

In the Brother Rice game, North had a 1-0 lead in the first period on a goal by Steve Coates from Rohrkemper and Doug Rahaim, but the Norsemen started picking up penalties and the Warriors tied the game with a power-play goal late in the period.

Brother Rice came back with a pair of goals in the second period to snap the deadlock.

"Eric Rohrkemper played well in goal but unfortunately, he doesn't have a win to show for it," Lock said. "Our checking line, James Caruso, John Neveux and Tim Tibaudo, played well but against a good

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Sailing standouts

Several junior sailors from the Grosse Pointes competed in the Orange Bowl Junior Olympic Regatta, the largest Junior Olympic regatta in the country, from Dec. 27-30 at the Coral Reef Yacht Club in Coconut Grove, Fla., a suburb of Miami. The group pictured was coached by 2008 Olympic hopeful Carrie Howe of Grosse Pointe, Julie Howe and Mischa Heemskerk. In front, from left, are Blair Listwan, Ian Robinson and Nathan Robinson. In the middle row, from left, are Christie Listwan, Katie Bill, Katie Bracciano, Carrie Howe and Julie Howe. In back, from left, are Mischa Heemskerk, Charlie Trost, Chris Bill and Daniel Bracciano. Other local sailors who competed were Alex Romer, Erik Romer, Robert Declercq, Brady Savage, Lorenz Magaard-Romano, Carlo Magaard-Romano, Thomas Gmeiner, Lynn Pytell, Grace Pytell, Katie Barbour, Kimberly Barbour, Lauren Knoles, Billy Cameron, Clark Hughes and Graham Morrison.

South bounces back strong

By Chuck Klonke
Sports Editor

After losing two games they felt they should have won, somebody was going to have to pay the next time Grosse Pointe South's hockey team stepped on the ice.

It was Dearborn Divine Child that felt the Blue Devils' wrath as they rolled to a 7-1 victory in the Michigan Metro High School Hockey League game.

"This has been a pretty good rivalry over the years, but we were ready to play after two tough losses," said South coach Bob Bopp. "We really played well. We'll play them again this year, and I'm sure it won't be a 7-1 game."

Tim Shield scored twice in the first period to give the Blue Devils a 2-0 lead.

He opened the scoring at

6:32 on a power-play goal, assisted by Trevor John and Brian Auty. With two minutes left in the period, Shield scored again with Ryan Abraham and Arthur Griem getting the assists.

"That second goal was as pretty a goal as you'd ever want to see," Bopp said. "You had to see it to believe it. It was a great pass up the ice from Griem to Ryan, who was skating at full speed. He passed to Tim, who was making a quick break toward the net."

South started slowly in the second period, but a goal by Chris Stephens, assisted by Joel Patterson, made it 3-0. Late in the period, Taylor Flaska scored a power-play goal after taking a back-door pass from defenseman Sam Mott. Scott Maxwell also assisted.

Mott was playing his first

game of the season after suffering an injury.

"What a great addition to our team," Bopp said. "He looked a little rusty and didn't play a lot in that game but he'll really help us on the power play. He's outstanding on the power play."

South added three more goals in the third period. Griem, Abraham and Paul Sokolik had the goals, while John and Shield had assists.

"The line of Shield, Auty and Abraham is playing about as well as you can play," Bopp said.

Divine Child scored a third-period goal to spoil Trevor Sattelmeyer's shutout bid.

South followed that victory with a 3-0 shutout of Riverview in a Michigan Metro game.

"We expected a tough game and we got one," Bopp said. "Riverview played a very

strong game. In the first period, they looked like the quicker team."

Neither team scored in the opening period and Bopp was glad to get through the period without any damage.

South played much better in the second period and at 7:12 Alex Marshall broke the scoreless deadlock when he took a pass from John Chancey and fired a shot over the goalie's shoulder. Maxwell also assisted.

"Alex is a tough kid and a team player," Bopp said. "He hasn't been scoring much this season, but he has a very good shot and we look to him as being a player who can score."

Although the Blue Devils had only a 1-0 lead after two periods, Bopp felt confident because of the way Brett Johnson was playing in goal.

"He looked quick and he was

really focused," Bopp said. "He deserved that shutout. He made some big saves."

In the third period, Johnson's teammates eased some of the pressure with a pair of goals. Auty scored at 3:48, assisted by Abraham and Nick Cinquaranelli, and Griem made it 3-0 at 5:54 with Abraham and John getting the assists.

"Several players had great games in addition to Johnson," Bopp said. "Tim Shield might have been our best forward in each of the last four games. Ryan Abraham was feeling 100 percent but he had a lot of ice time playing his regular shift and killing penalties."

"Taylor Flaska also had a very strong game. Early in the second period he broke in on the off wing and cut to the net with a Riverview defenseman hanging on him. He beat the

goalie on the play with the puck hitting the crossbar. I wish we could have asked for a replay because it looked like the puck might have gone in and out."

Bopp also had high praise for his defense pairings of John and Griem and Mott and Maxwell.

"Trevor, playing with five stitches in his elbow, and Arthur were at their best," Bopp said.

"Arthur played such a physical game and was a huge factor in the win. Sam Mott played much more in this game and when he's teamed with Maxwell, you won't find many defensemen who play so well together."

South improved to 11-2 with the two victories.

The Blue Devils host a strong Wyandotte Roosevelt team on Saturday at 7:30 p.m. at City



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Grosse Pointe South's Alex Rentz (21) scores a goal against Northville while falling to the ice. Teammate Amanda Marsh (4) assisted on the goal.

Teamwork is key to South victory

By Bob St. John
Staff Writer

Grosse Pointe South's girls hockey team played its best game of the season last week, beating visiting Northville 8-0.

"The girls are getting better game by game," coach Ed O'Malley said. "The girls really passed the puck well tonight, which allowed us to be more aggressive in the offensive end of the ice."

The Lady Blue Devils scored three goals in each of the first

two periods before closing out the Mustangs with two third-period tallies.

Shami Entenman, Annie Shepard and Shannon Gianino scored two goals apiece, while Erin Shook and Alex Rentz also tallied.

Each of the three goaltenders, Caroline Sweeny, C.J. Jarboe and Maggie Miller played and combined to stop nine shots in recording the shutout.

"It's encouraging to see the girls progress," O'Malley said.

"We have been a little inconsistent from game to game."

In other action last week, the Lady Blue Devils lost 7-3 to host Plymouth-Canton-Salem (PCS) and 5-1 to Livonia Ladywood. Those two teams are battling for the division lead.

"Our division teams are very sound hockey teams and we need to bring our best to beat them," O'Malley said.

South is 5-5 in the Michigan Metro Girls High School Hockey League and overall.

Knights come off break with a win

By Bob St. John
Staff Writer

University Liggett School's boys hockey team's three-week hiatus from the rink ended last week with a road game against Madison Heights Lamphere.

"We gave the guys a little break during the holidays to rejuvenate and rest," head coach Terry Olson said. "Now, it's time to focus on playing good, sound hockey."

The rust wasn't evident as the Knights beat the Rams 5-3 behind two goals from Jake Goldberg.

Dan Zukas opened the scoring at the 7:48 mark of the opening period. Drew Amato and Michael Thomas recorded assists.

With only 1:56 left in the first period, Rory Deane scored a powerplay goal with Tyler Suci and Ryan Deane getting assists.

The home team scored a

powerplay goal to cut its deficit to 2-1, but Amato made it a 3-1 game with a shorthanded tally with 3:50 left in the stanza.

Goldberg's goals came in the third period, which opened a four-goal cushion for the Knights.

Lamphere scored twice in the final four minutes to get within two goals.

Later in the week, the Knights lost 5-1 to host Lake Orion. Ryan Deane, assisted by Rory Deane, scored for ULS.

South wins at three weights

Three first-place finishes highlighted Grosse Pointe South's performance at the Lake Shore Invitational wrestling tournament.

T.J. Carter, Blake Bowman and Griffin Forton were the Blue Devils' champions at the meet.

Coach Jose Ramirez was especially pleased with Carter, who avenged an earlier defeat by Lake Shore's Andy Lovins at 171 pounds.

"T.J. lost to Lovins at the first tournament of the year," Ramirez said. "Lovins then went on to place fifth at the Macomb County Invitational. This victory was extra nice considering T.J. was not able to compete at the county meet this year."

"We haven't heard the last of these two since they will probably wrestle two more times this year alone, not to mention that they're only a junior and a sophomore, so they'll meet up again."

Ramirez also liked the performances of Bowman and Forton.

"Griffin continues to work non-stop on the mats," Ramirez said.

"It is hard to beat a man who doesn't give up. Blake Bowman continues to grow into a complete, well-rounded wrestler."

Andrew Fildes and Karl Liverance also came in for praise from their coach.

"(Fildes) is always asking to get thrown into the lineup, regardless of the weight class or opponent," Ramirez said. "Karl had two hard-fought victories against his opponents last weekend."

South will wrestle at New Haven on Thursday, Jan. 18 against the Rockets and Mount Clemens.

On Saturday, the Blue Devils will compete in a tournament hosted by Grosse Pointe North.

North spikers scare Fraser

Grosse Pointe North's volleyball team gave perennial state power Fraser a scare when the teams met in a Macomb Area Conference Red Division match last week.

"We really played them well in games two, three and four," North coach Kim Lockhart said after the Ramblers' 25-14, 26-28, 25-22, 25-23 victory.

"I was happy with our enthusiasm and character on the court. We just need to learn how to finish and I think that's where our youth shows. I told

the girls that if we can build on what we showed last night, we will be one tough team by the end of the season."

Allyce Kulek collected 21 digs and 25 serve receptions. Teresa Nagel led North with 12 kills.

"(Nagel) really proved herself worthy on the outside," Lockhart said.

Christine Klein and Maddie Kent each had six kills. Jillian Kulka played well defensively for the Norsemen. Bridget Reno had 24 assists.

Volleyball tryouts on Sunday

The Michigan Elite Volleyball Club will host tryouts on Sunday, Jan. 21.

Tryouts for U13 to U15 players will be from 2 to 4 p.m. at Macomb Community College's South Campus. Tryouts for U16 to U18 teams will be at MCC from 4 to 6 p.m. Tryouts for all age groups will be at Rochester Stoney Creek High

School from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Registration and uniform sizing will be held one hour before the tryouts.

If there are questions, e-mail Kevin Nugent at kevin.mielite@gmail.com or call (313) 231-9926. Or visit the website at www.michiganelitevolleyballclub.com.

HOCKEY: North has long layoff

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team you need your big guns to have good games and they just played OK games."

Lock said that it was difficult to stay sharp during the long layoff.

"We had some players missing because they were out of town," he said. "We tried to scrimmage among ourselves, but you can only do so much of that. We want to play physical but we can't do a lot of that in practice."

SWIM: Depth pays off for South

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was third.

In the backstroke, North's Walton and South's Matt Schmidt took second and third, respectively.

Sherer won the 100 freestyle in 50.18 to finish ahead of Tech and Mandel.

The Norsemen surged back with wins from Kedzierski in the 100 butterfly, Lane in the 100 breaststroke and the 200 freestyle relay team of Lane, Max Hunt, Damm and Tech.

The relay team beat South's group of Manos, Kaminski, Mandel and Sherer by less than a second. North's B relay was third.

A victory in the final event, the 400 freestyle relay, secured the win for South. The Blue Devils' team of Manos, Sherer, Shook and Basile won by a comfortable margin over North's runner-up team of Damm, Kedzierski, Matt Lane and Howle. South's B relay of Kaminski, Jack Hessburg, J.P. Lang and Schmidt was third.

Several other North swimmers posted season-best times.

They were Michael Lane, Hunt, Matt Lane, Aaron Bowersox, Jeff Burns and Tommy Milne, 50 freestyle; Tech, Hunt, Damm, Matt Lane,

Matt Peyser, Rob Rader, Bowersox and Milne, 100 freestyle; Peyser, 200 freestyle; Howle, Damm and Aaron Egan, 500 freestyle; Walton and Robert Tripp, 100 backstroke; Michael Lane, Stephen Van Beek and Burns, 100 breaststroke; and Van Beek and David Castile, 200 individual medley.

South will swim in a quad-rangular meet Saturday at Saline. The other two teams are Monroe and South Lyon. The Blue Devils return to league action on Tuesday, Jan. 23 when they host Eisenhower.

North is at Marysville on Thursday, Jan. 18. The Norsemen will also compete in the Bulldogs Relays at Romeo on Friday, Jan. 19.

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