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THURSDAY, FEB. 1

♦ St. Joan of Arc Catholic School holds an Open House and Learning Fair from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m., at 22415 Overlake Drive, St. Clair Shores.

FRIDAY, FEB. 2

♦ Auditions for Grosse Pointe Theatre's production of "Cats" will be from 7:30 to 10 p.m. at the theatre, 315 Fisher, Grosse Pointe Farms. Auditions for 16 parts continue from 2 to 5 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 4. Director Vonnice Miller can be reached at (586) 773-3048.

SATURDAY, FEB. 3

♦ Daddy Daughter dances will be held in the Grosse Pointe Woods Community Center. Registration is required today for the free event by calling Lake Front Park at (313) 343-2470 or e-mail parks@gpwmf.us. Girls 5 to 7 years will be dancing from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. and the 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. dance is for girls 8 to 10 years.

MONDAY, FEB. 5

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

TUESDAY, FEB. 6

♦ Grosse Pointe Chamber of Commerce will have a 5:30 p.m. business after hours networking event at Arette Therapeutic Wellness Spa & Cafe, 20559 Mack. Prospective members are welcome and should register by calling (313) 881-4722.

WEDNESDAY, FEB. 7

♦ Getting Ready for College: Promoting Healthy Independence," a one-night class for parents on what they can do now to promote teens' successful transition to college, at 7 p.m. in Grosse Pointe South High School auditorium. A \$10 fee can be paid at the door. Sean Hogan-Downey, LMSW, LMFT; Erika Johnson, a parent orientation coordinator from University of Michigan; and Fran Carnaghi, a former South guidance counselor are on the panel.
♦ Grosse Pointe Art Center holds an open studio from

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2006 Officer of the Year



PHOTO BY RENEE LANDUYT

City of Grosse Pointe canine Raleigh, along with his handler, PSO Michael Almeranti, were named 2006 Officers of the Year by Public Safety Director Al Fincham at the Jan. 22 council meeting. Almeranti received a plaque while Raleigh was given a 3-foot rawhide bone. See story, Page 3A.

BON SECOURS COTTAGE HEALTH SYSTEM

Sisters end 1909 mission

Local health system sought to purchase BSCHS

Bon Secours Cottage Health System officials have little to add on details of a plan to seek a local health care system to take over full ownership of its facilities.

Officials announced last week the hospitals "would be better positioned to ensure Bon Secours Cottage Health Services continue to expand if it were fully owned and operated by a local health care system with significant presence in the community supported by a strong primary care base," according to a press release.

That decision was based on an evaluation of "strategic alternatives" derived from discussions and counsel from external consultants, UBS Investment Bank and Citigroup Global Markets.

The Bon Secours Cottage joint-venture, formed in 1998, is owned 70 percent by Bon Secours and 30 percent by the Henry Ford Health System.

"Bon Secours Cottage Health Services is an important community resource, and both Bon Secours and Henry

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GROSSE POINTE PUBLIC LIBRARY

Raze ruckus over Central

Architects rally to protect 'gem'

By Beth Quinn
Staff Writer

The debate over the architectural merits of the Central branch library has gone national.

Grosse Pointe Library Board President Laura Bartell told attendees at the special Jan. 29 board meeting that she has been flooded with e-mails

from architects across the country pleading with her to save the library, which is the only building designed by pre-eminent architect Marcel Breuer to be found in the Detroit area.

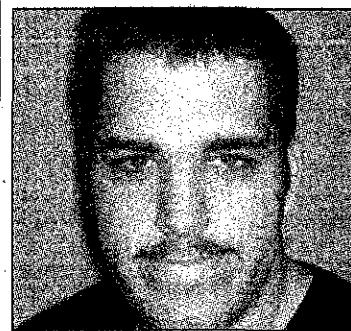
"We have gotten out on the list server for architects from across the nation," Bartell said. "We have gotten inundated with requests not to demolish Central library. For some reason, what got on the

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POINTER OF INTEREST

'When people commit to each other, there's an obligation.'

Nicholas Relich



Home: Grosse Pointe Farms
Age: 20
Family: Parents, Nick and Wendy; siblings, Natalie, James and Jake
Claim to fame: Received public safety civilian citation
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Yesterday's headlines

1957

50 years ago this week

◆ **NEW SEWER PLANNED FOR THE PARK:** Grosse Pointe Park will begin a \$209,761 sewer relief project and pay for it without a bond issue.

The Balfour Relief Sewer Project will be financed through funds from the Municipal Improvement Fund and is expected to be completed in five months.

Mancini Construction, one of 14 bidders, was awarded the contract.

◆ **BLOOD DRIVE A SUCCESS:** The Bloodmobile collection held at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial collected 123 pints of blood, surpassing the 1956 total.

Some 180 volunteers reported to donate, and 136 made reservations. There were long delays.

◆ **WATCH OUT FOR FALLING ICICLES:** A burglar alarm was activated by a falling icicle at the D.J. Healy Shop in the Village shopping district in the City of Grosse Pointe.

A large icicle on the rear iron grating fell and broke through a window, setting off the alarm.

1982

25 years ago this week

◆ **DISTRICT COURT PASSES HOUSE COMMITTEE:** Legislation that would abolish the Pointes' municipal court system and replace it with a single district court passed the state House Judiciary Committee, sending some unanswered questions back to local municipalities for answers.

Local city managers and councils will examine how the new court, with expanded criminal and civil jurisdiction, may affect costs; where the

court shall be located; and if a new court building should include central police and fire dispatch, a central lock-up and pistol range.

State Sen. John Kelly (D-Detroit), who sponsored the legislation, said he expects no problems and believes the issue will go before voters in the fall.

◆ **ACADEMY HEADMASTER RESIGNS:** John Poplawski, founding headmaster of the Grosse Pointe Academy in Grosse Pointe Farms, announced his resignation effective in June.

The academy's board of trustees formed a search committee to find a replacement for Poplawski, who served at the school for 13 years.

"I speak for the Poplawski family when I say that we will look upon our academy years as very special ones with rich and full memories," Poplawski said.

◆ **CABLE TV GETS GOOD REVIEWS:** After only two years in existence, Grosse Pointe Cable Inc. received high marks from Pointe officials during its annual review.

Members of the Citizens Advisory Commission, made up of representatives from four of the Grosse Pointes and Harper Woods, oversee cable operations and meet with company officials to continue to improve services.

A local cable ordinance was signed with Grosse Pointe Cable in January, 1980, and lines were installed a few months later. (Grosse Pointe Shores signed an agreement with Cox Cable.)

1997

10 years ago

◆ **POINTE JACOBSON'S SHOPPERS TOLD NO WORRIES:** Despite the recent announcement that Jacobson's plans to close its Dearborn store, shoppers at the Grosse Pointe store received assur-

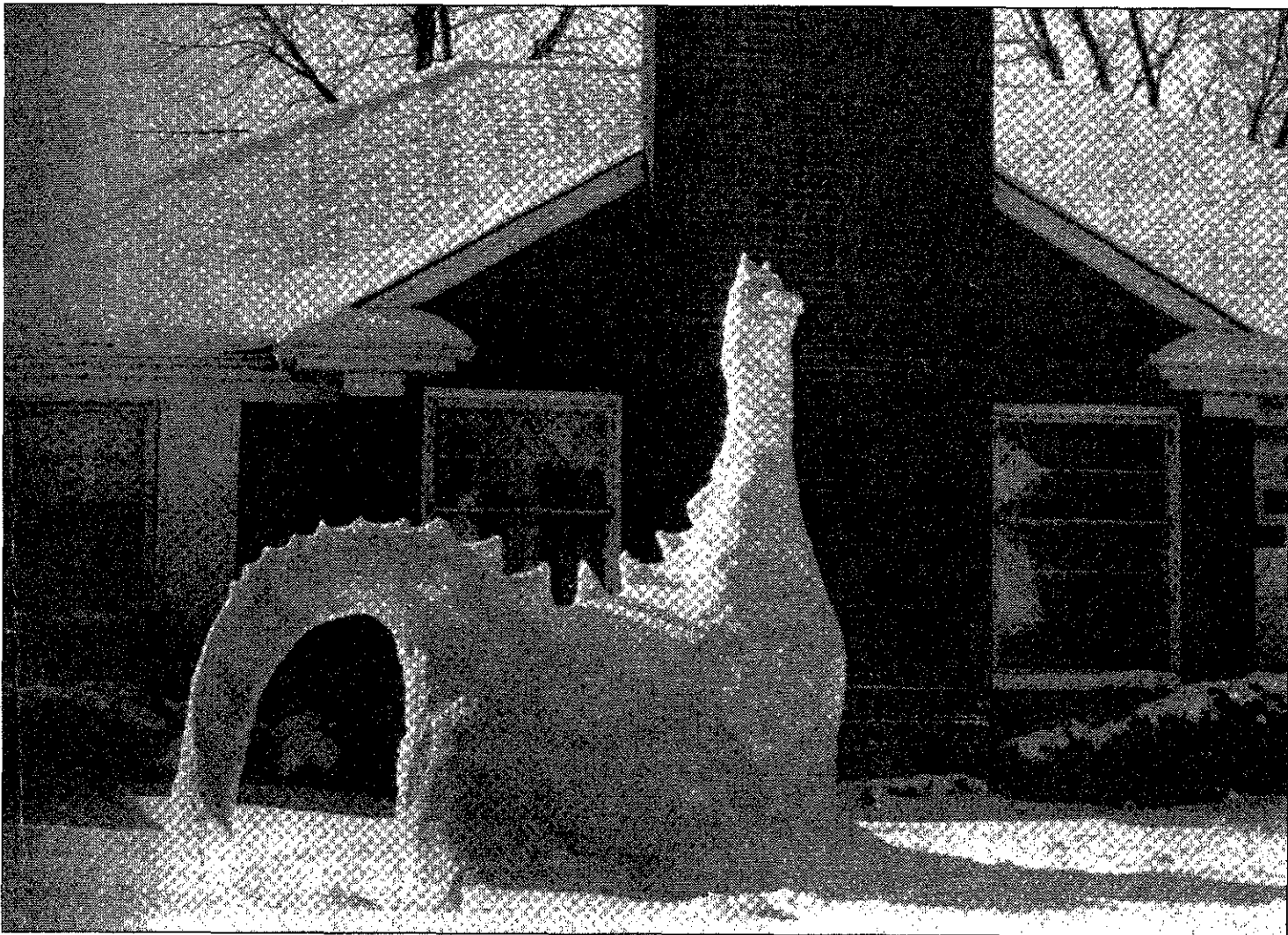


PHOTO BY TOM GREENWOOD

1981: Year of the dragon

Motorists and pedestrians alike stopped and gawked at the emergence of a splendid snow dragon from the front yard of the Boyle family on Hawthorne in Grosse Pointe Shores. The sculpture was the talk of visitors, who wondered what the dragon could possibly be planning. (From the Feb. 4, 1982, edition of the Grosse Pointe News.)

ance there are no plans to scuttle store operations in the Village.

Jacobson's officials said because the Grosse Pointe store is one of its strongest performers nationwide, the recent closings of other stores in the chain bode no negative impact for the future of the Village landmark.

Jacobson's filed for Chapter 11 bankruptcy protection in 1996.

◆ **DIVISIVE SCHOOL BOARD SELECTS KLEIN AS NEW SUPER:** In a 4-3 vote, The Grosse Pointe school board appointed Suzanne Klein as its new superintendent.

The dissenting votes, cast by Sears Taylor, Cindy Pangborn and John Mills, were explained as votes not against Klein, but for two other candidates they believed had stronger qualifications. All three pledged to work with Klein as the new superintendent.

Klein, 50, a long-time employee with the Grosse Pointe school district, is the first woman to lead the district in its 75-year history.

◆ **NEW RESTROOM FACILITY TOPS ON SOUTH**

BOOSTERS LIST: The Grosse Pointe South High School Boosters Club is planning to convert a storage and concession building on the athletic field into a restroom facility.

In addition, the boosters want to enclose the bleachers to create a storage area and visually enhance the view for Fisher Road residents.

The plan is to accommodate the some 1,200 spectators who watch football games at the field, which does not currently have an outside restroom. Both plans are estimated to cost \$195,000.

2002

5 years ago this week

◆ **WOODS WATER MAIN PROJECT PROMISES TO PAIN:** A 2.1 mile water main construction project stretching southbound on the curb lane of Mack from Brys Drive to Allard will cause traffic headaches, but is deemed necessary to ward off potential "disaster" if ignored.

The water main, most of which was laid 75 years ago, is in poor repair and has been patched 152 times.

The Mayor's Mack Avenue Study Committee, which oversees the potential project, was contacted by Mack business owners who fear traffic disruptions will hurt their businesses.

Further meetings are planned.

◆ **PARK MAKES LAND OFFER FOR PUBLIC LIBRARY:** Grosse Pointe Park officials have formalized their offer to the Grosse Pointe Library Board for property library officials want to build a new branch.

The property, on Lakepointe 100 feet off Jefferson, is adjacent to the city hall complex.

The \$530,000 offer has li-

brary officials feeling "very positive" and, if accepted, construction could begin within 18 months.

The new library is expected to cost \$4 million and be at least 12,000 square feet. Library officials have been looking to replace the branch housed in a wing of Pierce Middle School since the 1930s.

— By John Lundberg

HEALTH: Humble beginnings

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Ford are committed to ensuring that its ownership continues to be with a strong mission-driven and values-based health system," said Richard J. Statuto, president and CEO of Bon Secours Health System.

Officials would not provide further detail other than to say information will be released when a decision is made and approval of the local governing boards is reached.

The UBS and Citigroup review process of potential owners is confidential to ensure all interests can be reviewed "thoroughly and objectively," officials said, adding they will work with the local governing board over the next several months to evaluate potential owners.

The facility is comprised primarily of the 290-bed Bon Secours Hospital, a medical-surgical facility, and Cottage Hospital, which focuses on inpatient physical rehabilitation and mental health, as well as specialty centers for outpatient surgery, women's diagnostics, radiation oncology, wound care and athletic medicine and physical therapy.

Bon Secours arose from humble beginnings when in 1909 five Sisters of Bon Secours arrived in Michigan and embarked on a mission of nursing the sick and indigent in their homes with the intention of building a hospital. By 1924, the Sisters raised enough money to purchase a farmhouse and four-acre lot in Grosse Pointe, but the Great Depression caused a major setback in their plans.

By 1938, the Sisters were able to open the farmhouse as an eight-bed convalescent home and three years later they raised enough money to set the cornerstone for a new 36-bed convalescent home.

With financial support from local physicians and the community, a complete clinical and pathological laboratory, operating room, radiology depart-

ment, and emergency room were established. In January of 1945, Bon Secours Hospital opened as a 36-bed hospital.

New wings were added in 1951 and 1954, increasing bed capacity to 160. A new chapel was added in 1957. More property was purchased and eventually a 44-car parking deck was built in 1971. A \$30 million expansion and modernization project was completed in 1980.

Three years after the Sisters of Bon Secours began their endeavor, the Mutual Aid Society and Neighborhood Club, started in 1912 by the wives and daughters of leading Detroit industrialists, employed a visiting nurse to care for families living in this primarily rural area on the outskirts of the city of Detroit.

In 1918, influenced by the Spanish influenza epidemic that affected 600 residents and killed seven in the Township of Grosse Pointe, trustees of the Mutual Aid Society and Neighborhood Club decided a hospital was needed to service the area. They purchased a small "cottage" on Oak Street (now Muir Road) and Cottage Hospital was born. Renovations added five adult beds, five children's beds and three bassinets and on March 13, 1919, the first patients arrived. By August of that year, 65 patients had been treated and the hospital was taxed beyond its capacity. The house next door was purchased and, shortly after, an operating suite and maternity unit were built to join the two houses.

Growing pains resulted in the need for a larger, more permanent facility and Cottage Hospital of Grosse Pointe was opened Nov 6, 1928, at 159 Kercheval, where it stands today.

As the years passed, Cottage Hospital expanded with growing technology and new services, including two nursing care centers, a hospice program, and a complement of outpatient support divisions. In January, 1986, Cottage Hospital affiliated with Henry Ford Health System, one of the nation's major comprehensive health systems, and its renowned teaching and research institution, Henry Ford Hospital.

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CITY OF GROSSE POINTE

Chief, council to officers: Thanks!

By John Lundberg
Staff Writer

There may not have been any paparazzi flashing their camera bulbs, Hollywood celebrities in glamorous suits and gowns, or Joan Rivers waiting at the end of a red carpet. But for recipients of the City of Grosse Pointe department of public safety awards presented Monday, Jan. 22, it was very special all the same.

For the first time this year, the department gave out its annual awards before the city council and a room full of supporters.

"I'm very proud to present these (citations)," said Al Fincham, acting assistant city manager and former police chief.

The ceremony brought to a close the city's first council meeting of the new year. Personnel from the city's public safety department were in attendance and winners were called up to receive their citations and thanks from council members and Mayor Dale Scrace.

The following awards were presented:

◆ **Civilian Citations:** Nicholas Relich (see this week's Pointer of Interest), Brian Leslie and Janice Casseta.

◆ **Department Commendations:** Joseph Adams, Christopher Cotzias, Daniel Eckert, Alan Gwyn and Brentt Streetman.

◆ **Department Citations:** Adams, John Alcorn, Gregory Burks, J.P. Cormier, Eckert, Gwyn, Edward Pelyak, Ronald Sandzik, Michael Seidel, Streetman and Justin Strohmeyer.

◆ **Community Service:** Department Chaplain Robert Wright.

◆ **Chief's Recognition Award:** Lt. James Fox.

◆ **Border Security:** Edward Tujaka, William Craft, Alcorn, Adams, Cormier and Eduard Shrader.

◆ **Chief's Merit Award:** Fox, Gwyn, Tujaka, Alcorn, Ron Wiecezorek, Shrader, Anthony Railling and Shari Gardner.

The ceremony concluded with the presentation of the Officer of the Year awards for both 2005 and 2006. One of the awards needed little reflection.

The year 2005 was an especially tense period for City of Grosse Pointe public safety. For the first time in several decades, a murder was committed within the city boundaries. Fincham lauded the entire police force for its extraordinary efforts in assisting with the conviction of those responsible for the shooting death of Barbara Ann Iske, of Sterling Heights.

Along the way, police compiled 30 books of information, operated in the seediest areas of Detroit and obtained three convictions in the case.

"Thanks to the hard work of this office we (obtained) success," Fincham said. "I have discussed this with Jim Fox, (acting police chief) and it is clear in our minds that this award is only fitting to be presented to all of the members of this department."

The 2006 Officer of the Year award went to the city's K-9 unit of officer Michael Almeranti and his German Shepherd partner, Raleigh.

The ceremony ended with a standing ovation from the audience and council.

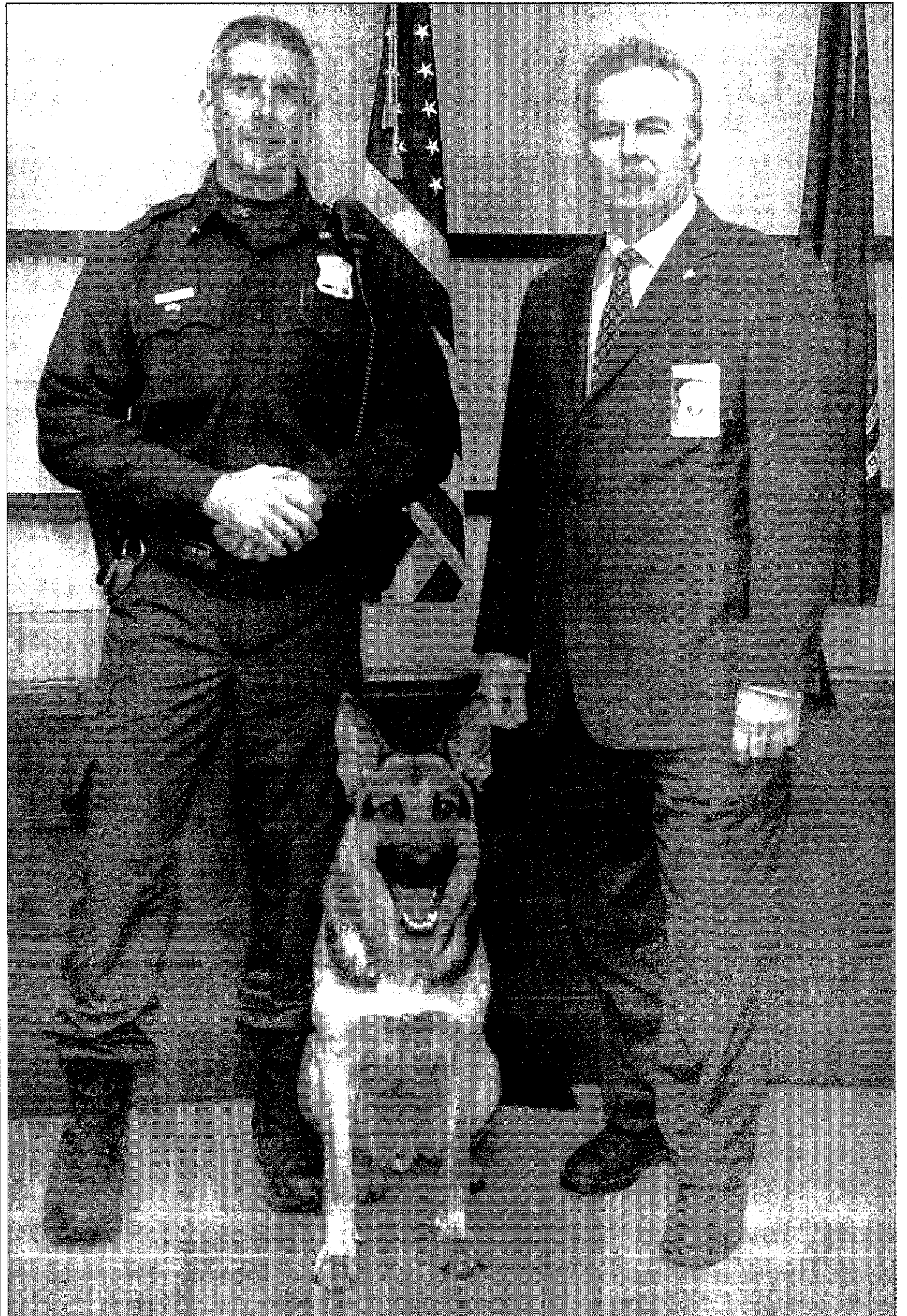


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City of Grosse Pointe Public Safety Director Al Fincham, right, congratulated canine officer Michael Almeranti and his charge, Raleigh, for their outstanding efforts in nabbing criminals of every degree in 2006 and continuing into 2007. At the Jan. 22 awards ceremony, the entire department was awarded Officers of the Year for 2005 for their efforts in solving the Barbara Ann Iske murder and bringing the killers to justice.

GROSSE POINTE FARMS

Winterfest a numbing success on the Hill

By John Lundberg
Staff Writer

If one word could sum up Farms officials' reaction to the attendance of this year's Jan. 27 Winterfest, it would be "awesome."

Pointers flocked in record numbers to Winterfest activities in Grosse Pointe Farms. The weather was cooperative and residents had a splendid time.

"Oh my goodness, what can I say," said Mary Wells, president of the Hill Association of Grosse Pointe Farms. "It was absolutely beyond our expectations. We couldn't believe the number of people (who attended)."

"We were thrilled we could help spice up the January doldrums."

Wells thanked Dick Huhn, Farms director of parks and recreation, for "masterminding" the event. Last fall Huhn approached the Hill Association to hold the event, which previously took place at Pier Park. Its success was self-evident.

"Speaking for the City and the Hill Businesses," Huhn said. "We all are overwhelmed by the success of the 'Winterfest on the Hill' event. The combination of smiling people, happy business owners, and perfect weather created a fantastic atmosphere for that one day."

"It was a great effort by a lot of individuals and we are already starting the planning process for next year."

"I was in shock that there were so many people," Wells said. "We're looking forward already to next year's event."

Wells estimated that more than 1,000 people attended the Winterfest on the Hill. She based that number on an uncommon formula.

"We were stocked with 1,600 hot dogs," she said. "They were all gone."

Wells hopes more businesses will see this year's success and

participate in coming years. Wells and Huhn wanted to extend a special thanks to the businesses that held raffles and contributed items to the grand prize raffle.

"We're looking to expand upon this," Wells said. "It's tough, especially in this economy."

Winners of the raffles are:

◆ The Greenhouse: Mary Wharam

◆ Andrus Sotheby's: Judy Rauch

◆ Pointe Pedlar: Therese Joseph

◆ Something Special: Davie Elbatani

◆ Art of Relaxation: Catherine Pastor

◆ LaLonde Jeweler: David Stalla

◆ Dirty Dog Cafe: Heide Kemper

◆ Blackstar: Moreen Szymborski

◆ Johnstone and Johnstone: Ellen Gormley

◆ League Shop: Amber Byarski

◆ Chili Cook Off Contest: Angela Lasher, Best Overall Chili; John Frank, Most Unique Chili

Huhn also thanked the chili judges: State Rep. Ed Gaffney, councilman Terry Davis, Grosse Pointe News Sports Editor Chuck Klönke, and sponsor Bon Secours Cottage Health Services.

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◆ **Grand Prize Drawing**

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9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at 1005 Maryland, Grosse Pointe Park. Members are free; non-members pay \$5. For more information, call (313) 821-1848.

THURSDAY, FEB. 8

◆ The Grosse Pointe Community Blood Council

holds a blood drive with the American Red Cross from 9 a.m. to 8:30 p.m. at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore. For an appointment, call (313) 884-5542. Walk-ins are welcome.

◆ The Grosse Pointe Public Library is hosting a "Teen Poetry Slam" at 7 p.m. at the Woods branch, 20600 Mack. Teens aged 13 and older are eligible to participate and the public is encouraged to attend. Free coffee and snacks will be served. To register, call (313) 343-2074, ext. 218.

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POINT OF INTEREST

Nicholas Relich, when he's not assisting local police, has an interesting hobby: movie prop replication. If he sees a prop in a motion picture, he'll research it and construct a replica that is nearly identical to the original.

Prop (re)maker is with The Force

By John Lundberg
Staff Writer

Not many people bike in the heart of winter in the City of Grosse Pointe. But for city police, it was just what the doctor ordered.

Nicholas Relich, 20, of Grosse Pointe Farms, emerged from a business in the 17000 block of Kercheval, to see a man running toward Neff across the street.

Almost simultaneously, a city police officer came running up to him and asked him to borrow his bike and rode off in pursuit of the man. A few minutes later, arrest in hand, Relich was notified that his assistance was integral in nab-

bing the suspect.

"He (the suspect) took off (north) on Neff," Relich said. "I understand that police caught up to him (using my bike)."

To recognize Relich, police awarded him with a civilian citation at the Jan. 22 city council meeting. The honor singled out Relich for his cooperation in securing the arrest.

"Why be on foot when you can use a bike," said Al Fincham, acting city manager and former police chief while presenting the award.

Public service is no stranger to the Relich family. Over their collective history, no family has approached the years of service the Relichs have in dedication to the Detroit Fire

Department. Relich has interned with Detroit's police and fire departments, and might have future designs on continuing in his family's legacy.

But that's the future.

"That was cool to receive the award," Relich said. "I was really glad to get it. I know my friends were glad to hear I got it."

For the moment, Relich is studying to be a firefighter and pursuing his hobby of replicating movie props, which was inspired by his affection for the 1984 hit movie "Ghostbusters."

"I am a great fan of the movie," Relich said. "I have a lot of toys and equipment from the movie."

"I would show up at our neighbor's house (in full movie regalia) and pretend to catch ghosts."

But just acquiring movie knockoffs soon aged on Relich. He wanted to construct exact replicas of props used by the actual pros. So he began investigating.

"I started with the Internet," he said. "I found (sites) with (sellers and vendors) replicating Ghostbusters stuff. After some time, I found a (site dedicated to replication) and I thought 'wow, this is it.'"

There is a fine line that separates fan from fanatic, and Relich understands this easily.

"I'm on the line between the two," he said. "What I do is if I see a prop in a movie that I think looks cool, I research what the name of the prop is (and) research (its dimensions) if there are prefabricated parts."

He attends movie conventions and has met his share of actors, one being Ernie Hudson who played Winston Zeddemore in "Ghostbusters," but remains grounded on the fan-side of the fence.

"My girlfriend, Nadja, has always been supportive," he said. "Plus, her friends find it really cool."

Relich's passion for movie prop replication has morphed into different venues. He has constructed a light saber from "Star Wars" movie fame that behaves just like the original, save the lethal effectiveness. His proton pack replicated from "Ghostbusters" animates just like the movie version, only without the nuclear ramifications.

"You can buy this stuff (to construct the equipment) from most military supply stores," Relich said. "My ('Ghostbusters' uniform) is a (converted) Air Force Flight suit."

His hobby has his family's full support. His father, a big "Star Trek" fan in his own right, has begun using phrases that Relich uses when addressing particular situations.

Among the replicas Relich has constructed are costumes from "The Blues Brothers" and "Ghostbusters."

He owns two master replica light sabers, a "Batman Begins" Joker playing card, a license plate from the television show "Seinfeld" and a "Star Wars" Han Solo blaster.

"I use resin, wood, metal and a lot of vacuformed parts," Relich said. "I have building props for about five years. It has its advantages."

So the next time a poltergeist appears in your house, who are you goin' to call?

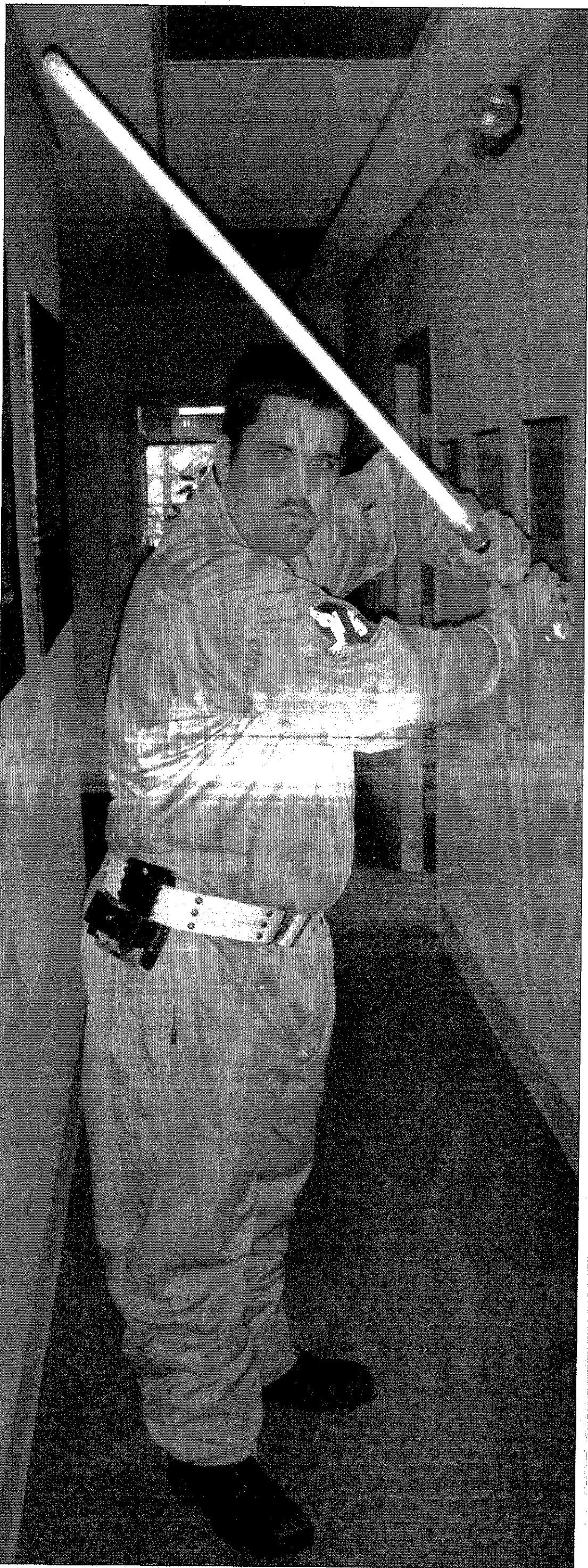


PHOTO BY JOHN LUNDBERG

Nicholas Relich suits up in a replica of a "Ghostbusters" costume and wards off would-be "Star Wars" the Empire followers with a light saber of his making. Relich's hobby is researching and making movie props.

Hospital sets up capital campaign

St. John Hospital and Medical Center has launched a \$30 million capital campaign to support its \$163 million expansion and renovation plan.

The expansion project is the largest in the hospital's history and includes consolidating outpatient diagnostic services, doubling the size of the emergency department and adding all private treatment rooms, a 6th-floor tower with 144 private patient rooms, an upgraded and consolidated cardiovascular institute, and easier access with a new main entrance connected to a three-story atrium lobby located adjacent to the main surface parking lot.

As of January, some \$24.2 million has been raised. The foundation hopes to reach its \$30 million goal before the new patient tower opens in 2008.

"We are well on our way," said James B. Nicholson, president and CEO of PVS Chemicals and chair of the St. John Hospital and Medical

Center Capital Campaign.

Nicholson is leading the campaign committee, which is made up of the following community leaders and volunteers: James B. Nicholson, Chairman; Hend Aljundi, M.D.; Jean L. and Dr. Ahmad N. Azar; Sanjay Batra, M.D.; Sharon K. Burke; Peter T. Cracchiolo; Matthew P. Cullen; Dr. James M. and Jaclyn P. Fox; Joan S. Gehrke; Kevin J. Grady, M.D.; Abdelkader Hawasli, M.D.; Martha L. Higgins, M.D.; Thomas A. LaLonde, M.D.; Larry R. Lloyd, M.D.; Jeffrey C. Littmann; Alphonse S. Lucarelli; Alex M. and Teresa M. Lucido; Tomasine F. Marx; Beth A. McKeown; Steven E. Minnick, M.D.; Robert L. and Jane K. Nugent; Logan Oney, M.D.; Audrey M. Overpeck; Ali Rabbani, M.D.; Peter W. Ronan; Louis D. Saravolatz, M.D.; David B. Stephens; David C. Stone; Tymon C. Totte, D.D.S.; Debra Van Elslander; and Mary Ann Van Elslander.

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Lake Court boundary modification approved

By Bob St. John
Staff Writer

Several Grosse Pointe Park residents on Lake Court could literally cross border lines while walking from their front

door to their car.

City councilmembers recently approved a boundary modification that now placed 100 percent of these lots in Grosse Pointe Park.

"The front yards of several

homes on Lake Court were in the City of Grosse Pointe, which is for some unknown reason where the city boundary line was drawn," Park City Manager Dale Krajniak said.

The resolution was passed,

pushing the city line over, making the new official city line Lake Court.

City of Grosse Pointe officials also passed the resolution, making the city realignment official.

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Residents turned out in droves at Neff Park in the City of Grosse Pointe. Chris Hardenbrook, City parks and recreation director, said that well over 400 people attended, which he said was the largest turnout in the event's three-year history.

"It was awesome," he said. "Overall, it was the best one we've had yet."

The most popular attractions were the sled dogs and the ice carving demonstrations. Hardenbrook said the broom ball demonstration was also widely enjoyed.

"The dog sled was a huge hit," he said. "Everything came together well. It was great."

— By John Lundberg



Claire Fisher and Paige Verbrugge get a ride from the sled dog from Thunderfest Sleds dog sled.

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Pointes police team up to stop auto theft

By Bob St. John
Staff Writer

Police officers from the five Grosse Pointes and Harper Woods are joining forces to send car thieves to jail for a very long time.

A special task force, called the East Side ACTION team, Arresting Car Thieves In Our Neighborhoods, has been recently formed. Wayne County Sheriff Warren Evans is leading the charge.

"This is going to be a full service auto theft unit," Evans said. "We will be looking at every facet of auto theft to shut down all of the thieves' avenues. Our investigations will cross community lines, and in some cases, county lines."

The East Side ACTION Team conducted its first joint operation last month. Police officers arrested 19 adults with felonies, two adults with misdemeanors and five juveniles. In addition, 18 vehicles were recovered.

Of the adult arrests, four were for carjacking, seven for



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Wayne County Sheriff Warren C. Evans, at podium, announced the formation of a new auto theft task force requiring assistance of the police chiefs from the five Grosse Pointes and Harper Woods, from left, Al Fincham, City of Grosse Pointe; Dan Jensen, Grosse Pointe Farms; Mike Makowski, Grosse Pointe Woods; Stephen Poloni, Grosse Pointe Shores; John Hutchins, Grosse Pointe Farms Deputy Director; and Dave Hiller, Grosse Pointe Park.

possession of a stolen motor vehicle, three for narcotics, five on felony warrants and two for traffic offenses.

Four juveniles were arrested for possession of a stolen motor vehicle.

"The quicker we can retrieve

the car before they can be fully stripped, insurance costs will be far less expensive," Evans said. "We need to get out there and get these criminals off the street."

"This is not a crime that is unique to this area of the coun-

try," Park Director of Public Safety Dave Hiller said. "It is, however, a growing concern for us and we believe that by joining forces with each other and the sheriff that we will be able to make a substantial impact in a short period of time."

Hiller said the five Grosse Pointes and Harper Woods have seen a rise in the number of cars stolen.

"This new auto theft unit will benefit all of our eastside communities by putting a constant lookout throughout the area," Hiller said. "Our response time will be quicker and we will be able to process the suspects at a central location instead of bogging down our own police stations."

Lieutenant Glenn Vanneste, a member of the Wayne County Sheriff's field operations services special response team, said, "The adults run-

ning these theft rings are using juveniles, mostly 13- and 14-year-olds, to steal these cars. These kids can steal a car in less than one minute and most of the vehicles stolen are Chrysler products.

"We made one big bust and we're anxious for more."

Hiller is joined by fellow public safety directors Randolph Skotarczyk of Harper Woods, Skip Fincham of the City of Grosse Pointe, Dan Jensen of Grosse Pointe Farms, Mike Makowski of Grosse Pointe Woods and Steven Poloni of Grosse Pointe Shores.

Car jacking suspect arrested

By John Lundberg
Staff Writer

City of Grosse Pointe police arrested one suspect and are pursuing three more in the gun-point car jacking of an elderly couple's Cadillac from their driveway in the 500 block of University on Saturday, Jan. 13.

Acting on information culled from an interview, police arrested a 21-year-old Clinton Township man Monday, Jan. 22, at his place of employment at Gratiot and 11 Mile, said Ron Wiczorek, City police detective.

The suspect surrendered peacefully.

"When we approached and

arrested him, he said 'I know why you're here,'" Wiczorek said. "It was important that we caught him by surprise."

Police hope to catch three more people involved in the car jacking that has city residents very alarmed.

Police believe the suspect, now being held by the Wayne County Sheriff's Department, was the driver of the second vehicle leaving the scene of the theft.

He is charged with three felony counts relating to the crime and faces up to life in prison. He has no prior convictions, Wiczorek said.

Police said the suspects observed the Cadillac at Mack and Moross and followed it to

the City. When the car entered the driveway, two suspects got out and pulled the couple out of the vehicle.

Wiczorek said the female victim saw one of the suspects point a gun at her husband.

She was injured and treated by paramedics after police were summoned.

While the suspects failed in their attempt to rob the couple of their wallet and purse, they achieved what they wanted.

"They were there to get the vehicle," Wiczorek said.

Detroit police recovered the vehicle and City of Grosse Pointe police interviewed two individuals detained Friday, Jan. 19. Police obtained enough information to arrest

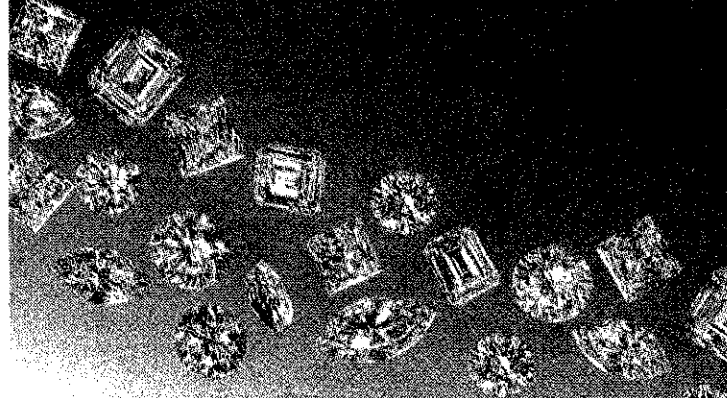
the Clinton Township man.

Wiczorek said the man is cooperating and police are optimistic in finding the three other suspects very soon.

The man is scheduled for a Thursday, Feb. 1, court examination at 9:30 a.m. in the City of Grosse Pointe Municipal Court.

Due to the ongoing nature of the case, police are being guarded in releasing additional information.

"This is an (active) investigation," Wiczorek said. "We are working with the Wayne County prosecutor and hope to have this resolved (very soon)."



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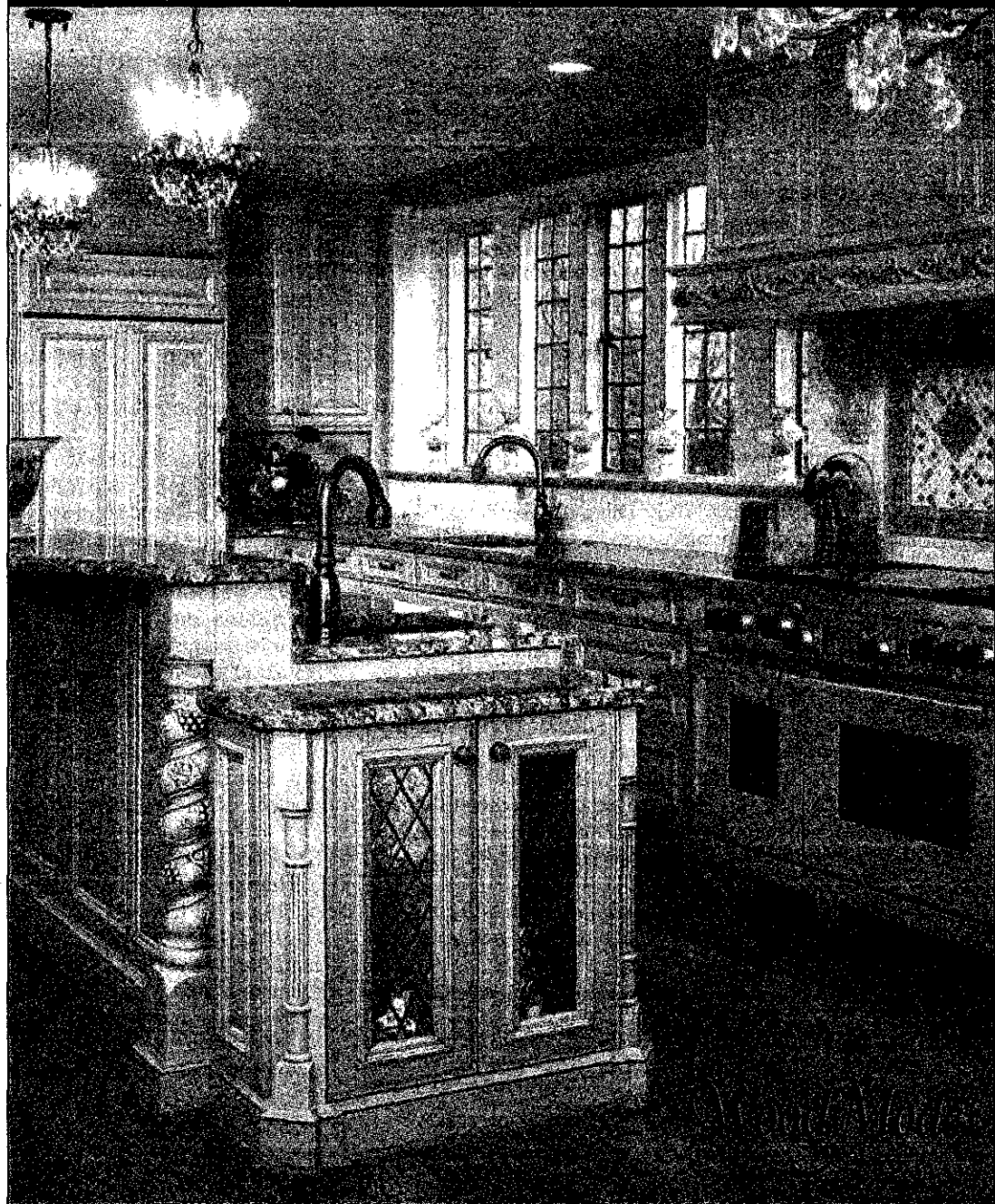
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EDITORIAL

'Pop-up' tax moratorium

The local dailies have had a plethora of stories and columns recently describing Michigan's property tax incongruities, especially during these times of sluggish home sales.

How is it, many people are asking, that home sale prices seem to be going down but our property taxes are going up? Good question, and the answer goes back more than a dozen years to 1994 when voters approved an increase in the sales tax, Proposal A and other property tax measures.

When Michigan voters adopted Proposal A, they increased their sales tax 50 percent by raising it from 4 cents to 6 cents. In exchange, school taxes were, in some cases, nearly cut in half.

In the old days, schools districts were nearly totally dependent on local property taxes. Proposal A changed all that. It reduced school property taxes to 7 mills; although Grosse Pointe and some other high-spending districts were allowed an additional millage levy to cover the "gap" between the \$6,500-per-student spending the state would pay under Proposal A and the \$8,000-plus per-student spending in Grosse Pointe and other so-called "wealthy" districts.

Part of Proposal A was that the rise in taxable values of owner-occupied homes would not exceed 5 percent or the inflation rate, whichever is less. Prior to Proposal A, all homeowners paid taxes on 50 percent of the market value of their homes.

In the dozen or so years since passage of Proposal A, a gap has been growing between what long-time homeowners are paying in property taxes and what new homeowners must pay. That gap also exists on the citywide level, where the city's overall taxable value may be as much as 30 percent lower than its state equalized value (50 percent of market value). Such is the case in Grosse Pointe Park.

Homeowners' assessments now contain two figures: one is taxable value and the other is state equalized value (SEV). The taxable value is allowed to rise by the inflation rate or 5 percent, whichever is less, while the SEV must reflect 50 percent of the market value of homes.

However, assessors' figures usually lag market conditions by a year or two. The increase in SEV you see this year may have reflected conditions as long as two years ago. Under today's market conditions, that could be important.

We encourage homeowners that if they think their home values have actually gone down and can prove it using recent comparable home sales, then they should appeal their assessments before upcoming boards of review.

For most long-time homeowners, rising SEVs are moot points. That is because they are not paying taxes on their SEVs but rather on their taxable values, which are typically 30 percent less than the SEV. Remember, though, under Proposal A, your taxable value can and will go up by the inflation rate every year.

That is why your taxes go up even when property values around you are going down. The only exception would be new homeowners who bought, say, within the past five years and now find their homes worth a lot less than their purchase prices. These affected homeowners may be able to seek relief before the property tax review board.

The gap between what a long-time homeowner is paying in taxes and what the purchaser will pay — the so-called "pop-up tax" — has, in our opinion, suppressed home buying. The penalty hits the young family and empty nester alike.

Young families who have been in their first homes for 10 years may wish to up size, but when faced with disproportionately larger tax bills, they cannot afford to make the move. Likewise, older couples who would like to sell the bigger houses to the young families decide not to because why buy a smaller house and pay more in taxes? It would be like throwing money away.

Michigan House Speaker Andy Dillon, D-Redford, has an elegant idea that, while it won't solve the problem long-term, it should jump-start Michigan housing sales.

His proposal is to create an 18-month window where anyone purchasing a home during that period would inherit the seller's taxable value. Consequently, a buyer of a home that has not sold since Proposal A was adopted in 1994 would enjoy lower tax bills and could afford more home. Likewise, the empty-nester would be able to buy a smaller home that also enjoys much more reasonable property taxes.

One negative to Rep. Dillon's plan is that he would like the real estate transfer tax raised by 0.1 percent to offset the loss of increased tax revenue some cities may have enjoyed had buyers been forced to pay taxes based on the sales prices of homes.

However, the only cities affected would be those, like Grosse Pointe Farms, that are not levying their full allowable

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tax rates. Such cities look forward to new home buyers in that they release "uncapped" taxable values that the city could not previously touch. In effect, such cities are benefiting from windfall tax gains due to home sales.

Such gains, traditionally based on rising home values, are exactly the type of thing the 1978 Headlee Amendment set out to prevent. Under Headlee, a city's maximum allowable tax revenue cannot exceed the rate of inflation or 5 percent, whichever is less.

Each year, cities must roll down their charter-approved tax rates to account for property values rising faster than inflation. But as long as they are not levying their full tax rate, they can enjoy windfall gains due to rising property values or the uncapping of taxable values when homes are sold.

Under the speaker's proposal, cities such as Grosse Pointe Farms would not be able to take advantage of increased revenue due to higher taxes paid by new home buyers. However, such communities do have unused millage they can levy should their spending exceed the rate of inflation.

Overall, Speaker Dillon's plan sounds like an excellent way to boost home sales, and we encourage the Legislature to give it a go. We do not agree with transfer tax hike and urge legislators to drop that provision as unnecessary.

Call state Rep. Ed Gaffney, (517) 373-0154, (e-mail: edwardgaffney@house.mi.gov) and state Sen. Martha Scott, (517) 373-7748, (e-mail: SenMSScott@senate.michigan.gov) today and let them know you support the 18-month proposal. Then get house hunting!

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Old Newsboys' Goodfellow Fund

To the Editor:

I am writing on behalf of more than 30,000 children who received holiday gift packages from the Old Newsboys' Goodfellow Fund of Detroit this past Christmas.

The entire Detroit Goodfellow organization is extremely grateful for the overwhelming support we received from the community. Our thanks go to the generous individuals who purchased a newspaper from a Detroit Goodfellow member or a Detroit police officer on our sales day.

We also appreciate the charitable individuals, corporations and foundations that made contributions through the mail and through our Web site, oldnewsboysgoodfellows.org. Your donations enabled us to achieve our goal of \$1.3 million for 2006 and helped to ensure our pledge, "No Kiddie without a Christmas."

The residents of metropolitan Detroit remain very supportive of the mission of the Old Newsboys' Goodfellow Fund and we are truly grateful.

Thanks again on behalf of all of the children in Detroit, Highland Park and Hamtramck who benefited from your generosity.

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Old Newsboys' Goodfellows

Liberal library spending

To the Editor:

I read the Jan. 18 Grosse Pointe News article, "Central committee planning," with interest.

First of all, it is commendable that so many individuals decided to participate in the planning part for this facility. My concerns are as follows:

1) Two brand-new libraries have been built. One in the Park and one in the Woods.

2) The facilities currently seem to be underutilized; therefore suggesting there is a need for a third facility does not make sense.

3) From a financial and fiduciary point of view, why can't the Park facility support half of the Pointes and the Woods facility support the northern half? This would translate into a major cost savings, increase the utilization of the current facilities and sell off the Central property. If you want to be creative, the Central facility, if one wishes to keep it, could be converted to an E-Library hub instead of a full-blown library.

4) A number of communities our size, that I am familiar with, have at the most two facilities, rather than three.

5) Before a third facility is considered, I would propose that a utilization study be done to determine the practicality and financial benefit it would achieve. If we are redoing this, like the \$6 million swimming pool, just because we want it and it is nice to have, then it should not be considered — it is a waste.

6) I find it troublesome during times of high unemployment, downsizing and foreclosures, that some of the leadership in the Pointes want to impose more taxes on its residents. This is not right or fair to the majority of residents who are trying to make ends meet.

7) Also, a radical suggestion would be for all of the Pointes to consolidate their resources which in my mind would eliminate waste, obsolescence, redundancy, payrolls, staff, etc.

Concurrent with this development, one needs to be reminded if one pays attention to the news media that:

a) School funding may again be cut back by the state; therefore, this may cause the Grosse Pointe Board of Education, again, to ask for more money rather than make the necessary cuts to adjust. We are still paying a handsome fee for the

bonds that were passed so that, for example, a \$6 million pool could be built.

b) The property values in most of the communities have dropped, but taxes keep going up by the municipalities to support the staff's salaries, benefits and services provided. Please give me a raise by reducing my taxes by 3 to 5 percent.

c) The state is examining the deficit position and discussing the possibility of increasing taxes to make up the black hole due to the poor economy.

d) The proposed millage for this library project to cover part of the cost would be objectionable, for I strongly believe that we don't need the facility at this time. On the contrary, to repeat myself, I believe that to build a third facility when two others are plenty big enough to support the community is a downright waste of money for it will not be utilized fully as evidenced at this time at the other two, even though they are gorgeous buildings with a lot of amenities.

Aside from being excited about the new building, the leadership at this time needs to be practical and frugal with their projects and not profess that there is a desperate need for it.

The people in our community are not all wealthy. There are all income levels and some of them are having financial difficulties due to downsizing, layoffs, etc.

Other communities are selling off their assets to make up the budget deficits. On the other hand, in the Pointes, we continue to hear sirens of how to spend more money, impose more taxes on the residents. This needs to stop.

No more millages and tax increases. If there is a referendum for this, it should be held when all residents are in town.

Companies are restructuring, downsizing and resourcing some of their functions to other countries. Doesn't this type of activity in industry and other municipalities send a message that a conservative position should be taken in day-to-day practices instead of liberal spending?

L.E. MAJEWSKI
Grosse Pointe Woods

Central Library needs re-examined

To the Editor:

I am very disturbed after

reading of the Grosse Pointe Public Library Board of Trustees' decision to tear down the Grosse Pointe Central Library and replace it with a new library building, Jan. 25 Grosse Pointe News "Capital campaign: Foundation launches fundraising drive to build new Central branch."

Going to school here during the 1960s and early 1970s, I never heard anyone complain that the library didn't meet our needs. This was during a time when school enrollment was at its highest.

I question the board if this is a want or a need? To me, I feel it is just someone's want.

With last week's news about Ford Motor Co.'s record \$12.7 billion loss for 2006, I think, as a community, we really need to adjust our priorities on what is truly needed for the Grosse Pointe Public School System and the Grosse Pointe Public Library. Look at Detroit and how it is holding community meetings to discuss closing schools in an effort to save money.

I also question a comment made in the article that according to the Grosse Pointe Library Foundation, the Grosse Pointe Public Library system "is in the bottom 25 percent in square feet of space per resident." Is this number based on the old square footage of the two old libraries or including the new square footage of the two new libraries the community just completed?

Look how long we waited for those two new libraries. And now with those completed we still don't have enough space? This is poor planning on our part.

We need to look to the future and determine what our true needs are with respect to another new library. Our world is moving to a paperless society. Businesses everywhere are scanning documents and loading these images to view "online." How many of us get our news online? I know I read multiple papers online and I know many others do too. Even our seniors are now e-mailing and obtaining information from the Internet.

In my opinion, we should take the proposed \$22 million and invest it into a world-class Cyber Library at the Central Library. Remove all the books and relocate them to the two new libraries. Convert the

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I SAY By Brad Lindberg

Don't gamble on Kerry, lottery, lawyers



recognize but get riled about when such coded discussions veer close to home.

The latest example is the proposed sale of the Michigan lottery. Proceeds from the sale reportedly would be earmarked to partially plug a nearly \$2 billion hole in the state budget.

The hole was created last year when lawmakers eliminated the Single Business Tax without either coming up with a replacement tax or a plan to cut state services on par with the resulting revenue reduction.

I've heard that odds of winning the lottery are slimmer than being struck by lightning. But even non-players have an interest in the continuity of state lottery income because profits help fund public education.

Parents and non-parents alike have an interest in properly funded public education — parents for obvious reasons; non-parents because a community's reputation for having quality public education helps bolster residential property values.

In both of those senses, the lottery influences the wellbeing of people living in every school district throughout the state.

Political gamblers capitalized on the Michigan lottery's widespread importance when recommending its sale. The implication is that, if lottery ownership were changed, school funding would be threatened.

Such a prospect is particularly tangible these days given state revenue pressures imposed by seemingly endless

domestic auto industry losses, cutbacks, layoffs, job eliminations and downsizing.

Don't get suckered into thinking school payments would dry up with the sale of the lottery. The ploy will never get that far. It's not intended to.

Selling the lottery would be comparable to Tiger Woods pawning a nine iron to pay a monthly mortgage installment.

The idea of ceding the lottery to private interests is a political antic to dramatize the state's budget problems. People ticked off about reduced business taxation are trying to ferment a notion that what's good for General Bullmoose is bad for the U.S.A.; specifically, children and property owners.

Proponents are as insincere about the lottery sale as was Congressman Charles Rangel, D-New York, when introduc-

ing legislation to reinstate the military draft for men and women between the ages of 18 and 25.

Rangel doesn't want the draft. He wants the United States military — ground troops at least — out of Iraq, plus greater military participation by members of the middle and upper classes.

If Rangel rustles up opposition to the Iraq war by scaring suburban American mothers and wives into thinking their sons and husbands are destined for fox holes, then he has a ready-made constituency to support his true objective.

'The Apprentice'

Most attorneys vying to win Donald Trump's televised job competition, "The Apprentice," share two qualities, both of which are killers if they were to

win the job and work in a dynamic business environment requiring teamwork.

First, the attorneys generally don't compete to win. They play not to lose. I assume their caution stems from knowing how a single wrong step can have lasting legal consequences.

Second, they spend too much effort covering their tracks should their team fail.

I'm apparently one of the few people who doesn't have a blanket dislike of lawyers. Just because they're the only ones in court not sworn to tell the truth doesn't make them bad people or practitioners of a needless profession.

The alternative would be a world where people lacked legal representation. But as a teammate where partners have to stand up and be counted, no.

Joke of the week

John Kerry was for being president before he was against it.

Scare tactics

Sometimes politicians say one thing in order to communicate something else. It's an established part of political gamesmanship and something most members of the public

STREETWISE By Renee Landuyt

Do you plan to watch the Super Bowl and if so, who will you be rooting for?

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



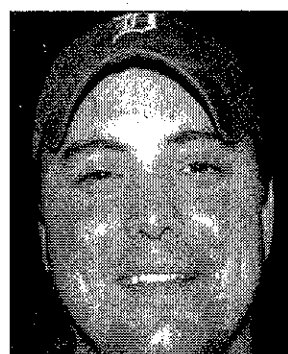
'I will be watching the Super Bowl at Marge's Bar enjoying the buffet and rooting for the Bears.'

DANNY SAMPLE
Grosse Pointe Park



'Yes, I am watching and I am rooting for the Bears.'

SARAH MARKIE
Roseville



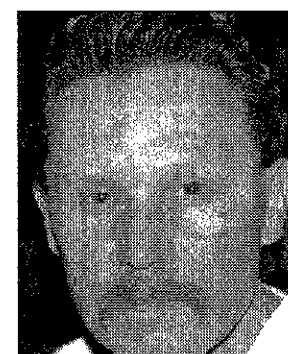
'Yes, I be watching and rooting for the Lions but I think the Colts will win.'

JEFF HENSON
Grosse Pointe Park



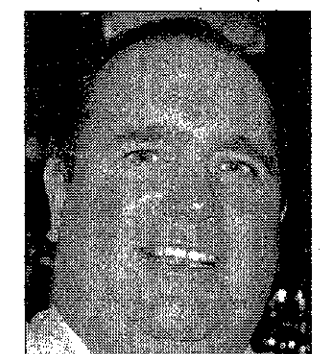
'Yes, and I am rooting for the Bears since I rooted for them from the very beginning.'

TERRI MARKIE
Roseville



'I will be rooting for the Colts because I think Tony Dungy is due for a win. He deserves it.'

MICHAEL MARKIE
Roseville



'I'll be watching the game at Marge's and I'll be rooting for the Colts. I'd like to see Manning do something good.'

BILL MULHERON
Grosse Pointe Park

FYI By Ben Burns

North alum at State of the Union Address



Since President Reagan did it in 1982, it has been a tradition to introduce individuals who represent the best of America at the State of the Union address. The honorees usually sit with the president's wife.

This year President George W. Bush continued in that vein and introduced NBA basketball star Dikembe Mutombo, who built a hospital in his native Democratic Republic of the Congo; Wesley Autrey, who saved a man who had fallen on New York subway tracks by covering him with his body; Army Sgt. Tommy Reiman, who while wounded repelled an enemy attack in Iraq, and Julie Aigner-Clark, who started the Baby Einstein Co. with a borrowed video camera in her Littleton, CO, basement.

The blonde mother of two stood up and waved and made a lot of her Grosse Pointe friends and acquaintances proud.

She attended Ferry Elementary and Parcells Middle Schools and graduated from North before going to Michigan State and earning a degree in English literature and education. She taught before moving to Colorado.

The first video cost \$15,000 to make and brought in \$109,000. A few years later, she sold the company to the Walt Disney Co.

And now she is enough of a celebrity figure that a snide Slate online columnist attacked her inclusion in the State of the Union address because he claimed she is part of "the Baby Genius Edutainment Complex, an industry that preys on the status anxiety of neurotic parents."

That doesn't make anyone in the Pointes less proud because hardly anyone here even reads Slate. After all Aigner-Clark was named Entrepreneur of the Year by Ernst & Young in 2000 and later got Michigan State's Distinguished Alumni Award.

And the Slate writer's comment reminds me of a perpetually cranky editor that both retired Free Press Publisher Neal Shine and I knew. Neal once said, "He's the kind of guy who gets up every morning and puts a stone in his shoe."

Mystery solved

The mystery of Kathleen Breen has been solved, and the moral of the story may be that when you want to find someone, start close to home.

Shores attorney Thaddeus Kedzierski was reading Bill Dennis' letter to the editor last week and glanced over and saw Ms. Breen's name bold-faced in the FYI column.

"Holy cow, I know who that is," he said to himself.

The irony is Joanne Dennis from the Friends of the Library, who found \$200 and a rosary and a crucifix in a box of books donated for the Friends' Down Under Book Store at the Woods Library, is best friends with Kedzierski's wife, Kathy.

Joanne had launched a search for the rightful owner of the money and religious items, and readers tracked various Breens to New York and Grand Rapids before Jo discovered some junk mail in another box with addresses in Indian Village and on Woodward in Birmingham.

No one answered at the phone listing in Birmingham, and that is because Kathleen Breen, who was in her early 90s, died last May. The successful entrepreneur and businesswoman had lived in Birmingham for the past three decades.

"This is bizarre," Jo said, after Ted called her last Tuesday and said he could solve the mystery.

Kedzierski's law firm, T.J. Kedzierski & Associates, with offices in the third floor chapel of the old Smiley Brothers Piano building on Woodward near Wayne State, handled Breen's estate.

"She was a great lady and very religious, and arranged for all her money to go to charities," Kedzierski said. "Her closest living relative is a sister, who is a nun."

Kedzierski hired a man to help dispose of various items in Breen's condo and advised him to give the boxes of books to a charity. The man he hired lives two blocks from the Woods Library, and that is where he dropped them off.

Kedzierski advised Jo that the Friends can keep the \$200 — all he would like is a receipt for the records.

The Friends' quality used book store opens Friday, Feb. 9. Its hours will be Tuesdays 6 to 8 p.m. and Fridays 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Folks with quality used books, DVDs and CDs they would like to donate may drop them off at the Woods Library.

Country

Superman in yore of old could "run faster than a speed-

ing bullet," was "more powerful than a locomotive" and some say could "bend steel with his bare hands."

That last phrase fixed in the mind of a teenaged Gerry Castle. Now in his 50s, he and two cohorts from the local Baldock Mountain Ramblers will appear at the Village Grill in the City beginning Saturday, Feb. 10 as the classic country band: "Ben Steele and His Bare Hands." They will play from 7 to 10 p.m.

It was eight or nine years ago "out of the blue" that Castle told the Ramblers that someday he would like a band by that odd name. They will perform classic honkytonk tunes and apply a country and western spin to any other songs they try, said John

Denomme, of the Woods, who will play bass guitar and do vocals.

Steele will play guitar, mandolin, banjo and do vocals, and Kevin Taylor, of the Woods, will play guitar, mandolin, banjo and do vocals. Taylor will also play the pedal steel guitar and the dobro, a guitar-like instrument that resonates inside.

So now we are going to have a jazz club on the Hill and honkytonk in the Village. The Pointes are jumping, folks.

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GUEST EDITORIAL By Al Fincham

Vehicle theft is a reality today

Some estimates report that a vehicle is stolen every 25 seconds in the United States. Last year alone, more than 1.2 million vehicles were stolen across the country. There are precautions residents can take to reduce the risk of having their vehicles stolen.

Since the cold weather has hit us, residents are again warming up their vehicles,

many times leaving the keys in the unattended vehicle. Please do not do this. Those cars are an easy target.

Every year with the arrival of cold weather, the Grosse Pointe communities experience vehicle thefts of this nature. We even coined the thieves the "warm-up" crews.

Typically, subjects looking to steal a vehicle will drive up and down the streets, usually in the morning, looking for vehicles

warming up in driveways or on the street. There may be two or three subjects coming into the communities in one vehicle.

The remote start feature that many vehicles have allow the vehicle to be started from indoors. Thieves will not be able to steal cars with this without bypassing the ignition, as there is no key in the ignition.

The thief would not know that until they enter the vehicle, either by opening an un-

locked door or by breaking out a window. A remote starting vehicle will stop running once the brake is applied due to the neutral safety switch mechanism in place, thus stalling the theft. The only other way to steal the vehicle would be to bypass the ignition.

With a vehicle where the keys are in the ignition, the thief would again enter

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Saving face — or not

I had been looking for a block of time to run to the other side of town for some holiday exchanges. I found a three-hour hole in my schedule, grabbed my bag of merchandise, jumped into the car and headed out. I only had three stops, and there would be plenty of time.

It was a Tuesday morning, and there was little traffic, and I made the trip to Somerset in half an hour, in keeping with my schedule. In my haste to get on the road, I had jammed too much stuff into my tote bag, and items were spilling out. Upon my arrival at the mall, I resembled a bag lady more than a cosmopolitan eastsider.

I am aware of the fact that the majority of women pay attention to their outfits when shopping in an upscale mall, as opposed to running to the Village on an errand. With this in mind, I had worn one of my nicer coats and had applied my makeup with more care than usual.

My first stop was at the cosmetic counter of one of the high-end retailers in the mall. I had scarcely crossed the border entering the store when I was greeted by a delightful young woman who asked if she could please work on my

face. I didn't know whether to be insulted or if business was so slow on a gray day in January, that she was bored.

I had not had anyone play with my makeup since college days when my gal pals and I would hit The Big Apple with a vengeance. I glanced at my watch and decided to let her have her way with my pores for 15 whole minutes. But, please, don't make me look like an aging porcelain doll with round pink cheeks!

She was like a kid in a candy shop. Lotions and potions were spread across the counter, and I was buffed, sloughed, concealed, bronzed, blushed, lined and curled. My very foundations were changed.

I was told that my skin was starving and thirsty. It craved hydration, never to be confused with grease. Would I care to purchase some "water" to save my poor complexion? The tiny bottle was a mere \$88, or I could take the larger bargain size for \$148. The sweet young saleswoman looked horrified when I explained that I would hydrate from a local pharmacy.

She pressed onward. Crevices around my mouth, lines above my lips and luggage under my eyes were all anointed with rescuing products. When she finally pro-

nounced me finished, I stole a timid glance in a mirror. I was positively dazzling. If I had purchased everything it took to make me this way, I would be calling my banker.

It was a fun, all-about-me experience. I literally came face-to-face with the fact that I am 70 years old, and there isn't a heckofalot I can do about that by myself in front of my bathroom mirror. It would take a pro and mucho dough to make a difference.

For a few hours, I felt pampered and pleased. I ended up purchasing a few of the products that worked for me and managed to stay within my exchange limit.

Friends and acquaintances don't seem to have noticed any change in my complexion. When I begged for comments, one friend suggested I put on something to hide my sunspots. Guess I forgot to dust my face with the "meteorites," which tend to set me apart from the rest of the girls with my inner glow. Now all I need is an extra half hour each morning to prepare for the outer world. Knowing me, I probably won't take the time except for special occasions. If you see me around town without my new face, just be polite and say hello. No comments necessary.

FINCHAM: Criminals are opportunists

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through an unlocked door or by breaking out a window. Once inside they are gone in seconds, many times with personal items such as briefcases, purses, etc. in the car.

We strongly recommend our residents not leave their vehicles unattended while running. The potential loss of a vehicle and personal identification far outweighs the convenience of going out to a warm vehicle.

The following are a few auto theft prevention tips to consider:

- ◆ Do not resist or interfere with a criminal attempting to steal your vehicle.
- ◆ Never leave your car running unattended, even to dash into a business, store, etc.
- ◆ Never leave any keys in

the car or ignition, inside a locked garage, or in hide-a-key boxes.

- ◆ Always roll up your windows and lock the car, even if it is parked in front of your home.
- ◆ Never leave valuables in plain view, even if your car is locked.
- ◆ Park in high-traffic, well-lit areas, when possible.
- ◆ Install a mechanical device that locks the steering wheel, column or brakes. These devices will deter some criminals.
- ◆ Investigate the purchase of a vehicle theft tracking/security system, especially if you own one of the frequently stolen model vehicles.
- ◆ Never leave personal identification documents, vehicle ownership title, or credit cards in your vehicle.
- ◆ If you must leave your key with a valet, attendant, or mechanic, leave only the ignition key. Make sure you are dealing with a reputable firm.
- ◆ Copy your license plate and vehicle information (VIN)

numbers on a card and keep them with you. If your vehicle is stolen, the police will need this information to take a report.

- ◆ If your vehicle is stolen, report it to the police immediately. If the crime is in progress, call your local police at 911. Report your location, the suspects description, direction of travel, license plate number and color of your vehicle as well as any suspect vehicle the thief may have arrived in.

The Grosse Pointe/Harper Woods communities have participated in jurisdictional task forces with the Detroit Police and the Wayne County Sheriff for many years to address this issue. Recently, a new initiative was instituted to form a task force with the sheriff's office to concentrate on this type of crime. Through this task force team, we are able to develop information and share crime reports regarding car thefts and related crimes in a more efficient manner.

Criminals are opportunists and will continue to look for crimes of opportunity in our respective communities.

Al Fincham is director of public safety in the City of Grosse Pointe.

LIBRARY: Owner's rep contracted

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list server suggested we were tearing down Central to add more parking."

She said she has personally replied to many who sent her e-mails explaining the board's concerns about space constraints and the limitations of the 53-year-old building.

"I assured those people that no decision has been made to demolish Central," Bartell said. "And that we will be exploring with the architectural candidates to incorporate all or part of Central to solve our space concerns."

According to Bartell, a group of Kentucky architects has offered to work pro bono on a plan that would meet the library's needs using the existing building. Bartell has instructed Library Director Vickie Bloom to send the group a packet of information.

"I'm reaching out to anyone who has ideas for our property," Bartell said.

While the board has made

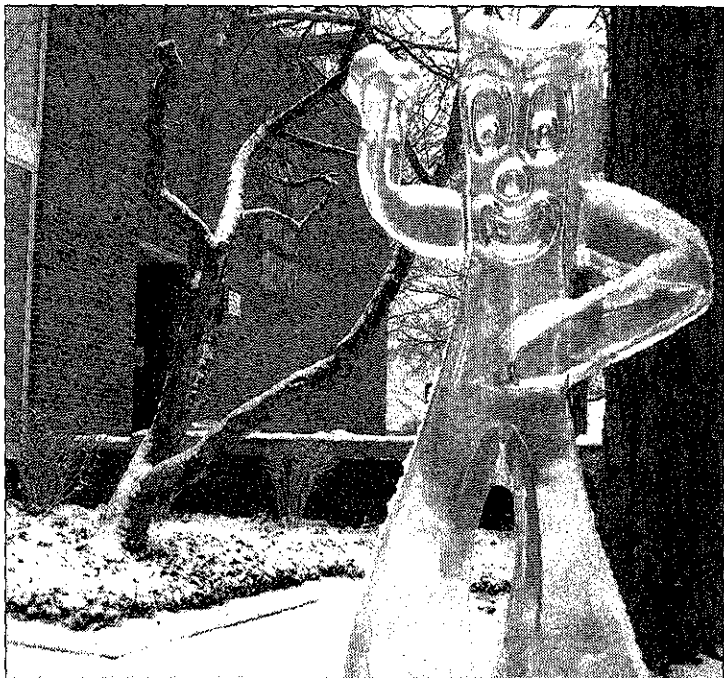


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Perhaps Gumby is raising his hand to vote on the fate of the current Grosse Pointe Central branch library. See more ice sculptures and Grosse Pointe Farms Winterfest photos on Page 12A.

no decision to demolish the current Central branch, it approved at the meeting hiring Tom Marchesano, PE, of Marchesano and Associates Inc. of Plymouth, to act as their owner's representative during the planning and building of a new Central branch. The board approved retaining him

for a fee not to exceed \$44,738.

The former Grosse Pointer's other projects include the new Southfield and Bloomfield public libraries. He beat out Scheible Associates and Plante Moran CRESA, which served as the owner's rep for both the new Ewald and Woods branch libraries.

WINTER: 'Thank God it got cold'

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Something Special Gifts, Detroit Red Wings, Detroit Tigers, Detroit Pistons and the Detroit Lions.

Huhn also had a special thanks for the Farms parks and recreation staff, Farms public works department staff, photographer Keith Jackowski, face painters Pamela Roelans and Hala Besmar, entertainers Passage, ice carvers from Finesse Cuisine, Tim's Party Time Tents, volunteers from the

Grosse Pointe Farms Boat Club, and all of the members of the Hill Association.

Wells said the event should have more demonstrations next year. Judging from this year's success, all it will need is an assist from Mother Nature.

"Thank God it got cold," she said.

See Page 12A for gallery of Grosse Pointe Farms Winterfest photographs taken on the Hill.

LETTERS: Sometimes less is more

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open space to a world-class computer center so we, as a community, can utilize the vast amount of information currently available online.

I also ask the board if a survey has gone out to the residents of Grosse Pointe. Is this something we as a community truly want, or just a small minority of people? Has a specialist in space organization been brought in to find the best way to utilize the current space?

In response to Library Board President Laura Bartell's statement, "It is widely held that the Grosse Pointe library is not

one of his (Breuer's) better designs," this is like saying, it is not one of Picasso's best paintings so I'm just going to throw it away because it has no value.

Look at the Spirit of Detroit sculpture. It is having its 50th birthday in 2008. The city is going to restore it. It was built in the \$50,000 range. Today it is estimated to be valued at more than \$5 million. Maybe the Central Library is valued more than we really know.

I am behind the Grosse Pointe Farms Historic District Commission which is trying to save the current Central branch. I think we should preserve this great modernistic building. Lord knows we have so few in Grosse Pointe. We should get it designated as a historical building and now.

Come on citizens of Grosse Pointe, stand up and speak. Is this something we really need, or is it just a want?

Sometimes, less is more.

LEE J. WOJCIECHOWSKI
City of Grosse Pointe
Editor's note: The Grosse Pointe Public Library board

has not yet decided the fate of the existing Central Library building.

Martin Luther King editorial praised

To the Editor:

I commend you for the Jan. 18 Grosse Pointe News editorial, "Rev. Dr. King's message today."

Although our culture has made strides toward overcoming racism since Dr. King addressed a packed Grosse Pointe High School gym nearly four decades ago, many challenges remain. Painful gaps persist between blacks and whites in income, home ownership and poverty rates, according to a recent U.S. Census Bureau report.

In recalling the late Dr. King's historic visit to our home, you bring home the timeless message that we, too, can choose courage and love over fear. Indeed, that we must do, until all sense of "the other" has vanished forever.

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JIM F. OROSZ, MD, was welcomed by St. John Hospital and Medical Center as chief medical officer. Since 1990, Orosz has served as chairman of the Department of Family Medicine at Akron City Hospital. Akron City Hospital, a member of the Summa Health System, is a high-tech, tertiary care organization and the top-rated teaching hospital in Ohio. Prior to that he was the family practice residency program director at St. Elizabeth Medical Center in Dayton, Ohio. He also served as medical director of employee health and medical director for Hopeful and Health Center while at that organization. He has also held academic and clinical positions at Wright State University School of Medicine, Northeastern Ohio University College of Medicine, St. Joseph Hospital, Mercy Hospital and Memorial Hospital. Orosz is a member of the American Academy of Family Physicians, the American College of Physician Executives and the Association of Family Residency Directors. He also has made numerous presentations and served on myriad committees. In 1991, St. Thomas Family Medicine named him preceptor of the year. An honors graduate of USAF Electronic School in Biloxi, Miss., he served in the United States Air Force prior to studying medicine. A Flint native, he received his medical degree from Wayne State University School of Medicine and he completed his undergraduate work at Ferris State University. He has also had extensive management training at Kenan-Flagler Business School and a number of other organizations. Orosz resides in Grosse Pointe Shores.

HEATHER HARRINGTON, owner of Harrington Communications, was honored with the New Business Enterprise award by the Grosse Pointe Chamber of Commerce at its second annual General Membership Meeting Jan. 17 at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial. Harrington Communications is the inaugural winner of the New Business Enterprise award, which honors a successful business launched within the last five years.

EDGAR HOWBERT, WILLIAM BURGESS, JAMES PERRY, JAMES CANDLER JR., LOUIS THEROS, MARK HIGH, KATHLEEN LANG, WILLIAM SHIELD JR. AND TIMOTHY STOEPKER, attorneys for Dickinson Wright, received national attention by being listed in the publications, "The Best Lawyers in America 2007" and "Michigan Super Lawyers 2006." They all work in the firm's Detroit office. Howbert was listed in both publications for his work in banking law. He is a director of the Detroit Youth Foundation and a Grosse Pointe Farms resident. Burgess was listed in "Best Lawyers of America" for his strength in labor and employment law. He is a Grosse Pointe Farms resident. Perry was recognized in "Michigan Super Lawyers." His primary practice area is bankruptcy and creditor/debtor rights. He is the city attorney for the city of Grosse Pointe Farms and an adjunct professor of law at the University of Detroit Mercy School of Law. Candler Jr. was listed in both publications for his work in real estate law. He serves as chairman of the board of the Detroit Institute of Ophthalmology and is a Grosse Pointe Farms resident. Theros was listed in "Best Lawyers of America" for his strength in labor and employment law. He is the mayor pro-

tem for the city of Grosse Pointe Farms. High was listed in both publications for his work in business and corporate law. He is co-chair of the corporate and securities committee of the U.S. Law Firm Group and a member of the board of directors of the Detroit Wine Organization. High is a Grosse Pointe Park resident. Lang, director of product liability, torts, appellate, environmental, gaming and insurance practices at Dickinson Wright, was listed in both publications for her work in business litigation. She is a member of the governing board of Dickinson Wright PLLC and the Michigan Institute for Continuing Legal Education Litigation Advisory Board. Lang is a Grosse Pointe Park resident. Shield Jr. was also listed in both publications for his banking law strength. He is a Grosse Pointe Park resident. Stoepker was recognized in the "Michigan Super Lawyers" publication. His primary practice area is land use and zoning law. He recently argued Carabell v. Army Corp of Engineers before the United States Supreme Court and is a member of the zoning and land use committee of the State Bar of Michigan. He is a Grosse Pointe Park resident.

ZISSIMOS P. MOURELATOS, an associate professor of mechanical engineering at Oakland University, has been elected to the status of "SAE Fellow" by SAE International. Mourelatos and the rest of the 2006-07 fellows will be recognized during the Honors Convocation at the SAE 2007 World Congress held April 16 through 19 in Detroit. Mourelatos is being recognized for his technical accomplishments in the areas of engine lubrication; engine structural dynamics; noise, vibration and harshness, and design under uncertainty. He has authored 125 published journal articles, conference articles, and industrial reports, and is currently the editor-in-chief of the newly formed "International Journal of Reliability and Safety" and an associate editor of the "ASME Journal of Mechanical Design." Mourelatos has received numerous awards, including the Outstanding Faculty Member Award given by the Department of Naval Architecture and Marine Engineering at the University of Michigan (1996, 2000), and the Bill Zimmie Award, also given by the Department of Naval Architecture and Marine Engineering at the University of Michigan (2003). He has served as program chair and technical session organizer for various SAE conferences. Mourelatos is a Grosse Pointe resident.



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Mack is home

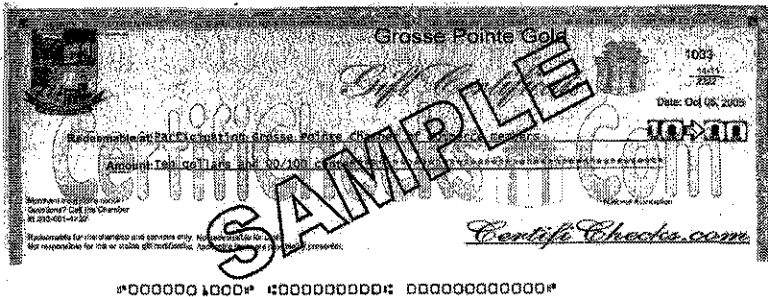
Elisabeth Meda recently opened her new business, Elisabeth Meda Interior Design, at 19517 Mack in Grosse Pointe Woods. Meda said her business can handle any designing task, including new construction projects. The business was officially welcomed to the community during a ribbon-cutting ceremony Jan. 10. Taking part in the ceremony were from left, Mary Huebner, Grosse Pointe Chamber of Commerce executive director; Elisabeth Meda; Woods Mayor Robert Novitke; Jerilyn Sandifer, Meda's assistant; and Jenny Boettcher, Grosse Pointe Chamber of Commerce director member services.

SOC NEWS

Award night April 15

Services for Older Citizens (SOC) will honor five local businesses for going above and beyond in service to the seniors of the community from 1 to 3 p.m., Sunday, April 15, at Grosse Pointe Farms' Pier Park clubhouse. The Senior Friendly Business Award is a way to recognize area businesses for providing service to seniors by, for example, helping customers to their car or lending a helpful ear. The businesses will be selected from a large field of candidates from the Grosse Pointes and Harper Woods. Each business is evaluated based on its demonstrated commitment to serving the needs of seniors. The winners will be honored at SOC's 17th Annual Celebration held at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial in Grosse Pointe Farms. Nominations can be forwarded to Services for Older Citizens, 17150 Waterloo, City of Grosse Pointe, MI, 48236, or by calling Debbie Pommerville at (313) 882-9600.

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Winterfest on the Hill

ABOVE: Vince Terrana and Mark Slessor carved ice while the kids enjoy being sprayed by the snow it created. LEFT: Two boys marvel at the site of Mark Slessor's Eskimos that were each carved from a block of ice weighing 300 pounds. BELOW LEFT: From left, Christa Sicklesteele, Katie Sicklesteele and Daniel VanHove enjoy s'mores. BELOW: Children smile while enjoying the SpongeBob SquarePants ice sculpture sponsored by the Grosse Pointe News. BOTTOM LEFT: Participants enjoyed 1,600 hot dogs. BOTTOM CENTER: The band Passage rocked the warming tent while participants enjoyed hot chocolate, coffee and hot dogs. BOTTOM RIGHT: An awesome ice sculpture of Alex from "Madagascar" sponsored by Andrus Sotheby's International Realty.



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Educators seeking the write stuff

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

Richard Elementary School fifth-graders showed their smarts this year by acing more than half of the MEAP test.

The little MEAPmeisters scored 100 percent in the Michigan Educational Assessment Program's reading, English language arts and science sections.

They missed running the scholastic gamut by two sections — mathematics and writing.

Richard's fifth grade scored 94 percent in math, good for fourth place among Grosse Pointe public schools' nine elementary schools; and 85 percent in writing, a tie for third.

Richard's front-running performance at the district's elementary level capped fall examinations that demonstrated "high achievement and mixed gains," said Susan Allan, assistant superintendent of curriculum.

She added, "In reading, Grosse Pointe elementary schools are consistently in the top 10 districts for the tri-county area and the middle schools are consistently in the top five. For middle schools, only Grosse Pointe and Rochester are in the top five for all grades."

Due to changes in the MEAP last fall, tests encompassed material from previous grade levels.

"The fifth grade test, for example, reflected what happened in fourth grade," said Lee Warras, the Pointes' executive director of instructional services.

Annual changes of 5 percent or less are considered statistically insignificant due to small student populations.

"In some of our schools there are two classes at a given grade level," said Suzanne Klein, superintendent. "Sometimes if one child doesn't do well, you get a drop of 2 percent."

Elementary

Most district passing rates for third-, fourth- and fifth-graders remained within the previous year's 90 to 100 percent.

Writing was the main exception. Scribes slid more than eight points from the year before to a passing rate just under 72 percent.

Although local averages generally increased with a narrow range from last year, the district was peppered with strong gains and losses.

At Poupard Elementary, grades three and four made 9 and 12 percent jumps in reading, respectively; grade three math increased seven points to 90 percent.

"Those are biggies," Klein said.

At Kerby school, grade four math went down seven points to 91 percent while grade five math increased 12 points to 95

percent; grade five science increased nine points to 100 percent.

At Monteith, third-grade students hit a bullseye with a 100 percent showing in math.

Trombly fifth-grade math reached 92 percent, a 14-point rebound from a disappointing 78 percent showing the previous year. A similar improvement came in science.

Despite generally good results, administrators are preparing ways to improve student performance.

"Some grades and schools need additional support," Warras said. "We're providing that support through curriculum specialists, assessment analysis and staff development."

Areas needing specific attention are being targeted for intervention and assistance.

"Some things are already in place," Warras said. "We have a new math curriculum. That's likely to create greater consistency and higher achievement. There's a new foundation course in middle school that provides support to kids in math and reading."

Middle school

Most of last fall's middle school MEAP results varied per subject but remained within the 5 percent range that administrators rate as negligible.

Exceptions occurred at

MEAP Reading

	2006 Grade 3	2007 Grade 3	2006 Grade 4	2007 Grade 4	2006 Grade 5	2007 Grade 5
Defer	96%	97%	94%	96%	90%	95%
Ferry	99%	97%	95%	96%	97%	95%
Kerby	91%	98%	88%	94%	89%	98%
Maire	97%	98%	97%	97%	94%	96%
Mason	92%	93%	85%	89%	98%	90%
Monteith	96%	99%	94%	97%	96%	98%
Poupard	78%	87%	78%	90%	84%	82%
Richard	98%	97%	100%	97%	92%	100%
Trombly	95%	89%	100%	96%	89%	98%
District	94%	95%	95%	95%	92%	95%
State	87%	87%	83%	85%	80%	84%

	2006 Grade 6	2007 Grade 6	2006 Grade 7	2007 Grade 7	2006 Grade 8	2007 Grade 8
Brownell	94%	97%	94%	97%	97%	93%
Parcells	89%	94%	86%	94%	88%	90%
Pierce	93%	94%	89%	92%	95%	91%
District	92%	95%	89%	94%	93%	91%
State	80%	83%	76%	80%	73%	76%

MEAP Writing

	2006 Grade 3	2007 Grade 3	2006 Grade 4	2007 Grade 4	2006 Grade 5	2007 Grade 5
Defer	67%	78%	81%	64%	80%	80%
Ferry	77%	80%	78%	64%	88%	70%
Kerby	88%	83%	93%	77%	91%	92%
Maire	76%	69%	85%	56%	85%	90%
Mason	75%	82%	81%	50%	96%	85%
Monteith	83%	76%	83%	65%	94%	74%
Poupard	67%	52%	34%	37%	65%	51%
Richard	72%	82%	78%	61%	85%	85%
Trombly	82%	59%	81%	63%	76%	81%
District	75%	74%	79%	61%	86%	79%
State	61%	52%	55%	45%	63%	57%

	2006 Grade 6	2007 Grade 6	2006 Grade 7	2007 Grade 7	2006 Grade 8	2007 Grade 8
Brownell	93%	90%	91%	89%	95%	90%
Parcells	87%	87%	83%	83%	84%	78%
Pierce	86%	80%	86%	82%	85%	88%
District	89%	86%	86%	85%	88%	85%
State	63%	74%	67%	65%	65%	67%

SOURCE: GROSSE POINTE SCHOOLS

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Multi Year MEAP Results

MEAP Mathematics

	2006 Grade 3	2007 Grade 3	2006 Grade 4	2007 Grade 4	2006 Grade 5	2007 Grade 5
Defer	86%	97%	94%	91%	84%	93%
Ferry	97%	92%	93%	97%	94%	91%
Kerby	97%	98%	98%	91%	83%	95%
Maire	98%	96%	95%	97%	91%	95%
Mason	97%	93%	85%	93%	98%	90%
Monteith	97%	100%	94%	94%	96%	97%
Poupard	83%	90%	82%	83%	78%	73%
Richard	96%	99%	97%	95%	91%	94%
Trombly	89%	91%	97%	94%	78%	92%
District	84%	95%	94%	93%	88%	92%
State	87%	88%	82%	85%	73%	76%

	2006 Grade 6	2007 Grade 6	2006 Grade 7	2007 Grade 7	2006 Grade 8	2007 Grade 8
Brownell	87%	91%	89%	90%	90%	92%
Parcells	80%	76%	70%	78%	82%	78%
Pierce	87%	78%	83%	84%	86%	86%
District	85%	81%	80%	84%	86%	84%
State	85%	69%	60%	64%	63%	68%

Multi Year MEAP Results

MEAP English Language Arts (Combination of Reading and Writing Scores)

	2006 Grade 3	2007 Grade 3	2006 Grade 4	2007 Grade 4	2006 Grade 5	2007 Grade 5
Defer	90%	91%	88%	94%	89%	93%
Ferry	96%	91%	93%	92%	96%	92%
Kerby	89%	96%	97%	92%	87%	98%
Maire	95%	94%	96%	95%	85%	94%
Mason	86%	91%	95%	88%	98%	90%
Monteith	96%	97%	91%	96%	96%	95%
Poupard	75%	75%	73%	77%	83%	73%
Richard	91%	99%	99%	97%	93%	100%
Trombly	93%	89%	98%	91%	89%	98%
District	91%	92%	93%	92%	91%	93%
State	78%	79%	76%	78%	75%	78%

	2006 Grade 6	2007 Grade 6	2006 Grade 7	2007 Grade 7	2006 Grade 8	2007 Grade 8
Brownell	94%	94%	93%	96%	97%	93%
Parcells	88%	91%	83%	91%	88%	86%
Pierce	90%	90%	88%	91%	92%	91%
District	91%	91%	88%	93%	92%	90%
State	73%	78%	73%	76%	69%	71%

SOURCE: GROSSE POINTE SCHOOLS

MEAP: Writing needs improvement

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Pierce, where 5 and 6 percent declines were recorded in eighth-grade social studies and science, respectively.

Reading scores increased an average of 5 percent in grades six through eight at Parcells but went down 4 percent in grade eight at Brownell.

"There's good things happening in reading," Warras said. "Scores remain strong. Parcells moved substantially higher."

Middle school science, which made improvements two years ago, slipped slightly this time from 92 to 89 percent.

"That's consistent with a drop at the state level," Warras said.

Writing

Pointe writing scores generally surpassed state averages, which topped out at 67 percent, but local results went down nonetheless.

"Some grades took very disappointing drops," Warras said.

In elementary school, 17 of 27 classes in third through fifth grades recorded declines.

Double-digit free falls were common. They ranged from 10 percent among Richard sixth-graders to 29 percent among fourth-graders at Maire and Mason.

Of 10 remaining elementary schools, Defer third-grade students bucked the trend with an 11-point boost.

Overall grade school results ranged from a low of 37 percent among Poupard fourth-graders to 90 percent by fifth grade students at Maire.

Middle school writing results averaged about 85 percent, a slight and statistically insignificant drop of 2 percent from the year before.

Warras said the writing test is probably the most problematic portion of the MEAP.

"We think there's probably some difficulties with the scoring rubric," Warras said. "The state is investigating. We're going to do an analysis in comparison with the Grosse Pointe Writing Assessment to determine what is happening."

The writing assessment contains 30 years of data and, in some ways, exceeds state standards, Klein said.

"We have a lot of confidence in that data," she said.

The Pointe test is more detailed than the MEAP and reveals more information.

"It tells at what level skills a student has attained, but it also tells you what he or she doesn't

know and needs to work on—sentence variety, paragraphing and things of that kind would put him at a higher level," Warras said. "We have greater reliance on our testing than the state's testing."

Warras said good writing takes work.

"To be acquired, it needs to be done over and over and over again, not only in school, but in other areas," he said.

"We need kids writing in all areas of the curriculum. We need to continue to teach them how to write: narrative, to share information; and expository, story writing."

Youngsters these days are credited with writing more due to e-mail and text messaging.

"Think about, though, the type of writing kids do on computers and in text messages," Klein said. "Are they capitalizing? Punctuating? Are they using complete sentences? Paragraphing? Kids are communicating differently, but the kind of written communication they're doing may not match the writing rubric in terms of proficiency."

Teaching

Klein said there's often little difference between high and perfect passing rates.

"It's hard, when you're at 95 percent, to get to 98 percent or 100 percent," she said. "It may be just one or two kids to get

over the hump and you're fine. We're glad that kids are passing, but we want them to pass at the highest proficiency they can."

Too bad education doesn't come in a bottle.

"If you look at how kids achieve well, the single biggest variable is teachers who are proficient at both the art and

science of instruction, and who teach skills to kids in a way that allows them to remember and use them day-to-day," Klein said.

Warras said parental involvement is a "huge" and never-ending component of teaching youngsters.

"It's not a one-time issue," Warras said. "It's the day-in

day-out, 'Have you finished your homework? Let me look at your writing. Let's go through your paper.' It's not just looking at a report card once every quarter and saying, 'You have to do better or nice job, Johnny.' We're fortunate to work in a community where that support is there, by and large, in large doses."

Bond refinancing saves \$1.8 million

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

Bond refinancing is expected to yield district taxpayers a nearly \$2 million dividend.

Savings is forecast to result from refinancing construction bonds approved by voters in 2002.

"As part of the bond issue there was a provision for refinancing the bond issue given certain conditions," said Chris Fenton, Grosse Pointe assistant superintendent of business affairs.

"It appeared the conditions had arrived," added Superintendent Susan Klein.

District analysis concluded that refinancing based on current interest rates was likely to save about 4 percent on \$48,150,000 in outstanding general obligation bonds callable in 2012.

Trustee Fred Minturn, liaison to the finance committee, pegged the savings at \$1.8 million. Klein said savings would be reflected to taxpayers in future tax bills.

Board members this month

approved a resolution naming three companies to carry out refinancing as underwriter, financial advisor and bond counsel.

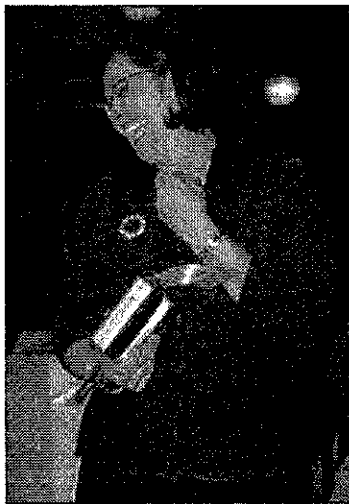
Companies, their roles and bids were:

◆ La Salle Bank, senior managing underwriter, \$108,732,

◆ the law firm of Miller, Canfield, bond counsel, \$37,572 and

◆ Bedzinski & Co., bond counsel, \$14,444.

Fenton said the fees could be higher or lower depending on the final refunding amount.



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Bluebirds concert

Students at the Cooperative Nursery at Christ Church Grosse Pointe sing a medley of festive songs during their annual Christmas concert in the church nave. Shown are, from left, Bluebirds class members Anathe Parkes-Heinen, Sally Carpenter, Emma Bowe, Kylie Stackpoole, Chloe Lamb and Elle McEnroe. Children prepare for the concert under long-time teacher and music director Rhondi Kreger. Audience members said that Kreger, with help from her husband Fred, made the concert a memorable event.

Meet St. Joan of Arc Feb. 1

St. Joan of Arc Catholic School will hold an Open House and Learning Fair from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 1, at 22415 Overlake Drive, St. Clair Shores. This annual event gives visi-

tors interested in the school and parents of children currently attending the school an opportunity to get a first-hand look at the St. Joan of Arc educational experience. Scheduled activities in-

clude:

- ◆ opportunities to meet teachers, administrators and students,
- ◆ tour guides and hospitality for visitors new to the school and
- ◆ the Learning Fair portion of the event featuring special displays, demonstrations and presentations.


St. Joan of Arc School's academic programs run through grade eight, beginning with 3- and 4-year-old preschool and including young 5s, and half- and full-day kindergarten programs. Individual appointments to visit the preschool classroom can be made through the school office at (586) 775-8370.

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School board shifts dates

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

Twice-monthly meetings of the Grosse Pointe public school board have been shifted to the second and fourth Mondays of the month.

The new schedule goes into effect at 8 p.m. Feb. 12, when board members convene their first of two meetings per month at the Grosse Pointe North High School library. The second February meeting is set for Feb. 26 at the same time and location.

Board members last week voted unanimously, with Trustee Charles Sabino's absence excused, to revise meeting dates to what is described as a 2-4 schedule.

The board had been meeting on the first and second Mondays of the month, a 1-2 schedule. Trustees weeks ago proposed the new routine for the benefit of administrators.

"(We're) trying to create more space between meetings to try to deal with requests for information (and) the processing of information," said Board President Brendan Walsh.

"That fits into a nicer pattern for us," said Chris Fenton, assistant superintendent for business affairs. "We'll get informa-

'(We're) trying to create more space between meetings to try to deal with requests for information.'

BRENDAN WALSH,
School Board President

tion for you without delays."

Concerns were found to be groundless that omitting meetings on the first Monday of the month would hinder timely payment of district bills and delay the generation of financial reports.

Fenton said he confirmed with other districts having 2-4 schedules that the format doesn't cause problems.

"The accounts payable is being provided to you after the first meeting, so we're not going to change our procedure at all," he told the board. "We're asking approval (of bill payments) at your first meeting. Your first meeting will now be changed to the second Monday. Financial reports will be provided at the second meeting, which now will be (the) fourth Monday."



A safe walk to school

When Maire Elementary School students participated in Walk To School Day last fall, little did they know that they were being shepherded to campus by the City of Grosse Pointe's future 2006 Officer of the Year, Raleigh the ever-ready police dog. Other local dignitaries on hand to greet children as they arrived for class included School Board Trustee Angela Kennedy, left, and at right, City Councilwoman Jean Weipert and PSO Mike Almeranti, Raleigh's handler.

Grade school language update

Efforts continue to develop an elementary school foreign language program that is both educationally sound and financially reasonable.

Core elements being considered by Grosse Pointe public school officials include:

- ◆ a K-5 foreign language program,
- ◆ a foreign language exploratory program,
- ◆ an enrichment program in partnership with the Confucius Institute and
- ◆ before and after-school enrichment programs.

Lee Warras, executive director of curriculum, assessment, instruction and technology, said district elementary principals believe the time is right to study more effective replacement of the current before and after-school enrichment.

To ensure quality and success of any proposal, administrators believe the following steps are needed:

- ◆ Continue discussions with foreign language teachers to determine target languages, scope and sequences of any offerings.
- ◆ Meet with stakeholders, including staff and parents.
- ◆ Review proposals with a foreign language consultant familiar with elementary school programming.
- ◆ Further review scheduling and budgetary restrictions.

Principals hope to finish their analysis next month in time for board action in March, Warras said.

If a program is approved, it could be in place for the coming school year.

— Brad Lindberg

Let's talk math

The district's proposed new high school curriculum will be explained during a public forum scheduled at 7 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 8 at the library of Grosse Pointe North High School.

Organizers plan to familiarize community members with the draft of the new high school mathematics curriculum for pre-algebra, algebra and geometry.

Members of the district's mathematics committee will present results of their study and recommendations for the

direction of instruction for high school students in Grosse Pointe public schools.

The forum is the first step in adopting the new curriculum.

Plans call for the new curriculum to be presented to the district's Educational Planning Leadership Council later in February.

Another presentation will be made in March to the school board.

There will be procedures to allow those attending to address the committee with their ideas and concerns.

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OBITUARIES

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

George Rankin Everham

George Rankin Everham, 62, died Sunday, Jan. 28, 2007, at home in Harper Woods after a courageous battle with cancer.

He was a longtime Grosse Pointe resident and was born Jan. 15, 1945, in Grosse Pointe Farms.

After graduating in 1963 from Southeastern High School, he earned his associate's degree from Northwood Institute (University) where he was a member of the football team. He went on to earn his bachelor's degree from Eastern Michigan University and complete graduate credits at the University of Michigan.

Mr. Everham joined the U.S. Army in 1967. He served in Vietnam and earned the rank of sergeant.

After being discharged, he began his career in mortgage banking. In addition to running his own company in the late 1980s and early 1990s, Mr. Everham worked for Michigan Bank, St. James Servicing and most recently Flagstar Bank.

Mr. Everham was involved in the Northwood University alumni board, Northwood University parent board and American Legion, where he participated in the annual poppies for veterans fundraiser.

Mr. Everham and his family were lifelong members of St. Columba's Episcopal Church where he was a member of the choir for 15 years. Before St.

Columba closed, he served for many years as treasurer and a member of the vestry.

He was an avid University of Michigan football fan. He and his family, who are season ticket holders, have attended almost every home game since the 1920s. They have even been known to travel to an away game or two every year.

He enjoyed travel, including trips to almost all 50 states. Every year, Mr. Everham, his wife and some of his close friends traveled to Stratford, Ontario, Canada, where they enjoyed attending many plays and staying at the same bed and breakfast.

His hobbies included helping a friend renovate a decades-old farmhouse.

Mr. Everham was very involved with his family and two sons, including taking them on evening "fire truck chasing" missions. He was not only involved as a spectator at his sons' hockey, baseball, soccer and lacrosse games, but he also tried his hand at coaching. He was looking forward to carrying on the tradition with his grandchildren.

He is survived by his wife, Karen Ann (nee Hansen) Everham; sons, Geoffrey Ryan (Amber) and Brian Michael; grandchildren, Geoffrey Ryan Jr. and Kate Elizabeth; sister, Sally (Gunter) Dumke; and sister-in-law, Jean Everham.

He was predeceased by his parents, Edwin and Dorothy Everham; and his brother,

Edwin (Ted) M. Everham Jr.

A funeral service will be held at 4 p.m., Friday, Feb. 2, at Christ Church Grosse Pointe, 61 Grosse Pointe Blvd., Grosse Pointe Farms.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Barbara Ann Karmanos Cancer Institute, C/O Development Office, 4100 John R, Detroit, MI 48201.

Patricia Anne Grady

Patricia Anne Grady, 78, of Grosse Pointe Park, died Wednesday, Jan. 24, 2007, at St. John Hospital.

She was born Nov. 7, 1928, in Hartford, Conn., to George and Anna Bransfield. An orphan at the age of 10, she was a registered nurse at age 20.

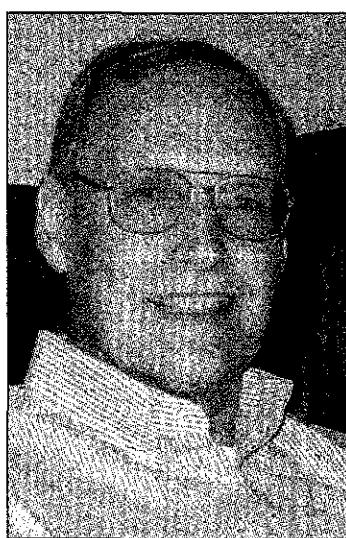
She earned her BSN degree from St. Joseph's College in 1948, her master's degree from the University of Detroit Mercy in 1985 and doctorate from Central Michigan University in 1988.

Mrs. Grady was head nurse at the Institute of Living in Hartford, Conn., before moving to Detroit in 1950 when she became head nurse in the emergency room at Detroit Receiving Hospital.

After raising her five children, she returned to nursing at St. John Hospital and retired as director of staff development at Bon Secours Hospital.

She was a friend and mentor to many in the health care field.

Mrs. Grady is survived by her daughter, Kathleen; sons, David, Steven, Gregory and Jason; grandchildren, Michael, Robert, Steven, Jim, Jon, Jay, Joe, Erik and Max; great-grandchildren, Paul Lee, Jerimah, Carolyn and Alex; and sisters, Shirley and Beverly.



George Rankin Everham



Eileen Marie Hayes



Margaret Louise Kurtz

She was predeceased by her brother, Richard.

A funeral service was held Monday, Jan. 29, at Verheyden Funeral Home Inc., in Grosse Pointe Park. Interment is at St. Paul Catholic Church columbarium in Grosse Pointe Farms.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Capuchins.

Eileen Marie Hayes

Grosse Pointe Woods resident Eileen Marie Hayes, 82, died Monday, Jan. 15, 2007, at Bon Secours Hospital.

She was born Aug. 8, 1924, in Detroit, to Walter and Mary Berniece Hayes. She earned her master's degree from Wayne State University.

Ms. Hayes was an immaculate heart of Mary sister for many years and taught in Detroit public schools. She went to Grosse Pointe North High School when it opened in 1968 and taught art there for many years. She was an avid gardener and enjoyed traveling.

Ms. Hayes is survived by her sister-in-law, Mary Alice Hayes; and special friends, Ted and Nadine Winiarski, and David Harchick.

A funeral Mass will be celebrated at 11 a.m., Saturday, Feb. 17, at Our Lady Star of the Sea Church, 467 Fairfield, Grosse Pointe Woods.

Chester E. Kasiborski

Grosse Pointe Woods resident Chester E. Kasiborski, 89, died Monday, Jan. 29, 2007, at St. John Hospital.

He was born Sept. 6, 1917, in Detroit, to Walter and Anna Kasiborski. He graduated from Wayne State University in 1938 and from the University of Michigan Law School in 1941. Mr. Kasiborski was a probate attorney in private practice.

He was an avid golfer who was a longtime member of the Gowan Golf Club.

Mr. Kasiborski is survived by his wife, Mildred "Mae" Kasiborski; daughters, Jo Anne Thompson of Mount Pleasant, and Linda S. (Paul) Rinke of Sterling Heights; son, Terry (Kathy) Kasiborski; and grandchildren, Katherine (Jeff) Donahue, Margaret Thompson, Kevin (Kate), Brian and Michael Kasiborski, and Daniel and Dayna Rinke; and Matthew, Claire and Joseph Donahue.

He is predeceased by his sister, Mary Wegrzynowicz; brothers, Anthony and Stanley; and son-in-law, William R. Thompson.

A funeral Mass will be celebrated at 10 a.m., Thursday, Feb. 1, at Our Lady Star of the Sea Church, 467 Fairfield, Grosse Pointe Woods.

Memorial contributions may

be made to the American Heart Association or the charity of one's choice.

Margaret Louise Kurtz

Margaret Louise Kurtz, 92, died Tuesday, Jan. 16, 2007, in Grosse Pointe Woods.

Mrs. Kurtz, a longtime Grosse Pointe resident, was born in Brookside, Ohio. One of eight children of Jesse and Margaret Wilson, she graduated from the Ohio Valley General Hospital School of Nursing. She met her husband, Dr. Harry C. Kurtz, while he was serving his residency at the same hospital.

Mrs. Kurtz worked as a nurse for her husband's practice in southwest Ohio. The couple would make house calls attending to medical needs in the rural area during World War II. They relocated to Michigan after the war so Dr. Kurtz could specialize in anesthesiology.

They raised four boys together in Grosse Pointe. After Dr. Kurtz died unexpectedly in 1957, Mrs. Kurtz returned to nursing and worked downtown at Detroit Memorial Hospital for many years.

Mrs. Kurtz was an early member of the Grosse Pointe Congregational Church and remained active there until the time of her death. She volunteered for Meals on Wheels, the PTA and scouting.

She enjoyed bird-watching, gardening, Detroit sports and spending time with her children and grandchildren.

Mrs. Kurtz is survived by her sons, Grant (Christine) of Bonita Springs, Fla., Stanley (Jan) of Middletown, Calif., Harry (Lynn) of Grosse Pointe Shores, and Theodore (Rose) Kurtz of Mill Valley, Calif.; grandchildren, K.K., Holly, Ed, Steven, Sarah, Lindsey, Camille and Cameron; and great-grandchildren, Grant, Austin, Astrid, Harry, Aisha, Eddie and Julia.

A funeral service was celebrated Saturday, Jan. 20, at the Grosse Pointe Congregational Church. Interment was at Woodlawn Cemetery in Detroit.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Family Center of Grosse Pointe and Harper Woods, 20090 Morningside Dr., Grosse Pointe Woods, MI 48236.

Ellen Jane McGarvah

Longtime Grosse Pointe resident Ellen Jane McGarvah, 89, died on Saturday, Jan. 27, 2007.

Mrs. McGarvah was born in Dayton, Ohio, to Ira and Mary Ellen Swegles. She graduated from Grosse Pointe High School in 1935 and Albion College, where she was a member of the Kappa Delta Sorority.

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college in 1939, her father, the vice president of Hudson Motor Car Co., allowed her to choose a new convertible off of the assembly line. With blue paint and a red interior, it was one of the first colored cars in America.

She spent all of her summers at the family's cottage in Rondeau Provincial Park which is where she met Angus C. McGarvah, a friend of her older brother. Although she was first seen as the "kid sister," they fell in love and were married on Valentine's Day, 1942 at the Grosse Pointe Memorial Church.

They raised five children in Grosse Pointe, building one of the first houses on Duval Road in the Shores. Mrs. McGarvah devoted all of her time to her children and later to her grandchildren.

She was active in the Grosse Pointe Mothers Club, the Cottage Hospital Auxiliary, and remained active in her sorority.

She is survived by her children, Angus, Polly (Arnie) Bernstein, Lynn (Harry) Kurtz, Donald and James (Becky); her grandchildren, Nathan, Benjamin, Clark, Gregory, Alex, Sarah, Lindsey Ellen, Scott, Mike, Shae, Taylor and Luke; and her great-grandchildren, Molly Ellen and Angus.

She was predeceased by her husband.

A funeral service was held Tuesday, Jan. 30, at White Chapel Cemetery in Troy. A memorial service will be held in Rondeau Park this summer.

Memorials may be made to the Foundation for Exceptional Children, 16 Lakeshore Rd., Grosse Pointe Farms, MI 48236.

Funeral Home, 32515 Woodward Ave., Royal Oak.

Memorial contributions may be made to The Detroit Zoological Society, 8450 W. 10 Mile Rd., Royal Oak, MI 48067.

Ellen T. Moran

Grosse Pointe Farms resident Ellen T. Moran, 89, died Wednesday, Jan. 24, 2007.

She was born April 29, 1917, in Detroit, to Thomas W. and Nellie (nee McKinney) Thompson and graduated from Northwestern High School in Detroit.

She is survived by her sons, John T. (Janet) and Edward T. (Mary Jo) Moran; and grandchildren, Elizabeth, Edward, Thomas, Mary Kate and John.

She was predeceased by her husband, John V. Moran; sister, Margaret Heftler; and brother, Thomas Thompson.

A funeral Mass was celebrated Saturday, Jan. 27, at St. Paul Catholic Church in Grosse Pointe Farms. Interment is at the church's columbarium.

Elizabeth Martz Scully

Grosse Pointe Woods resident Elizabeth Martz Scully,

100, died Thursday, Jan. 25, 2007.

She was born March 18, 1906, in Detroit, to Albert and Elizabeth Martz.

She was a member of Sigma Gamma and was dedicated to her home and family.

She is survived by her daughter, Virginia Jeffrey; son, Frederick Scully Jr.; grandchildren, Deborah (Bill) Freele, Katharine Jeffrey and Beth Baker; great-grandchildren, Jennifer (Tim)

Heerema, John, Zachary and Carolyn Freele, and Luke and Adam Baker; and great-grandchild, Benjamin Heerema.

She was predeceased by her husband, Frederick Scully; daughter, Suzanne Roulston; and grandson, Chuck Jeffrey.

A funeral Mass was celebrated Monday, Jan. 29, at Our Lady Star of the Sea Church, Grosse Pointe Woods. Interment is at Mount Olivet Cemetery in Detroit.

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Dwight Wilson Leonard

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Former Grosse Pointe resident Dwight Wilson Leonard, 64, of Troy died Monday, Jan. 29, 2007.

He was born June 8, 1942, in Detroit and grew up in Grosse Pointe. After graduating from Grosse Pointe High in 1960, he joined Cutmore Tool Co. which was founded by his father, the late Frederick Wilson Leonard. Mr. Leonard worked as owner of the company until his death.

A member of the Detroit Athletic Club since 1968, he enjoyed various activities including taking part in the Beavers, handball, Suite 500 and nearly 40 years as a Friday afternoon bowler. While he enjoyed boating and golf, his passion in life was his friends and family.

He was considered to be a very nice person who was an inspiration to all. He will be missed dearly.

He is survived by his wife, Linda (nee Matthews); mother, Florence Leonard; children, Rick (Linda) and Leigh Leonard (Bob) Boyd; sister, Colleen (Ted) VanGelderren; grandchildren, Emma, Alec, Jack, Henry, Samantha and Jonathan; and stepchildren, Marny (Tim) Costa-Mellinger, Lindsey Brodsky and Megan (Brian) Reedy.

Visitation will be held at noon followed by a memorial service at 2 p.m., Friday, Feb. 2, at A.J. Desmond & Sons

PUBLIC SAFETY REPORTS

Grosse Pointe Park

Car entered

Between Friday, Jan. 26, and Saturday, Jan. 27, a Pontiac G-6 parked in the Maryland/Kercheval area of Grosse Pointe Park was entered by breaking the passenger window.

No loss from the vehicle was reported.

Arrested

On Sunday, Jan. 28, at 11:33 p.m., a vehicle was stopped for a traffic violation in the Mack and Bedford area of Grosse Pointe Park.

A 21-year-old Detroit man was arrested after the police officer found suspected narcotics in the car's console.

Those with information on these or any crimes should call the Grosse Pointe Park police department at (313) 822-6200.

—Bob St. John

Grosse Pointe Woods

Traffic stop leads to Warrant arrest

On Sunday, Jan. 28, at 1:55 a.m., a Grosse Pointe Woods police officer stopped the driver of a silver 2000 Plymouth Voyager after a LEIN (Law Enforcement Information Network) check revealed the license plate tab was expired.

The driver, a 31-year-old Oak Park man, told the officer he did not have any vehicle information or his driver license.

The LEIN check also revealed he had two outstanding warrants out of Southfield for contempt of court and Bloomfield Hills for failure to appear in court.

His driver license was also suspended four times for failure to comply with a judge's ruling.

The passenger, a 31-year-old

Detroit man, was also wanted on warrants out of Highland Park for contempt of court and out of Detroit for traffic violations.

Both men were arrested and the car was impounded.

Faulty headlight

On Sunday, Jan. 28, at 8:54 p.m., a 27-year-old Detroit man driving a black 1996 Chevrolet Lumina was stopped on Vernier because only one of the headlights was operational.

The man did not have his driver license, proof of insurance or vehicle registration.

A LEIN check revealed the man had a warrant out of Detroit for failure to appear in court and 19 current license suspensions.

The man was arrested for driving with a suspended license and the car was impounded.

He was released after posting a \$100 bond.

Knife found

On Saturday, Jan. 27, at 9:25 p.m., a 20-year-old Detroit man driving a blue 1991 Chevrolet station wagon was pulled over on Vernier by a Grosse Pointe Woods police officer because only one headlight was working.

The man asked the officer if he was pulled over because his turn signal didn't work.

He could not produce his driver license or vehicle information.

The driver also told the officer the car was his mother's or grandmother's and he was leaving his mother's house after moving her to a new home earlier that day.

A LEIN check revealed the man never acquired a driver license and he had a warrant out of Greenville, S.C., for possession of marijuana.

A Grosse Pointe Shores police officer arrived on the scene to assist. During a search, the

Shores officer found a 12-inch knife in the man's back pants pocket. The knife's blade was a 7-inch single edge with a 5-inch white handle.

He told the officer he didn't know the knife was in his pocket and he was giving it to his mother because she didn't have any knives to cut food.

Another smaller knife was located in the vehicle's glove box. Both knives were taken as evidence.

The man was arrested for driving without acquiring a driver license and for possession of the knife. He later posted a \$100 bond and was released.

Too much to drink

On Saturday, Jan. 27, at 1:14 a.m., a Grosse Pointe Woods police officer was following a tan 2006 Jeep Commander on Vernier after noticing the vehicle was traveling approximately 50 mph on the 35 mph street.

The driver, a 40-year-old Grosse Pointe Woods man, didn't pull over when the officer initially put on his lights. Instead, the driver pulled into the driveway of a home in the 1200 block of Roslyn.

The officer noticed an odor of intoxicants and asked the man if he had been drinking. The driver said he had some drinks at an area restaurant.

He provided his driver license, but did not produce a registration or proof of insurance.

The man failed several field sobriety tests and a portable breath test reading was not available due to external interference.

The driver was arrested for operating a motor vehicle while intoxicated and taken to the station to provide a breath test.

Wrong colors

On Saturday, Jan. 27, at 1:50 p.m., a 23-year-old Grosse Pointe Shores woman driving

a blue 2006 Dodge Charger was stopped after a Grosse Pointe Woods police officer noticed her license plate tab was partially yellow and partially orange.

A LEIN check revealed the woman had two current driver license suspensions and a warrant out of St. Clair Shores for failure to appear in court.

She was arrested for driving with a suspended license. The woman posted a \$100 bond for Grosse Pointe Woods and a \$480 bond for St. Clair Shores before being released.

Speeding leads to arrest

On Thursday, Jan. 25, at 11:11 p.m., a 20-year-old Detroit woman driving a red 1999 Pontiac Sunfire was stopped on Vernier by a Grosse Pointe Woods police officer for speeding. She was traveling 47 mph in a 35 mph zone.

A LEIN check revealed the woman's driver license was suspended and she had a warrant out of Eastpointe for failure to appear in court.

The woman was arrested.

Defective light, drunken driving

On Thursday, Jan. 25, at 2:14 a.m., a Grosse Pointe Woods police officer stopped a 56-year-old Grosse Pointe Woods woman for having a defective taillight on her gray 1993 Jeep.

The officer detected an odor of intoxicants and asked the woman if she had been drinking.

She replied she consumed a bottle of wine earlier that evening because she had a bad day at work.

The woman failed several field sobriety tests and a portable breath test registered .139 percent blood alcohol content.

She was arrested for operating a motor vehicle while intoxicated.

Those with information on these or any crimes should call the Grosse Pointe Woods police department at (313) 343-2400.

—Bob St. John

Grosse Pointe Shores

Cable cut

Police are investigating the cutting of a cable wire in the back yard of a house on Oxford reported at 3 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 27.

Police discovered the cut wire and disconnected fitting of the line that runs along the rear yard of the home. No footprints were observed, and the fitting was also missing.

Injury accident

Police assisted a Grosse Pointe Woods woman whose

car had struck a tree after traveling northbound in the 1100 block of Lakeshore Friday, Jan. 26.

The woman sustained injuries and was taken to an area hospital.

Fugitive arrest

Police arrested a 40-year-old Detroit man after a traffic stop on Lakeshore at 7:56 a.m. Thursday, Jan. 26.

A LEIN (Law Enforcement Information Network) check revealed the man was wanted on two bench warrants. He was taken into custody.

Those with information on these or any crimes should call the Grosse Pointe Shores police department at (313) 881-5500.

—By John Lundberg

Grosse Pointe Farms

No eluding this time

A 44-year-old Grosse Pointe Farms man was arrested following a traffic stop on Mack at 7:14 a.m. Monday, Jan. 29.

Police followed the man from his residence on Manor, and initiated the traffic stop after noticing the vehicle's license tags were expired.

The driver, who was handcuffed immediately after exiting his vehicle, is a suspect in two fleeing and eluding charges in the Farms and Detroit.

A search of the man's vehicle uncovered several prescription medicine pills.

The man was charged with driving without a license and possession of drugs without a prescription.

Drunken driving arrest

Police arrested a 21-year-old Clinton Township woman following a traffic stop at Lakeshore and Lakecrest at 4:06 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 27.

Police initiated the traffic stop after witnessing her vehicle speeding and weaving back and forth on the road. Upon questioning, police detected a strong odor of intoxicants coming from the woman's facial area. During field sobriety tests, which she failed, the suspect was unsteady and exhibited poor balance. She registered a .17 on a breath test.

The woman was taken into custody. A search of her vehicle revealed an open, partially filled bottle of rum. She was charged with drunken driving and having an open container in a motor vehicle.

Attempted car theft

Police are investigating the attempted theft of a Jeep truck from a house in the 200 block of McKinley reported at 2:04 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 24.

Police said the perpetrator gained entry to the vehicle by breaking the passenger side window. Inside the vehicle, police noticed damage to the ignition, but the vehicle had a kill

switch, which prevented the truck from operating.

Nothing was taken from the vehicle, and neighbors reported not hearing or seeing anything relating to the crime.

Those with information on these or any crimes should call the Grosse Pointe Farms police department at (313) 885-2100.

—By John Lundberg

City of Grosse Pointe

Attempted car theft

Police are investigating the attempted vehicle theft from the driveway of a house in the 500 block of Lakeland reported at 8:05 a.m. Monday, Jan. 29.

Police said the victim reported seeing the suspect enter the car. Because the car was started with an automatic start device, it stalled when the suspect put the vehicle in gear.

The victim saw the suspect exit the vehicle and picked up by a second car, which fled southbound on Lakeland. The descriptions of the suspects was not provided.

Truck taken in blink of an eye

Police are investigating the theft of a vehicle parked running in a driveway in the 700 block of Notre Dame reported at 7:59 a.m. Monday, Jan. 29.

Police said the victim started the Chevrolet Trailblazer and when he returned five minutes later, it was gone.

The vehicle was entered into LEIN (Law Enforcement Information Network) as stolen.

Vehicle theft

Police are investigating the theft of a Ford Explorer stolen from a house in the 800 block of Loraine reported at 8:25 a.m. Friday, Jan. 26.

Police said the homeowner started the vehicle and when she returned with her child, the truck was gone.

The vehicle was entered into LEIN as stolen.

Retail fraud

Police are looking for a woman suspected of theft from a business in the 17000 block of Kercheval at 1:05 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 23.

Police said a store employee followed the suspect out of the store but lost sight of her after she ran through a neighboring business.

The employee believes the suspect stole a jacket near the exit of the store because the sensor alarm was activated when the suspect left.

The suspect is described as 5-foot 6-inch white female with a thick build. She has a ponytail and was wearing a brown sweatshirt and carrying a black bag.

Those with information on these or any crimes should call the City of Grosse Pointe police department at (313) 886-3200.

—By John Lundberg

SCHOOL DISTRICT OF THE CITY OF HARPER WOODS
WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN

SECTION 00100
ADVERTISEMENT TO BID

1. Barton Malow Company requests Bid Proposals on behalf of Harper Woods School District for the construction of the Harper Woods School District for Bid Package No. T2 work. Bid Proposals will be received at 20225 Beaconsfield St., Harper Woods, MI 48225 deliver or mail, to the attention of Joan Deaton by 2:00 p.m. local time on **February 27, 2007**. Proposals must be sealed with Bidder's name on the outside of the envelope and designated as follows:

Sealed Proposal
Harper Woods School District
Bid Package No. _____
Bid Category: _____
Contractor Name, Address, Phone Number

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2. Proposals shall be based on the requirements set forth in the Project Manual by Barton Malow Company for:

BID PACKAGE NO. T2 – Technology Systems:
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3. Accepted Bidders will be required, as a condition precedent to award of Contract, to furnish in the amount of 100% of the contract price, satisfactory Performance Bond and Payment Bond and Certificates of Insurance as required in the Project Manual.
4. Unless otherwise specifically set forth in Section 00880 of the Project Manual, this Project is subject to state sales and/or use taxes and Bidder is required to include such taxes in its Bid Proposal.
5. Barton Malow Company has been contracted by the Owner in the capacity of Technology Designer for the Project, and as such has the rights and obligations set forth in its contract with the Owner for those services, and shall act as representative of the Owner to the extent required/allowed under its Owner contract.
6. Bid Proposals will be publicly opened by Owner, evaluated by Barton Malow Company and the Owner, with recommended awards subsequently made.
7. Bidding Documents will be available for examination and distribution on or after **February 6, 2007** at:
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8. A pre-bid conference and site visit/tour will be held at 2:00 p.m. on **February 14, 2007** at Harper Woods High School. All Bidders are responsible for attendance at the pre-bid conference. Pre-bid conference minutes will be distributed to all who are known by Barton Malow Company to have received contract documents, but the Barton Malow Company, and Owner will not be responsible for providing information to those not attending the pre-bid conference. Information disclosed in the pre-bid conference minutes will be considered part of the Bidding and Contract Documents.
9. Bid Proposals shall be on forms furnished by Barton Malow Company. Bidders will be required to submit with their Bid Proposals a Bid Security by a qualified surety authorized to do business in the state where the Project is located, an OSHA Form 300 for the most recent completed year, their worker's compensation Experience Modification Rate (EMR) factor, and any other information required in the Instructions to Bidders.
10. The successful Bidder(s) will be required to enter into an agreement with Owner on the Agreement Form identified in Section 00500 of the Project Manual.
11. The right to reject any or all Bid Proposals, either in whole or in part, or to waive any informalities or irregularities therein is reserved by the Owner.
12. All Bid Proposals shall be accompanied by the sworn statement included in Section 00410 of the Project Manual, in accordance with MCL 380.1267, disclosing any familial relationship that exists between the owner(s) or any employee of the Bidder and any member of the school board or the superintendent of the school district. Bid Proposals that do not include this sworn and notarized disclosure statement shall not be accepted.

Sue Hedemark,
Secretary
Board of Education

CITY OF HARPER WOODS
WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN
SYNOPSIS: REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
JANUARY 17, 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 for Michael Monaghan and John M. Szymanski.

MOTIONS PASSED

- 1) To excuse Councilman Michael P. Monaghan and Councilman John M. Szymanski from tonight's meeting because of prior commitments.
- 2) To receive, approve and file the minutes of the regular City Council meeting held January 3, 2007.
- 3) To hold Goal Setting sessions on February 5th and February 21st following the regularly scheduled City Council meetings.
- 4) That the agenda of the regular City Council meeting having been acted upon, the meeting is hereby adjourned at 7:42 p.m.

RESOLUTION PASSED

- 1) To approve the following items on the Consent Agenda: (1) approve the Accounts Payable listing for Check Numbers 79297 through 79378 in the amount of \$186,974.35 as submitted by the City Manager and Finance Director, and further, authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to sign the listing. (2) approve payment to Statewide Security Transport in the amount of \$7,143.81 for prisoner lodging and maintenance for the month of November 2006. (3) approve payment to AIS Construction Equipment in the amount of \$8,759.55 for the repairs made to the department's tractor/backhoe. (4) approve the appointments to the Beautification Commission, Board of Zoning Appeals and Planning Commission as listed on the memorandum from the City Clerk.
- 2) To authorize those Councilmembers interested to attend the Michigan Municipal League's Annual Legislative Conference on March 21, 2007, with the City paying all necessary and related expenses.
- 3) To approve payment to Scodeller Construction, Inc. in the amount of \$13,699.20 for Progress Payment No. 4 on the 2006 Pavement Joint and Crack Sealing Program, #180-094.

Kenneth A. Poynter, Mayor

Published: GPN, February 1, 2007

Mickey D. Todd, City Clerk

TEST DRIVE By Greg Zyla

The 2007 Ford F150 King Ranch Lariat 4x4 offers best-in-class payload and towing. A popular full-size pickup built 'Ford Tough' to get the job done.

2007 Ford F150 King Ranch Lariat 4x4



This week, we're traveling in one of our favorite full-size pickups, specifically Ford's 2007 4x4 King Ranch F150 Lariat Super Crew Cab — base price: \$38,365; price as tested: \$44,945.

This multi-purpose vehicle makes moving or towing anything an easy task, and offers room for six in very comfortable surroundings. The King Ranch also delivers up to 18 miles per gallon highway if driven properly, good for a vehicle this huge.

Outwardly, F-150's front end exudes strength and confidence. Clustered quad-circle headlamps encompass a wrap-around fascia that results in elegance and precision. Our King Ranch came with special floor mats, Arizona beige running boards, power fold/heated signature side mirrors, King Ranch leather captain chairs and special two-tone paint.

The "Lariat" element of the base price adds chrome, monotone, or Arizona beige, two-tone, front and rear bumpers; chrome grille surround with beige honeycomb insert; side mirrors with integral turn signal; 18-inch bright aluminum wheels; automatic temperature control; rear defroster; message center; leather-wrapped steering wheel with duplicate controls; power-adjustable driver's seat and leather-trimmed seating surfaces. This, of course, is in addition to the bevy of standard features all F-150's offer.

Ford upgrades the F-150 line for 2007 with a long list of new options and still offers consumers the widest variety of body configurations. Notable is F-150's maximum tow rating of 10,500 pounds when properly equipped, resulting in a maximum payload



PHOTO BY WIECK

2007 Ford F-150: FX4

capacity of 3,050 pounds that makes F-150 the most competent full-size pickup under 8,500 pounds. Our King Cab's tow rating came in at 9,200 pounds.

Powering King Ranch is a 5.4 Liter Triton Ethanol Flex Fuel V8 featuring three valves per cylinder. It delivers 300 horsepower at 5,000 rpm and 365 pound-feet of torque at 3,750 rpm. A 4-speed automatic overdrive transmission and shift on the fly 2-speed 4x4 transfer case all work in tandem, resulting in an F-150 that is ready for anything in front of it, regardless of weather conditions.

It's underneath, however, where Ford truly does its homework. Engineering advances in the F-150 lead to exceptional handling, ride and quietness, thanks to a fully boxed frame with hydro-formed front rails. Its frame is

the strongest in class, reduces shake and shudder on rough roads, and the liquid-filled engine mounts on the V-8 suffocate engine's noise and vibration before it reaches the passenger compartment.

Both 4x2 and 4x4 models use coil-on-shock, long-spindle, double-wishbone front suspension with a Hotchkiss-design live rear axle optimized with rear shock absorbers placed outboard of the frame rails — a segment exclusive. The result is a smoother ride and improved control of body lean. The shock position also provides better control of axle "skipping" and "skating" that occurs on washboard-type surfaces.

We experienced how comfortable a King Ranch can be on a trip to Maple Grove Raceway's NHRA drag races, covering 300 miles in splendid comfort and safety.

In the event of an impact, areas of the frame are designed to collapse in an accordion fashion, dissipating energy before it reaches the passenger compartment. Front air bags are standard, and the results in F-150 being the only pickup in its class to earn the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration's 5-star rating for driver and right-front passenger frontal crash rating and "Good" ratings in frontal offset crash testing performed by the Insurance Institute for Highway Safety.

Some of the notable options include 20-inch aluminum wheels and tires, \$895; navigation system, \$1,995; reverse sensing system, \$245; power moonroof, \$995; and Sirius Satellite radio, \$195.

Four-wheel, vented-disc anti-lock brakes are standard, and necessary on a vehicle like this. Important numbers include a wheelbase of 139-inches, 30 gallon fuel tank, 14 city and 18 highway EPA on gas (less on ethanol), and 5,577-pound curb weight.

For the last 29 years, F-150

has been Ford's sales leader and continues its top seller status. Today's F-150 line is the culmination of 55 years of Ford innovation and technology, so we rate Ford F-150 Super Crew Cab a strong 9.5 on a scale of one to 10. Yes, it's that good a vehicle.

Likes: Roominess, styling, high-tech chassis, versatility, good depreciation.

Dislikes: No side air bags available, gas mileage plummets with heavier foot.

Greg Zyla is a syndicated auto columnist.

SHOP TALK By Greg Zyla

Nanotechnology provides shine

Q. Greg, I've seen the word "nanotechnology" in a lot of car maintenance ads, and I am wondering just what is this new technology?

— Bob K., Scranton, Pa.

A. Nanotechnology — sometimes referred to as nanofabrication — is a broad-ranging field of applied science and technology. The main unifying theme is the control of matter on a scale below 1 micron, as well as the fabrication of devices on this same scale. It is a highly multidisciplinary field, drawing from specialties such as colloidal science, device physics and supramolecular chemistry.

To make things easier to un-

derstand, my friends at Eagle One car care products explained that nanotechnology provides revolutionary benefits by working with particles as small as one-billionth of a meter, or 1/75,000th the size of a human hair.

Nanotechnology allows the creation of products that are easier to use (apply and remove) and provide long-lasting, superior results. Eagle One explains that its NanoWax uses nano-size particles that penetrate deeper into the surface, filling in fine scratches and swirl marks. Smaller particles create a smoother surface that reflects light more evenly, giving it a more even, deeper,

glossy shine without leaving behind any white residue.

Eagle One was the first company to bring nanotechnology to my attention. It has been selling "nano" products for several years now, and it continues to develop new products that apply the advantages of nanotechnology to other areas of your vehicle. Eagle One's newest product with "nanotechnology" is called Nano-Polish, with anticorrosion for mag, chrome and aluminum wheels. Information about all of Eagle One's products can be found at the Web site eagleone.com.

E-mail Greg Zyla at letters.kfjvs@hearstsc.com.

Silver still shines as top car color

For the sixth year in a row, silver shone at the top of the list of colors chosen by buyers of new cars and light trucks sold in North America.

The 2005 DuPont Automotive Color Popularity Report cited the continued, but waning, lead of silver in the 53rd compilation of consumer color preferences.

Though more dominant in years past, silver accounted for 18 percent of all car and light truck sales in North America, 25 percent of sales in South America, 29 percent of all sales in Europe, and 30 percent of all sales in Asia.

"The mind thinks of silver as a precious metal, such as gold,

but more attainable," said Leatrice Eiseman, award-winning color expert. "There's just something about its opulence."

While silver still leads the color pack, the advantage over other hues has faded in favor of chromatic shades such as blue, red and light-metallic brown, as well as medium dark gray. All of this is combining to put silver's lead under pressure from several colors, all mere percentage points behind the leader.

"Gray is branching out of its silver base," said Karen Surcina, color marketing and technology manager for DuPont Automotive Systems.

Black, now often seen with

metallic effects, such as flakes or chips of mica or aluminum, also strengthened as the second most popular color in Europe and remained among the top three in South America and Asia.

Some manufacturers, such as Porsche, have hit the color-palette jackpot on certain models. The limited-edition Porsche Cayenne S Titanium comes in silver, red, black and blue — four of the top six colors listed by DuPont.

The auto market is further pushing the envelope in color, recognizing that as many as 40 percent of consumers are likely to switch brands if they can't get the color they want.

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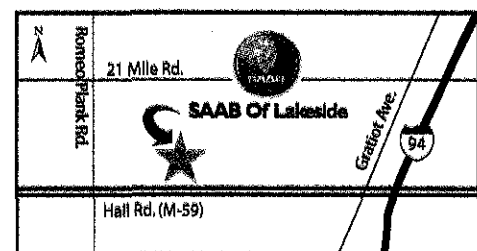
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A la Annie produces a cheesy dip recipe to complement Sunday's big game. **PAGE 5B**

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There is history in our midst. **Michigan historical markers** dot the Grosse Pointes, pointing out special homes or sites where a piece of our past has been noted with a bronze plaque.

Mark this down

By Ann L. Fouty
Acting Features Editor

They are often overlooked and seldom read. But Michigan historical markers provide small snapshots of what happened right here on this spot or credits those people who helped build our state.

Each Michigan Historical Commission-issued green marker recognizes that this site, this structure, this area laid the groundwork for what has become local history.

As Ann Fitzpatrick of the Edsel & Eleanor Ford House said, "Receiving this designation helps call attention to and reinforce the site's historic significance since the purpose of the markers is to remind people about the people and events that helped shape our state and our lives."

During a tour of the Grosse Pointes, 12 Michigan historical markers were noted. Locations range from the site of a Native American massacre to homes and educational institutions. Each bronze marker is owned by the property owner having been purchased by those who request it. The state historical society determines the number of words and the final verbiage on the plaque.

Take a tour of historic sites and learn a little more about this place called home.

Windmill Pointe is a good place to begin because it relates to the first inhabitants of

the area — the Native Americans. It is here in the 18th century that the Fox Indians were massacred for choosing to side with the English rather than the French.

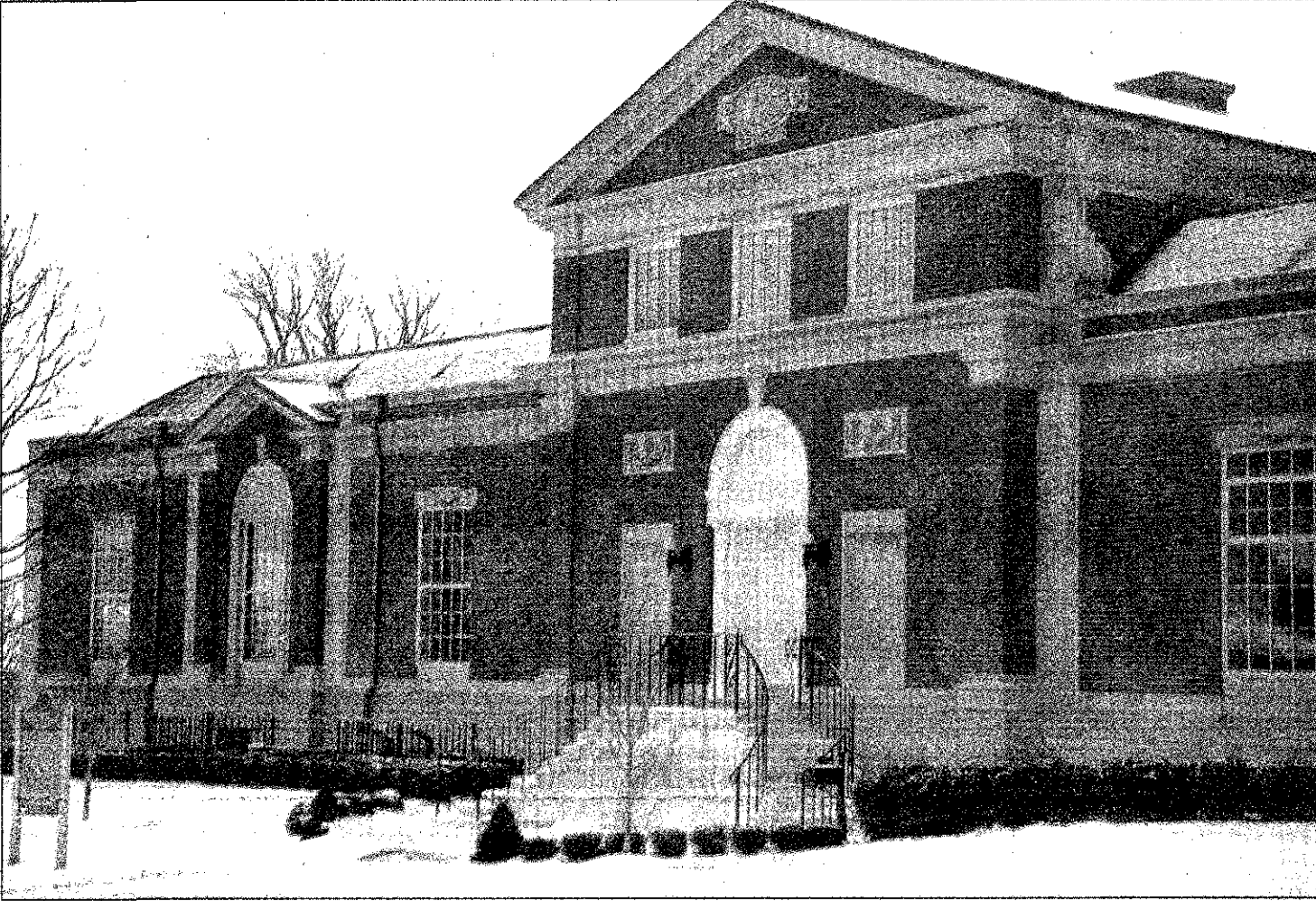
The **Milk River settlement**, straddling the borders of Wayne and Macomb counties, has been attributed as the earliest documented settlement. In 1796, 30 French families lived in what was then L'Anse Creuse (Deep Bay).

It was later known as Erin Township and then Lake Township and was incorporated as the Village of St. Clair Shores in 1925.

Grosse Pointe Memorial Church has designated marker No. 1739. Located at 16 Lakeshore, this neo-Gothic style church was dedicated on May 15, 1927. Detroit architect E.N. Hunter designed the limestone structure which contains stained glass windows. Those windows were recently recognized in "Windows of the Month for the Michigan Stained Glass Census," a program through Michigan State University.

The Grosse Pointe War Memorial site was once home to a Michigan governor's son. According to the historical marker it is the **Russell A. Alger House** or "The Moorings." Russell A. Alger Jr. (1873 to 1930) was the son of Russell Alger. The house was built in 1910.

A bluff on Lakeshore and



Grosse Pointe Water Filtration Center is located on Moross near Lakeshore.

PHOTO BY RENEE LANDUYT

Moran has the distinction of having two markers, one for the **Convent of the Sacred Heart** — Grosse Pointe Academy at 171 Lakeshore and the second of St. Paul

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Grosse Pointe Historical Markers

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FOURTEENTH CENTURY HISTORIC SITE

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FOX INDIAN MASSACRE

Encouraged by a potential alliance with the English, the Fox Indians besieged Fort Pontchartrain, Detroit, in 1712. Repulsed by the French and their Huron and Ottawa Indian allies, the Fox retreated and entrenched themselves in this area known as Presque Isle. The French pursued and defeated the Fox in the only battle fought in the Grosse Pointes. More than a thousand Fox Indians were killed in a fierce five-day struggle. Soon afterward French settlers began to develop the Grosse Pointe.

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VOIGT-KREIT HOUSE

William Voigt, Jr., is thought to have designed this house as a summer home in the early 1900s. In 1889 his parents, who ran a butchering business, purchased the property for \$1,850. French settler Joseph Tremble was granted the land by President James Madison in 1811. Paul Tremble later had title to the site. Voigt, Jr., a city engineer, owned The Home-Brewing Co. and had studied architecture in Germany. As a member of the Detroit Board of Education, 1887-1895, he was instrumental in strengthening the compulsory education law and introducing physical culture into school programs. Voigt's sister, Christine, and her husband Herman Kreft, D.D.S., were deeded the home in 1907. Dr. Kreft became a trustee and president of the Village of Grosse Pointe Park. Christine taught German and science at the Dugell School from 1888 to 1900. The home remained in the family until 1899.

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WARDWELL HOUSE

William Buck, an English immigrant farmer, built the main part of this house around 1849. It has fourteen-inch thick walls and is the oldest brick house in Grosse Pointe. The rear clapboard addition, built elsewhere, dates from the 1880s. Henry Russel, an attorney and businessman, bought the house in 1901. In 1912 it became the home of his daughter, Helen Wardwell, and her husband, Harold. She lived here for sixty-five years. In 1977 the property was acquired by the Grosse Pointe Memorial Church as a bequest of Helen Wardwell.

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THE GROSSE POINTE MEMORIAL CHURCH

This Neo-Gothic church was dedicated on May 13, 1927. Detroit architect W. E. N. Hunter designed the limestone structure, which contains stained-glass windows by the Willet Studios of Philadelphia. Pewable tile from Detroit and wood carvings by German carver Alois Lang. The tower houses a forty-seven-bell carillon. In 1962 the education wing was erected. The church was dedicated to the founders, who organized the non-denominational Grosse Pointe Protestant Evangelical Church on September 7, 1865. In 1867 the first church was erected at Kerby Road and Lake Shore Drive. A stone and wood-frame building, referred to as the "ivy-covered church," was built on this site in 1894. In 1920 the congregation reorganized as a Presbyterian church.

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RUSSELL A. ALGER HOUSE
"THE MOORINGS"

Russell A. Alger, Jr., (1873-1930) son of Michigan's Governor Russell Alger, built this Italian Renaissance style mansion in 1910. Alger was one of the founders of the Packard Motor Car Company. Charles A. Platt of New York designed this elaborate structure, and Ellen Shipman of New York landscaped the grounds. The home, situated on Lake St. Clair, was referred to as "The Moorings." Alger lived here until his death in 1930. From 1936 to 1946, the home was used by the Detroit Institute of Arts as a branch museum. In 1949 it was deeded to the Grosse Pointe War Memorial Association in memory of those who served and died in our nation's wars and for facilitating the educational, cultural and civic needs of the community.

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SAINT PAUL CATHOLIC CHURCH

By the 1790s, French priests were ministering to farmers living along Lake St. Clair. In 1825 Father Francis Badin dedicated a log church to Saint Paul near the lake in present-day Grosse Pointe Shores. In 1850 a frame chapel was erected on the current site. Built in the 1890s, during Father John Elsen's pastorate, the present French Gothic-inspired church was designed by Detroit architect Harry J. Rill. The first mass held in the church was Father Elsen's funeral in 1899.

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SAINT PAUL CATHOLIC SCHOOL AND CONVENT

In 1886 the Convent of the Sacred Heart began providing free education to the children of Saint Paul Catholic Parish. In 1926 the church committee decided to build an elementary and high school. Ground was broken in January 1927. A new convent constructed behind the school housed the Dominican nuns who served as teachers. The Detroit architectural firm, Smith, Hinchman & Grylls, designed the original portions of both structures. Additions were built in 1931 and 1963.

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EDSEL & ELEANOR FORD HOUSE

Edsel Ford, president of the Ford Motor Company for many years, and his wife, Eleanor Clay, completed this 67-acre estate in 1927. Architect Albert Kahn derived the design from precedents in Cotswold, England, and many of the building materials, including the staircase, paneling, and fireplaces, were brought from old English homes. Noted landscape architect Jens Jensen developed the grounds. The Fords were collectors of art and antiques, and benefactors of local and national institutions. Edsel was instrumental in the creation of the Ford Foundation in 1936. He died here on May 26, 1943. His wife, who lived here until her death on October 19, 1976, endowed the property and directed it be maintained for public use.

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GROSSE POINTE HIGH SCHOOL

Completed in 1928, this Neo-Georgian school, with its 134-foot-tall clock tower, is reminiscent of eighteenth-century buildings like Philadelphia's Independence Hall. Detroit architect George J. Haas designed the school with the most modern equipment and fashionable accoutrements. The school's Program of Dedication noted that the goal was to "create in appearance an expression in brick and mortar of the idealism of the public school in community and individual life." The hallways are lined with pink Tennessee marble and the doorways are crowned with plaster cornices. Murals in the library, by Edgar Louis Yeager, were commissioned by the Works Progress Administration in 1938. In 1966 the school was renamed Grosse Pointe South High School.

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GROSSE POINTE FARMS WATER FILTRATION PLANT

In 1893 summer residents organized the Grosse Pointe Water Company. Soon after a village waterworks was built on Lake Shore near Moross Road to serve houses along the lake. The Peninsular Electric Light Company (forerunner of the Detroit Edison Company) bought the facility in 1905 and provided service to Grosse Pointe Farms, and later, Highland Park. During the 1920s Grosse Pointe evolved into a suburb and required a larger water system. In 1929 a waste water pumping station was erected on Chalfonte Avenue. The following year this filtration plant was built. Detroit architect Robert O. Derrick designed the elegant Neo-Georgian exterior to mask the building's utilitarian use.

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CHILDREN'S HOME OF DETROIT

On May 18, 1856, following a cholera epidemic, thirteen civic-minded women met at the Woodward Avenue Presbyterian Church and founded the Ladies Orphan Association of Detroit. The women adopted a constitution and began raising money to run a home for children orphaned by the epidemic. A house on St. Antoine Street was obtained, rent free, for one year. The home opened on February 1, 1857, and cared for eleven children during its first year. Now known as the Children's Home of Detroit, the home has had a number of names and locations. In 1950 it moved to this campus. As it celebrated its sesquicentennial in 1956, the Children's Home of Detroit continued to meet the challenge of serving children with special needs.

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MILK RIVER SETTLEMENT

The strip of land at the mouth of the Milk River was named *Pointe à Guignolet* for a grape-like berry that the French fermented into brandy. It later became known as Gauley Point. The 1702 map of *Lac Sainte Claire*, attributed to Detroit founder Antoine de la Mothe, Sieur de Cadillac, shows an Ottawa village near the Milk River. This is the earliest documented settlement at the point. As early as 1796 some thirty French families lived in the same vicinity. Well into the nineteenth century, the Milk River Settlement was called *L'Anse Croix* (Deep Bay). At one time part of Erin Township and, later, Lake Township, the community was incorporated as the village of St. Clair Shores in 1925 and became a city in 1951.

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All smiles

The preview of the 2007 North American International Auto Show in Detroit was an evening of all smiles. The Robert Thibodeau family joined Gov. Jennifer Granholm, center, to honor the auto industry. Thibodeau, who chaired the show this year, was joined by his wife and two daughters, Ashley and Lindsay. During her visit, Granholm said, "It is truly an amazing experience to see first hand some of the exciting advances being made by our automotive industry that will help transform Michigan's economy."

MARKERS: What happened here?

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Rectory and Parish House (St. Paul Catholic School.) This marker can be seen from Grosse Pointe Boulevard.

Stopping to read the marker which notes that the main four-story building was designed by William Shickel in 1885 for Academy of the Sacred Heart Girls. It was furnished with steam heat.

Looking across Grosse Pointe Boulevard is the nun's walk. A path is flanked by massive and stately trees whose limbs sheltered the nuns as they took their daily meditative walks.

While the church speaks to 21st century families, the walls hold the responses and chants from the 19th century.

Likewise, the academy still houses children ready to learn, as long as their gazes don't stray to the picturesque setting of century-old trees standing guard over Lake St. Clair.

These historical markers are incorporated into the third-grade curriculum so children will understand the historical significance of the property/ribbon farms becoming a convent, then a school and finally into an independent school, said Paul Harrell, the academy's advancement director.

He continued to say that the markers help students visualize how the area, as well as the state and country transformed

from an agrarian/self-sustaining society into a specialized society where the religious foundation has remained. "We've taken the best through the move."

Continuing to another educational institution is **Grosse Pointe High School**, now known as Grosse Pointe South High School. Its history is commonly known. Completed in 1928, it is a neo-Georgian style and contains a 134-foot tall clock tower, reminiscent of the 18th century architecture.

Another historical marker is dedicated to children, that of the **Children's Home of Detroit**. Tucked back on Cook Road in Grosse Pointe Woods, this marker was placed in 1986 and is No. 1238.

Having moved at least once before finding a permanent home in the Woods, the Children's Home was established on May 18, 1856, following a cholera epidemic.

A handful of women formed the Ladies' Orphan Association of Detroit to take care of children.

Today, its mission remains focused on the needs of children.

One of the more famous Michigan landmarks is located on the **Edsel & Eleanor Ford House** grounds.

Set behind the stone fence and in serene surroundings, the marker is No. 498 and notes that Edsel Ford was the president of the Ford Motor Co. for many years. He and his wife completed the 87-acre estate in 1927.

Architect Albert Kahn derived the design from precedents of Cotswold, England.

The house is located at 1100

Lakeshore.

"The Ford house marker recognizes not only the architectural significance, as it was designed by the legendary Albert Kahn, but it also recognizes Edsel and Eleanor Ford for their role as business and cultural leaders in the area," Fitzpatrick said.

The **Voight-Kreit House** at 16004 E. Jefferson sets on land purchased by a family with a familiar name in this area, Trombley.

Having studied architecture in Germany, it is assumed that William Voight Jr. designed the home for his parents around 1900.

The **Wardwell House** at 16638 E. Jefferson dates to 1849 when William Buck, an English immigrant farmer, built the main part of the house with 14-inch thick walls.

The **Grosse Pointe Water Filtration Center** on Moross near Lakeshore is probably driven by frequently and not generally noticed.

Yet, it illustrates forward thinking on the part of the 1893 Grosse Pointe Farms leaders.

The structure, designed by Robert O. Derrick, followed the Grosse Pointe architect venue of neo-Georgian.

The plant was built by the Grosse Pointe Water Company and purchased by the Peninsular Electric Light Company in 1905 to provide service for Grosse Pointe Farms and later Highland Park.

Just this quick look at a handful of sites opens a door to what this area meant to the development of the state's unique history.

how it was reworked, on a small budget, into a better home office.

Wright works out of her home for Business News Publication selling advertising for the roofing industry. With a crew of 19 and a full week of

filming, Wright's apartment was reworked into a more workable space. No details of the renovation, which took place in the spring, have been released.

She is a graduate of the University of Colorado.



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Enlightened garden club

Sue Grubba was the guest speaker at the annual meeting and luncheon of the Grosse Pointe Garden Center Inc. Jan. 19, at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial. Her topic was "garden lighting." Officers elected during the meeting included, from left, President Mary Northcutt; Treasurer Sarah Flynn, Second Vice President and Membership Beverly Donaldson, Assistant Treasurer Marie Mainwaring, Corresponding Secretary Marieke Allen and Recording Secretary Adrienne Gregory. Pamela Barnwell was elected first vice president and programs.

PRIDE OF THE POINTES

Albion College freshman **Kyle Kondrat** was named to the dean's list. He is the son of Kevin Kondrat and Sandra Kondrat of Grosse Pointe.

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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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Albion College freshman **Erica Meier**, majoring in psychology and minoring in art history, was named to the dean's list. She is the daughter of Timothy Meier and Amy Meier of Grosse Pointe Woods and a graduate of Grosse Pointe North High School.

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Albion College senior **Lauren Michels**, majoring in art and minoring in art history, was named to the dean's list. She is the daughter of Thomas Michels of Harper Woods and Marguerite Michels of Grosse

Pointe Woods and a graduate of Grosse Pointe North High School.

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Christopher Casazza has earned a Bachelor of Science degree in history from Grand Valley State University in December 2006. He was named to the dean's list and is the son of Gene and Linda Casazza of Grosse Pointe Farms. Casazza is a Grosse Pointe South graduate.

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Hilary Johns, daughter of James and Cheryl Johns of Grosse Pointe Woods, graduated from Thomas Cooley Law School. A Grosse Pointe North High School graduate, she earned an engineering degree from University of Michigan - Dearborn.

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David Richardson-Rossbach has been named to the dean's list at the Indiana University College of Arts and Sciences for the fall semester 2006.

In his first year at Albion College, **Andrew Miller**, who is enrolled in the Gerald R. Ford Institute for Public Policy and Service, was named to the

dean's list.

He is the son of Darryl Miller and Kathryn Miller of Grosse Pointe Farms and a graduate of Grosse Pointe South High School.

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In her first year at Albion College, **Jayne Mitchell** was named to the dean's list. She is the daughter of David Mitchell and Rhonda Mitchell of Grosse Pointe Farms and a graduate of Grosse Pointe North High School.

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Albion College senior **Jeffrey Moore** is majoring in economics and management and minoring in cell and molecular biology, was named to the dean's list. He is the son of Donald Moore and Sandra Moore of Grosse Pointe and a graduate of Grosse Pointe North High School.

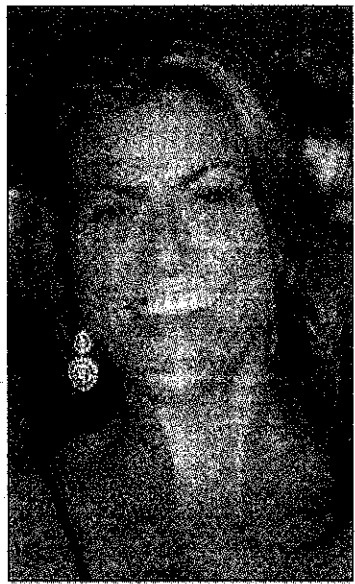
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Albion College sophomore **Anne Nichols** is majoring in psychology, was named to the dean's list. She is the daughter of Bruce Nichols and Mary Nichols of Grosse Pointe Shores and a graduate of Grosse Pointe North High School.

South grad to appear on HGTV

Tune in to HGTV's Design Remix at 5 p.m. Friday, Feb. 2, to see a familiar face.

Grosse Pointe South 1987 graduate Marcia Wright will be on the air.

The show will feature her one-bedroom apartment and



Marcia Wright

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DOWN TO EARTH By Kathleen Peabody

Helping children grow and appreciate food



Michigan will soon say goodbye to one of our biggest advocates for children's gardens.

Jane L. Taylor, professor emerita from Michigan State University and the creator of the MSU Children's Garden, will "retire" to Maine with her husband this year.

I've read Taylor's "Children's Corner" column for years in the Michigan Herb Association's newsletter. It's chock full of information to help our wee ones get excited about the environment, gardening and everything that goes with it.

Before Taylor leaves town, I wanted to touch base and get suggestions for getting children interested in gardening. She suggested reading, "Last Child in the Woods" by Richard Louv, in which he describes the new syndrome, nature-deficit disorder, and how to save our children from it.

I've checked and we do have copies in two of our Grosse Pointe libraries.

Taylor said that so many things that can happen out-

doors drive parents to keep their children inside. And, as a result, they're not learning about the environment the way they could. "If parents are concerned about their children, build a garden or something to do in your own yard," said Taylor.

Taylor also suggests in her last newsletter column getting children interested "through their stomachs." Her recommendation strikes a chord with childhood obesity and early onset diabetes. What better way to start children eating healthy foods than to grow it themselves? Their sense of accomplishment would be overwhelming!

She said a school in the Lansing area has a greenhouse where they produce enough greens to feed the whole school a salad three times a week.

She writes, "Now that's growing and eating locally! And, by producing their own greens, the risks of e. coli and salmonella poisoning are drastically reduced."

For teachers, Taylor advises getting a mini-greenhouse system. Rather than planting a bean in a cup with not much of a result, use plastic bags or other sources to create a more inviting environment for seeds to grow into something substantial. For a bounty of

ideas, visit the National Gardening Web site at kids-gardening.org.

Growing the ingredients for a salsa or pizza in the garden can start children early on eating fresh herbs and salad greens. These vegetables grow quickly and with proper lighting, can grow at home during winter.

Some resources for salad seeds as well as fundraising and donations to finance the garden include:

◆ Johnny's Selected Seeds at johnnysseeds.com

◆ John Scheepers Kitchen Garden Seeds at kitchengardenseeds.com

◆ Renee's Garden at reneesgarden.com

One local gardener has been successful in getting children hooked on gardening. Laura Kennedy, who works with the Grosse Pointe Garden Center by day, volunteers in the Trombly Elementary School garden with the children during lunch hours. "They absolutely loved it," said Kennedy. "Digging in the dirt, playing with worms. It's the hands-on stuff that teaches gardening concepts."

Kennedy is scouting for instructors to share their knowledge with children at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial's Grace Harrison Children's Garden this sum-

mer.

And, this is one of Taylor's suggestions for teachers: find master gardeners and parents to help plant outside in the spring and support the plants through the summer. Not all teachers live locally and it's difficult for them to keep a garden growing when school's out. A garden club can adopt a school garden and weed, mulch, and water to keep the garden healthy.

American Horticultural Society also offers a Children and Youth Garden Symposium each summer. "It's a wonderful way for teachers and parents to find common problems and connect at those levels," said Taylor.

As for Taylor's choice for the best gardening books to inspire children: "Sharon Lovejoy's books, 'Roots Shoots Buckets & Boots and Sunflower Houses' are great choices," said Taylor. "And Felder Rushing has a book called 'Better Homes and Gardens New Junior Garden Books'."

Another inspiration is chef and restaurant owner Alice Waters and her efforts with the Rethinking School Lunch program. Visit edibleschool-

yard.org where Waters writes, "Kids who learn environmental and nutritional lessons through school gardening — and school cooking, and eating — learn ethics."

Other sources include:

◆ Locally, Detroit's EarthWorks Garden shows how it can be done in an urban setting. Visit earthworks.org to learn about their Growing Healthy Kids, a gardening and nutrition education program, run through Earth Works Urban Farm of the Capuchin Soup Kitchen and Iroquois W.L.S.E. Coalition of the Iroquois Ave. Christ Lutheran Church. For more information about participating or volunteering, call (313) 921-2667. Winter programs are getting under way.

◆ Check out the creative, useful and specific ideas at www.ecoliteracy.org. Here the program is spelled out, giving readers a chance to dream along.

◆ Find all sorts of nature-related things to do with children by visiting www.arborday.org. Included is Celebrating Arbor Day on April 27.

◆ If you'd like to teach your children where their food comes from, but aren't com-

fortable growing it yourself, consider a visit to a farm that lets your participate.

Maple Creek Farm in Yale participated in a program called community supported agriculture (CSA). Visit maplecreekfarm.com to learn about last year's harvest.

Learning about community and sustainability will help children be better citizens. What better place for a learning community than our schools or the neighborhoods we share?

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?

The week of March 2 through 10 is ANR Week in Lansing. Formerly known as Farmers Week, ANR now means Agriculture and Natural Resources Week. Open to the public, participants can attend the Michigan Gladiolus Conference, the Beekeepers Annual Conference or attend Spring Goat Day. Visit the Web site at canr.msu.edu/anrweek and find something worth attending. The options are almost endless.

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Join the Assumption Nursery School and Toddler Center at 6 p.m., Thursday, Feb. 8, for an evening of fashion, food and shopping.

"Sugar and Spice," a fashion show, will feature the spring clothing line from Urban Daisy Women's Boutique and Madi Lu and Ethan Too, Children's

Store of Grosse Pointe and Northville modeled by Assumption Nursery School and Toddler Center children and moms.

In addition to a sit-down dinner and the fashion show, vendors will be selling their wares. There will be prize giveaways.

To rent table space or pur-

chase tickets, contact Theresa Swalec at (586) 772-4477. Tickets are \$30 for adults and \$10 for children under 12 years old. Proceeds benefit the Assumption Nursery School expansion/renovation project. The Assumption Cultural Center is located at 21800 Marter, St. Clair Shores.

Freddy Cole to sing at Detroit Institute of Arts on Feb. 2

Freddy Cole plays piano, sings and performs live with guitar and upright bass, similar to his brother, Nat King Cole, at 6:30 and 8 p.m. on

Friday, Feb. 2, at the Detroit Institute of Arts (DIA), 5200 Woodward, Detroit.

The performance is free with museum admission

which is a suggested donation of \$6 for adults and \$3 for children.

DIA members are admitted free.

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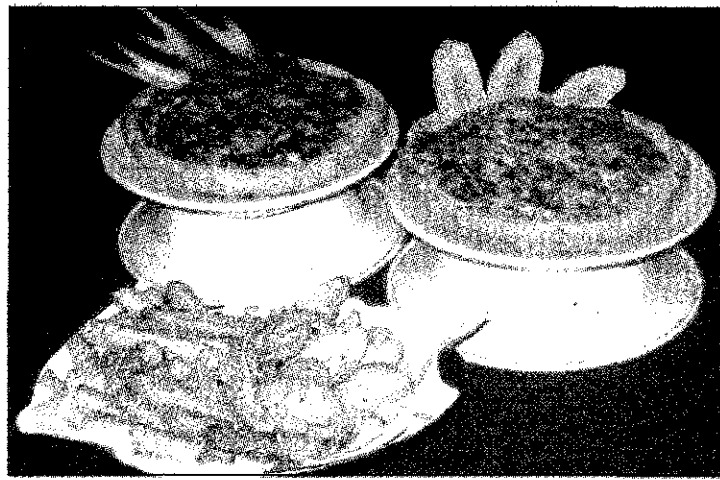
Michael H. Crosby belongs to the Midwest Province of the Capuchin Franciscans. He lives in fraternity with other brothers serving the poor in Milwaukee's downtown area. He has a Master of Economics (1985), a doctorate in Theology (1989) and a Licentiate in Sacred Theology (1990). He is a popular writer of many books, as well as an internationally known speaker.

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A LA ANNIE By Annie Rouleau-Scheriff

Bread boule holds Super Bowl dip



halved horizontally, inside bread removed
Bread sticks, hearty corn chips, and carrot sticks for serving

Place the cream cheese in a large bowl and allow at least an hour to soften properly. Preheat oven to 350 degrees. To the softened cream cheese add the cooked bacon, spinach, shallots, jack cheese, mozzarella, sour cream and mayonnaise. Use a wooden spoon to incorporate the ingredients. When the mixture seems well blended and smooth, turn half the mixture into each of the hollowed out bread boule halves. Place boule halves on a baking sheet and bake at 350 degrees for 50 minutes to an hour, until piping hot through and starting to brown on top.

Transfer to a serving platter and surround with bread sticks, carrot sticks and hearty corn chips. You can also spread this yummy dip on crackers or pita bread.

Ideally, I would bake one boule half at a time so each is served super hot and gooey. Don't be afraid to dig into the crusty bread that lurks beneath the spinach dip.

Cheesy spinach dip with bacon will steal the half-time show this Super Bowl Sunday...for sure!

Cheesy Spinach Dip with Bacon

3 8-oz. blocks cream cheese, softened

1 lb. bacon, chopped and cooked until crispy, drained from fat

1 16-oz. package frozen chopped spinach, thawed and squeezed of excess water

1/2 cup finely chopped shallots

1 cup shredded pepper jack cheese

1 cup shredded mozzarella cheese

1/4 cup each sour cream and mayonnaise

1 large Italian bread boule,

CLUB MEETINGS

Library friends

Friends of the Grosse Pointe Public Library will open a used-book store in the lower level of the Grosse Pointe Woods branch at Mack and Vernier. It opens Friday, Feb. 9.

The "Friends Down Under" will be open from 6 to 8 p.m. Tuesdays and from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Fridays.

Most hard-covered books will be \$1 and most paperbacks sell for 50 cents, video, audio tapes and CDs are priced from \$1 and magazines sell for 25 cents.

To donate books (no textbooks or Reader's Digests), CDs, DVDs or tapes in good condition drop them off at any Grosse Pointe library branch. All donations are tax deductible.

Farm & garden

The Grosse Pointe Shores branch of the Women's National Farm & Garden Association meets at 11:30 a.m. Friday, Feb. 2, at 428 Barclay Road. Georgie Richner is the hostess. For reservations, call (313) 882-5383.

Monica Luma will present the program "Forgotten

Harvest."

Wild game dinner

Join the Lakeshore Optimist Club of Grosse Pointe for its 13th annual wild game dinner and boxing classic from 6 to 11 p.m. Friday, March 9, at the Barrister Gardens, 24225 Harper, St. Clair Shores.

General admission is \$85; or \$90 at the door. Ringside tickets are \$100.

Corporate tables are available.

In addition to the meal and entertainment, there will be raffle prizes including celebrity signed sports memorabilia, guns, barbecues, a television, electronics, artwork, sporting goods and tools.

Proceeds benefit local youth-oriented organizations.

For more information, call (313) 408-0108 or (313) 885-0108 and ask for Nancy.

Vision support

The Friends of Vision Support Group for the Visually Impaired meets from 1 to 2:15 p.m. Monday, Feb. 5, at St. Lucy Catholic Church, 23401

Kerby hosts auction

Kerby Elementary School in Grosse Pointe Farms is hosting its triennial auction Friday, March 23, at the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club.

The event includes heavy hors d'oeuvres and a cash bar open throughout the evening. Live entertainment will be provided by "The Relics."

More than 200 silent and live auction items will be up for bid. The live auction begins at 9 p.m. and is hosted by Robert DuMouchelle of the DuMouchelle Auction Galleries in Detroit.

The Kerby Auction Committee has also launched a Web site, geocities.com/kerbyauction@sbcglobal.net/home.html that includes information about the auction, how to become involved, to donate or to become a sponsor.

Once the auction catalog is completed, it will also be listed on the site. A limited number of tickets are available for \$35 per person and can be purchased during business hours at the Kerby School office, 285 Kerby, Grosse Pointe Farms or by calling (313) 432-4200.

Jefferson, St. Clair Shores. Admission is free.

The support group provides an environment to discuss the challenges of living fully with visual impairment.

For more information, call Nancy Pilorget at (313) 824-4710, extension 225 or visit eyeson.org.

The Fox Creek Questers meet at the home of Mary Steiger for dessert and a business meeting on Thursday, Feb. 8.

Co-hostess Marti Miller will present the program, including a trip to the Grosse Pointe Farms Water Filtration Plant.

Historical Society

Celebrate Valentine's Day with the Grosse Pointe Historical Society at a "Joyeuse Fete de Saint-Valentin" wine and chocolate tasting party from 6 to 9 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 14, at the c.1823 Provencal-Weir House, 376 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe Farms.

The evening features wine by sponsor Red Hat Micro-Winery of St. Clair Shores and chocolates by Rabbit Lane Chocolates of Grosse Pointe. Candlelight and violin music by the Seasonal Strings.

The evening will benefit the Grosse Pointe Historical Society. Tickets are \$35 per person and are limited. Call (313) 884-7010 for reservations.

Blood drive

The Grosse Pointe Blood Council holds a blood drive in conjunction with the American Red Cross from 9 a.m. to 8:30 p.m. on Thursday, Feb. 8, at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms. Babysitting is available upon request and walk-ins are welcome after 10 a.m.

The need is critical, especially for types O positive and negative.

For more information and an appointment, call Ellie Beckler at (586) 293-0715 or Harriet Kamm at (313) 884-5542.

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CHURCH EVENTS

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Michael H. Crosby, OFM Cap., will host "Becoming Church," a pre-Lenten mission session at Our Lady Star of the Sea, 467 Fairford, Grosse Pointe Woods. Sessions will be from Feb. 11 through 14. Evening sessions, which begin at 7:30 p.m., run from Sunday, Feb. 11, through Wednesday, Feb. 14. Morning sessions, which begin at 8:30 a.m. run from Monday, Feb. 12, through Wednesday, Feb. 14.

The theme of this mission is: "What does it mean to be 'Church'?" He will explore the meaning of "church" in the Scriptures and reflect on the church as the "Body of Christ" in the Eucharist.

Crosby belongs to the Midwest Province of the Capuchin Franciscans and lives in Milwaukee's downtown area. He has a Master of Economics, a doctorate in theology and a licentiate in sacred

theology.

For more information, call (313) 884-5554.

St. Albertus

St. Albertus Historic Church will have an 11 a.m. Sunday, Feb. 11, Mass for married couples. The 10 a.m. confessions will be in both English and Polish.

For more information call (313) 527-9321 or (313) 872-4387.

Sunday movie

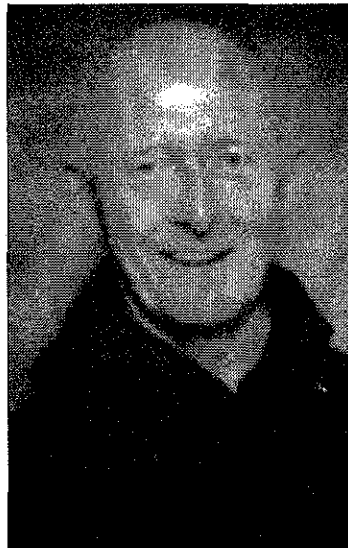
Sunday afternoon at the movies features "Flight from Death" at 2 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 4, at Grosse Pointe Memorial Church, 16 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms.

This documentary film is a comprehensive investigation of humankind's relationship with death.

The movie uncovers death anxiety as a possible root cause of many behaviors on a psychological, spiritual and

cultural level. It explores the ongoing research of a group of social psychologists that could change the way viewers look at the world.

Gerhard Heinen is the presenter. The cost is \$5. This is a presentation of the Lay Theological Academy.



Rev. Michael H. Crosby

PASTOR'S CORNER

By the Rev. Tim Holzerland

It's all in the delivery

First, I want to thank God for making all this possible. This is usually how many acceptance speeches on awards shows usually begin.

I've heard those words so many times in the last couple of years that they all tend to sound rehearsed, contrived, and hypocritical since most people who make these acknowledgments rarely practice faith in the deity they thank.

There was, however, one "thanks to God" speech that caught my attention a couple of weeks ago.

The speech came from Jim Irsay, owner of the Indianapolis Colts football team. He was about to accept the AFC championship trophy after the Colts' victory over the New England Patriots. He said, "I humbly accept this award." He then thanked "the Lord" and congratulated the other team for its effort. I thought to myself, "There's something different about this man's gratitude,"

and after doing a little research, I found out that my reaction was correct.

In an interview with a local TV station, Irsay told a reporter the most difficult periods in his life were when his sister died in an automobile accident and when he watched his seriously handicapped brother die.

Irsay credited his faith in Christ for delivering him through the toughest times in his life.

On that Sunday evening when Irsay stepped up to the microphone to accept the AFC trophy, you could tell by his voice that he knew the meaning of perseverance. It was one thing to finally make it to the Super Bowl, but the true victory was his faith in Christ!

People can tell if your thanks to God are truly sincere. How easy it is to credit God for the victories, accomplishments and good fortune you experience in life, but it can be a true challenge to thank God for the strength to face life's most painful experiences.

True thankfulness to God trusts in the sacrifice Christ made on the cross and in his resurrection from the dead. It is confidence Christ that will strengthen us today and tomorrow to endure and overcome the trials of life. Faith in Christ looks forward in hope to the "final win" over sin and death when our Savior places on us the "crown" of eternal life.

I will be watching the Super Bowl in great anticipation, not merely for the final score or the much hyped commercials. I will be watching Irsay and his reaction at the end of the game.

I pray he will continue to express his thankfulness, whether he wins or loses the Super Bowl, for he understands his greatest triumph. Jesus' words put it into perspective for all of us: "But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and His righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you." (Matthew 6:33)

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

NEW ARRIVALS

Sophie McAndrew Chen

Gao-ya and Susannah Chen of West Hartford, Conn., are the parents of a daughter, Sophie McAndrew Chen, born Nov. 23, 2006.

Maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Michael Hume McAndrew of Grosse Pointe Farms.

Paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Rong-Sheng Chen of Tokyo, Japan.

The paternal great-grandmother is Cai-mian Chen and the paternal great-grandfather is Tian-cong Shi, both of Taipei, Taiwan.

Alexander Charles McMahan

Leslie Arendoski-McMahan and Steven McMahan of Port

Huron Township, are the parents of a son, Alexander Charles McMahan, born Dec. 1, 2006.

Maternal grandparents are Charles and Gloria Arendoski of Clinton Township.

Paternal grandparents are Richard and Annette McMahan of San Diego, Calif. Josephine Arendoski of Harper Woods and Ann Farmer of San Diego are the great-grandmothers.

Katharine Elizabeth Dorman

Bill and Sara Dorman of Edinburgh, Scotland, are the parents of a daughter, Katharine Elizabeth Dorman, born Nov. 21, 2006.

Maternal grandparents are Nathan and Elizabeth Rich of Harbour

Newfoundland.

Paternal grandparents are Marjorie Dorman of Grosse Pointe Farms and the late Philip Judson Dorman.

Alexandra Elizabeth Hixon and Stella Marie Hixon

Elizabeth (Beth) Miller-Hixon, formerly of Grosse Pointe, and Gregory Hixon of Austin, Texas, are the parents of identical twin daughters, Alexandra Elizabeth Hixon and Stella Marie Hixon, born Nov. 22, 2006.

Maternal grandparents are Lucy A. Miller-Riley and Frederick M. Miller, of Clinton Township, formerly of the City of Grosse Pointe.

Paternal grandparents are Ron and Judy Hixon of Columbus, Ohio.

Book shows how to avoid pitfalls

Author Lori Wagner offers a cutting-edge resource for young people and singles with her first full-length publication released this month, "Gates & Fences: Straight Talk in a Crooked World."

Breaking through negative thinking that considers restrictions unfavorably, this fresh and compelling work asks its readers to consider biblical boundaries as a source of blessing and protection.

Described as inspiring by some, others may consider the content controversial.

"I have teenagers," Wagner said, "and it's tough raising them in the culture of moral compromise we live in today. I hope to encourage young people to make wise choices for the here and now and for their

futures." Wagner's proactive approach applies Scriptural principles to the day-to-day decisions young people and singles face. Chapters like "Modest is Hottest," "Don't Touch," and "Truth or Consequences" examine concepts of modesty, purity, and even STDs.

Wagner's frank discussions on topics ranging from setting priorities to wearing thong underwear provoke readers to examine their motives and consider the direction of the path their choices are placing them on.

Enthusiastically endorsed by pastors, and with interdenominational appeal, this avant-garde exposition offers help and hope to a generation raised on what Wagner calls "the doctrine of self-gratifica-

tion" which ironically fails to satisfy.

The book is unique in its approach. Its spiral-bound format and Q&A and journaling pages at the end of each chapter motivate the reader to interact with the concepts explored on a personal level.

The 138-page book features brief chapters, creative photography, and utilizes personal stories, humor, research, Scripture and prayer to keep the reader's attention from start to finish.

"Gates & Fences" is currently being used in a classroom setting for group study, home school curricula, and by individuals.

A sample chapter, table of contents and reviews are available from the publisher's Web site affirmingfaith.com.

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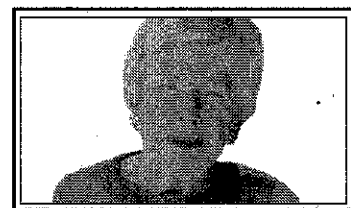
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SENIOR SCENE By Ruth Cain

Shampooing date leads to a hospital stay



March 13, 2002, is a day Helen Kosy will never forget, a day that changed her life forever.

At the beginning of that day, she was happy because her son was coming to visit and would do her taxes and she had a hairdresser appointment.

The appointment began with a shampoo.

She was given a chair she had used only a few times and she complained that it was uncomfortable even with two towels under her neck. After the shampoo started, she had a sudden, strange sensation of something traveling from her neck down her spine. She remembers how startled she was.

The sensation quickly went away, and the shampoo contin-

ued. Next came the hair styling and then, under the dryer. The only problem was, she couldn't get up and out of the chair. The staff helped her up, but realized that something was not right and called 911.

She was taken by ambulance to St. John's Emergency Room where she was immediately transferred into intensive care.

Kosy was given numerous diagnostic tests, the results revealing she'd had a hemorrhagic stroke. Kosy told the doctor of her experience at the hairdresser and her conviction that it was responsible for the stroke. The doctor's reply was that maybe, but the stroke would probably have happened anyway. Kosy sticks to her conviction and so do I after talking to her and doing a little research.

After four days at St. John Hospital, she was transferred to Cottage Hospital for 10 days of physical, occupational and speech therapy.

She was then transferred to the Bon Secours Nursing Care

Center where she stayed from March to May. She received daily therapy and was taught the skills she would need to live on her own. She started her therapy in a wheelchair and progressed to a walker which she still needs.

Kosy lost so much from the stroke at age 83. She hopes that those at high risk for this kind of stroke will be very cautious when getting a shampoo.

Kosy's friends remember her as an active and intelligent lady, but especially for the travelogues she presented for 20 years.

Since her retirement at age 60, she has visited many European countries and shared her pictures and experiences at well-attended travelogues at such venues as the Grosse Pointe War Memorial as well as those in other states.

Kosy has had an unusual professional life.

She graduated from college as a pharmacist and practiced for several years before she decided that teaching could be even more rewarding.

She returned to college and earned a master's degree in education and taught for 22 years in the Detroit Public School System as a science teacher before retirement. She embarked on a new career as world traveler and travelogue presenter.

To say she has lost so much is almost trivial. Among the many physical losses she has endured is her sense of balance. No matter what she does, she has to hold on to something.

From some limited research following Kosy's stroke I found a statement from Dr. Thomas Hemmen of the University of California, San Diego. He says the stroke usually occurs among older women with atherosclerosis (hardening and clogging of the arteries) who sit in reclined positions with their heads and necks flexed backward for a long period of time, as with shampoos.

The strokes are caused by tears in one or more of the four major arteries in the neck, which in turn cause blood clots

to form. The clots then travel to the brain and trigger strokes.

The strokes can be delayed and vague and that's why they are often not recognized as resulting from a beauty shop shampoo.

Beauty parlor customers can lower the risk by limiting the time the neck is bent backward — maybe to a minute or so — and by asking for padding under the neck. They can also ask to lean forward over the basin for shampoos.

Standard hair-washing positions are safe for most women but those with carotid artery diseases should be careful about shampooing.

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Frequently I write about local people in their 80s and 90s who enjoy life and are sound in mind and body, with maybe a few aches and pains.

I read of a man who is only 72 who has returned to his earlier career in a sport with more than average risk: NASCAR racing.

James Hylton was named "Rookie of the Year" in

NASCAR racing in 1966.

Last year he brought a car to preseason testing as he chased his long-shot dream of qualifying for the Daytona 500 Race.

"I am doing this for seniors to show that at 70 years, you don't have to go hunting for an old-folks home. You can race for a little bit," Hylton says.

Hylton knew there's no chance of winning the race, but simply wanted to be in it and go down in the records as the oldest driver to make a Cup race. He already holds the mark in both the Busch and ARCA Series, but looked for a trifecta.

I went on Google and found that Hylton wasn't among the qualifiers for the race.

He didn't reach his goal of setting the record as the oldest driver in the race. But he tried. He also provided an outstanding example for seniors who would like to reach for their star.

It may not be reachable, but it's worth trying.

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ASK THE EXPERTS By Mary Ellen Brayton

Millennials are a new generation of adults



I've heard people talk about "millennials" but I don't have a clue as to who or what they are. Could you explain what it means?

A.: According to current research, "millennials" are the name given to the generation born from around 1977 to 1995. The oldest of those are graduating from college and entering the work force; others are moving through the teen years. There's very little agreement on how many there are. The estimates range between 60 million and 74 million, but whatever number you choose, there are a lot of them, more than any generation except the Baby Boomers. That means that they are and will be a huge economic and social force. This generation is also more educated than any prior generation and has a great attitude toward service and working in a job that makes a difference. Like any other generation,

their perceptions and attitudes grow out of their own experiences which are uniquely different than prior generations. This generation was raised on technology and uses the Internet for about 80 percent of information. Millennials connect with each other online by e-mail, instant message and places like myspace.com. They use credit cards and debit cards for impulse purchases like bottled water, Starbucks coffee, and lunch at Panera. Sometimes kids have trouble managing their money when the credit card or debit card becomes an easy solution to having no cash. Some have trouble concentrating on one thing at a time because they grew up multi-tasking.

Parents of millennials are different too. They communicate with their children constantly by cell-phone, text messages, instant messages, and e-mail. This instant communication can be a good thing in an emergency, but many times kids rely too frequently on getting in touch with mom or dad instead of solving a problem on their own.

The millennials have a lot going for them, but also have new problems different than those

of their parents when they were teens and college students.

To learn more about this generation and the issues they face when transitioning to college join us at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 7, in the Grosse Pointe South Auditorium for a presentation entitled: "Getting Ready for College: Promoting Healthy Independence." The Family Center will host a panel of three well-informed professionals: Sean Hogan-Downey - LMSW, LMFT; Erika Johnson - University of Michigan parent orientation program coordinator, and Fran Carnaghi, past Grosse Pointe North and South guidance counselor.

To pre-register, download a form from our Web site or use the one in your community ed brochure and mail it in with your check for \$10.

The views of the writer are independent and do not necessarily reflect the opinion or official position of The Family Center. E-mail your questions to: MaryEllenBrayton@familycenterweb.org. The Family Center is located at 20090 Morningside, Grosse Pointe Woods, MI. 48236; (313) 432-3832.

HEALTH COLUMN By Douglas W. Laube, M.D.

Wear red for heart awareness

Search the closet for something red and wear it Friday, Feb. 2 to raise awareness of heart disease, the number one killer of women, on "National Go Red for Women Day."

The event is sponsored by the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists (ACOG).

Heart disease is responsible for more deaths among women about 480,000 every year than the next four most common causes of death combined, according to the ACOG.

One in three women will develop heart disease in a lifetime, but many women still do not know they are at risk.

While age and family history play a role in personal susceptibility to heart disease, most of the additional risk factors are modifiable.

Cholesterol occurs naturally in the body, but when present in excess, cholesterol can cause fatty deposits (plaque) to build up in the arteries.

Plaque build-up eventually hardens and narrows the blood vessels (arteriosclerosis), restricting blood flow to

Friday, Feb. 2, is National Go Red for Women Day to raise awareness of heart disease.

the heart and setting the stage for a heart attack or stroke. Lowering "bad" cholesterol (LDL) and raising "good" cholesterol (HDL) can help slow plaque build-up.

Ideally, a woman's total cholesterol should be less than 200; LDL less than 100, and HDL greater than 60.

High blood pressure puts extra strain on the heart and blood vessels, increasing the risk of heart attack and stroke.

It can also damage the kidneys, brain, and eyes. Systolic blood pressure of less than 120 and diastolic blood pressure of less than 80 (read "120 over 80") is optimal.

Having diabetes increases the chances of heart problems.

Additionally, women with diabetes often have other risk factors for heart disease, such as obesity, high cholesterol,

and high blood pressure.

Managing diabetes with healthy lifestyle changes will also help to minimize these other conditions and protect your heart.

What can you do? Stop smoking.

Smoking lowers HDL ("good" cholesterol) and exacerbates high blood pressure and heart disease.

Losing weight, exercising for 30 to 60 minutes on most days of the week, and lowering dietary fat and sodium intake also work against high blood pressure, high cholesterol, and diabetes.

If these interventions don't work, talk to your doctor about medications that may help.

Go red, be informed, and make heart health a priority.

For more information, the patient education pamphlet "Keeping Your Heart Healthy" is available at acog.org/publications/patienteducation/bp122.cfm.

For more information on "National Go Red of Women Day," visit goredforwomen.org. Laube is president of ACOG.

Two places offer the flu shot

Park Pharmacy, 15050 E. Jefferson, Grosse Pointe Park, is still offering flu shots.

The cost is \$20. No appointments are necessary and the process takes about 15 minutes.

Store hours are 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday and from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturdays.

Visiting Nurse Association of Southeast Michigan at 25900 Greenfield Road, Suite 600 in Oak Park, also has flu shots available from 9 a.m. to noon, Monday through Friday.

Homebound service and corporate worksite clinics are also available.

Flu shots through the Visiting Nurse Association of Southeast Michigan are \$24, payable by cash, check, Medicare, HAP or Care Choices.

Pneumonia shots are \$40.

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Progression of Alzheimer's Disease Wed., Feb. 7 • 7:00 - 8:00pm

Learn what to expect as Alzheimer's Disease progresses. A question and answer session will follow this presentation by Bonnie Guith of Forest Pharmaceuticals.

Caregiver Guilt Thursday, March 15 • 7:00 - 8:00pm

Serving as the primary caregiver for a loved one can be a challenging and emotional experience. Dr. Ronald Barnett of Alliance of Homecare Physicians will discuss how to manage the very normal feelings of guilt that may arise, as well as resources available to help.

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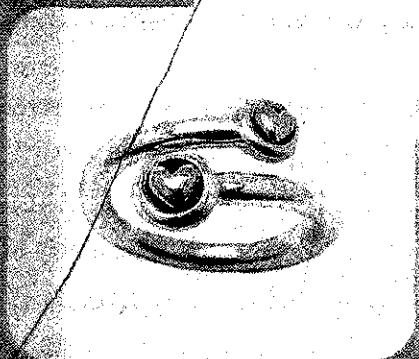
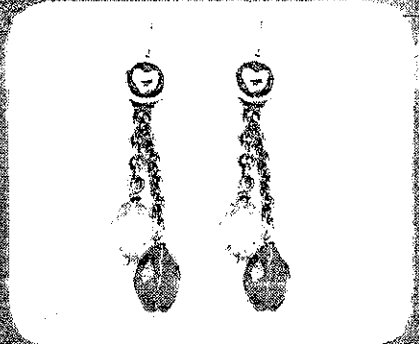
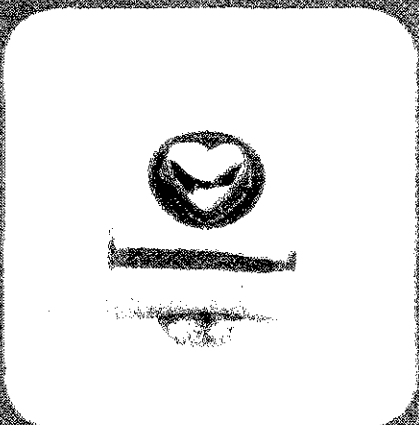
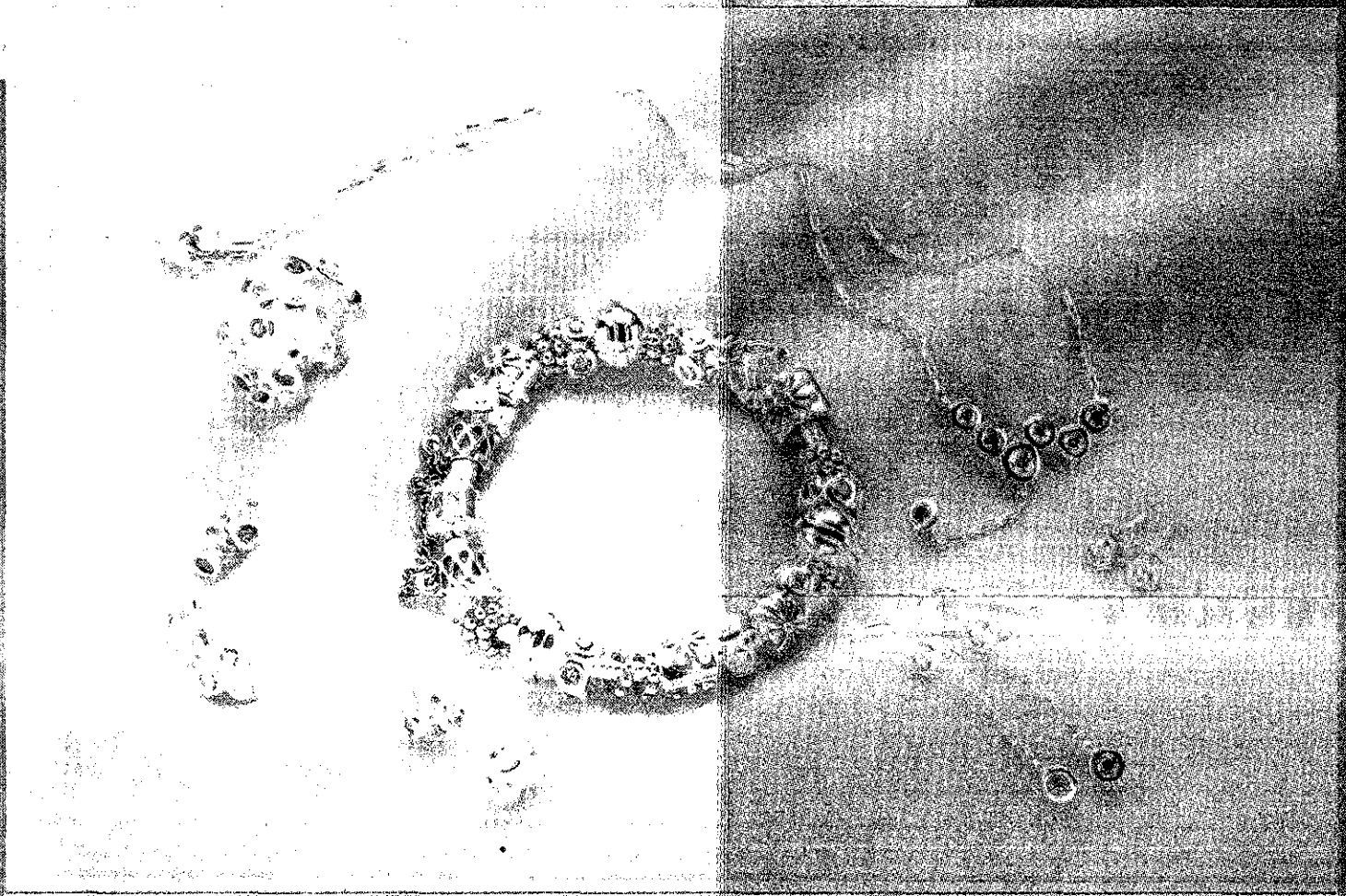


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Keeping pace

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Woods skater wins pairs title

Brooke Castile started skating when she was 7 because her grandmother signed her up for lessons as a birthday present.

Last week, it turned out to be one of the best presents ever.

Castile, who lives with her parents in Grosse Pointe Woods, teamed with Ben Okolski of Ann Arbor to win the Senior Pairs championship at the United States National Figure Skating Championships in Seattle.

It was the major upset of the Championships as Castile and Okolski came out of nowhere to defeat defending national champions Rena Inoue and John Baldwin with an innovative and solid performance.

"Unbelievable. It feels great. It's everything we wanted to do this year," Castile told reporters after her performance.

Castile and Okolski were third after the short program but they jumped ahead with a total score of 178.40 points. That was enough to put them in front of Inoue and Baldwin, who made two major mistakes

in their long program, including a crash on their trademark throw triple axel.

Inoue and Baldwin wound up with 178.15 points.

Castile and Okolski have skated together for five years, and continued as a team even when they didn't see instant gratification in the results.

They were eighth at the U.S. Nationals last year and had to go through sectional qualifying to make this year's field.

They were second in their sectional.

"It's a shock, but at the same time I feel it's something we've always wanted to attain," Castile said. "We have worked extremely hard this year. We're in a great program and we do everything we need to do to be here."

Skating to "Requiem for a Dream," Castile and Okolski showed innovation and quality that isn't often seen among American pairs teams.

They set the tone early in their free skate by nailing a

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PHOTO BY BOB BRUCE

Grosse Pointe North's Anthony Paglino skates in for a breakaway goal against Livonia Churchill.

North gets two wins in hockey

By Chuck Klonke
Sports Editor

Grosse Pointe North hockey coach Scott Lock might have found the answer to avoiding the Norsemen's sluggish performances in some of their Saturday games.

"We tried something new. We did a team unity thing all day long," Lock said after North played one of its best games of the season in beating third-ranked Livonia Churchill 3-1 in a non-league game. It was only the second loss of the season for the Chargers, whose only other defeat came against Catholic Central, which is ranked No. 1 in Division I.

"We've been flat in some of our Saturday games, and we were thinking it might be because the kids lie around all day," Lock said. "We had them doing different things, just to keep active. I thought we played with a lot more energy than we have sometimes."

The victory against Churchill

capped one of North's best weeks of the season. The Norsemen also had a 4-3 overtime win against Clarkston.

"We're getting better all the time, but we have to keep improving," Lock said. "This week we have two tough games on the road."

North plays at Port Huron Northern on Thursday, Feb. 1 and at Catholic Central on Saturday, Feb. 3.

Churchill jumped out to a quick 1-0 lead on Dustin Wischmeyer's goal at 2:54 of the first period, but Jeff Rohrkemper tied the game on a power-play goal, assisted by Michael Neveux and Ben Scarfone, at 8:44 of the opening period.

The Norsemen had two good scoring chances early in the second period, but the Chargers' goalie stopped Anthony Paglino's blistering shot, and foiled Scarfone's breakaway attempt a minute later.

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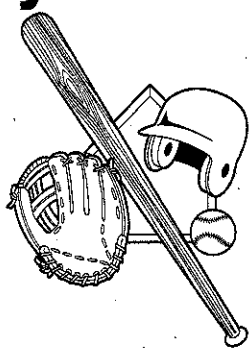
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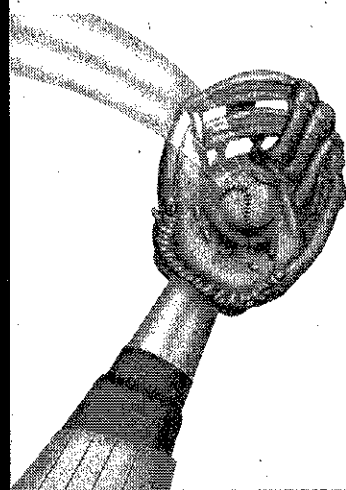
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Grosse Pointe South's Max Pearson hits a three-point shot against Utica Ford II.

South wrestler takes second in tournament

While many of his friends and teammates were kicking back and enjoying their vacation time last summer, Grosse Pointe South's T.J. Carter was working on his wrestling techniques.

"T.J. worked a lot during the summer," said South coach Jose Ramirez after Carter reached the championship match at 171 pounds in last weekend's Lincoln Park Invitational. "He went with me to a tournament in Iowa. He's reaping the rewards of the time he spent on wrestling during the summer."

Carter won his first two matches before meeting the No. 1 seed in the weight class from Lincoln Park.

"The kid he wrestled came in with a 26-1 record," Ramirez said. "T.J. stayed with him until the third period. He was losing by only four points, but toward the end he had to gamble and he gave up some points."

Ramirez was pleased with the way Carter wrestled in his first two matches.

"He won ugly, but that was OK," Ramirez said. "I encourage my wrestlers to try new things. I don't want them to be afraid to try something. That way they can learn what they're comfortable with. That will pay off at the end of the year in the league championships and state meets."

South gets a key league win

The most valuable members of a team are the ones who contribute when they're needed the most.

Max Pearson showed his value to Grosse Pointe South's basketball team last week when he came off the bench to score 11 points in the second half as the Blue Devils snapped a two-game losing streak with a 59-55 victory against Utica Ford II in the Macomb Area Conference White Division.

The defeat was the first in league play for the Falcons and it enabled South to keep pace with Ford and Cousino in the battle for the division title. All three teams have one league loss.

Ford led 19-13 after the first quarter on a buzzer-beating three-point basket by Bubba Wouters, and the Falcons led by as many as eight points in the second quarter before a three-pointer by Jimmy Saros brought the Blue Devils within three at halftime, 30-27.

The lead changed hands twice in the third quarter before Pearson's three-point shot at the buzzer put South ahead

39-38 going into the fourth quarter.

Ford, which had won five straight games, tied the game twice in the fourth quarter, but a three-point play by South's P.T. Shirar triggered a 7-0 run that gave the Blue Devils a 51-44 lead with 4:04 remaining.

South maintained its lead by hitting its free throws down the stretch. The Blue Devils, who struggled from the foul line in their losses to Cousino and Grosse Pointe North, finished 16-for-21 and made 11 of 13 free throws in the final quarter.

After Ford's Nate King and South's Pearson traded free throws in the final 10 seconds, J.C. Cruse sealed the win for the Blue Devils with a pair of foul shots after South got possession of the ball when the rebound after Pearson's missed free throw went out of bounds.

Cruse led all scorers with 24 points, but South had a balanced scoring effort. Saros had nine points, Shirar finished with eight and Jarvis Wise added seven.

South is 5-1 in the division and 8-2 overall.



South's Jimmy Saros battles for the basketball with two Ford players.

Cold shooting stops Knights

By Chuck Klonke
Sports Editor

University Liggett School's basketball team couldn't have picked a worse time to have a cold-shooting night.

The Knights faced Clawson in a matchup of teams seeking their first Metro Conference wins, and the Trojans rode a 9-0 start to a 58-41 victory.

"This was a game we definitely thought we could win," said ULS coach Andy Dold. "They came out on fire and had a 9-0 lead in the first three minutes. I think they shot 60 or 70 percent from the field and we must have shot 15 or 20 percent. We couldn't hit anything."

The Knights trailed 22-9 after the first quarter, but cut Clawson's lead to 10 points at the half.

"We had a chance to get within eight but we missed a layup at the buzzer," Dold said. "That'll probably be the only layup that kid will miss all season. That's just the way things went for us in that game."

One bright spot for the Knights was the play of several reserves when Dold cleared his bench midway through the fourth quarter.

"Those kids busted their butts for the last three or four minutes," Dold said. "We're going to start some of them in the next game. They earned it with the way they worked in that game and the way they work in practice."

Carlton Snyder led ULS with 14 points and D.J. Henderson added 12.

Earlier, the Knights gave Cranbrook Kingswood a battle before losing 51-39.

"I was really happy with the way we played against a team that was unbeaten in the league," Dold said. "We played hard and were only down two points at halftime and five points going into the fourth quarter. Then we had to pressure them and they pulled away at the end."

Joe Conway had a strong game and led ULS with 11 points. Henderson finished with 10 points.

Zemenick's three goals spark North

By Bob St. John
Staff Writer

Senior Kate Zemenick's hat trick led the Grosse Pointe North girls hockey team to a huge 5-4 overtime win over Bloomfield Hills Cranbrook Kingswood last week.

"It was nice to contribute since I missed the first meeting with Cranbrook (a 2-1 loss)," Zemenick said.

"I don't think we played up to our potential," coach Scott Dockett said. "We made a few too many mistakes back in our defensive zone, but a win is a win, and this was a huge win for us."

"Now that we split with Cranbrook, I have no idea what we would do for a tiebreaker if we tie in the division standings since we each scored six goals in the two games."

Lauren Walsh got the Lady

Norsemen on the board at the 10:49 mark of the first period. Zemenick drew an assist.

The Cranes drew even when Liz Belen scored with only 1:06 left in the first period, but Zemenick's tally with only 12 seconds left in the stanza gave the Lady Norsemen a 2-1 lead.

Cranbrook Kingswood scored the next two goals (Audrey Stapleton and Ariel Magidson) to grab a 3-2 lead only 2:24 into the second period.

Zemenick's second goal of the game tied it 3-3 and her final tally gave the home team a 4-3 advantage.

The Cranes scored midway through the second period (Stapleton) to tie the game for a fourth time.

Neither team scored in the third period. Goalkeepers Tori Bogan (North) and Catherine LaGrasso (Cranbrook Kingswood) stepped up to

make several key saves to send the game into overtime.

At the 1:23 mark of the extra session, sophomore Alexa Quinlan scored the game-winning goal. Zemenick (five points) drew the assist.

"We will have to go over this game and show the girls the mistakes that were made," Dockett said. "I don't think we will make the same mistakes in our next game against Ann Arbor."

North put the pressure on host Ann Arbor, but couldn't get a shot by all-state goaltender Clarice Grantham in a 1-0 loss.

Grantham stopped 28 shots and the Pioneers' goal was scored by Rachel Vogel, who deflected an Angie Chronis shot.

Grosse Pointe North stands 9-4 in the Michigan Metro Girls High School Hockey League and 11-4 overall.

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Sync swim team does well

The combined Grosse Pointe North and Grosse Pointe South synchronized swimming team had some impressive performances in a recent dual meet with Troy Athens.

Colleen Victor and Charlotte Berschback finished third in the duet competition for Grosse Pointe, while Catherine Santrock and Jaclyn Royer were right behind them in fourth place.

Taking the next two spots were the Grosse Pointe duet teams of Theresa Testori and Erin Garbarino and Chelsea Semmler and Erin Shoemaker.

In the trio division, the Grosse Pointe team of Kryse Dougherty, Jenna Shier and Emily Fennell finished third. In fourth place was the team of Stephanie Garbarino, Kitty Lichtenstein and Victor.

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throw triple twist, and received bonus points for their throw triple loops and double axels. The only negative grade of execution came on their level four combination spin.

"It was everything we wanted to do today and we skated nice and strong," Castile said after the performance. "It felt great to skate like that at nationals."

Castile, a 2004 Grosse Pointe North graduate, and Okolski train in Canton.

They'll represent the United States at the World Figure Skating Championships in Tokyo, Japan in March.



Grosse Pointe South's Liz McCaughey keeps an eye on University Liggett School's Monique Squiers (9). McCaughey scored twice for South, while Squiers had a ULS goal.

GIRLS HOCKEY

South beats ULS but can play better

By Bob St. John
Staff Writer

Host Grosse Pointe South's girls hockey team took it right at city rival University Liggett School last week, winning 7-2.

"Outside of a couple of minutes in the third period, I don't think we played a very crisp game," South head coach Bill Fox said.

"We got the win, but I know this team can play better hockey."

The Lady Knights played well for the first two periods.

At one point early in the second period the game was tied 2-2.

"We have had a problem of playing great for most of the game, but then absolutely falling apart for a few minutes early in the third period," ULS head coach Laura Owczarski said. "We followed that pattern tonight and it cost us."

Lady Blue Devil Jenna Huitsing led the way, scoring one goal and adding two assists.

Elizabeth McCaughey had two goals, while Erin Shook, Amanda Marsh, Annie Shepard and Shannon Gianino scored a goal apiece.

The Lady Knights' goals were scored by senior captains Elizabeth Palmer and Monique Squiers.

"I thought we could pull off an upset," Owczarski said. "I was happy with our performance."

ULS' top performer was goalkeeper Janaya Gripper, who made several outstanding saves throughout the game. Gripper faced 39 shots, saving 32.

In other action last week, South lost 3-1 to host Bloomfield Hills Cranbrook Kingswood.

ULS lost 5-3 to Walled Lake and tied Regina 4-4.

The visiting Lady Knights and Saddlelites combined for six goals in the opening period before defense and goaltending took over.

Both squads had several chances to win the game in the waning moments of the third period and in overtime.

Gripper played another outstanding game, stopping three clean break-aways.

She began playing goalie midway through last season so she is a relative newcomer to the position.

"Gripper saved the game for us," Owczarski said. "She made some outstanding saves."

"My heart was pounding during the overtime. I wish we would have won, but I will take the tie. Our girls played great tonight."

Morgan Ellis, Palmer, Squiers and Rachel Farber scored the Lady Knights' goals.

Grosse Pointe South stands 6-6 in the Michigan Metro Girls High School Hockey League and overall.

ULS is 3-7-1 in the MMGHS and 3-9-1 overall.

Knights beat Avondale, 4-1

By Bob St. John
Staff Writer

Head coach Terry Olson was pleased to see his University Liggett School boys hockey team rebound from a listless 5-1 loss to Marysville by blasting a good Auburn Hills Avondale squad 4-1.

"This was a good win for our team, playing on the road against a squad ranked No. 10 in Division 3," Olson said. "We had contributions from everyone, including the guys who I recently called up from our junior varsity team."

The Knights trailed 1-0 early before senior Kyle Lawrence

scored a powerplay goal with only two minutes left in the opening period.

Freshman John Stockmann and senior Mike Zukas drew assists.

Not more than a minute later, Zukas (powerplay) tallied to give the Knights the lead for good.

"Mike's goal was huge because it gave us a lot of momentum and quieted what turned out to be a large crowd," Olson said.

Zukas added his second powerplay goal of the game late in the second stanza with his brother Dan Zukas and junior Mike Burchi adding as-

sists.

Sophomore Kyle Keith added an insurance goal early in the third period, scoring the Knights' fourth powerplay marker of the game off assists by freshmen Albert Ford and Tyler Suciu.

"Kyle's goal was one of the best ones I have seen this season," Olson said. "The guys circled the puck around on our powerplay and Kyle just completely ripped a shot over the goaltender's glove. All three guys who were in the goal are underclassmen."

Freshman Lido Aldini started in net for ULS and Alex Brooks finished.

"Both Lido and Alex played well," Olson said. "We didn't give Avondale many scoring chances."

The victory atoned for the home defeat to Marysville, a team the Knights lost to in the opening round of the state playoffs a year ago.

"The guys really wanted to beat Marysville after losing to them in last year's playoffs," Olson said.

"The kids just came off a week of exams and I could tell they had nothing in the tank. The loss is nothing to dwell on and the guys showed that by beating Avondale."

ULS stands at 8-4-2 overall.

North wrestlers win five straight matches

A strong finish helped Grosse Pointe North's wrestling team to a fifth-place finish at the Richmond Invitational Team Tournament.

After a close loss to L'Anse Creuse and a decisive setback against Gaylord, the Norsemen beat Port Huron Northern 46-33, Plymouth Salem 48-33 and Saline 45-27.

"Our team as a whole will fight to the end," said North coach Bryan Lorenzo. "We really seem to do well when our backs are to the wall."

Four Norsemen were undefeated in the tournament.

Dan Evola capped a perfect day at 171 pounds with a tense 1-0 victory against Saline's Ian Pokryfky.

Jon Chow (112), Arsenio Hall (140) and heavyweight Josh Franklin were the other undefeated North wrestlers.

David Salazar had a 4-1 record at 145 pounds.

Dan Russo (119) and Roberto Davalos (103) each

posted 3-2 marks.

Richmond, which was ranked fourth in the state in Division III, won the tournament. L'Anse Creuse was second.

North's winning streak continued with back-to-back victories at the Melvindale tri-meet. The Norsemen opened with a 54-25 win against Dearborn Heights Crestwood, then came from a 30-6 deficit to beat Melvindale 37-36.

Five pins by North and voids by Crestwood in four weight classes contributed to the lopsided victory.

Dan Lee had a pin at 130 pounds. North's other falls were by Evola, Chow, Franklin and Davalos.

Winning by voids were Zaid Beeai (140), Hall (145), Salazar (152) and Wesley Channel (160).

In contrast to the Crestwood match, the one against Melvindale was a nail-biter.

Franklin opened with a pin

for the Norsemen, but the Cardinals surged to a 30-6 lead midway through the match.

Lee started the North comeback with a major victory against Chris Dudzie at 130. That performance by the senior captain seemed to inspire his teammates as Beeai, Hall, Channel and Evola each recorded pins to cut Melvindale's lead to 36-34.

That left it up to the 189-pound match between North's Nathan Strickland and Melvindale's Mike Christian.

The two evenly-matched wrestlers gave the cheering crowd its money's worth as they exchanged takedowns and escapes before two near falls by Strickland gave him the victory and the three points the Norsemen needed for the one-point victory.

"In quite a few meets this year we have fallen behind, and then rallied for a win," Lorenzo said. "I think we are really starting to hit our stride."

NORTH SWIMMING

Dakota edged by one point

Michael Lane and Karl Tech achieved Division I state-qualifying times as Grosse Pointe North's swimming team edged Dakota 92-91 in a Macomb Area Conference crossover meet.

Lane, who won the 200- and 100-yard freestyle events, got his state cut in the 100 freestyle. That was also his season-best time in the event.

Tech qualified for the state in winning the 50 freestyle. Tech had season bests in the 50 and 100 freestyle races.

North's other individual winners were Austin Damm in the 200 individual medley, Cameron Howle in the 500

freestyle and Mike Walton in the 100 backstroke. Damm and Walton each swam their fastest times of the season.

Other season bests came from Max Hunt, 50 freestyle; Jeff Moore, 100 freestyle; Mike Kedzierski, 200 freestyle; Matt Peyser, 100 backstroke; Chris Bill and Jeff Burns, 100 breaststroke; and Kedzierski and David Castile, 100 butterfly.

The victory gave the Norsemen a 3-2 overall record in dual meets.

Earlier, North defeated Livonia Churchill 126-43 in a non-league meet.


Lane and Tech led the way

with two victories apiece.

Lane won the 200 freestyle and the 100 breaststroke. His breaststroke time was a state-qualifying time. Tech's victories came in the 50 and 100 freestyle races.

North's other firsts were by Damm in the 200 individual medley; Kedzierski, 100 butterfly; Howle, 500 freestyle; and Walton, 100 backstroke. Damm's time in the 200 IM was his best of the season.

Other season-best times were recorded by Aaron Bowersox, 100 freestyle; Aaron Egan, 500 freestyle; and Walton, 200 individual medley.



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Repeat champions

The Grosse Pointe OBGYN and Irish Coffee women's volleyball team won the fall Yellow Division championship in the Neighborhood Club volleyball league. The team also won the championship in the division in 2005. In front, from left, are Shari Rewalt, Kirsti Juergens, Mary Kaye Rewalt and Gretchen Miotto. In back, from left, are Carlene Brubaker, Lisa Bliss, Kelley Bliss, Sue Parski, Staci Rewalt-Kolassa and Cheryl Cusmano.



The Grosse Pointe Hockey Association Bulldogs won the Squirt AA championship at the Capitol City Showdown in Lansing. From left, are William Barrett, Joey Garves, Ian Corbett, James Fischback, C.J. Kusch, Andrew Bigham, Chip Jerome, Connor Ciesielski, Andrew Hyde, William Yates, Jacob Stone, Joe Toth, Ryan Babcock, Chase Wujek and Mary Moesta. In back, from left, are coaches George Fischback, Chip Jerome and Bob Barrett.

NORTH: Churchill was ranked third

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North broke the tie during a power-play at 8:11 when Alex Davenport's shot went in off a Churchill defenseman. Steve Coates and Rohrkemper assisted.

The Norsemen opened a two-goal lead with 16 seconds remaining in the second period. North was killing off a 5-on-3 power play when the first penalty to Paglino expired. As he jumped out of the penalty box, he picked up a loose puck in the neutral zone, skated in alone and scored on a high shot to make it 3-1.

Neither team scored in the third period as North goalie Eric Rohrkemper made several good saves to keep the Chargers off the scoreboard.

"Our defensive zone coverage was good and our goalie made some good saves," Lock said. "Eric has played well lately, but he hasn't had any victories to show for it. This was a good win for his confidence."

"I thought it was a great hockey game. It took us a little while to get going but we played really well. It was a quality win against a good hockey team. Their coach told me they haven't seen many

teams like ours."

North's passing on the power play was sharp. When the Norsemen were killing off penalties, they kept applying pressure so that Churchill had to hurry its passes.

"They had the puck in our zone a lot of the time during the power plays but we did a good job of keeping them to the outside, and we blocked a lot of shots," Lock said.

North got a solid effort from its fourth line of James Caruso, Jeff Holme and John Neveux. Lock also praised the entire defense corps, which was led by Michael Neveux and Evan Skorupski, along with Michael Colosimo, Anthony Raymond, Paglino and Charlie Thibault.

North wasn't quite as sharp against Clarkston, but the Norsemen dominated the game, outshooting the Wolves 51-16.

"They're always a hard-working team," Lock said. "Their goalie (Garrett Knappe) kept them in the game."

Clarkston sent the game into overtime on a goal by Matt Campbell with 53 seconds remaining in regulation, but the Norsemen won it at 5:18 of the overtime when Coates took a pass from Doug Rahaim at the blue line, skated in on the goal and beat Knappe. Skorupski also assisted.

North opened the scoring at 8:10 of the first period when Scarfone tipped in Rahaim's rebound. Jeff Rohrkemper had

the other assist.

"Scarfone has stepped up his game recently," Lock said. "He had a great game against CC, and he was one of our best players against Trenton."

Clarkston's Aaron Podbielski tied the game at 13:56 of the first period when the Wolves had a 5-on-3 advantage.

Jeff Rohrkemper scored on a penalty shot at 8:10 of the second period. It was called when the goalie threw his stick at the puck during North's 2-on-0 break after Michael Neveux cleared the puck out of the North defensive zone. Neveux had an outstanding game on defense. During another 5-on-3 power play, Neveux stayed on the ice for the entire two minutes.

"He had a great game," Lock said. "He and Skorupski will both be getting a lot of ice time."

Clarkston tied the game at 2-2 on a power-play goal by Eric Sala at 11:24 of the second period, but Davenport scored on a rebound off the boards at 8:07 of the third period to give North a 3-2 advantage. Doug Rahaim and Coates assisted.

Michael Rahaim was in goal for North.

"Since Christmas, both of our goalies have been solid," Lock said. "They're giving us a chance to win games."

Last week's two victories evened North's overall record at 8-8.

Bulldogs take first in their division

The Grosse Pointe Hockey Association Bulldogs Squirt AA team won its division at the Capitol City Showdown in Lansing.

The Bulldogs defeated the host Capitol City Pride 4-3 in the championship game.

Capitol City had a 6-on-4 advantage during the final minute, but the Bulldogs kept the Pride from scoring the equalizer.

William Yates opened the scoring for Grosse Pointe in the first period and Joe Toth scored the game winner in the third period after getting an excellent pass from Jacob Stone. In between, Ryan Babcock added a pair of goals for the Bulldogs.

Goalie James Fischback also had an outstanding game.

The Bulldogs opened the tournament with a 7-2 victory against Barrington (Ill.). Jake Jerome scored three goals, while Ian Corbett, Babcock, Chase Wujek and Toth collected one apiece. C.J. Kusch had

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NORTH VOLLEYBALL

Top effort against tough foe

Tough competition seems to bring out the best in Grosse Pointe North's volleyball team.

Last weekend, the Norsemen had one of their top matches of the season when they defeated Troy, which was ranked fourth in the state in Division I, on their way to the finals of the Dakota Invitational.

North won the match 25-21, 25-20, 17-16.

"We played outstanding against Troy," said North coach Kim Lockhart. "They only had two losses this year. The girls are really improving each game. They step up their intensity when we play tougher teams. I'm excited that we finally came through and beat a great team."

"We pushed through to the end. That has been one of our struggles this year. We play right with our competition. We need to play tough every match."

The Norsemen finished second, losing 25-20, 25-18 in the championship match against L'Anse Creuse.

"We ran out of gas," Lockhart said. "The finals were ugly. Both teams were exhausted by the end of the day and it came down to who had the most energy."

In pool play, North split with Troy, losing the first game 25-17 and winning the second 25-23.

The Norsemen swept their other two pool matches against Marine City (25-19, 25-21) and Regina (25-21, 25-12).

In the playoff round, North opened with a 23-25, 25-21, 15-

9 victory against Romeo. Then came the victory against Troy and a 25-21, 25-23 win over Chippewa Valley that sent the Norsemen into the finals.

Allyce Kulek had an excellent tournament as she finished with 55 digs and nine ace serves.

"She played awesome," Lockhart said.

There were several other fine performances.

Christine Klein had 28 kills and seven blocks; Theresa Nagel had 25 kills, 15 digs and three aces; Sarah Perry had 12 kills, 11 digs and five aces; Maggie Tignanelli finished with 19 digs, 14 kills and four aces; Bridget Reno collected 101 assists, two aces and 12 digs; and Jillian Kulka and Maddie Kent each contributed 18 digs.

Earlier, North swept Anchor Bay 25-12, 25-12, 25-14 in a Macomb Area Conference Red Division match.

"The girls played with a lot of motivation and energy," Lockhart said.

"It was a fun game to watch. The team effort was very apparent and everyone contributed. We really had control over the entire match."

"Ariel Braker had a great game. She led the team in kills with nine and had eight digs, four blocks and one ace."

Kulek had 11 digs. Kent had nine digs, four kills and two blocks.

Perry finished with six kills and four digs, and Reno led with 34 assists.

The win improved North's record in the MAC Red to 4-2.

YOUTH BASEBALL

Wolves earn trip to Cooperstown

The Michigan Wolves 12-and-under travel baseball team has been selected to play in the Cooperstown Dream Park and American Youth Baseball Hall of Fame Invitational Tournament in Cooperstown, N.Y., during the week of June 30 through July 6.

The Wolves players will trade pins and compete with some of the best 12-and-under players from around the United States.

Last season, the Wolves won four tournaments and were runners-up in another. The team consists almost entirely of players who live in the Grosse Pointes.

Team members are Mark Aux, Carmen Benedetti, Edward Champagne, Avery Duncan, Dilan Eschenburg, Connor Fannon, George Fishbach, Trevor Hamilton, Tim Kramer, Thomas Marantette, Jim Webster, Chip Wujek and James Champagne.

The manager is George Champagne. The coaches are George Fishbach, Keith Fannon, Bill Abraham and Tom Marantette.

The Wolves might need to add reserve players to their roster for the 2007 season. For more information, contact George Champagne at baseball-wolves7001@sbcglobal.net.

GROSSE POINTE HOCKEY ASSOCIATION

JV Norsemen reach semifinals

The Grosse Pointe Hockey Association JV Norsemen dominated pool play in the Midget A American Division but lost a close game in the semifinal round of the Traverse City Ice Breaker Tournament.

In their three pool games, the JV Norsemen beat West Kent 6-1, blanked Traverse City 6-0 and defeated Saginaw 6-4.

Despite an outstanding team effort and competitive performance, the JV Norsemen dropped a 2-1 decision to Marquette in the semifinals.

Team members were Antonio Casano, Thomas Walworth, Steven Herron, Evan Rutkofske, Andrew Spagnuola, Matthew Peyser, Richard Carron, Stewart Wells, Andrew Paige, Thomas Winterfield, Anthony Vitale, Chase Thornton, Clayton Carter, Jason Gay, Marshall Ochylski, Brian Flemion, Jozsef Curry-Zoltan and Nicholas Ireland.

Dave Brozzo is the head coach. His assistants are Phil Pierce and Matt Springer. Bob Kollar is coach and manager.

Norsemen beat Shamrocks

By Chuck Klonke
Sports Editor

Pat Donnelly is pleased with a lot of things that his Grosse Pointe North basketball team is doing these days.

There are also some areas he would like to see improve as the Macomb Area Conference Red Division season heads into the stretch run.

"We talk all the time about mental toughness," Donnelly said after North's 66-50 victory against East Detroit in a MAC crossover game. "It's a trait that we need to develop as a group. When you're mentally tough you don't have breakdowns on defense. You make the right decisions on offense — shot selection, running the plays and executing well."

Donnelly got a glimpse of what he was looking for early in the second half of the East Detroit game.

North worked the ball around for nearly a minute and finally, Dwight Van Hoesen broke free for an easy layup that gave the Norsemen a 34-29 lead. It came during a 15-2 run that gave North enough of a cushion that it could hold off a fourth-quarter rally by the Shamrocks.

"After Dwight's basket, one of the officials said to me as he

ran by, 'see what a little patience will do,'" Donnelly said.

Donnelly didn't need that reminder.

That kind of focus on offense is exactly what he was looking for.

"I don't want us to be a team that runs a minute off the clock every time we have the ball, but when we need a basket I want us to be able to execute the offense so that we can get a good shot," Donnelly said.

Working the ball around for nearly a minute served a twofold purpose for the Norsemen. It got them a good shot and it also wore down the East Detroit defense.

"When you make a team work on defense, it's going to tire them out," Donnelly said.

In the three minutes after Van Hoesen's layup, North scored 11 straight points, including a pair of three-point baskets by Van Hoesen and one by Marc Reno.

A three-point play by Damien Davis, who scored seven points off the bench in the fourth quarter, gave North its biggest lead of the game, 53-35, early in the quarter but East Detroit came back to cut the margin to 58-49 on a basket by Kyle Wilson with 1:22 remaining.

Wilson, who led the

Shamrocks, with 18 points, earned Donnelly's praise.

"He's a very good player. He kept them in the game," Donnelly said. "He'd either penetrate and find the open man or he'd hit the shot himself."

North led 14-8 after the first quarter but East Detroit took its only lead of the game, 22-21, on a layup by Tom Rollo with 2:06 left in the first half. The Norsemen quickly regained the lead on a dunk by Nick Waller and led 30-27 at halftime despite a long three-pointer at the buzzer by Wilson.

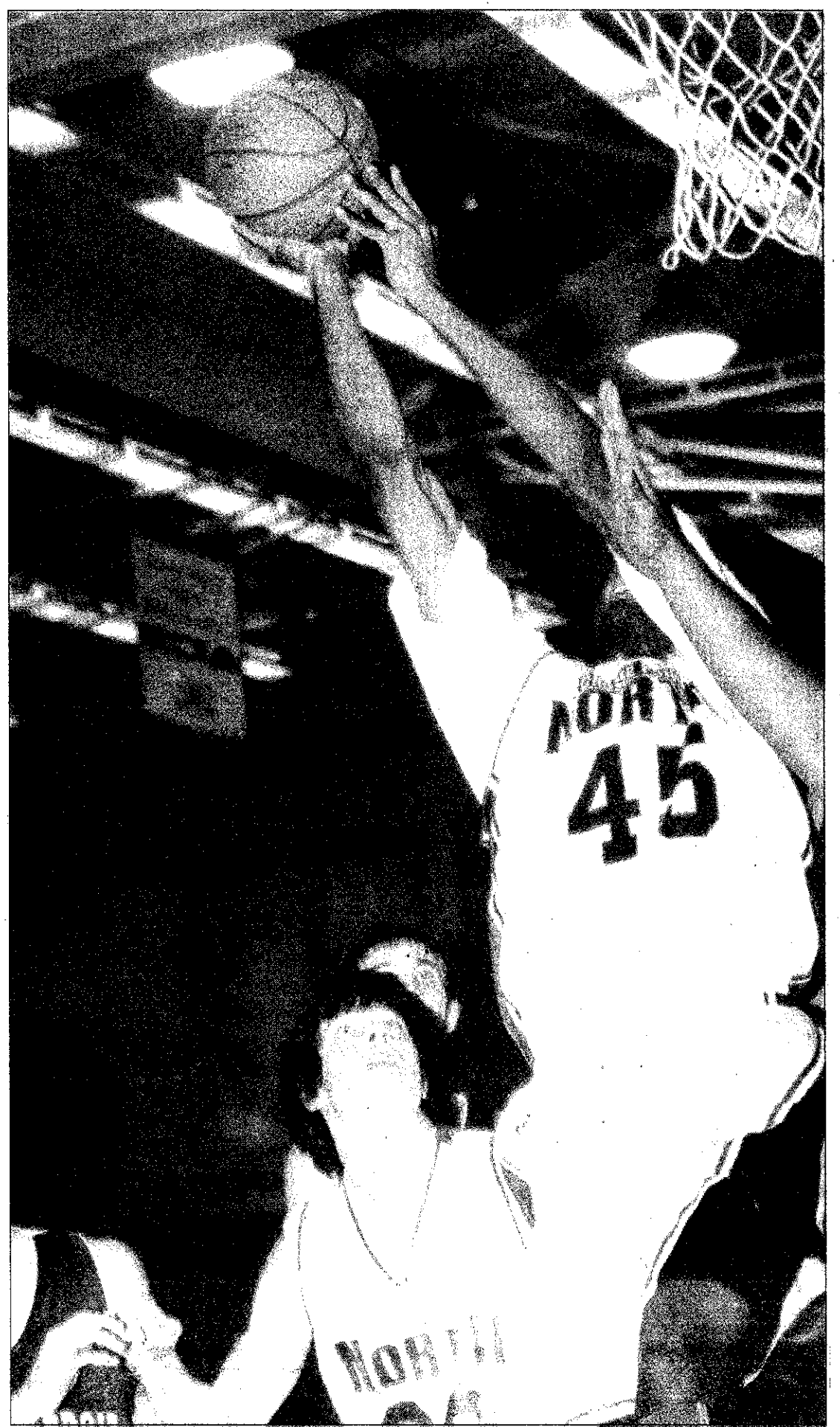
"We talked at halftime about allowing them to get the lead," Donnelly said. "We can't afford defensive breakdowns. I thought we played well defensively in the third quarter."

Van Hoesen finished with 25 points. Waller, who had 11 rebounds, and Reno each scored nine points.

"It was good to see Dwight shoot as well as he did," Donnelly said.

"Reno will get more time as we go on. He's going to be a key player for us in helping to take some of the pressure off Dwight as a perimeter shooter."

The victory improved North's record to 8-4 overall. East Detroit slipped to 5-5.



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Grosse Pointe North's Nick Waller goes high for a layup against East Detroit. Watching is North teammate Frank Ferretti.

BULLDOGS: Are 7-3-1 in last 11 games

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three assists and defenseman Mary Moesta had one.

Although they outshot their opponents 33-12, the Bulldogs dropped a 3-1 decision to the Macomb Mavericks.

In the final game of pool play, the Bulldogs edged Rockford (Ill.) 4-3. Joey Garves scored the go-ahead goal on a perfect pass from defenseman Andrew Bigham.

Andrew Hyde scored two goals in the Bulldogs' 4-1 semifinal victory against Sylvania (Ohio). Babcock and Yates also scored.

Defenseman William Barrett assisted on the winning goal. Goalie Connor Ciesielski did a good job of turning away the Sylvania attackers.

The Bulldogs are 7-3-1 in their last 11 games, so the squad led by head coach Bob Barrett and assistants Chip Jerome and George Fischback, has momentum on its side as it gets ready for Michigan Amateur Hockey Association district play.



North's Marc Reno drives for a layup despite the efforts of an East Detroit defender.

South swimmers beat Eisenhower

Grosse Pointe South's boys swimming team won eight of 12 events to beat Eisenhower 110-76 and remain unbeaten in the Macomb Area Conference Red Division.

"This was an important victory for us to remain undefeated in the MAC Red, and bring our overall record to 6-3," South coach Eric Gunderson said.

Dan Basile, Michael Manos, Brad Kaminski and Matt Mandel opened the meet with a hard-fought win in the 200-yard medley relay, finishing less than two seconds ahead of Eisenhower. South's team of Matt Schmidt, Fares Ksebat, David Cockell and Mike Shook took third place.

Basile and Shook finished 1-2 in the 200 freestyle, and teammate Jack Hessburg was fourth.

Eisenhower's Kevin

Galerneau touched first in the 200 individual medley, but the Blue Devils showed their depth by taking the next four places. Cockell was second in 2:13.65, followed by J.P. Lang, Kaminski and Wayne Brackett.

South's Jordan Long was an easy winner in the diving.

Kaminski, who had a season-best time of 1:00.90, won the 100 butterfly and Brackett finished third.

South showed depth again in the 100 freestyle with Mandel, Joe Hessburg and Schmidt taking second through fourth places behind the Eagles' Travis Smith. Mandel's time was a season-best 53.48.

In the 500 freestyle, South's Shook battled Eisenhower's Galerneau for nearly five minutes before Shook touched first in 4:59.29, less than a tenth of a second ahead of Galerneau. Jack Hessburg was third.

The 200 freestyle relay was another close race. South's A team of Manos, Joe Hessburg, Kaminski and Mandel beat Eisenhower by less than a second in 1:38.97.

Basile picked up his second individual win of the meet with a time of 59.91 in the 100 backstroke. Lang was second with a personal-best 1:04.60 and Schmidt was fourth.

Manos, who was second in the 50 freestyle, touched first in the 100 breaststroke in 1:06.97. Cockell was second and Ksebat finished fourth in the breaststroke.

Eisenhower finished the meet with a win in the 400 freestyle relay. Running a close second in 3:36.50 was South's team of Mandel, Shook, Joe Hessburg and Basile. South's B team of Jack Hessburg, Zach Graham, Brackett and Schmidt was third.

By Chuck Klonke
Sports Editor

Grosse Pointe South's hockey team had hoped to use the East Kentwood tournament to show teams from that part of the state why the Blue Devils were the second-ranked Division II team in Michigan.

Unfortunately, things don't always turn out like you hope they would.

"This was a tournament with four very strong teams," South coach Bob Bopp said after the Blue Devils came away with a 4-1 loss to Orchard Lake St. Mary and a 4-4 tie with Traverse City Central. "It would have been great to go there and win both games, letting everyone in the state know just how good we were, but things didn't go as we would have liked."

A bad second period was the difference in the tournament semifinal against St. Mary.

"It had to be our worst period of the season," Bopp said. "We had five penalties called against us. Some of them were deserved, some weren't, but the players let the referee get into their heads. We have to learn to head to the box whether it's a bad call or not, kill the penalty, and move on."

The Eaglets scored three goals in the second period to overcome the 1-0 lead that South took on Brian Auty's first-period goal.

"Auty has been a pleasant surprise for us," Bopp said. "He's a sophomore who plays with a lot of confidence. On that goal, he just skated in and scored."

Tim Shield and Ryan Abraham had the assists. St. Mary's second-period

outburst started with a power-play goal by Brandon Kozlowski at 6:01. Tim Hooker scored at even strength at the 10-minute mark to put the Eaglets ahead, and Aaron Schneider made it 3-1 a minute and 32 seconds later. Schneider's goal also came on the power play.

St. Mary's Charlie Seamaan scored the only goal of the third period on a 2-on-1 break while the Blue Devils were pinching up in hopes of cutting into the Eaglets' lead.

"As badly as we played in the second period, I thought we still had a chance because we were only down 3-1, but killing all those penalties took a lot out of our team," Bopp said.

Taylor Flaska was picked as the star of the game for South.

"Taylor could have been picked as the star of both games. That's how well he played," Bopp said. "He hustled every minute he was on the ice. He did a lot of things that don't show up on the scoresheet."

Bopp was even more disappointed with the tie against Traverse City in the consolation game.

"I felt that we were the better team," Bopp said. "We played hard, but it's still a disappointing game."

It was an uphill battle for the Blue Devils just to get the tie.

The Trojans got goals from Jeff Beers and Derek Gardner during the first 4:13 of the first period. Both of the goals went into the net off the stick of South defensemen.

South tied the game late in the period. Abraham made it 2-1 at 11:27, assisted by line-mates Auty and Shield. Fifteen seconds later, Auty scored and

Shield and Abraham got the assists.

The Blue Devils took a 3-2 lead at 4:38 of the second period. Flaska passed the puck to Arthur Griem at the point. Griem got a good shot on the net. Goalie Tyler Striker stopped it, but Geoff Osgood scored on the rebound.

TCC tied the game 48 seconds into the third period on a power-play goal by Alex Homant and the Trojans went ahead 37 seconds later when Chris Ardimbo scored.

Late in the third period, South went on a power play. During the power play, the Blue Devils were awarded a penalty shot. Trevor John took the shot but Striker made the save.

"Trevor made a nice move, but their goalie came up big," Bopp said. "We had some other good chances during that power play but couldn't tie the game."

South, which outshot TCC 16-4 in the third period, finally got the equalizer with 40 seconds to go when Lance Lucas scored, assisted by Flaska and John.

The Blue Devils continued to play well in the overtime period but couldn't beat Striker.

Abraham was selected as South's star of the Traverse City game.

"It was a disappointing weekend, but we're still 13-3-1 and we have some wins against some very good teams," Bopp said.

The Blue Devils played at top-ranked Brother Rice on Wednesday.

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