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THURSDAY, MARCH 15

♦ Kenneth E. Schramm, author of "Detroit Street railways" presents a side program at 7:30 p.m. at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms. It is free and open to the public.

FRIDAY, MARCH 16

♦ Pierce Middle School hosts a book fair from 8:15 a.m. to 4 p.m. in its library.

MONDAY, MARCH 19

♦ Wayne County Commissioner Tim Killeen, D-Detroit, hosts a "Chat with Commish Killeen" from 9 to 10 a.m. in Grosse Pointe Park City Municipal Court, 15115 E. Jefferson.
♦ The City of Grosse Pointe council meets at 7:30 p.m. in council chambers, 17145 Maumee.
♦ The Grosse Pointe Woods council meets at 7:30 p.m. in council chambers, 20025 Mack Plaza.
♦ Grosse Pointe Board of Education holds a special meeting at 7:30 p.m. in Grosse Pointe North High School's library.

TUESDAY, MARCH 20

♦ The village council of Grosse Pointe Shores meets at 7 p.m. in council chambers, 795 Lakeshore.
♦ Grosse Pointe Township board meets at 8 a.m. in the township hall, 795 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Shores.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 21

♦ The Central Library Building Committee meets at 7 p.m. in the Ewald Branch, 15175 E. Jefferson, Grosse Pointe Farms.

THURSDAY, MARCH 22

♦ The Local Business Network Chapter meets from 8 to 9:15 a.m. at The Sterling of Grosse Pointe, 17027 Kercheval. Visitors are welcome. For more information, call (586) 206-4958.
♦ University of Michigan professor George Bornstein will discuss the 19th century book, "Narrative of the Life of Frederick Douglass," at 7:30 p.m. in the Grosse Pointe South High School auditori-

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State champs

Grosse Pointe South's hockey team celebrates its state Division II championship with its fans at the Compuware Arena in Plymouth. The Blue Devils beat Muskegon Mona Shores 4-3 on Tim Shield's goal with 1:14 remaining in the first overtime period to win their first state boys hockey championship. The celebration will continue with a pep rally to honor the team at 2:45 p.m. on Friday, March 16. During the rally, the television show "State Champs" will present South with a spirit award for bringing the largest turnout of fans of any of the teams playing in the championships. Complete coverage of South's run to the title begins on page 1C.



PHOTO BY RICK WEISS

Grosse Pointe Woods resident Rick Weiss spotted this lone coyote far out on the ice between Moross and Vernier roads. Are the coyotes heading north? The Grosse Pointe Farms Public Safety Department thinks so.

GROSSE POINTE FARMS

Coyotes headed north?

There has been only one coyote sighting during the past two weeks in Grosse Pointe Farms, according to Dan Jensen, Farms director of public safety.
The lack of sightings have public safety officials believing that the coyotes have left the area and headed north.

Two weeks ago, Farms police were instructed to use lethal force if they were able to contain the animals in a secure area. Police were given the order after one of the coyotes escaped from a non-lethal trap set by the Varmint Police, a unit within the Michigan Humane Society.

The traps were removed after the escape because it was reasoned that the coyotes would not return to the area by the Country Club of Detroit.
Coyote sightings have been common by the club over the last two years.

— By John Lundberg

GROSSE POINTE PUBLIC SCHOOL SYSTEM

Board saves taxpayers \$2.1 million

Refinancing \$48 million in capital improvement bonds reduces debt service by \$100,000 annually

The refinancing bandwagon has delivered a \$2.1 million savings to district headquarters. Money comes from lower interest rates obtained by refinancing \$48 million remaining on the school system's general obligation bond. Voters approved the bond in 2002 to pay for capital improvements.

Savings will be spread out to taxpayers by a roughly \$100,000 overall annual reduction in debt service.

"In these times, every dollar has strong meaning," said Glenn Watson, first vice presi-

dent of LaSalle Financial Services, retained to handle the underwriting. "Since 2002, the general economy of Michigan has eroded significantly."

Watson, a City of Grosse Pointe resident, said the district's high bond rating (Aa2 by Moody's Investor Service and AA+ by Standard & Poor's) made it easier to refinance.

"It signifies prudent management," he said.

"This is a shining affirmation of our administration," said Trustee Alice Kosinski.

— Brad Lindberg

POINTER OF INTEREST

'The idea of the program is to give these children a positive place to go after school.'

Catherine Guinn



Home: City of Grosse Pointe
Age: 71
Family: Husband, John
Claim to fame: Volunteer with Capuchin Soup Kitchen working with children in art therapy
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Yesterday's headlines



1957: Some coffee with your vote?

Many parents responded to the invitation to attend an Open House at Mason School on Election Day. As early as 8:30 a.m., a group had gathered in the library for a cup of coffee and a friendly chat with neighbors after they had voted. (From the March 14, 1957, Grosse Pointe News.)

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1957

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♦ **FARMS JOINS CITY, SHORES:** On the heels of ordinances passed by the City of Grosse Pointe and Grosse Pointe Shores, the Farms city council adopted an ordinance to provide for the control and eradication of Dutch Elm Disease.

The ordinance requires all persons, firms and corporations that own or control an elm tree within the Farms city limits to spray the trees twice each year.

The first spray is to be applied in early spring, and the second in mid-summer.

♦ **SCHOOL ROBBERY MYSTERY SOLVED:** Three high school teenagers were arrested and charged with a robbery at Grosse Pointe High School.

The youths admitted breaking into a locker at the school at 6:30 p.m. in November. They took a portable radio that was later sold to a business owner on Kercheval. Although one of the suspects is of age to be tried as an adult, all three will be tried in juvenile court.

♦ **DETROITER LINKED TO**

11 POINTE ROBBERIES: The arrest of a 19-year-old Detroit woman have police believing they are on the verge of solving 11 home invasions in Grosse Pointe Park that have occurred over the last three weeks.

Police captured the woman after she called police and was kept on the line long enough for police to trace the call. Police do not know what prompted the woman to call, but said she admitted to her involvement in the robberies during the course of her conversation with police.

1982

25 years ago this week

♦ **GOVERNMENT RED TAPE DELAYS HOSPITAL PROJECTS:** Three projects proposed by Bon Secours and Cottage hospitals have been further delayed by bureaucratic red tape.

The projects call for the purchase of a full body Computed Axial Tomographic (CAT) scanner to be located at Bon Secours, the consolidation of obstetric and newborn services at Bon Secours, and the construction of a \$3.5 million parking deck on Muir in Grosse

Pointe Farms across the street from Cottage Hospital.

♦ **WOODS LOOKS INSIDE TO FIND NEW PUBLIC SAFETY DIRECTOR:** The Grosse Pointe Woods city council ended its five-month search for a new director of public safety by hiring Executive Lt. Jack Patterson. He has been acting public safety director since the resignation of John Dankel last November.

The council had whittled the list of candidates to five before making the decision. The council did interview candidates from outside the district, but decided on Patterson because he had proven himself capable of doing the job.

♦ **HOMEOWNERS FLOOD REVIEW BOARDS:** Record numbers of homeowners lined up in municipal offices to appeal their property tax assessments mailed out this month.

The assessments, which reflected average increases of 9 to 13 percent in the Grosse Pointes, were appealed at five local review boards.

Board members were forced to put in 14-hour days to hear the appeals. One explanation for the heightened interest in the tax assessments is the fact that cities mailed out notices of assessment changes to each household, an exercise they don't go through unless they are planning to re-assess all property in the community.

1997

10 years ago this week

♦ **NEW COURT COMPUTER SYSTEM COMING TO POINTES:** Officials from Grosse Pointe Farms, Shores, Park and the City approved the purchase of a new computer system to handle data for each community's municipal court system.

The computer system will allow the four communities to share data and information on criminal records and court dates.

The Woods council opted out of the purchase because officials said their system is more sophisticated than other Pointe communities.

♦ **SCHOOL TECH PROGRAM UPGRADE NEARING COMPLETION:** A five-year, \$12 million project to equip the Grosse Pointe Public School System's classrooms with computers is nearing completion of its first phase: the elementary school level.

The program, funded by a voter-approved millage, is designed to equip every district school classroom with computers and network the entire district.

Each classroom will have five computers, a TV-VCR, a CD-ROM and printer. Teacher training will also be completed in the near future.

♦ **PARK CITY HALL EAR-MARKED FOR UPGRADE:** Improvements to Grosse Pointe Park's city hall will take the lion's share of the city's Community Development Block Grant funds for 1997.

The Park city council approved using \$82,480 of the grant's \$110,000 allocated to the city through the program for the project. The funds will be used to upgrade the facility's handicap access routes.

2002

5 years ago this week

♦ **HEAVY WINDS WREAK DAMAGE:** Sixty mph winds toppled the south wall under construction for a second-story addition at Young Clothes & Furniture and downed trees and utility poles throughout the Pointes.

The cinder block wall crashed through the roof of the business, which resulted in minor injuries to two customers. Police said the new construction was within code guidelines.

Winds left 3,500 homes in the Pointes and Harper Woods without power.

♦ **HUNT CLUB ARSON SUSPECT IN COURT:** Prosecutors in the Grosse Pointe Hunt Club arson case will have to prove the defendant intended to burn down the club's barn in 2001, not simply that his actions led to the fire.

The decision, made by Wayne County Circuit Court Judge Patricia Fessard, raises the burden of proof against Stephen Richard Fennell, the 23-year-old Grosse Pointe Woods landscape foreman charged in the fire.

Fennell has been charged with arson and 19 counts of willful and malicious destruction of an animal.

Wayne County prosecutors plan to appeal the ruling.

—By John Lundberg

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um. It is sponsored by the Friends of the Grosse Pointe Library and University of Michigan Department of English. The cost is \$10.

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Realtor: Where does the pop-up tax go?

By John Minnis
Editor

Home buyers know that when they purchase a house, their taxes will be much higher — perhaps double — what the seller is paying. Many people ask, "Where does the money go?"

That question is being asked and answered by Grosse Pointe Realtor Michael LeVan, government affairs chairman for the Grosse Pointe Board of Realtors and member of the Michigan Association of Realtors Public Policy Committee.

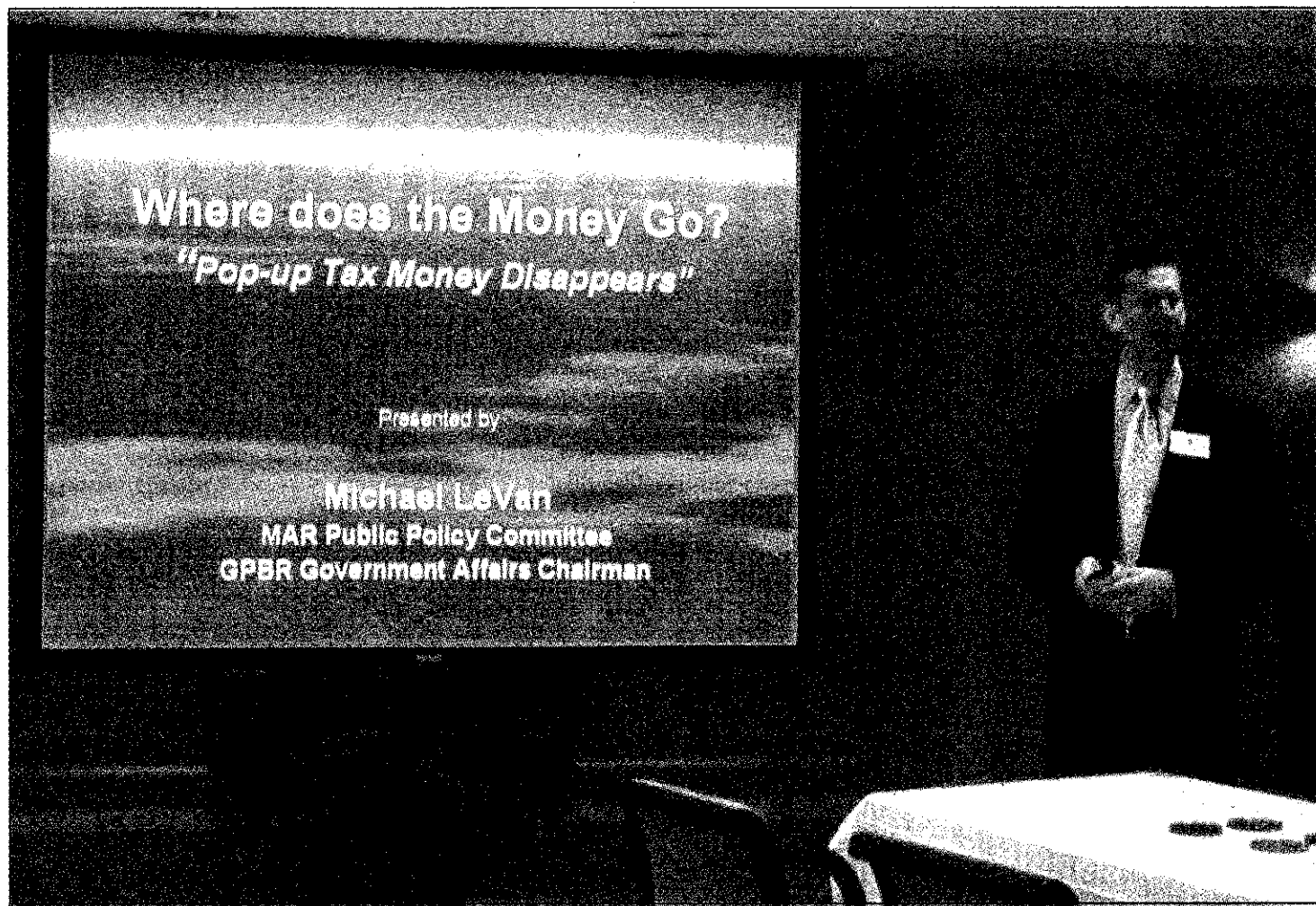
In a morning PowerPoint presentation last week hosted by the Grosse Pointe Chamber of Commerce in the Northern Trust building on the Hill in the Farms, LeVan told chamber members that the so-called pop-up tax paid by home purchasers goes to the state school fund and to the neighbors who decided to stay in their homes rather than move.

LeVan explained that the apparent inequity among residential taxpayers came about through the Headlee Amendment and its interaction with Proposal A, the latter a constitutional amendment approved by voters in 1994.

The Headlee Amendment limits a taxing body's maximum possible tax collections to the rate of inflation. Proposal A limits the increase of taxable values of properties not sold to the rate of inflation or 5 percent, whichever is less.

Since 1994, as long as residents remained in their homes, the rise in their taxable values has been limited to the inflation rate, which has been around 3 percent since Proposal A was adopted. Consequently, long-time homeowners enjoy a taxable value on their homes far lower than their assessed values, which should reflect 50 percent of market value.

However, when a buyer purchases a home, the taxable value is reset to equal the assessed value (50 percent of the purchase price). This results in a much higher tax bill for the new homeowner compared to the previous owner. In fact, the new homeowner pays much



Grosse Pointe Realtor Michael LeVan, government affairs chairman for the Grosse Pointe Board of Realtors and member of the Michigan Association of Realtors Public Policy Committee, discussed the so-called pop-up tax with members of the Grosse Pointe Chamber of Commerce last week at Northern Trust on the Hill in Grosse Pointe Farms.

higher property taxes than all of his neighbors who have been in their homes for some time.

LeVan, who purchased a home on Pemberton in the Park in 2000, uses his situation as an example. The previous owner paid \$5,302 in taxes. LeVan's tax bill went up to \$9,599 — a \$4,297, 81 percent increase.

The rub is that the city's overall income cannot rise more than the rate of inflation. To offset the increased taxes paid by recent home buyers, the city must roll back its tax rate. Since 2000 when LeVan purchased his home, the Park's tax rate has been reduced by almost a full millage point to offset rising taxable values due, in part, to homes being sold.

In 2005, the total taxable value in the Park rose 3.7 percent and tax collections were limited to a 2.3 percent increase.

More than half of the increased taxes was paid by 188 out of roughly 4,000 homeowners in the Park. While new homeowners saw tax hikes of perhaps 80 percent, as in LeVan's case five years earlier, existing homeowners saw their taxes rise by only 1 percent.

That is due to the Park having to reduce its millage rate to offset windfall gains due to rising taxable property values. The state schools millage rate, however, is not subject to Proposal A or the Headlee Amendment; so the school fund does enjoy increased tax revenue due to home sales.

This is why LeVan said, "Where does the pop-up tax go? It goes to schools and neighbors."

Why is the pop-up tax a problem? LeVan said it hurts first-time home buyers, existing homeowners who want to move up and empty-nesters who want a smaller home. He

said the pop-up tax also reduces a buyer's purchasing power.

He cited an example where a qualifier of a \$267,000 mortgage before the pop-up tax is considered would only qualify for a \$217,000 loan after the pop-up tax is taken into consideration. Consequently, the seller must be willing to take \$50,000 less or the buyer must look for less home.

Further, LeVan said, the pop-up tax destabilizes established communities, encourages urban sprawl to less-developed areas, unfairly shifts the tax burden to younger families, harms Michigan's economy and increases the foreclosure rate.

Home turnover has many benefits, LeVan said, including increased transfer taxes and transaction fees and more income for home-related businesses, such as movers, painters, remodelers, home

furnishers and landscapers.

LeVan said Michigan voters approved Proposal A in 1994 in order to save on property taxes, but that is no longer the case.

First, he reminded chamber members that the Michigan sales tax was increased 50 percent from 4 percent to 6 percent, which state consumers have been paying ever since. Second, he pointed out that the total property tax bill on a Pemberton home in 1995 was \$5,713. It dropped to \$3,713 in 1996 due to Proposal A. But in 2005, that home paid \$6,132 in property taxes, even though the home has not changed hands since Proposal A was adopted.

LeVan said there are several bills being discussed in Lansing to deal with the pop-up tax dilemma, including an 18-month moratorium on assessing the pop-up tax to homes purchased during that

time. State Rep. Ed Gaffney, R-Grosse Pointe Farms, proposes no pop-up taxes for moves within the Pointes or for senior citizens. Another bill proposes phasing out Proposal A's taxable value limits over three years.

However, the moratorium is only a temporary measure, LeVan said, and Gaffney's bill does not encourage movement into the Pointes. The rapid increase in taxes due to a phase out of taxable value cap would not be politically appealing to lawmakers.

LeVan and the state Realtors association are proposing averaging the pop-up taxes incurred by all home purchasers in order to soften the blow to individual home buyers.

In effect, the Realtors' plan would take the taxable value of all homes sold within a year and divide it by the assessed value of all the homes sold to come up with a community ratio. In the Park in 2006, such a ratio would have been 70.87 percent, according to LeVan's numbers. That ratio would then be multiplied toward new homeowners' assessed values to determine their new taxable values. From that point on, their taxable values would be limited under Proposal A to the rate of inflation or 5 percent, whichever is less.

A provision would need to be made to accommodate the state school fund, LeVan said, which would no longer receive increased revenue due to the pop-up tax.

Former state Rep. Andrew Richner, R-Grosse Pointe Park, who attended LeVan's presentation, was pessimistic toward the likelihood of Lansing doing anything to reduce the negative impact of Proposal A's pop-up tax.

"It would most likely take a constitutional amendment," he said, adding that it would have to be a referendum initiated by the people.

LeVan also acknowledged the difficulty of convincing lawmakers that something must be done.

"This isn't something you can explain in a 30-second commercial," he said. "This is a complicated problem."

GROSSE POINTE SHORES

Harbor renovation approved by DEQ

By John Lundberg
Staff Writer

The harbor at Osius Park in Grosse Pointe Shores should be made shipshape by the spring of 2008 now that the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality has approved the harbor renovation application.

Last week's approval from the DEQ was the last obstacle Shores officials needed to clear before proceeding with the \$3.1 million renovation, said Karl Kratz, village trustee and liaison to the parks and harbor committee.

"I believe the greatest reason that this application went through is the 'open door' (philosophy) we had with the committee meetings," Kratz said. "We considered all ideas."

"This (plan) represents two to three years of conversations so it was no surprise what we put on paper."

Kratz added that more information regarding the renovation will be forthcoming in the near future.

Last December, the Shores received the tentative approval from the Army Corps of Engineers to proceed with the project. Mike Kenyon, village manager, said that the Army Corps wants assurances that the project will not impact the accretion area north of the harbor.

"It won't affect the area one way or the other," he said.

Regulators are charged with ensuring proposed construction won't harm the environment or contribute to problems that may already exist in the area.

Last month, the DEQ held a

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Village Trustee Karl Kratz

public hearing regarding the project. The agency heard both objections to the proposal and from those who voiced their support.

One of the chief concerns was that the renovation was not doing enough to stunt the accretion area north of the harbor. The present plan calls for two 36-inch wide flow-throughs to allow currents and sediment to pass through the northern breakwall into the inner harbor.

Accretion is the buildup of sediment and other organic matter. It is also the home to an invasive species of dense bamboo-like grass known as phragmites.

The accretion problem has been sourced by residents to the decision of Grosse Pointe Shores to transform its harbor structure to a closed harbor in the late 1960s. The modification disrupted the natural shoreline currents, which resulted in the buildup, they say.

Jeremy Richardson, district representative for the Land and Water Management Division for the DEQ, was unavailable to confirm whether residents opposing the renovation could appeal the agency's decision. But according to DEQ literature made available at the public hearing, the agency does have an appeals process for the permitting deci-

sion.

John Booth of the Neighbors Concerned about the Lake Front organization, could not be reached by press time about whether his group plans an appeal. Booth was one of several residents who raised objections over the harbor renovation at the public hearing.

Kratz said the next step is to finalize the dimensions of the renovation and to prepare a revenue bond to fund the pro-

ject. Kratz hopes the bond issue will be ready to be presented by July and, if that occurs, construction will begin at the conclusion of this year's boating season.

"We're looking to be ready by next April," he said. We're very pleased and very appreciative (of the DEQ's) approval."

Jim Cooke, Shores park and recreation director, said that some well sizes will be altered to accommodate larger vessels. He added that the Shores is "leaning" toward replacing the existing docks in the outer harbor with floating docks.

Under the plan, the number of wells, now a total of 205, will likely decrease to 177, but Cooke said that will not have a negative affect on the harbor.

"The (outer harbor) will be completely reconfigured," Cooke said. "The footprint will remain the same."

"Our main focus is on the further east harbor. We will (create) new docks with a new alignment."

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POINTER OF INTEREST

When **Catherine Guinn** retired from her job as an art instructor she wanted to give back to the community. Not wanting to reinvent herself, Guinn found a children's art therapy program to use her honed skills.

Exploring emotions through art

By John Lundberg
Staff Writer

The year was 2003 and Catherine Guinn was looking for a new challenge. She had just retired from her teaching position at Academy of Sacred Heart High School in Bloomfield Hills where she was an art instructor. Now she was looking to give back to the art community.

After exploring a couple volunteering opportunities, she discovered a recently launched program teaching art to Detroit children through the Children and Youth program at the Rosa Parks Children's Art Studio and Library, which is part of the Capuchin Soup Kitchen network. She hasn't looked back. "The Capuchin monks' phi-

losophy is to provide enhancement to the community (it serves)," Guinn said. "This after school program, called Mayor's Time, is an attempt to reduce the number of problems for children between the end of school and the evening."

Guinn, of the City of Grosse Pointe, assists with teaching art therapy, the brainchild of Nancyann Turner, an Adrian

Dominican sister, registered art therapist and certified teacher. Turner's mission was to give students an outlook within themselves in a constructive and creative way through social activities and art expression.

"This program was just a good fit for me," Guinn said. "I love to get my hands into the soup. Teaching gets you involved with every aspect of art."

The art therapy class Guinn assists is not of the traditional sort. Where one dynamic of art therapy is diagnostic, this program is designed to help children explore their emotions through their art. It also helps participants enhance their communication skills, improve self knowledge, own and possess their feelings and increase self-confidence.

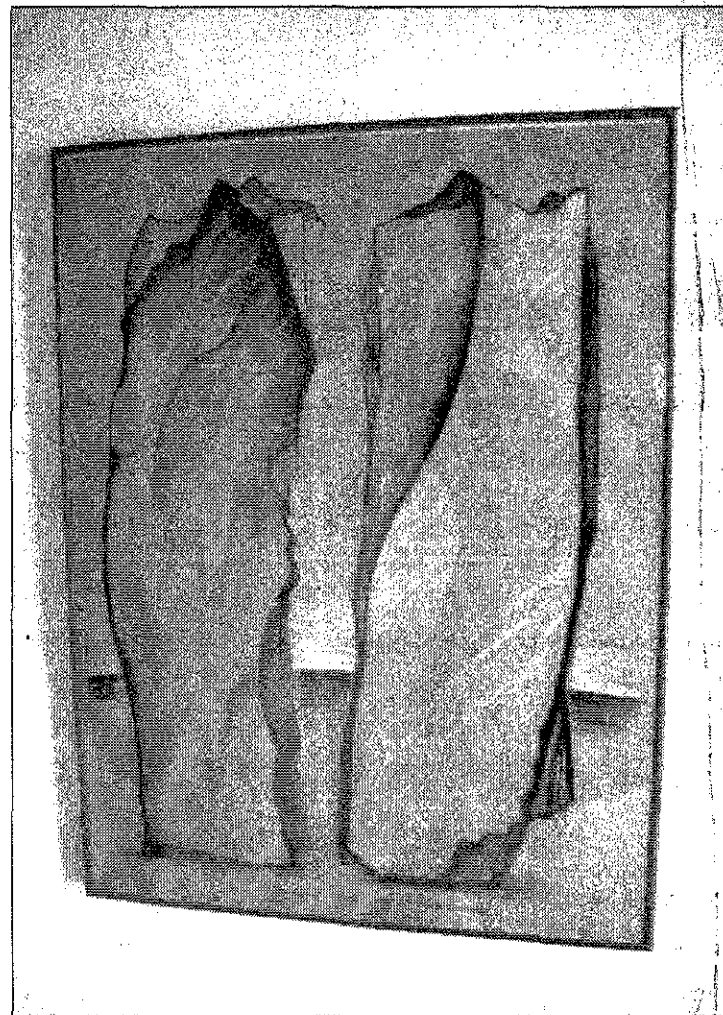
"This program is designed for (participants) to work with colors and (exploring) what (those colors) mean to the children," Guinn said.

The facility was dedicated in 1999. It includes a studio/work area, a library resource center and a large exhibit area to showcase the creative works of the participants.

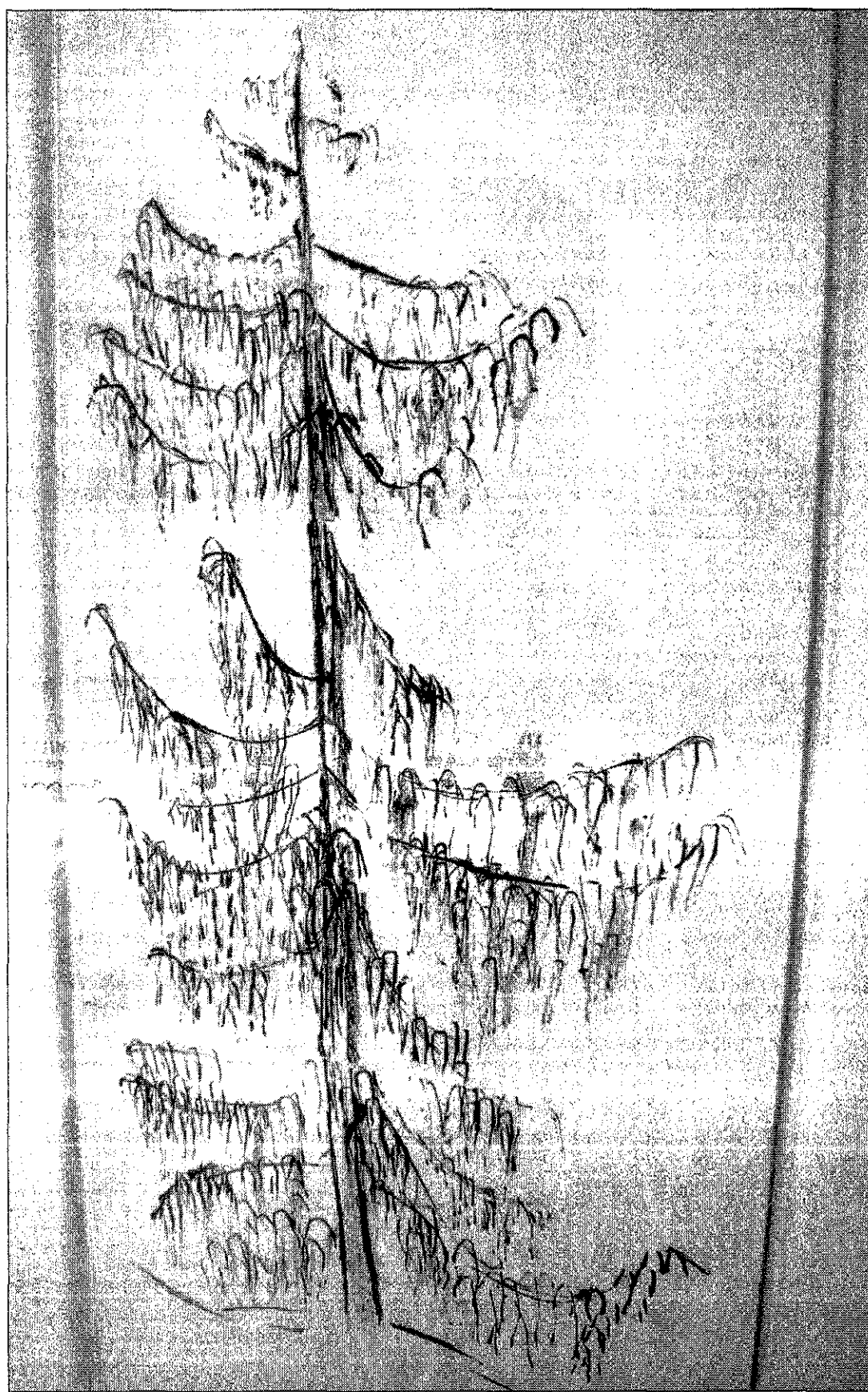
"Some of these children get so excited when they are allowed to take books home with them," Guinn said. "As a volunteer, I do not tell them what to do. My job is to help them, talk to them."

In addition to the creative classes and library, the facility offers a year-round menu of activities, including:

- ◆ A Peace Education program to strengthen children's skills in handling conflicts.
- ◆ A garden club offered from April through October where children plant, weed, water and harvest vegetables and flowers.
- ◆ Weekly music sessions during the summer that help children appreciate the music of their culture and prepare them to sing for special occasions.
- ◆ A summer camp where children engage in prayer, mu-



A painting of a slate rock formation.



An Alaskan cedar tree which hangs in Catherine Guinn's home.

PHOTOS BY JOHN LUNDBERG

sic, art, dance and exercise, martial arts, conflict resolution, poetry and gardening.

"Sister Nancyann deserves all the credit by setting this program up," Guinn said. "She fosters an atmosphere of trust and assumes the volunteers are capable of working with each situation as it comes up."

"The kids feel that it is a safe place for them to go. They love the (art) room and it is a pleasant, safe atmosphere."

Guinn is an artist in her own right. Her home is decorated with several of her pieces. She and her husband, John, will celebrate their 36th wedding anniversary and both come from backgrounds dedicated to the arts.

"John has always been very supportive of me and my work," Guinn said. "We have found ways (when juggling schedules) to make the best

use of time."

Besides her stint at Sacred Heart, Guinn spent 10 years teaching studio art and art history at Marygrove College. She was also the director of the Mount Clemens Art Center for three years — a job that introduced her to another element of the field.

"I learned a lot about fundraising, programming and giving lectures to community groups," she said.

But it is the hands-on experience at the center that Guinn thrives on. It is an extension of what she had done for decades in the teaching profession.

"Sister Nancyann and the volunteers are very realistic of what is going on in these children's lives," Guinn said. "It is an interesting group of volunteers. They all come with diverse backgrounds."

"The mood is very upbeat."

Michiganders are asked to 'show your heart'

An organ donor campaign launched by the state of Michigan is asking residents to "show your heart" by adding their names to the donor registry.

To recognize the resident's wishes, a heart shaped sticker will be placed on the front of the potential donor's driver license or state ID card to alert law enforcement, emer-

gency responders and hospital personnel of the choice. No further consent is required once a person is enrolled on the registry, according to state law.

The Michigan Organ Donor Registry is a confidential database of residents wishing to be organ donors and is maintained by the Department of State. Residents can register

online at Michigan.gov/sos or any Secretary of State branch office.

Residents who have previously enrolled in the donor program are asked to re-enroll to ensure their donor registration is current and that they receive the heart sticker. The campaign was launched at the urging of Gift of Life.

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Area police take the plunge for their ‘heroes’

By John Lundberg
Staff Writer

It only took a short conversation and Lt. Rob Hunter was hooked.

During a snowshoe race at the Special Olympics Winter Games in 2005, he witnessed one teenage competitor stumble and fall in the middle of the race. But instead of packing it in, the athlete got up and, with new vigor, came from behind and won the race.

Following the contest, Hunter, a lieutenant with the Harper Woods police department, approached the youth and asked him where he found the extra lift to break the tape.

The youth began crying.

After the teenager regained his composure, he explained himself. It turned out that his pen pal, a U.S. soldier in Iraq, had recently been killed in combat. The teenager heard about the death only a week before the games.

He told Hunter that when he stumbled and fell, he looked up and saw his pen pal in full uniform standing at the finish line urging him to get up and finish.

"It's a story that will always leave a lump in my throat," Hunter said. "These are God's children. You can't imagine what it's like when something like that happens.

"They're our heroes."

To that end, the Fraternal Order of Police Lodge 102, a non-profit organization that represents some 200 public safety officers from the Grosse Pointes and Harper Woods, took the plunge at the Special Olympics Law Enforcement Torch Run "Polar Plunge" event at the Detroit Rowing Club on Belle Isle March 10. Personnel from the order gladly jumped into the frigid waters of the Detroit River. All dona-



Grosse Pointe Woods resident Daniel Paterek, above, took a plunge into the icy Detroit River at the Detroit Rowing Club on Belle Isle March 10 to raise funds and awareness for Special Olympics Michigan at the annual Law Enforcement Torch Run. This is Paterek before the plunge.



This is Paterek after the plunge.

sergeant, took the lead recruiting members from the lodge for the event.

Their regular involvement with the Special Olympics Michigan serves as a "humbling" inspiration.

"These (Olympians) are better athletes than most of us," Pullen said. "I once played in goal once at a soccer event and I was afraid.

"These are athletes!"

Lodge 102 is the only order in Michigan to work at the Olympic Winter Games. This year's games, held Jan. 30 to Feb. 2, were a huge success.

Law enforcement from all over the state regularly volunteer, but because the Special Olympics Michigan host events year-round, the volunteers are spread a little thin.

"There is so much happening behind the scenes (at the games)" Hunter said. "Events like these help people see that we're (police officers) are not robots."

The lodge is currently seeking approval for a "Revenge Dunk Tank" for officers to be dunked at the annual fireworks display at Parcels Middle School this summer. Events like this invite residents to get to know officers in a more informal way.

"The big thing about (these events) is having fun," Pullen said. "This is not about us. We are completely humbled by the athletes."

Speaking of fun, one of the most popular attractions at the events is when lodge members get in front of the thousands of fans and dance to the Village People's "YMCA." Pullen said they have held up the event's schedule to fit in the dance.

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Democratic Club elects board

The Grosse Pointe Democratic Club elected its new executive board of directors at its February general membership meeting. Serving on the Board for 2007, from left, are Larry MacDonald; Frank Romano; Carol Romano; Joe Forcillo; Harry Kalogerakos, past president; Gary Bresnehan, president; Laurie Arora, vice president; County Commissioner Tim Killeen; Doug Barnes; C.J. Harrison; Maryann McGuire; and Tim Guthat. Not pictured are Carol Bendure, Dellashon Di Cresce, Ann Eatherly, David Greenspan, Paula Guthat, Shikha Hamilton, Matt Millikin, Blair Moody, Brian Moody, Hugh Moore, Dick Olson and Pat Verb.

G.P. WOODS

Planners: Council approves sewer grant

Size matters

By Bob St. John
Staff Writer

Cohesiveness is the theme. Grosse Pointe Woods planning commission members and building department officials are aiming for when making zoning ordinance changes.

The idea is keeping accessory buildings, including garages and sheds, consistent with lot size. Other examples of accessory buildings are carports, gazebos, pool houses and storage buildings.

"We're making sure accessory buildings have requirements in relation to lot sizes throughout the neighborhoods in Grosse Pointe Woods," said City Attorney Chip Berschback. "We don't want to see someone build an enormous garage on a small lot, which is an example of what this ordinance change would eliminate."

"If a resident has a large lot, then the size of an accessory building can be larger."

These requirements were given an initial reading during the March 5 city council meeting. The final reading and possible approval is set for April 2.

"The idea of changes to the zoning ordinances will make things more cohesive concerning any new construction," said Planning Commission member John Vitale.

Some general requirements the zoning ordinance will designate are:

- ◆ No accessory building shall be located in whole or in part on or over an easement for utilities, drainage, access, communications, or related purposes.

- ◆ No accessory building shall be permitted unless the principal building has been previously erected or is being erected simultaneously.

- ◆ When erected as an integral part of the permitted principal building, a structure shall comply in all respects with the requirements of this ordinance applicable to the permitted principal building.

- ◆ The architectural character, design and the construction materials of all accessory buildings shall be compatible with the architectural character of the principal building.

- ◆ In the residentially zoned districts, accessory buildings are only permitted in rear yards.

- ◆ Accessory buildings shall not be used for temporary or permanent dwelling, lodging or sleeping.

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The state of Michigan has a grant program for communities that are assertive in maintaining their sanitary sewer systems.

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can borrow money from the state to repair the lines at interest rates less than 2 percent.

Last fall, the Grosse Pointe Farms city council and Grosse Pointe Shores board of trustees approved taking advantage of the grant to begin inspecting and cleaning its system. The City of Grosse Pointe followed suit at its Feb. 26 council meeting.

The council approved \$733,545 in engineering fees to

televisé and clean its sanitary lines. A camera is inserted into the line that provides images of its condition. Of that, the city is responsible for \$73,445 of the costs. Billing is handled by invoicing the state as work continues.

Funds are only available to service sanitary sewer lines. Several years ago, Pointe communities separated its sewer system into sanitary and storm water lines.

—By John Lundberg

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Logan to address Republican club

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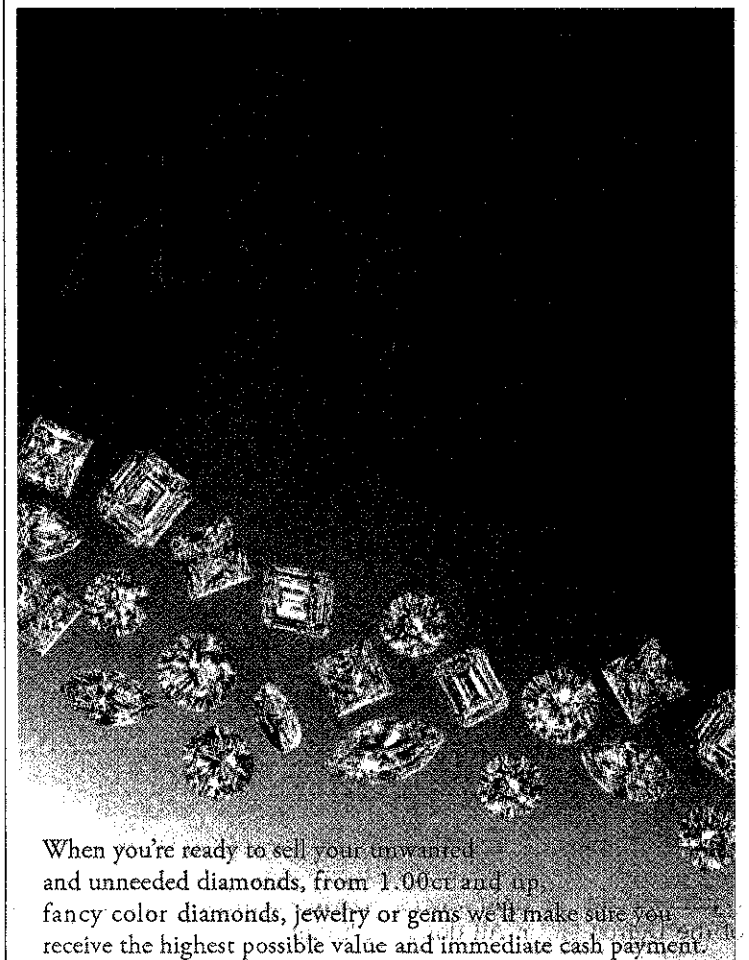
Logan will discuss what's happening in Detroit, the outlook for the city, and offer his perspective on the Republican Party. Following his presentation, Logan will answer questions from the audience. Admission is free and the public is welcome.

"Sam Logan tells it as it is, straight to the point," said republican club vice chairman

Thomas R. McCleary, Jr.

Logan's business interests include an ownership interest in the publishing company that produces Michigan FrontPage, Chicago Defender, New Pittsburgh Courier, Memphis Tri-State Defender and the Michigan Chronicle.

He is a graduate of the University of Detroit, a lifetime member of the NAACP, and a member of the Detroit Urban League. He serves on the boards of the Michigan Historical Commission, New Detroit, Detroit Historical Society, and the Detroit Chamber of Commerce.

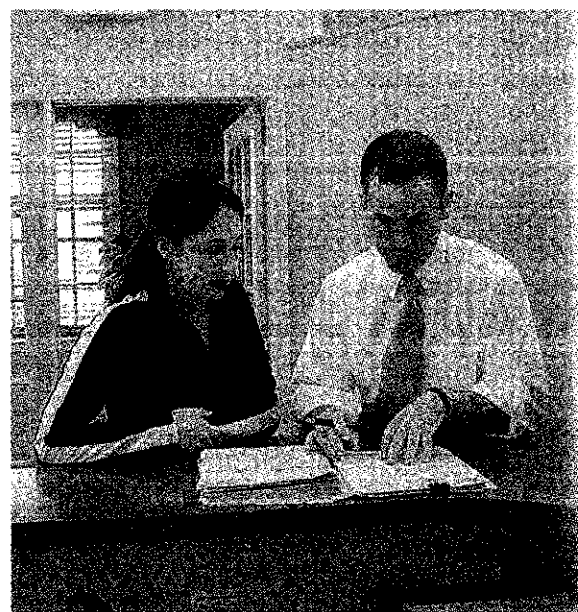


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EDITORIAL

An inconvenient truth of our own

All Grosse Pointe homeowners — and those statewide — should have an opportunity to see Realtor Michael LeVan's Powerpoint presentation, "Where Does the Money Go? 'Pop-up Tax Money Disappears.'"

We doubt Mr. LeVan will get the attention or win an Emmy as did Al Gore for his Powerpoint documentary, "An Inconvenient Truth"; however, the truth about Michigan's pop-up tax and dismal real estate market is not only inconvenient, it is reality.

Mr. LeVan, government affairs chairman for the Grosse Pointe Board of Realtors and member of the Michigan Association of Realtors Public Policy Committee, explains in visuals the Headlee Amendment and Proposal A. He shows what the two constitutional amendments have wrought since 1994 when the latter was approved by voters.

Most revealing, though not surprising, Mr. LeVan proves that despite the fact that voters approved a 50 percent sales tax hike a dozen years ago in order to save on property taxes, we are actually paying more taxes today. So much for the idea of saving property owners money.

He also documents, using his own situation as an example, how he wound up paying 81 percent more in taxes when he bought his house on Pemberton in 2000 than the previous owner.

Mr. LeVan also dispels the myth that the pop-up tax money is somehow "disappearing," conjuring conspiracy theories about how cities are somehow gaining windfall tax gains. In fact, the only ones to gain from the pop-up tax are the schools and your neighbors.

When Proposal A was adopted, school districts could no longer seek local millages just to support their schools. Rather, school districts statewide could assess a 6-mill school tax. (The Grosse Pointe and other so-called wealthy districts are allowed to assess a "gap" millage, but that is limited to so many dollars per pupil.)

However, while city, county and other property taxes are subject to the Headlee Amendment and must be rolled back so they do not increase faster than inflation, the 6-mill school levy is not reduced. Hence, if taxable values increase faster than inflation due to houses being sold, then the state school fund benefits. However, as everybody knows, homes have not been selling in the state, and the school fund has had little from which to benefit; thus, we face a crunch in school and state funding as well.

The pop-up tax is onerous. It seriously handicaps a seller's ability to market his home. In Mr. LeVan's example, he paid more than \$4,000 a year in taxes than did the seller. That adds nearly \$350 a month to the buyer's house payment if taxes are lumped in with the mortgage and insurance.

Stated another way, Mr. LeVan points out that the pop-up tax can mean a \$50,000 difference in a purchaser's buying power. Without the pop-up tax, a buyer may be able to afford a \$267,000 home in one of Mr. LeVan's examples, but after the increase in taxes is considered, the buyer can only afford a \$217,000 home.

Who is going to absorb the \$50,000? Sellers find themselves owning homes worth less than what is owed, and foreclosures are skyrocketing. Potential sellers and buyers decide to stay put. Why pay exorbitantly more in taxes and get less house than you need or desire?

Probably the worst thing about the pop-up tax is that it is grossly unfair. In Mr. LeVan's case — and he is not alone — he is paying much more in taxes than his neighbor and receiving the same level of services.

True, a Lakeshore property owner has always paid far more for city services than a Muir Road homeowner. However, prior to Proposal A, taxable values were based on 50 percent of market value, and everyone was treated the same. The 50 percent taxable value was more fair in that you most likely paid about the same taxes as your neighbor, unless your home was unusual for the neighborhood.

Under Proposal A, what is important is not what you paid for your home, but when you bought your home. If you bought it 10 or more years ago, you are enjoying a great tax benefit thanks to your neighbors who moved into the neighborhood more recently.

It is a wonder no one, at least to our knowledge, has challenged Proposal A in court. Perhaps such a challenge would be too costly.

But as former state Rep. Andrew Richner said, it is unlikely anything will be done in Lansing. It will take either a court challenge or citizen referendum to fix the inequities of the pop-up tax. We put our bet on the latter.

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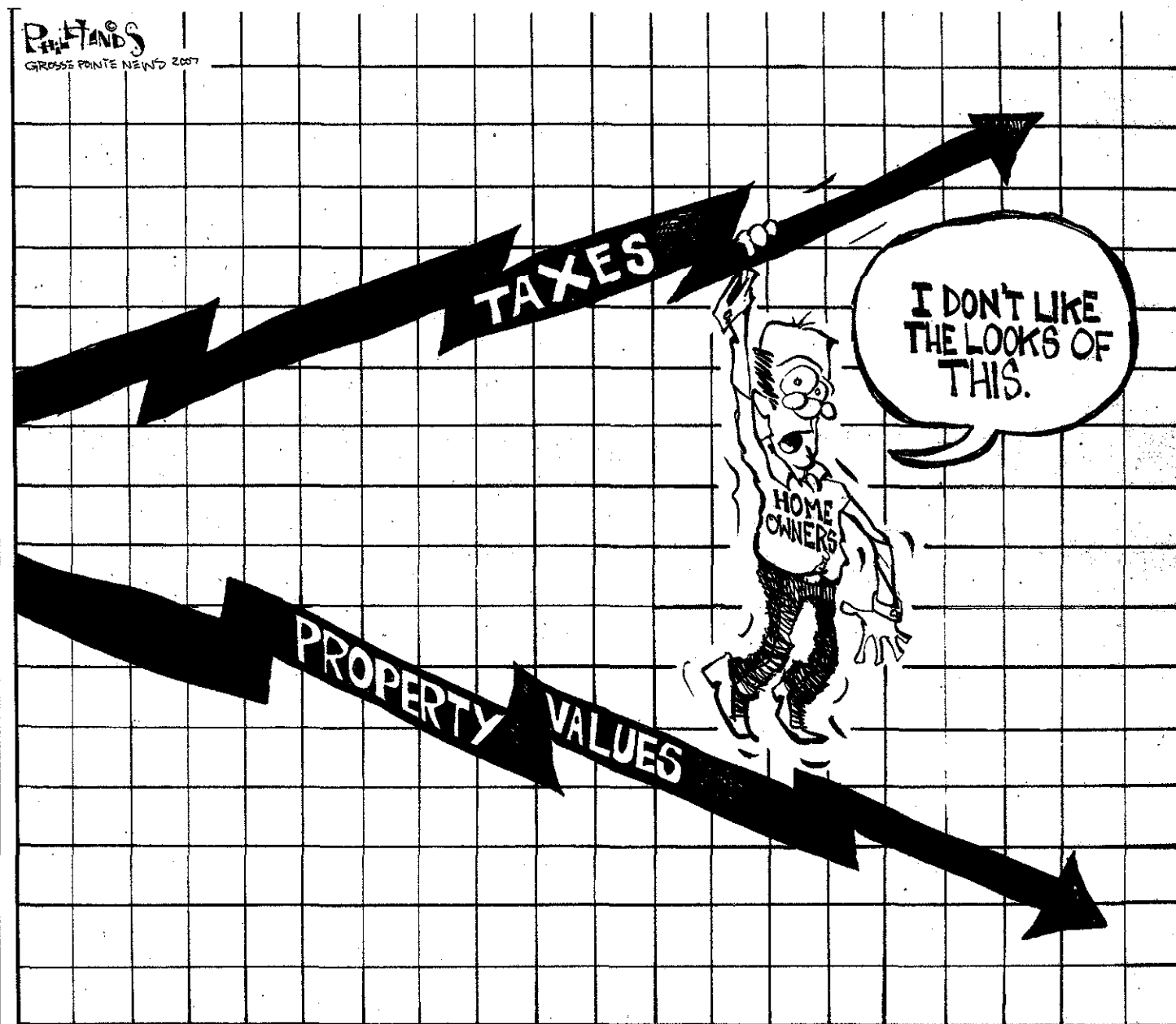
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Appointed library board

To the Editor:

Several years ago, the Grosse Pointe Board of Education decided that the offices at 389 St. Clair were not acceptable, that they would use our main library for their offices. They wanted to build a new library on Brownell Middle School's playground, one of the most active summer playgrounds in the Pointes.

The board hired an Ann Arbor architect, paid thousands of dollars for plans, a model, and staked out the building. It was a "done deal" — they thought.

I wrote the following:

Sons,
I wish my boys were home again,
To run and romp and play,
On Brownell's playground,
As others do today,
But others may not play there long,
The school board has a plan,
To build a box and parking lot,
On that land,
And fill the box with people,

Whom to the children read,
Of happy carefree children,
Who run and play indeed.
Dad.

The letter was never sent.

The Little League moms and dads, and most people who had driven past Brownell's playground in the summer, when children were elbow-to-elbow, enjoying their childhood, raised such a "clamor," the school board flushed their plans down the sewer.

Today the school board has adequate offices at 389 St. Clair.

Now we have an appointed Grosse Pointe Public Library Board of Trustees as steward of our three public libraries. One would think that this stewardship would lead the parade in having our main library designated as a historic building. Instead they are leading the parade to destroy it.

This appointed board has recently spent multi-millions of dollars on the Woods and Park libraries. Yet your existing main library is aesthetically light-years ahead in design.

That's because it was designed

by world class architect Marcel Breuer.

We have plenty of libraries in the Grosse Pointes. Every one of our 14 schools has a library and a librarian, plus three public libraries. Our students and public are well served.

It's time to designate our main library as a historic building. It's time we elected a library board to handle our tax dollars.

S.E. GIRARDIN
Grosse Pointe Farms

Coyotes in Grosse Pointe

To the Editor:

While the idea of sharing our "space" with nature has been romanticized in recent letters, "Let's not get too trigger happy," March 1 Grosse Pointe News; "G.P. Farms coyotes," "Coyote sighted at Bird Walk," March 8 Grosse Pointe News, here are the facts about coyotes presented on a University of Michigan Web site, animal-diversity.ummz.umich.edu/site/accounts/information/Canis_la.html:

"Coyotes are versatile in their eating habits. They are carnivorous; 90 percent of their diet is mammalian.

"They eat primarily small mammals, such as eastern cottontail rabbits, 13-lined ground squirrels, and white-footed mice. They occasionally eat birds, snakes, large insects and other large invertebrates. They prefer fresh meat, but they consume large amounts of carrion.

"Part of what makes coyotes

so successful at living in so many different places is the fact that they will eat almost anything, including human trash and household pets in suburban areas. They also serve as hosts for a number of diseases including rabies."

The author notes that coyotes use teamwork to kill deer, can run up to 40 mph, hunt an average distance of two and one-half miles per night, and live up to 10 years in the wild.

Cohabiting with coyotes is a disaster waiting to happen — especially in light of the fact that one was sighted near Grosse Pointe Woods Lakefront Park. A park enjoyed by the youth of our city.

Much as we would like to harmonize with "nature," that sentiment is not necessarily shared by the coyotes, who "prefer fresh meat."

Urbanites, especially children, are clearly not prepared for a close encounter.

ANGIE RACZKIEWICZ
Grosse Pointe Woods

Child ID at AAA

Child I.D. fingerprinting will take place from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m., Tuesday, March 27, at the AAA Michigan offices, 19299 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods.

Parents who bring their children to the event will receive a 5-by-7 card with their child's fingerprints and personal information that can be used by law enforcement agencies.

For more information, call (313) 343-6000.

OFFERING FROM THE LOFT

Sniffin' cousins enjoy a visit

They are cousins through ownership. One is an 85-pound, overstuffed bear.

The AKC calls her a purebred Bernese mountain dog. I call her many things, depending on my mood and her actions. Her given name is Ella. Her cousin is a mere 65-pound yellow Lab named Georgie.

The irony of this story is that we do not own a dog of our own. We have had dogs all our lives, and with the death of our last one, we decided not to be owned by an animal again. We became too emotionally involved and also wanted to travel without guilt.

Fate changed all that. Having raised our four children with animals, they each share our love of them and consequently have dogs and cats of their own. Gradually, and not too subtly, we have found ourselves dog sitting our grand-dogs with regularity. The dogs

love it here because they can do almost anything without being reined-in. In the summer, on the day before the pool is cleaned, they are allowed to swim. They are permitted to lounge on one loveseat, covered with a sheet, in the kitchen. From this perch, they can survey the family activities.

Georgie stays downstairs in my son's house. She shares our large bed when she stays over. Early in our relationship, I discovered she didn't disturb me in the middle of the night to go outside if she was on the bed. She's happy curled up at the end of the mattress and we get a good night's sleep.

Georgie's owner has been traveling a great deal lately, and she spends an average of four nights a week with us. We love her, and our son has made arrangements with a friend to take her on daily outings. It works well.

Last weekend, Ella's family came for the weekend, and the

reunion for the dog cousins was as happy an event as are family hugs. The girls sniffed and pounced and played together with great glee.

AND THEN CAME THE THAW.

Ella's parents took the girls for a walk on Saturday, and when they returned, they called from the doorway for as many towels as we could spare. Our furry relatives had frolicked in every puddle and had been thrilled to discover grass again, such wonderful gooey grass in which to leave their souvenirs. After enjoying hearty rubdowns, both girls nibbled on a treat and took very long naps.

During the three-day visit, I often felt like the Pied Piper. My four-legged friends followed me everywhere, including the bathroom. The larger, but younger dog looked like a teenager with a crush as she followed her older cousin and made attempts to beguile her.

She would play the "ha ha I got your toy, bone, etc., game," and Georgie would ignore her. As a last resort, Ella would sit down in front of Georgie and start barking until she tired of her own voice.

To gain our attention, Georgie would look at us with those liquid brown eyes and begin speaking in low guttural sounds until we rubbed her ears or the tummy she offered by collapsing on the floor, throwing her head back and moaning. Ella just cocked her pretty head as if to say, "Aren't I cute!" and then begin to bark until we could no longer ignore her.

On Sunday, it was time for Ella and her family to return to Chicago, and Georgie would stay another 24 hours with us. I could almost swear when Ella went out the door, Georgie said, "It was good to see ya, but I'm four years older than you, and I'm pooped, literally. 'Til next time..."

I SAY By Brad Lindberg

'Rite' is a welcome sign of spring



You'd need to have independent control of each toe to tap out the time signatures of Igor Stravinsky's "The Rite of Spring."

From the solo bassoon's opening phrase to the end of the 35-minute work, a series of intense and juxtaposed musical lines battle for chaotic control among and against every section of the orchestra.

And what an orchestra it is. Scoring features four tubas, five trumpets, five kettledrums and a bass drum. Bringing the concentrated energy of "Rite" to the concert hall requires twice as many oboes and bas-

oons (four each) and four times the horns (eight) of Beethoven's weighty Symphony No. 5.

"Rite" is a seminal work after which classical music was never the same.

Pierre Monteux conducted the premier in Paris in 1913. The audience, accustomed to conventional motifs and orchestrations of the Romantic age, sat silently for a couple of minutes. Then they rioted, resentful of their blind-sided conscription into a new world of crude rhythms and dissonant tonalities that would characterize modern music to come.

A woman reportedly stood from her seat and screamed. Gendarmes were called to keep the peace. Stravinsky snuck out a window backstage while Monteux finished the performance.

Classical music is like the external mechanisms of a

steam locomotive. Its side rods and wheels — the string players' bows, trumpeters' fingers, trombonists' slides and percussionists' sticks and cymbals — chug and flail and glide and sway. Classical music is fun to watch performed because melodies, treatments and rhythms can be seen rippling like muscles through the orchestral animal. A wave of action corresponds to a tune's rise from the growling lower register of the bass to highest peep of the piccolo.

In the rousing first movement of Beethoven's 5th, the theme is manhandled in a tug-of-war for dominance between instruments of the higher and lower registers.

The tussle is best described, of all places, in a comedy skit by P.D.Q. Bach. Two play-by-play commentators follow the theme as though the symphony were a sporting event.

P.D.Q. Bach, "the last and by

far the least child of Johann Sebastian Bach," was resurrected from anonymity by Peter Schickele in the fictitious role as a professor of music at the University of Southern North Dakota at Hoople. The Beethoven pastiche, titled "New Horizons in Music Appreciation," appears on "P.D.Q. Bach on the Air," a Vanguard recording.

"Rite" is a work to be seen. String players literally put their shoulders into slashing their bows back and forth to violent off-beat accents representing primitive stompings of a pagan ritual.

For all the newness of its percussive style, "The Rite of Spring" is another in a long line of program music, written to evoke or portray a mood or scene. In this case, that ranges from fertility rites to a sacrifice.

The work was written as a ballet score. The more commonly heard orchestral revi-

sion, prompted by Monteux, was performed this month by a vibrant Toledo Symphony Orchestra. "Rite" capped a juicy bill with two other program compositions: Bedrich Smetana's "The Moldau" and Frederick Chopin's Piano Concerto No. 2.

Chopin wrote the concerto as a teenager. The poetic slow movement represents his unrequited love for a female singer.

"The Moldau," a nationalistic tone poem by the father of Czech music, portrays the river Moldau. Water flows with increasing majesty from rippling beginnings in a Bohemian forest. The pace quickens and grows luscious as water passes through the folksy countryside into a broad expanse. The modest introductory melody, murmured by two unaccompanied flutes, expands into a noble theme which crests through the

whole orchestra before drifting away with the current.

Stravinsky himself conducted "Rite" in a top-notch recording with the Columbia Symphony Orchestra on CBS. At worst, that version is tied for first place with a rousing rendition by Ricardo Muti and the Philadelphia Orchestra on EMI.

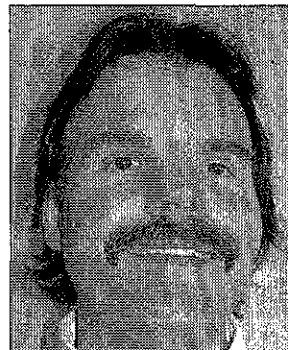
Chopin's concerto is a frilly piece. It also has the blatantly back-and-forth exchange between soloist and orchestra that characterize lesser concertos. But the melody of the second movement makes up for everything. Numerous recordings exist. One by Krystian Zimerman on Deutsche Grammophon is rated highly.

A well regarded live performance of "The Moldau" was made in 1990 by Rafael Kubelik and the Czech Philharmonic on the Supraphon label.

STREETWISE By Renee Landuyt

Do you celebrate St. Patrick's Day? If so, how?

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



'No, I don't celebrate, but occasionally I eat corned beef and cabbage.'

DAVID HUGHES
Grosse Pointe Woods



'No, not really but at school we wear something green.'

ARIANNA JAN
Grosse Pointe Farms



'Not really but I will wear green that day.'

LIZ SIMPSON
Roseville



'I always make corned beef and cabbage.'

LYNN PEABODY
Grosse Pointe Woods



'Sure do. I wear green, drink green beer, eat corned beef and cabbage and go to an Irish pub.'

AL VARGA
City of Grosse Pointe



'I eat corned beef and cabbage and celebrate at the Full Kilt Irish Pub in Mount Clemens.'

JOHN FRABBOTTA
City of Grosse Pointe

FYI By Ben Burns

Good things come in 3's for Junior Miss



By age 3, Lauren Schultes had taught herself to read and write; so when she visited the Grosse Pointe Memorial Church nursery and saw her sister, Kristen, singing, she tried to out-sing all the other kids. "I wanted to be louder because I could read the words," she said.

While Lauren always loved singing, she got serious about her voice when her Ann Arbor teacher, Jennifer Larson, inspired her and showed her how to develop her sound.

Two weeks ago in the frozen north of Alpena on the shores of Thunder Bay, Schultes, daughter of John and Karen Schultes of the Park, sang "Varmina" by Lane Wilson in the talent part of the 49th annual Michigan Junior Miss contest in Alpena, where she bested a dozen finalists from Holland to Prudenville to win the title.

She then jetted off to North Carolina to compete for an exclusive \$160,000 scholarship at the University of North Carolina. She was one of four students in the nation to win the award. Her mom pointed out that winning that scholarship was better than winning the Michigan lottery since the money is tax free.

Lauren, 17, who had already been accepted to the vocal music program at the University of Michigan, is a fairly typical example of our top Grosse Pointe high school seniors. Her resume already fills two pages single-spaced. It is packed with scholastic and music honors; extra-curricular activities, such as plays, choirs, language clubs and talent shows; and community service.

She played JV tennis, sails

and spent last summer and fall performing biweekly half-hour solo concerts for seniors in the Pointes and volunteering at the Capuchin Soup Kitchen when she wasn't taking lessons.

At the same time, she has studied voice, classical piano, ballet, tap and dance and, in her spare time, worked as a receptionist/administrative assistant in her father's Detroit law office and as a babysitter for former state representative and current U-M Regent Andrew Richner.

Lauren, quite obviously, is already a winner no matter how the National Junior Miss contest in Mobile, Ala., in June turns out. After North Carolina, Lauren hopes to go on to graduate school and to sing in Europe and eventually develop into an opera singer.

When Lauren was reached at her cell phone number last Sunday, her mother Karen answered. "Lauren just got her driver's permit and didn't want to take her hands off the wheel," her proud mom reported.

And if you are into numerology perhaps you can explain the coincidence of 3's at the contest in Alpena: The contest was held on third day of the third month of the year. Lauren was contestant No. 3, and her three closest friends — Sam Grobbel, Monica Somand and Bridget Sullivan — trekked north to cheer her on. Lauren's mom won the raffle for the framed portrait of all the contestants with ticket No. 003.

"Sure, these may have all seemed coincidences, but it all seemed a little too strange. So apparently luck with numbers played a big role that evening! And as result of these recent occurrences, I am considering switching my lucky number from 9 to 3," Lauren said.

First Michigan Junior Miss; second a North Carolina scholar; third National Junior Miss? Stay tuned.

Horn player

When John Rutherford was

6 or 7 years old, his dad, Charlie, a well-known Detroit area attorney, had season tickets to the Pistons games at the Silverdome. Sitting next to them was Harper Woods native Bob Seger of Silver Bullet Band fame.

Young Rutherford never dreamed that one day he would be appearing on stage with the music giant in his "Face the Promise" tour that will be at Cobo tonight and Saturday.

"I am basically one class and a music recital short of completing my master's of music in jazz studies at WSU," he said.

Rutherford graduated from University of Detroit High School in 1994. It was the same school that Seger's long-time tour manager Bill Blackwell had attended. Over the past six years, Rutherford sent Blackwell many CDs of his group, the Motor City Horns.

Rutherford, whose parents still live in Grosse Pointe Park, attended the New England Conservatory of Music in Boston from 1994-96. He transferred to the University of Michigan in 1996 and graduated with a bachelor's degree in music in 1999.

The Motor City Horns started touring with Seger in November, playing on six songs as Seger took a page from Bruce Springsteen and added a horn section. "After a couple months, we were on about 14 or 15 songs. Seger would add the horn section to a song during the sound check, and then we'd play it that night. He calls the horn section, the 'turbo charger' of the band," said Rutherford, who at 31 is the youngest member of the Motor City Horns by 20 years.

Rutherford spends summers as artist-in-residence at the Bay View Music Festival in Petoskey and has held teaching positions at the University of Toledo and Albion College. He has performed with the

Detroit Symphony Orchestra, the Michigan Opera Theatre and the Toledo Symphony on many occasions. He has served as guest principal trombonist of the Chautauqua Symphony Orchestra. He has performed abroad with the Jerusalem International Symphony, the Philharmonic Orchestra of Palermo, Sicily, the Singapore Symphony Orchestra, and most recently at the Santo Domingo Music Festival in the Dominican Republic.

An active chamber musician, Rutherford has performed with the Detroit Chamber Winds and the Boston Chamber Ensemble. He is a member of the

Michigan Chamber Brass and a founding member of the Motor City Brass Quintet. He has recorded with Yo-Yo Ma and the Silk Road Ensemble. With the Silk Road Ensemble, Rutherford has toured North America, including performances at Carnegie Hall.

Rutherford performs on tenor trombone, bass trombone and tuba for the pit orchestras of Detroit's theaters. He is lead trombonist with the Scott Gwinnell Jazz Orchestra and Ed Nuccilli's Plural Circle. He has played in backup bands and orchestras for artists, including Ray Charles, Jimmy Heath, Christian McBride, Michael Brecker, Dave Liebman, George

Russell, Terence Blanchard, Patti Austin, Gladys Knight, Debbie Gibson, Clarence Clemens, the Four Tops, the Temptations, the Fifth Dimension, and Dennis DeYoung of Styx. He has recorded for radio and television commercials at studios in Detroit and Los Angeles.

Do you suppose Rutherford's career path got started when he was sitting in those Silverdome seats next to Seger? Makes you wonder.

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Points about the Pointes

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IRS announces Free File ready

The Internal Revenue Service and its private-sector partners announced the 2007 Free File program is open for business.

The free tax preparation and electronic filing initiative begins its fifth year with more consumer-friendly features and expanded services for Spanish-speaking taxpayers.

Seventy percent of the nation's taxpayers (95 million Americans) qualify for Free File. In Michigan, 3.2 million, more than 70 percent of all tax state filers, qualify to file online at no cost.

This year, 20 companies will participate in the program run by the IRS and the Free File Alliance, a consortium of tax preparation software companies. The program is available only through IRS.gov.

"The Free File program is better than ever this year," said IRS spokesman Luis D. Garcia. "You have lots of companies to choose from and some are offering state return preparation at no extra cost."

"Additionally, our Free File partners have streamlined the process and no longer offer refund anticipation loans and other ancillary products."

Seventy percent of the nation's taxpayers, those with an adjusted gross income of \$52,000 or less, are eligible for Free File.

Each company sets its own criteria for who can use the service.

Taxpayers alliance members must meet the IRS' high standards for security and privacy.

The IRS does not endorse any particular member company. While the IRS manages the content of the Free File pages accessible on IRS.gov, it does not retain any taxpayer information entered on the

'Seventy percent of the nation's taxpayers (95 million Americans) qualify for Free File. In Michigan, 3.2 million qualify.'

Free File site.

Taxpayers can use Free File to request the Telephone Excise Tax Refund standard amount, which ranges from \$30 to \$60, or the actual amount.

Two companies will offer Free File in Spanish.

Free File can also be used to file a Form 4868, Application for Automatic Extension of Time to File.

More than 3.9 million taxpayers used Free File last year. Free File debuted in 2003 with nearly 2.8 million users. Taxpayers consistently give high marks to Free File in satisfaction surveys.

According to Russell Research, a market research firm contracted by the IRS, 94 percent said they intend to use Free File again this year, 96 percent said they found Free File very easy or somewhat easy to use and 97 percent said they would recommend Free File to others.

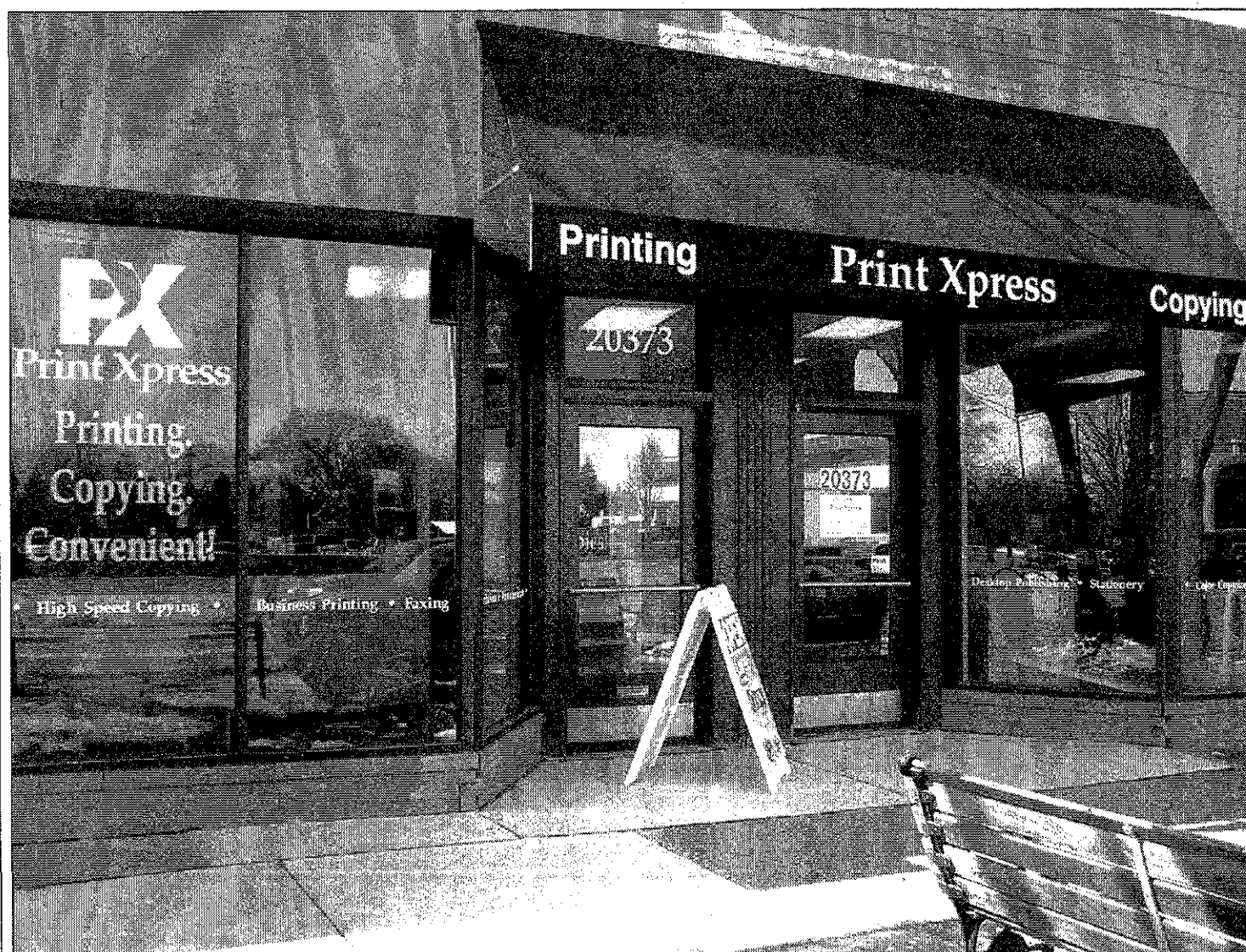


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Honored

Print Xpress, located at 20373 Mack in Grosse Pointe Woods, recently received a Carlson Craft award recognizing exemplary excellence for 2006. Each year Carlson Craft, the nation's leading wholesale printing company, presents only a few select businesses with this award for outstanding performance and exceptional sales achievements. Now in its 26th year, Print Xpress is family owned and operated by brother and sister Tony Alfonsi and Terrie McLauchlan of Grosse Pointe Woods.

New digs

Nick Rutan announces the company known as CDRV Group of Companies is now known as St. Clair Investment Advisors LLC.

Rutan was part of the former company and will keep the business at 21 Kercheval. For more information, contact (313) 886-8000.

Hospital nets prestigious grant

St. John Hospital and Medical Center has received a \$1 million challenge grant toward its \$30 million Capital Campaign from the Kresge Foundation.

This campaign supports the expansion and renovation of the hospital and, in particular,

the renovation of St. John Hospital's Emergency Department.

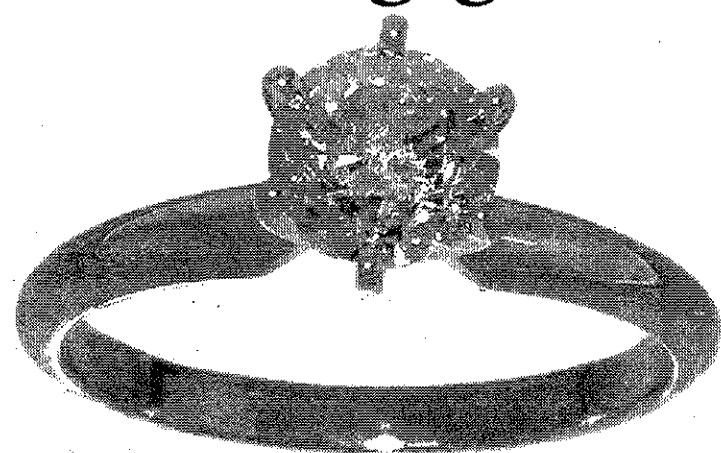
The \$30 million campaign launched in January 2006 has raised \$24.2 million toward its goal. The Kresge Foundation has challenged St. John Hospital to raise an additional \$5.8 million by June 1, 2008, to receive the \$1 million grant.

"We are very, very pleased," said James B. Nicholson, chair of the St. John Hospital and Medical Center Capital Campaign. "This challenge grant will be pivotal in the final phase of the campaign. We are confident that it will motivate the community to help us meet our goal."

The \$163 million expansion

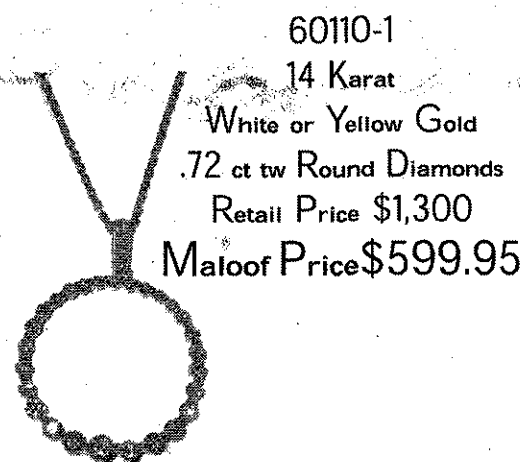
is the largest in the history of the hospital. It includes consolidated imaging, diagnostic services, doubling the emergency department and adding all private treatment rooms, a 6th-floor tower with 144 private patient rooms, an upgraded and consolidated heart and circulatory center, and easier access with a new main entrance connected to a three-story atrium lobby located adjacent to the main surface parking lot.

"This challenge grant is a vote of confidence from the Kresge Foundation," said R. Glen Smiley, president, St. John Health Foundation. "Through this grant, the Kresge Foundation acknowledges that this project will enable St. John Hospital and Medical Center to improve care for thousands of patients on Detroit's eastside."

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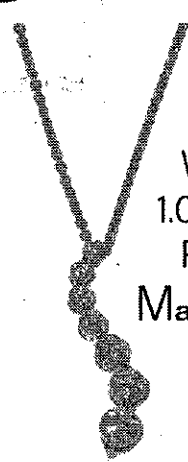
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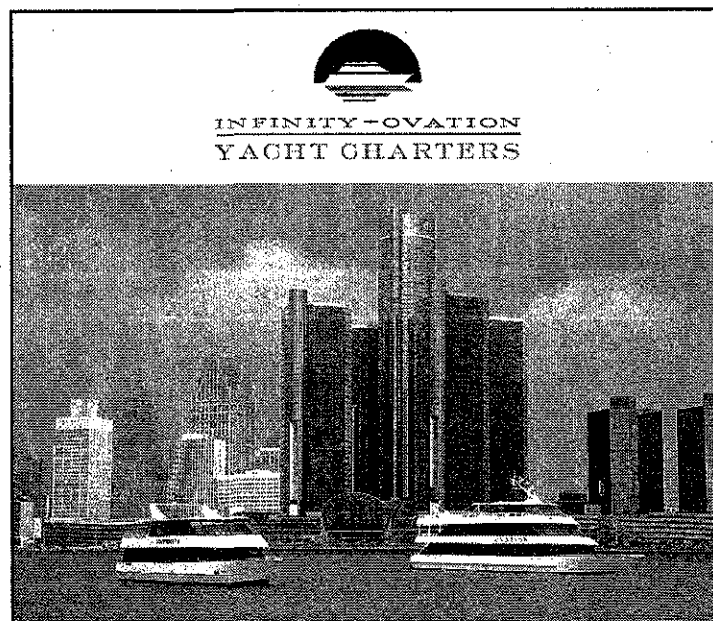
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State Farm to lower auto rates

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This represents an annual savings of \$104.3 million for the company's Michigan customers. The rate change is State Farm's sixth consecutive auto rate decrease in the last three years, amounting to a cumulative 15 percent auto rate decrease for Michigan customers since 2004. The primary factor contributing to the rate cut is a reduction in claims filed by policyholders.

"Our experience reflects that our policyholder group of Michigan drivers has continued to exhibit safer driving behaviors and, consequently, have had fewer reported accidents," said State Farm Vice President of Operations Mark Odland.

Overall premium changes for individual motorists will vary depending on factors such as the coverages they carry, the discounts for which they qualify, the loss experienced in the area where they live, the kind of car insured, who drives it and how much it is driven.

Most Michigan policyholders will see a rate decrease. State Farm insures one of every five insured cars in the state.

IRS says taxpayers miss out on refunds

The Internal Revenue Service recently urged taxpayers to double check if they qualify for the telephone excise tax refund after more than 10 million early filers did not request the one-time refund.

In the first release of this year's weekly filing season statistics, about 30 percent of all taxpayers did not request the telephone tax refund.

"Folks are missing out on getting a bigger refund," said IRS spokesperson Luis D. Garcia. "Most taxpayers can use free tax preparation software through our Free File program that will help ensure a more accurate return. It's their money, we want to get it back to them but we can't unless they request it."

The government stopped collecting the long-distance

excise tax last August. Federal officials authorized a one-time refund of the federal excise tax collected on service billed during the previous 41 months, stretching from March 2003 to August 2006. The tax continues to apply to local-only phone service.

To make the refund easier to figure, the government established a standard refund amount ranging from \$30 to \$60.

If taxpayers have their phone records, they can request the actual amount of excise tax paid. While using the standard amount is optional, it is easy to figure and approximates the eligible amount for most taxpayers.

Taxpayers only have to fill out one line on their return and they don't need to present

proof to the IRS.

Out of the tax returns filed through Feb. 16, more than 10 million taxpayers did not request the telephone tax refund and nearly half of those returns, more than 4.8 million, were completed by a tax preparer.

"We are surprised how many tax preparers are overlooking the telephone tax refund," Garcia said. "We want all taxpayers entitled to this refund to get it, whether they are using a tax preparer or doing the return themselves."

For people requesting the telephone tax refund, it adds \$30 to \$60 or even more to a refund. The IRS wants to make it as easy as possible for anyone who paid the tax to get this special refund.

If a taxpayer paid the tax

and hasn't filed yet, here are some tips to help figure the refund correctly and get it quickly:

- ◆ Electronic-filing software flags often overlooked tax breaks and helps figure them accurately and report them properly. If a person uses a professional tax preparer, ask that person to e-mail the return.

- ◆ If a taxpayer's income is \$52,000 or less, use the Free File link on IRS.gov to connect to a private-sector company offering free e-file services.

- ◆ Whether a person files electronically or on paper, they can get a refund at least a week sooner by having it deposited directly into a checking or savings account.

- ◆ Consider using the standard refund amount for the

telephone tax refund. Though using the standard amount is optional, it is easy to figure and approximates the eligible amount for most individual taxpayers who have to fill out only one line on their return and they don't need to present proof to the IRS. The standard amount, ranging from \$30 to \$60, is based on the number of exemptions claimed on a return.

- ◆ If a taxpayer paid more than the standard amount, they may figure their refund using the actual amount of tax shown on their phone bills and other records.

- ◆ Do not file duplicate requests. If someone files a regular income tax return, do not file Form 1040EZ-T. Designed exclusively for requesting the telephone-tax refund, this sim-

ple form is for people who don't need to file a regular income tax return. If someone wants to take advantage of the earned income tax credit for low and moderate income workers, the child tax credit or other tax breaks, file a regular return and include a telephone tax refund request on that return.

- ◆ Stay away from tax preparers who falsely claim that many, if not most, phone customers can get hundreds of dollars or more back under this program.

- ◆ Use the telephone excise tax refund section on the front page of IRS.gov. Here, a taxpayer can download forms, find answers to frequently asked questions and link to participating Free File partners.

Commerce gives Club Crawl date

The Grosse Pointe Chamber of Commerce, in partnership with Grosse Pointe Hunt Club, Crescent Sail Yacht Club, Grosse Pointe Yacht Club, Country Club of Detroit and Lochmoor Club, are hosting a Grosse Pointe Club Crawl from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m., Thursday, April 26.

This is an exclusive invitation and opportunity to learn about the private clubs in the area. This is not an invitation for membership; it is a chamber of commerce fundraiser and an informational opportunity.

"The idea for this event is two-fold. The private clubs are some of Grosse Pointe's largest businesses so the chamber wanted to do this as member value for them," Grosse Pointe Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Mary Huebner said. "Second, many Pointe residents have an interest in learning about the clubs

but don't receive many opportunities to do so."

When making reservations, participants will be asked to rank the clubs in order of priority. They will be able to visit three of the five clubs they select.

Every attempt to accommodate ranking priority will be made, but there is no guarantee that all requests can be honored. If participants would like to view the clubs with a group of friends, provide a list when making reservations.

Everyone must be 21 or older. Participants will be at each club for approximately 40 minutes, allowing travel time between tours.

Appetizers and beverages will be provided, as well as a map for convenience.

The charge is \$20 per person. Make reservations on-line at gpcc.cc or call the chamber of commerce at (313) 881-GPCC.

IRS to keep eye on auto wholesalers

The Internal Revenue Service and the Treasury Department recently announced they will work to publish guidance for automobile wholesalers, manufacturers and dealers regarding the proper treatment of the dollar-value, last-in, first out (LIFO) inventory method for pooling purposes of crossover vehicles, which have characteristics of trucks and cars.

Federal courts in the 1980s ruled that the LIFO pooling rules require taxpayers to account for cars and trucks in different pools. Since these rul-

ings were handed down, the line between trucks and cars offered for sale has blurred.

Crossover vehicles include sport-utility vehicles, minivans, and pick-up trucks used as substitutes for cars, and it is not clear how they should be treated for LIFO purposes. A request for guidance was submitted by the law firm of Miller & Chevalier Chartered on behalf of the National Automobile Dealers Association to resolve the issue arising from vehicles that do not fit clearly into either

a car or a truck pool.

Since its inception in 2000, the IRS program has resulted in resolution of many different tax issues affecting thousands of taxpayers in a variety of businesses. Business associations and taxpayers may submit tax issues that they believe could be resolved through the

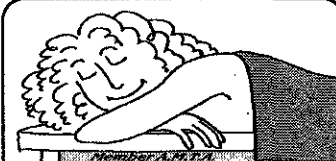
IRS program.

IRS project submission procedures are outlined in Revenue Procedure 2003-36, which is available on the IRS Web site at IRS.gov. The IRS reviews submissions at least semi-annually with the next review to be completed by March 31, 2007.

Correction

Artisan Knitworks in Grosse Pointe Park is owned by Larry Hart and Sandra VanBurkleo.

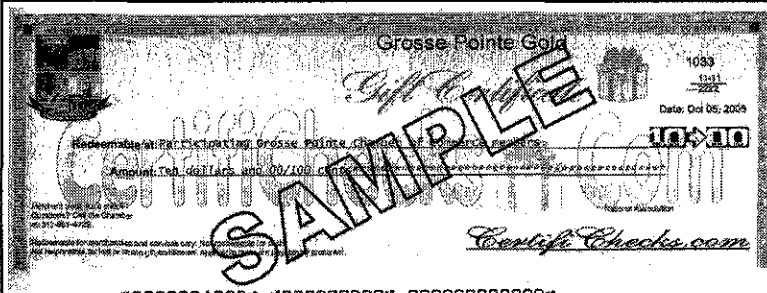
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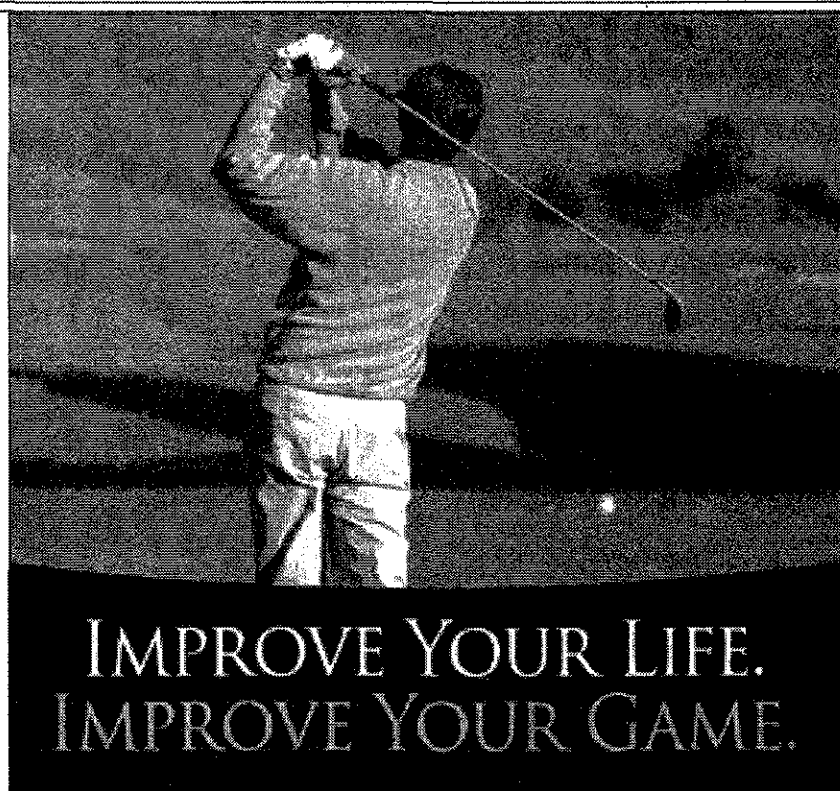
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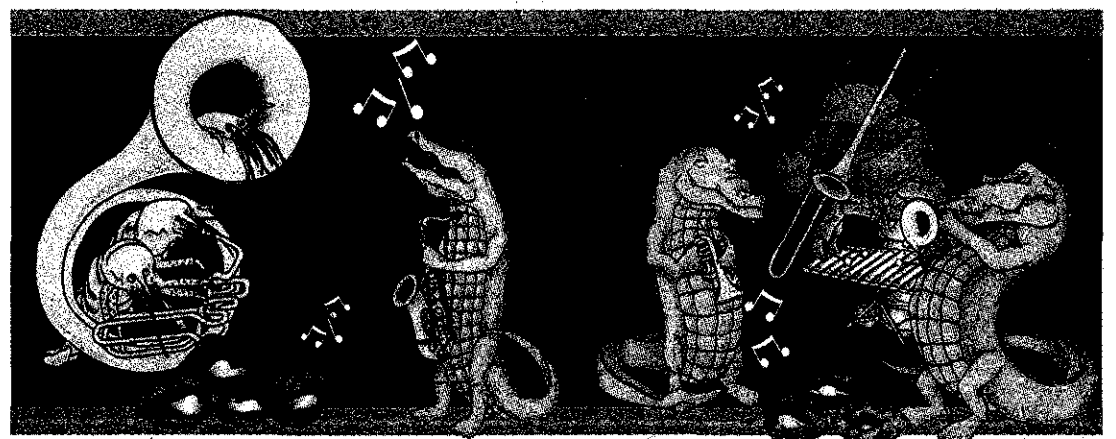
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Vocalese concert Saturday

Choirs from Grosse Pointe North High School will present a special concert at 3 p.m. Sunday, March 18, at the Grosse Pointe South High School auditorium — that's the South auditorium, not at North. North's vocal jazz group, Vocalese, directed by Mandy Mikita Scott, will sing with Western Michigan University's vocal jazz ensemble, Gold Company, left, directed by Steven Zegree. Gold Company, the acclaimed vocal jazz group from Western Michigan University, will make a rare stop in southeast Michigan to perform with North's vocal jazz group, Vocalese. Gold Company ensembles perform a wide repertoire covering all styles in the contemporary vocal idiom. The group combines the fundamental musical elements from the traditional choral style with stylistic characteristics from the jazz vernacular with an emphasis on improvisation and swing. Vocalese is an after-school group modeled after the Gold Company. The two groups have attended many workshops together at Western Michigan. Shown rehearsing are right top, Vocalese members, from left, Nate Masserang, James Pecar, Will Serrano, and Tim Lupo; and, right bottom from left, Dana Grimm, Leann Decker, Ana Meda, Alaina Whitney, and director Mandy Scott. Tickets cost \$10 at the door or \$8 (\$5 students and seniors) at Wild Birds Unlimited Nature Shop, 20485 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods. For more information, call Lisa at (313) 884-2462.

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DuMouchelle handling Kerby auction March 23

Tickets to local professional sporting events and University of Michigan football games will be among items up for bid next week at the Kerby Elementary School auction.

Kerby hosts its triennial auction Friday, March 23 at the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club.

Tickets cost \$35 and are limited to 500 guests.

"We believe that this year's event will be spectacular," said Dan Roeske, auction chair.

Tickets include heavy hors d'oeuvres and a cash bar. Live entertainment will be provided by The Relics, a Grosse Pointe band.

More than 200 items are slated for bidding in silent and live auctions.

The live auction at 9 p.m. will be hosted by Robert DuMouchelle from the DuMouchelle Auction Galleries.

"Having Bob DuMouchelle is exciting for us," Roeske said. "They've been in business since 1927, and they are Detroit's premier fine art and estate auctioneers."

Some 13 live auction items include:

♦ a Red Wings jersey signed



The winners of the art contest are, left to right, first-place Liberty Fets, fourth grade; third-place Colleen Rose, fifth grade; and second-place Casey Jackowski, first grade.

by No. 19 Steve Yzerman,

♦ cigar and scotch tasting for 16 at the Detroit Renaissance Club and

♦ Mingle with the Macaronis, a private, behind-the-scenes tour of the Detroit Zoo Penguin House.

Silent items include:

♦ tickets to Detroit Red Wings, Tigers and Pistons games, plus University of

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'Sound of Music'

The auditorium of Parcels Middle School will be alive with the "Sound of Music" this month when Brownell Middle School students portray the Von Trapp Family singers. Shows are at 7 p.m.

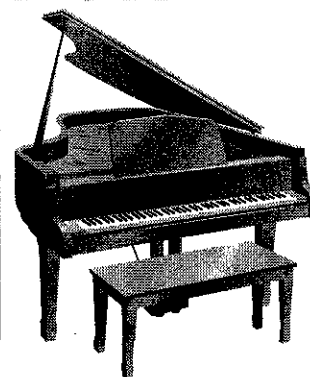
Thursday, March 22, and Friday, March 23. Parcels is located at 20600 Mack at the corner of Vernier in Grosse Pointe Woods. For more information or advance tickets, contact Brownell at (313) 432-3900.

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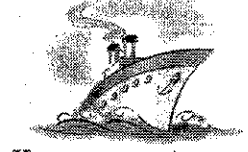
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Wildlife artist visits Mason

Reading Month activities at Mason Elementary School feature a visit by Michigan wildlife artist Michael Glenn Monroe.

Monroe is the illustrator of such books as "M is for Mitten," "Michigan ABC," "The Michigan Counting Book," "A Wish to be a Christmas Tree," "The Christmas Humbugs" and more.

On the afternoon of Tuesday, March 20, Monroe's appearance at the school will be made possible by the Mason PTO and the Grosse Pointe Foundation for Academic Enrichment.

"I find that I am pleased to offer my services as a speaker for school presentations," Monroe wrote on his Web site, mikemonroeart. "I enjoy teaching kids about art, and the value of persistence if they intend to succeed."

He said his classroom presentations explain how he started drawing and painting.

"I explain how I competed in competitions for 10 years before winning and show the examples of my first paintings and my winning entries," he said. "I then do a 10 minute video presentation showing my studio and many of the animals I have worked with for reference."

He then leads children in drawing sketches.

"Lastly, I end the presentation with a question-and-answer session," he said. "At the end of the period each child will have a nice detailed drawing that they have completed."



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Camp tuition increased

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

If it's true that you get what you pay for, then Camp 'O Fun will be \$10 more 'o fun and no less campy this year.

A \$10 tuition increase to \$210 per person has been approved for the summertime youth program operated through Grosse Pointe public schools. Registration remains the same at \$65 per person and is nonrefundable.

"The program relies on tuition and registration fees for revenue," said Chris Fenton, assistant superintendent for business affairs. "The revenue covers the direct costs and indirect costs such as utilities, administration and custodial services."

Enrollment this year is projected to reach 85.

He said the program is staffed by two directors. Approximately eight counselors work two shifts of six hours.

School board trustees had considered eliminating the camp due to cost factors.

Superintendent Suzanne Klein said the goal was to "keep this program at a profitable level."

District representatives settled on the \$10 increase to keep the program profitable yet not dissuade parents from

signing up their children.

"We are charging what the market will bear," said Trustee Angela Kennedy.

The camp is for youths ages 5 to 12 years old. Enrollment last year totaled 80 youngsters, unchanged from 2005 but down significantly from 2002 when parents signed up 143 children.

Enrollment since 2002 has dropped 40 percent while tuition, as of last year, increased nearly 20 percent.

Camp 'O Fun operates for eight weeks — this year from June 20 through Aug. 17, except the week of July 4. Hours are 7:15 a.m. to 6 p.m. Children don't have to attend all day.

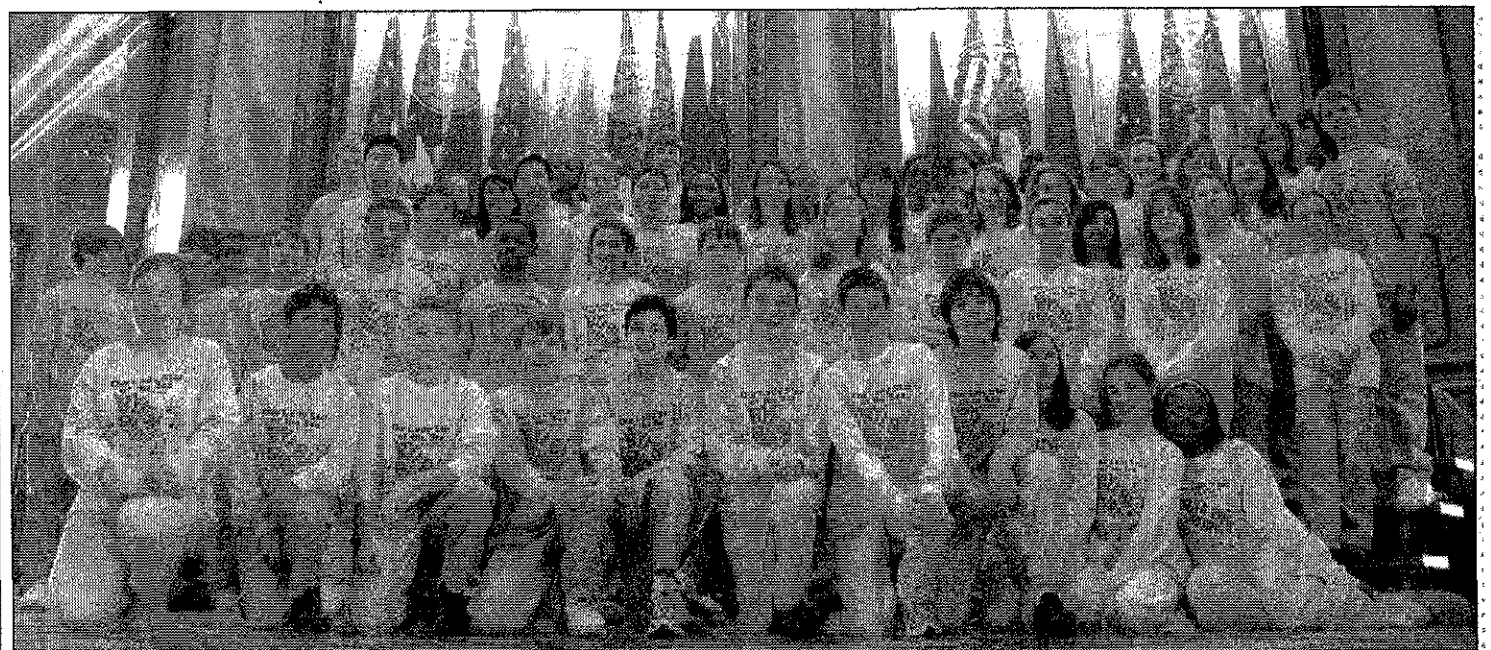
"There are special daytime activities and field trips offered as well," Fenton said.

The camp has competition. Assumption Camp in St. Clair Shores charges \$160 for full-day enrollment from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. for eight weeks.

Grosse Pointe Baptist Church in Grosse Pointe Woods has a 10-week program operating from 7 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. at a cost of \$155.

University Liggett School operates two summer programs of three and six weeks costing \$233 and \$297, respectively.

In years past, Camp 'O Fun was held at Ferry Elementary School, but no location has been set for this summer.



'Bye, Bye Birdie' this week

Musical drama students at Our Lady Star of the Sea School are ready for their production of "Bye, Bye Birdie." Performances are scheduled at 1 and 7 p.m. Thursday and Friday, March 15 and 16. Tickets cost \$5 at the door of the Star Theatre (also known as the gymnasium), 467 Fairford at Morningside, Grosse Pointe Woods. Songs include "Put on a Happy Face," "I've Got a Lot of Living To Do" and other tunes from the hit play about the effect that a visiting Elvis-like star has on a small town. On Thursday, March 8, 50 members of the cast traveled to Lansing to perform in the rotunda of the Capitol, above. State Rep. Edward Gaffney, R-Grosse Pointe Farms, greeted the students and music teacher Michelle Laboe, who also directs the play. For more information call (313) 884-1070.

Maire 'reads with feeling'

Maire Elementary School students will learn about reading by touch during the school's library club meeting March 16.

Representatives of Seedlings Braille Books for Children will present "Read with Feeling," a Hands-on Braille Awareness program.

The library club's fundraiser will help bring the gift of literacy to blind children locally and around the world. Seedlings is a nonprofit organization dedi-

cated to increasing the opportunity for literacy by providing children's literature in braille.

Seedlings sponsors special projects and a book give-away program to get more books and braille into the hands of blind children.

Every \$10 donation makes another braille book possible, according to Seedling representative Susan Bresler.

Since 1984, Seedlings has produced more than 232,000 braille books and articles.

KERBY: Auction has 200 items

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Michigan football games, being an in-studio guest of the Dick Purtan/WOMC radio show,

Michigan wine selection donated and signed by Gov. Jennifer Granholm,

restaurant and local merchant gift certificates.

Auction items are listed on: the Kerby Auction Web site: gpschools.org/kerby and the auction site: geocities.com/kerbyauction@sbglobal.net/home.

Members of the auction committee worked with the Kerby student council to sponsor a student catalog cover art contest.

Some 74 students submitted drawings. Council officers, fac-

ulty advisors and school art teachers selected the top three winners:

- ◆ first place: Liberty Fets, fourth grade,
- ◆ second place: Casey Jackowski, first grade and
- ◆ third place: Colleen Rose fifth grade.

"The first place entrant has become the catalog cover," said Principal Maureen Rembisz.

Photos of the two other winners, along with a list on the students who entered, will also appear in the catalog.

"This was a terrific way to get the students involved in the auction," said Rembisz.

There are still a few tickets available for purchase during normal business hours at the Kerby School office, 285 Kerby, or call (313) 432-4200.

St. Clare nursery

St. Clare Cooperative Nursery School is accepting applications for students entering the 3- and 4-year-old programs for the 2007-2008 school year.

◆ The 3-year-old program is scheduled Tuesday and Thursday, 8:45 to 11 a.m.

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Eleanor L. Balcerski

Former Grosse Pointe resident Eleanor L. (nee Resman) Balcerski, 96, of Fort Gratiot, died Thursday, March 8, 2007.

Born and raised in Detroit, she dedicated her life to making a loving, warm and beautiful home for her husband, Matthew, and four children. She cherished her grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

As a young woman, she parlayed her love of books into a position as assistant librarian at the downtown branch of the Detroit Public Library.

For years after her children were grown, Mrs. Balcerski delivered Meals-on-Wheels to the elderly who treasured her visits, care and friendship.

She had a special talent for growing and arranging beautiful flowering plants.

She was a great listener and a friend to all who knew her. She will be greatly missed.

She is survived by her four children, Judy, Duane, Bruce (Karen) and Jim (Andrea); grandchildren, Jeffrey (Marie) Balcerski and Kristin (Rodrick) Schanck; and three great-grandchildren, Victoria, Kasai and Moira.

She was predeceased by her husband, Matthew Balcerski.

Visitation will be held from 2 to 5 p.m. and 7 to 9 p.m., rosary at 4 p.m., Sunday, March 18, at Pomeroy Funeral Home, Lexington.

A funeral Mass will be celebrated at 11 a.m., Monday, March 19, at St. Denis Catholic Church, 5366 Main, Lexington. Interment will be at St. Mary Catholic Cemetery in St. Clair.

Memorial contributions may be made to Capuchin Soup Kitchen, 1820 Mount Elliott St., Detroit, MI 48207.

Donald E. Brown

Longtime Grosse Pointe Woods resident Donald E. Brown died suddenly Tuesday, Feb. 13, 2007, at his home.

He earned a bachelor's degree from Detroit Institute of Technology and a law degree from Detroit College of Law in 1949. Mr. Brown was awarded a fellowship to attend Harvard University School of Law and earned a master's degree in law in 1950.

He was general counsel for Michigan Bell Telephone Co. for many years before retiring in 1984. He also served as a professor at Detroit College of Law until his retirement in 1998.

He was active in the community as a member of the city of Grosse Pointe Woods pension board. Among his other interests, he enjoyed playing golf and going to the theater.

Mr. Brown was a caring and devoted husband, father, grandfather and friend who will be missed by all.

He is survived by his betrothed, Angie Polizzi; daughters, Margo (James) Easterly and Shelley (Richard) Brown-Gianino; grandchildren, Derek, Danielle, Alyssa and Shannon; and sister, Doris Marose of Sarasota, Fla.

He was predeceased by his wife, Marjorie Brown.

Thomas A. Handlos

Thomas A. Handlos, 58, formerly of Grosse Pointe Farms, died Wednesday, Feb. 21, 2007, in Henderson, Nev.

He was born Sept. 14, 1948,

in Milwaukee, Wis., to the late Alphonse and the late Lucille Handlos. He grew up in Grosse Pointe Farms and was a 1966 graduate of St. Paul High School where he excelled in sports. In 1970, he earned a bachelor's degree in business management from Northwood University.

In 1972, Mr. Handlos and Lucile M. Handlos opened and co-brokered a real estate firm in Grosse Pointe Woods. He obtained a Michigan builder's license in 1979 and started developing lakefront and other vacation homes throughout the state.

He lost his hearing in 1990 and Lucile Handlos passed away in 1995. After his retirement in 1996, he moved to the Black Mountains where he purchased houses.

He is survived by his wife of 22 years, Angela Handlos; two children, Valerie "J.L." and Justin "J.T."; brother, Steven Handlos; and sisters, JoMarie (Sister M. Emmanuella, O.P.), Kathy Castner and Mary Danks.

Russell Hebert

Russell Hebert, 84, of Grosse Pointe Woods, died Friday, Feb. 16, 2007, at Bon Secours Hospital after suffering a stroke.

Mr. Hebert was born May 12, 1922, in Detroit and grew up on the city's east side.

He graduated from Southeastern High School and later earned a bachelor's degree in engineering from Lawrence Technological Institute.

Mr. Hebert spent his professional career working as an engine engineer at Packard



Donald E. Brown



Thomas A. Handlos



Russell Hebert

Motor Co., and Ford Motor Co. where he was a power train engineer. He was a loyal Ford customer and could be seen in his later years driving his black Jaguar all around Grosse Pointe.

He was a longtime customer at National Coney Island on Mack and Moross where he met a group of friends daily for breakfast.

He is survived by his wife, Mary Ellen Hebert; her two daughters and their families; and many nieces and nephews.

Mr. Hebert was predeceased by his first wife, Jane Kelly Hebert.



G. Richard Jones, M.D.



Florence M. Kleffuss

G. Richard Jones, M.D.

Grosse Pointe Farms resident G. Richard "Dick" Jones, 75, died Tuesday, Feb. 27, 2007, at home surrounded by his family.

Dr. Jones was an orthopedic surgeon in private practice for 35 years and was the chief of orthopedics at St. John Hospital for 21 years, from 1976 until his 1997 retirement.

He was born in Pittsburgh, Pa. in 1931. He graduated from Washington and Jefferson College,

Washington, Pa., in 1953, and Temple University Medical School, Philadelphia, Pa., in 1957.

He did his internship at the Tampa (Fla.) General Hospital and his orthopedic residency at Henry Ford Hospital in Detroit before establishing his Grosse Pointe practice.

His lifelong passion was the innovations, advances and challenges of medicine. With his medical partner, Dr. Carl Reichert, Dr. Jones performed the first total hip replacement in the state of Michigan. He went on to become a specialist in total joint replacements.

Early in his career, he embraced the possibilities of arthroscopy and performed St. John's first arthroscopic procedure in the late 1970s. He remained a devoted student of medicine and became a patient teacher.

These qualities extended to his personal life. Dr. Jones was an avid athlete who enjoyed downhill skiing, water skiing, boating, golfing, sailing and playing tennis. He was a longtime member of the Nub's Nob ski patrol.

As an outdoorsman, his interests included skeet shooting, archery, hunting and all kinds of fishing.

He played croquet, badminton, pool and bocce ball, and flew kites. He taught many of these to his family and friends so they could enjoy them together.

One of his favorite places was Washington Island, Wis., where Dr. Jones proposed to the then-Katharine McClaren in 1949 and where his family still spends its summers.

Dr. Jones maintained a pilot's license for 20 years and practiced aerobatics in a 1930s Steerman biplane.

He crafted fishing rods as gifts and learned to tie fishing flies. He was passionate about all forms of photography and leaves a treasure of movies, videos, still photos and DVDs for the people he loved.

Dr. Jones is survived by his wife of 57 years, Katharine; four children, Marilyn (Mitchell Kaplan) of Los Angeles, Calif., Ben (Kim Mahoney) of Rochester Hills, Karen of Grosse Pointe Woods, and Aymie (Pierre-Yves Panis) of Limoges, France; five grandchildren, Christopher, Zachary, Lucie, Felix and Mathilde; and sister, Barbara Sharp of Grand Rapids.

He was predeceased by his sister, Helen Malcolm.

A memorial service was celebrated Thursday, March 1. Interment will be this August on Washington Island, Wis.

Memorial contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society, P.O. Box 22718, Oklahoma City, OK 73123-1718, or online at cancer.org.

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OBITUARIES: Loved ones remembered

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Florence M. Kleefuss

Florence M. (nee Karrer) Kleefuss, 94, of Grosse Pointe Farms, died Saturday, March 10, 2007.

She was born Aug. 17, 1912, in Detroit. She lived in the Farm and was a parishioner at St. Paul Catholic Church since 1952.

Mrs. Kleefuss was an antique dealer whose specialty was doll repair. She was an expert seamstress and a wonderful book.

In her spare time, she was an avid reader and crossword puzzle enthusiast.

She was a friend to many and will be missed by all.

She is survived by her children, Karen (James) Kolp, David Kleefuss and Michael Kleefuss; grandchildren, Ted (Michelle) Kolp and Katie (Chad) Babcock; and great-grandchildren, Tess, Ryan, Erik and Tillie.

She was predeceased by her husband, Edward A. Kleefuss; and daughter, Nancy Kleefuss.

A memorial Mass will be celebrated at noon, Friday, March 16, at St. Paul Catholic Church, 157 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms.

Memorial contributions may be made to Capuchin Soup Kitchen, 1820 Mount Elliott St., Detroit, MI 48207.

Share memories with the family at their online guest book at WujukCalcaterra.com.

A. Joseph Palazzola

A. Joseph "Red" Palazzola, 84, of Grosse Pointe Woods, died Tuesday, March 6, 2007.

He was a veteran of World War II and a member of the Knights of Columbus Council No. 0484.

He was an Eucharistic minister at Our Lady Star of the Sea, St. Paul and St. Joan of Arc Catholic churches.

Mr. Palazzola was a devoted and loving husband and father. He will be fondly missed by his family, friends and parishioners.

A funeral Mass will be celebrated at 10 a.m., Saturday, March 17, at St. Paul Catholic Church, 157 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms. Entombment will be at the church's columbarium.

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

Patricia Sheehy

Harper Woods resident Patricia "Pat" Sheehy, 75, died Sunday, March 11, 2007.

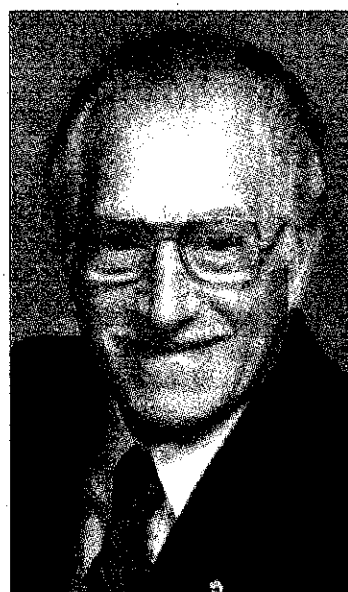
She was born March 23, 1931, at St. Joseph Hospital in Detroit, to Bernice and Eugene Sheehy.

Miss Sheehy earned an associate's degree from the University of Detroit.

She worked as a secretary for the engineering department at Wayne State University from which she retired after 41 years of employment.

She was an avid reader whose other interests included traveling.

Miss Sheehy is survived by her nephews, Kevin (Amy), Brian (Carol) and Michael (Laura); grandnephews, Max, Alex, Ben and Jackson; grand-



A. Joseph Palazzola



Patricia Sheehy



Richard Allen Spieske

niece, Shannon; and her cousin, James (Maureen) and their daughter, Margaret.

A funeral service will be held Wednesday, March 14. Interment is at Mount Olivet Cemetery in Detroit.

Memorial contributions may be made to Crossroads, 4800 Woodward Ave., Detroit, MI 48201.

Richard Allen Spieske

Former Grosse Pointe resident, Richard Allen Spieske, 60, of Fraser, died suddenly Thursday, March 8, 2007, in Cozumel, Mexico.

He was born Oct. 26, 1946, in Detroit, to the late Carl and the late Anne Spieske.

Mr. Spieske was a 1964

graduate of Grosse Pointe South High School. He served his country during the Vietnam War as a specialist 4 in the U.S. Army.

Mr. Spieske was the manager of Coins and Stamps Inc., located on Mack in the City of Grosse Pointe. He was an avid numismatic — collector of coins, paper currency, medals and the like. He was past president of the Grosse Pointe Numismatic Society.

Mr. Spieske was a warm, kind and gentle man who enjoyed life. He was knowledgeable of so many topics that he could converse with anyone. His passions included riding his BMW motorcycle, cross-country skiing, traveling, snorkeling, playing volleyball and taking walks. Most of all, he

enjoyed spending time with his family and friends.

His family wrote, "Richie brought so much joy to so many people. Our fond memories of Rich will always bring a smile to our faces and he will live on in our hearts."

He is survived by his stepmother, Velma Spieske; brothers, Doug and Kurt (Cindy); sister, Debbie (Tom); nephews, John (Leslie), David and Augie; and niece, Jennifer (Phill).

A memorial celebration of his life will be held from 11:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., Thursday, March 15, at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms.

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

Excise tax to cost jobs

Gov. Jennifer Granholm's proposed 2 percent excise tax on most services could result in the loss of up to 19,000 Michigan jobs in its first 16 months, according to research conducted by the Mackinac Center for Public Policy.

Authored by economists at the Beacon Hill Institute (BHI) in Massachusetts at the request of the Mackinac Center, the study shows that official revenue estimates fail to include the impact of hiking taxes on Michigan residents and job providers.

The Mackinac Center for Public Policy is a nonpartisan research and educational institute "devoted to improving the quality of life for all Michigan citizens by promoting sound solutions to state and local policy questions," according to its Web site.

The institute measured the impact that the proposed 2 percent excise tax on services would have on the Michigan economy, all else being equal.

"One of the fundamental tenets of economics is that when prices go up, quantity demanded goes down," said Michael D. LaFaive, director of fiscal policy for the center. "Raising the price of anything — business services, for instance — means less of that

service will be sold. Since this tax will raise the cost of everything from legal services to bowling, the impact will ripple through the economy, causing job losses and lower than expected revenue to the treasury."

The institute estimates that revenue from the excise tax will fall short of official projections by \$221 million through fiscal year 2008. It is also projected to lower state personal income by \$1.1 billion and reduce total investment in Michigan by more than \$248 million.

The analysis does not measure job or income changes resulting from other components of the governor's tax and budget plan, which, combined, add up to a \$1 billion net increase in annual taxes paid by Michigan workers and businesses, LaFaive said.

"Michigan had the nation's worst unemployment rate in 2006 at 6.9 percent," said Jack McHugh, legislative analyst for the Mackinac Center. "A new tax is the opposite of what's needed to save a state with falling home values, declining personal income, reduced employment and lower population."

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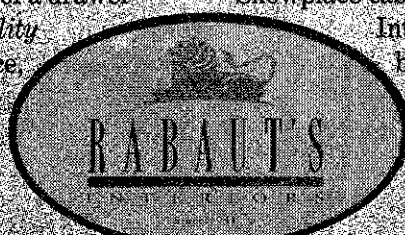
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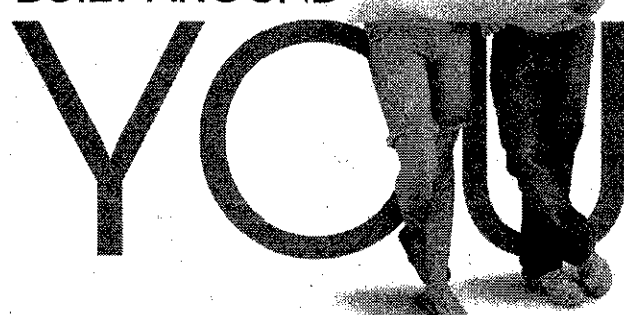
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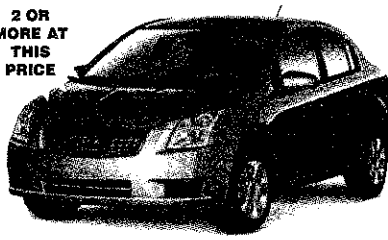
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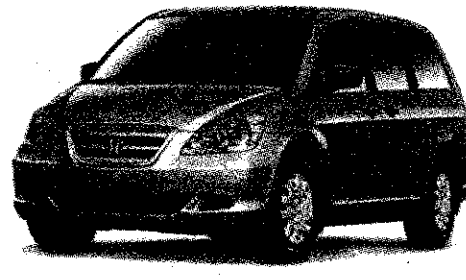


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Owners spend hundreds of hours ripping out and replacing interiors; putting in new Corvette engines in place of old in-line fours; adding comfort and convenience features like automatic transmissions, power windows and power steering. There probably were no two vehicles with the same exterior paint at Autorama.

The 2007 show featured vehicles from across the country including Chip Foose's Hemisfear and Mater and Lightning McQueen from the animated movie "Cars."

The gathering honored the 75th anniversary of the 1932 Ford — a favorite for hot rod conversions, and it marked the 50th anniversary of the very collectible 1957 Chevy.

Awards include the Ridler for the best vehicle in its first show (a \$10,000 prize plus immeasurable envy on the part of other competitors) and the

See AUTARAMA, page 21A



This elegant 1938 Ford belongs to Grosse Pointer Keith Crain. Described at the 2007 Autorama at Cobo Center as a "mild" 1935-48 custom, the wine-colored sedan with tan interior was a knock-out.

Talk about pulling all-nighters. That was what hundreds of exhibitors did March 8 as they prepared to show off their magnificent vehicles at the 2007 Autorama at Cobo Center.

It took time and patience just to get those custom cars, trucks and motorcycles into the halls awaiting them. There were the countless adjustments to the vehicles and the space: propping up cars and putting reflective pieces under them so the judges could see every conceivable detail. Then you straighten the rug, and begin polishing each square inch of your toy.

The show is organized by the Michigan Hot Rod Association and celebrated its 55th anniversary March 9-11.

TEST DRIVE By Greg Zyla

2007 Land Rover V8 LR3 makes 'statement'



that special "Land Rover" statement wrapped in safety enthused performance — base price: \$53,235; price as tested: \$56,100.

Introduced in 2005 to replace the aging Discovery model, the 2007 LR3 HSE received no major design tweaks of note, although the timeless "Rover look" is still a major country club statement.

Mechanically, there are changes worth noting. Under

the hood sits a new Jaguar-inspired V8 that produces 300 horsepower from a 4.4-liter aluminum alloy design hooked to an electronic 6-speed automatic transmission and two-speed AWD transfer case. It moves the Rover well, but considering there's 5,426-pounds of mass attached, it sometimes doesn't feel like 300 horses. As for thirst, it devours premium fuel as EPA numbers of 14 city and 19

highway aren't anything to cheer about.

There are positives, however, and many of them. Built in Solihull, United Kingdom, Rover's LR3 (which is owned by Ford Motor Company) offers a body-on-frame construction and a tough, off-road-ready fully independent suspension. We like the setup, especially when it comes to navigating in bad weather or taking an off-road excursion.

And, because you sit real high in a Rover, the driver and passengers have great views of everything in front or on the sides.

Many great driving aids allow the HSE to feel like a luxury car more so than an SUV. Included are standard features like traction control, four wheel drive, cornering brake control, hill descent assist, electronic brake force distribution, four wheel vented ABS

brake system and a host of other security features. In the event of a mishap, front side air bags and curtain side air bags for all seating rows are standard, as are the expected front and passenger safety air bag systems.

LR3's quiet and velvety ride lulls drivers into a sense of "non off road ability," until, that is, the weather turns

See LR3, page 21A

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Total Start Up	Total Start Up	Total Start Up
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GENERAL PUBLIC LEASE	GENERAL PUBLIC LEASE	GENERAL PUBLIC LEASE
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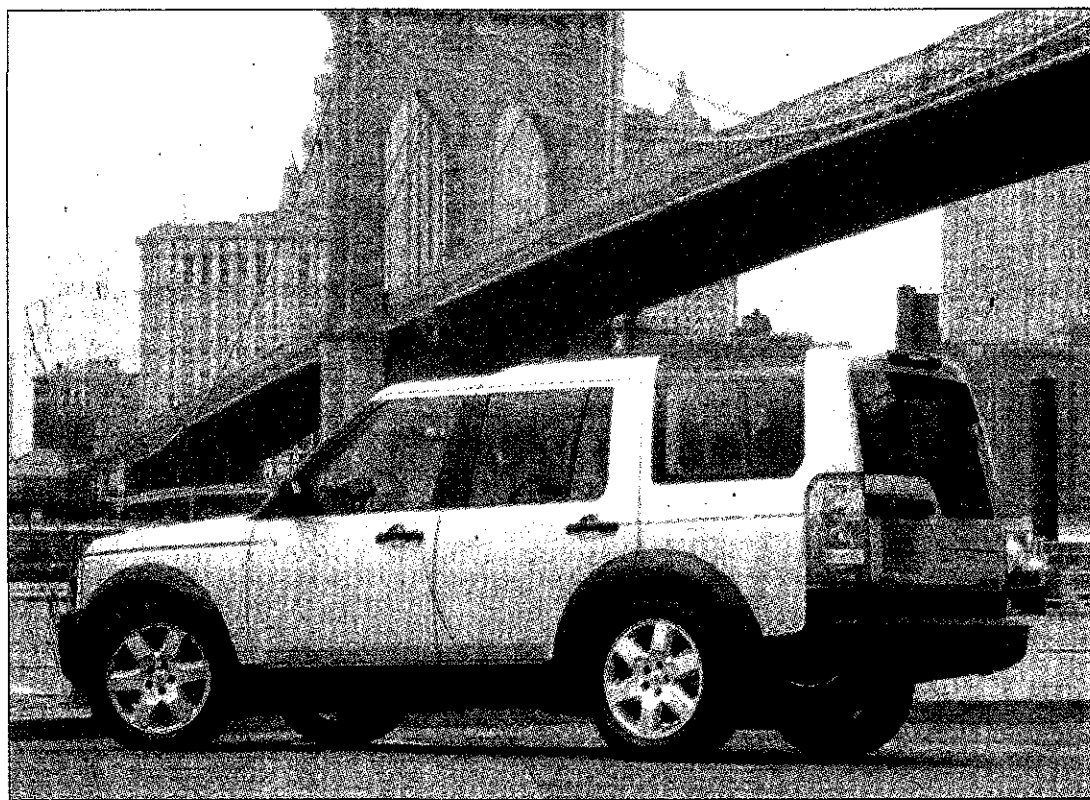
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2007 Land Rover V8 LR3

LR3: Makes Statement

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nasty. Consumers then quickly find out that the Land Rover is a serious battler of mean roads. Thus, if you are in this exclusive market and decide to test-drive an LR3, ask your dealer for an off-road demonstration and you'll see first hand what we mean.

Land Rovers have an AWD system that features a low-range they call a "Terrain Response" system. The system activates from a console switch that allows the driver to choose both suspension and powertrain settings to accommodate driving style, weather condition or off-road need. Notable is a standard locking center differential and optional locking rear differential.

LR3 also features an anti-skid control with rollover sensors, air-spring suspension with four different ride heights

and automatic load leveling. A navigation system and bi-xenon headlights are standard on the HSE and available on the V8 "SE" model. Six cylinder models are also available.

Inside, prepare for Rover's secure feeling of luxury. LR3's British heritage demands that opulence not be grandiose in any manner, yet it should still deliver the lavishness one desires in a Rover. The leather upholstery is supple, and accommodation for seven is standard on all V8 models. The seats are very comfortable, while kids and dogs will love the third row. (That's the Brit way of saying the third row is tight). Overall, the cabin is really nice and everything expected in a vehicle of this nature is in place.

The only options on our LR3 HSE were a Luxury Package, featuring adaptive front lighting, heated front and rear seats, and a center console cooler box for \$1,750 (too much); and Sirius Satellite Radio for another \$400. This brought the final tally to \$56,100.

Important numbers include

a 113.6-inch wheelbase, 22.8-gallon fuel tank, 7,700-pound towing capacity and up to 90 cubic-feet of cargo space depending on seat arrangement.

Similar to the top of the line, and \$90,000-plus Range Rover, which we recently tested during a major snowstorm in Pennsylvania (coming soon), we rate the LR3 an 8.8 on a scale of one to 10.

Likes: Flawless in bad weather, secure feeling, quality build, fun to drive.

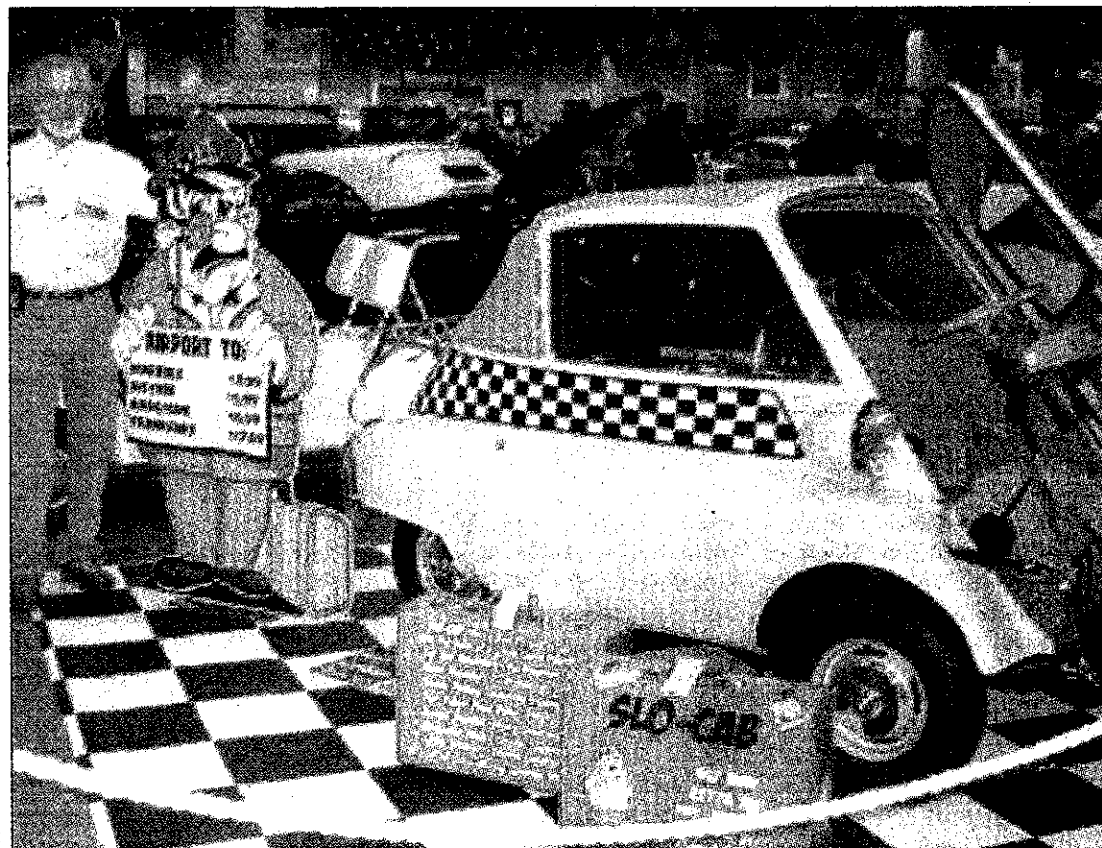
Dislikes: Loves gas stations, design needs some updating.

Greg Zyla is a syndicated auto columnist.

AUTORAMA: Better than ever

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\$3,000 Grand Master award to the best two-wheel motorcycle in its first public showing.



Michigander Chuck Miller transformed this 1957 BMW Isetta 300 convertible into a kind of Yellow Cab. The 13-horsepower, single-cylinder rear engine car will accommodate more than 500 pounds of payload. The gear shift lever is mounted on the inside of the body to the left of the driver. The single door, of course, opens up front. Miller claimed it might hold as many as four very skinny people. Fat chance. It's designed for two.



Al Maynard of Clinton Township shows off his 1932 Ford Victoria with its not-so-modest 530-horsepower, 7.0-liter ZO6 Corvette engine. Maynard has been involved in Autorama since 1958.

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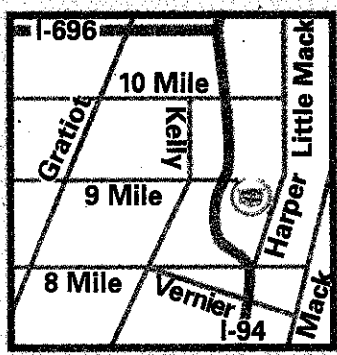
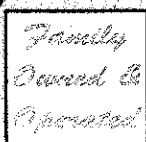
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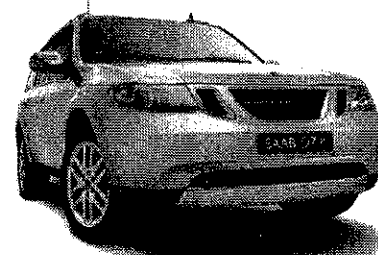


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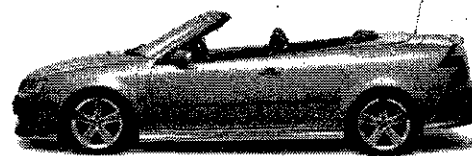
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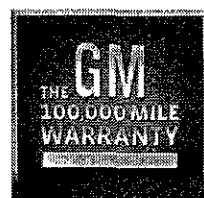


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PUBLIC SAFETY REPORTS

Grosse Pointe Park

Shovel stolen to clean snow?

On Wednesday, March 7, at 7:02 a.m., Grosse Pointe Park police officers observed a 48-year-old Detroit man walking with a shovel stolen from a home in the 1300 block of Beaconsfield.

The man was arrested and the shovel was returned to its owner.

Busted for going too fast

On Tuesday, March 6, at 10:53 p.m., Grosse Pointe Park police officers stopped a vehicle for speeding and erratic driving in the Mack and Audubon area.

The driver, a 36-year-old Grand Blanc man, fled into the City of Grosse Pointe before he was stopped and arrested.

Bad plate equals drug possession

On Friday, March 9, at 11:18 a.m., a vehicle driving in the Wayburn and Hampton area of Grosse Pointe Park was stopped because a LEIN (Law Enforcement Information Network) check revealed the license plate was reported stolen.

The driver, a 35-year-old Detroit man, was found to be in possession of narcotics and was arrested.

—Bob St. John

Those with information on these or any crimes should call the Grosse Pointe Park police

department at (313) 822-7400.

Grosse Pointe Shores

Wanted man picked up on warrant

A 45-year-old Detroit man was arrested after he was picked up by police for an outstanding warrant at 7:10 p.m. Tuesday, March 6.

The man was wanted on a warrant for driving under the influence. He posted bond and was released.

All over the road means drunken driver

Police arrested a 31-year-old St. Clair Shores man for drunken driving following a traffic stop on Lakeshore near Clairview at 4:57 p.m. Tuesday, March 6.

Police initiated the traffic stop after observing the vehicle driving erratically and striking the curb several times on Lakeshore. The man admitted to drinking and registered a .21 on a breath test.

He was arrested for drunken driving and driving with a revoked driver license. Police are also requesting the forfeiture of his vehicle because he is a repeat offender. The forfeiture request was faxed to the Wayne County prosecutor's office.

—By John Lundberg

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

Grosse Pointe Farms

Drunken driving

A 23-year-old City of Grosse Pointe woman was arrested for drunken driving following a traffic stop on Mack near Moross at 3:34 a.m. Saturday, March 10.

Police stopped the vehicle for having an expired license plate. While questioning the woman, the officer noticed a strong odor of intoxicants coming from her facial area. She failed several field sobriety tests and registered a .17 on a breath test.

The woman was arrested and her vehicle was impounded.

Felony warrant

Police arrested a 42-year-old St. Clair Shores man after a traffic stop on Roland near Bournemouthe at 6:03 p.m. Friday, March 9.

Police stopped the vehicle after receiving several reports of two men walking around the area. When responding to the reports, police observed the vehicle that matched descriptions of the suspect's car and initiated the traffic stop.

When asked what he was doing, the man said he and the two passengers in the vehicle were soliciting the area for work.

A LEIN (Law Enforcement Information Network) check revealed the man was wanted on a felony warrant in Roseville. He was also driving in violation of his restricted driver license.

The man was arrested and

the two passengers were advised against solicitation in the area and released at the scene.

Shattering

Police are investigating a theft from a business in the 18000 block of Mack reported at 10:12 a.m. Thursday, March 8.

Police said the victim reported the theft after discovering about \$75 in cash and coin missing from the cash register. Police said the suspect gained entry by smashing through the glass front entry door.

Longing for a laptop

Police are investigating the theft of a Dell Inspiron laptop computer from a classroom at Grosse Pointe South High School reported at 3 p.m. Thursday, March 8.

Police viewed a videotape of the classroom to determine who stole it following the report.

It is valued at \$600.

—By John Lundberg

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

City of Grosse Pointe

Burglary

Police are investigating the theft of two rings from a flat in the 900 block of Neff reported at 9:30 p.m. Tuesday, March 6.

Police said the suspect gained entry by prying open the front door of the second floor flat. Nothing else was reported missing. The tenants on

the first floor reported hearing nothing, police said.

The rings are valued at \$800.

No headlights

A 43-year-old Detroit man was arrested following a traffic stop on Mack near Neff at 9:48 p.m. Sunday, March 4.

Police stopped the vehicle after observing it without functioning front headlights. A LEIN (Law Enforcement Information Network) check revealed the man was wanted on a warrant in Dearborn and had two driver license suspensions. He was arrested and the vehicle's license plate was confiscated.

Attempted car theft

Police are investigating the possible attempted car theft of a vehicle parked in the parking lot of a business in the 17000 block of Mack reported at 12:42 p.m. Sunday, March 4.

Police said the victim reported the incident after returning to her vehicle and noticing a hole punched out just under the vehicle's driver side door lock. There was also damage to the window and weather stripping.

Police believe the vehicle was targeted for theft.

—By John Lundberg

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

Grosse Pointe Woods

Running a red light

On Monday, March 12, at 1:34 a.m., a 32-year-old Wyandotte man driving a gray 2005 Pontiac Grand Am was stopped for disobeying the red light at the intersection of Harper and Allard.

A Grosse Pointe Woods police officer caught up to the driver and noticed the vehicle weaving between lanes.

During the investigation, the driver told the officer he did not know why he was stopped.

The officer detected an odor of intoxicants coming from the man's facial area. The driver was asked if he had anything to drink that night and he responded, "I'm good tonight."

He later said he had a beer earlier in the evening. The driver failed a couple of field sobriety tests before registering a .134 percent blood alcohol con-

tent on a portable breath test.

The man was arrested for operating a motor vehicle while intoxicated. He posted a \$100 bond and was released to his friend, who had the keys to the vehicle.

Warrant arrest

On Sunday, March 11, at 9:51 p.m., a 21-year-old Detroit man driving a blue 1986 Chevrolet Sportvan was stopped in the Harper and Allard area for running a red light after accelerating to try and beat the yellow light.

The man did not give the Grosse Pointe Woods police officer any information. A LEIN (Law Enforcement Information Network) check revealed the man's driver license was suspended and he had three outstanding warrants for his arrest.

Two of the warrants were out of Detroit for failure to appear in court and disorderly conduct and one was out of St. Clair Shores for minor in possession.

The man was arrested and picked up by a St. Clair Shores police officer.

Drunken driving

On Sunday, March 11, at 1:45 a.m., a 20-year-old Harper Woods man driving an olive color 1996 Jeep Grand Cherokee was stopped in the Tyrone and Broadstone area for erratic driving.

The Grosse Pointe Woods police officer detected an odor of intoxicants coming from the man's facial area and asked him if he had been drinking.

The driver said he had a couple of beers at a local hangout earlier that evening.

He failed a field sobriety test and registered a .069 percent blood alcohol content on a portable breath test.

The man was arrested for zero tolerance and the vehicle was returned to its registered owner, who was called to pick up the car.

Speeding

On Saturday, March 10, at 8:55 p.m., a 27-year-old Franklin, Ill. man was clocked speeding 45 mph on Marter, which is a 25 mph zone.

The Grosse Pointe Woods police officer noticed the odor of intoxicants coming from the

See POLICE, page 23A

City of **Grosse Pointe**, Michigan

**NOTICE
CITY OF GROSSE POINTE
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BOARD OF REVIEW**

The CITY OF GROSSE POINTE Board of Review will meet at 17147 Maumee, Grosse Pointe, Michigan on March 6th, 19th and 20th, 2007. The Board will organize and review assessments on Tuesday, March 6th. The Board will hear protests from aggrieved property owners by appointment on Monday, March 19th from 9 am to 9 pm and Tuesday, March 20th from 9 am to 5 pm. Appointments may be made by calling the City offices at 313-885-5800 from 8:30 am to 5pm.

The tentative ratios and estimated multipliers necessary to compute individual state equalized values are as follows:

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City of **Grosse Pointe Woods**, Michigan

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AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE ZONING MAP AS OUTLINED IN CHAPTER 98, ZONING SECTION 98-52 TO PROVIDE FOR THE REZONING OF CERTAIN SPECIFIC PROPERTIES FROM RO-1 TO C(c)

Lisa Kay Hathaway, CMC
City Clerk

G.P.N.: 03/15/07

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AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 98, ZONING, SECTIONS 98-13 ACCESSORY BUILDINGS, 98-72(5) PERMITTED USES, AND 98-1 DEFINITIONS TO PROVIDE GENERAL REQUIREMENTS RELATING TO HEIGHTS, AREA AND SETBACKS FOR ACCESSORY BUILDINGS, TO IDENTIFY PERMITTED USES FOR ACCESSORY BUILDINGS, AND TO PROVIDE DEFINITIONS FOR ACCESSORY BUILDINGS AND GARAGES

Lisa Kay Hathaway, CMC
City Clerk

G.P.N.: 03/15/07

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that all residents in the School District of the City of Harper Woods who meet the following qualifications by April 9, 2007, shall be entitled to be registered as an elector in the precinct in which he or she resides for the scheduled May 8, 2007 election.

- Shall be a citizen of the United States;
- Shall be at least 18 years of age by May 8, 2007;
- Shall be a resident of this State;
- Shall be a resident of the School District of the City of Harper Woods for at least 30 days.

Interested and qualified persons may make application to become a registered voter at the City Clerk's Office, Monday through Friday between the hours of 8:30 A.M. and 5:00 P.M. or any Michigan Secretary of State Office. Voter Registration Applications can also be obtained on line at www.harperwoodscity.org or www.michigan.gov/vote. The last day to register for the May 8, 2007, Election will be Monday, April 9, 2007. If you are unable to come at the above times, or if you are in doubt as to the status of your registration, or if you need assistance, please call 343-2510.

Voters may obtain a Sample Ballot in the City Clerk's Office showing the Office and candidates to be elected. For the election May 8, 2007, qualified voters will be electing a candidate to the following office:

Member of the Harper Woods School Board of Education: (1) four year term ending June 30, 2011

**CITY OF HARPER WOODS
Mickey D. Todd,
CITY CLERK**

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Michael Kenyon
Deputy Township Clerk

GPN: 3/15/07

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Raymond Suwinski
Township Clerk

GPN: 3/15/07

City of **Grosse Pointe Farms**, Michigan

**SUMMARY OF THE MINUTES
MARCH 5, 2007**

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

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

Those Absent Were: None.

Also Present Messrs. Burgess, City Attorney; Reeside, City Manager; Tepper, Assistant City Manager; Brennan, Director of Public Service; Hutchins, Deputy Director Public Safety.

Mayor Farquhar Presided at the Meeting.

The Minutes of the Regular Meeting held February 12, 2007, were approved as submitted.

The Minutes of the Closed Session held February 12, 2007, were approved as submitted.

The Council, acting as a Zoning Board of Appeals, adjourned the request from Mr. Edward Russell regarding 71 Radnor Circle, to Monday, April 2, 2007 at 7:00 p.m.

The Council approved the following items from the Consent Agenda:

- Request to Schedule a Public Hearing for Monday, April 2, 2007 to consider the amendment to the Zoning Ordinance in Community Service District.
- Approve the low bid of Hartford & Ratliff Co in the amount of \$42,736.00 to replace the Pier Park pool boiler.

The Council received the Public Safety Report for January 2007 and ordered it placed on file.

The Council adopted a resolution that upon adjournment of the Regular Meeting, a Closed Session will be held for the purpose of discussing certain litigation.

Upon proper motion made, supported and carried, the Meeting adjourned at 9:50 p.m.

THE NEXT REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL WILL BE HELD ON MONDAY, APRIL 2, 2007 AT 7:00 P.M. IN THE CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 90 KERBY ROAD, GROSSE POINTE FARMS, MICHIGAN 48236. THE MEETING IS PUBLIC. INTERESTED PROPERTY OWNERS AND RESIDENTS OF THE CITY ARE INVITED TO ATTEND. YOU MAY ALSO VIEW THE AGENDA AND MINUTES ON THE CITY'S WEBSITE: www.ci.grosse-pointe-farms.mi.us/

James C. Farquhar Jr., Mayor
Matthew J. Tepper, City Clerk

GPN: 03/15/07

POLICE: Keeping the public safe

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man's facial area and asked if he had been drinking.

He said he had a few drinks. The man failed several field sobriety tests and registered a .189 percent blood alcohol content on a portable breath test.

The driver was arrested for operating a motor vehicle while intoxicated.

Another speedster leads to arrest

On Saturday, March 10, at 1:19 a.m., a 26-year-old Ionia man driving a black 1995 Pontiac Grand Am was stopped for speeding 48 mph on Mack, which is a 35 mph zone.

The man did not produce any identification or vehicle information. After being questioned, he told the Grosse Pointe Woods police officer he had a couple of beers at a friend's house earlier that evening.

The driver failed several field sobriety tests and took a portable breath test, which registered .19 percent blood alcohol content.

He was arrested for operating a motor vehicle while intoxicated.

Possession of pot means: busted

On Friday, March 9, at 3:52 a.m., a Grosse Pointe Woods police officer stopped a 29-year-old St. Clair Shores man for disregarding a red light at the Mack and Vernier intersection.

The man gave the officer his personal and vehicle information. The officer, detecting an odor of intoxicants coming from the driver's facial area, asked the man if he had been drinking.

He told the officer he had four medium-sized glasses of rum and Coke earlier that evening.

The driver failed several field sobriety tests before registering a .121 percent blood alcohol content on a portable breath test. The man also told the officer he had a small bag of suspected marijuana in his left pants pocket.

The man was arrested for operating a motor vehicle while intoxicated and possession of narcotics. The substance was tested at the police station and came back positive for marijuana.

Prisoner pickup from Wayne County

On Thursday, March 8, at 9 p.m., Grosse Pointe Woods police officers picked up a 34-year-old Detroit man at the Wayne County Jail on Dickerson.

The man had a warrant for

his arrest out of the Woods for failure to appear in court. He was also wanted on three Detroit warrants.

Bad driver gets busted

On Tuesday, March 6, at 9:59 p.m., a 43-year-old Harper Woods man driving a white 1999 Dodge Ram was stopped in the Harper and Lochmoor area because the license plate was not visible.

A LEIN check revealed the man's driver license had been suspended three times out of Detroit and he had an outstanding warrant out of Detroit for driving with a suspended license.

The man was arrested.

Thief takes truck and trailer

On Sunday, March 4, at 6:30 p.m., a 62-year-old Grosse Pointe Woods man reported his brown 2005 Ford F350 truck and red 34-foot trailer were stolen.

The truck and trailer were parked in front of the man's home in the 2100 block of Vernier at 12:30 p.m.

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

GROSSE POINTE FARMS

Police honors its own with awards

By John Lundberg
Staff Writer

The Grosse Pointe Farms police department recently singled out several police officers by awarding them 2006 Merit Awards and Department Citations.

Dan Jensen, Farms director of public safety, presided over the ceremony that honored several members of the police department.

"I am honored and proud to present these awards to the men and women (of the department)," he said.

Winners of the Director's Merit Award were officer Collin Lince and Lt. Jack Patterson.

Lince was honored for his assistance in training department personnel to use its two new computer systems.

Patterson was honored for securing \$225,000 in public safety grants since 2002 to fund the equipment purchased.

Lt. Richard Rosati and Det. Michael McCarthy received a Department Citation for their efforts in solving a car jacking on Lakeshore last March.

'I am honored and proud to present these awards to the men and women (of the department).'

DAN JENSEN,
Farms Public Safety Director

Both detectives were able to yield two confessions from captured suspects and succeeded in discovering the identity of an at-large suspect, who was later apprehended.

Rosati and McCarthy also received a citation for solving a home invasion case last May.

Lt. Andrew Rogers, Det. Rick Good and Public Safety officers Keith Colombo, Christopher Fontaine, Mike Hodor, Geoffrey McQueen and Edward Wierszewski re-

ceived a citation for helping capture two purse snatchers in the 400 block of Champine last October. Following a report of a purse snatching at Pointe Plaza, the officers converged on the area and established a perimeter that entrapped the suspects.

Wierszewski also received a citation for his involvement in solving a larceny investigation.

Lt. Brian Bilinski, Sgt. John Bruno and Sgt. Holly Krizmanich and Parking Enforcement Specialist Paul Reygaert received a citation for capturing a suspect wanted in cell phone thefts from several vehicles.

Reygaert was able to contact one of the victim's family by utilizing a contact from a cell phone company.

"This information brought great relief to the family mem-

bers of the victim who had been trying to contact him for an hour," Jensen said.

Reygaert was also honored for his involvement in the arrest of a suspect for marijuana dealing last May.

Public Safety Officer Traci John received a citation for her involvement in solving a hit and run accident last November.

"As a result of (her) perseverance and effort in looking beyond the initial call for service, a hit and run injury accident was solved," Jensen said.

Public Safety Officer James Corbett was awarded a Life Saving Award for entering a smoke-filled house on McKinley last July and leading an occupant to safety.

"Officer Corbett's quick, selfless and courageous actions resulted in a life-saving rescue," Jensen said.

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City of Grosse Pointe Park, Michigan

NOTICE OF REVIEW OF THE 2007 ASSESSMENT ROLL

The Board of Review of the City of Grosse Pointe Park, Wayne County, Michigan will be in session in the Municipal Building, 15115 East Jefferson, Grosse Pointe Park, Michigan on:

Tuesday March 20, 2007 & Tuesday March 27, 2007
From 9 a.m. to 8 p.m.

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Diann Lulis
City Assessor

City of Grosse Pointe Farms, Michigan

BOARD OF REVIEW

Meetings for the purpose of reviewing the 2007 Assessment Roll for the City of Grosse Pointe Farms, Wayne County, Michigan, will be held by the Board of Review on:

TUESDAY, MARCH 13, 2007
From 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

and
1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

MONDAY, MARCH 26, 2007
From 1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

and
6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

at City Hall, 90 Kerby Road, Grosse Pointe Farms, Michigan 48236.

Hearings will be scheduled by appointment. Please contact City of Grosse Pointe Farms at (313) 640-1618. You may also petition the Board in writing through the mail if you cannot make the hearing dates. These letters HAVE TO BE IN THE OFFICE BY FRIDAY, MARCH 9th.

GPN: 3/1/07; 3/8/07; 3/15/07; 3/22/07

TIMOTHY E. O'DONNELL
City Assessor

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- 31' Chris Craft -R. Kazmit
- 27' Sea Ray -K. Gubachy
- 27' Sea Ray -S. Niva
- 26' Sea Ray -S. Landsberg
- 26' Sea Ray -S. Martin
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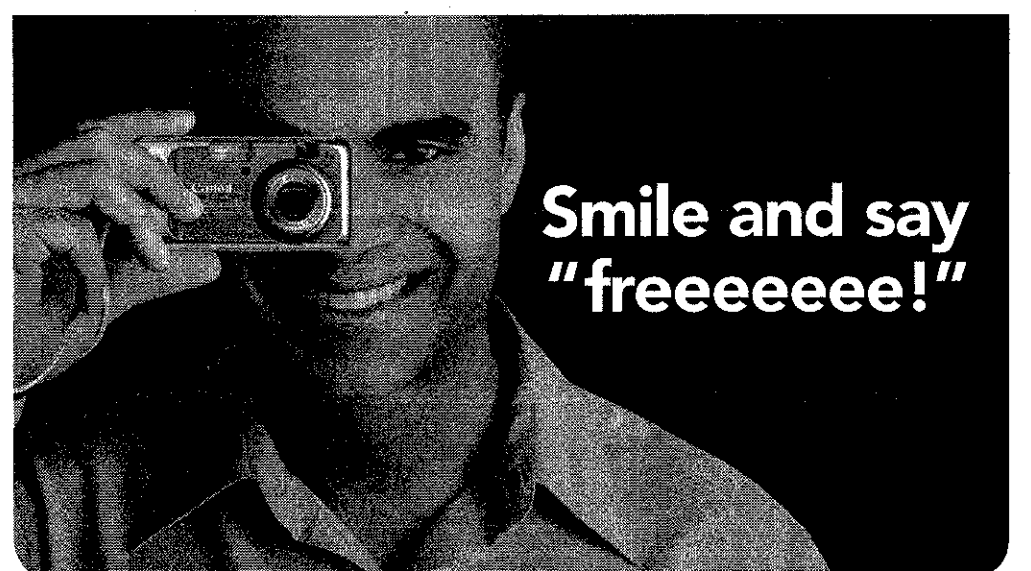


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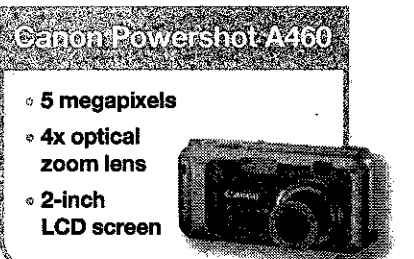


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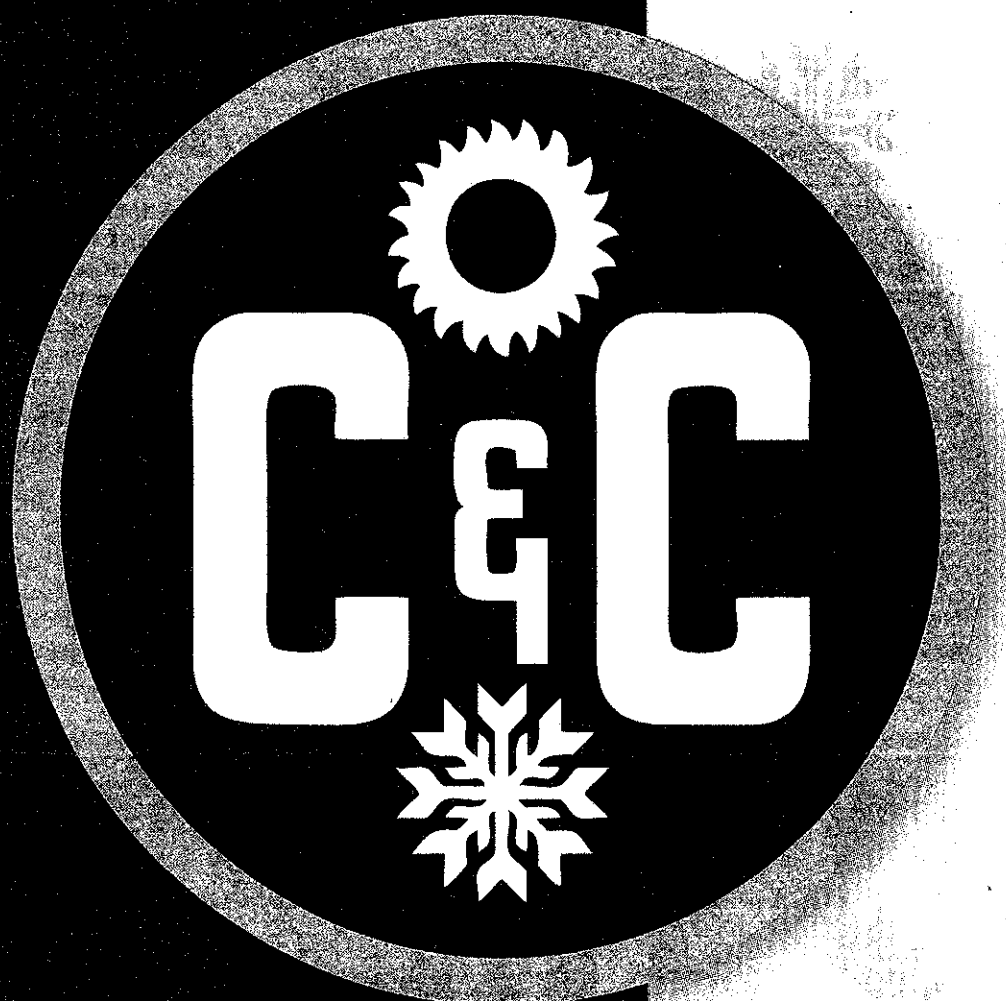
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CHD board members

The Children's Home of Detroit board officers for 2007, from left, are Thomas R. Standish, executive director; Mrs. Verne C. Hampton II, recording secretary; Mrs. Clune J. Walsh, second vice president; Mrs. J. Gerard Teagan, corresponding secretary; and Thomas V. Cliff, president. Not pictured are Bruce VandeVusse, first vice president and George Eshelman, treasurer.

Twins save mother's life

By Ann L. Fouty
Acting Features Editor

Madison and Sydney Murray of Grosse Pointe Shores saved their mother's life.

When she blacked out in the kitchen on Jan. 23, the two 6-year-old girls debated if they should call their father or 911. Sydney hit redial on her mother's cell phone to be connected with their father's cell phone.

From his Richmond office, Rick filtered through the screams and shouts that his wife, Sue, had collapsed, hit her head and was having a seizure.

He told Sydney to stay calm and, on the phone with him while he called Shores police from his office phone.

Sue had had some medical problems, she explained, and was probably dehydrated along with low blood count. The girls were home with colds.

Sue reassured her husband that morning he could go into work; they would be fine.

The three were in the kitchen eating, Sue said. "I asked them if they wanted more, artichokes, if you can imagine. I got up to get them and I passed out. I fell and hit my head, and kept banging my head. They both tried to wake me up."

"They were screaming, 'Mommy's on the floor bleeding,'" Rick said. "I told (Sydney) to stay on the phone. They had called me on my cell from (Sue's) cell. I called 911 from the office phone," he said.

When four police cars and the paramedics showed up, the girls opened the door, as they had been instructed by their father. Neighbors came immediately and one took the girls to her home.

Though he was 40 minutes away, Rick was home before the ambulance had left with

Sue. She was without memory for four days and in the hospital for nine days, Rick said.

"I didn't even know my own name," Sue said.

The Murray household is back in its routine — the twins are back in school at Star of the Sea and Sue is under medical supervision.

The girls don't like to be alone and follow their parents around, Rick says of the incident's after effects. It took them awhile before they would venture into the kitchen.

According to Rick, the girls are thriving in school, but they do reference the incident and keep a close eye on their mother.

Both parents are proud of their daughters and praise the Star of the Sea teachers and mothers who have been keeping an eye on the twins.

"We praise them and the school praises them," Sue said of Sydney and Madison.

"They saved her life," Rick said. "They were frantic but had the presence of mind to call. You never want this to happen but it was the best outcome you can imagine. The police were here within a matter of seconds. I can't ask for anything else."



CHD trustees

New trustees for the Children's Home of Detroit were inducted in February and include, from left, Mrs. Philip Liagre, Jenny Jiang, Mrs. Allen L. Browne, Paul Youngblood, Mrs. John Williams, Mrs. Frank Law and Mrs. Loren J. Tibbitts.

KASKY: Discrimination, acceptance

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about the road map plan devised by America which would create two states, one for Palestinians and one for Jews.

While the history of Jews across the globe has been both discouraging and optimistic, so is the case of Kasky's personal life.

Growing up in the late 1940s, Kasky said he was happy during his childhood and early adulthood in Detroit, yet he often felt like a second class citizen. He was told of many businesses that did not hire Jews. His wife, Jacqueline, also felt this and faced some discrimination as a youth.

Nonetheless, Kasky is heart-

ened by the evolution of history in which people, both globally and in Grosse Pointe, are more open and tolerant. While Grosse Pointe had restrictive covenants earlier last century which kept different ethnic groups, including Jews, from buying houses, he has harmoniously settled in Grosse Pointe today.

"I have never personally experienced any anti-Semitic event or occurrence. Everyone who finds out I'm Jewish seems very welcoming," he said.

His membership in the Grosse Pointe Jewish Council adds luster to his life. He is a past president of the group, which holds religious services every month with a particular emphasis on the High Holy Days — Rosh Hashana and Yom Kippur — and Passover.

These holidays are important facets of Judaism. The High Holy Days involve introspection in which people both re-

peat their promise to God to live a more devoted life and pray to Him to grant them a good life in the coming year. Passover, which celebrates Jewish freedom from slavery in Egypt, is perhaps the most significant observation, Kasky said.

"The Exodus is the defining of Judaism because it deals with the belief that God will intercede on behalf of his servants if they observe his commandments," he said.

The notion of charity and tikkun olam, which means healing the world, are other ideas enmeshed in the fabric of Jewish life.

Kasky subscribes to this concept: he and his wife give money to soup kitchens, family planning organizations, medical groups and Jewish charities.

Most of all, he believes all people are equal and should be free.

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John Rittersdorf (Jack)
Ryan, son of Jack and Elaine
Ryan of Grosse Pointe Park,
was awarded his Juris
Doctorate degree from the
University of Michigan Law

School in December 2006.

He is a 1997 Grosse Pointe
South High School graduate
and earned his Bachelor of Arts
degree from the University of
Notre Dame.

Western Michigan University
has named Grosse Pointe
Woods residents **Nicole M.
Andary, Daniel P. Grunewald,
Heather L. Marshall, Heather
M. O'Boyle, Ryan P.
Symington and Charles A.
Ulmer** to the dean's list.

pointe counter points by karene stevenson

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CLUB MEETINGS

Music league

The Grosse Pointe Classical Music League holds its general meeting at 11 a.m. Thursday, March 22, at the Country Club of Detroit. The public is invited.

Following lunch, Tom Smeltzer and his barbershop quartet, "In the Neighborhood," will perform. The cost is \$22.

For reservations, send a check payable to GPCML to Ms. L. Lee, 9 Shorecrest Circle, Grosse Pointe Shores, MI 48236.

Support group

The Friends of Vision Support Group for the Visually Impaired meet from 10 to 11:30 a.m. on Monday, March 19, and Wednesday, March 21, at the Detroit Institute of Ophthalmology, 15415 E. Jefferson, Grosse Pointe Park.

For more information, call Nancy Pilorget at (313) 824-4710, ext. 225.

La Leche League

La Leche League, a mother-to-mother breast feeding information and support group, meets at 10:30 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. Monday, March 19, in Grosse Pointe.

For more information, call Jennifer at (313) 821-9193, Shannon at (313) 882-9801, Elizabeth at (313) 640-9438 or Maria at (313) 885-3709 or e-mail Dana at joesmom8@hotmail.com.

Women's Connection

The Women's Connection of Grosse Pointe meets on Thursday, March 22, at the Lochmoor Club. Speaker attorney Diane Carpentier's topic is "Save Yourself from Medical Turmoil." She will share ways to avoid medical turmoil and minimize some of the headaches associated with medical care.

Socializing begins at 6 p.m. with dinner at 6:30 p.m. and the program from 7:45 to 9 p.m. Members pay \$27 and nonmembers, \$29. A fee of \$5 is charged for those who want to hear only the speaker and is payable at the door.

For more information, call Marcia Pikielek at (313) 884-4201 or Nancy Neat at (313) 882-1855.

AAUW annual meeting

The American Association of University Women, Grosse Pointe Branch features a tribute to education foundation honorees, election of officers, a PowerPoint anniversary presentation and a program with Amanda Good, executive director for Alternatives for Girls, plus brunch at the Lochmoor Club.

Honorees are Bea Erdos of St. Clair Shores and Marianne Shrader of Grosse Pointe Park.

The anniversary presentation will highlight early branch members and the organization's achievements and events.

Registration begins at 10 a.m., with brunch served at 10:30 a.m. and the meeting and program at 11 a.m., Saturday, March 31.

The cost is \$20 and the public is invited.

Send a check payable to AAUW GP by March 17 to Program Vice President Pat Petro, 23067 Gary Lane, St. Clair Shores, MI 48080; or call (586) 776-6429.

Audubon society

◆ Grosse Pointe Audubon and the Grosse Pointe War Memorial present "Hunters of the Sky: Up Close and Personal with Live Hawks, Falcons, Owls and Eagles" at 10 a.m. Saturday, March 17, in Fries Auditorium, Grosse Pointe War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms.

Francie Krawcke, education director and raptor curator at the Leslie Science Center in Ann Arbor presents the program.

Tickets are \$3 for adults and \$2 for children 12 and under. Tickets are available at the War Memorial. For more information, call (313) 881-7511.

◆ In a second program, Grosse Pointe Audubon presents "The persistence of Ivory-billed Woodpeckers in Florida: Sound evidence from a flooded wilderness" with Dan Mennill, assistant professor at the University of Windsor on Monday, March 19.

Social hour is at 7 p.m. and the meeting begins at 7:30 p.m. in the community room at the Children's Home of Detroit, 900 Cook, Grosse Pointe Woods.

Mennill was the head of the sound analysis team on a

search for the ivory-billed woodpecker in Florida's panhandle. The meeting is free and open to the public.

Women's Club

Senior conservation scientist Doug Pearsall of the Michigan Branch of Nature Conservancy will be the featured speaker at the Grosse Pointe Woman's Club on Wednesday, March 21.

Pearsall will speak about the goals and achievements of this global nonprofit organization. The group is dedicated to preserving and protecting waters, streams, animals and plants. There are 1 million members worldwide with 28,000 in Michigan.

The Woman's Club meets at 12:30 p.m. for lunch on the third Wednesday of the month in the Crystal Ballroom of the Grosse Pointe War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms. Dues are \$55.

For more information, call membership chairman Beverley Pack at (313) 881-5397 or president Pam Zimmer at (313) 882-9087.

For guest reservations, call hospitality chairman Beverly Zimmermann at (313) 881-6251 by Saturday, March 17.

Classic books

University of Michigan professor George Bornstein will speak at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, March 22, in Grosse Pointe South High School Auditorium.

The short book that made Frederick Douglass the most famous African-American of the 19th century, "Narrative of

the Life of Frederick Douglass," will be the topic of Bornstein's lecture in the classic book lecture series.

The autobiography gives an account of Douglass' early upbringing in slavery, his subsequent escape to freedom in the North and on to a career as an orator, author and statesman.

Chamber music

Grosse Pointe Chamber Music presents a program at 2:30 p.m. Sunday, March 25, in the Crystal Ballroom of the Grosse Pointe War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms.

The program includes: "Nocturne, Op. 9 No. 2" by Fryderyk Chopin and Mazurka in A Minor, Op. 67, No. 4" with Richard Lubera on violin and Kathleen Donigan on piano; "Quartete in C major, Op. 33, No. 3 'The Bird'" by

Franz Hayden with the Counterpoint Quartet; "Duet in G Major, Op. 105, No." by Charles Dancila and "Three Duets" by Dmitri Shostakovich featuring violinists Ray Demeulemeester and Janet Floer and Jean Curtis Demeulemeester on the piano; and "Sonata in A Minor, Op. 105" by Robert Schumann with violinist Gerda Bielitz and pianist Carole Dolan.

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Pointe Knitters

Pointe Knitters meet at 7:30 p.m., Thursday, March 22, at the Children's Home of Detroit, 900 Cook, Grosse Pointe Woods. The program will be a project using two color cables. Knitters of all skill levels are welcome. For more information, call (313) 885-9034.



Benefit

Pregnancy Aid will hold a benefit reception and auction beginning at 6:30 p.m., Friday, March 30, at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms. The invocation will be given by Msgr. Patrick Halfpenny, pastor of St. Paul Catholic Church. The organization is observing 33 years of helping more than 23,000 needy women. Honorary chairperson is Mary Ann VanElslander. Master of ceremonies will be John McCulloch, WJR radio; special guest, Teresa Tomeo of Ave Maria radio. The Joan Couzens award will be given to Lisa Peters. For reservations or more information, call (313) 919-8124. Pregnancy Aid Auction Committee includes, seated, from left, Monica Szabo, Van Elslander, Nancy Anter; and standing, from left, Peters, Mandy Scranton, Dolores Blohm, Kirsten Frank Kelly, Julie Hage, Colette Dempsey and Mary Baratta.

Farms man on College for Creative Studies board

The College for Creative Studies has elected three new members to its Board of Trustees. Joining the board are Thomas Buhl, Frank Campanale and William Parget.

"We are thrilled to welcome to the CCS Board these three talented individuals, each with unique expertise and a passion for art and design," said Keith Crain, chairman, CCS Board of Trustees.

Thomas Buhl, a resident of Grosse Pointe Farms, is vice president of investments at Ferris Baker Watts in Detroit. Prior to that, he served as vice president at Merrill Lynch in Grosse Pointe Farms. Buhl, a member of the Detroit Zoological Society and Detroit Historical Society boards, is also involved in Racing for Kids, a Detroit based organization that raises awareness for Children's Hospitals across the



Thomas Buhl

nation.

Frank Campanale of Orchard Lake and William Parget of Mattawan also joined the board.

Grosse Pointe teens are rockin' on

Three Grosse Pointe teens are creating a sensation on the local music scene with their band, "The Decks."

Alex Glendening, the lead vocalist and guitarist is a 2006 graduate of Grosse Pointe South and drummer Maria Nuccilli was also member of the Class of 2006. Ellen Chamberlin, who plays guitar,

is currently a senior at South.

The fourth band member, Hank Wolfe, is a resident of Clarkston and has family ties to the Pointes.

The band primarily performs original material written by its members. Their next scheduled performance is at the "Hamtramck Blowout" in March.

Local experts offer advice to parents

Parents and soon-to-be-parents will have a chance to learn about early childhood development and the challenges of the first years of life at "Focus Parenthood," a series of lectures sponsored by The Family Center, in partnership with Bon Secours Cottage Hospital and the Grosse Pointe War Memorial.

The topics, dates and instructors for the series are:

◆ Infant massage — 9 to 11 a.m. or 7 to 9 p.m., Wednesday, March 21. Identify behavioral cues of stress; learn when, why and how to relieve discomfort in your baby. Colic massage and infant soothing techniques will be demonstrated. Instructor: Susan Najjar, R.N., BSN, certified massage therapist, infant massage educator.

◆ Sleep — 9 to 11 a.m. or 7 to 9 p.m., Wednesday, April 18. Discussion will include an age-specific guide to sleep patterns and strategies to achieve healthy sleep in infants. Instructor: Angela Tzelepis, Ph.D., of Children's Hospital's Sleep Disorders Clinic.

◆ Nutrition — 9 to 11 a.m. or 7 to 9 p.m., Wednesday, May 16.

Learn why proper nutrition in childhood can reinforce lifelong eating habits and contribute to your child's overall well-being. Instructor: Susan Ryskamp, M.S., R.D., director of nutrition services for Bon Secours Cottage Hospital Services

registration is required. Forms are available at familycenterweb.org. For more information, contact The Family Center at info@familycenterweb.org or (313) 432-3832. Childcare will be available but must be requested at least three days in advance by calling The Family Center.

Each session is \$10. Pre-

registration is required. Forms are available at familycenterweb.org.

For more information, contact The Family Center at info@familycenterweb.org or (313) 432-3832. Childcare will be available but must be re-

quested at least three days in advance by calling The Family Center.

All classes will be held at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore Drive, Grosse Pointe Farms.

LENTEN DINNERS IN THE ARK AT ST. AMBROSE

Join us for dinner every Friday in Lent, from 5 to 9 p.m. in the ARK at St. Ambrose.

The menu includes: a deluxe salad bar, clam chowder, battered cod, tater tots, coleslaw, macaroni with cheese, vegetable, rolls, coffee and tea.

The cost is \$14 for adults; \$12 for seniors; \$10 for children aged 6 to 10; children 5 and under eat free. Carry-out service available by calling (313) 822-1594.

The ARK is located at the intersection of Wayburn and Hampton next to St. Ambrose Church in Grosse Pointe Park.

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CHURCH EVENTS

Mom2Mom sale

Christ the King Lutheran preschool offers a Mom2Mom sale from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, March 17, in the church's lower level. Admission is \$1.

Items for sale will include cribs, strollers, Exersaucers, Pack-n-Play, swings, bouncy seats and child-related sports equipment.

For more information, call the preschool at (313) 884-5998, ext. 1 or e-mail ctk-mom2mom@comcast.net.

Vespers

The Council of Orthodox Churches hosts a 6 p.m., Sunday, March 18, Lenten vesper at St. Michael Orthodox Church, Redford. The Very Rev. Roman Star of St. Innocent Orthodox Church will preside and the speaker will be the Very Rev. Andrew Yavornitsky of St. Mark Orthodox Church, Rochester.

Purple Perspective

Shannon MacVean-Brown will be the featured speaker at "The Purple Perspective" at 7 p.m. Tuesday, March 20, at Christ Church, 61 Grosse Pointe Blvd.

She is the rector of St. Matthew-St. Joseph Church in Detroit and graduated from Seabury-Western seminary. MacVean-Brown serves on the diocesan Commission on

Ministry and is one of the diocese official anti-racism trainers. Last summer, MacVean-Brown was chaplain for youth activities at the Columbus General Convention.

An accomplished artist, MacVean-Brown's commissioned ceramic mural is on the southwest wall of the Christ Church Grosse Pointe's undercroft.

Lecture

Lecturer, Rabbi Sherwin Wine will speak at 7:30 p.m. on the "Founding of America" three Thursdays in April at the Grosse Pointe Unitarian Church, 17150 Maumee.

The April 5 topic is "Jamestown and Virginia (1607); the April 12 topic is "Pilgrims and Puritans (1620); and the April 19 topic is "Dutch New Amsterdam (1624)."

The cost is \$10 per lecture, or \$25 for three.

Concert

Kevin J. Bylsma with members of the Mariners' Church choir presents music by Bach and Mendelssohn at 12:35 p.m. Thursday, March 22, at the church, 170 E. Jefferson.

Free parking for the 12:10 p.m. Lenten service and the musical performance is available in the Ford underground garage, with entrance on the median on Jefferson at Woodward. For more informa-

tion, call (313) 259-2206.

LTA

The Rev. Fred Harms of St. Paul Lutheran Church will address the obstacles and barriers to the peace process for the Israelis and Palestinians at 7:30 p.m., Thursday, March 15, at St. James Lutheran Church, 170 McMillan, Grosse Pointe Farms.

Harms serves on the Southeast Michigan Task Force for the Evangelical Lutheran Church.

Mass

St. Albertus Historic Church will have an 11 a.m. Sunday, March 18, Mass in honor of St. Joseph and St. Patrick. Confession will be heard in both English and Polish.

PASTOR'S CORNER By Rev. Eddie Bray

Let me tell you a secret

I've noticed a lot of schemes these days being advertised as the answer to everyone's woes.

Films are claiming to have the "secret" for getting everything you want.

Infomercials are all over the television promising success and fortune.

From what I can gather, it seems that most of these snake-oil sideshows like to use words and ideas that have a familiar ring to them.

The purpose is not to do you, the consumer, any good. The purpose is to line their pockets with your money.

What troubles me greatly is to note how easily these con men seem to understand enough about what Jesus taught to use his precious words (minus his name) in their schemes.

What troubles me even more is to see perfectly reasonable church-related people get wrapped up in the schemes, believing they've been shown a new "secret" to solving some old problems.

It is no secret that we can achieve more with our lives, become better people and accomplish great goals.

These truths have been known for at least 4,000 years and enhanced even more by Jesus' teachings 2,000 years ago.

It was Jesus who said, "Ask and you shall receive. Seek and you shall find. Knock and the door will be opened to you."

It was Jesus who said, "I have come that you might have life and have it more abundantly."

It is clear that Jesus taught that, if we have faith "as a

grain of mustard seed," we can move mountains.

Everyone is searching for the secret life: many with hopes of getting rich quick or finding some sort of secret for success.

Jesus taught that all the good we need in our lives will come to us if we focus on who we are and whose we are.

The secret is not a secret. Jesus made clear that the successful life will be the one who loves God with heart, soul and mind and loves others, as well.

In the doing of these two great things, one learns to be happy with self and that one also finds great and satisfying blessings.

The Rev. Dr. Eddie Bray is pastor of the Grosse Pointe Congregational Church, 240 Chalfonte, Grosse Pointe Farms.

NEW ARRIVALS

Kathleen Eleanor Northway-Wimsatt

Katie Wimsatt, formerly of Grosse Pointe Farms, and Willie Northway are the parents of a daughter, Kathleen Eleanor "Ellie" Northway-Wimsatt, born Nov. 24, 2006.

Maternal grandparents are Dan and Kathleen Wimsatt, of Ann Arbor, formerly of Grosse

Pointe Farms.

Bill and Carin Northway of Traverse City and Ellen Northway of Traverse City are paternal grandparents.

Great-grandparents are Georgia Northway of Saginaw and Stan and Betty Anwers of Grand Rapids.

Benjamin David

Dragich

David and January Dragich of Grosse Pointe Woods are the parents of a son, Benjamin David Dragich, born Jan. 16, 2007.

Maternal grandparents are Joseph and Alice Dandy of Grosse Pointe Woods.

Paternal grandparents are George and Rosemary Dragich.

Joshua Andrew Koch

Terry and Sara Koch of City of Grosse Pointe are the parents of a son, Joshua Andrew Koch, born Jan. 12, 2007.

Maternal grandparents are Charles and Betsy Rowe of the City of Grosse Pointe. Paternal grandparents are Thomas and Patricia Koch of Copley, Ohio.

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SENIOR SCENE By Ruth Cain

Funeral planning eases decisions for survivors



We plan for the important and necessary elements of our lives: birth, college, taxes, retirement and similar events, but few of us plan for death.

It may be because while we are still enjoying life, it's a bit depressing to get involved in planning our funeral rites. I've also heard some seniors say that they'll be gone by that time, so let the kids worry about the arrangements.

By making arrangements in advance, however, you save someone else from making difficult decisions at a time when grieving is more important.

Moreover, many of us might select more modest arrangements than would grief-stricken loved ones acting out of guilt, pain or confusion. I think, too, that most of us would like a say in this important moment at the end of our lives.

There is another reason for advance planning — money. It may seem a bit crass to talk about this, but it's important. An elegant funeral can cost a tremendous amount of money that could go to much worthier causes.

Decades ago, Jessica Mitford wrote a best-selling book about the high cost of dying, mainly because of the exorbitant costs of funeral services. It generated tremendous interest in the subject and led to the creation of the national Funeral Consumers Information Alliance in 1961.

Its mission was to promote

preplanning for death and, through its programs, help members to plan ahead and make informed decisions. It would also inform members on how to document their wishes.

When the then-minister of the Grosse Pointe Unitarian Church, the Rev. William Hammond, learned of the new society, he was a leader in forming a similar group in 1961 for the greater Detroit area, later named the Funeral Consumers Information Society. Local societies throughout the country also formed.

Grosse Pointer Russell Peebles joined the local group in 1978 and has been a member of the board ever since — serving usually as treasurer. He has been a strong advocate of the society's mission.

The society is a tax-exempt 501 (c) (3) organization, sup-

ported by private contributions (primarily membership fees). It is not affiliated with any funeral home, cemetery, or crematory, nor does it provide funeral or cremation services. The society offers information and guidance only.

"Dedicated members donate their services and keep costs of membership to just \$20 annually even though the information and services given members is extensive," Peebles notes.

By law funeral directors must give a customer price quotes over the phone, and provide an itemized list of all services to those who visit in person. The society does a periodic survey to provide general price lists for funeral homes within the tri-county area.

You can make arrangements in advance with a local service provider and sometimes even

negotiate a price agreement. But do not, under any circumstances, pay in advance. Instead set up a Pay Upon Death account at your bank, where your money will earn interest and give you flexibility in case you move or change your plans.

If you wish to donate your body or organs to the Wayne State University Medical School Department of Anatomy, the society will tell you how to go about this.

Information on cremation is also supplied.

Veterans, union members and others may have death benefit payments available to spouses or next of kin. Most are not automatic, and must be requested. Prepare information about your survivors for these payments.

Peebles says the society urges members to be creative

in their planning.

Wakes, funerals and memorial services should honor the lives of the deceased, while helping loved ones begin the natural process of grief. They can be incredible, life-affirming experiences.

They do not have to be formal, awkward or depressing. If you are working with a priest, minister or rabbi, ask for suggestions on making your service more personal and meaningful.

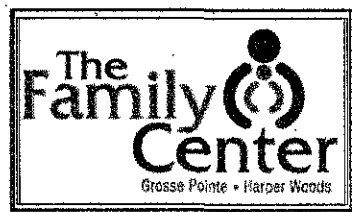
Peebles agrees that preplanning can be complicated. "Our society is dedicated to giving the information and help that makes the process a lot easier."

For more information on the society, call (313) 886-0998 at any time. Your call will be transferred and answered as soon as possible.

Reach Ruth Cain at ruthcain@comcast.net

ASK THE EXPERTS By Mary Ellen Brayton

Lack of sleep can result in a variety of disorders in children



Q. How much sleep should children get?

A. The return to daylight savings time March 11 coincided with the final day of National Sleep Awareness week. As most of the nation "sprung forward," it is a good time to give some thought to whether you and your children are getting enough sleep.

Sleep is food for the brain. You want to make sure to get enough of it. There is growing evidence that a chronic lack of sleep can lead to obesity, mimic the symptoms of Attention Deficit Disorder and contribute to depression and health problems. Tired kids get lower

grades, don't do as well at sports/video games and have more emotional meltdowns than youngsters who get adequate rest.

The National Sleep Foundation's 2004 Sleep In America poll examined the sleep habits of children age 10 and under and found, on average, children were getting less sleep than recommended by sleep experts. Sleep experts recommend infants get 14 to 15 hours, toddlers (1 to 3 year olds) get 12 to 14 hours, preschoolers (3 to 5 years old) get 11 to 13 hours, school aged children (1st through 5th grade) get 10 to 11 hours. Adolescents need between 8.5 to 9.5 hours each night. Teenagers need more sleep than recommended for adults (7 to 9 hours). NSF's more recent 2006 Sleep in America poll examined adolescents

(age 11 to 17 and in grades 6th to 12th, and found, on average, adolescents get about seven and one half hours of sleep on school nights (7.6 hours). However, the amount of sleep varies by grade, with adolescents tending to get less sleep as they get older (from 8.4 hours for 6th grade to 6.9 hours for 12th grade). Overall, 45 percent of adolescents get an insufficient amount of sleep on school nights (less than 8 hours). Over the course of a week, high school seniors miss nearly 12 hours of needed sleep.

Here are some tips on how to get good nights sleep year round:

◆ Make sleep an individual priority. Parents should try to get enough sleep themselves for their own health and serve as a good role model to their children.

◆ Make sufficient sleep a family priority. Parents/caregivers need to determine the amount of sleep each family member needs and take steps to ensure that their individual needs are met.

◆ Learn how much sleep you need. You should awaken refreshed, not tired. Know when you need to get up in the morning, and then calculate when you need to go to sleep to get adequate rest.

◆ Stick to a regular bedtime and wake time schedule and maintain it. "Sleeping in" on weekends also makes it harder to wake up early on Monday morning because it re-sets your sleep clock. Be consistent.

◆ Get into bright light as soon as possible in the morning, but avoid it in the evening. The light helps to signal the brain when it should wake up and prepare to sleep.

◆ Exercise. Daily exercise helps people sleep, although a workout too close to bedtime may interfere with sleep.

◆ Avoid caffeine, especially after lunchtime. Avoid drinks that contain caffeine, which acts as a stimulant and can keep you awake.

◆ Create regular and relaxing bedtime routines such as reading for pleasure, taking a warm bath or shower or listening to soothing music. Remove TVs, computers and other distractions from the bedroom and set limits on usage before bedtime.

◆ Keep the bedroom comfortable: dark, cool and quiet.

For more information on how to get a good night's sleep or the importance of sleep, visit NSF's Web site at sleepfoundation.org.

Wishing you all a good night's sleep.

Helen Landuyt, Ph.D., school psychologist for the Grosse Pointe Public School System and Family Center board member. The views of the writer are independent and do not necessarily reflect the opinion or official position of The Family Center.

Address questions to: Mary Ellen Brayton, program director, The Family Center, 20090 Morningside Dr., Grosse Pointe Woods, MI 48236; or call (313) 432-3832; or e-mail Info@familycenterweb.org.

What's going on?

Parents of infants are invited to Focus Parenthood Class at 9 a.m. or 7 p.m., Wednesday, April 18 when a Ph.D. in sleep disorders will discuss sleep for infants.

Visit the Family Center Web site for details.

HEALTH COLUMN By Jeff and Debra Jay

Learn how to intervene when helping a friend in need for best results



Dear Jeff and Debra: My ex-boyfriend is in trouble. I realized he was addicted to alcohol, pot and sex when I broke up with him, but now things seem much worse. He's been living in Chicago for the last year and calls me about

once a week, usually drunk. He's lost his great job and is three months behind on his rent.

I'm not interested in getting back together with him, but we are friends. I feel I should do something to help. Am I just being co-dependent?

My girlfriends think so. Should I just back away and let him deal with his problems on his own?

-WHAT'S A FRIEND TO DO?

Dear Friend:

There are different ways of

helping — the right way and the wrong way.

When we help the wrong way, it's called enabling. When we help in the right way, it's called intervening.

Knowing how to intervene requires specific education. When we try to wing it — dreaming up our own ideas — we usually end up enabling the disease.

If you want to help your ex-boyfriend, take the time to learn the right way to do it and then no one can accuse you of

being co-dependent. We suggest you begin by educating yourself.

Before you ask your ex-boyfriend's family or friends to help you in your mission, you need to know what you are talking about.

As a starting point, go to our

Web site to access intervention information and a host of resources: www.lovefirst.net. This is an easy overview of what it takes to do an intervention.

Learning how to execute the intervention, step-by-step, requires that you either read a

book on the subject (the Web site offers some helpful titles) or consult with a professional interventionist. If you must intervene quickly, seek out professional help immediately.

Addiction is a brain disease

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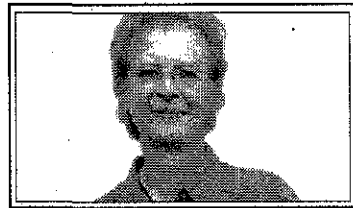
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DOWN TO EARTH By Kathleen Peabody

Here's help to make your gardening simple



Helping daughter Diane, a self-proclaimed non-gardener, choose someone to help design the front area of her Grosse Pointe Farms home last summer makes me realize that newer gardeners are looking for something a little different from their gardens.

That something is simplicity. Hooking the young new homeowners with the right person is not always easy, but very satisfying when it's successful. Fitting the personalities with the requirements of the homeowner is one of the keys.

If you're considering doing something different with your yard — whether it's creating a garden, redesigning an area, or learning a thing or two about how plants grow take advan-

tage of almost free advice at a flower show or two.

Whether you're a beginner or a seasoned veteran with green fingers, opportunities abound.

If you're attending a home and garden show locally or any other upcoming "flower event," here are a few things to consider:

◆ Come prepared with questions particular to your situation. These are often prime opportunities to talk with experts. Write your question on an index card and put your name and e-mail address on it for ease in getting answers. That way, if you can't get to the expert, you can leave this information for follow-up.

◆ Consider purchasing a book for future reference. Often the speakers are authors who have their books available at the event. If you find the speaker useful, you will undoubtedly find their books just as helpful, especially when the author is not available.

◆ If you need an expert to help design, maintain or offer

ideas, this is the place to search them out. Perhaps you are looking to redesign a certain area of your yard, finding someone you can work with is a key component.

◆ Find the opportunities in local newspapers or, if traveling, check online sources such as the American Horticultural Society's site at ahs.org. Click on "events" to see what's playing around the country. If you know a master gardener, ask to receive helpful, new information via e-mail.

All year through, gardeners offer possibilities for learning more or simply making a contact.

One local opportunity to not only learn something about what's new for local gardens but also "smell the flowers," is "A Day in the Gardens," presented by the Association of Professional Gardeners (APG) and Belle Isle Botanical Society. This event takes place right in the Belle Isle Conservatory and Greenhouses and is a wealth of promise for anyone with a yard

(see "What's going on?" below for details).

For the third year, this event couples professional gardeners with vendors at a great venue. It's attractive to beginners, who can chat not only with the presenting professional gardeners, but with others they meet during the day. Seasoned gardeners will hear about specific topics to enhance their knowledge base.

These are not lawn guys, but the gardeners share their knowledge and skills.

It's a great chance to pick up a reference book to build on what's being discussed. Garden ornaments and tools will also be available for purchase.

Plus participants can wander around the conservatory and the greenhouses.

According to APG President Karin Andresen, the subject areas were chosen by the speakers. Included topics are "Garden Combinations" and "Ornamental Grasses, Weeds, Hardy Bamboo and Fabulous Roses." These subjects were

chosen to make gardening easier for everyone. APG member speakers donate their time, making it a true fundraiser for the conservatory and greenhouses.

"Before we started this event, I hadn't been to Belle Isle in 40 years," Andresen said. "Now that I've seen what a treasure we have, I'm inspired to help care for the conservatory and greenhouses." Those of us who have traveled outside Michigan and visited other conservatories can envision what our local entities can become.

To get your specific questions answered, association members will be available throughout the day to respond to your gardening concerns, including a lunchtime chat for those who preregister for lunch.

If you're unable to make the event but are in need of gardening assistance, check out associationofprofessionalgardeners.org. You can leave information about your situation.

Make your gardening simple by checking some of these re-

sources.

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?

"A Day in the Gardens," 8:30 a.m. to 2 p.m., Sat., March 31, Belle Isle Conservatory and Greenhouses, presented by Association of Professional Gardeners and Belle Isle Botanical Society. Tickets are \$40 for the program; \$10 extra for lunch. For more information call (313) 823-1563 or email Bibbsjan@aol.com

"Intro to Gardening," Wednesday evening, March 28.

Free basic educational programs for beginning gardeners is held at the Environmental Interpretive Center on the campus of University of Michigan/Dearborn. This one-night, one-topic presentation is by members of the Master Gardeners Association of Wayne County. It is free and no registration is required. For details contact Bob Cairns at brarian@mgawc.org.

Poets Follies has international mix

This month's Poets Follies brings together an internationally-inspired potluck of writing and writers to the Grosse Pointe Art Center from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m., Friday, March 16.

Toronto writer Alex Boyd, author of "Making Bones Talk," has written a number of poems, fiction, reviews and essays that have been published in books, newspapers and on Web sites including the Danforth Review.

The writings of Lolita Hernandez of Detroit, have been influenced by the rhythms and languages of her Trinidad and St. Vincent family and tempered by more than 30 years as a UAW worker, with 21 of them at the Cadillac plant in Detroit. Her poetry and stories have appeared in the Iowa Review, the Michigan Quarterly Review and Seeds: The Biannual Journal of Sisters of Color.

The work of Detroit writer Kim D. Hunter, co-director of the poetry series of the Zeitgeist Gallery in Detroit, is the author of a collection of poetry, "Borne on Slow Knives," and his work is included in

"Rainbow Darkness: An Anthology of African-American Poetry." He serves as the writer-in-residence at Thurgood Marshall Elementary School and was the 2005 writer-in-residence at Greenfield Park Elementary School through the InsideOut Literary Arts Project, which brings professional writers into the Detroit Public Schools.

Anca Vlasopolos will read from her just published collection of poetry, "Penguins in a Warming World." The Grosse Pointe writer and Wayne State University English professor has also published other poems, a detective novel, short stories and a memoir of her life in and exile from Bucharest, Romania. She has also authored an upcoming non-fiction novel, "The New Bedford Samurai."

Admission to the Poets Follies is \$5. The Grosse Pointe Art Center is located at 1005 Maryland in Grosse Pointe Park. For more information, call (313) 821-1848, e-mail mgriffor@marickpress.com or myspace.com/grossepointeart-center.

DSO volunteers launch 'musical feasts'

Launching its 20th season of the popular "Musical Feasts" series, the Volunteer Council of the Detroit Symphony Orchestra has planned 20 intimate dining events from March through October. The events follow a tradition of featuring fine foods in unique locations, accompanied by musical performances presented by members of the Detroit Symphony Orchestra.

Four will be held in the Grosse Pointes and two in St. Clair Shores.

The first will be hosted by Thomas Jordan and Dr. Julie Henry at 6 p.m. Sunday, April 15. The dinner is limited to 12 guests who will partake of a candlelight, English-style dinner served in an English Georgian mansion built in 1928.

Flutist Sharon Sparrow, oboist Don Baker and bassoonist Michael Ma will perform after dinner.

The second dinner will be a

"poolside gathering" served at 6 p.m. Friday, June 1, in the former John C. Neff farmhouse, circa 1900. Hosts Roz and Mike Gietzen have been given several historical society awards for their restoration of the house.

Guests are limited to 25. After-dinner performers include bassoonist Bob Williams, Vicki King, Michael Ma and Marcus Schoon.

Entitled "A Bridge Luncheon Rendezvous," this third Grosse Pointe event is scheduled at 11 a.m. Tuesday, June 5, with hostesses Adel Amerman and Gloria Clark. Only 12 guests can be accommodated in this home filled with African and oriental treasures. Following a musical performance by Marcy Chanteaux on the cello and piano and Mario DiFiore on the cello, bridge tables will be set up.

The last Grosse Pointe venue takes place in a vintage Grosse Pointe Farms home in

which Sharon Sparrow and shandra Lowery-Sachs will perform on Sunday, Oct. 21. The "Autumn Reverie" catered meal will be hosted by Anne Parsons, Donald Dietz and Ann and Jim Nicholson. The event is limited to 30.

A cruise to christen the Infinity along Lake St. Clair begins with a 6:30 p.m. boarding, Thursday, June 14, on the 2007 Infinity. The cruise is from 7 to 9:30 p.m.

Hosts are Steven Rybicki, Infinity and Ovation Yacht Charters and the Friends of the DSO Volunteer Charters. Musical performances will be by Marcus Schoon on the tenor sax, Robert Tye on the guitar, Craig Rifel on the bass and Brian Jones on the drums.

The second St. Clair Shores venue will take place in a Lake St. Clair 1925 cottage. Hosting "An Evening on the Lake" at 5:30 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 16, is Joe Lentine and Sheila Connolly. Thirty guests can be

accommodated. Violinists Velda Kelly and Ron Fischer will perform.

The number of guests which can be accommodated at each of the feasts is limited, since most take place in private homes.

Nine of the occasions will accommodate 20 or fewer guests, so early reservations are recommended.

"Musical Feasts XX" occasions may be a brunch, lunch, barbecue, buffet or sit-down dinner — even an evening cruise on a yacht, or an afternoon of bridge.

Per person costs for these experiences to feast and socialize with many of the DSO's professional musicians range from \$80 to \$250, with the proceeds benefiting the Education and Outreach programs of the Detroit Symphony Orchestra.

For reservations or information, call the DSO Volunteer Council office at (313) 576-5154.

COMING EVENTS

Opera

Grosse Pointe United Methodist Church hosts "Kaleidoscope of Love in Opera" at 7:30 p.m., Tuesday, March 20.

The evening offers a variety of music from "La Bohème," "Barber of Seville,"

"Tannhauser," "Susannah" and "Faust."

Performers include: sopranos Bonnie Brooks, Mary Sue Ewing, Dorothy Ignasiak, Laura Petrak; contralto Johanna Gilbert; coloratura mezzo Peiyi Wang; bass-baritone Steven Henrikson; tenor

Shawn McDonald; pianists Blake Ray, Shawn McDonald, Jim Gabriel; oboist Laura Schwanitz; and cellist Karen Wingert.

General program chairman is Mary Sue Ewing. The artistic director is Dina Soresi Winter. Evening chairpersons are Eric and Dina Winter.

The public is welcome. There is no admission charge, but donations are appreciated.

Belly dancers

Bellyqueen BellyDancers from New York will perform at 7 p.m. Friday, March 16, at the Beach Grill, St. Clair Shores. Doors open at 6 p.m. Tickets are \$22 in advance and \$25 at the door.

A limited number of tickets will be sold and may be picked up at Pat Scott Jewelers.

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Grosse Pointe Theatre enters state competition

Grosse Pointe Theatre is preparing for the first level of competition in the national festival of community theater.

The show being performed by Grosse Pointe Theatre is a musical, "Passion" by Stephen Sondheim and James Lapine.

"This is a wonderful show to take to competition," explained director John Forlini of Mount Clemens, "because it is the quintessential Sondheim, but not too many people have ever seen or heard the beautiful music. It's difficult, to be sure, but our talented actors are bringing wonderful colors and contours to Sondheim's music."

Playing the lead, Giorgio, is Tim Clark of Detroit. The two women in his life are played by Delores Basile, Grosse Pointe Woods, and Danielle Caralis, Grosse Pointe Shores. The Colonel is played by J. Patrick Sharpe of Eastpointe and Dr. Tambourri is played by Cliff Levin of Detroit.

"Passion" involves a conflicted French Army captain who finds two kinds of love from two very different women: His beautiful, sexy (and married) mistress and the plain, frail, obsessive niece of his Army colonel. The music in "Passion" — breaking from the modern norm — is included to help the audience gain further insight into the characters' thoughts and feelings, rather than necessarily moving the action along.

Sponsored nationally by the American Association of Community Theatre (AACT) and the Community Theatre Association of Michigan (CTAM), the festival brings community theaters together to compete at what they do best — perform.

The first stage of statewide competition is March 23 through 25 in South Haven. Twelve groups from around the state will perform. Because there are so many competing groups in the state, AACT regulations allow the top two groups to proceed to the regional competition in Schaumburg, Ill., in April. The region covers Michigan, Illinois, Wisconsin, Indiana and Ohio.

The national competition follows in mid-June in Charlotte, N.C.

"We fully expect to be representing Region III at the nationals," said producer Mary Lou Britton of St. Clair Shores. Britton also is serving as president of Grosse Pointe Theatre this season.

In competition, each group is allowed 60 minutes performance time, as well as 10 minutes to set-up and an additional 10 minutes to dismantle the set. The production is publicly adjudicated immediately following the performance. However, the adjudicators respond only to the acting and characterizations on stage and, because these are traveling productions, not to technical concerns, such as costumes and make-up and lighting.

"This is a great learning experience for everyone involved, particularly the audience," explained Britton. "When we hosted the regional competition here in Grosse Pointe in 2005, the people who attended and watched all the performances say they learned a great deal just hearing the adjudicators' comments. It's very rewarding to hear the adjudicator confirm what you may have been thinking in your



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own mind. Or to have them point out a small flaw that would have cleared up some confusion you had about the

play. It's a wonderful experience for everyone concerned."

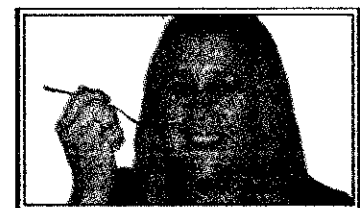
"We apologize that there will be no opportunity for the pub-

lic to see 'Passion' at this stage," Britton said. "But if we win and go on to the next level, you can be sure that everyone

will be invited to a performance or two to help us raise funds to pay for our trips to Schaumburg and Charlotte."

A LA ANNIE By Annie Rouleau-Scheriff

O' Happy are Irish this St. Patty's Day



The Irish are happy this year because St. Patrick's Day is on a Saturday. Party down.

Show up to your party with this simple appetizer that combines corned beef with cream cheese and a few other goodies that are smeared on party cocktail rye.

St. Patty's Cocktail Toasts

1 8-oz. block cream cheese, softened to room temperature
3 teaspoons Dijon mustard
1/4 pound corned beef, chopped or shredded
1/2 cup shredded Swiss cheese
2 tablespoons chopped green onion

2 tablespoons chopped fresh parsley (or 1 dried)
1 loaf Pepperidge Farm party cocktail rye bread (dark or light)

In a medium bowl beat together the cream cheese and the Dijon mustard until smooth.

Stir in the corned beef, Swiss cheese, green onion and parsley.

Set aside.

Preheat the broiler to high. Arrange the party rye on a baking sheet and toast under the broiler until golden.

Flip the bread and toast the other side.

Remove from broiler and cool for just a few minutes. Smear 1 tablespoon of the cream cheese mixture onto each toast.

Return to the broiler for 3 to 4 minutes, until the cheese is bubbly and golden brown. Serve hot or at room temperature.

This recipe yields 36 cocktail toasts.

I used the center rack of my oven to have more control

over the broiling process.

I had my cocktail toasts on a serving platter in less than 30 minutes.

A good St. Patty's choice for sure.

What's going on?

Got the end of the winter blues? Join me on Tuesday, March 27, at the Pointe Pedlar where I'll be demonstrating a five-course dinner party for four that includes Coq au vin (chicken cooked with wine) for the entree and chocolate mascarpone mousse for dessert.

Sample the food and sip on a glass of wine. Call the Pedlar for details at (313) 885-4028.

HEALTH: Learn to help the right way

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that prevents alcoholics and addicts from reaching out for help.

They cannot see their problem clearly and almost always deny they need help. Addiction is calling the shots. Therefore, it is necessary for someone who cares to step in and learn how to help in the right way.

Dear Jeff and Debra:

Our son completed a 30-day treatment program for crack addiction just over a year ago. He never attended any support group meetings when he re-

turned home.

The treatment staff told him several things he needed to do if he hoped to stay sober. He followed none of their recommendations.

He told his father and me that he would never use crack again and didn't need any help.

After about two months, he began drinking beer and wine. He assured us that alcohol wasn't a problem for him. He's smoking crack again.

He lives with us, and we've told him he either needs to go to treatment or move out.

He's agreed to treatment. We can't afford to pay for another 30-day program. Are there inexpensive alternatives?

-EMPTY POCKETS

Dear Empty:

There are excellent treat-

ment options that are quite affordable. In Michigan, there is a 90-day program in Ypsilanti called Dawn Farm.

The Retreat, located in Minneapolis, is another excellent choice.

For more low cost options and direct links to treatment center Web sites, go to www.lovefirst.net.

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

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'Swan Lake' at Opera House

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"Swan Lake" is an enduring tale of mistaken identity, love-at-first-sight and includes the timeless musical score by Peter Ilyich Tchaikovsky. The company has not performed "Swan Lake" in Detroit for almost 10 years. This engagement marks

the Detroit Premiere of "Swan Lake" as staged by American Ballet Theatre Artistic Director Kevin McKenzie.

There will be special appearances by Angelina Ballerina, a mouseling who inspires girls' love of dance. An American Ballet Theatre partner, Angelina will visit with children and be available for photos from 12:30 to 2:00 p.m. before each matinee performance on Saturday, March 17, and Sunday, March 18.

A free master class for intermediate to advanced level bal-

let dancers will be taught by American Ballet Theatre at 10 a.m. Saturday, March 17. The master class is open to the public, and will be held at the Detroit Opera House. To register, email: dance@motopera.org.

Tickets range from \$28-\$100, and are available in at the Detroit Opera House ticket office, by phone at (313) 237-7464 or online at MichiganOpera.org. Tickets are also available at all TicketMaster outlets, by phone at (248) 645-6666.



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A jazzy afternoon

Grosse Pointe South Jazz Quartet, from left, Peter Croce, Topher Horn, Cam Ferguson and Blake Griffin, enjoyed a spring-like day playing outside at the Grosse Pointe Historical Society's second Saturday on March 10. Guests were entertained with New Orleans-style jazz, French roasted coffee and beignets. John Van Hecke told stories of old Grosse Pointe French inhabitants.

Children's classes, show at art center

The Grosse Pointe Artists Association (GPAA) is sponsoring after-school children's classes at the Grosse Pointe Art Center, 1005 Maryland, Grosse Pointe Park.

Levels I and II art classes are held on Tuesdays.

At 7 p.m. on Tuesdays, a bookmaking group meets.

Level III of children's art classes are held on Wednesdays.

Adult painting classes are held from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. on Thursdays.

Call (313) 821-1848 to confirm any of the aforementioned classes.

Additionally, a Collaborative

and Correspondence Art Exhibition is open through Saturday, March 17. Artwork from the collaborative workshops is led by Phaedra Robinson, GPAA 2006 artist-in-residence.

Artists include: Artemis, Sandra Cardew, KTN, Teresa Petersen, Linda Allen, Zena Carnaghi, Charmaine Kaptur, Jeanne Pfordresher, Effie Ambler, Lisa Colwell, Judith LeBeau, Robinson, Cynthia Banks, Miroslav Cukovic, Riane Lilly, Tracy Schamaly, Carole Beach, Renee M. Dooley, Chip Jansen, Anita Schmalz, Felicia Bell, Jason Dotterer, Nicole

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Also included in this exhibition are works created through the organization, collaboration and collection of Brandt, a collaborator and art instigator who participated in the correspondence of this exhibition. He was also integral in connecting many artists to this project who reside in New York City and California.

For more information, call (313) 821-1848.

The center is open from noon to 5 p.m. Wednesday, Friday and Saturday and from noon to 7 p.m. Thursday.

DSO launches an audience drive

The Detroit Symphony Orchestra is offering \$10 tickets for performance throughout the remainder of the season to the first 1,000 newcomers. The DSO is launching "DSO 2 Go," which offers pa-

trons through the month of March two tickets anywhere in the house, two drinks and parking for \$49.

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11:00 am Out of the Ordinary
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12:00 pm Economic Club of Detroit
1:00 pm Senior Men's Club
1:30 pm Great Lakes Log
2:00 pm The John Prost Show
2:30 pm The Legal Insider
3:00 pm Things to do at the War Memorial
3:30 pm Affordable Style
4:00 pm Vitality Plus (Tone)
4:30 pm Musical Storytime Jamboree
5:00 pm Positively Positive
5:30 pm Senior Men's Club
6:00 pm The Legal Insider
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7:00 pm Vitality Plus (Step/Kick Boxing)
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OT fine again for Blue Devils



Tim Shield (7) scored the winning goal with 1:14 remaining in overtime of the Division II state championship game.

North skaters bow in semifinal

By Chuck Klonke
Sports Editor

Grosse Pointe North coach Scott Lock had the perfect description of his team's state Division I hockey semifinal game with Marquette. "It was just a weird game," Lock said.

Looking at the final score — 8-2 in favor of Marquette — one would think that the Redmen dominated from start to finish. Nothing could be farther from the truth. North outshot Marquette 21-18 and the Norsemen had several more scoring chances.

However, the only thing that counts is the scoreboard and that's where the Redmen had the biggest advantage. "We came out in the first period and dominated the whole period," Lock said. "I thought we were playing good, inspired

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Grosse Pointe North's Alex Davenport skates away from a Livonia Churchill defender on his way to scoring the winning goal in the Norsemen's quarterfinal victory against the No. 1 ranked Division I team in the state.

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Season ends

Finney finishes year for North, South basketball teams PAGE 2C

South improves to 7-1-1 in overtime games with 4-3 win against Mona Shores in final

By Chuck Klonke
Sports Editor

It was a drill that Grosse Pointe South's hockey team has followed many times this season. However, this time it meant more than ever. "We know how to celebrate an overtime win," Blue Devils coach Bob Bopp said with a smile after Tim Shield's goal with 1:14 remaining in the first overtime gave South a 4-3 victory against Muskegon Mona Shores and the state Division II championship.

"I like winning in sudden death like that. It's over, and you know you've won. You don't have to worry about hanging on to the lead." South's overtime record was nothing short of remarkable this season. The Blue Devils were 7-1-1 when they were tied after regulation. Two of the overtime wins came in the playoffs, including a 4-3 double-overtime win against Wyandotte Roosevelt in the state quarterfinals.

It was the first state championship for South's boys hockey team. In 1998, the Blue Devils played in the Class A title game but lost 3-2 to Trenton. Shield said that he wasn't trying to put the puck anywhere but on the goal when he came down the right wing after taking a pass from defenseman Arthur Griem.

"I was just shooting to shoot," Shield said. "I was hoping for a rebound because we had somebody to the far side (of the crease). I didn't expect it to go in, but it made it, bottom left corner. They have a great goalie. I just wanted to make sure I got a shot off."

Mona Shores goalie Justin Grevious, who made several outstanding saves among his 28 to keep the Sailors in the game, wasn't sure how the puck eluded him.

"I don't know what happened," Grevious said. Shield, a junior on South's top scoring line, scored the only goal of the game in the Blue Devils' regional championship victory against Brother Rice a week earlier. This goal trumped that one.

"It's the biggest goal I ever scored," he said. "That's something you wait for your entire life. The feeling is just overwhelming."

On the other hand, it was a nightmare for the goalie. "No one dreams of ever being in that situation," Grevious

said. "It's a lot of pressure, but I felt like I was on. It's tough because this team has been together for a long time."

There were 15 seniors on the Mona Shores squad, which has advanced to the state final four in six of the last seven years. The Sailors won the Division II title in 2000 and were runners-up in 2004.

Mona Shores opened the scoring at 2:16 of the first period on a goal by Kyle Zimmer. The Sailors, who dominated the early part of the first period, nearly made it 2-0 but Justin Jackowski's shot hit the goal post less than five minutes into the game.

"They came out flying, but I liked the way we played from the second half of the first period to the end," Bopp said. "I thought we played well against a very good hockey team. We did what it takes to win."

Grevious stopped Ryan Abraham on a breakaway attempt with about 4 1/2 minutes remaining in the first period and on the play, Mona Shores picked up one of the few penalties in the game.

South's power play, which has been so effective all season, quickly got the equalizer. Griem passed the puck behind the Blue Devils' net to Trevor John, who began one of his patented end-to-end rushes. John stickhandled through the Sailors' defense and beat Grevious with a high shot to the left corner of the net at 10:49.

South dominated the second period, outshooting Mona Shores 15-2. Abraham broke the tie at 11:14 with an unassisted goal. Grevious came out to clear the puck but broke his stick. Abraham picked up the loose puck and fired it into the empty net.

The Sailors tied the game with 36 seconds left in the second period on a goal by Jeff Anonick, but with seven-tenths of a second remaining on the clock, South pulled back ahead on a goal by Trevor Flaska. Flaska and Lance Lucas came down the ice on a 2-on-1 break. Grevious made the save on Lucas's shot, but Flaska knocked in the rebound.

"We have a lot of good senior leadership on this team," Bopp said. "We don't get flustered if things aren't going our way. Instead of getting down when they tied the game, we just looked for a way to win."

The Sailors weren't discouraged, either.

"We felt we were lucky to get out of the second period only

down 3-2," said Mona Shores coach Shawn Zimmerman. "Our guys came out fired up in the third period. We talked about just winning the third period."

Mona Shores scored the only goal of the third period when Adam Meloche redirected a cross-ice pass past South goalie Trevor Sattelmeier to tie the game at 5:17.

South dominated the overtime like it did the second period. Grevious stopped Flaska and John on semi-breakaways, but he couldn't stop Shield. The Blue Devils had seven shots in the overtime. Mona Shores had none.

"We knew it was coming eventually," Shield said of the winning goal. "We were getting chance after chance. We just kept playing our game, and everyone stayed focused."

Zimmerman was impressed with the Blue Devils.

"They pressure you hard," he said. "Their top line is tough to match up with. They have a lot of team speed and some great shooters. They take away a lot of your opportunities."

South reached the championship game with a 5-0 win against Alpena.

The Wildcats took nine penalties and the Blue Devils made them pay with three power-play goals.

The first came at 7:35 of the first period. Brian Auty's pass from behind the net found Shield and he beat goalie Doug Snow.

That seemed to spark the Blue Devils.

"We came out a little tentative," Bopp said. "But when we scored that power-play goal it seemed to loosen us up and we started to play a lot better."

South outshot Alpena 11-3 in the first period.

The Blue Devils took advantage of another power play at the 29-second mark of the second period when Abraham scored to make it 2-0. Less than a minute later, it was 3-0 after a pass by Peter Altshuler deflected off the stick of an Alpena defenseman and into the net.

"That took the life out of us," said Wildcats coach Chris Limback. "They were the better team and now we were down 3-0. Then we started shifting our focus to the referees."

Auty made it 4-0 at 13:31 of the second period and John wrapped up the scoring with another end-to-end rush at 7:55 of the third period while

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South goalie Trevor Sattelmeier makes a save on Jeff Anonick of Mona Shores. Ready to help are Blue Devils defensemen Arthur Griem (77) and Trevor John (2).

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North plays Finney tough

By Chuck Klonke
Sports Editor

Grosse Pointe North's basketball team didn't win its district championship game with state-ranked Detroit Finney last week, but the Norsemen provided the Highlanders with some cause for concern.

"I was a little disappointed because we felt that we could have won the game, but I was very proud of the team," coach Pat Donnelly said after Finney finally came away with a 70-56 victory. "It just got away from us a little bit in the fourth quarter. Then we had to foul them and they hit their free throws."

Until then, it was anybody's game.

Finney, which took a 19-4 record into its first regional game this week, raced out to a 9-0 lead.

"I think we were a little shell-shocked at first, but then we got ourselves together, made a couple of free throws and we were fine," Donnelly said.

The Norsemen recovered so well that by halftime they had a 29-24 lead.

"I thought we defended well in the first half," Donnelly noted.

North extended its lead to eight points early in the third quarter but then Finney's Michael Douglas caught fire. He popped in a couple of three-point baskets, and his backcourt mate, Darryll Davis, also connected from long range. At the end of three quarters, North's lead had dwindled to a single point.

Once Finney got the lead, the Highlanders went into a delay game.

"I hate that, but it worked for them," Donnelly said. "We just don't have the quickness to force a team like that into a five-count."

North tried to pick up the pace by trapping, and it forced Finney into some turnovers.

With a minute and a half remaining, the Highlanders led by eight points. North had an open look at a three-point try

that would have cut the lead to five points, but it missed the mark. Then the Norsemen were forced to foul.

North ended the regular season with a 9-11 record, and before the state tournament started, Donnelly had a talk with his team.

"We were in every game but two, so we looked at it as a season of wasted opportunities," Donnelly said. "I told the team that what it did during the regular season, didn't matter, but what it learned from the season did matter."

"I thought we played well against Southeastern (an overtime victory for North) and Lakeview (a 61-35 North win), and for the majority of the game against Finney. We never gave up. Guys were upset, but I told them they have a lot to be proud of."

Dwight Van Hoesen closed out his high school career for North with 21 points.

Another senior, Cory McCain, also played very well for the Norsemen.

"He did an outstanding job defensively against Finney's top scorer, Kavon Rose," Donnelly said. "We tried to force other people to score, and Douglas and (Davis) did."

The Lakeview game was a lot easier for the Norsemen.

They were ahead 23-0 when the Huskies finally got on the scoreboard with 4:09 remaining in the first half.

"We did a good job of taking them out of their sets," Donnelly said. "We made them try to beat us one-on-one instead of off their sets."

At halftime, North had a 27-5 lead.

Fourteen Norsemen broke into the scoring column, but no one made more of an impact than Nick Waller, who led all scorers with 21 points.

"Offensively, that was the best game I've seen him play," Donnelly said. "He attacked the basket, made some mid-range shots and hit a couple of threes. He also rebounded well and blocked a bunch of shots."

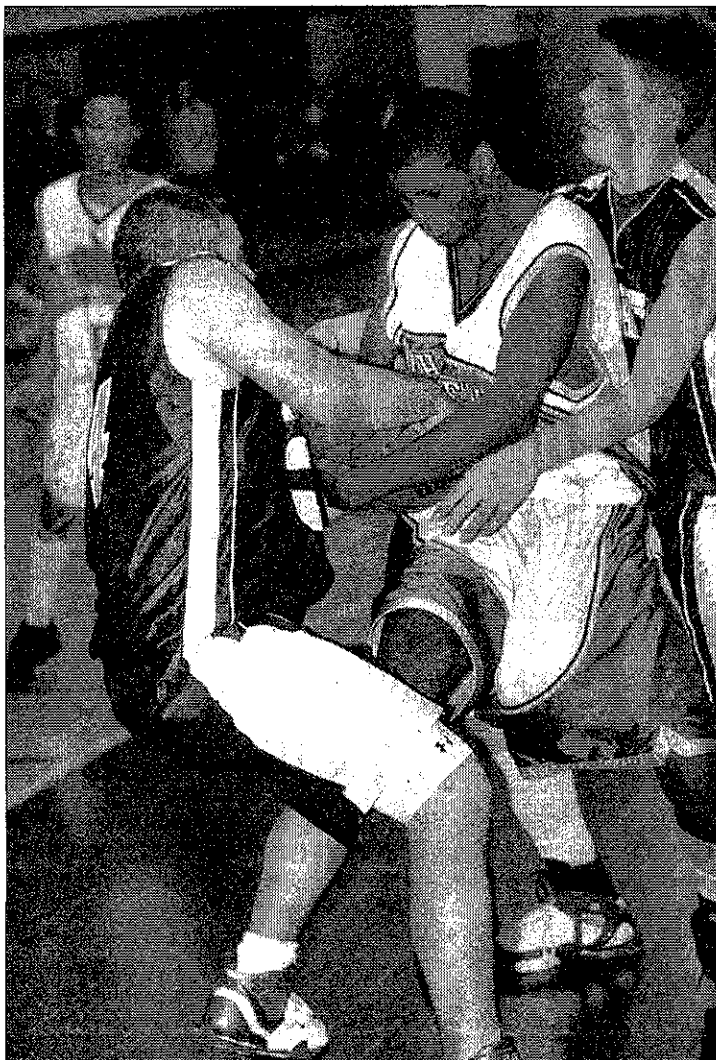


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Grosse Pointe North's Billy Schrage, left, and Marc Reno battle a Finney player for possession of the basketball.

South defense can't stop foe

By Chuck Klonke
Sports Editor

All season, Grosse Pointe South's basketball team has been able to stay close to its opponents because of its defense.

When the Blue Devils did suffer a rare defeat during the regular season, it was because of their offensive struggles, not because the other team rattled their defense.

South's defense finally met its match in the state tournament opener last week against Detroit Public School League powerhouse Finney.

"We ran five different defenses and didn't have any luck," said Blue Devils coach Jay Ritchie after his team's 60-37 loss to the Highlanders. "They have three excellent shooters. We were just overwhelmed. We didn't have an answer for anything they did. They were a little quicker than we were. We needed to keep this game in the 40-point range."

South didn't have the firepower to stay with Finney, either.

Ritchie put in a different offense for the game. It worked to the extent that the Blue Devils had a lot of open looks at the basket from the perimeter. Unfortunately, South missed most of those shots.

"We were 1-for-9 from three-point range," Ritchie said. "We had our fingers crossed that we could shoot well, but it didn't happen."

Finney led 10-6 at halftime, but the Highlanders pulled away at the start of the second quarter when they outscored South 10-2.

Michael Douglas scored seven of his 11 points during the run and Angelo Mason converted a three-point play for the other points.

Finney led 27-18 at halftime and the Highlanders took a 49-35 lead into the fourth quarter. South scored only two points in the final eight minutes.

"This was the first big playoff game for most of our kids," Ritchie said. "It was a good learning experience for them."

South has only one senior on the team, J.C. Cruse. Cruse led South with 13 points. P.T. Shirar added 11 points and Jimmy Saros had eight.

Darryll Davis led Finney's balanced attack with 12 points. Kelvin Moore and Mason added 10 apiece.

South finished with an overall 15-6 record.

"We might have over-achieved, but we had the two best defensive players I've ever had in Saros and J.C.," Ritchie said. "Because of that, we could stop people and stay in games."

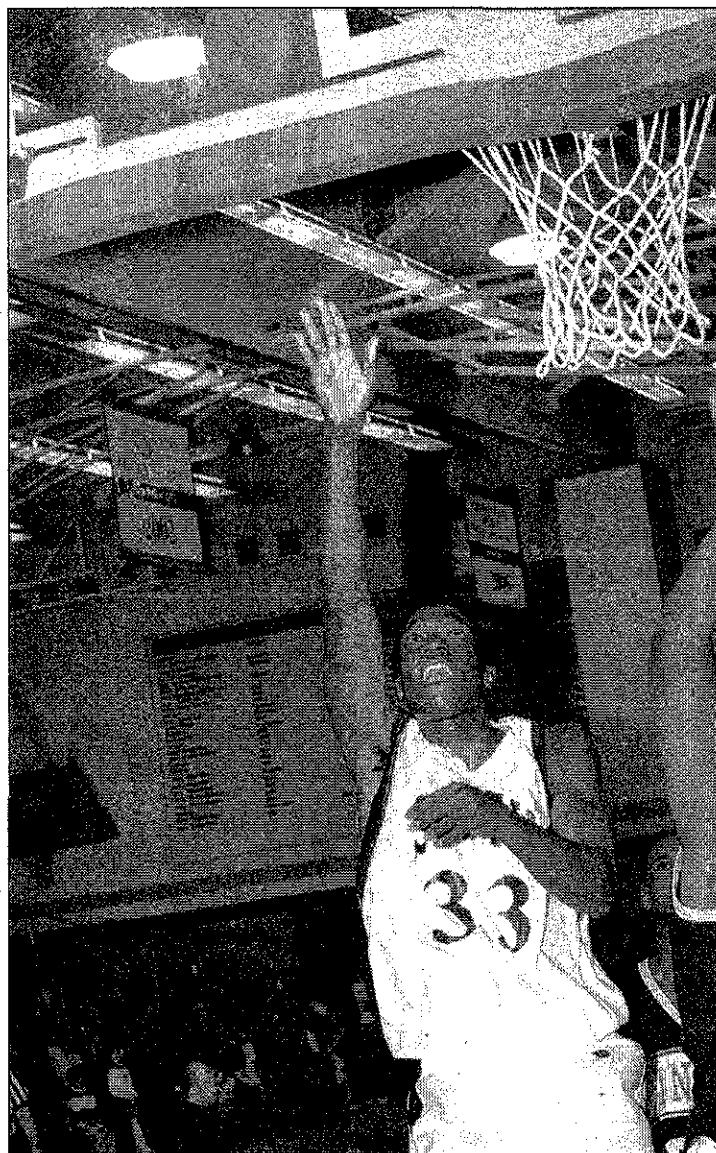
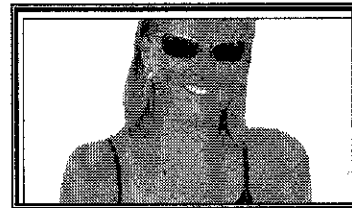


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J.C. Cruse scored 13 points in his final game for Grosse Pointe South.

ON SAIL By Sandra Svoboda

Baja race has familiar feel



Will McKinley described sailing along Baja California's coast with whales and dolphins splashing alongside his Nelson Marek 68 and tried to tell me it was like a Mackinac Race.

"There were a lot of thermal versus gradient wind issues along the shoreline. The classic coming into Cabo was like coming into the Mackinac Straits. The whole thing could have been reshuffled, and you could have lost the entire race there. It was very similar to a Mac in that perspective," the Grosse Pointe Farms resident said.

Well, OK. Maybe in that regard...

Sailing Denali in his first Newport (Calif.) to Cabo San Lucas (Mexico) race, McKinley and his longtime crew finished second overall last week. They started Saturday, March 3 in light wind which persisted much of the race.

But they kept busy.

"You're always doing something," said Basil Johnson, of Grosse Pointe, who works the pit and trims main. "When we're not dealing with some sort of a problem like a guy falling through a hatch or a watermaker that's not working and you have to rebuild it or a propane tank that's got a leak and you can't heat any water, you're up on the high side or on the keel if there's no wind."

By Sunday, Team Denali had an issue with the watermaker not functioning but they were third in class in the morning, hovering in fourth by evening. Considering most of the other boats had pros and a lot of ocean racing experience, that wasn't too bad for the Great Lakes team.

Monday the watermaker was fixed, but when they tried to heat freeze-dried food (to change the menu of energy bars and tuna) they discovered a propane tank leak.

Still, they were sailing close to their competition and there was plenty to appreciate, if not eat.

"The wildlife was spectacular," said McKinley, an investment banker. "We had whales surfacing by us and hundreds of porpoises."

By Tuesday they were second in class.

"It was mostly an offshore breeze. There were no seas except for the occasional Pacific swell here and there," McKinley said. They sailed barefoot during the day but bundled up a bit at night.

Finishing early Wednesday morning, they found themselves in second overall.

McKinley said there were plenty of chances for them to make mistakes: at night, with wind shifts, with which sails they used.

"We never lost it but I'll tell you there were millions of times and opportunities to lose it and boats did some shuffling in the standings, he said.

Among McKinley's crew were Graham Smith, of Grosse Pointe Farms; Nick Trost, of Grosse Pointe; Bill Jennings, of Grosse Pointe Woods; and Johnson.

Trader, owned by Fred Detwiler of Grosse Pointe Park, finished seventh in class and ninth overall.

IT'S NICE TO BE RECOGNIZED: The Michigan Association of Broadcasters has recognized WJR-AM760's reporting of the Port Huron Mackinac Race with a Broadcast Excellence Award. Grosse Pointe Park's Ted Everingham, host of WMTV-5's Great Lakes Log, was the principal reporter for last year's coverage. Congratulations!

ONE SIGN IT'S SPRING: The Detroit Regional Yachting Association wraps up its free winter seminars next week with a session called "Heavy Weather Sailing" hosted by Grosse Pointe Yacht Club at 7 p.m., Wednesday, March 21. There's more information about DRYA activities at the website www.DRYA.org.

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Brownell skater a national champion

Tessa Hedges, an eighth grader at Brownell Middle School, was a member of the Hockettes Junior Synchronized Skating Team that took first place in the United States Junior Championships in Colorado Springs.

The Hockettes, who belong to the Ann Arbor Figure Skating Club, edged the Colonials 150.59-150.49 in the 13-team competition.

It was the second national championship in three years for the Hockettes, but only two skaters remain from the 2005 title team.



Tessa Hedges

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Pointe swimmers place in state meet

Grosse Pointe South had a small but mighty contingent at last weekend's Division I state swimming championships at Eastern Michigan University.

The Blue Devils' three qualifiers — senior Danny Basile, sophomore Jordan Long and freshman Michael Shook — earned 34 1/2 points to put South in 19th place at the end of the meet.

Grosse Pointe North sophomore Michael Lane was a double scorer at the meet and he accounted for all of the Norsemen's points.

"This was a great way to finish the season," said South coach Eric Gunderson. "This year, we had fewer state qualifiers than we've had in recent years, but they made up for it when all three of them qualified for the finals and moved

up on Saturday."

Basile took fifth place and earned All-State honors in the 500-yard freestyle with a personal-best time of 4:41.50. He had his previous best time in the preliminaries with a time of 4:43.68, which placed him seventh.

Basile also was 19th in the 200 freestyle with a personal-best time of 1:46.43.

Long was fourth and earned All-State recognition in one-meter diving.

He was eighth after the preliminaries, but a solid execution of three difficult dives during the finals moved him into fourth place with 370.45 points. Earlier in the week, Long won the regional diving competition with a score of

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PHOTO BY MARK BASILE

Michael Shook, left, Danny Basile, center, and Jordan Long placed for Grosse Pointe South in the state Division I swimming and diving championships.



Michael Lane



Riley Sherer

SWIM: South diver is fourth

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430.20. It was his best score and earned him All-America consideration.

"Jordan really improved this year," said South diving coach Chad Hepner. "Although he never trained in diving before his freshman year, it didn't take long to figure out he had a lot of talent."

"Jordan has a unique combination of strength and kinesthetic awareness. Overall, he had a solid year, but particularly excelled in the bigger meets. Along with his physical ability, he's a great kid to coach. He works hard, while also having fun. He's a great teammate and leader. Jordan has the ability to do great things in the sport of diving. I'm really looking forward to working with him these next couple of years."

Shook finished 11th in the 500 freestyle in 4:49.18. One of only two freshmen to qualify for Saturday's finals, Shook was in 14th place after the preliminaries.

North's Lane was 11th in the 100 breaststroke with a finals time of 1:00.91. He took 15th place in the 200 individual medley with a time of 2:00.53. His preliminary time in the IM was 2:00.13. He had season-best times in both events.

North's 200 medley relay team of Austin Damm, Lane, Mike Kedzierski and Karl Tech was 22nd with a season-best time of 1:42.55.

In the Division II meet at Oakland University, Riley Sherer of Grosse Pointe Farms swam for Cranbrook Kingswood and was ninth in the 100 butterfly with a time of 53.98, winning the consolation heat. Sherer, who qualified for the state meet in four events, was 22nd in the 200 freestyle.



PHOTO BY BOB BRUCE

Goalie Eric Rohrkemper made several good saves against Churchill.

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hockey but we had two turnovers and they scored on both of them. They were opportunistic. They got every bounce of the puck and they took advantage of it.

"But I think if we played them 10 times, we'd win our share of the games. But Friday just wasn't our night."

The following night wasn't Marquette's. The Redmen outshot Orchard Lake St. Mary, but dropped a 4-2 decision in the state championship contest.

Although the Norsemen didn't reach the state title game for the first time since winning back-to-back Division II championships in 2000 and 2001, it was still a good season for North.

On their way to the state final four, the Norsemen beat a pair of teams that were ranked in the top five in the final state rankings — St. Clair Shores Unified and Livonia Churchill. "It was a great two weeks," Lock said. "We beat the No. 1 team in the state (Churchill) and St. Clair Shores was third or fourth. We had to fight to get this far. These guys have been a blast to be around. It was a fun season. There weren't a lot of off-ice issues to deal with."

"The toughest thing is I'm going to miss the seniors that I've become great friends with, especially Doug Rahaim and Jeff Rohrkemper, who've been here for four years."

Allen Lancour got Marquette going with a goal at 7:17 of the first period, his first of four in the game.

Alex Davenport, who scored the winning goals in North's victories against St. Clair Shores and Churchill, tied the game at 9:42 when he tipped in

a shot from defenseman Anthony Paglino. Rahaim also assisted.

A minute and 25 seconds later, Lancour scored on a wrap-around to put Marquette ahead to stay.

Then a parade of penalties began. North drew five straight penalties and the Norsemen were two men short for nearly three minutes when Lancour scored his third goal of the game at 1:40 of the second period.

Brandon Smaby, who had three goals of his own, made it 4-2 at 8:12 and 22 seconds later, Lancour scored his fourth.

It was the third time this season that Lancour has collected four goals in a game and it was his fifth hat trick.

"I've had four goals a couple of times but they came against softer competition, not against a team of (North's) caliber," Lancour said.

Paglino got one of the goals back for North at 11:56 of the second period, but Smaby answered with a goal with 1:03 left in the period.

Smaby and Aaron Lancour added third-period goals for Marquette.

"We thought we had the team to beat them, but things just didn't go our way," Rahaim said. "I don't think anybody except our coaches and players thought that we'd make it this far."

It was that confidence that helped carry North past Churchill in the quarterfinals, along with another key goal by Davenport.

"He's been our Mr. Big Shot," Lock said after Davenport's goal with 2:51 remaining in the third period gave North a 3-2 victory.

Davenport blocked a shot at the blue line, picked up the puck and skated in alone on Chargers goalie Scott Lewan, beating him with a high shot.

Churchill had a couple of excellent chances in the final minute and a half. Goalie Eric Rohrkemper stopped Dustin

Wischmeyer on a breakaway with 1:17 to go, then defenseman Evan Skorupski got back to break up a play after Rohrkemper fanned on a clearing attempt.

"Eric played it perfect, but he just missed the puck," Lock said. "We had a lot of solid play from our D (defense) in this game."

North, which handed Churchill two of its three defeats this season, opened the scoring with a power-play goal from Ben Scarfone at 1:53 of the first period. Davenport assisted.

The Norsemen made it 2-0 on Dante DeSeranno's short-handed goal at 5:06 of the second period. He and Davenport came down the ice on a 2-on-1 break and Davenport waited until Lewan committed to him, then slid a perfect pass to DeSeranno. Michael Colosimo also assisted.

Churchill cut the lead to 2-1 on a goal by Tony Ross at 2:03 of the third period, then tied the game on another goal by Ross at 5:01.

"That's an awesome team," Lock said of Churchill. "They had two kids on the (All-State) Dream Team and just missed another. That was a great win for us."

Lock said that he's already looking forward to next season.

"We're only losing six players, but four of them impact players," Lock said.

"We have a lot of good players coming back. We'll have four solid defensemen (Michael Neveux, Skorupski, Anthony Raymond and Colosimo) and both goalies (Eric Rohrkemper and Michael Rahaim). We'll have to find some more scoring."

Seniors Jeff Rohrkemper (18), Doug Rahaim (15), Davenport (10) and Steve Coates (8) were four of North's five leading scorers this season.

The Norsemen closed out the year with a 14-14-1 record.

Former players share title

By Chuck Klonke
Sports Editor

Bob Bopp had the scenario all planned.

Grosse Pointe South's veteran hockey coach knew exactly what he was going to do when the Blue Devils finally won a state championship.

"I had a vision," Bopp said. "While the players were throwing their gloves and sticks in the air celebrating, I was going to stand on the bench and think about all the great players we've had since I've been here at South."

"I was going to think about how this victory was for them, as much as for this year's team. They never had a chance to experience something like this, so I hope they realize that this belongs to them, too."

South won that championship last Saturday, beating Muskegon Mona Shores 4-3 in overtime in the Division II title game at Computware Arena in Plymouth.

South hockey is like an extended family. It grows every year with new players coming in and others graduating.

"We had at least 30 former players at the game," Bopp said. "And by the time I left the rink, I had messages from several others who heard the game on the internet. There were a lot of alumni parents there, too."

David Bilbrey, J.C. Tibbitts and Charlie Braun, three of the mainstays of the 1998 team that went to the state final game, were there. Braun couldn't stay for the overtime because he had a flight to catch, but he wanted to be a part of the game for as long as he could.

Bopp wanted his former players to be a part of the state championship.

He also wanted this year's team to know about its fore-runners.

Before the playoffs started, Bopp put pictures of every senior who graduated from the program since he became coach in 1992.

That was so this year's team knew that it wasn't just playing for the 2006-07 squad, but everyone who had come before them.

The players bought into it. "You could see how focused everyone on the team has been since the playoffs started," Bopp said. "We were all on a mission."

The Blue Devils will lose some key seniors, who'll be profiled in next week's Grosse Pointe News, but there's a solid nucleus returning to defend the state title.

Maybe then Bopp will be able to enjoy the moment even more than he did this year.

"All my coaching friends told me to just enjoy the whole ex-

perience, but I felt a lot of pressure to win," he said. "The players didn't, but I did. Maybe if we get back there again, I will be able to relax and enjoy it."

South's 24-4-1 season got the Blue Devils' fans excited.

At every game in the playoffs, the South crowd was bigger than the opposition's.

It was at its biggest for the final game.

"I never expected anything like that," Bopp said. "It was great. And don't think that having a crowd like that behind you doesn't help."

When the game ended, the South team skated over to the stands to share the moment with its fans.

"It was really refreshing to see that kind of support," said South athletic director Brandon Slone. "It wasn't just students, but parents and people from the community who don't even have kids in the school."

There's going to be an assembly at South on Friday at 2:45 p.m. to honor the state championship hockey team.

As part of the assembly, the television show "State Champs" will give the school a special spirit award for having the best support of any of the teams in the finals.

South's hockey team was on a mission this year. Saturday, the mission was accomplished.



PHOTO BY DR. J. RICHARD DUNLAP

Grosse Pointe South's players and coaches celebrate after winning the state Division II hockey championship last weekend.

SOUTH: Quarterfinal goes OT, too

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South had a 5-on-3 advantage.

The Blue Devils outshot Alpena 23-13.

Sattelmeyer recorded his fourth shutout of the season and also picked up the assist on John's goal.

South's quarterfinal victory against Wyandotte didn't come easily.

"That was probably our worst game of the playoffs," Bopp said.

"Wyandotte is an outstanding team, but we didn't play

our best."

It was good enough to win, however.

Geoff Osgood, who scored in overtime to beat the Bears during the regular season, did it again at the 1:34 mark of the second extra period.

Wyandotte goalie Brad Makowski made the save on Lucas's shot, but Osgood beat him with the rebound. It was his second goal of the game. Defenseman Griem also had a pair of goals for South.

Twice South left two-goal leads slip away. Griem scored a power-play goal at 6:57 of the first period, assisted by Auty and Shield. Osgood made it 2-0 at 9:23 with Alaska getting the assist.

Alex King scored off a rebound at 11:38 of the first peri-

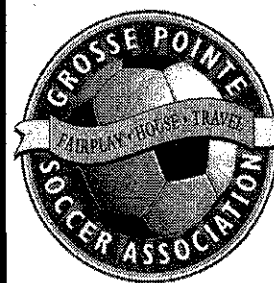
od to cut the Blue Devils' lead in half, but Griem scored another power-play goal at 48 seconds of the second period to make it 3-1.

The Bears' Erik Taurencia cut the lead to 3-2 with 1:58 remaining in the second period and Wyandotte tied the game at 9:51 of the third on a shot by Steven Brancheau that appeared to deflect off a South player's stick.

Wyandotte had two of the better chances in the first overtime, but each time Sattelmeyer robbed Brancheau.

"That game was the turning point in the whole playoffs," Bopp said. "We struggled but held it together and got the win."

South finished the season with a 24-4-1 record.



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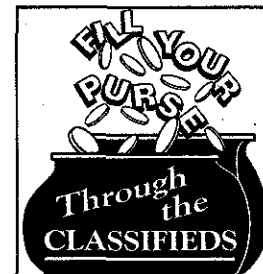
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