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Friday, March 29
Share good food and fellowship during the Men's Friday Ecumenical Breakfast at 7:30 a.m. at Grosse Pointe Memorial Church.
The Rev. Dr. V. Bruce Rigdon of Grosse Pointe Memorial Church will be the featured speaker. The fee is \$5.
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For more information, call (313) 884-1551.
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Tickets are \$60.
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Photos by Rob Sillars



The hunt is on!

Nora Berg, 20 months, was hot on the trail of candy treasures at the Heartland Health Care Georgian East annual Easter Egg hunt last Saturday, March 24. The event also featured prizes and a special appearance and photo op with the hare of the hour, the Easter Bunny. Children also had the opportunity to win prizes and generally have a good time delighting the many senior residents present.

Fennell guilty of animal cruelty, innocent of arson

By Brad Lindberg Staff Writer
Fennell's attorney, Lawrence Shulman, will appeal.
It made no difference to Courtney Carver that the man found guilty of killing 19 horses was on his way to the Wayne County Jail.
No matter what happens, it's not going to bring them back," she cried.
She tried to wipe her tears, the first she'd shown while attending the 1 1/2-week Grosse Pointe Hunt Club fire trial.
Carver is a groom at the Club in Grosse Pointe Woods. She helped care for the animals that died July 8 when Stephen Richard Fennell, then 23, threw a firework into the barn. He did it to "scare the horses," said friends who testified against him under protection of immunity.
Fennell, of the Woods, could be sentenced up to four years for each conviction of willful and malicious destruction of an animal. Based on sentencing guidelines, prosecutors said he would most likely serve no more than a total of two years and eight months.
He was found innocent of arson, a 10-year felony.
The verdict came Wednesday, March 20, nearly 26 hours after a jury began deliberating in the courtroom of Wayne County Circuit Judge Patricia P. Presard.
Lisa Chichzewski, 24, a member of the jury, said, "I have a lot of sympathy for the young man. He chose to scare the horses. This was the outcome. We just couldn't let him walk away."



Photo by Brad Lindberg

Courtney Carver grieves for 19 horses lost in the Grosse Pointe Hunt Club fire July 8. "It hurts," she said. Carver is a groom at the club. "I've been trying to figure out since July what he deserves," said Carver, referring to the conviction of cruelty counts of willful, malicious destruction of an animal. "There's nothing to describe what he deserves."

Village prepares for 1st Spring Clean-up Day

By Bonnie Caprara Staff Writer
The City has also committed its employees and resources toward the effort.
The City sees the Village as a vital community asset," said City Manager Mike Overton. "We've invested a lot of money in the Village in the past five years. We have a lot of activities going on around here in the summertime. It's in our best interest to see it in pristine condition."
The event will run from 9 to 11 a.m. and Kercheval will be closed to traffic during that time.
Organizers are also enlisting the help of local service organizations to assist in the effort.
"It's not just asking people to clean up, but that we all have a role to play in keeping the area looking nice," Kramer said. "We're hoping to build awareness year-round."
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To assist in the Village's Spring Clean-up Day, call (313) 886-7474.

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Fennell does the crime, starts doing the time

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

The Grosse Pointe Woods man convicted of 19 counts of animal cruelty last week could have remained free until sentencing April 9.

Then the judge found out he'd blown the terms of his bond.

Instead of being allowed to go home and tie up his affairs before facing a possible maximum sentence of up to 76 years in prison, bailiffs ushered Stephen Richard Fennell, 24, to the Wayne County Jail.

The order came from Wayne County Circuit Judge Patricia P. Fresard.

A jury March 20 found Fennell guilty on 19 counts of willful and malicious destruction of an animal, each a four-year felony. The charges stemmed from the July 8 barn fire at the Grosse Pointe Hunt Club. Nineteen horses died and the barn was destroyed.

Fennell was declared innocent of arson.

While free on \$1,000 bond in connection with the fire, Fennell had orders not to consume alcohol. He was arrested, however, for drunken driving in Troy on Feb. 16 at 1:27 a.m.

"We have a warrant for Mr. Fennell charging him with OWI (operating a

"He can't do much harm behind bars."

Courtney Carver, groom at club

being a person under 21 with a blood alcohol content," Chalut said, "which is another term for OUIL (operating a motor vehicle under the influence of liquor)."

Ken Simon, assistant Wayne County prosecutor, brought up the drunken driving incidents moments after last week's split decision in the arson and animal cruelty trial.

"The level of irresponsibility this defendant has shown has indicated that he ought to be remanded pending sentence," said Simon. "The time he spent would be credited toward any sentence he might receive."

"He's not a danger to the community," said Lawrence Shulman, Fennell's attorney.

Fresard said, "Although he has been acquitted of a 10-year felony, he's been convicted of a four-year offense. It is of great concern that he violated the terms of his bond."

Rebecca Pierzchala, a former groom at the Hunt Club, was pleased to see Fennell taken away.

"It's good for humanity," she said. "I feel safer knowing he's in jail."

"He can't do much harm behind bars," said Courtney Carver, a groom at the club,

motor vehicle while impaired) second offense," said Troy Lt. Steve Zavislak.

Fennell was arraigned on the charge March 26. The crime is a misdemeanor punishable by up to one year in jail.

Detective Anthony Chalut, the Woods officer in charge of the Hunt Club investigation, said Fennell refused to take a Breathalyzer test in the Troy incident. A blood sample revealed he had a .13 blood alcohol content, Chalut said. Michigan's legal limit is .10 percent.

Refusing to take a breath test results in an automatic six-month suspension of a driver's license.

On Oct. 30, 1996, Fennell received a drunken driving ticket in Kalamazoo, Chalut said.

"He was found guilty of

Verdict

From page 1A

Cook Road across from the Hunt Club. The parents were in Florida.

The party included drinking and drugs, as well as illegal fireworks Fennell had bought in Ohio, according to testimony. Guests said Fennell lit and threw a firework into the barn at about 4:15 a.m. Flames started quickly and spread fast. Fennell, Zorwick, and Joseph and Jaclyn Evola hid in the Evola home. They conspired not to call the fire department for fear of being found out.

All but one of the dead horses was discovered among ashes and under charred timber where the animals had been locked in their stalls.

"I think (Fennell's) friends had a lot more to do with it than what they told," Chichzewski said. "Their daddies got them a good lawyer, and the lawyer probably advised them to pin it on this kid. I'm not saying he's innocent, by far. But, his friends should be sitting right next to him (at the defendant's table)."

Ken Simon, the assistant county prosecutor in charge of the case, was pleased Fennell was found guilty of animal cruelty.

"The owners of the animals have more cause to be upset," said Simon. "The animals are more important than the building."

Fennell was remanded to jail immediately because he violated terms of his \$1,000 bond. Ordered not to consume alcohol, he was cited for drunken driving in Troy on Feb. 16.

At Fennell's sentencing hearing on the Hunt Club conviction April 9, Simon

will recommend jail time. Shulman will seek probation, he said.

Mary Beth Ryan, spokesperson for the club, said, "I will be speaking at sentencing. The whole thing is a tragedy."

A "significant number" of horse owners are expected to accompany Ryan, according to Darrell Finken, club general manager.

"If Fennell receives one year or less he can serve it at a local facility," said Simon, citing the Dickerson institution in Wayne County. "If he's sentenced to more than one year, he will be turned over to the Michigan Department of Corrections and sent to Jackson Prison or a similar facility."

"He deserves a lot more than he'll probably get," said Rebecca Pierzchala, a former groom at the club.

While Fennell faces another disruption in his life, activity at the Hunt

Club is returning to normal, Ryan said plans for a replacement barn should be made within a month.

"We're moving forward and planning for the future," she said.

Carver will never forget the old barn, which had 26 stalls, and the lost horses it contained.

"After the fire, all the horses that remained and all the ones that came in took on the traits and personalities of those that were lost," she said, still crying. "There's no greater thing in the world than to come to work at 6:30 in the morning and have 26 horses nicker-ing at you saying good morning. There's nothing better than that."

Carver will be in court for Fennell's sentencing.

"There's nothing to describe what he deserves," she said. "No matter what he gets, it won't be enough."

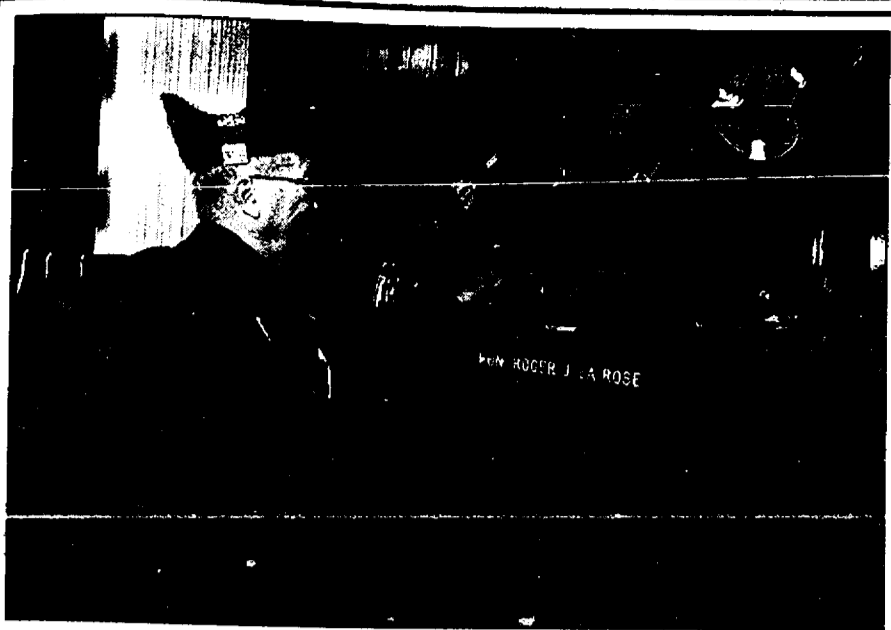


Photo By Rosh Sillars

Judging performance

John Bruneell and other members of the Harper Woods Lion's club presented District 32A Judge Roger LaRose with a "Judge of the Year" award Friday, March 22, in appreciation for his work in Harper Woods. Above, LaRose takes the plaque from Bruneell with a smile of surprise and appreciation.

Farms city council fields Mack/Moross property

By Bonnie Caprara
Staff Writer

A portion of the Grosse Pointe Farms-owned property at Mack and Moross may see some use, at least for the short term.

The Farms has bought several parcels at the seven-acre corner since 1995, including two homes it purchased on Moross in the fall of 2001. The houses will be demolished in the next 30 to 60 days, leaving most of the city-owned land cleared. However, Kroger has an option to extend its lease from May 2003 to May 2008, hindering the city's plans for any long-term development.

The Farms has asked the Neighborhood Club and the Grosse Pointe Public School System how they could best use the section of land between Moross and the parking lot used by Kroger

for about the next four years.

"The areas that are hardest to find are large fields for soccer, lacrosse and football," said Neighborhood Club Executive Director John Bruce. "It could relieve a whole lot of pressure on a whole lot of sites."

"The second most-needed areas are full-sized baseball diamonds, but that field isn't big enough for that. However, having a site that doesn't overlap on a baseball field or a softball field would help. It would be an asset to the baseball and softball people. They wouldn't have to give up time for soccer."

Grosse Pointe public schools Assistant Superintendent Chris Fenton was not available for comment at press time and has not yet met with the Farms city council.

The Farms city council will also hold a public hearing on the proposed land use in May or June.

"Why let this property sit there if we can put it to good use?" said Councilman Terry Davis. "Nothing's being constructed except for some signs."

The Farms is currently looking into moving electrical and cable lines, which run over the property. It will cost \$104,000 to move the electric lines and \$75,000 to move the cable lines.

"They're going to have to be moved sooner or later," said City Manager Richard Solak.

Kroger must inform the Farms by November if it decides to renew its lease.

"When the Kroger lease runs out, then we'll talk about another development," Solak said.

Revamped voting precincts proposed in Harper Woods

By Jason Sweeney
Staff Writer

City Clerk Mickey Todd brought his suggestions for changes to voting district lines in Harper Woods before the council Monday, March 18.

"Basically I've consolidated districts in order to save time, money and confusion," Todd said of the plan to reduce the number of voting districts from 10 to six.

Todd explained that each district is limited to 2,999 voters and that there were as few as 600 in some of the existing districts.

Council member Cheryl

Constantino said she liked the idea, and that the savings from paying poll workers, printing out separate mailings and confusion at polling places would be a great benefit.

The plan will consolidate districts one, two, three and six into two new districts, creating two lines at Beacon Elementary instead of three and eliminating voting at the high school because of traffic situations and low turnout.

Most of precincts four and five will become the new precinct three, a move that will reduce the number of

voters who will have to travel across I-94.

Other changes will also eliminate lines and confusion, according to Todd.

The school board voted Tuesday, March 19, to move forward with a plan to reduce its number of voting districts from seven to three. This move will streamline the voting process for the schools and save the district some much-needed funds, according to members of the board, who noted that at a recent election they paid out more than \$80 per vote received.

The price of the changeover to the city is expected to be roughly \$1,600 due to coordination and cost sharing with the Harper Woods schools.

The plans for redrawing the district lines are in the process of being reviewed by the state, but Todd expects them to be accepted.

If the changes are allowed to go forward, the new districts will be in place for the school elections, scheduled for June.

Richner to meet with area residents

State Rep. Andrew Richner, R-Grosse Pointe Park, will continue to rotate among the seven cities he represents to meet with area residents from 9 until 10 a.m. on Monday mornings.

The First District lawmaker will provide residents with a legislative update and take their questions and comments.

"I look forward to meeting with my constituents, updating them on legislative news and answering their questions," said Richner. "These meetings offer me a tremendous opportunity to learn more about the issues of importance to the people of the First District."

The following are the dates and locations provided:

• April 8 at the Grosse Pointe Park city offices at

15115 E. Jefferson, in the first-floor conference room.

• April 15 at the Grosse Pointe Woods city offices at 20025 Mack Plaza, in the Lake Room.

• April 22 at the Grosse Pointe Shores village offices at 795 Lakeshore, in the first-floor conference room.

• April 29 at the City of Grosse Pointe offices at 17147 Maumee Ave., in the conference room.

• May 6 at the Grosse Pointe Farms city offices at 90 Kerby Road in the main-floor conference room.

• May 13 at the Calvary Senior Center at 4950 Gatehead in Detroit, in Classroom A.

No appointment is necessary. For more information, call Richner toll-free at (888) 254-LAW1.

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Painter and patron

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

Robert Maniscalco walks the walk.

"One of the things I'm trying to do by example is have an exclusive core of fine artists in my gallery," said Maniscalco, owner of the Maniscalco Gallery. "I've picked artists who are loyal, prodigious, prolific, extremely talented and provocative about their careers. I'm looking for paintings where there is thought."

He believes in promoting works by local artists. That's why five years ago, after nearly 20 years as a commissioned artist with clients in more than a dozen states, he opened a gallery featuring the original creations of area talent.

"We're dealing with real artists you can meet and shake their hand," Maniscalco said, "not knock-off artwork done in a factory

by several people and signed by the last one with a fictitious name. It's not art. There's no energy. It's just decoration. There are several galleries that buy that stuff by the ream. It's cheap and they inflate the price considerably. The idea is, if you pay a lot for it, it must be worth something. A lot of people are duped by that."

He believes "you can't get anything more personal than a portrait." Therefore, he "collaborates" with subjects.

"I spend time with the person to get to know them and enjoy their company. That's how I get their essence," Maniscalco said. "I pick up on their mannerisms and their being, so I can get back to that when it's time to paint."

He believes in supporting the community in which he lives. That's why he's moving his gallery to the City of Grosse Pointe, where he and

his newlywed wife bought a home recently. The new gallery's grand opening is April 6.

He believes everyone can benefit by engaging in the creative process, which is why he has taught art and acting at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial. Last week, Maniscalco conducted a workshop on portrait and landscape painting, "The Power of Positive Painting," in New Orleans.

Teaching is a two-way street, he said.

"A student of mine recently answered the question, 'What is the definition of talent?' by saying, 'The ability to make something look like it is,'" Maniscalco said.

He believes in spreading the word about the local scene, so he hosts "Inside Art," a television show on Grosse Pointe Cable WMTN-5.

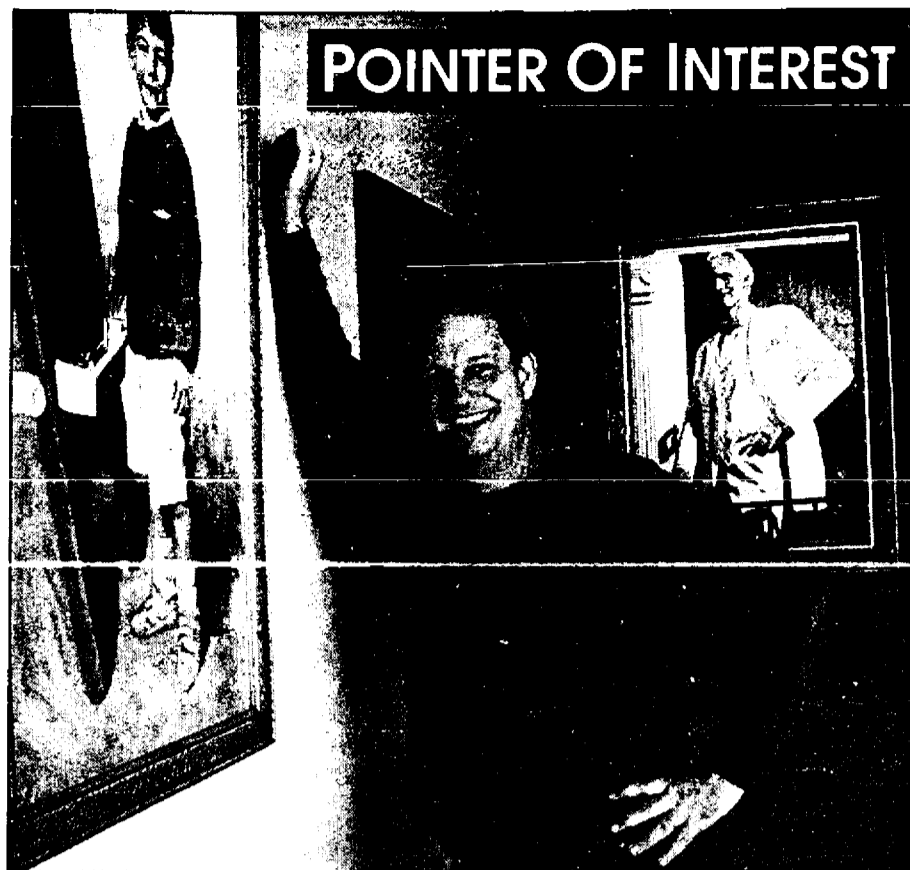
He believes in the camaraderie of community theater, and has been involved with the Grosse Pointe Theatre since 1983.

Two seasons ago, he tied with himself to win Clarence awards for acting excellence. He met his wife, Amanda, while directing the 1997 Grosse Pointe Theatre production of "Jesus Christ Superstar."

"The Grosse Pointe Theatre is a family," Maniscalco said. "When I was on the board of directors I voted to do away with Clarence awards. We should just celebrate the season."

Maniscalco believes the discipline people learn by creating art could help disadvantaged youths build promising futures.

"We're starting an art



Robert Maniscalco mugs with some of the portraits he's painted in his new art gallery in the City of Grosse Pointe.

Photo by Brad Lindberg

Rep. Richner runs for U-M regent

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

Grosse Pointe's three-time state representative is running for regent of his alma mater, the University of Michigan.

"It's one of the world's best public universities," said Rep. Andrew Richner, R-Grosse Pointe Park. Richner will leave the Legislature at the end of the year due to mandatory term limits.

Regents oversee university operations, including budget matters. Regents also elect the school's president.

"It's an important position," said Richner, whose legislative agenda has supported higher education issues. "Regent is a fiduciary for the taxpayer."

Richner has support from party heavyweights. The backing is essential because candidates for regent are selected by delegates to their state political party conventions, not a general primary election.

"I was one of the first to sign on endorsing him for the spot," said Rep. Rick Johnson, R-LeRoy, speaker of the House. "Andrew is somebody who has worked in the Legislature for the university."

Sen. Dan DeGrow, R-Port Huron, majority leader state Senate, said, "He's conscientious and hard working. He's the type they need on the board."

"I am honored that people consider me a worthy candidate," Richner said.

Richner's education legislation included co-sponsoring the Michigan Merit

Scholarship Award. The measure provided students who pass the MEAP test college scholarships up to \$3,000.

He also wrote legislation to give scholarships to Michigan residents who begin their higher education out of state, but return to Michigan to complete their schooling.

"We want the best and brightest to come back to Michigan," Richner said.

He also supported the state reorganization of Detroit public schools.

Regent is a nonpaying position, but Richner, who has undergraduate business and law school degrees from U-M, won't say what his employment plans will be upon leaving the House.

"I don't expect to make an announcement until after my term ends at the end of the year," he said. He said he intends to remain active in business and politics.

"That's where I can make the greatest contribution," he said.

Richner's grandfather, father and mother graduated from U-M.

"We have a history of maize and blue," said Richner.

On the other hand, his wife, Susan, a teacher in the Grosse Pointe public school system, comes from a family with comparable allegiance to Michigan State University.

"We bridge the gap," Richner joked. "I need a lot of those green and white (MSU) people to vote for me this fall."

mentorship program," said Maniscalco, referring to his work as president of the Wayne County Council for the Arts, History and Humanities. The nonprofit council is forming a partnership with students at a Detroit junior high school.

"We've taken on a pilot program to link talented at-risk children with artists so the kids can find another way," Maniscalco said.

The arts council has big plans.

"We're attempting to create connectivity — we call it 'partnerships,' among the nearly 600 art galleries, fine arts groups and performing

organizations in Wayne County," Maniscalco said. "We're trying to create opportunities for artists and art organizations — to get artists out there where people can see, appreciate, enjoy and patronize them."

He said partnerships could bring order to the Detroit art environment.

"The Detroit art scene is like the wild, wild west," Maniscalco said. "It's disorganized. I've been trying to put together an art dealer's organization so we can figure out what needs to happen."

Maniscalco said a big problem comes from artists

themselves. "Artists don't have loyalty," he said. "They go from one gallery to another. Patrons get confused because they can't go to a gallery and find a particular artist."

Maniscalco, by contrast, is developing relationships with a select group of artists. The group includes, but is not limited to, Jac Purdon, a conceptual, three-dimensional artist Maniscalco called an "unsung hero of the Detroit art world;" Ted Paul, a St. Clair Shores resident Maniscalco said, "does incredibly realistic paintings of lighthouses and boats;" and Louie Sanchez, a glass blower.

"I'm going to do everything I can to promote their careers. We're going to sail," he said. "That's better than putting together an art exhibit and two months later the artist shows up across town."

He added, "I'm looking for art that has something to say, art that moves, touches and inspires. If a piece is fully resolved, that's the kind of artist I want in my gallery."

When it comes down to it, however, Maniscalco is a painter who gets most of his satisfaction composing portraits.

"One might think of a portrait as a still life, but I think it goes a lot further," he said. "A good portrait requires a tremendous amount of skill and talent in terms of coming up with a composition that isn't too cluttered. The focal point has to be in the eyes of the painting. The essence of the person is in the eyes, the window to the soul. Everything is carefully designed to bring your eye to the main event — the person."

Sports agents ripe for rules

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

Michigan is on track to penalize athletic agents who step out of bounds.

A bill in Lansing would require such agents to behave according to uniform rules making their way through state legislatures all over the country.

"It would provide contractual protection for student athletes who, in many cases, have been taken advantage of by unscrupulous sports agents," said the bill's sponsor, Rep. Andrew Richner, R-Grosse Pointe Park.

If passed into law, the legislation would add Michigan to a list of 11 states that have adopted the Uniform Athletic Agents Act. Several other states are studying the act.

"The act would require the registration of athletic agents and protect student athletes from agents who jeopardize their status as amateur athletes under National Collegiate Athletic Association rules," Richner said. The bill has the backing of the 1,000-member NCAA.

Michigan and most states already regulate sports agents.

Yet many of those states have approached the problem from different angles.

The result, critics said, is a potentially confusing mishmash of individual eligibility and sanctioning laws that vary between states.

"We need uniformity," said Richner. "It's in the interest of athletes as well as the sports agent industry that there be uniformity among state laws. Uniformity provides more certainty in the way business is transacted."

Richner's sponsorship of the bill grew from his membership with the Uniform Law Commission.

The nationwide organization standardizes laws from state to state.

"Young athletes can be easily overwhelmed and are easy prey for unscrupulous sports agents who exploit these kids for their personal gain," said Michael Kerr, deputy legislative director of the National Conference of Commissioners on Uniform State Laws. "This legislation

sets long-overdue standards for the sports agent industry."

The act would require sports contracts between student athletes and agents to include a conspicuous notice announcing the following:

- Signing the contract could make students ineligible in their sport;

- Within 72 hours of entering into a contract, the student and agent must notify the school's athletic director; and

- Student athletes can cancel the contract within 14 days. Cancellation may not reinstate eligibility.

"That's a good idea," said Sen. Dan DeGrow, R-Port Huron, Senate majority leader.

"Student athletes should have to have their parents sign it, too, if they're under 21," he added.

Rick Johnson, R-LeRoy, speaker of the House, said, "The way some agents use the kids today is almost a travesty. You hear about college sports stars who make it in the pros, but you never hear about those who don't."

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50 days in prison for each horse?

Two years, eight months — that's probably the maximum time Stephen Richard Fennell, the man responsible for the Grosse Pointe Hunt Club fire that killed 19 horses, could spend behind bars, according to assistant county prosecutor Ken Simon.

Fennell, 23, was found guilty of 19 felony counts of animal cruelty last week for tossing a firework into a Hunt Club barn last July, causing the fire that killed the horses. Although he could be sentenced to four years for each count of willful and malicious destruction of an animal (a theoretical sentence of 76 years), "the actual maximum he could get would be two years, eight months," Simon said.

Fennell was found innocent of arson in the case. He could have faced 10 years in prison on that felony charge alone.

"He just made a stupid mistake," said one of the jurors.

It appears he has made more than just one stupid mistake.

Fennell currently sits in the Wayne County Jail, and he has yet to be sentenced in connection with the fire. While free on bond awaiting the trial, Fennell was arrested for drunken driving, his second such arrest, on Feb. 16. A condition of Fennell's bond was that he not consume alcohol — he had

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been drinking the night of the fire. The mistakes start to add up.

Fennell's sentencing hearing is scheduled for April 9.

But the reason Fennell should serve the "actual maximum," we feel, is not because he made a "stupid mistake." Rather he deserves prison time for not calling the police or fire department, for making no attempt to save the barn and the horses inside.

Instead, Fennell and three friends hid inside a Cook Road house across the street from the burning barn. They did nothing to try to save the lives of the horses, and then they attempted to avoid responsibility for their actions through lies and a coverup. As they say on "Law & Order," Fennell and his friends displayed depraved indifference.

How many of the 19 horses could have been saved had one in the group — Fennell, Thomas Zorwick, Jaclyn Evola or Joseph Evola — called the police or fire department when flames were first noticed? All? Some? Maybe none. But any attempt would have been a sign of at least some small amount of human decency or responsibility.

Although Fennell's intention was to "scare the horses," according to the friends who testified against him

under protection of immunity, the results were 19 dead horses and a destroyed barn, not to mention the emotional damage suffered by those connected with the horses and the Hunt Club.

A sentence of less than a year could be served at a local facility; more than a year means Fennell would be turned over to the state Department

of Corrections and sent to Jackson or a similar prison.

"No matter what he gets, it won't be enough," said Hunt Club groom Courtney Carver.

But Fennell threw the lit firework that caused the fire and its damage, and he alone faces the punishment. Maybe 32 months in prison will give him plenty of time to think about what appears to be the costliest of his stupid mistakes.

We certainly think anything less than a year in prison or even probation would be an injustice and an insult to those who have suffered because of someone else's stupidity.

While the other three can take comfort in their immunity agreements, they still have to live with themselves and their memories.



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How old is Grandpa?

One evening a grandson was talking to his grandfather about current events. He asked what he thought about the shootings at schools, the computer age and just things in general.

The granddad replied, and I quote: "Well, let me think a minute. I was born before television, penicillin, polio shots, frozen foods, Xerox, contact lenses, Frisbees and The Pill. There was no radar, credit cards, laser beams or ballpoint pens. Man had not invented pantyhose, air conditioners, dishwashers, clothes dryers — well, the clothes were hung out to dry in the fresh air — and man hadn't yet walked on the moon.

"Your grandmother and I got married first and then lived together. Every family had a father and a mother, and every boy over 14 had a rifle that his dad taught him how to use and respect. Until I was 25, I called every man older than I, 'Sir,' and after I turned 25, I still called a policeman and every man with a title, 'Sir.'

"Sundays were set aside for going to church as a family, helping those in need and visiting with family or neighbors. We were before gay rights, computer dating, dual careers, daycare centers and group therapy.

"Our lives were governed by the Ten Commandments, good judgment and common sense. We were taught to know the difference between right and wrong and to stand up and take responsibility for our actions.

"Serving your country was a privilege; living here was a bigger privilege. We thought fast food was what people ate during Lent. Having a meaningful relationship meant getting along with your cousins. Draft dodgers were people who closed their front doors when the evening breeze

started.

"Timesharing meant time the family spent together in the evenings and weekends, not purchasing condominiums. We never heard of FM radios, tape decks, CDs, electric typewriters, yogurt or guys wearing earrings. We listened to the big bands, Jack Benny and the presidents' speeches on our radios.

"And I don't ever remember any kid blowing his brains out listening to Tommy Dorsey. If you saw anything with 'Made in Japan' on it, it was junk. The term 'making out' referred to how you did on your school exam.

"Pizza Hut, McDonald's and instant coffee were unheard of. We had five-and-10-cent stores where you actually could buy things for 5 and 10 cents. Ice cream cones, phone calls, rides on a streetcar and a Pepsi were all a nickel. And if you didn't want to splurge, you could spend your nickel on enough stamps to mail one letter and two postcards. You could buy a new Chevy coupe for \$600, but who could afford one? Too bad, because gas was 11 cents a gallon.

"In my day, 'grass' was mowed, 'Coke' was a cold drink. 'Pot' was something your mother cooked in. 'Rock music' was your mother's lullaby. 'Aids' were helpers in the principal's office. 'Chip' meant a piece of wood, 'hardware' was found in a hardware store and 'software' wasn't even a word.

"And we were the last generation to actually believe that a lady needed a husband to have a baby.

"No wonder people call us 'old and confused' and say there is a generation gap. How old do you think I am?"

Answer: This man would be only 59 years old.

— Anonymous

The Asset Approach Giving kids what they need to succeed

The Search Institute (www.search-institute.org) has identified 40 building blocks (or assets) that help young people grow up healthy, caring and responsible. Each week the Grosse Pointe News will highlight one "asset" and provide several ideas to help parents and young people support that "asset" in their home, school and community.

Asset No. 7: Community values youth: Young person perceives that adults in the community value youth.

Ideas for parent(s):

1. Talk to your children about where they feel valued in the community and where they do not.
2. Encourage your children to get involved in community service.
3. Help create leadership roles for youth in the community. (Are there students on the school board? Do students sit on decision-making committees?)
4. Talk to your kids about how your community currently uses resources to help youth prosper. Sometimes they are not aware of all of the things the community has to offer.
5. Affirm and support your children's friends. Let them know that you value them.

Ideas for young people:

1. When your parents attend community meetings or events, go with them. This will give other adults a more positive perception of you.
2. Be polite and respectful toward adults you meet, even if they're rude to you. Don't let them control your behavior.
3. When adults say or do things that make you feel valued, thank them.
4. Ask the media through letters or a call to the editor to feature more positive stories about teens.
5. Help younger children in your community feel valued by you. Build relationships with them through volunteering, tutoring, babysitting and just being friendly.

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Letters

Zoning trend

To the Editor:

I could not believe my eyes when I saw the inappropriate size of the new house being built on the country club side of Chalfonte, between Moross and Cook road.

Most of the houses on the street are ranch houses. Now we have a three-story house the size of an apartment building. This neighborhood is never going to be the same.

How could this have been allowed to happen in Grosse Pointe Farms? How do the

neighbors feel? I am angry, sad and fearful because this could happen anywhere in the Farms. The city is unable to oversee what is appropriate for new housing in established neighborhoods because of outdated zoning laws and the failure to anticipate changes in residential construction despite complaints of neighbors and other residents.

All of us in Grosse Pointe Farms are in danger of a trend that is scarring our city and destroying our neighborhoods. We need a zoning authority or commis-

sion that includes professional land use experts and private citizens who have no conflicts of interest and have the welfare of the community and its citizens as their primary concern.

Citizens, get involved! Lobby your city council and city officials to save our neighborhoods before it's too late.

Elaine Hartmann
Grosse Pointe Farms

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Finding fault

A group — about a dozen women, friends of mine — got together last Sunday evening to take advantage of our once-a-year, five-hour license to be critical, nasty, petty and mean.

We are 12 women . . . uh . . . of a certain age. We gathered to share a potluck dinner and watch the Academy Awards ceremony.

It was wonderful. "He looks terrible." "She should cover up those flappy old arms." "Hike up your dress, honey." "I hate her hair." "She looks like she just rolled out of bed and has a monstrous hangover." "He has re-al-ly aged." "She looks classy." "She's wearing her prom dress." "He's still a hunk, even though he's in his 70s." "Hair is too red." "Too much eye makeup." "She's a size 14, but so was Marilyn Monroe." "She's no

size 14! She's been dieting."

Every spring, these women suspend their usual tolerant, kindly, indulgent, live-and-let-live attitudes for one evening in which we enthusiastically trash a batch of beautiful, talented people and eagerly point out their superficial physical flaws and fashion faux pas.

That's what the Academy Awards ceremony is for.

We watched it together and we're pretty outspoken. We're fair too. We trashed nearly everybody.

There were, a roomful of over-50 women, exhibiting a vast variety of figure flaws, dozens of physical shortcomings, oodles of fashion and coiffure faux pas and a multitude of personality disfunctions.

We pointed out the shortcomings of strangers who live 2,000 miles away from us and work in a profession about as far removed from our lives as Mother Teresa's was to Saddam Hussein's.

The closest Hollywood connection in the whole



group? The youngest son of one of the women had worked as a lighting technician on the set of "A Beautiful Mind."

"My job as a gaffer was so insignificant," he said, "I'm not even listed in the credits."

Never mind our distance from the world of Oscar nominees. We criticized freely.

We zoomed in on all the bad hair, mostly. Poor clothing choices ran a close second.

What's with the unkempt hair? Most of the women who attended the ceremony had rumpled, tousled, friz-

zied hair. Others sported a rigid waxed and gelled "do" or a startled, spiky look; many hairstyles just seemed stringy or greasy.

Even Helen Hunt, who we all agreed is generally put together in a classy, conservative manner, looked like she was too busy to keep her hair appointment. And if Cameron Diaz actually showed up for her hair appointment, she should demand her money back. J. Lo overdid the hair extensions. And Uma? Perhaps her excuse is that she drove to the awards ceremony on a motorcycle.

Gwyneth looked like a

raccoon in a give-away T-shirt.

Hitch it up, Jennifer. Droopy is not attractive.

Tom Cruise looked like he needed lunch money. Was Russell Crowe preparing for a new movie role as a homeless person?

Joan Rivers was as annoying as ever. She and Michael Jackson still serve as excellent examples for not messing with Mother Nature. Grow up, Joan; get older, like the rest of us. Maybe your brain will mature as well.

Ugly outfits were plentiful — the guy in the gorilla jacket; the gowns that were slashed too low or stretched too narrow; the skirt that was so long and full, its wearer trounced on the hem as she climbed the stage steps.

We generally approved of stars who acted and dressed their ages. Our group approved of:

• Sissy Spacek, for her unaffected, act-your-age, naturally classy appearance

and demeanor. We think she even did her own hair. It looked great. She looked scrubbed, smooth, nice. Very L.L. Bean.

• Judi Dench and Maggie Smith. These women-of-a-certain-age proved that they don't have to pour themselves into gowns that are slit up to here or cut down to there in order to get noticed. It's nice to see that age includes permission to dump that frantic "Look at Me!" mindset.

• Woody Allen, who actually looked . . . dapper.

• Renee Zellweger, Will Smith, Jim Broadbent, Halle Berry.

• Robert Redford and Sidney Poitier, just because they're still terrific-looking hunks who have lived their lives, apparently, with honesty, courage and a serious pursuit of excellence in their chosen crafts: acting and directing.

Which reminds me, where were Paul Newman and Joanne Woodward?

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The Op-Ed Page



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The problem of evil

The problem of evil is the biggest problem facing the world today. In the world of philosophy, it is the heaviest argument against the existence of a good and loving God, one who loves the humans to whom he gave life, consciousness, feelings, reasoning ability and the "gift" of free choice.

The naturalists, who only believe in the existence of the objective world, are at odds with the supernaturalists, who believe in the existence of the soul, the spirit, heaven and hell. The arguments go back and forth, in which each side brings forth either "evidence" of God's goodness or evidence of the existence of evil.

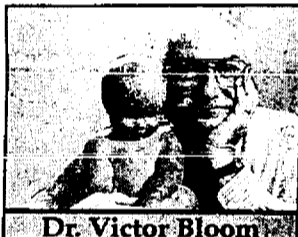
The religious argue, in effect, that God didn't promise us a rose garden. The story of creation is that God made the universe, the Earth and the Garden of Eden, but because Adam and Eve tasted the apple, they were cast out of the garden and for their disobedience, all their descendants would know pain and suffering, shame and work.

The story of creation is an allegory about being a child and growing up. If you are good and remain obedient children, you will be well taken care of, but if you want to decide for yourself what is right and wrong, you will stumble and fall. And so what happened is called The Fall of Man and Original Sin.

The theologians argue that God, in His wisdom, created a complete world, not an incomplete one, and that means there has to be a dark side so that man can choose between good and evil. And so He created the Devil to tempt us, and we are supposed to be good and strong, have faith and resist the Devil's influence.

And as the joke goes when we have done wrong, chosen to do wrong, "The Devil made me do it." And so we deny responsibility.

The church fathers preach that we ultimately cannot avoid responsibility for our words and actions,



Dr. Victor Bloom

and so we find ways to be forgiven and try ever harder to be good. Life experience teaches us that as much as we try, we rarely succeed.

Recent history is full of horrors. In Nazi Germany, good Christians, Catholics and Lutherans turned on their neighbors and killed them. Somehow, in spite of religious education and church attendance, a whole nation and a large part of the European continent became murderers and collaborators. Some clerics aided and abetted the mass murder of undesirables and the escape of Nazi war criminals to havens in South America.

To stop the evil influence of the Axis powers, the Allies had to destroy enemy capitals and unleash the atomic bomb. After the fascists came the communists, those who would destroy our way of life. And now our enemy is the evil of fanatic Muslim fundamentalism, which cannot tolerate Western civilization's enlightenment, scientific development, secularism and a free way of life that encourages pluralism and allows religious choice. The fanatics cannot abide Western infidel presence in the Middle East near their sacred sites.

Now the concept of evil has shifted to Al Qaeda and the fanatic religious terrorists who think they can destroy our way of life. They are operating under the delusion that if they topple our towers, we will quake with fear and crumble.

It is clear the enemy is evil, and we would like to think that evil is always outside of ourselves. But we

know there is evil within. There was evil in Timothy McVeigh. There was an evil influence within Andrea Yates, who thought she was delivering her children to God. The priests who betrayed their faith and the respect of parishioners were evil, as were the bishops who hid the facts and transferred them elsewhere, putting their trust in the power of faith, prayer and the grace of God.

The fact is that there is much more evil that is hidden and denied within the family constellation. The errors of the priests and bishops and the suffering of their victims pale into insignificance when we consider the evils perpetrated everyday by parents on their own children.

There is no end to examples of fathers molesting their young children by violating their bodily boundaries, and mothers telling their daughters they are ugly, stupid and wicked.

Psychiatrists know this from daily experience. We deal with the effects of evil daily. This is why people tell me at dinner parties, "I don't know how you can stand having to listen to the problems people bring you day after day."

Somehow, they know. Victims of abuse are everywhere to be found, across all socioeconomic, ethnic and religious lines and throughout all intellectual levels.

In order to be helped, our patients must be open and honest and tell all the truth, where otherwise their world is filled with lies and denials, and the evil scars remain buried in the unconscious, producing manifold varieties of stress and incapacity.

The problem of evil is this: I don't know how it got started or whether God had anything to do with it, but it is clear that religion is not the answer; psychoanalysis is not the answer; education, politics and the law do not contain the answers; prayer is not the

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Cold shoulder

If you ever thought about going to Antarctica as an adventure, you might want to chat with Marianne Endicott first for a few tips on survival.

Endicott, of the City, recently returned from a three-week jaunt to the southern polar ice cap, a trip sponsored, incongruously, by the North Hawaiian Hospice as a fundraiser. She had a wonderful time and said the temperatures were in the 30s on the ice once they got ashore from the cruise ship aboard Zodiac inflatable boats.

That brings us to the first tip: Go during our winter, which is summer at the South Pole.

The second tip has to do with fur seals. If you get in a male fur seal's territory, he just might object. One took a dislike to Marianne and started toward her aggressively. So she spread her arms wide and stood tall to look like a big penguin and then as it approached she clapped sharply and the seal turned tail.

But don't turn and run from a fur seal, Marianne advises. One over-eager photographer got too close and when the fur seal charged, he ran. The fur seal left him with 50 stitches in his derriere as a memento of his trip. "They can move fast," reports Marianne.

In another adventure, some of the 160 tourists in

answer, and neither is fundamentalism or secularism. Science and the arts give us insights, but no answers either.

Evil is part of the human condition, and there is no answer except to never stop trying to be decent and rational, humane and civilized, strivings which comprise the backbone of all civilizations and religions.

We still don't know why people do not practice what they preach, why we cannot love our neighbors, why the Golden Rule is not uppermost in everyone's mind at all times. The problem of evil is a mystery.

Dr. Bloom is a psychiatrist in Grosse Pointe Park and clinical associate professor of psychiatry at Wayne State University. He welcomes comments to his e-mail address, vbloom@compuserve.com, and visitors to his website, www.victor-bloom.com



Ben Burns

by Ben Burns

Wildlife advice

Marianne's counsel about the seal reminds me of this apocryphal story I received on the Internet and I wanted to pass it along to all of you folks planning spring fly-fishing trips to the Big Sky country.

"In light of the rising frequency of human-grizzly bear conflicts, the Montana Department of Fish and Game is advising hikers, hunters and fishermen to take extra precautions while in the field. They have advised that outdoorsmen wear noisy little bells on their clothing so as not to startle the bears.

"They further advise outdoorsmen to carry pepper spray with them in case of an encounter with a bear. It is also a good idea to watch for fresh signs of bear activity. Outdoorsmen should recognize the difference between black bear droppings and grizzly bear droppings. Black bear droppings are smaller and will contain lots of berries and squirrel fur. On the other hand, grizzly bear droppings have little bells in them and smell like pepper."

No Elvis

It can now be revealed after a quarter century of happy marriage that Dr. Mark Weber of the Farms and head of the War Memorial once played second fiddle to the late, great Elvis Presley when Mark and his future wife, Judy, were students on the Indiana University campus in Bloomington and The King was appearing at Assembly Hall.

It seems that Mark had arranged to take out this cute blonde coed only to discover when the agreed-upon time arrived there was no Judy. She had been trying to reach Mark all day to reschedule the date, because a sick friend had given his Elvis ticket to her. She was unsuccessful until she reached Assembly Hall and got on a pay phone with the noise of thousands of crazy Elvis fans roaring in the background.

Mark asked Judy where she was. "At the Elvis Presley concert with Debbie," Judy exclaimed. "Jim got sick and couldn't go, so Debbie offered me the ticket and could I please reschedule our date?"

"Stood up for The King," Mark reportedly replied.

"No," said Judy, "I was not standing him up, because I was calling."

Mark repeated, "Stood up for the King."

It was several days before Mark called Judy again and asked her out and as they were sitting on a bench on the campus, which is one of the most beautiful in the nation, Mark asked her what she looked for in people.

Nervous, Judy said she replied, "I look for a sense of humor. I really don't trust a person without a sense of humor." To which, Mark reportedly replied, "I don't trust people who eat brussels sprouts."

Judy said she laughed and thought, "This could be the one." And she is still thinking the same thing 25 years later. The pair celebrated their Silver Anniversary on March 19.

And I have to confess, among all the excellent meals I've eaten at the War Memorial, I have never been served brussels sprouts.

Height or weight?

Those of you who have met me know that I am much taller than the picture that runs with my column. I'm 6-foot-9 or taller with shoes on. So recently when the roving reporter at the Grosse Pointe Rotary, Fred Ollison, of the Park, announced that my daughter, Bethany, had given birth to identical twin daughters — Amelia Grace Zottola, 6-2, and Marian Elise Zottola, 7-2 — Bob Bashara of the Park quipped, "Is that height or weight?"

Can we talk?

Frank Sladen of the Farms, who is "Mr. Grosse Pointe" to most of us, had the honor recently of taking comic Joan Rivers on a private tour of the Edsel & Eleanor Ford House, where Frank works as a docent. He reports she loved the tour and brought perfume gifts for the women volunteers at the historic home. And there were no off-color remarks.

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Proud of young adults

To the Editor:
Good news, great job, many thanks! What a wonderful community we live in, when one weekend can have as many opportunities.

March 7 through 9 at 8 p.m., Grosse Pointe North High School presented "Oklahoma." What a cast and crew, what an orchestra, what marvelous teachers and parents. This truly is a fine representation of our community and young adults. Outstanding, job well done!

On the morning of March 9 we also attended the Grosse Pointe North High School hockey finals against Davison in Flint. North won 4-0 in a shutout — what composure.

We as a community should be proud of our

young men and women who entertained and enlightened us, they certainly represent our community in a wonderful manner.

God bless our young adults!
Dr. and Mrs. Kenneth Retford
Grosse Pointe Shores

Underage drinking

To the Editor:
According to a new survey, 68 percent of Americans have been carded, and the vast majority (93 percent) believe that I.D. checking is a good or excellent way to reduce underage drinking.

This survey shows how seriously Americans take the issue of underage drinking, and we at Great Lakes Beverage, the local distributor of Anheuser-Busch prod-

ucts, are committed to helping retailers and servers in our area prevent sales to those under the legal drinking age.

In 2001 alone, we distributed over 200 I.D. booklets with color photographs of driver's licenses from all 50 states and Canada, to help servers and sellers of alcohol beverages effectively identify those patrons of legal purchase age and stop sales to minors.

The Check I.D. nationwide poll, conducted for Anheuser-Busch by the Data Development Corp., reveals that Americans have witnessed efforts firsthand to combat underage drinking. In fact, 65 percent of those polled have seen someone getting carded. Further, 93 percent of American adults agree that alcohol retailers should be trained to spot fake I.D.s and 95 percent believe that Anheuser-

Busch and its wholesalers should be involved.

Here at Great Lakes Beverage, we're involved — and committed to being part of the solution in the fight against underage drinking. Working together, we all make a difference.

Richard M. Heilstedt
Great Lakes Beverage
Co. CA and E
Coordinator

Convenient style

To the Editor:
Oh, so now that Wayne County Community College Trustee Mary Ellen Stempfle is running for state representative she wants to publicize how wrong it is for a \$70 million bond issue.

Where was she when we had to vote on the \$32 million millage? If she informed the community in time

before Nov. 6, 2001, I'm sure the 3,000 voters needed to kill this millage would have come from Grosse Pointe.

Representation only when it is convenient seems to be Stempfle's style!

Mary McMann
City of Grosse Pointe

Symphonic jewel

To the Editor:
I would like to comment on the excellent article written by Johanna Gilbert that appeared in the Feb. 21 Grosse Pointe News, "G.P. Symphony is worth your time."

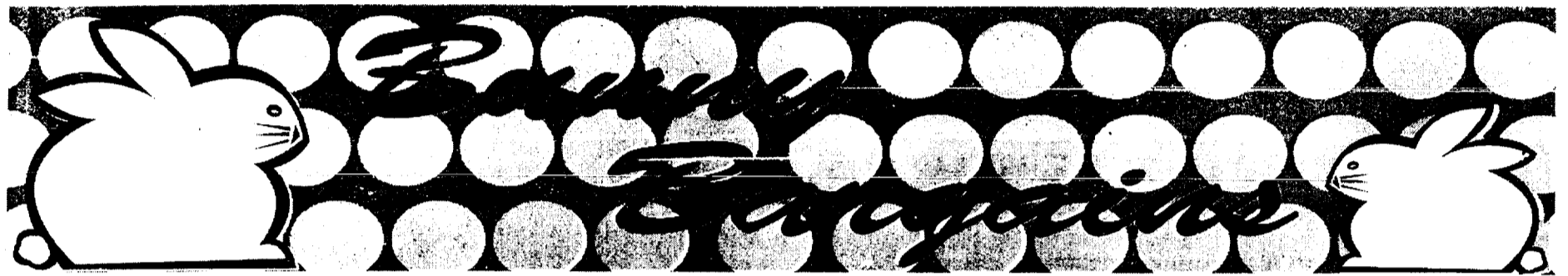
The writer, a past president of the Grosse Pointe Symphony Society, shared her insights regarding the stature of The Grosse Pointe Symphony, ably lead by conductor Felix Resnick. She also reviewed the well-

received Feb. 10 concert at Christ Church, featuring Frederic DeHaven, on the church's new organ.

Community symphonies are to be valued and supported, as they provide an arm of the arts that enriches and uplifts the soul through music. The Grosse Pointe Symphony has reached a pinnacle of performance level through the dedication of its leader and members of the orchestra.

I know that the loyal audiences who go to the concerts are well rewarded by their attendance, but there should be capacity crowds at each concert. The programs are well planned to please different discerning tastes. Families are encouraged to introduce their children to symphonic music, and students are admitted without charge to further this goal.

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Jay C. Perry II

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Grosse Pointe Park resident Jay C. Perry II, 76, died on Friday, March 22, 2002, at Bon Secours Hospital in Grosse Pointe.

Mr. Perry was born in Sandusky, Ohio on May 8, 1925. He spent his life dedicated to the automotive sales business, working in a number of metropolitan Detroit area dealerships until the 1970s when he became the dealer principal

at Ed Bailey American Motors Dealership in Royal Oak. After selling that property, he became the General Manager of Bill Lee Oldsmobile in Mount Clemens until he retired in 1990.

Following his retirement, he was very involved in Grosse Pointe Park recreational programs and devoted to efforts to assist handicapped children.

As a veteran who served in the United States Navy, Mr. Perry was an active member of the American Legion, the National Rifle Association and the Grosse Pointe War Memorial. He enjoyed hunting, vintage cars and played golf in several leagues at the Gowanie Golf Club.

Mr. Perry is survived by his son Chuck (Brenda) Perry; three grandchildren; one great-grandson and several aunts. He was predeceased by his wife of 38 years, Annette Perry.

At Mr. Perry's request, no public memorial service was held.

Memorial donations may be made to Bon Secours Hospital.

Mary Cobane Rea

Mary Cobane Rea and her husband Thatcher W. Rea Jr. would have celebrated their 49th wedding anniversary on June 19th, and Mary's 75th birthday on June 7th, had she not died of natural causes in Sarasota Memorial Hospital, Sarasota, Fla., on Sunday, March 24, 2002.

Mary and Thatcher were longtime residents of Grosse Pointe Farms before their move to Castle Park, Mich. Their winter residence was in Siesta Key, Fla.

Mary was a graduate of Grosse Pointe High School. She attended the University of Texas and graduated from the University of Michigan. She taught kindergarten at Steven T. Mason School for seven years prior to her marriage.

A devoted mother and grandmother, Mary is also survived by her sons Thatcher William "Bill" (Pam Raden) Rea III and John Clinton (Susan Noble) Rea, both of East Grand Rapids; her daughters Laura Irene "Lolly" Rea of Castle Park and Carrie

(John) Sharp of Fort Mill, S. C.; six grandchildren; her brother Joseph L. Cobane and her sister Carol A. Cobane, both residents of Grosse Pointe.

A private memorial service for the family will be held on Thursday, July 4, 2002, at Top-O-Pines, Castle Park.

Emily Ann Scott

Emily Ann Scott, 77, a former art teacher at Pierce Middle School in Grosse Pointe Park and co-founder of Michigan Blind Sales and Industries, Inc., died on Wednesday, March 20, 2002, at Crittenton Hospital in Rochester Hills.

Born Emily Ann Blacha, in Hamtramck, on Feb. 16, 1925, Mrs. Scott was a long-time resident of Huntington Woods until she relocated to Washington Township in 2001.

Mrs. Scott earned master's degrees in art education and vocational rehabilitation from Wayne State University. In addition to her work in Grosse Pointe, she was also an art teacher in New York and St. Paul,

Minn. before her retirement in 1977.

In 1945, she joined her late husband, John E. Scott, in founding the janitorial supply firm, Michigan Blind Sales and Industries Inc. of Highland Park.

Mrs. Scott was a life member of the Wayne State University Alumni Association and also active in Pi Lambda Theta, a retired teachers sorority.

Mrs. Scott is survived by her son, Alexander Scott of Colorado; her daughter, Emily (Kenneth) Kort of Washington Township and her grandchildren, Kelly and Michael.

The Rev. Penny Lowes presided at a funeral service on March 23, at the A. J. Desmond and Sons Funeral Home in Troy. Interment is at Evergreen Cemetery in Detroit.

Memorial tributes may be made to the American Diabetes Association.

Curtis Andrew Seichter

Curtis Andrew Seichter, 43, husband of Merrill Robinson Seichter, died on Thursday, March 21, 2002, as the result of injuries sustained in a pedestrian accident in Bingham Farms.

Mr. Seichter, a resident of Beverly Hills, was born on

July 20, 1958, in Detroit. A 1976 graduate of Cranbrook School, he earned his undergraduate degree at Kenyon College in Gambier, Ohio in 1980 and received his masters in business administration from Columbia University in 1984.

He was the president of N.C.O.C. Industries which specializes in chemicals and oil.

Mr. Seichter was a member of the Toastmasters International and the Birmingham Athletic Club. He was an avid historian and a collector of toy soldiers. His passion for scuba diving led him to attain Master Diver status.

Mr. Seichter is also survived by his sons Conrad Seichter and Cameron Seichter; his parents Frank S. and Barbara Seichter; his sister Suzanne Larimer of Grosse Pointe and his grandmother Gertrude Allor.

Arrangements were handled by the A. J. Desmond & Sons Funeral Home of Royal Oak. A funeral Mass was celebrated on March 25, at the Church of St. Owen in Bloomfield Hills. Interment is at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery in Southfield.

Memorial contributions may be made to Kenyon College, College Relations Building, Gambier, Ohio 43022.

PCBs continue to endanger the health of children

When it comes to the health of Michigan's children, ignorance is not bliss. Case in point: PCBs, or polychlorinated biphenyls.

Banned from commercial and industrial use since 1979, PCBs continue to pose serious threats to the mental and physical health and development of Michigan children, reports scientist Dr. Joseph Jacobson, who has extensively examined the links between human health and PCBs. Known risks to children include lowered IQs and a number of learning disabilities, according to Dr. Jacobson, developmental psychology professor and chair of psychology at Wayne State University.

Jacobson will address what Michigan residents can do to protect children and reduce the risks posed by PCBs in a special LocalMotion presentation on Wednesday, April 10, at 7 p.m. at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial auditorium. Jacobson's address is titled "Intellectual Impairment in Michigan Children from PCB - Contaminated Food."

The LocalMotion presentation is the fourth in the LocalMotion lecture series, "Toxic Chemicals in the Great Lakes Basin ... The Michigan Story." The presentation is open to the public. Admission is \$5. For more information, call (734) 623-0773.

PCBs were found to have contaminated the storm drains and two canals of St. Clair Shores in late February. The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) indicated the concentration of PCBs was about 33,000 parts per million, or 33,000 times larger than the safety guidelines of one part per million, rivaling the health threat posed at some of the nation's infamous "Superfund Sites."

Searching for the source of the contamination, EPA and Michigan authorities reported the PCB appears to have been dumped intentionally and illegally into the water system. Once the contamination can be isolated, the drain system will be

cleansed of PCBs in coming months, EPA officials reported.

An industrial pollutant once commonly used in the production of electrical transformers, PCBs continue to circulate in measurable quantities throughout Michigan, resulting in significant and enduring problems for children, Jacobson reports. Researching the impact of PCBs on the health of Michigan children over 20 years, Jacobson studied the ways PCBs pass from the pregnant mother to the fetus, where they influence the baby's development.

See PCBs, page 10A

Obituary Guidelines

The deadline for submitting obituaries is 3 p.m. on the Monday prior to the Thursday publication. An obituary, unlike a eulogy, is a brief, factual, biographical account of an individual's life and includes memorial/interment information. The Grosse Pointe News and The Connection provide a form for obituary information and all prewritten submissions will be edited for content and newspaper style preferences. Please limit written obituaries to 300 words. The fee is \$100 for placement in the Grosse Pointe News or \$50 for placement in The Connection. Only funeral homes will be billed. Family or individual submissions must be paid prior to publication. They can be paid by check, Master Card, Visa or cash. Receipts are available upon request. Color or black and white, 35 mm or high-resolution digital (.JPG format) photographs may be submitted for publication. For additional information, call (313) 343-5597.

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Breaking glass & entering

A Grosse Pointe Park public safety officer turned a 36-year-old man over to the City of Grosse Pointe public safety department after watching him break into a storefront in the 16800 block of Kercheval around 10:20 p.m. on Monday, March 18.

The man, whose last known address was in St. Clair Shores, got into the store by breaking a window with a screwdriver. When he was searched, officers found he had seven packs of cigarettes and the screwdriver. The man was also given first aid for several cuts on his hands from broken glass.

City Municipal Judge Russel Ethridge set the man's bond at \$150,000. He remains in the Wayne County Jail while awaiting a preliminary examination Thursday, March 28, in Third Circuit Court.

Dodge 'em drunken driver

Witnesses saw a 44-year-old New Baltimore woman driving northbound on Cadiieux hit two cars shortly before 11:30 a.m. on Thursday, March 21.

After getting out of the car, the driver was unable to stand. She was not injured, but did register a 0.27 percent blood alcohol level.

The driver was cited for causing an accident while operating under the influence of liquor, failure to stop and causing vehicle damage in an accident. She posted \$100 bond and was released at 2 a.m. the next day.

Energized suspect

A 27-year-old woman who was seen taking seven packs of batteries from a store in the 18800 block of Kercheval needed three employees to hold her down until Grosse

Pointe Farms public safety officers arrived to arrest her on Thursday, March 21.

The employees held her down after she fought back at the store manager, who confronted her as she attempted to leave the store without paying for the merchandise.

The Farms public safety department arrested her for retail fraud before turning her over to the Detroit Police Department for a drug-related misdemeanor offense and a felony heroin offense.

Caught red-faced

A 17-year-old City of Grosse Pointe male is to appear in Grosse Pointe Farms Municipal Court on charges of operating under the influence of liquor and possession of marijuana on Wednesday, April 3.

The driver was pulled over for traveling 47 mph on northbound Moross around 1:30 a.m. on Sunday, March 24. When a public safety officer pulled him over on Kercheval, he noticed the driver's flushed face, blood-shot eyes and a strong odor of intoxicants as well as an open can of beer in the back seat of his 1999 white Jeep Grand Cherokee.

After the driver failed a series of field sobriety tests and was arrested, officers found a lighter and rolling papers in his pocket and a pill bottle in the glove compartment containing white pills and suspected marijuana cigarettes.

Overheated scam

A man who claimed his gold Chevrolet Blazer was overheating was apparently just blowing a bit of smoke at an employee of a service station in the 19100 block of Mack in Grosse Pointe Farms.

The man pulled into the

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station at 2 a.m. on Sunday, March 24, saying he needed water for his radiator. The employee let him use a sink in a storage room to get water and he made four or five trips between the building and the car. He returned at 3:30 a.m. to request the same favor.

The employee went to the storage room at 4:30 a.m. and noticed several empty boxes in the sink and an unknown amount of cigars, chewing tobacco, candies and chips missing from the store's inventory.

The suspect is described as a white male between 40 and 50 years old, 5-foot-9-inches tall, about 180 pounds, with a gray and brown mullet-type haircut, a gray and brown mustache and wearing a blue and gold jacket and black and white checkered pants.

— Bonnie Caprara

Wake up call

On Sunday, March 24, at 12:45 a.m., a Grosse Pointe Shores public safety officer found "a highly intoxicated (male) youth lying on the sidewalk" on Marter, south of Roslyn in Grosse Pointe Woods.

The officer notified his Woods colleagues who frisked the subject, a 15-year-old Woods resident, and found three half-empty pints of vodka in the pockets of his coat. Officers conducted a breath test which revealed a .196 percent blood alcohol content.

The Woods patrolman, accompanied by the Shores officer, drove the youth home.

"While I was knocking on the door attempting to wake the parents," said the Woods officer, "(the Shores officer) advised me (the boy) was vomiting all over the rear compartment of my scout car."

The boy's father came to the door and agreed to monitor his son the rest of the night. About an hour later,

Woods police called the man, who reported his son was sleeping.

Officers cited the youth for breaking curfew and possessing alcohol.

North detail

In what Grosse Pointe Woods police call "GPNHS detail," officers last week monitored students loitering in the area of Wedgewood and Hidden Lane. The site, about a block away from Grosse Pointe North High School, was the scene of an after-school fistfight a few weeks ago. So far, everything has been quiet.

LX stolen

Sometime during the night of Tuesday, March 19-20, a deep green 1999 Mazda LX was stolen from outside an apartment complex in the 19800 block of Vernier in Grosse Pointe Woods.

Two wanted men caught

Two Detroit men acting suspiciously in Grosse Pointe Woods were investigated and arrested on Friday, March 22, at 11:15 a.m.

One of the men was sitting in a car parked in the 19500 block of Mack while his friend was inside a store looking around.

The driver, 44, had two outstanding warrants from Detroit relating to prostitution, and a third warrant from Detroit for a traffic violation. Woods police turned the man over to Detroit authorities.

The second man, 41, was wanted for shoplifting in Grosse Pointe Park and Hamtramck. Park authorities took him into custody.

Car thefts

Two vehicles were reported stolen last week in Grosse Pointe Park.

On Sunday, March 17, between 3 and 10 a.m., a 1996 Dodge Neon was taken from a municipal parking lot in the area of Mack and Somerset.

On Tuesday, March 19, between the hours of midnight and 10:15 a.m., a silver 2000 Jeep Cherokee was taken from the area of Wayburn and Hampton. The vehicle contained 200 compact discs, the victim told police.

Foot chase

On Wednesday, March 20, Grosse Pointe Park police responding to a report of a suspicious person came upon a man allegedly trying to run off with stolen lawn equipment. A short foot chase resulted in an arrest. The incident happened in the 500 block of Lakepointe.

— Brad Lindberg

Failed heist

Another vehicle parked in the lot of a home improvement store in the 20300 block of Kelly was vandalized while its owner was shopping, Sunday, March 17.

The rear window of the 1995 Ford van was found smashed out when the owner returned, though there was nothing of value to take from the vehicle.

Don't blame sonny

The owner of a 1995 Buick Century found his vehicle missing from the driveway of his home in the 21400 block of Kingsville just after midnight, Monday, March 18.

The man contacted the HW police and filed a report after first checking with his son, who also has a set of keys for the car.

His son was across town and said he had no idea where the vehicle was.

Vehicle gutted

A motorist who parked in the lot of a store in the

20300 block of Kelly returned at 7:50 p.m. after shopping for less than an hour to find that his vehicle had been robbed.

A \$280 stereo, a \$350 amplifier, \$500 worth of clothing, 17 CDs and a bag full of school books were taken from the 1999 Mercury Marquis, which had one of its windows smashed in.

Police responded and took a report from the man, noting that the trend of vehicle robberies in the area is continuing.

Driveway hold-up

When a woman who lives in the 19200 block of Rolandale stopped to unload her groceries, Saturday, March 23, she was robbed at gunpoint.

A man approached her with a blue steel revolver, threatening her life and demanding her purse. The shocked woman stood in the driveway while the man grabbed her purse. Her wallet and cell phone spilled onto the concrete and her attacker fled to a nearby vehicle, driven by another man, and left the scene.

The woman picked up her cell phone and contacted the police.

Out-patient

The elderly owner of a house in the 18600 block of Eastwood who is currently in Ohio under the care of his daughter received the news Saturday, March 23, that his home had been broken into.

The man's neighbor, who had been looking after the house, found a rear window smashed in and the house ransacked at 9:45 a.m. He contacted both the police and the owner.

It is uncertain if anything was taken from the unattended house, as the owner was unable to return from Ohio to look through the mess made by the thieves.

— Jason Sweeney

City of Grosse Pointe Farms, Michigan

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Friday's commercial rubbish collection route will be collected one day early on Thursday, March 28, 2002.

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PCBs

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Not immediately apparent upon birth, the chemical contamination can result in changes in a child's general IQ level, verbal skills, capacity to pay attention, reading comprehension and physical coordination. PCB exposure also has been found to significantly affect short-term memory and problem-solving skills.

Long-term studies also found that the IQs of children exposed to PCBs were measured to have fallen by an average of six points, Jacobson reports. While affected children may still fall into the "average" IQ range, the exposed children typically were at the bottom of the average range; those who fell toward the bottom of average would then be categorized "below average" in IQ.

The studies reveal PCB-exposed children may lag about six months behind in intellectual development. The findings indicated PCB exposure cut across socioeconomic lines. Surprisingly, the research indicated that the effects on learning were stronger and more clearly defined at age 11 than at age 4.

"As the news from St. Clair Shores indicates, PCBs continue to pose a

grave threat to the health of Michigan's children," said Betsy Dance, executive director of LocalMotion. "Dr. Jacobson helped establish the link between a child's intellectual capabilities and his or her exposure to PCBs. His address will provide information the people of Michigan and the Great Lakes need to make sound decisions that help protect the health of their families and themselves."

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Letters

From page 8A

It's a win-win situation!
I join Johanna Gilbert in singing the praises of the jewel we have right in "our own backyard." It is a gift that keeps giving pleasure. It only remains for those who have not yet opened it to give it a try. They, too, will be enriched and fulfilled.

Dorothy Ignasiak
Grosse Pointe Woods

Marijuana abuse

To the Editor:

I read with interest Jeff and Debra Jay's column in the March 14 Grosse Pointe News "Is marijuana harmless?"

The column outlined a 17-point list of horrors and alleged dangers from marijuana, including heart attacks, brain damage, mental problems, blood pressure imbalance, decreased sperm count, parasites, glandular and immune-system damage and so on.

However, they did not cite any authoritative references for any of these charges, so I presume their column is basically an opinion piece.

That being said, the most comprehensive and unbiased medical, legal, scientific and social study of the marijuana phenomenon in America is still the Schaffer Commission Report of 1972. The commission was created by President Richard Nixon. It consisted of prominent medical and scientific authorities of the day, as well as respected Republican and Democratic Party leaders like Sens. Harold Hughes and Jacob Javits and Reps. Paul Rogers and Tim Lee Carter.

The commission report, which ultimately recommended decriminalization of marijuana, was rejected by President Nixon because it did not validate his preconceived notion that marijuana was more dangerous than his favorite drug, Scotch whisky.

The Schaffer Report unequivocally stated, "looking only on the effects on the individual, there is little proven danger of physical or psychological harm from the experimental or intermittent use of the natural preparations of cannabis, including the resinous mix-

tures commonly used in this country.

"The risk of harm lies instead in heavy, long-term use of the drug, particularly the most potent preparations. The experimenter and the intermittent users develop little or no psychological dependence on the drug. No organ injury is demonstrable."

The report went on to say "any psychoactive drug is potentially harmful to the individual, depending on the intensity, frequency and duration of use. Marijuana is no exception."

With all due respect for Mr. and Mrs. Jay's prohibitionist inclinations, perhaps a better approach to a sophisticated audience like the readers of the Grosse Pointe News is to forgo the "reefer madness" spin and simply say it like it is. That is, substance abuse problems in one form or another, have been around since the days of Noah, and are likely to continue into the foreseeable future.

Persons with substance abuse difficulties regardless of whether the drug is legal or illegal should be able to get the professional help they need.

Tim Beck
Detroit

Scofflaw killers

To the Editor:

The Feb. 27, 2002 issue of the Detroit Free Press contained two stories of tragic killings, one of a policeman and the other of a little girl.

The person who killed the policeman had, in addition to other charges, nine traffic violations and suspensions. Of the two men accused of killing the little girl, one had his license suspended eight times and the other 16 times.

These are only the times these alleged killers had been caught breaking the law, for every time they were caught they undoubtedly got away with it many, many times.

Isn't it apparent that these perpetrators have no respect for law and order?

The lawyer representing one alleged killer stated that people who commit non-assaultive crimes very seldom go to jail and prison.

In the case of the little girl, a prosecutor in the homicide unit stated it is unusual that neither man

accused in such a major crime has much of a criminal record.

People should not be allowed to commit unlimited numbers of traffic offenses without an assurance of prison time after a prescribed number of convictions.

It is a certainty that ignoring warning signs, without an adequate penalty, encourages violators to continue their criminal behavior and will eventually lead to far worse conduct.

John Livingstone
Harper Woods

Rednecks are people, too

To the Editor:

When I read Brad Lindberg's March 14 "I Say" column in which he relayed a list of redneck "jokes" circulating on the Internet, I was appalled.

In a day and age when we should be striving for tolerance and understanding among all people, a column demeaning any group of people is unacceptable. Had Mr. Lindberg chosen to relate "jokes" about women, African Americans, Jews, Arabs, Catholics, Poles, Afghans or any other group based on race, religion, national origin, ethnic background, gender, age, sexual preference, physical characteristics, income level, intelligence, talent, profession, residence, etc., I presume the Grosse Pointe News editors would have cut the column immediately.

In light of the Sept. 11 attacks, a responsible paper such as the Grosse Pointe News should never be used as a vehicle to ridicule any group either intentionally or inadvertently.

Not only does running this type of insensitive material demean Mr. Lindberg's reputation as a journalist, it also demeans the Grosse Pointe News' reputation as a quality newspaper and perpetrates the stereotype of Grosse Pointers as effete bigots.

Miranda H. Ferrara
City of Grosse Pointe

Remembering our own 'Babe'

To the Editor:

A short time ago, Grosse Pointe Farms and I lost a very special friend. The Farm's loss is the fact that he was a police officer for close to 30 years. My pro-

found remorse is the fact that he was my closest childhood friend.

We were both born and raised in the Farms, attended old Kerby school kindergarten through sixth-grade and on to Grosse Pointe High, as it was known then.

At dear old Kerby, we studied, played and, yes, fought together. Our friendship always remained steadfast. The friend I write of was Arnold Parsons, commonly known as "Babe."

His athleticism was evident even in grade school. I was a pitcher and he was the catcher on our fast pitch team, made up of sixth-graders. We played Defer, Trombly, Mason and St. Paul schools. I don't remember our ever losing a game.

We ice skated at the Farms Pier and played a great many games of lake hockey where, again, his natural ability amazed us. If we were good skaters, he was excellent! He was soon playing organized hockey. He later would receive flattering commentary in the Detroit paper by the renowned Jack Adams of the Red Wings. At this time, Babe was playing most of his hockey at the Windsor arena.

We caddied together at the Country Club for several years. We gained the friendship of the club pros, receiving advice, etc., and after we became "A-class" caddies, we were rewarded with more golf time on the course.

Once more my best friend showed his abilities. Babe was soon scoring in the 70s.

As good as some of us were, he was the best! Babe's reputation on the golf course soon spread and he was frequently invited to various club tournaments and winning laurels.

On many weekends, we worked together at the Hunt Club, leading polo ponies to the playing fields and walking them to cool them down between chukkers and, in addition, we flagged goals. The games were played at the Country Club field and Cook Road field.

In our early teens, we both attained our senior life-saving certificates and were lifeguards at the Farms Pier. In the fall, we would hurry home from school to work at many of the large estates when they needed additional leaf raking help.

Babe and I associated with a popular group and enjoyed a lot of the social

PET POINTER OF INTEREST

Gus Gossman

Hometown: Grosse Pointe Woods.

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Hobbies: Taste-testing various types of plastic (indiscretionary dietary habits); visiting with the outdoor cats who come to his deck (Bobtail, Calico, Tuxedo, and Mrs. Murphy); greeting all of our house guests with a big meow; sweet-talking (purrs and rubs) his humans into giving him bites of steak or turkey; curling up in his bed (or his big stainless-steel mixing bowl) for a nap; and drinking from the faucet and spraying water all over.

Favorite words: "Lap time," "Want a bite of turkey?," and "Here Gus!"

If you would like to submit your "Pet Pointer of Interest," deliver or mail a typed outline and photograph to the Grosse Pointe News, 96 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe Farms, MI 48236; or e-mail to postmaster@grossepointenews.com (photos must be high resolution).



Gus Gossman

aspects of the Pointes — sailing on many boats from the Yacht Club and "Joy's," later named the Crescent Sail Yacht Club. We fished, hunted, vacationed, did it all together.

Babe was forced to retire on a medical disability and was soon giving private golf lessons, manufacturing custom golf clubs, chartering fishing groups on his boat, making "Walleye" lures. He also wrote prose and poetry and carved decoys. So many talents, unknown to most. He was always generous with his time and assistance.

The man I write of, although he rarely spoke of it, was a U.S. Navy veteran of World War II. He was a late enlistee and served a short hitch. The fact is, however, he was there to be counted on and honorably discharged. He shares the bond that exists with all vet-

erans.

One event remains vivid in my mind and exemplifies his golf ability. His mother had relatives in Peterborough, Canada, and they were members of the local country club. She arranged a golf match with the club pro. Babe was a reluctant participant. The match was played and although he confided to me he had partied the night before and had a splitting headache, he shot a course record 68. A plaque with his name, etc., was placed above the club bar. It may be there yet.

So to you, old friend, as these pages of time and memories fade, I say, "We will do it all again, partner, but you'll have to give me a few more strokes on the back nine."

Richard G. Champine
Temperance

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Future of the Shores parks harks to the past

By Bonnie Caprara
Staff Writer

The future of the Grosse Pointe Shores parks may echo to the past.

The 18 resident members of the Shores Citizens Ad Hoc Committee for the Park recently unveiled a draft of the master plan for the village's parks to the Shores council on Tuesday, March 19.

The committee was formed 15 months ago to develop the Shores' first formal plan for its Osius Park and Schroeder-Ford Field based on the wants and needs of the residents.

"This is not a site design," said Eric Hill of Albert Kahn Associates, who worked with the committee in developing the plan. "This is an idea of

what could be in the park in the next 20 years."

The plan, dubbed "Preservation and Renewal," would maintain most of the parks' existing trees and leave the tennis courts in place. It also keeps the more active areas of the parks to the north and the more passive and pastoral areas to the south.

Highlights of the tentative master plan for Osius Park include:

- A new terrace and pool area, possibly closer to the water on an elevated platform, separated from the tennis courts by an alley of trees.

- A splashpad near the

pool area and a new playscape for young children.

- A gatehouse at a new main entrance, which will allow visitors into the existing parking lot and a driveway, which leads to a new parking lot along the southern end of the park to allow easier access to the marina. The new location of the gatehouse will provide heightened security for the park.

- An open green area off the harbor with an amphitheater area blocked by a curved wall by the drive along Lakeshore, which will lead to the new south parking lot. Picnic pavilions and a volleyball court would be built along the marina

- A new bathhouse, reminiscent of the 1915 Albert Kahn-designed municipal hall, which would also double as an activity center with a large community room.

Although voters rejected a nonbinding referendum for an activity building in 1999, Hill contended, "The village is hungry for community spaces."

The plan also calls for a boardwalk along the eastern shore of the park, which will be started as soon as weather permits and should be completed by Memorial Day. About \$183,000 of the \$243,000 project will be funded by the Grosse Pointe Shores Improvement Foundation.

The main components of the Schroeder-Ford Field — the soccer field, baseball diamond and the sledding hill — will remain in place, but with a few additions. The plan suggests including a paved walking path around the park, a new playscape for younger children, a hard surface play area that could be flooded in the winter to serve as an ice rink and a multipurpose building, which would serve as a restroom and warming area.

The plan also suggests extending the current parking lot adjacent to the municipal building by 60 spaces along Lakeshore and possibly moving the department of public works service yard to best situate the new amenities.

Before the committee brings the plan to the village council for approval on May 28, it will present the plan to residents on April 23 and 28 at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial.

"We'll listen to the comments of the public, we'll record them and we'll take those comments back to the council and ask them to approve the plan," said committee chair Susan Kopf.

"The committee will not make any recommendations on any phasing of this project," Hill told the council. "The bottom line is, this is your park. You decide how and when you want to go about putting this into place."

Grosse Pointe Shores paves the way for a new boardwalk

By Bonnie Caprara
Staff Writer

The view of Lake St. Clair will become a little nicer for Grosse Pointe Shores residents.

Construction will begin as soon as weather permits on a quarter-mile long boardwalk along the eastern shore of Osius Park. The new boardwalk, made of a 10-foot-wide washed aggregate walkway surrounded by a wood railing and landscaping, will replace the jagged shoreline of chunks of broken concrete. Three outlook decks will allow walkers to step aside and enjoy a view of the lake.

"This is the most beautiful part of the park," said Councilman Dr. Brian Hunt.

"It's unsightly now, but we're going to make it more usable."

The boardwalk has been a project of the Grosse Pointe Shores Improvement Foundation for the last few years. The foundation is funding \$183,000 for the walkway, landscaping and lighting. The Shores will contribute \$50,000 for infrastructure needs. Three Cs Landscaping is donating the brick pavers and installation.

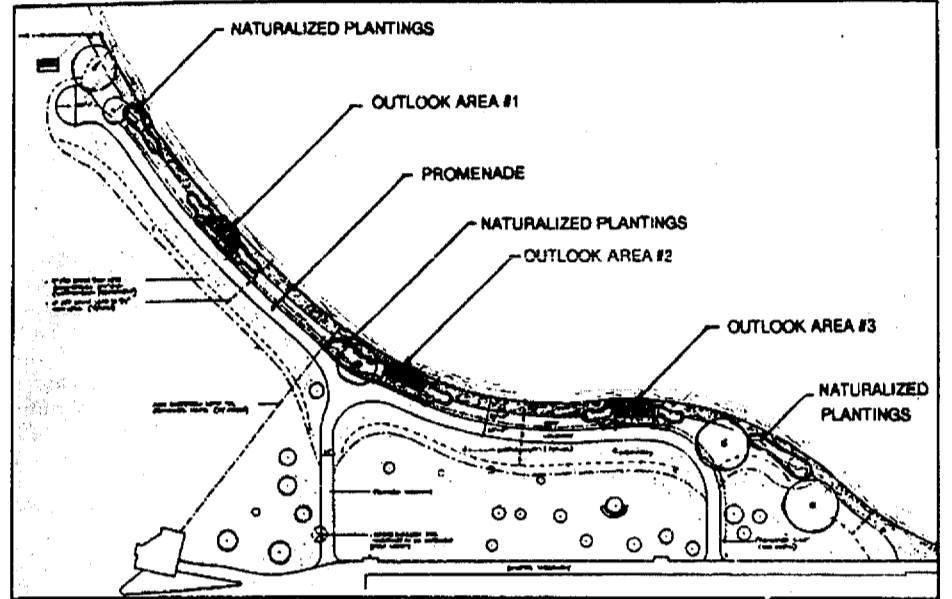
About \$50,000 of the foundation's funding will come from the sale of commemorative brick pavers, which will be set in the approaches to the outlooks. One-square-foot pavers are \$500, six-by-

eight-inch pavers are \$250 and six-by-six-inch pavers are \$125 and are available to order and personalize in the village office.

The boardwalk is the first step in implementing the Shores' parks master plan, which will be presented for resident input on April 23 and 28 and is expected to be approved by the village council at its May 28 meeting.

"Eric Hill from Albert Kahn Associates has given his blessing to the project," Hunt said.

The boardwalk should be completed by Memorial Day.



The above illustration highlights the features of a new boardwalk Grosse Pointe Shores hopes to have in place by Memorial Day. The quarter-mile washed aggregate walkway will replace the broken concrete which currently lines the shore.

Shores' court, council facility gets a redo

By Bonnie Caprara
Staff Writer

The Grosse Pointe Shores courtroom and council chamber not only got a decorative facelift, but technological and functional ones, too.

The Shores council and Municipal Court judge took advantage of the need to replace furniture after 18 years of use to better suit their needs.

The new design came about through ideas from Shores executive assistant Angela Kenyon and Grosse Pointe Township Supervisor Mary Matuja, who are familiar with the practical use of the room. Shores resident and designer Barb Cavanaugh worked with Steve Scott from Aria Furniture in Troy, who built a new walnut, maple-stained and crescent-shaped table on a raised platform

for the council and the judge.

"They wanted to be able to convert from a courtroom to a council chamber," Scott said.

The former setup in the courtroom and council chamber featured a large conference table.

"The table we had was nice because the council members were able to look at each other during meetings, but often the people in the audience couldn't see them," Kenyon said.

Shores residents Jack Caldwell and Al Chapin contributed their foresight in planning the infrastructure of possible future high-tech additions.

"In the future, the council can plug in laptops to see Powerpoint presentations," said village President John Huettman III. "We'll be able to see plans or show evidence for courtroom procedures on a large-screen TV."

"It's beautiful, it's functional," said Municipal Judge Lynne Pierce. "I like having the platform and I've always wanted more of a



The new judge's bench and council table in the recently renovated court and council chamber in the Grosse Pointe Shores municipal building offers more functionality and potential for future high-tech use. As Municipal Judge Lynne Pierce said, "It's beautiful, it's functional."

barrier between me and the litigants. It's not a problem most of the time, but it's a good precaution. You never know what kind of baggage they're carrying into the courtroom."

A walk-through metal detector was added to the court in November. Other security features such as a monitor at the public safety

dispatch desk and a panic button at the president's and judge's chair will be added in the future.

The Shores also made changes to wallpaper, paint and carpeting in November, replacing salmon tones with beiges and Air Force blue and keeping in the spirit of the room's 1915 Albert Kahn architecture.

Public Notice

The Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations will conduct an accreditation survey of Bon Secours Cottage Health Services on April 15-19, 2002. Bon Secours Cottage Home Care and Bon Secours Cottage Home Medical (DME) will be surveyed April 23 and 24, 2002. The purpose of the survey will be to evaluate the organization's compliance with nationally established Joint Commission standards. The survey results will be used to determine whether, and the conditions under which, accreditation should be awarded the organization.

Joint Commission standards deal with organizational quality of care issues and the safety of the environment in which care is provided. Anyone believing that he or she has pertinent and valid information about such matters may request a Public Information Interview with the Joint Commission's field representatives at the time of the survey. Information presented at the interview will be carefully evaluated for relevance to the accreditation process. Requests for a public information interview must be made in writing and should be sent to the Joint Commission no later than five working days before the survey begins. The request must also indicate the nature of the information to be provided at the interview. Such requests should be addressed to:

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Shores public safety officer named MADD 'lifesaver'

By Bonnie Caprara
Staff Writer

If you drink and drive in Grosse Pointe Shores, the chances are, public safety officer Tony Spina will find out about it.

Spina was one of 33 Wayne County law enforcement officers given the Lifesaver Award by the Wayne County chapter of Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD).

"We award it to the person who has done the most to fight the crime of drunken

driving, whether it's by educating kids in the schools or making the most arrests," said Carol Nalepka of the Wayne County chapter of MADD.

Spina was nominated for the award by Inspector Stephen Poloni for making 21 of the 98 drunken driving arrests in the Shores in 2001.

"He was nominated for the numbers and his aggressive nature in enforcing speed and OUILs," Poloni said. "He's working pretty hard in those areas."

"We consider the demographics and the fact that we're only about a two-square-mile community,"

added Public Safety Director Gary Mitchell. "That's pretty intense enforcement."

Even more impressive is the fact that Spina is a relative rookie as a public safety officer. He joined the department in December 2000. Previously, he served as a paramedic for eight years and a firefighter for five years in other municipalities.

"It's knowing what to look for: swerving drivers, people who brake frequently or people who speed up or slow down frequently," Spina said. "I had a friend who was killed by a drunken driver five years ago. I don't know if that makes me more likely to pull them over."

Spina

G.P. Farms may see sweeping changes in leaf collection

By Bonnie Caprara
Staff Writer

Grosse Pointe Farms may possibly branch out to other means of leaf collection this fall as it weighs its options between paper bag pickup or having leaves picked up at

the curbs.

Because of EPA requirements which will prohibit yard waste being disposed of in plastic bags in the coming years, the Farms may see a slight cost reduction in leaf disposal if it switches to a

paper bag or container disposal method this fall.

"This is the most cost-efficient method of collection," said Farms Department of Public Works Superintendent Ken Beaupre. "For this, we will

not need any changes in manpower or equipment."

But Councilman James Farquhar Jr. pointed out: "Warren uses the brown bag system and they hate it. If the leaves are wet, they're heavy and they rot out the bottom of the bag. If you drag the bags, they'll rip."

The other option would be to use tractors equipped with U-shaped catch sweepers to push loose leaves into a chute attachment at the back end of a garbage truck. The tractors could be used for snow removal and other needs during other times of the year.

"Unlike vacuum loaders that work well only when the leaves are dry, we are told it makes very little difference with the broom and chute method," Beaupre said. "As long as the leaves

are not frozen to the ground, they will push into the chute and truck."

However, Beaupre cited cost as the biggest disadvantage of the loose collection method.

Collecting bagged leaves would cost the Farms an additional \$26,600 to purchase paper bags. The increased cost of collecting loose leaves in 2002-'03, which includes buying new vehicles, equipment and additional manpower would run from \$150,000 to \$352,000.

"We'd need two additional tractors," Beaupre said. "We'd need three on the road and one for backup. We'd also need another garbage truck, although we had that many garbage trucks in the past."

Beaupre noted that the

sweeper method was much more cost-effective than vacuum collection.

Mayor Ed Gaffney favored the sweeper method over the vacuum method.

"One of the advantages of sweeping over vacuuming is the noise level," Gaffney said. "The vacuums make a terrible amount of noise."

Considering that 20 of the 27 communities that collect loose leaves which the Farms DPW surveyed use the vacuum method, Councilman Terry Davis cautioned, "If 83 percent of the communities pick up loose leaves with a vacuum truck, we have to use our due diligence to make sure this is the right choice."

Discussion on leaf collection is expected to continue at the Farms council's work session on April 22.

1.6 million Michiganians plan to travel this Easter holiday

AAA Michigan projects 1.6 million Michiganians will travel during the upcoming Easter holiday period. The Auto Club's survey of 400 state residents found 13 percent took a pleasure trip over the holiday last year. In 2002, 16 percent said they are planning an Easter trip and 40 percent of those said they will travel by air — a 4-percent increase over last year.

Michigan travelers will go by vehicle, the survey found. Heaviest volumes will be on major arteries heading south, including I-75, US-23, US-27, US-131 and I-69; I-75 is closed in both directions at the Zilwaukee Bridge — I-675 is the posted detour. For the latest construction information, call (800) AAA MICH anytime,

or visit www.aaamich.com on the Internet.

To ensure highway safety, AAA Michigan advises motorists and passengers to buckle up. Police now have the authority to ticket those who drive unbelted. Avoid alcohol, take frequent breaks and stay alert at the wheel, AAA Michigan adds.

The average trip length will be nearly eight days, with Florida the most popular destination. Ninety-one percent of respondents said that current gas prices will have no effect on their travel plans. Eighty-nine percent of the trips in 2002 will be more than 100 miles from home, vs. 94 percent in 2001. In addition, a majority of Easter travelers in 2002 (82 percent) are heading for out-of-state destinations, vs. 80 percent last year.

"The data set confirms that travelers are slowly returning to the airways as confidence in the system grows," said Larry Dickens, director of vendor relations for AAA Travel Agency. "Interestingly, of those who said they did not have travel plans, only 5 percent cited safety concerns, as opposed to 11 percent who cited the economy."

Michigan travelers' top five destinations this spring (based on 2002 AAA Travel Agency vacation bookings) are: 1) Orlando, 2) Miami, 3) Las Vegas, 4) Cancun, and 5) Italy.

Michigan gas prices this spring are expected to be slightly lower than during last year's holiday period. Motorists statewide will pay about \$1.25 per gallon (as of March 11) for self-serve regular unleaded, down 12 cents per gallon from last Easter.

AAA Michigan advises air travelers to plan on increased airport traffic between Thursday, March 28, and Monday, April 1.

To avoid delays, travelers may want to arrange for someone to drop them off at the airport. At the new Detroit Metro Airport, curbside check-in is operating for most airline carriers. Terminal curbside check-in is open, but reserved for active loading and unloading of passengers only. Unattended vehicles at the curbside are prohibited, and may be ticketed and towed. Airport management is recommending that travelers call the airport's 24-hour parking hot-line (800) 642-1978 to determine parking status. Or visit the new Detroit Metro Airport website at www.thenewmetro.com.

Arriving at the airport at least two to three hours before a scheduled flight should ensure time to find parking and check baggage (three to four hours for international flights). Passengers must carry photo identification. Gifts should not be wrapped — they may be opened at passenger-screening checkpoints. Plan to limit luggage to two suitcases and one carry-on bag that fits in an overhead compartment. Pack all necessary medication in carry-on luggage. Travelers with supplies for medical conditions (needles or other sharp objects) should be prepared to justify the need for such items with a prescription and/or letter from their physician.

Although airports will be busy, about 55 percent of



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Kerby Elementary School students reach out to charities

By Jennie Miller
Staff Writer

Last week, a third- and fourth-grade class at Kerby Elementary School bought a water buffalo. Then they gave it away.

The animal, purchased with proceeds of a read-a-thon, was donated to a Vietnam farming family to help them harvest four times as much as they could by hand.

Students in Matthew Eszes' class agreed to participate in the read-a-thon and donate the proceeds to a charity. Over \$1,000 was raised by these students after they read books throughout the entire week-end.

The money was given to Heifer International, an organization that sells certain kinds of animals to help struggling families.

In addition to the water buffalo, the students purchased other animals from the organization, such as sheep to produce wool and provide warm clothes for children, guinea pigs to help

a family in Peru add protein to their diet, goats to help a family in Romania provide milk for their children and a flock of chicks to help Honduran families improve nutrition and replenish their land.

The read-a-thon was organized by parent volunteer Kathy Gmyrek, who is a member of a PTO committee called Kerby's Reaching Out. This committee was organized by parent volunteers Alicia Carlisle and Betsy Schulte.

"We are looking to teach these children compassion and empower them to do something great," said Schulte.

Since Carlisle and Schulte began working together with Kerby two years ago, over 20 parents have volunteered their time to assist.

Each parent is set up with a classroom at the elementary school and helps to organize volunteer work or donations to charities with the students.

The first donation they organized was to gather

backpacks filled with school supplies for children at Hutchinson's School in Detroit. Carlisle and Schulte were thrilled with the success of this first donation of 75 bags.

Other projects included making meals for the MCREST homeless shelter and working with the Humane Society. After Sept. 11, 170 teddy bears were collected for children who lost a parent in the terrorist attacks.

Last Christmas, some students made gift baskets for senior citizens involved with Services for Older Citizens. The students personally delivered the gifts to these individuals at their homes.

"To be acknowledged in any way means the world to these people," said Sharon Maier, executive director of Services for Older Citizens. "Some of them have no living friends or relatives and we are trying to alleviate some of the loneliness they feel."

The students' next project will involve creating pen

pals with physically and mentally disabled children from the Foundation for Exceptional Children. The committee has worked with this organization in the past, when students made "snuggle sacks" with items inside for each child.

"These kids are able to build up a friendship with someone — its the little things that excite them," said Deborah Moffat, program director for the Foundation for Exceptional Children. "It makes their day and brightens up their world so much."

The committee is also organizing the development of "kindness bags" for teenagers staying at the Macomb County Youth Shelter. These children have been abused and neglected and are housed at the shelter until they can find a safe and comfortable home.

"What's missing from these kids is a sense of family, normalcy, role models and positive experiences," said Karen Curatolo, supervisor of the shelter.



Three Kerby Elementary School students participate in the read-a-thon that raised over \$1,000. This is one of the projects organized through Kerby's Reaching Out, a program which promotes charity and volunteerism in children.

The "kindness bags" will be filled with items such as makeup, playing cards, T-shirts, crafts, toiletries and journals.

Schulte and Carlisle are hoping that others will help expand their program throughout the community. Individual teachers and parents can organize similar

projects within their own classrooms and families. The idea is to promote charity and volunteerism in children across the community.

For information on the projects, charities or how to organize a similar committee, contact Alicia Carlisle at (313) 882-7161 or Betsy Schulte at (313) 884-1094.



Hungry?

David Pingree, a student at Trombly Elementary School, feeds a chickadee with seed from his hat.

The birds around the school have been conditioned to eat from human hands and, in this case, hats.

The first-floor classrooms have bird feeders outside their windows.

South student participates in speech contest

The Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan chapter of the National Management Association recently sponsored the annual American Enterprise Speech Contest. The competition offers students from around Metro Detroit the chance to deliver a speech and compete for cash and recognition.

Grosse Pointe South high school was represented at the contest by Charles Scholfield, Jr., who participated in the events on March 19 as the only freshman.

Lessons in anger management

By Jason Sweeney
Staff Writer

The balance of love and hate, fear and curiosity and the importance of choices were main points during an assembly organized by Harper Woods' district 32A Judge Roger LaRose, Tuesday, March 19.

LaRose, who meets and works regularly with the middle school and high school's Youth Advisory Committee, decided to bring the speakers in to offer students a hand during the toughest decision-making years of their lives.

Bill Fanfalone, a certified third-party educator and road tester, came to speak to the middle schoolers.

Fanfalone said he was addressing the brains of the auditorium full of seventh and eighth-graders.

"I don't know your character, or your personalities," Fanfalone said. "So I'm talking directly to your brains."

The hour-long talk covered the differences between the left and right brain, and how opposing sides of the brain work in making good

and bad decisions when coping with anger.

He counseled students to be smarter than the average bear, and when faced with a situation to try to think through it.

"Do something instead of argue, because it is a waste of energy and seldom brings a good conclusion," he said.

Fanfalone asked students what they should avoid, and heard answers like drugs, alcohol, smoking, guns and other stock replies.

He told students that what they need to stay away from most is reacting poorly to anger.

The gun, drug or cigarette is only a tool that they can use or not use. If they exercise small amounts of self control they can avoid those pitfalls, Fanfalone said.

He used the example of rush-hour traffic, where a driver has the option of honking and staring at someone who cut him off.

He said by remaining calm and giving the benefit of the doubt, the situation solves itself and no harm is done.

Presidential Scholar

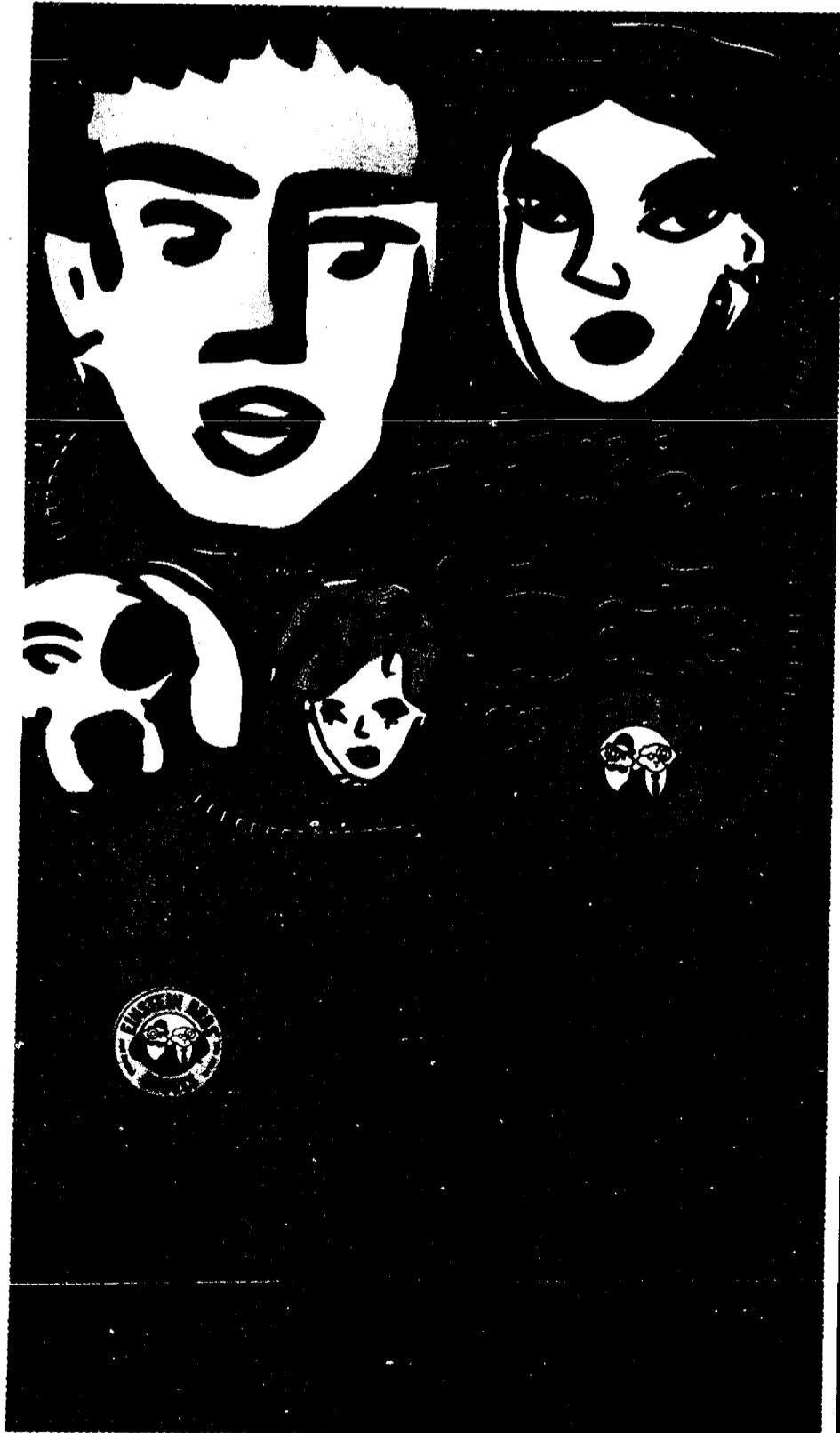
Rebecca Jenzen, a senior at Grosse Pointe South High School, has been named one of the candidates in the 2002 Presidential Scholars Program.

The candidates were selected from nearly 2.8 million students expected to graduate from U.S. high schools in 2002.

Scholars are selected on the basis of superior academic and artistic achievements, leadership qualities, strong character and involvement in community and school activities.



Rebecca Jenzen



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Solar car rides into South

By Jennie Miller
Staff Writer

On Friday, March 22, Grosse Pointe South graduate Maggie Hayes returned to her alma mater with two other engineering students from the University of Michigan and the solar car they helped to build.

The car, called the M-Pulse, was the 2001 national champion in the American Solar Challenge and placed third in the World Solar Challenge in Australia.

The car is run completely on batteries and is layered with solar panels to receive energy from the sun's rays.

In the national and international races, the team was up against corporations such as General Motors, which have a much greater technical advantage over the college students.

"They drop millions of dollars and can train their engineers," said U-M student Jeff Chen. "It's great that we get to compete with these guys."

In the world competition, the M-Pulse team was the first American team and the first college team to finish.

The race takes place in Australia, traveling from Darwin to Adelaide.

The national race occurs on Route 66 from Chicago to Los Angeles.

Over 600 math, science and technology students at

South passed by throughout the day to catch a glimpse of the three-foot-high car and were able to watch a presentation and ask questions of the engineers.

Students were interested in the car's speed, clocked at 77 mph; its weight, 650 pounds; as well as what it's like to be inside the car.

According to Atticus Flores, one of the U-M students, the car was built for someone 5'10" and 180 pounds.

A driver can only remain in the car for six hours, because of the cramped

space and the fact that it is 150 degrees inside while driving.

Some 150 students at U-M are a part of the solar car team, whose mission is to demonstrate the potential of alternative energy.

"Solar power is a viable source of energy," said Flores.

University of Michigan has been constructing and racing solar cars since 1989.

The next race will take place in 2003, and the university will be represented by its new car, the Spectrum.



Photo by Mark Davids

Maggie Hayes, engineering student at University of Michigan and 2000 graduate of Grosse Pointe South and fellow student Jeff Chen present their champion solar car to South students on March 22. The car placed first in the American Solar Challenge and third in the World Solar Challenge.



Making history

Third-graders at The Grosse Pointe Academy celebrated famous people in history by choosing figures to research and preparing a report. Each student then dressed up in costume to deliver an oral report to the class.

Students train hard for MATHCOUNTS

The Parcels Middle School MATHCOUNTS team placed third in the Michigan state championship out of 40 schools after placing first in the regional championship.

Ruvani Fonseka finished sixth and Steve LaRue placed eleventh out of 400 competitors.

Team members include

Fonseka, LaRue, Arnav Moudgil, Benjamin Wasmuth, Rebecca Rhee, Amanda Klimczuk, Amanda Fildes, Matthew Romanelli, Kathryn Brennan, Daniel Plouffe and Abhinav Krishnan.

Students involved in MATHCOUNTS voluntarily attend after-school sessions to improve their problem-

solving skills.

During the summer and school breaks, they practice for two hours a day at coach Alan Silverston's residence. The team has worked with Silverston for the past two years.

The program is intended to promote interest in mathematics and provide experience with competition.

Harper Woods High raises graduation requirements

By Jason Sweeney
Staff Writer

Students opting for light course loads, colleges frowning upon seniors' work and low interest in AP courses have resulted in tightening the graduation requirements at Harper Woods High.

Principal James Hesse spoke about the changes before the Harper Woods school board at its meeting Tuesday, March 19.

Hesse explained that under the current requirements, seniors could possibly receive enough credit during their first three years to only need one class for graduation.

This, he said, has led to students choosing intentionally simple courses for their final year instead of challenging themselves to prepare for college.

The most obvious downfall of the trend, according to several board members and Hesse, was that many advanced placement classes had to be canceled due to lack of enrollment.

The new requirements include a fourth year of English, a full year of fine arts and an additional half year of computer studies. This will not increase the 22 credits needed for graduation, Hesse said. It will just give the class load more structure.

Hesse said he believes the

new requirements will ensure that students will take a more serious approach to their final year and offer the schools other benefits.

Redesignation of classes will make band the only "zero hour" course. Students would be limited to 6 courses per semester except those enrolled in band.

The other "zero hour" courses, usually held before the start of the school day, include drafting, CAD, and other electives.

They will be moved to slots later in the day to help flesh out options in scheduling and reduce the premium rate paid to teachers for the early morning classes.

The reworking of the schedule would also allow the teachers of many elective courses to use the rest of the periods in the day to teach electives at the middle school level where there is currently a shortage.

A career pathway system and a more extensive role of the counselor in planning out the student's four-year educational plan at the school. It will also help students meet the requirements, which will be in effect for the graduating class of 2003.

Solo and ensemble finalists

Grosse Pointe North High School was represented last weekend at the MSBOA State Solo and Ensemble Festival held at Farmington Harrison High School.

A record number of North students took home a total of seven second-place medals and twelve first-place medals.

The following students received second-place medals: Bridget Brosnan, Marta Acsadi, Kate Dervishi, Carly Hanna, Andrea Sheridan, Ben Lupo, Andrew Ferworn, Roy Lucier, Derek Trombley and Maria

Salciccioi.

The following students received first-place medals: Elly Dolinski, Katie Longley, Joseph Agacinski, Joseph Hong, Susan Rhee, Ayesha Soares, Kristin Longley, Marta Acsadi, Bridget Brosnan, Katie Longley, Thomas Cameron, Kyle Kwiatkowski and Taryn Dyle.

Rhee and Acsadi achieved perfect scores on their solo performance.

The students are members of the North Band or Orchestra under the direction of David Cleveland and Joe Bauer.

Career planning with DECA

Grosse Pointe North and South high schools sent a total of 47 students to Michigan DECA's 56th annual State Career Development Conference which ran from March 8 to 10 in Dearborn.

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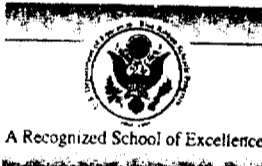
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Changes in Harper Woods curriculum

- Four years of English are required (currently three).
- One credit requirement in fine arts (currently none).
- One credit requirement in computer application (currently 1/2 credit).
- Band will be the only zero hour class, with others being rescheduled for later in the school day.
- A mandatory six-class schedule for all students will put every student in class for the entire school day. The only students to have seven hours will be those in band.
- Participation in marching band will no longer be a prerequisite for the jazz band.
- Implementation of the North Central Accreditation board's Career Pathways system.

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Hold that tiger! Tucker reproductions made

On a sunny summer day in 2000, a bright blue Tucker four-door sedan was parked in front of Tucker's Café on Depot Street in Ypsilanti.

realized his ambition to produce a "completely new" passenger automobile after World War II. John Tucker, grandson of Preston Tucker, operates the Tucker Café.

Morganville. The Idas are known in the custom car world for popularizing street rods based on pre-war Willys cars.

"In 1987, we built our first Willys street rod," Bob said. "We showed it, and the street rodders loved it. It was something different from all the '32 and '34 Fords."

Their firm, Ida Automotive, builds supercharged Chevy-powered '34 Willys street rods — high-end, high-tech rods with custom machined wheels and suspension systems designed and manufactured at the Idas' shop. Street-rod magazines have featured Ida Willys on numerous covers.

But Bob Ida and his son Rob decided to do something different a few years ago and build a replica Tucker in honor of Bob's father, Joseph, who had been a



Rear view of Ida's Tucker 48, powered by a rear-mounted Cadillac Northstar V-8.



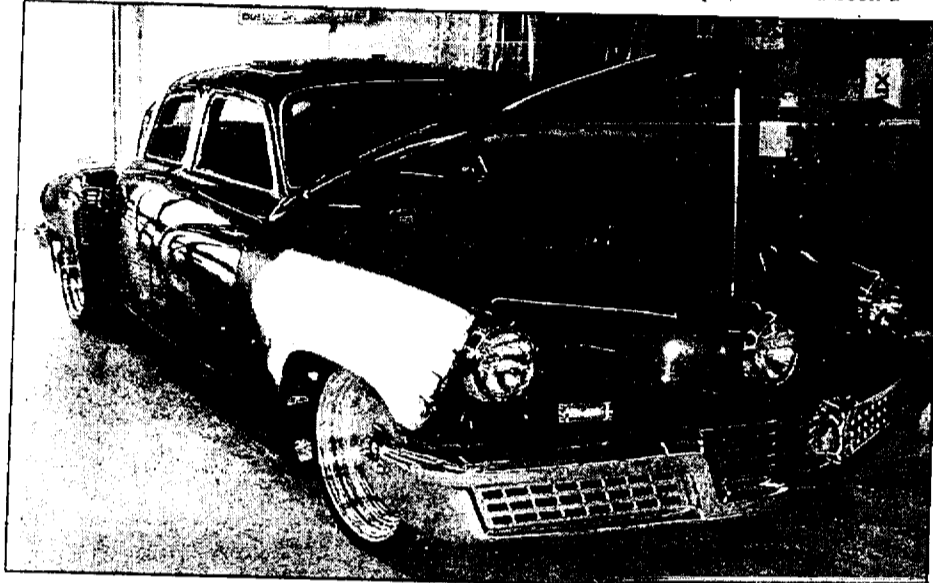
Autos

By Richard Wright

Seeing a Tucker parked on the street is unusual. You are not likely to find one in a museum or a private collection, let alone on the street.

But if you are going to see a Tucker on the street, Ypsilanti is the most likely place, as it was the home of Preston Tucker, the automotive engineer who almost

Only 51 Tuckers were built before the company collapsed under attack by rivals and politicians, so the cars are rare. But this wasn't an original Preston Tucker Tucker, it was a remarkable replica built by Bob and Rob Ida (father and son) of Morganville, N.J. We recently visited this new Tucker factory in



Getting a facelift is the Idas' first Tucker 48. Bob Ida said they are replacing the plastic bumpers with metal and repairing a blemish on the front fender, which got banged during a show. Note the luggage space under the hood. Its Cadillac Northstar V-8 is in the rear.

believer in Tucker and his car.

The Tucker automobile had many advanced, innovative features, from its fast-back shape to its swiveling center headlight and independent four-wheel suspension. Enhanced passenger safety — or what passed for it in those days — was one of the Tucker's principal features. It had a pop-out windshield, padded dashboard, and a place where the front-seat passenger could crouch in the event of a collision.

Preston Tucker and his business associates leased a former Dodge aircraft plant in Chicago after the end of World War II. Fifty-one Tucker automobiles, which were designed by Tucker and Alex Tremulis, were hand-built in 1948 before the Tucker Corp. became embroiled in fraud allegations. Shortly thereafter,

the company was forced to go out of business.

The Tucker never went into full production, but its design incorporated new and significant design trends of that postwar period — avant-garde styling, passenger safety, innovative mechanical features and an awakening interest in efforts by small manufacturers to capture a share of the new-car market.

In 1947, Joseph Ida saw photographs of the new Tucker Torpedo and was so taken with the car that he pooled his savings with his three brothers to invest in a Tucker dealership in Yonkers, N.Y. It would be called Ida Brothers Tucker. He hoped that some day his young son Robert might enjoy automobiles and carry on the Tucker dealership.

Robert did enjoy automobiles and became a car guy, passing that passion to his

own son, Rob. But Joseph Ida never opened his Tucker dealership. He never received any cars to sell. In fact, he never owned a single Tucker.

Although the brothers lost their investments, they didn't lose their faith in Preston Tucker or his cars. Joe was outbid trying to buy a Tucker when the company was dissolved.

Fifty years later, Bob and Rob decided to use their experience from 35 years of building street rods to build a Tucker in honor of Joseph Ida. Ironically, the No. 51 Tucker, last of the run, was owned by a family friend who lived several miles from Ida's shop. Tucker No. 51, the one Joseph was bidding on and lost out, was owned and restored by Chick DeLorenzo, a New Jersey neighbor.

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insurers. A great place to start your search is Insurance.com, an affiliate of Fidelity Investments. It offers quotes from many of the nation's leading carriers. At www.insurance.com, it's easy to get quotes from many of the nation's leading carriers in all 50 states and the District of Columbia.

2. Increase your deductible: Sometimes you can reduce your annual premium by 10 percent or more if you increase your deductible from, say, \$250 to \$500. Just make sure you have the financial resources to handle the larger deductible if the time comes.

3. Drive less: If you drive less than a certain number of miles in a year (e.g., 7,500), you may qualify for a low-mileage discount. If your insurer offers this discount, try to limit your driving as much as possible.

4. Buy a low-profile car: Cars are rated on a risk scale for auto insurance purposes. In general, sports cars and other high-performance, "flashy" vehicles are classified as higher risks

because they are common targets for thieves and vandals and because, statistically, the people who own them tend to drive more recklessly.

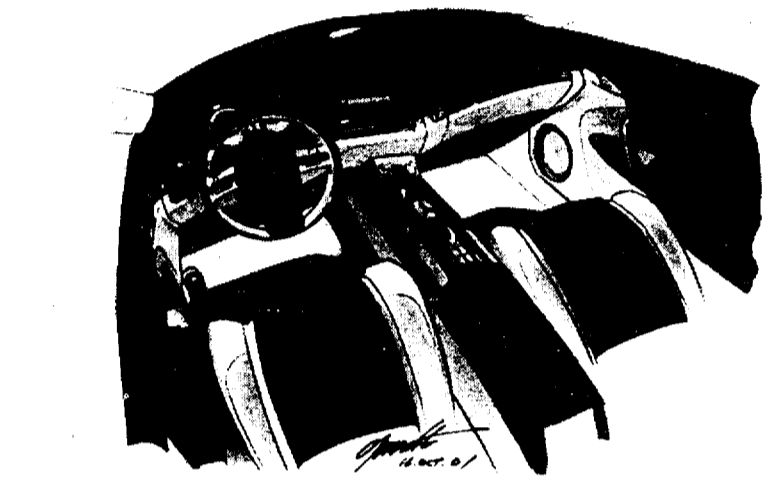
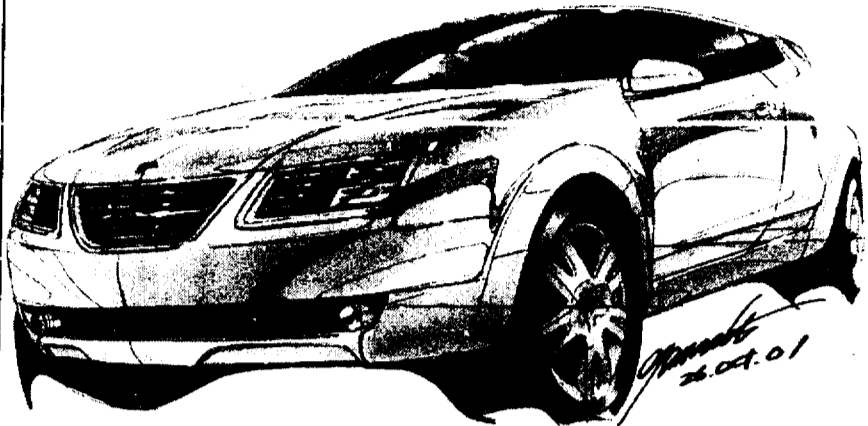
5. Keep your car in a garage. Using a garage may entitle you to a slight premium reduction.

6. Have safety devices installed: You may receive discounts on your insurance if your car is equipped with

one or more of the following options: anti-lock brakes, automatic seat belts, and air bags.

Anti-theft devices such as car alarms and tracking systems may also get you a discount on your insurance because they reduce the chances of your car being stolen or vandalized.

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Very sport coupe

Here's a preview of a new vehicle that will bow at the North American International Auto Show at Cobo Center in January. Saab's 9-3X concept car features all-wheel-drive in a low-flying coupe. The company appears to be stealing a page from Subaru's book. This is billed as Saab's first vehicle with an off-road dimension.

Autos

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Bob Ida got permission to measure and photograph every square inch of the car. Because of the rare car's value and the risk it would involve to use the car as a plug, Ida Automotive had to re-create the Tucker from the ground up.

"It took over a year just to complete the clay model," Bob Ida said.

The Tucker was put in a jig to obtain exact body measurements. Data was entered into a CAD system to make templates for a plug for the body mold for the Tucker replica.

The body panels are made from resin-infused plastic, which is more durable than fiberglass or even steel, Ida said. The taillight housings and the front and rear grilles are machined from billet aluminum. The fender grilles are cast from the original wood patterns and the bumpers on the prototype are of the same composite used for the body but are vacuum-chrome-plated.

The first Ida-built Tucker is now in the shop getting metal bumpers and having a few cosmetic repairs made on the finish, as appearances at shows have resulted in a few blemishes.

Following street-rod prac-

tice, the chassis is made with steel rectangular tubes CNC-machined and welded by Rob Ida. The front double-A-arm suspension, machined from billet aluminum, uses standard street-rod geometry.

The true Tucker experience — or as close as possible — called for rear-engine configuration. The Idas achieved that by dropping in a complete Cadillac Northstar front subassembly, engine, transmission and suspension. It's not air-cooled or positioned behind the rear axle as in the original Tucker, but the new, powerful and reliable drivetrain fits perfectly and offers modern performance, Bob Ida said.

And, yes, the center headlight does turn with the steering.

"We hope to build 50 Tucker 48s," said Bob Ida. "Preston Tucker built 51."

Ida said he builds the Tucker only on order, not speculation. With a price tag of \$150,000, sales come slowly. Ida noted that it's not uncommon for custom street rods to sell for a quarter-million dollars, and "few will attract the attention and thumbs up that the Tucker does."

But Bob says the whole experience has been worthwhile even if they never make another. The prototype was completed before Joe Ida died.

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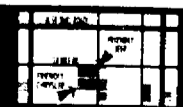
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Lethargic stock market infected by spring fever

Last week was a lackluster week. More down than up. Volume more institutional than retail.

The Dow drifted 179 points, or 1.7 percent, closing at 10,427.

With the Dow divisor at .14452124,

General Electric (GE, about 37.87) dropped 2.32 points,

which alone counted for 16 points of the Dow's loss, or 9 percent.

The NASDAQ Composite ended the week after a wild ride, losing 17 points, or 0.9 percent, closing at 1,851.

GE's drop was caused by whistle-blower Bill Gross, chief investment officer of Pacific Investment Management Co. (Pimco) and the real power to be reckoned with in the bond market.

Gross posted his critique of GE on his Pimco website, complaining of GE Capital's (the finance subsidiary of GE) excessive use of "naked" commercial paper ("CP") and of GE being less than honest and open with its investors.

Moody's Investors Service later reported that only \$31 billion, or 30 percent, of GE's outstanding \$103 billion CP was backed by committed bank lines of credit. GE is the largest issuer of CP in the world.

Physically, CP is only a post-dated check, not

exceeding 270 days, for the face amount borrowed. Investors purchase CP on a discounted basis — the interest due at maturity is deducted from the face amount at time of issuance so the borrower receives the net discounted amount.

The issuer of CP, supported by a bank line of credit, must also pay the bank a stand-by fee for its Letter of Credit supporting the CP. GE, by issuing 70 percent of its CP on a "naked" basis, saves this additional stand-by fee.

Later last week, Gross sold Pimco's \$1 billion of GE's CP but continued to hold \$50 million of GE debt due in two to eight years.

Gross' comment about GE lacking candor related to GE's \$11 billion bond sale earlier last week.

Just three days after the successful sale, GE announced the filing of a "Shelf Registration" of \$50 billion additional debt to be sold from time to time.

Other market participants urged GE in the future to give better disclosure about funding plans and strategies for acquisitions funding.

'Kinky' accounting

Money magazine (April 2002) devotes a special article to describe "kinky accounting tricks" that might pass the GAAP magnifying glass.

Three "kinky" categories (described in too much detail for a family newspaper) are:

1) Special Purpose Entities

Let's talk...STOCKS

(SPE), a la Enron; 2) Synthetic Leases; and 3) Securitizations. All three techniques are used to move assets and debt off the balance sheet while still maintaining "control."

1) The trick with SPEs is to create one with a minimum outside investment of 3 percent, while claiming that the sponsor's 97 percent is not ownership for accounting purposes. Congress is sure to tighten up these Enron loopholes.

2) Did you know that there are two kinds of leases?

A) Under the Operating Lease for your company car, the rental company owns the car and the debt on the car, both of which do not appear on your company's balance sheet. The monthly rental (lease) payment is an ordinary operating expense by your company.

B) Synthetic Leases usually cover property, such as the home office building. Under the lease contract, the leasing company confers certain ownership benefits to the tenant. Interest on debt and depreciation expenses thus flow through to the tenant, but the assets and related debt do not appear on the tenant's balance sheet. This causes cer-

tain key performance measures to increase, such as return-on-assets and debt-to-capital ratios.

Who uses synthetic leases? Money magazine points the finger at eBay, Novell and Cisco Systems.

Where to find synthetic leases? Look at the notes to a company's 10-K filings. You'll read on and on and on.

3) Securitizations involve financial assets, like credit card receivables or mortgage portfolio cash flows, that investors might purchase. Just put them in a box, tie it with a ribbon, and you've got a bond issue ready for sale.

What to look for? Securitizations of some subprime debt may involve some seller risk in case of excessive defaults.

If you want to know if any offloaded assets might come back to haunt you, look for any "triggers" that may occur under certain circumstances imposing guarantees or other covenants by the seller. Good luck!

Bond ratings, continued

Last week, LTS promised the names of the last nine remaining companies that still sport an "AAA" bond rating by Moody's Investors Service.

(listed alphabetically, with their stock symbols):

1) American International Group (AIG),

2) Bristol-Myers Squibb (BMY),

3) Exxon Mobil (XON),

4) General Electric (GE),

5) Johnson & Johnson (JNJ),

6) Merck (MRK),

7) Pfizer (PFE),

8) Ralston Purina (RAL) and

9) United Parcel Service (UPS).

Remember, all hands were not equal when first issued. But many bonds lose their "AAA" halos before maturity.

It wasn't that easy. LTS obtained one computer printout of 262 companies with "AAA" ratings, but it included Federal agencies (Federal Home Loan Bank), public corporations (Tennessee Valley Authority), overseas entities (Finland Republic, Asia Development Bank, etc.) and tons of securitized bonds (Chase Credit Card Master Trust, E*Trade Bank Mortgage Backed Securities Trust and Provident Auto Lease Pass-Thru Trust).

Last Friday, LTS phoned Jennifer Ablan, the feature writer at Barron's who wrote the article that triggered this search. But she was out of town.

The Grosse Pointe Public Library had the answer: a February 2002 complete listing of Moody's corporate bonds, with all ratings from "AAA" to "C".

Here are the nine "AAA" companies, with their stocks listed on NYSE, all "blue chips," certified by Moody's

(listed alphabetically, with their stock symbols):

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Business People

Grosse Pointe Farms resident Tom Klippstein has been elected president of the Detroit Executives Association. The 68-member group of metropolitan Detroit executives is made up of one representative per industry.

Klippstein is senior vice president of McDonald Investments in Grosse Pointe Woods.

He has a bachelor's degree from Western Illinois University. He was a captain in the Army and completed Airborne-Jumpmaster and Ranger schools.

Grosse Pointe Farms resident Judy Caldwell and Cindy Miller of the Park have been elected to two-year terms on the board of directors for the Women's Economic Club.

Caldwell is director of Perrin Fordree & Co. Miller is marketing consultant and district manager for Arbonne International.

The Woman's Economic Club has more than 1,200 members.

Louis Theros has been recognized by the United States Federal District Court of the Eastern District of Michigan for his work in providing pro bono legal services.

He assists low-income individuals in need of free legal services.

Theros, a recently elected member of the Grosse Pointe Farms city council, is a partner with the law firm Dickinson Wright. His practice focuses on management-side employment and labor litigation, counseling and training.

Dr. Philip Hessburg of Grosse Pointe Park is the first recipient of the Annual Leadership Award from the Leader Dogs for the Blind.

Hessburg, a member of the senior staff at Grosse Pointe Ophthalmology/Henry Ford Health System, has been a longtime supporter of Leader Dogs for the Blind.

He is president of the Michigan Ophthalmological Society and a founding member of the Board of Directors of the Outpatient Ophthalmic Surgery Society.

At Macomb Community College, vice president of business Charles Thomas has been named the 2001 Outstanding Chief Business Officer for Region 10, which includes Michigan, Indiana and Ohio.

The award came from the national Community College Business Officers Association. Thomas, a resident of Grosse Pointe Park, has been with Macomb for 25 years. He has an MBA from Wayne State University.

At Delta Dental Plan of Michigan, Jamie Spriet has been appointed account executive for large market accounts.

Spriet served previously as vice president and HMO Group Products for Selectcare, where she was also director of account retention and business development.

She has a master's of science degree in health care administration from Central Michigan University. She belongs to the Economic Club of Detroit and Women's Economic Club.

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Improved tax laws make saving for retirement easier than ever before

By Lori Z. Bahnmueller

There's no time like the present to start or accelerate retirement savings, thanks to changes in tax-deferred retirement savings plans.

With last year's tax cut bill, more formally known as the Economic Growth and Tax Relief Reconciliation Act of 2001, you can now invest more in tax-favored retirement savings plans.

What's more, employers must accelerate vesting schedules on any matching contributions made to plans in 2002 and beyond. This ensures employees faster rights to 100 percent of employer contributions.

This is especially good news for employees who anticipate job or career changes.

The contribution increases, the biggest ever, will affect the contribution limits on several retirement plans including 401(k) and 403(b) accounts, SIMPLE and SEP plans and IRAs, which have not seen an increment increase since they were set in 1981.

Contribution limits are scheduled to rise in increments over the next four to six years and once they have been phased in, future increases will be indexed to inflation.

Individual Retirement Accounts (IRAs) and Roth IRAs: Contribution limits for both traditional IRAs and Roth IRAs dramatically increase, with even higher limits set for older workers.

The general contribution limit will be \$3,000 for 2002, up from \$2,000. For workers aged 50 and older, the contribution limit will be \$3,500.

Employee plans: The employee contribution limits for employer-sponsored retirement plans also increase.

The limit for 401(k), 403(b) and 457 plans jumps to \$11,000 in 2002. This is up from \$10,500 in 2001 for 401(k) and 403(b) plans and \$8,500 for 457 plans.

The limits for 401(k) and 403(b) plans will continue to go up in \$1,000 increments each year until maxing out at \$15,000 in 2006.

Workers age 50 and older will generally be eligible to contribute \$1,000 more than the regular limit in 2002.

SIMPLE plans: The contribution limit for SIMPLE plans, offered by employers with fewer than 100 employees, increases to \$7,000 — \$7,500 for workers over age 50 — from \$6,500 in 2001.

Self-employed retirement plans: The contribu-

tion limit for self-employed Keogh and Simplified Employee Pension (SEP) plans will also increase.

For defined-contribution plans, the contribution limit jumps to \$40,000 from \$35,000.

For defined-benefit plans, the maximum annual pension benefit that a retiree can receive increases to \$160,000 from \$140,000.

Retirement savings credit: Lower and moderate income workers will be eligible for a new tax credit that provides a subsidy of 10 to 50 percent of the first \$2,000 a year contributed to a 401(k) plan, a 403(b) annuity, SIMPLE or SEP contributions, contributions to a traditional or Roth IRA, and to after-tax voluntary contributions to employee qualified plans.

Joint filers receive the 50 percent credit if their adjusted gross income is as much as \$30,000.

With an adjusted gross income of as much as \$50,000, they can still get a 10 percent credit.

Singles can earn as much as \$15,000 for the 50 percent credit and \$25,000 for 10 percent.

To get the most out of the new changes, consider investing the maximum in

your 401(k) or 403(b) plan, if you are eligible for one.

Contributions in 401(k)s are made with pretax money, and often employers will match a portion of what you put in. If you aren't eligible for a 401(k), contribute to whatever retirement plan your employer makes available to you, a 403(b), SEP or SIMPLE.

Like the 401(k), these plans allow pretax contributions, and your money grows tax-deferred.

Starting this year, employers must either grant 100 percent vesting after no more than three years or adopt this phase-in schedule: 20 percent after two years, 40 percent after three years, 60 percent after four years, 80 percent after five years and 100 percent after six years.

The new vesting rules apply only to contributions starting this year.

To find out the optimum investment plan to meet your retirement agenda, contact a personal financial planner or talk with your employer's retirement plan coordinator.

Lori Z. Bahnmueller is vice president of Association Services for the Michigan Credit Union League.

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Fast money from tax refund loans can be costly

By Lori Z. Bahnmueller
Patience is a virtue, and can be a very profitable one when it comes to personal finance.

Consider tax refund anticipation loans, or RALs. Some 11 million taxpayers are expected to surrender a collective \$810 million for an advance on their 2001 tax refunds.

The working poor, those who can least afford the interest, are paying most of it. This according to a recent study by the Consumer Federation of America (CFA) and the National Consumer Law Center (NCLC).

"Cash-strapped consumers will pay about \$800 million in RAL charges alone to borrow their own money," said Jean Ann Fox, director of consumer protection for CFA. "Refund anticipation loans are extremely expensive, similar to payday loans, rent to own, and other

forms of fringe credit." RALs are short-term loans secured by the taxpayer's projected refund. Consumers pay three fees to get an RAL: a fee to a commercial tax preparer for preparing state and federal returns, (from \$60-\$300), a fee for electronic filing (with the average fee being \$40), and a loan fee to the lender, typically set on a sliding scale based on the amount of the anticipated refund.

What the consumer receives in hand is the refund minus the loan fee, tax preparation fee and electronic filing fee. The total amount of the three fees, according to the study, can range from \$129 to \$429. This in some cases may be a third to half or more of the refund.

So what's the appeal? Speed and convenience.

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eagerly settle for less today rather than wait tomorrow for more.

"You get money instantly — not just fast," touts one leading commercial tax preparation service of its loan program. "You pay nothing out-of-pocket. All fees for tax preparation, electronic filing, the loan, etc. are deducted from your ... refund loan check."

RALs do expedite receipt of cash from tax refunds, but not nearly enough to justify the amount paid. The RAL puts a check in the consumer's hand within a day or two. File electronically and you'll get your refund in about 10 days. File by mail, and it will take six to eight weeks.

Consumers who are willing to pay what amounts to triple-digit interest rates are generally either unaware of the true cost or have serious financial problems which call for counseling. Before

assuming an RAL, consider your options before surrendering more than the cost of a postage stamp to secure your refund.

Also, consider whether you would be able to repay the RAL (which you are obligated to do) if the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) determines that you are not entitled to the refund amount claimed.

For low-income taxpayers, the IRS offers free tax preparation services under the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) program. VITA sites can be found in community

libraries, churches and retirement homes.

For information on VITA and Community Outreach locations and times, contact the IRS Taxpayer Education Coordinator at your local IRS office or call (800) 829-1040.

The IRS also lists several free online tax preparation services for eligible taxpayers, based on household income and need.

Visit www.irs.gov, for a list of participating companies.

And finally, seek financial counseling.

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is a good place to begin. Often financial institutions have staff dedicated to assisting members on the road to financial health.

Green Path Debt Solutions, formerly known as Consumer Credit Counseling Service of Michigan, is a nonprofit organization offering free counseling. Contact Green Path toll free at (800) 550-1961, or on the Internet at www.debthelpnow.org.

Lori Z. Bahnmueller is vice president of association services for the Michigan Credit Union League.

Depreciation: the invisible cost of vehicle ownership

By Lori Z. Bahnmueller

When considering the costs associated with purchasing a new vehicle — insurance, maintenance, loan interest — don't forget to factor in depreciation.

You won't find it on the sticker price, nor will you be billed for it. You may not even notice it until the time comes to sell your car.

Still, depreciation can cost you big money over the years.

In the first year you own a new car, the vehicle may lose 20 percent of its original value due to depreciation, according to IntelliChoice, based in Campbell, Calif., which provides consumers with data about the true cost of owning cars and trucks.

By the end of the fifth year, your vehicle's value drops by an average of 35.1 percent.

It's not only vehicle buyers who pay the price. Depreciation also affects the cost of leasing as well because leasing payments are based in part on what a vehicle will be worth at lease-end.

The more a vehicle depreciates, the less value it will have at lease-end.

So, you could lease a vehicle with the same sticker

price as your neighbor's leased vehicle but pay a higher monthly lease payment if your vehicle depreciates at a faster rate.

You can't stop depreciation, but you can lessen the impact it will have on your wallet.

Here are a few points to consider from Home & Family Finance Magazine:

- Some makes and models depreciate faster than others.

- Accurately predicting depreciation is difficult because so much depends on a vehicle's continuing popular appeal.

- But you can get a rough idea how much your vehicle will depreciate.

- Consult a "blue book" or other pricing guides to find out how well previous years' models have held their value.

- The Credit Union National Association (CUNA) Web site has a depreciation calculator. Go to the consumer information button at <http://www.cuna.org> and hit "calculators."

- The pace of depreciation levels off after five years.

- Hanging on to a vehicle for at least that long minimizes the impact of depreciation on the overall cost of

ownership.

- It's smart to pick options that will appeal to the next buyer.

- Vehicles with air conditioning, automatic transmissions, sunroofs, and convertible tops tend to hold their resale value better. Lesser known models, "luxury" or "limited edition" models, and vehicles with odd colors or features tend to depreciate faster.

- Vehicles that change dramatically in style from one year to the next tend to lose resale value faster. Last year's model quickly becomes outdated and loses its attraction to potential buyers.

- Choose a vehicle from a manufacturer that makes only subtle style changes each year.

- Depreciation can deal a substantial financial blow to the owner of a new vehicle.

- But it can work to your advantage if you're in the market to buy or lease a used vehicle.

- A vehicle model that depreciates considerably in its early years may be an excellent deal as a used car.

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Mack enrichment awards

The annual Enrichment Awards were presented recently at the 25th Anniversary Dinner meeting of the Grosse Pointe Business and Professional Association of Mack Avenue. Receiving awards were, from left, Eileen and Joseph Bogossian of Josef's French Pastry Shop, who won the Landscaping Improvement Award; Kristi and Eric Thielk of Thielk's Mongolian Grill, who won the Facade Improvement Award; Toni DiClemente, association president. Faircourt Dental won the award for Architectural Improvement.

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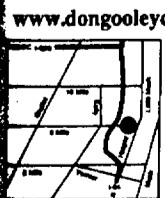

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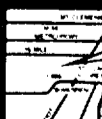


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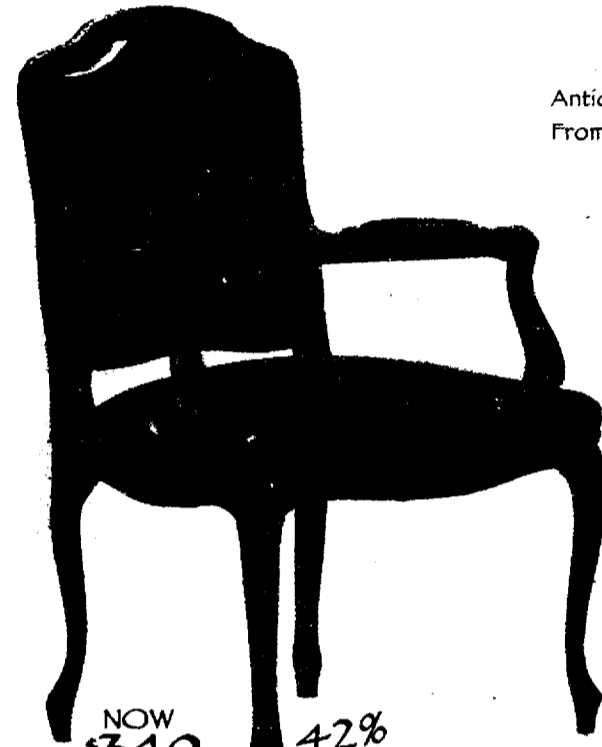
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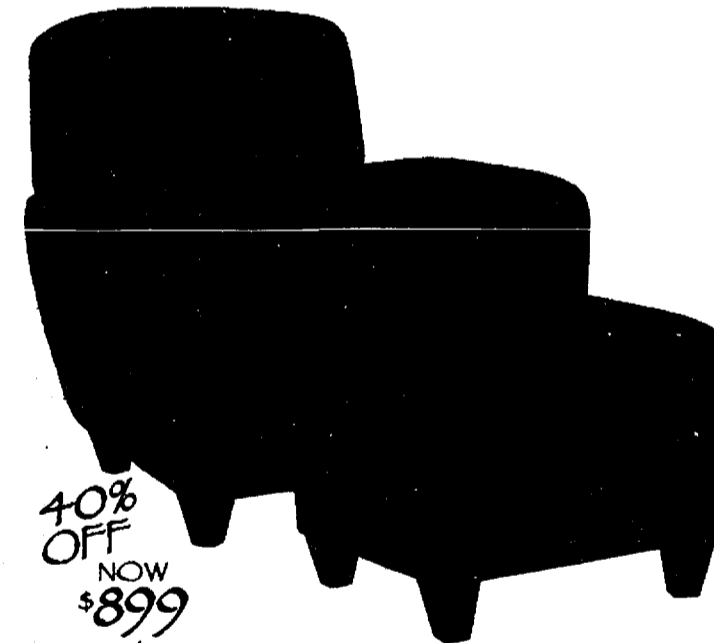
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'Island in the City' is the pride of Detroit

By Amanda Litchfield
Special Writer

It's a story about the building of a great American city — a story about an island set in a grand river, and how that island changed the face and dynamics of a city for more than 100 years.

Janet Anderson, author of "Island In The City," a non-fictional account of Belle Isle's history, recently retold this tale through slides and personal stories for 34 people at a lecture at the Grosse Pointe Public Library. "Belle Isle represented the ideal of the city," Anderson said. In many ways it still does.

"Island In The City" stands as a remarkable tribute to Belle Isle, a recreational park that was created for the sole purpose of bringing people of all ethnicities, religions and backgrounds together in one common meeting place.

"Belle Isle appeals to everyone," Anderson said. "Its historical and enduring values to the people who visit make it a place for everyone."

She should know. Her grandfather was Jack Timmons, the first curator of the Belle Isle Zoo. Timmons worked for the park from 1919 to 1981. Anderson is also the daughter of Mary Timmons Anderson, president of

the Friends of Belle Isle (FOBI). Mary Anderson and her siblings grew up playing on Belle Isle.

Janet Anderson, an active member of the FOBI, first got the idea for the book from her mother. It was her mother's vision to capture the historical and cultural aspects of the island in order to help regain interest in Belle Isle. Anderson wanted to show Belle Isle as an important public space and to compare and contrast its history to other parks of its time. She visited seven parks built by Frederick Law Olmstead, who designed Belle Isle, while on a four-week vacation during the summer of 2000.

It took three years of research and writing, funded solely by Anderson, to finish her book.

She also created a formal policy report for the city of Detroit specifying how to make improvements to the island on both a short- and long-term basis. "The information that comes through is fascinating," Anderson said.

In 1879, Belle Isle was purchased by the city of Detroit in order to give its citizens a park for taking part in recreational and leisure activities. Like most other large cities of that time, Detroit was expanding at a rapid pace. It needed to set aside an area that was to remain untouched by the industrial growth of the city.

The land on the island was to be used as a recreational park, public water works and forest preserve. It was supposed to provide a quiet haven for those living in and around Detroit.

"The idea was to create a place where people of all backgrounds and economic classes could mix together and learn from one another. It was thought that if all types of people were brought together a more

civilized way of living would be created," Anderson said. The island not only brought people together, but also helped create a sprawling suburbia Downriver.

"The physical development of the park not only created a quality residential area by supplying an unpolluted waterfront and fresh water to those living in that area, but also created a bridge between communities," Anderson said. "People were able to move away from the pollution of the city, and yet had a place to come back to and enjoy."

This was never more true than in the early 20th century, when the Park Commission began to provide organized activities for visitors to the island including sports leagues and tournaments and annual competitions.

"By 1900, a 25-mile bike race was an annual Memorial Day event of the Wheelmen Club," Anderson wrote in the Recreation and Civic Activities section of "Island In The City."

Five contests were held and an annual children's day of field activities was started. Over the years, Belle Isle would delight people of all ages from Detroit and its surrounding communities, greater purposes for Detroit and the United States.

Some of these greater purposes would include the first radio communications in police patrol, which occurred on the island in 1928. A U.S. Coast Guard station, fully manned with lifesaving equipment and crew, was completed in the 1940's.

From 1955-1968 part of Belle Isle was home to the Nike Air Defense Missile system, a cold war defense system. Belle Isle was not only a place of leisure and recreation, but it also helped to keep Detroit and the United States safe during times of war. Belle Isle set other precedents in the military realm. Many of the

first cultural institutions began on Belle Isle, excluding the Detroit Institute of Arts, which was constructed during the same time period.

The pavilions and buildings reflect a European influence. Some buildings have a distinctly French style, while a few of the monuments show a German background. These influences both helped and hindered Belle Isle's existence.

"People don't feel a sense of preservation because of the European influence. They think, 'Hey, these aren't my ancestors' and leave the responsibility to someone else," Anderson said.

Many people are trying to save the historical landmarks that are left. Anderson is one. She is giving all proceeds from the sale of 5,000 copies of "Island In The City" to the restoration of the island.

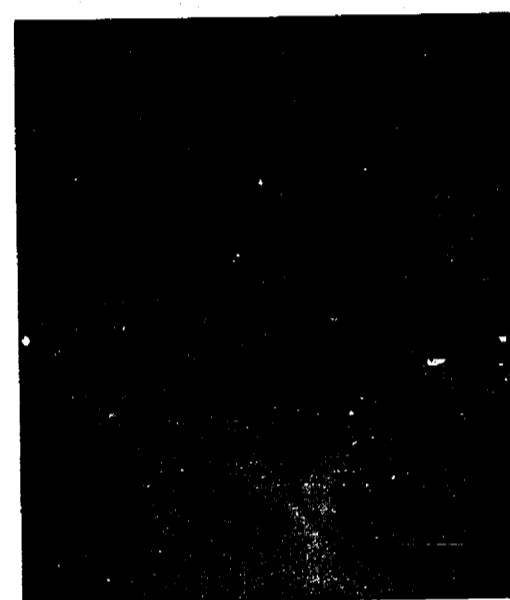
Many of the original facilities still remain, but the original casino, bathhouses, bandstand, light-house and skating pavilion have been destroyed in order to create space for newer buildings.

The renovation is an ongoing process. Detroit's Recreation Department just received a federal grant of \$490,000 to refurbish the now vacant Flynn Pavilion, the second skating pavilion built. The city of Detroit plans to add an additional \$210,000 to the project.

The plan to entirely renovate Belle Isle is estimated at around \$180 million. The intention is to welcome families from communities outside Detroit (like the Grosse Pointes, Harper Woods and St. Clair Shores) back into the city, but the Recreation Department's lack of money is slowing this process.

Anderson believes that this

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Janet Anderson is the author of "Island In The City," history of Detroit's Belle Isle.

Correction

Last week's story about Grosse Pointe United Methodist Church on page 1B included an incorrect number referring to membership.

The sentence should have said the church has "a confirmed membership of 710, plus 40 or 50 non-members."

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From page 1B restoration can and will happen. With a Ph.D. in policy analysis, specializing in urban areas, Anderson has looked at ways in which Belle Isle can be brought back to its former glory. She has studied efforts by cities like St. Louis, where a non-profit organization was created for the purpose of renovating one of its downtown parks. Some \$38 million was raised from donations within 5 years.

Anderson believes that a similar program, combined with alternative revenue such as outside vendors and commercial sales, could generate the money needed for the restoration.

"It costs money to make money, but don't underestimate what a collection fee to get on the island or the sale of a bottle of water on a hot summer day can do,"

she said. Regardless of the need for reconstruction, visitors to the island are still abundant. Anderson and the FOBI are hoping this stream of visitors increases.

"Everyone is made better from the existence of parks," Anderson said. "Belle Isle is about culture, architecture and a lot of things beyond recreational activities. Keeping up with its historical background is one way of ensuring its future. Belle Isle should not be considered what they call 'a residence of last resort.' It is a vibrant, historical place that defines the 'City Beautiful' movement," Anderson said.

Belle Isle is an important historical landmark to the city of Detroit. The island has changed the face of the waterfront and the lives of

those living within its vicinity for the better. It has created a place of recreation and a sense of community within the gritty walls of a major American city. It inspired the building of the Grosse Pointes and other communities. But more importantly, it gives us a sense of history, a place to share with our children and grandchildren.

"Island In The City" shows us how Belle Isle changed Detroit forever. "Island In The City" was part of the Detroit 300 exhibit at the Detroit Historical Museum from March-September of 2001. The book is available at the Grosse Pointe Public Library and local bookstores. Proceeds go to the restoration of the island and the book itself is tax deductible.

A brief history of Belle Isle

Up to 1900

1600's: Ottawa and Chippewa Indians inhabit the island they referred to as Wah-na-be-zee (White Swan) Island.

Early 1700's: The French use the island as a livestock grazing ground, referring to it as Hog Island.

1879: The island is called Belle Isle, after Isabelle Cass, the daughter of Michigan Gov. Lewis Cass. The city of Detroit purchases the island for \$200,000 from the Canadians.

1883: Architect

Frederick Law Olmstead is retained to create a master plan for Belle Isle.

1900 to 1930

1923: The MacArthur Bridge is built when the old wood and steel structure that existed before it was destroyed by fire.

1925: An additional 40 acres are added to the west end of the island to create the Scott Fountain area.

1930 to 1960

1930: Detroit's population is more than 1.5 million. Belle Isle is a repository for numerous monu-

ments, fountains, buildings and attractions. Roads are expanded to accommodate increased traffic onto the island. The Park Commission implements organized events.

1960 to Present
1973: The Friends of Belle Isle is formed.

1996: The Detroit Recreation Department creates a physical master plan to halt deterioration.

2002: A federal grant of \$490,000 is obtained for renovation of the Flynn Pavilion. The city of Detroit adds \$210,000 to the project.



Pictured above are Carole Chaundy, Mary Lucia, Jennifer Nasser, and Frank Stella who recently attended a fundraiser on March 15 for Friends of the Vatican. The purpose was to raise funds to help support the restoration of the Botticelli painting in the Sistine Chapel.

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'Smoochy' doesn't die but doesn't kill

Jason Sweeney
Staff Writer

"Death to Smoochy" is a technicolor satire of the underbelly of youth programming done in bright tones and dark humor.

Directed by Danny DeVito, "Smoochy" attempts to throw open the closet doors and make the skeletons dance like muppets.

Largely, it succeeds. It is evident that DeVito, Robin Williams, Edward Norton and the other members of this cast truly enjoy telling this farcical story.

Rainbow Randolph (Williams) is a hardened veteran of children's broadcasting.

He is caught in a sting operation for selling slots on his show to overenthusiastic parents.

In a Jon-Benet Ramsey like moment, one of several throughout the film, we see that the people behind this

programming are not out to necessarily entertain or educate but to make money and power at the children's unwitting expense.

Sheldon Mopes, a.k.a. Smoochy the Rhino, is the proposed 'cure' for the disease that has taken over the network. The problem with the fuchsia rhino, however, is that he is the cure.

Children's charities, the Irish mob and network insiders, including a type-cast executive played by Jon Stewart, don't want clean, they just want the appearance of it.

The backbiting, plotting and scheming of Randolph and numerous other corners and factions unfolds across the life of a hapless Mopes providing the brunt of the comedy in this film.

DeVito, who plays a minor role as Smoochy's agent, delivers a slick, self-proposed, corner-cutting and

boitom-feeding character that he's proven his ability to play.

Norton, a recent alumnus of "Fight Club," changes gears drastically in this film but retains the same core of introspection and realization of self-truth that he portrayed so well in that title.

Williams grows funnier as the film wears on and his level of insanity grows. Arguably, Rainbow Randolph couldn't be played by anyone else as convincingly.

The problem is that this movie, for all its star power and elaborate setup, falls a little short of the mark most would measure it against.

The film offers a surprisingly low number of laugh-out-loud moments in return for an overriding smirk and the pacing of the film feels at times a bit stilted and choppy.

These two elements com-

bined, regardless of the adult language and mild violence in the film, would rule out many teens and children from the viewing audience.

"Smoochy" sticks out like . . . well, . . . like a fuchsia rhino suit among comedies, satires, children's films and dramas. The ambition to capture a broad audience by crossing genres meets with limited success.

Final Word:

Anyone who harbors a loathing for purple dinosaurs will earn new respect for children's television and those who enjoy a tongue-in-cheek style comedy will be given a lot to smirk about, though not much to roll on the floor laughing over.

★★★★☆
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'A Night for Sight' aids ophthalmology programs

The Michigan Ophthalmological Society will sponsor "A Michigan Night for Sight: International Wine Auction," a two-day benefit on Friday and Saturday, April 5 and 6. The events will include dinners at participating restaurants, a wine tasting party, a silent auction, a live auction and a black-tie party at the Ritz-Carlton Dearborn.

Proceeds will support the programs of several Michigan ophthalmological training and research institutions — the Beaumont Eye Institute, the St. John Health System, the Department of Ophthalmology at Henry Ford and the Kresge Eye Institute; as well as the Michigan Ophthalmological Society.

On Friday, patrons may attend one of several Winemaker's Dinners at participating restaurants in the Detroit area.

On Saturday afternoon, patrons may attend a wine tasting event. On Saturday evening, a black-tie affair will be held at the Ritz-Carlton of Dearborn, featuring a silent auction of world-class wines, a dinner, and a live auction of wines, food experiences and travel opportunities.

Grosse Pointer Dr. Frank A. Nesi is chairman



Carmen Harlan of the event. Auction committee chairmen include Grosse Pointers **Alphonse S. Lucarelli** and **Paul Antonelli**.

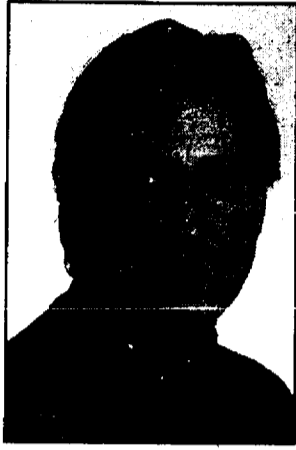
The honorary committee includes Grosse Pointers **Stephanie Germauk, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Impastato, Don Jensen, Dr. and Mrs. Kim Lie, Marge Slezak, Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Gardella, Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Meade, Mr. and Mrs. Clark Durant** and **Mr. and Mrs. George C. Vincent**.

For more information or to receive an invitation, call **Penny Englerth** at the Michigan Ophthalmological Society at (517) 333-6739.

Rotary fundraiser:

WDIV-TV news anchor **Carmen Harlan** has been named honorary chairman of the 22nd Grosse Pointe Rotary Auction, which will be held on Saturday, April 13 at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial.

"Our biennial auction raises the funds which allow us to continue our service projects," said **Kim Towar**, second vice president of the Rotary Club and co-chairman of the event. "We are delighted Ms. Harlan has agreed to be our honorary chair."



Chandler Cudlipp

Rotary's children's projects have included the construction of the Neighborhood Club Tot Lot, scholarships and educational mentoring for disadvan-

tagged young people.

Grosse Pointe Rotary meets every Monday at noon at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial. Anyone interested in helping children by helping out with the auction should call Towar at (313) 882-0702.

New planner: The Detroit Symphony Orchestra has appointed **Chaudier Cudiipp** of Grosse Pointe Farms as its new director of artistic planning. Cudiipp will be responsible for artistic planning and programming for the classical, pops and young people's series with Music Director **Neeme Jarvi** and President and Executive Director **Emil J. Kang**, under the direction of Vice President for Operations **Stephen Millen**.

Show House: The Junior League of Detroit Inc. has announced 24 local interior designers and artisans who will transform this year's Designers' Show House. The Albert Kahn Tudor mansion at 41 Provençal in Grosse Pointe Farms will be open to the public from Saturday, May 4 through Monday, May 27.

Co-chairmen of the biennial JLD fundraiser are past presidents **Mary Kay DuCharme, Ann Hoag** and **Dianne Bostic Robinson**. A 40-member steering committee and more than 100 League volunteers will contribute the time and work needed to present the group's major fundraiser to the community.

Among the Grosse Pointe- and Harper Woods-based designers who will participate in the project: Accommodating Interiors, Art to Walk On, Broken Color Design Studio, Jane Shook Painted Interiors, Joan Whitman Interior Design, Josie Jackson Studio, L.V.L. Enterprises, Pamela Evans Interior Design, Pointe Perspectives, Shawn C. McCrindle Interiors, Lisa Ficarra Artworks and Susie Raynal.

The 8,600 square-foot Show House has nine bedrooms, seven and a half bathrooms, a built-in swimming pool, a tennis court and several carved wood and marble fireplaces. It was built in 1906 in

Detroit's Indian Village neighborhood and moved to Provençal Road in 1930.

The Junior League of Detroit Inc. is a nonprofit organization of women throughout metropolitan Detroit who are committed to improving the community. For more information about JLD membership or Show House tickets, call (313) 881-0040 or visit www.jldetroit.org.

Jewelry sale: The American Cancer Society's Discovery Shops will hold their Jewelry Extravaganza

in all metro-Detroit shops from Thursday, May 2 to Saturday, May 4. The annual sale features fine and costume jewelry donated by people interested in furthering the fight against cancer.

Proceeds from the sale will help fund cancer research and local programs and services of the American Cancer Society. Donations are still needed.

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G.P. Boat Club

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Not shown, are Ed Harrah, data base chairman; Chuck Witzke, membership chairman; Abbay Evanoff, treasurer; and Sandi Witzke, secretary.

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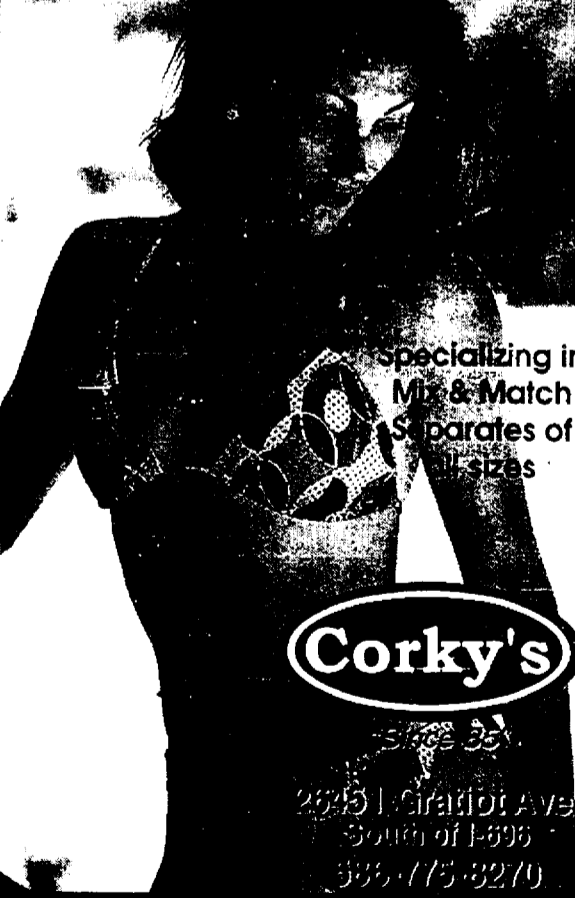


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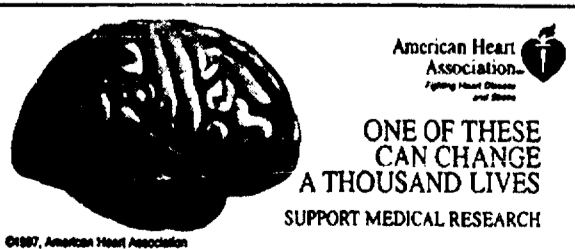
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7:30 p.m. Stations of the Cross and Reserved Sacrament

HOLY SATURDAY - 4:00 p.m. Children's Service - First Eucharist of Easter

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12:00 Noon The Rev. Dr. David Eberhard
12:45 pm Rev. Dr. John Heins
1:30 pm Rev. Ronald Guerler
The Lutheran Chorales

2:15 pm Symbolic Sealing of the Tomb
7:00 pm Tenebrae Service

EASTER SUNDAY
6:55 am Symbolic Unsealing of the Tomb
7:00 am Easter Sunrise Service
9:30 am Easter Family Service
11:00 am Easter Festival Service

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MAUNDY THURSDAY - 7:30 p.m.
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GOOD FRIDAY - 12:30 Worship Service
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7:30 a.m. Sunrise Service
9:30 a.m. Easter Worship Service

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Good Friday Meditation - March 29, 2002 noon
Requiem by John Rutter with orchestra

Easter Sunday - March 31, 2002
Mass at 8:15 a.m. - Festal Choral Mass 10:30 a.m.

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11:15 A.M. and 7:30 P.M. - Holy Communion
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GOOD FRIDAY MARCH 29, 2002
1:00 P.M. - Passion Service (No Communion)
7:30 P.M. - Tenebrae (With Communion)

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March 31, 2002, 8:00 a.m.
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HOLY WEEK and EASTER SCHEDULE

MAUNDY THURSDAY - MARCH 28
7:30 p.m. Washing of Feet + Holy Eucharist

GOOD FRIDAY - MARCH 29
1:00 p.m. (at St. Paul Lutheran Church)
7:30 p.m. Service of Light and Darkness

HOLY SATURDAY - MARCH 30
8:00 p.m. (at GP Memorial Church)
Easter Vigil with Adult Baptism

EASTER DAY - THE RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD - MARCH 31
6:30 a.m. Sunrise Service with Holy Eucharist*
9:30 a.m. Food and Fellowship
10:00 a.m. Pre-Worship Easter Music
10:15 a.m. Service with Holy Eucharist

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GOOD FRIDAY
1:00 p.m. Afternoon Service
7:30 p.m. Tenebrae

EASTER SUNDAY
7:00 a.m. Holy Communion
9:00 a.m. Contemporary Service with Communion
11:00 a.m. Festive Service with Communion
8:15-10:30 a.m. Easter breakfast
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Holy Week Services

MAUNDY THURSDAY, MARCH 28
1:00 p.m. & 7:00 p.m. - Worship with Holy Communion

GOOD FRIDAY, MARCH 29
1:00 p.m. - The Veneration of the Crucified
at St. Paul Lutheran
7:30 p.m. - Tenebrae Service

SATURDAY, MARCH 30
8:00 p.m. - Easter Vigil at Grosse Pointe Memorial

EASTER SUNDAY, MARCH 31
Resurrection of Our Lord Easter Day
9:00 & 11:15 a.m. - Worship with Holy Communion
Easter breakfast is served between worship services.

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HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

Maundy Thursday - 6:00 p.m. Dinner - Fellowship Hall
7:30 p.m. Taizé Service with Holy Communion

Good Friday - 7:30 a.m. Ecumenical Men's Breakfast
Noon - 3:00 p.m. Prayer & Meditation in Sanctuary
7:30 p.m. Good Friday Tenebrae Service

Holy Saturday - 7:30 p.m. Easter Vigil
Rev. Gus Kopka, preaching
Baptisms & Holy Communion

Easter Sunday - 7:45 a.m. Columbarium Service
Rev. Thomas F. Rice, preaching
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7:30 p.m.**
Holy Eucharist and Stripping of the Alter

GOOD FRIDAY
12:00 - 3:00 p.m.**
Six Half-Hour Services of Meditation, Prayer and Hymns
Preaching: The Revs. David Greer, Bryant Dennison, Joyce Caggiano,
Harold "Ray" Bronk, Alexander "Ray" Babin and Robert Wollard

GOOD FRIDAY EVENING
7:30 p.m.
Choral Concert of Sacred Music, with Orchestra
(No Admission Charge)

HOLY SATURDAY
THE GREAT VIGIL OF EASTER
8:00 p.m.**

EASTER SUNDAY
7:00, 9:15,** 11:15 A.M.** a.m.
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Holy Thursday
Mass of the Lord's Supper
Thursday, March 28 at 7:30pm

Candle Procession following Mass at 8:30 pm
Eucharistic Adoration at the Altar of Repose until 11:00 pm

Good Friday Services
Friday, March 29 from 12:00 noon - 3:00 pm
Stations of the Cross at 12:00 noon
Celebration of the Lord's Passion at 1:00 pm

Holy Saturday
Saturday, March 30
Children's Easter Egg Hunt at 12:00 noon
Blessing of Food at 12:15 pm on front church steps

Solemn Celebration of the Easter Vigil
7:30 pm - 9:30 pm
Service of Light, Scriptures and Adult Initiation at 7:30 pm
Easter Vigil Mass at 8:30 pm

Easter Sunday Services
Sunday, March 31
Mass at 8:00 am
Mass at 9:30 am. with Contemporary Choir
Mass at 11:30 am with Formal Choir

HOLY WEEK & EASTER 2002 AT ST. AMBROSE PARISH

Saturday, March 23
Communal Penance Service - 2:00 p.m.

Wednesday, March 27
Communal Penance Service - 7:00 p.m.

Thursday, March 28 - HOLY THURSDAY
Mass of the Lord's Supper - 7:00 p.m.
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until midnight

Friday, March 29 - GOOD FRIDAY
Stations Of The Cross - 12:00 Noon
Liturgy of the Lord's Passion and Death - 1:30 p.m.
Stations in the Street - 3:30 pm. - Starting at Jefferson & Manistique

Saturday, March 30 - HOLY SATURDAY
Blessing of Easter Foods - 12:00 noon
THE GREAT EASTER VIGIL MASS - 7:00 p.m.

Sunday, March 31 - EASTER SUNDAY
Mass at 8:30 a.m.
Mass at 11:15 a.m.

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Engagements



David Best and Lindsay Mergos

Mergos-Best

Connie and Fred Mergos of Harper Woods have announced the engagement of their daughter, Lindsay Mergos, to David Best, son of Joan and Patrick Best of Novi.

A May wedding is planned.

Mergos earned a bachelor of arts degree from Lyman Briggs/Michigan State University and a D.O. degree from Michigan State University Medical School.

She will begin a residency in family medicine at Garden City Hospital in June.

Best earned a bachelor of arts degree from Kalamazoo College, a master of science degree from Wayne State University and a D.O. degree from Des Moines University.

He will also start his residency in family medicine at Garden City Hospital in June.

Zieman-Hepner

Irene and Terry Zieman of Stony Plain, Alberta, Canada, have announced the engagement of their daughter, Kimberly Dawn Zieman, to Chad Steven Hepner, son of Russ and Stephany Hepner of Shelby, Ohio, formerly of Grosse Pointe Farms. An April wedding is planned.



Kimberly Dawn Zieman and Chad Steven Hepner

Zieman earned a degree in elementary education from Michigan State University. She teaches first grade.

Hepner earned a degree in education from Michigan State University. He is a teacher and coach at Grosse Pointe South High School.

Pope-Leimgruber

Lois Pope of Cincinnati, formerly of the City of Grosse Pointe, has announced the engagement of her daughter, Renee Pope, to Philip Leimgruber, son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Leimgruber of Thornwood, N.Y. An August 2003 wedding is planned.

Pope earned a bachelor's degree from Ohio University. She is a product manager for a line of designer jewelry.

Leimgruber earned a bachelor's degree from the State University of New York. He is a student at Pace Law School.



Renee Pope and Phillip Leimgruber

Unitarian Church presents George Benson Quartet

The Grosse Pointe Unitarian Church will present a Jazz Forum Concert at 8 p.m. Wednesday, April 3, at the church, 17150 Maumee.

Detroit saxophonist George Benson and his

quartet will perform. Chuck Shermetaro will be on the piano, Don Mayberry, bass, and Tom Brown, drums.

The final concert of the series will be on Wednesday, May 1, and will feature Kate Patterson and Friends.



Louis J. Prues

LTA presents Stations of the Cross

The Lay Theological Academy will present a Good Friday Stations of the Cross Walk from 3:30 to 5 p.m. Friday, March 29. It will begin at St. Columba Church at Manistique and Jefferson and proceed one square block, stopping to pray and sing at significant places. The ecumenical attempt to walk the footsteps of Christ will end with a soup and bread supper at St. Ambrose Catholic Church.

A cross leads the procession of strolling musicians and people, including children, youth and adults.

For more information, call George Bush at (313) 823-0177.

60-voice choir comes to G.P. Memorial

Measure for Measure, a 60-voice all-male choir, will perform at 7:30 p.m. Sunday, April 14, at Grosse Pointe Memorial Church.

The choir is directed by Leonard Riccento.

A free-will offering will be collected and a reception will follow the concert.

Pointer receives award

Louis J. Prues of the City of Grosse Pointe, vice president for communications and planning at Lutheran Social Services of Michigan, will receive the 2002 Manning Award for Specialized Ministry from the University of Dubuque Theological Seminary in Dubuque, Iowa, at a dinner Tuesday, April 2.

The award, named for the late dean of the seminary, Herbert Manning Jr., is for outstanding alumni achievement.

Prues earned a master of divinity degree from Dubuque Seminary in 1974. He also holds a bachelor's degree and MBA from the University of Cincinnati and later earned a doctoral degree from the San Francisco Theological Seminary.

In addition to his position at Lutheran Social Services

of Michigan, where he has worked since 1994, Prues is a parish associate at Jefferson Avenue Presbyterian Church in Detroit. He was appointed by Gov. John Engler to serve on the state Committee on Health Services.

Lutheran Social Services of Michigan is the largest faith-based nonprofit agency in the state. Affiliated with the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, it spans the Lower Peninsula with more than 70 programs in 54 cities, including subsidized housing and community outreach, services for children and families, refugees and immigrants, persons with disabilities and older adults.

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EASTER DAY
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Listening is key to treatment at Post-Polio Clinic

By Dr. Daniel M. Ryan
Special Writer

It was the scourge of the 1940s and 1950s. It terrified the nation and traumatized fearful families. At its height in the United States, it affected millions.

Poliomyelitis — or polio, as it is more commonly known — is an infectious

disease caused by a virus. In serious cases, polio attacks the central nervous system (brain and spinal cord), which can lead to extensive paralysis (including paralysis of the muscles involved in breathing). In some cases, it can even be fatal.

After a polio vaccine was introduced in 1955, the disease was largely forgotten. Forgotten, that is, by everyone except the world's more than 20 million survivors of the disease. It is estimated that throughout Michigan, the Midwest and Ontario there are 16,000 polio survivors.

For the most part, polio survivors have been able to function somewhat normally during their prime adult years. They can walk, often with a limp; they can drive a car, raise families.

But now, their age and the disease are catching up with them. While we all lose neurons as we age,

post-polio patients suffer a more rapid aging process.

Some of the symptoms of post-polio syndrome include, to varying degrees:

- Unusual fatigue
- New weakness in muscles
- Pain in muscles or joints
- Sleeping difficulty
- Breathing problems
- Swallowing difficulty
- Decreased ability to tolerate cold temperatures
- Decline in ability to conduct usual daily activities

Because the disease had been virtually eradicated in the late '50s, many physicians know very little about post-polio syndrome.

That is changing, thanks in large part to the patients themselves — a feisty group of fighters and advocates — who have made their voices heard in the medical community.

The establishment of the St. John Post-Polio Clinic

was, in fact, inspired by one such feisty patient —

Bonnie Levitan of Grosse Pointe Farms. In 1999, several years after she had been diagnosed with the disorder, Bonnie wrote to St. John Hospital about the need for help for post-polio patients.

We've been listening ever since. That's really the key to forming a treatment plan that works for the individual — because no two cases of post-polio are exactly the same. Using a team approach, St. John's post-polio patients are evaluated by:

- An internal medicine physician
- A physiatrist (a doctor specializing in physical and rehabilitation medicine) with special expertise in polio
- Orthotist (a highly trained clinician educated in evaluating and developing custom orthopedic appliances)

• Geriatric social worker
While there is no cure for post-polio syndrome, we do know that lifestyle modifications can go a long way in helping patients to live a better life.

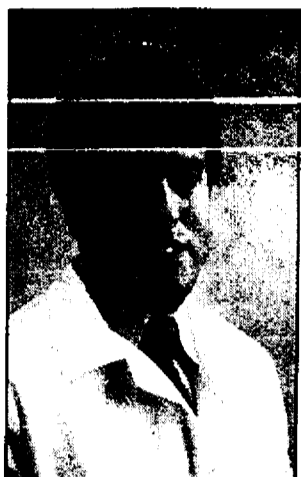
At the St. John Post-Polio Clinic, patients learn stretching exercises to retain flexibility. They learn about new lightweight orthotics that are now available and they have access to occupational therapy and speech and language pathology. They also learn more about support groups and are encouraged to take an active role in educating themselves about the latest breakthroughs in the treatment of post-polio.

There is a symbiotic relationship between the St. John Post-Polio Clinic staff and its patients, who come from as far as Battle Creek, Grand Rapids, Midland, Sturgis, Kalamazoo and Toledo. I think we learn as much from our patients as

they learn from us. It's that kind of relationship that keeps us all going. I wasn't born when most of my patients struggled with polio as children. But when they bring in pictures of themselves as kids in heavy leg braces and iron lungs, I see photos that reflect the uncertainty, as well as emotional and physical trauma that were the hallmarks of the disease.

Today, I see strong-willed, determined people who have faced adversity and are still winning. We have so much more to learn from post-polio patients. That's why we'll keep on listening.

Dr. Daniel M. Ryan is a physiatrist and medical director of the St. John Post-Polio Clinic, 45660 Schoenherr in Shelby Township. He can be reached at (586) 566-3036. To learn more about the St. John Post-Polio Clinic, visit www.stjohn.org.



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The program is open to residents in the Grosse Pointes, Harper Woods, and Detroit area ZIP Code 48224.

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NOTICE OF SEALED BIDS: The City of Grosse Pointe Woods will receive sealed bids until 10:00 A.M., local time on Thursday, April 11, 2002 at the offices of the City Clerk, City of Grosse Pointe Woods, 20025 Mack Plaza, Grosse Pointe Woods, Michigan 48236, at which time and place all bids will be publicly opened and read aloud. The streets included and the approximate quantities involved in this project are as follows:

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Plans and specification are on file and copies may be secured on or after Thursday, March 28, 2002 at 1:00 P.M., at the offices of Anderson, Eckstein and Westrick, Inc., 51301 Schoenherr Road, Shelby Township, Michigan 48315. A fee of Thirty Five Dollars (\$35.00) will be required for each set of proposed plans and specifications and will not be refunded. A mailing fee of Ten Dollars (\$10.00) to cover postage and handling will be charged to anyone wishing to receive the plans and specifications via United Parcel Services.

Specifications and plans are also on file for viewing at the office of the City Clerk. A certified check, bank draft or satisfactory bid bond, executed by the bidder and a surety company, payable to the City of Grosse Pointe Woods Treasurer, in an amount at least equal to five percent (5%) of the bid amount, shall be submitted with each bid. No bid may be withdrawn for a period of sixty (60) calendar days after the receipt of bids.

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

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City Clerk

Kerby Karnival

The theme of this year's Kerby Karnival is "There's No Place Like Kerby." The carnival will be held from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, April 27, at Kerby Elementary School in Grosse Pointe Farms. Proceeds will support academic and campus enhancements at the school.

Deann Newman, at the left, and Kathy Marowski, both of Grosse Pointe Farms, are co-chairmen of the event.

Other members of the committee are Lisa Kelch, Ann Marie Allotta, Debbie Caputo, Ann Kay, Margo Henel, Kelly Machesky, Andrea Sullivan, Polly Tech, Martha Mothershead, Patti Bickerstaff, Kevin Reitzloff, Mary Anne Burke, Alison Colosi, Patty Moran, Hala Besmar, Susan Bamford, Cheryl Reitzloff, Debra Jakub, Eddie Geha, Scott Lattimore, Anne Jones, Marty Vorhees and Peggy Fitzgerald.



Children's Home of Detroit gets grant for tech assistance

The Children's Home of Detroit has been awarded a technical assistance grant from the Community Foundation of Southeastern Michigan's Touch the Future Program to develop a planned giving program. The Children's Home of Detroit has residential programs for emotionally impaired children at each of its campuses in Wayne, Macomb and Oakland counties. Also part of the CHD's services:

- The National Institute for Trauma and Loss in Children, (TLC), a training program for professionals who work with children who have experienced trauma;
- The Foundation for Exceptional Children, a program for mentally and developmentally challenged children; and
- Youth Assistance Services, an array of programs for young people and their families.

The Community Foundation for Southeastern Michigan, founded in 1984, is a permanent community endowment built by gifts from hundreds of individuals and organizations committed to the

future of southeast Michigan. The Foundation works to improve the quality of life in southeast Michigan by supporting a variety of activities benefiting education, arts and culture, health, human services, community development and civic affairs.

Governed by a board of 50 community leaders, the Foundation makes grants to outstanding charitable projects in Wayne, Oakland, Macomb, Monroe, Washtenaw, St. Clair and Livingston counties. The Foundation has assets of more than \$345 million and since its inception, has distributed more than \$122 million in 15,350 grants to nonprofit organizations. The Foundation works with more than 650 funds, including 150 endowment funds for local nonprofits.

Founded in 1836, the Children's Home of Detroit is committed to improving the well-being of children and families by providing therapeutic, social and educational services.

For planned giving information, call Lisa Mower Gandelot, director of development, at (313) 886-0800, ext. 20.

Weddings

MacLean-Maffei

Catherine Hamilton MacLean, daughter of Kenneth and Nancy MacLean of the City of Grosse Pointe, married James Robert Maffei, son of Joseph and Augusta Maffei of Pittsburgh, Pa., on Sept. 1, 2001, at Grosse Pointe Memorial Church.

The Rev. Joanna Dunn and Deacon Richard Shubik officiated at the 5 p.m. ceremony, which was followed by a reception at the Lochmoor Club.

The bride wore a white A-line organza gown decorated with embroidery on the bodice and hem. Her fingertip-length veil was trimmed with satin. She carried a bouquet of white roses and white irises.

The matron of honor was Amy Stackhouse of Cincinnati.

Bridesmaids were Elizabeth Phinney of Lansing, Jennifer Schultz of Somerville, Mass., and Carla Shupp of Garland, Texas.

The flower girls were Amy Maffei of Boiling Springs, Pa., and Lenna Quackenbush of Shutesbury, Mass.

Attendants wore two-piece black satin dresses with embroidered bodices. They carried bouquets of red roses and purple irises.

The best man was Brian Higgins of Columbus, Ohio.

Groomsmen were Ralph Lowe of Pittsburgh, James Ellis of Asheville, N.C., and Dan Kirtz of Cleveland, Ohio.

The ring bearer was Paul Quackenbush of Shutesbury, Mass.

The mother of the bride wore a black and silver sequined top and a long black skirt and carried long-stemmed red roses.

The groom's mother wore a floor-length light apricot-colored beaded dress and a wrist corsage of apricot-colored roses.

Readers were the bride's brother, Ken MacLean of Silverthorne, Colo., and the groom's sister, Mary Jo Maffei of Shutesbury, Mass.

The bride earned a bachelor of arts degree in zoology from Miami University and a master of arts degree in teaching from Wayne State



Mr. and Mrs. James Robert Maffei

University. She is a teacher.

The groom earned a bachelor's degree in marketing from Miami University and a master's degree in business administration from Xavier University.

He is a product manager in Latin America for Campbell Hausfeld.

The couple traveled to Costa Rica. They live in Mexico City, Mexico.

Babies

Grace Margaret Labadie

Nancy and Tim Labadie of Grosse Pointe Farms are the parents of a daughter, Grace Margaret Labadie, born Dec. 6, 2001.

Maternal grandparents are Margerite and Thomas

Archibald of Sterling Heights.

Paternal grandparents are Diana and Norval Labadie of Grosse Pointe Woods.

Great-grandmothers are Helen Labadie of Grosse Pointe Farms and Marie Brickner of Delphos, Ohio.

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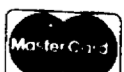
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Pride of the Pointes

Grosse Pointers **Matthew Nickel, Deborah Rimbo** and **Kirsten Winfield** have been named to the dean's list at Hope College. Nickel is a senior, Rimbo is a junior and Winfield is a sophomore.

Albion College's dean's list for the fall semester includes five local students: **Emily J. Knaus**, daughter of James and Jane Knaus of Grosse Pointe Park; **Lisa M. Leverenz**, daughter of John and Catherine Leverenz of the City of Grosse Pointe; **Shawn M. Maurer**, daughter of John Maurer of Lake Orion and Susan Maurer of the City of Grosse Pointe; **Benjamin A. Schaefer**, son of Stephen and Elizabeth Schaefer of the City of Grosse Pointe; and **Melissa J. Wood**, daughter of John and Michelle Wood of the City of Grosse Pointe.

Brandon G. Dobbins, son of David and Judy Dobbins of Grosse Pointe Woods, and **Joseph F. Jeannette II**, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph F. Jeannette of Grosse Pointe Farms, were named to the dean's list at Hillsdale College. Dobbins is a sophomore majoring in math. Jeannette is a senior majoring in speech rhetoric.

Katie E. Crowther, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Crowther of Grosse Pointe Woods, and **Katherine F. Hyduk**, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Hyduk, also of the Woods, were named to the dean's list at John Carroll University for the fall semester.

Melissa Hirth of Grosse

Pointe Woods and **Sean Brady** of Grosse Pointe Shores were named to the dean's list in the school of education for the fall term at the University of Michigan-Dearborn.

Named to the dean's list at Madonna University were: **Susan DeSeranno**, **Christine Teresa Anderson**, **Rebecca L. Buckman**, **Katherine J. Daudin**, **Jennifer M. Jensen**, **Rachel E. Knitter**, **Rebecca Dallaire** and **Lindsay Alexander Simmon**, all of Grosse Pointe Woods; **Benjamin L. Bomgaars** of Grosse Pointe Park; **Sandra Lynn Linebaugh** of Grosse Pointe Farms; and **Emily Stella Konieczki** of the City of Grosse Pointe.

Lauren Handley, daughter of Linda and Jim Handley of Grosse Pointe Farms, was inducted into the Golden Key International Honour Society at Central Michigan University. She is also a member of the National Society of Collegiate Scholars.

Named to the dean's list at Bucknell University: **Nicholas A. DiLoreto**, son of Robert and Susan DiLoreto of Grosse Pointe Farms; and **Kayhan N. Kashef**, daughter of Zahra Khademian and Minuchehr Kashef of the City of Grosse Pointe.

The following Grosse Pointers were named to the dean's list for the fall semester at Western Michigan University: **Erin Walsh**, **Matthew Magreta**, **Anthony Gatliff**,

Georgiann Serra, **Teresa Gage**, **Pamela Majewski**, **Christopher Vanhof**, **Bradley Ball**, **Amanda Middleton**, **Brian Degnore**, **Sarah Kraft**, **Abigail Scott**, **William Blaess**, **Keely Brent**, **Sarah Ann Kingsley**, **Kristen Davison**, **Erika Fell**, **Stacey Foresman**, **Jarrett Morley**, **Sean O'Mara** and **Elizabeth Olson**.

Fall graduates of Michigan State University included the following Grosse Pointers: **Jason Apostolos**, **Jennifer Collins**, **Laura Garzel**, **Joseph Ghanem**, **Jason Knost**, **Stephanie Schaden**, **Kathryn Ann Schweighoefer**, **Jan-Michael Stump**, **Katherine Szelc**, **Michelle Vasapoli**, **Kelly Cooper** and **Darcy Desmyter**. Also graduating were **Christopher Jones** and **Beau Marshall**, both of Harper Woods.

Michigan State University honor students for the fall semester included the following Grosse Pointers: **Kelly Aitken**, **Dianna Anderson**, **Georgia Bakalis**, **Daniel Battjes**, **Rena Biondo**, **Michael Bissig**, **Charles Braun**, **Natalie Brewer**, **Andrew Byron**, **Claire Cadorin**, **Stephen Cahill**, **Caitlin Carroll**, **Kathleen Clark**, **Cathy Conger**, **Ryan Cordier**, **Mary Cornillie**, **Cara Crawford**, **Kathleen Cuneo**, **Lyndsay Dalby**, **Bronwyn Dansey**, **Erika Dattero**, **Kathryn Day** and **Alicia Dempz**. Also on the honor list were: **Eric Dillaman**, **Emily Edick**, **Adam**

Elbenni, **Jaclyn Evola**, **Katherine Failla**, **Justin Fish**, **Christine Frcka**, **Laura Garzel**, **Katherine Greer**, **Kristen Halicki**, **Andrea Herzberg**, **Andrew Hill**, **Katherine Horn**, **Kelly Huetteman**, **Lauren Jahnke**, **David Janis**, **Carrie Johnson**, **Maggie Katchmark**, **Matthew Kellett**, **James Kelly**, **Brian Killian** and **Brian Krall**.

More are: **Leah Lewsandowski**, **Patrick Livingston**, **David Majeski**, **Peter Marks**, **Sara Maters**, **Jill Morath**, **Brien Morrell**, **Emily Neveux**, **Erin Noethen**, **Martin Peters**, **Sarah Post**, **Nicole Potenga**, **Margaret Rainey**, **Jeffrey Roulo**, **Richard Rozycki**, **Arthur Sandt**, **Alison Scarfone**, **Heath Schollenberger**, **Rebecca Schulman**, **Jennifer Sloan**, **Stephanie Slomski**, **Christoph Smith**, **Valentin Solano** and **Kristina Spaulding**.

Also: **Nicole Stanford**, **Meagan Starr**, **Katrina Strasz**, **Suzanne Swanson**, **Katherine Szelc**, **Julie Thompson**, **Robin Tocco**, **Sonja Tomovska**, **Julia Vaughn**, **Toni Marie Ventimiglia**, **Amanda Woods**, **Lauren Zalski**, **William Crawford**, **Katherine Kotz**, **Hania Danko**, **Jonathan Terrell**, **Geoffrey Barbier** and **Bradley Case**. Students from Harper Woods included: **David Brozo**, **Michael Codd**, **Erin Damitio**, **Fran Dotterer**, **Emily France**, **Allison Gonyear**, **Nina Jenzen**, **Andrew Schubeck**, **Ryan Sullivan** and **Pamela Werling**.

Republican Women

The Republican Women's Club of Grosse Pointe will meet at 6:30 p.m. Friday, April 5, at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial. The speakers will be State Rep. Andrew "Rocky" Raczkowski, candidate to unseat Sen. Carl Levin in the 2002 election; and **Lola Peterson**, fifth vice chair of the Michigan Republican State Committee.

Raczkowski represents the Michigan House's 37th district, which consists of the communities of Farmington and Farmington Hills. He is a captain in the U.S. Army Reserve.

Peterson's committee is concerned about senior citizens in Michigan.

Hors d'oeuvres and beverages will be served before the program.

The community is invited. The cost is \$5.

To make a reservation, send a check payable to RWCGP to Republican Women, 929 Woods Lane, Grosse Pointe Woods, 48236. To get more information about membership in the Republican Women's Club, call (313) 886-3785.

Mothers of Multiples

The Macomb County Mothers of Multiples Club will meet at 7 p.m. Thursday, April 4, at Holy Cross Lutheran Church,

30003 Ryan in Warren. The organization offers support to mothers of twins (or more) in the form of advice and socialization. Some meetings also include fathers and siblings.

For more information, call **Kathy Colombo**, president, at (586) 979-6092.

AAUW

The American Association of University Women of Grosse Pointe will meet at 6 p.m. Thursday, April 11, in the Van Elslander Center behind St. John Hospital. The speaker will be **Dr. Cynthia Browne**, and the topic will be alternative cancer treatment, nutrition and overall women's health. Members may attend an informal dinner together at 6 p.m. in the St. John Hospital cafeteria.

The community is invited to the event. The cost is \$5.

Send a check, payable to AAUWGP, to **Melissa Ryan**, 23009 Gaukler, St. Clair Shores, 48080, or pay at the door.

Valet parking will be available.

Louisa St. Clair

The Louisa St. Clair chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution will sponsor a genealogy workshop from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, April 27 at Redeemer Lutheran Church on East Jefferson.

For more information about the event, contact **mmsavage@aol.com**.

Village of Grosse Pointe Shores

NOTICE OF ENACTMENT OF ORDINANCE NO. 216

Notice is hereby given that at its regular meeting on March 19, 2002, the Grosse Pointe Shores Village Council passed new Ordinance No. 216. The ordinance was ordered to take effect upon the publication of synopses of the ordinance in a newspaper circulated in the Village of Grosse Pointe Shores.

Ordinance No. 216 authorizes the Village to recover costs incurred by the Village in connection with spills, releases or other incidents involving hazardous or dangerous materials or substances, or utility failures, and repeals inconsistent ordinances.

A copy of Ordinance No. 216 is available for public inspection at the Villages offices.

Linda S. Walton,
Village Clerk

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Seniors: Avoid untested anti-aging potions

By Matilda Charles
Ponce de Leon's quest for the Fountain of Youth in Florida wasn't the only time a lot of energy and treasure was spent searching for an anti-aging miracle that doesn't exist.

In our own time, we spend billions of dollars a year for so-called anti-aging medicines that are supposed to stop the aging process or, at least, its visible signs. They don't.

According to the International Longevity Center-USA (ILC-USA), a not-for-profit, nonpartisan policy-research organization in New York City, Americans are buying products that have yet to show "convincing

evidence that administration of any specific compound, natural or artificial, can globally slow aging in people, or even in mice or rats."

Sadly, people are giving all this money to an industry that, according to the ILC-USA, is largely "under the control (of) nonscientists who use terms like 'virtual immortality' and 'an ageless society' to attract customers to untested remedies that have not withstood the rigors of serious clinical trials and that often have dangerous side effects."

But sadder still is how all of this sham affects the credibility of, or funding for, real

scientific projects involved in research to prevent diseases often associated with aging.

As for the celebrities who tout the anti-aging benefits of a potion, lotion or "miracle" device, their youthful looks are more likely a result of good genes, avoidance of exposure to sunlight, or plastic surgery. (Remember: If these medications worked, plastic surgeons would not be bidding against oil sheiks for classic Rolls Royce Silver Shadows.)

The effects of aging can be slowed with clinically-tested means: Beside avoiding exposure to sunlight (which is the "Great Wrinkler"), you

should follow a sensible diet and exercise regimen, which your doctor can set up for you.

Write to Matilda Charles in care of King Features Weekly Service, P.O. Box 536475, Orlando, FL 32853-6475, or send an e-mail to letters.kfws@hearst.com.

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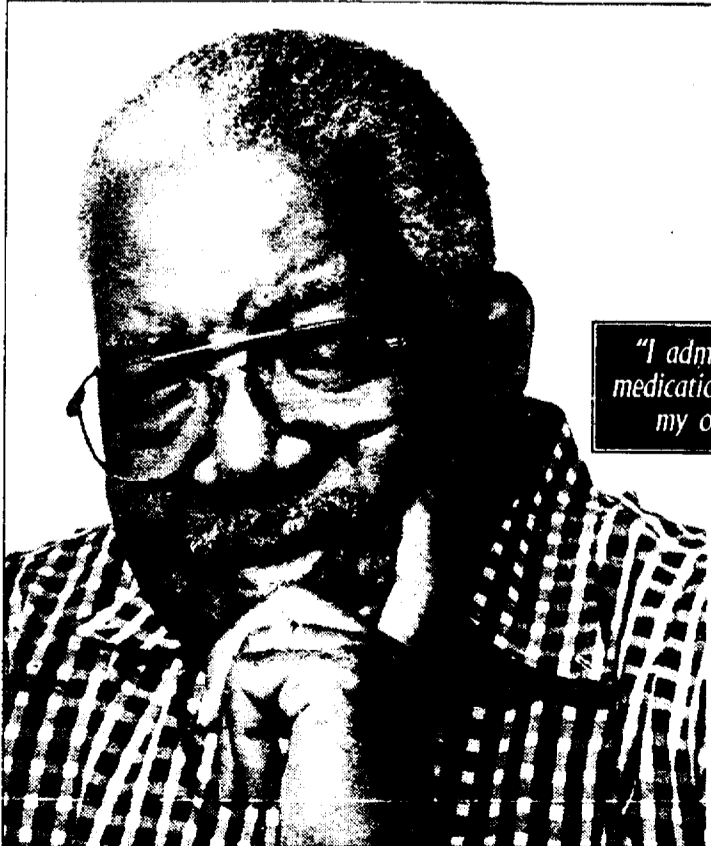
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Healthy side dishes enhance Easter meal

Easter Sunday is approaching. It will offer yet another opportunity to share time and food with your family and loved ones (after church, of course).

This week's recipes are two simple side dishes to pair with the traditional ham or turkey you'll be serving. The onion pie is a delicious take on onions paired with cheese, milk and eggs.

The second recipe is a super simple, low-fat wheat bread stuffing that will enhance your meal without enhancing your waistline.

Vidalia Onion Pie

1 9-inch ready-to-bake pie crust
2 tablespoons olive oil or butter
3 large Vidalia onions, chopped
3/4 cup egg substitute or 3 eggs
1/2 teaspoon salt
1/4 teaspoon paprika
Dash of lemon pepper
1 cup skim (or regular) milk
1 tablespoon dried parsley
2 cups shredded low-fat cheddar, Swiss or regular cheese

Preheat the oven to 375 degrees. Sauté the chopped onions with the olive oil over medium heat until the onions become translu-

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By Annie Rouleau-Scheriff



cent, 10 to 15 minutes. Meanwhile, fit the pie crust into a deep, 9-inch glass pie dish and set aside. Cool the sautéed onions for a few minutes and spread them on the bottom of the pie crust. In a small bowl, whisk together the egg substitute, salt, paprika, lemon pepper, parsley and milk. Stir in the cheese and pour the mixture over the onions.

Use a spatula to evenly spread the cheese over the onions. Bake at 375 degrees for 30 to 35 minutes, until the pie is firm and golden brown. Allow to cool for a few minutes, cut into wedges and serve.

The Vidalia pie didn't start as a healthy recipe, but I turned it into one. You can make your onion pie however you wish (regular or low-fat). My pie was tasty and sweet from the Vidalia onions. No one

believed that it was actually low-fat.

Cut the pie into eight wedges for a larger serving. Sixteen wedges make a perfect side serving size. Make this pie the day before and reheat it in a low oven (300 degrees) or in the microwave.

Vegetable whole wheat stuffing

1 loaf Wonder Lite wheat bread, stale, cut or torn into small pieces

2 tablespoons plus 1/4 cup olive oil

2 teaspoons chopped or minced garlic

1 chopped/diced cup each:

onions, carrots, celery and potatoes with the skin on

2 tablespoons dried parsley

1/2 to 1 teaspoon dried thyme

1 to 2 teaspoons dried sage leaves

1 14-oz. can chicken broth (regular or low sodium)

Salt and pepper to taste

In a large nonstick skillet, heat the oil and sauté the garlic with the chopped vegetables over medium heat. Cook and stir the vegetables for several (15-20) minutes, until they begin to soften and brown. Stir in the parsley, thyme and sage and remove from the heat.

Place the bread pieces in a large mixing bowl. Add the cooked vegetables and

toss well. Drizzle the mixture with the remaining 1/4 cup of olive oil and toss. Add the chicken broth, a third (or so) at a time and toss well before adding more. The bread mixture should be plenty moist but not drenched. If you think your mixture is too dry, add another tablespoon of olive oil.

Taste your stuffing mixture and season with salt, pepper or additional herbs to your taste. Turn the stuffing into a 2 quart glass baking dish that has been coated with cooking spray. You can prepare the stuffing a day in advance. Cover tightly and store in the refrigerator until 30 minutes before baking time.

You can bake your stuffing at an oven temperature ranging anywhere from 325 to 375 (or even 400) degrees. The higher the oven temperature, the less the baking time. Plan on 45 minutes at 375 degrees. This way your stuffing can be adapted to the rest of your meal's cooking temperature. The top of your stuffing should be golden and slightly crispy.

This vegetable-loaded, good-for-you stuffing is packed with flavor where the veggies meet the herbs. You'll be surprised at the taste and texture of Wonder Lite wheat bread (which is the only bread you'll find in my house).

Easter Sunday 2002 — more reasons than ever to be thankful. No reason to not make it a healthy holiday.

Mitford on my Mind: the hottest free ticket

By Helen Gregory
Special Writer

For everyone who is sick of the violence, speed and complexity of today's city life, Jan Karon writes the heartwarming Mitford stories. Her books are for everyone who has had it with what we've come to know as real life.

Mitford is a little bitty mountain town in North Carolina where social life centers around the church. Father Tim, the Episcopalian rector who has put on a little weight; Barnabas, a big stray dog; Dooley, a rebellious boy; and other quirky characters make up this cozy community.

Someone recently classified Karon as a romance writer. I suppose that would depend on how you define romance. Certainly, she doesn't write what's known in the trade as bodice-rippers.

As for the love story... well, that is slow-growing, over a number of novels in the series. It lacks the extravagance that comes to mind when you hear the word romance.

No. Her real genre is Utopian. She has created a community pretty much complete unto itself. A lot of people would love to live there, where everyday problems take full attention.

Should the minister take in the stray dog? With the same degree of emphasis, should he take care of the stray boy? What's going to happen with the young widow? Is the painting found in the attic a masterpiece or a fake?

Donna Kae Nelson's whimsical ink drawings illustrate scenes northern city folk haven't seen since the '50s. In that time the publishers would have tried to get Norman Rockwell to do the artwork, if he were available. But his illustra-

tions were primarily in color. These black and white ones fit the down-home simplicity of the saga.



The Book Return

This Utopia has made Karon the darling of the booksellers. Her myriad fans are queuing for life in Mitford — full of simplicity.

You can find out more about the Mitford books and Karon online at many sites. My favorite, with her newsletter, reading group guides and other special features, is www.mitfordbooks.com.

And now Karon is getting ready to quit touring. Before she quits, the Grosse Pointe Public Library is bringing her here for National Library Week. Many of you know this already.

Right after she speaks in Grosse Pointe, she's heading for an engagement in Grand Rapids and then she intends to get off the road, go back home, devote more time to her writing and enjoy her own kind of Mitford.

When she speaks here, she plans to help us out, too. Her topic is "Finding Mitford for Yourself." She'll be speaking at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, April 18, at Pierce Middle School Auditorium in Grosse Pointe Park.

Due to heavy demand, the free tickets available at the library have been disappearing faster than shrimp at a barbecue. I hope there are still some when this paper comes out.

Here's how it works: Until April 1, the free tickets are available only to Grosse Pointers. On April 1, they become available to the general public. You must pick up tickets in person at your branch of the library. You can't pick them up for more than five people. Please turn in any you find you can't use. This is moving even faster than when we brought in Tony Hillerman last year.

We're asking that you register when you pick up your tickets at the circulation desk of your branch of the library. Registration includes name, telephone number and number of tickets.

There are no guarantees. Everything will be on a first-come, first-served basis.

For further information, phone your branch library: Central (313) 343-2074, extension 220; Park (313) 343-2071; and Woods (313) 343-2072.

I hope to see you there. You can reach me online at hgregory@gp.lib.mi.us or find me at Grosse Pointe's Central Library.

Artists: sign up for festival now

All artists who want to participate in the Grosse Pointe Artists Association's 43rd annual juried "Festival of the Arts" on June 1 and 2 should request a prospectus. Send a self-addressed, stamped envelope to Isabelle Goosen, 1632 Roslyn, Grosse Pointe Woods, 48236. Awards are cash.

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Thursday, March 28

Artistic investments

The General Motors Center for African American Art and the Arts League of Michigan will host a discussion on Collecting African American Art, Thursday, March 28, from 7 to 9 p.m., in the Lecture Hall of the Detroit Institute of Arts. A reception will follow in the Museum's Kresge Court. Tickets are \$8 or \$6 for DIA members. (313) 833-4005.

Friday, March 29 Food & fellowship

Share good food and fellowship during the Men's Friday Ecumenical Breakfast, Friday, March 29, at 7:30 a.m., at Grosse Pointe Memorial Church, 16 Lakeshore in Grosse Pointe Farms. The Rev. Dr. V. Bruce Rigdon of Grosse Pointe Memorial Church will be the featured speaker. The fee is \$5. Call (313) 882-5330.

In concert

The DeHaven Choral and Orchestra will join the Christ Church Choral in interpreting the music of Poulenc, Brahms and Durufle during a free Good Friday Concert, Friday, March 29, at 7:30 p.m., in Christ Church Grosse Pointe, 61 Grosse Pointe Boulevard in Grosse Pointe Farms. Call (313) 885-4841.

Saturday, March 30 Attention animal lovers

Learn to work as a volunteer for the Grosse Pointe Animal Adoption Society during a free training seminar, Saturday, March 30, from 1 to 3 p.m., at the Children's Home of Detroit, 900 Cook in Grosse Pointe Woods. Call (313) 884-1551.

Monday, April 1 Basketball benefit

Watch the NCAA championship game on a large-screen television while enjoying a sports buffet, silent auction, raffle and more during the Grosse Pointe Crisis Club's Road to Atlanta benefit, Monday, April 1, at 6 p.m., at the Barrister Gardens, 24225 Harper in St. Clair Shores. Tickets are \$60. Call (313) 886-4578.

Morality vs. mass destruction

Scientists' moral right to create and exploit weapons of mass destruction will be explored in the free symposium From A-Bomb to Anthrax: Science, Society and Terrorism, Monday, April 1, from 6 to 9 p.m., at the Detroit Science Center, 5020 John R in Detroit. Call (313) 577-8400, ext. 430.

Bid & buy

Make your reservations by Monday, April 1, to bid on services, collectibles, sports memorabilia and hand-designed quilts during an Anything Goes Silent and Live Auction, Sunday, April 14, at 5 p.m., at St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church, 375 Lothrop in Grosse Pointe Farms. The evening also includes a buffet dinner and musical entertainment. Proceeds benefit the St. Paul Organ Fund. Tickets are \$25. Call (313) 884-7620.

Wednesday, April 3 Seasonal celebration

Celebrate the change of season when the Wayne State University Department of Music hosts the 2002 Funeral for Ol' Man Winter, Wednesday, April 3, at 11:30 a.m. The New Orleans-style funeral procession will begin at WSU's Gullen Mall, at Second and Warren in Detroit, and proceed to Circa 1890 Saloon, 5474 Cass in Detroit, where the day's proceeds from food and beverage sales will be donated to the WSU Department of Music. This event will also include the crowning of the 2002 Miss Spring. Call (313) 577-1783.

Thursday, April 4 Animated discussion

Ray Harryhausen, a filmmaker renowned for blending animation with live action, will offer insights and anecdotes from nearly half a century in the industry during a Visiting Designers Lecture Series program, Thursday, April 4, at 6:30 p.m., at the College for Creative Studies, 201 E. Kirby in Detroit. Call (313) 664-7466.

Bless you boys

Help to ensure a divine 2002 baseball season by joining in the second annual Pray Here for the Tigers Service, Thursday, April 4, at 5:30 p.m., at St. John's Episcopal Church, 50 E.

Fisher Freeway in Detroit. Call (313) 962-7358.

Saturday, April 6 French food & film

Fabulous French food and film combine to create an entertaining afternoon when Alliance Francaise de Grosse Pointe offers a screening of the Yves Robert film Le Chateau de ma Mere, Saturday, April 6, at 11:30 a.m., at the War Memorial. Tickets are \$19. Reservations are required. Call (313) 885-3411.

Pick a pet

Find a new furry friend when the Grosse Pointe Animal Adoption Society brings a selection of potential pets to the Children's Home of Detroit, 900 Cook in Grosse Pointe Woods, Saturday, April 6, from noon to 3 p.m. (313) 884-1551.

Fabulous finds

Find fabulous bargains on pre-owned furniture, costume jewelry, china, children's clothing, books, toys and more during the Bon Secours Nursing Care Center Auxiliary's Mammoth Flea Market, Saturday, April 6, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., in the gymnasium of the Bon Brae Center, 22300 Bon Brae. Call (586) 779-7018.

Mark Calendars Monday, April 8 Slice for life

Treat the family to a great dinner and help to feed Detroit's hungry during Buddy's Pizza's 26th Annual A Slice For Life benefit for the Capuchin Soup Kitchen, Monday, April 8, from 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. Purchase a ticket, which entitles you to an all-you-can-eat cheese pizza with two toppings and a salad, at any Buddy's Pizza location. A portion of the proceeds will help the Capuchins provide meals, groceries, clothing and more to families and individuals in need. Tickets, which can be purchased in advance through the Soup Kitchen or at the restaurant, are \$10 for adults, \$8 for seniors and \$5 for children. Call (313) 579-2100, ext. 201.

Thursday, April 11 Wedding wonderland

Find the best bakers, flower designers, photographers, travel agents and fabulous fashions for your special day during the Grosse Pointe News and The Connection's Wedding Show 2002, Thursday, April 11, from 5 to 9 p.m., at Blossom Heath Inn, 24800 Jefferson in St. Clair Shores. Guests will take home prizes, gifts and have a chance to win a Honeymoon in Jamaica courtesy of Seven Seas Travel & Cruises, Northwest Airlines World Vacations and Couples Resorts. Call (313) 882-6900, ext. 3.

Live & Learn War Memorial Update

Enhance your mind, body and spirit by partaking in the courses and adventures offered at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore in Grosse Pointe Farms. Improve your problem solving skills with Six Thinking Hats, Wednesdays, April 10 and April 17, from 7 to 9:30 p.m. The fee is \$50. Discover vintage from Australia, New Zealand, South Africa and South America with Wines From Around the New World, Wednesdays, April 10 through May 1, from 7 to 9 p.m. The fee is \$60, plus a \$40 wine fee. Make yourself more marketable with a Consulting School Workshop, Thursday, April 11, from 8:30 a.m. to noon. The fee is \$30. Allow culinary and pastry arts expert Michelle Bommarito to teach you to make delicious meals. Mama Says Always Eat Your Greens will be offered on Tuesday, April 9, from 1 to 3 p.m. The fee is \$45. A New Chicken Repeat is slated for Thursday, April 11, from 6 to 8 p.m. The fee is \$45. Get in step with Line Dancing for Beginners,

Tuesdays, April 9 through May 21, from 8 to 9 p.m. The fee is \$60. Costume Design For Belly Dancing can be taken on Wednesday, April 10, from 7 to 9:30 p.m. The fee is \$25. Shape up with Jacki's Aerobic Dancing, Mondays and Wednesdays, April 8 through June 10, from 8:45 to 9:45 a.m. The fee is \$75 or \$68 for seniors. The Intellectual Impairment in Michigan Children from PCB-Contaminated Food will be the focus of a free LocalMotion Toxic Chemicals in the Great Lakes Basin program, Wednesday, April 10, at 7 p.m. Preregister using your Master Card or Visa, via fax at (313) 884-6638, e-Mail: www.warmemorial.org, or call (313) 881-7511.

Computer classes

Plug into the information age with free computer classes at the Central Branch of the Grosse Pointe Public Library, 10 Kercheval in Grosse Pointe Farms. On Tuesdays, take a Beginner Internet course, from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m., and an Intermediate Internet Course, from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Every Thursday, Computer Basics will be offered, from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. and Email Basics can be taken from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Preregistration, via phone or the sign-up sheet at the Circulation desk, is required. Call (313) 343-2074, ext. 220.

Pointe's past

Experience Grosse Pointe's past with a free, guided tour of the Grosse Pointe Historical Society's Provencal-Weir House, c. 1823, 376 Kercheval in Grosse Pointe Farms, Saturday, April 13, from 1 to 4 p.m. Guests can learn about 19th Century life in Grosse Pointe, view an exhibit of historic photographs and visit the newly renovated Log Cabin, c. 1840, on the property. In addition, they can purchase videos featuring Grosse Pointe history and related publications and products. Call (313) 884-7010.

Farmhouse museum

Step back into the daily life of a mid-19th century farm family living in Erin Township, now St. Clair Shores, with a tour of the Selinsky-Green Farmhouse Museum, located directly behind the St. Clair Shores Public Library. Listed in the Michigan State Register of Historic Sites, this farmhouse is owned by the City of St. Clair Shores and operated by the St. Clair Shores Historical Commission. The house is open for tours Wednesday and Saturday, 1 to 4 p.m. (586) 771-9020.

Ford House experiences

Experience the grandeur of one of "America's Castles," at the Edsel & Eleanor Ford House. Regular tours will be offered on the hour, Tuesday through Sunday, from noon to 4 p.m., through Easter Sunday, March 31. Tours are \$6 for adults, \$5 for seniors and \$4 for children. Grounds admission is \$5. Annual Passes are available for \$18. Call (313) 884-4222.

Educational opportunities

Take advantage of educational opportunities with Lifelong Learning classes at St. Peter the Apostle Elementary School, 19800 Anita in Harper Woods. Computers for beginners will be offered Mondays, April 8 through April 29, from 9 to 11:30 a.m. and 11, from 8:30 a.m. to noon. Tuesdays, April 10 through May 1, from 11 to 2:30 p.m. The fee is \$90. Intermediate classes are slated for Mondays, April 8 through April 29, from noon to 2:30 p.m. The fee is \$90. Explore Email/the Internet and Websites Thursdays, April 18 through May 2, from 9 to 11 a.m. The fee is \$75. Create your own greetings during a Card Making class, Wednesdays, April 10

Madeline Socia

through April 24, from 9 to 11 a.m. The fee is \$75. Preregistration is requested. Call (586) 493-0917.

Assumption offerings

A full schedule of classes and events await you at The Assumption Cultural Center, 21800 Marter. Reach a new state of well-being and cardiovascular fitness by signing up for Kalosomatics exercise programs, which combine aerobics with walking, running, stretching, elements of yoga and kickboxing. The Spring Session will run through Friday, May 17. Fees are \$52 for two-day sessions, \$74 for three-day sessions and \$94 for four-day sessions. There is a 25% discount for seniors. Parents who sign up for a Kalo class can take advantage of free Kiddie Kalo/Baby Sitting, Monday through Thursday, from 9:30 to 10 a.m. Non-registered parents pay \$1 for Kiddie Kalo. The 17-station Nautilus weight training room is open Monday through Thursday, from 8 to 10:30 a.m. and 6 to 8:30 p.m. and Friday, from 8 to 10:30 a.m. The fee is \$50 for two days per week, \$70 for three days per week or \$4 for drop-in users. Kalo Exercise/Nautilus combo weekly workouts are \$78 for two sessions, \$106 for three sessions or \$124 for four sessions. Free Blood Pressure Screenings will be offered Thursdays, April 11 and April 25 and Fridays, April 12 and April 26, from 9 to 10:30 a.m. Indulge in a Great Food of Greece Braided Cookies class, Monday, April 15, at 7 p.m. The fee is \$10. Start Preparing Your Garden for Spring, Tuesday, April 9, from 7 to 8:30 p.m. The fee is \$10. Discover Digital Photography for Everyone, Tuesday, April 16, from 7 to 9 p.m. The fee is \$15. Set sail with a United States Coast Guard Auxiliary Boating Safety Class, Tuesdays, April 16 through June 4, at 7:30 p.m. The fee is \$25. Play country classics with Guitar for All Ages, Thursdays, April 18 through June 20, from 6 to 8 p.m. The fee is \$65. Fashion your own Beaded Bags and Necklaces, Thursdays, April 18 and 25, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. The fee is \$25. Find out why Smart Women Finish Rich, Tuesday, April 23, from 6 to 8 p.m. The fee is \$6. Spice up your menu with the Herb Society of America's Growing Herbs Class, Thursday, April 25, from 7 to 9 p.m. The fee is \$15. Macomb County Community College offers a wide variety of ways to expand your horizons at their Assumption Cultural Center campus. Gain an understanding of spreadsheets with Microsoft Excell, Mondays and Wednesdays, April 15 through May 15, from 1 to 3 p.m. The fee is \$99. Launch a new career with a Builder's License Prep Course, Tuesdays, April 16 through May 14, from 6 to 9 p.m. The fee is \$185. An Introduction to Computers will be offered Tuesdays and Thursdays, April 16 through May 16, from 1 to 3 p.m. The fee is \$99. Get acquainted with Microsoft Word, Tuesdays and Thursdays, April 16 to May 16, from 9 to 11 a.m. The fee is \$99. To register for MCC programs, call (586) 498-4000. Preregistration is required for most Assumption courses. Call (586) 779-6111.

Exhibitions & Shows At the DIA

From the old masters to the finest in modern art, discover the galleries and exhibitions of the Detroit Institute of Arts. Explore the Curator's Choice: A Personal Look at Prints, through Tuesday, April 30. More than 160 works chronicling the struggles and aspirations of African-Americans can be experienced through the new exhibition Over the Line: The Art and Life of Jacob Lawrence, through Sunday, May 19. America's oldest cultural traditions are celebrated in the exhibition Dance of the Forest Spirits: A Set of Native American Masks, through May 2002. Museum hours are Wednesday and Thursday, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.; Friday, from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. and Saturday and Sunday, from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Recommended admission is \$4 for adults and \$1 for children and students. Call (313) 833-7963.

G.P. Art Center views

View Tropics, a multimedia exhibit featuring works by Grosse Pointe Artists Association members, through Monday, April 8, at the new Grosse Pointe Art Center, 1005 Maryland in Grosse Pointe Park. The Center, which is owned and operated by the Grosse Pointe Artists Association, is open Wednesday through Saturday, from 1 to 5 p.m. Call (313) 821-1848.

Stage & Screen DSO notes

Conductor Emmanuel Villalume and pianist Pierre-Laurent Aimard will join in a Detroit Symphony Orchestra Classical Series April in Paris salute to French composers, Thursday, April 4 through Saturday, April 6, at Detroit Symphony Orchestra Hall. The curtain will rise on Thursday at 8 p.m., Friday, at 1:30 and 8 p.m. and Saturday, at 8:30 p.m. Tickets range from \$16 to \$75. Students and seniors over the age of 60 can purchase 50 percent off RUSH tickets at the box office one hour prior to classical concerts, based on availability. Call (313) 576-5100.

Wilde & Wasserstein

Applaud Oscar Wilde's witty farce The Importance of Being Earnest at Wayne State University's Hilberry Theatre, 4743 Cass in Detroit, through Thursday, April 4. See Wendy Wasserstein's ode to truth, love and family, The Sisters Rosensweig, through Thursday, May 9. Performances will be offered in rotating repertory, Thursday through Saturday, at 8 p.m. Tickets range from \$15 to \$20, with a \$2 discount for students and seniors for Thursday and Friday performances. Call (313) 577-2972.

Fowl comedy

A disillusioned woman finds her love and livelihood at an Arizona diner in the warm comic play Fast Ducks, on stage at the Detroit Repertory Theatre, 13103 Woodrow Wilson in Detroit, through Sunday, May 19. Performances will be offered Thursdays and Fridays, at 8:30 p.m.; Saturdays, at 3 and 8:30 p.m. and Sundays at 2 and 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$15. Call (313) 868-1347.

Last week's puzzle solved



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- 16 Choir member
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War Memorial for kids

The Grosse Pointe War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore in Grosse Pointe Farms, offers a full schedule of educational and social adventures for children. Artists from Detroit's Powabic Pottery will assist children, ages 6 to 12, in making their own masterpiece during a Slab Happy program, Saturday, April 6, from 10 a.m. to noon. The fee is \$28.

Students, ages 6 to 12, can fashion their own place setting with the guidance of experts from Powabic Pottery during Party Time Clay Classes, Tuesdays, April 9 through April 30, from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. The fee is \$60. Put your student, ages 14 years and 8 months and up, behind the wheel with Grosse Pointe Driving School Segment I, Monday, April 8 through Thursday, April 25, from 6 to 8 p.m.

The fee is \$269. Segment II Driving School will be offered Monday, April 8 through Thursday, April 11, from 4 to 6 p.m. The fee is \$35. Register today for the Spring Middle School Dance, Friday, April 19, from 7:30 to 10:30 p.m. Tickets are \$10 and students must have a War Memorial Identification Card. Preregistration is required for most programs. Activities can be charged to your Master Card or Visa, via fax at (313) 884-6638 or phone at (313) 881-7511.

Respite Care

Learn more about the Respite Care program for members of ARC Grosse Pointe/Harper Woods, formerly the Grosse Pointe Association for Retarded Citizens, during an Open House, Sunday, April 7, at 1 p.m., at the Children's Home of Detroit, 900 Cook in Grosse Pointe Woods. Call (313) 881-1843.

Promoting the positive

Dr. Ruth Anan, director of the Early Childhood Program at Beaumont Hospital, will address the subject of Promoting Positive Behavior in Your Child, Tuesday, April 9, from 7 to 8:30 p.m., at Beacon Elementary School, 19475 Beaconsfield in Harper

Woods. The lecture is a Parent Education Series for Young Families program, presented by the Barnes Early Childhood Center and the Family Center. Voluntary donations of \$10 will be accepted. Call (313) 371-0070.

Communal reading

Take part in a discussion of John Knowles' classic novel *A Separate Peace* during a Grosse Pointe-Harper Woods One Book, One Community program hosted by the Grosse Pointe Public Schools' Community Education Department.

Wednesday, April 3, and Monday, April 8, from 7 to 9 p.m., in Room 206 of Barnes School, 20090 Morningside in Grosse Pointe Woods. Call (313) 432-3884.

Bowling for kids

The whole family can have fun for a good cause with Bowling for Special Needs Children and Their Families, Tuesdays, April 9 through May 21, from 4:30 to 6 p.m., at Lakeshore Lanes, 31025 Jefferson in St. Clair Shores. The fee, which includes shoes, is \$40 per person. Call (313) 884-6361.

Naturally fun

Introduce your youngster to the Songs of Backyard Birds during a Nature Link for Kids Winter Workshop, Saturday, March 30, from 1 to 2:30 p.m., at the Belle Isle Nature Center, on the northeast end of Belle Isle, accessible via the MacArthur Bridge at E. Jefferson and E. Grand Boulevard in Detroit. Watching Hummingbirds will be the accompanying video. Call (313) 852-4056.

Just for kids

The Children's Museum of the Detroit Public Schools, 6134 Second in Detroit, presents lots of free opportunities to expand your child's mind and imagination. Take in the special exhibition Young Visions: City Reflections by Detroit Students, through Saturday, May 25. The Museum is open Monday through Friday, from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Call (313) 873-8100.

Indoor playtime

The Family Center invites area preschoolers and their parents to come out of the cold and enjoy indoor playtime programs, Tuesdays and Thursdays, from 1 to 3 p.m., at Beacon Elementary School, 19475 Beaconsfield in Harper Woods, or Wednesdays, from 9 to 11 a.m., at the Barnes Early Childhood Center, 20090 Morningside in Grosse Pointe Woods. The free sessions will run through April 2002. Call (313) 343-6711.

Super science

Tour the new, improved Detroit Science Center, 5020 John R in Detroit. Visit the new Digital Dome Planetarium and view Spring Skies, with weekend screenings at 1 and 3 p.m., alternating with the virtual reality journey Views of the Universe, shown at 11 a.m., noon, 2, 4 and 5 p.m. Hands-on laboratory exhibits focus on motion, life sciences, matter and energy, waves and vibrations. Now showing in the Center's IMAX Dome Theatre is *The Human Body*, a fantastic voyage through pregnancy, at noon, 2 and 4 p.m. on weekends and noon and 2 p.m. on weekdays. Dolphins will be shown at 1 and 3 p.m. on weekends and 1 p.m. on weekdays. Journey into Amazing Caves can be seen at 10 and 11 a.m. on weekdays and 11 a.m. on weekends. The Museum is open Monday through Friday, from 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.; Saturday and Sunday, from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Admission is \$7 for adults, \$6 for seniors and \$5 for children. IMAX Theatre tickets are an additional \$2. Call (313) 577-8400.

Zoo news

Experience the animals and more at the Detroit Zoo, at Ten Mile and Woodward in Royal Oak. Look at the amazing anatomical adaptations of anteaters via the single "Anteater" interactive exhibit Anteaters: Past Food Specialists, through Sunday, Sept. 8, in the Wildlife Interpretive Gallery. Chill out with the polar bears, arctic foxes, seals and snowy

owls at the Zoo's new 4.2 acre Arctic Ring of Life exhibit. Visitors can catch the underwater action with a trip through the Polar Passage, a unique 70-ft. long clear tunnel, to catch all the exciting underwater action. Take a ride on the wild side and get an animal's eye-view of life on the Wild Adventure Simulator. Tickets are \$4. Along with visits to the other great animals, guests can see the spectacular \$6 million National Amphibian Conservation Center dedicated to the conservation, preservation, exhibition and interpretation of amphibian life. The Zoo is open daily from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Zoo admission is \$8 for adults, \$6 for seniors and children, ages 2 to 12. Parking is \$4 for cars and vans. Call (248) 398-0903.

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Adults and children alike can applaud a marionette ballet version of Cinderella, Saturdays, at 2 p.m., April 6 through April 27, at the Detroit Puppet Theatre, 25 E. Grand River in Detroit. Tickets are \$7 for adults and \$5 for children. Reservations are requested. Call (313) 961-7777.

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Explore the wonders of the Charles H. Wright Museum of African American History, 315 E. Warren in Detroit. See in the Spirit of Martin, a Smithsonian Exhibition of Visual Arts celebrating the

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Nautical history

Experience the new exhibition *Working the Inland Seas: Stories of African Americans on the Great Lakes*, through April 2003, at Belle Isle's Dossin Great Lakes Museum, accessible via the MacArthur Bridge at E. Jefferson and E. Grand Boulevard in Detroit. Children can explore permanent exhibitions featuring the doomed ship Edmund Fitzgerald and a freighter pilothouse. The museum is open Wednesday through Sunday, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Admission is \$2 for adults and \$1 for children, ages 12 to 18. Call (313) 852-4061.

History alive

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Century America. Patrons may also tour the museum's Communications, Lighting, Transportation and Domestic Arts exhibitions. The Museum is open Monday through Saturday, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Sunday, from noon to 5 p.m. The Village is closed until Monday, April 1 when it will be open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Admission to the Museum ranges from \$7.50 to \$12.50. Admission to the Village ranges from \$8.50 to \$14. Children under the age of 5 and members are admitted free. Showing in the Museum's \$15 million IMAX Theatre are *Beauty and the Beast*, *Mysteries of Egypt*, *3-D Mania!—Encounter in the Third Dimension*, *Shackleton's Antarctic Adventure* and *Super Speedway*. Daily screenings will be offered, on a rotating basis, beginning at 9 a.m., on the hour in the morning and on the half-hour in the afternoon and evening. Tickets are \$10 for adults or \$8 for seniors and children ages 12 and under. Call (313) 982-6001.

Detroit's past

Stroll the Streets of Old Detroit; trace more than 100 years of automotive history and travel from Frontiers to Factories through the permanent exhibitions of the Detroit Historical Museum, 5401 Woodward in Detroit. The new exhibit, *Powabic Pottery: The Legacy of Mary Chase Perry Stratton*, salutes one of Detroit's most enduring contributions to the world of art, through Sunday, Oct. 13. Take in the exhibit *The Polish Presence in Detroit*, through Sunday-June 9. Relive the history of Detroit's original settlers through the exhibition, *Land, Lives and Legends: Native Americans in Detroit*. Detroit's 500th Birthday is the inspiration for the special exhibition *30 Who Dared*. The Museum is open Tuesday through Friday, from 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Saturday and Sunday, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. The suggested admission is \$4.50 for adults or \$2.25 for seniors and children, ages 12 to 18. Children under the age of 12 enter free. Call (313) 835-1805.

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Robbie Buhl revs up health awareness by Racing for Kids

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

When Robbie Buhl set the fastest lap in this season's IRL race in Phoenix, he was strapped into the streamlined fuselage of a single-seat Indy car, but he wasn't driving alone.

"It's not just me driving the car," said Buhl. "I have a whole team of guys around me."

Buhl was in his hometown of Grosse Pointe Farms this month during a break in his racing schedule. As one of the world's top drivers in the

open-wheeled Indy Racing League, Buhl knows winning is a team effort.

"If you don't have the right guys, from crew chief to mechanic to engineer and aerodynamicist, it's gonna hurt us on the track," said Buhl, who drives the No. 24 G-Force car for Dreyer & Reinbold Racing.

"Everybody has to do their job well. If something's missing, we're not going to get the job done."

Buhl has the same attitude about life off the track, including his 13 years as

national spokesman for Racing for Kids. The nonprofit charity uses the growing popularity of motorsports to raise public awareness about the funding needs of child health care.

"It's hard to believe it's been 13 years," said Buhl, who is proud of the charity's longevity. "There are so many things that are here today and gone tomorrow."

Racing for Kids was founded in 1989 at Children's Hospital of Michigan. The effort has raised more than \$2 million. At least 90 percent of money raised is donated to children's hospitals in areas where Buhl and other drivers race.

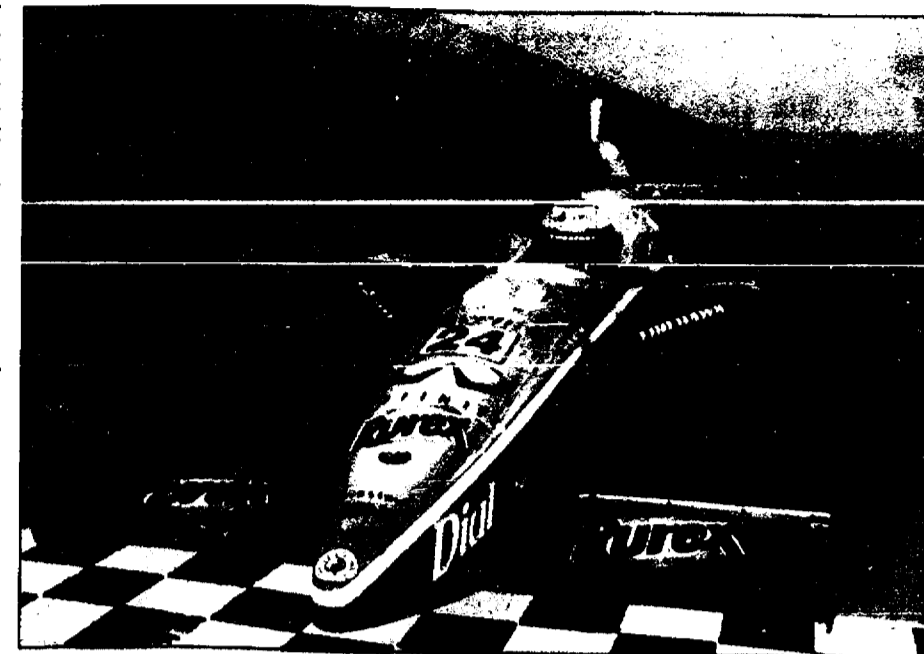
Buhl has visited 11,000 children in hospitals in the United States, Canada and Australia. His work earned him a congressional commendation.

Prior to last weekend's Bombardier ATV Copper World Indy 200 at Phoenix International Raceway, Buhl made his 13th annual visit to Children's Hospital of Phoenix.

"I talk to the kids, give them a picture and let them try on my helmet," Buhl said. "My family did a lot with Children's Hospital of Michigan. What a good way to give something back."

Off the track, Buhl is laid back. On the track, he thinks speed.

"You're catching me at a time where I'm very happy about our racing team," Buhl said. "With Purex and Aventis Pharmaceuticals as our team's two major sponsors, the team has evolved over three years in terms of



When not competing in the Indy Racing League for behind the wheel of his Team Dreyer & Reinbold Racing, Robbie Buhl, a Grosse Pointe native, volunteers as national spokesman for racing for Racing for Kids. The nonprofit charity uses the popularity of motorsports to raise money and awareness for child healthcare.

improving how we function and understand each other. It doesn't mean we sit back and put our feet up. We have to keep working because of the level of competition. Somebody is always nipping at your heels."

He said the sport of motor racing has "incredible" highs and lows.

Buhl rode racing's roller coaster of emotions in Phoenix.

He set the race's fastest lap at 170.614 mph, but dropped out due to engine failure with less than 20 laps to go.

Last week, Buhl had to withdraw from last

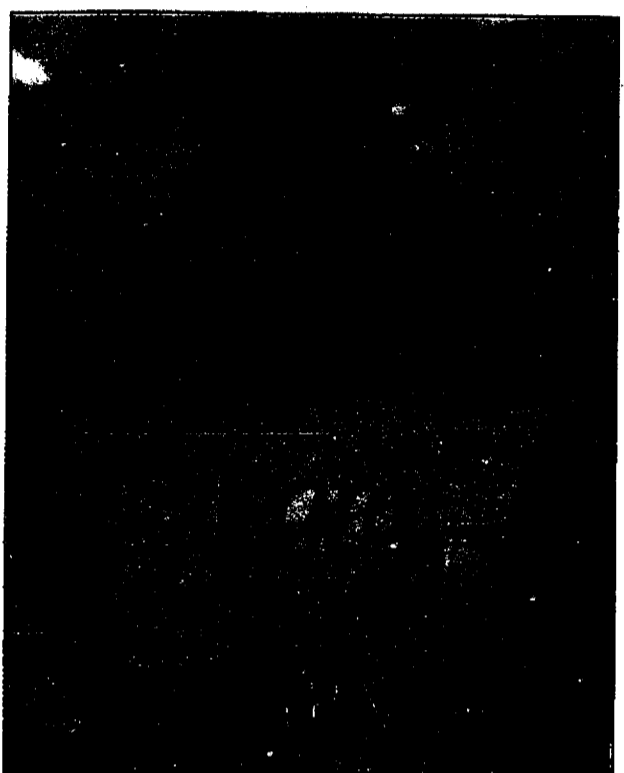
Sunday's Yamaha Indy 400 series has made substantial inroads on the more established open-wheeled organization, Championship Auto Racing Teams.

"From a fan's standpoint, IRL competition and races are fantastic," said Buhl.

At a race last year in Texas, Buhl was part of the closest 1-2-3 finish in Indy racing history. He came in third, 0.468 of a second behind the winner.

"The races are exciting and close," Buhl said. "That formula is doing a lot for the growth of the Indy Racing League. The fan base is growing as a result. I don't see it changing."

He's also optimistic about the future of the IRL. The



Robbie Buhl, above, was injured during last weekend's race, but he will be back for the remainder of the IRL season.

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Gore's softball team has potential Spring preview

By Bob St. John
Staff writer

Things could get interesting for head coach Dennis Gore and his Bishop Gallagher girls softball team in 2002.

"We have a senior-oriented team, but our pitching is a question mark as we head into the season," Gore said.

At the moment, junior Katie Masserang is the No. 1 pitcher, but senior Bridget Carpenter could be the ace.

Carpenter, who spent the past two years playing soccer, returns to softball after injuring her anterior cruciate ligament at the end of the girls basketball season.

"Bridget gives us a solid ballplayer who can pitch very well," Gore said. "I don't want to rush into action, but hopefully her knee is ready to go because she adds a lot of talent to our squad."

Senior Helen Pettway, who has hit above .500 during her three-year career, is debating whether or not to continue playing softball.

"Helen is a tremendous softball player who will help us a lot," Gore said.

The other returning players are senior Miiko White, senior Jessie Smith, senior Tirah Jones, senior Angie Sample, sophomore Stephanie Sosa, junior Patrice Scales and senior DeJuana McGee.

Senior Katesha Lee is also back. Her talent makes the Lancers a division title contender.

"We have the potential to be a very good softball team," Gore said. "We will score some runs, but our defense has to be good, as does our pitching."

The Lancers were 14-10 overall a year ago, which included another district title.

They lost 13-0 to Erie-Mason in a Division III regional semifinal.

Winning a district title could be more difficult this season as the Lancers, which dropped to Division IV, host Hamtramck St. Florian and University Liggett School.

Gore's squad should con-

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04/10/02	DOMINICAN	4:00	05/13/02	CHL PLAYOFFS	4:00
04/12/02	SACRED HEART	4:00	05/15/02	CHL SEMIFINAL	4:00
04/15/02	@ IMMACULATE CONCEPTS	4:00	05/20/02	CHL FINAL	TBA
04/17/02	HAZEL PARK	7:30	05/28/02	PRE-DISTRICT PLAYOFFS	TBA
04/19/02	ST. FLORIAN	4:00	05/31/02	DISTRICT PLAYOFFS	TBA
04/22/02	@ DOMINICAN	4:00	06/08/02	REGIONAL PLAYOFFS	TBA
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04/27/02	@ DOMINICAN TOURNL	9:00	06/14/02	SEMIFINALS	TBA
04/29/02	@ SACRED HEART	4:00	06/15/02	SOFTBALL FINALS	TBA
04/30/02	IMMACULATE CONCEPTS	4:00			
05/06/02	@ ST. FLORIAN	4:00			

LANCERS

tend for the Catholic League C-D East Division crown, but St. Florian, Bloomfield Hills Sacred Heart (ranked No. 3 in the preseason poll in Division IV) and Detroit Urban Lutheran present a major challenge.

"It's going to be fun to see how we stack up with the rest of our division foes," Gore said. "There should be some very close games."

Warren Immaculate Conception and Detroit Dominican are also in the East Division.

In nonleague competition, the Lancers have Royal Oak Shrine, Harper Woods and Hazel Park, and they are competing in the Dominican Tournament on Saturday, April 27.

Track

Bishop Gallagher's boys and girls track and field teams are on the small size this season.

Despite the lack of numbers, head coach Michelle Batten and her Lancers will have some competitors who will open everyone's eyes.

"We're a question mark this season," Batten said. "I wish we had more kids on the team, but now I must forget about that and coach the kids who are practicing hard every day."

The Lancers' top track athlete is senior Jeaniae Lawton, who won the gold medal in last year's Division IV state championship meet, setting a new record in the discus with a throw of 137 feet, 6 inches, and a gold medal in the shot put with a mark of 39 feet, 10 inches.

"Jeaniae is one of the state's best throwers," Batten said. "She is focused on her technique during practice and in meets. She

should have another great season."

Lawton has been recruited by dozens of the top college track programs in the state, but has cut her list to the University of Louisville, Bowling Green University and Central Florida University.

Junior Kim Watson will also shine this season, competing in the 200- and 400-meter dashes and the high jump.

For the boys, seniors David Jones (state finalist in the hurdle events), Damien Brown (100- and 200-meter dashes), Milton Johnson (200- and 400-meter dashes) and Darnell Hood (100- and 200-meter dashes and the shot put) will lead the way.

The Lancers might not have enough depth to win a Catholic League Double-A Division title, competing against city rival Notre Dame, Riverview Gabriel Richard, Detroit St. Martin dePorres, Pontiac Notre Dame Prep and Madison Heights Bishop Foley.

Soccer

Sam Cheab is the new head coach of Bishop Gallagher's girls soccer team.

Last year the Lancers finished 3-13-3 under second-year head coach Brian Roodbeen, but this season the squad has a 10-game schedule.

Cheab has the duty of getting the Lancers above .500, which hasn't happened in several years.

Last year's underclassmen, led by Jena Jump, Alicia Gore, Amie Lovins, Phelicia Hallman, Angel Parkinson and Sarah Morrison, will have to improve their play if the squad is to compete in the tough Catholic League Double-A Division.

The Lancers' league foes are Allen Park Cabrini, Royal Oak Shrine, Riverview Gabriel Richard and Harper Woods Regina.

The Central Division teams are Birmingham Marian, Farmington Hills Birch, Madison Heights Bishop Foley, Livonia Ladywood and Pontiac Notre Dame Prep.

Baseball

Tom Ochab returns for his second season as head coach of Bishop Gallagher's boys baseball team.

The squad was 3-20 a year ago, but that could turn around if last year's underclassmen play and have improved.

Senior Joe Duncan, junior Brian Seery and junior Tim Becker give Ochab tough, talented ballplayers who should shine this season.

Winning a division title might be out of the question since the Lancers must battle Waterford Lakes (a regional semifinalist last year) and Center Line St. Clement (a regional finalist last year).

Ochab has scheduled Hamtramck St. Florian, Birmingham Seaholm, Ann Arbor Gabriel Richard, Detroit St. Martin dePorres, Royal Oak Shrine, Detroit Benedictine, Allen Park Cabrini and Hazel Park for nonconference games.

Saddlelites' pitching a key to successful 2002 campaign

Spring preview

By Bob St. John
Staff writer

Pitching is going to have to carry the load this season as the Regina softball team prepares for what hopefully will be a successful campaign.

"We have some holes to fill, but overall I like the makeup of the team," head coach Diane Laffey said.

Senior Michelle Cybulski and junior Amy Whaley are the two pitching aces who need to step up and lead the squad.

"We have some youngsters who will need time to get used to the varsity level," Laffey said. "Our pitching might have to pick up the slack before the offense gets on track."

Kim Petrucci, Beth Brune, Katie Carnegie, Courtney Bixman, Jenna Fischione and Michelle Nicholl are also on the top of the list of Saddlelites who have to step up and deliver.

The Saddlelites finished 21-17 a year ago, winning a district title 1-0 in 11 innings over Eastpointe East Detroit.

They beat Detroit Cass Tech 13-1 in a regional championship game, but lost 4-1 in 14 innings to Grosse Pointe South in the regional final.

Can the Saddlelites finish better than 5-7 (last year's division mark) in the Catholic League Central Division?

"Mercy has everyone back except its first baseman, which I think makes them the favorites," Laffey said. "The rest of us are in the game boat, battling for a playoff spot."

The Saddlelites should finish in the top three, earning a playoff spot.

Last year they were upset 1-0 by Riverview Gabriel Richard in the first round.

Besides the 12 division games, Regina faces Bishop Foley and Dearborn Divine Child in doubleheaders, and competes in five tournaments.

"Our schedule has more tournaments than non-league doubleheaders," Laffey said. "Our kids will get plenty of games in before the state districts start."

The Saddlelites also have the luxury of another week of practice since their season opener isn't until Friday, April 12, against league foe Birmingham Marian.

Golf

Look out Farmington Hills Mercy, Regina's golf team is ready to shoot past you.

Head coach Bob Artymovich is looking to junior Josie Artymovich, and seniors Amy Osterman, Jennifer Weinbeck, Rose Pochmara and Sarah Napiewocki to play well for the Saddlelites this season.

"Our returning players have improved during the off-season and they expect to shoot low scores," Artymovich said. "We also have six good freshmen who will help us during the season."

The Saddlelites slumped a bit last season, finishing 3-3.

"We should be in the hunt for a league title and our goal is to finish in the top three in our regional and earn a spot in the state finals."

The Saddlelites are in Division II this season due to a drop in enrollment.

"I don't know if it will help or hurt us, but we're not worried about what division we're in," Artymovich said. "We plan on having a lot of fun this spring."

The Saddlelites face Ann Arbor Gabriel Richard, Dearborn Divine Child, Livonia Ladywood, Birmingham Marian and Mercy twice.

They also will compete in

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04/15/02	@BP FOLEY	4:00	05/15/02	CATHOLIC LEAGUE PLAYOFFS	TBA
04/17/02	LADYWOOD	4:00	05/20/02	CATHOLIC LEAG. CHAMPIONSHIP	TBA
04/23/02	@MERCY	4:00	05/28/02	MHSAA Pre-District	TBA
04/24/02	MCA (Special or Guesthouse or HJ)	6:00	06/01/02	MHSAA District at East Det.	TBA
04/26/02	DIVINE CHILD	4:00	06/04/02	OPERATION FRIENDSHIP	TBA
04/27/02	@RICHMOND TOURNEY	TBA	06/08/02	MHSAA Regional OGP North	TBA
04/30/02	@MARIAN	4:00	06/11/02	MHSAA Quarterfinal @GrossePointe	TBA
05/03/02	@LADYWOOD	4:00	06/14/02	MHSAA Semifinal in Battle Creek	TBA
05/04/02	@NORTH STAR TOURNEY	TBA	06/15/02	MHSAA Finals in Battle Creek	TBA
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05/11/02	@ROYAL OAK TOURNEY	TBA			

SADDLELITES

five invitationals, along with the Catholic League Championships on Tuesday, May 14, at St. John's Golf Club.

Soccer

First-year head coach Ken Perlin is ready to guide Regina's soccer team back to the .500 level.

The Saddlelites struggled the past couple of seasons, including last year when they didn't earn their first win until a 4-1 triumph over Fraser in a Division I district match.

A lack of offensive firepower was a problem, but not a lack of hustle.

"So far things are going well," Perlin said. "Based on the first week of practice, I can see a lot of potential."

Seniors Holly Rabine, Lauren Miller, Sarah Thompson, Candace Shue and Angela Schiappacasse are the leaders who need to step up and set solid examples.

Junior Erin Dopp, sophomore Ashley Miller and freshman Amy Krol will get plenty of time to fine-tune their game under Perlin.

"I want the girls to play more of a possession game," Perlin said. "We have some speed that will be one of our assets."

Perlin, who played soccer at Warren DeLaSalle and a year at Central Michigan University before the program was terminated, has the background that can help the Saddlelites get back to the winning ways.

In addition, the Saddlelites dropped from the Catholic League Central Division with powerhouses Madison Heights Bishop Foley, Birmingham Marian, Farmington Hills Mercy, Dearborn Divine Child and Livonia Ladywood, to the Double-A Division with Royal Oak Shrine, Allen Park Cabrini, Riverview Gabriel Richard and city foe Bishop Gallagher.

"Our girls will compete for a division title," Perlin said. "I know the other teams will be good, but I feel our girls can compete in every game and win."

Outside of the eight league contests are nonconference games against Chippewa Valley, Grosse

Pointe South, Ladywood, Utica and Grosse Pointe North.

The Catholic League playoffs are set for Tuesday, May 14, Thursday, May 16, and the final are on Saturday, May 18.

Track

Head coach Gregg Golden has built Regina's track and field program into a consistent winner in his five seasons at the helm.

This year he has 53 girls competing, which is the most in his tenure.

"I had 25 girls my first season and now we're at 53," Golden said. "It's great to see the interest level rise, as well as the talent level."

The Saddlelites finished in the middle of the pack in the Catholic League Central Division a year ago, but behind a plethora of seniors and juniors, things might be different this season.

"We have a strong contingent of returning seniors and juniors," Golden said. "We should be strong in the field events, middle and long distances, but what we need to work on is our sprints."

Senior Lia Grillo competed in the state finals last year and is the team leader, but she will get plenty of support from seniors Jackie Babich (sprints), Alexis Terry (throwing events), Lauri Eisen (distance), Catherine Rinehart (distance), Kristin Budde (distance), Tammi Bonds (sprints), Rachel Cortis (high jump and throwing events) and Rosina Jenkins (middle distance).

Juniors Sara DeMars (middle distance and sprints), Catherine Vaughn (distance), Ashley Couture (hurdles and distance) and Andrea Paradise (middle distance) will also earn valuable points for the Saddlelites.

"We have some depth to work with and we will need it competing in the Central Division," Golden said.

Besides running against league foes, the Saddlelites will compete in the Troy Invitational, Chelsea Relays, DeLaSalle Invitational, Connection Invitational and the Grosse Pointe South Relays for freshmen and sophomores.

Sign up for ND baseball camp

Notre Dame High School hosts its eighth annual Notre Dame Spring Baseball Camp from Thursday, April 4, through Saturday, April 6.

The camp runs from 10 a.m. to noon each day and is for girls and boys in grades three through eight. All campers will be grouped by age and ability. Special arrangements can be made for younger or older campers.

The cost is \$75, which includes a baseball T-shirt and Notre Dame baseball cap.

Angelo Gust, Notre Dame's varsity head baseball coach who has guided his Fightin' Irish to eight district championships, is the camp director.

His assistants are Bob DelPapa, Dick Tomzak, Jim Thorton, Frank Swaney and ND varsity baseball players. Athletes must bring a long sleeve shirt, batting helmet, glove and bat, catchers gear, shorts, sweat socks, tennis shoes and a great attitude.

Each camper will work on fundamental drill work, base running, throwing, receiving, hitting, physical preparation to the game and hustle.

For further information, contact Notre Dame's office at (313) 371-8965, the athletic office at (313) 526-1800 or Gust at (313) 331-2820.

CITY OF HARPER WOODS WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN SYNOPSIS: REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING MARCH 18, 2002

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

ROLL CALL: All Council persons were present.

MOTIONS PASSED

- To receive, approve and file the minutes of the Regular City Council meeting held on March 4, 2002, and furthermore, receive and file the minutes of the Election Commission Meeting held on March 15, 2002, the minutes of the Board of Zoning Appeals Meeting held on March 13, 2002, and the minutes of the Library Board Meeting held on February 21, 2002.
- To open the Public Hearing on the proposed establishment of a Brownfield Redevelopment Authority.
- To close the Public Hearing on the proposed establishment of a Brownfield Redevelopment Authority.
- That the agenda of the regular City Council meeting having been acted upon, the meeting is hereby adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

RESOLUTIONS PASSED

- To approve the Accounts Payable listing for Check Numbers 62795 through 62925 in the amount of \$597,653.68 as submitted by the City Manager and City Controller, and further, authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to sign the listing.
- To approve payment to Statewide Security Transport in the amount of \$11,985.95 for prisoner lodging and maintenance for the month of January, 2002.
- To approve payment to Plante & Moran in the amount of \$11,440.00 for professional services performed for the month of February in assisting in the transition of the Controller's office and various accounting duties.
- To approve the additional amount of \$1,917.00 to Dell Computers for the purchase of 6 computers for 32A District Court.
- To approve the purchase of six XTS 3000 Model III portable radios in the amount of \$11,574.45 from Motorola which represents fifty percent of the competitively bid price.
- To adopt the resolution establishing a Brownfield Redevelopment Authority for the City of Harper Woods and appointing board members pursuant to an in accordance with the provision of Act 381 of the Public Acts of the State of Michigan 1996, as amended.
- To confirm the following appointments by the Mayor to the Brownfield Redevelopment Authority Board for terms as indicated: Robert A. Matthews 1 year term, Kenneth A. Poynter 2 year term, John M. Szymanski 2 year term, Mickey D. Field 1 year term, and James E. Leidlein 1 year term.
- To adopt Ordinance No. 2002-01 entitled "An Ordinance to Amend Chapter 7 Section 2.2 of the Code of Ordinances to Change Voting Precincts" and further, to direct the City Clerk to publish a notice of this in accordance with City Charter requirements, Section 8.4, giving it immediate effect. Printed copies of the full text of the ordinance are available for inspection by and distribution to the public at the office of the clerk.
- To introduce and place for first reading an ordinance entitled "An Ordinance to Repeal in its Entirety Chapter 2, Article III, Controller of the City Code of Ordinances and Replace it with a New Article III to Create a Department of Finance" and further, to direct the City Clerk to publish a notice of this in accordance with City Charter requirements.
- To introduce and place for first reading an ordinance entitled "An Ordinance to Amend Chapter 2 Article V, Section 2.83 and Section 2.90 of the Code of Ordinances to Change Purchasing Limits to Conform with Revised City Charter Provisions, and further, to direct the City Clerk to publish a notice of this in accordance with City Charter requirements.
- To adjourn to Executive Session for the purpose of discussing a legal matter on a Tax Tribunal case.

Kenneth A. Poynter, Mayor
Mickey D. Todd, City Clerk

LE track expects to win in '02

Spring preview

By Bob St. John
Staff writer

Lutheran East's boys and girls track and field teams are ready to rock and roll this season.

Head coach Keith Sprow has several veterans who will score a ton of points in the Eagles' meets, including junior Matt Machemer for the boys and sophomore Ashley Schult for the girls.

"Matt and Ashley will have good seasons," Sprow said. "They're very good athletes who work hard in practice every day, which results in nice performances in our meets."

Other standouts for the girls are Kelli Zoellner, Shoshauna Flowers, Anjani Mahabir, Brandy Dona, Caitlin Gerds and Amanda Cain.

For the boys, Dexter Shorter, Adam Crawford and Chris Jurczak will perform well.

Sprow gets the most out of his runners, even when they are the underdogs against some of the Metro Conference heavyweights like Lutheran Westland, Lutheran North and Bloomfield Hills Cranbrook Kingswood.

"We are looking for an upper-division finish," Sprow said. "It would always be nice to have more kids out on the team, but we will take what we have and do our best."

Baseball

Nick Capoferi is the new head baseball coach at Lutheran East, replacing Nick Fournier.

The Eagles suffered

LUTHERAN EAST BOYS VARSITY TRACK 2002

Ⓢ DENOTES LEAGUE MEET

DATE	OPPONENT	TIME	DATE	OPPONENT	TIME
3/26/02	Roeper Plymouth Christian	4:30	5/07/02	Cranbrook/Kingswood	4:30
4/09/02	Bishop Gallagher Ply. Chr.	4:30		Hamtramck	
4/17/02	Roeper Hamtramck	Ⓢ 4:30	5/11/02	Cougar Invitational	10:00
4/23/02	Harper Woods	Ⓢ 4:30	5/14/02	Lutheran Westland	Ⓢ 4:30
	Cranbrook/Kingswood	Ⓢ		ULS	Ⓢ
4/30/02	Lutheran Northwest	Ⓢ 4:30	5/18/02	Regionals	TBA
	Lutheran North	Ⓢ	5/21/02	Conference Meet	4:00
5/04/02	Connerston Relay	1:00-6:00 PM	State Meet	TBA	

EAGLES

through a 3-11 overall record in 2001, including a 2-6 mark in the Metro Conference.

Capoferi is counting on last year's underclassmen — Kevin Kadrofske, Doug Sell, Bobby Maynard, Matt Cammarata and Matt Johnston, to lead the team if they come out for the team.

If the Eagles can get some solid pitching and defense, they can make some noise in the Metro Conference.

Lutheran Westland seems to be the team to beat, but Lutheran North, defending champ Harper Woods and University Liggett School could also contend.

The Eagles host Plymouth Agape Christian on Saturday, April 6, at 2 p.m.

Softball

Pat Sadler is back for her third season as the Lutheran East girls softball team's head coach.

Last year the Eagles finished 4-12 overall and 1-7 in the Metro Conference as underclassmen Kaylie Gerds, Stacy Turgeon, Sarah Schurig, Caitlin Gerds, Kristen Altenburg, Michelle Mancinelli and Kim

Johnson learned quite a bit at the varsity level.

Once again Lutheran North is the class of the Metro Conference, which leaves East to battle with Lutheran Westland, Lutheran Northwest, Hamtramck, Harper Woods, Livonia Clarenceville, Bloomfield Hills Cranbrook Kingswood and University Liggett School for the second spot.

The Eagles' nonleague schedule consists of away games against Allen Park Cabrini, Warren Bethesda Christian, Marine City Cardinal Mooney, Warren Immaculate Conception, Plymouth Agape Christian and Warren Zoe Christian, and home games against Agape Christian, Plymouth Christian, Warren Macomb Christian, Immaculate Conception and Cabrini.

A lack of consistency from the pitchers and defense led to the sub-.500 record.

Those areas have to improve if the Eagles are to get to the break even mark in 2002.

East's softball team hosts Plymouth Agape Christian on Saturday, April 6, at 2 p.m.

Notre Dame's lacrosse team is ready to win after two straight losing campaigns.

"The new kids look fabulous and our veterans have improved," head coach Don Holifield said. "I think we're ahead of last year and we are anxious to win."

Seniors Andy Diehl (midfielder), Eric Pascany (attacker), Chris McKeon (attacker), Matt Lambrecht (defender), Ryan Loncar (defender), Rob Cheyne (defender) and Peter Schinkai (goalkeeper) will lead the charge.

"The attitude is better, which I think will translate into victories," Holifield said.

The Irish's schedule consists of a dozen tough games against the likes of Grand Rapids Forest Hills, Grosse Pointe North, Ann Arbor Pioneer, Grosse Pointe South, Orchard Lake St. Mary and Pontiac Notre Dame Prep.

"We expect to win our share of games this season," Holifield said.

Head coach Stan Wejrzynowicz is back for his second season at the helm of Notre Dame's track and field team.

"Last year we had some newcomers to the sport, but

Defending state champs aim to remain consistent winners

Spring preview

By Bob St. John
Staff writer

Harper Woods' boys baseball team is the defending Division IV state champions.

What can head coach Mike Rowinski and his Pioneers do this season?

"We have to replace six all-state players," Rowinski said. "We will be a very young baseball team, but I can see a lot of potential because our kids have talent."

The Pioneers finished 26-2 a year ago and 11-0 in the Metro Conference.

"We put up some huge offensive numbers last year, but this season we will have to manufacture runs," Rowinski said. "Pitching and defense are going to have to be solid for us in order to win, but we're not going to be blasting three-run homers every inning."

Returning seniors Ryan Nannini (second base/pitcher), Anthony DeSantis (right field/shortstop), Gary Lilly (left field) and Stuart Manor (first base/second base), and sophomore Frank Pietrangolo (pitcher/center field) are the staples to the squad.

Seniors Dave Mahon and Steve Smitka are on the varsity squad this season, as is junior T.J. Marlin, who was the top junior varsity hitter a year ago.

"Our kids who played junior varsity last year have to step up the level of their play," Rowinski said. "I think they will, which is why we can surprise some people."

The remainder of the squad consists of sophomores Jesus Melendez (catcher/pitcher) and Drew Manor (catcher), along with freshmen James Slago (pitcher/shortstop), Jake Bertges (pitcher/infield), Bryan Mueller (pitcher/infield) and Josh Kirsten (infield/catcher).

"Our young guys can flat-out play the game," Rowinski said. "They will get playing time and an opportunity to contribute."

The Pioneers weren't challenged in the Metro Conference a year ago, winning games by double-digit margins.

"I have to say Lutheran Westland is the team to beat, but Cranbrook (Kingswood), Lutheran East, Lutheran North and we should be in the mix," Rowinski said.

The schedule isn't as demanding as the past couple of seasons, which should give the younger guys some confidence as they try and remain above the break-even mark.

"Everyone will be gunning for us after what we accomplished last year," Rowinski said. "It's ok because we will be up for the challenge."

"I'm looking forward to seeing how our guys react to being the underdog."

Head coach Carol Arthmire is 12 wins shy of 300 for her career at Harper Woods.

Will she get it this season? Seniors Katie Rhoades (short stop), Sarah Mazzone (outfield), Megan Grenda and Kristin Vespa (first base) will try their hardest to get Arthmire that milestone.

"Our veterans have to lead us," Arthmire said. "We're going to have to play good defense and score some runs because our pitching is inexperienced."

Juniors Jenny DeSantis and Jenny Hill (catcher), along with sophomores Angela Wierszewski and Meghan Huot, team up with freshmen Kelly Knaue, Ann Marie Solomon (outfield) and Maria Mahon (pitcher) to fill out the Pioneers' 2002 varsity roster.



HARPER WOODS BOYS VARSITY BASEBALL 2002

Ⓢ DENOTES LEAGUE GAME

DATE	OPPONENT	TIME	DATE	OPPONENT	TIME
03/27/02	WESTON	4:00	05/01/02	WESTLAND	Ⓢ 4:00
04/09/02	@ WARREN MOTT	4:00	05/04/02	@ NOTRE DAME	12:20:00
04/10/02	NEW HAVEN	4:30	05/06/02	@ LUTHERAN NORTH	Ⓢ 4:00
04/15/02	SOUTH LAKE	4:30	05/08/02	HOLY REDEEMER	5:00:00
04/17/02	@ HAMTRAMCK	4:00	05/10/02	@ ULS	4:00:00
04/18/02	@ ANCHOR BAY	4:00	05/11/02	@ LUTHERAN EAST	Ⓢ 4:00
04/20/02	CARDINAL MOONEY	12:20:30	05/15/02	LUTH. NORTH WEST	Ⓢ 4:00
04/22/02	@ CRANBROOK	Ⓢ 4:00	05/20/02	HAMTRAMCK	Ⓢ 4:00
04/24/02	@ CLEARANCEVILLE	Ⓢ 4:00	05/22/02	ULS	Ⓢ 4:00
04/29/02	ULS	4:00	05/24/02	@ LAKESHORE	4:30

PIONEERS

ter. The Pioneers fell in the Metro Conference tournament championship game a year ago to Macomb Lutheran North and was second in the regular season at 6-2.

It was 18-6 overall, including a 10-0 loss to Waterford Lakes in a Division IV regional semifinal.

Lutheran North is the heavy favorite to win another Metro Conference title, while Harper Woods should finish in the top half if its pitching comes around.

In nonleague competition, Arthmire scheduled Roseville, South Lake, Lakeview and Bishop Gallagher.

Soccer

Harper Woods' girls soccer team accomplished something last season that hasn't been seen in the program's 10-year history — winning.

Head coach Erica Bratz guided the Pioneers to four victories, which equaled the total of the past five seasons combined.

This season, assistant Matt Naidow takes over as the head coach, while his assistant is Sheree Burns.

Naidow brings energy to the team, which should equate to more than four wins.

Seniors Amanda Shugart (forward/midfielder), Jennifer Malaga (right midfielder) and Michelle

Manzella (midfielder) are the veterans on the squad.

Juniors Amanda Knoth (defensive fullback), Rachel Fleig (midfielder) and Kristian Fox (forward/striker) add depth and speed to the squad.

The remainder of the team consists of sophomores Kristian Naidow (sweeper), Katie Kaspari (defensive fullback), Kahra Fox (forward/striker) and Crystal Norman (keeper), and freshmen Kierstyn Cook (stopper), Carly Brian (stopper), Stacy Douglas (midfielder), Stacy White (midfielder) and Amanda Freidt (midfielder).

The Pioneers' schedule contains tough games against Lutheran North, Bloomfield Hills Cranbrook Kingswood, Lutheran Westland and University Liggett School.

Track

The Harper Woods track and field team, under head coach Charles Stiver, will take shape in the upcoming week.

The Pioneers' squad is bigger than in years past, which is encouraging to Stiver.

"We have some kids back who ran with us last year," he said. "They will do better and help us stay competitive on the track."

Stiver's Pioneers are aiming to finish in the middle of the pack in the Metro Conference standings.

Notre Dame baseball out to prove last year was a fluke

Spring preview

By Bob St. John
Staff writer

Head coach Angelo Gust and his Notre Dame baseball team suffered its first losing season in his 10-year tenure.

"We lost eight games in the final two innings, including a 4-3 decision to DeLaSalle after we were one strike away from victory," Gust said. "We had a lot of youngsters playing on the varsity level, but I can see how well they have matured physically and mentally in the off-season."

"This season should be fun."

Despite finishing below .500 a year ago, the Fighting Irish captured a district title before bowing out in a regional semifinal.

"We just didn't have a pitcher who could close the door in the late innings," Gust said. "We have four effective pitchers this season who will throw strikes."

Look for seniors James Embree, John Jeanguenat and Mike Horne, along with juniors Dan Valente, Chris Nielsen, Mike Mylnek and Evan Williams to blossom into solid starters.

"Embree has quick hands and a good bat, while Nielsen might be the best defensive catcher in our division," Gust said. "Our offense will generate more runs than a year ago, but we have to play better defense to get more wins."

The Irish finished in last place in the Catholic League Central Division, but a play-off berth or division title is a possibility this season.

"Our division will be tough from top to bottom," Gust said. "Brother Rice returns a lot of good pitchers and U-D will be good. We will be in the mix."

Gust has his baseball

now our squad has some veterans who expect to do well," he said. "We are practicing hard and preparing for what hopefully will be a good season."

Wejrzynowicz brings a positive energy to the track program and it's rubbing off on the competitors.

Senior Dan Marchese is ready to explode on the scene, while junior Dave Harman and sophomore Chris Jones should shine.

The Irish once again will compete in the Catholic League Double-A Division and they are serious title contenders.

Detroit St. Martin dePorres will be tough, as will Pontiac Notre Dame Prep. The other competitors are Bishop Gallagher, Riverview Gabriel Richard and Madison Heights Bishop Foley.

Tennis

The Notre Dame tennis team is shaping up for what hopefully will be one of its best seasons in more than a decade.

Head coach Cathy Hassett, along with assistant coach Ann Yochim, will look toward the veterans to step it up and play well.



Last year's underclassmen were Ryan LaDuke, Brandon Griesbaum, Nick Dokianos, Joe Mattina, David Murray, Levin Lao, Tim Kopec, Pat Irwin, Dan DiVico and Anthony DiSante.

Hassett's squad will compete against most of the Catholic League schools, including rivals Warren DeLaSalle and Pontiac Notre Dame Prep.

Other matches on the schedule include South Lake and Lakeview.


The team should finish at or above the .500 mark this season and a trip to the state finals is a possibility.

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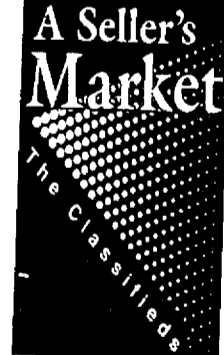
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PERFECT Patch Service. Where clean is not enough. It must be perfect! Office and residential cleaning. Specializing in Shalee non-toxic cleaning products. Outstanding references. (586)294-9841

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Leave the cleaning to us. We provide professional high quality housecleaning, laundry and ironing focused on old-world European techniques. Help with parties & Christmas decorations. We service all Fouries SINCE 1985. Bonded & Insured For Free In-Home Estimate (313)882-0721

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400 ANTIQUES/COLLECTIBLES
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All gambling collectibles. Old casino chips. Tokens, ashtrays, slot cards and more. (586)296-2104

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408 FURNITURE

3 piece new ultra suede chair, ottoman & couch, \$1,500. (586)899-3659

ALL brand new furniture brought up from North Carolina still in boxes. Including bedrooms, dining rooms, 100% Italian leather sets. Hot tubs. Name brands including Lexington, Thomasville, Crawford and others. Everything must go. No reasonable offers refused. Call Sean, 248-789-5815.

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BEAUTIFUL mahogany traditional carved 7 piece king size four poster bedroom set. Several carved mahogany pieces: 8 shellback chairs, armoire, Chippendale office desk, bookcases, sofa and console tables, king size sleigh bed, armoire and nightstands. Several beautiful hand painted pieces: Bombay chests, console tables with mirrors, demilune cabinets, round 44" table and 4 matching chairs in soft yellow with floral and leaf design, ladies writing desks. Tiffany style lamps, stained glass windows, gifts, accessories, and lots more. Wholesale to the public. AR Interiors. 607 South Washington. Downtown Royal Oak. Open everyday. (248)582-9646, (586)634-1561

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MAHOGANY dining set: table, two leaves, pads, 10 chairs, hutch, buffet, \$4,000. (313)881-1288

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GORGEOUS CHOICE ESTATE FURNITURE
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No firearms or knives
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I-94 traffic exit 247 going East- turn left I-94 traffic exit 248
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Door Admission \$3.00
Goop prizes. Wheel chair accessible. Food
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20475 Sunningdale Park
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FREEZER, stainless steel, double door. Workstation, stainless steel, deli compartments. Bagel toasters, stainless steel. Workables, stainless steel. Call (586)412-4979 after 6pm

LAWN Equipment: Lawn mower- 48" Ex/Mark; \$2,000. aerator; \$600. snowblower; \$100. (313)823-3550

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8' pool table. 1" slate, leather pockets. New, never used. Cost \$4,200 sell \$1,850. Can deliver, set up (586)465-6492

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The Grosse Pointe-based Michigan Panthers 17-and-under girls basketball won the recent Michigan AAU Basketball Shootout championship in Mount Pleasant.

"Our St. Patrick's Day celebration saw us shooting the lights out with three-pointers and holding down the other team defensively with relentless play," said Mike Francis, who coaches the team along with his wife, Sandy.

"Although we were short eight girls because of commitments to other sports, exams and an injury, the seven girls who were able to play over the weekend did a great job."

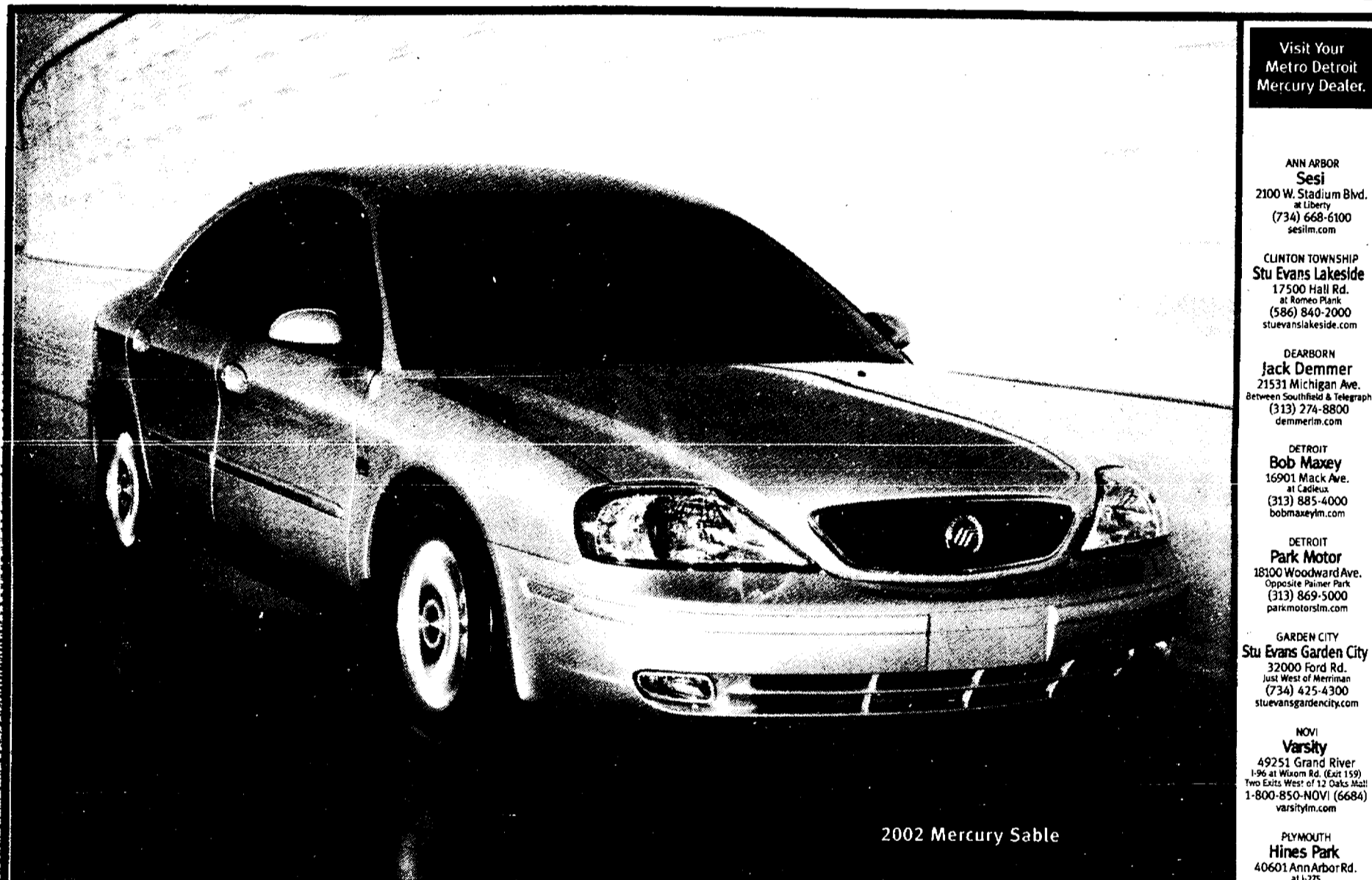
The Panthers' tournament run was led by Grosse Pointe South varsity players Lauren Harrington, Beth Munaw and Stacy Poppler. Also making key contributions in the tournaments were Kim Petrucci (Regina), Kassie Monick (Roseville), Lynne Gralewski (Memphis), Diana Sesto (Chippewa Valley) and Paula Bokoch (Cardinal Mooney).

Although they didn't play in the tournament, the Panthers' success during the regular season has been helped by Meredith Whims, Lisa Halpin and Kirsta Wierda of South; Hillary Miller, Lindsey Koerber and Angela Hage of Grosse Pointe North; and Amanda Marinello of Lakeview.



Sure shots

Alyssa (right) and Lauren Sullivan received invitations to the National Junior Olympic rifle championships at the Olympic Training Center in Colorado Springs after their recent performance in the Michigan Junior Olympics. Lauren, an eighth-grader at Pierce Middle School, shot a 544 (out of a possible 600 score) in three-position rifle to earn a silver medal. Alyssa, a sophomore at Grosse Pointe South, shot a 530 to win the bronze. Last year, Lauren was invited to the National Junior Olympics and finished fifth in her class. She also won the Michigan United Conservation Clubs state shoot and finished first in the sub-junior division in the NRA and USA Shooting state championships. Alyssa was first in the intermediate junior division at the MUCC state shoot. Both girls also qualified for the Distinguished Expert award.



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