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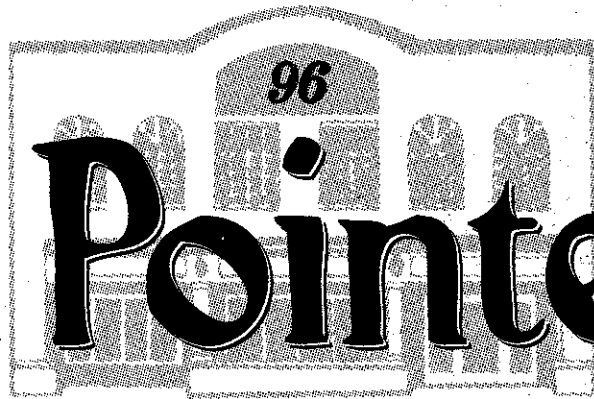
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THURSDAY, APRIL 20

♦ The Inventors Association of Metropolitan Detroit meets from 7 to 9:30 p.m. at Grosse Pointe North High School, room 312, 707 Vernier. Former race car driver Jeff Morton will talk about his award-winning Brimz sports sunglasses.

For more information, call (586) 776-3658 or (248) 391-3909.

♦ Michigan AOP Associates is having a spaghetti dinner fundraiser from 5:30 to 10 p.m. at Barrister Gardens, 24225 Harper, St. Clair Shores.

Dinner is \$15 per person, children 12 and under eat for free. All proceeds benefit victims of domestic and sexual abuse. For information, call (536) 445-3120.

FRIDAY, APRIL 21

♦ The Detroit Poetry Slam Finals will be held at 8 p.m. at The Music Box at the Max M. Fisher Music Center, 3711 Woodward, Detroit.

Tickets are \$15. For more information, call (313) 576-5111.

SATURDAY, APRIL 22

♦ In conjunction with World Voice Day, the University of Michigan Department of Otolaryngology and Comprehensive Cancer Center are offering free throat cancer screenings and smoking cessation counseling from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Taubman Center, Ann Arbor.

Registration is required. For more information, call (800) 865-1125.

♦ ImaginAide hosts a benefit to help the homeless through the Coalition On Temporary Shelters (COTS) from 6 p.m. to 12 midnight at the Marriott Renaissance Center in Detroit.

Tickets are \$125 per person. For more information, call COTS at (313) 831-3777, ext. 285, or visit cotsdetroit.org.

MONDAY, APRIL 24

♦ Services for Older Citizens will hold an Integrative Therapy lecture at 11:15 a.m. Monday, April 24, at the SOC office, 17150 Waterloo, City of Detroit.

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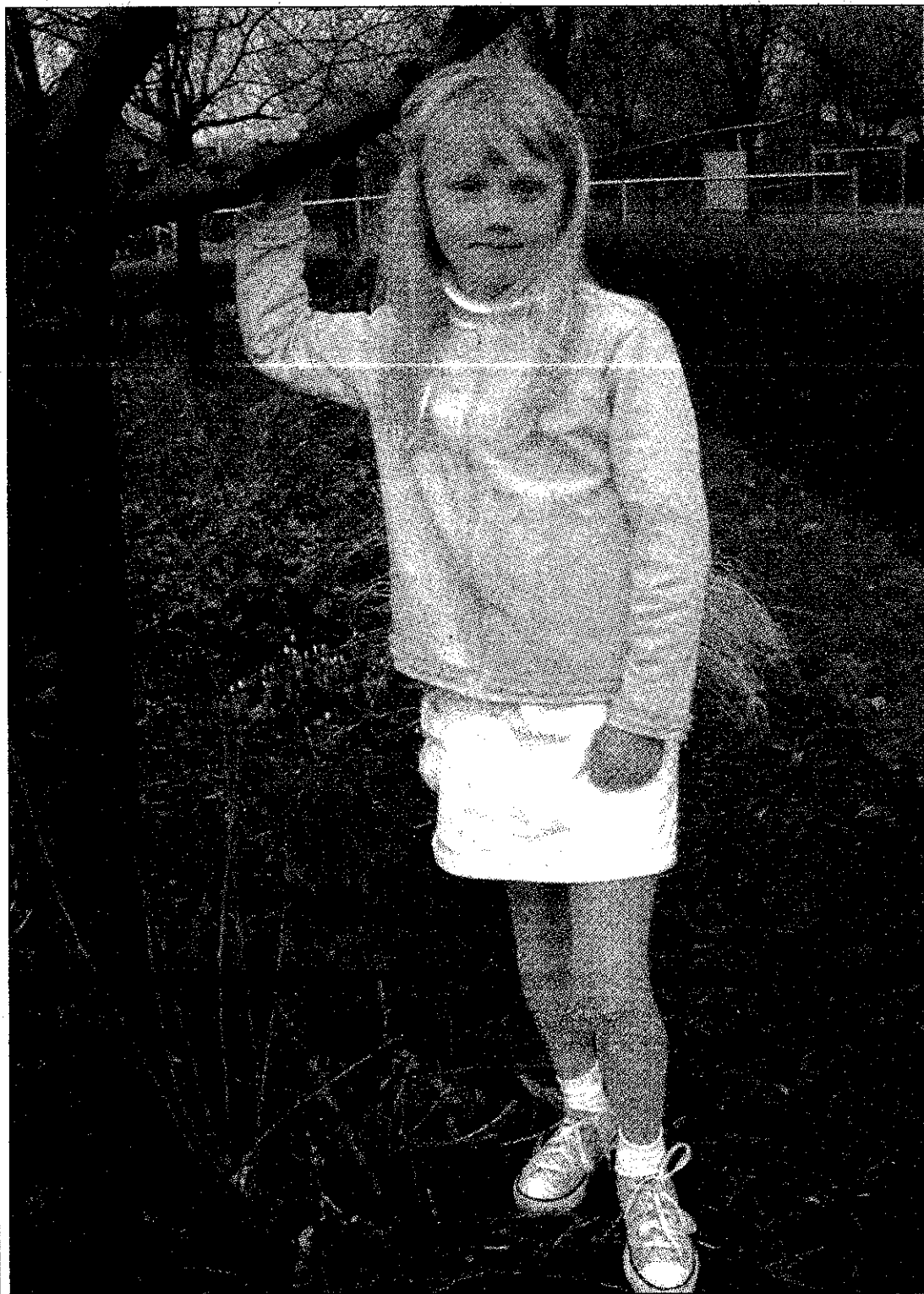


PHOTO BY ANN L. FOUTY

Trombly Elementary School first-grader Mary Shepard won second place in her age bracket for the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality poster contest for Earth Day, April 22.

Earth Day smiles on first-grader

By Ann L. Fouty
Staff Writer

From first-grader Mary Shepard's point of view, the Earth should be smiling and everyone should help keep that smile on our planet's face.

Shepard sees recycling, car pooling and riding bikes to school as a way to help the Earth keep a sunny disposition. She depicted those activities on her award-winning poster in honor of Earth Day, April 22, that will be recognized in Lansing on Thursday, April 20.

"I've never been to Lansing,"

said Shepard, who is looking forward to the trip with her mother.

Students in her Trombly Elementary School classroom all made posters at home for entry into the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality Earth Day poster contest. Shepard's poster placed second for her grade level.

The Shepard family, including mom, dad, an older sister and brother, recycles cans and bottles as way of helping reduce trash.

Shepard said she, her mother and grandmother sat down to brainstorm what should be

depicted on the poster. She first made a draft of the poster and transferred the idea onto poster board using a plate to draw a round Earth and blue and green colored markers. Like rays of sun emanating from the Earth, she listed ways to keep the Earth smiling, i.e., recycling and car pooling.

She credits her grandmother for helping with the slogan on the poster, "Keep the Earth smiling."

Her research on the Earth has encouraged her to continue her understanding and help the Earth keep smiling, she said.

Paint the Window Contest on Saturday, May 13

Rain date: May 20

The business district of the City of Grosse Pointe is getting ready to paint the town!

The Grosse Pointe Village Association is hosting the 20th annual Paint the Window Contest from 10 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Saturday, May 13.

The contest is open to all Grosse Pointe elementary school children, grades K-5.

Approximately 300 children

will test their artistic skills in this popular event that gives them the opportunity to create colorful art on Village merchants' store windows. The contest is held in the Village commercial area in Grosse Pointe, on Kercheval between Cadieux and Neff.

This year's theme is "Join The Team." Judges will award prizes to each grade level for best interpretation of the theme based on composition,

color use and creativity.

An awards ceremony takes place at 5:30 p.m. Saturday, May 13, on the Village Plaza, located at the intersection of Kercheval and St. Clair.

Paintings will remain on store windows for public viewing until Wednesday, May 17. Rain date is Saturday, May 20.

For additional information, call John Denomme at (313) 886-7474 or Ellen Durand at (313) 881-1381.

MEAP scores up this year

Elementary, middle school writing sees huge gains

By Ann L. Fouty
Staff Writer

The big MEAP picture for the Grosse Pointe public schools shows strong gains at the middle school and elementary levels in reading, writing, science and math.

Susan Allan, assistant superintendent for curriculum and instruction, told the board of education reading scores have remained high and stable with 92 percent of elementary students passing the annual test and 93 percent of middle school students showing adequate achievements.

Writing, she said, was an interesting story.

While last year's results were

disappointing, this year saw a 31 percent gain at the elementary level to 85 percent and an 18 percent gain at the middle school level. This was due, Allan said, to the concentrated focus on writing in the past year.

"It is job one," she said.

Additionally, the gender gap has decreased at both levels, she noted.

The district will keep its sights on writing with former Grosse Pointe teacher Roger McCaig creating a writing enhancement course. McCaig is teaching the teachers how to teach writing, Allan said.

This year, the state writing

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WSU to host Nobel peace laureates

By Carrie Cunningham
Special Writer

Dr. Ali Moiin, a native Iranian living in Grosse Pointe Park, is a man of peace. In fact, he has the ultimate role model in his aunt Shirin Ebadi.

Ebadi has been a fervent human rights crusader for many

years in Iran, mainly focusing on women's and children's rights. Sometimes rattling the traditional, male-dominated element in her country, Ebadi often feels trepidation about her activism, yet she has persevered with a staunch belief in the rightness of her cause.

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POINTER OF INTEREST

'There is a spirit in each one of us that will help them be a success in whatever they pursue.'

Patti Graham



Home: Grosse Pointe Woods
Age: 58

Family: Husband, Marty, and one grown daughter

Claim to fame: Lakeview High School's Teacher of the Year

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1956: Auction sale coming up to aid convent

Mrs. John K. Roney, left, Mrs. Arthur J. Seski and Mrs. Leo Covey pose on the lawn of 191 Lake Shore drive with some of the articles to be sold at the Parent Association of the Convent of the Sacred Heart of Grosse Pointe auction this weekend. The home in the background is where the sale will take place. It was given to the Convent by the late Mrs. John T. Nichol and will be torn down in the near future to give the Convent additional property. (From the April 19, 1956 Grosse Pointe News.)

Yesterday's headlines

1956

50 years ago this week

- ◆ **COMPROMISE ON HILL PARKING:** Arguments between Grosse Pointe Farms officials and Kercheval-On-The-Hill businessmen, regarding a special assessment to pay for a parking lot, reaches the stage where a compromise seems likely.
- ◆ **FAMILY PARTICIPATION:** The Annual Family Participation Campaign for the Grosse Pointe War Memorial begins today.

This year's goal of \$33,000 will be used toward the center's operating budget of \$117,250.

◆ **FINAL DAYS FOR LAKESHORE HOME:** The colonial home of the late Mrs. John T. Nichols at 181 Lake Shore Road, which is to be razed next month, will have one more day of glory.

This weekend the household furnishings will be sold by the property's new owners, the Grosse Pointe Convent of the Sacred Heart.

Conn., are finalists for the top job in Grosse Pointe public schools.
The two are selected from a field of 150 applicants to replace Dr. William Coats who will move to Ann Arbor this summer as a full professor in the University of Michigan school of education.

◆ **GROUP HOME OPPOSITION:** A proposed state-run group home for mentally handicapped in Grosse Pointe Park clears final inspection.

A decision to grant the facility a license is pending from the Michigan Department of Social Services.

Neighbors plan to stop the procedure by seeking a temporary restraining order.
◆ **AUTHOR, AUTHOR:** William X. Kienzle, author of "The Rosary Murders" and two other popular mystery novels, will speak next month at the annual Friends of the Grosse Pointe Public Library dinner meeting at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial.

team earn Class B-C-D All-State recognition.
Seniors Tom Delisle and Chris Ford and junior John Fowler are honorable mention selections to the All-State squad. Ford is also selected to the Michigan Prep Hockey League Dream Team.

2001

5 years ago this week

◆ **ALAN KEYES ADDRESSES MAYORS:** Political leader, diplomat and author Alan Keyes will be guest speaker at next month's 15th annual Mayor's Prayer Breakfast.

◆ **GETTING READY FOR WOODS FIREWORKS:** Preparations begin on this summer's Fourth of July fireworks on the grounds of Parcels Middle School in Grosse Pointe Woods.
◆ **ELMS ARE LOCAL FAVORITE:** The American elm, whose tall trunks and stately crowns are being culled by incurable Dutch elm disease, is the local sentimental favorite in a contest to name the United States' national tree.

◆ **WAR MEMORIAL WORK:** Construction continues on a new front driveway entrance and parking lot at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial.
◆ **PETZ RUNS FOR COMMISSION:** Patrick Petz, a City of Grosse Pointe councilman, announces his campaign for Wayne County Commissioner.
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1996

10 years ago this week

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1981

25 years ago this week

◆ **SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENT FINALISTS:** West Bloomfield School Superintendent Jerry Herman and Dr. Kenneth Brummel, superintendent in Westport,

in subdivisions and the DPW is going to try to remove some smaller trees on Hawthorne," Smith said. "A lot of trees we're going to be taking down are not a direct result of emerald ash borer. We had some trees stressed due to vehicle accidents, weather problems or other types of diseases."

◆ **WEEK AHEAD:**
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Grosse Pointe.
For more information, call SOC at (313) 882-9600.
◆ The City of Grosse Pointe council meets at 7 p.m. at City Hall, 17147 Maumee. It will be the first meeting for new City Manager Peter Dame, hired to replace former manager Mike Overton.

◆ The Grosse Pointe Public Library Board of Trustees meets at 7 p.m. at the Ewald branch library, 15175 E. Jefferson, Grosse Pointe Park.
◆ The Grosse Pointe Farms city council meets at 7 p.m. at City Hall, 90 Kerby. Agenda items include recommending a Farms resident to serve on the public library board.
◆ Advance tickets for the Breast Cancer Walk's Roller Skating party fundraiser go on sale from 5 to 7 p.m. today and Wednesday, April 26. The party will be from 4:30 to 7 p.m. on Sunday, May 7, at Great Skate, 29100 Hayes, Roseville.
Advance tickets are \$5 per person and can be purchased at Ace Hardware in the Village.

◆ The Grosse Pointe Wood Planning Commission holds a public hearing on the proposed Master Plan at 7:30 p.m. in council chambers, 20025 Mack.
◆ Grosse Pointe Community conducts its Spring Concert at 8 p.m. in Parcels Middle School auditorium.
The concert is free. Refreshments will be provided.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 26

◆ The Grosse Pointe Woman's Club's meeting features Jay A. Kennedy, who will discuss "Estate Planning" at 12:30 p.m. in the Crystal Ballroom of the Grosse Pointe War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms.
All current and former Grosse Pointe residents and business owners are invited to attend. For guest reservations, call (313) 881-6251 by Saturday, April 22.

◆ The League of Women Voters is conducting a public forum for the At-Large and Harper Woods applicants for the Board of Trustees of the Grosse Pointe Public Library from 7:30 to 9 p.m. at Grosse Pointe South High School Wicking Library.

TUESDAY, APRIL 25

◆ The League of Women Voters is conducting a public forum for the City of Grosse Pointe and Grosse Pointe Farms candidates for the Board of Trustees of the Grosse Pointe Public Library from 7:30 to 9 p.m. at Grosse Pointe South High School Wicking Library.

THURSDAY, APRIL 27

◆ The Pointer Bridge Club meets at 11 a.m. at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms.
Reservations and cancellations must be made by Monday, April 24, by calling (313) 886-7595 or (313) 881-8566.

◆ The Friends of the Grosse Pointe Public Library presents University of Michigan Professor of Literature John Whittier-Ferguson, who will discuss the poetry of Ezra Pound, at 7:30 p.m. at Grosse Pointe South High School auditorium.

◆ The Women's Connection of Grosse Pointe meets at 6 p.m. at a private club in Grosse Pointe.
For reservations, call (313) 882-1855. For more information, call (313) 884-4201.

◆ Pointe Knitters will meet at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, April 27, at the Children's Home of Detroit, 900 Cook, Grosse Pointe Woods.
For more information, call (313) 885-9034.

GROSSE POINTE SHORES

It might as well be spring

Brett Smith, director of public works in Grosse Pointe Shores, reminds residents that yard brush set aside for collection must be packed in brown paper bags.

"We're not using clear plastic anymore," Smith said.

Resumption this month of brush collection is another indication that, despite fickle weather and intermittent snow

flakes, spring has arrived. "DPW has been quite busy working outside," Smith said.

Tasks include trimming trees, tending flower gardens along Lakeshore and patching potholes on side streets.

About 15 municipally owned ash trees are scheduled to be cut down soon.

"Some (trees are) on Lakeshore, a few are on streets

in subdivisions and the DPW is going to try to remove some smaller trees on Hawthorne," Smith said. "A lot of trees we're going to be taking down are not a direct result of emerald ash borer. We had some trees stressed due to vehicle accidents, weather problems or other types of diseases."

Next month crews will resume annual treatments of catch basins to combat mosquitoes and West Nile virus.

"This year we are going to attempt to clean all catch basins from Vernier south," Smith said. "We had a four to five year schedule. Now, we're trying to do all our catch basins every other year."

Chemical briquettes will be placed in clean catch basins to fight West Nile virus.

"We'll, hopefully, keep our village safe and free from mosquitoes and West Nile virus," Smith said.

—Brad Lindberg

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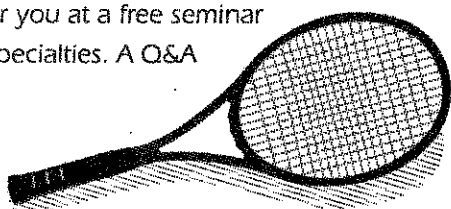
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POINT OF INTEREST

Patti Graham considered no other profession than teaching more than 30 years ago when she headed to Wayne State. Now Graham's Lakeview colleagues have rewarded the attention she gives students.

It all comes back to students

By Ann L. Fouty
Staff Writer

How do you mix teaching, a love of foreign language and baseball?

You stir it well and come up with Patti Graham, Lakeview High School's 2006 teacher of the year.

A counselor, Spanish, French, English and social studies teacher for 37 years and an avid Tiger baseball fan, Graham of Grosse Pointe Woods is modest, but pleased with the recognition of her peers at the St. Clair Shores school.

"The staff is young and it's an honor to be voted teacher of the year, to be held in esteem in their eyes," she said from her comfortable home.

Adjectives that were used to bring her this honor include "hardworking," "caring" and "fair."

Smiling and in a soothing voice, she returns the compliments to both the seasoned teachers and the newly hired. "Some I have worked with for years," Graham began. To the younger teachers she said, they are "a breath of fresh air. They are energetic. They are smart. They identify with the students."

Graham can say the same for herself.

It's evident she identifies with and cares for the students who call her Senora, even

though they are in an English class. Students are welcome before and after school just to talk.

Students of the 21st century are different than those of three decades ago when she began her career, Graham said. "Moms were at home; it's not the case now," she said. "More kids focus on television and video games. They expect to be entertained. They have a short attention span."

The worries they carry to school are different and the home atmosphere has changed.

This, too, she can identify with.

The 58-year-old began teaching before working mothers, dual incomes and being separated from her only child, a daughter, were the norm.

The consolation was Graham's mother took care of daughter, Jennifer, until she went to school. Graham explained, "I was called back to work sooner than I thought. It was a struggle. She (Jennifer) stayed with my mom. That helped the transition. It was difficult to leave."

"Then it was time for preschool. But we would have quality time. When we were together we would visit museums and the library. We went to the War Memorial," she said and praised the variety of activities available in the Grosse Pointes.



Lakeview High School's Teacher of the Year, Patti Graham, center, with her grandchildren, Mackenzie, 9, and Kyle, 14.

She loves her daughter and her two grandchildren, but teaching is another love.

"There was never a doubt I would be in the classroom," she said. "There was never a question. I wouldn't change professions."

There is sign that her granddaughter, Mackenzie, 9, will follow in her foot steps. Mackenzie plays school with her friends and brings out the worksheets.

IT BEGAN HERE

Graham graduated from Grosse Pointe High School and has settled within blocks of the home where she grew up. She met her husband, Marty, while waitressing at the Original Pancake House, and attending Wayne State University. He was attending Lawrence Tech.

He was a chef and still cooks for her; his speciality is pasta. Student teaching at Lakeview led to a permanent position there. Graham spent 15 years at Lakeview and nine at Lutheran High East where she was a teacher and counselor.

"That worked for me. I don't ever recall wanting to leave the classroom; being able to give something to share with them. Every day when they leave they have learned at least one thing," she said.

Twelve years ago, Lakeview called her back.

"It was almost like going home," she said.

In her three decades of teaching nearly 200 students a year, Graham has watched as children are dropped off an hour before school and should

der assorted burdens. She has seen teaching styles go from teacher focused to student centered.

Certified in guidance counseling and administration, her classroom is a natural gathering place for students early in the morning.

"Students are dropped off and they come into my room where we waste time talking. It's a long day (for the students)," she said because they not only have homework but also jobs.

Graham praises their Internet savvy which has an affect on subject matter covered and changes teaching styles.

"The subject matter is taken to the next level. Textbooks were an extension of the fin-

ger. They (students) would learn the textbook material and spit it back. Not now.

"The 80-minute block scheduling has teachers reevaluating the material they are teaching, to eliminate what is not necessary, not critical to the core subject matter."

"Today, education is focusing on cooperative learning, how to become independent and team work. It's good when they leave to have that. Block scheduling and education in general is now student centered and not teacher centered. (Students) develop higher thinking skills."

When she looks out to her classroom on the first floor at Lakeview, Graham sometimes sees the children of former students. It's a bit intimidating, she said.

"There is a self-imposed pressure when you see the second generation sitting in front of you," she said. However, when she collects their homework to spend two to four hours a night looking it over, she focuses on today's student's needs.

"The exercise (homework) is telling me where I need to go back and review with them," she said.

How many more years will she be reviewing homework?

An avid reader and member of the Macomb Intermediate School District Literacy Committee, Graham and her husband were ready to move to Florida a few years ago to pursue his love of sailing and to a fulfill her goal of watching Tiger spring training.

Detroit Edison presented him with an offer he couldn't refuse so they stayed in Grosse Pointe Woods. Since then, Marty has retired and does the cooking.

"We talked about me retiring several times, I want to hang on two more years," she said.

Graham still wants to devote time to help students get in touch with their inner voice that will set them on the path to success.

"There is a spirit in each one of us that will help (the students) be a success in whatever they pursue," she summed up.

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Retired Woods educator honored

The Michigan World Language Association (MiWLA) has selected Maeve Erbecker of Grosse Pointe Woods as an Educator of the Year 2005.

Her award recognizes her high standards of professionalism and instruction, the commitment to good teaching

practices, creativity in the classroom and enthusiasm for teaching French and Spanish.

Erbecker is also recognized for her numerous contributions to professional organizations, especially to the MiWLA. Her teaching experience includes assignments at Wayne State University,

Dominican High School, Cass Technical High School, Kettering High School and Denby technical and Preparatory School. She retired in June 2005.

Erbecker has been active in the Alliance Francaise, the Detroit Chapter of the American Association of French, the administration of the National French Contest and in several French festivals in Detroit and Grosse Pointe.

As a member of the

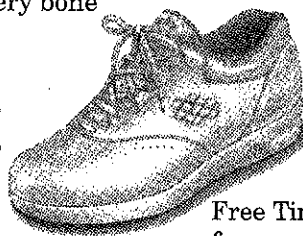
MiWLA, she has served on the conference steering committee and has co-presented several workshops for colleagues.

Erbecker entered Marygrove College directly from her junior year in high school. While completing her master's degree at Middlebury College, she studied at the Sorbonne in Paris and has made summer travel to France and Europe an important part of her continuing education.

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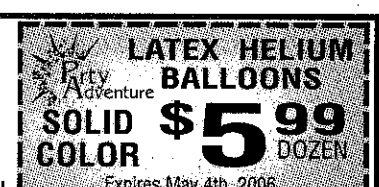
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GROSSE POINTE WOODS

Tutag happy with city parking lots

By Bob St. John
Staff Writer

Grosse Pointe Woods Building Inspector Gene Tutag presented members of the Mayor's Mack Avenue Business Study Committee with an updated version of a parking study during a March 29 meeting.

The last comprehensive parking study was done in 1966, four decades ago.

"Where is there a parking issue?" Tutag said. "There is adequate parking for customers along our business stretch, even though some residents might say otherwise."

Tutag said some customers might have trouble finding parking directly in front of a business, such as a restaurant, during peak hours of operation.

"It's nice to see the city's businesses doing so well, and yes, sometimes it might be difficult to get a parking space right in front," Tutag said.

The building inspector presented facts and figures to committee members Al Dickinson (city councilman

and chair of the committee), Dan Curis, Thomas Fahrner, George Koueiter, William Matouk, Darry Spicher (city councilman), John Vitale and Woods Mayor Robert Novitke.

As of 2005, the city has 680,000 feet total floor area in its Mack Avenue businesses (commercial and office) with a required 2,917 parking spaces. However, the city actually has 3,364 spaces, a surplus of 447.

Since 1966, data reviewed indicated that 732 parking spaces have been gained. The number of city owned lots has also risen from one to 11 during the last 40 years.

"Private sector strategies to improve the parking problems at peak times can include shared parking arrangements such as DaEdoardo Restaurant's use of the Flagstar Bank parking lot during non-banking hours and the use of valet service," Tutag said.

Other solutions to smoothing short-term parking difficulties are requiring employees to park in non-prime spaces and better parking enforcement through the use of metered

spaces. In addition, building officials say a redesign of private and municipal spaces can optimize existing lots.

In a report sent to city officials dated Jan. 15, 2004, the number of total metered spaces was 868 and unmetered spaces was 296, giving the city 1,164 spots in the 12 total parking lots.

"We need to promote the idea of employers asking their employees to use public parking areas to free up parking spaces that can be used by customers, especially north of Vernier," Dickinson said.

"The city has done a nice job creating more parking and several business owners have taken it upon themselves to create their own parking via buying property near their business," Novitke said. "(George) Koueiter is a good example of this."

The public perception of city parking within the Woods city limits has ranged from good to poor, according to a mass sample.

Cities such as Birmingham, Royal Oak and Ferndale don't have much public parking; so people have to use centralized parking lots and walk a block or two to get to their favorite restaurant or store.

"The Mack Business district in the Woods is different than in other cities in the area," Tutag said. "Most of the time our residents can grab a parking space directly in front of a store or a space or two over. There are times, however, in which a customer might have to walk a block to get to a restaurant."

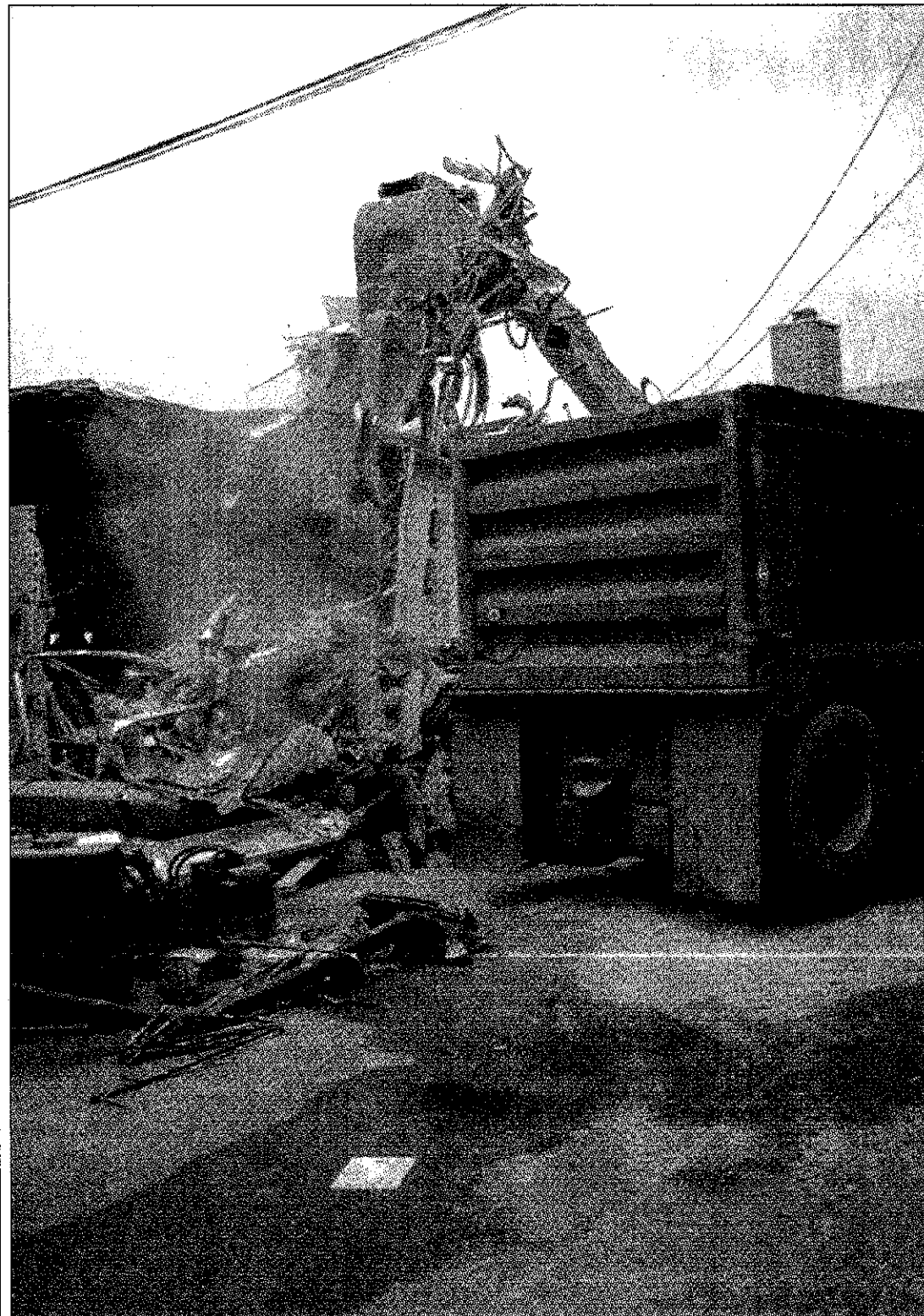


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Walls tumbling down

A construction company is in the process of tearing down what used to be Mid-State Surety Corp. (102 Kercheval) and preparing to build a two-story office building on the Hill shopping district in Grosse Pointe Farms. The entire process of tearing down and building up will take several months to complete.

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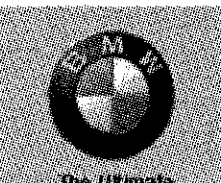


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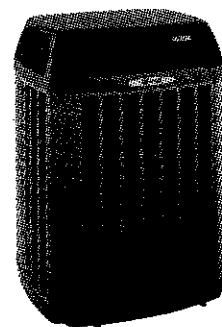
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GROSSE POINTE WOODS

City council approves street repair projects

By Bob St. John
Staff Writer

Construction crews will be busy this summer in Grosse Pointe Woods.

The numerous street repair projects are going to exercise residents' patience, but when they are finished the streets will look and drive better.

"These are aggressive projects, but they are needed," Woods Mayor Robert Novitke said. "We have the money funded for the project."

The biggest project is the repaving of Sunningdale Park, starting at Vernier.

City council approved the bid submitted by Tiseo Brothers, Inc., in the amount of \$317,977.50. The bid was below others submitted.

The total cost including construction, engineering, contract administration and contingencies is estimated at \$410,000.

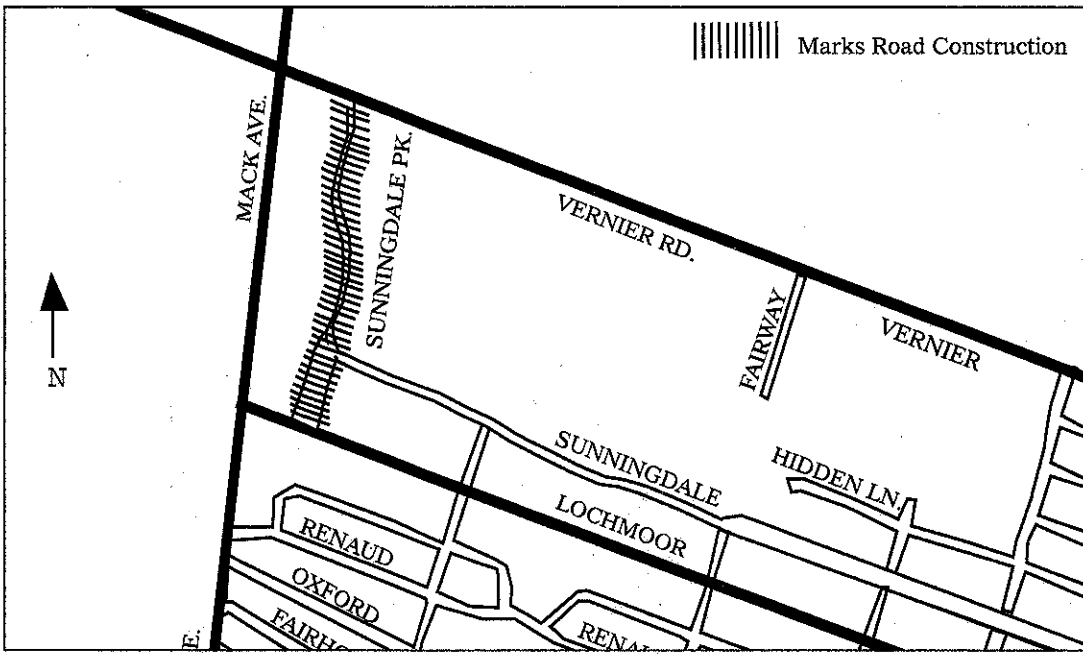
City council also approved an additional \$145,000 to extend the repaving project from the island at Sunningdale Park to Lochmoor, which increased the total project cost to \$555,000.

A second project along Sunningdale Park involves the water main extension required to provide fire flows for the new building at Parcels Middle School.

It is also part of the city's proposed infrastructure improvements as it completes a loop in the system.

City Manager Mark Wollenweber said the Grosse Pointe Public Schools administration has asked the city to manage the water main project to facilitate coordination with the road construction.

ADJ Excavating, Inc. has agreed to do the project for \$79,212.89. The total project cost including construction,



Grosse Pointe Woods residents will have to carefully navigate their way by construction on Sunningdale Park between Vernier and Lochmoor this summer.

engineering, contract administration and contingencies is \$90,000.

City council approved another \$405,000 bid (total cost including contingencies) to Galui Construction, Inc. to perform the Milk River Bridge Removal Project on four streets in the Woods — Fairholme, Roslyn, Hampton and Anita.

"All of the funds for this project are coming from the Milk River Inter-County Drainage Fund," Wollenweber said.

In addition, the city council approved \$300,000 (total project cost including contingencies) to Gaglio P&R Cement Co. to complete the Miscellaneous Sidewalk and Driveway Approach Replacement Program in District No. 8.

The funds for this project are contingent upon approval of the 2006-07 budget.

"Sunningdale is going to be the biggest project. Residents have complained about that for the past few years, but we couldn't do anything about it," council member Vicki Granger said.

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When diagnosed with breast cancer, Pam Daniele chose radiation treatment at the Van Elslander Cancer Center - even though other hospitals are closer to her home.

She knew receiving innovative care from nationally recognized physicians would be worth the drive.

"It takes me about 35 or 40 minutes to drive to St. John," she says. "But I was willing to drive the extra miles everyday if it meant I'd receive the very best treatment."

At the Van Elslander Cancer Center, she met Cynthia H. Browne, M.D., Ph.D., an expert radiation oncologist who recommended a 6 1/2-week course of external beam radiation therapy.

"Right away I felt comfortable with Dr. Browne and the entire staff," she says. "The people are so wonderful - it's a very loving and caring environment. You can tell the doctors and the staff really care about you as a person."

As comforting as the environment was, Pam says she was terribly worried during her cancer battle. But her family - and the Van Elslander Cancer Center - had a remedy for that too.

"I had a lot of support from my family and friends during that time, and a lot of support from the Van Elslander Cancer Center," she says. "I went for extra counseling. I was so anxiety ridden. But they don't let those things go. They treat the whole person, not just the cancer."

Nearly two years after completing her radiation therapy, Pam's cancer is in remission and her prognosis is excellent - but she still drives to St. John Hospital twice a week.

"They were so wonderful to me. I chose to volunteer there two days a week," she says. "They helped me through a difficult time and I believe in them so passionately. I guess I could volunteer at a hospital closer to my home, but my heart is with St. John Hospital."

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EDITORIALS

Nobel peace laureates honor Detroit

We cannot overstate the honor being paid to Detroit by the visit of four Nobel Peace Prize laureates Friday, May 5, at Wayne State University. To have one hero of peace come to Detroit would have been a coup, but to have four — all women — is an occasion of great pride.

Those attending will be Jody Williams, a 1997 laureate recognized for her activism with the International Campaign to Ban Land Mines; Rigoberta Menchu Tum, a 1992 laureate who fought for women's rights and the oppressed indigenous people in Guatemala; Betty Williams, a 1976 laureate who started the Irish group Peace People to quell the violence and animosity in Northern Ireland; and Shiri Ebadi, who was awarded the Peace Prize in 2003 for her fight for women's and children's rights in Iran.

Ms. Ebadi is also the aunt of Grosse Pointe dermatologist Dr. Ali Moïni, who helped bring the laureates to Wayne State for the symposium, titled Peace: The Role of Governments in Achieving or Obstructing World Peace.

"They're all strong and confident and not waiting for any rewards," Dr. Moïni said of the laureates. "They're incredible."

Ms. Ebadi stressed in her acceptance speech for the Nobel Peace Prize, the first for Iran, the necessity of following the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, drafted in 1948.

"(The Declaration) promises a world in which human beings shall enjoy freedom of expression and opinion and be safeguarded and protected against fear and poverty," she said.

We agree. Without human rights, there can be no peace. We urge Grosse Pointers to attend the symposium. The deadline for reservations is Monday, May 1, and may be made by calling (313) 577-8300 or by e-mailing ses@list.wayne.edu.

We hope to see you there and look forward to hearing Ms. Ebadi and the other women speak. We also wish to thank Dr. Moïni, Wayne State University and other sponsors for making the symposium possible.

It will be a good day for Detroit.

G.P. News green is back!

We heard you loud and clear. While many readers liked our redesign, launched March 9, many lamented the loss of the traditional "Grosse Pointe News green."

While working on the redesign, we were presented with two accent colors — red and blue. We opted for red, which seems to be the "in" color. Using green as the accent color was mentioned by a couple of Grosse Pointe News staffers, but it failed to gain traction.

But thanks to our readers, we regained our footing and have gone back to green. True, it is not a lot of green, just enough to accent the look.

The most complaints we received was the red looked too much like the Detroit papers, especially The Detroit News. While being compared to a respected daily newspaper is not necessarily a bad thing, we do not want to lose our individuality, our identity, our "brand." Store owners said they had to look twice to see whether customers were buying a Grosse Pointe News or Detroit News.

We can't have that!

We hope the change from red back to green helps to ameliorate some of the dislike of our redesign from some of our loyal readers. Our goal is to provide you with all the local news and names you have come to expect in your weekly, community newspaper. We also want to package the paper in a clear and attractive manner.

One reader commented, "There are too many typos, grammatical errors and omitted words in every issue. This detracts from the overall quality of the paper."

Errata are never-ending banes for newspapers, and we continue to combat them. Obviously, we have to try harder.

PHIL HANDS



LETTERS

The Grosse Pointe News welcomes your letters to the editor. All letters should be typed, double-spaced, signed and limited to 250 words. Longer letters may be edited for length and all letters may be edited for content. We reserve the right to refuse any letter. Include a daytime phone number for verification or questions. The deadline for letters is 3 p.m. Monday.

Medicare Part D help from SOC

To the Editor:

It works! It actually works. A few weeks ago I signed up for Medicare Part D prescription coverage.

The trained volunteer at SOC (Services For Older Citizens) walked me through the many plans being offered for this program. The one I chose offered me free prescriptions when I paid the monthly premium.

I was skeptical about this "free prescription" and decided to try it out. When I went to pick up my prescription, I brought enough money to cover the price — just in case. The pharmacist handed it to me and did not ask for any money — wow.

Be aware, however, that every plan is different and choosing the correct one depends on the number and type of prescriptions you are currently using. That is why it is so important to ask for assistance from a knowledgeable person trained to help people determine which is the right plan for them.

Remember, May 15 is the last day you can enroll without being charged a monthly penalty fee.

I urge the readers of the Grosse Pointe News to call SOC at (313) 882-9600 and make an appointment. You only have one more month left to sign up.

MARION MC CARTHY
Harper Woods

Harper Woods name the same

To the Editor:

Thank you for publishing the editorial, "Harper Woods name change?" (April 13 Grosse Pointe News).

I am a 14-year-old resident

of Grosse Pointe Shores who finds the concept of Harper Woods being renamed "Grosse Pointe Heights" ridiculous.

Harper Woods currently has a nice reputation and should not have to change its name because a few residents are unhappy. I have personally talked with a resident of Harper Woods and she agrees with me that there are more important things happening in the world.

As for property values, one of the only ways a community can improve the worth of its property is a better public school system.

According to a recent Detroit Free Press article I read, when East Detroit changed its name to Eastpointe, its property values changed very little. Even if property values in Harper Woods were to increase after a name change to Grosse Pointe Heights, it could potentially decrease Grosse Pointe property values.

At least Eastpointe's name change from East Detroit was more subtle, whereas Harper Woods' proposal steals the identity of the Grosse Pointes.

Harper Woods resident Scott Campbell should be proud of his city's name and not live as a poser.

AKSHAY VERMA
Grosse Pointe Shores

Fifth-grader doing project on Michigan

To the Editor:

My name is Dallas Hall. In my fifth-grade class, we are doing a state project and I will be doing my project on Michigan.

The project will be due at the end of May and it will cover topics such as famous people from Grosse Pointe and Michigan, your special state traditions, and the history of Grosse Pointe and Michigan.

The reason I am writing to the Grosse Pointe News is to ask if you could publish my letter. I am hoping that some of the members of the Grosse Pointe community would write to me and tell me about their experiences and traditions in Grosse Pointe.

I would even enjoy it if they would share their favorite recipes with me. I live in southern California and am sure many things about Grosse Pointe are very different from where I live.

Also, if any of the citizens find time to reply, it would be great if they could enclose a copy of my "published" letter.

Thank you so much for taking time to read my letter. Any information would be most appreciated.

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Alternative energy resources

To the Editor:

President Bush recently outlined a recovery plan to end America's "addiction" to oil by prescribing alternative energy resources. Many of the alternative fuels mentioned, from ethanol to hydrogen, require natural gas or oil to be produced.

The fact is oil and natural gas are essential to modern society. Consider that half a barrel of crude oil is refined into various fuels for transportation while the other half is refined into millions of products that we take for granted, such as plastics, fibers, pills and even food. We need crude oil and natural gas with or without alternative fuels.

"Where do we get crude oil and natural gas at a desirable price?" Historically, oil prices were relatively low in the 1950s, 1960s, the late 1980s and 1990s when foreign oil imports were about 50 percent or lower. Oil prices were relatively high during the 1970s, and early 2000s when foreign oil imports were about 60 percent or higher.

Historical evidence suggests our job is to reduce our reliance on foreign imported oil by about 10 percent to 15 percent from present levels. At some high price, consumer de-

mand will flatten. At the same time, domestic supply will increase as independent oil and gas producers, who team up to drill 90 percent of our nation's onshore and offshore wells, rush to add to domestic supplies by exploring for new reservoirs.

The rate that oil is added to domestic supplies is dramatically slowed by unreasonable regulatory permit delays, rotary drill rig availability (now 1,200 nationally vs. 2,500 in 1985), zero budgeting of the Department of Energy's oil and gas programs, and outright bans on drilling in large areas.

Our nation has vast oil and gas resources sufficient to make our country relatively energy independent for the next one-half century and far beyond. Mother Earth is thermally cooking new gas and oil as you read this letter.

Adequate domestic supplies of oil offer major benefits to our nation and state. National security, large numbers of skilled employed, and millions of dollars in royalties to mineral owners are among those worth mentioning.

Today, there exists a new generation of skilled and environmentally sensitive exploration managers among the independent producers of America. They benefit from new technology that has revolutionized the industry.

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These measures ensured that virtually no oil was spilled as a result of the devastating hurricanes Katrina and Rita last year.

A strong local oil and gas industry is extremely important to our state and nation.

Now is the time for our legislators, our regulators, the environmental industry, private citizens and the energy industry to come together in an atmosphere of mutual respect to accomplish a big job that is worth the effort.

THOMAS MALL
Chairman
Michigan Oil and Gas Association

GUEST EDITORIAL By Dave McClure

Competition needed in broadband

Decades ago, long before many of us were even born, there was an industry called "cable television." This industry brought innovation to television across Michigan, and was regulated as the single provider under local franchise agreements managed by each city and town.

That "cable television" industry doesn't exist any more.

Since the advent of the Internet, these companies have changed to become networks that provide a more diverse range of services including not only video programming but telephony, security services, health services and high speed Internet access. They have become broadband companies.

They are not alone. Where each city or town once had only one phone company, and

one cable company, numerous broadband providers now use telephone wires, cable wires, electric wires, fiber optics, satellite signals, wireless signals and even cell phone signals to deliver these broadband services, and more would like to enter the market.

But competitive broadband companies are facing a substantial roadblock to bringing these services to Michigan: decades-old regulations that

were crafted back when cable television was the only video alternative in a community. Still on the books and still being enforced today, the old rules are a barrier slowing the deployment of broadband video across the state and delaying the introduction of other advanced broadband services.

The state legislature is con-

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I SAY By Beth Quinn

Cluttered house is journey back in time



My 83-year-old mother recently asked my sister, Anne, and me for help getting her house in order. As she grew older, she had let the place slide a bit because she didn't have the energy to tackle any projects.

A few weeks ago, she went to the emergency room of her local hospital complaining she could not breathe. To make a long story short, she was diagnosed with advanced emphysema and a blockage of her aorta. No wonder she didn't feel like doing anything.

The seriousness of her health motivated her to finally stop smoking and to get her house organized. I think the prospect of having her two strong-willed daughters cleaning out her things made her more anxious than the withdrawal from smoking. I don't blame her. When it comes to getting rid of stuff, we are an intimidating combination — Anne doesn't have a sentimental bone in her body and I'm pretty close to being clutter phobic. I'm sure we frightened our pack-rat mother.

However, I realized the first day of de-cluttering, mother actually gave us a gift by not throwing things away. I found boxes upon boxes of family momentos in the corner of the laundry room. Anne came upon precious photographs tucked away in the dining room sideboard.

We felt like scuba divers discovering treasuries in a sunken

ship. The numerous photos, letters, birthday cards and our childhood artwork took us down memory lane. It was a wonderful yet bittersweet journey.

We gazed at vintage photographs documenting my parent's life. I was filled with pride as I witnessed the transformation of my father from poor country boy into a chief financial officer of a Fortune 500 company. I marveled seeing pictures of my fashionable twentysomething mother. She was an auburn hair, blue-eyed beauty who was 5 ft. 8 inches tall with a tiny waist.

My mother would also get lost in the photos and letters, especially those of my father and her brothers who are long gone. Her beautiful eyes sparkled when she saw the first photo of my dad and her together. She explained they had only been dating for a few

weeks when they went to a restaurant to ring in the New Year. A newspaper photographer took a photo of them and the couple who introduced them to each other as they donned silly sequined party hats and blowing on noise makers. I felt good seeing how comfortable my parents looked with each other early in their relationship. Their friends were good matchmakers.

My sister and I had a good laugh looking at the clothes we wore as teenagers. In one photo, Anne is heading off to college wearing a very short mini-dress which looks to our middle-age eyes to be a t-shirt. She, a mother of a twenty-something daughter, exclaimed, "How could Mom and Dad let me go out with that on?" I just quietly chuckled knowing that my parents wisely chose their Type-A daughter.

Pictures of beloved dogs delighted my mother and me but did nothing for my sister. I just don't understand how she managed not to be a dog-lover having grown up in my family. She must have silently suffered as a child sitting next to a panting dog during one of our long car trips.

The numerous photos of me hugging my little brother brought back memories of how much I adore the cute little boy with the curly auburn hair and big brown eyes. I remembered being overjoyed when he was born one Father's Day thus ending my plight as the baby of the family.

The reams of letters stashed away provided insight into family relationships. While reading some that we five children wrote from camps and colleges, I realized we were all emotionally connected to our parents. We wanted to share, in

detail, our experiences away from home. Surprisingly, every letter ended with a strong statement of love and appreciation. Of course, there was the frequent hint when we were in college that we were running low of spending money.

Some letters showed my grandmother's love and concern for her oldest daughter and her family. During the last few years of her life, Grandma was distant and remote creating a strained relationship with my mother. I hope these loving letters help to repair some of the wounds my mother has been feeling during the last 25 years.

These precious momentos escaped from being laid to rest in a Dumpster we had rented. Anne and I will be going back home in few weeks to continue the purging of our mother's house. I hope we will discover more hidden treasures.

STREETWISE

Saturday is Earth Day. Do you think Earth Day is important, or is it an outdated idea?

If you have a question you would like asked, drop us a note at 96 Kercheval on The Hill in Grosse Pointe Farms, MI 48236 or e-mail to editor@grossepointenews.com



'It's still a very important day for continued awareness and education about our diminishing global resources.'

CHRISTY ROSE
Ann Arbor



'It creates awareness on the importance of conserving our natural resources. I think Earth Day should be 365 days a year.'

CANDY SWEENEY
Grosse Pointe Farms



'The concept of why there is Earth Day is most important. It's certainly not outdated, the more time goes on the more important it is.'

JULIA KEIM
Grosse Pointe Park



'Of course it's still important. The Earth is our home.'

RAY DYMOND
Harper Woods



'I could never think it's an outdated idea because it was my generation who invented it.'

CHRISTINE HAGEDORN
Troy



'Every day should be Earth Day.'

RICK CARMODY
Ferndale

FYI By Ben Burns

Harmonica-playing priest in demand



The Rev. William McGoldrick may be more famous for his harmonica playing ability than he is for the 63 years he spent in the Roman Catholic priesthood or the fact that he was part of the Michigan state senior handball doubles championship team in 1982.

Retired and living at Our Lady Star of the Sea in Grosse Pointe Woods, Father McGoldrick has been asked to play before groups 10 times in the last three months.

And he plays monthly at the Bluepointe Restaurant at Cadieux and Warren in Detroit.

"He packs them in," said owner, David Muer. "It's amazing how many people show up to hear him play."

That's a pretty good gig for an 87-year-old.

McGoldrick, who was born on the west side of Detroit, got into the mouth organ business by accident. His father and uncles could play the Irish

flute and the fiddle, but young Bill couldn't get the hang of those instruments.

So he was looking at an issue of Boys' Life Magazine when he was 14 or 15, saw a harmonica advertised for 50 cents, decided to try it and sent away for one.

"I eventually had 20 or 25 of them," McGoldrick said, "but now I'm down to about 12 in different keys." Of course his most expensive one now costs about \$140.

If you want to catch McGoldrick's act you may check with the Bluepointe for an appearance date or you may hear him play and deliver a spiritual message at the Grosse Pointe Ecumenical Men's Breakfast at 7:15 a.m. on Friday, May 19, at Grosse Pointe Memorial Church, 16 Lakeshore in the Farms.

Memories

Zach Moir turned 100 on March 31 and celebrated the centenary occasion by holding the youngest member of the Moir clan, 1 1/2 year-old Jenna Moir on his lap during the party at the Henry Ford Continuing Care Center on Kelly Road in Roseville.

For 20 years from 1949 to 1969, Moir ran the service station at the corner of Fisher Road and Maumee in the City



Zach Moir turned 100 on March 31 and celebrated by holding the youngest member of the Moir clan, 1 1/2 year-old Jenna Moir on his lap.

across from Grosse Pointe South High School. He bought the business from the Houston Brothers, and some say the location was a lively stable before that.

In '69, Zach sold the business to his son, Ron, who ran it until 1992. And not long after that it was converted to its current incarnation as the Grosse Pointe Athletic Club.

Zach joins a rapidly growing segment of the world pop-

ulation — women and men who are 100 or older. In 2002, there were reportedly 72,000 of them; the prediction is that there will be 131,000 by 2010 and 834,000 by 2050. Eight out of 10 centenarians are women.

The Third Age Internet Web site reporting on a New England study of 169 centenarians found 15 percent still lived in their own homes, some still held jobs, medical expenses for centenarians are lower for those in their 60s and 70s, most are uncommonly healthy until the very end of their lives and some outscored the researchers on some mental tests.

The Web site lists factors for achieving the 100 goal, including good longevity genes, ability to adapt to life events, resistance to stress, self-sufficiency, intellectual activity, a good sense of humor (including about themselves), religious beliefs, strong connections with other people, low blood pressure, appreciation of simple pleasures and experiences, a zest for life and don't smoke or drink heavily. Many play musical instru-

ments, and women tend to have bore children after age 40.

Suggestions by the researchers for keeping mentally fit include doing crossword and jigsaw puzzles, playing bridge, learning foreign languages, playing musical instruments, learning dance steps, writing, sports, taking classes, traveling, memory training and experiencing the new and unfamiliar.

They also say, "Floss your teeth." Inflamed gums release substances into the bloodstream that cause clogged arteries. Even if flossing doesn't let you live to be 100, it will improve your smile.

About 45 members of the

Moir family assembled from points as far away as Florida for the celebration for Zach. Jim and Jody Moir brought tiny Jenna as the newest member of the group.

"He got a big kick out of it," reported Ron. "He doesn't say as much these days, but you could tell he was enjoying it."

One of the phrase, Zach used repeatedly at his party was "good, good, good," and perhaps we should all take a lesson from that.

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Zach Moir, center, flanked by his sons, Alec, left, and Ron, celebrated his 100th birthday March 31. The elder Moir owned the Moir Service station at Fisher and Maumee before selling to Ron.

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Medicare-D deadline nears

By Bob St. John
Staff Writer

Senior citizens throughout the Grosse Pointes have a choice to make concerning prescription drug coverage.

Congress passed legislation which set up Medicare Prescription Drug Plans to meet the individual needs of each participant. The initial Medicare Part D enrollment period ends May 15.

The plan allows individuals to pay a monthly premium, on average of about \$32. The exact premium amount will depend which prescription drug plan is chosen, according to Medicare's Website.

Individuals are not required to enroll in Part D, but if they enroll later they will pay a higher monthly premium, as well as a penalty.

"We're here to help our seniors gain information they need to make an informed decision," SOC (Services for Older Citizens) Executive Director Sharon Maier said. "Medicare Part D is a complex process, but we can help make this process easier for our seniors to handle."

If Medicare beneficiaries decide to enroll later than their initial enrollment period, monthly premiums will cost one percent more per month.

Medicare says beneficiaries pay a \$250 annual deductible before Medicare pays anything, although some drug plans have a reduced deductible or none at all.

Individuals can apply for financial help if they meet the

criteria outlined by Medicare by calling the Social Security Administration at 1-800-772-1213.

The federal government oversees Part D coverage but doesn't sell it; this coverage is provided by 41 private insurance companies in Michigan.

An article in the April issue of BetterInvesting magazine offers assistance for signing up for this complicated drug plan.

The article suggests individuals start by asking two primary questions: 1. If I'm eligible to enroll in a prescription drug plan, should I? 2. If I decide to enroll, how do I determine which plan is the best?

If an individual doesn't have any prescription drug coverage, they should enroll in a Part D plan by May 15, even if they don't currently need the coverage, BetterInvesting said.

If a person already has good prescription drug coverage, then do not enroll in Part D. BetterInvesting says a person will know if they have "good" drug coverage if he receives a letter from his current health insurance plan saying he has "creditable prescription drug coverage."

These individuals should hold on to the letter just in case they want to cancel their current plan later and enroll in Medicare Part D.

Having this letter will negate a late-enrollment penalty.

SOC volunteer and Grosse Pointe Park resident Larry Kruger has helped dozens of seniors get information about the drug plan. Seniors and others can meet one-on-one with

trained Part D educators who can explain plan options based on their current prescription needs, choice of pharmacy and financial situation.

"We can't, by law, tell a person which plan to sign up with," Kruger, 74, said. "We're here to help seniors better understand which plan fits their finances."

"The important thing seniors have to do is to present a helper with the prescription drugs they are currently taking, present a Medicare card and a health insurance card," Kruger said. "We will take the time to go online to get all of the information needed to get several plans they can look at and then make a decision."

Health care officials say the best plan for a person should depend on which medications they take. Not every drug plan will cover all medications, and the amounts required to pay for the drugs vary from plan to plan.

Couples may even find it better for each spouse to be under a different plan.

"I was able to come to SOC for help," 72-year-old Harper Woods resident Gia Franciosi said. "They helped me get the information I needed to make a decision on which plan is best for me. I'm glad SOC is here for us seniors."

Residents of the Grosse Pointes and Harper Woods with Medicare can choose to enroll in this voluntary drug coverage program at SOC, by appointment only. For home-bound seniors, SOC will have a Medicare counselor come to

their home. To make an appointment, contact Mary Rose Nelson at the SOC office at (313) 882-9600.

"We want to help seniors and other eligible beneficiaries make Part D coverage decisions in the next 90 days," said Paul Bridgewater, executive Director of the Detroit Area Agency on Aging. "Our goals are to create informed consumers who feel confident that they are choosing the best Part D plan for them and to help them do it before May 15 so they can enroll without penalty."

Visit medicare.gov to get more information, including which plan covers each drug.

When you log onto the Medicare Website, click on Compare Medicare Prescription Drug Plans. When that page opens, click on Find a Medicare Prescription Drug Plan under the heading "Where would you like to begin?"

Fill in your information and hit the Search Plans button.

Participants will have to click all of the boxes that apply for the heading, "Current Prescription Drug Coverage," and another that says, "Eligible or Qualify for Additional Help."

Click on either the yes or no box and hit the Continue button under the final item.

The next page instructs users to input the names of each medication they are currently taking. The program will note prescriptions that come in a generic form, which are cheaper than the brand name.

NOBEL: 4 heroines for peace

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She has interpreted her Islamic faith as a peaceful force that can coexist with democracy and guarantee human rights and freedom for Iranian citizens. A believer in pluralism, she thinks peace and freedom can also reach and transform countries across the world.

In 2003, she was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize.

Moiin has great respect for his aunt, and due to the rampant war afflicting the Earth, he thought it would be enlightening to invite women peace prize winners to Detroit for a panel discussion that will center on how governments can effect peace and ensure human rights.

"Human rights should be placed in every country in the world. If you have human rights, there won't be any problems," Moiin said.

Three female laureates in addition to Ebadi agreed to come to Detroit. Sen. Carl Levin, D-Mich., and Michigan Supreme Court Justice Maura Corrigan, of Grosse Pointe Park, will be on the panel. The event is Friday, May 5.

The Nobel Peace Prize was first awarded in 1901. The criteria for the honor include advocacy of human rights, mediation of conflicts and arms control and disarmament.

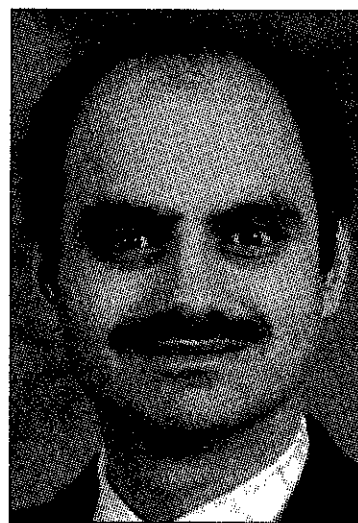
Twelve women have received the award since its inception. Seven female Peace laureates are alive today, and Moiin believes the gathering of four women laureates is extraordinary.

Besides Ebadi, the laureates coming to Detroit represent diverse causes in different parts of the world. Jody Williams, a 1997 laureate, was recognized for her activism with the International Campaign to Ban Land Mines; Rigoberta Menchu Tum, a 1992 laureate, has fought for women's rights and the oppressed indigenous Indians in Guatemala; and Betty Williams, a 1976 laureate, started the Irish group Peace People to quell the violence and animosity in Northern Ireland.

Moiin extols all the female winners.

"They're all strong and confident and not waiting for any rewards," he said. "They're incredible."

A critic of the war in Iraq, Moiin decided to act on his strong feeling for peace by creating a venue where tranquility and unity can be explored. He decided that instead of complaining, he would act in a manner similar to Ebadi by forming a discus-



Dr. Ali Moiin

Laureates' symposium

Title: Peace: The Role of Governments in Achieving or Obstructing World Peace

When: Friday, May 5

Where: Wayne State University General Lectures Auditorium, 5045 Anthony Wayne Drive

Time: 5 p.m.

Reservation deadline: May 1; call (313) 577-0300 or e-mail ses@list.wayne.edu

Cost: None

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sion group.

While some say the war in Iraq is justified because it has brought democracy to the country and ended the tyranny of Saddam Hussein, Moiin feels the war is misplaced and is concerned with the lack of weapons of mass destruction found in the country, which was the original rationale for the conflict. He thinks the United States should leave Iraq as soon as possible.

The women laureates will likely offer a beneficial examination of war in the world as well as strategies to wage peace.

In her acceptance speech for the Nobel Peace Prize in 2003, an honor that was a first for Iran, Ebadi talked about the necessity of following the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, which was drafted in 1948. She wants the psychology of war to be replaced with a psychology of peace.

"(The Declaration) promises a world in which human beings shall enjoy freedom of expression and opinion and be safeguarded and protected against fear and poverty," she said.

As with the other laureates, she spoke of women's possibilities in a world that often disdains them.

"Undoubtedly my selection will be an inspiration to the masses of women who are striving to realize their rights, not only in Iran but throughout the region," she said. "This selection will make women believe in themselves."

CABLE: Sweep away archaic laws

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sidering a bill to update these antiquated rules and bring Michigan policies into the 21st century. But this reform bill is facing opposition from entrenched cable incumbents and city managers who want to maintain the status quo.

Supporting the bill are competitive broadband companies that are anxious to bring competition and new services to Michigan. They are joined by consumer advocates and public officials who understand that reform is necessary to the future of the state.

The proposed reform legislation would:

- ◆ Sweep away the decades-old franchise system for broadband services and replace it with open, consumer-driven competition, managed at the state rather than the local level. Such competition is healthy for the companies that compete and for consumers, as it will result in innovation and a faster build-out of fiber networks across the state.

- ◆ Protect the needs of communities to manage their own

Allow consumers' needs to drive the market for broadband services, not a set of obsolete regulations.

resources, and to derive fair revenue for those resources in ways that do not interfere with this competition.

- ◆ Allow consumers' needs to drive the market for broadband services, not a set of obsolete regulations. Specifically, it will encourage the build-out of broadband infrastructure as rapidly as possible statewide without regulatory entanglements that were based on a cable television industry developed when there was no choice for consumers.

This bill removes obstacles to the future of Michigan by stimulating more consumer choice and more competition. Its passage will continue the legislature's efforts to recognize and build upon the technologies of the 21st century, in ways that bring the best of broadband to the state.

David P. McClure is President and CEO of the US Internet Industry Association, a trade association of companies engaged in Internet content, commerce and connectivity.

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PEOPLE



BEVERLY HALL BURNS, a principal and deputy CEO of the law firm Miller, Canfield, Paddock and Stone, P.L.C., was recently appointed by the board of directors of the Detroit Regional Chamber of Commerce to a three-year term on the Nominating Committee. The committee identifies and selects candidates to become new members of the chamber's board of directors. At Miller Canfield, Burns practices labor law, representing both private and public sector employers in NLRB (National Labor Relations Board) and state employment relations matters; labor negotiations; contract administration; and arbitration. She is also part of the firm's School Law Group, specializing in school labor matters including cases under Michigan's Teacher Tenure Act as well as in special education, student discipline, Open Meetings Act and Freedom of Information Act issues. She is a member of the State Bar of Michigan's Labor Law Section; the American Bar Association's Labor Law Section and Committee on Law Firm Management; Detroit Metropolitan Bar Association; Michigan Council of School Attorneys; and National Council of School Attorneys. She serves on the board of directors of the Economic Club of Detroit as well as the Detroit Athletic Club, is a fellow of the Michigan Bar Foundation, and current chair of the board of trustees of the Michigan Women's Foundation. She is a member of Michigan State University's Alumni Association Board of Directors and chair of the Alumni Board of the MSU College of Arts and Letters. Burns resides in Grosse Pointe.

CLARK C. JOHNSON delivered the address at the winter commencement ceremony for graduating students of Michigan State University College of Law. He has taught at the college for 33 years and in 2002 received an honorary Doctor of Law degree there. He also served as faculty advisor to the Michigan State University Journal of Medicine and Law for 10 years and as associate dean in 1984-85. Most of the graduates were his students, some in as many as six different subjects and research projects.

His address, a series of reflections on life, focused on the importance of satisfaction gained from loyalty to one's family, friends and profession, and from working for a common ground. Johnson is a longtime resident of Grosse Pointe Farms.



WILLIAM H. DANCE has joined Vercruyse Murray and Calzone's immigration practice in the capacity "Of Counsel." He is a graduate of the University of Michigan Law School and has been practicing in the field of Immigration and National Law for more than 45 years. Dance is a founder of the Michigan Chapter of the American Immigration Lawyers Association (AILA) and has served on its national Board of Governors. He has also served as vice-chair of the AILA National Liaison Committee with the Immigration and Naturalization Headquarters and as co-chair of the AILA-Department of State Liaison Committee. After being the principal founder of the Michigan chapter of the American Immigration Lawyers Association, he served as its chair for more than 10 years. He also served as chairman of the International and Comparative Law Committee of the State Bar International Law Section and a member of its council. He is a member of the State Bar of Michigan, New York State Bar and The American Bar Association. He has authored and edited articles on immigration and international law and has been a frequent speaker on those topics for various groups. He writes a regular bi-weekly column entitled "Immigration Insights" for The Detroit Legal News. Dance is an adjunct professor of immigration law at Wayne State University Law School and, until recently, also served as an adjunct professor at the Detroit College of Law at Michigan State University. He has served as deputy state attorney general relating to immigration matters for the Department of Commerce of the State of Michigan and as legal counsel to the French Consulate General in Detroit. He is listed in The Best Lawyers in America and was included in a past edition of Who's Who in the Midwest. Dance is a Grosse Pointe Woods resident.

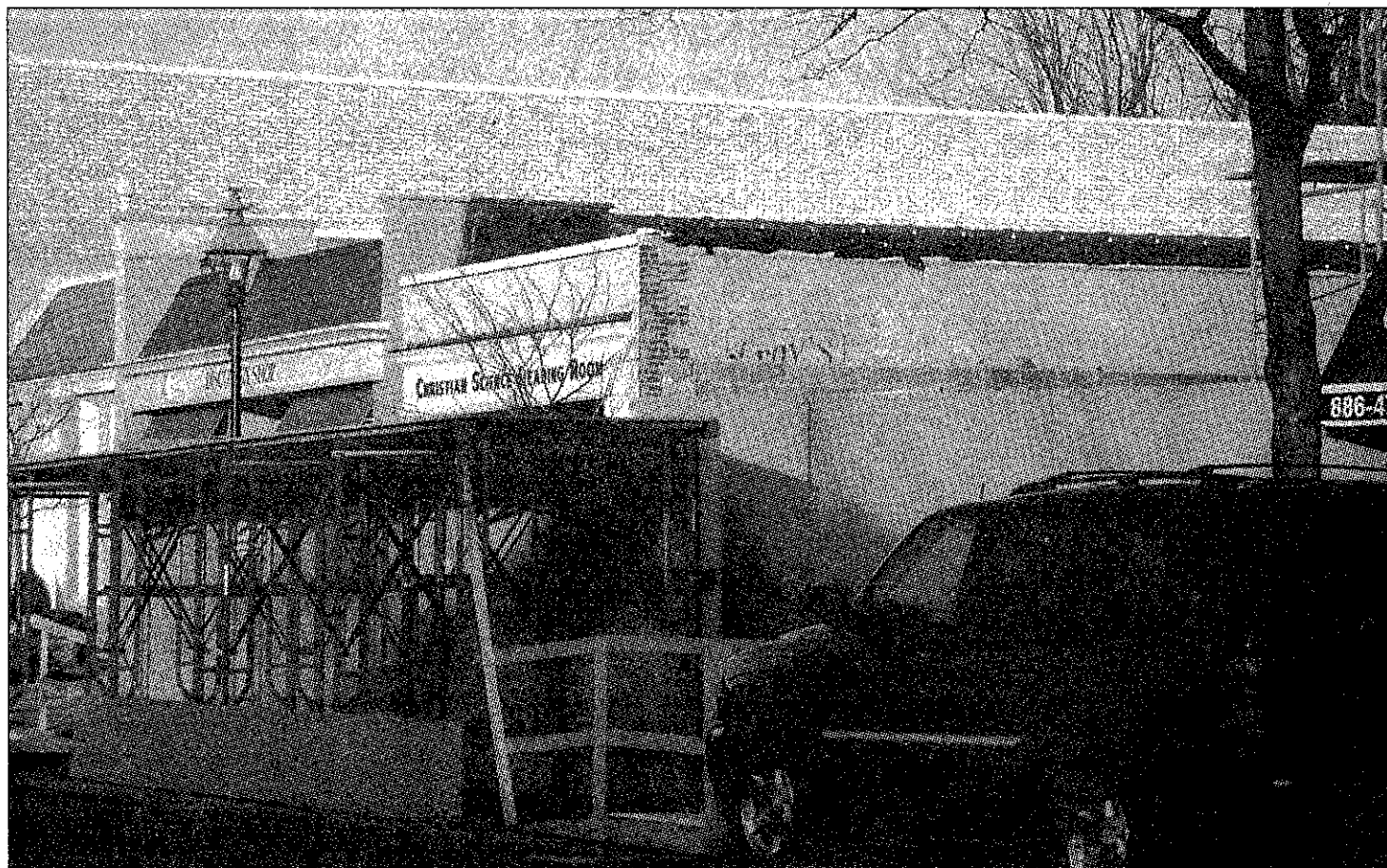


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Remember when

Grosse Pointe Farms resident Patricia Kolojeski was taking a walk when she noticed the sign on the side of the Christian Science Reading Room that said Gray's. Gray's Sporting Goods, owned by area legend Roland Gray, was a fixture at 102 Kercheval on the Hill's shopping district in Grosse Pointe Farms for nearly two decades, providing sporting equipment for many of the schools in the Grosse Pointes. "Roland was synonymous with athletic equipment, especially for students of Grosse Pointe High School and Sacred Heart Academy," Farms resident Thomas Kolojeski said. "Seeing that sign brings back a lot of memories."

Helpful tax advice for senior citizens

The Legal Hotline for Michigan Seniors answers questions relating to various taxes at no charge to Michigan residents age 60 and up.

Hotline lawyers try to answer questions when possible. Below is some helpful information about taxes that may answer some of the frequently asked questions people encounter.

Filing requirements

If a person's 2005 annual gross income is at or more than the following amounts, they must file a tax return. The amount for a single person under age 65 is \$8,200 and \$9,450 for people age 65 and older. For those individuals married filing jointly, if both spouses are under 65 years of age, the amount is \$16,400; one spouse 65 or older is \$17,400; and if both spouses are 65 or older the amount is \$18,400.

Homestead tax credit

Depending on an individual's income and the amount of property tax they pay, they may be eligible for the Michigan Homestead Property Tax Credit.

Generally, the higher the taxes and the lower the income, the larger the credit will be up a maximum amount of \$1,200 per year.

If a person does not owe any state income tax the credit is paid to the taxpayer as a refund. It is always wise to consider filing for this credit, even though there may not be enough income to require filing an income tax return.

To be eligible for the credit, a

person must be a Michigan resident at least six months of the year and with an annual income not to exceed \$82,650. Renters are also eligible for this credit if their landlord pays property taxes. The credit is based on the filer's "household income" which includes both taxable and nontaxable income such as Social Security benefits.

If a person files a 2005 Michigan income tax return the claim for a credit must be filed at the same time (due April 17). If they do not have to file an income tax return the claim for a credit for 2005 property taxes can be filed with the Michigan Department of Treasury.

A taxpayer can file a claim for up to four years from the original due date. The form used to file a claim is MI-1040CR. If someone is filing for prior year credits, they must also file form MI-1040X. This can amount to "found money" if they have not filed for this credit during the past four years and are eligible for it.

Property tax deferrals

Most counties allow disabled and senior (age 62 or over) individuals to defer payment of winter property taxes until April 30. This gives extra time to apply for and receive the homestead property tax credit.

A person must have filed for both the deferral and the homestead tax credit before Feb. 15 and not have received the credit payment before March 1.

State law provides for a summer tax deferral for seniors (age 62) and disabled individuals. An application for deferral must be filed by Sept. 15 of the tax year for a deferral until the next Feb. 15. There is an annual income limit of \$35,000 in 2005.

Home heating credit

The Michigan home heating credit assists low income homeowners and renters with the cost of heating their homes. In 2006, the income limit is \$11,635 per year for a single individual and \$15,658 for a couple.

The amount of the credit is based on a person's household size, income and heating expenses. Most claims are paid in the form of an energy draft which can be used to pay current and future heating bills.

To receive a credit for 2005 heating expenses, form MI-1040CR-7 must be filed with the Michigan Department of

Treasury between Jan. 1 and Sept. 30, 2006.

Tax help

Free tax assistance is available for low income taxpayers and seniors. Contact the local Area Agency on Aging for more information.

AARP offers free tax assistance to low and middle income taxpayers with special attention to those 60 and older, through their nationwide Tax-Aide programs.

Some sites offer bilingual help. In most situations, access to a computer is necessary, however; arrangements can be made to assist shut-ins and the homebound disabled persons.

If an individual's return is relatively complex, they will be advised to seek professional tax assistance.

Contact the IRS directly at (800) 829-1040 for information about their Volunteer Income Tax Assistance program, called VITA.

Park resident opens new Deli

Grosse Pointe Park resident Mark Marcaccio and his business partner and second cousin David Salerno recently opened the 18th Street Deli Panini Cafe, located at 24605 Jefferson on the Nautical Mile in St. Clair Shores.

Marcaccio, who grew up in Grosse Pointe Woods, helped create the eatery that is open daily 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Signature Panini's include: the artichoke steak — grilled rib eye and peppered bacon topped with marinated roasted red peppers, artichokes and crumbled blue cheese; the chicken chipotle — flame-grilled chicken breast with melted monterey Jack cheese, topped with red onions, tomatoes, mixed greens and chipotle mayo; and the 18th Street Panini brisket — smoked beef brisket topped with tangy BBQ sauce, coleslaw and tomatoes.

Seattle's Best Coffee, whose parent company is Starbucks, is served at the Panini Café. Patrons can enjoy Henry's

Blend regular coffee, espresso drinks, CREAMICE iced drinks and assorted Tazo teas.

Breakfast includes Panini toasted brioche bread with pastrami and eggs, tomato-basil and eggs, as well as waffles with fresh fruit toppings.

Catering is available for parties of all sizes and occasions. Carry-out is available by calling (586) 777-1818.

For more information, contact Marcaccio at (586) 777-1818.

Planning meeting

The Grosse Pointe Woods Planning Commission will hold a public hearing on the proposed Master Plan at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, April 25, in the council chambers.

A copy of the plan is available for viewing (Adobe PDF) file on the city's website, gpwm.us, or at the city clerk's office during business hours.

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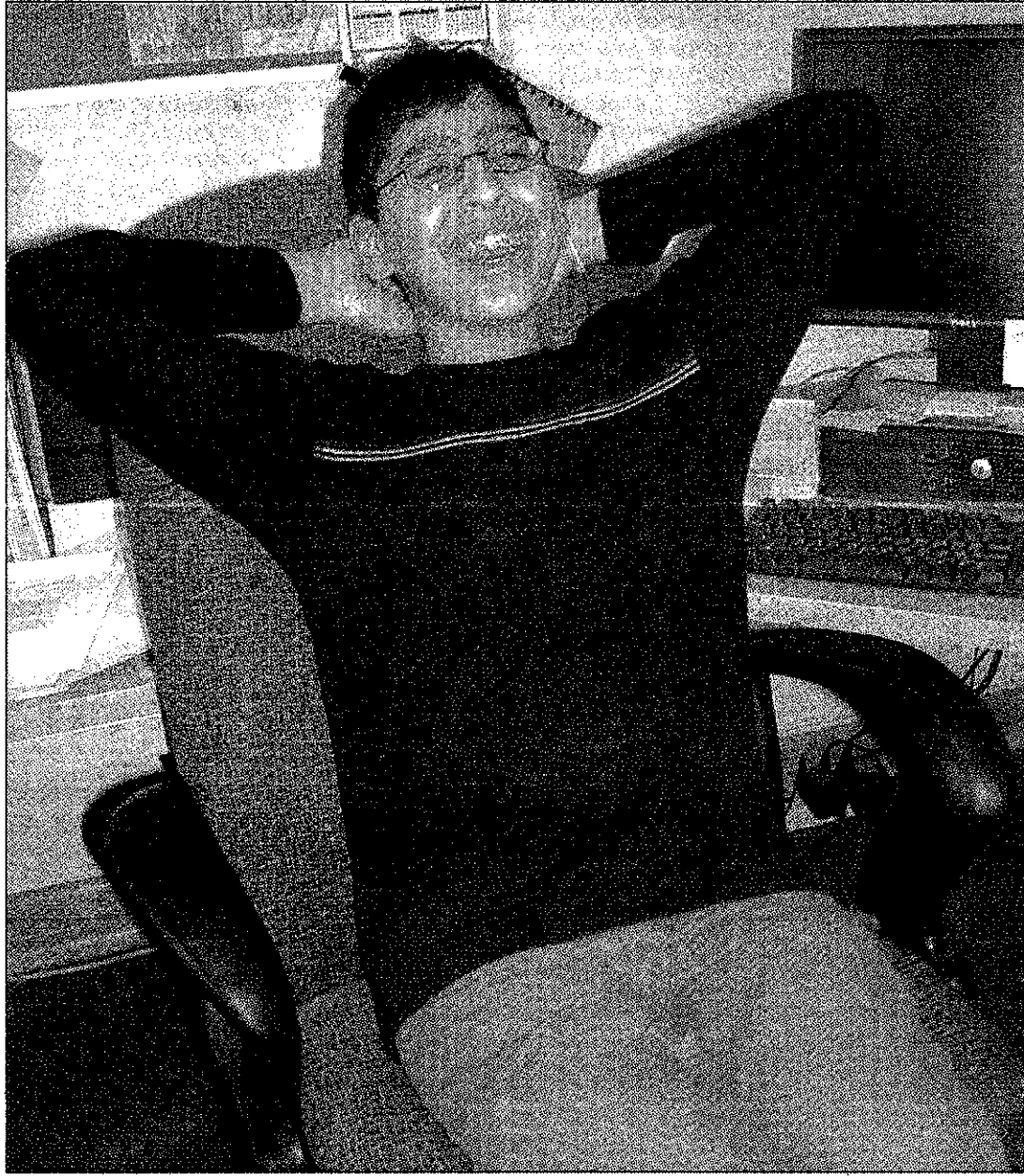
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Champ maps way to national title



By Ann L. Fouty
Staff Writer

Matthew Vengalil you've just won the MATHCOUNTS state championship.

Matthew Vengalil you've just won Michigan's National Geographic Bee.

Matthew Vengalil you've just come in second in the state national spelling bee.

What will you do now?

It's pretty obvious. He'll study for national competitions in Washington D.C., because next month there will be another set of geometry, calculus and math problems to be solved; there be another atlas with this Parcels eighth-grader needs to become acquainted.

"He is naturally curious and is motivated to learn more about the world. He knows more than I know," said Scott Cooper, Parcels teacher and geography team coach. "If he doesn't know the answer, he can think it through. He can take an educated guess. He is both a visual and auditory learner. He finds the world interesting."

"If I didn't, that would be bad," Vengalil said with a smile.

"Humility," is the noun both Cooper and math teacher and MATHCOUNTS coach Al Silverston describe their young student. He'd be willing to give the answer to other math team members to help them win, Silverston said.

Winning is what teams accomplish when Vengalil is a member. Having walked away with one of four spots on the Michigan MATHCOUNTS team and as a Michigan representative to the National Geographic geography contest, Vengalil said he doesn't know everything.

Part of the MATHCOUNTS four-member team, Vengalil captured enough points to take him to the state competition in Grand Rapids.

"He's a wolf in sheep's clothing," Silverston said. "He got on a roll and everyone else was terrorized. He beat everybody. There was only one point scored against him. He beat everybody soundly."

In Grand Rapids, Vengalil finished first as an individual. With math problems presented, team members have mere seconds to respond correctly. Once your hand is in the air, the correct answer must come out in three seconds, Silverston explained.

"Matthew trains for speed," Silverston said. "His training out accelerated everybody. You must be the first one with your hand up and be right."

Members going to Washington team have competed against one another during the past three years in various competitions. Neil Gurram of Detroit County Day, Kevin Wu of Cranbrook Kingswood Middle School and Allen Yuan, Meads Mill Middle School in Northville make up the team.

Detroit Country Day's Judy Leybourn is their coach who will urge them on against 224 other mathletes, representing 50 states, the District of Columbia, U.S. territories and Department of Defense and State Department schools in two rounds for the individual and national titles.

"This year's team is better than last because it has more experience. There are no weaknesses," Silverston said.

Unlike some math whizzes who are counting while still in the crib, Vengalil's skill emerged in fifth grade.

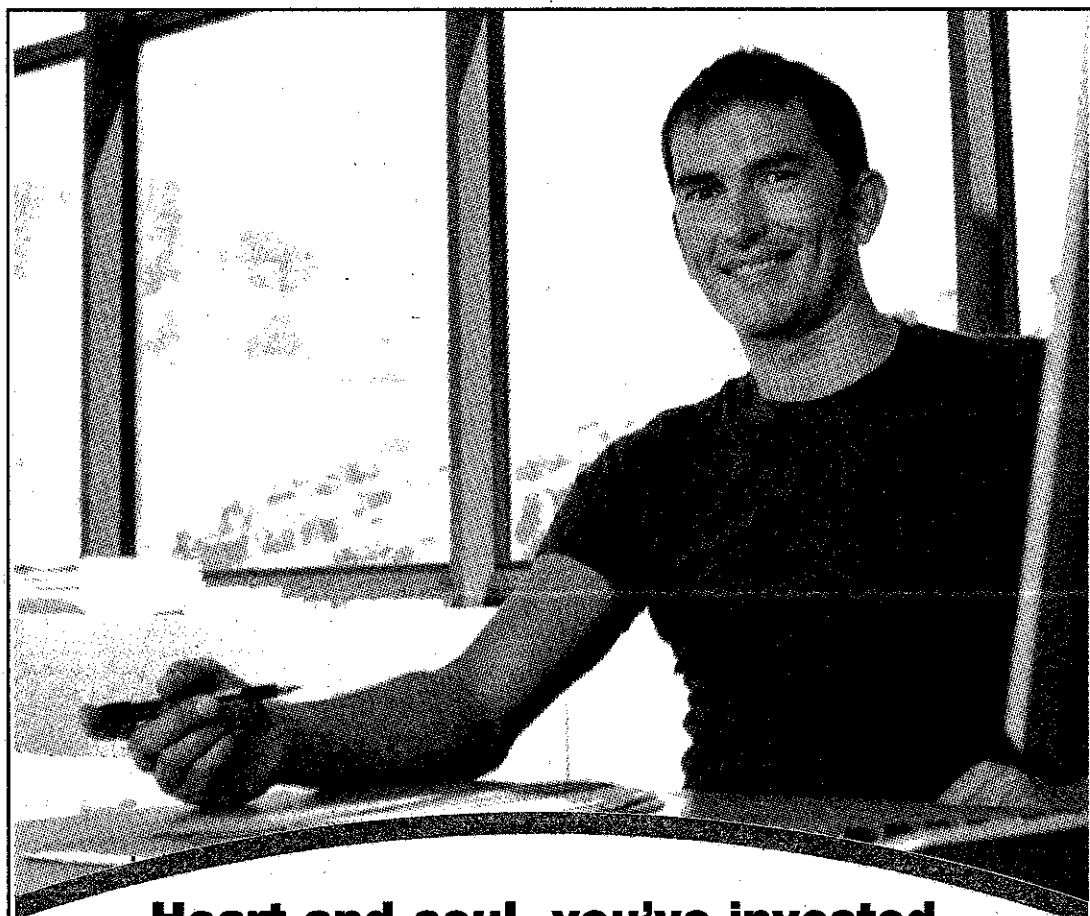
"I didn't think I was good at math until the fifth grade. I thought I was kinda dumb," he admitted.

He took off like a math problem set of trains speeding from one city to another. Still in elementary school, Vengalil was enrolled in accelerated algebra I and was invited, as a fifth grader, to practice with the math club. He won in sixth and seventh grade and defaulted in eighth grade because of the spelling competition. However, Parcels captured the state MATHCOUNTS, spelling and geography contests and descended on Washington, D.C., in 2005.

"This sounds a lot like last year and the year before when Parcels had a math, spelling and geography state champ who traveled to D.C. for the national championships. The

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Matthew Vengalil, 13, an eighth-grader at Parcels Middle School, will be traveling to Washington, D.C., in May to compete for national titles in both math and geography.



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Moms having fun

Moms just wanna have fun too. Their chance will come from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Saturday, May 20, in the Kerby Elementary School gym. In a school fundraiser, moms can take part in scrapbooking (for all levels), knitting, flower arranging and cooking classes. For \$40 mothers will receive a goodie bag, a meal and snacks, and a make-it and take-it craft. Workshop classes with a \$5 material fee will be offered for mini albums, scrapbook make-a-page, card making and jewelry making. For registration by Friday, April 28, write a check to Kerby P.T.O. and drop it off at the office or make it payable to Kerby Elementary c/o Moms Fun Event, 285 Kerby, Grosse Pointe Farms, MI 48236. Kerby's Tin Can Raffle will also be on display and include Father's Day packages. Drawings will be at 8:30 p.m. Seats are limited. Students encouraging their mothers to have a fun day, in back from left, Liberty Fets, Erin Ptashnik, Lily Kubek, Jeshua Yglesias and Lyuba Popadic; in the front row from left Cy Nardone, Eric Psada, William Kay and Kal Nardone.

GROSSE POINTE NORTH

Language teacher makes a difference

Kathryn J. Calabrese, Grosse Pointe North English and French teacher, is the winner of the Soroptimist International of Grosse Pointe "Make a Difference for Women Award."

The annual award honors a woman in the community who has worked to improve the lives of other women and girls.

Calabrese developed the WILLOW (Women in Leadership Leading Our World) program, and has been North's assistant coach for the girls cross country team for nine years.

According to her nominating letter, written by North's cross country head coach Scott Cooper, Calabrese provided a strong and positive leadership model for North's girls.

She has been an outstanding assistant coach and is a

"motivator, encourager and friend to the runners," his letter said.

"Every girl on my team looks up to 'Cal' and admires her character."

"She is a strong woman that tries to instill respect for yourself into each and every runner," he said.

Cooper goes on to say that though she pushes, the girls respond positively to her. He credits the team for being a safe and positive place for the team members because of Calabrese's influence.

WILLOW is a mentoring group hooking up seniors and juniors with freshmen and sophomore girls.

The mentors help the younger students through their high school years through meetings and activities where girls can become

leaders, role models and stronger women.

Cooper noted in his letter that as an educator she is "tops in her field. I have never heard a negative comment about her classes except to hear a student complain about how tough she is."

She is demanding while at the same time encouraging and nurturing.

Her students excel and become better people in the process.

In her role as educator, Kate has consistently shown the young women and men in her classes what a strong woman who respects herself and others can accomplish."

A \$500 contribution will be made by Soroptimist International of Grosse Pointe to the organization of Calabrese's choice.

GROSSE POINTE ACADEMY

Word challenge mastered

The Grosse Pointe Academy school-level winners of the Reader's Digest National Word Power Challenge sixth-grader Alex Parker, seventh-grader Taylor Bell and eighth-grader Gavan O'Connor were each named among the 100 top scorers in their respective grades in the state.

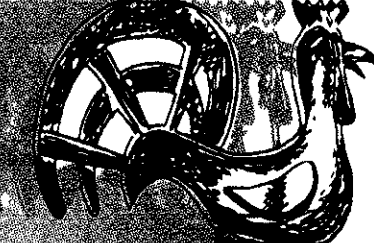
They are eligible to compete in the state championship on March 20 for the title of champion. During the grade level challenge, the students answered oral and written questions on vocabulary.

They completed a written test to determine if they were among the top scorers in the state.

The other school level winners are Caleb Cimmarrusti in fourth-grade, and fifth-grader Chandler Warren. Top scorers among fourth- and fifth-graders in the state receive recognition and awards but are not eligible to compete in the state championship.

Reader's Digest will provide an all-expenses-paid trip to Disney-MGM Studios in Orlando, Fla., for state champions and their respective teacher/escorts to participate in the Reader's Digest National Word Power challenge national championship in April.

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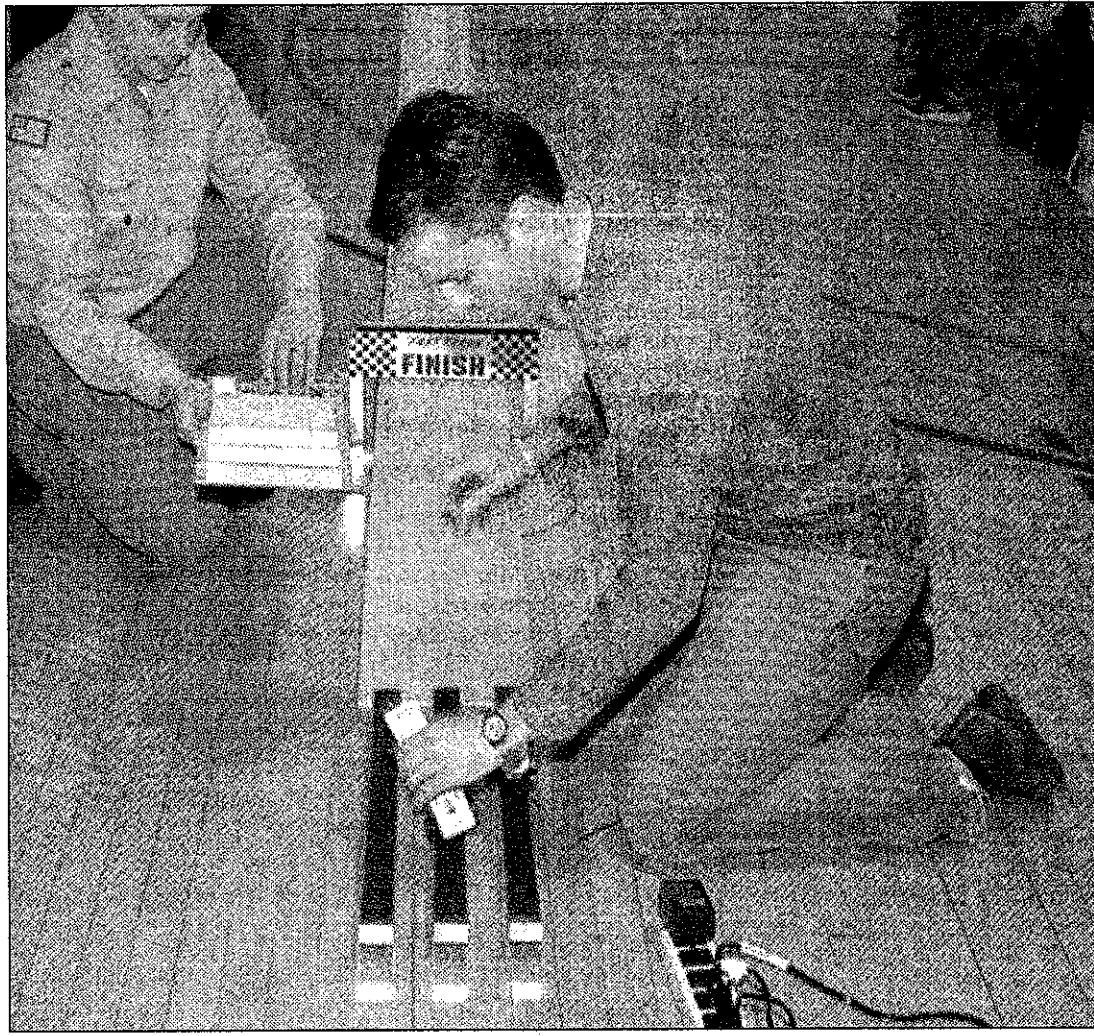




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Pinewood derby

Cub Scout Pack 86 from Trombly Elementary School hosted a Pinewood Derby in which cars were built by the scouts, decorated and could weigh no more than five ounces. The boys raced 26 times and the times were averaged to decide a winner. The Cubs were, in back from left, Griffin Wray, Jack Warren, Jordan Maxwell, Jaylen Barrett, Aiden Hubbel and George Papas. In the front, from left, are Scott Miller, Bradley Miller, Clark Frick, Drew Harrison, Michael Landuyt and Christopher Arnold. Pack Master Adam Miller and Dave Landuyt take the cars from the finish line and put them in order of their finish.



To attend camp

Ian Engstrom, 10, of Grosse Pointe Park, will attend Interlochen Arts Camp this summer to continue his piano studies. He is the son of John and Miriam Engstrom.

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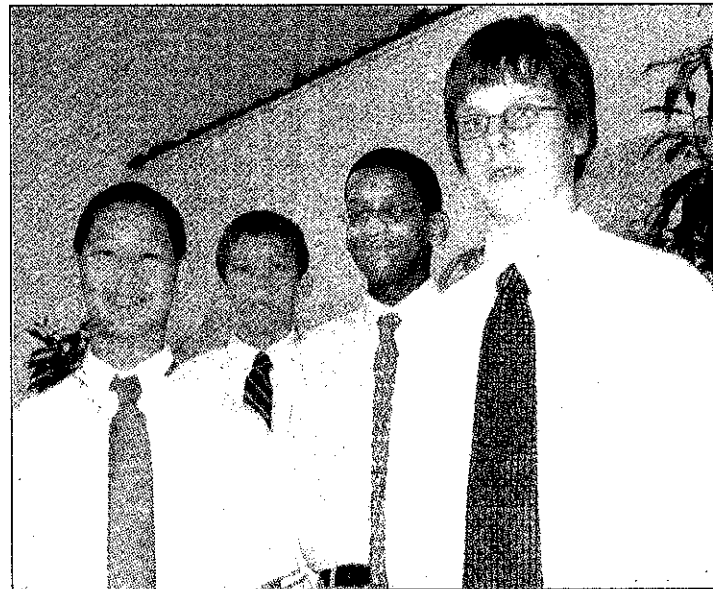
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Ladies command word

Fourth- through eighth-grade students at Our Lady Star of the Sea School in Grosse Pointe Woods participated recently in the Reader's Digest National Word Power Challenge, a vocabulary contest at four levels: classroom, grade, state and national. Seventh-grader Paige Kozak of Grosse Pointe Woods is one of 100 students in Michigan who qualified to advance to the State Championship round, March 20 in Flint. The first place winner from each state will advance to the national level in Orlando, Fla. to compete for scholarships. Star of the Sea class winners are front from left, fourth-grade winner Christiane Abiragi of Grosse Pointe Shores and, of Grosse Pointe Woods, fifth-grade winner Tori Wuthrich, back from left, sixth-grade winner Alicia Speak and seventh-grade winner and state finalist Kozak. Not pictured is eighth-grade winner Lizze DeFour, Grosse Pointe Woods.

Men rule world

Using materials prepared by the National Geographic Society, Our Lady Star of the Sea students participated in the annual National Geographic Bee. The competition is designed to spark student interest in the subject and increase public awareness about geography. Finalists at the Grosse Pointe Woods school are from left, school winner Ian Leszczynski, seventh-grader of Grosse Pointe Woods, eighth-grader Kevin Zak of Grosse Pointe Woods, eighth-grader Anthony Patton of Clinton Township, and school runner-up Max Montpetit, a seventh-grader from Grosse Pointe Woods.



International traveler

Charles Visser who attends Grosse Pointe North High School was one of 79 students traveling with the Blue Lake Fine Arts Camp Symphony Orchestra.

The sophomore trumpet player attended Blue Lake last summer and was invited to audition for a spot in the trav-

eling symphony orchestra. He is the son of Monte and Shelley Visser.

The group will be taking three weeks to travel to France, Germany and Austria, under the direction of Fritz Stansell, a former high school and college level music educa-

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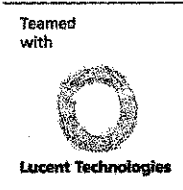
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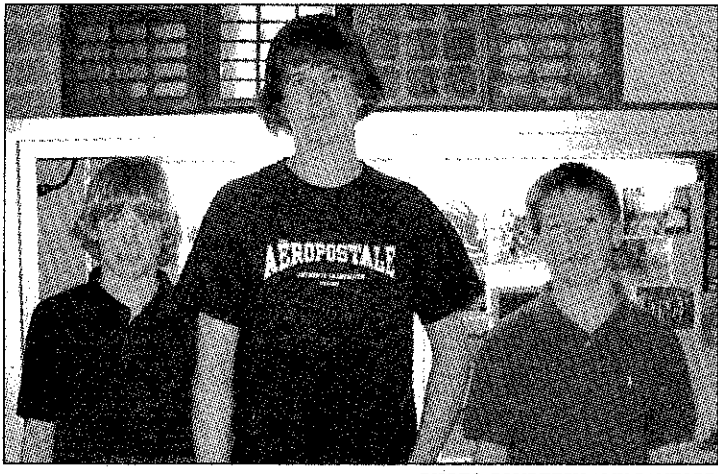


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Brownell's geography

National geography bee winners from Brownell Middle School are from left are seventh-grader and third place winner Sam Effinger, eighth-grader and top winner Blake Sanford, and second place winner and eighth-grader Jacob Osborn.

School construction bids awarded

The three middle schools will see construction projects taken up this summer, as approved by the Grosse Pointe Board of Education on Monday, April 10. The board also approved an architectural firm to begin the lengthy South High School pool project.

Ehrseman & Associates of Troy has been chosen from eight architectural firms to undertake the pool project. The pool will be designed for 12 lanes.

Lane and diving board sponsors will have their names engraved on stainless steel plaques to be placed under the starting blocks or the diving

board steps. These funds have been raised privately.

At a low bid of \$299,000, the firm out bid GMB Architecture at \$341,000 and TMP Architecture at \$481,000.

Ehrseman & Associates also worked on the North High School project. This is one of the final major projects to be paid for through the bond fund.

The bid was awarded based on the experience of the firm's pool team and its work renovating North's pool. The company also has knowledge of the school's infrastructure and experience with adding on to historical buildings.

Denny's Heating, Cooling & Refrigeration received the board of education's nod for ventilator replacement in Pierce Middle School. Between 16 and 30 unit ventilators will be replaced for a cost of \$239,585. The sinking fund will be used to pay for the project. All the work is to be done by Aug. 11.

Denny's will also be working at Brownell Middle School. A roof top dehumidification unit for the gym will be installed. Also included in the bid is the installation of a fire alarm system.

Seven companies submitted bids ranging from Denny's low

bid of \$148,504 to a high of \$190,900 from R.W. Mead & Sons.

The work is to be completed by Aug. 11.

Parcells Middle School will have its parking lot resurfaced this summer by Pro-Line Asphalt Paving at a cost of \$62,900. The money is to come from the sinking fund.

The work will include a new parking lot and eight spaces for support services, a student bike rack area, fencing around the bike rack area and between the parking lot and playfield, and a new sidewalk from the multi-purpose room to Sunningdale.

MATTHEW: Washington bound

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thing is, this is a different student. That student moved on to high school and Matthew Vengalil has kept the drive alive," Cooper said.

Silverston said of Vengalil's adjustment to moving into a classroom with older students. "He fit right in, moved to the head of the class quite quickly. His classmates appreciate his willingness to help. He has humility. He will give away the answer to help."

GEOGRAPHY

A week after Vengalil returns from the MATHCOUNTS competition, he and Cooper will go back to Washington on May 22-23 for the national geography competition.

Preparation comes from a variety of sources. He plays geography games, reads atlases and books his father continually buys, he travels to India and Canada and attends twice weekly geographic club meetings.

After all the preparation, competition day arrives. Similar to superstitious athletes, Vengalil has lucky shirts from which to choose. He pockets a small statue of St. Matthew which he received at his first communion. During a breakfast stop, he drops a quarter into a box for the Ronald McDonald House. Once in competition, he forgets his routine and focuses.

"I don't fiddle around because I must be focused," he said. "There is self-imposed stress. We must reach a balance of thinking on all cylinders."

Even though he was thinking on all cylinders during the recent spelling bee, Vengalil

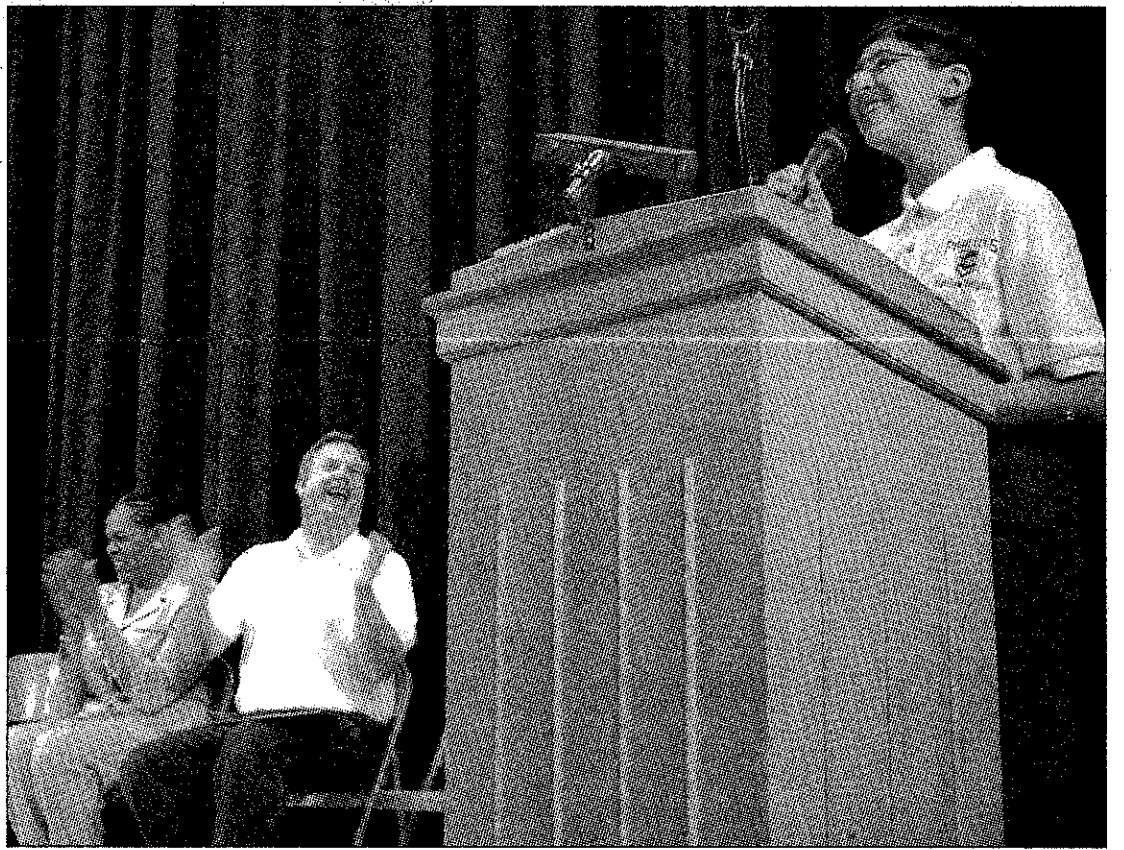


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A top speller, Matthew Vengalil, right, said his mother's hometown in India is one of the hardest words to spell.

lost to home schooled Roger Van Vechten of St. Clair Shores in the state spelling bee. He doesn't remember the word he missed (perspicacity) but said his mother's hometown in India is hard to spell but he knows the British spelling — Trivandrum. The two exhausted the prescribed study list and it was here Vengalil lost.

To spell a word, he breaks it into syllables and asks for its origin. For example, if it's origin is Greek the 'f' is a ph, plus



Matthew Vengalil took to the stage last week where he was honored by Congresswoman Caroline Cheeks Kilpatrick, far left, for being named the state's champion in both math and geography. He will be traveling to Washington, D.C., next month to compete for the national title. In the center, is Al Silverston, Vengalil's math club advisor.

he uses the study guide. "Macacadi, a salt pan in Botswana, that's the hardest,"

he said. Yet, he is able to both pronounce it and spell it. "I'm hap-

py and lucky," he said of his new-found recognition and trips to Washington.

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Volunteers receive golden apples

Thousands of hours are donated to the Grosse Pointe Public Schools by hundreds of volunteers. They are the golden apples of the district's eyes and were recognized during the Monday, April 10, board of education meeting.

Dr. Rodrigo Andrade was nominated for his work by Jack Pertile and principal Gary Buslepp at Pierce Middle School.

Andrade is a science professor at Wayne State University and focuses on the brains of the operation. Even though his children have graduated from Pierce Middle School, he continues to volunteer performing sheep brain dissection with the entire seventh grade.

He stimulates students' thinking with his presentation on the human brain and has been a regular at Pierce during Brain Awareness Week (the second week in March). He also supplies Pierce with sheep brain specimens free of charge.

Allison Baker volunteers her time at Defer Elementary School and was nominated by Principal Ronald Wardie, Susan Ames and Helen Srebernak.

Baker coordinated school activities, such as the Defer Progressive Dinner and the Defer Fall Family Fun Festival held in conjunction with the last Park West Outdoor Market of the season. That festival shares information about Defer with people outside of school families.

Baker was also the driving force behind Defer's auction last year that brought in more than \$45,000, \$12,000 from outside the school community. In total she helped raise more than \$60,000 in one year for Defer's air conditioning project — completing the project a year ahead of schedule.

According Wardie, "Allison has been one of the most active and effective parent volunteers in Defer's recent history and if you know how active their school community is, that's saying a great deal. She has held almost every position on the Defer PTO, including president, vice president, fundraising and events chair and co-chair, hospitality co-chair, communications co-chair and champion of the Defer Does Good campaign.

Among other activities, Allison has also served the school community as a classroom mentor and a lunchtime enrichment class teacher, a field trip and Field Day volunteer, a Destination ImagiNation coordinator and coach, and the school's representative to the district PTO council (of which she is treasurer).

"Her contributions of time, talent and leadership are outweighed only by her infectious enthusiasm."

North High School's assistant principal Tom Beach nominated **Barb Bolton**.

"Before acting as president of Norsemons for three years, Barb Bolton was treasurer of the Parcelis PTO Board and president of Ferry's PTO for two years. While at North, she has also chaired the parent club flower sale for two years and the staff appreciation lunch," Beach said.

"Other activities at North have included decorations for National Honor Society, cookie mom for the holiday tea, and committee member for the All Night Party, House and Garden Tour and GPN Fashion Show. The diversity of the activities only hint at how she has touched the lives of students, teachers and other parents."

According to Principal Jim Steebe, "Barb is a strong leader who has a clear vision of what the Norsemons role and relationship with the school should be — she leads by example, cannot do enough to help, and that is important. She runs a superb meeting.

"Everything Barb does, she does with a high degree of organization and with class," Steebe said. "She could run any large organization, we are glad that she is our CEO."

The staff of Poupard



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Grosse Pointe Schools Distinguished Volunteers from left, at back, Virginia Tompkins, Annette Siwak, Ed Jackman, Barb Bolton. In the front row from left, Judy Griffith, Allison Baker and Christie Winder. Not pictured are Dr. Rodrigo Andrade and Laura Huebner.

Elementary School nominated **Judy Griffith**.

Griffith coordinated volunteers and donated all the necessary materials for the Poupard hand print flag hanging in Poupard's gym.

In her nine active years there, she has served as craft chair for the Santa Breakfast coordinating three activities for each of the 300 children who attended, developed and supervised the flower garden planting, compiled the historical data for the school's 50th anniversary celebration, coordinated art on the field and chaired the Tin Can Auction twice.

School officials said PTO fundraising has been a primary focus area and Griffith's efforts made it possible for many students to attend science camp, Weekly Time for Kids and numerous field trips. When not active in whole school activities, Griffith is volunteering in individual classrooms or serving on district-wide committees. She has served the district as part of the Elementary School Steering Committee, the subcommittee on Student Services, and the interview committee responsible for selecting four elementary principals.

Laura Huebner was nominated for the Distinguished Volunteer Award by Cynthia Sohn and Richard MacDonald-Barrett.

Huebner is Richard's PTO vice president and is known for her activism in the "Save Our Schools" initiative.

"She speaks throughout the community and the state about school funding and shares information about current and proposed legislation through her list-serve," nominators said. "Laura is also an active parent volunteer at Brownell (Middle School) and their family often makes behind the scenes contributions that impact students throughout Richard and the district. One example is that the Huebner family replaced all the lockers at Richard school in 2000 at their own expense."

Ed Jackman of Maire Elementary School was described by Principal Kathleen Satut and Karen Henning, who nominated him as a parent with longstanding involvement in almost every activity in the school.

He is president of the PTO. Jackman's Maire activities range from this year's vintage car raffle to rewarding participation in the Walking School Bus program with doughnuts each Friday for the large group that walks to Maire every day — rain or shine. He often donates pizza from his Hungry Howie's business for student

recognition at events such as the March of Dimes Reading Contest. Jackman has also served on the Maire Building Committee and spearheaded the PTO funded re-landscaping of the school grounds. In that landscaping project, Jackman worked with Karle Pfahle from Maire and Satut to develop a plan and recruited volunteers for several consecutive Saturdays to implement the plan.

His other activities include serving as president of the St. Clare Co-op Preschool and coach for both the Grosse Pointe Park Little League and the Neighborhood Club's football and basketball teams.

South High Principal Al Diver and athletic director Matt Outlaw selected **Jim Saros** as their school's distinguished volunteer.

Saros is the president of the South Booster Club and serves on the Athletic Steering Committee for district-wide planning. However his work in taking booster fundraising to the next level is what initiated this nomination.

Outlaw said, "Jim has been the brains behind many of the major projects our boosters have taken on this year.

"For example, the scoreboard project was his idea and was successful due to his efforts, including indoor renovations and revenue funding ideas."

Annette Siwak was nominated by Trombly Principal Walter Fitzpatrick and Cyndi Gilbert.

Siwak has shied away from the spotlight in her 10 years of volunteering. She instituted the sell-out Mother's Day Lunch giving moms an opportunity to meet. She is a Destination ImagiNation coach and leader of two Girl Scout troops. Siwak's leadership has included serving in just about every position in the PTO and chairing committees ranging from the Holiday Craft Fair to Coney Island Night and running a floral planning business, often donating bouquets for concerts and school events.

Fitzpatrick said that the impact of Siwak's volunteer hours goes well beyond the walls of Trombly. She has also been active in Pierce's PTO and the Grosse Pointe South Mother's Club, served as PTO Council representative and as a regular school board observer, and worked on district-wide bond initiatives. In describing Siwak as her role model, Gilbert and current Trombly PTO president said, "Annette defines what a distinguished volunteer should be, and it would be fitting for her to be recognized by the community to which she gives so much."

Virginia Tompkins was

nominated by Cynthia Sohn and Richard's principal Mary MacDonald-Barrett.

"Tompkins has no children at Richard but is a surrogate grandmother to many Richard students and gives generously of her time and talents," her nominators said. "She always has time to play, read stories and help children learn. She spends three hours every Thursday afternoon during the school year, working either individually with students to reinforce curriculum and reading skills or with larger groups playing learning games."

When Tompkins goes on vacation, she writes students postcards and becomes their pen pal. She also helped start Richard's ABC Garden and every spring invites students to her own backyard to release frogs into her fish pond.

Dr. Christina Winder was nominated by South High's principal Al Diver and Ellen Bowen and was described on the nomination form as "a genius with her ability to see the whole picture of the educational society as well as the community."

In the past 12 years, Winder has served South as choir pres-

ident, sophomore class sponsor and choir booster blue book distribution chair, president and observer. She has also been active in the Mother's Club with activities ranging from the Highpointes newsletter mailings to the spring flower sale and the school store. While nominated by South for her work there, Winder has also served on district-wide initiatives as a repre-

sentative on the strategic planning team and the board observers, at Kerby and Brownell.

At Brownell, she chaired the annual family pizza night, helped with school registration and is a volunteer health class speaker.

At Kerby, she served as PTO president. Her various activities included acting as a room parent.

City of Grosse Pointe Woods, Michigan

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the City Council, meeting as a Zoning Board of Appeals under the provisions of Chapter 98, Zoning, Article XIV, Board of Appeals, Section 98-401 of the 1997 City Code, will meet in the Council-Court Room of the Municipal Building, 20025 Mack Plaza, on **Monday, May 1, 2006**, at 7:30 p.m. to hear the appeal of petitioners **Jackie & Scott Baumgart**, business owners of **Lazco, Inc. d/b/a Robusto's of Grosse Pointe Woods, 19271 Mack Avenue, Grosse Pointe Woods**, who seek renewal of its Outdoor Service Permit for the 2006 season. Citing Article VIII, C-2 High Intensity City Center District, Section 98-242, a temporary use variance was granted on April 18, 2005, by the Zoning Board of Appeals for a term not to exceed one year with the possibility of annual renewals and consequently, Robusto's and the City entered into an Outdoor Service Permit Agreement for one year, which Agreement has expired. Renewal of same is the prerogative of the Zoning Board of Appeals. The public hearing materials are available for public scrutiny. All interested persons are invited to attend.

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TEST DRIVE By Greg Zyla

The new **Honda Ridgeline** has the lowest chance of rollover and is the only four-door pickup to achieve the highest government crash test rating for both frontal and side-impact tests.

'06 Honda Ridgeline RTL Pickup



This week, we test drive Honda's initial plunge into the pickup truck market with its 2006 Ridgeline RTL—base price: \$33,640; price as tested: \$35,155.

Known as a company that excels in automobile and SUV manufacturing, Honda's tardiness in joining the pickup fray is quickly dismissed when consumers find that Ridgeline offers a novel approach to "pick-up trucking."

Instead of a plethora of body styles, Ridgeline arrives as one model with three trim options available, RT, RTS and the luxurious RTL. Ridgelines are all four-door, all wheel drive, V6, automatic, 5-foot steel reinforced bed configurations with unibody construction as an alternative to a full chassis.

Standard RTL features include a 255-horsepower V6, 5-speed automatic transmission, advanced variable torque management four wheel drive, air, all the powers including a sliding rear window, cruise, keyless entry, heated wiper zone, 7-speaker, 160-watt audio in dash six-disc CD system, four bed lights, 17-inch alloy wheels, and much more.

On the security front, 4-wheel disc anti-lock brakes, electronic brake assist, traction



2006 Honda Ridgeline RTL Pickup

control, dual stage, dual threshold front air bags, side air bags, and two-row side curtain air bags make for happy and safe motoring.

Innovations are many. A 60/40 flip-up rear seat with under seat storage and a very inventive "In-Bed Trunk," offering 8.5 cubic feet of protected, lockable space underneath the bed floor behind the rear axle, are most welcome. We took advantage of the "trunk" as we loaded, during a thunderstorm, a huge food shopping order with no problems.

More? You tailgaters will love the "In-Bed Trunk's" ability to convert into a 72-quart cooler. Just pack it with ice, throw in your favorite drinks, and party until the game starts. Then, just a pull on a special drain plug will allow the melted ice to empty effortlessly to the ground. Noteworthy is the dual swing tailgate, which makes accessing the "trunk-cooler" easy.

It's the ride, however, that

most impressed us. Built somewhat from the Pilot chassis idea, but stretched a full 16 inches in wheelbase, the unibody has been strengthened more than 90 percent to handle the workloads of a truck, resulting in a 5,000 pounds tow capacity. When combined with the MacPherson front-strut, rear-multilink suspension design, the result is a ride in a pickup we have yet to encounter. It's smooth, comfortable and most pleasing. Actually, it drives more like a car, but will, when summoned, work as a 1/2 ton capable truck.

The interior offers excellent accommodations with the four-door cab design. There is room for five, seating is well done, all instrumentation is easy to see, outward visibility is good and controls are accessible. The premium model has touch controls on the steering wheel for several functions.

Our truck came with a moonroof, Honda Navigation System, leather seats, XM

Satellite Radio, and heated front seats as part of the RTL package. The final tally includes \$515 for destination, pushing this top of the line model to \$35,155. Prices for the RT start in the \$27,770 range.

Important numbers include a wheelbase of 122 inches, 8.2 inch ground clearance, 4,498 pound curb weight, 22 gallon fuel tank and 16 city/21 highway EPA numbers. We timed

zero to 60 mph in 9.5 seconds with a quarter mile time of 17 seconds at 83 mph.

It's difficult not to recognize Motor Trend Magazine bestowing Ridgeline with its "2006 Truck of the Year." Some truck purists might dismiss this vehicle for its lack of "rugged" truck features, like a full chassis and heavier payloads. Still, when combined with our week-long experience, we can see

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We rate Ridgeline a 9.5 on a scale of one to 10. It is truly worthy and innovative.

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Dislikes: Would like to see a standard transmission in the future.

Greg Zyla is a syndicated automotive columnist.

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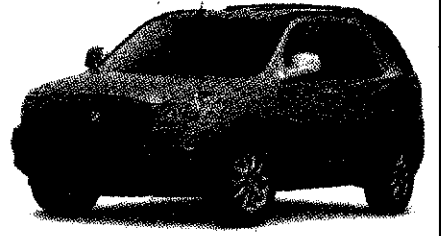
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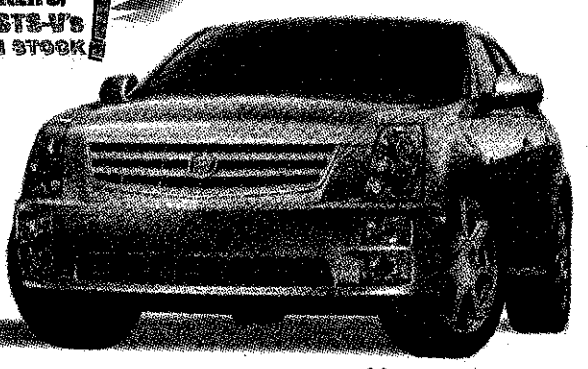


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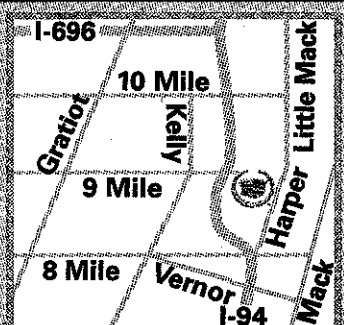
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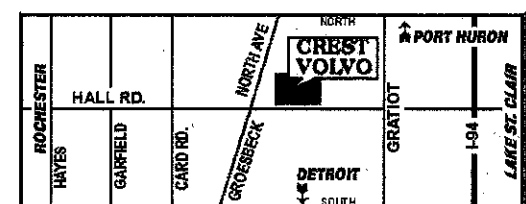


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BMW 3-Series awarded 2006 World Car of the Year

The BMW 3-Series was declared the 2006 World Car of the Year at a press conference presented by the Midway Group and hosted by the New York International Auto Show at the Jacob Javitz Centre in

Manhattan, N.Y.

The vehicle was chosen from an initial entry list of 27 candidates nominated by the World Car jurors.

In selecting the winner, a jury of 46 international automo-

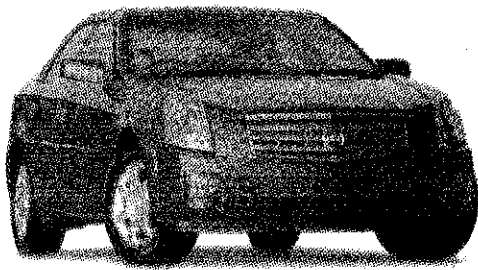
tive journalists considered a variety of parameters and individually reviewed, evaluated, and voted on the World Car of the Year entrants by secret ballot. The international accounting firm KPMG tabulated the



Tom Purves, CEO BMW North America, stands holding trophy with the World Car of the Year jurors at the New York International Auto Show.

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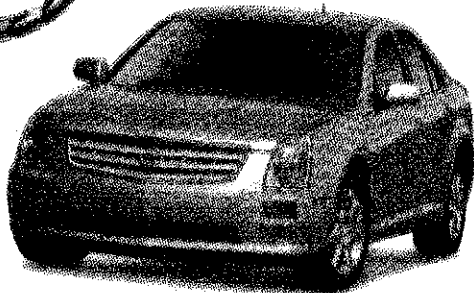
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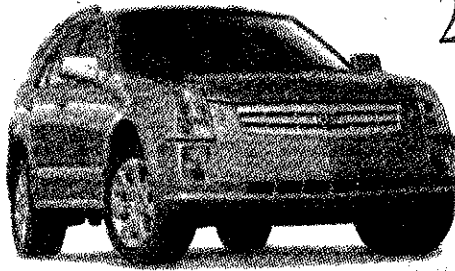
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ballots to first determine the finalists, and finally the winner.

Jurors note there has been a considerable increase in models from BMW, from entry-level 1-Series hatchbacks to 500 hp M-Series supercars, but the heart of the BMW mystique lies, as it has for decades, with the 3-Series: sound, sensible and sporty sedans, coupes, convertibles and wagons.

Jurors felt that tradeoffs between performance and practicality and between style and seriousness are more perfectly balanced with the 3-Series than with any other make. Variants include all-wheel drive models for difficult winters, ultra-high performance M models, and highly efficient four- and six-cylinder diesels.

Without changes from their basic specifications, the BMW 3 Series does the job as though specifically designed for local conditions.

The top three contenders for the second annual World Car of the Year in addition to the BMW 3-Series were the Mazda MX-5 and the Porsche Cayman S.

"We are delighted to receive this recognition of the 3 Series," said Tom Purves, chairman and CEO of BMW of North America. "It is often more difficult to replace an acknowledged segment leader than to introduce a new car. Based on awards like this and the reaction by customers, the fifth generation 3 Series is a worthy successor."

Today's world is a global village — especially within the automotive industry. National borders are effectively nonexistent in terms of where vehicles and their components are designed, engineered, developed, built and sold.

The World Car of the Year Awards, of which the Audi A6 was the inaugural winner in 2005, reflect the global nature of the 21st century automotive business and, at the same time, recognizes and rewards automotive excellence on a global scale.

Three additional specialty awards were handed out during the press conference. The Porsche Cayman S was declared World Performance Car; the Honda Civic Hybrid won the honors for World Green Car; while the Citroen C4 earned the World Car Design of the Year award for 2006.

"Performance, design, and environmental responsibility are all key elements in the success of a vehicle on a global scale," said Graham Johnson, co-chair of the World Car of

the Year steering committee. "So we believe it is appropriate that we recognize exceptional achievement in those specific areas with their own awards."

A panel of international experts in each of the environmental and design fields was chosen to assist the jurors by developing the short lists of finalists from the array of eligible candidates in each of those categories. However, the 46-member jury themselves determined the top three finalists in the World Performance Car category.

The World Car of the Year Awards program is initiated, organized and conducted by automotive journalists from around the globe. A nonprofit association guided by a steering committee of journalists from Asia, Europe and North America administers the awards program. World Car of the Year is intended to complement, not compete with, existing Car of the Year awards by raising consumer awareness of regional Car of the Year award programs as well as the World Car of the Year.

2006 Civic Hybrid wins greenest car award

The completely redesigned 2006 Honda Civic Hybrid, the most economical and environ-

mentally responsible gasoline-powered Civic ever, has won the World Car of the Year Award for greenest car, American Honda Motor Co. Inc., announced recently.

A jury of 46 international automotive journalists selected the 2006 Civic Hybrid, which achieves an EPA estimated city/highway fuel economy of 49/51 miles per gallon, as the winner of the 2006 World Green Car.

"Honda continues to be a leader in producing environmentally responsible vehicles that set the standard for fuel economy and low emissions," said John Mendel, senior vice president, American Honda Motor Co. Inc. "The award-winning 2006 Civic Hybrid is the latest embodiment of Honda's long-term commitment to the development of environmentally friendly technologies that are also fun to drive."

Characterized by advanced new styling, Honda's all-new Civic Hybrid also offers the latest in safety technology, as well as an array of standard features, such as multiple audio entertainment choices, that increase content and value.

Equipped with a continuously variable transmission (CVT) as standard equipment for 2006, the Civic Hybrid can now deactivate all four of its cylinders and operate using only the electric motor in certain steady-state cruising situations. Compared to the 2006 Civic Sedan with an automatic transmission, the Civic Hybrid provides a city fuel economy increase of approximately 63 percent and a highway fuel economy increase of 27 percent.

Honda first introduced U.S. consumers to hybrid technology with the Insight in December 1999.

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PUBLIC SAFETY REPORTS

City of Grosse Pointe

Stop nets man with 12 suspensions

On Saturday, April 15, at 10:50 p.m., a 29-year-old Detroit man with a record of 12 operator license suspensions was caught driving a 1990 Lincoln Town Car in the City of Grosse Pointe.

An officer monitoring Charlevoix near Loraine noticed the man's car had a burned out taillight.

"(He) was arrested and transported to (the) station for processing," police said.

The man posted \$200 bond and was released.

—Brad Lindberg

Grosse Pointe Farms

Tinted windshield leads to drug arrest

Grosse Pointe Farms police arrested a 27-year-old Hamtramck man on drug charges during a traffic stop at Mack and Moross on Saturday, April 15, at 2:07 a.m.

The man was a passenger in a black 1994 Infiniti. Police said the car's windshield was tinted beyond legal limits.

Police said the passenger possessed a cigar case containing suspected marijuana residue. A cigarette pack in his pocket contained a small packet of powder tested as cocaine, police said. The man also reportedly had an open bottle of beer.

A 21-year-old female passenger from Detroit was wanted in her hometown on multiple unspecified warrants.

Hidden paper plate causes trouble

While monitoring traffic on eastbound Mack near Kerby

on Friday, April 14, at 3:45 p.m., a Grosse Pointe Farms patrolman saw a man driving a green 1995 Isuzu Rodeo with a paper license plate taped to the rear window behind a spare tire.

"(The driver) stated the tag was a copy and he just got the vehicle out of the shop," police said.

The man's operator license had been suspended five times. He was wanted on a combined four warrants from Detroit and Dearborn. Representatives of both cities told Farms police to let the man go.

Cell phone and charger stolen

A \$250 Nextell cellular telephone and charger were reported taken out of an unlocked 2003 Buick Rendezvous parked the night of Sunday, April 9, in the driveway of a house in the 400 block of Colonial in Grosse Pointe Farms.

Drunk driver admits his ways

On Friday, April 14, at 1:22 a.m., a 22-year-old Clinton Township man was arrested for driving drunk in Grosse Pointe Farms.

An officer said the man was operating a tan 1999 Chrysler LHS without headlights in the area of eastbound Mack from East Warren.

The man registered a .14 percent blood alcohol level.

"The driver admitted having consumed two beers and a shot," police said. "(He) also admitted to smoking marijuana in the past few hours."

Credit thieves rack up purchases

Grosse Pointe Farms police said unknown credit thieves charged purchases totaling

nearly \$750 to a Lincoln Park woman.

On Thursday, April 13, at 12:41 p.m., the woman told police eight fraudulent credit card transactions occurred since she lost it Tuesday, April 4, at an automatic teller machine on the Hill.

Vial of cocaine found near school

On Wednesday, April 20, at 8 p.m., a citizen who wished to remain anonymous dropped off at Grosse Pointe Farms police headquarters a small brown glass vial containing a white powdery substance.

The resident reported finding the vial on the sidewalk outside an elementary school on Kerby.

Tests showed the vial held cocaine, police said.

Unlocked car entered in driveway

Unknown persons on Monday, April 10, between 2:30 and 3:15 p.m., reportedly entered an unlocked 1998 Chrysler Town and County parked in the driveway of a house in the 400 block of Shelbourne in Grosse Pointe Farms. The owner told police that a duffel bag had been taken from the car.

"The bag was found in the garage with all contents accounted for," police said.

Lost and loaded looking for home

On Sunday, April 16, at 4:40 p.m., a 21-year-old Detroit man being investigated for drunken driving admitted consuming alcohol before operating his 1992 Pontiac Bonneville in Grosse Pointe Farms.

"He stated that he had been drinking beer at an apartment on Seven Mile, then became lost looking to go to the west

side of Detroit," police said.

An officer monitoring northbound Moross near Chalfonte stopped the driver for speeding 49 mph in a 30 mph zone.

"He stated he was lost and looking for I-94," police said. "His eyes were bloodshot and glassy. (He) admitted he does not have (automobile) insurance."

The man registered a .14 percent blood alcohol level.

—Brad Lindberg

Grosse Pointe Park

Mountain bike stolen

On Friday, April 14, at 1:44 a.m., Grosse Pointe Park officers on patrol observed a known larceny suspect pushing a newer 18-inch mountain bike in the 900 block of Nottingham.

Officers questioned the 59-year-old Detroit man and confirmed the bike was stolen.

The man was arrested.

Destruction of property

On Monday, April 10, at 3 p.m., the passenger-side rear window was broken on a 1989 Dodge Ram belonging to a Grosse Pointe Park resident

living in the 1000 block of Lakepointe.

—Bob St. John

Grosse Pointe Shores

Taillight prompts driving arrest

On Saturday, April 15, at 12:45 a.m., a 48-year-old old man attracted Grosse Pointe Shores police by operating a 1996 Ford with a burned out taillight on Lakeshore near Lochmoor.

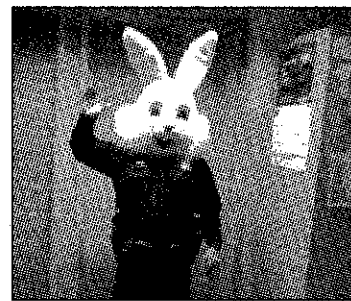
"(He) said he was lost," police said.

Police said the man smelled of alcohol and registered a .19 percent blood alcohol level.

The man posted \$100 bond and was released at 11 a.m.

Pickup rear-ended on Lakeshore

A traffic crash last week in the 500 block of eastbound Lakeshore near South



Happy Easter

The Easter Bunny likes wearing his honorary Grosse Pointe Shores public safety uniform.

Deeplands involved the driver of a 2005 Audi A4 rear-ending a pickup truck.

Grosse Pointe Shores police said no one was injured in the accident on Thursday, April 13,

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CITY OF HARPER WOODS CITY CLERK'S OFFICE WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN OFFICIAL ELECTION NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Public Accuracy Test for the May 2, 2006 Harper Woods School Board Election has been scheduled for Thursday, April 27, 2006 at 2:15 p.m. at the Office of the City Clerk at 19617 Harper Ave., Harper Woods, Michigan.

The Public Accuracy Test is conducted to determine that the program and the computer being used to tabulate the results of the election, counts the votes in the manner prescribed by the law.

Mickey D. Todd,
City Clerk

Published: April 20, 2006
Posted: April 13, 2006

City of Grosse Pointe Farms, Michigan

NOTICE OF REGULAR ELECTION IN THE GROSSE POINTE PUBLIC SCHOOL SYSTEM WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN TUESDAY, MAY 2, 2006

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a Regular School Election in the Grosse Pointe Public School System will be held in the City of Grosse Pointe Park, City of Grosse Pointe, City of Grosse Pointe Farms, City of Grosse Pointe Woods, City of Harper Woods and Township of Grosse Pointe-Wayne County on Tuesday, May 2, 2006 at 7 o'clock in the forenoon until 8 o'clock in the afternoon, at which time qualified registered voters may vote for the following:

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Brendan P. Walsh

-And-

One - One (1) Year Term

Expiring in 2007

Vote for not more than One (1)

Fred Minturn

Each person voting in the Election must be:

- A citizen of the United States of America over eighteen (18) years of age;
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CITY OF GROSSE POINTE FARMS

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Richard Elementary, 176 McKinley
City Hall Fire Station, 90 Kerby Road
Kerby School, 285 Kerby Road
Brownell Middle School, 260 Chalfonte

PRECINCT

All Precincts

CITY OF GROSSE POINTE

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GROSSE POINTE PARK

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Trombly School, Beaconsfield & Essex
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Pierce School, Kercheval & Nottingham
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Defer School, Kercheval & Nottingham
Pierce School, Kercheval & Nottingham

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GROSSE POINTE WOODS

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Monteith School, 1275 Cook Road
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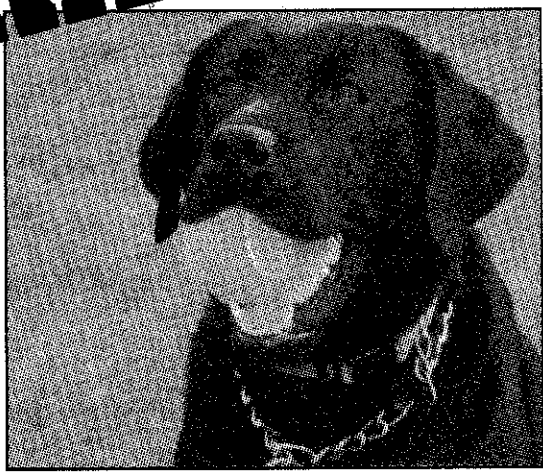
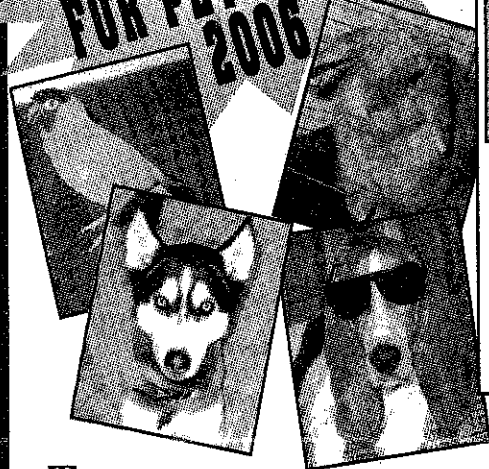
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GROSSE POINTE PARK

Chief and residents given action honor

By Bob St. John
Staff Writer

Grosse Pointe Park Department of Public Safety Chief Dave Hiller earned a Life Saving Award on the same night he presented two Civilian Commendation honors.

Hiller's award was for his act of heroism performed on April 30, 2005, when he was driving south on I-75, returning home from vacation.

A pick-up truck crossed the median striking a vehicle traveling north. The impact ignited both vehicles to flames that quickly spread to three other cars involved in the accident.

Hiller, a 34-year veteran of the Park's department of public safety, witnessed the crash, stopped his car, and reached into one of the burning vehicles with assistance and removed a passenger.

He returned to rescue a second victim from the burning vehicle.

"Without regard for his personal safety, Dave acted quickly to remove these victims from the burning vehicles. These life saving actions serve to further document the level of bravery and caring that Dave Hiller has demonstrated throughout his

dedicated 34-year career," the award, signed by Mayor Palmer Heenan and City Manager Dale Krajniak, said.

"I have seen a lot of accidents in my days, but this was the worst," Hiller said. "I think a few people lost their lives in that accident and I didn't sleep for a few nights after that. I tried my best to help those victims, and at least several made it out alive."

Hiller had the luxury of signing four awards, two given to Park residents Roy Solterisch and Barry Stapleton at Monday's city council meeting.

Solterisch played a vital role in identifying and reporting of a suspect fleeing from a stolen automobile on July 2, 2005.

He spotted a second fleeing suspect, began a foot chase and assisted Park police officers in the apprehension of the thieves.

Stapleton, on April 10, 2005, observed five youths riding three bicycles up and down driveways on Buckingham in the Park.

He reported the suspicious activity and minutes later, police officers arrived to investigate the scene.

The officers learned the youths were attempting to

steal the three bicycles and that they were involved in similar larcenies.

The two other Park residents who received a Civilian Commendation were Jennifer Luthern and Peggy Offerle.

Luthern, on Aug. 18, 2005, at 2:22 p.m., observed a man stealing her neighbor's lawnmower. She confronted the man who continued to walk away with the property.

The Public Safety Department was notified and Luthern provided a description of the suspect and the direction he was headed.

Several minutes later, the suspect was arrested, still in possession of the property, the commendation said.

A Wayne County prosecutor charged the suspect with breaking and entering, larceny and habitual offender third offense. The suspect was linked to multiple crimes in Grosse Pointe Park.

Offerle phoned the public safety department on May 11, 2005, at 6:30 p.m. to report three juvenile suspects had entered her neighbor's rear yard.

A short time later, she reported one youth attempting to

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SAFETY: Do the crime, do the time

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at 11:45 a.m.

The Audi was operated by a Grosse Pointe Shores man. Police said the pickup driver had slowed to turn between traffic islands.

"(The Shores man) was adjusting his rearview mirror and drove into (the) rear of (the

pickup)," police said. "(The Audi) sustained a large amount of front-end damage."

The pickup, a commercial vehicle operated by a 26-year-old Harrison Township man, had minimal damage, police said.

Burning stove prompts fire alarm

On Tuesday, April 11, at 7:35 p.m., Grosse Pointe Shores public safety officers dispatched two fire trucks to a kitchen fire on North Deeplands.

Officers said the heating element of a stove had ignited.

—Brad Lindberg

Grosse Pointe Woods

Windows wounded on Mack Ave.

On Sunday, April 16, an 80-year-old Grosse Pointe Woods woman reported to police an unknown person fired six B.B. pellets through the front window of her office in the 19700 block of Mack.

The woman told police the incident happened between 4 p.m. Saturday, April 15, and 9 a.m. Sunday, April 16.

The officers noted the six small holes that had penetrated the first window of the double pane glass. The six pellets were visible in the frame-work between the two panes of glass.

Defective equipment

On Saturday, April 15, at 9:39 p.m., a 17-year-old Detroit woman was pulled over in her red 1991 Plymouth station wagon after a police officer observed only one working headlight.

The woman produced a Michigan identification card and told the officer she completed driver training but did not take a road test.

A LEIN (Law Enforcement Information Network) check revealed there was no record for the woman, who was arrested.

Her sister was called to pick up the vehicle.

Suspended license

On Thursday, April 13, at 9:59 p.m., a 25-year-old Detroit man was pulled over on Hawthorne and Marter in his 1994 Dodge Spirit after a LEIN check revealed the license plate was registered to a 1990 Mercury two-door.

Upon conducting an inter-

view, he told the officer he registered the plate with the Secretary of State.

The LEIN check revealed the man's driver license was suspended until his reinstatement fee is paid.

The license plate on the vehicle is registered to his wife's car.

He was arrested. He paid bond and was released.

Woman's car mirror busted

On Saturday, April 15, between 12:45 and 1 p.m., a 49-year-old Grosse Pointe Park woman reported to Grosse Pointe Woods police an unknown vehicle struck her 1996 Buick and knocked the passenger-side mirror off the car.

Stolen Shizzle bike valued at \$450

On Thursday, April 13, at 9:20 p.m., a Grosse Pointe Woods juvenile reported to police that an unknown person stole his blue and black Shizzle bike valued at \$450.

Woods police called the boy's mother, who gave the officer information about the bicycle.

Shores catches wanted woman

On Wednesday, April 12, at 1:45 a.m., a 22-year-old Detroit woman was picked up by Grosse Pointe Woods police in the 20000 block of Mack.

She was arrested by St. Clair Shores police, who contacted Woods police and told them of the warrant.

The woman had an outstanding warrant for a traffic and defective equipment violation. She was taken into custody, booked and released after posting the \$204 bond.

Suspended driver has wrong plate

On Tuesday, April 11, at 8:19 p.m., a 57-year-old Detroit man driving a 1990 Saab was pulled over after Grosse Pointe Woods police officers could not see a license plate.

The license plate was in the rear window of the vehicle. The driver said the plate belonged to another car and was unable to produce a license, a registration or proof of insurance.

A LEIN check revealed the man's driver license was suspended three times out of Detroit and the plate belonged to his wife.

He was arrested and later released after posting bond.

—Bob St. John

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To amend Article 3, Chapter 1, of Title 19 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated and to amend Chapter 1, of Title 19 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated and liabilities of private individuals, so as to provide for background checks for employees, agents, subcontractors, and independent home service companies and residential delivery companies whose services require entry into another person's residential dwelling; to provide employment history and criminal record background checks under amended Code Section 12-2-101 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated when an employer or contractor may provide for such background checks to employees, agents, subcontractors, contractors of home service companies and residential delivery companies; and for other purposes.

BE ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA

SECTION 1.

Article 3 of Chapter 1 of Title 19 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated and liabilities of private individuals, is amended by adding a new Code section to read:

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CITY OF GROSSE POINTE

Photo IDs designed to foil park trespass

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

The next generation of park passes is being developed, literally, in the City of Grosse Pointe.

Residents this week started being photographed for passes that will double as city identification cards.

New cards are designed to defeat fraudulent access to resident-only Neff Park and mu-

nicipal recreation programs. "Previous park passes were just simple, laminated pieces of paper with the holder's name on it," said Christopher Hardenbrook, nearing his third summer as city parks and

recreation director. Passes lacked sufficient information to determine if holders' were legitimate. "We had problems with people sharing passes and giving passes away," Hardenbrook said.

Identification cards will be issued through May 12 at the Neff Park Norbs Room.

Applicants must provide proof of residency, such as photo identification with an address or a recent utility bill.

Residents are asked to apply according to the following alphabetical schedule:

- ◆ last names beginning A through G: through Friday, April 21;

- ◆ last names beginning H through K: Monday April 24 through Friday, April 28;

- ◆ Last names beginning L through R: Monday, May 1 through Friday, May 5; and

- ◆ last names beginning S through Z: Monday, May 8 through Friday, May 12.

"We will be issuing City IDs throughout the summer, too," Hardenbrook said. "If you didn't get one during this four-week period, call the park office ahead of time and get your picture taken before you come down."

Fraudulent use of park passes has increased as city officials carry out plans to make the recreation department a year-round attraction. The new swimming pool and events such as the Halloween haunted park, last week's spring egg hunt, wintertime refrigerated ice skating rink with warming house, fall bonfires and summer outdoor movies tempt border jumpers.

"Programs became more enticing," Hardenbrook said. "People wanted to become part of parks and recreation programs."

City officials needed a per-

manent, not incremental, solution to the problem.

"Instead of upgrading to a new park pass, we upgraded to a city ID which, hopefully, in the future will have all these possibilities as well."

Photos are a major part of the new ID cards' line of defense.

"The front of the new card has the resident's name, address, photo and a bar code," Hardenbrook said.

When the new system is up and running, park guards will be able to insert IDs into scanning machines. Guards will be able to match the card holder with resident records.

Initial ID cards are free. Adult passes are expected to last five years before a new photo is needed. Five-year renewals will be free.

"If you lose your pass or need to replace it within five years, there will be a \$5 charge to issue a new pass," Hardenbrook said.

Children are a likely exception.

"We'll make accommodations if the card holder's appearance changes within the five years," Hardenbrook said.

City officials envision the new passes having multiple uses:

- ◆ Information encoded on the magnetic strip will be used to establish accurate park attendance.

- ◆ The age of patrons could be used to measure the popularity of programs and as a basis for organizing or targeting future events for members of a particular demographic.

- ◆ Technology already exists to use magnetized ID cards to validate parking meters.

- ◆ "The system has potential to aid us with the new Elworthy Field platform tennis courts, which are open to all the Grosse Pointes this coming

season and will be membership-only," Hardenbrook said. "There will be an annual fee. We'll make membership cards for them."

Members can use magnetized cards to access locked courts.

Boating safety classes start June 5

The Grosse Pointe Power Squadron will be teaching its BOAT SMART safe boating course at the Grosse Pointe Farms Pier Park on Monday evenings in June.

This four-week, eight-hour course will provide instruction in safe boating. Classes are for all members of the boating or will-be boating family.

This course meets the standards of the National Association of State Boating Law Administrators and features a proctored examination required by the Michigan for a Boating Safety Certificate.

Instruction is from 7 to 9 p.m. and spread over four nights: June 5, 12, 19 and 26.

Classes are free. There is a nominal charge of \$35 for the student manual (\$20 for additional students from the same household).

Register by calling the Farms recreation office at (313) 343-2405. Call Squadron member Dick Munro at (586) 778-2926 for information.

Boat Smart is for all boaters: the personal watercraft operator; the hunter or fisherman operating an outboard utility boat; the skipper of a family cruiser and the sailing enthusi-

ast. All boaters must follow the same nautical rules, regulations, and courtesies of the sea. All are subject to the same forces of nature while boating.

As boating is often a family activity, the course is of value to all members of a boating family. The Power Squadron encourages families to attend as groups.

While the content of the student manual serves as the basis for this course, it will also serve as a reference book in basic boating long after the course work is completed.

The course meets the educational standards of the National Association of State Boating Law Administrators and features a proctored examination as required by the state for a Boating Safety Certificate.

The course will provide instruction and examination covering the laws and regulations of Michigan and the local area.

Topics include:

- ◆ types of boats and characteristics

- ◆ rules of the road
- ◆ required equipment
- ◆ anchoring and docking

- ◆ recommended equipment
- ◆ man overboard
- ◆ fire
- ◆ operation of watercraft
- ◆ grounding and capsizing
- ◆ fueling
- ◆ aids to navigation (buoys)
- ◆ carbon monoxide and hypothermia.

The Power Squadron believes that the more educated a boater becomes, the more likely that boater will be a safe boater.

Boat Smart is the beginning of a boating education. The Grosse Pointe Power Squadron encourages students to follow this brief and basic course with additional boating education such as the courses offered to members of the United States Power Squadrons.

The instructors can give you information about membership and these advanced courses, such as Chart Smart, which is available for those who would like to learn a little about piloting.

For more information on Grosse Pointe Power Squadron public boating, check out its Web site and on-line schedule at www.gpps-d9.org.

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leave the area concealing an unknown object under his shirt.

Upon arrival, Park police officers detained the three juveniles and found they were in possession of numerous stolen items from the house.

"It is very helpful for the city's residents to assist us protect our neighborhoods by just keeping an eye on things," Hiller said.

G.P. WOODS

Appointment

Linda Ireson was appointed to the Beautification Advisory Commission by a unanimous vote of the Grosse Pointe Woods city council.

"I'm honored," Ireson said. Councilman Al Dickinson said, "She is a dedicated gardener who will be perfect for the Beautification Commission."

Mayor Robert Novitke also appointed Councilman Pete Waldmeir as an alternate to the 2006 Community Development Block Grant Advisory.

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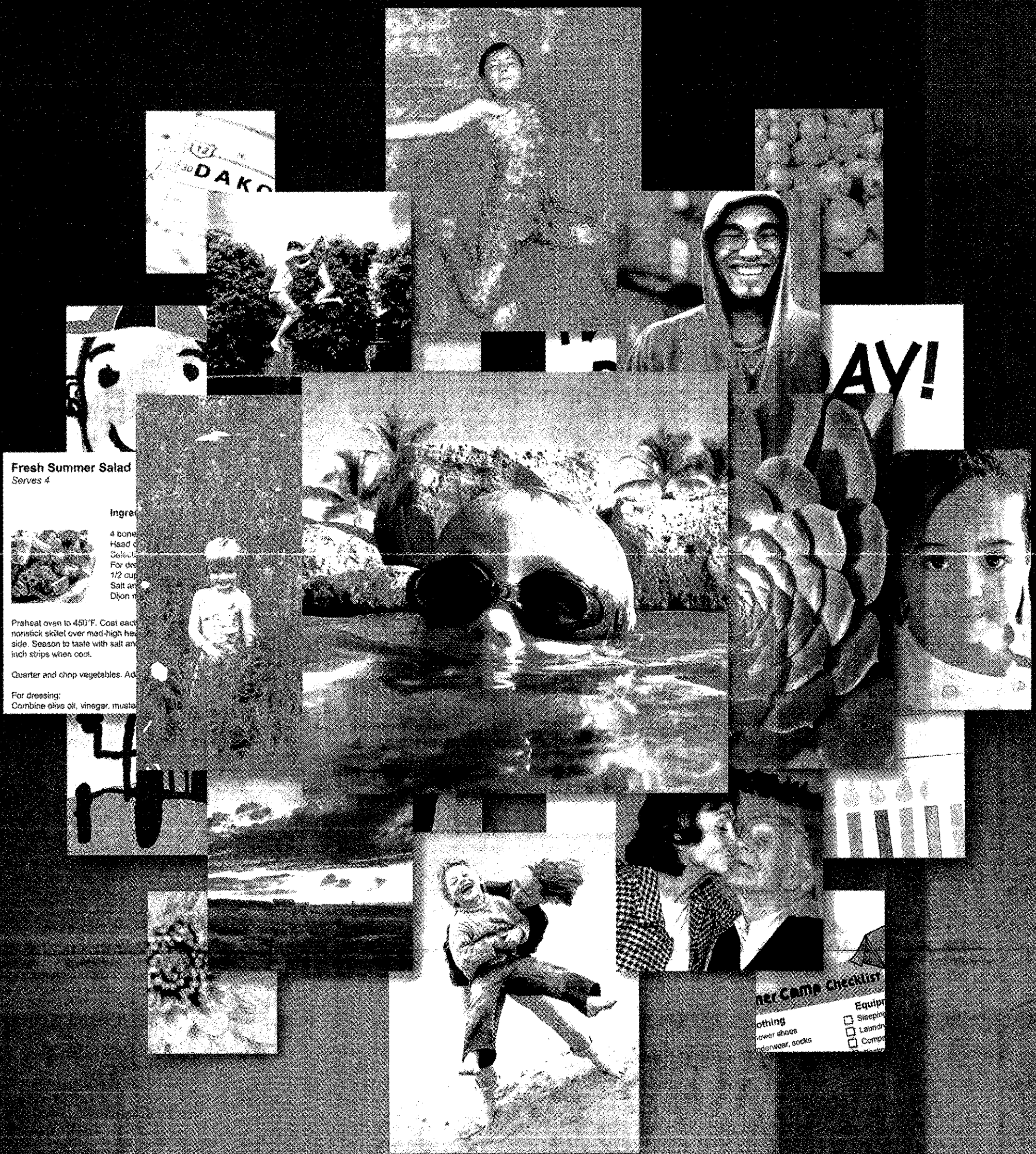
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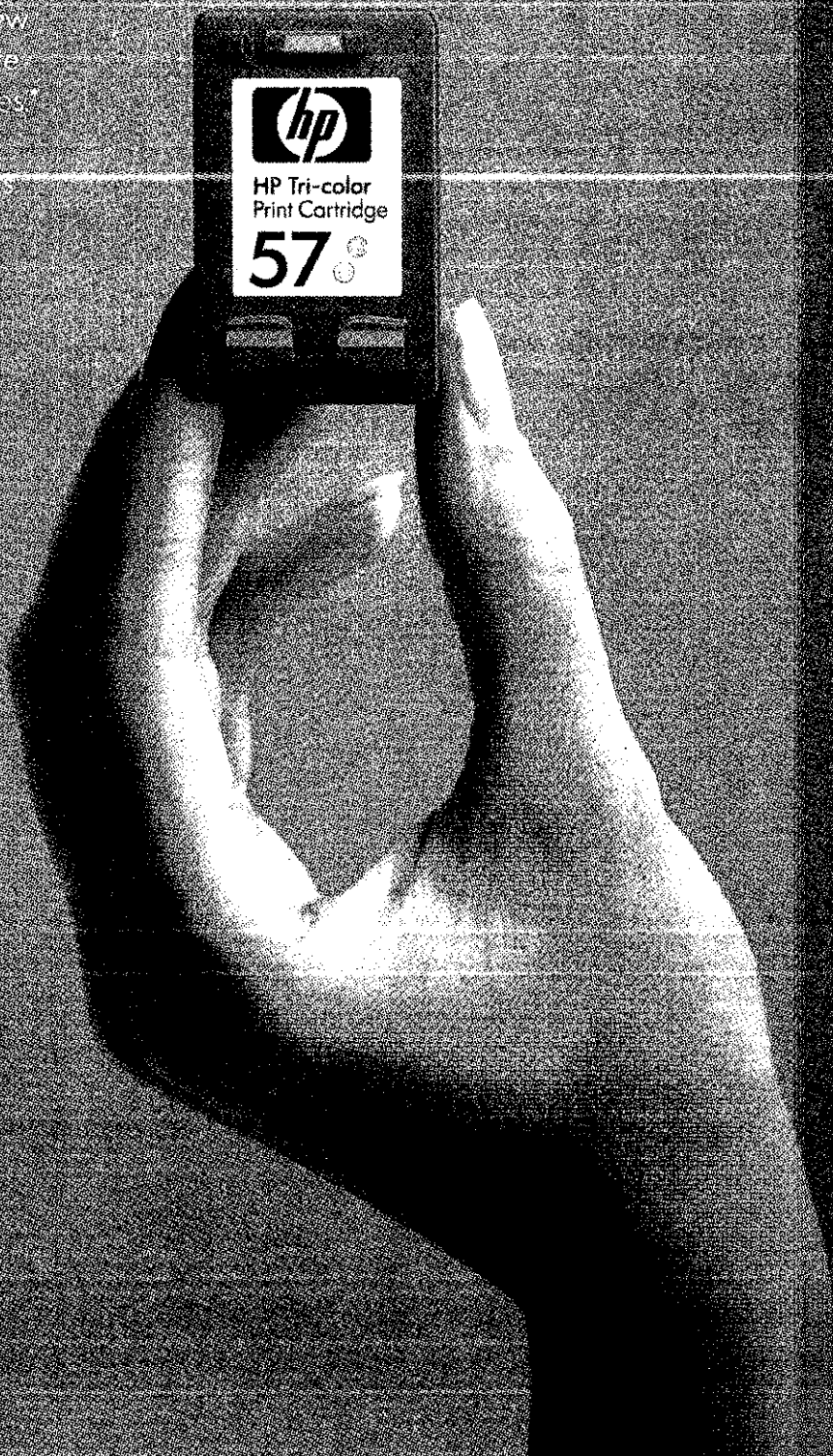
Preheat oven to 450°F. Coat each nonstick skillet over med-high heat. Season to taste with salt and pepper. Cook 10-12 minutes. Quarter and chop vegetables. Add to skillet with chicken. Cook 10-12 minutes. For dressing: Combine olive oil, vinegar, mustard, salt and pepper.

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Local sports personalities invite fans to discuss sports and the sport everyone loves, **baseball**. Grosse Pointe Woods' library hosted the sports chat.

Bergman, Sylvester talk baseball

By Bob St. John
 Staff Writer

Former Detroit Tiger Dave Bergman and retired Detroit Free Press sports writer Curt Sylvester spent two hours on a Thursday evening in early April doing what they love, talking baseball.

The duo spoke with more than two dozen baseball fans at Grosse Pointe Library Woods Branch, talking about sports in general, but concentrating on baseball and the hometown Tigers.

Library Director Vickey Bloom and Wayne County Community College District Director, Extension Center Services Michael T. Blair hosted the event.

"I thought it would be great to get together some serious baseball fans to talk about the sport they love with two people I think are perfect to talk to," Blair said.

Sylvester, who covered 27 Super Bowls during his 38 years with the Free Press, along with the Lions, U-M football and others, is a baseball fan, coach and player.

"I always wanted to cover the Tigers as a beat writer, but that would mean I wouldn't be able to coach the game I love,"



PHOTO BY BOB ST. JOHN

Grosse Pointe Library Director Vickey Bloom, second from left, and Wayne County Community College District Director, Extension Center Services Michael T. Blair, second from right, hosted retired Detroit Free Press sports writer Curt Sylvester, far left, and former Detroit Tiger Dave Bergman to talk baseball with fans.

Sylvester said, "I had the time of my life covering other sports for the Free Press, but my true

love is baseball."

Bergman is always remembered as a member of the 1984

Detroit Tigers World Series team that beat the San Diego Padres in five games.

He broke into the Majors in 1975 with the New York Yankees before being traded to the Houston Astros in 1978. He was traded with Jeffrey Leonard during the 1981 season to San Francisco for Mike Ivie.

Bergman came to Detroit just before the 1984 season, along with another World Series hero, Willie Hernandez, in a trade with the Philadelphia Phillies for John Wockenfuss and Glenn Wilson. The rest is history.

In 17 seasons in the Big Leagues, Bergman hit .258, collecting 690 career hits, including 54 homers, 16 triples and 100 doubles.

He retired after the 1992 season.

Bergman is also remembered for breaking up two potential Nolan Ryan no-hitters. Ryan finished his Hall-of-Fame career with a record seven no-hitters.

Bergman currently coaches youth baseball in the Grosse Pointes and works as a businessman.

"I tell my players all of the time to have a game plan," Bergman said. "Even if the plan fails, sticking to it helps youngsters build confidence."

Bergman, who was once a

teammate of Ryan with the Astros, had a game plan when he was under intense pressure of playing in a game with the potential of Ryan throwing another no-hitter.

"I had three great at-bats against him during the game with nothing to show for it," Bergman said. "I told myself I was going to sit on a breaking ball, even if he threw three straight fastballs down the middle of the plate. I was going to sit on a breaking ball."

The second pitch of his final at-bat, Bergman lined a hanging breaking ball for a single.

He also had one of the most memorable at-bats in Tiger history, going through 13 pitches from Toronto Blue Jays relief pitcher Roy Lee Jackson during a crucial game during the 1984 season.

Bergman fouled off several pitches before hitting a home run to help the Tigers beat the Blue Jays en route to winning the American League East Division title.

Bergman has played for some of Major League Baseball's best managers including Billy Martin (Yankees), Bill Virdon (Astros), Frank Robinson (Giants) and Sparky

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Duo speaks
with fans

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Anderson (Tigers).

"I enjoyed playing for each manager," he said. "They each had unique qualities. Robinson was a great teacher, while Sparky taught us how to be men."

Both Sylvester and Bergman recommended baseball fans should spend a week at the Tigers' Fantasy Camp or at the Cooperstown Hall of Fame Fantasy Camp.

"I had the time of my life competing in the Tiger Fantasy Camps," Sylvester said. "I was able to play against some legendary Tigers, such as Mickey Lolich, which was a thrill for me. It is a thrill for all of us baseball fans."

"You really get the feel for what it is like to wear the uniform of your favorite Major League Baseball team," Bergman said. "It's a wonderful feeling, and you don't have

to be embarrassed about coming out and playing poorly because all of the fans are in the same boat. It's great to be part of something that means so much to baseball purists."

Steroids in baseball is a huge topic with Barry Bonds taking center stage.

A fan asked Bergman if he would vote for Mark McGwire and Barry Bonds to make the Hall-of-Fame on their first ballot. Without hesitation, Bergman said, "No."

The topic of the current Tigers' roster came up.

Bergman said he wasn't happy with how the team's front office handled the firing of former manager Alan Trammell and his staff, which included teammates Kirk Gibson and Lance Parrish.

"I think the Tigers brought in Trammell, Gibby and Lance to sell tickets," Bergman said. "It wasn't right how the front office went about getting rid of Alan, but I like the hiring of (Jim) Leyland and he will, hopefully, get this team winning again."

Bergman is optimistic Curtis Granderson and rookies Joel Zumaya and Justin Verlander

can mesh with veterans Ivan Rodriguez, Jeremy Bonderman and Kenny Rogers to turn the team from losers to winners.

"This team has not been very competitive for a number of years, and that has to change," he said. "Fans love their baseball here in Detroit. I still love to follow the Tigers and I enjoy going to the ballpark to talk with the players. Baseball plays a big part of my life."

Blair had to officially wrap up the baseball chat session, but he said another one might be coming soon and the topic may be football.

Several fans lingered to talk with Bergman and Sylvester, bombarding them with Tiger questions.

Bergman played in nine home openers for the Tigers, who officially opened their 2006 home schedule on Monday, April 10, hosting the defending World Series champion Chicago White Sox.

The hometown Tigers lost 5-3 as a Comerica Park record-crowd of 44,179 fans watched Bonderman pitch well, but suffer the loss.

The stadium was buzzing with excitement as baseball was back in town. The taste of a hot dog (with mustard only)

and peanuts, washing it down with a cold Coke is synonymous with baseball. And for two hours, Bergman

and Sylvester helped bring that excitement to the sport's purists who hung on every word they said.

Pewabic Pottery
to hold overrun sale

Pewabic Pottery will hold its annual Overrun Sale on Friday, Saturday and Sunday, April 21-23.

Discounts of 30 percent are applied to tile overruns from Pewabic's custom orders, including assorted field tiles, borders, trim pieces, and embossed tile in Pewabic's famous glazes. Pewabic designers will be on hand to assist customers. Bring measurements for your project and packing materials, such as newspaper, bags and boxes. No strollers are allowed.

All tiles and vessels are made with Pewabic's most popular and authentic glazes. Tiles are sold as is, all sales are final and payment may be made by cash, check, Visa or MasterCard.

Pewabic Pottery is located at the corner of Cadillac Boulevard and Jefferson at

10125 E. Jefferson, across from Historic Waterworks Park. Secured parking is available at Pewabic's Cadillac lot, adjacent to the pottery.

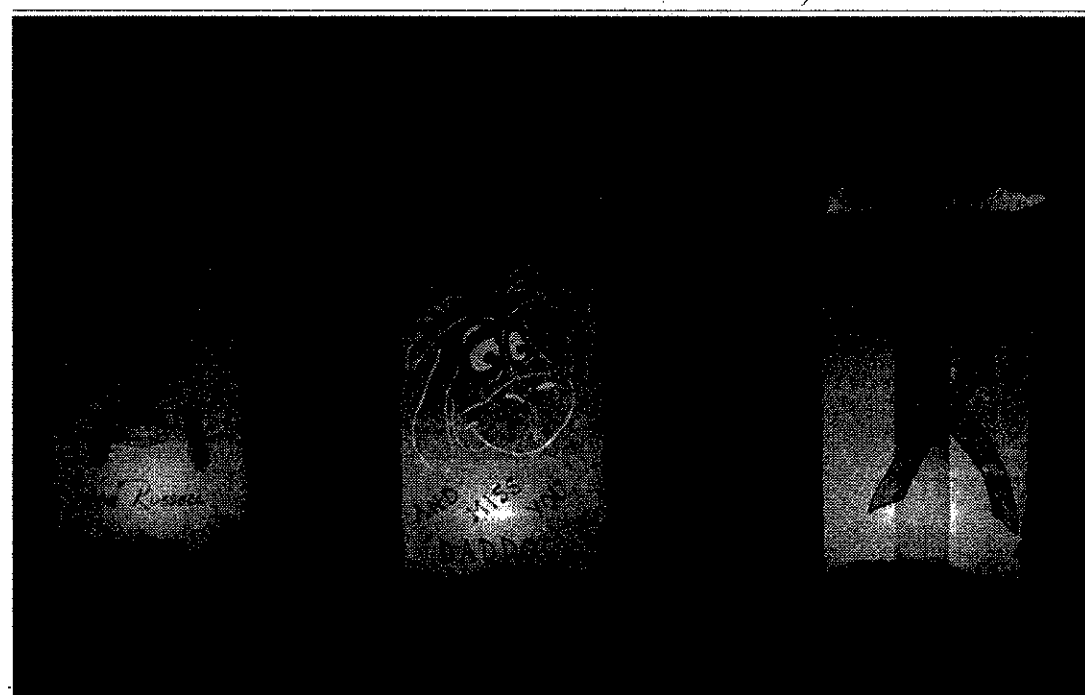
The sale is open only to Pewabic Society members from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday, April 21. Memberships may be purchased at the door or by calling (313) 822-0954. The sale is open to the public from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, April 22, and from noon to 4 p.m. Sunday, April 23.

Two Tabletop Workshops are scheduled to take place over the same weekend. From 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Friday or Saturday, Pewabic staff designer Dave McGee will help workshop participants select tiles from the Overrun Sale, design unique tile tables and teach them how to set and grout tile.

The fee for the workshop, which includes the table frame, is \$110. Tiles are purchased separately. To register, call (313) 822-0954.

Further information on Pewabic Pottery can be obtained at pewabic.com or by calling (313) 822-0954. Pewabic Pottery is open to the public year-round and offers tours, classes, and workshops to children and adults.

Pewabic Pottery is a non-profit ceramic art education center that welcomes 70,000 visitors annually continues to create tile for custom architectural installations and offers galleries that showcase over 60 ceramic artists and a museum store featuring fine giftware and historic Pewabic reproduction pieces available for purchase.



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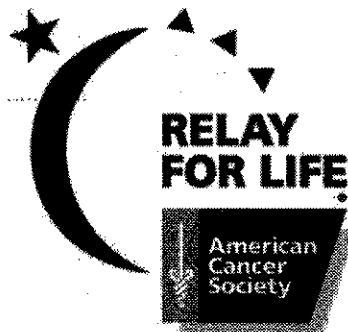
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North parents host flower sale

Spring is peeking around the corner, and area gardeners are itching to get their hands in the soil to create beautiful flower beds. Michigan-grown geraniums, flats of annuals, herbs, tomato plants, moss baskets and more will be available for purchase at the Grosse Pointe North Parents' Club 36th annual Geranium/Flower Sale.

Stop by the gym between noon and 6 p.m. on Friday, May 12, or from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, May 13, to buy plants, shop at the new garden boutique, and to ask a Master Gardener questions. Can't make it to the gym? Place an order by Wednesday, May 3, and have fresh plants delivered for free. Order forms may be obtained at gpschools.org/northparent or by calling Kim Lane at (313) 882-4244. Advance orders for geraniums and annuals are encouraged even for those who plan pick up their flowers at the sale.

New this year is an option to buy plant vouchers. If planning to plant later in the season, geranium and annual flat vouchers may be purchased instead of the plants through the order form. When ready to plant, take the vouchers to a specific vendor at Eastern Market. Advance order vouchers need to be picked up at the gym on the sale dates.

Proceeds of the fundraiser are used for scholarships and other student enrichment activities.

'LADIES NIGHT': The Grosse Pointe Animal Adoption Society is offering women a chance to get out of the house, do some shopping and raise funds for the care of abandoned, surrendered or found animals during Ladies Night Out from 6 to 9 p.m. Thursday, May 18 at the Children's Home of Detroit, 900 Cook Road, Grosse Pointe Woods.

Vendors who will set up shop include: Cookie Lee Jewelry, Silpada Jewelry, Pampered Chef, Tupperware, Avon, Mary Kay, The Body Shop, Two Sisters, Party Lite, Rabbit Lane, Southern Living, OxyFresh, Tracey Designs, Candi Belts and Fuzzy Friends. There will be items raffled off from each vendor.

The Grosse Pointe Animal Adoption Society is a community service organization serving the Grosse Pointes and neighboring communities as a foster-home-based, non-euthanasia organization that finds suitable homes for indoor companion animals that have been abandoned, surrendered or found. The society is supported solely by public donations used to provide veterinary care, food and supplies for the pets in its care.

For more information, contact Corinne Martin or Denise VanSlembrouck at (313) 884-1551, e-mail cmartingp@ameritech.net or visit gpaas.org.

COCKTAILS AND CHIPS: Bon Secours Cottage Health Services is celebrating its "Greatest Hits" with a night of classic rock and roll and a day on the golf course.

The Teen Angels are scheduled to perform during a Friday, June 9 casual attire dinner dance at the Country Club of Detroit. The event features a silent and live auction and a "Cocktails and Chips" competition where the goal is to chip a ball closest to the pin.

The June 12 Golf Classic features morning and afternoon shotgun starts on the Country Club of Detroit course, a continental breakfast, barbecue lunch and an awards reception following the last round.

Both events spotlight new programs and services that have benefited from the fundraisers over the past several years. Among them are the expansion and renovation of the Bon Secours Hospital Operating Room Suites and Emergency Center; the Edith McNaughton Ford Center for Radiation Oncology and the Mary Gene Buhl Oppermann Women's Diagnostic Center at Cottage Hospital.

This year's events benefit the ICU/Critical Care expan-



Grosse Pointe North High School Flower Sale committee members are, back row from left, Debra Verysier, Joanne Dennis and Linda Farr and front row, left, chairman Kim Lane and Lori Everett. Not shown are Sue Brown, Elizabeth Yakamovich and Carolin Dwaihy.

sion and Healing Garden renovation projects at Bon Secours Hospital.

For individual reservations or party and golf package information, call Nancy Jones, Bon Secours Cottage Foundation at (313) 640-2539.

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Created by Grosse Pointe Park resident Greg Drawbaugh, the May 19-21 event is not a race, but about enjoying Michigan's great out-

doors. Check-in and the pre-ride bash are on Friday night, May 19, at the Zoo Bar at Boyne Highlands. The ride begins Saturday, May 20, with a post-ride celebration that evening on Mackinac Island.

Event highlights include the kickoff party with live music, views of Lake Michigan from the bluffs along US-119, a break at the Good Hart General Store, a lunch stop at Legs Inn, pedaling through the Tunnel of Trees, the trillium covered forest and lilacs in full bloom, rolling farmland vistas and Wilderness State Park, views of the Mackinac Bridge, a Mackinaw City finish and a

celebration on historic Mackinac Island.

For additional information, visit zoo-de-mack.com.

SAVE THE MANATEE: The third annual Save the Manatee 5K Run, 2.2 Mile Fun Walk is planned for 9 a.m. Saturday, May 20, at Metro Beach in Harrison Township with proceeds benefiting the Save the Manatee Club in Maitland, Fla.

Inspired by L'Anse Creuse High School biology teacher Lesley Argiri and presented by the school, the event calls attention to the declining manatee population.

There are about 3,000 manatees left in Florida waters. These aquatic vegetarians face numerous human-related threats from collisions with boats, ingestion of fish hooks and entanglement in crab traps and monofilament fishing line. In addition, increasing human population growth has resulted in destruction of their habitat.

In 1981, singer/songwriter Jimmy Buffett and former Florida governor Bob Graham founded Save the Manatee Club, a nonprofit organization. Donated funds go toward numerous manatee conservation and education programs.

"As a biology teacher, I thought I could get students, teachers and parents involved in this project," Argiri said. "Many people thought this race would be a 'flop' because most Michiganders don't even know what a manatee is. That response drove me even more to sponsor the race and it has been a huge success."

Participants in the 5K run are eligible for trophies,

awards, medals and donated door prizes. Each registration packet contains a manatee item, compliments of Save the Manatee Club.

The registration entry fee is \$17 before May 3 and includes a T-shirt. Late registration is \$20 and includes a T-shirt if available. The race starts and finishes inside the Metro Huron-Clinton Metropark. A \$4 park entry fee per vehicle is additional.

Checks can be made payable to L'Anse Creuse High School and sent to Lesley Argiri, 37855 De Prez Ct., Harrison Township, MI 48045.

For more information on the Save the Manatee 5K Run, e-mail Argiri at largiri1@hotmail.com. To learn more about manatees, contact Save the Manatee Club at 500 N. Maitland Ave., Maitland, FL 32751, call 1-800-432-JOIN (5646), or visit savethemanatee.org.

COTS: Grosse Pointe resident Jack Frakes and Michigan state Sen. Hansen Clarke, D-Detroit, have each donated their own works of art

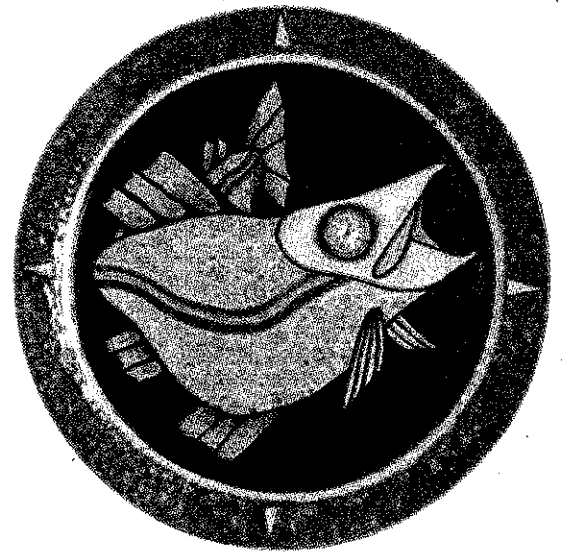
to a silent auction to benefit the Coalition On Temporary Shelters "Time to end homelessness" campaign.

Their clock-themed artworks will go on the block at the ImaginAide benefit planned from 6 p.m. to midnight Saturday, April 22, at the Marriott Renaissance Center.

Clarke, who has a fine arts degree in painting from Cornell University, said he knows the fear of being homeless after his mother died when he was a teenager.

"Based on my concern of not having a home, I really value the mission of COTS. It is key that we enable the homeless to see that they have power over their circumstances," he said. "They can get help to get back on their feet, and COTS can show them the way."

Tickets for ImaginAide are \$125 per person with all proceeds going to programs that help the homeless help themselves through COTS. For more information, call COTS at (313) 831-3777, ext. 285, or visit cotsdetroit.org.



Grosse Pointe Jack Frakes' clock-themed art will be auctioned off Saturday to benefit Coalition On Temporary Shelters.



Planning the Golf Classic portion of the Bon Secours Cottage "Greatest Hits" events are, left, back row: Dr. James D. Adamo, David Cornillie, J.C. Collins, Dr. Tony Colucci, Dr. Doug MacAskill; front row: Joe Tolari, Mary Beth Ryan, Jeff Collins, Don Ulrich, Dr. Bill Brownscombe, Mona Gualtieri, and John Stevens. Golf Committee members not shown include Dr. John Bautista, Gayle Boutros, Robert Cleary, John Donnelly, Dick Fruehauf, Mary Ghanem, Terry Hamilton, Phil Hartz, Dr. Donna Hoban, Dr. Roger McNeill, Dr. Tom Mertz, Art Nicholl, Nick Schlaff, Marilyn Schneider, JoEllen Ulrich and Dr. Jim Zurawski.

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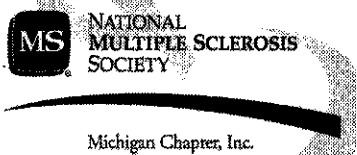
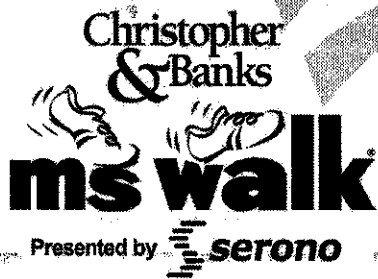


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Grosse Pointe News

Churches offering classes, open house

First English Ev. Lutheran Church offers several education opportunities conducted by the pastors, and the community is invited. Beginning Sunday, April 23, from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m., the Adult Study Hour on Sundays will begin a series titled "Devils and Angels."

The group will look at what the Bible says about the devil, where he came from, how he impacts our lives as well as how tradition has viewed the devil. The subject of how angels are regarded in everyday life, how they affect our lives, how God uses angels and traditions concerning angels will be discussed as well. Pastors Walter Schmidt and Jerry Elscholz alternate as leaders.

The Gospel of Matthew is the Thursday morning Bible study subject. Pastor Schmidt conducts the meeting in the lounge from 9:30 to 11 a.m.

The Men's Club Breakfast and Bible study group meets the second Wednesdays at the Nine Mile and Jefferson Big Boy Restaurant at 8:30 a.m. This is followed by discussion at the church of the Augsburg Confession, the standard statement of belief for Lutherans. Pastor Schmidt leads the discussion.

For the women, this spring's study is "Act Boldly in the Fruit of the Spirit," a series based on Galatians 5:22-23, what St. Paul calls the "Fruit of the Spirit."

All church and community women are invited.

For times, dates and discussion leaders, call (313) 884-5040. First English is located at 800 Vernier at Wedgewood, Grosse Pointe Woods.

◆ The Peace Circle at First

English Ev. Lutheran Church, 800 Vernier, Grosse Pointe Woods, is offering The Heaven Bracelet.

This is a benefit effort to replace the Narthex carpeting at the rear of the sanctuary. Swarovski crystals, fresh-water pearls and sterling silver were used to make these bracelets.

Custom sizing is available, if necessary.

The cost of the bracelet, in its own jewelry bag with an informative card citing the names of the crystals and the appropriate biblical passages, is \$35.

Send a check payable to Peace Circle with each order to Jacki Stein, 34 Willow Tree Place, Grosse Pointe Shores, MI 48236-1322.

For more information, call (313) 882-8663.

◆ Assumption Greek Orthodox Church in St. Clair Shores invites the community to the 10 a.m. Sunday, April 30, Divine Liturgy service.

This is Assumption's annual Outreach Sunday, a day to welcome family, friends and neighbors to provide insight into the Orthodox Christian faith, worship and traditions.

The liturgy will be in English. For more information, call (586) 779-6111, ext. 3.

The church is located at 21800 Marter Road.

◆ Grosse Pointe Memorial Church's administrator, George Stultz, will be honored for his 17 years of service to the church at a farewell celebration at the Country Club of Detroit at 6 p.m., Saturday, May 6.

Call the church at (313) 882-5330, for more information.

◆ An open house of the Epiphany Education Center

will be held from 4 to 7 p.m. on Thursday, April 27, with a special blessing of the center at 5 p.m. by the Rev. Norm Thomas, pastor of Detroit's Sacred Heart Church.

The Center is at 5555 Conner Ave., Suite 2018, Detroit.

◆ The community is invited to a "gumbopalooza" at 6:30 p.m. Saturday, May 6, at the Grosse Pointe United Methodist Church to support a church mission trip to Metairie, La. The proceeds will help rebuild the flood-stricken area.

The stick-to-your-ribs dinner of Cajun gumbo and roast pork, followed by an auction of delectable desserts, will be prepared by War Memorial TV 5 chef Doug Cordier.

His motto is, "The bigger the pot, the better the gumbo, and this event is going to require the biggest pot we've got."

The church dessert chefs are preparing a collection of sweet treats which will be sold individually by auction.

Proceeds from the dinner and auction will pay for reconstruction building supplies or tools and a donation to the Louisiana local relief fund.

A group of 24 people, mostly church members, will travel to Louisiana May 13 to 21 to help clean up and reconstruct in the area hit by hurricane Katrina.

For a suggested donation of \$10, you can enjoy the dinner prepared that day by members of the Volunteers in Mission team.

Desserts will be on display beginning at 6:30 p.m., dinner will be served at 7 p.m. The dessert auction follows dinner.

The church is at 211 Moross Rd. in the Farms, just west of Kercheval.

WORSHIP SERVICE

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 9:30 a.m. Contemporary Service
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HEALTH COLUMN By Varsha Bilolikar, M.D.

Adult immunization recommendations

Healthcare professionals are seeing a rise in some infectious diseases like measles, mumps and pertussis (whooping cough) in adults and adolescents, which is leading scientists to suspect certain childhood vaccines don't give lifelong immunity as once believed. Many of the diseases that we are vaccinated against do not have a cure, and according to the National Coalition for Adult Immunization, all could cause tremendous health problems or even death. However, vaccinations are a very affordable, effective way to prevent these diseases, or at least reduce their severity.

Whooping cough cases on the rise

Within the last few years, pertussis (whooping cough) seems to be making a comeback. The national Centers for Disease Control and Prevention recently reported the highest number of cases in nearly 40 years, and 39 percent of those cases were in children aged 10 to 19. Recent evidence has shown that immunity from the pertussis vaccine many of us received as children diminishes after five to 10 years.

Pertussis is a bacterial infection that causes chronic violent coughing to the point of vomiting, pulled muscles, and in extreme cases ribs have broken. Coughing can last anywhere from one to six weeks, but the disease is most contagious in the first and second weeks.

Complications from pertussis are most common in babies, who can suffer from seizures, pneumonia and even death. For adolescents and adults, complications from the disease mainly include interference in daily activities and work because of the violent nature of the cough. Pertussis is easily diagnosed with a simple nasal swab or blood test, and responds well to treatment with antibiotics.

Should adults get immunized?

Depending on their medical condition, all adults require certain regular immunizations. While regular visits to a primary care physician provide an opportunity to update immunizations, data from the American College of Preventive Medicine shows that only about one-half of U.S. adults are vaccinated for influenza (flu) and only one-fourth for pneumococcal pneumonia. Further, only about 40 percent of adults are adequately immunized against tetanus and diphtheria.

Underappreciation of the importance of adult immunizations and inadequate records of prior immunizations may be one of the reasons why so many adults are not up to date with their immunizations. Inadequate health insurance may be another reason.

Recommendations for adult immunization

Recommendations for immunization will vary depending on an individual's medical health, their past immunization record and their age. Following are general guidelines for adult immunizations. Ask your primary care physician for individual recommendations:

- ◆ **Influenza:** All persons 65 years or older; all persons with medical problems (heart disease, lung disease, diabetes and those with weakened immune systems); all healthcare workers and essential community workers.
- ◆ **Pneumococcal pneumonia:** All persons 65 years or older; all persons with chronic illness or who have weakened immune systems.
- ◆ **Tetanus, diphtheria:** All ages every 10 years.
- ◆ **Measles, mumps, rubella (MMR):** If vaccinated as a child, check blood for immunity levels. If no proof of immunity, get one dose. If never immunized, two doses are needed. If pregnant, check for immunity.
- ◆ **Varicella (chicken pox):** All susceptible adolescents and adults should be vaccinated.
- ◆ **Meningococcal (meningitis):** College students, travelers to certain countries and military recruits.
- ◆ **Hepatitis B:** All newborns before discharge, unvaccinated adolescents, high-risk persons and some travelers.

Dr. Bilolikar is a Bon Secours Cottage board certified family practice physician. For an appointment, call Bon Secours Cottage Physician Referral at (800) 303-7315.

SOC offers lecture on therapy

Services for Older Citizens will hold an Integrative Therapy lecture at 11:15 a.m. Monday, April 24, at the SOC office, 17150 Waterloo, City of Grosse Pointe.

The speaker is Geri Day RN/MS, of Bon Secours Cottage Hospital.

A registered nurse, Day's lecture offers ways to help keep well and deal with stress-

Karmanos celebrates survivors

The Karmanos Cancer Institute will be hosting Celebrating Survivors: The First Gynecologic Oncology Conference from 8 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Saturday, April 29, at the Compuware Headquarters, One Campus Martius, Detroit.

Ovarian cancer has the highest mortality of all cancers of the female reproductive system. A lack of early symptoms, and proven ovarian cancer screening tests, have made the cancer the fourth leading cause of all cancer-related deaths among women in the United States.

Celebrating Survivors is an educational forum celebrating the spirit, determination and accomplishments of ovarian cancer patients and their families. The conference will also educate all women on how to be better prepared to recognize the signs and symptoms of the disease. Several exhibitors, including Gilda's Club, the American Cancer

Celebrating Ovarian Cancer Survivors

Date: Saturday, April 29
Time: 8 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
Location: Compuware Headquarters, One Campus Martius, Detroit
Cost: A \$10 donation is requested.
Registration: (313) 576-9281

Society and Credit Union One will have information at the event.

Veronica Schimp, D.O., member, Gynecologic Oncology Multidisciplinary Team, Karmanos Cancer Institute, will discuss treatment and survivorship for those affected by the disease.

Judy Hartwell, district director, office of U.S. Rep. Sander M. Levin (D-MI), will discuss Johanna's Law: the Gynecologic Cancer Education and Awareness Act. Johanna's Law, spearheaded by Rep.

Levin, would create a federal campaign to increase early detection of gynecologic cancer by combining national public service announcements with grants to local and national organizations. The law was named after Johanna Silver Gordon, a former Oakland County schoolteacher who lost her life to ovarian cancer. Humorist Carol Green will

talk about the importance of humor and laughter when faced with the adversities of cancer.

A donation of \$10 is requested. Money raised will support Blooms for Tomorrow, an ovarian cancer support group at the Karmanos Cancer Institute. Parking for the event is \$5.

For more information and to register, call (313) 576-9281.

Throat cancer screening

In conjunction with World Voice Day, the University of Michigan Department of Otolaryngology and Comprehensive Cancer Center are offering free throat cancer screenings and smoking cessation counseling from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, April 22, at the Taubman Center, Ann Arbor. Symptoms of throat cancer

may include a sore throat or hoarseness that won't go away and difficulty swallowing. Smoking, chewing tobacco and drinking alcohol are risk factors for throat cancer.

Exams take less than 45 minutes.

Registration is required. For more information, call (800) 865-1125.

Volunteer drivers needed

Seniors for Older Citizens is seeking volunteers for its escort program that offers rides to seniors.

This program is designed for seniors who need a ride to the doctor or a store and are unable to arrange their own transportation. Volunteers can choose their level of commitment and give as much or as little time as they can.

To be added to the list of volunteers, call Betsy Schulte at (313) 882-9600.

Services for Older Citizens is a nonprofit organization dedicated to helping older citizens maintain their lives in independence and dignity. SOC was founded in 1978 to provide comprehensive services for seniors in the five Grosse Pointes and Harper Woods.

Healthy Heart art contest

How do students in third through fifth grades keep their hearts in shape? The American Heart Association is interested in finding out.

Area students are being asked to draw a picture and write three to four sentences on "How I keep my heart healthy," with winners being announced May 1. The drawings will be posted at the American Heart Association's May 20 Heart Ball. First-, second- and third-place prizes will be awarded.

An obesity initiative called the Alliance for a Healthier Generation was the impetus for the drawing contest.

Entries must be post-marked by April 25 and mailed to: Katie McManus, the American Heart Association, 24445 Northwestern Hwy., Suite 100, Southfield, MI 48075. Include the child's name, grade level,

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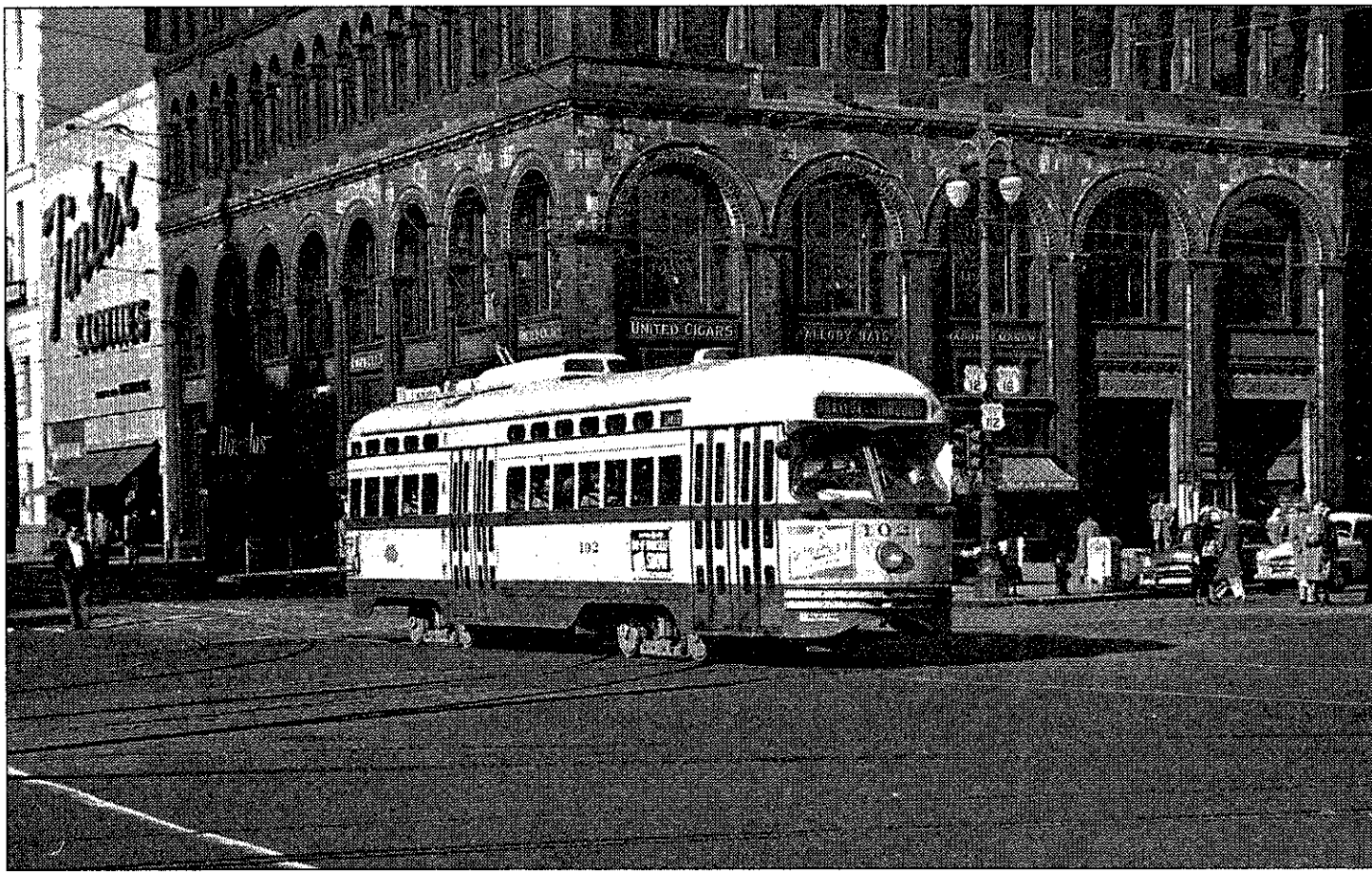


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Warm fuzzies

Heartland Georgian East hosted its annual Easter egg hunt Saturday, April 8. Children came with their Easter baskets and scurried through the yard picking up as many eggs as they were able to find. The Easter bunny assisted children outside and posed for pictures with children and residents. Easter bunny stopped to wave to the camera with, from left, Hope, Rachele and Austin Tisdall of Grosse Pointe Woods. He also chatted with resident Ethel Earls of Clinton Township and her sister-in-law, Ruth, who is standing.



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Kenneth E. Schramm, author of "Detroit's Street Railways" and noted expert on streetcar and bus transportation in Detroit, will discuss the various bus companies that once formed the vast public transportation system in metropolitan Detroit in a talk sponsored by the Grosse Pointe Historical Society.

GROSSE POINTE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Detroit's Street Railways'

From the 1800s to the mid-1900s, streetcars and buses were the main method of transportation for metro Detroiters.

Fifty years ago this month, the last streetcar operated on Woodward Avenue in Detroit. This ended an era of streetcar service that dated back to 1863 as the automobile and buses took over as the preferred way to get around town.

Kenneth E. Schramm, author of "Detroit's Street Railways" and noted expert on streetcar and bus transportation in Detroit, will discuss the various bus companies that once formed the vast public transportation system in metropolitan Detroit in a talk sponsored by the Grosse Pointe Historical Society. Special emphasis will be placed on buses that once operated in and around the Grosse Pointes since the 1920s. He also will have available his new book for sale and

signing. The free lecture will be held at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, April

26, in the Community Room of the Children's Home of Detroit, 900 Cook Road,

Grosse Pointe Woods. For more information, call (313) 884-7010.



Optimists host Respect for Law breakfast May 3

U.S. Senate candidate Keith Butler will be the keynote speaker for the 24th annual Respect for Law Program sponsored by the Lakeshore Optimist Club of Grosse Pointe.

The breakfast program will be held from 7:30 to 9 a.m. Wednesday, May 3, at the Lochmoor Club, 1018 Sunningdale Drive, Grosse Pointe Woods.

Butler, a former Detroit city councilman, has been active in many capacities in the Republican Party at the state and federal levels. He is the founding pastor of the Word of Faith International Christian Center Church with a 21,000 member congregation in Southfield.

Butler earned a bachelor's degree from the University of Michigan and completed his theological studies at the Rhema Bible Training Center in Tulsa, Okla.

Recognizing "Law Week" during the first week of May, the Optimists honor local Public Safety Departments and award commendations to officers and citizens whose ac-

tions exemplify a profound respect for law.

Police chiefs from the five Grosse Pointe communities as well as Harper Woods, St. Clair Shores, and the Ninth Precinct of Detroit, plus legal and municipal officials will be in attendance.

This year's honorees include public safety officer Jeffrey Martel from Grosse Pointe Woods; public safety officer Antonino Trupiano and citizen Patrick Burke from Grosse Pointe Farms; and public safety officer Michael Almeranti and citizens Janice Cassetta and Brian Leslie from the City of Grosse Pointe.

"The Optimists believe that it's important to recognize the excellent job performed by our local law enforcement agencies," said Optimist Club President Dave Fries of the City of Grosse Pointe. "Our eastside communities benefit substantially from their efforts and we proudly show our thanks."

Reservations are required. For more information, call (586) 445-6760.

MEETINGS

Grosse Pointe Woman's Club

The Grosse Pointe Woman's Club's next meeting features Jay A. Kennedy, who will discuss "Estate Planning" at 12:30 p.m. Wednesday, April 26, in the Crystal Ballroom of the Grosse Pointe War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms.

Kennedy holds a bachelor's degree in business administration; a Jurist Doctor from the University of Michigan; and is also a certified public accountant. He is currently the leader of the Tax Planning and Preservation Section of a well-known law firm, has served as chairperson of both the Metropolitan Detroit Bar Association Taxation Committee, the State Bar of Michigan Taxation Committee, and is currently a member of the Tax Council.

The Grosse Pointe Woman's Club, a nonprofit social and community service organization, raises funds to award scholarships to Grosse Pointe seniors and supports many Detroit area charities. Except for the month of April, the Woman's Club meets on the third Wednesday of the month.

All current and former Grosse Pointe residents and business owners are invited to attend. For guest reservations, call (313) 881-6251 by Saturday, April 22.

Pointer Bridge Club

The Pointer Bridge Club meets at 11 a.m. Thursday, April 27, at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial's Alger House for lunch and bridge.

Reservations and cancellations must be made by Monday, April 24, by calling (313) 886-7595 or (313) 881-8566.

Women's Connection of Grosse Pointe

The Women's Connection of Grosse Pointe will meet at 6 p.m. Thursday, April 27, at a private club in Grosse Pointe. The speaker will be Regan Wright, who will give information regarding the process of organizing the home, business and personal life, and ways to eliminate stress in life by getting rid of things that accumulate. Dinner begins at 6:30 p.m.

Women's Connection is a women's networking and support organization dedicated to the enrichment and empowerment of women in their business and personal lives.

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

Pointe Knitters

Pointe Knitters will meet at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, April 27, at the Children's Home of Detroit, 900 Cook Road, Grosse Pointe Woods.

The program will be "Knitted Flowers." Knitters of all skills are welcome. Dues are \$12 a year.

For more information, call (313) 885-9034.

Mosaic auditions

The Mosaic Youth Theatre of Detroit is holding auditions for the theatre's first summer musical, "Purlie," from 5 to 10 p.m. Wednesday, and Thursday, June 28-29, at the General Motors Mosaic Theatre, 610 Antoinette.

Actors must submit a resume of experience and headshots are encouraged. Those auditioning should prepare and memorize one two- to three-minute monologue and one song to be sung a cappella.

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The productions start a monthlong celebration, in which Michigan Opera Theatre will commemorate its 35th anniversary and the 10th anniversary of its home, the Detroit Opera House.

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By Annie Rouleau-Scheriff

A wilted salad? You bet!



Spring into spring with a wilted spinach salad tossed in a homemade vinaigrette that's a snap to pull together.

Maple-mustard vinaigrette boasts a sweet and tangy flavor that defines its two named ingredients. Serve this yummy salad as a starter course or top it with a piece of grilled salmon for a deliciously light and healthy dinner.

Maple-Mustard Vinaigrette

- 1/2 cup walnut or canola oil
 - 1/4 cup pure maple syrup
 - 1/4 cup cider vinegar
 - 2 tablespoons coarse-grained mustard
 - 2 tablespoons soy sauce
 - 1/2 teaspoon each salt and pepper
- Place the oil in a medium bowl and one by one whisk in all of the other ingredients. Whisk well. Store in refrigerator. Makes 1 1/4 cups.

Wilted Spinach Salad

- 1 small red onion, thinly sliced
 - 2 teaspoons olive oil
 - 1 5 oz. package baby spinach leaves
 - 1/2 cup toasted pine nuts, cooled
 - 1 4 oz. package crumbled Gorgonzola cheese
- Heat the oil in a small skillet over medium-high heat. Add the sliced onion and saute for five minutes or until the onion begins to wilt and become tender. Transfer to a bowl and set aside.

Place the spinach in a large bowl and add the pine nuts and Gorgonzola cheese.

Measure 1/3 cup of the vinaigrette into a microwave proof dish and cook on high for 30 to 40 seconds, enough to heat the dressing but not boil it over. Drizzle half of the warm dressing over the spinach and toss with tongs. Toss in more dressing if you wish. Divide the salad onto four to six plates and top each with two tablespoons of the cooked red onion. Substitute your favorite toasted nut or crumbled cheese. This flavor friendly dressing is eager to please.

'Rodrigo's Spain' at DSO

The Detroit Symphony Orchestra presents Classics Unmasked: "Rodrigo's Spain" at 8 p.m. Thursday, April 27; 10:45 a.m. and 8 p.m. Friday, April 28; and 8:30 p.m. Saturday, April 29, at Orchestra Hall Max M. Fisher Music Center, 3711 Woodward Ave., Detroit.

"Rodrigo's Spain" features Joaquin Rodrigo's "Concierto de Aranjuez" for guitar and orchestra, with guitarist Sir Angel Romero as soloist. The Spanish-themed program also includes the DSO premiere of Joaquin Turina's "Danzas Fantasticas," Claude Debussy's "Iberia" from "Images," and Manuel de Falla's Suite No. 2 from "The Three Cornered Hat."

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'Future Energy' The DSO joins the circus

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The Science Center and SPACE exhibit are open until 6 p.m.

Scheduled activities include solar-powered mini-car races, live fuel cell demonstrations and a display of GM's Hy-Wire prototype fuel cell vehicle, as well as talks, games, contests and giveaways. Appearances by the Challenge X team, U-M Solar Car Team and Kettering University's fuel cell powered golf cart are planned at various times throughout the day.

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Organizations planning to participate in or providing support for the event include: NextEnergy, GM, Lockheed Martin, Space Day, NASA, Kettering University (Fuel Cell Lab), EarthForce GREEN, Girl Scouts of America, Michigan Department of Environmental Quality, Challenge X, National Wildlife Federation and the Youth Services Association.

For more information, call (313) 577-8400, or visit detroitsciencecenter.org.

The Detroit Symphony Orchestra presents "Symphony and Cirque," featuring the Detroit Symphony Orchestra and Cirque Productions, the first American company to produce European, theatrical and cirque-style shows for corporate events, theaters and tours.

Led by guest conductor Robert Moody, these family-friendly DTE Energy Foundation Pops concerts take place at 8 p.m. Thursday, April 20; 8:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday, April 21 and 22; and 3 p.m. Sunday, April 23, in Orchestra Hall at the Max M. Fisher Music Center, 3711 Woodward Ave., Detroit.

Featuring circus performers from Moscow to Mongolia, "Symphony and Cirque" takes the popularity of the Euro-style "cirque" performances and adds to the excitement by presenting the spectacle in front of a live symphony orchestra.

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- 2 tablespoons Corn & Black Bean Salsa (recipe follows)
- Salt and pepper, to taste
- 1 slice pepper jack cheese (optional)
- 1 leaf iceberg lettuce
- 1 slice red onion (optional)

Prepare Chipotle Mayonnaise and Corn & Black Bean Salsa. Refrigerate.

Preheat grill. Season burger with salt and pepper. Grill until juices run clear; do not overcook. Place cheese on top of burger to melt. Toast bun halves on grill. Generously spread Chipotle Mayonnaise on both halves. Place burger on bun; garnish with Corn & Black Bean Salsa, lettuce and red onion.

Chipotle Mayonnaise

- 1/2 cup mayonnaise
- 1 teaspoon puréed chipotle chiles canned in adobo
- 1/2 teaspoon salt

Combine all ingredients and mix well. Refrigerate until ready to use.



Shanghai Burger

- 1 (5-ounce) Omaha Steaks burger
- 2 tablespoons teriyaki sauce and glaze
- 1 leaf iceberg lettuce (or favorite bun)
- 2 to 3 shiitake mushrooms
- 1 pineapple slice
- 1 tablespoon Curry Mayonnaise (recipe follows)
- 1 teaspoon sesame seeds
- 1 tablespoon chopped roasted red peppers
- 1 tablespoon chopped green onions
- 1 tablespoon chopped peanuts (optional)

Prepare Curry Mayonnaise. Refrigerate.

Preheat grill. Grill burger until juices run clear; do not overcook. Grill mushrooms and pineapple slice. Remove burger, mushrooms and pineapple from grill; brush all generously with teriyaki sauce and glaze. Place lettuce leaf on plate and spread with Curry Mayonnaise. Top with burger; garnish with mushrooms and pineapple slice. Sprinkle with sesame seeds, red peppers, green onions and chopped nuts. (If using burger bun, toast on grill and spread Curry Mayonnaise on one side and teriyaki sauce and glaze on other.)

Curry Mayonnaise

- 1/2 cup mayonnaise
- 1 teaspoon curry powder
- 1/2 teaspoon ground ginger
- 1 teaspoon sugar

Combine all ingredients and mix well. Refrigerate until ready to use.

BURGER TIPS

- Cook burgers by grilling, broiling, contact grilling or pan-frying.
- Season burgers with salt and pepper.
- Cook burgers to an internal temperature of 160°F; the center may still be slightly pink, but the juices will run clear.
- Avoid patting down burgers with a spatula because this will push out the juices and cause flame-ups.
- If serving with cheese, melt on burgers for 1 to 2 minutes before removing from the grill.
- Thaw frozen Omaha Steaks burger patties overnight in the refrigerator, or for a quick method, place the vacuum-packaged burgers in cold water for 30 to 45 minutes.
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Track team shines

North boys take first in own invitational meet. PAGE 2C

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ULS SOFTBALL

Knights overpower league foes

The Metro Conference season has started and University Liggett School's softball team continues to overpower its opponents.

The Knights opened conference play with a 20-5 victory against Lutheran Westland, then defeated Harper Woods 11-1.

"Down the line, player for player, the whole team seems to have improved at the plate," said coach Jim Schmidt. "There have been times in past years when players have shown improvement, but not to this degree and certainly not the whole team."

It took ULS a little while to get rolling against Westland. The Knights threatened in the first with a single by Krista Murray and a walk to pitcher Taylor Brown, but couldn't score.

ULS picked up a run in the second on a wild pitch, but through three innings, the Knights stranded six runners. Fortunately, Brown was

dominant on the mound, striking out seven of the first nine batters she faced.

Finally, ULS broke through for five runs in the fourth inning, and the three freshmen in the lineup sparked the outburst. Kristin Peterson singled, Megan Amicucci walked and Cat Vatsis singled to set the stage for run-scoring hits by Murray, Brown and Alex Houghtalin.

"The addition of some talented freshmen has made a big difference," Schmidt said. "Kristen Peterson, Megan Amicucci and Cat Vatsis have all worked their way into the starting varsity positions and together have accounted for 15 runs."

"Their on-base percentage is .604 and each has scored at least one run in each of the four wins. Having a batting lineup that doesn't drop off in the seven, eight and nine spots is certainly a big plus for a

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Pointe production

Three former Grosse Pointe South baseball teammates, and a crosstown rival from Grosse Pointe North got together before a recent Michigan Intercollegiate Athletic Association game between Albion and Hope colleges. From left, are Hope senior Geordie Mackenzie, Hope sophomore Drew Bedan, and Albion freshmen Ryan Gunderson and Zach Matthews. Mackenzie, Bedan and Gunderson are South grads, while Matthews graduated from North. Hope and Albion split a pair of doubleheaders. Mackenzie got hits in the two Hope victories and he helped start Hope's winning rally in the last inning of the first twinbill. Bedan caught the second game of that doubleheader, in which Gunderson was the winning pitcher with a two-hitter. Matthews pitched two innings of middle relief in Albion's victory in the last contest of the four-game series. Gunderson was even more impressive in his next outing as he came within a wild pitch of his first collegiate shutout in Albion's 3-1 victory over Tri-State. Gunderson pitched a one-hitter, walked two and struck out four. Tri-State scored an unearned run in the second inning when the leadoff batter reached base on an error, took second on a sacrifice, moved to third on a flyout and scored on a wild pitch. No other Tri-State runner advanced past second base. Gunderson is 4-1 with a team-leading 2.04 ERA. Earlier, Matthews earned his first collegiate save when he worked the final two innings in the Britons' 11-4 win over Calvin College. Matthews entered the game with Albion leading 6-4 and he worked two perfect innings.



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Caesars champs

The Capitals 12-and-under girls AAA travel hockey team recently completed an outstanding season by winning the Little Caesars championship at Joe Louis Arena with a 2-1 victory against Victory Honda. Three Grosse Pointers are on the team, which consists of some of the best players in their age group from greater Detroit, Grand Rapids, Ohio and Florida. From left, are Emily Wybo, Katie Case and Phoebe Piku. All three began playing hockey at ages 6 and 7 on boys teams in the Grosse Pointe Hockey Association. They play hockey four or five days each week, travel to tournaments as far away as Boston, and play other 12-year-old girls teams in addition to 14-year-old squads from the United States and Canada and boys travel teams. They also played Grosse Pointe North's varsity girls hockey team. The Capitals are coached by Tony Darkangelo and George Collias. Other team members are Shiann Darkangelo, Maddy Collias, Sarah Modzelewski, Val Twigg, Mo Smith, Sam Reno, Lauren Hensick, Sarah Miller, Katelyn Scott, Caley Chelios, Madison Schneider, Cortney May and Jessie Brown.

GROSSE POINTE RUGBY

Barbarians beat Berkley

By Bob St. John
Sports Writer

The Grosse Pointe Barbarians boys rugby team beat Berkley 24-12 last week in a game played between rain

showers.

"The guys played very well, despite the wet, muddy conditions of the field," head coach Iain McKendrick said. "We had a few arm tackles that we have to eliminate, but overall I

thought the boys did a nice job against a solid team."

Senior Bob Barker was a one-man wrecking crew, scoring four five-point tries and two two-point conversions.

"Bob's offensive was solid today, but his teammates did the little things to get him in position to score," McKendrick said.

The Barbarians boys rugby team opened its season two weeks ago, beating Troy Unified 20-7 and losing 17-12 to Birmingham Unified.

"We had a decent week," McKendrick said. "We played

'Overall, I thought the boys did a nice job against a solid team.'

IAIN MCKENDRICK
Grosse Pointe rugby coach

very well against Troy, but decided to show up in the final 15 minutes of our loss."

Against Troy, junior Ian Talbot scored a five-point try, but the conversion was missed.

Senior Bob Alexander converted five three-point penalty kicks to round out the Barbarians' scoring.

Troy didn't score until the final seconds of the game.

In the loss, the Barbarians trailed 17-0 with 15 minutes left in the second half before Barker scored two tries. He also made the conversion on one

to account for the team's scoring.

"We need to play a complete game," McKendrick said. "There is no reason why we lost to Birmingham, but we did and our guys need to learn from this and not let it happen again."

Norsemen first in own invitational

If last weekend's Grosse Pointe North Invitational track meet is any indication, it looks like this year's boys team is going to pile up the points in every event.

The Norsemen showed their depth as they earned medals in 13 of the 15 events and took first place for the second year in a row.

Among North's 110 points were five first places, including a meet record of 1:01.8 in the shuttle hurdle relay.

Running in the shuttle hurdle were DeAndre Henderson, Will Utley, Cory Foglesong and Luke Donahue.

The 4x800-meter relay team of Jake Sexton, Mike Pokladek, Steve Joseph and Robbie Fisher had a first-place time of 8:42.8.

The team of Vince Hendon, Utley, Donahue and Henderson won the 4x200 relay in 1:34.6.

Utley and Jeff Hawkins won the pole vault relay. North's other win came in the distance medley relay with Joseph, Pokladek, Andrew Charnesky and Fisher recording a time of 11:20.3.

North had four second-place finishes. The 4x100 relay team of Blest Norris, Christian Cruz, Hawkins and Tim Williams had a time of 46.7.

Barclay Smyly, Matt Verysier, Sean Bourke and Chuck Witt took second in the middle distance relay with a time of 6:30.6.

Norris, Cruz, Hendon and Utley were runners-up in the sprint medley relay with a time of 1:42.8, and the 4x400 relay team of Henderson, Foglesong, Hendon and Wesley Raynal was second in 3:39.8.

The cross country relay team of Andy VanEgmond, Paul Smith and Matt VanEgmond was third, with the VanEgmonds each posting personal records.

The throwers 4x100 relay team of Mark Lapansie, John Poole, Charles Laskey and Almir Karamovic was third in 54.1.

The long jump relay of Hendon, Norris and Williams was third in 50-8.

Lapansie, Poole and Karamovic gave the Norsemen a fourth place in the discus relay, while Kyle Latimer, Charles Calhoun and Lapansie came in sixth in the shot put relay.

North opened the dual meet season with a 93-44 victory against Roseville.

Henderson had an outstanding meet, highlighted by a winning time of 14.9 in the high hurdles. It was a personal record for him and the second-best time by a North hurdler since 1983.

Foglesong was second with a

PR of 16.7 and Donahue completed the North sweep of the event.

Henderson also won the 100 hurdles in 42.1, leading another sweep with Utley and Foglesong.

Henderson also won the long jump with a PR of 20. Henderson was third with a lap of 19-5.

Hendon also had a fine day. He won the 200 dash in 23 and was second in the 100. Theron Carter was third in the 200.

North won the 3,200 run where the team of Sexton, Pokladek, Joseph and Fisher had a time of 8:48.9.

The Norsemen swept the 1,600 run, led by Smith's PR of 4:59.2. Joseph was second at Matt VanEgmond third.

Norris, Cruz, Hawkins and Donahue teamed up to win the 400 relay in 47.5.

Raynal took first in the 10 dash (54.1) and Verysier was third.

Smyly won the 800 run in 2:15.5 and freshman Paul Joseph was third.

Fisher (10:15) and Andy VanEgmond (a PR of 10:40) finished 1-2 in the 3,200 run.

North took first and third in the shot put and took second and third in the discus. Ditzhazy's winning throw of 39-5 in the shot put was a PR. Latimer was third. Ditzhazy so had a PR in the discus while finishing third behind Lapansie.

Andrew Horne won the high jump when he cleared 5-3.

Other PRs came from Cruz and Martin Brosnan, Bourke, 400; George Berry, 800; Lapansie, 200; Lapansie, Calhoun and Karamovic, shot put; and Karamovic and Poole, discus.

Earlier, North had some excellent performances in the Macomb Indoor Championships and Kermit Ambrose Hunt Relays.

Henderson set a meet record in the 60 hurdles with a time of 8.69 in the finals.

Hendon, Utley, Donahue and Henderson won the 4x200 relay with a time of 1:37.7. Utley also had a first in the pole vault, clearing 12-6.

Pokladek was second in the 600 run (1:33.1), Hendon was fourth in the 60 dash and Steve Joseph was fifth in the 100 run.

North's best showing at the Huron Relays was a third place by the distance medley relay team of Steve Joseph, Utley, Pokladek and Fisher. Its time of 10:55.2 was 33 seconds faster than at the same meet in 2005.

Utley tied for seventh in the pole vault with a 12-0 effort.

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The City of Grosse Pointe Park is accepting proposals for the purchase and development of approximately .44 acre of land at 15001 Charlevoix, Grosse Pointe Park, MI 48230.

Proposals should be delivered to the office of the City Clerk at 15115 E. Jefferson, Grosse Pointe Park, MI 48230 at or before 4:30 p.m. on May 15, 2006.

Arrangements to examine the property or detailed information concerning the property may be obtained from the office of the City Manager, 15115 E. Jefferson, Grosse Pointe Park, MI 48230, telephone 822-6200.

Jane M. Blahut,
City Clerk

G.P.N.: 04/20/2006

NOTICE OF ABSENT VOTER'S BALLOT FOR THE REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD ELECTION IN THE GROSSE POINTE PUBLIC SCHOOL SYSTEM WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN TUESDAY, MAY 2, 2006

Registered qualified electors in the City of Grosse Pointe Park, Grosse Pointe, Grosse Pointe Farms, Grosse Pointe Woods, Township of Grosse Pointe-Wayne County and City of Harper Woods, who expect to be absent from the city or township or who are confined to home or hospital by illness or disability or are 60 years of age or more, may now apply for absent voter's ballots. NO SUCH REGULAR APPLICATIONS CAN BE ACCEPTED AFTER 2:00 P.M. ON SATURDAY, APRIL 29, 2006. Applications can be made prior to such time at the Municipal Offices.

The offices of the City Clerks of Grosse Pointe Farms, Grosse Pointe Park, Grosse Pointe, Grosse Pointe Woods, Township of Grosse Pointe and Harper Woods will be open during normal business hours Monday thru Friday of each week. All offices will be open on Saturday, April 29, 2006 from 9:00 until 2:00 p.m. for absent voter's ballot.

HOWEVER, ANYONE WISHING TO VOTE BY ABSENTEE BALLOT MAY DO SO IN THEIR CITY/TOWNSHIP OFFICES ON MONDAY, MAY 1, 2006 UNTIL 4:00 P.M.

SHANE L. REESIDE
City Manager/City Clerk
City of Grosse Pointe Farms
885.6600

JANE BLAHUT
City Clerk
City of Grosse Pointe Park
822.6200

JULIE ARTHURS
City Clerk
City of Grosse Pointe
885.5800

LISA HATHAWAY
City Clerk
City of Grosse Pointe Woods
343.2440

ROBERT GRAZIANI
Township Clerk
Township of Grosse Pointe
884-0234

MICKEY TODD
City Clerk
City of Harper Woods
343-2510

CITY OF HARPER WOODS WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN SYNOPSIS: REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING APRIL 3, 2006

The regular City Council meeting was called to order by Mayor Kenneth A. Poynter at 7:30 P.M.

ROLL CALL: All Councilpersons were present.

MOTIONS PASSED

- To receive, approve and file the minutes of the regular City Council meeting held March 20, 2006, and furthermore, receive and file the minutes of the Planning Commission meeting held on March 22, 2006 and the Board of Trustees Employee Retirement System meeting held on March 27, 2006.
- That the agenda of the regular City Council meeting having been acted upon, the meeting is hereby adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

RESOLUTION PASSED

- Approve the Accounts Payable listing for Check Numbers 76818 through 76925 in the amount of \$523,379.42 as submitted by the City Manager and Finance Director, and further, authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to sign the listing.
- Approve payment in the amount of \$7,589.82 to Wayne County for the Milk River Drain interest payment on the 1999 Series Bond.
- Approve the proposal from Reliable Fencing Company in the amount of \$7,100.00 for the removal and replacement of a backstop and for the installation of an 8' chain link fence at Beacon School.
- Approve payment to Wayne County in the amount of \$5,159.88 for services performed on the tax rolls.
- To approve the purchase of two (2) 2006 Ford Crown Victoria vehicles in the amount of \$39,530.00 through the Oakland County Extended Purchasing Agreement, and further, in that these vehicles were competitively bid by Oakland County that the City's formal competitive bidding process be waived.

KENNETH A. POYNTER,
Mayor

MICKEY D. TODD,
City Clerk

Published: GPN, 04/20/2006

NOTICE OF ABSENT VOTER'S BALLOT FOR THE REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD ELECTION IN THE GROSSE POINTE PUBLIC SCHOOL SYSTEM WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN TUESDAY, MAY 2, 2006

Registered qualified electors in the Township of Lake, Village of Grosse Pointe Shores, who expect to be absent from the Township or who are confined to home or hospital by illness or disability or are 60 years of age or more, may now apply for absent voter's ballots. NO SUCH REGULAR APPLICATIONS CAN BE ACCEPTED AFTER 2:00 P.M. ON SATURDAY, APRIL 29, 2006. Applications can be made prior to such time at the Municipal Offices.

The offices of the Lake Township Clerk, located at 795 Lake Shore Road, Grosse Pointe Shores, Michigan, will be open during normal business hours 8:30 a.m. until 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday of each week. Further, the Township office will be open on Saturday, April 29, 2006 from 9:00 until 2:00 p.m. for absent voter's ballot.

HOWEVER, ANYONE WISHING TO VOTE BY ABSENTEE BALLOT MAY DO SO IN THEIR CITY/TOWNSHIP OFFICES ON MONDAY, MAY 1, 2006 UNTIL 4:00 P.M.

Raymond Suwinski, Clerk
Lake Township

GPN: 04/20/06

ULS SOCCER

Defense in midseason form

By Chuck Klonke
Sports Editor

University Liggett School's girls soccer team already has its defense in midseason form.

This week, with only one game scheduled, coach David Backhurst is going to try to get his offense on a par with the defense.

"The offense will come later," Backhurst said after the Knights split their two games last week. "It's easier to destroy than build. It's more difficult to create something, which is what we're going to work on this week in practice."

"We'll be spending a lot of time on the offense."

And when the week is over, ULS will get a good test. The

Knights will play a strong Ann Arbor Greenhills squad on Saturday.

"We'll find out just how much progress we've made," Backhurst said. "We're about two weeks behind everybody else in practice time. We'll be able to do some catching up this week."

ULS improved to 3-0 in the Metro Conference with an 8-0 victory against Lutheran Northwest.

Jessica Leonard led the way with five goals, Kate Fridholm scored two and Rachel Goldberg had the other one.

"Our defense was stifling," Backhurst said.

It was the second time this season that the Knights have held an opponent without a

shot.

"Monique Squiers is the backbone of our defense," Backhurst said.

"We have two freshmen, Charlotte Waldmeir and Claire Peracchio, who are playing well, and we moved Rachel Goldberg, who played forward last year, to defense. Rachel has been outstanding on defense, although I hate to lose her offense."

Grace D'Arcy has been playing well in goal, although she didn't have any work against Northwest.

The defense continued to play well a few days later in a non-league match with Lansing Christian, but the offense sputtered in a 1-0 defeat.

"The defense continued to

please me," Backhurst said. "We had chances on offense but we couldn't score. They corralled Leonard, using two players to mark her so we couldn't get her the ball, and their goalie was outstanding."

ULS had a 17-6 advantage in shots, including a 10-4 edge in the first half when a strong wind was in the Knights' favor.

Lansing Christian scored on a free kick from 40 yards out that hit the crossbar, bounced off D'Arcy and into the net with 11 minutes remaining in the game.

ULS plays three times next week, including a key league match with Cranbrook Kingswood.

"If we win that we'll be in the driver's seat," Backhurst said.



PHOTO BY BOB BRUCE

ULS: Knights run mark to 4-0

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Division IV team."

Uncharacteristic defensive lapses allowed the Warriors to score five unearned runs in the bottom of the fourth, to cut the lead to 6-5.

ULS broke the game open with 14 runs in the top of the fifth. Amicucci started the inning with a bunt single and Vatsis and Murray walked to load the bases and the parade of runs began. Houghtalin and Stefania Ford each had a single and double in the inning, while Murray, Vatsis and Chalene Jones each had singles. ULS also got five walks in the inning.

Westland opened the bottom of the fifth with a walk, but Brown fanned the next two batters and Vatsis made a fine catch of a hard line drive to deep center field for the final out of the game.

Brown finished with a three-hitter.

The sophomore pitcher was even stingier against Harper Woods, allowing only one hit. Brown retired the side in order through the first three innings, while ULS was scoring seven runs.

"Taylor Brown continues to advance as a young pitcher," Schmidt said. "She has added a couple of new pitches to her bag of tricks and, for the most part, has kept her opponents completely off balance."

Opposing batters are hitting .087 against Brown and her strikeout-to-walk ratio is 27-11.

Murray and Brown started the first inning with singles, and then executed a double steal. Murray came home on a passed ball and Brown scored on Houghtalin's sacrifice.

ULS quickly loaded the bases in the second on a single by Ke'Ana Bryant, a walk to Peterson and a bunt single by Amicucci. Murray walked to force in the first run of the inning and Brown and Houghtalin followed with RBI singles.

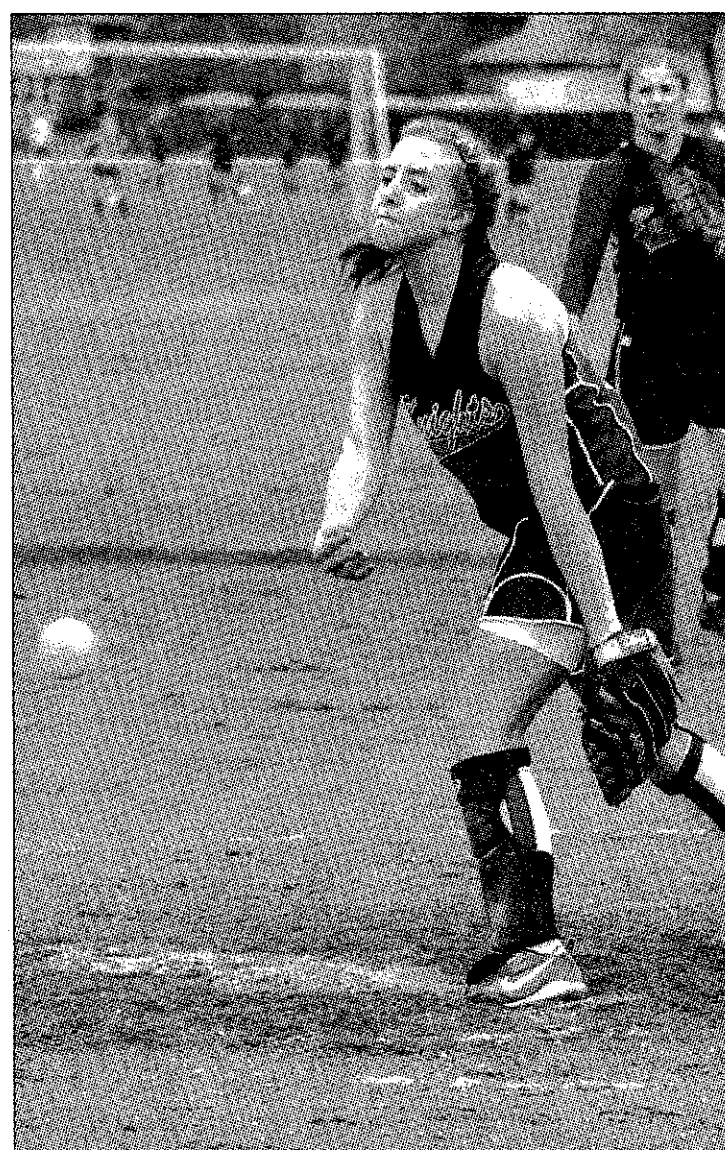
The Knights' third inning started with walks to Jones and Bryant. Both advanced on a passed ball. Jones scored on a sacrifice by Peterson and Amicucci's bunt single brought in Bryant.

Harper Woods scored its only run in the fourth on a triple and a passed ball, but ULS answered with three runs in the bottom of the inning. Brown walked, Houghtalin singled and both scored on Ford's double. Ford came home on a passed ball.

Houghtalin made a fine play on a sharp grounder to shortstop to start a double play in the top of the fifth.

The game ended on a mercy rule in the bottom of the fifth when Murray singled, was sacrificed to second by Brown, took third on a single by Houghtalin and scored on Ford's sacrifice.

ULS is 4-0 overall and 2-0 in the Metro Conference.



University Liggett School's Taylor Brown delivers a pitch during one of the Knights' recent softball games. Watching the action is shortstop Alex Houghtalin. Opponents are batting .087 against Brown this season.

Rock solid

University Liggett School's Adam Rock scored two goals for the lacrosse team in a recent overtime defeat against Madison Heights Bishop Foley.

City of Grosse Pointe Woods, Michigan

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT FINAL DETERMINATION PUBLIC NOTICE

On January 9, 2006, the City Council of the City of Grosse Pointe Woods, following a duly noticed public hearing, determined to submit the following projects for funding pursuant to the 2006/07 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program.

PROJECTS

Location	Activity	Amount
City-wide	Senior Services:	
City-wide	Services for Older Citizens (SOC)	\$ 48,000
Pointe Area	Assisted Transportation Services (PAATS)	9,600
City Hall	ADA Truncated Dome Mats for Curb Cuts	16,200
City-wide	Administration	8,200
Total		\$ 82,000

Further information is available by contacting Mark Wollenweber, City Administrator, City of Grosse Pointe Woods, 20025 Mack Plaza, Grosse Pointe Woods, MI 48236 or by calling (313) 343-2440.

G.P.N.: 04/20/2006

Mark Wollenweber
City Administrator

NOTICE OF REGULAR ELECTION SOUTH LAKE SCHOOLS LAKE TOWNSHIP VILLAGE OF GROSSE POINTE SHORES MACOMB COUNTY, MICHIGAN TUESDAY, MAY 2, 2006

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a Regular School Election in the South Lake School System will be held in Lake Township, Village of Grosse Pointe Shores, Macomb County on Tuesday, May 2, 2006 at 7:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m., during which time qualified registered voters may vote for the following:

MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

ONE - THREE (3) YEAR TERM
EXPIRING JUNE 30, 2009
VOTE FOR NOT MORE THAN ONE (1)

Paula Mack-Crouchman

-And-

ONE - FOUR (4) YEAR TERM
EXPIRING JUNE 30, 2010
VOTE FOR NOT MORE THAN ONE (1)

Lois Cardenas

TAX LIMITATION PROPOSAL - OPERATING MILLAGE

This proposal, if approved by the electors, would restore previously authorized millage on Non-homestead property which has been reduced, or "rolled back," by operation of the Headlee Amendment to the State Constitution of 1963.

Shall the limitation on the amount of taxes which may be assessed against all property in the South Lake Schools, Macomb County, Michigan, but exempting therefrom principal residences and qualified agricultural property, as defined by law, be increased by .3981 mills (\$0.3981 on each \$1,000 of taxable valuation) for a period of 19 years, 2006 to 2024, inclusive, which millage, if approved and levied, would provide estimated revenues to the South Lake Schools of Seventy Five Thousand Two Hundred Sixty Eight and 00/100 Dollars (\$75,268.00) during the 2006 calendar year, to be used for general operating purposes?

YES _____

NO _____

Each person voting in the Election must be:

1. A citizen of the United States of America over eighteen (18) years of age;
2. A registered elector of the Township of Lake.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the Polling Location for said Election is as follows:

Edsel and Eleanor Ford House Activities Center
1100 Lake Shore Road
Grosse Pointe Shores, Michigan

GPN: 4/20/06

City of Grosse Pointe Woods, Michigan

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS CITY OF GROSSE POINTE WOODS, MICHIGAN IDA LANE WATER MAIN REPLACEMENT PROJECT AEW PROJECT NO.160-288

RECEIPT OF BIDS

The City of Grosse Pointe Woods will receive sealed bids until 10:00am, local time on Tuesday, May 2, 2006, at the offices of the City Clerk, City of Grosse Pointe Woods, 20025 Mack Plaza, Grosse Pointe Woods, Michigan 48236-2397, at which time and place all bids will be publicly opened and read aloud.

DESCRIPTION OF WORK

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

Alternate "A" - Pipe Burst

8" HDPE SDR-11 Water Main, Pipe Burst 1,700 LF

Alternate "B" - Open Cut

8" D.I. CL-54 Water Main 1,700 LF

together with related appurtenances as well as clean-up and restoration.

PLANS AND SPECIFICATIONS

Plans and specifications are on file and copies may be secured on Tuesday, April 18, 2006, after 1:00pm at the offices of Anderson, Eckstein and Westrick, Inc., 51301 Schoenherr Road, Shelby Township, Michigan 48315. A fee of Thirty Dollars (\$30.00) 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. Plans and specifications are also on file for viewing at the offices of the City Clerk, City of Grosse Pointe Woods, 20025 Mack Plaza, Grosse Pointe Woods, Michigan 48236-2397.

BID SECURITY

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

WITHDRAWAL OF BIDS

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

AWARD OF CONTRACT

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

GPN: 04/20/2006

Lisa Hathaway
City Clerk



The Wolves show off the trophies they received for winning the Pee Wee Division playoff championship for the Grosse Pointe Hockey Association. In front, from left, are David Trudel, Joe Thill, Danny Carron, Matthew Przybysz, Stephen LaBarge, Jeffrey Craig and Lucas Funk. In the middle row, from left, are Tyler Mogk, Nate Zimmeth, Jaye Elsey, Scott Johnston, Eric Marshall, Jonathan Andrews, Kevin Barrett and Christian Alber. In back, from left, are coaches Rich Carron, Peter Marshall, Dave Andrews and Mark Craig.

GROSSE POINTE HOCKEY ASSOCIATION

Wolves win Pee Wee playoffs

The Wolves capped a successful hockey season with an exclamation point — an impressive run through the playoffs that culminated in a 3-1 comeback victory against the Chill in the Grosse Pointe Hockey Association Pee Wee championship game.

Every Wolves-Chill game was competitive and the final was no exception.

The first period was scoreless as each goalie — the Wolves' Matthew Przybysz and the Chill's Patrick Thomas — made important saves when needed.

Early in the second period, the Chill's E.J. Wujek banged in a rebound to give his team a 1-0 lead.

The advantage was short-

lived. Within two minutes, the Wolves struck. Eric Marshall worked the puck out in front to David Trudel for a quick shot. Thomas made the save but Joe Thill pounced on the rebound and scored to tie the game.

The goal seemed to spark the Wolves, who took the lead less than a minute later on a goal by Marshall, who led the team in scoring during the season.

Trudel, who picked up his second assist on Marshall's goal, scored the insurance goal when he poked in Christian Alber's rebound late in the second period.

The Wolves' defense, led by Marshall, Jaye Elsey, Tyler Mogk and Scott Johnston, stymied the Chill for the rest of

the game.

Just getting to the championship game was a challenge for the Wolves.

In the semifinals, they held off a furious rally by the Cobras to hang on for a 4-3 victory.

The Cobras opened the scoring during the first minute of the game on a goal by Kirk Dettloff.

As they did so often during the season, the Wolves answered quickly.

Danny Carron pounced on a loose puck to tie the game. Stephen LaBarge and Lucas Funk assisted. Later in the first period, Alber scored on a wicked shot from the high slot to put the Wolves ahead. Assists went to Marshall and Trudel.

In the second period, Jeffrey Craig finished off a nice play by Nate Zimmeth and Thill to extend the Wolves' lead to 3-1, but the Cobras kept working and an outstanding individual effort by Tyler Vens resulted in a goal that sliced the Wolves' margin in half.

NORTH SOFTBALL

Pitcher fans 13 in shutout victory

Brittany Bate pitched a three-hit shutout and struck out 13 to lead Grosse Pointe North's softball team to an 8-0 victory against LAnse Creuse in its season opener.

Carrie Kaufman led the offensive attack with two hits and four RBIs. Bate helped her own cause with a run-scoring double.

North hosts Eisenhower in a doubleheader on Tuesday, April 25, then plays Lake Shore the following day at Kyte Monroe field in St. Clair Shores.

SOUTH SOCCER

League foes are stingy

A pair of one-goal defeats have put Grosse Pointe South's soccer team in an early hole in the Macomb Area Conference Red Division standings.

The Blue Devils dropped their first two MAC Red matches, bowing 1-0 to defending division champion Stevenson and losing 2-1 to Eisenhower.

In the Stevenson game, South appeared to have the advantage in the first half, outshooting the Titans 4-2, but the Blue Devils had nothing to show for their efforts.

Midfield congestion and physical play set the tone for both teams.

In the second half, Stevenson coach Bob Mondoux moved his starting goalkeeper, Chelsea Parise, to midfield for more of a physical presence. The move also allowed midfielder Lauren Turkington to add to the offense.

The strategy was successful as Turkington rushed the South goal just in time to head home Vanessa Antanaoski's perfect cross from the right corner for the only goal of the game.

Turkington's goal came less than four minutes into the second half.

South still had ample time to score the equalizer and coach Gene Harkins pulled out all the stops in an attempt to get it.

He made several position and personnel switches, and finally with about two minutes remaining in the game, replaced goalkeeper Alyssa Carr with Kara Trowell.

South wasn't able to get the goal with the extra attacker and Stevenson failed to score into the empty net.

South had a 9-8 advantage in shots.

Carr made eight saves. Parise made four saves in the first half and Alex Costineau had three in the second half for the Titans.

A key offensive statistic that favored Stevenson was corner

kicks. The Titans had three and the Blue Devils had none.

In the Eisenhower match, South had to play into a strong wind in the first half, but the Blue Devils played well and each team had the same number of shots.

However, with just under nine minutes remaining in the first half, the Eagles' Shelly Rogers took a corner kick and her wind-aided shot curved into the far end of the goal.

Harkins juggled his lineup with freshman Meryl Ethridge moving up from the junior varsity. She played all but 7 1/2 minutes and did a good job defensively.

Defender Sarah Stanczyk moved to midfield and midfielders Anna Cunningham and Lisa Repicky moved to forward and the changes energized the Blue Devils' attack.

Eisenhower made it 2-0 seven minutes into the second half. Midfielder Alyssa Roegner eluded a defender and scored an unassisted goal.

Less than 11 minutes later, Stanczyk scored on a header off a pass from Repicky.

South attempted to get the equalizer but the Blue Devils were thwarted by the Eagles' midfielders and defenders, who were able to consistently clear the ball downfield to tall, speedy Bria Kozacki.

She launched several shots, including three on goal, to keep Carr on her toes and exasperating the two South defenders who were trying to take the ball away from her.

Once again, Harkins removed Carr for an extra attacker but time ran out before the Blue Devils could get the tying goal.

Eisenhower held an 8-7 advantage in shots. Carr had six saves, while the Eagles' Kailyn Andros made 10.

South returns to action in a non-league game against Novi, which finished the 2005 season ranked No. 1 in Division I, at home on Monday, April 24.

NORTH BOYS LACROSSE

Norsemen gaining strength

By Bob St. John
Sports Writer

First-year head coach Nick Rutan has seen some mixed results during the first couple of weeks for his Grosse Pointe North's boys lacrosse team.

"The first part of our sched-

ule is tough, but it will definitely get the guys ready for the second half of the season," Rutan said.

Team captains Pat Simon, Stu Hang, Mark Szandzik and Joe Ralko have been encouraging during the opening weeks of the campaign.

"I like what we have to work with," Rutan said. "We haven't had the results we're looking for, but they will get better with experience."

The Norsemen beat LAnse Creuse 6-5 and Bloomfield Hills 3-2 in overtime. Their losses were to LAnse Creuse North, Utica Eisenhower, Ann Arbor Pioneer and Troy Athens.

North grad helps Albion

First-year outfielder Brenna Przeslawski, a Grosse Pointe North graduate, has been a solid contributor for Albion's softball team.

Last weekend, Przeslawski went 4-for-9 with a triple and three RBIs to lead the Britons to 10-4 and 3-0 victories against Kalamazoo College.

Earlier, Przeslawski hit a double and a triple in a 3-1 loss to Tri-State University and had key hits in two seventh-inning rallies in a sweep of Rochester.

NOTICE OF CLOSE OF ACCURACY TEST FOR THE REGULAR ELECTION IN THE SOUTH LAKE PUBLIC SCHOOL SYSTEM MACOMB COUNTY, MICHIGAN VILLAGE OF GROSSE POINTE SHORES, MICHIGAN

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN TO THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF Lake Township, Village of Grosse Pointe Shores, that a Public Accuracy Test will be conducted at your Township Clerk's office on WEDNESDAY, APRIL 26, 2006 AT 2:00 P.M., for the purpose of testing the accuracy of the tabulating equipment and programs which will be used to tabulate voted ballots for the REGULAR ELECTION OF THE SOUTH LAKE PUBLIC SCHOOL SYSTEM to be held on Tuesday, May 2, 2006. Said test will be conducted at 795 Lake Shore Road, Grosse Pointe Shores, Michigan.

Interested parties are invited to attend.

For further information contact:

Raymond Suwinski
Township Clerk
313-881-6565

GPN: 04/20/06

City of Grosse Pointe, Michigan

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING CITY OF GROSSE POINTE PLANNING COMMISSION MONDAY, MAY 1, 2006 - 7:00 pm UNITARIAN CHURCH, 17150 MAUMEE, GROSSE POINTE, MI 48230

SUNRISE DEVELOPMENT FINAL PLANNED UNIT DEVELOPMENT APPROVAL

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Grosse Pointe Planning Commission will hold a public hearing as noticed above to consider final PUD approval for the proposed Sunrise Senior Living Development located on the east side of St. Clair Avenue between Kercheval Avenue and St. Paul Avenue. The applicant is Sunrise Development Inc.

The project is being proposed for development under Section 90-76, Planned Unit Development, of the City of Grosse Pointe Zoning Ordinance which allows planned unit developments subject to approval by the Planning Commission. The standards of the zoning ordinance may be increased, decreased, waived, or otherwise modified under the PUD ordinance.

The following specifications are proposed for the project:

1. Project Type: Three/Four Story, 79 units, senior condominium development.
2. Current Zoning: Residential District & P-1 Vehicular Parking District
3. Total Parcel Size: 1.93 Acres
4. The applicant is requesting final PUD approval and site plan approval for the 79 unit senior condominium development located on the east side of St. Clair Avenue between Kercheval Avenue and St. Paul Avenue.

If you are unable to attend the hearing, written comments will be accepted until 12:00 noon on Friday, April 28, 2006. The proposed plans for this project are available for inspection by the public at the City Offices, 17147 Maumee, during regular business hours Monday-Friday 8:30 am - 5 pm, 313-885-5800.

GPN: 04/20/2006

Julie E. Arthurs,
City Clerk

CITY OF HARPER WOODS CITY CLERK'S OFFICE WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN OFFICIAL ELECTION NOTICE

TO THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT OF THE CITY OF HARPER WOODS, COUNTY OF WAYNE, STATE OF MICHIGAN. Notice is hereby given that a Regular School Election will be held in the City of Harper Woods in the County of Wayne, State of Michigan on May 2, 2006 from 7:00 A.M. to 8 P.M. at which time the following offices will be voted upon:

Members of the Board of Education - four year term ending June 30, 2010.

Vote For not more than 2:

Sue Hedemark
Penny Hurt-Saunders
David Kien

Member of the Board of Education - one year term ending June 30, 2007

Vote For not more than 1:

Charles W. Garman
Daniel A. Lusch

The Election will be conducted at the following places:

PRECINCT NO.	LOCATION	ADDRESS
#1 & #2	Beacon School	19475 Beaconsfield
#3	City Hall	19617 Harper
#4	Tyrone School	19525 Tyrone

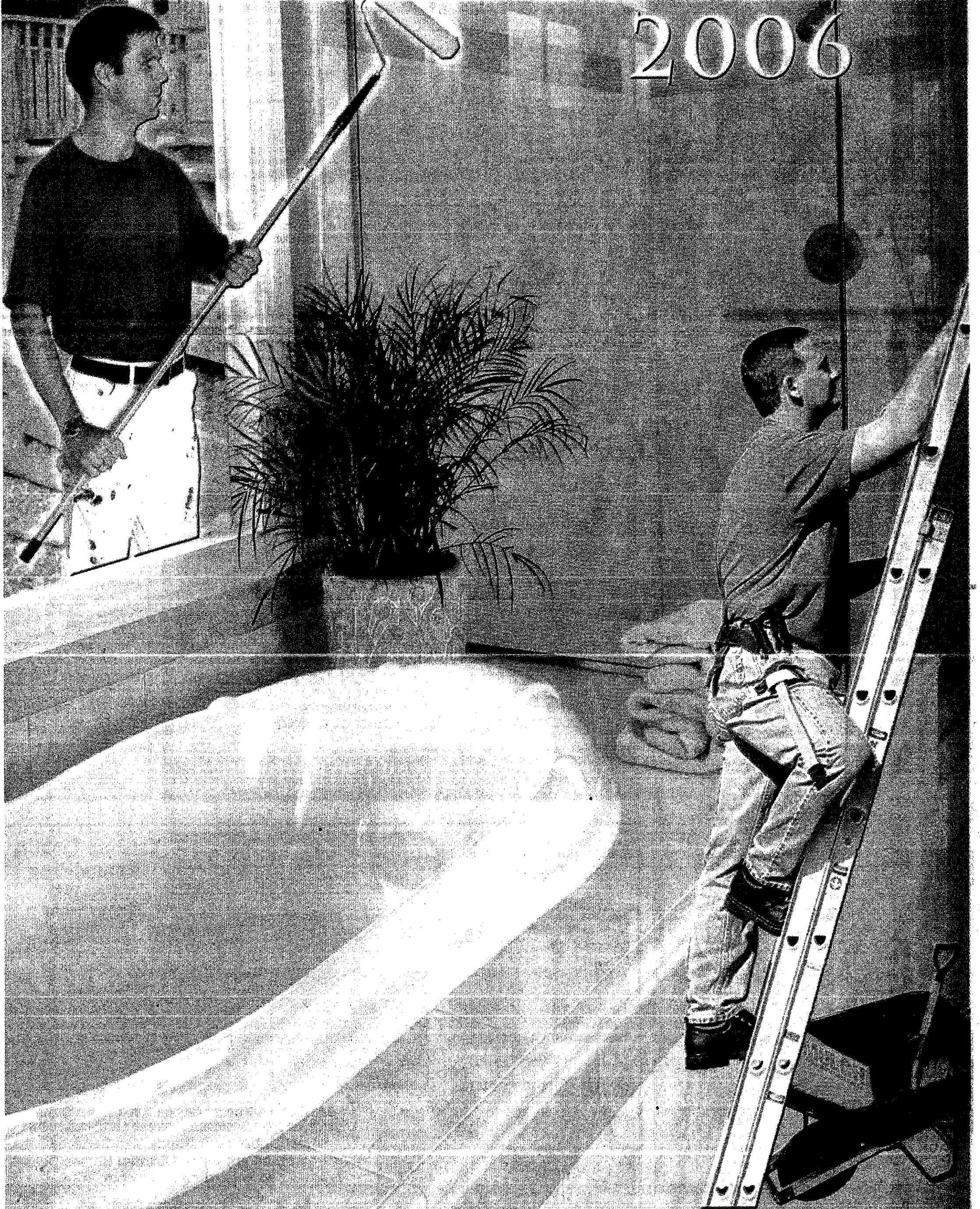
For additional information - please call (313) 343-2510.

Mickey D. Todd,
City Clerk

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Planning an outdoor living area

With the popularity of outdoor living and the design trend of bringing the indoors out, many style-conscious homeowners are taking cues from interior design to plan their outdoor "rooms."

"The line between indoor and outdoor spaces is blurring,

and the overall trend is to create a seamless flow between the areas," says Ann Sundet, an Allied ASID interior designer who has appeared on national home decorating television programs. Sundet is the product manager at Homecrest, a manufacturer of luxury furniture for outdoor living. "Outdoor spaces should reflect the home's interior design aesthetic so the areas blend together."

Many homeowners regard outdoor living spaces as an addition to their homes, adding useful extra square footage throughout their property. Homecrest suggests seven design tips and trends to consider while planning and furnishing outdoor living areas:

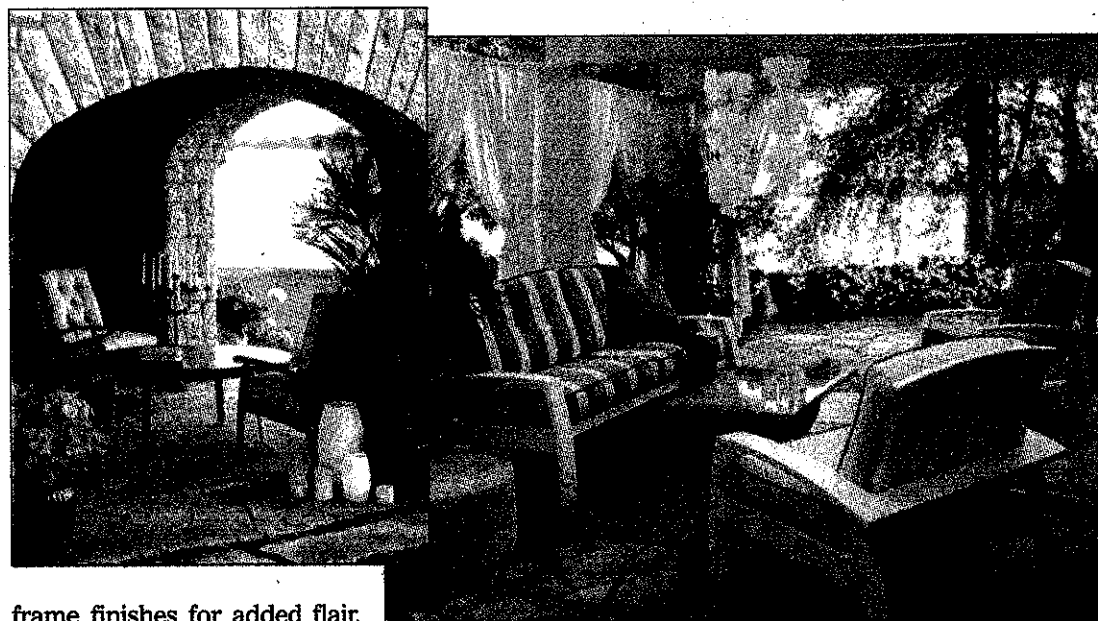
- Ensure that your outdoor

furnishings are compatible with the overall quality of your home and landscape.

"If you're investing in a major landscape project, include furniture in the planning and budget process to help showcase the finished space and enhance your enjoyment of it," says Sundet.

- Design your outdoor spaces to meet your family's versatile needs, including entertaining, lounging, dining, working and relaxation. Dining sets are a staple item, but just one of many available options. For example, bar-height tables and chairs work well in poolside areas to facilitate a bird's eye view over young swimmers; chat chairs and tables are perfect for intimate conversation areas; and reclining lounge chairs are ideal for relaxing spaces.

- Color is in — be creative with it. Incorporate a dash of vibrancy with colorful pillows or throws. Mix solid upholsteries with stripes, florals or patterns. Consider red or blue



frame finishes for added flair. Buy a striped umbrella and cover each chair in different coordinating colors.

- Many new outdoor furniture collections feature deep, soft cushions with decorative detailing. They closely resemble interior living room furniture but are technically designed to withstand the elements and dry quickly.

- Granite, marble, tile and faux stone are among the many stylish tabletop options now available to address the growing demand for beautiful, natural-looking surfaces that coordinate with the home's interior stone surfaces.

- Outdoor living spaces of all sizes and forms can be created just about anywhere. A bistro set on a small bedroom balcony is a great spot to savor a morning cup of coffee or an evening glass of wine. A flower-filled or vine-covered al-

cove in the middle of the garden can be a private meditation retreat with comfortable bench seating or one or two lounge chairs.

- Dress up your outdoor spaces to make them a feast for the senses. Incorporate fragrant flowers and herbs, comfortable cushions and pillows, romantic candles or twinkling lights, soothing chimes or a fountain. And enjoy the enhanced flavors that al fresco dining and entertaining provides.

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According to a recent survey, spring cleaning is not just done during March or April.

More than 50 percent of those who responded to a recent cleaning trends survey conducted by Levolor Window Fashions said spring cleaning can be, and is, done all year long.

The survey also discovered that quite a few people will happily pay someone else to spring-clean their homes.

The job is so resented that 33 percent of respondents say they are willing to pay some-

one else \$50 to \$100 to do it for them.

Cleaning window treatments is a very unpopular part of the job. More than 30 percent said this is their least favorite cleaning job.

If you are among the 30 percent of people who don't like cleaning their window treatments, here are some tips to help make the job easier:

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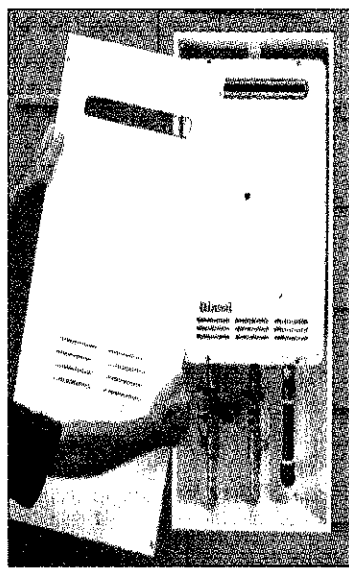
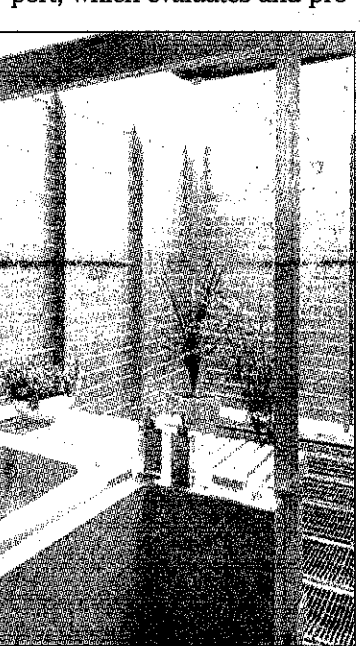
Year-round energy saving tips

With spring in the air, many Americans are ready to breathe a sigh of relief at the thought of warmer weather and lower utility bills.

However, a newly released

energy report paints a chillier picture. The U.S. Energy Information Administration released its Annual Energy Outlook 2006 (AEO2006) report, which evaluates and pro-

jects a wide range of trends and issues that could have major implications for U.S. energy markets through the year 2030, if Americans do not adopt more energy-efficient lifestyles.



heating and fueling our vehicles. The Alliance to Save Energy estimates that today over 40 percent of Americans' energy bills goes toward home heating. Combine that with gasoline prices being 25 percent higher than last year and you have a formula for increased energy costs year-round.

In an effort to promote year-round energy efficiency, the Alliance to Save Energy web site, ase.org, offers consumers a variety of simple energy saving tips including:

- Turning down the thermostat by one degree can reduce home heating energy costs by four percent, which can be between \$30 and \$60 a year, depending on the fuel being used to heat the home.
- Plug leaks or gaps in windows and doors with caulk or other materials.
- Installing proper insulation, especially in the attic and crawl spaces, can reduce household energy costs from \$70 to \$460 per year.
- Closing vents in unoccupied rooms and using small space heaters to heat occupied areas can save a significant amount of energy and money. There is usually about 80 percent of space that is not being used at any given time in the home.
- Set the water heater at 120 degrees.
- Use pipe insulation to insulate the first six to ten feet of the hot water supply pipe.
- Washing clothes in cold water can save households up

to \$63 a year.

Using a programmable thermostat can help consumers reduce their home heating bills by \$35 to \$230 a year.

Replacing the four most used bulbs with compact fluorescent bulbs can save households about \$195 over the lifetime of the bulbs.

Purchase new heating and cooling equipment with the Energy Star label.

Rinnai Corporation, the world's largest gas appliance manufacturer, has been at the forefront of the energy conservation issue. Following passage last August by Congress of President Bush's Energy Bill, the company launched a Web site, tanklesstaxcredit.com, to educate consumers on ways in which they can benefit from a variety of tax credits for installing energy-efficient products in their homes such as tankless water heaters, windows, insulation, doors, roofs and heating and cooling equipment.

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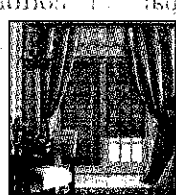
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mittens or socks and running them over your blinds.



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- Cellular shades can be cleaned with a feather duster.
- Faux wood blinds can be

cleaned with a slightly damp cloth.

Make sure to test a small area when using water and detergent to clean fabric shades. Choose a spot that is not in main view.

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The lawn care products you use might contain chemicals that could adversely affect the health of your family and pets.

Many of the chemicals commonly used on lawns across the country can be toxic. Here are a few examples:

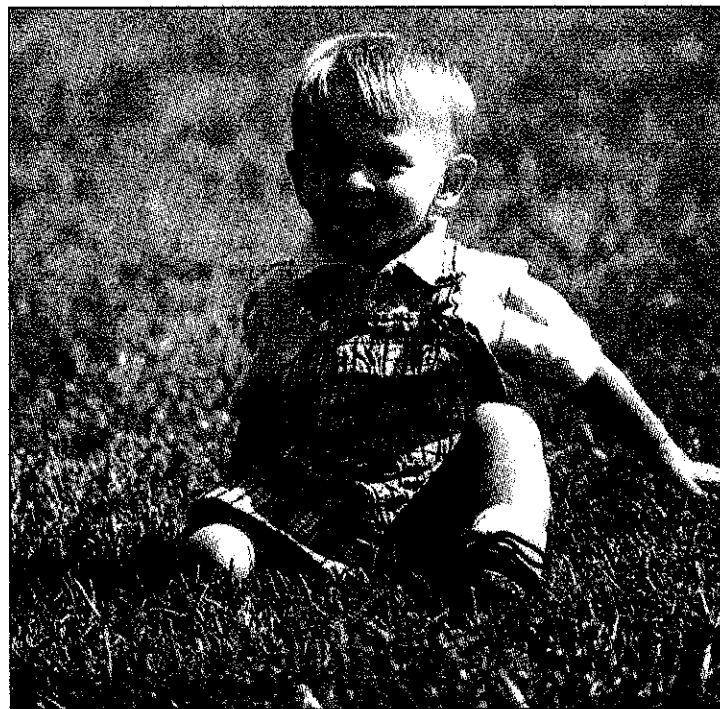
- A study at Purdue University found that homeowners who use weed and feed-type lawn chemicals increased their dog's risk of developing bladder cancer.

- The U.S. Geological Survey regularly finds every type of chemical, particularly weed killers, in streams and rivers around neighborhoods. Weed killers contain the chemical 2,4-D, which is found in herbicides and is responsible for many forms of cancers and neurological and immune deficiencies.

- A study conducted by PETA found that golf course superintendents who often apply pesticides and herbicides have a higher risk of developing brain cancer and non-Hodgkin's lymphoma.

- According to the Non-Government Organization, of the 36 pesticides most commonly used by homeowners, 14 are carcinogens, 15 are

linked to birth defects, 21 are linked to reproductive defects, Natural alternatives help keep your yard looking great



24 are linked with neurotoxicity and 22 are linked with liver and kidney damage. without dangerous chemicals. Look for lawn-care products that are natural and non-toxic,

such as the new line of Pet Approved lawn and garden products from St. Gabriel Laboratories.

This line of non-toxic alternatives to lawn chemicals includes products for weed and grass control, insect and animal control and fertilizers. The products are approved as safe for pets and wild animals like squirrels by the Pro Pet Alliance of Veterinarians.

In addition to using non-toxic products, you can have a healthy, beautiful lawn by in-

corporating other natural gardening techniques. Here are a few tips from the experts at St. Gabriel:

- Sow grass in the fall, when the weather is cooler and there is less competition from weeds.
- Grow a mixture of grasses that do well in your area.
- Set your lawnmower higher and leave the clippings to promote a lush, strong lawn.
- Practice deep watering techniques to cut down on the amount of water needed to maintain your lawn.

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Make the grass greener for geese elsewhere

We see them at the park, in our neighborhoods and even in our own backyards. Encountering a flock of wandering geese is the closest many of us ever get to wildlife, but too many geese and their droppings can render an area unusable and pose potential health risks.

With their population growing to more than 3 million in the United States, resident Canada geese feed and nest in urban and suburban settings year round within close proximity to people. These birds don't migrate — choosing to endure winter temperatures and tolerate human disturbances in exchange for ideal living conditions with no predators.

One goose can eat more than three pounds of grass per day and not only strips lawns, parks and other grassy areas, but leaves behind up to two pounds of potentially hazardous waste droppings.

In addition to posing a slipping hazard, goose droppings may contain parasites, which through hand-to-mouth contact can cause gastrointestinal illness. Too many geese congregating around lakes and ponds have caused bacteria counts to reach unsafe levels in water used for swimming and drinking.

fatal airplane accidents. A number of non-lethal techniques are used in an attempt to manage and control resident Canada geese populations. These include using trained dogs that chase the geese away, recordings of wolves and foxes, noisy pyrotechnics and hand-held laser guns. Often, geese become accustomed to these techniques which pose no true threat and they come back to the same area.

An innovative goose repellent called FlightControl PLUS has proven successful in getting geese to move to other feeding sites. A professional applicator sprays the product on turf. When geese feed on the grass, they experience a mild but effective intestinal reaction.

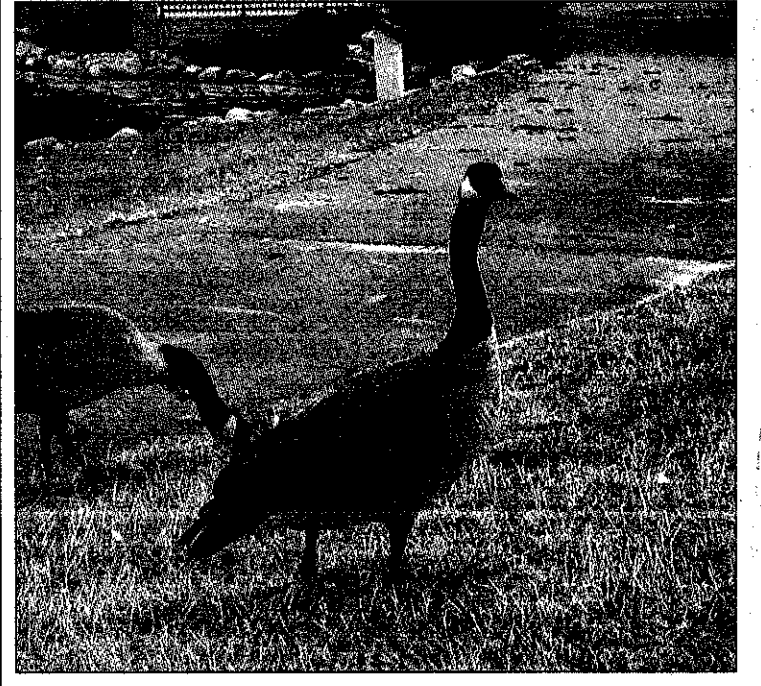
Geese, unlike humans, can see the compound on the grass in the ultraviolet light spectrum and become conditioned to stay away.

"This goose repellent was developed as an effective tool to humanely control the ever-growing conflicts between humans and Canada geese," says Dr. Todd Bunnell, turf researcher for SePRO Corp., providers of FlightControl PLUS. "It's unique and effective because it poses both a visual threat and indigestive consequence."

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While interacting with Canada geese may seem like a fun and educational way to get close to nature, it can be hazardous. Consider these tips to prevent problems between you and these majestic birds:

- Don't feed geese. The US Fish and Wildlife Service cautions that feeding them can be harmful, create dependency on people for food, cause conflicts between geese and humans and spread disease.

- Avoid areas with goose droppings or nesting geese. Male geese vigorously defend their nesting sites.

- Take caution during June and July while driving on roads near molting geese. Geese cannot fly while molting and often "jaywalk" across busy roads creating traffic hazards.

- Alert park and property managers about excessive goose populations and ask them to consider non-lethal control methods.

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"Not every renovation will pay off at closing," says Richard Powers, MAI, SRA, president of the Appraisal Institute.

Powers offers a few tips for home improvement that may help consumers sell their homes for more or more quickly:

- Look for what's standard in the neighborhood. Adding a deck might seem like a good idea, but if no one else in the neighborhood has one, you may not see a return on investment.

- Fresh paint, new fixtures, flooring and lighting in kitchens and bathrooms can pay dividends.

- Consider adding an extra bathroom. Homeowners can

often recoup the extra cost of a bathroom at closing because of the appeal that extra bathrooms have for homebuyers.

- Pools generally turn off more people than they attract because of the perceived upkeep and insurance costs and fear of liability.

- Enjoy your renovation. Why wait until you are ready to move to have that new kitchen? Generally, a new kitchen will hold its value for one or two years.

- On all these projects: Those that add square footage to bring a house up to — but not beyond — community norms generally pay off the most.

To help you get value out of your home improvements, consider consulting with a designated member of the Appraisal Institute. Members with an SRA designation have experience in residential valuation. Members with MAI or SRPA designations are knowledgeable about commercial property.



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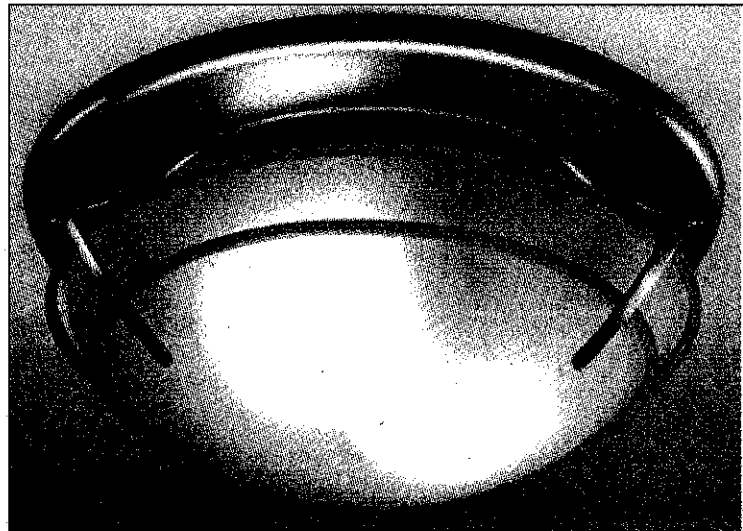
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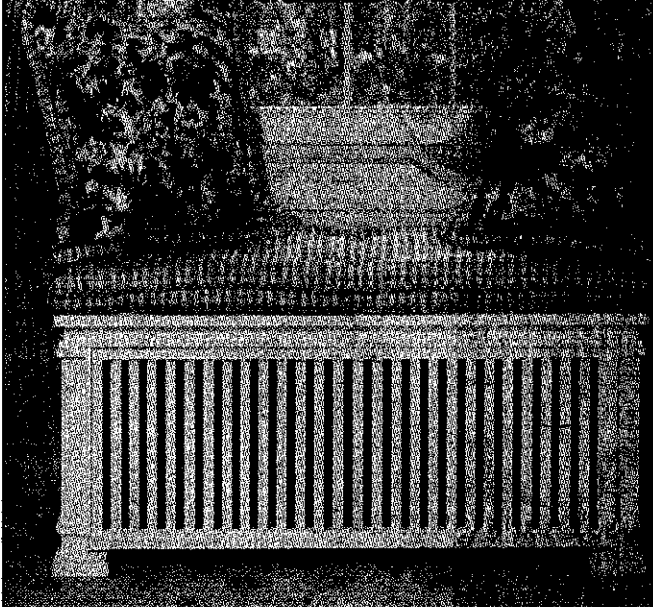
Ideal for a powder room or a bathroom, such a fixture helps control humidity and odor. Homeowners are likely concerned how exhaust fans will look installed in the middle of the room. The Decorative Fan/Light is available in five

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Painting tips for spring projects

Repainting the exterior or interior is a great way to refresh your home's look while boosting its value.

The job doesn't have to be costly, difficult or professionally done to produce great results.

"Painting is probably the home improvement project most people feel comfortable

tackling on their own," says Carol Horman, product manager for Wagner Spray Tech. "With preparation and care, practically anyone can handle the job."

Here are a few hints to help spring do-it-yourselfers make the most of their painting projects:

- When picking your paint, remember: you get what you pay for.

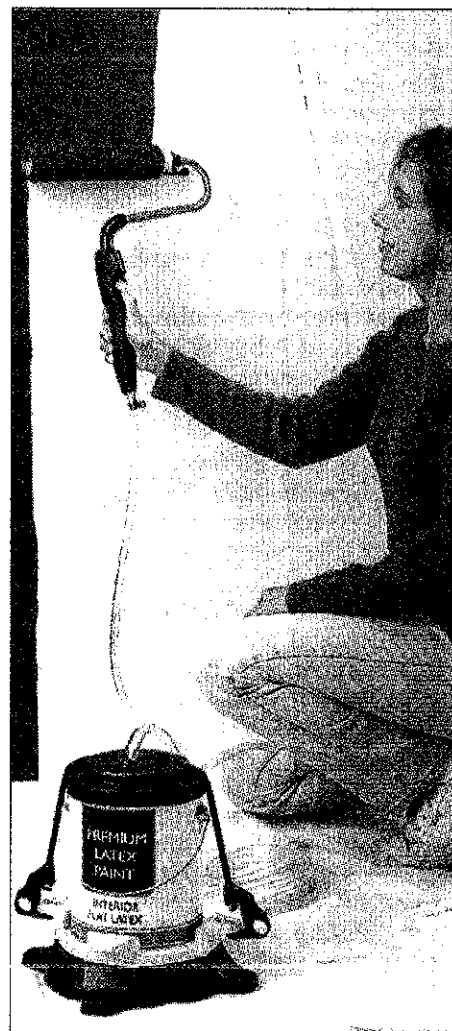
- "While you don't need to spend a bundle on designer brands, do keep in mind that a can of paint you pay \$10 for, is going to look like a \$10 job once it's on the wall," says Horman. "Look for a mid-priced product from an established manufacturer for a best results-cost ratio."

- Preparing your work area properly will have a big impact on the end results and post-task cleanup. Invest the time it takes to properly tape, drape and otherwise protect wood trim, windows, floors, carpet, furniture, etc.

- Paint the ceiling first, this way, any drips or splashes that hit the walls won't be ruining a fresh paint job. Also, your wall color will look its best under a bright, freshly painted ceiling.

- Consider using a power roller to get the job done faster, and make cleanup easier.

- Use an "M" or crisscross motion when first rolling paint onto the wall, then go back over the area with a straight up



and down motion. This will help assure even coverage, and will minimize ridges or drips in the paint.

- Roll as close to corners or edges as possible, but be careful not to bump the roller into the ceiling. Finish corners and edges with a paintbrush.



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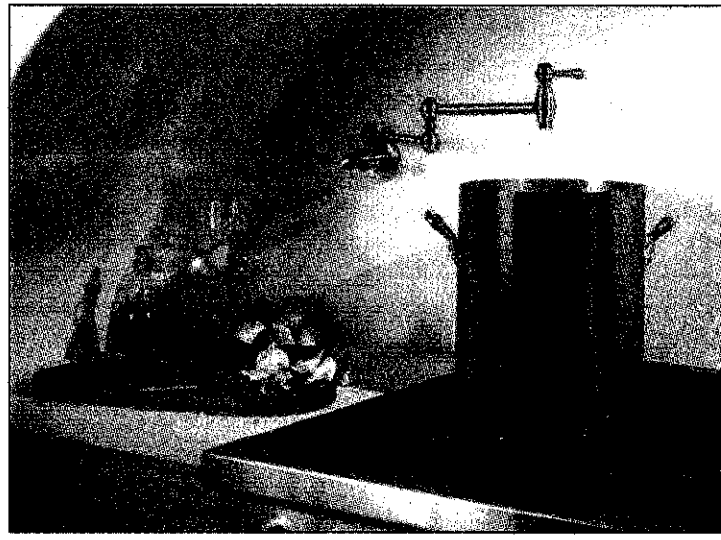
Create a state-of-the art kitchen with historical-style details

Vintage or period motifs have become one of the hottest trends in home kitchen design, but your Old-World kitchen doesn't need to feature modern-looking faucets to take advantage of the latest technology. Whether creating an original design, restoring an old kitchen, or redecorating, more homeowners are turning to new period-style plumbing that offers traditional style with all the modern conveniences.

"It's all about marrying form and function," says Jeff Pratt, vice president of sales for Danze, a manufacturer of decorative plumbing products. "Today's styles are greatly inspired by the past, but live in the present. As more homeowners gravitate to high performance kitchen products, the industry is responding with new products and finishes to ensure no one has to compromise on style."

In addition to products such as the pot filler faucet (a faucet mounted near the stove to bring water right to the stovetop) and various pull-down or pull-out faucets, other high-performance kitchen products like commercial-style dish rinse faucets and hands-free

electronic faucets are gaining popularity. Though modern in function, their range of styles and finishes ensure the most



up-to-date kitchens can evoke the grandeur of an earlier age.

Pratt points to the Danze Opulence Collection as one example. The popular collection, based on Victorian styling cues, achieves the Old-World look many homeowners are striving for while delivering performance that is anything but traditional. A pull-down faucet, pull-out faucet and pot filler faucet offer convenience

in the kitchen, but the selection of finishes from antique copper to oil rub bronze capture an authentic vintage look.

"Creating ambience in the kitchen is all about the details, so homeowners shouldn't underestimate the impact of a unique finish," says Pratt. "Stainless steel has led the way in popularity for metal finished kitchen appliances and accessories, but if you're going for vintage style, you can now rely on a range of aged or distressed finishes to complete your look."

Coordinating metal finishes is one of the easiest ways to create a professionally designed look in your kitchen. Oil rub, black and other types of subdued metal finishes are appearing on faucets, lighting, cabinet knobs and other trim and hardware elements for the kitchen, offering a simple way to create a period-inspired look. As you work to put a vintage stamp on your kitchen, try these simple tips to help accentuate your decor:

- Start by selecting fixtures with a vintage style in an antique finish to set the tone for your design. For example, a farmhouse-style sink with a wall-mounted kitchen faucet in a period style is a great way to capture a more rustic look of days-gone-by.
- Don't stop your new look with the faucet. Replacing cabinet knobs to match the finish and styling of your faucets is a simple and inexpensive way to tie everything together.
- Try a new backsplash tile that features an aged finish (such as copper glaze) or a dis-

tressed texture to expand your look with an eye-catching display.

• Consider a wood countertop for your center island. Apart from offering a more traditional look, it will provide a food-safe and heat-resistant work surface.

• Makeover your ordinary dishwasher or other appliances by adding a vintage-inspired door panel. Dishwasher

and refrigerator doors are especially well suited to "hide" their functionality.

With today's variety of styles and finishes, kitchens with a vintage flavor don't need to sacrifice function to get all the current features. Integrating many of these details into your next kitchen project can help you achieve an inviting traditional decor that also reflects your personal tastes.

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A reading garden in your backyard

Community reading gardens are taking root across America.

Here are a few helpful hints for creating a reading garden in your backyard. Essentials include a clear area, bench or hammock, shade and light and flowers and plants. Think of color, shape, contrast and scent.

Start by clearing out debris, sticks, stones and weeds. A vibrant lawn sets the stage. For mowing larger areas, a zero-turn rider, like the Troy-Bilt RZT-50, reduces time and effort. You can go forward, back-

ward and cut around landscaping and trees.



A lawn tractor can help quickly mow and mulch and haul materials. A string trimmer trims under and around bushes, trees and fences. Tillers create rich, workable soil by cutting into it and turn-

ing under vegetation and compost.

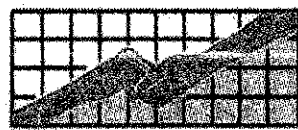
Consider whether you want to spend more time reading or gardening, and choose high- or low- maintenance flowers and plants. For privacy and quiet, try a hedge or screen of ivy. A border of flowers, plants, stones or shrubs can set off your outdoor "reading room." If there's no tree for shade, try taller shrubs, bushes or ivy on a trellis.

The final step is the simplest. Open up a book and experience the beauty and inspiration of your reading garden.



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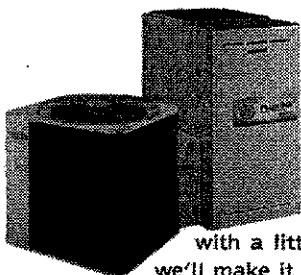
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