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THURSDAY, MAY 25

◆ The Grosse Pointe chapter of Golden Retriever Rescue of Michigan (GRRoM) conducts its annual garage sale from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. today, tomorrow, May 26 and Saturday, May 27, at 262 McMillan, Grosse Pointe Farms. Proceeds cover medical costs for rescued goldens while they are in foster care.
◆ The Women's Connection of Grosse Pointe meets at 6 p.m., followed by dinner at 6:30 p.m. at a private club in Grosse Pointe. Retailer Jane Woodbury will speak on the topic "What's Hot/What's Not in Fashion." For more information, call (313) 884-4201, or to make a reservation, call (313) 882-1855.

FRIDAY, MAY 26

◆ Grosse Pointe Shores' Osius Park swimming pool opens for the season at 4 p.m.
◆ Grosse Pointe North High School Advanced Astronomy students present from 7 to 8 p.m. "The Little Guys: Comet, Asteroids, and Meteors" at the school's planterium. The program is free, but donations are appreciated. Seating is first come, first serve, doors open 15 minutes prior. Please do not bring children 4 years old or younger.

SATURDAY, MAY 27

◆ Grosse Pointe Woods Lake Front Park pool opens for the summer at 10 a.m.
◆ The pools and splash pad at Grosse Pointe Park's Patterson Park open for the season from 10 a.m. to dusk.
◆ Grosse Pointe Park's Windmill Pointe Park Olympic pool opens from 7 a.m. to 9 p.m. and the wading pool opens from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. every day.
◆ City of Grosse Pointe's Neff Park swimming pool opens for the season at 10 a.m.
◆ Grosse Pointe Farms' Pier Park swimming pools opens for the season from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m.

MONDAY, MAY 29

Memorial Day observed.
◆ All Grosse Pointe municipal offices are closed in observance of Memorial Day.
◆ Grosse Pointe Wood's

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Relay for Life a success

By Elizabeth Swanson
Special Writer

With about 600 people in attendance, Grosse Pointe's second annual Relay For Life last weekend raised approximately \$60,000 to benefit the American Cancer Society, a number that doubles last year's total.
Due to Saturday night's rain, a count of funds raised was completed Sunday night. The final tabulation was scheduled for Wednesday night to accommodate straggling donations.
"We raised well over our goal," said Nancy Ziemski, Grosse Pointe's Relay For Life chairperson. "It was one of the very best days of my life. You saw people of all ages, sizes and talents come together and raise money for a charitable

More Relay photos

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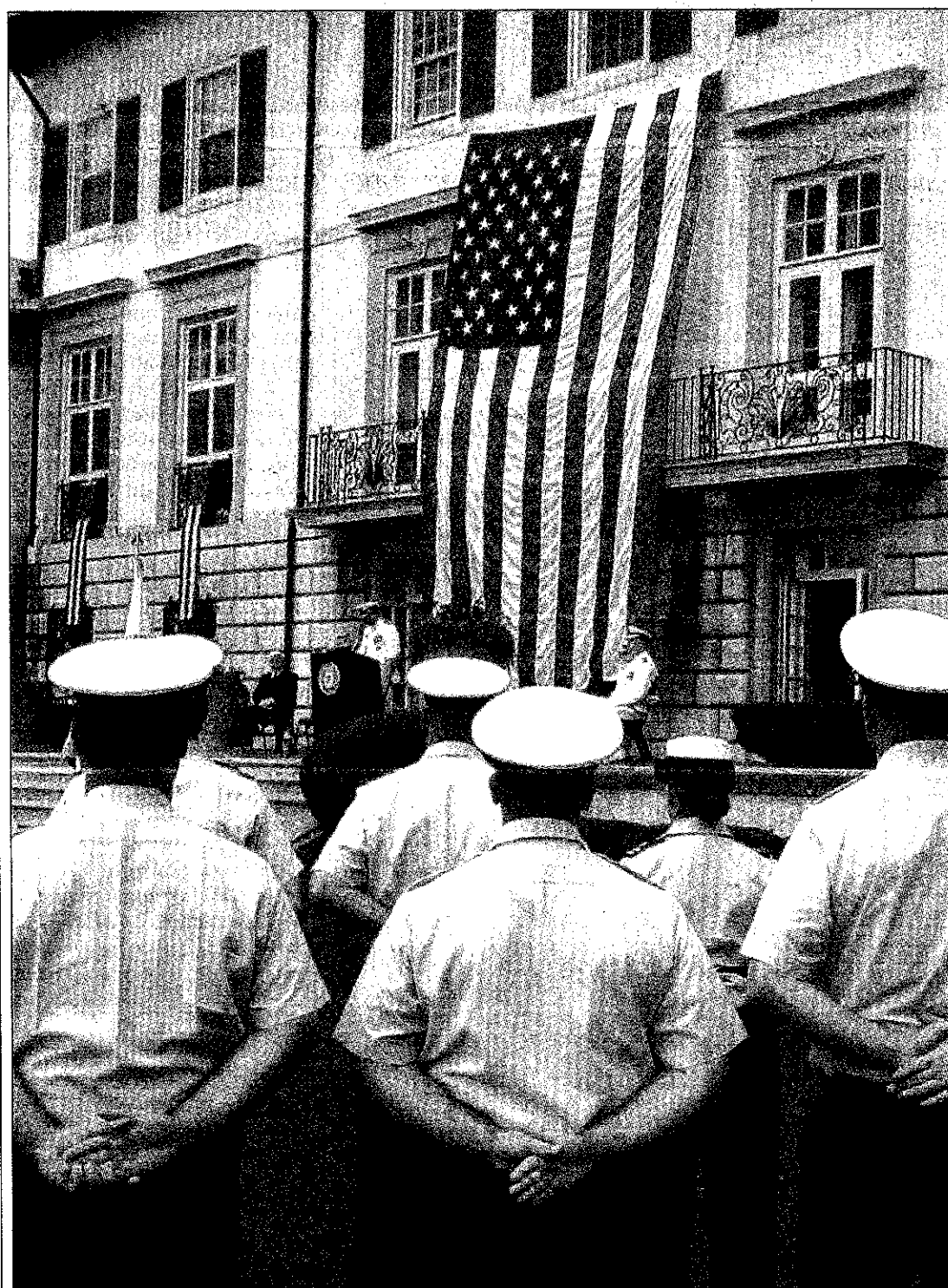
event.
"I'm just thrilled with the outcome. It surpassed my wildest dreams. I will have a glow for weeks to come because of how great I felt about what I was doing."
The event began at 10 a.m. Saturday, May 20, in Grosse Pointe Farms Pier Park and continued through Sunday morning at 10. Sixteen fundraising teams set up tents and tables, selling food and awarding prizes, while 14 musical performers such as Walter Charuba, Rockbottom and The Grunyons, entertained throughout the day.
There were also foot mas-

sages and silent auctions, among other activities.
"We also celebrated life with three cancer survivors," said Dorothy Busignani, community development director at the American Cancer Society. "They took a victory walk with their family and friends and the teams cheered them on."
There are more than 4,400 Relay For Life fundraisers held nationally and internationally every year. In the Metro Detroit area alone, there are 42 Relay For Life events.
The fundraiser's supreme goal is to one day find a cure for cancer.
"My mother died a year ago on April 15, 2005, of lung cancer after being a five-year breast cancer survivor," Ziemski said. "If it weren't for the American Cancer Society, I



Cathy Gurjack, left, and Kelley Merlo hold up the "Wall of Hope" sign. After being signed by everyone at the the Relay, it will be taken to the Washington, D.C., Relay, called "Celebration on the Hill" to convince lawmakers to provide funding for cancer prevention, detection and research.

wouldn't have had my mother (Relay for Life), I feel like she is for those five years. Whenever I do something related to there cheering me on."



Memorial Day observance

The community is invited to attend the Grosse Pointe War Memorial's annual Memorial Day Service on Monday, May 29, at 10 a.m. The lakeside service honors Grosse Pointe service men and women who died for our country and will feature Michael D. Murray, chairman of the War Memorial Center's board of directors, as the keynote speaker. Pictured is a past Memorial Day lawn observation at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial.

2-for-1 absentee ballot app

One absentee ballot request will serve for both elections

Election law allows municipal clerks to use a dual absentee voter (AV) application form when primary and general elections are being held.
In an effort to reduce election costs and make absentee voting more convenient, one AV application form will be utilized for both upcoming elections — the Aug. 8 state primary and Nov. 7 state general elections.
Grosse Pointe Woods City Clerk Lisa Hathaway said,

"When filling out the dual election AV application, it is important voters provide all the necessary information to ensure receipt of their requested ballot(s).
"The dual application gives voters the opportunity to notify the clerk to which addresses to mail ballots, if other than the Grosse Pointe Woods address, for both the August and November elections. If voters

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POINTER OF INTEREST

'It takes a little more planning to cook for diabetics, but overall it's not that difficult.'

Debra Veryser

Home: Grosse Pointe Woods
Family: Husband, Donald; sons Stephen, 26, Matthew, 17, and Daniel, 10; daughters Andrea, 24, and Kathryn, 22
Claim to fame: Won first place in American Diabetes Cook-Off



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Yesterday's headlines

1956

50 years ago this week

◆ **CLEAN LIVING:** The Pointe receives a trophy for being the second cleanest city of its population group nationwide during 1995.

The trophy will be displayed at the Central Library on Kercheval.

◆ **ALL AMERICAN:** Dan Reaume, former Blue Devil swimmer now a sophomore at Central Michigan College, is named to the All American swim team.

Swimming comes naturally to Reaume, a star performer on the Grosse Pointe High School 1954-55 team. His father, Bill, coaches swimming at Denby High School.

◆ **LOW TURNOUT:** Eighty-four of Grosse Pointe Shores' 700 registered voters turn out in a municipal election that returns all incumbents to office.

Elected are Village President Jack Williams; Trustees Gerald Schoeder, Alfred Wilson and George Trendle; and Clerk Clifford Loranger.

1981

25 years ago this week

◆ **CIRCLE OF HONOR:** After 20 years of being city administrator of Grosse Pointe Woods, Chester Petersen and his wife, Roberta, give something back to the community.

They donate the Circle of Honor, a patriotic plaque and flag display on the Vernier median at Mack. The \$4,000 gift is intended as a permanent installation.

◆ **WHAT'S UP DOC:** Grosse Pointe Woods officials are working on a seven-year, \$1.18 million park improvement plan that could, among other things, remedy the seemingly unsolvable problem of how to improve boat docks at Lakefront Park.

The plan is made up of 13 separate projects that would result in construction of 40 to 50 new boat docks and a \$690,000 community center.

◆ **Enlightening:** Jeff Plansker's 12-picture portfolio wins fourth place in the National Scholastic Art Awards.

"Light is the most important part of my style," says Plansker, a senior at Grosse Pointe South High School.

1996

10 years ago this week

◆ **TALL TOWER:** City of Grosse Pointe officials table a decision whether to allow construction of a 104-foot tall Ameritech communications tower in a municipal parking lot behind Arbor Drugs in the Village.

Ameritech representatives say the tower is needed accommodate Grosse Pointers, who are heavy users of mobile telephones and beepers.

◆ **TURNING THE PAGE:** Christine Jacobs, 17, of Grosse Pointe Farms, prepares for her summer job in the nation's capitol.

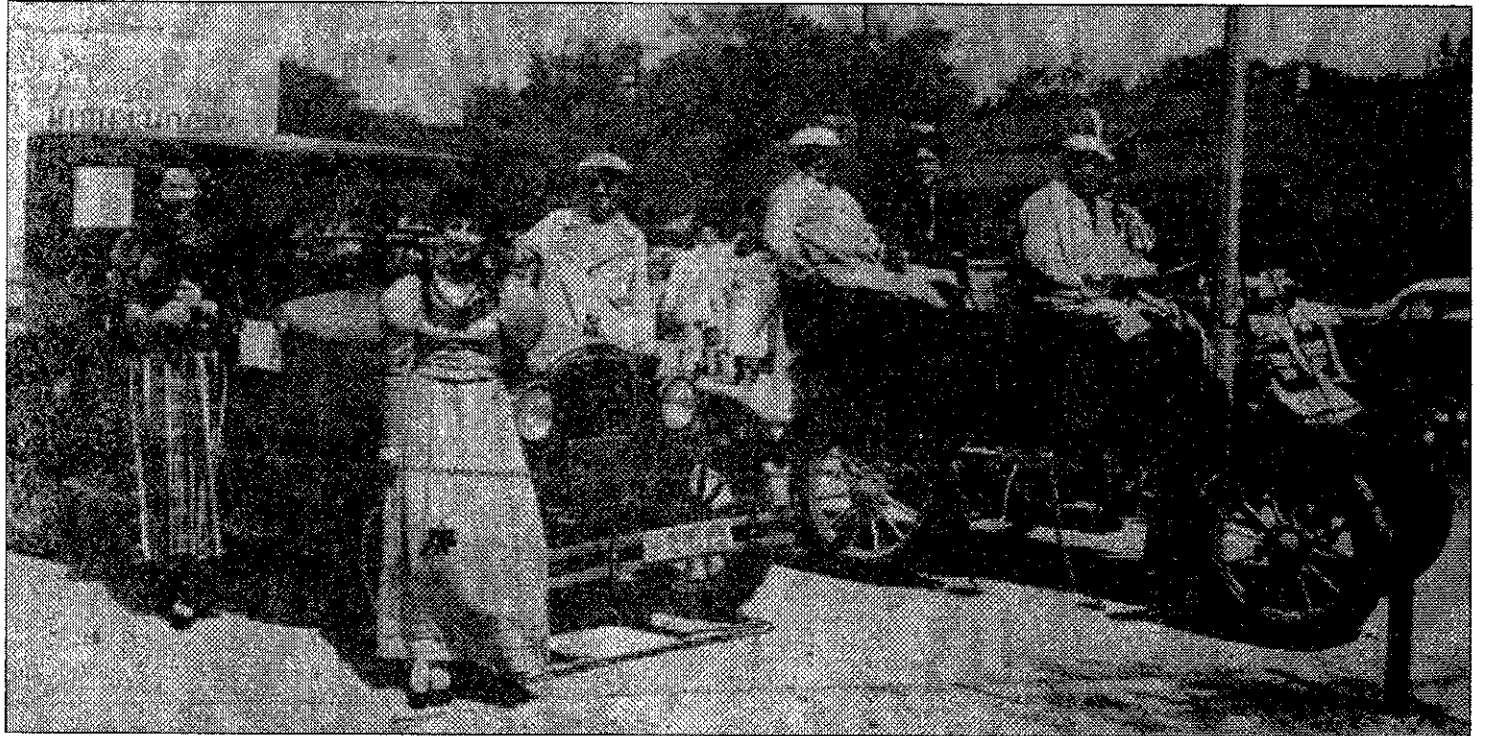
Jacobs has been selected by U.S. Rep. David Bonior, R-Mount Clemens, to be a page in the U.S. House of Representatives.

◆ **GOLF SCHOLAR:** University Liggett School senior Hagos Hoard receives a Chick Evans Scholarship.

The four-year, full tuition and board scholarship is presented annually to 100 seniors across the country who work as golf caddies during the summer months. Hoard has caddied at the Detroit Golf Club for five years. He will attend the University of Michigan.

2001

5 years ago this week



PAUL GACH

1956: Promote interest in big antique show

A 1926 Pontiac and a 1902 Cadillac are wheeled out to help publicize the Antique Show to be staged by the Grosse Pointe Rotary Club at the War Memorial Center for four days beginning this Friday. Shown from left are Mrs. Bruce Bockstanz, Mrs. Stanley Smith, Bruce Bockstanz, David McCarron, Mrs. Hans Lovisa, Anthony Manardo and Mrs. John Baker. (Photo by Paul Gach, May 24, 1956 Grosse Pointe News.)

◆ **TAXING ISSUE:** Wayne County commissioners pass a resolution calling for the Michigan State Tax Commission to investigate the taxation and proper valuation of private park land located in the Grosse Pointes.

Commissioner Bernard Parker, representing a district entirely within Detroit, says he proposed the resolution because everyone should pay a fair share of property taxes.

◆ **LIBRARY CONSULTANT:** Members of the Grosse Pointe Library Board seek outside consultation on the question of replacing two branch libraries.

Representatives of Plante & Moran CRESA offer to manage the project for a fee total-

ing of 3.5 percent of building costs, which are estimated at between \$7 million and \$8 million for new branches in Grosse Pointe Park and Woods.

◆ **INCUMBENTS WIN:** All incumbent candidates win their seats in the Grosse Pointe Shores municipal election.

Returning to office are President Dr. James Cooper; and Trustees Rose Garland Thornton and Karl Kratz. Kratz was appointed earlier this year to serve the remaining months of Trustee Cameron Piggott's term. Piggott resigned to take a job outside the metropolitan Detroit area.

—Brad Lindberg

G.P. SHORES

Bark park is permanent

Tails are wagging all over Grosse Pointe Shores.

The dog park behind Village Hall at Lakeshore and Vernier is being made permanent.

Dubbed a bark park, the facility will be expanded slightly and relocated a few feet toward an open field.

A four-foot tall black, chain-link fence will replace an orange plastic fence erected when the park was set up for a trial run last summer.

The new fence will cost \$7,310.

Mike Kenyon, village manager, said the Shores Improvement Foundation might join members of the general public in supporting the project financially.

"We've received about \$1,000 in donations from people using (the park)," Kenyon said. "I have petitions from tons of people who like to use it, including Trustee Linda Walton."

"My dog likes to use it," Walton said.

The park's success has created at least one convert.

"As much as I was against it when this came up, I stand corrected," said Trustee Dr. Brian Hunt. "It is well used."

Not everyone is convinced.

"I don't believe we need a dog park," said Trustee Rose Garland Thornton.

Kenyon said dog owners would continue to be responsible for cleaning up after their pets.

—Brad Lindberg

ABSENTEE: Dual request will cut costs

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plan to be out of town during an election but don't know their vacation address, they should make every effort to obtain the addresses before returning the application to the clerk.

If the dual application is returned without a forwarding address, ballots will be mailed to the registered address.

"Using the dual application will save taxpayer dollars on postage and payroll by combining both elections on one form," Hathaway said. "I also believe once voters become familiar with the procedure, they will find it much more convenient than having to fill out two forms. It is important that correct mailing addresses be provided to ensure timely delivery and return of AV ballots."

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Memorial Day ceremony starts at 10 a.m. at "Circle of Honor," Vernier and Mack.

TUESDAY, MAY 30

◆ Grosse Pointe North High School Advanced Astronomy students present from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m., "Fire and Ice" at the school's planterium. The program is free, but donations are appreciated. Seating is first come, first serve, doors open 15 minutes prior. Please do not bring children 4 years old or younger.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 31

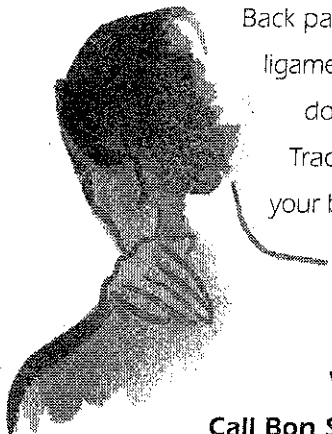
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THURSDAY, JUNE 1

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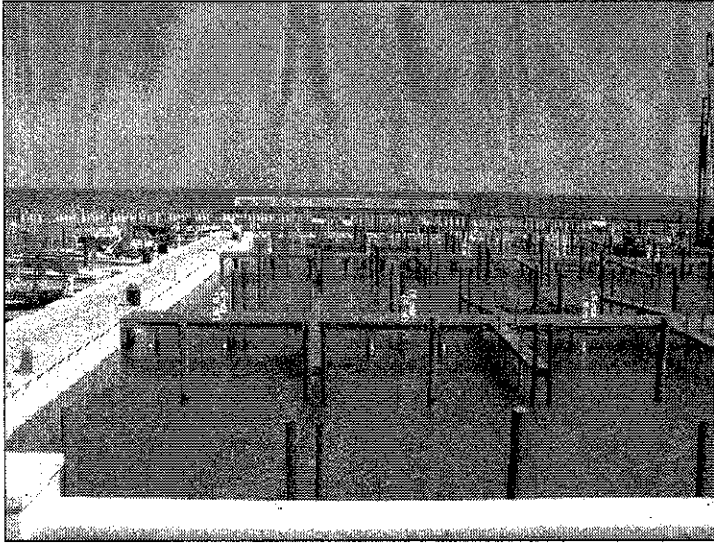
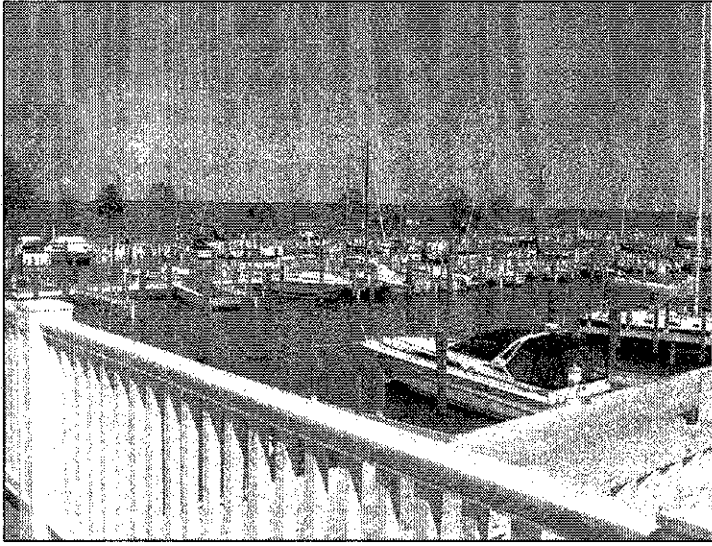
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GROSSE POINTE FARMS

New year, new marina for Pier Park



PHOTOS BY BRAD LINDBERG

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

Has it only been a year since the community building opened at Pier Park?

Only 12 months since the home-style, two-story meeting place with a screened-in porch and lakeside balcony opened for everything from old friends playing cards to retirement parties?

Yes it has. Next due for celebration is a renovated marina at the 17.5-acre resident-only lakeside municipal park in Grosse Pointe Farms.

Due open for Memorial Day, the new harbor presents a unified design of 333 integral docks ranging in length from 20 to 55 feet.

Gone are the two semi-sepa-

rate harbors for smaller and larger boats, respectively, each harbor having had distinctly different facilities, amenities and quality.

All wells now have electrical and water outlets for convenience, plus finger docks for safe boarding.

Resident boaters who haven't rented a well have the next best thing. A boat lift can handle craft up to 21-foot long.

An 80-space storage rack accommodates the burgeoning kayak crowd.

Farms residents have seen their park reincarnated since being wrecked by a 1997 storm.

Trees planted to replace those overturned by high winds have taken root. Now, walkers on the park's figure-8 strolling path mingle with a variety of leafy specimens that

look as though they've been at the park since seedlings.

The old pavilion was replaced with a nicer facility that provides a semi-sheltered spot for picnics and cookouts.

The family owned and operated snack shack and grill was torn down a few years ago and rebuilt in brick.

A gazebo accompanied by landscaping and flower beds marks a quieter gathering spot near the outer breakwall.

Children now have a splash pad in addition to a wading pool.

The swimming pools open Saturday, May 27, from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. The main pool has a special lift for people who have a hard time using steps or ladders to enter or exit the pool.

The splash pad is open noon to 8 p.m., as is the Pointes' last remaining municipal beach.

Adult early bird swim costs \$40 and begins June 19, Monday through Friday, from 6:30 to 7:30 a.m.

There are so many activities sponsored by the recreation department that the spring 2006 municipal newsletter is virtually dedicated to park activities.

Of the newsletter's 30 pages, all but two have something to do with the park.

There is detailed information about youth activities, adult activities and family fun activities:

- ◆ how to sign up for park passes,

- ◆ facility improvements funded with help from the Grosse Pointe Farms Foundation, such as \$250,000 toward the community building,

- ◆ how to rent the community

A balcony view of the Pier Park marina, due to open Memorial Day weekend.

building for a special event,

- ◆ aquatic programs — adult water aerobics, scuba classes, swimming lessons, parent-child swim lessons for parents with children 2 to 5 years old, synchronized swimming and more,

- ◆ athletic programs — adult co-ed drop-in volleyball nights, basketball camp, tennis lessons and leagues, yoga and pilates, senior citizen physical fitness and more,

- ◆ arts and crafts — photo sorting workshop, scrap booking, youth and adult Pewabic pottery workshops, "ooey gooeey" painting classes for children, fine arts and more.

Special events include:

- ◆ fireworks and concert July

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- ◆ annual ice cream social Aug. 5,

- ◆ the 59th annual Grosse Pointe park and City Fishing Rodeo Aug. 12 and

- ◆ Thursday night sailboat races sponsored by the Grosse Pointe Farms Boat Club. Races start weather permitting at 7 p.m. on each Thursday of June (1, 8, 15 and 22) and August (3, 10, 17, 24 and 31). The June 29 race kicks off the annual regatta at Pier Park.

For more detailed information about Grosse Pointe Farms recreation department programs at Pier Park and other venues in the city, visit the department office at the park community building or call (313) 2405.

CITY OF GROSSE POINTE

There's no warmer place than Neff Park

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

Flash a photograph of Neff Park in front of Chris Hardenbrook and what does he see?

"Warmth," he said.

Warmth? "Warmth from the staff, warmth from the summer, warmth from the sense of home and community."

It's easy to see why Hardenbrook has made a hit as director of parks and recreation in the City of Grosse Pointe.

During his two years on the job, the Marquette native has

overseen expansion of the department's family-style recreational opportunities while crediting others for things turning out as planned.

"Nothing would be successful without my staff," he said.

The feeling is mutual. More than 90 percent of his staff from last year has returned to work this season. Some, such as lifeguard Waseem Ksebati, a University of Michigan pre-med student from Grosse Pointe Farms, have been working at Neff Park for five years.

Ksebati was among about 15 seasonal employees last week who got a jump on summer by spring cleaning Neff Park.

Some employees water-vacuumed the swimming pool, some cleaned the wading pool. Others brushed a winter's worth of dust off the bathhouse, others installed window screens at the pool office.

Deck chairs were lined up poolside and washed off. Ten-foot diameter umbrellas were unstaked and unfurled.

Flowers were planted. Grass was cut.

Forget what the calendar says. Summer starts Saturday, May 27, at 10 a.m., when the swimming pool opens at Neff Park.

New to Neff this year are interpretive signs identifying

trees and other plant life growing near three pathways meandering through the grounds. Walkers can stop to rest at a pavilion before continuing to the marina main dock.

"We have a lot of walkers in the morning and evening," Hardenbrook said. "Hopefully the signs will invite more people to walk at the park."

Hardenbrook doesn't have to be a soothsayer to predict another busy season of special events. Camp outs, outdoor movie nights and a family fiesta have residents lining up to get in.

"We receive a really big turnout regardless of weather," he said.

Camp out enrollment is limited, requiring a sign-up sheet that typically overflows into a waiting list.

"It's rained for the past three years during the camp out, but it's never shield people away," Hardenbrook said. "Recreation classes, such as swimming, lifeguard and CPR lessons, always do well."

More waiting lists. Family theme nights, introduced last year, will be repeated this season.

"Instead of family late-night swims, we incorporated a theme such as fiestas night, Caribbean night or a luau night," Hardenbrook said. "That was lots of fun."

Also returning this year is Michigan Marina Day, Aug. 12. Hardenbrook plans to add an educational twist to the celebration of Michigan's water wonderland and boating community.

"We're incorporating informational booths," he said.

Environmental organizations will be invited to present information about Lake St. Clair ecology and watershed.

Hardenbrook also wants to line up representatives of a pollution control company to address boaters about containing and cleaning up fuel spills.

"We'll have interpretive talks about invasive species in the lakes," he said. "We'll also have a Coast Guard demonstration."

At the heart of every Pointe municipal park is a swimming pool.

The main pool at Neff Park was rebuilt just a few years ago and is handicap accessible. A gently-sloped ramp with railings leads from the pool deck

into the shallow end.

"We also have a water wheelchair," Hardenbrook said. "It's made of plastic and stainless steel for easy access for individuals who are disabled."

The pool opens Saturday, May 27. Early bird swimming is from 6 to 8 a.m. General swimming hours are 10 a.m. to 9 p.m.

Department-sponsored activities have become so popular they bred a park director's sincerest form of flattery. More and more nonresidents were faking their way into the residents-only park.

"That's why we're doing new picture identifications," Hardenbrook said. "If we're turning people away from recreation classes that are full,

we want to make sure they're full of residents."

Neff Park, open to residents of the City of Grosse Pointe and their guests, operates from 6 a.m. to 11 p.m.

Residents must have a City identification card to enter the facility. A resident can bring two guests at one time, for a total of 15 guests per summer.

Parks and recreation information is available:

- ◆ online at www.grossepointe.mi.us, and

- ◆ by calling the department at (313) 343-5257.

- ◆ by reading the City 2006 summer newsletter, filled with 12-pages of events and schedules, available at City Hall or by downloading from the Internet.



PHOTO BY BRAD LINDBERG

Waseem Ksebati, a college student and five-year lifeguard veteran at Neff Park, cleans the baby pool in preparation for the start of the swimming season on Saturday, May 27.

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POINTER OF INTEREST

Debra Veryser gets her 15 minutes of fame after turning in an award-winning culinary dish to help support the American Diabetes Association.

Culinary delight nets top prize

By Bob St. John
Staff Writer

Debra Veryser has hit the food network with a B-A-M. The 51-year-old Grosse Pointe Woods resident entered her first-ever cooking contest on Feb. 13 and came away with the top prize of \$150.

Veryser's recipe of spinach cheese turkey burgers beat out nine other main dishes prepared for the inaugural Michigan's Best Healthy Recipe cook-off held at Schoolcraft College.

"Our recipes had to fit into the diet for a diabetic," Veryser said. "I'm honored to win even though I have never entered a cooking competition before."

The burger was also served on a whole-grain bun.

As a way to raise awareness for diabetes in the state, the American Diabetes Association teamed up with Amylin Pharmaceuticals Inc. and Eli Lilly and Company to host the contest which kicked off in December.

The goal of the contest is to share creative and tasty recipes that can be enjoyed by individuals adhering to a diabetic diet.

Second place was Linda Stringer's (Livonia) unstuffed cabbage and third place was Joyce Smith's (East Lansing) low sugar crock-pot beans. The judges were Rita Holt, deputy features editor at The Detroit News; Gordon Bowman, executive chef for Beaumont Hospital; and Bruce Konowalow, culinary arts director at Schoolcraft College.

"Entering the contest turned out to be a great idea," Veryser

said. "I can't believe how much publicity this has produced."

She spent the early morning hours of Saturday, March 18, on Fox 2 News, explaining the recipe to the audience.

"I had to make a batch of burgers before so the audience could get a picture of how they look," she said. "This way, I can demonstrate how to make the burgers to get everything done in time."

Veryser's 15 minutes of fame began as a youth in Allen Park. Her mother was a whiz when it came to cooking and she passed the culinary passion to her daughter.

"I took a couple of community education classes in cooking and found out it is something I really enjoy doing; so I kept at it," Veryser said. "My meals got a little tricky when my children began to get older because it seems as if each one likes something another one dislikes."

Veryser and her husband of 27 years, Donald, have five children. Stephen is 26, followed by Andrea, 24, Kathryn, 22, Matthew, 17, and Daniel, 10.

Stephen is in the Peace Corp, helping men, women and children in Tanzania, a republic in east Africa comprised of 362,820 square miles.

"Stephen had some trouble getting used to the food in his village; so he always wanted me to cook his favorites when he comes home to visit," Veryser said. "We're going to visit him in Tanzania in a couple of months. I am looking forward to that experience."

Andrea is in medical school at Wayne State University and



PHOTO COURTESY OF AMERICAN DIABETES ASSOCIATION
Grosse Pointe Woods' Debra Veryser, above, is all smiles after winning a recent cooking contest and making an appearance on Fox 2 News.

Kathryn has degrees in philosophy and theology. Matthew attends Grosse Pointe North High School and Daniel is a fifth-grader at Ferry Elementary.

Veryser has taken her turn when it comes to passing on her culinary marvels to her children.

"My kids are following in my footsteps and they are indeed adventurous healthy cooks," she said. "Everyone was home for the Christmas holidays, including my son Stephen. The older children volunteered to cook the Christmas Eve dinner and they prepared a traditional Tanzanian dish which in-

Spinach Cheese Turkey Burgers

Preparation time: 15 minutes.
Cooking time: 20 minutes.

INGREDIENTS

- 1.25 pounds ground lean turkey or ground turkey breast.
- 1 cup of loosely packed leaf spinach.
- 1 cup Italian style break crumbs.
- 1/8 cup grated parmesan cheese.
- 2 lightly beaten egg whites.
- 1 teaspoon minced garlic.
- salt and pepper to taste.

OPTIONAL TOPPINGS

- Parmesan cheese, thinly shaved.
- Sweet onion, thinly sliced and sauteed.
- Sliced tomato.
- Spinach leaves.

COOKING INSTRUCTIONS

Chop the leaf spinach coarsely. In a medium-sized bowl, mix all ingredients with a fork. Shape into six patties. Coat a nonstick skillet or grill with spray cooking oil (olive oil preferred). Over medium heat, brown burgers on each side. Turn to low, cover the pan or the grill and continue to cook until burgers are no longer pink in the middle (180 degrees on a meat thermometer).
Toast buns. Burgers may be simply served on the bun. If desired, put the burger on top of a bed of spinach leaves which are on the bottom bun. Next layer is tomato, sauteed onions and shaved cheese. Place top bun last.

cluded chicken, rice, potatoes, tomatoes, onions, garlic and cloves. A distinctively different dish which gave us an African experience. Most of us like variety and new foods, except for the 10-year-old, but he is learning."

She will get a first-hand look into Tanzanian cooking when she visits her son.

"I will take a lot of mental notes and hopefully I can make some African dishes when I get back from visiting Stephen in Africa," Veryser said. "This trip is really going to be a learning experience. We get to learn about a new

culture and share a little about us that Stephen hasn't already shared."

Veryser has provided her family healthy meals for years.

"It takes a little more planning to cook for diabetics, but overall it's not that difficult," she said.

Books about cooking for a diabetic can be found at local libraries. Websites such as diabeteshelpcenter.com, give recipes, as well as diabetic diet information.

Help can also be found through the American Diabetes Association at (888) DIABETES.

Wayne County passes teen curfew to curb rowdiness

Wayne County teenagers 17 years and younger are subject to a curfew beginning this summer.

New guidelines passed by the Wayne County Board of Commissioners specify that the 17-and-younger set cannot

be out between the hours of 11 p.m. and 6 a.m. on weekdays and between midnight and 6 a.m. on weekends.

Violators face \$100 fines for the first offense. Four more violations within two years could

cost up to \$1,000 and land the offender in jail for 90 days.

The curfew was suggested in response to the increasing number of crimes committed by those aged 10 through 17.

In addition, many juveniles

under age of 18 lack the maturity and life experience to resist peer pressure to engage in activities that jeopardize their own safety and that of others, commissioners said.

The commission also passed an ordinance preserving public peace by restricting loud music and other sounds outside after 10 p.m. on weekdays and after midnight on weekends.

A loud and unreasonable sound is defined as one which is clearly discernible at a distance of 100 feet from the property line, or vehicle from which the sound is emanating; or which is in excess of 60 decibels at the edge of that property line or vehicle.

Violations are subject to a \$25 fine for the first instance. A second violation within one month will cost \$100. A third offense will cost \$200. A fourth violation within one year could land the offender in jail and cost \$1,000.

Schools report that many students regularly come to school unable to concentrate and with incomplete homework because neighbors have kept them up late at night with unreasonably loud and distracting music or rowdy behavior.

The third ordinance is designed to put a bite in a graffiti

problem that is growing in some parts of the county. The ordinance is designed to:

- ◆ prohibit the defacement of property with graffiti,
- ◆ require prompt removal,
- ◆ prohibit the sale of aerosol spray paint to minors,
- ◆ require sellers of aerosol spray paint to take strong measures to preclude theft,
- ◆ prohibit the possession of aerosol spray paint by minors,
- ◆ provide for involuntary removal,
- ◆ provide penalties for violations, and
- ◆ authorize a special assessment to recover the costs of involuntary removal.

The graffiti control ordinance was passed because the defacement of property lowers the value of the property, which contributes to the eventual deterioration of neighborhoods, commissioners said.

Commissioner Ilona Varga (D-Detroit) introduced the ordinances because, she said, citizens had constantly complained to her about rowdy youths, excessive noise and the defacement of property.

The ordinances cover all 43 municipalities in Wayne County, including Detroit. However, the municipalities have the authority to opt-out or use their own ordinance.

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GROSSE POINTE WOODS

Lake Front Park a place to be this summer

By Bob St. John
Staff Writer

Grosse Pointe Woods' Parks and Recreation Department announced its summer program schedule loaded with activities for residents of all ages.

"We have enough activities to keep everyone busy throughout the summer," Woods Parks and Recreation Director Melissa Sharp said. "Some of our biggest events are the fishing derby and camp

at noon Saturday, Aug. 5. Poolside music, face painting, chalk art contest, volleyball, water-slide races, lifeguard demons, food and refreshments will be available.

Individuals interested in getting in a late-night swim can participate in the park's swimming under the stars activity. From 9 to 11 p.m. Friday, July 7, resident teenagers can swim under the stars, and from 9 to 11 p.m., Friday, July 21, families can participate.

class (\$40) is for those who passed Level 3 and is designed to help swimmers develop confidence in the strokes previously learned and to improve other aquatic skills. Class times start at 10 a.m., noon, 1 p.m., 2 p.m., 4 p.m., 5 p.m. and 5:30 p.m.

Learn to Swim — Level 5, Stroke Refinement runs Monday through Friday. The class (\$40) is for those who passed Level 4 and is designed to help participants learn to co-

4 and 5 go at 10 a.m.; 6 and 7 year olds go at 11 a.m.; 8 and 9 year olds go at noon; 10 and 11 year olds go at 1:30 p.m.; and 12 and 13 year olds go at 2:30 p.m.

Session 1 is June 19 through June 30; session 1A is July 3 through July 7; session 2 is July 10 through July 21; session 2A is July 24 through July 28; session 3 is July 31 through Aug. 11; and session 3A is Aug. 14 through Aug. 18.

Children ages 4 to 13 can

ness, response, leadership and professionalism. The class, which costs \$48, includes a participant kit and is for kids ages 11 to 14. Class starts at 10 a.m. Monday through Friday.

The parks and recreation department also offers babysitting training for kids ages 11 to 15.

The 50-minute course that runs for one week is \$30 and starts at 12:30 p.m. each day.

This American Red Cross course will provide adolescents with the necessary skills for the following tasks: interviewing for a babysitting job, choosing safe and age-appropriate toys and games, performing first aid, learning diapering and feeding techniques, han-

dling bedtime issues and tips for having a safe babysitting experience.

Arts and crafts classes (\$36) are offered to kids ages 3 to 7 Monday through Friday and are designed to stimulate a child's creativity. A variety of media will be used to create crafts based on a different theme each session. All crafts will be non-toxic works of art.

"We think the park attendance might increase due to the increase in the price of gas," Sharp said. "Last year's attendance was an all-time high and this year's might surpass that. We will see. The weather has a lot to do with it. A lot of rain keeps the people away."

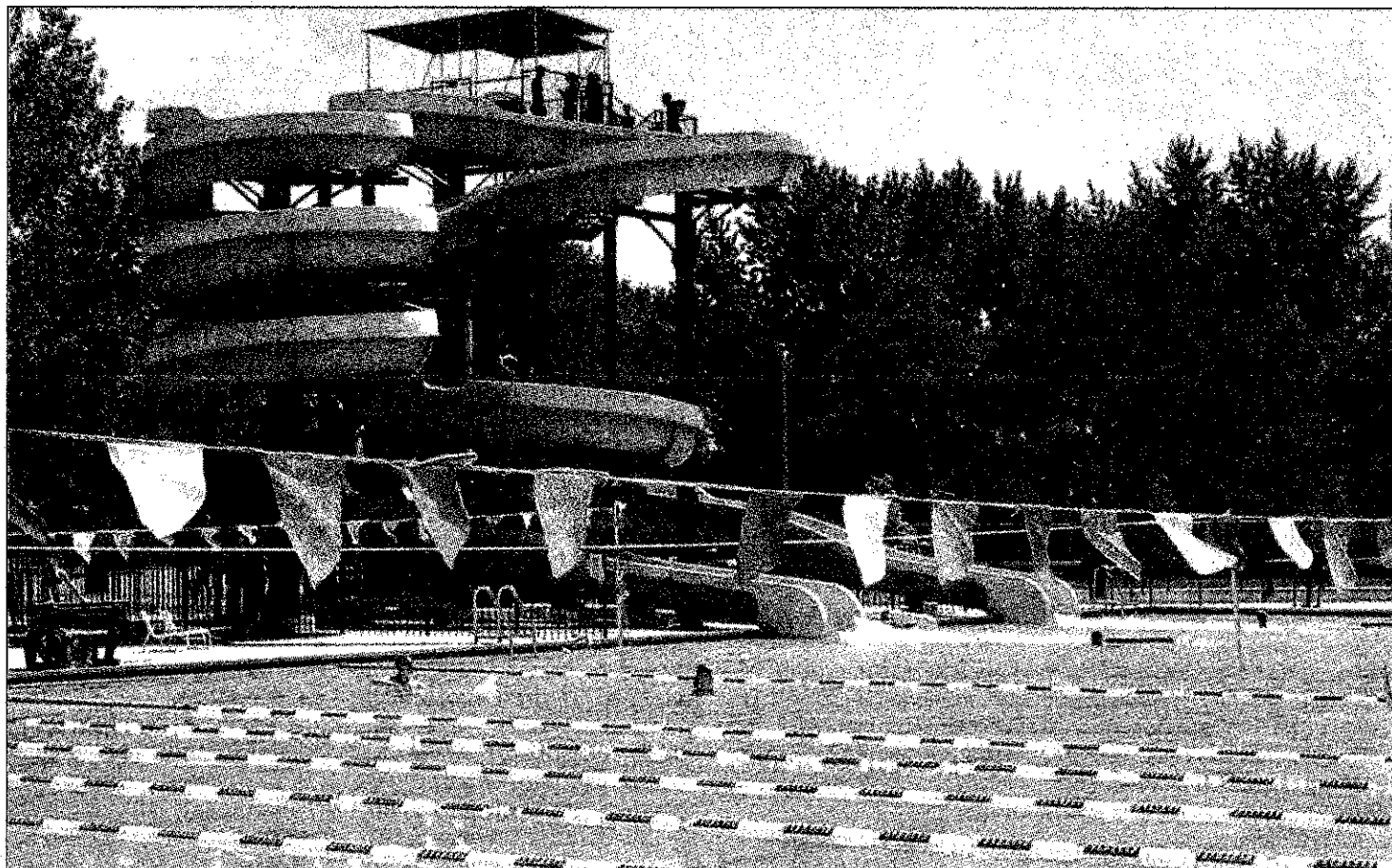


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The water slide at Lake Front Park, pictured above, is packed day-in and day-out during the summer. It's one of the more popular destinations for Grosse Pointe Woods children.

out." The 12th annual Jack Boni Family Perch Derby is planned from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, June 17.

Each participant will weigh-in their fish by 3 p.m. Everyone fishing must comply with Michigan DNR rules and regulations.

Hot dogs, potato chips and pop will be served after the weigh-in. Prizes go to the winners and all registered children receive a special gift. Yellow perch will be weighed.

Register at the Lake Front Park office at (313) 343-2470 between June 1 and June 16. The rain date is June 24. The cost is \$10 per person age 15 and older and \$5 per person age 14 and younger. The cost is \$3 for those individuals who do not fish.

Other family activities include the outdoor family movie, camp out and pancake breakfast Friday, July 14, and Saturday, Aug. 5. Register July 5-13 for the first event and between July 24 and Aug. 4 for the second.

Residents are invited to bring their camping gear and lawn chairs to enjoy a family movie and then retreat to their tents for the night. Once the sun rises, campers are treated to a pancake breakfast.

Residents can enjoy concerts in the park from noon to 5 p.m. on June 17, July 4, July 16, Aug. 5, Aug. 20 and Sept. 4. The Steel Drum Band will play at 6 p.m. on July 20 and on Aug. 24 residents can listen to Motown and oldies, also at 6 p.m.

A Mackinac Island weekend get-away is offered to residents who walk a mile at Lake Front Park.

Participants who complete a one-mile walk are entered into a grand drawing to win an all-expense paid Labor Day weekend trip to Mackinac Island. The four-day, three-night stay at Mission Point Resort begins Friday, Sept. 1, and culminates with the bridge walk and brunch on Monday, Sept. 4.

Entry forms are available at the Lake Front Park entrance from Saturday, May 27, through Wednesday, July 26. After walking one lap around the walking path at the park, participants must submit their completed entry form to the guards at the Lake Front Park entrance. The grand prize winner will be notified the first week of August. There is no charge to participate.

The annual city picnic starts

Adult early lap swimmers can use the pool from 6:30 to 9 a.m. Monday through Saturday from June 16 to Sept. 2.

Daily pool hours are 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. June 16 through Sept. 4. Adjusted pool hours are noon to 8 p.m., Monday through Friday, May 30 to June 15.

Grosse Pointe Woods has a new synchronized swimming program. Children between the ages of 6 and 16 can join the team.

The program runs six weeks, from June 19 through July 28.

Depending on the progress, the team will strive to put on a show during the first week of August. The requirements for the team include passing or demonstrating a high level of swimming ability.

The Woods Warriors Swim Team will register its participants at the park office. Practice begins at 4 p.m. June 2.

Learn to swim — Parent and tot runs Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays for two weeks. The class (\$12), for children age 6 months to 5 years, is designed to help young children become comfortable in and around the water. Participants are taught by the instructors while parents or guardians are in the water with them. It runs 11 to 11:30 a.m. and 3 to 3:30 p.m.

Learn to swim — Level 1, Water Exploration runs Monday through Friday for two weeks. The class (\$20) is designed to teach participants to feel comfortable in the water and to enjoy the water safely. Class times are 11 to 11:30 a.m., noon to 12:30 p.m., 4 to 4:30 p.m. and two classes starting at 5 and 5:30 p.m.

Learn to swim — Level 2, Primary Skills runs Monday through Friday for two weeks and is for those who completed Level 1. The class (\$40) is designed to teach fundamental skills. Class times are 10 to 11 a.m., noon to 1 p.m., 2 to 3 p.m. and 4 to 5 p.m.

Learn to Swim — Level 3, Stroke Readiness runs Monday through Friday for two weeks. The class (\$40), for those who passed Level 2, is designed to teach swimmers to build on previous skills by providing additional guided practice. Class times are 10 to 11 a.m., noon to 1 p.m., 2 to 3 p.m., 5 p.m. and 5:30 p.m.

Learn to Swim — Level 4, Stroke Development runs Monday through Friday. The

ordinate and refine key strokes. Classes start at 10 a.m., noon, 1 p.m. and 4 p.m.

Learn to Swim — Level 6A, Personal Water Safety runs Monday through Friday for two weeks. Participants must have completed Level 5 to be eligible for this course.

The class is \$40 and is designed to help participants polish strokes so they can swim with more ease, efficiency, power and smoothness over greater distances.

Learn to Swim — Level 6B, Fitness Swimmer runs Monday through Friday for two weeks. The class is \$40 and is designed to help participants perfect strokes and develop good fitness habits.

Water aerobics is also offered for an hour on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays at a cost of \$36.

The class runs 7 to 8 p.m. and offered for \$24 on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m.

Led by a certified instructor, this three week class offers adults cardiovascular exercise in the water.

Youth tennis lessons for children age 5 and up cost \$40. Professional tennis players and their assistants lead the lessons.

Participants must bring their own racquets to the class that runs Monday through Friday from 9 to 10 a.m., 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and 1:30 to 2:30 p.m.

Adult tennis lessons are offered for individuals age 18 and up. The \$36 course runs Monday through Thursday from 6:30 to 8 p.m. for three weeks. Professional tennis players and their assistants lead the lessons. Each participant must bring their own racquet.

Lake Front Park offers diving lessons for children age 8 and up who can swim 25 yards without assistance. The class (\$20) runs for one week and is designed to teach participants the steps of basic dives. Once basic knowledge is gained, competitors will learn to perfect and polish dives.

Basketball class is also one week in duration and costs \$20. Held on an outdoor court unless it is raining, the class stresses skills in dribbling, passing, shooting, ball handling, teamwork, strategy and game playing. It provides basic instruction, enhancing skill and coordination. The 50-minute class is broken down into age groups. Children ages

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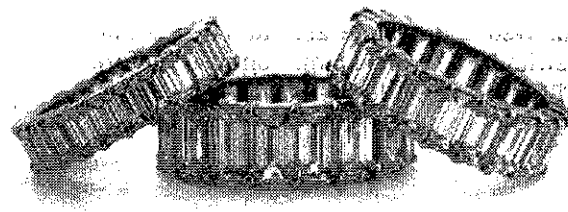
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I SAY By Ann Fouty

Change — it's a constant in life



Things change. Change is good. Nothing endures but change, Heraclitus said. As the days to graduation are counted down, students are eager for change. They are looking forward to new experiences and new scenery. They just want a variation in their lives. They are not cognizant of

the changes that have been going on all along. Aside from the physical, emotional and mental changes for them, the world has been transforming, updating and modifying itself and how we live life. What are a few of the items that are here today that weren't prevalent 18 years ago?

The obvious answer is technology. It has overtaken our lives. We can't live without cell phones, faxes, wireless phones, computer chips in cars, DVD players, iPods, ATMs, Blackberries, shoes with built-in wheels and lattes.

When babies Matthew and Caitlyn were born there were no iPods or MP3 players. Gasp.

How did teenagers live 18 years ago? How could they get through the day without music being pumped into their eardrums through earplugs no bigger than a dime?

How did they live without the slim cell phone glued to their ears? How did parents track their youngsters? Who knew where they were and what they were doing prior to immediate access? And, like, you know, communication was unsophisticated, so last century.

What was innovative and new last year has been overtaken by yet another innovation. The mobile phone is a prime example. It was big and cumbersome when first intro-

duced. Today, not only do cell phones connect you via voice, they can become a camera, television and uplink to those left behind.

What did your parents use to capture your first year of life, everything? What will they use to capture prom and graduation?

Whether they use a video camera or a digital camera to capture the portraits and candid, there is no longer need to stock up on film. Parents are buying cards and batteries. They are downloading instead of developing. However, there is a constant in the memory capturing business. A framed 8-by-10 inch of the graduate

will be in a place of prominence for all to see. For all that changes, the pride of a parent is lasting.

By mid-June you will be reminiscing about graduation and watching how it unfolded from your parents' vantage point. After the laughter, pop in a DVD and display it on the big screen plasma television complete with surround sound. Instead of movies filmed on sight, backgrounds are digitally enhanced and the sound is not a real lion or ocean's roar but has been mimicked by a clever man in a sound studio. Did you hit a remote that certainly doesn't look like the first one your father clutched? Or

did you jump to cable or dish television and surf through dozens and dozens of channels?

After a few hours of Internet, blogs and Myspace use, grab a bottle of water but don't forget to recycle the plastic. Jump into a car designed to accommodate hydration needs with cup/glass/bottle holders for all passengers who are protected by air bags and automatic locks. Pop in a CD into the console inside of the outdated tapes that were popular a generation ago.

When to stop to think of it, there have been a considerable number of changes to your lifestyle.

STREETWISE By Renee Landuyt

What are your plans for Memorial Day weekend?

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 email to editor@grossepointenews.com



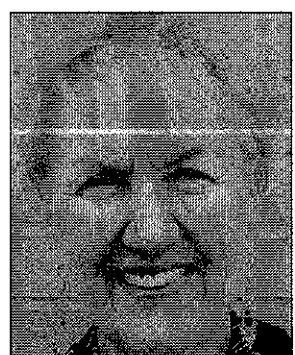
"Depending on what the weather is, we hope we'll go use to the pool."

GARY BIGWOOD
City of Grosse Pointe



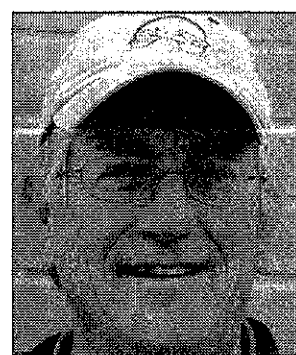
"I am going to my brother's soccer tournament in Cleveland."

MIKEY CARRON
Grosse Pointe Woods



"I was planning to come to the garage sale here in the village but I heard it was cancelled."

DZVINKA HAYDA
Warren



"Stay home."

STEVE WASINGER
Grosse Pointe Farms



"Memorial Day is my birthday."

NINA CORRADO
Grosse Pointe Woods



"Probably staying here and hanging out with friends."

MARGAUX FORSTER
City of Grosse Pointe

FYI By Ben Burns

Tis the summer fundraiser season



Tis the season of fun charity fundraisers. You can fish. You can golf. You can walk. You can run. You can have a friend imprisoned at an outstanding restaurant. You can buy a book that will give you discount coupons at hundreds of businesses and eateries, or you can ride your Harley. Undoubtedly, there are dozens of other worthwhile causes to consider that I haven't heard about. But here are several that have come to my attention:

◆ Lake St. Clair's muskie fishing fanatics are sponsoring their second charity tournament to raise money for the Michigan Special Olympics and muskie conservation.

Teams of four anglers will set out early June 13 from the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club to vie for prizes and hooking the monster lake denizens that can exceed 50 inches and 40 pounds. Later they'll swap stories over a steak dinner at the club. Last year, one boat landed 14 of the fierce fish. Dr. James McCarty, event chairman, said he expects 60 boats and 350 fishermen at \$650 per boat plus an optional contribution for fuel for the charter captains from the Michigan Ontario Muskie Club, who are donating their crafts and equipment. The Detroit Athletic Club and the Detroit Yacht Club are additional sponsors. Contact MOMC President Bard Horton at 586 634 9459 before June 1.

◆ Muscular Dystrophy is sponsoring a lock up at the Hill Restaurant on June 14. You can have a friend jailed that Wednesday for an hour from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., and he or she will have to raise bail money to get sprung. The con-

tact is Roxanne at (586) 274-9000. I can't think of a better place in town to do time than the Hill, which was named the top restaurant in metro Detroit a couple years back. Maybe they'll serve you bleu cheese pizza while you are in the slam.

◆ Dr. Tom Coles, who works hard to raise money for the National Association on Mental Illness, is selling Entertainment books for \$20 apiece with \$5 going for research on brain disorders. If you buy a 2007 book, which will be available in September, you get a free 2006 book with coupons good through October. Call Coles at (313) 885-0632 for more information.

◆ Recruit four friends to each make a \$250 contribution, and you can see the Detroit Tigers play the World champion Chicago White Sox at 7 p.m. on July 18 at Cornerstone Day at the Ballpark. There will be a picnic before the game, and you will

have helped provide tuition for the 305 children who don't have financial partners to help underwrite their return to the excellent Cornerstone schools in Detroit in the fall. CEO Clark Durant and President Ernestine Sanders say you might get to run the bases with the kids after the game. Contact Cornerstone schools at (313) 868-6637.

◆ The Children's Home of Detroit is sponsoring its second Let's Ride for CHD Kids with Wolverine Harley Davison of Clinton Township in August. There's a posh preview party Aug. 18, and you can ride your own motorcycle in the Aug. 27 event for \$20. Contact (313) 885-3510 for more information. Money raised will go toward the purchase of three vans to transport the kids.

Data dump

Good news: I thought when I got an e-mail from Dell Computers saying they had launched an electronics recov-

ery, reuse and recycling program with Goodwill Industries where you could simply take in your old computer and drop it off and the computer company would give the charity the value of any materials recovered or recycled.

Bad news: I found, when I started looking for a local Goodwill store where I could donate my decade-old laptop, the closest retail outlets I could locate on the Goodwill Web site were in Monroe, Flint, Marysville, Port Huron and Jackson. I guess I'll just have to wait until I am traveling in one of those directions to turn in old Betsy. Maybe Dell should consider talking to the Salvation Army about a program.

Snow job

It must be amusing to former Fox Television anchor Tony Snow, who once was associate editor of The Detroit News, that he is now carica-

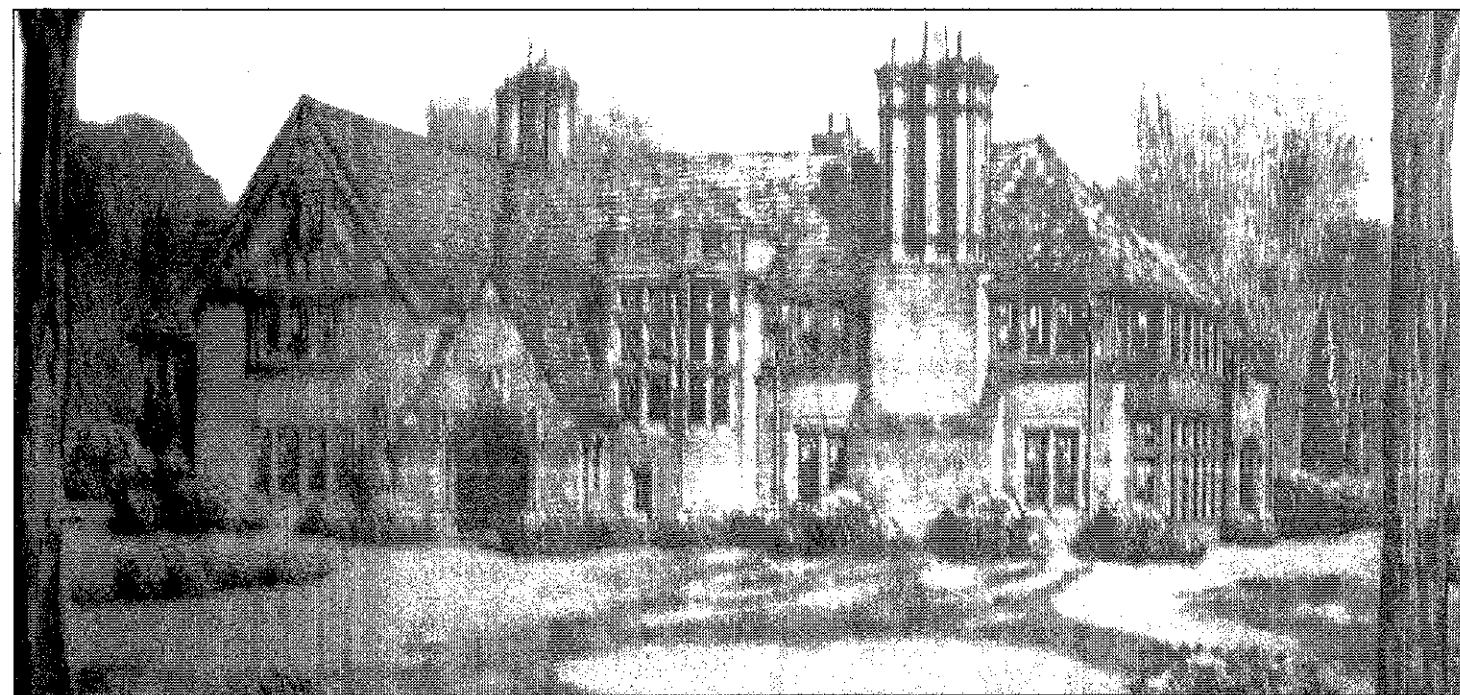
ture in that newspaper's editorial pages as the White House press secretary.

I remember Snow as a tall, good-looking, genial editorial writer who ferociously bashed tennis balls at me some mornings at the old Eastside Racket Club on Nine Mile.

Snow may be conservative, but more importantly he is a man of high integrity and principle who can laugh at himself. And he married a tall, intelligent co-worker from The Detroit News — Jill Baker — in a lovely ceremony at Lake Shore Presbyterian Church in St. Clair Shores before leaving town.

If any press secretary can relate to the White House press corps it will be Tony.

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History mystery

I expect to attend a wedding in Grosse Pointe Farms in early July. My niece who lives on the West coast has sent me a photograph of the home of her father, Luther D. Thomas, in Grosse Pointe Farms. He lived there until about 1935. Is it possible for you to identify his address? I attach a photograph of the residence provided by my niece. The architects were Dise and Ditchy, well known architects of the early 1900s.

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LETTERS:
Issue is global
warming

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"Laureates audience to take action," which was printed, expressing my positive reactions to the Nobel Peace Prize laureates' voices I heard crying for peace, and most of all to do something concrete to make it happen.

I have taken up their challenge and have taken action by starting up the McCarthy Family Action Group and invited readers to join with us to make a difference. I included my phone number, (313) 343-0771, with trepidation that I would receive many crank calls, but felt it was worth the risk.

I am most happy to report I did receive three phone calls, all of which were positive.

The general consensus so far is to work on the issue of global warming which is a universal issue.

Anyone else willing to join?

MARION MC CARTHY
Harper Woods

Village
renaissance

To the Editor:

I take exception to the letter "Redevelopment of Older Buildings," May 11 Grosse Pointe News.

First, extensive property in the Village is not owned by a single family. It is now controlled by a family trust administered by attorneys. This trust contributes generously to the Grosse Pointe Santa Claus Parade and largely underwrites the free popular summer concerts as well as benefiting other local civic endeavors.

Like the letter writer, I agree the Village could use a serious face-lift. However, I believe the culprit for the lack of a Village renaissance to be an incredibly

incompetent city council who have repeatedly blocked forward-thinking projects that would enhance this business district's appeal.

Instead, they back asinine projects such as the Kroger expansion which will further harm the few charming small owner operators who continue to cling to the possibility of a revitalized district with ever diminishing hope.

SUSAN STEINHAUER

Editor's note: The city council has not backed any projects for Lot 2, of which a Kroger expansion is one proposal.

Inefficient
prescription plan

To the Editor:

My enrollment in the Medicare prescription plan involved two trips to Services for Older Citizens for help, several searches on my slow dial-up computer service, two trips to the public library to use the faster computer connection, and several calls to plans and pharmacies.

At each contact I learned a little bit more, so it took a while to get all the information I needed to make a decision.

One plan, when I wanted to know what an asterisk next to Lipton meant, asked me what state I live in. Should that make a difference?

I resent how complicated the procedure is, but I signed up. Then I realized I will have to go through the same routine again Nov. 15 as plans change the premium and the drugs they cover, and as my prescriptions may change.

The bureaucracy to administer this program must be monstrously expensive; those who devised this system deserve a special award for mental torture and inefficiency.

ANN KONDAK

Grosse Pointe Woods

Dog park
ordinances ruled

To the Editor:

A letter writer's opposition

to establish a dog park venue for Grosse Pointe Woods, "Against dog park in the Woods," was published in the Grosse Pointe News May 11 issue.

The letter writer's comments are an expression of democratic privilege. Likewise, this response is worthy of publication.

To some extent, I am in agreement with the letter writer's observation of nonenforcement of existing ordinances. Nonetheless, the distortion of other facts is not justification to quash the proposal of a dog park venue for Grosse Pointe Woods.

The letter writer states several reasons as a basis for his opposition. Granted, specific issues are valid and should be addressed by the council and administration of Grosse Pointe Woods.

1) Violations by dog owners — City ordinance provisions define licensing, control and maintenance by dog owners. Ongoing violations are easily corrected by enforcement.

Police and safety bicycle patrol can issue ordinance citations for parking violations. Similarly, citations can be issued to residents who violate city ordinances relative to off-leash canines throughout the neighborhood, failure to pick up animal feces. This includes observance of posted areas clearly defined "No Dogs," e.g., Ghesquiere Park.

2) Liability — City ordinances regulate licensing requirements, inoculation requirements, dogs roaming without leash, etc. Dog owners bear responsibility for such ordinance violations.

3) Noise — Noise is proven not to be an issue in existing, controlled dog park venues.

4) Dogs in heat — vicious demeanor. Dog park rules delineate specific circumstances where animals are not allowed in the park. Regulations state no aggressive canine behavior or canine-owner behavior.

5) Utilization of park facilities — The dog park proposal



Man and woman of year

Grosse Pointe Shores resident Hon. Joseph Impastato and his wife, Marian Impastato, are proud recipients of the Man and Woman of the Year Award from the Italian Study Group of Troy. With the Impastatos are left, Grosse Pointe Shores President Dr. James Cooper and, right, Rep. Edward Gaffney, R-Grosse Pointe Farms.

of parks and recreation. While each of the above are not utilized by every Grosse Pointe Woods taxpayer, these amenities contribute to the overall quality of life for city residents.

The dog park proposal should be examined from an open-minded perspective. A successful dog park can be a genuine marketing advantage to the city.

Dog park proponents support enforcement of the existing ordinance regulations. Violators are not privileged to disregard the rights of other residents.

LOLLY AND TOM
GERHARDSTEIN
Grosse Pointe Woods

Organization wants
fair taxation

To the Editor:

The current U.S. tax code is highly unfair to all who pay taxes, no matter what their socioeconomic status.

Income taxes eat up the paychecks of hardworking people every single week. Therefore, I am writing to inform your readers of a group called Americans For Fair Taxation (FairTax.org).

This group is proposing a consumer-oriented, fair tax proposal that will benefit taxpayers and not the IRS. The FairTax replaces all federal income taxes (personal, estate, gift, capital gains, alternative minimum, Social Security, Medicare, self-employment and corporate). These taxes are replaced with a national retail sales tax on new goods and services. It is simple, fair and beneficial to our economy.

Everyone benefits from the FairTax. For example, poverty-level Americans pay no federal tax at all. They no longer pay the highly regressive payroll tax imposed on the first dollar earned, and they, like all Americans, no longer pay a large percentage of hidden corporate taxes every time they spend a dollar. That's right, money spent goes to the government to pay hidden federal taxes, including corporate income and payroll taxes that businesses pass on to consumers in the form of higher prices.

Eric W. Russell
Auburn Hills

I strongly urge readers who are tired of giving up their hard-earned dollars under the current broken tax system, to do three things:

1) Visit the Web site FairTax.org.

2) Read "The FairTax Book" by Neal Boortz and John Linder. This is a great and easy read which will give you the important facts and research that will convince you that the FairTax is the answer to our tax woes.

3) Most importantly, contact your congressional representatives. They are your servants and are waiting to hear from you. Your voice is what makes Congress act.

For readers who care and agree with this FairTax legislation, HR 25 and S 25: Write, call or e-mail your senators and representatives in Washington, D.C. Tell them you support the FairTax, and so should they.

Paint the Window
Contest

To the Editor:

On behalf of the Grosse Pointe Village Association, I wish to thank all those involved in the recent Paint the Window Contest.

Every year the Village comes alive with color and creativity as Grosse Pointe elementary schoolchildren paint wonderful pictures throughout our shopping district.

Despite the weather, 268 very determined young artists came to brighten up the Village and the results were outstanding.

We congratulate all of the participants and the winners.

A great big thank you goes out to our major sponsors: The Village Toy Company and Print Xpress. Thank you also to our loyal sponsors: Mr. Bill Rands, Dr. Edward Vermet D.D.S., Kramer's Bed Bath & Window Fashions, Ms. Debbie Owen, Posterity Gallery, Ace Hardware, Kroger and the City of Grosse Pointe. We could not produce such a great event without their support.

As always, our dedicated volunteers deserve many thanks: Claudia Corrado, Terri Berschback, Nancy Marstiller, Charlene Blondy, Anika Pewlee, John Denomme, Mary Denomme, Linda Jensen, the staff of Village Toy Company and the staff of Posterity Gallery.

Finally, I would like to thank our outstanding judges: Danielle Harris, Terri Berschback, Megan Smith and Meghan Boomhower.

The entire Grosse Pointe community consistently supports and enjoys the unique events presented by the Association. Please continue this effort as we wish to see our Village grow and flourish.

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PEOPLE

MARTHA RICHARDSON was re-elected to the executive committee of the Lutheran Social Services of Michigan. She is a Grosse Pointe Park resident.

PHILIP GAGLIO has joined the Southfield office of Grant Thornton LLP as a director in its economic advisory services practice in charge of Valuation Services.

Prior to joining the firm, Gaglio was a principal for The Leftko Group and was responsible for providing valuations for both private and public companies. He received his undergraduate degree in Economics from the University of Michigan and his MBA from George Washington University in International Business. He is a Chartered Financial Analyst (CFA). Gaglio resides in Grosse Pointe.

ADAM A. MILLER was appointed to represent Democrats and organize labor unions for a term expiring Jan. 1, 2009, by Gov. Jennifer Granholm.

He is a senior benefit consultant with the International Union, UAW. Miller is a Grosse Pointe Park resident.

FRED MILLER, MD, a professor of pathology, was one of five awardees of a \$1.2 million research enhancement program earmarked by Wayne State University, announced university President Irvin D. Reid.

The goal of this program is to strengthen the university's performance as a nationally recognized leader in research within a targeted interdisciplinary research area and is intended to contribute toward developing research themes for the university that are consistent with an emphasis on the urban mission, a global presence and technology. This year's funds are designated for developing projects and pilot studies in nanotechnology.

Miller's research concentrates on nanoparticles in breast cancer therapy - delivery of gene, siRNA, and chemotherapeutic. Miller and his team of researchers will work on three projects that use nanotechnology as a novel delivery method for treating breast cancer. The first project will use nanoparticles to introduce a highly immunogenic molecule into breast cancer cells in vivo as a strategy to activate the host's immune system against autologous, established tumors.

The second project will use nanoparticles to silence proteins that facilitate tumor progression.

The third project will test the concept that dual agent nanoparticles can reverse multi-drug resistance (MDR) in MDR breast cancer cells, and will also optimize the in vivo delivery conditions for the nanoparticles used in the first two projects.

Miller resides in Grosse Pointe Park.

THOMAS B. COLES, JR., MD, FRANK J. MORAN, MD, WILLIAM H. JEVONS, JR., MD AND JULIUS M. OHORODNIK, MD, were recently honored by the Michigan State Medical Society (MSMS) for 50 years of service to patients and the medical profession.

MSMS honored 165 physicians for their outstanding contributions during a special reception and ceremonies at the 141st annual meeting of the MSMS House of Delegates at the Amway Grand Plaza in Grand Rapids.

The honored physicians represented 8,250 years of medical service to their patients. Beginning their medical careers in 1956, these physicians assumed important roles in a medical generation distinguished for its unprecedented achievements in advancing and promoting human health care.

Coles, Jevons and Ohorodnik reside in Grosse Pointe Woods. Moran lives in Grosse Pointe Shores.



PHOTO BY BOB ST. JOHN

Hungry?

City Kitchen officially opened for business Wednesday, May 23. The restaurant, located at 18644 Kercheval in the Village business district in the City of Grosse Pointe, took several months of renovation and survived a ceiling fire before the doors were opened to the public. Owners Chick Taylor, third from left, his wife Amy, second from the right, and their son Charlie, second from the left, were welcomed to the community by City of Grosse Pointe Mayor Dale Scrace, far left, and Grosse Pointe Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Mary Huebner, far right, during a ribbon-cutting ceremony Monday, May 22. Taylor said the menu offers fresh fish, steak and seafood, plus a full-service bar. "We're truly thrilled to open this restaurant," Taylor said. "The City has been wonderful to work with, and now we're ready for business."

Commerce news

The Grosse Pointe Chamber of Commerce announced its fundraisers.

Stop by Urban Daisy and check out the Grosse Pointe 48236 and 48230 T-shirts. The shirts come in all sizes and colors for men, women and children. Tote bags, hats and visors will also be sold.

"What a great way to promote Grosse Pointe," said Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Mary Huebner. "Soon we'll have the products available for you at the Chamber. If you are interested give us a call. These are great graduation, teacher thank you and Father's Day gifts."

Soon the chamber of commerce will be promoting a fun vacation contest with the products.

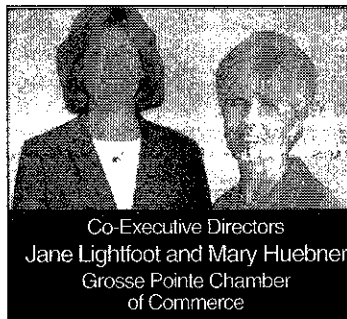
"It is thankful that our board member Alison Haus is coordinating this chamber fundraiser as a portion of each sale will be donated to the chamber," Huebner said.

The chamber of commerce is also selling Two Sister's Gourmet food products. "We feel very fortunate to have member Susan Guleserain offer this unique fundraiser," Huebner said. "Any of the products sold will result in a 50 percent donation to the Chamber."

All funds raised through this promotion will be used to promote Grosse Pointe in various forms of advertising.

Let the chamber of commerce know if you are willing to have a few people gather in your kitchen for a cooking class or if you want to buy some of the products.

"If you'd really like to help the chamber, call and purchase Grosse Pointe Gold Gift Certificates. There are absolutely no fees," Huebner said. "Then buy the T-shirts and Two Sisters Gourmet



Co-Executive Directors Jane Lightfoot and Mary Huebner Grosse Pointe Chamber of Commerce

products. "Grosse Pointe Gold gift certificates are perfect employee incentive awards, graduation and Father's Day gifts or teacher thank you. You can access the gift certificate program on our Web site in the Member Benefit section grossepointechamberofcommerce.org/gpgold.asp or call 1-877-770-4438."

In addition to the chamber of commerce's regularly scheduled Business Before and Business After Hours, July 19 is the Semi-Annual General Business meeting at the Edsel and Eleanor Ford House from 6 to 9 p.m.

"We are going to have 3 hours of networking and fun while being entertained by a Grosse Pointe Symphony ensemble, plus feast on outstanding hors d'oeuvres and sip cocktails, beer and wine," Huebner said. "Bring your spouse, friend, boss or all three. We ask that all members mail or drop off between July 5 and July 14 250 business cards, literature, promotional pieces about your company. Please limit the size to no larger than 8.5-by-11. We'll save you the hassle of having to exchange business cards at the party by giving you a bag as you leave the event. What you'll be receiving is a sample of the power of Grosse Pointe and what the new resident packet will be like."

For more information, contact Huebner at (313) 881-4722 (GPCC).

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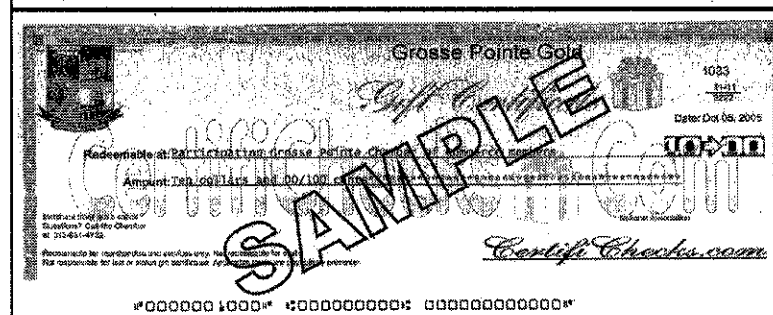


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Beware: Watch for techno fraud

When it comes to an investment as critical as technology, don't be blindsided by the cheapest offer.

Slashed prices associated with counterfeit software have lured in millions of consumers and businesses around the world.

Here's the catch: All too often, what appears to be a bargain can quickly become very costly.

Any savings realized by acquiring software that has been manufactured illegally are quickly eclipsed. Who pays? For starters, you will.

If you're using software that isn't genuine — even if you're not aware of it — you are at much greater risk for malicious code such as worms, viruses or spyware.

You have no warranty protection, upgrade options, or access to the technical support that comes with genuine software.

Even more frightening is a growing problem in which individuals who sell counterfeit software use it as bait in identity-theft schemes.

Using pirated software can also put your company at risk for copyright infringement litigation, which is expensive and can damage your reputation.

But that's only the beginning.

The community in which you live and work suffers losses of wages and salaries, as well as tax revenues that fund schools, health care, emergency services, roads and parks, which are often the backbone of a good communi-

ty. And the companies that develop technology across the United States play a huge role in the nation's economy.

When their investments are diverted from developing new technologies that employ people, everyone loses.

Worldwide, fraud in the information technology industry has a staggering economic impact — so much so that research from IDC on the economic impact of piracy indicates that lowering the global PC software piracy rate by 10 points in four years would result in an increase of more than \$60 billion in tax receipts.

Based on cost estimates from the Organization for Economic Co-Operation and Development (OECD), those funds could provide more than 30 million computers for schools, health care for 32 million people, 7 million college degrees, four years of Internet access for more than 20 million people, and primary education for approximately 4 million children.

Learn whether your software is genuine. If you use Microsoft technology, you can determine if the software you're using is legitimate by visiting the Web site Microsoft.com/genuine.

If you see a software deal that looks "too good to be true," it probably is. Dealing with only well-known, reputable resellers that buy from authorized distributors will help ensure that you're protecting yourself and your business.

City officials network at MSA

By Bob St. John
Staff Writer

Grosse Pointe Woods City Manager Mark Wollenweber and city councilmember Vicki Granger attended last week's annual Michigan Suburban Alliance (MSA) meeting at the Southfield Public Library.

"It's a great way for city officials to network," Wollenweber said. "We discuss ways to make communities stronger. It's a very good meeting."

The MSA's philosophy utilizes the triple bottom line, which is economic prosperity, environmental sustainability and social equity.

Grosse Pointe Woods and neighbor Grosse Pointe Park are two of the 26 cities that are MSA members. The others are Allen Park, Center Line, Dearborn, Dearborn Heights, Eastpointe, Ferndale, Hamtramck, Harper Woods, Hazel Park, Huntington Woods, Lincoln Park, Melvindale, Monroe, Mount Clemens, Pleasant Ridge, River Rouge, Rockwood, Roseville, Southfield, Southgate, Taylor, Warren, Wayne and Ypsilanti.

One of the top priorities of this non-profit organization is to put into action its project called "Redevelopment Ready Communities (RRC)."

The MSA said of its project, "Because of the complexities associated with redevelopment in built-out suburbs, these cities are at a disadvantage when it comes to attracting investors. Until they learn how to prepare for redevelopment, older communities will continue to miss out on investment opportunities. Through a set of best practices and a certification system, RRC is bolstering the competitive attractiveness of built-out suburbs by encouraging them to streamline their development processes."

During the certification process, each city receives



PHOTO BY BOB ST. JOHN
Grosse Pointe Woods' City Manager Mark Wollenweber, left, and Woods city councilmember Vicki Granger, right, attended the fourth annual Michigan Suburban Alliance meeting and came away with valuable information to help city officials make better decisions.

technical support from RRC planning consultants and industry professionals. The program is creating cities where government and citizens share a vision for their community and work together to achieve it."

The first five RRC communities are Eastpointe, Hazel Park, River Rouge, Southfield and Ypsilanti. Gov. Jennifer Granholm will officiate a ceremony honoring these five communities for the RRC.

"This gives us a voice in the community," MSA Executive Director Conan Smith said. "We encourage growth among communities between Detroit and Ann Arbor."

Smith emphasized the importance of MSA's mission of helping communities come together and help one another during the state's troubled economic times.

"Area colleges (University of Michigan, University of Michigan-Dearborn, Michigan State University, Wayne State

University and Eastern Michigan University) are making a concerted effort to study this area's economic situation to help city leaders and citizens make better decisions."

Granger asked MSA members to take a close look at more innovative means of construction, such as pipe bursting instead of pipe cutting.

"We saved our city \$70,000 by using this new technique of construction during a big water main project a couple of years ago," Granger said. "However, if more cities were to utilize this technique, we could send out bids and the overall price would be even lower."

Smith spoke about the group's mission to battle regional challenges, such as to establish fair, diverse and stable funding; an equitable and just society; sustainable development; and adequate and well-maintained infrastructure.

"There are several communi-

ties on the verge of bankruptcy, and that isn't the way it is supposed to be," Smith said. "We aim to help these communities and our members stay economically stable because it not only helps local businesses but its residents."

Smith also mentioned communities should consider consolidating services, such as administrative duties.

"We have to have a connection to this space," guest speaker Robin Boyle (a professor of urban planning and chair of the department of geography and urban planning at Wayne State University). "A region isn't a region unless it has a core, a center. Detroit is such a core, and we need a strong, vibrant core."

Doug Rothwell, president of Detroit Renaissance, a private, nonprofit organization composed of the region's major corporate leaders which promotes economic development, said, "We are an underachieving group. This environment has to look in the mirror and say we have to make better use of the resources we already have."

A third panelist, Alma Wheeler Smith, current state representative (D-Ypsilanti) also served as a state senator. She has worked for the people of Washtenaw County as a cablecasting commissioner, a school board member and as a county commissioner.

"It's important for us to develop a conversation with each other," Wheeler Smith said. "Communities have to talk to each other to become more effective."

Each of the five Grosse Pointe public safety departments and city governments keep in constant contact.

Other examples of communities helping each other are the Rouge River Cleanup and the St. Clair Shores Nautical Coast Cleanup.

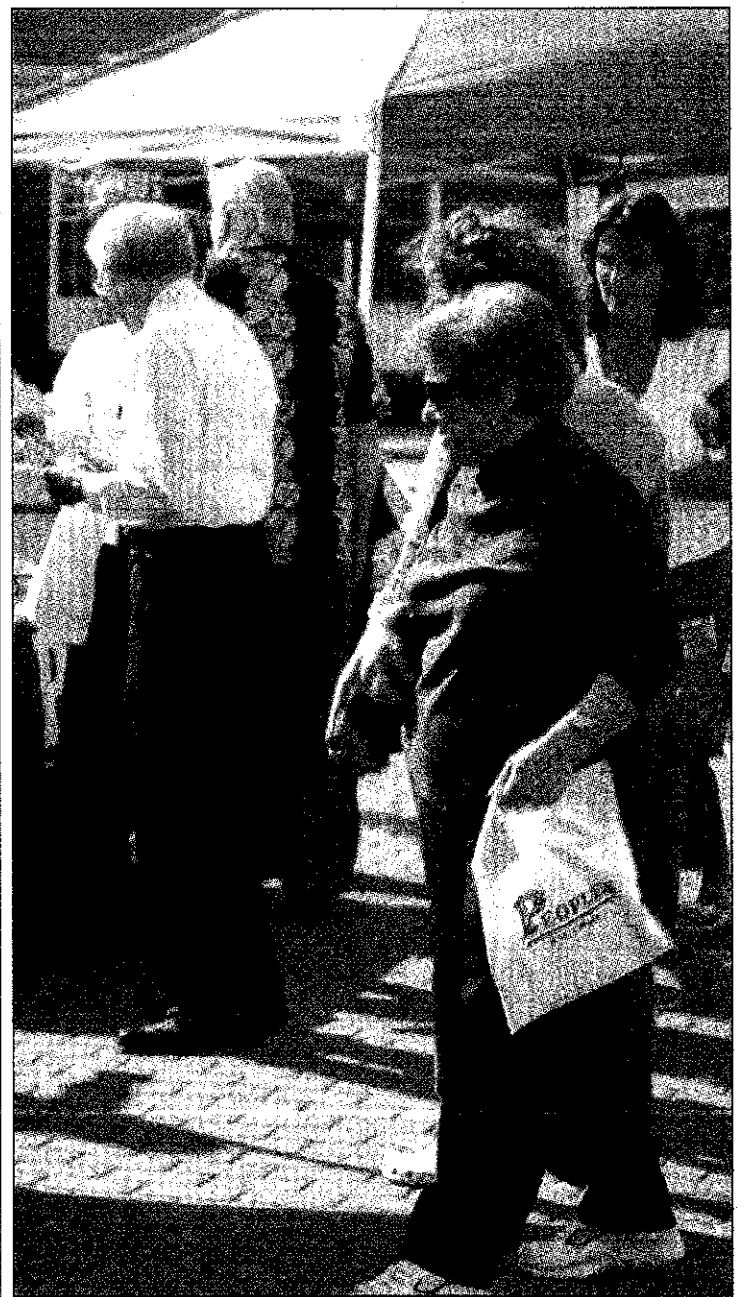


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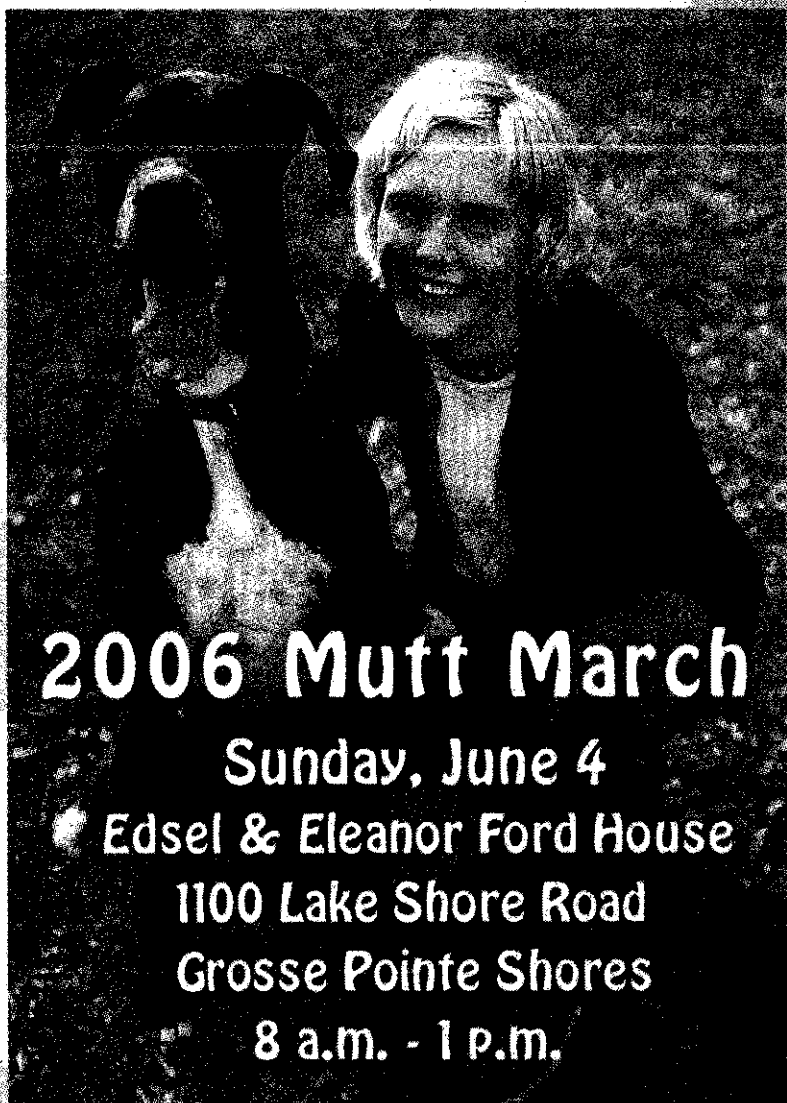
Hundreds of people flocked to Mack to shop, eat and talk to friends during the business district's sales event, Your Dreams Come True on Mack Avenue put on by the Grosse Pointe Business and Professional Association of Mack Avenue. The event featured local businesses along Mack that gave away promotional items and food. Pictured above, sunny skies allowed more people to flock to the streets, including Grosse Pointe Woods councilmember Al Dickinson, left. Grosse Pointe Business and Professional Association of Mack Avenue President Toni DiClemente, along with representatives of dozens of businesses, put together another successful event.

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Grosse Pointe North High's Impact Club has been working all year on projects which benefit people of the Detroit area. In April, they made for Bon Secours Cottage Hospital. From left, Ann Galbo, Stacie Sharples and Kim Coughlin cut the fleece squares for pillows.

At right, Chris Cullen, Alaina Whitney and Alex Davenport work the sewing machines while Dino Ruggeri, far right, cuts pillow fabric.

Astronomy projects offer insight to what's above us

Grosse Pointe North advanced astronomy students will be talking about their passion — objects in the heavens. This public presentation is a requirement for the class. Doors open 15 minutes before the hour long program begins and seating is on a first-come, first-serve basis. No children four or younger will be admitted.

Programs are free, but donations to the astronomy program are appreciated.

Adam Ferkovich and Marie LaCombe will present "The Little Guys: Asteroids and Meteors" at 7 p.m. Friday, May 26.

These pieces of rock floating through the solar system have lent much knowledge to the scientific world of astronomy and have opened the world's eyes to the stars in a whole new dimension then ever before. This show will cover many topics concerning meteors and asteroids including what make the two so different. The students will discuss comets and meteor showers, including how to observe Comet Schwassmann-Wachmann that's in the sky now. Immediately following the presentation, the audience

will have the opportunity to observe meteorites.

"Fire and Ice" will be presented by Janine Plourde and Melissa Light at 4:30 p.m. Tuesday, May 30.

The interactive presentation is about planets at the two extremes of the sun: Mercury, the closest at 58 million kilometers and Pluto the farthest at 5.9 billion kilometers.

Created specifically with children in mind, the show will discuss the differences and similarities between the two smallest planets and the effects their distances from the sun have on them.

At 7 p.m. Wednesday, May 31, Kevin Rey and Ross Nuechterlein will give attendees a crash course in star and constellation identification. They will talk about the sixth planet from the sun from its composition to the missions sent there.

2006: A Cytherean Odyssey will be presented by Carl Boscarino and Steve LaRue at 7 p.m. Thursday, June 1. This exploration of Venus, the closest planet to Earth, includes a discussion of mythology, physical characteristics of the planet, and the problems of calling

its "Earth's sister planet." Also included will be a session on the current night sky, including the constellations and brightest stars, the mythology behind them and upcoming sky events.

Nathan Stano and Jerry McDonnell present "Mars: Bringer of War" at 7 p.m. Monday, June 5. They offer a personal tour of the history and future of Martian exploration as well as a photo tour of the Martian landscape. The journey will be made through the eyes of the newest rovers, Spirit and Opportunity, through high quality and 3-D images. Explore the past of Mars exploration, from Mariner 4 to the newest and future missions planned by NASA.

"The Dark Side of the Moon" will be presented at 7 p.m. Tuesday, June 6, by Zak Schroeder and Mike Hulway.

Humans have long been interested in the moon, whether it's the myths and folklore of past centuries or plans of the future in the 21st century. Indulge in ancient folklore, the Apollo missions and the space race of the 1960s and 1970s and what is next.

Making real impact

By Ann L. Fouty
Staff Writer

There is a correlation between pizza sales and donating fleece-covered pillows. While both satisfy a need, for 40 Grosse Pointe North High students these are just two projects making an impact on the community.

Members the Impact Club, formerly the Key Club, are working together to do the little things that mean a lot.

"We are trying to make an impact on the community," said Impact vice president Alex Davenport. "We do one project a month."

The club's latest community

contribution were the 15 fleece-covered pillows made for the Bon Secours Cottage pediatrics unit for children to take home.

From the pizza sale proceeds sold to their fellow North students, Impact members bought the fleece to make a 14-by-14 inch pillow.

Three girls took over the sewing machines, the guys tried but decided cutting the material was their forte.

In addition to pizza sales, Impact members hold bake sales which netted them more than \$1,000. Out in the community they participated in the Relay for Life, worked in soup kitchens, adopted a family, sang carols at St. John, held a

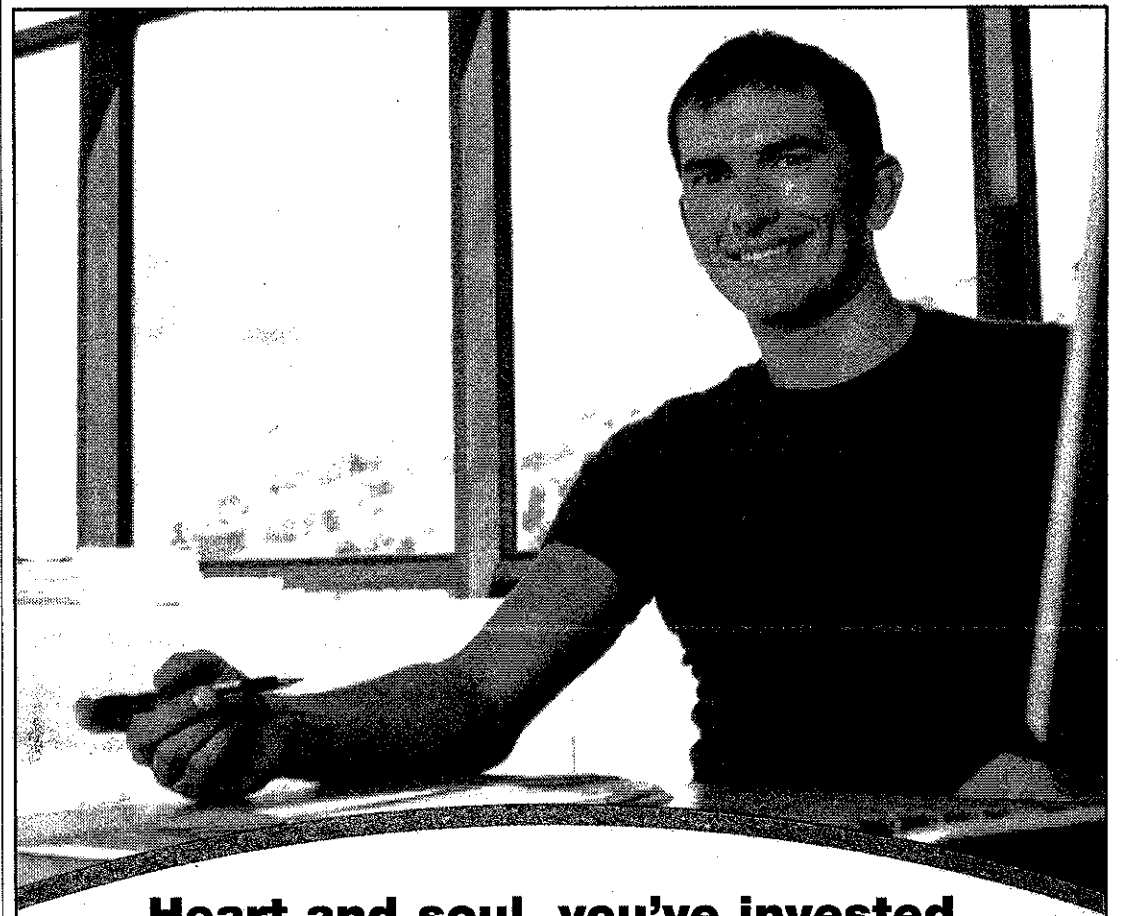
dinner to benefit Hurricane Katrina victims, sponsored a food drive and participated in CROP walk.

It's been an uphill struggle for the three-year old club which is now in the hands of president Andrea Bedway, vice president Davenport, secretary Ellen Palmer and treasurer Abhinav Krishnan.

Davenport said the growth of the Impact Club has been due to networking. It's friends inviting friends to have fun together and give back the community, he said.

"It keeps growing every week," he said.

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Tea for retirees

A tea will be held at 5 p.m., Thursday, June 1, to honor two Monteith Elementary staff members, who are retiring at the end of this school year.

Adele Ricken has worked as Monteith's secretary for nearly 20 years and has set the standard for professionalism and competence, school officials said.

Marilyn Lister began at Monteith as a first-grader and returned as a teacher, staying 32 years.

Families and students are invited to the tea which will be held on the front lawn of the school, 1275 Cook Road, Grosse Pointe Woods.

Taking care of Earth

Students at St. Clare of Montefalco are learning how to take care of the Earth.

For one week in April all students celebrated the Earth and how to help and maintain it.

They decorated paper grocery bags for distribution at a local Kroger store on Earth Day, April 22. The idea was to encourage others to recycle, said teacher Joan Gilleski.

Lunch time that week was also dedicated to helping the Earth. Instead of tossing out

unwanted food, students in the two lunch periods had their waste weighed. The goal was to throw nothing away. Waste generally ranged from three pounds to seven pounds, Gilleski said. But it was the students in the first hour who won the contest when they only threw away two pounds of unwanted food.

National Junior Honor Society members provided facts about trash, recycling and reuse during twice-daily an-

nouncements. This was accompanied by parents' ideas on how to take care of the Earth at home.

Rain forest T-shirts were sold with the idea of saving an acre of land. For every 10 shirts sold, one acre could be saved. This year students were able to protect 24.7 acres. It's part of the school's mission to teach students responsibility of caring for the Earth, Gilleski said.

"It's an awareness. The Earth has limitations," she said.

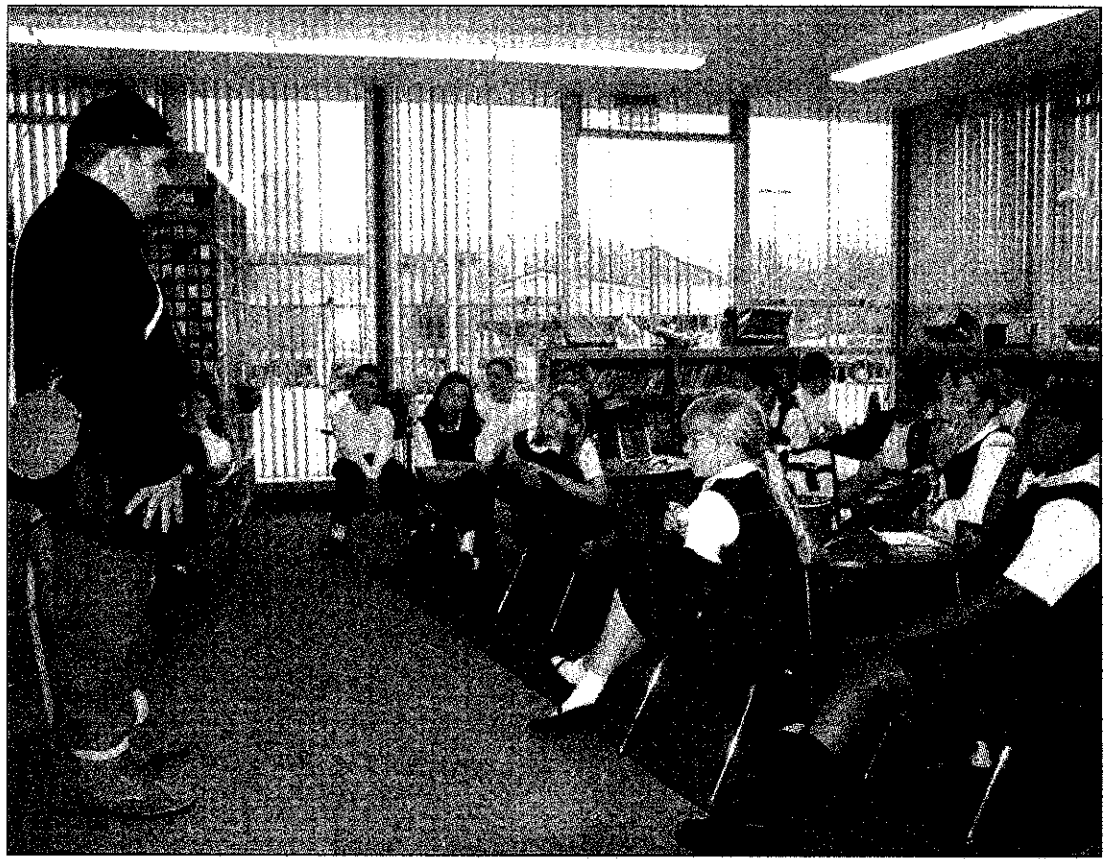


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Civil War presentation

A chorus of "eeewww" rose from fifth-graders in the library of Our Lady Star of the Sea School when they heard that Civil War soldiers had to eat weevil-infested hard tack. The 20 members of the Grosse Pointe Woods school's War Club also learned that the bored soldiers would conduct weevil races to amuse themselves, when they weren't busy making a meal by boiling their dinner of bacon and dried beans in a cloth bag. Every Tuesday for six weeks Star middle school teacher Paul Ignagni, dressed in an authentically recreated uniform representing a different period of conflict, meets with interested fifth grade students for lunchtime lessons about war. One of his uniforms is an Upper Peninsula sharpshooter.



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Dancing partners

Dads and their young daughters had a chance to brush up their dancing style during St. Paul's Catholic School Father Daughter Dance. Alyssa Armada and her father, Tony, were among the many couples of fathers and daughters to attend the dance in the school which was transformed into a ballroom with stars, balloons, and tables covered with confetti and candy kisses. Smiles were part of the accessories that each dancer wore.

Student declared Academy head

Grosse Pointe Academy second-grader Lily Patterson was declared Acting Head for a Day of her school on April 7.

Patterson won the right to

rule the school as her parents were the winning bidders at the 2005 Action Auction, held in early May.

"I grant to Lily Patterson all powers and responsibilities appropriate and necessary to her functioning in office.

"Her day included the time to accompany the Head of School on a tour of the Grosse Pointe Academy cam-

pus, the ability to grant free dress for all the second-grade students and the authority to lengthen recess time for second-grade students following lunch," said Phil Demartini, the academy's head.

By all accounts, Patterson carried out her duties and accepted the rights and privileges afforded to her and her classmates for the day.

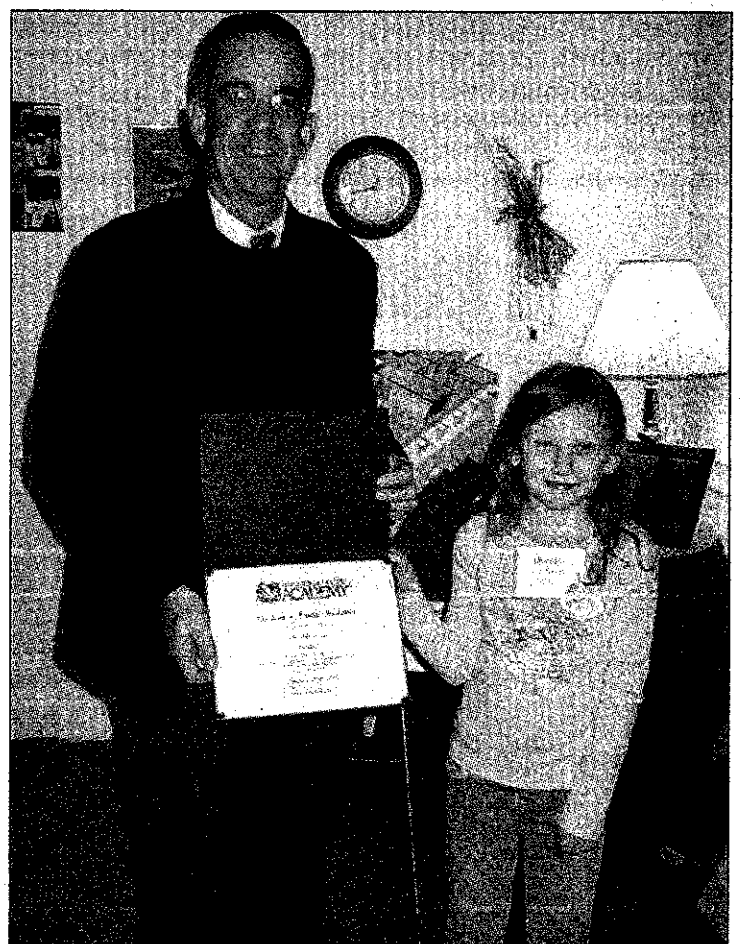


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Second-grader Lily Patterson, right, and Grosse Pointe Academy Head of School Phil Demartini. Patterson took over the reins of the school for a day on April 7.

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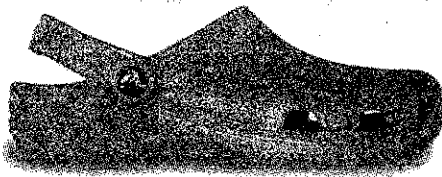
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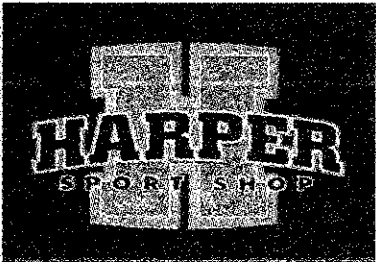
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GROSSE POINTE SCHOOLS

State gives schools high grade

By Ann L. Fouty
Staff Writer

Grosse Pointe elementary and middle schools have received high marks from the State of Michigan in its annual Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) ranking.

All elementary schools, except Poupard, and all three middle schools have received an "A" for the 2005-06 school year. Poupard was given a "B" but it, too, was close to being awarded an A, said Susan Allan, Grosse Pointe Public Schools assistant superintendent for curriculum and instruction.

High school AYP marks will come out this summer.

Through this ranking the state is able track schools accountability and if they are producing good results.

"This is the state's way of saying the schools are doing good," she said. "We are very pleased with the results. It is unusual for a district of our size for the MEAP scores to go up. But we have always been high ranking."

Allan attributes this year's AYP improvement to the improved MEAP scores. In the 2004-05 ranking, six elemen-

taries received As and six Bs, she said.

MEAP scores are the real factor and are supposed to show improvement. With so many As on the Grosse Pointe report card, where is there to go?

"The thing is," Allan said, "the state is raising the bar each year. We must continue to show improvement. If we have the same percentage of passing rate next year as this year, the rating will go down."

There is always room for improvement and Grosse Pointe school's continuing goal is to aspire for more students to do well on the MEAP when 95 percent of all students must take the MEAP.

Allan pointed out Grosse Pointe's target is for every student to succeed, and to get every student functioning at his/her grade level.

AYP also takes into account curriculum alignment, how the district monitors its own performance, teacher quality, arts and humanities education and family involvement.

"We are continuing to improve. I'm pleased the state sees our school both achieving and engaging and continues to improve," she said.



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Poster home

The staff and students at Children's Home of Detroit made posters to remind the community to set aside Saturday, June 10, to help frame the Habitat for Humanity House to be shipped to Hancock County, Miss. This is their contribution to Grosse Pointe "Project Welcome." Other public school children have been fundraising for nearly six months in an effort to raise some \$50,000, the price of the home. The community build begins at 9:30 a.m. in Grosse Pointe South High parking lot. Volunteers are needed to build, sign cards to be sent with the house and financially support the project.

Class reunions slated

◆ Grosse Pointe High School Class of '56 will hold its 50th class reunion on Friday, Sept. 15, at Andiamo's. A dinner is scheduled for Saturday, Sept. 16, at the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club. A Sunday, Sept. 17, brunch will be served at Jack's.

For more information, call (313) 884-6689 or e-mail GPHS56@hotmail.com.

◆ Grosse Pointe North Class of 1976 has scheduled a class reunion for 7 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 12, at the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club.

For more information, call (313) 885-6377 or go to gpn-class1976.com.

◆ Grosse Pointe South Class of 1971 will hold its 35th reunion on Saturday, Aug. 12, at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial.

Alumni are asked to send their current home and e-mail addresses to gbogatko@comcast.net or Class Reunion, 355 Linden, Birmingham, Mich. 48009.

◆ Denby High School Class

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Adequate Yearly Progress

Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) is one of the cornerstones of the federal No Child Left Behind (NCLB) Act in Michigan. It's a measure of year-to-year student achievement on the Michigan Education Assessment Program (MEAP) test. According to NCLB, Michigan and other states must develop target starting goals for AYP and the state must "raise the bar" in gradual increments so 100 percent of the students in the state are progressing on state assessments by the 2013-14 school year. While responsibility for making AYP is focused on the core subjects of English language arts and mathematics, schools and districts are encouraged to examine their progress in all subjects and use the information to help focus their school improvement planning and professional development activities.

GROSSE POINTE BOARD OF EDUCATION

School board loses Vreede

By Ann L. Fouty
Staff Writer

Citing her husband's ill health, Lisa Vreede resigned her position on the Grosse Pointe Board of Education effective June 30. Vreede was the board's vice president this year.

As stated in her resignation letter, read to the board on May 18, her husband, Marc, is facing health challenges. She said she needed to be available for her family.

Her letter continued to say it had been an honor for her to work with the staff. She was proud to live in a community which put the needs of the students first and one that "makes education a high priority."

Board president Jeff Broderick accepted the resignation, noting it was sad to see her leave but "family comes first."

"It's been a pleasure to work with her," said Superintendent Susan Klein. "She has energy and vision about the schools and holds chords the importance it is for kids."

Klein went on to say that Vreede believed in community service having been a volunteer at her children's schools and taking it a step farther by serving on the school board. Her interests in the district were wide reaching and encompassed the Grosse Pointe Foundation for Public Education, Welcome (the Habitat for Humanity project) and how the curriculum is made effective so all children

could learn.

Vreede and her husband contributed a substantial amount of seed money earlier this year to get the foundation going.

"She was interested in about everything and eager to make sure she understood so she could talk to the community," Klein said.

Vreede served on the facilities oversight committee as the bond projects began and ran the budget subcommittee.

"It has been terrific working with her. We will miss her," she said.

Vreede has served on the board not quite one term having been elected in 2003. Her term expires June 30, 2007.

The board will accept letters of interest and applications for Vreede's replacement through Monday, June 12. Applications will be available on the school Web site. Interviews are to be conducted one evening in mid-June.

At present, the board has decided to select the candidate to serve out Vreede's term, at 8 a.m., Thursday, July 13.

The new board member will be sworn in, along with new board member Fred Minturn, during the regular board meeting that evening.

Minturn was voted to fill a one year term left vacant by the resignation of Joan Richardson.

Brandan Walsh was elected to fill the four year term vacated by Broderick, who did not seek re-election.

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Golden Social Studies Olympians

Problem solved by Bono Broncos.

By Ann L. Fouty
Staff Writer

There are some budding FEMA problem solvers at Brownell Middle School. Four sixth-graders came up with logistics to evacuate and reconstruct a fictitious Florida city hit by a category four hurricane.

Andrew Georgeson, Matthew Bove, Andrew Malley and James McNelis so well charted, explained and illustrated their plan that they, the team of Bono Broncos Academic All-Stars, came home with the top prize from the state Social Studies Olympiad.

The team competed against seventh- and eighth-grade teams from around the state. Out of a possible 110 points, the Bono Broncos accumulated 105.

Each member has been working for months contributing his special abilities to the project. Bove's talent was handling the economic end of the plan while McNelis was the artist and Georgeson was the organizer. Malley was the salesman. They even worked during Easter break to prepare for the presentation, said school sponsor Jeannie Brousseau.

While she watched them grow as a cohesive team, she said she also witnessed life skills, math, Internet use, working cooperatively and geography skills enhance as they prepared for their 10-minute presentation.

Decidedly, it was a big project, Georgeson said. But it turned out to be fun as they created a west coast Floridian city which was in the direct path of a hurricane. The four

laid out a plan for evacuation and reconstruction following the hurricane.

The team named the city Bono, in honor of the pop singer, songwriter and guitarist of U2, who is also known for his social awareness.

The Bono Broncos laid out the infrastructure with population, businesses, services and economy on Excel. They prepared a red backpack for every family in the mid-sized city with supplies for two to three days, based on Red Cross suggestions.

Four maps were prepared

and a quadra-fold board showing the before, during and after aspects of the hurricane. The team planned for the training of 8,000 volunteers to direct people to safe places, evacuation routes and how to turn the city around to accept tourists again, upon which Bono's economy is based.

They worked every Thursday until 4:30 p.m. and on half days until 2:30 p.m.

"It's fun to learn new stuff," Brousseau said. "It was such a charge to watch them go as far as they did."

Team answered in four seconds

By Ann L. Fouty
Staff Writer

One by one, Brownell's quiz bowl team knocked other schools out of the running for the state championship at the Social Studies Olympiad. They bumped out the dominate team, Parcels Middle School, to come home with the gold. Parcels received the bronze.

Seventh-graders Stephen Morrison, Jacob Centala and

Dan Dou and eighth-grader Evan Centala each brought something different to the table. Whether it was Dou's knowledge of presidents or who dominated Mexico prior to the Spaniards arrival, (the winning question) they knew the answer.

Jacob Centala's speciality is America, Canada and Latin America and Evan Centala's is U.S. history.

Parcels was the toughest school to play and it came down to the final question of who dominated Mexico prior to the Spaniards.

Coach Jean Brousseau said she felt confident they would get into the final eight and hoped to improve from fourth place last year.

All teams are assured of two rounds of play. It takes five rounds and about two and half hours for the top eight to proceed to the finals answering five, 10, 15 and 20 point questions.

Teams have four seconds to buzz in on questions about Canada, Latin America, current events, the Eastern and Western hemisphere and world geography. Six seconds is allowed if the first team misses the question.

"I give them extra homework," Brousseau said, "a list of presidents, maps with deserts, mountains and rivers."

Dou supplemented his knowledge by checking out the library's resources. "I checked out five books on presidents," he said.

Evan said he continually read up on current events and Morrison went online to various geography question sites. They agreed watching the Discovery and nature channels was a plus. It all boiled down to instantaneous recall of the knowledge accumulated in the past five months. But, just to be on the safe side, Jacob Centala had a talisman in his pocket, a lucky frog from Canterbury Village.

"I always eat waffles," Morrison said.

The only good luck piece the team needed was knowledge.

With gold around their necks, they plan on participating in quiz bowl at the high school level.

"There's a new attitude in town," Brousseau said.

Question example: Who was president during the Trail of Tears? (Andrew Jackson)

What is Africa's highest point? (Mount Kilimanjaro)



Brownell Middle School Social Studies Olympiad winners include James McNelis, Jacob Centala, Andrew Georgeson, Evan Centala, Andrew Malley, Jeannie Brousseau (coach), Dan Dou, Matt Bove and Stephen Morrison

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Construction is planned

School buildings won't be empty for long once the children have left for summer vacation. There are a number of projects scheduled to be completed.

At Mason Elementary, 75 percent of the roof will be replaced. The current roof is 22 years old and has seen its share of repairs.

The board of education approved Royal Roofing for the project at a cost of \$115,000.

Richard Elementary's pipes are in need of immediate attention, said Chris Fenton, the district's assistant superintendent for business affairs. R.W. Mead & Sons will be replacing all hot and cold water pipes, waste and vent piping. Steam vent piping will also be replaced, as will the steam supply and condensation return piping for \$422,000. Money from the sinking fund will be used for

this project.

"There was a significant break in the spring," Fenton said of Richard's pipe system. "It's one of the worst ones we have run across."

Ruther Construction Inc. has been awarded the bid to construct a 500 square foot garage addition at Poupard Elementary at a cost of \$77,700. The building will be constructed on the existing foundation and will house lawn equipment and salt.

Money from the sinking fund will be used to pay for the project which, according to Fenton, has been on the books for some time.

Parcels Middle School's summer project will include the renovation of the vacated public library space. The school library will be made larger and two special education classrooms will be built. Ruther

Construction was awarded the bid of \$271,700 to complete the remodeling, including the electrical and mechanical. Some \$150,000 will be taken from the bond funds and \$121,000 from the sinking fund to pay for the project.

At Pierce Middle School, the summer project includes remodeling the library, adding two special education classrooms and a social studies classroom. M.L. Schoenherr Construction will be doing the work for \$358,000; \$150,000 will come from the bond fund, \$193,500 from the sinking fund; and \$15,000 from the ADA sinking fund.

Nagle Paving Co. will be resurfacing the staff parking lot at North High School for a cost of \$198,890. This includes installing a base and four inches of asphalt and resurfacing the old tennis courts.

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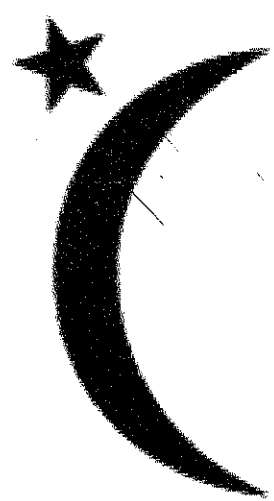
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Relay for Life at Gros Pointe



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TOP LEFT: For 24 hours, teams camp out, each taking turns. RIGHT: Survivors and their caregivers take their victory lap. FAR LEFT: Ben Boettcher and Ben Boettcher help volunteers preparing food for people. Jean Redfield, a cancer survivor, is the beginning of the survivors' relay. The 8 torches (the ones that stay lit) and when the torches were lit. Procopio (masseur) gives a foot massage. LOW LEFT: The team Fishing Hole, led by Patty McKee who headed a team at the Farms Market. Pictured, left to right: Ben Boettcher, Patty McKee, Annie McKee and Ben Boettcher. RIGHT: Alison Wright and Candyland where their donation was placed. Grosse Pointe North volleyball team in their finest frocks, run the relay at Farms Pier Park in an effort to win the coveted title of "Mr. Relay 2006." BELOW RIGHT: A 12-hour concert for survivors. BOTTOM LEFT: A 12-hour concert for everyone. BOTTOM RIGHT: A 12-hour concert for everyone. CENTER BOTTOM RIGHT: Mangled tent: Sunday morning the storm forced people to



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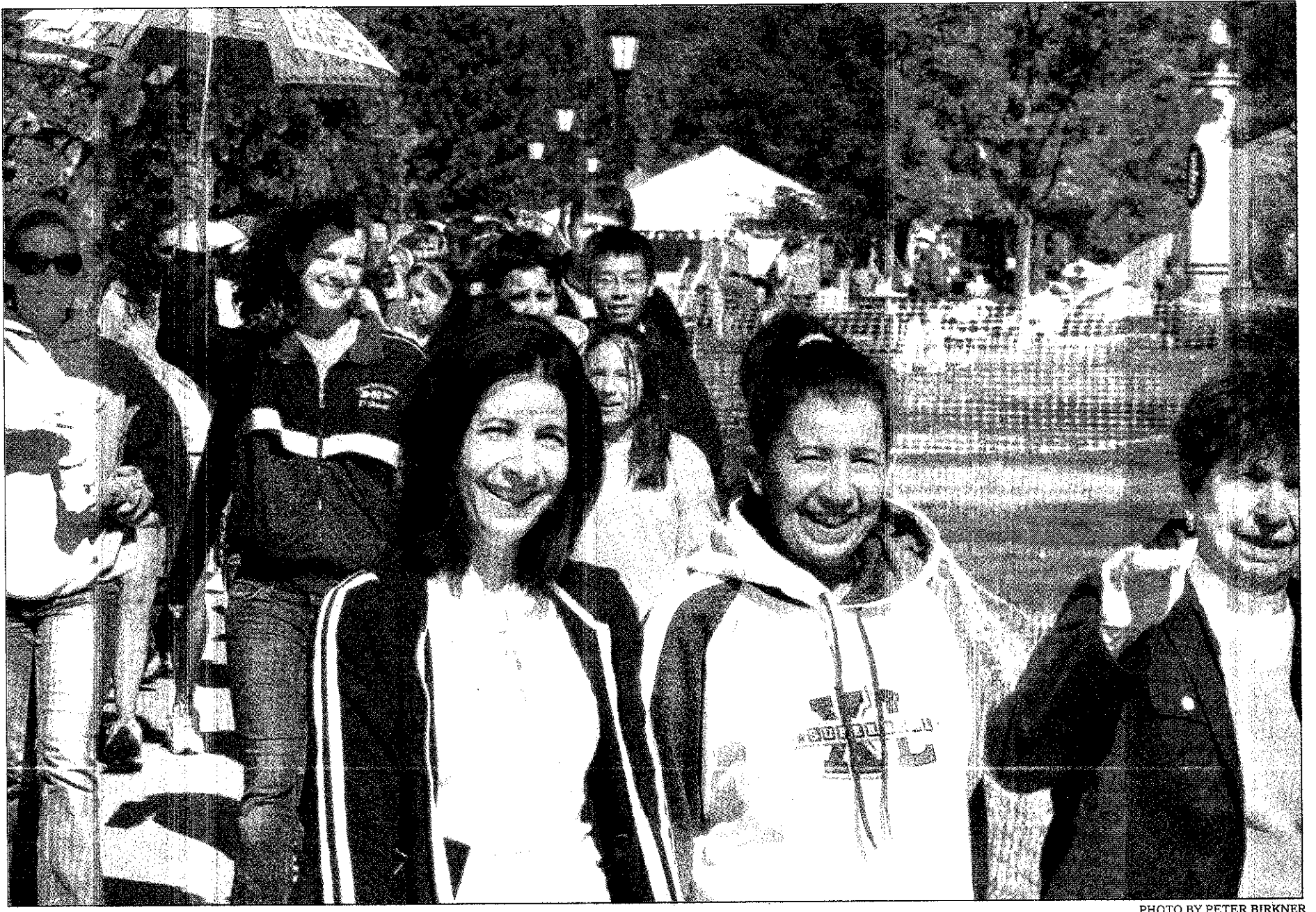


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of family, friends and co-work- walking the track. TOP givers take the first lap as Secours Cottage Hospital vol- e attending the Relay. LEFT: r, lights one of the torches for nly lap. A survivor lit each one elled out the word survivor) e survivor lap began. Lisa t massage to Keara Crook. BE- or A Cure was organized by r of 20 people, sponsored by ight, are Luke Boettcher, Jenny McKee, Jane McKee, Patrick H. Frank Fitzgerald (behind and her son Andrew Wright at n gets them their choice of can- all. FAR RIGHT: Adult men nning around Grosse Pointe collect the most donations and ay 2006." BELOW FAR RIGHT: s: The Wild West Wranglers uminaria honors cancer victims t was held with music for ley Crook tosses a newspaper e of the Grosse Pointe News coaching her on her throw. anda Barba enjoying the ac- ning found a few tents left af- ail before morning.



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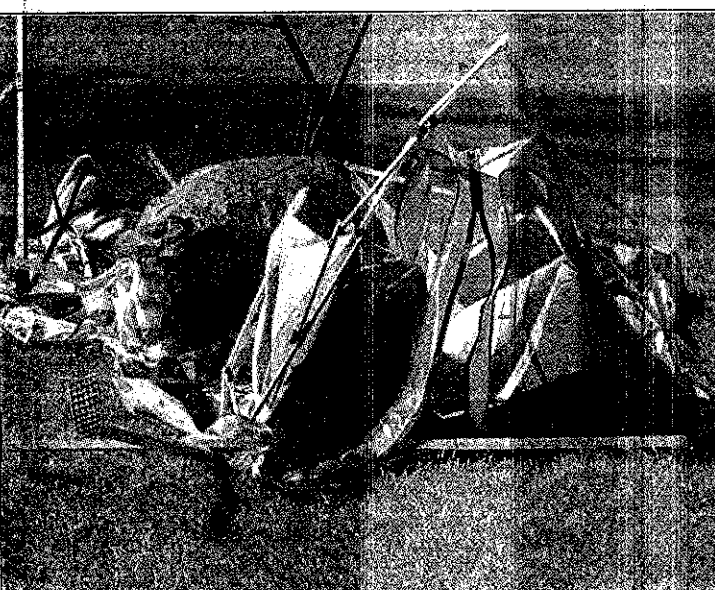


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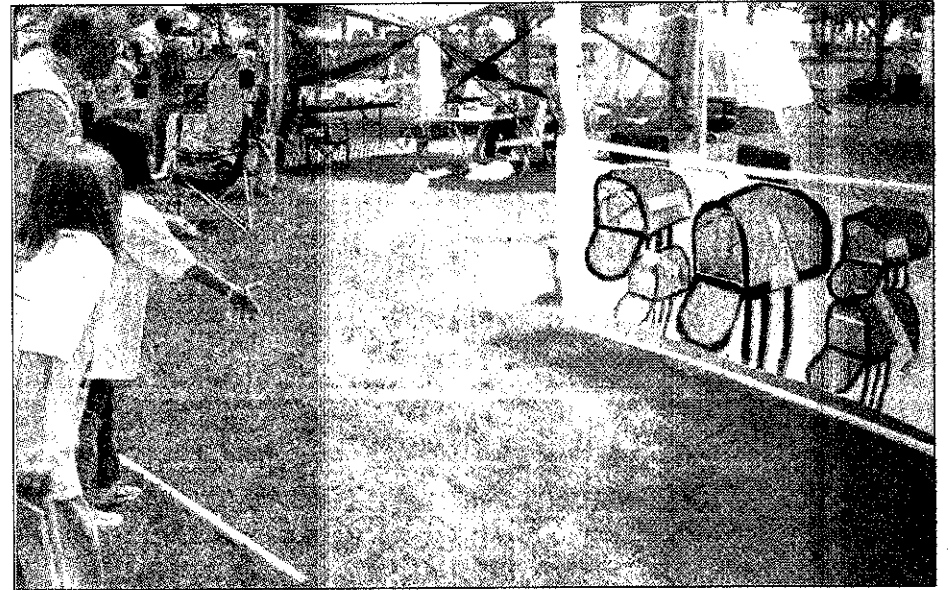


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GROSSE POINTE SHORES

Welcome to your own back yard

Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

How'd you like to live in a community where everyone — every resident, not just homeowners — had an 8.3-acre backyard overlooking Lake St. Clair?

Where everyone had a swimming pool. A backyard where every toddler had a wading pool.

Where every parent had a park bench to sit on to watch their children play on a jungle gym built atop of a padded surface.

Where every family had their choice of picnic tables under shade trees or near the lake.

Where everyone had their own boat well in their own newly-dredged marina. Their own security guards. Their own lifeguards, most likely high school or college students who grew up in the neighborhood.

A backyard where activities are organized for each individual all summer long: camp outs, movies, day trips to amusement parks, swimming lessons and tennis classes.

How'd you like to live in a place like that? No wonder Grosse Pointe Shores is such a popular place.

Each resident has a waterfront playground in the form of Osius Park.

"Parents know when they send their kids to the park, it's a safe place for them to enjoy themselves," said Jim Cooke, head of the parks and recreation department. "Parents don't have to worry. The kids are in good hands with my staff."

The staff will have their hands full when park activities kick into high gear starting Memorial Day weekend.

"It's that time of year," Cooke said.

The pool opens Friday, May 26, at 4 p.m. Early morning lap swimming starts Saturday, May 27, from 6 to 7:30 a.m.

Early swim is held each day except Thursday.

Lifeguards, about 75 percent of whom returned as seasonal employees from last year, are being tested this week for certification.

"Our staff is full," Cooke said. "Our entire coaching staff is intact from last year. That bodes well for our swim program."

This season is the last hurrah for many students on Cooke's staff.

"They're becoming seniors in college," he said. "Especially with our coaching staff, this will be their last year at the park."

Nearly 140 youngsters have signed up for the Sharks municipal swim team.

"That's huge for us," Cooke said.

It wasn't long ago when the Shores could barely get a team together.

Cooke said increased participation in recreation activities at the park is due to a wider variety of offerings.

"There's things we do for kids on the swim team: trips to Cedar Point, movies and all-night camp outs," Cooke said. "Coaches also make a big difference. We have a lot of great people working with the kids."

There's more to do than swim.

Joe Fodel, a popular tennis instructor, is returning this season.

"His wife, Mary, is going to be running an arts and crafts program through the summer," Cooke said. "We'll also have sort of a meals on wheels pro-



PHOTO BY BRAD LINDBERG

A lakeside stroll is always close by at Osius Park in Grosse Pointe Shores.

gram. Mary will take lunch orders and deliver box lunches at the park. That will be nice for mothers. They won't have to pack up so much when kids spend the day at the park."

Recent improvements to the park are the boardwalk, promenade and outlooks.

"They're a couple years old but growing in popularity," Cooke said. "The peninsula area, which at one time was not heavily used, is now our number one picnic area. We try to run a lot of activities on the

peninsula because of the view of the lake and accessibility of the walkway. It's a nice place to be on a beautiful summer day."

Although plans are in the works to renovate the marina, that doesn't mean maintenance has slowed on the current one.

"Over winter we painted all the inner harbor metal docks," Cooke said.

Dredging is nearly finished. A contractor focused on the inner harbor, where a 5 1/2-foot depth was established. The eight-foot-deep outer harbor didn't need dredging.

"Summer is coming up better than imagined," Cooke said.

For information about recreation activities, schedules and special events at Osius Park, call the park office at (313) 884-23005.

CITY OF GROSSE POINTE

Confessed killer beat murder rap

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

The prosecution's born again witness in the Marasco murder trial is anything but a choir boy.

Andre Lamar Williams, 36, confessed gunman in a killing he says was orchestrated by a City of Grosse Pointe man, has a history of similar trials and tribulations.

In 2001, Williams was charged in his hometown of Detroit for premeditated murder with a pistol.

The case resulted in his acquittal in Wayne County Circuit Court, the same place he is expected to testify this month against Joseph Michael Marasco, 51, of the City, regarding last year's execution-style murder in the City of Barbara Ann Iske, 57, of Sterling Heights.

Marasco's defense attorneys have known for months that Williams is a career criminal with three felony convictions and lengthy prison record. But they said they were angered to learn from prosecutors within a couple of weeks of trial that Williams had been charged with a similar type of homicide within recent years.

"This should have been disclosed to us long ago," said Philip Thomas, representing Marasco at a special hearing on the matter Thursday, May 18 before Wayne County Judge Gregory D. Bill.

Bill ordered the evidence turned over by 3 p.m. Friday, May 19.

Jury selection in the case was scheduled to start yesterday, Wednesday, May 24, after the Grosse Pointe News deadline.

Thomas filed a motion accusing prosecutors of intentionally concealing Williams' earlier first degree murder charge.

"To allow the prosecution to purposely conceal known exculpatory material until it chooses to disclose it would sanction gamesmanship at the expense of justice," according

to the 20-point, six-page motion.

Robert A. Stevens, assistant prosecuting attorney, said the defense team already knew of Williams' 2001 troubles.

Defense lawyers said they learned about the earlier murder charge from evidence obtained under a motion to reveal Williams' criminal history. Yet, details of the 2001 case weren't included.

"If there is an acquittal, we destroy the file," said Stevens, offering nevertheless to search for it.

Thomas wanted time before trial to research Williams' earlier case for possible similarities with Iske's killing.

Defense attorneys said they might interview witnesses associated with the case to test the veracity of Williams' character and, by extension, the truthfulness of his testimony against Marasco.

"It could lead to impeachment of the prosecution's witness," Thomas said outside court.

Tempers rose between prosecution and defense attorneys during the hearing.

Judge Bill wouldn't have it. "You will speak through the court; no interruptions," Bill said. "I will not cut you short. There's going to be no rush to judgment."

During a preliminary examination a few months ago in City of Grosse Pointe Municipal Court, Williams made numerous statements about finding God, wanting to testify honestly and make amends.

Williams testified that Marasco wanted Iske dead because she was interfering with his access to an inheritance, trust fund or similar family "moneys" distributed by his mother.

Iske worked as bookkeeper to Marasco's mother, with whom he lived at 21 Dodge Place.

Marasco is being prosecuted with alleged co-conspirator Derrick Anthony Thompson,

"This is a man who has spent over half his adult life in prison."

PHILIP THOMAS,
Defense attorney

47, of Detroit.

Prosecutors say Thompson, a former prison pal of Williams, acted as Marasco's agent when recruiting Williams to kill Iske.

Thomas plans to prove Marasco had nothing to gain by Iske's demise; that she didn't control family finances and that Marasco was guaranteed trust money no matter what Iske did.

Williams pleaded guilty to the killing. He admits that about 10 a.m. June 14, 2005, Thompson lent him a pistol while driving him to Dodge Place.

The two men reportedly parked on the street in front of the house for about a half-hour waiting for Iske to arrive for work. As she drove up, parked in the driveway and exited her vehicle, Williams testified he snuck up and shot her twice in the head.

Williams faced a mandatory life sentence without parole if convicted of first-degree murder. He pleaded guilty to a lesser crime in exchange for being a prosecution witness.

Williams has begun serving 22 to 32 years incarceration, currently at the Southern Michigan Correctional Facility in Jackson to make it easier for his friends and family to visit.

Thomas criticized Williams' plea bargain.

"This is a man who has spent over half of his adult life in prison," Thomas said in court. "He has a long history of violent behavior."

Thomas, a former Wayne County prosecuting attorney, added outside of court, "They gave a sweetheart deal to a guy they charged for murder four years ago?"

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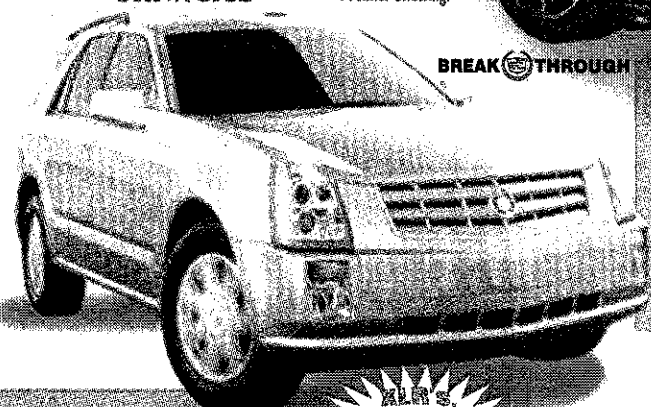
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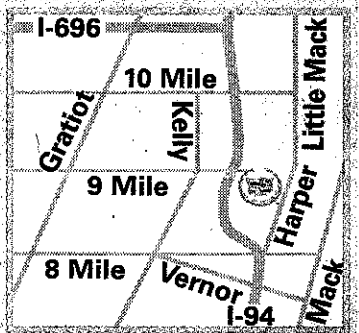
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AUTOWIRE.NET By James E. Bryson

The 2006 Mercury Milan offers a 2.3L Duratec I-4 engine which produces 160 horsepower and 156 pound-feet of torque. The I-4 delivers up to 24 city/32 highway mpg fuel economy.

Milan is a great car, but so is its cousin

Clean, fresh styling on the 2006 Mercury Milan is similar to the Ford Fusion but not totally identical. It's a classy looking car, with Mercury's signature grille drawing attention to its distinctive front end. Aluminum-look trim and a two-tone cabin make the Milan feel like a low-priced Jaguar on the inside. It's a quiet, comfortable cabin that's great for long commutes.

Welcome back, all you journalism fans. It's time for the lightning round in America's hot new game show, "How to Review a Mercury." For the first question, pick how you'd describe the 2006 Mercury Milan.

Choice A: "It's the best car Mercury's made in years."

Choice B: "It's an overpriced Ford Fusion."

Choice C: "Is Mercury still around?"

And the answer is ... well, it's a trick question. A and B are both right, and C will probably be right in a couple of years.

The all-new Milan is the best car Mercury has made in a long, long time. It looks great, drives even better and starts at the bargain-basement price of \$18,995. It's a knockout.

At the same time, that's a full \$1,000 more than the Ford Fusion, a virtually identical car for all practical purposes. Sure, there are some styling differences between the two, but you're basically paying at least \$1,000 — or more than that on some higher-end versions — for a robot to put "Mercury" on the hood instead of "Ford." If

you're sick of hearing jokes that involve the phrase "Fix Or Repair Daily," it might be worth it.

In any case, it's an outstanding car that can compete head-to-head with anything the Japanese have to offer. Just like its Ford cousin, it's a stylish, solid, well-engineered car, and it's probably the best mid-size sedan the Ford Motor Co. has made in two decades.

You can tell the Milan has high aspirations as soon as you sit in the cabin. It has trim that looks like brushed aluminum, an upscale, two-tone color scheme, and contrasting colored stitching in the leather seats. Basically, it looks like a half-price Jaguar.

Outside, it has the same feeling of sportiness and precision as the Fusion, with a chiseled, muscular body and distinctive front end. It's not exactly the same as its Ford counterpart — its roof and side glass are subtly different, for instance, and the taillights look better — but they're close enough that many people wouldn't notice the difference.

The driving feel, however, is a carbon copy of the Fusion, which is nothing to complain about. It's a great car for long commutes, but it also can be fun on twisty roads. The base Milan comes with a 2.3-liter, four-cylinder engine that makes 160 horsepower. While that's not an awful choice, a more fitting engine for this semi-luxury car is the 3.0-liter, 221-horsepower V6.

Mercury's V6 engine is a good one, offering smooth, even acceleration at most



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2006 Mercury Milan: Chiseled lines visually lengthen Milan and add to its precision appearance.

speeds without ever sounding coarse or unrefined. It's got a lot of pep. An optional five-speed automatic transmission is another impressive piece of machinery, especially at the Milan's price. It offers a nearly telepathic link with the driver, shifting faster and with more spunk during spirited driving and switching to smoother, easier shifts when you want to loaf down the highway. Even at high speeds, the Milan's cabin stays quiet enough to carry on

conversations via whispers. It feels like high-end luxury cars did only a few years ago.

The Milan also shares a downside with the Fusion: it's assembled in Mexico, unlike most of its competitors from "import" brands that are actually built in the United States. While the engineering and design work that went into this car went primarily to American employees, it's a shame that it's becoming difficult to find a real all-American

car nowadays.

It's also a shame that Mercury couldn't better differentiate the Milan from its cheaper Ford relative. Mercury's lineup is now almost identical to Ford's, and the brand needs to make itself into something more special if it wants to see substantial growth in the future.

Otherwise, we'll have to start the next episode of "How to Review a Mercury" with choice C.

What was tested? 2006 Mercury Milan Premier (\$22,845). Options: Heated front seats (\$295), audiophile sound system (\$420), traction control (\$95), safety and security package (\$595). Price as tested (including \$650 destination charge): \$24,250.

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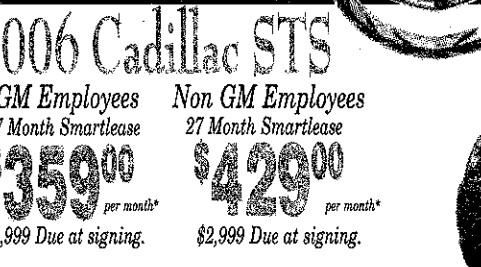
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GROSSE POINTE SHORES

Public safety or making money?

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

Is it traffic enforcement or patrolling for dollars?

Grosse Pointe Shores trustees are thinking about writing a distracted driving ordinance that has uncertain public safety value but is almost guaranteed to generate more ticket revenue for the village.

"Anybody who drives knows you see people all the time doing anything but concentrating on their driving," said Mark McInerney, village attorney. "It would be, obviously, the source of some additional revenue."

Enactment might convince people they should keep their minds on driving, rather than doing such things as talking on cellular telephones.

"I'd support it," said Trustee Karl Kratz.

But no one connected with village hall can cite anything except anecdotal evidence that the ordinance is necessary.

To settle the matter, trustees have instructed the public safety director to determine if there is a need for such an ordinance.

Trustee Dr. Brian Hunt isn't so sure.

"Are we doing this just to generate revenue?" he asked McInerney.

"I wouldn't say it's just to generate revenue," McInerney said. "Hopefully, it's a deterrent."

"A deterrent would be to ban cell phones completely," countered Hunt. "It's not going to be a deterrent. It's just going to be a revenue raising thing for Grosse Pointe Shores. I have a problem with that."

Violation of the proposed ordinance would be a local civil infraction not reported to the Michigan Secretary of State driving bureau for assessment of driver penalty points.

As such, local prosecutors in Shores municipal court could use the ordinance as a bargaining chip against drivers ticketed with breaking more serious

laws.

"Ordinarily, if we charge somebody with a couple of civil infractions, we'll probably work out some sort of deal with them," McInerney said. "Most people would prefer to plead responsible to a non-point ticket than a point ticket for obvious reasons. If somebody says, 'Yes, I may have been speeding but I wasn't distracted,' fine; we'll dismiss the distracted, you plead (guilty) to the speeding (ticket)."

"It would basically be a tax on our residents, because that's who would be getting tickets," Hunt protested.

"On side streets I agree with that," McInerney said. "Most people ticketed are on Lakeshore or Vernier and are going from one place to another through our town. But (it) shouldn't matter who's getting tickets."

McInerney was prepared to draft the ordinance for review at next month's trustee meeting.

"How do we prove that someone was distracted?" asked Trustee Linda Walton, pointing out existing laws against careless driving.

"It would be a secondary infraction," McInerney said. "If you commit a violation and are on your cell phone, there is a rebuttable presumption that you were distracted. If you were paying attention, you wouldn't be doing those things."

McInerney, supported by Public Safety Director Stephen Poloni, based his proposal on similar legislation in Shelby Township and Clinton Township.

Those communities have ordinances against drivers distracted by virtually anything: talking on a cell phone, shaving, applying makeup, eating and so on. The Detroit City Council recently passed an ordinance banning cell phone use while driving. The measure hasn't been signed into law.

Hunt asked Poloni if distracted driving due to cellular telephones is a problem serious enough to warrant another law.

Poloni said, "We haven't had any problem where our accidents are up. However, we find it to be a problem. We notice people doing it. When we stop (people) for speeding (they say), 'I'm sorry, I was on the phone.'"

"We're curing something that doesn't exist," Hunt said. "Am I right or wrong?"



PHOTO BY BRAD LINDBERG

Test run

Hill Association members try on an unlimited hydroplane for size. Association Vice President Dan Lalonde and President Mary Wells are pleased to see that a hydroplane can actually fit into the Kercheval parking lane on the Hill. A fleet of hydros are scheduled for display on the Hill in the days leading up to the Gold Cup races July 14-16. Plans call for at least two unlimiteds, such as the U1 Miss Chrysler Jeep boat trucked into town the morning of Tuesday, May 23, plus about two dozen smaller hydros and a number of vintage racing boats to be on public display for the enjoyment of residents and visitors to the Pointes. "We hope this brings a lot of new people into our community to see what we have to offer," Wells said.

SAFETY: Fight theft, lock your bike

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expired license, seven suspensions and two warrants totaling \$1,160 bond from Harper Woods and Detroit.

Driving too fast

On Friday, May 19, at 8:29 a.m., a 26-year-old Detroit man was traveling 38 mph in a 25 mph zone along Anita.

He was arrested for driving with a suspended license.

Public safety officers said the man posted a \$100 bond, retrieved his white 2005 Ford truck and drove home.

Home invasion

On Tuesday, May 16, between 9:15 a.m. and 2:30 p.m., an 84-year-old Grosse Pointe Woods resident living in the 1600 block of Bournemouth reported an unknown person broke into his home and stole a cell phone and \$200 in coins.

The man told public safety officers he went out to play a round of golf. When he returned, he noticed the cell phone missing and several rooms were in disarray.

— Bob St. John

Lake levels lower

According to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, all of the Great Lakes are 3 to 11 inches below the levels of a year ago.

Starting at the top of the system, Lake Superior is 1 inch below chart datum but is expected to rise 3 inches in the next month.

Moving south, Lake Michigan-Huron is 1 inch above chart datum and is expected to rise four inches over the next month. Lakes St. Clair, Erie and Ontario are expected to rise 1 to 4 inches by the end of May.

All of the Great Lakes are into their annual seasonal rise, but water levels over the next few months on all the Great Lakes are expected to remain lower than 2005.

The Lake Superior outflow through the St. Marys River into Lake Huron is projected to be near average during the month of April.

Flows in the St. Clair and Detroit rivers are both anticipated to be below average during April.

The Niagara River and St. Lawrence River flows are expected to be above average in April.

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Application forms are available in the Superintendent's office at 389 St. Clair, and on the district website, www.gpschools.org.

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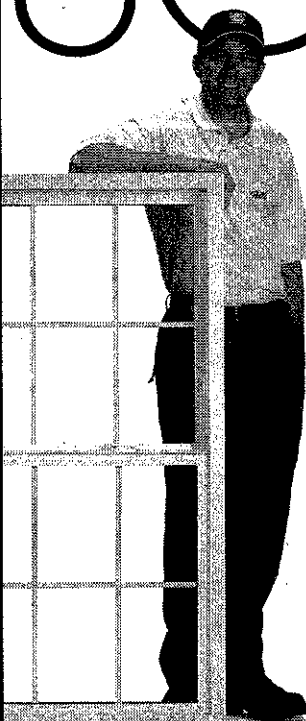
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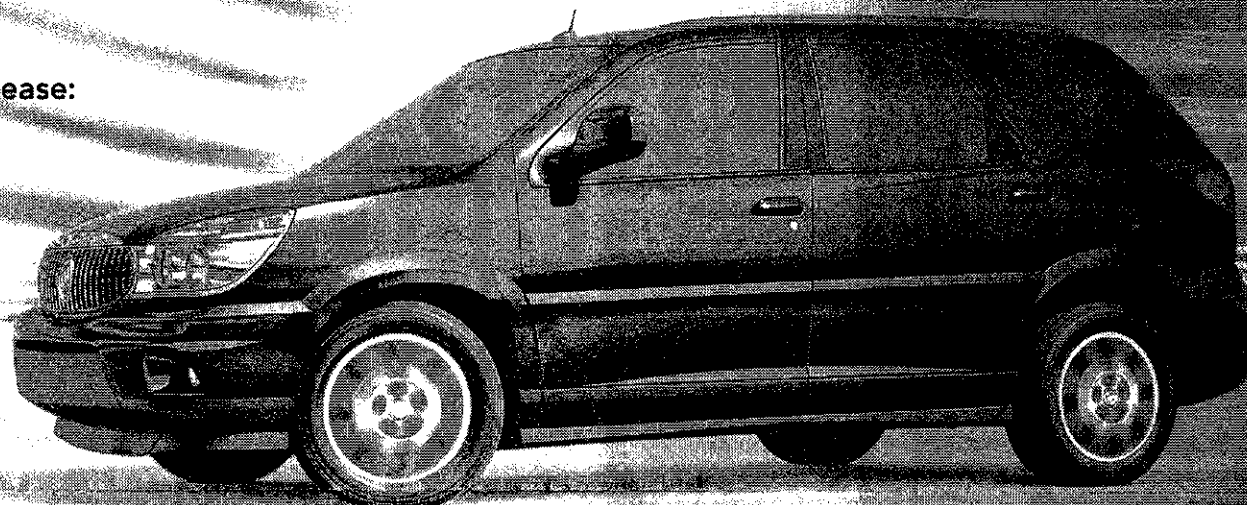
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State of the arts

'Urban Alchemy' opens doors to found art.

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Christ Church hosts an **antiques show** in which dealers come from all over the Midwest and guests travel miles to purchase authentic items in a fundraiser for a choir which travels nationally and internationally.

Affair to remember

By Ann L. Fouty
Staff Writer

Christ Church Grosse Pointe annual antiques show is always an affair to remember. The three-day show features fine furniture, collectibles and decorative pieces for homes of style.

In its 22nd year, the show will be 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday, June 2 and Saturday, June 3, and from noon to 5 p.m. Sunday, June 4, at 61 Grosse Pointe Blvd., Grosse Pointe Farms. A preview party is scheduled for Thursday, June 1.

Proceeds benefit the national and world-traveling Choir of Men and Boys, the Choir of Men and Girls and the Outreach Ministries of Christ Church Grosse Pointe.

Along with 40 nationally recognized antiques dealers, interior designer and author of "An Affair With a House" Bunny Williams will be the featured speaker on Friday, June 2.

"I'll be talking about interior design, the philosophy of homes, creating a home to live, love, entertain and have families in," she said.

"Bunny Williams is an unbelievable person. She is funny and shares things you and I can do in our own home," said show chair Libby Candler. "She creates relaxed, intimate spaces. She creates spaces for you and me."

Sharing a hint of what she will touch on during her lecture on Friday, June 2, Williams talked about how lighting and fresh flowers affect a room's ambience.

"A room can be wonderfully elegant having flowers, but they shouldn't be dominant," Williams said.

The color chosen for the flowers and vase should complement the room. The vase should be have a flat bottom and a narrow neck. Vases, she



Bunny Williams, author and interior design expert, is the featured speaker for the 22nd annual Christ Church Grosse Pointe Antiques Show.

continued, could be something found at a flea market or at a high end store. It could be a ceramic antique teapot or a contemporary glass vase.

Lighting affects the mood of the room, she said. There are a variety of ways to light a room from sconces, lamps to overhead lighting.

Williams' highly developed sense of style has established her as one of the world's most renowned interior designers. During a celebrated 30-year career, marked by accolades from peers and press, Williams focuses on her primary objective as a designer: to create relaxed, intimate spaces that are so inviting, her clients never want to leave.

Her style, she said, is traditionally based with a twist to incorporate modern life. For example, collections look best when grouped together in rooms and mindful of the age of children in the home.

At Bunny Williams Incorporated, her involvement

in projects goes far beyond interior design: she actively collaborates with architects.

"Decoration is not enough," she said. "good architectural design is always the first consideration."

Williams began her career with Stair and Company, an English antiques dealer. In 1967, Williams joined Parish-Hadley Associates, where she refined and expanded her talents while mastering the design principles taught by the company's legendary partners. In 1988, Williams founded her own company.

Today her work is regularly featured in design magazines such as Architectural Digest, Veranda, House Beautiful, House & Garden, Garden Design, Victoria, British House, Southern Accents and Elle Decore. Williams' work has also been featured in the New York Times, Town and Country, New York Magazine, Connecticut Cottages & Gardens, Quest, Gotham, W

and more.

She was inducted into the Interior Design Hall of Fame in 1996 and was awarded "Design and Business Award" by the Edith Wharton Restoration in November 2000, which honors women of outstanding achievement. In May she was honored with the Giants of Design Award by House Beautiful magazine.

Williams continues to lecture across the country at various antiques and garden shows on topics ranging from decoration and interiors to garden design. She is the author of "On Garden Style" published in 1998 by Simon and Shuster. Her current book, "An Affair with a House," documents the 28-year evolution of her country house in Falls Village, Conn., and was published in the fall of 2005 by Stewart, Tabori and Change and is now in its fifth printing.

Some dealers from North Carolina, Pennsylvania, Tennessee, Alabama, Illinois, Kentucky and Michigan have been with the show for years. Others are coming in for the first or second time.

"The show covers a broad

spectrum of antiques," said chair Libby Candler. All antiques are authentic. "Quality is important."

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the show's sponsor in which some 2,000 guests from the tri-county area, Ohio and Illinois will attend. Crest Volvo is sponsoring the preview party.

Antiques Show

Thursday, June 1

7 to 10 p.m. preview party with special guest Bunny Williams who will be signing her book.

\$75 This includes a cocktail reception with Williams, book signing and three-day admission.

Friday, June 2

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THE FAMILY CENTER By Carla Palffy

Keeping sports fun

Don't you just hate it when overbearing parents stands over their child during a math test, yelling instructions to their child and criticism at the teacher? Oh, wait, that only happens in sports.

More than 98 percent of today's high school seniors will never play collegiate sports, but 98 percent of Grosse Pointe seniors will attend college. Academic excellence is important to nearly every Grosse Pointe youth, but athletic excellence pays long-term dividends for only a few. However, many parents put pressure on their children to excel in sports.

What motivates these parents and is this healthy?

Most parents rationalize their exuberance as wanting the highest level of success for their children, but many won't admit they also seek personal stature or are vicariously experiencing their own forgotten or nonexistent youth glory through their children.

Some parents worry their children will lose out later in life if they aren't in an elite sports program. A mindset has evolved that children as young as 6 or 7 years old must devote themselves to a sport to have a fighting chance of making the high school team. Parents should ask themselves if pressure they exert is worth stressing their children.

The answer lies in understanding the benefits of sports and academics, and in differentiating the rewards of process and success. In both venues, children learn valuable lessons in character, discipline and other core values. Challenge and practice/study in the classroom or on the field pay dividends in forming young lives. It is a fundamental obligation of parents to teach children how to compete. But how important is the outcome, the level of success

actually achieved?

In academics, the level of success has lifelong rewards. As a rule, most students who receive a good education will do better later in life than those less fortunate.

Will it really matter 20 years from now if your child attained AAA status in hockey or played ODP in soccer? Will an athlete in an elite sports program be better off than his athletically challenged best friend who played recreational sports at the Neighborhood Club?

Unlike academics, the value of sports is really about the learning process of "how we play the game" through character development, discipline and challenge. Whether a particular sporting event was won or lost will have little meaning later in life. So parents and coaches need to carefully weigh the motivation and consequences of the pressure they put on children. Elite sports programs are an excellent venue for the child who seeks and enjoys intense competition.

The primary role of parents is not to push a child to score goals. It is to reinforce positive values learned from competition and instill a lifelong love of the sport. After every game, try to ask "did you have fun?" not "how many goals did you score?" Your child will remember and value the fun for the rest of their lives. Most of the goals will soon be forgotten.

Here are some tips to keep sports fun:

◆ Never let academics slide because of sports.

◆ Always show unconditional love. Your children need to know their self-worth and your love for them is not dependent on their athletic success.

◆ Understand your athlete may need a break from sports occasionally. Burnout and overtraining increase rates of

injury and dropout in sports.

◆ Give your athlete some space. As children get older and feel pressured to participate in sports camps, to try out for higher level teams, you need to keep your presence as a parent proportional to their maturity, lest you take on the role of "sports agent."

◆ Do not attend practices unless you are invited by your child or the coach. Parents at practice without a specific purpose send a message of mistrust and control to both the coach and child.

◆ Value the process, not the outcome. Remember it is the athletic experiences that add value, not the outcome. Play to win, but do not let the win or the MVP trophy become the only objective. Winning at the expense of your child's mental or physical welfare is unacceptable. Facing adversity and challenge with maximum effort, win or lose, is success.

◆ Make your relationship with your child more than just about sports.

◆ Don't look at sports as a financial investment in your child's future. You cannot buy state championships, scholarships or increased performance for your athlete. It would be wiser to start saving for college when your children are young.

◆ Enjoy yourself. Keep it FUN. Research suggests student athletes at all skill levels report a significantly increased positive experience in sports if they perceive their parents enjoy being involved with them in the sport.

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Kooder Van Becelaere, a 10-year-old shephard-husky-terrier from Grosse Pointe, raised the most money out of all the animals participating in Grosse Pointe's local CROP Walk on May 7. With the help of his family, he raised \$395 before the walk and \$20 during the walk for local hunger agencies and international hunger relief.

CROP walk draws 120 participants

The annual CROP Walk mobilized 120 enthused participants on the afternoon of May 7, as they walked three miles around Grosse Pointe Farms to raise money for five Metro Detroit hunger agencies and underprivileged nations in Africa.

But the fundraiser was not limited to human participation, for three dogs raised money as well. Kooder Van Becelaere, a 10-year-old dog from Grosse Pointe, raised \$395 before the walk — the most money out of all nonhuman participants.

During the walk, Kooder raised \$20 more, reaching a total of \$415, said Heidi Van Becelaere, Kooder's owner.

"He's walked with us every year since he was a puppy," Van Becelaere said. "He signs up as the official walker — this is his tenth CROP Walk. He's got boundless energy. It took just a couple of weeks getting people's pledges. It's a fun thing, we always have a good time."

Grosse Pointe Memorial Church hosted the event. The course began at the church and participants walked down Lakeshore to Moross, Ridge to Grosse Pointe Boulevard and Fisher back to the church.

The name "CROP Walk" symbolizes one objective of the event — to provide clean drinking water to Third World

nations, said CROP Walk co-chair Mary Lloyd. In countries like Kenya, water must be carried to and from wells over great distances. A whole day can be devoted to obtaining water, which is used for drinking and growing crops.

Participants of the CROP Walk raise money so these crops can flourish and be used for food.

Funds from the CROP Walk also go toward building and providing supplies for poverty-stricken schools.

"The CROP Walk has several purposes," Lloyd said.

"One, to raise awareness about the plight of people who

need our support in providing food. Two, to provide a way by which people can be involved on a personal level, either by raising funds or by walking. Three, it provides a way by which we can increase dollars that can go directly to people who need clean drinking water, and four, personal growth. Being involved with something that improves the quality of life of other human beings has its own reward."

On the same day, CROP Walks in Troy, Farmington Hills, Royal Oak and Southfield — among other Michigan cities — also took place.

Books needed for AAUW book sale

The Grosse Pointe Branch of the American Association of University Women will hold its 44th annual Used Book Sale Wednesday, Sept. 20 through Saturday, Sept. 23.

Used book donations are being accepted now through Saturday, July 15, at the Kroger

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Paperback and hardcover fiction, nonfiction and large-print books are needed. CDs, videos, DVDs and audio tapes are also accepted. Books not accepted are Reader's Digest

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MEETINGS

Pettipointe Questers

Pettipointe Questers No. 243 will celebrate its 40th anniversary at 11 a.m. Thursday, June 1, at the home of Diane McConaghy, hostess of the final gathering of the year. The featured program, "On Pitchers," will be presented by Kay VanDeGraaf. Anyone wishing to bring personal examples are welcomed. Lunch will be served. RSVP to McConaghy by Friday, May 26.

Windmill Pointe Garden Club

The Windmill Pointe Garden Club's annual meeting and perennial exchange is planned for 11:30 a.m. Wednesday, June 7.

Dorothy Guy is hostess for the event with Frances Fleming serving as co-hostess.

The club will not meet again until September.



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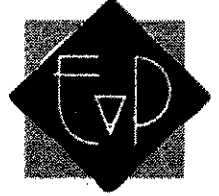
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DAC names Glen Smiley president



Glen Smiley

Glen Smiley of Grosse Pointe Farms was recently installed as president of the historic Detroit Athletic Club.

Founded in 1887, the DAC evolved from a brotherhood of athletes and prominent industrialists. Members include regional and national leaders in the automotive industry, finance, education, government and the arts.

Smiley is president of the St. John Health Foundation and senior vice president, philanthropy, St. John Health and is responsible for fundraising for all nine St. John Health hospitals.

He earned a bachelor's degree in political science from Duke University where he also played varsity basketball. He is a past president of the Greater Detroit Chapter of the Association of Fundraising Professionals and currently serves on the boards of the Association for Healthcare Philanthropy, Matrix Human Services and the Grosse Pointe Chamber of Commerce.

BLOSSOM TIME: Once again, the Friends of Mercy Stapleton Center presented its annual fundraiser, Blossom Time Luncheon, to benefit the eastside facility.

On Thursday, May 18, the public enjoyed a luncheon overlooking Lake St. Clair, along with door prizes and a raffle, at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial.

This was the 36th year Friends of Mercy Stapleton have presented the event. Started by the late Elizabeth Fisher, they began by taking desserts as treats for the residents. Eventually that led to this annual luncheon. The retirees are on very limited income and need financial assistance.

The center is located on Parkside near Jefferson.

Committee participants are Grosse Pointers Betty Patterson, Ann Rohr, Marian Mayday, Mary Louise Forcade, Margaret Lynch, Gertrude McSorley, Betty Henrichs, Floramae Kliber and Rosemary Hiles.

Their mantra is "Be An Angel and Come!"

STUDENTS HONORED: The Grosse Pointe Woman's Club honored two Grosse Pointe high school seniors at its annual Scholarship Luncheon May 17 at the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club.

This year's recipients are Grosse Pointe North senior Lauren Zedan and Martha Marr of Grosse Pointe South.

Zedan plans to attend Michigan State University and is a member of the National Honor Society, a math tutor and is recognized by Phi Beta Kappa. She also organized North's Ski Club.

Marr plans to attend Notre Dame's St. Mary's College. She is the editor of her school's literary magazine, a member of the National Honor Society and the National Honor Roll and served as a mentor to a middle school student.

The scholarship recipients are selected by the Grosse Pointe North Parents' Club and the Mothers' Club of Grosse Pointe South. Pat Wilson is the scholarship chairman and Mary Ann Schwartz is co-chairman.

In addition to the scholarship presentations, club officers for the years 2006-07 were to be installed by past President Fran Ahee and spring fashions presented by Talbot's of the Village were modeled by club members.

For more information, call (313) 881-2441.

BARBERSHOPPERS: The Grosse Pointe Chapter of the Barbershop Harmony Society recently donated \$2,000 to the Holley Ear Institute, bringing its donation total to more than \$35,000.

The men's a cappella singing group raises money for local health organizations by performing at civic and community functions, restaurants and an annual show. True to the society's slogan, "Building a better world through singing," the Grosse Pointe Chapter has been raising funds for the Holley Ear Institute since 1992.

The mission of the Holley Ear Institute is to assist the deaf, deaf/blind and hard of hearing and provide services and programs aimed at improving their quality of life.

WSU SHARES APPLE: Composer and lyricist Stephen Schwartz, known for his work on musicals "Pippin" and "Wicked" and films "Pocahontas" and "The Prince of Egypt," will be the recipient of the fifth annual Sarah Applebaum Nederlander Award for Excellence in Theatre.

He will be honored Wednesday, June 14, at the Masonic Temple with a cocktail reception, seated dinner and presentation of the Apple Award, followed by a performance of the musical "Wicked."

Tickets are \$275 and may be purchased by calling Wayne State University's College of Fine, Performing and Communication Arts at (313) 577-5336. All proceeds benefit WSU's Department of Theatre.

The Apple Award, named for Sarah Applebaum Nederlander to honor her dedication to her family and her contributions to theater, is given in partnership with WSU's College of Fine, Performing



PHOTO BY KARLEST FORD

Presenting the check to Holley Ear Institute President Ardis J. Gardella, left, of Ann Arbor are the Grosse Pointe chapter's president, Al Montag of Grosse Pointe Farms, and charities chair Nick Piccione of Grosse Pointe Park.

and Communication Arts and the Nederlander Company.

SUNSET AT THE ZOO: Tickets are now on sale for the Detroit Zoological Society's annual fundraising event, Sunset at the Zoo, a night of live entertainment, dancing, live and silent auctions, zoo-themed martinis and strolling supper from 7 to 11:30 p.m. Friday, June 16, in the main picnic grove.

The evening features a strolling supper from 40 area dining establishments, including Cameron's Steakhouse, The Capital Grille, Pampas Brazilian Grill, P.F. Chang's China Bistro, Rattlesnake Restaurant & Catering and the Townsend Hotel's Rugby Grille.

The Jerry Ross Band will provide the musical entertainment. A live auction includes dinner for 12 with the polar bears at the Arctic Ring of Life and a pearl and diamond necklace from Jules R. Schubot Jewelers. New this year is a silent auction featuring a Jay Strongwater giraffe picture frame and a 10-bottle wine tasting for 15 people. Guests may also purchase Sunset Keys for \$25 each or five for \$100 and attempt to unlock a prize box.

Tickets range from \$125 to \$500 per person and can be purchased by phone at (248) 541-5717 ext. 3750. A VIP reception sponsored by JP Morgan Chase is included for those purchasing higher-priced tickets.

AIDS BENEFIT: The annual Timewarp gala to benefit AIDS Partnership Michigan is planned from 7 to midnight, Saturday, June 10, at the Roostertail, 100 Marquette, Detroit.

The event includes cocktails, a strolling dinner, live entertainment, a late evening disco

and an auction.

Items up for bid include Van Halen's electric guitar signed by all band members, a Huston Texan's ball cap signed by Mario Williams, a poster from the stage run of Victor/Victoria signed by Julie Andrews, dinner for 50 at the Roostertail and inclusion as a character in Mike Brogan's newest book.

Tickets are available online at aidspartnership.org.

THE DOORS: Grosse Pointe Farms artist Ric Geyer and 27 other metro Detroit artists will be featured in a collaborative Art Exhibition and Transformed Door Auction June 9 through June 24 to benefit the Architectural Salvage Warehouse of Detroit in collaboration with 4731 Gallery and 555 Gallery/Studio.

Urban Alchemy: Artifacts Transformation is the first major fundraiser for the nonprofit organizations.

Urban Alchemy, to be exhibited at both galleries, features works from 28 city-inspired artists, most of who work with found or salvaged objects. There will be a live auction from 6 to 10 p.m. Friday, June 9, at which more than 15 doors transformed by artists will be auctioned at an event preview, accompanied by local musicians and featuring food from Detroit restaurants.

Tickets for the preview are \$75 and can be charged to a major credit card by calling (313) 515-0399.

The family friendly public opening from 3 to 10 p.m. Saturday, June 10 at both galleries is free and features music, food and hands-on art activities for children. The 4731 Gallery is open 12:30 to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Saturday. The 555 Gallery/Studio is open noon to 5 p.m. Mondays through

Wednesdays and Saturdays; and 6 to 9 p.m. Fridays. To purchase tickets or for more information, visit urbanalchemy.org.

Architectural Salvage Warehouse was founded by Grosse Pointe Farms resident

Carolyn Mosher about one year ago and is dedicated to saving valuable building materials from landfills for rebuilding the community.

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Preparing for the 36th annual Blossom Time Luncheon fundraiser for the Friends of Mercy Stapleton were, from left, Margaret Lynch, Ann Rohr, Mary Louise Forcade and Betty Patterson, chairman.

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DOWN TO EARTH By Kathleen Peabody

Plant vegetables in warm soil

At last week's herb plant sale, the question often asked is when should I plant my basil?

Whether it's basil or another herb or vegetable, there is a best time to plant. By the way, my answer to the question is I plant basil the same time I plant tomatoes, when the soil is warm enough.

Knowing when to plant certain vegetables is important in the overall success of your garden. General rules for sowing seeds are:

- ◆ when all danger of frost has past,
- ◆ as soon as the soil can be worked,
- ◆ when the soil stays in a ball when squeezed, but easily releases,
- ◆ when you can comfortably sit barelegged on the ground, or
- ◆ when the earth is warm to the touch to a depth of 6 inches.

What's going on?

Belle Isle Botanical Society Plant Sale, runs from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, May 27, in the Belle Isle greenhouses. The sale raises funds for upkeep of the greenhouses, conservatory and educational programs offered by the society. Call (313) 823-1563 for details.

Soil thermometers are available to measure the temperature of the earth. Reading the back of the seed packet is a good way to check with specific growth requirements.

In a technical bulletin from Lee Valley Tools Ltd., a Vegetable Planting Guide shares the best soil temperature for 27 different vegetables. For example, broccoli should be planted as a transplant in soil that's 70 to 75 degrees. That's the same for celery and leeks. To directly sow seeds in the soil, it's suggested that the soil should be 65 to 95 degrees for cucumbers. Tomatoes can

be transplanted when the soil is 60 to 85 degrees.

A Web site that is valuable to the home gardener is hosted by Cornell University. For years, Cornell published an annual list of varieties recommended for gardeners. Through its citizen science program, Cornell calls on home gardeners to help rate various vegetable seeds and plants. It helps home gardeners learn what will grow best in their gardens while at the same time participating in valuable research.

From asparagus to winter squash, the Cornell site offers ratings of many varieties of vegetables for the home gardener. You'll find the site at vegvariety.cce.cornell.edu.

Planting in succession

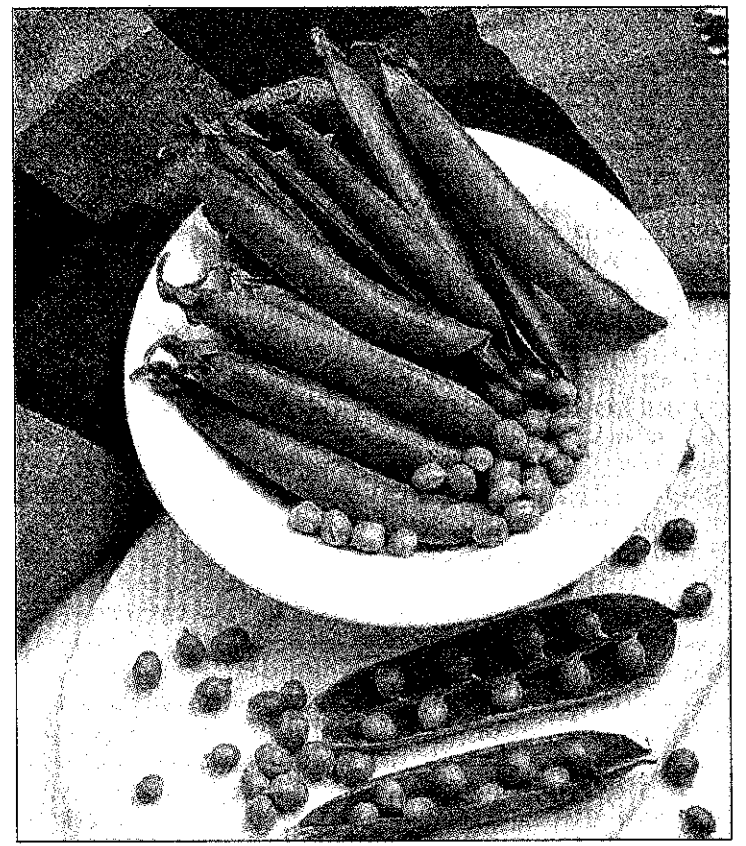
To maximize the potential of your vegetable garden, consider planting in succession. Vegetables such as peas, lettuce, baby carrots, spinach, baby beets and early bush beans

are usually ripe by July if you plant in May or earlier. Peas don't do well in summer heat, but the others listed can be followed by subsequent plantings. However, rotate the crops so the second planting of root crops go where leafy greens had grown and leaf crops go where the beans and peas had been. Work compost into the soil before the second planting.

Start broccoli and kale in flats and transplant them into the midsummer garden for a fall harvest. That way, you're sure that the soil is meeting that 70 to 75 degrees as mentioned earlier.

Be sure to mulch to moderate soil temperatures, control weeds that will leach nutrients and maintain moisture so summer-planted seed and transplants don't dry out.

Kathleen Peabody is an Advanced Master Gardener who lives (and gardens) in Grosse Pointe Woods. Reach via e-mail at kmaslanka-peabody@sbcglobal.net



Plant peas, including the Mr. Big variety, above, early in the season and rotate to leafy greens in July.

Civil War remembrance at Greenfield Village

To honor the past and touch upon the divisions the Civil War caused across thousands of miles and between millions of people, Greenfield Village presents "Civil War Remembrance" during the Memorial Day weekend.

This annual event allows visitors to watch Union and Confederate re-enactor troops and civilians recount the days of the Civil War with marching drills, camp settings and cavalry demonstrations.

"Staging a completely authentic Civil War living history

event is very important to our Memorial Day remembrance. We continually work to fine-tune all our programming for historical accuracy, and that is especially true with our Civil War Remembrance program," said Brian James Egen, manager at Greenfield Village. "Our event gives visitors a truer understanding of the roots and ramifications of the war, and a clear view of the effort it took for society to hold itself together through it all."

Among the activities planned for the weekend are:

◆ Michigan Civil War Battle Flags Preservation: During this ceremony The Henry Ford will officially adopt the 24th Michigan National Battle Flag that was used in the Civil War.

◆ What We Wore - Fashions of the Past Fashion: Learn about what men, women and children might have worn during the period of the Civil War.

◆ Funeral at the Adams House: Thousands of soldiers lost their lives fighting in the Civil War, but how their families paid their last respects

were very different from today. Learn about the customs of laying out the deceased at home and see the details that went into mourning the loss of a soldier in the Adams House.

◆ Confederate and Union Military Camp Practices: Sit around the Village Green and watch the Union and Confederate troops take their turn and practice marching and drills.

◆ Calvary Demonstration with the Michigan Calvary Brigade: See and hear about the lives of the mounted sol-

diers during the Civil War. Members of the Michigan Cavalry Brigade will demonstrate feats of skill and precision at Walnut Grove.

◆ Music from the Dodworth Saxhorn Band: The Dodworth Saxhorn Reserve Band will perform popular 19th century music that roused the heart and rallied the troops. The band will perform near the Village Pavilion surrounded by the troops and all the activities in the Village Green.

◆ Camp Chase Drum and Fife Corps: Music played a

key role in military life. The troops depended on musicians for battle field orders and entertainment. The Camp Chase Drum and Fife Corps will play a collection of military songs near the Scotch Settlement School.


Greenfield Village is open from 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily. Admission is \$14 to \$20 with children under 5 and members admitted free. For a complete listing of events, times and ticket information visit thehenryford.org or call (313) 982-6001.

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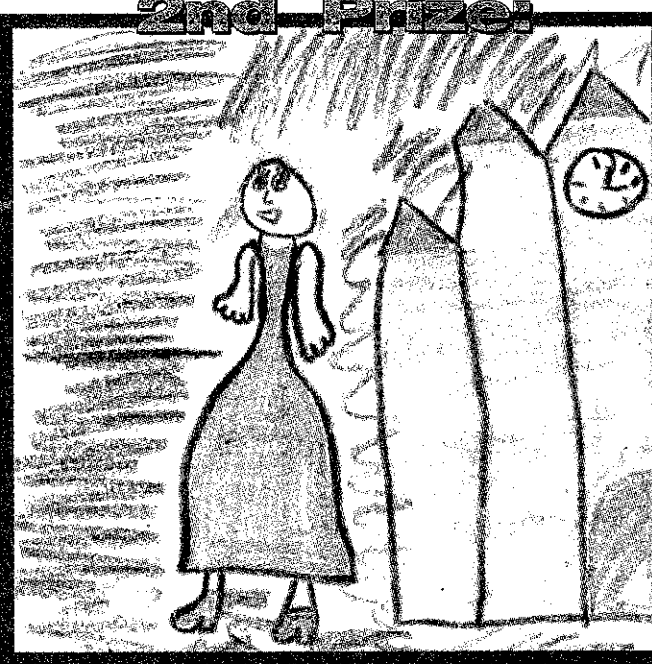
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M.D. honored at Heart Ball

Dr. Julius M. Gardin, chief of cardiology at St. John Hospital and Medical Center, received the Seymour Gordon Award for Distinguished Achievement at the recent American Heart Association's Metropolitan Detroit Heart Ball.

Gardin is renowned as a researcher, clinical cardiologist and teacher. He has distinguished himself in the area of cardiac investigation through research funded by the American Heart Association, the National Institutes of Health and the medical industry.

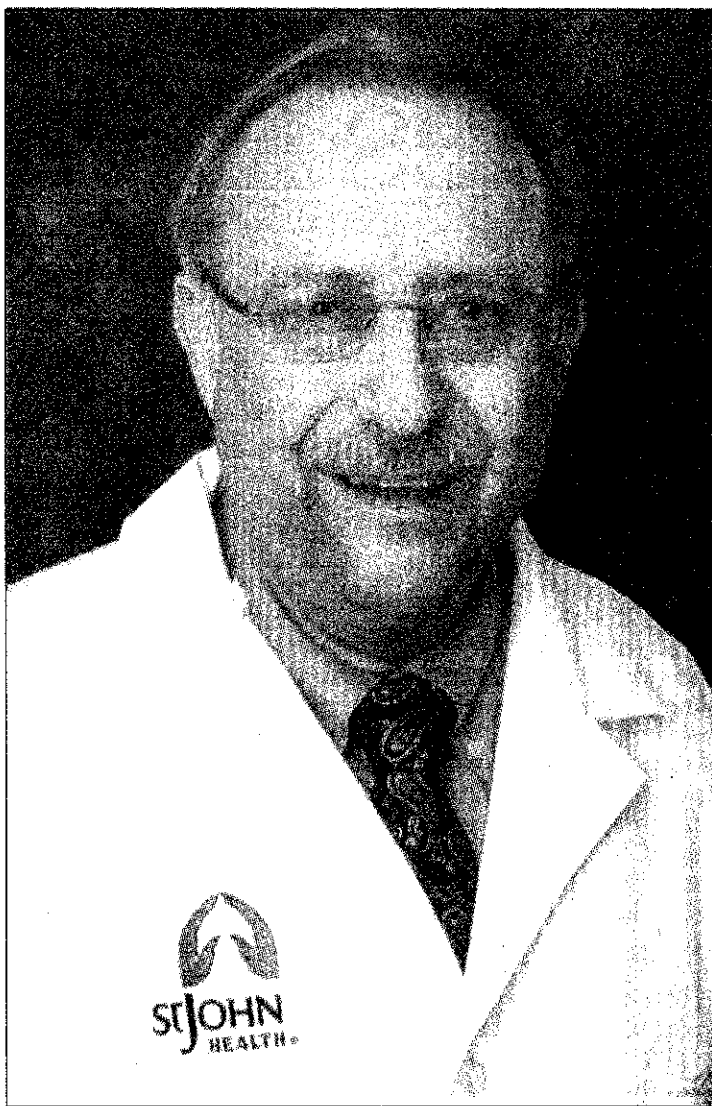
His ongoing research has focused on the use of echocardiography and other noninvasive tests to evaluate heart disease. Gardin's research has helped to clarify the role of noninvasive cardiac imaging in predicting the risk of developing heart attacks and stroke. He is the author of more than 160 original articles, in addi-

tion to textbook chapters and review articles, and has presented more than 200 abstracts at scientific meetings.

In addition to his role at St. John Hospital and Medical Center, he is a professor of medicine at Wayne State University.

A resident of West Bloomfield, Gardin earned his undergraduate and medical degrees with honors from the University of Michigan. He completed his internship and residency in Internal Medicine at the University of Michigan-affiliated hospitals and his fellowship in cardiology at Georgetown University Hospital in Washington, D.C.

The Metropolitan Detroit Heart Ball is the annual black-tie gala benefitting the American Heart Association in its mission to raise awareness and funds in the fight against heart disease and stroke.



Dr. Julius M. Gardin

HEALTH COLUMN By Dr. Richard Ferrara

Protection key to skin cancer prevention



Summer is almost here, and chances are the warmer days are drawing you and your family outdoors to soak up the sunshine. While we all want to enjoy the sun-filled days that summer brings, it's important to remember that the sun can be very damaging and potentially harmful to one's health.

Early exposure

In fact, it's estimated that one out of seven people in the United States will develop some form of skin cancer (a disease in which cancer or malignant cells develop in the outer layers of the skin) in their lifetime. It's just one of many startling statistics about skin cancer, as are these others:

◆ A severe sunburn can increase your risk of developing skin cancer by as much as 50 percent.

◆ Most people receive 80 percent of their lifetime exposure to the sun by 18 years of age.

◆ The sunburn you get this week may take 20 years or more to become skin cancer.

Skin cancer is the most commonly occurring cancer in the United States. There are three types: basal cell carcinoma, squamous cell carcinoma (together these two are referred to as non-melanoma skin cancer) and melanoma. The outer layer of the skin is made up of squamous cells. Basal cells are found below the squamous cells. Basal cell carcinoma and squamous cell carcinoma are the most common forms of skin cancer, but are easier to cure than melanoma. Melanocytes are in the deepest layer of the epidermis, and melanoma develops from melanocytes. Even though the number of new cases of skin cancer has been increasing each year, the number of deaths due to skin cancer remains fairly small.

Protect to prevent

Anyone can get skin cancer. You're more at risk for skin cancer if you have a family history and if you have fair skin and are of Northern European heritage. On the upside, there's a lot you can do to reduce your risk of getting skin

cancer. The bottom line: Protect your skin by following these tried and true guidelines:

◆ Limit your time in the sun, especially between 10 a.m. and 3 p.m.

◆ Use a sunscreen with a minimum SPF of 15.

◆ Reapply sunscreen every two hours and more frequently after swimming, exercising or perspiring. Use sunscreen even on cloudy days.

◆ Wear light protective clothing, a hat and sunglasses.

◆ Avoid using sunlamps or tanning salons.

◆ Apply sunscreen liberally and frequently to children six months of age and older. Severely limit sun exposure of children younger than 6 months.

With hundreds of sunscreen products on the market, my patients often ask which is the best one. I always advise them to look for two key ingredients: parsol, which is a broad spectrum sunscreen that protects against both UVA and UVB rays; and micronized zinc or titanium, which are physical blocking agents that actually deflect the rays.

Mexoryl is another new ingredient in sunscreens, currently only available in Europe and Canada, as it's not been approved yet in the United States. It's a promising ingredient as it offers a higher level of protection from those harmful UVA and UVB rays, and it lasts longer. At best, current sunscreens only provide about two hours of protection per application.

In addition to protecting your skin, it's also crucial to regularly examine your skin; that way you'll be able to recognize any changes, like a suspicious-looking mole or a new blemish, and can get it checked out right away. Skin cancer can be very curable if it's caught in the early stages.

Maintain youthful glow

Of course, protecting your skin from the sun will not only help prevent skin cancer, it's also the best way to sustain a youthful appearance. The sun's harmful rays are also the culprits behind premature aging, wrinkles, pigmentation irregularities and dilated blood vessels. So again, it's crucial to wear sunscreen, and not just in the summer, but year-round.

If you already have some of the above skin conditions, there are several treatments you may want to consider: Use a quality skin cream that contains retinoids, which help renew the skin, and antioxidants, which will help protect. For pigmentation problems, dermatologists can apply skin bleachers to help fade those dark "sun spots."

If your skin is damaged, you might consider the next level of treatment, which include chemical peels, photodynamic therapy, intense pulse light therapy, and for wrinkles, botox or collagen injections.

Dr. Ferrara is the section chief of the Dermatology Department at St. John Hospital and Medical Center. The Dermatology Department provides comprehensive services, including quality dermatology, skin surgery and cosmetic treatments.

In fact, it's estimated that one out of seven people in the United States will develop some form of skin cancer (a disease in which cancer or malignant cells develop in the outer layers of the skin) in their lifetime.

Dr. Richard Ferrara
Dermatologist

Cancer can threaten recovery

Recovery from alcoholism and other drug addiction often calls for breaking through layers of denial and shame. But people who face the task of recovery along with a diagnosis of cancer deal with an immediate threat to their sobriety.

"When people hear the word 'cancer,' there's kind of an assumption that it's a death sentence," says Dr. Marvin Seppala, chief medical officer for the Hazelden Foundation.

"That's not the case, since so many cancers are treatable nowadays. Yet there's still a chance that people in the midst of addiction treatment might say to themselves: 'Why bother to get clean and sober? I'm not going to go through with it

because I've got cancer.'"

Studies suggest that rates of substance abuse in people with cancer are lower than in the general population. However, these figures are difficult to interpret. They could simply mean that people in cancer treatment routinely hide their problems with alcohol and other drugs.

Secrecy is just one problem. "If you're in the midst of an active addiction, you'll also be undermining any kind of healing process related to cancer," Seppala says. "And there's always the question of whether some of the addictive drugs will interfere with medications used to treat cancer."

In addition, a record of sub-

stance abuse can strain the human relationships that underlie cancer treatment. If doctors and nurses suspect that their cancer patients are lying about drug use, they may doubt anything that these patients say about their health.

People with cancer might sense this mistrust, doubt the goodwill of their health care team, and decide not to follow through with their cancer treatments. When this happens, prescriptions go unfilled, medical appointments are missed, and people with cancer can get sicker or die earlier.

A report on substance abuse issues from the National Cancer Institute underscores these problems. It also suggests ways to help people face cancer and abstain from alcohol and illicit drugs at the same time:

◆ Gather facts without judgment. When taking a health history, doctors and nurses sometimes avoid questions about alcohol and other drug use. They may feel awkward about raising the issue, or simply assume that they'll never get honest answers. This assumption undermines cancer treatment. When health professionals ask about drug use with a nonjudgmental attitude, people with cancer are more likely to speak candidly.

◆ Involve a multidisciplinary health care team. Treatment for people with cancer and addiction should involve specialists in mental health and addiction medicine. Many people with a history of substance abuse — including those with cancer — also struggle with anxiety, depression or personality disorders.

◆ Treat pain with an accurate understanding of addiction. People can become physically dependent on opioid drugs such as codeine and oxycodone (OxyContin) that are used to treat cancer pain. This means that withdrawal symptoms will occur if the drugs are suddenly stopped. In this context, however, physical dependence and addiction are not the same. Addiction refers to the compulsive use of drugs for reasons other than pain control. Careful treatment planning can relieve withdrawal without triggering such use.

Current treatments also offer many options for treating cancer pain without drugs. Examples are acupuncture, acupressure, biofeedback, chiropractic treatment, osteopathic medicine, massage therapy and meditation.

◆ Set realistic treatment goals. The risk of relapse is high, especially with the added stress of a cancer diagnosis.

For more on this topic, visit the National Cancer Institute Web site at www.cancer.gov and click on "Cancer Topics" and "Coping with Cancer."

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Leslie 60th

William and Marion Leslie celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary on May 18 with their six children and 14 grandchildren. The Leslies live in Grosse Pointe Woods with their dog, Shadow.



Mr. and Mrs. Jack Ford 50 years ago, below, and today, above.



Mortka 50th

Casimir and Genevieve Mortka, residents of Grosse Pointe Park for 25 years, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on May 6, 2006, with a Mass at St. Clare de Montefalco Catholic Church. A reception and dinner followed at the Polish American Century Club in Sterling Heights.

Genevieve Mortka is the daughter of Walter and Bernice Grabowski, lifelong Polish Falcons. She held several offices at Nest 799 in Detroit, including physical instructress and secretary. She attended Immaculata High School and Mercy College in Detroit, where she earned a degree in social work. After graduation, she worked for Miss Clara Swieczkowska at the Polish Activities League. She earned a master's degree in social work from Wayne State University and became a probation officer at Wayne County Juvenile Court, retiring from the court as a casework supervisor after 34 years.

Casimir Mortka is the son of Anna Mortka, a well-known Hamtramck politician and activist. He graduated from Hamtramck High School and earned a Bachelor of Business Administration degree from the University of Detroit. He worked as an accountant for the Fruehauf Trailer Co. and then for the Federal Reserve Bank in Detroit. He retired in 1991.

The Mortkas have one son, Michael. He attended De LaSalle High School in Detroit and graduated from the University of Michigan with a degree in electrical engineering. He and his wife, Elizabeth, and their three children, Jack, Doug and Conor, live in St. Louis, where he works for the Boeing Corp.

The couple look forward to spending much time with their son and grandchildren in the near future.

Ford 50th

Jack and Janet Ford of Grosse Pointe Woods celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary by returning to Christ Church, New Malden, England, where they were married, for a Reaffirmation of Vows ceremony at 2 p.m. April 28, 2006, the same time and date as their original wedding ceremony.

In attendance were their two

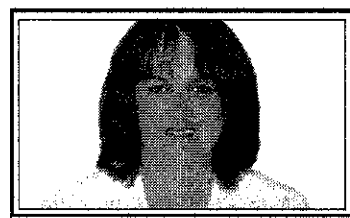
children, Jane Ellis, third-grade teacher at Ferry Elementary School, and Col. Brian Ford, U.S. Air Force, and Janet Ford's family in England and France.

Jack Ford is a retired Air Force colonel and a retired teacher and counselor for Grosse Pointe North High School.

Brian C. Ford, son of retired U.S. Air Force Col. Jack and Mrs. Janet Ford of Grosse Pointe Woods, was promoted to colonel, U.S. Air Force, on April 1 with his father pinning on his son's new set of colonel's eagles.

CAREGIVING By Terri Murphy

Long-term care



Recently, the government predicted the cost of long-term care will begin to double every 15 years. With the annual cost of many nursing homes exceeding \$100,000, the burden of paying taxes no longer poses the No. 1 financial threat it once did.

With this growing certainty clearly coming down the path, why are most people ignoring this, and what choices do we have to address this new certainty?

The typical reasons why people tend to ignore this growing financial challenge and why it appears most people are choosing to not take the issue seriously are:

1) I take good care of myself. I eat right and exercise regularly. I've got nothing to worry about.

Let's not kid ourselves. As we age, no one knows when a major health issue could strike. The reality is the longer we live, the odds of needing some form of long-term care goes up significantly.

2) Either my spouse or family will take care of me.

In today's hectic world, do you really think your children have the time to provide you with all your care needs? What if your spouse can't provide the required care you may need?

3) When the time comes, I'll transfer my assets to my family and go on Medicaid.

Sorry, won't work. The government has strict rules in place to prevent people from impoverishing themselves to qualify for benefits.

4) Medicare will cover me. Sorry, Medicare is health in-

surance covering short-term care in a skilled nursing facility and a limited (at best) home health benefit. It certainly does not cover care in an assisted-living facility.

5) I'm financially healthy. I'll be able to hire the care I need when the time comes.

This might be true. However, as stated previously, the annual cost today for many nursing homes exceeds \$100,000. It might not take long to completely exhaust one's entire estate.

Basically, there are only two choices to address these challenges: long-term care insurance and self-pay. That's it!

However, it is not easy to get long-term care insurance for those over the age of 65, and it is not cheap at this point. Like most insurance, the younger you start, the cheaper the premium.

The other remaining option is self-pay. As discussed above, this is not the most attractive alternative as it can deplete one's entire estate. Once a person reaches this financial ground zero, they now qualify for Medicaid.

Currently, across the country, two-thirds of nursing home residents are being covered by Medicaid. However, the vast majority of nursing homes are underfunded by Medicaid and therefore understaffed.

The bottom line, plan aggressively now and purchase long-term care insurance (if you can) or face the reality that most Americans will either be forced to move back in with their children (however, odds are they will still need some form of care) or prepare to be moved into a nursing home.

Not a rosy picture. Not even Mark Twain could put together elegant words to describe this approaching financial certainty.

Terri Murphy is a professional caregiver living in the City of Grosse Pointe.



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STATE OF THE ARTS By Alex Suczek

'Urban Alchemy' opens doors to art

There will be a unique art show in the heart of Detroit's near west side June 9 to 24. It is a cool concept for anyone interested in contemporary found art and an eye-opener for the uninitiated. It is, in fact, one of the few times when art made from found objects will be displayed in a comprehensive and totally compatible environment.

Within the scope of this neighborhood show is a ware-

house filled with salvaged architectural fixtures, decor, trim and materials from old buildings. Many of them qualify as beautiful antique architectural details like leaded windows or carved marble mantels.

Nearby are two art galleries set up in historic buildings. On display is art created from found objects emphasizing the historic character of the environment. More than 27 well-known artists are participat-

ing. And, indeed, the neighborhood itself is participating as an antique. Its name is the Woodbridge Historic District and is located in old Detroit, near the intersection of West Grand River and West Warren.

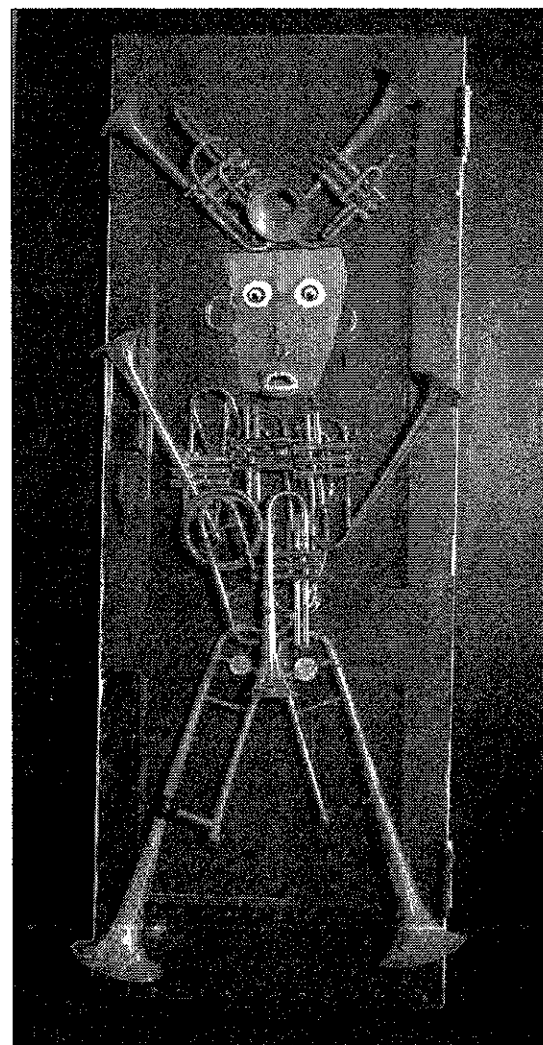
It is a rare example of an almost abandoned urban area being renewed in a style and with materials that match the area's age. One display is the design for a new-old house to be built in the district, possibly the first new structure in a century. It will utilize high-quality details and materials rescued from a century-old dismantled mansion.

On auction to benefit this concept of urban and architectural renewal are old-fashioned doors, many of semi-precious woods that have been salvaged from old residences.

The doors are colorfully painted and decorated with found objects by the artists exhibiting in the show. The artists also have their work on display and for sale in the galleries. But the unusual reward for attending this event is to experience aesthetics of the past as they have been reinterpreted in the present through the medium of found objects. New impressions vie with old-time memories as they stimulate viewers' imaginations. They are often satirical and somewhat edgy.

It all adds up to the title given to the whole presentation: "Urban Alchemy." It is really a celebration and the total impact is magical and inspiring for it represents the regeneration of a living community out of one that had faded and died.

If the experience sounds too good to be true, so does the list of participating collaborators who are making it happen. They are dripping with talent



The found art of doors by Teresa Petersen, left, and Tim Burke will be among those shown at the "Urban Alchemy" exhibit at the Architectural Salvage Warehouse June 10 through 24.

and dedication.

Coordinating the show is the Architectural Salvage Warehouse, which is the source of all the materials rescued from buildings that are taken down. Next to the warehouse is the 555 Gallery/Studio, a cooperative of 20 artists who have working areas in the building and share the exhibit space. This nonprofit is dedicated to the diversification of cultural life in Detroit. It helps emerging artists by offering exhibit and studio space, and its artists collaborate with other arts organizations.

A half block away on Grand River is the 4731 Gallery. It is operated by the Bridge to the Future Inc., a nonprofit organization that introduces urban youth to the arts through film, art, writing and visual media.

The design for the new-old house to be built nearby was developed by nine students at the University of Detroit-Mercy School of Architecture. They are supervised by the school's professors and practicing architects with important local support. The Woodbridge Neighborhood Development Corp. is donating the lot for the house. Focus: HOPE is warehousing salvaged materials for it.

Nonprofit Greening of Detroit will landscape the property.

The two-week show will open on Friday, June 9, with a major benefit event. Guests will arrive to the sounds of the Marion Hayden Jazz Band, bar service and appetizing buffets prepared by a half dozen popular area restaurants. From the opening at 6 p.m. guests can roam the warehouse and galleries to view the art, mingle and greet the artists. A shuttle bus will be available to transport guests to the second gallery, although some may prefer to walk. Valet parking is available at 4731 Grand River, the site of the second gallery.

In a tent set up next to the 555 Gallery and the Warehouse, guests may gather to enjoy food, beverages and music and, at 8 p.m., bid on the transformed doors. These may be among the most impressive examples of the contemporary art forms celebrated at this show. The doors have been rescued from the deconstruction of old buildings and used as "canvases" by the participating artists. Some are simply painted with colorful examples of individual artists' styles. Others are decorated with compositions created with found art objects.

Proceeds from the auction and tickets for the opening benefit on June 9 will support the nonprofit efforts of the participating organizations.

A special separate sale will offer doors painted by students from two schools in Detroit. These will be in a silent auction.

The next day, Saturday, June 10, the exhibit is open to the general public from 3 to 10 p.m. with slightly different hoopla. There will be activities for children and food available in the tent. All the exhibits will still be intact. It will be a family day for discovering the art of "Urban Alchemy." The exhibits will continue to be on display during special hours posted at the galleries and warehouse through June 24.

Getting there is easy from the Linwood-Grand River exit of I-94 to the intersection of Grand River and 15th street, and secure parking is provided.

To support this creative mission for preservation, renewal and artistic enhancement of the city, call (313) 515-0399. Tickets for the Friday, June 9, benefit are \$75. During the remainder of the two weeks, admission is free. For more information about the daily schedules, visit urban-alchemy.org.

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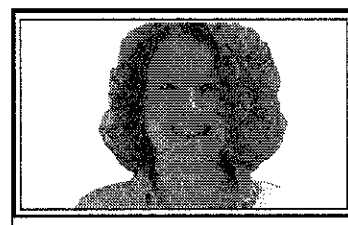
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A LA ANNIE By Annie Rouleau-Scheriff

Spiedini for the holiday



that will fit a piece of the pounded meat.

Working with one piece of meat at a time, brush both sides of the meat generously with the salad oil. Lay the meat in the bread crumbs and press down to coat. Turn the meat over and coat the other side with bread crumbs as well. (Make sure the meat is well coated on both sides.)

Transfer the meat to a work surface with the long end facing you. Line the meat with a single layer of prosciutto. You'll use about three slices to cover the meat. Top with a single layer (two slices) of provolone cheese. The slices may slightly overlap in the middle.

Spiedini

8 long (12-inch) wooden skewers
12 bay leaves
4 (5x7) pieces pounded sirloin tip steak (or chip steak), about 1 1/2 lbs.
1/3 cup salad oil (or more if needed)
1 cup Italian bread crumbs
12 slices prosciutto
8 slices provolone cheese
1 onion cut into very thick slices

Place the skewers in a tall glass of water to soak. Place the bay leaves in a small bowl of water to soak. Place the bread crumbs in a shallow pan

Carefully (yet snugly) roll the stuffed beef into a spiral loaf. Roll again in the bread crumbs. Cut the loaf into 1-inch slices. Carefully feed a pinwheel onto a skewer (make sure the open end of the pinwheel feeds onto the skewer first), then feed a slice (chunk) of onion and a bay leaf. Repeat with two more spirals, with the bay leaf and onion in between each. Feed the other three spirals onto another skewer in the same manner. Place the skewers on a greased baking sheet and set aside. Preheat oven to 375 degrees.

Repeat the entire process

three more times using the remaining three sheets of meat, prosciutto and cheese. Bake the spiedini at 375 degrees for 20 to 25 minutes, until the meat becomes brown and juicy. Cool for a few minutes then gently slide the cooked pinwheels off of the skewers (discard the bay leaves and the onions).

Arrange the spiedini on a pretty serving tray lined with gourmet greens or a pretty paper doily. This recipe should yield about 24 pieces of spiedini.

Spiedini boasts a very rich flavor from the prosciutto and the provolone. Two per guest should be plenty.

This was my first try making spiedini. It's easier than it sounds. I found the meat already pounded at Village Food Market on Mack. I sliced six pieces from each rolled loaf of meat. There are no rules when it comes to spiedini. Some roll veal, chicken or pork. Some stuff the meat with cheese, tomato and onion. Others with just cheese, fontina perhaps. If your skewers are short, prepare more skewers. Trust me you'll figure it out.

Memorial Day is Monday. Impress your friends with the tastiest appetizer at the party — spiedini. Thanks for the recipe, "Antie."

ENGAGEMENTS

Schmidt-Haskell
Kirk and Karen Schmidt of Grosse Pointe Woods have announced the engagement of their daughter, Jennifer Schmidt, to Michael Haskell, son of James and Sharon Haskell of Traverse City, formerly of Grosse Pointe Woods. A September wedding is planned.

Schmidt earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in organizational studies from the University of Michigan. She is a channel business manager with Nestle.

Haskell earned a Bachelor

of Arts degree in organizational studies from the University of Michigan. He is an account executive with GreenPoint Wholesale Bank.

Conway-Weikel

Michael and Kathleen Conway of Grosse Pointe Farms have announced the engagement of their daughter, Maureen Ann Conway, to Robert Christopher Weikel, son of Ann Gibson Weikel of Grosse Pointe Farms, and the late Charles W. Weikel. A September wedding is planned.

Conway earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in journalism and political science from Marquette University, Milwaukee. She is a marketing manager for Clark Hill PLC in Detroit.

Weikel earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in public affairs from Muskingum College, New Concord, Ohio. He is a computer systems integrator with the OAS Group in Troy.

Thomas-Hermann

Mike Thomas of Dryden and Carolyn Thomas of the City of Grosse Pointe have announced the engagement of their daughter, Lesley Megan Thomas, to Peter Dexter Hermann, son of Gary and Ginna Hermann of Moreland Hills, Ohio, and Big Sky, Mont.

A June wedding is planned.

Thomas earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in Spanish from Bowdoin College and a master's degree in social work from the University of Michigan. She is a crisis counselor in Nashville.

Hermann earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in English from Bowdoin College. He is employed in the software industry in Nashville.

Majewski-Graskewicz

Lee and Patty Tocco Majewski of Grosse Pointe Woods have announced the engagement of their daughter, Pamela Ann Majewski, to Jamie Boyd Graskewicz, son of Thomas and Karen Graskewicz of Sterling Heights. A May 2007 wedding is planned.

Majewski earned a Bachelor of Science degree in fashion merchandising from Western Michigan University. She is a graduate student working on her MBA at Walsh College. She is an assistant buyer for Art Van Furniture.

Graskewicz is a home furnishings consultant for Art Van Furniture.

Cassin-Sharp

Dr. and Mrs. Bader Cassin of Grosse Pointe Farms have announced the engagement of their daughter, Julianne Cassin, to Jeffrey Sharp, son of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Sharp of West Bloomfield. An August wedding is planned.



Jennifer Schmidt and Michael Haskell



Robert Christopher Weikel and Maureen Ann Conway



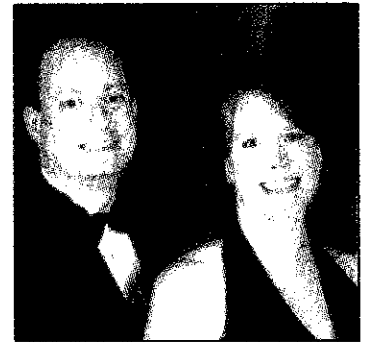
Lesley Megan Thomas and Peter Dexter Hermann



Jamie Boyd Graskewicz and Pamela Ann Majewski



Julianne Cassin and Jeffrey Sharp



John Janson and Lucy Rutledge

Cassin earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in political science and Spanish from Western Michigan University and a juris doctorate degree from University of Detroit Mercy School of Law. She is an immigration attorney with Maroko & Landau P.C. in Farmington Hills.

Rutledge-Janson

Al and Cathy Rutledge of Grosse Pointe Farms have announced the engagement of

their daughter, Lucy Rutledge, to John Janson, son of Eugene and Carolyn Janson of Indianapolis. A December wedding is planned.

Rutledge earned a Bachelor of Science degree from the University of Dayton. She is an elementary school teacher in the Chicago Public Schools.

Janson earned a degree in engineering from Purdue University. He is a mechanical engineer for Bosch Corp. in Chicago.

NEW ARRIVALS

Joshua Hunter Emerick

Josh and Catherine Emerick are the parents of a son, Joshua Hunter Emerick, born Dec. 22, 2005. Maternal grandparents are Norman and Sharon Cure of Grosse Pointe Park. Paternal grandparents are Jacque Emerick of Grand Blanc and Steve and Barbara Emerick of Dexter. Great-grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Johnson of Bloomfield Hills.

Danica Megan Friedel

Mr. and Mrs. Douglas B. Friedel Jr. are the parents of a daughter, Danica Megan Friedel, born April 4, 2006. Maternal grandparents are Merrie Ann Berger of Oxford and Charles Carpenter of Warren. Paternal grandparents are Douglas and Diane Friedel of Grosse Pointe Woods. Great-grandmother is Dora Ferrante of Grosse Pointe Shores.

Samantha Margaret Jalics

Courtenay and Tom Jalics of Shaker Heights, Ohio, are the parents of a daughter, Samantha Margaret Jalics, born April 6, 2006. Maternal grandparents are Mary Jo and John Youngblood of Grosse Pointe Farms. Paternal grandparents are Susan and Stephen Jalics of Rocky River, Ohio. Maternal great-grandmother is Faye Youngblood of St. Clair Shores.

Matthew Ethan Wiegand

Michael and Christian Wiegand of Birmingham are the parents of a son, Matthew Ethan Wiegand, born March 15, 2006. Maternal grandparents are Bruce and Candace VanFarowe of Grosse Pointe Woods. Paternal grandparents are Daniel and Kathleen Wiegand of Frankenmuth, formerly of Grosse Pointe Woods.

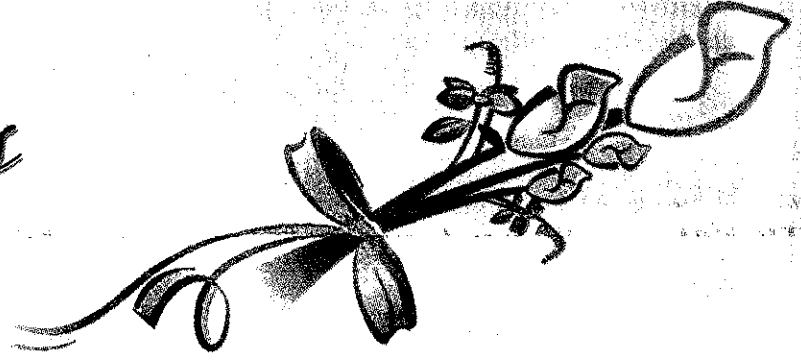
Kelly Kristine Carter

Ben and Jen Carter of Eden Prairie, Minn., are the parents of a daughter, Kelly Kristine Carter, born April 16, 2006. Maternal grandparents are Roy and Pat Tipton of Bonita Springs, Fla., formerly of the City of Grosse Pointe. Paternal grandparents are John and Ginne Carter of the City of Grosse Pointe. Great-grandmother is Virginia Wielhouwer of Portage.

Lilly Grace Goudy

Lee and Leah Goudy of Grosse Pointe Woods are the parents of a daughter, Lilly Grace Goudy, born April 19, 2006. Maternal grandparents are James and Bonnie Wright of Kalamazoo. Paternal grandparents are Lee and Pamela Goudy of Dearborn Heights. Great-grandparents are George and Wilma Goudy of Okachobee, Fla., and Mary Sampson of Covington, Ohio.

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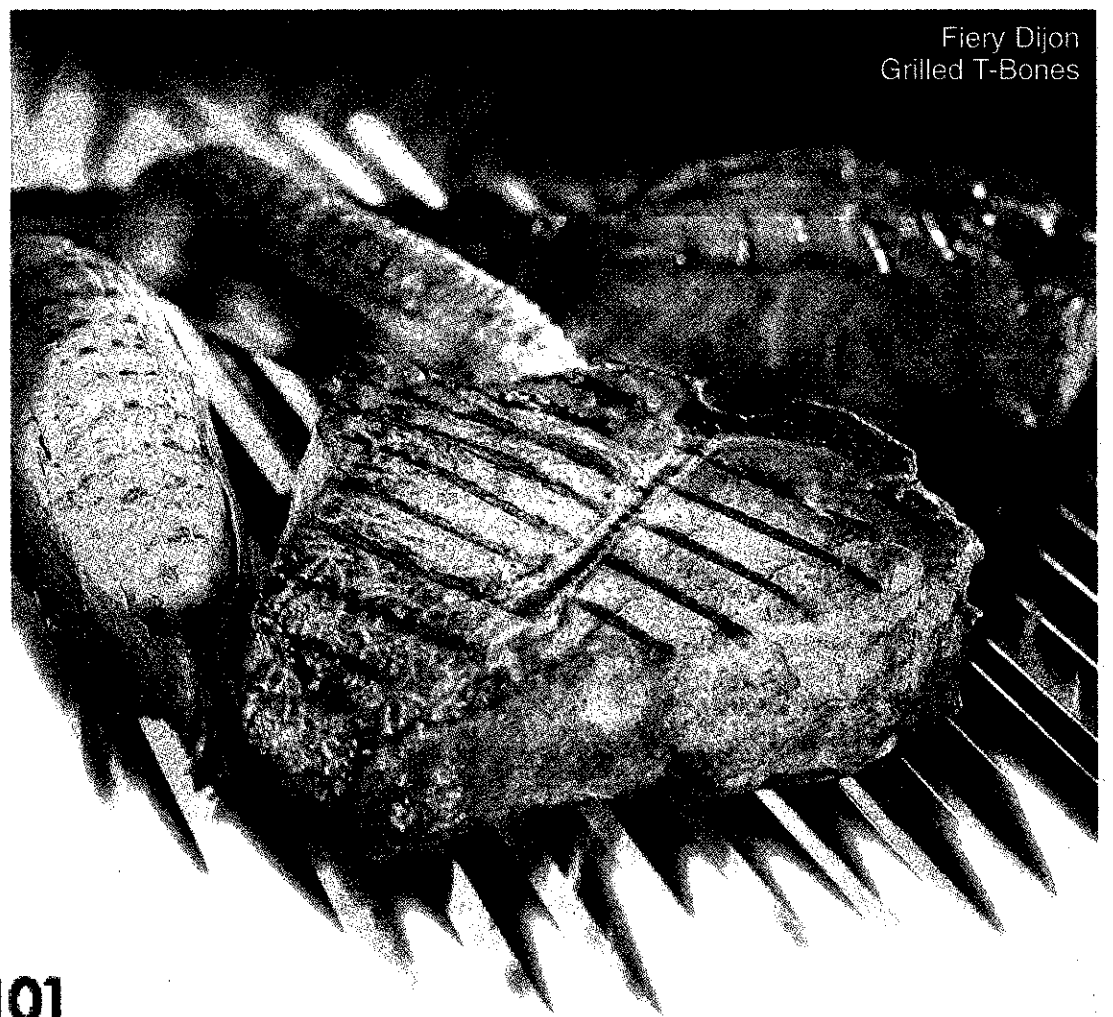
Love a great steak, but mystified how to serve it up at home?

"Most beef shoppers admit they're in the dark when it comes to knowing how to choose the right cut of beef for dinner," says Herb Meischen, beef industry consultant. "Confidence in buying meat can be boosted by knowing what you're looking for. Knowledge is power: Understanding what you're looking for and finding a beef brand you can trust for consistent quality is the secret to success." (See sidebar.)

According to Meischen, once you know how to pick the right cut, you're just a few steps from a knockout dinner. An industry-recognized beef expert, Meischen shares his tips:

- Everyone agrees that grilling brings out the best in a great cut of meat, so fire up the grill!
- Next is "quality, quality, quality!" Be like a chef and start with the best quality beef you can afford.
- Keep preparation simple to let the great, natural flavor shine through.
- Last, but very critical: Don't overcook! Meat continues to cook after you remove it from the grill, so take this into account.

Get hip to choosing the perfect cut, light the grill and try these sure-to-please summer beef entrées. For more information on foolproof beef shopping and super summer recipe ideas, visit www.angusquiz.com.



Fiery Dijon Grilled T-Bones

Fiery Dijon Grilled T-Bones

Prep Time: 10 minutes
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- 4 AngusPride T-Bone Steaks
- Dijon Mustard Blend:**
- 3/4 cup extra virgin olive oil
- 1 1/2 tablespoons Dijon mustard
- 1 tablespoon Worcestershire sauce
- 1/8 teaspoon coarse kosher salt
- 1/8 teaspoon freshly ground black pepper

In small bowl, stir together all ingredients for Dijon mustard blend.

Place steaks on grill over medium heat, brushing with mustard blend on each side while cooking. Cook approximately 8 to 12 minutes for medium rare to medium doneness.

Serving Suggestions: Serve with grilled corn on the cob. Try squeezing fresh lime juice over the corn and sprinkle it with chili powder and black pepper.

Beef Buying 101

Take the "error" out of "trial and error" by looking for three things when choosing the perfect cut. And don't be afraid to enlist the help of your butcher.

- **Freshness and food safety:** Never buy a package that's ripped or past its "sell by" date.
- **Quality:** As indicated by USDA grades — which are based on the amount of marbling — the top three grades of beef are Prime, Choice and Select. More marbling means a higher grade and more tender beef. It's easy, however, to look for a trusted brand name for consistent quality. Ask your butcher for criteria used by the beef brand the store carries. For example, AngusPride brand beef is USDA certified to be top-end Choice or higher; fewer than one in five of all Angus-type cattle meet this brand's strict standards.
- **Cut:** For best results match the beef cut with the right grilling method, whether direct-heat, hot-fire or indirect-heat grilling. The basic guideline to remember is that the less tender the cut, typically the richer the flavor, and the longer the cooking time. For quick grilling, select tender steaks and tenderloins, such as ribeye, porterhouse, filet or strip. For more affordable cuts, loaded with incredible beef flavor, choose brisket or chuck and opt for low and slow indirect grilling. These slightly tougher cuts take a bit longer, but the taste is worth the wait.

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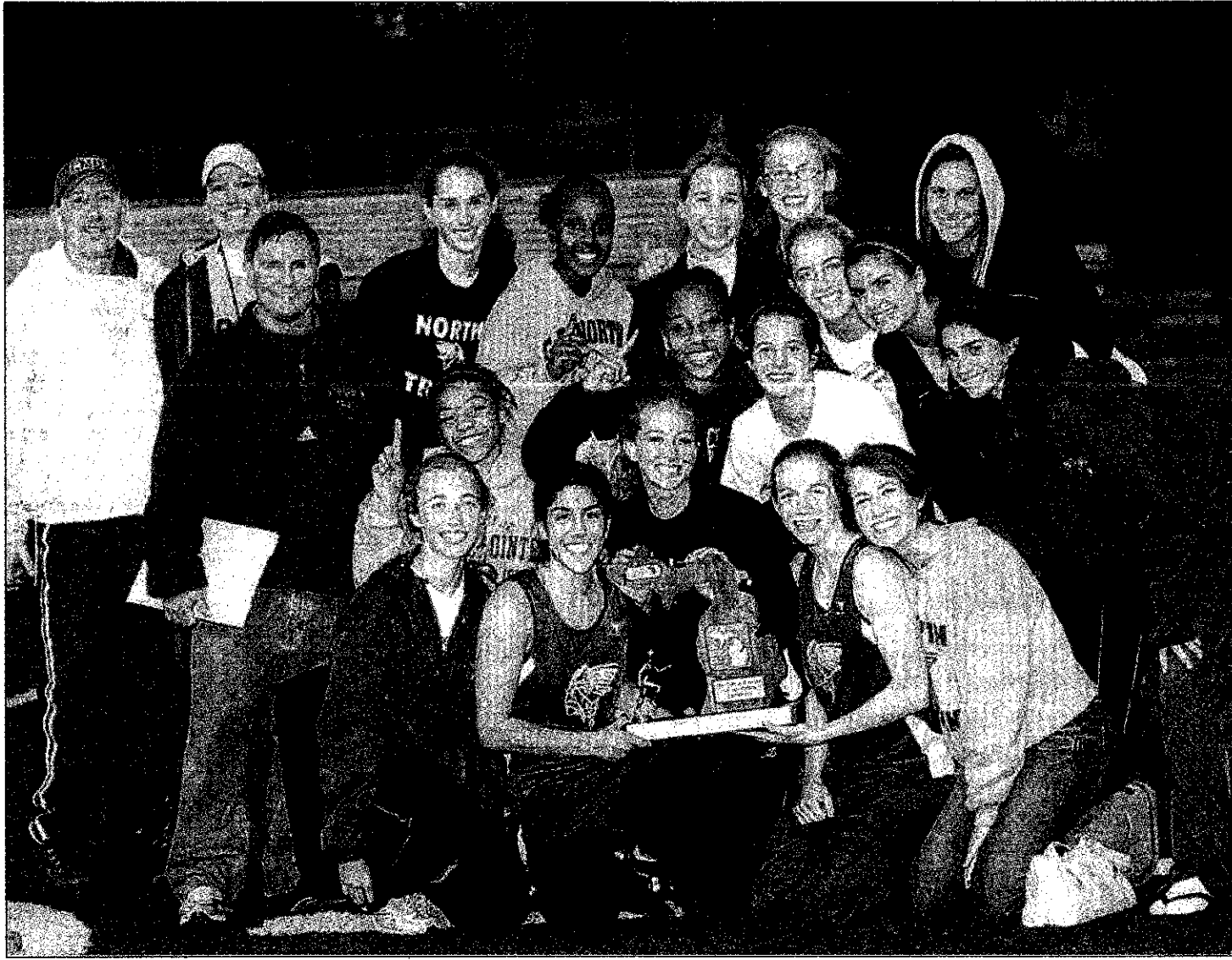
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GIRLS TRACK REGIONAL

North ends South's long reign



Grosse Pointe North's girls track team celebrates its first state regional championship since 1985.

Norsemen get first regional championship since 1985

By Chuck Klonke
Sports Editor

Charles Buhagiar has been coaching the girls track team at Grosse Pointe North for more than a quarter of a century and he has never had a team that compares to this one.

"I've been coaching for 34 years and this is the most well-rounded team I've ever had," Buhagiar said after the Norsemen won the 1,600-meter relay to clinch its first state regional championship since 1985.

"We have people who can score points in the field events, the sprints, the hurdles and the distance races."

North's performance earned praise from Grosse Pointe South coach Steve Zaranek, whose team has dominated the regional hosted by the Blue Devils for several seasons.

"North earned it," Zaranek said. "They're a very solid team. I feel good about getting second place and keeping it close right to the end. We got the most out of our girls. I thought coming in we'd be 20 points behind North so we did better than I expected."

North finished with 148 points, while South, which had won 12 straight regional championships, had 134.

Port Huron, led by twin distance runners Caitlyn and Chelsey Bonney, was a distant third with 110 points.

"North and South are two well-balanced teams," Zaranek said. "We both had a lot of events covered well."

South trailed by eight points going into the final relay, but North took away all doubt by

finishing first in 4:10.70 — a six-second margin over runner-up Detroit King. South was fourth.

"We knew it would probably come down to the final event," said Buhagiar, who gave his relay team of Katie Graves, Kelly DeFauw, Betsy Graney and Danielle Hubler a pep talk before the race.

"I told them, 'Don't let up.' And they didn't."

North also won the 400 and 800 relays.

The team of DeFauw, Rebecca Pollard, Hubler and Korene Jones won the 400 relay in 51.80, while Anitra Peoples, Pollard, Hubler and DeFauw combined for a winning time of 1:48.50 in the 800 relay.

Jones won the 100 hurdles in 15.90, beating her sister Kiyonna, who was second.

Graney won two individual events. She beat the Bonney twins by nearly seven seconds in winning the 1,600 run in 5:08.70, and ran away from the rest of the field by an even wider margin in the 3,200 run.

Graney's time in the 3,200 was 11:45.20, while South's Emily McLaughlin was second in 12:13.40.

North's Lauren Flanagan won the discus with a throw of 114-feet-3.

South's Ali Morawski, who is running track for the first time this year, had an outstanding meet with firsts in the 400 and 200 dashes.

She broke her own week-old school record in the 200 with a time of 25.90. DeFauw was second in 26.50. A week earlier,

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NORTH BASEBALL

Clinches MAC White crown

By Chuck Klonke
Sports Editor

The last time Grosse Pointe North's baseball team clinched a league championship on May 22, coach Frank Sumner was n't around to see it.

This time he was able to enjoy every moment of the Norsemen's 19-7 victory against East Detroit.

The win gave North a three-game lead in the Macomb Area Conference White Division with two games remaining.

Sumner had a good excuse for missing the last May 22 title-clincher 22 years ago. That was the day his daughter Natalie was born.

"We had a doubleheader against Lake Shore at Kyte Monroe and after we won the first game I got a call that my wife had gone into labor," Sumner said. "I went to the hospital and missed the second game."

A 10-run third inning, highlighted by Laurence Briski's two-run homer that hit the school behind the Shamrocks' field, made things easy for North starter Jamie Sheppard, who improved to 3-1.

There were plenty of other offensive stars for the Norsemen.

Michael Kaiser had four hits, including a double, and drove in four runs. Adam Miller had a solo homer among his two hits. Matt Koppinger went 3-for-3 with a pair of walks, a double and a solo homer. He

drove in two runs and scored three.

"I'm really happy to clinch the league championship with two games to go," Sumner said. "A lot of people didn't expect us to do this well, but we've got great depth."

"Everyone has complimented us for having one of the best lineups they've seen from one through nine. And we have people on the bench like Matt Lombardi, Karl Tech and Sean Stevenson, who've done a nice job when we've needed them. We're averaging about 10 runs a game."

The regular starting rotation of Kaiser, Tom Ziemiecki, Koppinger and Brad Herman has been solid, while Sheppard and Mike Raymond have also pitched well when they've been called upon.

North also won its other two MAC White games last week to improve to 10-0 in the league and 28-1 overall.

The Norsemen, who are ranked No. 1 in the state Division I poll, didn't let a week-long layoff affect them when they returned to action against Utica Ford II.

North pounded out 14 hits in a 14-3 victory against the Falcons.

"We didn't get outside for a week but we were able to hit inside," Sumner said.

Miller led the way against Ford with four hits, including a pair of doubles and a home run, and four RBIs. Herman hit a two-run homer in North's

five-run third inning.

The Norsemen ended the game with seven runs in the sixth inning, featuring a three-run homer by Marshall Ochylski and a solo shot by Miller.

Bill Matouk had two hits and three RBIs and Ochylski had a double to go with his home run.

Kaiser pitched the first five innings and struck out seven. Sheppard pitched the sixth.

North had one of its closest calls in league play when it beat Anchor Bay 5-4.

Miller got the Norsemen rolling with a leadoff homer in the first.

After a single by Kaiser, Herman followed with another homer to make it 3-0.

Kaiser drove in North's other two runs with a single in the fourth.

Anchor Bay scored a pair of runs in the fifth to cut North's lead to 5-4 but Koppinger relieved Ziemiecki and got the save with 2 1/3 scoreless innings.

A double play ended the sixth inning and Koppinger got the side out in order in the seventh.

Miller also had two hits for North.

The Norsemen swept a doubleheader from North Farmington, 17-11 and 11-5.

The Raiders lead their division of the Oakland Activities Association.

A 10-run first inning got North rolling in the first game.

Mike D'Agnesse went 3-for-3 with a pair of walks. He scored three runs and drove in one.

Kaiser had two hits, including a double, and drove in two runs. Briski went 2-for-4 with four RBIs. Matouk had two hits, including a double, and two RBIs and Ochylski had two hits, one a double, and drove in a run.

Lombardi was hit by pitches three times, drew two walks and hit a three-run homer in the third inning.

North used four pitchers with Ochylski getting the win with 3 1/3 strong innings of relief.

North trailed 2-1 going into the fourth inning of the second game but the Norsemen exploded for eight runs. Jon Chapel led off with a home run. Lombardi reached on an error; took second on a wild pitch and scored on Tech's single.

Stevenson followed with an RBI single and Kaiser hit a three-run homer.

Back-to-back doubles by Chapel and Tech produced another run. After a fielder's choice and a walk to Marc Reno, Miller capped the inning with a two-run single.

Chapel went 4-for-4, scored three runs and drove in two. Kaiser had three hits and three RBIs.

Raymond pitched the first three innings. D'Agnesse pitched the next three to earn the victory. Sheppard finished the game.

NORTH SOCCER

Domination continues in division

To say that Grosse Pointe North has dominated the Macomb Area Conference White Division in girls soccer would be an understatement.

The Norsemen won their

seventh straight division match last week with a 5-0 victory against Romeo.

It was the seventh shutout of the season for freshman goalkeeper Ariana Conti.

North controlled play throughout the first half. Chelsea Detrick scored the first two goals. The first came off a nice assist by Hannah Clor and the second just min-

utes later after a perfect cross-

ing pass from Olivia Stander.

Stander made it 3-0 about 15

minutes into the game when

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SOUTH TENNIS

Edges Troy in regional

By Chuck Klonke
Sports Editor

Depth carried Grosse Pointe South's tennis team to a Division I state regional championship last weekend and coach Tom Berschback is hoping that depth will help the Blue Devils to a strong showing at the state finals in Midland.

"Depth is my strength," Berschback said. "Out of eight flights, we should be seeded in seven of them."

"(Ann Arbor) Pioneer is the strongest team in the state, but if some of their people have an off day and we play our best, we can beat them."

In the regional hosted by South, the Blue Devils finished first with 28 of a possible 32 points. Troy was second with 26.

South had regional championships in four of the flights.

Brent Parshall won 6-0, 6-4 in the final at No. 3 singles against University of Detroit Jesuit's Michael Cole, while Alex Parker had a 6-3, 6-4 win in the championship match at No. 4 against Troy's Mike Bouts.

Ben Hartman played well in losing 6-3, 6-1 to Troy's Matt Parks.

"Parks is an outstanding player, maybe the best in the state, but thankfully he's a senior and Ben is only a junior," Berschback said.

South also won first and second doubles. The No. 1 doubles team of Jimmy Dixon and Matt Prigorac rolled to a 6-1, 6-2 victory against Troy's Patrick Sheehan and Anthony Yee, and the No. 2 South team of Joe Halso and Andrew Miller defeated Troy Athens' team of Gerald Chang and Ben Tollafield 7-6, 6-0.

South also made the finals at No. 2 singles where Patrick Rudzki lost to Troy's Peter Williams 6-1, 6-3.

The Blue Devils' other finalists were at No. 3 doubles where Pat Whelan and Bryan Cenko lost to a Troy team of Denny Heichel and Ryan Meganck, which came into the match 16-1. The Colts pair won 6-3, 7-5.

At No. 4 doubles, Troy's Mark Merten and Will Nolan beat South's Kevin Young and Reid Dixon 6-4, 4-6, 6-3.

Earlier, South won the Macomb Area Conference Red Division championship with 36 of a possible 40 points.

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ROWING

DWRA offers many events

The Detroit Women's Rowing Association is offering several opportunities this spring and summer for girls and women to learn the sport and improve their skills.

The DWRA's spring and summer rowing camps have started for girls 12 and older and for women.

The camps are run by certified USRowing coaches. There is a low coach to rower ratio, and top quality, new equipment.

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Visit the DWRA website at www.dwra.org for more information on the program. If there are still questions, call certified USRowing coach Renee A. Schulte at (313) 881-2931 or e-mail her at schulte765@comcast.net.

The DWRA is also offering budget-friendly rowing opportunities for female college students and high school graduates.

It's a competitive program that offers athletes the opportunity to network with rowers from other college and universities.

Pricing options include work-to-row opportunities.

The DWRA offers sculling and sweep classes and programs for middle school, high

school, college and masters levels during the spring, summer and fall.

Ladies Weekend Rowing Retreats include a gourmet Saturday lunch and Sunday breakfast served on china, and optional yoga in the historic Lawrence Fisher Mansion.

Also, Stephanie Ricker will join the DWRA as a coach. She has rowed for Grand Valley State University, and has seven years of rowing, coxing and coaching experience.

LITTLE LEAGUE BASEBALL

Farms-City scores, highlights

MAJORS

A's 17, Indians 2

The A's scored five runs in the top of the first inning. Nick Pangori pitched three hitless innings, striking out seven. He helped himself with three doubles. Matt Temrowski had a double and a home run and pitched a perfect inning, striking out the side. Joe Kuhna went 4-for-4 with three RBIs and Tommy Shimmel had three hits and three RBIs.

Hits by Norman Byrd and Zach Dettlinger, sandwiched around a

walk, produced the Indians' runs. Nate Gaggin pitched well for the Indians.

A's 3, Pirates 2

Nick Pangori's home run in the bottom of the fifth inning provided the winning run for the A's. Carmen Benedetti pitched three shutout innings in relief, striking out seven. Tommy Shimmel's two-run homer tied the game for the A's in the bottom of the second.

RBI hits by James Champane and Michael Yacoubucci staked the Pirates to an early 2-0 lead. Conrad

Tech and Scott Dirkson pitched well for the Pirates.

AAA

River Cats 15, Bulls 9

Andrew Bigham led the River Cats with four hits, including a double. Alex Cendrowski had a single and triple and Brett Bigham hit a single and double. River Cats pitchers Jack Strachan, Brett Bigham and Joe Fannon combined for nine strikeouts.

Joey Yacoubucci hit a three-run homer for the Bulls and Gordy Fisher had three hits, including a

triple.

River Cats 8, Bats 6

Brother Brett and Andrew Bigham combined to strike out nine Bats batters. Brett Bigham had a triple and a single, while Jack Strachan and Alex Cendrowski each collected a pair of singles. Andrew Bigham and Mike Wronski had the River Cats' other hits. Both teams made excellent defensive plays.

Max Haring had a single and triple for the Bats, while Will Kruse had two singles.



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Hot hand

University Liggett School's Dan Ngoyi scored a pair of goals for the Knights in last week's action.

Kilimas twins doing well at Adrian College

Amy and Katie Kilimas, 2004 Grosse Pointe North graduates, are members of the Adrian College softball team.

Amy hit four home runs this season.

"Amy has been a clutch hitter for us all year," said coach Molly Moore in a story in the Adrian Daily Telegram. "She really has developed into our

go-to person. When she has the opportunity to knock someone in, she knows to look for her pitch."

Each of the Kilimas twins were on the Dean's List in the fall.

Katie received the Dawson Business Scholarship to complete her next two years of study to become an actuary.

Lane does well in state swim meet

Michael Lane of Grosse Pointe Shores placed in six events at the Michigan Swimming State Meet in Jenison last month.

Lane's performance earned him a fourth-place in the over-

all standings for his age group.

Although the Grosse Pointe North freshman is 14, he'll be swimming in the 15-18 age group in the Zone Meet in Indianapolis in August.

Lane swims for the Bulldog

Aquatic Club in Livonia.

Lane qualified for the zone meet with a second-place time of 2:03.20 in the 200-yard individual medley and with a third-place time of 1:03.18 in the 100 breaststroke.

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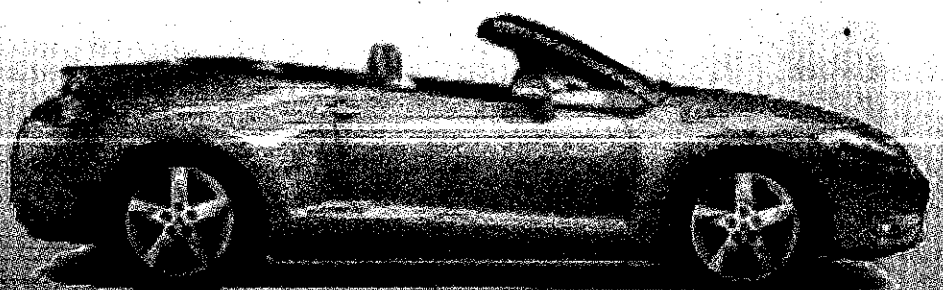


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