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◆ The Hot Club of Detroit performs at the 2006 St. John Hospital and Medical Center Music on The Plaza concert series beginning at 7 p.m. The free concert takes place on Festival Plaza at Kercheval and St. Clair in the Village.

FRIDAY, JUNE 16

◆ First day of summer vacation for students of the Grosse Pointe Public School System.
 ◆ Grosse Pointe Woods Lakefront Park summer pool hours are 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Daily lap swimming hours are 6:30 to 9 a.m.

◆ The Detroit Zoological Society's fundraiser, Sunset at the Zoo, celebrates the opening of The Australian Outback Adventure. The event is in the main picnic grove from 7 to 11:30 p.m. All proceeds benefit the zoo's animals. Tickets range from \$125 to \$250 and are available for purchase by calling (248) 541-5417, ext. 3750.

◆ The International Visitors Council of Metropolitan Detroit hold its annual dinner dance at 7 p.m., at the Tournament Players Club, Nicklaus Drive, Dearborn, which includes dinner, dancing, a silent auction and entertainment. Proceeds help support IVC Detroit programs. Tickets begin at \$150 with \$100 ticket options for Global Diplomats 25 to 40 years old. For further information and to reserve tickets, contact Julie Oldani, executive director, IVC Detroit at (248) 375-7300 or e-mail at mail@ivcdetroit.

SATURDAY, JUNE 17

◆ The 12th annual Jack Boni Family Perch Derby takes place at the Woods Lakefront Park from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

SUNDAY, JUNE 18

Father's Day

MONDAY, JUNE 19

◆ Grosse Pointe Woods city council meets at 7:30 p.m. in the city council chambers, 20025 Mack.

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◆ Grosse Pointe Chamber of Commerce hosts a new member orientation at 8:30 a.m. at

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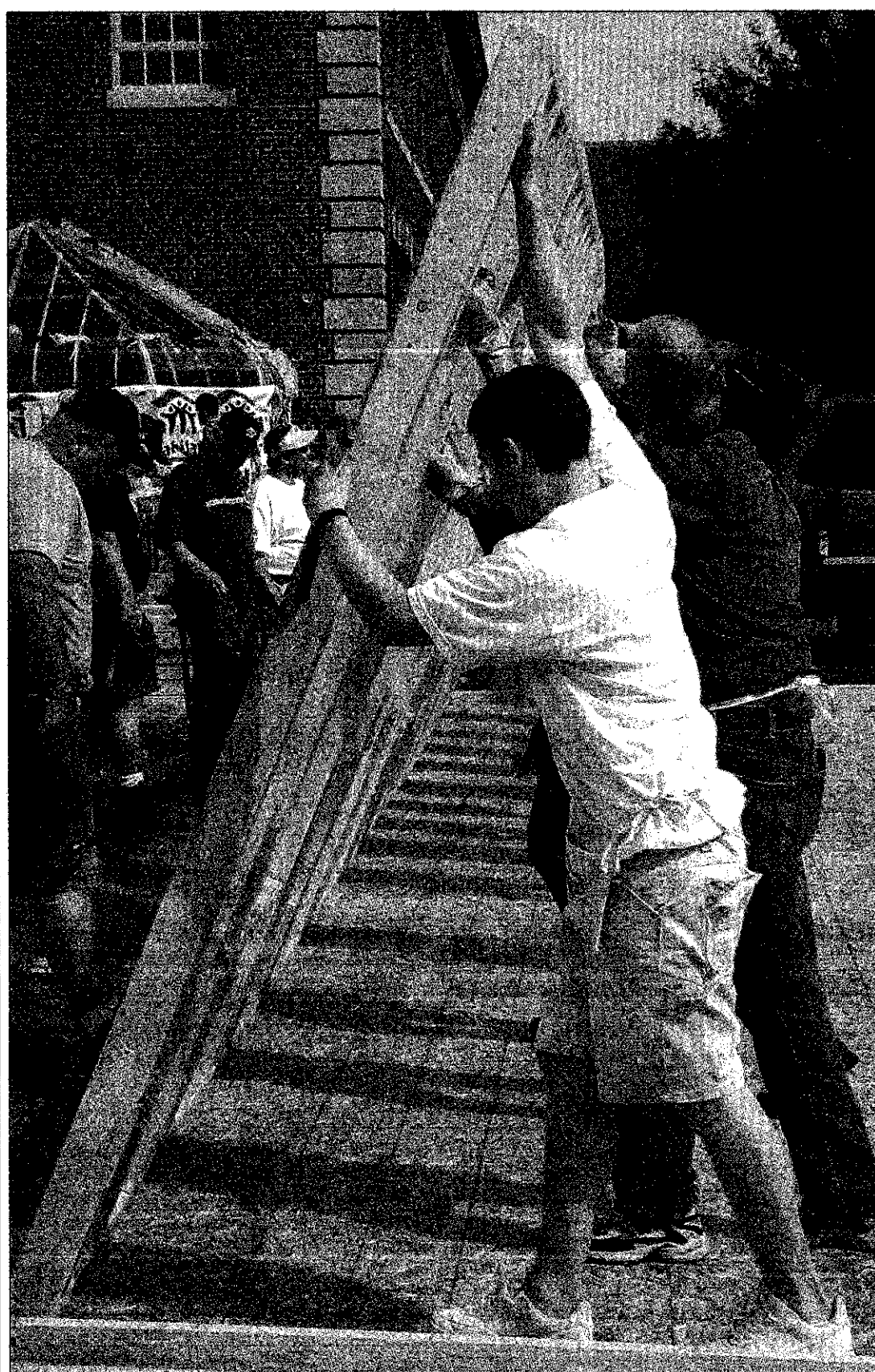


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Stand up home

The Welcome Home house for Habitat for Humanity funded by students was also built by students and community volunteers on Saturday, June 10. It took about five hours to frame the three-bedroom house and a half an hour to divide it into 20 sections and load onto a semi. The house that Grosse Pointe students dreamed of supporting is on its way to Mississippi where it will be constructed in a Gulf city for a family who lost their home due to the 2005 Hurricane Katrina wrath.

EyesOn Design June 18

The 19th annual EyesOn Design is Sunday, June 18, from 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the Edsel and Eleanor Ford House, 1100 Lakeshore in Grosse Pointe Shores. The automotive design exhibition features cars from the past, present and future, including a 1973 Ferrari 246 GT Dino, pictured above, owned by local businessman Michael Curis, in the driver's seat. Tickets cost \$20 per person. Children 12 and under are free. EyesOn Design helps the Detroit Institute of Ophthalmology's research department find a cure for blindness. Donations can be made by clicking on eyeson.myfundrazor.org (or on eyeson.org) or by making a purchase from one of the 400 merchants on the site at Virtual Mall. Each has agreed to pay a commission to MyFundRazor on every purchase through the Virtual Mall. MyFundRazor is committed to sending 70 percent of this cash distribution to the not-for-profit organizations which maintain a virtual mall in their system. For more information, contact DIO Director Dr. Philip Hessburg at (313) 824-4710.

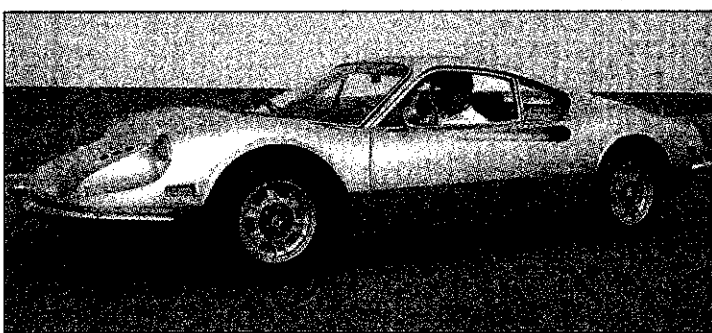


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Vacancy draws 10 hopefuls

Candidates line up to serve on board of education

By Ann L. Fouty
 Staff Writer

SELECTION

Ten people have filed for the single Grosse Pointe Board of Education vacancy.

Four women and six men will be interviewed by the board beginning Thursday, June 22, at a time to be determined. Each will be allotted 30 minutes which includes opening and closing statements and questions from both the board and the public.

Richard Olson, Jeanne Lizza, Mike Juliano, Charles Sabino, Bruce Ferguson, Richard Klimisch, Jeanne Andreoli, William Shield Jr., Cynthia Pangborn and January Dragich submitted letters of in-

GROSSE POINTE BOARD OF EDUCATION INTERVIEWS

THURSDAY, JUNE 22
PLACE: Administration Building, 389 St. Clair
TIME: to be determined

terest and resumes before the 3 p.m. Monday, June 12, deadline.

The board vacancy is the result of Lisa Vreede's resignation, effective June 30. Her term expires June 30, 2007.

"It has been an extreme honor to have worked with such a

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The cat lady is collared

Animals seemed her major concern

By Brad Lindberg
 Staff Writer

Animal lovers sometimes forget who's at the top of the food chain.

A Grosse Pointe Farms mother is being prosecuted for child neglect because she put the welfare of critters ahead of her two teenage children.

Sylvia Gray, 57, has been charged with contributing to the delinquency of a minor, a 90-day misdemeanor.

She is accused of subjecting her 14 and 15-year-old son and daughter to living amid squaller among a menagerie of ill-cared for pets.

"She's also going to be charged with animal abuse," said Lt. Rich Rosati, head of the Farms detective bureau.

Police last month raided

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POINTER OF INTEREST

'I've always been fascinated with how things work.'

June Teisan



Home: Grosse Pointe Woods
Age: 44
Family: Husband, Daniel; son, Benjamin.
Claim to fame: Presidential award-winning teacher
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Yesterday's headlines

1956

50 years ago this week

◆ FARMS MOURNING:

Flags over the municipal offices of the City of Grosse Pointe Farms are at half mast; the offices are hushed in quiet respect and sadness at the death, Sunday, June 10, of City Manager Harry A. Furton. Furton died in Cottage Hospital of a cerebral hemorrhage at the age of 54. Born in New Baltimore, September 1, 1902, Furton moved to the Farms 50 years ago. He was employed by the City of Grosse Pointe Farms on April 8, 1936 as City Clerk and appointed City manager in May, 1955.

NEW CHURCH: Grosse Pointe War Memorial Church will sponsor a new Presbyterian church in St. Clair Shores with an initial gift of \$30,000.

Faith Presbyterian Church, whose building has been condemned in the Chandler Park Drive area, has purchased 10 acres for a new church in St. Clair Shores.

1981

25 years ago this week

◆ **MAYOR RETIRING:** He kept everyone in suspense un-

til the last moment Tuesday, but Grosse Pointe Park's Mayor Matthew C. Patterson chose not to file for re-election to the office he's held for the last 17 years.

Patterson, 81, said he felt it was "time to retire" after 22 years of service to the city as councilman and mayor. His absence from the ballot will open the field for what promises to be an interesting race for mayor between two current councilmen, Douglas Graham and Anthony Spada, who met the filing deadline.

1996

10 years ago this week

◆ **NEW TRUSTEES:** Jack Ryan of Grosse Pointe Park and Steve Matthews of Harper Woods swept the Grosse Pointe school board election Monday night, each collecting roughly double the votes of the next highest vote getter, Michele Montagne Shield.

Unofficial results for the candidates are: Ryan, 6,611; Matthews, 6,372; Shield, 3,252; James Bordato, 1,657; and John Denler, 413.

District officials said the turnout was quite high for a school board election. About 9,500 residents of the Pointes and a portion of Harper Woods went to the polls on June 10. That translates to about 25 percent of the 38,500 registered voters casting a vote.



1956: Grandchildren gather to celebrate Father's Day with J.L. Hickey

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph L. Hickey of Edgemont Road, resident of Grosse Pointe Park since 1911, posed for this Father's Day picture with their grandchildren. Shown standing, left to right, are: Michael L., Andy and Cory O'Donnell and Ellen Hickey. Second row: Mrs. Hickey holds Bess Hickey; Standing are John King Jr.; Sara King; and on Mr. Hickey's lap are Daniel O'Donnell and Mollie King. Seated below are Susan Hickey, Brian Hickey and Christine O'Donnell. They are the children of Mr. and Mrs. Michael P. O'Donnell (Sally Read Hickey) of Cloverly; Mr. and Mrs. John L. King (Eileen Hickey) of Fisher; Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Hickey, Jr. of St. Clair Shores, and Mr. and Mrs. Edward J. Hickey III, of Washington. (From the June 14, 1956, Grosse Pointe News.)

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CANDIDATE: 10 seek a seat on the board

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dedicated group of board members, administration, staff and community members,"

Vreede said in a closing statement. "I have greatly appreciated the opportunity to serve the community these past three years. I thank you for the strong precedence you have set for keeping the needs of the students of this district first and foremost in all decision making."

During a committee of the whole meeting, Monday, June

12, guidelines for the interview were established.

Candidates will have two minutes for an opening statement and one minute for a closing statement. Board members will ask a few questions, including those submitted by residents. Public questions must be submitted prior to the meeting. Questions may be turned in on the day of the interviews but the board reserves the right to edit them.

Prior to the interviews, candidates will have answered written questions presented by the board.

Interviews are open to the public and will be held at 389 St. Clair.

As members were discussing details of the selection process, board member Angela Kennedy reminded candidates

that there was a one in 10 chance of being chosen and should any have second thoughts of serving, now would be the time to pull out. Initially, she suggested that five candidates be selected for interviews.

Later, Kennedy proposed a "marathon" day in which all 10 would be interviewed face to face. At press time, there was still some question if one or two days would be needed for the interviews.

The board will select its newest member at an 8 a.m. Thursday, July 13, special meeting to be held in the Central Administration Building, 389 St. Clair, and will be sworn in at the 7 p.m. Thursday, July 13, annual organizational meeting to be held in South's Wicking Library.

Newly-elected board member Fred Minturn will also be sworn in at that time.

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the Grosse Pointe Woods Community Center:

THURSDAY, JUNE 22

◆ The Grosse Pointe Public School Board of Education candidates will be interviewed at 389 St. Clair, at a time to be determined.

◆ The Paul Keller Orchestra appears at the 2006 St. John Hospital and Medical Center Music on The Plaza concert series beginning at 7 p.m.

The concerts are free and take place on the Festival Plaza at Kercheval and St. Clair in The Village.

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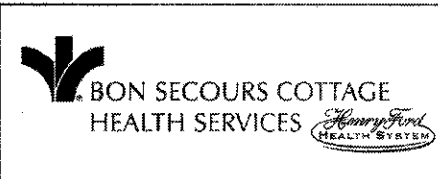
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Dream home framed for Habitat

Community joins in building house for hurricane-affected family

By Ann L. Fouty
Staff Writer

Sounds of hammering punctured the crisp morning air of June 10. More than 40 volunteers, both novices and experienced at construction, were framing a three bedroom house on a platform in Grosse Pointe South's parking lot.

This is the beginning of a home dreamed of by a family in hurricane-torn Jackson, Miss., and made possible by the school children in the Grosse Pointes and Harper Woods. Saturday was the day a dream of Project Welcome Home organizer Alicia Carlisle came true. Saturday was the beginning of a dream for a family to move home.

"We all have dreams," said Grosse Pointe Schools Superintendent Suzanne Klein. "Alicia Carlisle is seeing it come true. It must be a thrill for her to see her dream come true. A home is where you feel safe and have memories. A house is special to all of us. The reality of a home to a family is life changing; it's hope and home."

After seeing the devastation of Hurricane Katrina, Carlisle knew something had to be done and trusted the generosity of Grosse Pointers. She presented her idea of building a Habitat for Humanity house to Klein and Detroit local Habitat for Humanity staffers. The house would be paid for with funds raised by the school children in the Grosse Pointe district.

Approached by Carlisle with the idea of forging a union of all the Grosse Pointe schools, Habitat for Humanity's Katie Kowalski said the local chapter was hesitant. It had never been done before. Through the months, she heard about the fundraising events at all the schools; bake sales, hat days, pajama days, penny jar wars, volleyball games of teachers vs. students and crazy hat day and she changed her mind. Kowalski said this house was literally built by pennies and quarters.

As the money rolled in, Carlisle needed an experienced builder.

"We're building a house," Carlisle said to South's construction teacher Ken Ginger. He wasn't too sure at the onset. "It all came together," he said



PHOTOS BY RENEE LANDUYT

Alicia Carlisle watched her dream come true as all 15 Grosse Pointe Public schools joined together to raise enough money to fund a Habitat for Humanity house. She spearheaded the Welcome Home Project and saw children raise more than \$40,000. For more photos, see page 16A.

finishing his hot dog and heading back to work. It was time to reduce the house into 20 sections and load it onto a truck bound for Mississippi.

With 15 years of construction under his tool belt and another 12 years at South, he and his class have built sheds for Habitat but this project would be much larger.

Students cut all the boards for the 26x42 foot house which has 38 openings, plus the platform on which the frame was constructed under a sunny sky.

Earlier this year, the Welcome Home project was kicked off with a skit written by Key Club adviser Nicholas Provenzano and performed by Grosse Pointe South's Key Club.

Lisa Ripicky, a 2006 South grad, got children enthused about the project with her part in the play, and by designing a sticker and a CAD plan for the house shown in the Grosse Pointe News June 8 issue.

Volunteerism is a way of life at the Ripicky household because, she said, "A family member is key in three com-

munity organizations and when I have time I help out. I do as much as I can."

She watched the 40 or so volunteers hammer the frame of the \$50,000 house. By Saturday, some \$40,000 had been raised, including a \$150 donation from a group of fifth-graders who wanted the money used for purchasing the toilet, so the family would think of them every day.

"This is fun," said Jeff Broderick, board of education president, wiping the perspiration from his brow and taking swig of water. "This is a fantastic project. It was an ambitious idea when presented at the school. With the whole district and community emphasis behind it, it has been successful. There was just someone with an idea and to see all the projects, the way the schools raised revenues, from the younger kids to older. This is exciting to see so many people involved. This is elevating (community spirit) to the next level and not losing site of the cause."

Kowalski couldn't say enough about the build.

"This is incredible. This is unique because of the school district, primarily, the elementary kids. Everyone in the community is generous. That's the thing that most impresses me, is them coming together. There are still different events (taking place in each school) and they fully funded a Habitat house. That is something big corporations do. You can't force that type of commitment. You don't see that every day. I can't thank them enough," she said.

It was a community effort in which teams and individuals came out to frame in the house in about four hours, then dismantle it.

South sophomore Peter Croce said, "This is a great cause. The hurricane was totally unexpected and they did-

these children."

Police said they were aided in their investigation by the Family Independence Agency.

"The kids are no longer subject to that filth," Rosati said. "They're living at their grandmother's house."

Conditions were equally bad for the animals.

"When we pulled animals out of house we thought they were in good condition," Rosati said. "We learned later that a lot of them were suffering from upper respiratory infections, fleas and getting chewed up fighting for food."

He said All About Animals Rescue, headquartered in Eastpointe, is tending the animals, many of which Gray is accused of stealing from the group.



PHOTO BY ANN L. FOUTY

Dressed themselves

Richard Elementary students got creative in their manner of dress on Friday, May 26. For a donation to the Habitat for Humanity project Welcome Home, students came in wigs, hats, mismatched shoes and socks, stripes and plaids. Students happy to show off their fashion sense are in front from left are kindergartners Carson Dara, Hannah Stevenson and J.D. Standish III; in the second row from left are Kate Arthur, Nicole Keller, Abby Redlawski and Patrick Flanagan; in back from left are fifth-graders Andrew Juergens, Dan Baird and D.J. McCluskey.

n't deserve it. It's a great feeling to come home. They don't have a house to come home to. I just wanted to do it."

His father, Jim, pointed out, "This is an opportunity, especially for the youth, to understand the value of giving back to the community. Volunteering is such a worthy cause, it's a great lesson to help those less fortunate."

"I've seen those people affected who do not have homes. This will be a good thing to do, to ease them," said Alex Edwards, a freshman in the community school program.

"It's good to help out," said Matt Rajt, a ninth-grader in community schools. "There are families who have been affected by Hurricane Katrina and I want to help the community and be outside."

Edwards and Rajt were part of the community school team brought out by its director Judy Olenkowski.

After Olenkowski introduced the idea of assisting with the build, sophomore Bianca Farhoud picked up the notion and encouraged her classmates to join in.

"She really got them signed up. This is a natural fit because the philosophy is built around hands-on learning and com-

munity involvement," Olenkowski said.

"This is fantastic. I'm so happy there is a way for these young kids to get involved. The gearheads (the robotics team) like to build and community service is needed," said Diane Richards, mother, Monteith teacher and mentor to team FIRST, the combined North and South High Robotics Team 1189.

Paying tribute to all who helped make the project a success, Carlisle said thank you.

"There are many, from the parents who sent little Johnny

or little Susie to school with a quarter, to the office staff at each school who locked up the big can of change in the school safe each day...because of all these folks and so many more not mentioned, a family without a home will have one, but our community will be the one who benefits the most."

"This is phenomenal," Kowalski said. "We couldn't have asked for a better day. The community came out. It's an exclamation point on coming out. The tour, the signing, it's a great closure. I'm anxious to see the house built."



Novice construction workers, from left, Marge Scholtes and Taylor and Dana Schwitzer quickly learned how to wield a hammer and pound in nails during the Saturday, June 10, Habitat for Humanity build in South High's parking lot.

COLLARED: House taken over by cats

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Gray's house.

"There wasn't anything that wasn't overrun by cats," Rosati said.

He said officers and members of an animal rescue group needed more than three hours to search the house and remove 42 cats, three dogs and six birds.

"The place had puddles of urine, an infestation of bugs and feces everywhere," said Kym Worthy, Wayne County prosecutor. "It was a de-


plorable situation."

Some officers said the overwhelming odor of animal waste, cat hair and insects made them retreat outside for fresh air.


"The smell drove me out of the basement," Rosati said. "Every surface had feces, even the walls. It took me a week to forget that smell. Even now I sometimes wonder if I still smell it or am imagining it."

The Farms animal ordinance limits each household to two dogs and two cats.


"Ms. Gray's children were living in a house with 51 animals," Worthy said. "Contributing to the delinquency of a minor includes neglect. This was an environmentally unsafe situation for



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POINTER OF INTEREST

Seventh grade science teacher June Teisan strives to stimulate inquisition, wonderment and fascination among her students.

Teacher wins presidential award

By Elizabeth Swanson
Special Writer

June Teisan navigated the adolescent-filled halls of Harper Woods Secondary School, high-fiving students as if they were friends instead of students and teacher.

When the final school bell rang that day, a young girl popped into Teisan's seventh-grade-friendly, brightly cluttered science classroom — the same room she has taught in for 19 years — simply to wish her a good weekend.

"When you get to know the kids outside of the classroom, you can care about them at their sports games," Teisan said. "It's connecting to them as people instead of just little numbers to fill my seats every day, every 55 minutes in and out. It's not a factory mentality. I want the kids to be the individuals they are."

Perhaps it was this sincere attitude that won Teisan a coveted 2005 Presidential Award for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching in April — the nation's highest honor for teachers of math and science.

As part of the prize, she joined 98 nationwide award winners in Washington D.C. May 1 to meet President Bush and participate in a week-long series of professional development events.

The teachers visited the Smithsonian National Air and Space Museum after hours, met National Science Foundation researchers and

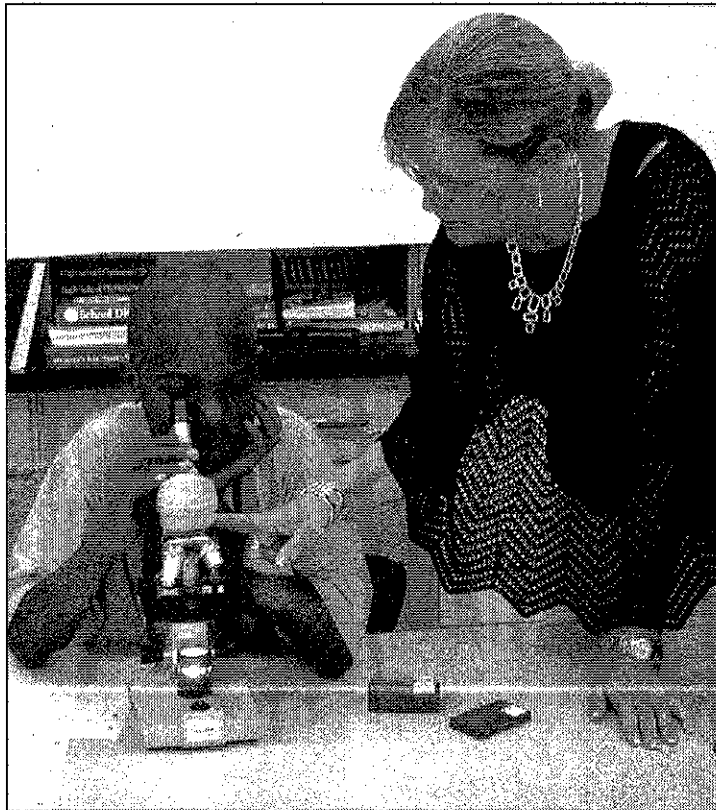
discussed exploration in Antarctica and South American jungles, mingled on the White House lawn, dined at an elegant reception, drank cocktails and ate entrees literally served on silver platters.

They each also received a \$10,000 check from the National Science Foundation — which Teisan will use to fund her doctorate program — along with new high-tech equipment for their classrooms.

Within the same week, Teisan won a space camp scholarship, along with money for her school in DaimlerChrysler's grant entitled, "Closing the Technology Gap in Education." She wrote an essay explaining how technology is used in her classroom and placed fifth in the state.

"It was just incredible because when you close the door as being a teacher, you're here in a room with 25 kids," she said. "And that can be a great thing. It can also wear you down. You're trying to bring them forward in their education and you're trying to give them the big picture. To them, that's like the end of the week."

"It's a very draining job. Even though you're working hard, you're your own worst critic. You're sitting there saying, 'Am I doing enough? How come that kid didn't get it? What more can I do?' And so, when you get this kind of award, it validates what you do and it is also an encouragement to yourself."



Grosse Pointe Woods resident and science teacher June Teisan discusses with one of her student what he sees in the telescope. Teisan was a recent recipient of the 2005 Presidential Award in Mathematics and Science Teaching.

To qualify for the presidential award, teachers must be nominated and endure a lengthy application process, including videotaping and analyzing a lesson.

They must also have at least five years of math or science teaching experience prior to entry.

Teisan was nominated by the school's assistant principal, Alison Race-Hildebrand, and videotaped a lesson about microbiology for her application.

On videotaping day, Teisan prepared petri dishes and instructed students to swab an area of the school building they thought attracted the most bacteria.

Some students swabbed toilet seats, others swabbed the inside of Teisan's refrigerator. Petri dishes were left out over the weekend and on Monday they examined which dishes had accumulated the most bacteria.

"Some of the things they expected to be really gross weren't, like the toilet areas," Teisan said. "Well, those are cleaned regularly with bleach products — if you have a custo-

dial staff that's really on top of that. So we were happy to see that. Some of the things they saw were gross was my refrigerator. They swabbed the bottom of it, inside where there's a lot of food drippings — things that are in there that bacteria could live on once they were out of the refrigerator and at room temperature.

"So we talked about, 'Is it dangerous to put things in Mrs. Teisan's refrigerator?' Well no, because it stays refrigerated. We talked about bacterial growth, and so that was a great, fun thing that we did."

Teaching was never an immediate career path for Teisan. She graduated from college as a science major and an English minor. She wasn't sure what to do with her science degree so her advisor suggested teaching.

"I don't know why I never thought of teaching as a career," she said. "Teachers were people at school when you got there. I never considered how they got there. They were just sort of part of the fixtures, like the chairs or the walls or the chalkboard."

Teisan began her first year of teaching with a high school class who previously hadn't succeeded in science. She was challenged to create unique teaching tactics for these high schoolers, because simply taking notes and lecturing would not help them learn. Enter her hands-on teaching strategy.

From this first year, Teisan has always strived to stimulate inquisition, wonderment and fascination among her students. Because she said she was a naturally inquisitive child, she tries to captivate her students with the same questions that intrigued her when she was young.

"I've always been fascinated with how things work," Teisan said. "What's going on behind the things we see and hear and touch and learn about. As a kid, I would sit and look at an anthill and think, 'Wow. How are they communicating? How are they getting all this done?' It was just amazing to me to look at a tree and think about how a bud turns into a leaf each year."

"So I try and capture that same imagination side for the kids, and then we move into the science of it. But doing it with a twist that captures their attention. I try and get them up and moving, and get their fingers dirty."

Outside of the science classroom, Teisan is the head of the yearbook committee, the school newsletter and is involved with middle school events.

"At our school we're so small, that each teacher wears a lot of different hats," Teisan said. "When we have activity night, I'm there doing crafts for (the students). (For the) Cedar Point trip, I go with them."

Aside from school, Teisan's hobbies are still school-related. She reads adolescent literature until two in the morning because she's always looking for new books students can read. She keeps a shelf of books in her classroom specifically for them.

"I have kids who slip in here and don't go down to the media center because they know I have books and I don't have a due date on them, so they'll go

to my book rack," she said.

"I'm reading a book a girl recommended, so that's another connection into more quiet kids. The ones that are always in your face, you're going to interact with them. But it's the quiet ones that you've got to find a connection to."

Teisan loves teaching middle school because of the uniqueness of the age group — they are not children anymore, yet are far from being adults, she said.

"I love seventh grade," she said. "It's a turbulent time in any middle schooler's life. I find the most important thing about teaching middle schoolers is maintaining a sense of humor and just keep going."

"We do a lot of joking. I sing songs in the middle of class just to get their interest. Like if I want them to clean up, I'll say 'Don't make me sing the Barney cleanup song,' instead of saying, 'You forgot to clean this up.' It keeps the humor going and they appreciate it more."

While it may be fun, Teisan admits teaching middle schoolers is also trying.

"Sometimes (the kids) are so frustrating," she said. "But you think, this kid is precious. He's precious to his parents, he's just plain precious. He's got an importance here on Earth and just because he doesn't have his pencil for the 13th day in a row, and he can't write anything and he's trying to distract everybody, he's so special."

"So I try and model my whole life on separating the behavior from the importance of the person. The behavior can drive me to distraction sometimes, but the person's important. And I want the kid to know, when I look in their eyes, I say, 'I just care about you, but you're making me nuts kid.' And they laugh, and the next day they might bring their pencil. My biggest inspiration is trying to live my life in a Christ-like way. That gets me through every day and brings me back to energy every day."

Teisan hopes if her students learn anything, it is to value the impact science has on the world.



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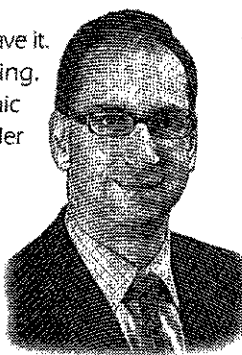
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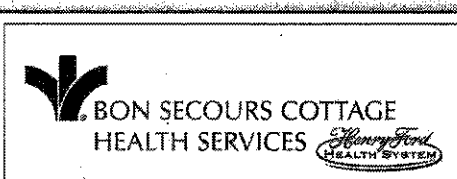
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City joins MSA

The Michigan Suburbs Alliance welcomed the city of Grosse Pointe Park into its coalition of older, built-out suburbs, marking an increased interest by local governments in working together to address shared challenges.

"Communities are finding that addressing many of the issues they face requires reaching beyond their borders," MSA Executive Director Conan Smith said. "The Suburbs Alliance offers cities a forum for initiating collaborative actions and finding allies among their neighbors."

Often bypassed by developers for easier development in outlying suburbs, Grosse Pointe Park and other built-out suburbs are struggling to raise revenue under the crippling interplay of Proposal A and the Headlee Amendment, the MSA said.

Rising healthcare costs have hit them harder than younger suburbs because of their significantly larger retiree stock, and decreasing populations and changing demographics pose additional challenges for many of these cities. Intensifying their struggles

are decreased state and federal funding and a stagnant economy. Many have been forced to sell city property, reduce essential services and even raise taxes, MSA officials said.

"If there is one specific organization that is looking out for the interests of our southeast Michigan communities, it is the Michigan Suburbs Alliance, and we are looking forward to working with them," Grosse Pointe Park City Manager Dale Krajniak said. "It should be very beneficial for us. They have identified one key proponent of our community, which is Proposal A."

The other cities in the Michigan Suburban Alliance are Grosse Pointe Woods, 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.



Library Friends board

At its annual meeting, The Friends of the Grosse Pointe Public Library elected Carol Gove and Anna Dalby to join its board of directors. The Friends' board for the upcoming year are, in front from left, Dr. William Salot; Kelly Boll, secretary; and Dr. Henry Sprague. In back from left, Tom Fentin; Gloria Whelan; Mary Beth Smith, retiring president; Howard Hill; Anna Dalby, president; Kelly Fordon, vice president and Carol Gove, treasurer.

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Republican Club to meet

The Eastside Republican Club will hold a judicial forum at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, June 20, at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms.

The public is invited to attend regardless of political affiliation.

The forum will feature Justice Maura Corrigan of the Michigan Supreme Court and Judge Kirsten Frank Kelly and Judge Brian Zahra of the First District Court of Appeals.

"In recent elections, less than 50 percent of the Wayne County electorate voted the non-partisan ballot. We believe this is due to a lack of knowledge about the candidates," said Thomas R. McCleary Jr., forum moderator and vice chairman of the Eastside Republican Club.

"We hold these judicial forums to give our members and guests an opportunity to meet the judges, listen to their qualifications, and ask questions. It

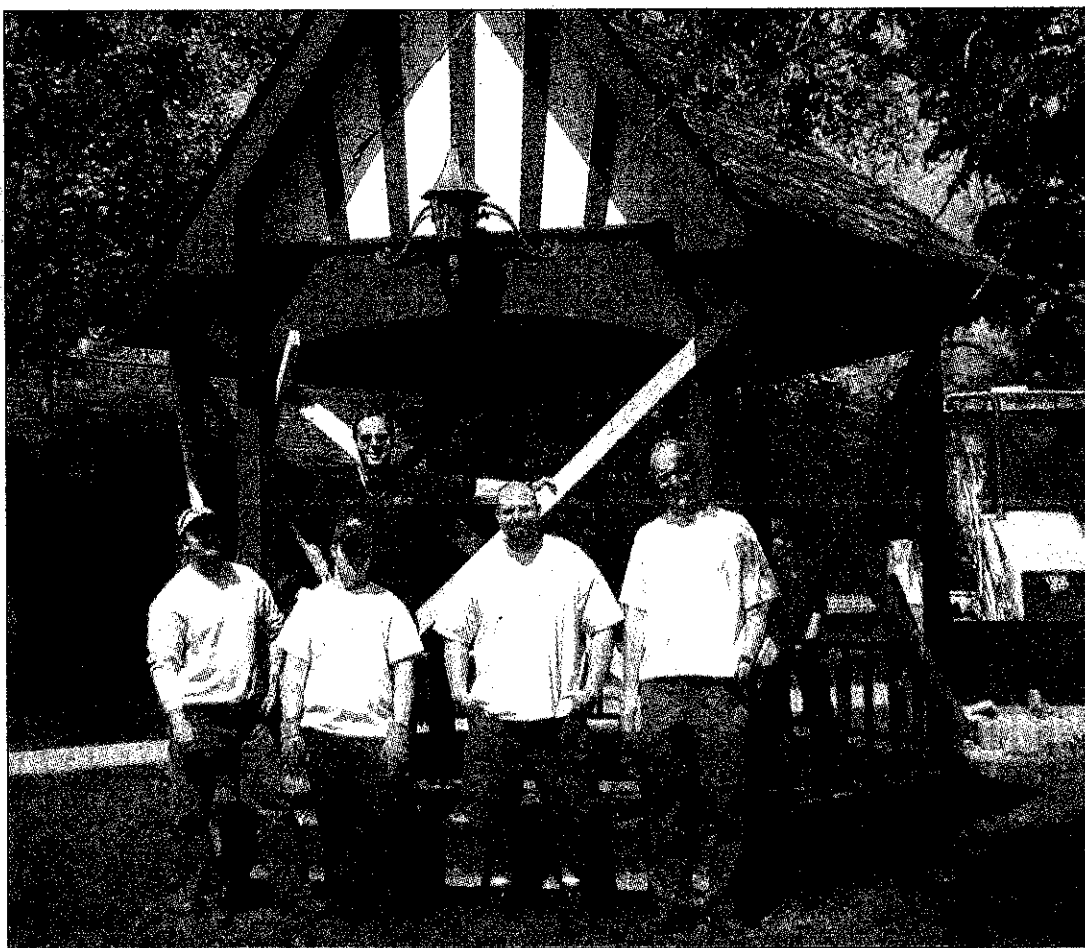
is a great opportunity to become a better informed voter."

Corrigan was elected to the Michigan Supreme Court in 1998 and served two terms as chief justice from 2001 to 2004. She graduated from Marygrove College in 1969 and from the University of Detroit Law School in 1973. She next worked as a law clerk to Michigan Court of Appeals Judge John Gillis and was a Wayne County assistant prosecutor. In 1992, Gov. John

Engler appointed her to the Michigan Court of Appeals. She was twice elected to that court and was appointed as its chief judge from 1997 to 1998 until her election to the Supreme Court.

Kelly was elected to the court of appeals in 2000. Previously, she was a municipal judge (three terms), a judge of the Wayne Circuit Court, and presiding judge of the Family Division of the Wayne Circuit Court. She received a Bachelor of Arts degree from Michigan State University in 1978 and a juris doctorate from University of Detroit School of Law in 1981. She will be on the November ballot for re-election to the court of appeals.

Zahra was appointed to the court of appeals in 1999. Previously, he served as a judge of the Wayne Circuit Court; was a law clerk to U.S. District Court Judge Zatkoff; adjunct professor at University of Detroit Law School; and an attorney in private practice. He earned his bachelor's degree from Wayne State University and his law degree from the University of Detroit Law School. His term expires Jan. 1. He will be on the November ballot for re-election to the court of appeals.



Gazebo donated

The Grosse Pointe Park Department of Public Works installed a gazebo donated to the Windmill Pointe Park Wednesday, May 24. After driving the gazebo from its original location at 1100 St. Paul, workers had to saw off the bottom of a park gate pole to fit the gazebo past the entrance.

After lifting, pivoting and lowering, the gazebo was in place. Department of Public Works employees from left: crew chief Bob Kroll, Kevin Arnold, John Wilson and crew chief Tim Finan. Second row: chief mechanic Doug Rudd.

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Habitat house build a success

Some day they will write a book titled, "The Little House That Alicia Built." Of course, Alicia Carlisle, the Grosse Pointe Farms woman who spearheaded the Habitat for Humanity house built in Grosse Pointe South High School's parking lot last Saturday, would demur with embarrassment.

Mrs. Carlisle would insist it was everyone else who made the project possible. And that would be an accurate statement.

Students at all levels, from elementary to high school, held bake sales, hat days, pajama days, penny jar wars and teachers vs. students volleyball games to raise \$50,000 to build a Habitat House for a Jackson, Miss., family displaced last year by Hurricane Katrina.

As local Habitat for Humanity coordinator Katie Kowalski said, the house was built by pennies and quarters.

Ms. Kowalski was originally skeptical about the idea of framing a Habitat house in Grosse Pointe and shipping it to the Gulf Coast. But as the coins accumulated from fundraisers throughout the district, she realized it really was going to happen.

There were so many people who made the project possible. South Key Club adviser Nicholas Provenzano wrote a play that was performed by club members. South graduate Lisa Ripicky made a CAD drawing of the house. Veteran builder and South construction teacher Ken Ginger was the foreman.

Of course, the project would not have been possible without the support of the Grosse Pointe school board. President Jeff Broderick even manned a hammer, while superintendent Suzanne Klein was on hand pitching in as well.

Even the weather cooperated, giving the builders a cool, sunny morning.

It took about four hours to frame the 1,092-square-foot, three-bedroom home. It then had to be taken apart in sections and loaded into a semi-trailer parked nearby.

Yes, many, many people made the Habitat house a success. But it is Mrs. Carlisle who took an impossible dream and led it to completion. Congratulations, Alicia, and to all those who took part in a very worthwhile project.

10 candidates for school seat

Be careful what you ask for. At least, that is what some members of the Grosse Pointe school board are feeling.

When the school district solicited applicants to fill the school board seat being vacated by Lisa Vreede with one year remaining on her term, apparently at least two members of the school board counted on a light response.

Instead, 10 people filed by the 3 p.m. Monday deadline to be considered for the position. At Monday night's work session, a couple school board members seemed to be whining about the extra time and work it is going to take to interview all the candidates.

There was even some talk of summarily weeding the list down to five without conducting interviews. To do so would have been a terrible slight to those who took their time to file for the vacancy.

Like it or not, the school board owes it to the candidates and voters to interview all the candidates face to face and in a public setting. Fortunately, more conscientious heads prevailed and that is exactly what the school board is going to do.

The candidates — Richard Olson, Jeanne Lizza, Mike Juliano, Charles Sabino, Bruce Ferguson, Richard Klimisch, Jeanne Andreoli, William Shield Jr., Cynthia Pangborn and January Dragich — will be given 30 minutes to give opening and closing statements and to field questions from the school board and those in writing from the public. The interviews at 389 St. Clair will begin Thursday, June 22, and probably spill over to a second day. We hope there is enough room to accommodate everyone.

The successor will be selected by the board at a special 8 a.m. Thursday, July 13, meeting and sworn in at a 7 p.m. meeting that evening. Fred Minturn, who was elected to fill the vacant seat left when Jeff Broderick, will also be sworn in.

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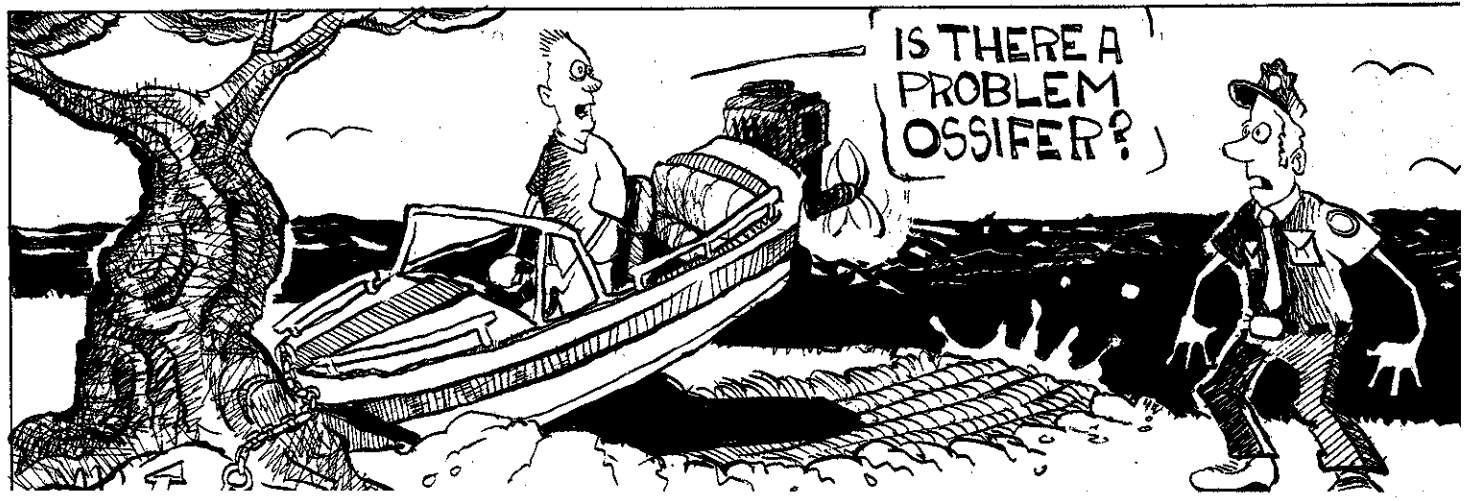
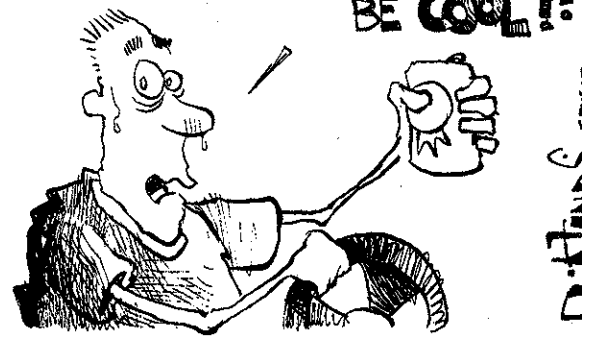
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Thanks from Junior League Show House

To the Editor:

On May 26, the Junior League of Detroit concluded its 16th biennial Designers'

Show House at 330 Lincoln in the City of Grosse Pointe. It was the latest edition of the show houses which, taken all together, have enabled the Junior League of Detroit to invest more than \$3,000,000 into the City of Detroit.

There are no words sufficient to express our gratitude to the City of Grosse Pointe and its municipal officers for making this one of the easiest and most successful of our show houses. The cooperation and enthusiasm with which our project was embraced by the city should make all Grosse Pointe residents proud.

A most special place is reserved in our hearts for the residents of Lincoln and Washington roads. While having a show house in one's neighborhood can be awkward and inconvenient, the humor and open-mindedness displayed by our "neighbors"

was astonishing. Your tolerance and patience was as much a contribution to our success as was your ticket money at the door. You will forever be the benchmark for Show House neighbors.

And a final thank you to all who visited our Designers' show house. Without you the Junior League of Detroit and its goals to enrich the lives of the children of Detroit could not exist.

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GUEST EDITORIAL By Richard K. Baumgarten

The future of Ridge Road

Ridge in Grosse Pointe Farms is a lovely, tree-lined avenue.

Generations of Grosse Pointers have enjoyed touring, biking, rollerblading, or walking along its sidewalks.

Vernor-Waterloo-Ridge is a major crosstown artery for the Pointes. At Fisher the street narrows by 5 to 8 feet when it becomes Ridge and then narrows an additional 1 or 2 feet after Lewiston. Ridge is extremely narrow, even for its current traffic volume.

Whenever landscapers or contractors park on the street, traffic becomes congested and accidents become more likely.

Ridge has functioned as a narrow thoroughfare in the Farms because the large homes along its path generate relatively little traffic volume. The large properties have significant off-street parking resources, therefore cars of residents and guests are seldom parked on the street.

In the late '90s, Farms city council recognized that many of the large estates would soon transfer ownership and become prime sites for high-den-

sity residential development. In an effort to preserve the character of Ridge, the council zoned the entire segment of Ridge from Kerby to Lewiston R1-AAA with a minimum lot size of 20,000 square feet.

In the last year, a developer has purchased one of the large properties along Ridge. This roughly three-acre plot is currently the site of one home. R1-AAA zoning would permit three to four houses on a parcel this size. The developer has requested a variance to site four to five houses on a small portion of the property. This could eventually lead to the construction of eight to 12 houses on a property that now contains only one house.

The council should not allow this developer to ignore the Ridge plan. Before granting variances along Ridge, the council should commission an independent traffic study.

Two additional aspects of the traffic situation require consideration. Ridge serves as the primary route for police, fire and ambulance response to large portions of the Farms. If high-density development makes the Ridge of the future resemble

today's Moran, emergency services for a large portion of Grosse Pointe Farms will significantly deteriorate.

For the last five years, Cottage Hospital has been relatively underutilized. As Cottage is transformed into more productive uses, Ridge traffic will increase without building a single additional house.

The present right-of-way is inadequate. If it ever becomes necessary to widen Ridge with the current right-of-way, the treed lawns would be eliminated and sidewalks would be on the curb. No one will want to stroll along a road like that.

To maintain green area between the sidewalk and street, the right-of-way needs to be expanded. Will the council take 5 to 6 feet from each side of the street? Most of Ridge houses, with modest setbacks, are on the odd side of the street. Moving the sidewalk 5 feet closer to these houses will have far more impact than on the other side of the street where large estates have ample space.

Which side should live with on-street parking? Perhaps the

solution should be to increase the right-of-way on one side; but, put the on-street parking on the other side. The issue poses a dicey political problem for the Farms city council.

Improvements to Ridge will be expensive. Would it be appropriate for developers requesting variances from the R1-AAA zoning to place funds in escrow to pay for widening the street, burying the utility lines, and moving the sidewalks?

The Ridge plan, with R1-AAA zoning from Kerby to Lewiston, is a good one. Before succumbing to the demands of this developer, the Farms city council should carefully and deliberately study the effects of high density development of the estates along Ridge. This process should involve all of the citizens of Grosse Pointe Farms, not just the immediate neighbors of this single planned development.

The future of a large part of Grosse Pointe Farms depends on the council's careful consideration of Ridge in its entirety.

Richard K. Baumgarten is a resident of Grosse Pointe Farms.

GUEST EDITORIAL By Ervin Portis and Jim Barrett

'K-16' proposal should fail

If you were faced with a plan that provided substantial funding for police and fire protection, you might think it sounds like a great idea. But what if that plan came at the expense of funding for education? You might change your mind.

The Michigan Education Association (MEA) is leading the K-16 Coalition for Michigan's Future to implement automatic, annual, inflationary increases in school funding that will jeopardize the state's ability to fund other crit-

ical services, like police and fire protection, and would almost certainly lead to tax increases on Michigan citizens.

Ironically, educators opposed a similar amendment in 2002 (Proposal 4) to the State Constitution that would have earmarked tobacco settlement revenue for health care related programs and projects.

The Coalition to Stop the K-16 Spending Mandate, a growing alliance of more than 40 taxpayer, local government, law enforcement, healthcare and human service organiza-

tions, supports adequate funding for education. But this proposal isn't about "education." The proposal doesn't even mention education improvement, student achievement, or higher school standards. This proposal is about giving Michigan's education establishment the ability to circumvent the legislative and appropriations process and have their funding put on auto-pilot with no accountability to taxpayers or the legislature.

Early estimates show this proposal would cost the state

approximately \$1 billion more per year to fund. It is clear this plan will result in only two options: cuts to other critical services, like police and fire protection, and/or tax increases.

Don't be misled. The MEA/education coalition wants citizens to believe that education funding has been "cut to the bone." However, between 1994 and 2004, appropriations for K-12 education increased by 42.9 percent, while

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I SAY By John Minnis

Middle-aged man and the sea I'm not



My Trout Unlimited calendar page for June features two boys in a stream. The older boy has a fly rod and the younger a net. The little brother is pointing, presumably, to a rising trout in the distance.

The captions says the brothers are fishing the South Fork of the Snake River.

I'm not sure where that is, but it looks like some place I'd like to be.

With the recent pleasant weather, it is hard to take one's mind off the many outdoor dis-

tractions, such as fishing, camping and boating.

Not that I ever have the time or wherewithal to do such things, but I daydream about them a lot.

It seems all my attempts at an outdoor lifestyle seem to die early deaths.

I tried boating once. I bought a 14-foot row boat, but other than rowing it in the back yard when I installed the oars, it never got any use. When I sold it for a song, it had never seen the water.

Another time I bought a 14-foot day-sailer. I imagined myself sailing Anchor Bay with the wind, sun and spray in my face. The only spray that boat ever saw was the lawn sprinkler in the back yard. That is as close to Anchor Bay it ever got. I lost money on that deal, too.

After going to the boat show at Cobo one year, I got the bug

for a real boat. I couldn't afford a new one, but I learned marinas are flooded with used boats following a major boat show, so deals are easy to come by.

Sure enough, I found a nice, used 16-foot boat with 105-horsepower Chrysler outboard engine. That was in February.

I worked on the boat in my in-laws' garage. I painstakingly removed the seats and all the fixtures, cleaned it bow to stern, rewired the electrical and put some \$1,500 into the outboard engine.

That boat I actually did get into the water of Anchor Bay. I even tried to pull my brother the water skier; however, the old engine did not have enough acceleration get him up on his skies.

One night after work, we ran up to Anchor Bay to launch the boat and make a quick run to

Bud's restaurant. I had difficulty getting the boat off the trailer. I pulled hard on the rope, walking backward.

It was working fine until I stepped off the end of the dock, my cap floating in one direction, my wallet in the other. My wife is still laughing.

As I was trailing the boat home, some kid pulled out of a side road and plowed into it midships.

So much for my life as a skipper.

We thought about camping once. We bought a tent, Coleman accessories, sleeping bags and camp cookware. We never went camping and gave the gear to my brother — unused. Camping, to us, is staying at a Knights Inn.

Fishing is something I have done a lot. At one time, I owned a dozen fishing poles and several tackle boxes.

Whether going for bass, walleye, salmon or panfish, I was covered. We fished for them all and spent many hours doing so.

The problem is we never caught anything. Nothing. You would think that once in a while we would get lucky, but no, not us. Sure, we caught a lot of fish not much bigger than our bait, but no keepers.

I thought I would get into fly fishing. Since I was young, I have been enthralled by Ernest Hemmingway's short stories about fishing Michigan's trout streams.

The Brad Pitt movie, "A River Runs Through It" just whetted my appetite.

A friend of mine owned Ausable Outfitters in The Village. One day a Trident fly rod salesman was in town to give demonstrations. One rod I tried out was a beauty. After a

few false starts, I got the rhythm down and was able to bring the line back and forward without making it crack like a whip.

I and the rod were made for each other. I bought it. It came with a nice fly reel and a burgundy carrying tube. It also came with a hefty price tag. If I ever want to get my wife riled, all I have to do is mention the fly rod. I have it hidden away to maintain harmony in the household.

However, I'm not going to give the rod away or sell it. Someday, even if it isn't until I'm retired — and my spouse has passed on — I will get some time on a stream.

I'm halfway there. I joined Trout Unlimited and have fished many locales across the United States and the world — in my dreams.

STREETWISE By Renee Landuyt

What are your plans for Father's Day?

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



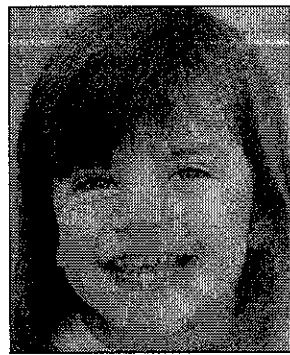
"Making dinner and going to a classic car show."
RYANNE DIGGS
Grosse Pointe Park



"Getting my Dad a bottle opener that plays the Michigan fight song."
BEN ARETAKIS
Grosse Pointe Park



"It's a secret."
MICHAEL LANDUYT
Grosse Pointe Park



"Making my Daddy breakfast in bed."
LEAH GLOVER
Grosse Pointe Park



"Taking my son, Atom, to my father's house."
JOHN CHETCUTI
Grosse Pointe Park



"Spending time together as a family."
ANDREA KIRBY
Grosse Pointe Park

FYI By Ben Burns

Challenges in life make you strong



One of the notable things about most modern touring bikes is that they don't have back fenders. If you have ever ridden behind such a bike on a rainy day, you know that it throws muddy water up in the air, coating the back of the rider and the faces and chests of anyone riding behind.

Last week, **Emily Garlough**, 22, of the Park, and 29 others who are part of the Habitat Bike Challenge rode through a cold, pouring rain all day from Houghton, N.Y., to Buffalo. They broke up into groups of five to reduce the hazard from cars and trucks that don't recognize bicyclists' rights to the road. Anyone who wasn't the leader of the pack wound up dirt-caked and muddy.

The quote of the day on the Habitat Web site blog (habitat-bike.org) that details the experiences of the riders on their

4,000 mile odyssey from sea to shining sea — Danbury, Conn., to Seattle — was from a rider named Matt Lawdor:

"My lips are making my apple dirty," he observed as he munched on a snack at day's end in Buffalo. The bicyclists also reported that either due to the rain or budget cuts in Buffalo that left a dearth of street sweepers, 15 of the riders suffered 20 flat tires in the final 10 miles.

Today, Emily, a recent U-M graduate, and her cohorts are supposed to be resting in Evanston, Ill., and will be headed next for Lake Geneva, Wis., then Minnesota, South Dakota, Wyoming, Montana, Idaho and finally Washington with a planned for arrival on July 29.

"The trip has been exhausting," but exciting, an exuberant Emily reported to parents, **Jim and Mary Garlough** when the group had a day off over the weekend in Ann Arbor.

Emily raised \$4,000 from friends, supporters and family to take part in the nine-week journey and support Habitat home building. It is the national organization's largest single fundraiser. Three groups of cyclists are on the road cross-country, sleeping on church

floors, stopping periodically to help with Habitat build projects and passing the word.

The program was started by a Yale University graduate Antony Brydon in 1995 and Yale students make up a significant portion of each of the three groups. The students refer to the other bicyclists, like Emily, as "the distant riders," meaning they traveled some distance to get to New Haven, Conn., the assembling point.

Most of the distant riders trained all spring by riding up to 50 to 60 miles a day to get ready for the rigors of the journey. A number of the riders did not train, presuming that they would be able to meet the daily challenge of sitting on a hard bike saddle and pedaling up hill and down dale.

Guess who's riding in the back of the pack where the view ahead never changes?

Home again

After two tours in the Middle East and two years in Japan, Navy Lt. **Pat Ball** is coming home. His mother and father, **Bettie and Pat**, are hosting a homecoming party Saturday that will start with sushi and sake, move on to Middle Eastern appetizers and then a

good old American barbecue. During the evening, Pat's slides of his tours of Iraq, Kuwait and Dubai and his parents' home movie of Japan will be shown.

Pat got a crash course in managing different kinds of men during his tour, experienced ethnic discrimination in Japan and concludes:

"I look back fondly at my experiences overseas. By providing me with a unique view of the outside world, these experiences have expanded my capacity to better understand and relate to people of other cultures. Those four years removed me from my element, allowing me to look past the traditional ideals of American society and see the world from a completely different perspective," wrote Pat, who attended Grosse Pointe Academy and graduated from South in '98 and then Tulane in 2002.

When Pat arrived in the Far East, he lived in a Japanese neighborhood where "nobody looked like me and few people spoke English. The farther away from urban centers I traveled, the less welcome I felt. Hostility toward foreigners still existed in these rural towns; some restaurants would

not serve me," and some places refused him a room.

But by tour's end, Pat was a favorite at a local karaoke bar for his rendition of the Beatles' song "Hey Jude."

Pat now plans to attend law school at Wayne State starting this fall.

Calling artists

The Grosse Pointe Artists Association has issued a call for entries in its fourth annual "Our Rivers, Our Lakes" exhibition. The association encourages entries of all sorts and suggests:

"Be innovative in your artistic expression: use found objects washed up on the shores of our Great Lakes, incorporate dried river plants, design a beach chair, sew a river goddess, build a stoneware water-fall."

All media from paintings to models of ships and lighthouses, sculptures and poetry written about fishing lures are welcome.

Entries can't be larger than 156 inches or weigh more than 50 pounds if they are to be hung. Entries will be submitted from July 26 to July 28 and judged on the 29th. The show will run from Aug. 2 through Sept. 1 at the Grosse Pointe Art Center, 1005 Maryland, in the Park.

All entries must be for sale, and artists have to be 18 years old or older. Contact (313) 821-1848 for more information.

Ben Burns of the City of Grosse Pointe is director of the journalism program at Wayne State University. He can be reached at burnsben@comcast.net or by phone at (313) 882-2810.

K-16: proposal questioned

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enrollment increased by just 5 percent, and the state currently spends more than \$13 billion on K-12 education — approximately one-third of the total state budget.

At the same time, revenue

sharing funds for cities, townships and counties went up by just 11.6 percent. This increase is entirely due to constitutional required revenue sharing increases. Statutory payments, funded through the general fund, have fallen.

Most recently, the governor and legislature demonstrated their support by approving a \$175 per pupil increase for fiscal year 2005/2006 and likely a \$230 per pupil increase for fiscal year 2006/2007.

Unfortunately, educators have

advised that every dime of this money will go toward health care and pension costs — not to instructional improvements.

The K-16 Coalition claims the legislature could simply change the automatic funding increases, if necessary. What they aren't saying is, if passed, it would require a majority vote of both the State House and Michigan Senate to do so — a nearly impossible feat to accomplish.

The K-16 proposal is a statutory initiative, which means the

legislature must first either accept or reject it. If they reject it, it will go to voters in November.

Taxpayers deserve nothing short of a system based on accountability and results. From our perspective, this irresponsible plan is wrong for Michigan, and we urge the legislature and voters to reject it.

Ervin Portis is president of the Michigan Association of Chiefs of Police. Jim Barrett is president and CEO of the MI Chamber of Commerce.

Summer reading season begins at G.P. libraries

The Grosse Pointe Public Library's adult summer reading program lets grown-ups have as much fun reading as

children do in the summer.

Starting Monday, June 19, adults 18 or older can win \$10 gift cards to Borders Book

Store each week, or the grand prize — a \$50 gift certificate to The Hill Seafood & Chop House.

Entry forms are available at all three libraries.

For information, call (313) 343-2074, ext. 222.

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GROSSE POINTE PARK

City receives \$20,000 grant

By Bob St. John
Staff Writer

Grosse Pointe Park received a \$20,000 Emerald Ash Borer Grant from the Department of Natural Resources.

"This is huge for us," Park City Forester Brian Colter said. "We can use the money to plant trees to once again have a green canopy over Grosse Pointe Park. Our goal is to replace every ash tree cut down due to emerald ash borer with a diverse variety of highly desirable, yet under-used species."

The DNR's Emerald Ash Borer Grant Program provides funds that address the urban forestry needs of municipal governments and nonprofit organizations affected by the emerald ash borer. These projects include tree planting, development of municipal tree inventories, hazard-free risk assessments and creation of urban forestry management plans.

To receive grant money qualified municipalities must be located within the 21 EAB quarantined Michigan counties: Branch, Calhoun, Clinton, Eaton, Gratiot, Genesee, Hillsdale, Ingham, Jackson, Lapeer, Lenawee, Livingston, Macomb, Monroe, Oakland, Saginaw, Sanilac, St. Clair, Shiawassee, Washtenaw and Wayne.

DNR representatives reviewed 60 applications and Kerry Gray, restoration coordinator, sent Colter a letter notifying him that the city received the grant.

Colter's project narrative information sent to the DNR

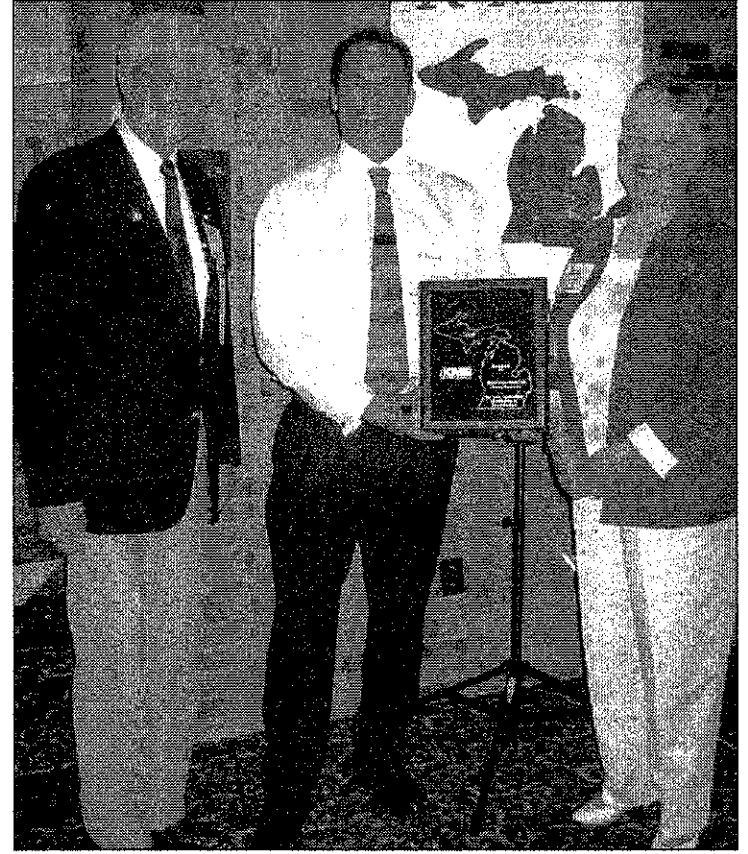
said, "The emerald ash borer has been devastating to Grosse Pointe Park. Unfortunately, 20 percent of our street tree population was ash. This epidemic comes at a time when my budget has been steadily declining; do in part to reduced revenue sharing from the state of Michigan.

"Out of the original city owned 1,197 ash street trees, 319 have been removed due to the emerald ash borer epidemic. Thus, 878 additional ash trees will have to be removed over the next 24 to 48 months. Estimating cost based on the past average of approximately \$300 per tree, Grosse Pointe Park can expect to pay approximately \$263,400 for the removal of these ash trees. Average cost replacement is \$320 per tree or \$280,960 total. Thus, total estimated remaining expense for removal and replacement is \$544,360."

Private nurseries will be contracted to do the planting, which will be closely monitored by Colter.

In addition, Colter will evaluate the project. He will make seasonal visits to each tree planted to insure it is adequately watered, mulched and safe from biotic as well as abiotic problems. Trees will also be measured with a caliper to make sure they are the right size as they are planted.

Colter said, "Trees are valuable for many reasons. They consume carbon dioxide and release oxygen. Trees shade us during the summer and block the wind during winter, thus saving energy costs. They provide habitat for the birds and other animals we enjoy. Trees help prevent soil erosion and purify the water. They block sound and give us privacy. Trees are aesthetically pleasing and add value to our homes. Trees also offer the community other intangible benefits, such as providing a sense of identity and a living link between generations.



Award winner

Grosse Pointe Park City Forester Brian Colter, center, earned Keeping Michigan Beautiful's Michigan Plaque at the KMB banquet May 20. The honor is for Colter's idea to mill the diseased ash trees, which is an effective way to eliminate the threat of accelerating the spread of the disease. Some of the milled ash trees were used to make the wood floor in the Warming Hut at Patterson Park. Colter is flanked by Grosse Pointe Park Beautification Commission President Pat Deck, right, and KMB Executive Director Lincoln Avery.

"Anyway you look at it, trees are a valuable asset to any municipality. The benefits of trees in Grosse Pointe Park, however, may even be greater due to the fact that we are sitting on a watershed. The greener the watershed, the healthier the environment not only for Grosse Pointers, but others downriver."

Colter's tree maintenance plan for June is to finish planting, continue with programmed maintenance (including watering, pruning, stake removal, cabling and bracing) and start early pest surveys.

For July and August, he will continue with maintenance, tree removal, pest control assessment and fall planting.

During the final two months, Colter will stay on maintenance duty, tree removal, planting, fertilization and equipment maintenance repair.

Since the emerald ash borer surfaced in Grosse Pointe Park in 2002, the city has spent \$630,042 in its budget on tree care activities.

The city removed approximately 100 ash trees each year due to the emerald ash borer epidemic.

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7. Bidding Documents will be available for examination and distribution on or after June 6, 2006 at:

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8. A pre-bid conference and site visit/tour will be held at 1:00 pm on June 13, 2006 at Harper Woods High School. All Bidders are responsible for attendance at the pre-bid conference. Pre-bid conference minutes will be distributed to all who are known by Barton Malow Company to have received contract documents, but the Barton Malow Company, and Owner will not be responsible for providing information to those not attending the pre-bid conference. Information disclosed in the pre-bid conference minutes will be considered part of the Bidding and Contract Documents.

9. Bid Proposals shall be on forms furnished by Barton Malow Company. Bidders will be required to submit with their Bid Proposals a Bid Security by a qualified surety authorized to do business in the state where the Project is located, an OSHA Form 300 for the most recent completed year, their worker's compensation Experience Modification Rate (EMR) factor, and any other information required in the Instructions to Bidders.

10. The successful Bidder(s) will be required to enter into an agreement with Owner on the Agreement Form identified in Section 00500 of the Project Manual.

11. The right to reject any or all Bid Proposals, either in whole or in part, or to waive any informalities or irregularities therein is reserved by the Owner.

12. All Bid Proposals shall be accompanied by the sworn statement included in Section 00410 of the Project Manual, in accordance with MCL 380.1267, disclosing any familial relationship that exists between the owner(s) or any employee of the Bidder and any member of the school board or the superintendent of the school district. Bid Proposals that do not include this sworn and notarized disclosure statement shall not be accepted.

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GRANT P. GILEZAN is president of the Federal Bar Association, Eastern District of Michigan, to serve a one-year term that began May 3, announced the law firm of Dykema.

Gilezan's practice focuses on regulatory, commercial and litigation matters involving private and public sector clients. He has special expertise in cleanups, underground storage tanks, waste management, air emission, water discharge, wetland and property use requirements, contracting for environmental services, materials and equipment, facility closures and Brownfield projects, business and property sales and facility audits, natural resource damage claims, multi-party cleanup projects involving large-scale engineering and construction efforts, European Union "end of life cycle" requirements, and the representation of manufacturers and suppliers in the automotive, oil and drycleaning industries.

He received his A.B. and J.D. degrees from the University of Michigan.

Gilezan is a Grosse Pointe Woods resident.

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MARY SUE STONISCH, DDS, has won a gold medal for her entry in the 12th annu-

al American Academy of Cosmetic Dentistry (AACD) Smile Gallery competition, sponsored by America's Dental Labs Inc.

The annual AACD Smile Gallery competition highlights the dramatic effects of cosmetic dentistry. Stonisch exhibited outstanding skill in the Portrait category where she won her gold medal. She is a Grosse Pointe Woods resident.



LISAA. MANZ-DULAC, M.D., is celebrating the 10-year anniversary of her practice, Eastside Dermatology,

July 1. Eastside Dermatology has offices in Grosse Pointe Woods and New Baltimore. She is board certified in dermatology with interests in general dermatology and cosmetic procedures. She completed her residency in dermatology at Henry Ford Hospital in Detroit.

Prior to coming to Michigan, she received her medical degree at SUNY Upstate Medical Center in Syracuse, N.Y., with graduate training at University of Massachusetts Medical Center in Worcester, Mass. Manz-Dulac resides in Grosse Pointe Farms with her husband and three children.



PHOTO BY BOB ST. JOHN

Many happy smiles

Drs. Jon Hurst, D.D.S., and Gary Cash, D.D.S. made their new dental practice (Aesthetic and Family Dentistry) official with the city of Grosse Pointe Woods last week during a ribbon-cutting ceremony. Taking part in the ceremony were from left Gene Tutag (Woods building inspector), Cash, Ronda Delia (receptionist), Woods Mayor Robert Novitke, Ruth Valvona (dental assistant), Hurst, Mary Huebner (executive director of the Grosse Pointe Chamber of Commerce) and Mark Wollenweber (Grosse Pointe Woods city manager). Drs. Hurst and Cash's office is located at 19251 Mack, Suite 95, in Grosse Pointe Woods. They welcomed everyone who attended their open house on Saturday, June 10. They gave away prizes, including Zoom2 bleaching, U-M vs. MSU football tickets and children's toys. The phone number is (313) 884-1320.



Salon Eleni open

More than 200 clients, friends and family attended the grand opening of Salon Eleni April 2. Salon Eleni is located at 21911 Mack, Suite A, in St. Clair Shores. It is a full-service salon offering manicures, spa pedicures, body massage, facials, make-up, hair cutting and other services. Owner Helen Leggett, of Grosse Pointe Farms, has more than 20 years of salon experience in the Grosse Pointe/St. Clair Shores area. For more information, call (586) 777-7719 or visit their Web site at saloneleni.com.

IRS offers new direct deposit system

Hoping to encourage higher savings and more banking, the Internal Revenue Service announced it will create a new program to allow taxpayers who use direct deposit to divide their refunds in up to three financial accounts.

The IRS will create Form 8888 which will give taxpayers greater control over their refunds. Form 8888 will give taxpayers a choice of selecting one, two or three accounts such as checking, savings and retirement accounts. Taxpayers who want all their refund deposited directly into one account can still use the appropriate line on the Form 1040 series.

"Direct deposit is growing rapidly and is now used by more than half of all refund filers," said IRS Commissioner Mark W. Everson. "This program will give taxpayers the option of depositing a refund into more than one account. Split refunds should encourage saving, and we hope it will dampen demand for refund anticipation loans."

Exact details of the split-refund program, including a draft of Form 8888, are still being decided. The IRS intends to meet with a number of con-

sumer, tax professional and software associations to seek suggestions on operational and promotional details. The program will take effect in January 2007.

More than three-quarters of the nation's taxpayers receive refunds each year. Last year, the average refund was \$2,171. The IRS repeatedly has encouraged taxpayers to adjust their payroll withholding to ensure they pay only the taxes required, but some people appear to view payroll withholding as a way to save money.

Direct deposit of refunds was first offered in 1987. Last year, the IRS issued 100 million

refunds (from 133 million tax returns) amounting to \$217.6 billion. Of those figures, 52.7 million refunds amounting to \$134.2 billion were deposited directly into bank accounts.

Currently, taxpayers have two options for receiving their individual federal income tax refunds — a paper check or a direct deposit (electronic funds transfer) into a checking or savings account. The electronic funds transfer gives taxpayers the safety and speed of direct deposit. Taxpayers who file their tax return electronically and opt for direct deposit can receive their refund in two weeks or less.

The split-refund program will allow taxpayers to conveniently designate — at the time they file — and deposit their refunds with any U.S. financial institution as long as they provide valid routing and account numbers.

Taxpayers will attach a new Form 8888 to their returns indicating amounts for each allocation and providing account information.

This ability to split or allocate their direct deposit refunds among multiple accounts will be available to all individual filers, whether they file Forms 1040, 1040A/EZ, 1040NR or any of the other 1040 forms.

Richner & Richner honored

Richner & Richner, LLC, a fundraising consulting firm based in Ann Arbor, recently received its second FastTrack Award from the Washtenaw Development Council.

To be considered for the 2006 FastTrack Award, a business must have had an annual revenue of at least \$100,000 in 2002 and demonstrated 20 percent average growth in revenue during the next three years, with 2005 revenue exceeding 2004 revenue. Richner & Richner, LLC celebrated its second year of FastTrack Award achievement with this 2006 award. The awards were presented May 19 in a ceremony at Barton Hills Country Club in Ann Arbor.

Richner & Richner is a fundraising consulting firm specializing in the development of major and planned gift strategies. Since its creation in 1997, it has provided strategic counsel, coaching and training to numerous regional and national non-profit organizations.

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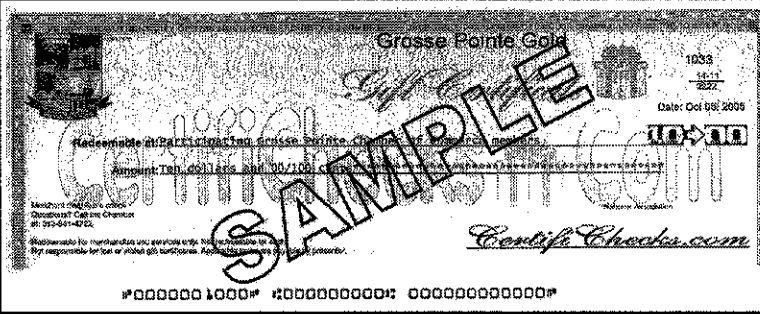
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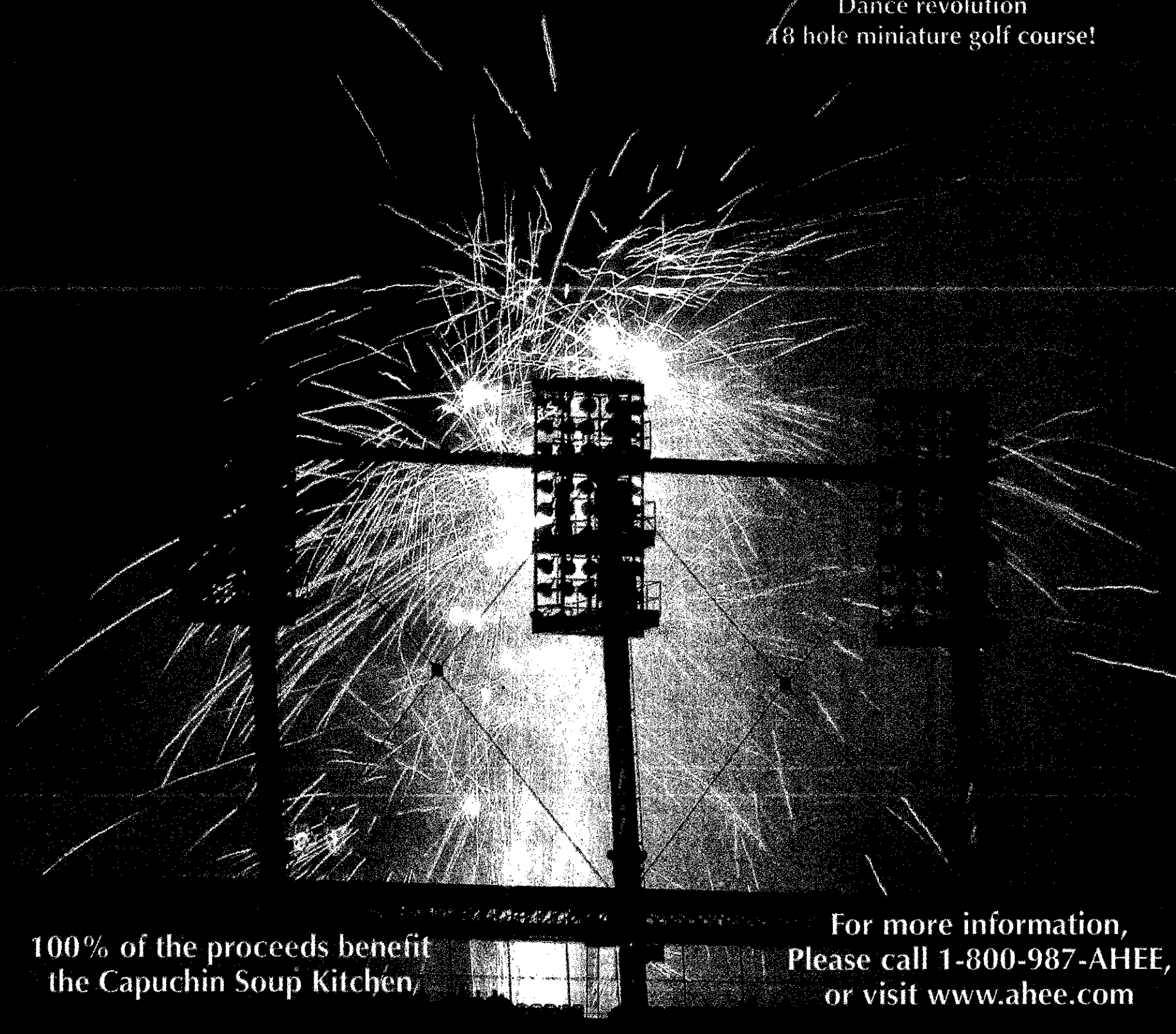
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Baskets contain more than letter

By Ann L. Fouty
 Staff Writer

A tisket, a tasket, a green and yellow, pink or blue basket. Baskets and more baskets and gift bags were filled with baby items and a handwritten card with sentiments such as "Welcome to the world. I am grateful that you were born."

Each item in the basket was carefully chosen by Richard students to be given to a new mother at Pregnancy Aid or St. John Riverview in Detroit.

This initial project for the newly-formed Team REACH (Richard Elementarily Actively Contributing to Humanity) involved children and their families donating hundreds of items for the collection which began in May in honor of Mother's Day. The drive was literally wrapped up last week.

"It was quite successful," said Cyndi Craven secretary to Richard's principal. "My heart is in charity," she said of REACH which is pupil involvement activities.

Successful does not adequately describe the mounds of baby items donated, including the \$150 raised through a bottle drive by the fifth-grade

boosters and baby powder donated by the Village's CVS.

It is one community project students warmed up to as they filled a white crib, standing in the hallway, with blankets, bottles, diapers, new and gently used baby clothing, stuffed animals, toys and books. A total of 57 baskets were wrapped in cellophane and tied with a ribbon.

"It's amazing. It's overwhelming — donations from children and parents," said Donna O'Neill, a mother helping to wrap up the packages.

Wrapping was the easy part of the project. Groups of two or three children were deliberated over matching the sleeper and the blanket. Another dilemma was which stuffed animal and book to include in the basket.

Would the baby prefer Piglet or Tigger to go with her pale pink sleeper gown?

"This is our launching project," said Katy Walsh, who has a soft spot in her heart for helping. As leader of the REACH project, she said, this will be followed by an end-of-the-year backpack collection. A Detroit school of 400 children will be the recipients of a backpack



PHOTOS BY ANN L. FOUTY

Molly Walsh, from left, kindergartner Elizabeth Sheeren and Claire O'Neill discuss which should be included in the baby package, Walsh's Piglet, Sheeren's kissing bears or O'Neill's white goat. The kissing bears won out.



Dozens of new or gently used baby items were donated to Richard's hands-on project to help local needy, expectant mothers.

and supplies. "This is community oriented," Walsh added. "This is visual and hands-on to makes them (children) aware."

The vision behind Team REACH is to provide opportunities for students to make positive changes locally, nationally and globally by doing good works for others. By offering an opportunity to contribute to the world, students are given the chance to feel with the heart and learn things that cannot be taught: empathy, respect for all people and thinking of others.

O'Neill summed up REACH's goal by saying, "Our mission statement is to show how we can influence the needy inside and outside of our community."



Donna O'Neill, left, and Julie Sheeren wrap up the basket their daughters put together for a newborn girl and her mother. This is the first activity for REACH, Richard Elementary Actively Contributing to Humanity. Some 57 newborn packages were wrapped for delivery to mothers at either Pregnancy Aid or St. John Riverview Detroit. Each included clothing, diapers, a stuffed animal, a book, a toy, baby powder, a bottle and a blanket.

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In honors band

Gillian Markwick, daughter of Connie and Jeff Markwick, Grosse Pointe Farms, attended the Michigan Youth Arts Festival at Western Michigan University.

She is a student at Grosse Pointe South and was selected for participation in the honors orchestra and honors band on the string bass.

This is the 44th year of the two-day festival.



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From left, Libby Krueger, Michael Leahy, author Anna-Lisa Cox, Chanel Geter, Evan Schwartz and Rachel Ochylski.

Academy leaders take part in literacy conference

"Literacy makes for a stronger democracy," said author Anna-Lisa Cox to the

Grosse Pointe Academy middle school students assembled at a panel discussion of her re-

cent book, "A Stronger Kinship."

On May 3, a day decreed "AIMS Literacy Day" by Gov. Jennifer Granholm, middle school students from six Association of Independent Michigan Schools (AIMS) gathered at Friends School in Detroit to discuss the book in the presence of the author. Students used it to study positive multicultural relations in mid-19th century Covert, Mich.

Detroit Free Press books writer Marta Silij said in a recent review, "The book has enormous value in reminding us that prejudice doesn't have to be the default setting on human relationships."

Representing the Grosse

Pointe Academy were seventh graders Libby Krueger, Michael Leahy, Rachel Ochylski and Evan Schwartz, and eighth grader Chanel Geter.

Other participating schools were Cornerstone Schools, Dearborn Heights Schools, Detroit Waldorf School, Friends School of Detroit, The Roper School and University Liggett School.

All students participated in a panel discussion facilitated by Friends Head of School Dwight Wilson. Also in attendance were AIMS Director Richard Halsey and literacy project manager Kathy Long. The students addressed questions within the context of the book that also related to their own lives, such as whether they or someone they knew

had ever been denied service, or what actions their parents had taken to make them more accepting of the differences among people. Many students responded that their parents made a positive step in this area by choosing an independent school.

"Color blindness is not the goal," Cox said. "It is natural and human to recognize differ-

ences in people — differences in clothing, hair style or skin color. It is getting beyond those differences and getting to know a person as an individual that is important."

According to Leahy, the book "showed how children who are raised in an integrated society grow up to be integrated people."

"We have to talk to each other to create stronger kinships," Schwartz said.

Ochylski said the discussion "opened up my eyes to how racism isn't something from long ago and that it has to do with more than the color of a person's skin."

The question of what makes a leader came up and Wilson responded, "A leader is the first person to stand up and do the right thing."

This statement seemed to resonate with the Academy students.

"Leadership," Krueger said, "is all about choices. You have to have the courage to stand up for what is right."

"Even if your friends are against it or make fun of you for it," Schwartz said.

Ochylski echoed, "Even if you're standing alone."

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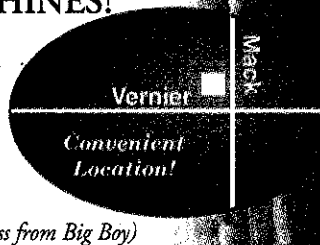
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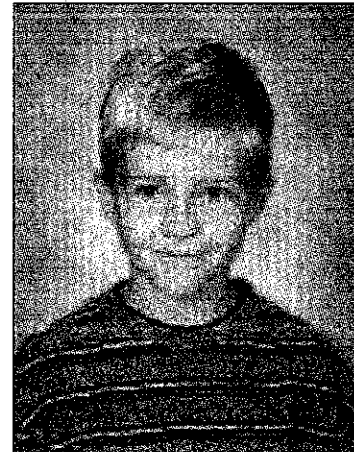
Grosse Pointe North's Women in Leadership, Leading Our World (WILLOW) held its final branch breakfast for the 2005-06 school year, May 24. The organization provides mentoring, leadership and community service opportunities for North women. The three chief enriching officers, are seniors Ashley Payton, Laura Mann and Catherine Cullen.

St. Paul's announces DAR winner

Matthew Forbes, a fifth-grade St. Paul Catholic School student, was the fifth-grade winner in the American History Essay Contest sponsored by the Louisa St. Clair Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR).

He is the son of Dr. Tom and Marie Forbes of Grosse Pointe Park.

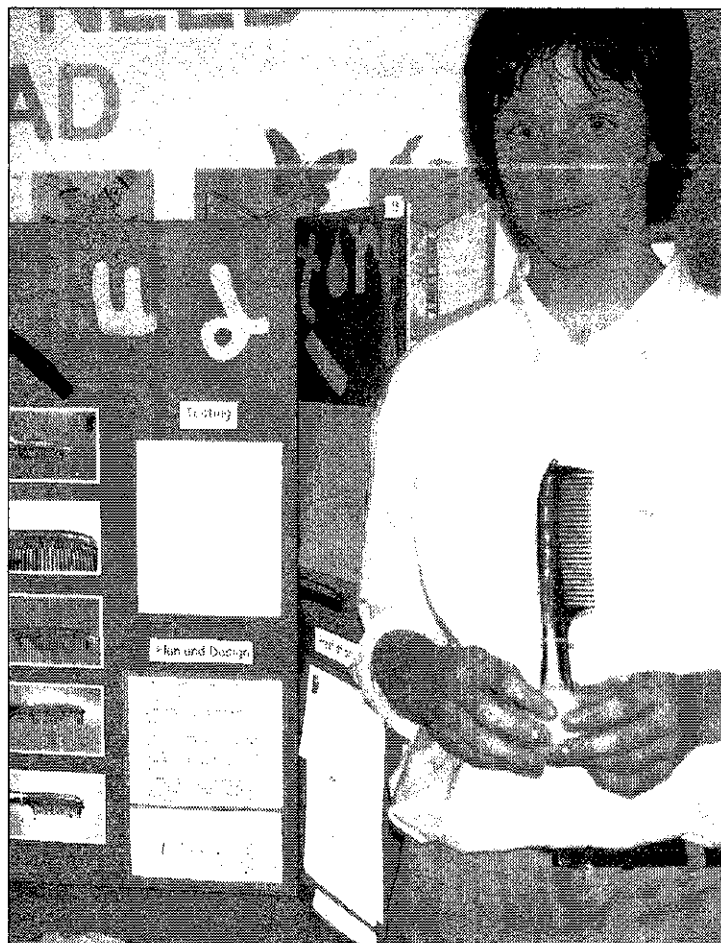
DAR is dedicated to promoting historic preservation, education and patriotism. There are chapters in all 50 states and 11 foreign countries and membership is open to women only.



Matt Forbes

Racers and inventors

The "Star Science Extravaganza" on Thursday, May 18, showcased the ability and creativity of seventh- and eighth-grade students at Our Lady Star of the Sea School in Grosse Pointe Woods. Coordinated by middle school science teacher Melissa Walter the event featured the eighth-grade "Rumble Racers" and the seventh-grade "Invention Convention." Eighth-graders were challenged to out-maneuver their classmates with remote control rumble racers in time trials and a "sumo" event in which two vehicles faced off and tried to force the other out of a set circle. Awards were also given for the "best dressed" rumble racers. Pausing between heats are, from left, eighth-grade teammates Max Steiner of Grosse Pointe Woods and Mark Cracchiolo of Grosse Pointe Shores with their car "The Don" and Michael Kassab of Grosse Pointe Woods and Andrew Hastings of Grosse Pointe Shores with their spike and chain enhanced "Rosco" contender.



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The Invention Convention showcased innovative product ideas researched and created by students. Seventh-grader Max Montpetit of Grosse Pointe Woods took first place with his "Liquidator," a combination comb/water sprayer which promises to eliminate "bed head" and bad hair days.

South junior to play at festival

For the second year in a row, Grosse Pointe South junior, Shami Entenman, has been invited to compete in the semi-final round of the prestigious Michigan Youth Arts Festival hosted by the MSBOA at Central Michigan University. Both years Entenman was one of two invited pianists from around the state to compete at the festival. Recognized for her technical abilities and style, Entenman performed the Presto movement of Mendelssohn's Piano Concerto in G-Minor. Last year she played the Presto movement of the Saint-Saens Second Piano Concerto in G-Minor. A classical piano student for 11 years, she currently studies with Oakland University faculty member Mary Siciliano. Entenman studied piano for five summers at the Interlochen Arts Academy. She is a South honor student, plays oboe in the symphony band and orchestra and is member of the South Lady Blue Devils' Varsity Hockey and softball teams.

Nine-year-old singer in good form

Nine-year-old Natalie Gratsch of the City of Grosse Pointe, captured two first place events in the 29th American Guild of Music Great Lakes Competition. She took fifth place in vocal pop for age nine and vocal Broadway test. Gratsch also won third places in vocal Broadway and violin/length of study. The daughter of Shawn and Michael Gratsch. She is a student at Detroit Waldorf School.

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Community joins to build dream home

TOP: After spending four hours framing a three-bedroom house, the volunteer crew stopped for a photo. LEFT: Many hands were needed to load the 20 sections of the house for its trip to the gulf. BELOW LEFT: The house that Grosse Pointe students raised funds for went up thanks again to the students and community volunteers. BELOW: South teacher and "The Boss" of the Welcome Home build, Ken Ginger, left, and community volunteer Dennis Lopez use a Sawz all to separate the walls into manageable sections. BOTTOM LEFT: Student foreman Chris Muer kept several dozen students working as a team to construct one wall after another. BOTTOM CENTER: Three young construction workers built birdhouses, some of which went home and others were sent with the house to Mississippi. Grass was included in one house in preparation for a family nest. BOTTOM RIGHT: Stephanie Zampardo sent her smile and best wishes to the family in Mississippi who will live in the house helped raise money to construct.



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Mayors salute students

Mayors of the Grosse Pointes and Harper Woods honored top students from area high schools by awarding scholarships at the 20th annual Mayors' Prayer Breakfast held May 4 at the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club. The featured speakers were Michigan Sen. Hansen Clarke D-District 1 and State Representative John Moolenaar R-98th District, who delivered a message of unity and described their involvement with a group in Lansing that bridges the political gap by joining in a common faith through prayer. Left to right, Village President James Cooper of Grosse Pointe Shores; Grosse Pointe Farms Mayor James Farquhar; Rep. John Moolenaar; Tim Folmar and Ann Vaught, scholarship winners from Harper Woods High School; Grosse Pointe Woods Mayor Robert Novitke; Harper Woods Mayor Ken Poynter; Grosse Pointe Park Mayor Palmer Heenan. Mayor Dale Scraze of Grosse Pointe is not pictured. Other students honored included: Ruvani Fonseka of Grosse Pointe North High School; Jessica K. Pogue of Grosse Pointe South High School; Caleigh McKenna of Regina High School; Ashley Jovanovski of University Liggett High School. The annual Grosse Pointe and Harper Woods Mayors' Prayer Breakfast attracts more than 500 people to celebrate the National Day of Prayer as proclaimed by the president of the United States. It also recognizes the role that prayer has played in the lives of individual Americans and the nation as a whole.

South SADD gives \$2,000 to MADD

By Elizabeth Swanson
Special Writer

Grosse Pointe South's Students Against Destructive Decisions (SADD) presented the Macomb chapter of Mother's Against Drunk Driving (MADD) with a \$2,000 check Friday afternoon in South's Clemenson Hall.

SADD raised the money at its second annual dodgeball tournament Friday, May 19, when 14 teams of South students raised \$300 each to compete in the five-hour-long competition — from 7 p.m. until midnight — in the main gym.

"We wanted to raise money for MADD and to have kids do something that's worthwhile on a Friday night instead of putting themselves in a situation where they could make destructive decisions,"

said South senior Jonathan Sax, president of SADD. "We came up with the idea last year and we were sort of influenced by the movie 'Dodgeball' that came out that year. There's another volleyball marathon that the Student Association puts on, and we wanted to do the same thing, SADD related."

The day of the tournament, students made team shirts. SADD provided beverages, food and an emcee. Teams also brought CDs.

Community businesses contributed to the dodgeball tournament by donating raffle prizes such as tuxedo rentals, haircuts and massages.

The winning dodgeball team won a suite at Comerica Park.

"It went much better this year than last year," Sax said. "Last year was kind of like the pilot. It was the trial to look

back on. I think kids had more fun this year."

Last year there were 13 teams and \$2,000 was also raised for MADD.

"We had about 150 participants in the dodgeball tournament," said SADD co-sponsor Doug Roby. "We really hope to make this a yearly event. Four teachers helped and three members who graduated from last year's winning team also came back."

This year, MADD will use the \$2,000 to help fund the Victim Impact Panel, a program where victims tell drunk driving offenders how the crash affected their lives, said MADD president Pam Mertes.

"I think it's powerful when peers deal with other peers," Mertes said of the dodgeball marathon. "Sometimes, with adults, the message goes through one ear and out the other. Peer to peer is more

powerful. I'm very impressed with this program and that they would want to do something like this. It tells a lot about the students at Grosse Pointe South."

Academy pupils take challenge

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

During the grade level challenge, the students answered oral and written questions on vocabulary. They then com-

pleted a written test to determine whether they would be among the top scorers in the state.

The other school level winners are fourth-grader Caleb Cimmarrusti, and fifth-grader Chandler Warren.

Top scorers among the fourth- and fifth-graders in the state receive recognition and awards but are not eligible to compete in the state championship.

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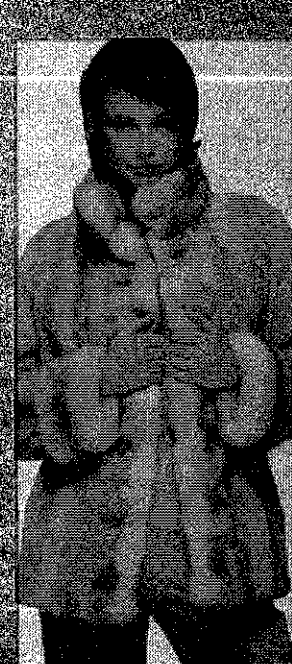
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- Friday, July 21
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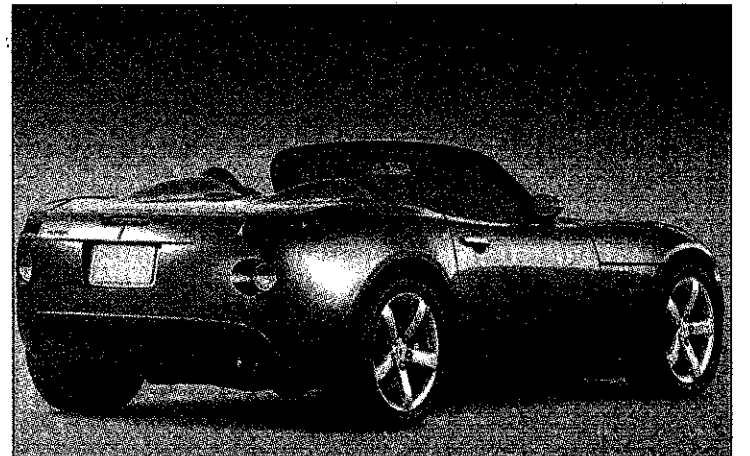
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AUTOS By Jenny King

The 2006 Pontiac Solstice is a pure roadster. Pontiac combined passion, emotion, desire with thrill.

GM sparks big-time 'wow' appeal



Yes, it's drop-dead beautiful. And impractical. And breath-taking. And a little slow. And distinctive. And tiny.

The 2006 Pontiac Solstice two-seater is easily one of the best-looking sports cars on the road. If you are looking for a head-turner with a reasonable price tag, look no further.

But if you are looking for a trunk for golf clubs or a couple of cartons of groceries, keep searching.

This gorgeous two-seater offers just that: seats for two—and they'd best not be too large.

Headroom is greatly improved by dropping the soft top on the Solstice, a simple task that requires unlatching the top, popping the rear-hinged trunk and folding the top into much of the shallow space you had set aside for a few small packages and a bag of oranges.

Everyone seems to love looking at this car. Let's, however, get down to business. Its base price of \$19,915 buys you a 2.4-liter four-cylinder engine, a five-speed manual transmission, power steering, four-wheel disc brakes, 18-inch alu-

Pontiac's two-seater Solstice is guaranteed to turn heads. However, plan to have your weekly groceries delivered. It's not a mom-mobile.

minum wheels, AM/FM radio with CD player, a couple of cupholders and a leather-wrapped steering wheel.

The four-cylinder engine is a bit sluggish and noisy. There's talk on the street about having a high-output small engine or even a monster V-8 in this handsome car.

It came as a surprise to discover that features considered standard equipment on many cars are extra-cost options on the Solstice.

You'll pay for air conditioning (\$960); for antilock brakes (\$400); and for a premium acoustic headliner (\$150). Other extras include power locks, windows and outside mirrors; steering-wheel-mounted controls and cruise control; a five-speed automatic transmission (\$850); and one year of

OnStar service (\$695).

Our test vehicle included some \$6,850 in extras. Its fuel economy numbers comprise an average 22 miles per gallon in the city and 26 mpg out on the highway.

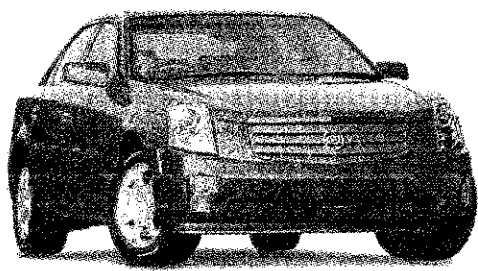
At highway speeds, which in these parts now seem to be 75-80 miles per hour, Solstice passengers will experience significant turbulence at the back of their head. Wear tight-fitting caps if you don't desire a wind-tunnel look.

Lowering the top is pretty simple once you've run through the routine once or twice. It's a manual operation and includes snapping pieces of the soft top into the trunk lid to complete the close-up operation.

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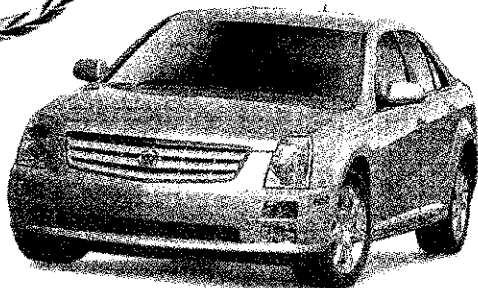
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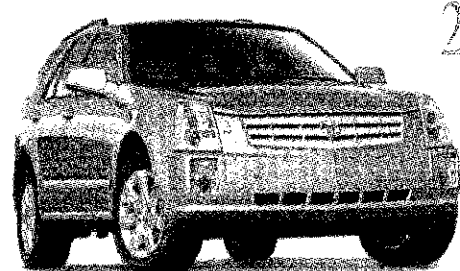
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COBALT SS: A pure roadster

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A flashy five-seater

So it was with some relief that we traded the British racing green toy (Solstice) for a copper-colored Chevy Cobalt SS coupe that holds people and packages.

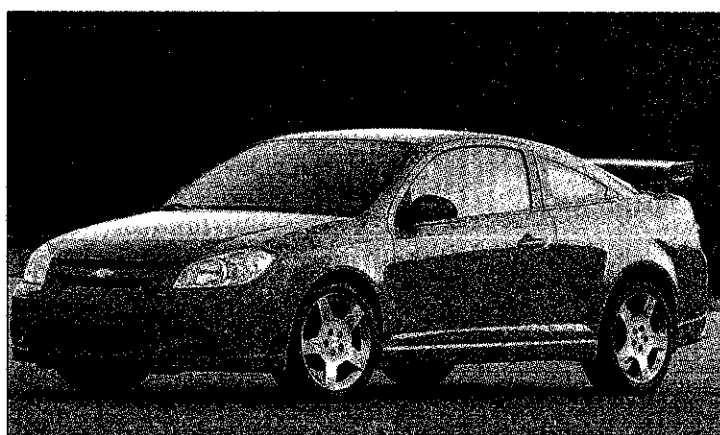
Truth be told, it has attracted almost as much attention as the Solstice.

The sunburst orange metallic paint job is a major reason as is the rear spoiler to keep it stable on the road in high speeds.

The 2006 Cobalt SS has a standard price of \$16,900. That covers everything from the 2.4-liter four-cylinder engine to air conditioning, power windows and locks with keyless entry, performance tires and even floor mats.

The \$4,155 worth of accessories on the vehicle in question included automatic transmission, an electric sunroof, heated leather-trimmed front bucket seats, side head-curtain air bags and an upgraded stereo.

Other than the welcome additional room in the Cobalt compared with the sexy Solstice were the incredibly comfortable front seats with just-right lumbar support. The



The sharp-looking Cobalt SS proves that Chevrolet has not forgotten how to turn out a sporty-yet-practical compact car.

sunroof adds a needed dimension overhead. The Cobalt handles without surprises — the Solstice featured power steering but the wheel did not snap back after turns. Cobalt's power steering is described as speed-sensitive electric power steering.

Body styles include a four-door sedan and two-door coupe.

Cobalt offers buyers a choice of three powertrains. The 2.2-liter engine of the LS, LT and LTZ models is rated at 145 horsepower. The new SS models receive a standard 171-horsepower, 2.4-liter engine, and the 2.0-liter SC engine of the Cobalt SS Eaton-supercharged four cranks out 205 horsepower. The supercharged system includes an air-to-water intercooler that cools the incoming air charge to increase intake-charge density, which in

turn increases power and reduces the engine's propensity to "knock" at high boost levels, Chevrolet says.

All Cobalt engines share a basic all-aluminum architecture and construction that includes dual overhead camshafts, a no-maintenance chain camshaft drive and direct mounting of all accessories to the engine structure to help cut down on noise, vibration and harshness.

The standard Cobalt transmission is a five-speed manual; the one on the supercharged SS has a higher torque capacity, Chevrolet says. A four-speed automatic is an option on any model.

The Cobalt with a 2.4-liter and automatic transmission is rated at 24 miles per gallon on average in city driving and 32 miles per gallon on the open road.

TEST DRIVE By Greg Zyla

2006 Lincoln Zephyr



This week we test-drive the 2006 Lincoln Zephyr, one of the most striking new vehicles we've driven this year — base price: \$28,995; price as tested: \$33,145.

You may be questioning as we did: Isn't that a Mercury Zephyr? Well, not anymore. That taxonomy appeared on the ill-fated Mercury compact from 1978 to 1983 that shared assembly time with the Ford Fairmont.

The Zephyr designation was also used in the late 1930s for a smaller, less expensive Lincoln, which provided the outline for the first Continental.

Today, Zephyr is back as part of the upper class Lincoln lineup, yet remains in a similar "middle position," i.e. better than the average Mercury sedan, yet not a full size Lincoln in style or price. Zephyr is an upscale sibling of the Ford Fusion and Mercury Milan. All three family members share platform "input" with the respected and popular Mazda 6 line (yes, Ford owns Mazda).

Lincoln may be correct in its assumption that Zephyr will introduce "a new generation of consumers to the luxury of Lincoln." We agree, especially when rechecking the price sticker. Specifically, it isn't difficult these days to arrive at \$28,995 for a nice car, and Lincoln seems to be playing the same odds it did in the 1930s.

Enhancing the comfort and beauty of the interior is Zephyr's smooth yet firm ride. In addition to four-wheel inde-



PHOTO BY WIECK

2006 Lincoln Zephyr

pendent suspension, which allows each wheel to react independently to road bumps, front and rear anti-sway bars help reduce body roll. Lincoln also gives credit to the vibration and harshness reduction features including thick front-door glass, aerodynamic side-view mirrors, special performance tires and an underbody shield in keeping everything quiet inside.

Front-drive Zephyr's power comes via a 3.0-liter, 24-valve Duratec V-6 engine linked to a six-speed automatic transmission. The six speeds allow Zephyr to generate a solid 20-city and 28-highway fuel-mileage rating. The 3.0 V6 is pretty much the same engine that powers many Ford products, and perhaps down the road, Lincoln will upgrade to a more powerful yet still EPA efficient engine.

In addition to many standard features, including ABS, message center, great CD stereo and additional side-curtain air bags, our tester came with heated and cooled front seats (\$495), HID headlamps (\$495) and an advanced Lincoln Navigation System, (\$2,495). The system combines DVD mapping with Global

Positioning System (GPS) technology for turn-by-turn voice guidance.

Of note for the reborn Zephyr are several distinctions: roomiest interior in class; and first in class to offer standard heated and available cooled front seats, standard six-speed transmission, and large trunk capacity. That's all great, but where's the now common "stability control" that usually complements the standard traction control and four wheel discs in this class? It's not available.

Other important numbers include a 3,438-pound curb weight, 17.5-gallon fuel capacity and 107.4-inch wheelbase.

Obviously the competition is tough in this category, with Acura, Cadillac, Infiniti and Lexus among the players. Still, we can't say strongly enough how much this car raised our eyebrows. From looks to its great ride, we give it a solid 9 on a scale of 1 to 10.

Likes: Awesome appearance inside and out; exceptional ride.

Dislikes: No stability control; needs more high-tech horsepower.

Greg Zyla is a syndicated automotive columnist.

Dealership awarded for excellence

Chrysler Group recently recognized Lochmoor Chrysler Plymouth Jeep Inc. for its top sales performance with the Pacesetter award during the Chrysler Group's annual Charger/Pacesetter Conference in San Diego.

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Lochmoor Chrysler Plymouth Jeep Inc.

The Charger/Pacesetter award recognizes dealers who achieve top sales status nationwide in two categories; the Pacesetter Club open to Chrysler/Jeep dealers and the Charger Club available to Dodge dealers throughout the United States.

"Cars and trucks are sold one at a time to customers and

these new entrants into the Pacesetter Club have worked hard to sell an impressive number of Chrysler and Jeep products," said Gary Dilts, senior vice president, sales, Chrysler Group.

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OBITUARIES

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

Donna Wolcott Adams

Donna W. Adams, 57, died Thursday, May 25, 2006.

She was born on Dec. 22, 1948 and was the wife of the late William Johnson Adams.

Mrs. Adams was a member of the Bay View Yacht

Club, Detroit Yacht Club and the Hosta, Iris and Peony societies. She was a certified master gardener and a supporter of Indian Village Woman's Garden Club. She enjoyed boating, gardening and restoring classic homes.

Mr. and Mrs. Adams lived in and restored three Indian Village homes. Often serving as a resource for fledgling and accomplished gardeners, Mrs. Adams was generous with her prized plants and her many talents, always willing to enrich another's garden or home.

She is survived by her sister, Susan J. Robinson; nieces, Annette L. Selzer, Nicole L. Steffers, Brenda Wolcott and Jean Marnon;

grandnieces, Addison Selzer, and Chelsey and Hayley Marnon; grandnephew, Parker Selzer; stepson, David (Trena) Adams; granddaughter, Rebecca Adams; and her late husband's siblings, Jack, Richard, Ann and Elizabeth; and stepnieces and nephews.

She was predeceased by her husband, William Johnson Adams.

A memorial service to celebrate her life and a luncheon will be held at 11 a.m. on Saturday, June 24, at the Bayview Yacht Club, 100 Clairpointe, Detroit.

Memorial contributions may be made to Indian Village Centennial Garden, c/o 3415 Iroquois St., Detroit, MI 48214.



Lucia Testa Ballerini

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Lucia Testa Ballerini, 100, of Grosse Pointe Park, died Friday, May 19, 2006, at her winter home in Venice, Fla.

She was born on May 10, 1906, in Lanciano, Italy. With only the benefit of a seventh grade education, she left her home, parents and nine siblings to embark on a new adventure in the fall of 1929, when she came to the United States with her new husband, Galdino, through Ellis Island, N.Y.

Mr. and Mrs. Ballerini moved to Grosse Pointe and in 1940 built their home on Whittier Road. She lived in the Park for 66 years.

Mrs. Ballerini was a homemaker who enjoyed cooking, gardening and especially spending time with her family, with whom she shared many old world lessons during her 100 years. She also spent a great deal of time throughout the years volunteering for the St. John Hospital Fontbonne Auxiliary.

She is survived by her daughter, Maria; grandsons, Mark (Claudia) Valente III, Dean (Lois) Valente, Richard Valente and James Ballerini



Jerry Chouinard

"J.B." Valente; and great-grandchildren, Kiera, Clair and Dante.

She was predeceased by her husband of 42 years, Galdino, who died in 1971.

A private family funeral Mass was celebrated on Tuesday, May 23, at St. Clare de Montefalco Church.

Interment was at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery.



Christopher J. Greenfelder

21620 Mack, St. Clair Shores. Interment is at St. Joseph Catholic Cemetery in Otis Orchards, Wash.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Christopher Greenfelder Memorial Fund, U.S. Bank, 2322 E. Sprague Ave., Spokane, WA 99202. The money will be used to purchase playground equipment for children.

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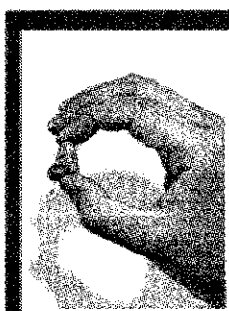
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Jerry Chouinard

Former City of Grosse Pointe resident Jerry Chouinard, 63, of Comstock Park, died on Saturday, June 10, 2006, after a courageous battle with cancer.

He was born on Feb. 20, 1943, in Detroit to James and Pauline Chouinard and grew up in Grosse Pointe

He attended St. Clare of Montefalco School and graduated from St. Paul High School where he excelled in swimming and baseball.

He was proud to be the owner of Rivertown Insurance Agency in Grand Rapids. He enjoyed spending time at his cottage, fishing, golfing, and hunting out west. He was a member of the Sparta Gun Club.

Mr. Chouinard will be remembered through the love of his family, especially his grandchildren. His ability to make people laugh and his positive attitude will always be cherished by his family and friends.

He is survived by his wife of 38 years, Ellen; children, Paula (Jim) Laura of Belmont, and Gregg (fiancee, Dodie Stanton) Chouinard of Lake Mary, Fla.; grandchildren, Ashley and Ryan Laura; brothers, Dick (Terri), Bob, David, Tom and Don (Denise); sister, Kathleen Stevenson; and several relatives and friends.

He was predeceased by his parents, James and Pauline Chouinard, and his brother, Jim Chouinard.

A funeral Mass was celebrated on Wednesday, June 14, at Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary in Grand Rapids.

Memorial contributions may be made to Lacks Cancer Center.

Christopher J. Greenfelder

Former Grosse Pointe resident Christopher J. Greenfelder, 48, of Spokane, Wash., died suddenly on Tuesday, May 9, 2006.

He was born on Aug. 12, 1957, in Detroit, to Russell and Maureen Greenfelder, and graduated from Grosse Pointe South High School in 1975.

His interests included hiking, biking, camping, traveling, reading and spending time with his family. He was very interested in world affairs and enjoyed a friendly debate on politics and religion.

Mr. Greenfelder will be remembered for his kindness to others.

He is survived by his wife of 24 years, Sue Greenfelder; daughters, Sarah (Jamie) Escobar and Melissa (Jason) Knopp; four granddaughters, Alexis, Elle, Olivia and Isabelle; and siblings, Russ (Cindy) Greenfelder, Gayle (Max) Shultz, Terri (Mike) Thompson, Joe (Jill) Greenfelder, Roni Curran, Mary Ann (Duane) Swanick and Scott Greenfelder.

A memorial Mass will be celebrated at 10 a.m. on Saturday, June 17, at St. Joan of Arc,

Roberta Jean Lumpkin

Roberta "Bobbie" Jean Lumpkin, 82, formerly of Grosse Pointe Woods, died on Saturday, June 10, 2006, at St. Mary's Hospital in Grand Rapids.

She was born in Detroit to Robert J. Annette and Edith J. Clark Annette. She graduated from Colley High School and attended Hunter College in New York City before joining the U.S. Navy in 1942. While stationed in Cleveland, Ohio, she met and married Henry Nevin "H.N." Lumpkin of Columbus, Ga.

After being discharged from the service, the Lumpkins moved to Detroit and eventually to Grosse Pointe Woods. While raising her family, Mrs. Lumpkin was a member of the Michigan Powder Puff Association; and owned and raced her own stock car at the old Motor City Speedway. She later returned to the work as a dispatcher for the Grosse Pointe Woods Police Department before retiring to Lost Lake Woods Club in Lincoln.

Mrs. Lumpkins was a member of the Eastern Star chapter in Lincoln.

She is survived by her two daughters, Linda L. (Norman) Buckler of Scottsdale, Ariz., and Catherine A. (Dennis) Moore of Mocksville, N.C.; three grandchildren, Kristin (Dr. Gilbert) Padula, Bruce (Jessica) Fowler and Carol (George Anthony) Witner; and four great-grandchildren; Isabella and Nino Padula, and Seirra and Bruce Fowler.

She was predeceased by her husband, Henry Lumpkin, who died on June 8, 2005.

Memorial services will be held at a later date with interment at Pierce Chapel in Columbus, Ga.

Frank G. Verbeke

Former Grosse Pointe Park resident Frank G. Verbeke, 95, of Timber Pines, Spring Hill, Fla., died on Monday, June 5, 2006, at Hernando/Pasco Hospice Care Unit in Brooksville, Fla.

He was born in Iron Belt, Wis., and lived in Grosse Pointe Park for 47 years. He moved to Florida 12 years ago.

He is survived by his wife of 72 years, E. Aurelia Verbeke, son, Frank G. (De Ana) Verbeke Jr., of LaMesa, Calif.; daughter, Aurelia E. (Alvin) Michaels of West Bloomfield; and four grandchildren, Kerri Lynn (Peter) Kapich, Frank G. "Trey" Verbeke III, Linda L. Michaels and Andrew D. Michaels, M.D.; and four great-grandchildren, Alexander Kapich, Rachel Michaels, Matthew Michaels and Katherine Michaels.

Interment will be at Mount Olivet Cemetery in Detroit.

Memorial contributions may be made to Hernando/Pasco Hospice, 12260 Cortez Blvd., Brooksville, FL 34613.

CITY OF GROSSE POINTE

Defense witnesses are no shows in court

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

A legal lariat might be used to corral two witnesses key to securing the alibi of a man accused of helping kill a woman last summer in the City of Grosse Pointe.

The witnesses might be roped into Wayne County Circuit Court with an arrest warrant if they don't start cooperating in the defense of Derrick Anthony Thompson, 47, of Detroit.

Thompson and City of Grosse Pointe resident Joseph Michael Marasco, 51, are being prosecuted in Wayne County Circuit Court for allegedly participating in the first-degree shooting death of Barbara Ann

Iske, 57.

She was killed June 14, 2005, arriving to work at 21 Dodge Place, where Marasco lived and helped care for his elderly, wheelchair-bound mother.

Both suspects face mandatory life in prison if convicted.

Thompson's attorney claims two teenage witnesses will prove his client's innocence. The problem is neither witness can be found.

"I myself am still chasing those witnesses," said Antonio Tuddles, Thompson's attorney, during the first day of trial, Monday, June 5, in the courtroom of Circuit Judge Gregory D. Bill.

Tuddles identified the witnesses as sisters ages 13 and 14 from Detroit.

"(Their mother) is hiding them," Tuddles told Judge Bill.

"This is bordering on contempt of court," Bill said. "I want these witnesses produced by noon Tuesday (June 6). Not a minute late."

Tuesday morning, Tuddles knew he'd miss Bill's deadline.

"I received a telephone call (from the mother)," Tuddles told the judge. "She said she is not going to produce her children to the court."

Tuddles forwarded the mother's message to Bill: "If the court wants to issue a warrant for her arrest, so be it. Do what you have to do."

"Here's what we're going to do, Mr. Tuddles," Bill said. "You can subpoena (the mother) and children. If they aren't pro-

duced, I'm going to consider striking the (alibi) defense, something I'm reluctant to do. I know you're trying. Try harder. If that doesn't work I'll consider an arrest warrant."

Alibi witnesses are a special breed in the legal kingdom.

Such witnesses provide an alternative theory of where a defendant was during the time a crime was committed. Prosecutors need fair notice of an alibi defense in order to investigate and validate the statements of alibi witnesses.

"I have not had an opportunity to meet either of these alibi witnesses," said Robert A. Stevens, assistant prosecuting attorney handling the case.

"We never want to have a trial by ambush," said Maria

Miller, director of communications for the prosecutor's office. "That is exactly what happened when Mr. Tuddles brought in his alibi on the day trial was to begin, right after the jury was picked."

Miller said the proposed alibi defense required 10 days notice.

"That's why we were surprised by this tactic," she said. "However, we will continue to represent the case zealously and ethically. Mr. Stevens will proceed undeterred."

In a similar matter introduced to the court Monday morning of this week, defense attorneys filed an emergency motion requesting police to track down and arrest another female witness.

Tuddles said he was unable to locate the woman.

Stevens said he didn't know how to locate the woman.

"She's a streetwalker and does not have any address," Stevens said.

"I haven't seen the motion," said Bill.

Bill said he would make a ruling after studying the motion.

Stevens plans to cite cellular telephone records to prove the whereabouts of Thompson and others regarding Iske's ambush.

"Someone was waiting for Barbara Iske to show up on the 14th," Stevens said, calling her killing a "brutal execution."

Iske, 57, of Sterling Heights, worked as bookkeeper to Marasco's mother, described as in her mid-80s, of failing physical health but mentally stable.

Prosecutors allege Joseph Marasco hired Thompson to recruit a hit man — specifically, confessed gunman Andre Lamar Williams, 37, of Detroit — to kill Iske because she was meddling with terms of Joseph Marasco's prospective inheritance or trust.

"Never are we saying Joseph Marasco pulled the trigger," Stevens said. "We're saying he set this up."

Stevens credited Marasco, Thompson and Williams for carrying out a well-orchestrated crime and covering their tracks, except for one thing.

"They forgot the calls," he said.

Williams agreed to testify for the prosecution in exchange for a reduced sentence. Instead of risking a life term if found guilty of first-degree murder, Williams, a career criminal and ex-convict, pleaded guilty to second-degree murder. He is serving 22 to 32 years in prison.

Philip Thomas, one of Marasco's attorneys and a former prosecuting attorney, criticized Williams' plea agreement, calling it a "sweetheart deal."

To facilitate Williams' testimony during trial, he has been transferred temporarily from prison to the City's holding cell.

SAFETY: Speeding on Mack

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power to the business.

They also found the cash drawer open, as well as a cabinet. Two office doors were also kicked in.

Radio stolen

On Friday, June 9, between 9 a.m. and 8 p.m., a 19-year-old Grosse Pointe Woods man reported an unknown person broke into his 1996 red Buick Skylark and stole his \$250 Kenwood CD player.

A pair of scissors was found on the ground directly beneath the driver-side window.

The man was working at a business in the 19300 block of Mack throughout the day before he returned to find the CD player missing.

Up to no good

On Tuesday, June 6, at 2:20 p.m., a Grosse Pointe Woods police officer observed two youths riding a bike along Mack.

The officer, who knew the youths should have been in school, saw the two stop their bike in the Parcels Middle School lot and walk around several bikes.

Several minutes later, both youths were riding a bike on Mack. The officer stopped the two, both 15 years old from Detroit.

The youths stole a blue Dyno NSX bike, cutting a lock wire with a heavy-duty cutting tool.

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CITY OF GROSSE POINTE

Money had role in rocky sibling rivalry

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

Some people you just don't like.

Madelynne Sorge, testifying for the prosecution in the murder trial of her brother, said the feeling was mutual.

During portions of three days on the witness stand that ended Monday morning in Wayne County Circuit Court, Sorge outlined a bad relationship with her older sibling.

Sorge, 49, testified she doesn't like her 51-year-old brother Joseph Michael Marasco "in respect to the fact that he doesn't like me."

She said the relationship soured further:

- ◆ in 1996 when Marasco was fired from the family business "for breaking the contract,"

- ◆ when Marasco sued and won a financial settlement for being fired,

- ◆ in 2004 when he was partially written out of their elderly, ailing mother's multi-million dollar will, and

- ◆ most recently upon Marasco discovering behind-the-scenes maneuvers to oust him from the family home on a private street in the City of Grosse Pointe where he helped care for his mother.

On the other hand, Sorge described growing trust and friendship between her elderly mother, Anne Marasco, and Barbara Ann Iske, 57, a Sterling Heights resident and unrelated former employee of the family business retained as the mother's personal bookkeeper.

Marasco is accused of hiring two hit men to kill Iske the morning of June 14, 2005, as she arrived for her once-a-week bookkeeping duties at the Marasco house at 21 Dodge Place.

Prosecutors trying the case before Circuit Judge Gregory D. Bill allege Marasco hated Iske for edging her way into the mother's affairs at his expense — particularly when her influence was suspected of cutting in half his portion of the mother's will.

Defense attorneys countered that Sorge's focus on the estate blinded her to other murder suspects or scenarios in the homicide.

Sorge was visiting her mother the afternoon a newspaper carrier discovered Iske's body face down in the driveway.

Iske had been shot twice at close range in the head, including once to the back of the neck after she'd collapsed. Her legs covered her purse. Her wallet lay seemingly untouched on the pavement.

The only thing missing was a bag containing a laptop computer.

"I went in the house to get the phone to call 911," Sorge said. "I think I was in shock."

That day Sorge began telling City police her brother didn't like Iske and would benefit from obtaining financial information stored on her laptop.

"You were playing detective?" asked Antonio Tuddles, defense attorney for one of Marasco's alleged co-conspirators, Derrick Anthony Thompson.

"Yes," Sorge said, adding under further questioning that she had no first-hand knowledge of what information the computer contained.

"I never opened it personally," Sorge said. "I had seen it opened. I looked at the screen."

Marasco's attorneys argue that police were so swayed by Sorge's theory that they set a course to prove it rather than discover hard-to-find information showing that Marasco had

I was afraid of my brother. I was afraid of what he would do to me.

MADELYNNE SORGE,
Joseph Marasco's sister

nothing to do with the killing.

Philip Thomas, one of Joseph Marasco's lawyers, said Thompson and confessed gunman Andre Lamar Williams were extorting money from Marasco. When they showed up at his house June 14 to scare him, Iske tragically got in the way, Thomas said.

A week after the murder, Sorge's husband, David, told City police, "When my wife called ... to tell me that it was Barb Iske dead in the driveway, I knew that Joe had either shot her himself or had someone do it."

David Sorge described circumstances leading up to

Anne Marasco, the acknowledged family matriarch, changing her will in 2004. The change resulted a 50-50 split of the estate between her offspring.

"Barb had been helping Anne Marasco set up her estate," David Sorge told police. "The original will was designed to give Joe the entire inheritance. Barb had numerous discussions with Anne and convinced her that it must be equal and fair to both of the her children.

"This was very upsetting to Joe. Joe did kill Barb so she would not be involved and he could continue to wear down his mother in hopes of her changing her will."

Madelynne Sorge recalled learning the terms of her mother's original will.

"I reviewed that will in the winter of 2004," she said. "My mother was admitted to the hospital and I thought she was going to die. My mother's es-

tate was going to my brother. I told her I didn't think that was fair. I asked her why she had done that. I don't remember what she said."

The revised will, which Madelynne Sorge said was drafted with help from her father-in-law's attorney, resulted in Iske being named trustee.

Madelynne Sorge said she didn't discuss the second will with her brother.

"I was afraid of my brother," she said. "I was afraid of what he might do to me."

Her testimony pleased Thomas.

"She supplied the motive to the police for the homicide," Thomas said outside the courtroom. "I promised the jury I would prove that on the very

day that homicide occurred, she pointed the finger at her brother and that the motive was the laptop computer.

"She got her mother to change the will in 2004. They took the mother to a lawyer. Her mother didn't just pick out an attorney from the Yellow Pages. That mother was put in touch and taken to David Sorge's family lawyer. We've shown the jury how greed caused Madelynne Sorge to point her finger at her brother."

Marasco is accused of hiring Thompson to broker a \$3,400 hit-man contract with Williams, 37, who has confessed to shooting Iske. Williams is serving a reduced sentence of 22 to 32 years in prison in exchange for cooperating with prosecutors.

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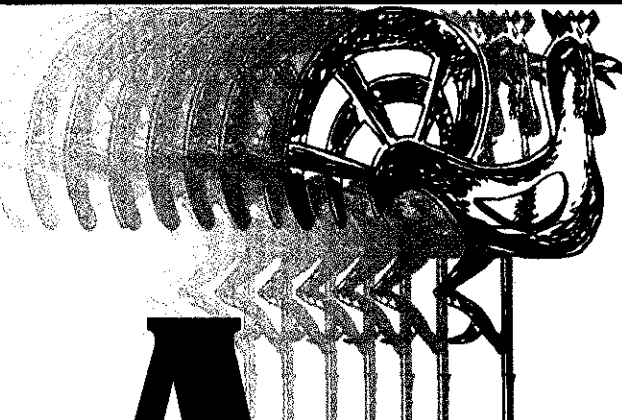
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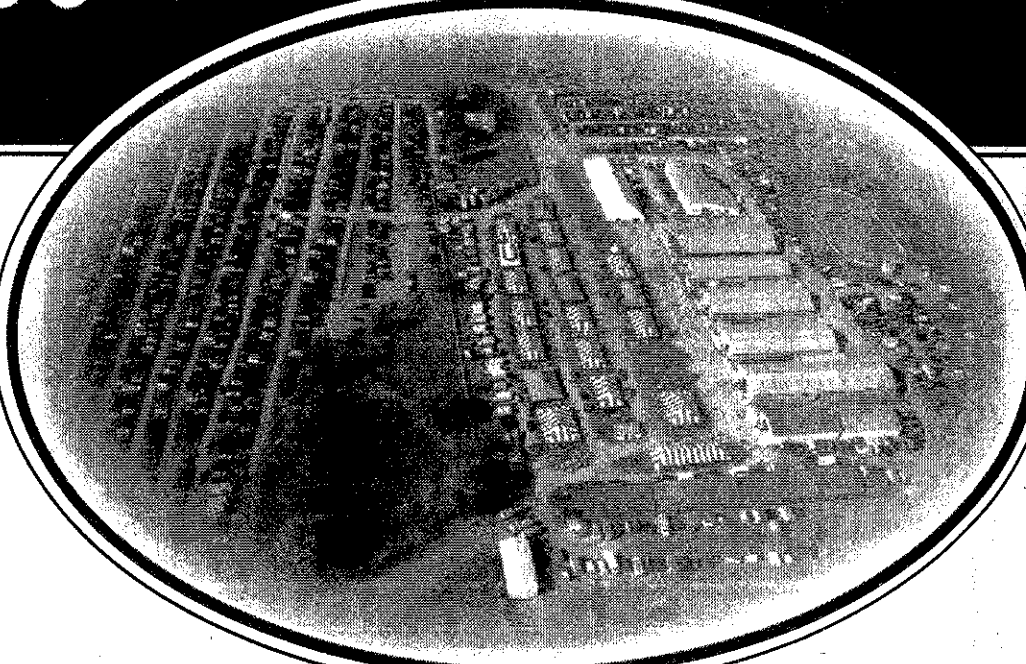
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Gunman pulled the trigger for quick cash

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

Pictures are supposed to be worth 1,000 words. Yet a single word trumped the impact of a series of pictures describing the City of

Grosse Pointe's first murder in 60 years. It wasn't when the prosecuting attorney described the female victim being ambushed at close range with one shot to the head and again to the back of the neck.

It wasn't when a teenager testified to hearing the two shots and confusing them with fireworks. It wasn't when a newspaper carrier talked about discovering the body about five hours later face down in dried blood

on a hot day. It wasn't when the confessed gunman said, "I shot her." It was the flies. Jurors and members of a crowded gallery in Wayne County Circuit Court gasped at testimony about flies bothering

the remains of bookkeeper Barbara Ann Iske. The 57-year-old Sterling Heights resident was murdered as she exited her car at about 10:15 a.m. June 14, 2005, in the driveway of 21 Dodge Place, the home of a longtime

employer and friend. Andre Lamar Williams, 37, of Detroit but now in prison, admits killing Iske for pay. "I needed the money," he said Monday during his first day of testimony before Circuit Judge Gregory D. Bill.

Attorneys for defendant Joseph Michael Marasco, accused of ordering Iske's death, plan to challenge Williams' testimony.

Marasco is alleged to have brokered a deal with Derrick Anthony Thompson, 47, to recruit a hit man to eliminate Iske. Marasco reportedly wanted to prevent Iske from steering will proceeds and other family assets away from Marasco.

Both men are charged with premeditated murder. Williams testified that Thompson, a former prison mate, approached him in late May 2005 to do the "job."

According to Williams, the trio outlined the plan during several cellular telephone calls, sometimes with Williams lending Thompson his cell phone. One time, Williams said, he heard Thompson talking with "Joe."

Although no terms of payment were agreed to beforehand, on the morning of June 14, Williams accepted Thompson's ride in a blue Ford Tempo to the ambush. Iske was due to arrive for work shortly after 10 a.m.

Williams said Thompson lent him a "shiny revolver, either a .38 or .357" while ferrying him from Detroit to Grosse Pointe.

Williams said they sat in the Tempo on Dodge Place waiting for Iske. He said instructions included stealing a bag containing a laptop computer on which Iske reportedly stored financial data.

When Iske arrived and parked her car in the driveway along a row of low bushes, he remembered Thompson saying, "That's her."

"I approached her," Williams said. "I pulled it (the gun) out. I went around the hedges and came to the front of the car. I told her to give me the bag. As she was giving it to me I started to point the gun. I said give it here, give me the bag."

A doctor from the county medical examiner's office said that for all practical purposes, Iske died before falling to the blacktop.

"Why did you agree to do this?" asked Robert A. Stevens, assistant prosecuting attorney trying the case.

"The life I was living at the time was of a criminal, whatever type of person," said Williams, who said he was born again after his arrest. "I put my trust in man instead of putting my trust in the lord."

One week before the murder, Williams said Thompson drove them in the Ford Tempo to Dodge Place. They parked in the street and waited more than 30 minutes for Iske, Williams said.

When she didn't arrive, Williams said they drove "four or five blocks down Jefferson, made a right" a few blocks away and parked at the curb. Thompson pulled out a cell phone.

"He said he was calling Joe," Williams said.

Within 10 minutes, a car pulled up behind and parked at least the length of a driveway away, Williams said.

Thompson reportedly exited the Tempo and entered the car parked behind. Williams watched through a rearview mirror and glanced over his shoulder.

"I wanted to see him but I didn't want him to see me," he said. Williams identified the stranger in the parked car as Marasco.

At about 3:15 p.m., a newspaper carrier found Iske's body. The carrier notified Madelynne Sorge, Marasco's sister, who was at the house.

Sorge called 911 and stood in shock as police and medics did what little they could before taking Iske away.

"They covered her body," Sorge said. "Eventually she was gone."

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Garden art, bird feeders and bird houses capture the artistic feeling of the McHale garden.

The **15th annual Summer Garden Tour** is a highlight of the Grosse Pointe season. Garden art, ponds, bird houses and more flowers than can be counted are featured in both sunny and shady yards.

Garden gates are opening

By Kathleen Peabody
 Special Writer

Whether the garden is shady or sunny, with or without a pond, large or small, you'll find it during the 15th annual Summer Garden Tour 2006 on Saturday and Sunday, June 24 and 25. Nine public and private gardens highlight the event in various parts of the Grosse Pointes.

It's definitely a family affair in the Krueger garden on Lakeshore in Grosse Pointe Shores. Daughter Bonnie Krueger is the Master Gardener of the family and works with brothers and a little outside assistance to keep the gardens looking fresh and

beautiful. Bonnie Krueger truly enjoys being outside, watching the plants grow.

"While I'm outside, my mind thinks about life," she said. "At the end of the day, there's a sense of accomplishment. At the end of the season, there are results."

She enjoys working with plants that are delicate and can't pick a favorite. "Whatever is in bloom," she says.

The front gardens of the Krueger home are planted in a formal tradition with English knot gardens. Trimmed boxwood hedges surround perennials, such as coneflowers, Russian sage and false indigo.

Be sure to visit the back yard where, if timed right, more than 40 pink "New Dawn"

climbing roses may be in bloom over an arbor separating two parts of the yard. The secluded side of the house shares a woodland path of wildflowers, ferns, and a Japanese-style moss carpet still finding its sea legs.

This year, the tour holds a lakefront garden not often seen by those living outside of Grosse Pointe Park. Matthew C. Patterson Park at the foot of Three Mile is included in the tour.

In 1996, Jennifer Meldrum, landscape architect and Master Gardener for the city of Grosse Pointe Park, designed and installed the Hutton reflecting pool. The pool is also a fountain, shooting spurts of

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**GARDEN:
Tour in sun
and shade**

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water, creating a cooling effect. Nestled among the pines on the property is the Lindell Lodge, used as a chalet and warming building in winter.

The Edwin Dyer garden in Grosse Pointe Woods shows off a small pond revealed after the owner removed diseased and overgrown trees and shrubs in 2004. Working with a professional designer, the Dyers spent time developing a garden filled with perennials, including delphinium, foxgloves and scabiosa.

While Dyer gives credit to his wife for much of the work done, he lights up when talking about his pond and the fish in it. Bright yellow koi highlight the bright purple and gold colors of a water iris growing nearby.

Azaleas, a star magnolia and burning bushes provide year-round color and interest. The Dyers wish they had started their garden project years earlier.

Remember to visit the public gardens at the Children's Home of Detroit, including the Fairy Garden tended by the Herb Society of America, Grosse Pointe Unit. Visit the Garden Center Shoppe at this stop in Grosse Pointe Woods. Refreshment and restrooms are also available here.

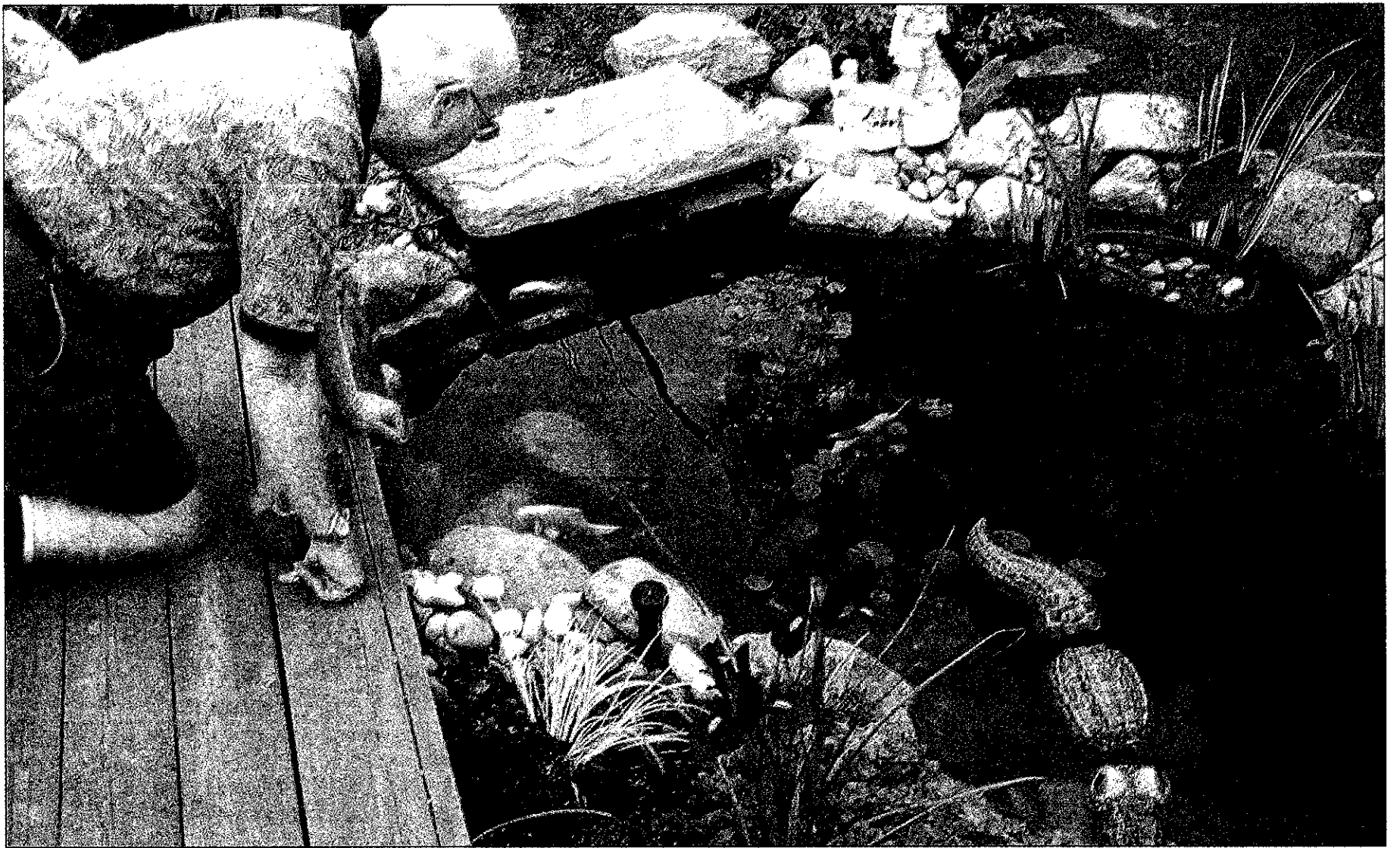
The McHale garden in Grosse Pointe Park shows the artistic flair of owner Mary McHale. One of the first things you will see is the wrought-iron, leaf-motif gates. European ginger and a kousa dogwood welcome you.

A shaded area contains Hellebore, foxglove, jack-in-the-pulpit and a Japanese tree peony. Poppies are planted with fall-blooming boltonia which helps cover their fading foliage.

Watch for a mature PeeGee hydrangea, baptisia, Shasta daisy, yarrow, asters, daylilies, hollyhocks and an artistic selection of annuals.

Colorfully filled pots and attractive garden ornaments embellish this garden.

Another garden in Grosse



Edwin Dyer feeds his orange and yellow koi. The pond is surrounded by iris and other water plants.

Pointe Park is the Bloom Garden, an English garden created for low maintenance. A wall of forsythia, white pine, European beech and hemlock shelter a shady pond with small waterfall.

The loss of elms has replaced roses with a semi-shade garden of hydrangeas, astilbes, lobelia and monarda.

The Grosse Pointe War Memorial Trial Gardens are also included and Master Gardeners will be available at all gardens.

Tickets for the Garden Tour are \$12 in advance by calling (313) 881-7511, ext. 206.

The day of the event, tickets are \$15 and available at any garden location.

Tickets can be used for both days.

Garden tour

Saturday, June 24 and Sunday, June 25: 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

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Josiah and Bonnie Krueger are two caretakers of the raised beds on Lakeshore.

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Zoo auction has celeb-decorated boomerangs

In keeping with the Detroit Zoological Society's Australian Outback theme for this year's June 16 Sunset at the Zoo fundraiser, boomerangs were sent to local and national celebrities with a request to decorate and sign them for the event's silent auction.

The society has received "returns" from such renowned personalities as "The Tonight Show" host Jay Leno; actors James Earl Jones, Tim Allen and Joan Cusack; PGA professional and Aussie native Greg Norman; Motown legend and Detroit City Councilwoman Martha Reeves; Red Wings Steve Yzerman, Chris Chelios, Pavel Datsyuk, Brendan Shanahan, Tomas Holmstrom, Manny Legace, Nicklas Lidstrom and Kirk Maltby; and Detroit Lions Cory Schlesinger and Jeff Backus.

WDIV-TV Local 4 news anchor Rhonda Walker created a silk brocade and beaded handbag, with the help of Fran J from Beyond Blossoms, using the boomerang as a handle. In addition, WXYZ-TV Channel 7 news anchors Stephen Clark, Carolyn Clifford and Erik Smith expressed their "inner artist" by decorating boomerangs.

In celebration of the opening of the Australian Outback Adventure, new home to the Detroit Zoo's 17 red kangaroos, the event's live auction will include the opportunity to name the Zoo's new joey, or baby kangaroo.

Sunset at the Zoo takes place in the main picnic grove from 7 to 11:30 p.m., rain or shine. In preparation for the event, the park will close to the public at 2 p.m.

The annual fundraiser includes a strolling supper by 40 area restaurants, zoo-themed martinis, live entertainment, dancing, live and silent auctions and access to the zoo's award-winning exhibits.

Proceeds go directly to benefit the animals.

Tickets are now on sale and range from \$125 to \$250 per person. A VIP reception sponsored by JP Morgan Chase is included for those purchasing higher-priced tickets. Tickets are available for purchase by phone at (248) 541-5717 ext. 3750.

TEA PARTY: The Grosse Pointe Theatre will host its second A Theatrical Affair, Afternoon Tea from 2 to 5 p.m. Sunday, June 25, in the Crystal Ballroom of the Grosse Pointe War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms.

A fashion show with period costumes, musical entertainment, a champagne reception, tea, luncheon and a silent auction and raffle make up this event.

Each table will be decorated to the theme of a theatrical production. This year's fashion show of period costumes will feature wedding gowns from the 1930s and '40s. In addition, guests will receive prizes for the best tea ensemble and hat.

There will be more than 100 silent auction items to bid on and guests have a chance to win a David Yurman black onyx and diamond pendant on a 17-inch sterling silver wheat chain donated by Edmund T. Ahee Jewelers; a men's Movado two-tone watch from George Koueiter & Sons Jewelers; and a spiral Steuben vase donated by The League Shop. Raffle tickets are \$5 each and can be purchased at or prior to the event.

SHOTS AT THE ZOO: The Visiting Nurse Association (VNA) is partnering with the

Detroit Zoo to offer a double shot of vaccine protection to teens from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Tuesday, June 20, at main entrance to the Detroit Zoo.

The "One Zoo of a Shot Party" event offers teens ages 15 and older immunization against bacterial meningitis and/or the new tetanus booster that offers increased protection against whooping cough, known medically as pertussis.

Bacterial meningitis is an infection that creates inflammation in the lining of the brain and spinal cord. While rare, the disease is fast-acting, resulting in seizures, limb amputation and even death. The U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) recommend the meningitis vaccination as an effective preventive measure.

Pertussis is a bacterial respiratory illness characterized by severe spasms of coughing that can last for several weeks or months. Pertussis is usually spread from person-to-person through close contact with respiratory droplets released when a person coughs or sneezes.

The shots are strongly recommended by the VNA for students attending summer camp and college freshmen.

A meningitis shot is \$105 and the tetanus/diphtheria/pertussis combined booster is \$50. Cash, checks and CareChoices is accepted. Parking is free for those being immunized. Regular zoo admission fees apply if attending the zoo after immunization.

For more information, call (248) 967-8755 or visit vna.org.

Visiting Nurse Association of Southeast Michigan is an independent non-profit home health care and hospice organization serving residents of Wayne, Oakland, Macomb,



Grosse Pointe residents Margie Ogden, left, and Wendy Bellard, co-chairs of the Detroit Zoological Society's "Sunset at the Zoo" fundraiser, display, boomerang, stuffed kangaroo doll and other items playing off the event's Australian theme.

which continues its journey in recent years from Ireland, France, and Austria back to the United States.

The White Christmas Ball is the Fontbonne Auxiliary's major annual fundraising event.

Proceeds will continue to benefit the patients of St. John Hospital and Medical Center by completing the Sister Verence McQuade Corridor of the new pavilion.

For more information on the

White Christmas Ball, contact the Fontbonne Auxiliary at (313) 343-3675.

INTERNATIONAL GALA: The International Visitors Council of Metropolitan Detroit is holding its annual dinner dance at 7 p.m., Friday, June 16, at the Tournament Players Club, 1 Nicklaus Drive, Dearborn.

The gala is an annual fundraiser open to the public including dinner, dancing, a silent auction and entertainment. Tickets prices begin at \$150 with \$100 ticket options for Global Diplomats 25 to 40 years old. Proceeds help support IVC Detroit programs.

Special ambassador honors will be presented to Government/Corporate Ambassadors Congressman John Dingell and Debbie Dingell of General Motors and Al Long Ford dealer Tarik

Daoud and Helen Daoud. Special guest Dr. Sherry Mueller, president of the National Council for International Visitors in Washington D.C., will attend.

International Visitors Council of Metropolitan Detroit (IVC Detroit) is a non-profit organization in partnership with the U.S. Department of State and USAID, arranging official visits to Detroit for international dignitaries. The purpose of these exchanges is to breakdown barriers and misunderstandings between countries and cultures and to promote peace, goodwill, and diplomacy between metro Detroit and countries around the world.

For further information and to reserve tickets, contact Julie Oldani, executive director, IVC Detroit at (248) 375-7300 or e-mail at mail@ivcdetroit.org.



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Grosse Pointe Theatre members design and create costumes for the groups stage productions. Modeling some of those costumes at Grosse Pointe Theatre's 2005 Tea are, from left, Laura Hetzler, Elise Amato, Fiona Spezia, Andrea Deck, Lee Anne Shaheen and Sharron Nelson.

Monroe, Livingston and Washtenaw counties.

WHITE CHRISTMAS: The Fontbonne Auxiliary's annual White Christmas Ball Kick-Off Luncheon, hosted by Nashwa Sawaf and Michelle Giorgio, was recently held at the Grosse Pointe Shores home of Nashwa Sawaf.

Linda Lloyd, president of the Fontbonne Auxiliary of St. John Hospital and Medical Center, announced Debra McCarty of Harrison Township as the chair of the 2006 White Christmas Ball. Victoria Liggett of Grosse Pointe Shores has been named this year's honorary chair.

The theme of the Dec. 8 ball is "Sparkle of the Big Apple,"



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Each table at Grosse Pointe Theatre's tea is set to reflect the theme of a theatrical play or movie. This table, titled "Mr. Robert's," was designed by David Calcaterra for last year's tea. His tropical setting included a grass skirt around the table.



From left, preparing for the 2006 White Christmas Ball are Nashwa Sawaf, Michelle Giorgio, Victoria Liggett, Debra McCarty and Linda Lloyd.

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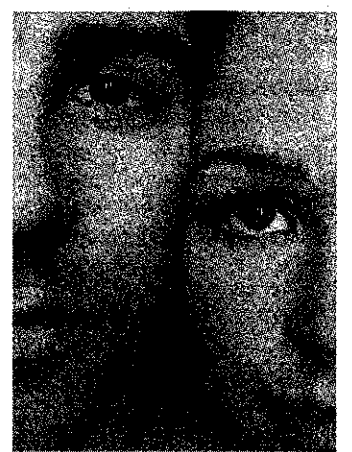
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Kabbalah would like to heal the world

By Carrie Cunningham
Special Writer

Pointer Bronwyn Bunt has been on a spiritual and theological odyssey since she was a child, but in 1990 she found a luminous path that, she said, brought her closer to God and allowed her to improve the world via personal effort. She became schooled in Kabbalah, the ancient philosophy of Jewish mysticism.

Bunt was raised a Mormon but personally sought more spirituality than the religion gave. She tried Catholicism but wanted more direct contact with God.

She dabbled in Buddhism, Hinduism and Islam, parts of which she liked, but then she found Kabbalah and discovered it was the one belief system where she felt at home and could grow.

The mystical religion has a wealth of documents that outline ways of thinking and being. Bunt simplifies the philosophy as having three central components: the Zohar which deals with spiritual matters, the Sefer Yetzirah which intellectually interprets Kabbalistic texts and instructs ways to meditate and lastly, the Rezial, a domain of magic which when

mastered can alter the perception of reality.

For the past 16 years, Bunt has focused primarily on the Zohar, a 23 volume text that describes the basic Kabbalistic ways of pondering and living as well as outlining modes of understanding and reflecting God.

The Zohar is Kabbalah's most significant text, and Bunt has studied it for so long because she wants to have a firm hold on the prime elements of the Kabbalah belief system.

Bunt likens this decision to building a house: until a foundation is built no choices can be made for other facets of the abode. Bunt feels Kabbalah's foundation is the Zohar.

The Zohar purports the idea that beneath the conflicts of the world is a harmonious unity. It contains all the parables and commandments of the Torah, known to Christians as the Old Testament, but it seeks to unlock deeper and hidden truths contained in the texts.

For instance, parables, she said, are not just stories.

"They're huge learning tools for us to be able to enhance our life here and now," she said.

A central component of the Zohar is named the Sefirot, which means the tree of life.

Ten ideas within the Sefirot comprise the belief that God is everything. The ideas include the crown, wisdom, understanding, kindness, strength, beauty, victory, awe, presence and foundation. The ideas interrelate and fortify each other.

"Each Sefirot stands for a different level of consciousness going from the lowest to the highest. When you get to the highest that's God's consciousness," Bunt said.

The lowest of Sefirot is foundation and the highest is crown.

"Kabbalah" author Arthur Goldwag said, "(The Sefirot) is a revolution of the mystical unity of creation" which resembles the beauty of a "heavenly chariot or a celestial palace."

Equally important in the Zohar is a concept promulgated by 16th century Jewish thinker Isaac ben Solomon Luria. As described by both Paul Johnson in "A History of the Jews" as well as by Goldwag, Luria believed Jewish hardships, such as exile, were inside dark husks which cloaked a divine light. A good deed, anything that reflected tikkun olam, which means healing the world, would release the divine light and help restore the cosmos to

a unified state.

Bunt described this concept as connecting the microcosm of one's personal life to the larger macrocosm of the planet. Treating one's neighbor kindly and performing good deeds will help the planet as a whole, she believes.

While many Jews believe the Messiah will be a person, Bunt, a Kabbalah convert, thinks the Messiah will be a universal consciousness of recognizing right from wrong and treating people reverently.

The evolution of Kabbalah is linked to Jewish history. The philosophy first surfaced in the latter part of the 12th century in France. During this time, Spanish Kabbalist Moses de Leon was said to have found ancient Kabbalah texts. In 1558, the complete Zohar was printed.

The Kabbalist beliefs countered the rationalist element of Judaism which stressed study of Torah law. Because Jews had faced persecution since antiquity, Kabbalah gave them a belief that survival and redemption were possible in a way that reason-based Judaism could not. The mystical practices brought Jews ways to reach the divine and experience relief and ultimate

ly unity.

As Johnson said, "The greater the distress, the more urgently was deliverance awaited."

Bunt meditates every day and keeps Kabbalistic principles close to her heart.

"(Kabbalah) teaches you to be proactive not reactive," she said. "It's about being the

force of God."

While Bunt says she knows of only 10 people who practice Kabbalah in Grosse Pointe and only about 200 across the state, she is a firm believer that Kabbalah can transform the world.

"We're responsible for the environment we live in. We can change it," she said.

PASTOR'S CORNER By the Rev. John Corrado

Prejudice

The recent arrests of alleged terrorists in Canada has put me on red alert. The alert is not about some "dirty bomb," or some weapon of mass destruction but about how easy it is for some people to slide into religious prejudice.

Think about the way many people have come to regard our Muslim brothers and sisters. I am increasingly appalled at how easily we lump the worshiper at the local mosque with a bomb-carrying terrorist on the other side of the globe, or even the other side of the order. From newspapers, to talk shows, to the gal who packed your groceries at Kroger's, glib tongues speak of how we are in a war with Muslims and Muslim fundamentalists.

Interesting.

What religion were we fighting against in Vietnam? World War I? The Revolutionary War? (And, by the way, you could make a strong case that the Revolutionary War had more to do with religion than all the other American wars combined, let alone the war we are in now.) Newspapers use epithets that they have not and would not use to describe people of other religions to describe Muslim leaders. Do we not see what we are doing?

"Muslim fundamentalists" — what do people mean when they use that term?

Are all Muslims "fundamentalists"? Are we able to discern Muslim fundamentalists from other Muslims? Shall we lump all Muslim fundamentalists together as "terrorists"? How about just looking upon all men and women who look like people from the Middle East with suspicion, or fear, or even loathing? How much further until the internment camps?

Doesn't it make you wonder sometimes why we put a religious label on one group of people but not another? Do we ever talk about the number of Christians or Christian fundamentalists who were involved in the Oklahoma city terrorist attacks?

Given the harsh and hateful statements of such Christian Fundamentalist leaders as Pat Robertson and Jerry Falwell, why not call them "Christian terrorists"?

No. Don't.

Let's just be more discerning in our thoughts, our speech and less accepting of religious prejudice. If we're not, historians of the next age will be discussing the 21st century crusades — if we survive.

The Rev. John Corrado is pastor at Grosse Pointe Unitarian Church.

Community invited to attend these church events

◆ Are you looking for something to do before the fireworks display begins in Grosse Pointe Woods on Sunday, June 25? **St. Michael's Episcopal Church** in Grosse Pointe Woods is hosting a Fireworks Festival from 5:30 to 9:30 p.m. on the front lawn of the church. The evening will include food, games, a moon-walk and live music.

All children's activities and face painting are free. St. Michael's historic church building will be open for tours and food and beverages will be

available for the family. View the fireworks from the church's front lawn.

St. Michael's is located at 20475 Sunningdale Park. For more information call St. Michael's church office at (313) 884-4821.

◆ **St. Paul Catholic Church**, in conjunction with St. Paul Knights of Columbus Chapter, will hold a Red Cross Blood Drive from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sunday, June 25, in the Canfield Center of St. Paul School. Walk in at your convenience.

This is an easy, meaningful and direct way to give back and help others — particularly those that have been hit by various disasters (hurricane, flood, fire, etc.).

◆ Members of the Al Raja Palestinian Folk Dance Troupe from the Evangelical Lutheran School of Hope in Ramallah, West Bank, will perform their traditional debka dances at 7 p.m. Monday, June 26, at **St. Paul Lutheran Church**, 375 Lothrop, Grosse Pointe Farms. The dancers are Christian and Muslim teens from the

school, which is part of the ministry of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Jordan and the Holy Land.

Members of the dance troupe are eager to meet American youth and see how they live. They have much to share with Americans about life in Palestine. One way these teens express their culture is through traditional dance. They practice for hours each week.

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The whole family suffers when one member is addicted to drugs or alcohol. Local interventionist's newest book tells nine ways families can take action.

Pointe interventionist publishes 3rd book

By Margie Reins Smith
Special Writer

People who are addicted to alcohol or drugs are not likely to dash off to Border's or Barnes & Noble to purchase Debra Jay's third book, "No More Letting Go: The Spirituality of Taking Action Against Alcoholism and Drug Addiction."

"This book is for families," Jay said. "It's a spiritual book, but it has practical ideas as well. My message is for families, and it is: We can't let addiction trump the welfare of the family."

"The old idea of waiting until the alcoholic wants help — often called letting him 'hit bottom' — is no longer acceptable. No one ever mentions that alcoholics and addicts don't take the trip to the bottom alone — the whole family goes with them."

Debra Jay and her husband, Jeff, live in Grosse Pointe Farms. They are professional interventionists. An intervention is a planned method of approaching an addicted person with love, honesty, respect and a plan for recovery.

An intervention is a tightly scripted, surprise meeting with the alcoholic by a well-prepared team that may consist of family, friends, employers and co-workers. Team members read letters they have prewritten, addressing the addict directly. The final word in an intervention is an offer for the alcoholic to immediately check into a treatment center. His suitcase is already packed and ready; he has been

pre-registered, and the treatment center is expecting him. Interventions, when well-directed, are successful 85 percent of the time, Jay said.

Jay has written two previous books about addictive behavior, and she has appeared on "The Oprah Winfrey Show" eight times. On her sixth "Oprah" appearance, about a year ago, she did an actual intervention.

"A 17-year-old girl, Chantel, was addicted to crystal meth," Jay said. "Chantel's mother and sister were part of the team. We were all crying at the end. Chantel agreed to go to a treatment facility for one month and spend another three months in extended care."

"Oprah arranged for payment for her treatment. Chantel came back for two more 'Oprah' shows, and she has stayed sober, so far."

"It was a terrific experience for me. Thirty million people saw it," she said, her eyes widening. "And there I am speaking for my entire profession. The sense of responsibility to get the right message to people watching — and to help the women on the show who had addiction problems — felt immense. Addiction is a difficult disease to understand, and people believe a lot of the myths, so being on Oprah's show always seemed like an amazing opportunity — a gift, really — to say something that might save an alcoholic's or addict's life, and might also help those people who love them. Oprah got a huge response to this show, which



Debra Jay, above, recently published her third book, which is called, "No More Letting Go: The Spirituality of Taking Action Against Alcoholism and Drug Addiction."

proves how many people are looking for this information."

Jeff and Debra continue to work as interventionists. They travel all over the country along with eight associate interventionists. Jay said she averages two interventions a month; Jeff Jay averages three a month. They get e-mails and phone calls from all over the country from people who want information about addiction and intervention.

"Usually one person in the family stands up and says 'We need to do an intervention,'" Jay said. "Usually this is a woman. Families have power they don't even know about. This book tells how to bring everybody in the family on board and exercise that power."

"I am so impressed about the children. Children are affected by alcoholism. They are not, as we once thought, re-

silent."

Jay said the whole family is constantly reacting to the addiction. "They're bending, twisting and balancing their behaviors like contortionists to adapt to the addicted one and maintain family balance," she said. "Promises are made. Promises are broken, first by the alcoholic, then by those who are reacting or enabling him or her."

"No More Letting Go" is divided into four parts.

The first deals with the long-held assumption that an alcoholic or drug addict has to want help or request help or "hit bottom" before she can be helped.

The "letting go" of the title refers to letting go of things that block families from taking action.

People living with addicts used to be advised to detach from the alcoholic, look after

themselves, and acknowledge their powerlessness to change the behavior of another person.

"This is a family disease," Jay said. "It is the entire family's problem and something needs to be done to protect the family."

Part two deals with various ways families react and adapt to the addict's behavior.

Part three deals with the physical affects that alcohol and drugs have on the brains of people who are addicted.

Part four proposes a plan for successfully taking action. This plan is an act of faith, according to Jay.

It confronts the addiction while preserving the addict's dignity. It shows love and respect and offers a solution — treatment.

Jay presents nine different

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Father of twins knows best



Fathers of children with special needs can learn valuable lessons from Jeffrey S. Cohen.

Cohen, 48, of West Bloomfield, is the father of fraternal twins Allison and Joshua, 16, who both have Fragile X Syndrome, the most common known cause of inherited cognitive impairment.

Issues range from mild learning disabilities to severe cognitive impairment. As many as one out of 130 women and one out of 800 men are carriers of FXS, which interferes with the formation of FMR1 protein needed for typical development.

To start, fathers need to quickly get over the initial shock of learning their child has special needs.

"Find a way," says Cohen, past president of the National Fragile X Foundation and a partner with the Dearborn law firm Archer, Kenney, Wilson and Cohen. "Your child needs you, and your wife needs you."

Cohen knows firsthand the transition is difficult for fathers, who are typically not as in touch with their feelings and as good at communicating them as their wives.

"For most, there is a period of despair and depression," he says. "For me, I got involved early with the National Fragile X Foundation, and it changed from an experience happening to me to one I was doing something about."

Engaging leading national researchers helped.

"Establishing personal relationships with people trying to cure Fragile X and making lives better through treatment and intervention was comforting," he says.

Cohen's special fatherly lessons learned include:

- ◆ Reach out for help and talk about your feelings.
- ◆ Be active and proactive.
- ◆ Become an expert.
- ◆ Be a strong advocate for your child.

◆ Don't forget to pay attention to your partner because raising a child with special needs is especially challenging. The divorce rate is higher among parents of children with special needs.

- ◆ Readjust your priorities.
- ◆ Understand the responsibilities you have, others do not.

Cohen, sporting white hair and a matching trimmed goatee, is a role model to all fathers of children who are ordinary or have special needs.

He learns all he can to help his children and further the cause of Fragile X. He is knowledgeable, sensitive, caring, engaged, committed and an excellent listener, advocate and communicator.

Most importantly, he spends his valuable free time with his children. In fact, he spends many evenings helping his son, a sophomore at Harrison High School, with his homework and even rewrites tests so he can better understand them.

"Turning away is not a choice," Cohen says. "The life you envisioned might not be the life you lead. So what. Get over it and move on. Find support groups and forums. Talk with others. Compare notes. Challenge yourself to become engaged."

This father knows best.

For more information about Fragile X or the National Fragile X Foundation, visit fragilex.org or call (800) 688-8765.

Grosse Pointe residents Theodore G. Coutilish and Mary Beth Langan created this column to share experiences from their journey as parents of a child with Fragile X Syndrome. Send your questions or comments to ag5046@wayne.edu or mblangan@hotmail.com.

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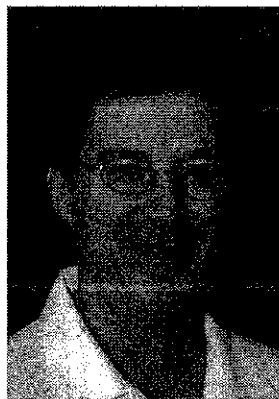
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HERO AT HEART

Dr. Tom Davis



This year, 1.2 million Americans will have a heart attack. Half of them will die.

The truth is that heart disease is still the number one cause of death of adults in America — and in Michigan. But the heart doctors of St. John Hospital and Medical Center are working to change that. And that's why we salute this week's Hero At Heart.

Meet Dr. Tom Davis, Interventional Cardiologist at St. John Hospital and Medical Center in Detroit.

Q: What do you think are the challenges of practicing medicine?

A: The changing aspects of cardiology. It is definitely exciting, but it can be difficult at times. From emerging technologies to innovative medications, the field is rapidly changing and it is the physician's role to stay on top of this new knowledge to ensure top quality patient care. For example, St. John Hospital is leading in non-surgical procedures for the vascular system and heart. I am drawn and continue to be challenged by the opportunity to research in this innovative area. We are changing our way of treating vascular and cardiac diseases in ways that are more effective and so much easier on our patients. We are treating critical vascular disease in the legs with minimally invasive procedures as an alternative to surgery or even amputation. We are able to salvage limbs for over 90% of those who came to us with recommended amputation. Similarly we are also removing plaque from the leg arteries and studying it to develop the new medications. It is critical that physicians stay on top of the most current innovations so that they can offer all the options to their patients.

Q: What makes a good patient/physician relationship?

A: Establishing a mutual trust. This means that the physician takes the extra time needed to provide a clear and understandable explanation of the condition and treatment while the patient makes it a priority to follow through with that treatment and make regular follow-up appointments to monitor the results.

Q: What's on the horizon in heart care?

A: The changing ways of interventional cardiology, which is my greatest interest and an area that I am actively researching. With so many non-surgical, less invasive procedures achieving exceptional results, vascular intervention for the carotid arteries and legs is more effective than ever before. Within the next 10 years it may be possible to repair heart valves without surgery.

Q: Can you explain some of your current research projects?

A: Absolutely. Right now we are involved in a national study, called CREST, comparing surgery on the carotid or neck arteries versus stenting the carotid arteries to prevent an initial or recurring stroke in high-risk patients — which includes those who have had stroke as well as diabetics, smokers and seniors. You have to understand this means instead of opening, cleaning and closing the neck arteries we are placing a stent via a small opening in the groin area — this is so much less invasive and easier on the patient. Anyone interested can call our research department at 313-343-6367 to find out if they are a candidate for the study.

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SENIOR SCENE By Ruth Cain

Secret to long life: Choose parents carefully



Russell Peebles considers himself a very lucky fellow. At 87, he's healthy and cognizant and continues to be engaged in many activities. In fact, since his retirement in 1986, he's become even more involved because, as he says, he has the time now.

Peebles first entered college at Duke University.

"I didn't know if I was ready for such a special school as the University of Michigan," he says. "After a year at Duke, I felt ready and transferred to U of M."

He graduated with a degree in mechanical engineering, but got much more. He met Carrie, who became his wife, at a party. Carrie also graduated from U-M.

Carrie and Russell recently celebrated their 63th wedding anniversary.

Peebles did a four-year stint with the Army Air Force during World War II.

He entered the service as an Aviation Cadet and earned his lieutenant's bars at the cadet school at Yale University. He and Carrie married shortly after.

Peebles' first started work at Detroit Sales Engineering, then to General Motors/Fisher Body, and on to Hudson Motor Co., which went out of business in 1955. He joined Chrysler, where he stayed the next 30 years until his retirement in 1986.

Peebles and his wife moved to Grosse Pointe Park in 1950 because they wanted their two children to attend Grosse

Pointe Schools. They lived on Bedford for 43 years until Carrie could no longer handle the stairs and they needed a ranch house.

The couple's children, Tom and Jane, have had careers reflecting their parents' love of learning and diversity.

Tom graduated from Dartmouth University and studied at the London School of Economics. While still in England, he applied for a position at University Liggett School. He was hired sight unseen after Carrie persuaded Frank Sladen that Tom was highly qualified for the position. He spent three years there teaching history.

A career in law beckoned him and he graduated from the University of Detroit Law School. He was named clerk to a federal judge, and later joined the Civil Division of the Justice Department. He was stationed in Haiti for several years on a special project, and transferred to Bulgaria where he, his wife and two children currently live.

After graduation from U-M, Jane married an army officer. The couple spent three years in Germany. When Jane's two children got older she returned to college, earning a master's degree from Bellarmine College in Louisville, Ky. She's now a compensation analyst for a Florida bank.

Peebles ran for the Grosse Pointe school board in 1963. He lost that election but was appointed to fill out the term of a resigning member. A year later, he was elected to a four-year term.

After retirement, Peebles moved full time into a number of projects. One he particularly enjoyed was working with the Funeral Consumers Information Society.

The society was formed as a result of Jessica Mitford's book on the outrageous costs of funerals and burials. The society's mission is to recruit members and persuade them to think seriously about their own funerals and burials.

Peebles is acting treasurer and past president of an affiliate of the society which covers Wayne, Macomb and Oakland counties. At one point, the group had 11,000 members. Many left because they had a thorough education on the subject. Currently the group has some 2,000 members.

Peebles' interest in history has led him to guiding tours once a week at the Detroit Historical Museum.

He recently became a docent at the Provençal-Weir House. He's also a driver for the Meals on Wheels project in his area and has been a two-time president and three-time treasurer for the Grosse Pointe Unitarian Church.

Today he also plays tennis three times a week, both winter and summer, with other seniors.

To what does Peebles attribute his lengthy and interesting life? Partly, he thinks, because he's always had a healthy lifestyle. In part because he's been fully immersed and enthusiastic in a wide variety of projects and groups. Finally, when asked to what he attributes his longevity, Peebles replies that a person should carefully choose who will be his or her parents.

I think that droll humor, which he displays frequently, has been enormously helpful in maintaining his positive attitude toward life.

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JAY: Author writes third book

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ways for families to stage an intervention. She cites examples and teachings from the world's major religions: Christianity, Judaism, Hinduism, traditional African religions, Buddhism and Confucianism. Even atheists and agnostics can find a way for honest assessment and guidance, she said. "Addiction is so cunning," she said, "that what is finally right, actually feels wrong. You can't solve this problem on your own. It's important for families to know that it isn't that hard to intervene. They should take time to learn and plan. We want the family to win; the alcoholic to win; and alcoholism to lose."

Debra Jay said she grew up in an alcoholic home and is married to Jeff, a recovering alcoholic, which makes them both more insightful during interventions.

"No More Letting Go," she said, allows family members who are living with an addicted person to read about the

problems, have compassion for themselves, have compassion for the addict and learn that addiction is nobody's fault.

"It comes into families uninvited, she said. "The addiction is another entity, like the elephant in the room that nobody wants to talk about."

Jay's first book, "Love First," was written with her husband and has become a bestseller in the field of alcohol and drug treatment. It tells, step by step, how to plan a loving, respectful, but assertive intervention.

Her second book, "Aging and Addiction," was written with Carol Collieran, former national director of older adult services for Hazelden, a well-respected and pioneering center for the treatment of drug and alcohol addiction. Both books were published by Hazelden.

Jay's third book, "No More Letting Go," was published by Bantam Books and is available at most local and online book stores. The book also includes a list of resources for affordable and low-cost treatment centers.

For more information about addiction, intervention or how to deal with the problem, call Jeff and Debra Jay at (353) 882-6921 or go to lovefirst.net.

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Debra Jay's third book is divided into four parts and is for the entire family to read.

STATE OF THE ARTS By Alex Suzek

'Henry IV, Part 1': 'The better part of valor..'

To present yet another production of Shakespeare's "Henry IV, Part One," every few years has become an inviolate tradition at the Stratford Festival now in its 54th season. Few plays have left so many memorable marks on or added so many memorable characters to our culture.

One is the unforgettable Sir John Falstaff, who in explaining why he pretended to be dead at the Battle of Shrewsbury says: "The better part of valor is discretion" after his pal, Prince Hal, thinking him dead says sadly, "I could have better spared a better man."

There is the example of Hal's father, King Henry, troubled over his son's errant behavior and apparent unsuitability to become the next king. Like many a father, he is wondering when his son will grow up. There is the incredible valor and stubborn heroism of Harry Percy going into battle proudly and idealistically in spite of the highest assurance of defeat and death.

People the world over know of the famous Boarshead Tavern scene where Falstaff and Hal tease each other mercilessly and hilariously over their respective reputations and misbehaviors, and Hal hints at the future termination of the friendship. Falstaff's response to that is touching.

And there is Falstaff's ironic battlefield soliloquy in which he refuses to accept the idea of dying for honor, which he defines as a mere word, air. "Who hath it? He that died a Wednesday." How many soldiers going into battle have pondered that issue?"

Over time, actors leave the company, new ones join and there are new candidates to play these roles. Artistic Director Richard Monette, who directed this production, has said in the past that he often waits to schedule a play until the company has the right actors to fill the roles. But he has also established a theater school and goes out recruiting to provide those actors.

With each new cast come new subtleties to the way the roles are interpreted and played on stage. Every new production becomes, then, an experience offering different and original views of the motivations and ideas in the play.

This summer's new "Henry IV 1" is no exception and an ample fulfillment of the expectation. Most of the principals are longtime company members.

King Henry is Scott Wentworth, who brings a sobering sense of troubled leadership and fatherhood to the role. Prince Hal is David Snellgrove who rises expertly to the challenge of portraying the madcap Prince of Wales who matures before our eyes as he determines to show the qualities for future kingship.

Falstaff is James Blendick now in his 23rd season here. He has done yeoman service in an amazing list of great roles, and now has surely earned the honor of playing what is one of the greatest. We laugh and cry with him as, half in jest and half in pathos, he rebuts Hal's



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From left, James Blendick as Sir John Falstaff; David Snellgrove as Henry, Prince of Wales; and Scott Wentworth as King Henry IV perform in "Henry IV, Part I," through Sept. 24, at The Stratford Festival of Canada.

jibes and pleads not to be abandoned: "Banish not old Jack Falstaff. Banish Jack Falstaff, and banish all the world."

We chuckle in delight as he

maneuvers to profit from the war and stay out of trouble. We listen indulgently to his discourse on honor. And we laugh outright at his boldness in claiming an unearned honor

on the field of battle.

There is a lot more to recommend this production.

Harry Percy, an important leading role, is Adam O'Byrne, only in his second season at Stratford.

He plays the fiery rebel with an innovative youthful awkwardness that has an interesting consistency with Percy's impulsive character. Sparks fly at his confrontations with his fellow conspirators who seek to defeat King Henry as much as at his encounters with his nemesis, Prince Hal. And when they do meet in battle, the sword play is up to the usual Stratford standards. The au-

dience shudders and tends to duck as steel shafts clang.

While "Henry IV.1" is great entertainment, it is more than that. It is an exploration and evaluation of life values, and a revelation of the origin of many important ideas in our culture.

So there is a duty of a theater like Stratford to keep repeating it as every generation comes along lest its unforgettable words and characters be allowed to fade from public memory.

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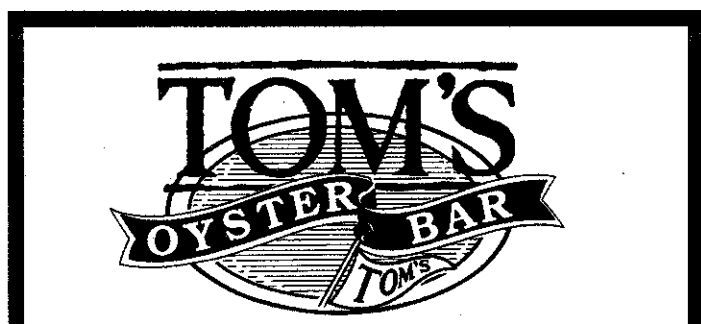
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Greek-Style Summer Beet Salad

Preparation Time: 20 minutes
Yield: About 4 cups (serving size 1/2 cup)

- 1 cup diced seedless cucumber (large dice)
 - 3/4 cup sliced celery
 - 1/2 cup sliced radishes
 - 1/3 cup thinly sliced green onions
 - 1 jar (16 ounces) Aunt Nellie's sliced pickled beets OR sliced beets, drained, patted dry and cut in half
 - 1/4 cup fresh lemon juice
 - 1 large garlic clove, crushed
 - 3/4 teaspoon dried oregano leaves, crushed
 - 1/8 to 1/4 teaspoon salt
 - 1/4 teaspoon freshly ground black pepper
 - 3 tablespoons olive oil
 - 1/2 cup (2 ounces) crumbled feta cheese
 - 1/4 cup coarsely chopped toasted walnuts
1. In large bowl, combine cucumber, celery, radishes, green onions and beets.
 2. In small bowl, whisk together

lemon juice, garlic, oregano, salt and pepper. Gradually whisk in olive oil.

3. Pour dressing over vegetables; mix gently. Cover and chill until ready to serve.
4. To serve, spoon salad into serving bowl. Sprinkle with cheese and walnuts.

Italian Deli Picnic Sandwich

Preparation Time: 15 minutes
Chilling Time: 3 to 4 hours
Yield: 8 servings

- 1 loaf (about 1 pound) Italian bread, unsliced
- 1/2 cup Aunt Nellie's Old Style Sauce, divided
- 1 cup jarred roasted red and yellow sweet peppers, drained (about half of a 15-ounce jar)
- 1/2 pound thinly sliced baby Swiss, provolone OR sharp white Cheddar cheese
- 1 cup firmly packed baby spinach leaves (about 2 ounces)
- 1/2 pound thinly sliced deli

roast beef, pastrami OR smoked turkey breast
Freshly ground black pepper, to taste
1/2 cup shredded fresh basil leaves

1. Slice bread horizontally in half with sharp serrated knife. Scoop out some of soft center from each half; reserve to use later for bread crumbs.
2. Spread cut surface of bottom half of loaf with 1/4 cup sauce.

Top with roasted peppers, cheese, spinach leaves, and meat or turkey.

3. Spread cut surface of top half of bread loaf with remaining 1/4 cup sauce. Sprinkle with pepper, then basil. Close sandwich.
4. Wrap sandwich in plastic wrap. Refrigerate weighted down with cast iron skillet or several heavy cans 3 to 4 hours to blend flavors. Slice with sharp serrated knife.

Three Bean Salad Provençal

Preparation Time: 20 minutes
Yield: About 4 cups (serving size 1/2 cup)

- 1 can (15 ounces) READ 3 bean salad
- 1 jar (6 to 6-1/2 ounces) marinated artichoke heart quarters, drained and cut in half
- 3/4 cup halved grape tomatoes
- 1/2 cup pitted kalamata olives
- 1/4 cup snipped chives
- 1 tablespoon chopped fresh thyme
- 1 tablespoon chopped fresh basil
- 1/4 cup white wine vinegar
- 1/4 teaspoon freshly ground black pepper
- 2 tablespoons olive oil
- Fresh basil, as garnish

1. Drain bean salad, reserving liquid.
2. In medium bowl, combine drained bean salad, artichokes, tomatoes, olives, chives, thyme and basil.
3. In small bowl, whisk together 2 tablespoons reserved bean salad liquid, white wine vinegar and pepper. Gradually whisk in olive oil.
4. Pour dressing over vegetable mixture; mix well. Cover and refrigerate until ready to serve.
5. Stir well before serving. Garnish with basil.

PICNIC POINTERS

Serve this picnic-perfect menu or make your own with these simple suggestions.

- Split a crusty bread loaf and spread with savory Old Style Sauce. Layer with lettuce, deli meats, drained sliced pickled beets and sliced cheeses.
- Chill a jar of ready-to-serve sliced pickled beets or a can of three or four bean salad for a quick side.
- Combine a can of bean salad (undrained) with cooked cheese-filled ravioli, sliced green onions and grape tomatoes; chill.
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A LA ANNIE

By Annie Rouleau-Scheriff

Sounds fishy



Asparagus is one of those vegetables that people love or don't care for at all. I happen to love it. I grill it, steam it, top it with light sauces or throw some in a quiche.

As vegetables go, asparagus can add presentation to a plate unlike most others. The following recipe for asparagus with anchovies and garlic is quick and delicious and complemented with flavors that are good for you.

Don't let the anchovy factor scare you. There's just a hint of the salty little fish to give this side dish the perfect boost. The fact that it takes less than 10 minutes to prepare is an added bonus.

Asparagus with Anchovies and Garlic

4 teaspoons olive oil
2 tablespoons minced garlic
1/4 teaspoon crushed red pepper flakes
2 bunches asparagus, tough ends trimmed, cut into 1 1/2 inch pieces (on the diagonal)
1 tablespoon water
1 anchovy fillet, minced
Heat the oil in a large skillet (wok style is ideal) over medium-high heat. Add the garlic and the crushed red pepper and cook until the garlic is fragrant, a minute or so, stirring constantly. Add the asparagus, water and anchovy. Cook, stirring often, until the asparagus is crisp tender, 5 to 7 minutes. The anchovy will disappear but the salty flavor remains. Enjoy!

Dante's Divine Comedy

The Dante Alighieri Society invites members, family and friends to a lecture and dinner at 7 p.m. Wednesday, June 21, at the Best Western Sterling Inn Banquet and Conference Center, 34911 Van Dyke in Sterling Heights

Dina Soresi Winter of Grosse Pointe Farms, singer, teacher and raconteur, will present the lecture, "What was Dante's Intention in Writing the 'Divine Comedy'?"

Dante's "Divine Comedy" has been described as one of the greatest masterpieces of all time. Yet most readers of the "Commedia" have hardly ventured beyond the "Inferno."

With this presentation, which will include visual transparencies of the works of Doré and a selection from Verdi's Requiem, Soresi Winter will also enter the realms of "Purgatorio" and "Paradiso," and through the words of Dante himself, will seek to show what the poet intended to convey in writing this work.

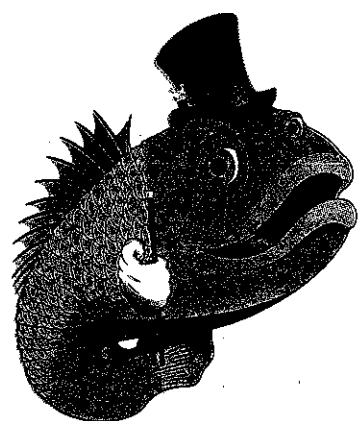
Reservations must be made by June 19 in order to provide accurate numbers to the banquet center.

To reserve, call (586) 739-3858 or (313) 885-7882. Checks at \$20 per person should be made payable to Dante Alighieri Society and sent to Emma Edgar, 11232 Erdman Drive, Sterling Heights, MI 48314.



Big band on The Plaza

The Paul Keller Orchestra will appear at the 2006 St. John Hospital and Medical Center Music on The Plaza concert series on Thursday, June 22, beginning at 7 p.m. The concerts are free and take place on the Festival Plaza located at the intersection of Kercheval and St. Clair, in The Village, downtown Grosse Pointe. Founded in 1989 by virtuoso bassist Paul Keller, this 15-piece big band has garnered popular and critical acclaim as one of southeast Michigan's preeminent jazz orchestras. The band is a two-time recipient of the Washtenaw Council For The Arts Musical Excellence Award. In addition to two European tours, the orchestra has performed extensively throughout the Detroit area, including appearances at the Montreux/Detroit Jazz Festival, the Michigan Jazz Festival, the Detroit Festival of the Arts and the Detroit Institute of Arts. Its performance will feature classic, obscure and original big band arrangements from the history of jazz. The Paul Keller Orchestra has recorded four CDs and may be heard every Monday night at the Firefly Club in Ann Arbor. This is its first performance at Music on The Plaza. The free concerts are presented by the St. John Hospital and Medical Center, and are produced by the Grosse Pointe Village Association. In case of inclement weather, concerts will be held in the Maire Elementary School gymnasium, located at 740 Cadieux, two blocks west of the Festival Plaza. For more information, call (313) 886-7474 or visit The Village Web site at thevillagegp.com for a complete concert schedule and location information.



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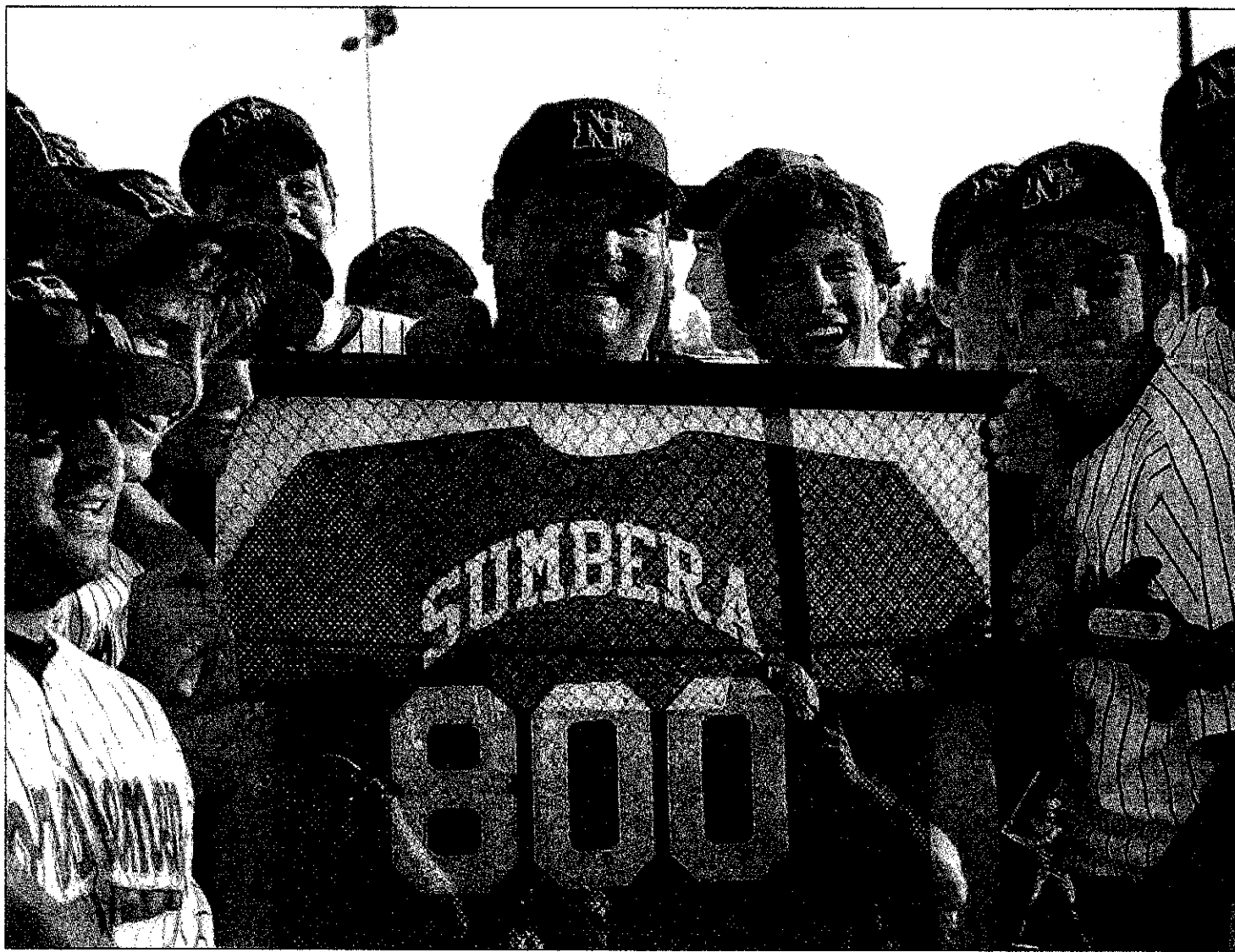
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REGIONAL BASEBALL

North advances to quarters



Grosse Pointe North's baseball team celebrates with coach Frank Sumbera after Sumbera's 800th victory at North. The milestone win came against De La Salle in the state Division I regional championship game.

PHOTO BY JOHN SCHRAGE

Sumbera gets 800th victory; Kaiser is winning pitcher against South, De La Salle

By Chuck Klonke
Sports Editor

There might have been some folks who thought that Frank Sumbera would have to wait until next year for his 800th victory as Grosse Pointe North's baseball coach.

Sumbera, however, wasn't one of them, although the Norsemen were trailing Warren De La Salle 2-0 after five innings of the Division I regional championship game at North.

"I'm not being cocky, but I never felt that we were going to lose," Sumbera said after North scored twice in each of the last two innings to beat the Pilots 4-2 and put Sumbera in a select group of five Michigan high school coaches who have won that many games.

"I always have it in my head that we're never in trouble until the outs get down to where I can count them on one hand," Sumbera said.

The victory sent North to the state quarterfinals against Allen Park on Tuesday. North edged Grosse Pointe

South 2-1 in the regional semi-final in another classic contest between the crosstown rivals.

"It's a great feeling to get it on a day like this against two fine baseball teams," Sumbera said. "I think it was a big load on the kids. But they really dug down at the end."

"It's great to get it in a season like this, too. We've won 35 of 36 games, so this kind of puts a cap on it. My whole family was here to see it, too."

Michael Kaiser, who was the winning pitcher in both regional games, said that it was important to give Sumbera the last two wins he needed for 800.

"He's done so much for us," Kaiser said. "We really wanted to do this for him."

Sumbera took over as head coach at North in 1974, and has made several trips to the final four including a state Class A title in 1980.

"The community has been great," Sumbera said. "That's where it all starts. The Little League, Babe Ruth and

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SOUTH GIRLS LACROSSE

It's fourth in a row for Blue Devils

By Bob St. John
Sports Writer

Another championship game, another state title for the Grosse Pointe South girls lacrosse team.

Last weekend, the Lady Blue Devils edged Troy Athens 10-8 in the Division I championship contest played at Bloomfield Hills Lahser.

It's the fourth consecutive state crown for the Lady Blue Devils and the second straight year they beat Athens in the finals. Last year they routed Athens 16-5.

"It was a championship game and everyone plays their

best when it's their last game of the season with everything on the line," South head coach Debbe Pavle said. "I expected it to be a close game and it was."

The Lady Blue Devils jumped out to a 2-0 lead as Aimee O'Brien and Kelly Breen scored goals at the 19:10 and 14:13 mark of the opening half.

The Red Hawks got on the board 26 seconds after Breen's tally, making it a 2-1 game.

The half ended with the Lady Blue Devils ahead 3-2. Allison Parke (11:02) and Christina Jablonski (1:01) scored for their respective teams.

Pearce Pavle scored three

goals in the first 11 minutes of the second half and Parke added her second of the game to help the Lady Blue Devils stretch the lead to four goals, 7-3.

The Red Hawks tallied consecutive goals to make it a 7-5 game, but O'Brien and Page Louisell scored to make it another four-goal cushion, 9-5.

Ashley Ferri scored two quick goals to add a little drama to the game's conclusion, but O'Brien tallied an insurance goal at the 3:10 mark to make it 10-7.

Jablonski scored with a little

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South goalie Jessie Pogue tries to pass the ball out of danger as Troy Athens attackers approach. Ready to help are Blue Devils teammates Michelle Martinelli (3) and Ashley Thibodeau (6).

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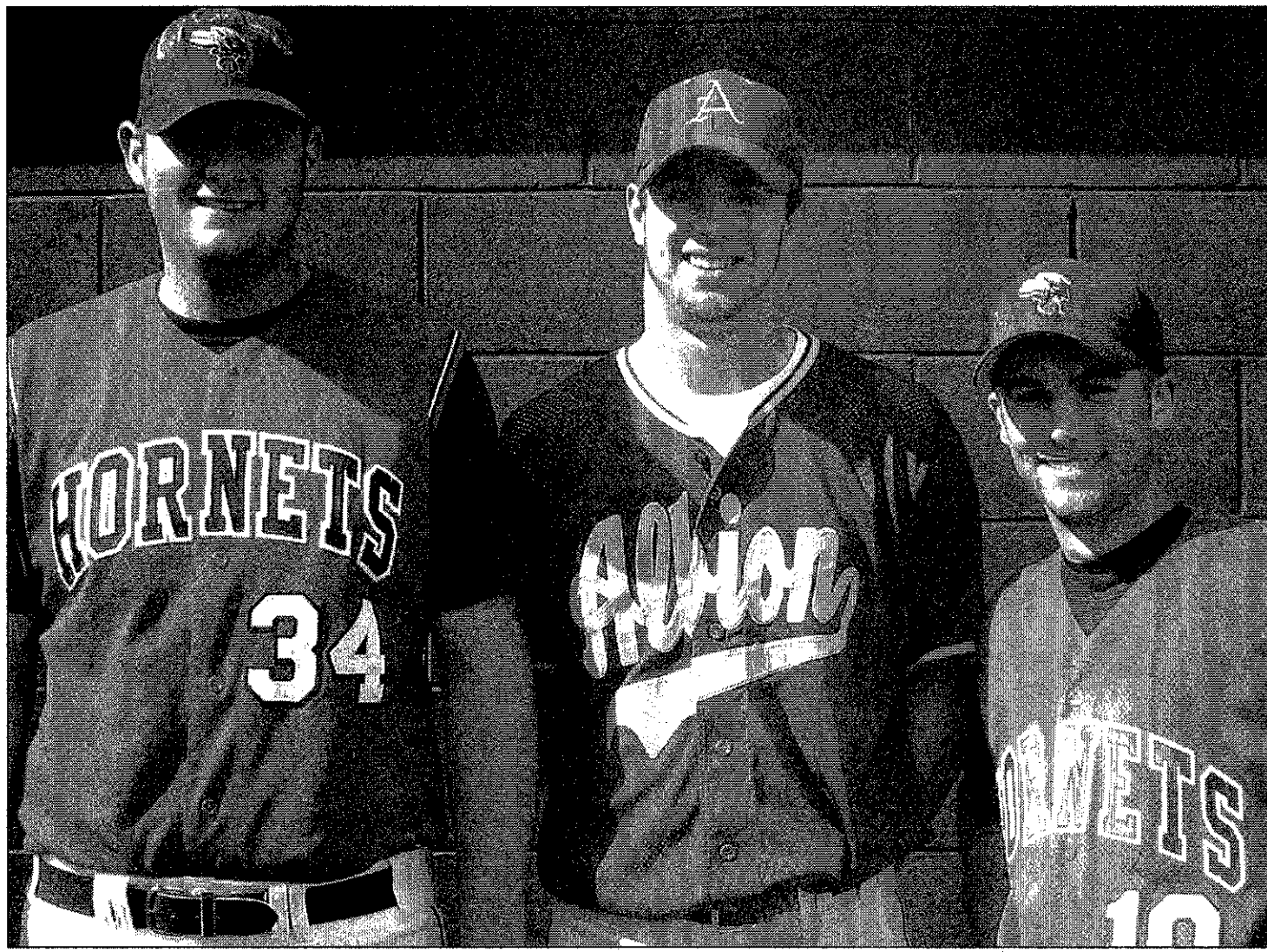
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Friendly rivals

Three former Grosse Pointe South baseball players had a "family" reunion recently when Albion and Kalamazoo met in a pair of Michigan Intercollegiate Athletic Association doubleheaders. Albion's Ryan Gunderson is flanked by Kalamazoo's Charlie Mackinnon, left, and Eddie Barclay. Barclay had a double and single and drove in two runs, including the winning run in the top of the eighth, to give the Hornets a 5-4 victory in the first of the four games. Mackinnon pitched the bottom of the eighth and earned the save. In the second game, Gunderson pitched a three-hitter and didn't allow an earned run in Albion's 5-3 victory. Albion swept the next doubleheader. Barclay went 1-for-3 in each game with an RBI double in the first contest.

SOUTH TENNIS

Finishes third in state meet

By Chuck Klonke
Sports Editor

Consistency is the trademark of the Grosse Pointe South boys tennis program since Tom Berschback has been the Blue Devils' coach.

South's third-place finish in this year's state Division I meet kept the Blue Devils' streak alive of having finished in the top 10 in the state every season since 1990.

South's consistency also showed in the individual competition as the Blue Devils won their first match in seven of the eight flights.

"That was important because almost every team had a first-round bye," Berschback said. "That meant that if you won your first match, it counted as two points."

It was important to win as many first matches as you could.

"That speaks well for our depth. We did better in our first matches than any team except Pioneer."

As expected, Ann Arbor Pioneer ran away with the

team championship.

The Pioneers had 37 points and won six of the eight flights.

Holland West Ottawa was second, with 19 points, one more than South, which finished a point ahead of Ann Arbor Huron.

South's best finish came from the No. 1 doubles team of Jimmy Dixon and Matt Prigorac, which made it to the championship match for the second year in a row.

Dixon and Prigorac gave Pioneer's Matt Globerson and Austin Taylor quite a battle before losing 6-7 (5), 7-6 (5), 6-3.

On their way to the finals, Dixon and Prigorac beat Huron's Ted Masten and Jonathan Tang 6-2, 6-4 in the semifinals, avenging an earlier loss.

"They had a wonderful season," Berschback said. "Pioneer has an excellent No. 1 doubles team. One of their players is 132-0 in high school."

In No. 1 singles, South's Ben Hartman made it to the semifinals before losing 3-6, 6-4, 6-2 to Matt Parks of Troy.

In the quarterfinal round,

Hartman had a convincing 6-2, 6-1 victory against Huron's Tim Wu.

"That's the third time this year that Ben has beaten (Wu), and he's a good player," Berschback said.

Freshman Alex Parker made it to the semifinals at No. 4 singles. Parker defeated Huron's Steve Hanselman 2-6, 6-3, 6-4 in the quarterfinals before losing in the semis to the eventual flight champion, Matt Monich of Pioneer.

Patrick Rudzki, who was unseeded at No. 2 singles, upset the fourth seed, Zach Geiger of Saline, 7-5, 6-0 in the second round.

"Those were two important points," said Berschback of Rudzki, who had a first round bye.

The No. 2 doubles team of Joe Halso and Andrew Miller advanced to the quarterfinals before losing 7-6 (11-9), 6-3 to Aaron Seidman and Alex Simmons of West Bloomfield.

South's No. 3 doubles team of Pat Whelan and Bryan Cenko also reached the quarterfinals before losing to the

eventual flight champions, Denny Heichel and Ryan Meganck of Troy.

"I really enjoyed this team," said Berschback, who is retiring from teaching after 39 years but plans to coach tennis for at least one more season.

"They were so coachable and fun to be around. It's going to be tough to see the seniors leave."

Berschback announced the team awards.

The most valuable player award was shared by Hartman, Prigorac and Dixon.

"They'll all be All-Staters, so it's impossible to choose between them," Berschback said.

Rudzki, an exchange student from Germany, won the Sparkplug Award. Cenko was the most improved.

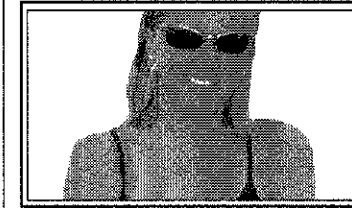
Jeff Halso won the Joe Halso Memorial Award.

"It's an award that is given to a player who shows the character traits of Jeff Halso," Berschback said. "I say it's the type of person you'd want your son to be."

Jeff Halso is Joe Halso's cousin.

ON SAIL By Sandra Svoboda

Lake St. Clair a good neighbor



All of us in the Grosse Pointes are lucky to have a common, if complicated, neighbor.

Sometimes it's a moody one. Its tranquility can quickly turn to temper.

Sometimes it's a fun one. It has unmatched recreational options that beckon us from our other life commitments.

Sometimes it's well-maintained and litter-free. Other times it needs a cleanup.

Sometimes it's welcoming. Other times it warns us to stay away.

And sometimes it's that friend that's just there for us, lending support to our romances, friendships, family times and personal solitude.

We can count with certainty on it being there when we want to quietly sit next to it, energetically run along it, sail its waters, paddle its shoreline, swim in its waters, watch its visiting freighters carry cargo to distant ports, learn its historical, scientific and environmental lessons and feel its waves on our feet.

With the greatest distance between Lake St. Clair and the edge of the Pointes only about two miles, the lake makes us the most geographically desirable and luckiest of all southeastern Michigan residents. Forget property values for just a minute and consider what can't be monetarily quantified about its value. It's literally out the back (or front or side) doors of many Pointers.

It's an easily accessible walking/skating/biking/running route for many residents and it's the scenic highlight of a commuting route for others. It's the backdrop for our stunning parks. Even those of us who live several blocks from its shore can hear its freighter horns signaling and see its seagulls circle overhead.

As hours pass, its color may range from blue to green to grey. As weather patterns change, it may go from a friendly playground to a deadly danger. As seasons progress, the lake's warm waters turn to ice.

But despite its constantly changing conditions, Lake St. Clair still is one of the most certain things about life in the Pointes. We know to look for its glint at the foot of the side-streets that end at Lake Shore Road. We see it as the borders of our parks. We recognize its

residents: ducks, geese, swans, fish, windsurfers, kayaks, sailboats, powerboats. We know its visiting freighters will pass and return.

We feel its winds range from shifty to steady and light to strong. We watch its waves grow from ripples to whitecaps and feel its cool springtime waters grow warmer in the summer sun. We rely on its red and green buoys to mark a safe and steady route. We know it's part of our history and future in the Grosse Pointes.

This column, a new addition to the Grosse Pointe News, will take readers to the lake between its northern edges at Anchor Bay and Harsens Island and its end point at the Detroit River.

We'll report news of sailing competitions, explore the lake's environment, consider the businesses, clubs and organizations that rely economically on the lake, and meet the people who explore the waters by yacht, powerboat, kayak, and SCUBA tank.

We'll think of the lake as our neighbor but also as a force to be reckoned with, an asset to protect, a playground, a potential danger, a border to patrol, and a refuge from our daily lives. My bias as a sailor will be readily apparent, but we'll report and analyze other aspects too.

Since I moved to Michigan 16 years ago from Chicago, the lake and the people who love to be out on it have been some of the most important influences in my life. People who grew up on Lake St. Clair introduced me to its waters and subsequently the bordering Grosse Pointes, the community that has become home.

Recreational and competitive sailing here have allowed me to make countless friends, spend thousands of hours on the water, experience victory and heartbreak and learn my adopted community through its people and its lake. The 15 minutes it takes to get from my office to the boat can be the longest part of the day, but I know when I get there, the drama and challenges of the office are washed away almost as soon as my feet hit the deck.

My experiences are not unique. For those who have spent more years than I have along Lake St. Clair's shores and on its waters, the lake has been a part of childhoods, family lives, recreation, fitness, relaxation and careers and business. I look forward to hearing, writing and sharing those stories.

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ULS BASEBALL

Loss to Cranbrook is disappointing

By Chuck Klonke
Sports Editor

University Liggett School's baseball team was disappointed in its loss to Cranbrook Kingswood in the semifinals of the Metro Conference tournament, but coach Dan Cimini wasn't the least bit disappointed with the way his squad played.

"It was the best game we played all year," Cimini said after the 6-5 loss to the Cranes, who scored twice in the bottom of the seventh. "That's all a coach can ask."

"We outplayed (Cranbrook) and we ended up losing the game. Losing stings, and it's never good to lose, but we'll take something out of it."

When the teams met in the regular season, Cranbrook won 9-0.

ULS jumped out to an early lead when leadoff batter Alex Symonds hit the game's first pitch for a double and scored on Curtis Fisher's single.

Cranbrook answered with

three runs in the bottom of the first but ULS cut the lead to 3-2 in the second.

In the fourth, the Knights scored three times to go ahead 5-3. Clarke Dirksen singled, moved to second on Joe Conway's sacrifice and scored on a single by James Hutchinson. Patrick Gustine doubled and Hutchinson scored when he beat the throw to the plate on Symonds' grounder.

ULS scored its final run on a suicide squeeze by Michael Thomas.

The Cranes cut the lead to one run in the fourth inning. They loaded the bases in the sixth with two out but Fisher got the final out on a pop fly.

Cranbrook's seventh inning rally was especially hard to take because Cimini felt that Fisher had struck out two batters that eventually reached base.

"I thought it should have been a called strike on both of those 2-2 pitches," Cimini said.

Earlier, ULS opened the

tournament with a 6-5 victory against Clawson.

The Knights scored four runs in the first inning. Symonds singled, moved up on a sacrifice by Thomas and scored on Fisher's double. Amicucci followed with another RBI double. Then Conway and Yates Campbell each hit run-scoring singles.

Clawson made it 5-4 with four runs in the third inning, but Conway relieved Symonds and shut down the Trojans the rest of the way. In four innings, Conway allowed one run and struck out six.

Conway, Fisher and Amicucci each collected two hits for ULS.

In a non-league game, ULS beat Oakland Christian 3-2 on Conway's two-out, two-run homer in the sixth inning.

Amicucci pitched a complete game. He allowed four hits and one earned run, while striking out seven.

The Knights didn't score until Gustine's two-out RBI double in the fifth.

ROWING

Local boats set course records

Two teams of Grosse Pointers, competing as the Detroit Boat Club Junior Crew, set course records at the Midwest Junior Rowing Championships in Harsha Lake, Ohio.

Four boats also qualified for the National Championships.

Chris Cullen, Eric Jorgenson, Hunter Freeman, Rob Bashara and coxswain Kelsey Hartung finished first in the boys varsity 4+ division and broke the course record by four seconds with a time of 6:39.54.

The four later split into pairs with Freeman and Bashara, who attend Grosse Pointe South, edging Cullen and Jorgenson, who attend Grosse Pointe North, in a 1-2 finish for the Pointe teams.

Freeman and Bashara set a course record of 7:39.80, breaking the old mark by five seconds.

The girls varsity 8+ placed third in the final with a time of 7:08.37. The crew was Margaret Diemek (cox),

Lauren Shook, Caroline Sweeny, McKenzie Largay, Elizabeth Kalina, Clare Vandelinder, Brooke Largay, Megan Peters and Olivia Knott.

The third place qualified them for the Nationals.

The boys lightweight 4+ of Ross Nuechterlein, A.J. Domzalski, Jeffrey Johnston, Tim Cragg and Alex Duncan (cox) finished third with a time of 7:01.04.

Jason Koch was third in singles in 7:36.00.

Both boats qualified for the Nationals.

Other boats competing were a girls second varsity 8 (Taylor Dodson, Whitney Couzens, Kathryn Switalski, Erin Rozema, Christina Turner, Jourdan Kondrat, Jessica Bartel and Clare Hubbard); boys novice 4+ (Mike Heide, Taylor Freeman, Con Cyr, J.L. Schoenith and cox Stephen Schoenith); boys lightweight 8+ (Duncan, Nuechterlein, Domzalski, Johnston, Tim Cragg, Andrew

Kastner, Charlie Cullen, Andrew Snella and Joe Adams); girls novice 8+ (Megan McCutcheon, Justine Yglesios, Samantha Sills, Shelby DeGalan, Kelly Brown, Megan Carroll, Kathryn Ourlan, Stephanie Schucker and cox Kitty Lichtenstein); girls varsity 4+ (Molly Brown, Rozema, Bartel, Laura Kovacek and Deinek); boys novice 8+ (Heide, Taylor Freeman, Cyr, J.L. Schoenith, Nic Allen, Joey Elmkie, Jeff Harness, Adam Peters and Stephen Schoenith); and boys varsity 4 (Adams, Kastner, Tom Janiak and Snella).

Students from North, South and University of Detroit Jesuit are on the DBC Junior crew.

Dick Bell is the head coach and in charge of the boys heavyweights. Other coaches are Hans Doerr (girls varsity), Pete Rosberg (boys lightweight), Eric Dilworth (girls novice) and Chris Renema (boys novice).

ULS SOCCER

Title defense ends in shootout

By Chuck Klonke
Sports Editor

It would have been asking a lot for University Liggett School's girls soccer team to repeat as state Division IV champions.

After all, last year's team had seven seniors playing key roles so those spots had to be filled with less-experienced players.

However, despite its inexperience, ULS gave it a good run in the state tournament, finally losing 2-1 in a shootout against Ann Arbor Greenhills in a regional final at Riverview Gabriel Richard.

"We won the overall (Metro Conference) championship and gave it a good run in the tournament," said Knights coach David Backhurst. "Greenhills is a good team. They beat us 3-1 earlier in the year."

ULS finished 12-8-3. The first half of the Greenhills game was evenly played with each team taking six shots. ULS had an excellent scoring opportunity early when a ball hit a rough spot and took a crazy bounce toward the Gryphons' goal.

"The ball bounced over the goalie's head, but she scrambled back and made the save," Backhurst said. "It could have

easily been 1-0 in our favor."

ULS finally got on the scoreboard with 16 minutes remaining in the half. Rachel Goldberg scored after taking a perfect pass from Jessica Leonard.

With seven minutes left, the Knights failed to clear a ball out of their end and one of the Greenhills players crossed it to a teammate, who scored the tying goal.

"It was just a breakdown on our part," Backhurst said. "We had about six people make mistakes."

The second half was scoreless, although ULS had the advantage for most of the half. The Knights held Greenhills to only three second-half shots.

Neither team scored during the two 15-minute overtime periods, although both squads had some chances.

With about a minute remaining in the second overtime, ULS was dealt a severe blow to its chances in the shootout. Charlotte Waldmeir twisted her ankle.

"She's one of our top five for taking penalty kicks," Backhurst said.

The Knights missed her in the shootout. Leonard and Monique Squiers connected on their penalty kicks, but ULS also missed twice.

Greenhills converted all four of its shootout attempts.

In the regional semifinal, ULS beat host Gabriel Richard 5-1 in a game that was closer than the final score indicates.

The Knights scored twice in the first half on a pair of goals that looked like carbon copies of each other.

With 22 minutes remaining in the half, Goldberg sent a perfect crossing pass to Kate Fridholm, who scored to make it 1-0.

There were five minutes left in the half when Fridholm scored again, also after taking a nifty cross from Goldberg.

The second half was even and Richard made it 2-1 with 25 minutes to go. The play continued back and forth until Elizabeth Palmer scored from the 18-yard-line after a nice pass from Leonard.

"That was the knockout punch," Backhurst said.

Less than a minute after Palmer's goal, Goldberg scored on a breakaway. Goldberg added her second goal with two minutes to play.

ULS had nine players named to the all-district team. They were Grace D'Arcy, Squiers, Waldmeir, Clare Peracchio, Palmer, Leonard, Jillian Twardowski, Goldberg and Chloe Kirchner.

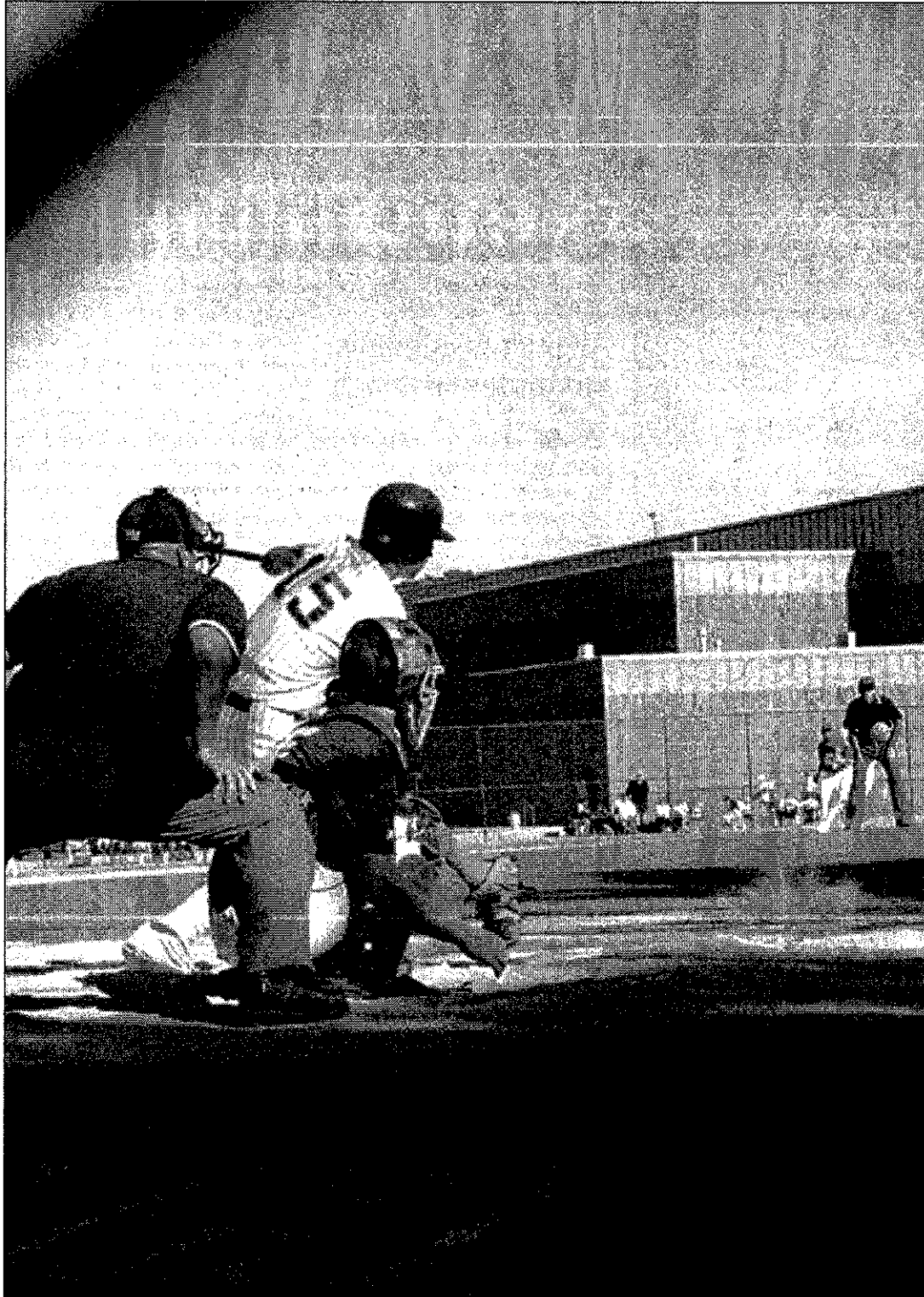


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North's Jon Chapel drives the ball into the dirt in front of home plate during the Norsemen's state regional championship victory against De La Salle.

NORTH: Comes back to beat Pilots

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Federation programs here are outstanding. It's a great place to coach high school baseball and I've had some outstanding kids through the years."

There probably isn't any that Sumbera holds in higher regard than Kaiser.

In the game against South, Kaiser pitched a masterpiece.

He allowed only one baserunner — Jeff Remillet singled with two out in the second — through the first six innings.

In the seventh, Alex Barnett beat out an infield hit and Ryan Abraham followed with a double. Cleanup hitter James Bertakis was the next batter for South and he hit a ball to right-center field that looked like it might drop for a double.

However, center fielder Mike D'Agnes made a diving catch for the first out. Barnett scored, but instead of having the game tied and a runner on second with no outs, Abraham had to stay at second base and there was one out.

"I just told him, 'thanks,'" Kaiser said of D'Agnes's catch. "It was an amazing play, but these guys have been playing like that behind me all season."

Abraham had to hold at second when Buzz Palazzolo hit a tricky grounder to shortstop Adam Miller for the second out. Kaiser then got Remillet on a fly to center for the final out.

"I felt good," said Kaiser, who threw only 69 pitches in the first game. "I knew I could come back in the second game if they wanted me to."

South's Brendan Howe nearly matched Kaiser pitch for pitch.

North scored its first run on Laurence Briski's leadoff homer in the fourth. The Norsemen added a run in the fifth when Matt Lombardi singled, took second on a wild pitch and scored on Miller's single.

Kaiser finished with a three-hitter. He didn't walk a batter and he struck out five.

Howe allowed five hits, walked three and struck out six.

"It was a great high school game, just like it usually is when North and South play,"

said Blue Devils coach Dan Griesbaum, who along with De La Salle coach Brian Kelly, picked up his 500th victory earlier this season.

"I e-mailed Frank to tell him was a privilege it was for me to coach and for the kids to play in a game like that. There was great intensity and the crowd was outstanding. That was high school baseball at its best. Whenever we play, it's always a shame that somebody has to lose."

"Both teams play hard, but they respect each other. You could see that Saturday. They won with class and we lost with class."

The stands at North were packed to overflowing and the crowd got the kind of game it expected from two teams that are a mile apart but were both ranked in the top 10 in Division I this season.

Nick Thomson, Sumbera's longtime assistant in both football and baseball said that one of the umpires told him he had never seen anything like it except for a state championship game.

Sumbera wanted to make sure there was no letdown after the emotional victory against the Blue Devils.

"I told them that they had 25 minutes before the second game, and they should just spend that time relaxing," Sumbera said. "We didn't even take infield practice."

The second game was almost as good as the first.

De La Salle scored an unearned run in the first inning off North starter Brad Herman. James Martinez reached first on an error, took second on a fielder's choice and scored on Zak Kozuchowski's double.

The Pilots made it 2-0 in the fifth. John DiLaura led off with a single, took second on a sacrifice and scored on Kevin Corbell's single.

Meanwhile, North was blanked on four hits through five innings by De La Salle starter Steve Schypinski.

"He was the toughest off-speed lefty we've faced all year, and he has that herky-jerky motion that makes it difficult for the hitters, too," Sumbera said.

"In the sixth we started to zone in on him and I think he was getting tired."

Miller started the sixth inning by beating out a grounder in the hole at shortstop. Kaiser doubled to the left field corner to send Miller to third. Miller scored and Kaiser moved to third when Schypinski couldn't

handle Laurence Briski's grounder.

After a strikeout and a pop out, Jon Chapel ripped a double to left field to score Kaiser with the tying run.

Kaiser relieved Herman, who allowed four hits and one earned run in his five innings, in the bottom of the sixth and retired the side in order, although Briski made a leaping catch in deep right field on a drive by Kozuchowski.

North broke the tie in the seventh. Bill Matouk walked and Karl Tech ran for him. Jeff Rohrkemper moved Tech to second on a sacrifice and he took third on a wild pitch. Kozuchowski relieved Schypinski and walked Miller. After Miller stole second, Kaiser was walked intentionally to set up a force at any base.

Briski foiled the strategy when his pop fly fell safely between first and second, allowing Tech to score. Herman followed with a sacrifice fly for an insurance run.

Matt Lauhoff led off the bottom of the seventh with a single, but he was immediately erased on a double play and Kaiser struck out the final batter.

"We made the plays, like we've been doing all season," Sumbera said. "I've never had a better defensive team than this one."

"And we're solid on the mound and one through nine in our lineup. Our No. 9 hitter (Lombardi) had three straight hits."

In a touch of irony, Sumbera's 800th victory came against De La Salle coach Brian Kelly. Sumbera's first state tournament trophy in 1974 came against Notre Dame, which was coached by Kelly's father, Tom Kelly.

South closed out its season with a 27-8 record, and Griesbaum was pleased with what the Blue Devils accomplished.

"Our team batting average this year was .274, which is the lowest we've had," Griesbaum said. "We didn't have our usual power numbers, either. Our pitching kept us in all of our games. Give the kids a lot of credit. They found ways to win 27 games."

Griesbaum also wished North well in its bid for another state championship.

"I hope they can bring it back to Grosse Pointe," Griesbaum said. "They've found a way to win a lot of close games. That's the mark of a good team."

South grad wins singles crown

Vicky Seiter, a former No. 1 singles player at Grosse Pointe South, who is now playing for Albion College, won the No. 5 singles championship in the

Michigan Intercollegiate Athletic Association.

In dual competition this season, Seiter finished 12-5 in singles and 11-6 in doubles as she

helped the Britons women's team finish 8-0 in dual competition and in first place in the conference tournament.



GROSSE POINTE SOCCER ASSOCIATION TRAVEL LEAGUE TRYOUT SCHEDULE FALL 2006 - SPRING 2007 SEASONS

Grosse Pointe Soccer Association (GPSA) is currently holding open tryouts for the U9 through U19 girls and U9 through U14 boys Travel Soccer Leagues. GPSA has a strong history of providing the Grosse Pointes and surrounding communities with a positive environment in which players receive excellent training, develop outstanding soccer skills, learn life long lessons of teamwork, and make lasting friendships. The following is a schedule of the tryouts sessions:

GPSA TRAVEL TEAM TRYOUTS START - JUNE 15, 2006

GIRLS

Age Group	Date	Time	Location	Contact
U-9	June 15	3:00 - 4:30 pm	Assumption	John Mellon C: 586-899-2356
	June 16	3:00 - 4:30 pm	Assumption	
U-10	June 16	3:00 - 4:30 pm	Mack / Moross	John Sikorski H: 586-557-3849
	June 17	10:00 - 11:30am	Mack / Moross	
U-11	June 16	5:00 - 6:30 pm	Mack / Moross	John Sikorski H: 586-557-3849
	June 17	12:00 - 1:30 pm	Mack / Moross	
U-12	June 16	7:00 - 8:30 pm	Mack / Moross	John Sikorski H: 586-557-3849
	June 17	2:00 - 3:30 pm	Mack / Moross	
U-13	June 15	4:30 - 6:00 pm	Barnes	Dan Kelly C: 248-875-3992
	June 16	4:30 - 6:00 pm	Barnes	
U-14	June 16	7:00 - 8:30 pm	G. P. North	J.P. Laurenceau C: 586-457-1655
	June 17	7:00 - 8:30 pm	G. P. North	
U-15	June 15	5:00 - 6:30 pm	Ferry	John Mellon C: 586-899-2356
	June 16	5:00 - 6:30 pm	Ferry	
U-16	June 15	6:30 - 8:00 pm	Barnes	Dan Kelly C: 248-875-3992
	June 16	6:30 - 8:00 pm	Barnes	
U-17 Dragons	June 16	5:00 - 6:30 pm	G. P. North	Marc Sneden H: 313-886-1464
	June 17	5:00 - 6:30 pm	G. P. North	
U-18 Dragons	June 16	5:00 - 6:30 pm	G. P. North	Jim Warren C: 313-402-4450
	June 17	5:00 - 6:30 pm	G. P. North	
U-18 Breakers	June 17	3:00 - 4:30 pm	G.P. North	Dan Kelly C: 248-875-3992

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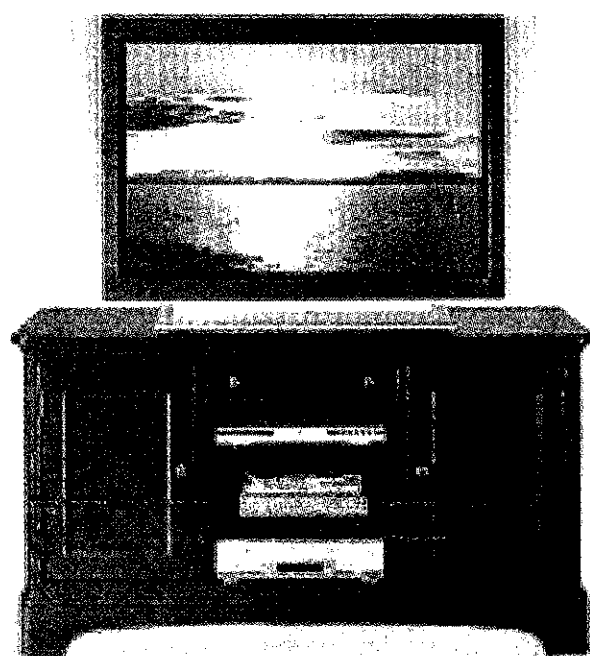
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U-12	June 16	5:00 - 6:30 pm	Ford Field	Keith Jarema C: 586-243-8541
	June 17	5:00 - 6:30 pm	Ford Field	
U-13	June 15	6:30 - 8:00 pm	Barnes	Frank Schulte H: 313-884-1094
	June 16	6:30 - 8:00 pm	Barnes	
U-14	June 15	7:00 - 8:30 pm	Barnes	Rob La Forest C: 586-855-7335
	June 16	7:00 - 8:30 pm	Barnes	

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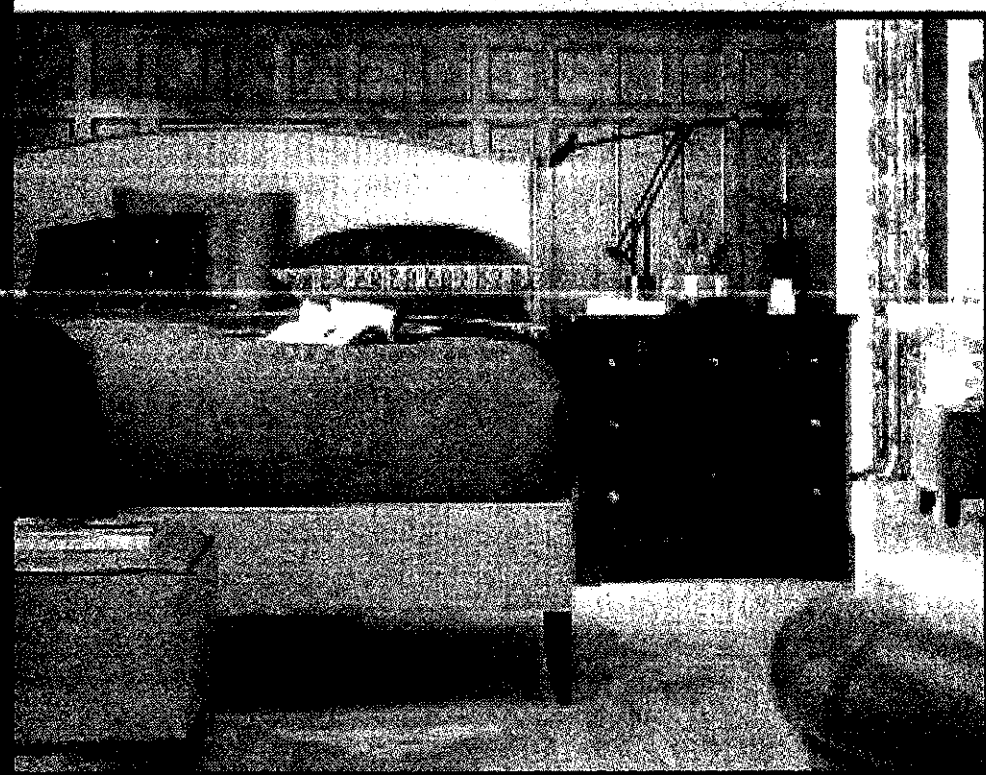
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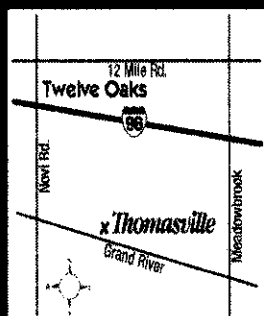
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