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CHAMPIONS!



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Above, Grosse Pointe North's girls basketball team celebrates the state Class A championship, defeating East Lansing to win the school's first state basketball title. At right, South's Jordan Long won the one-meter diving competition at the Division II state championships. Long set a division record with a score of 496.60 points.

■ North girls hoops team beats East Lansing 58-46
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■ South girls hockey team beats Ann Arbor Unified 4-2
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■ South's Jordan Long wins one-meter diving title
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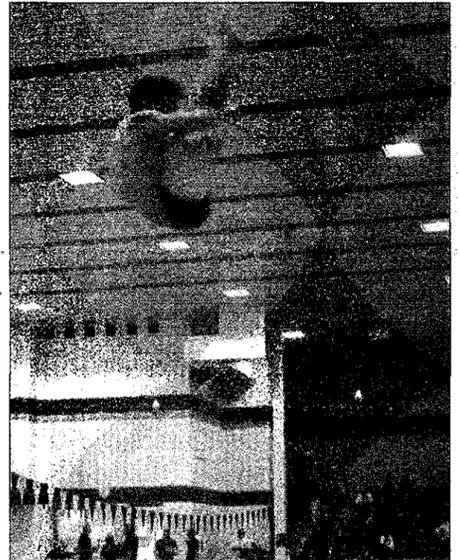


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Grosse Pointe South's girls hockey team shows off its trophy from winning the Michigan Metro Girls High School Hockey League championship for the eighth time. The Blue Devils beat Ann Arbor Unified 4-2 in the championship game. In the photo at right, North's fans cheer the basketball team to victory at Eastern Michigan University's Convocation Center. See more photos at grossepointenews.com.



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Woods insurance carrier settles Brown suit

By Kathy Ryan
 Staff Writer

While maintaining the city or its employees did nothing wrong, Grosse Pointe Woods' insurance carrier settled a lawsuit filed by dismissed city employee Jane Brown.

The insurance company agreed to pay Brown \$225,000 to avoid the cost of a trial scheduled to begin last Monday in Wayne County Circuit Court, according to City

Attorney Don Berschback.

Brown filed a lawsuit against the city and three city administrators after she was fired in July, 2006. In her lawsuit she contends she was fired for speaking out against what she described as mismanagement in city government and claimed her First Amendment rights were violated.

She named the city, Clerk Lisa Hathaway, Berschback and Councilwoman Vicki Granger in the suit and sought

protection and compensation under the state's Whistleblowers Protection Act.

"I clearly feel vindicated by this settlement," Brown said in an e-mail to the Grosse Pointe News. "As a longtime Grosse Pointe Woods resident, in 2004 I stood up at a Grosse Pointe Woods Council meeting and brought to the attention of city council what I and many others believed to be mismanage-

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POINTER OF INTEREST

'I love coaching these kids and watching them develop their skills.'

Joe Kuczera



Home: Grosse Pointe Woods
Age: Wife, Rosie; sons, Jon and Alex; daughter, Vanessa

Family: Claim to fame: Has coached house hockey in the Grosse Pointe Hockey Association since 1992
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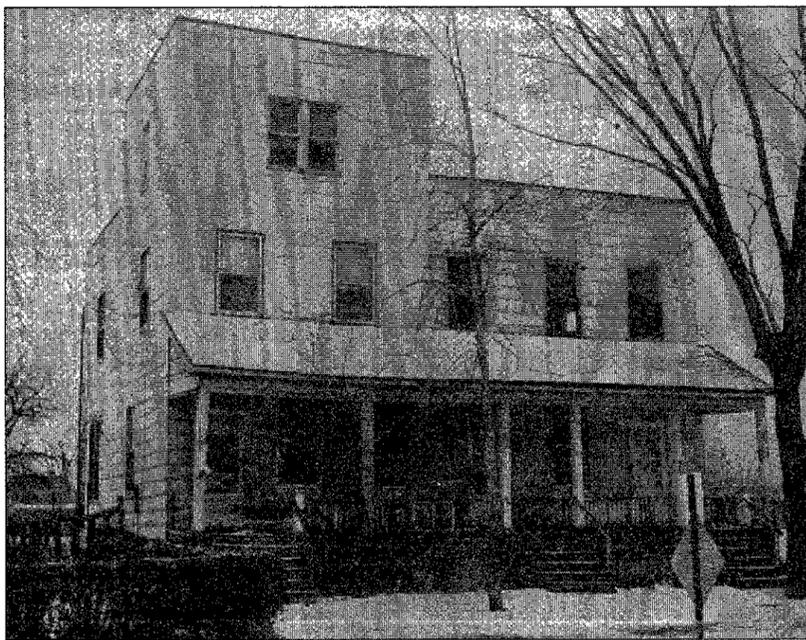
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Yesterday's headlines



1958: Last days of colorful Pointe landmark

Before the end of spring, this old frame building at 784-6 St. Clair Avenue will be razed to make way for the Neighborhood Club expansion. In the early days of the century, this was the famed Castle House located on the corner of Jefferson and University, in the era of the Pointe's popular road houses. It was a saloon, cigar factory (tobacco was grown and cured on the property), an archery club and finally a rooming house before it was condemned.

FROM THE MARCH 13, 1958 ISSUE OF THE GROSSE POINTE NEWS

weekend event in the Carriage House garage behind Jacobson's in the Village.

1998

10 years ago this week

◆ PIER PARK PROMENADE PLANNED

By summer, about 60 mature trees, some standing 35 feet tall, will be planted in the park's devastated picnic area and about 15 added to the point of land along the harbor.

The picnic shelter was destroyed after a tornado hit the area last summer, killing several people. While a master plan for park enhancements already existed, it was speeded up to help the community heal.

Resident contributions and the Grosse Pointe Farms Foundation are paying for the reforestation, fence repairs, seeding and a walkway.

◆ PARK SUES INSURANCE CARRIER OVER FOX CREEK SETTLEMENT

Grosse Pointe Park is suing its insurance company for payment of the city's \$1.9 million share of a \$3.8 million settlement awarded to residents who live by Fox Creek after the insurance company originally denied coverage.

◆ PARK COUNCIL REJECTS APARTMENT PROJECT

The Grosse Pointe Park City Council unanimously rejected a plan to construct a six-unit apartment building at the corner of Charlevoix and Beaconsfield. The developer had previously proposed a small grocery store for the site which was rejected by the council last year.

2003

Five years ago this week

◆ RETAILERS STILL INTERESTED IN THE VILLAGE

Despite the closing of Jacobson's nearly a year ago, retailer interest in the Village remains strong, according to the Grosse Pointe Village Association. Two new businesses are expected to open soon and a plan for the former Jacobson's building is expected to be revealed in a few weeks.

◆ SOUTH GIRLS SKATE TO STATE HOCKEY CHAMPIONSHIP

Grosse Pointe South High School girls hockey team defeated Cranbrook Kingswood 3-1 to win the Michigan Metro High School League tournament championship. The team finished the season with a 23-2 record.

1958

50 years ago this week

◆ FARMS CAN BUILD PARKING LOT

An appeal by the Gabriel Richard School District Improvement Association to prohibit the Farms from using a part of the Richard playground to augment municipal off-street parking was thrown out by the Michigan Supreme Court on Monday, March 3.

The association filed its suit in December 1956 when an injunction against the city was denied in circuit court. An appeal was filed in May 1957.

The Farms went ahead with the development of the lot even though the matter was not yet decided. The project is complete, aside from the asphalt.

◆ RUNAWAY AUTO SLAMS TRACTOR

A car parked at the rear of a property on Kercheval became disengaged and rolled down the driveway and across Notre Dame and into a Mack tractor that was unloading fuel at the Shell Oil gas station.

No tickets were issued since neither driver could be found at fault.

1983

25 years ago this week

◆ SHORES HOME VALUES UP:

Property values on homes in the Shores increased slightly this year after the village completed a door-to-door reassessment.

Preliminary figures show total residential property values in the village increased \$860,000, the only Grosse Pointe community to record a jump this year.

◆ GARAGE SALE TO RETURN:

Grosse Pointe's Greatest Garage Sale will be back for an encore after an extremely successful debut last year. An estimated 10,000 people attended the Memorial Day

Thinking green

Students across the United States can help keep the Earth and its water clean simply by writing a poem.

Kindergarten through 12th graders may take part in a national contest sponsored by the American Chemical Society to create an illustrated haiku about streams and chemistry.

A haiku is a three-line poem with five syllables in the first line, seven in the second and five in the third.

Haikus typically have nature-related themes and do not rhyme.

First-place winners in each of the national competition's grade categories win \$200; second place, \$100.

College students can also participate with the "Adopt-A-Stream" program in which they adopt a stream or other natural body of water and organize a community event to improve or maintain its well-being.

Events can include shore cleanups, aquatic habitat restoration, nature walks or any other activity that directly benefits the body of water and its surrounding community. First prize is \$500 and second prize is \$250.

For more information, visit chemistry.org/earthday.

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THURSDAY, MARCH 13

◆ Our Lady Star of the Sea Musical Revue 2008 will be presented at 12:45 and 7 p.m. at the school, 467 Fairford, Grosse Pointe Woods. Tickets are \$5 at the door.
◆ "Sense and Sensibility" by Jane Austen will be discussed at 7:30 p.m. with Gregg Crane at Grosse Pointe South High School. This is sponsored by the Friends of the Grosse Pointe Library and the University of Michigan. For more information, visit gpfriends.org or call (313) 343-2074, ext. 204.

SATURDAY, MARCH 15

◆ The American Association of University Women, Grosse Pointe branch, hosts a field trip to the Henry Ford to view the women's history exhibit. Members are asked to gather at 10 a.m. in the Grosse Pointe Woods Community Center parking lot to car pool.
◆ The Grosse Pointe Business & Professional Association of Mack Avenue and the City of Grosse Pointe Woods sponsor a free Easter egg hunt, for children aged 2 to 8, from 11 a.m. to noon, rain or shine, at Ghesquire Park. Peter Rabbit will be available for photos with children.

SUNDAY, MARCH 16

◆ First English Lutheran Church, 800 Vernier, hosts a blood drive from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Walk-ins are welcome.

MONDAY, MARCH 17

◆ St. Patrick's Day
◆ Wayne County Commissioner Tim Killeen, D-Detroit, hosts a "Chat with Commish Killeen" from 9 to 10 a.m. at Grosse Pointe Park City Hall, 15115 E. Jefferson.
◆ The City of Grosse Pointe council meets at 7 p.m. in council chambers, 17141 Maumee.
◆ The City of Grosse Pointe Woods council meets at 7:30 p.m. in council chambers, 20025 Mack Plaza.
◆ City of Grosse Pointe residents who have questions regarding their property assessments can schedule an appointment to review them between 9 a.m. and 9 p.m. by calling (313) 885-5800.

TUESDAY, MARCH 18

◆ The Grosse Pointe Shores village council meets at 7 p.m. in village hall, 795 Lakeshore.
◆ Grosse Pointe Township board meets at 8 a.m. in the township hall, 795 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Shores.
◆ City of Grosse Pointe residents who have questions regarding their property assessments can schedule an appointment to review them between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. by calling (313) 885-5800.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 19

◆ Soothing Your Baby, presented by The Family Center and St. John Hospital & Medical Center pediatricians, features techniques to have the "happiest baby on the block" from 6:30 to 8 p.m. Reservations may be made by calling (313) 432-3832. The event and parking are free. Dinner is included.
◆ The League of Women Voters of Grosse Pointe hosts a social in honor of Women's History Month at 6:30 p.m. To attend, call (313) 881-8844 or visit grossepointe.ml.wv.net.

St. Patrick's Day dance

A St. Patrick's Dance for area middle schoolers takes place Friday March 14. The dance is designed for students who reside in Grosse Pointe or attend any middle school in Grosse Pointe.

Students must have a valid War Memorial ID card (fee is \$5) and prove they attend school in the community.

Tickets for the dance are \$10 when purchased in advance and \$12 the week of. Tickets are not available at the door.

Cities investigate LED conversions

By Kathy Ryan
Staff Writer

Daylight savings time will help, but local governments have to pay electric bills just like homeowners do. And just as homeowners are looking in to energy-saving light bulbs, so are local municipalities.

Three officials from Grosse Pointe Woods recently visited a company that specializes in LED lighting, and found the trip...well, illuminating.

Councilmen Al Dickinson and Art Bryant and City Administrator Mark Wollenweber toured Lumatek International in Sterling Heights, a company that specializes in LED lighting options for industry and municipalities.

According to Keith Crawford, a sales representative for Lumatek and a Grosse Pointe Woods resident, LED

stands for light emitting diode, which is a semiconductor device that converts electricity into light, but uses far less energy than incandescent or fluorescent lights.

"The advantage to this form of lighting is that they can have an energy savings of up to 90 percent," said Crawford. "They also do not contain mercury or fluorocarbons."

While saving energy and helping the environment is a plus side of LED lighting, it is not without some problems for cities with an existing lighting system.

"We have talked about ways to save energy and this is certainly one of them," explained Bryant. "We took the tour and definitely liked what we saw. Of course the problem is that it would require a sizable investment by the city to redo our existing lights because we would have to replace the heads."

And switching to an LED bulb requires more than just switching fixtures.

Producing white light with LED lighting is still a problem for the industry, though according to Lumatek vice president Tony Savalle of Grosse Pointe Woods, it is the top priority within the industry. Currently, the white lights tend to produce more of a blue or yellow tone, as evidenced by the bluish-tint of Christmas lights along Lakeshore this past holiday season.

"We have come a long way in a very short time in producing a true white light," said Savalle. "We are now producing bulbs that can vary in white tones from a white white to a warm white. However, LED lights can be made to customers' specifications and requirements. While a 'cool white' works well in parking areas, a warmer white works best with

traditional lamp posts like we see in the Shores."

Grosse Pointe Shores is already experimenting with an LED light in the parking lot by the Department of Public Works. According to DPW Director Brett Smith, it's taking some tinkering to get an effective light pattern.

"We are on our third try," he explained. "We have had to redesign the light because we were getting more of a yellow light than the bright white that we wanted. We're also working on the light pattern, how it actually lights up the area and how much light is thrown. We're going slowly to make sure we get what we want."

Patience is important, considering the cost of installing LED fixtures. For example, Ann Arbor is currently converting its streetlights to LED lights at a cost of \$630,000 for 1,000 lights. It expects to re-

coup its costs in less than five years.

According to Savalle, costs are recovered through lower energy costs and maintenance costs.

"LED lights can last up to five years or more, which cuts maintenance costs on changing light bulbs significantly," he noted.

But like the Shores, the Woods would move slowly on any type of LED conversion, said Bryant.

"It would require an investment by the city, and now might not be the best time," said Bryant. "But it is something we felt we should at least explore, and perhaps run an experiment similar to the Shores. We know there is a huge savings in energy costs, and we would have to determine what the payback would be and how long it would take to achieve it."

GROSSE POINTE PUBLIC SCHOOL SYSTEM

Project perspectives coming into focus

By Bob St. John
Staff Writer

Plans for the Brownell Middle School multi-purpose room are heading in the right direction.

During Monday night's work session, Grosse Pointe Board of Education members said the district will ask the project architect to construct drawings for the Brownell room that will carry a \$3.5 million price tag.

Project costs have been everywhere across the board, but after several months of discussions, the number has been set in stone.

"The architect will work within this \$3.5 million budget," said Brendan Walsh, school board president. "We're starting to get to the final numbers for our remain-

ing bond projects."

Highlights for the basics characteristics of the Brownell multi-purpose room revised plan C1 are:

- ◆ 17,800 square feet.
- ◆ Some fixed seating (possibly 400) and some movable seating that, in total, could enable full school assemblies.
- ◆ No plans or dependency for future additional fixed seating.
- ◆ Not an acoustically optimal facility, but functional for certain performing arts activities and related classes.
- ◆ No fixed presidium or stage opening.
- ◆ Most likely a partially sloped floor with a divider curtain between the sloped portion and level portion further enabling dual and multiple uses.
- ◆ No dependency on

BROWN: Lawsuit settled

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ment and misappropriation of taxpayer money.

"I can tell you that I always had the best interests of the residents of Grosse Pointe Woods at heart and was trying to do what I could to look out for their interests in the face of certain abusive city officials. I took seriously my oath as deputy city clerk to uphold the laws of the State of Michigan, and I am grateful that I live in a free country where an individual has the chance to stand up to powerful politicians and have justice prevail."

Brown later elected to remove Berschback from the suit.

The city maintains that Brown was dismissed for cause, however city officials, including Mayor Robert

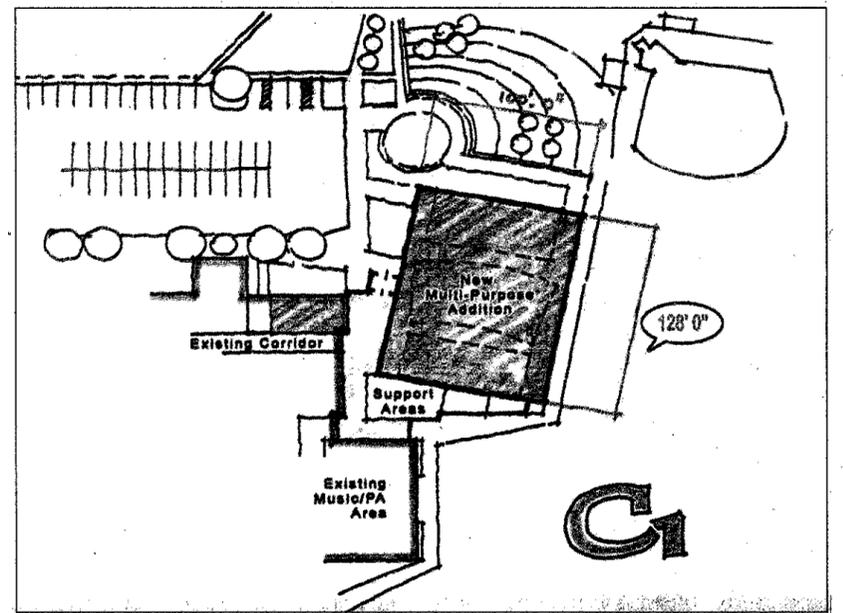
Novitke, Hathaway, Granger and Berschback directed all further inquiries to a statement issued by Berschback.

In that statement, Berschback said the city "had no input into the decision to settle this matter."

"The insurance company representatives made a judgment that it was more feasible to settle this matter than to bear the expense of going to trial," he said. "The city and all of its agents denied any liability or wrongdoing regarding the termination of Jane Brown and a release to that effect was prepared and will be signed by the appropriate parties."

"Contrary to all of the former publicity stating that this case 'will cost the city millions of dollars,'" Berschback said the city paid the \$1,000 insurance deductible and "the time spent by our city attorney in protecting the interest of the city and its agents."

Brown, a Grosse Pointe Woods resident, was employed part time by the city as an election worker before tak-



Above is a drawing of what the Brownell multi-purpose room will look like once the school board gives its approval.

fundraising for core functionality.

ing a clerk's job with the building department in 1998. She moved to the position of elections clerk in 2001. In December, 2005 she applied for the position of city clerk, but lost it to Hathaway.

Brown claimed she faced continual harassment after former city administrator Ted Bidigare — against whom she expressed allegations of mismanagement — was fired in 2004 and that harassment continued until she herself was fired by Hathaway in July, 2006.

In December 2006, Brown told the state Board of Elections she believed Hathaway improperly handled the mailing of absentee ballots. No charges were filed.

In a prepared statement, Brown's attorney, Deborah Gordon said the settlement followed months of pretrial discovery, "including extensive sworn depositions of key witnesses" resulting in an unanimous Wayne County Mediation Tribunal evaluation in favor of Brown in the amount of \$250,000.

◆ No grand entrance or auditorium type entrance.

◆ No surrounding hallways as in many "auditoriums."

◆ Building height around 26-feet to 28-feet.

◆ No catwalks.

◆ Minor renovations to restrooms required but considered part of this project.

"We're also capping architect and engineering costs at around \$300,000, which is around 8 percent of what AE (architect and engineering) costs run for school projects," Walsh said.

Among the \$300,000 costs

are six drawings former architect GMB provided for the Brownell multi-purpose room before it resigned from the projects. Walsh said the board is 99.9 percent certain it will go with Ehresman & Associates as the architect of record.

Other projects on the board are the Grosse Pointe South High School's multi-purpose room, South's commons room, the boy's old gym at South and a workout facility in the basement of the new South pool under construction.

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POINTER OF INTEREST

Joe Kuczera has carved his name in stone when it comes to coaching house hockey for the Grosse Pointe Hockey Association.

Coaching guru

By Bob St. John
Staff Writer

Joe Kuczera is the coaching dean of the Grosse Pointe Hockey Association.

The 55-year-old Grosse Pointe Woods resident began his GPHA coaching career in 1992 and it has been a ride filled with memories and life lessons that Kuczera says will last a lifetime.

"I love coaching these kids and watching them develop their skills," Kuczera said. "I have coached kids of all ages and all levels and each one is special."

He currently coaches the Blue Max, directing 18- and 19-year-old boys.

"This is a nice group," Kuczera said. "The boys are old enough to not need constant coaching, but they need direction and drills to turn them into a cohesive unit."

"Our goal is to have fun winning. If we don't win, at least we will have played our hardest."

"We've been coaching either against each other or with each other for years," said Barry Hull, who currently coaches the Blue Max with Kuczera. "It's been a great relationship. Our coaching styles and personalities compliment each other. We have a lot of fun."

Kuczera is adamant that the Grosse Pointe Hockey Association is the purest form of hockey because its ultimate goal is to allow kids an opportunity to play hockey, build confidence, build trust in teammates and gain a better understanding of what it takes to improve.

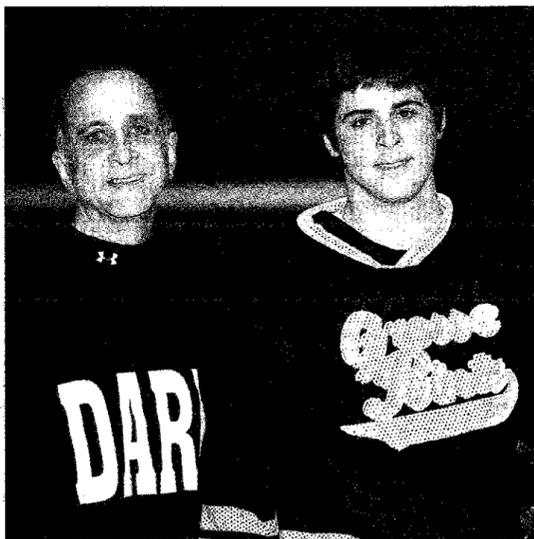
"I gauge the job I do coaching by how much the kids who aren't that skilled improve from the first practice to the final game," Kuczera said. "It's very satisfying to see these boys and girls score their first-ever goals or make saves playing goalie, which they have never done before."

"Coaching, for me, is a way to give back to the community. The Grosse Pointes are special because the kids have many opportunities through the GPHA or the Neighborhood Club or Little League to play a sport."

Kuczera has coached boys who have gone on to be standouts for the local high school hockey programs at Grosse Pointe North, Grosse Pointe South and University Liggett School.

"Joe has coached my son, Mike, and he did a wonderful job teaching him the fundamentals," said Al Burchi, whose son is a senior captain for the University Liggett School boys varsity hockey team under Terry Olson.

Burchi recently scored five goals and had three assists in the Knights' 12-6 win over



Joe Kuczera, left, is proud that he coached his sons during their hockey careers, including youngest son, Alex, right.

Madison Heights Bishop Foley.

Several years ago, Grosse Pointe product Dave Legwand, currently playing for the Nashville Predators in the National Hockey League, stopped by one of Kuczera's practices to help him work with the kids.

"That was something special for the boys since Dave was such an outstanding hockey player in the NHL," Kuczera said. "It's these little things that make coaching a lot of fun."

"It's not about winning and losing, but it's about giving every kid a chance to come out and play for a team."

Kuczera has helped the GPHA's identity grow throughout southeastern Michigan.

The teams used to play exclusively against other Grosse Pointe house teams because the number of players was high.

Now, numbers are slightly down, which has forced teams such as the Grosse Pointe Bulldogs to compete against squads from Mount Clemens, Fraser, Troy, Rochester and St. Clair Shores.

"It's nice for our kids to play against kids from other cities in the area," he said. "For the kids who stay in the GPHA when they get older, they might play against those kids when they get to high school."

"That is one aspect of why playing for the house league is unique."

Kuczera's coaching tenure has endured for more than a decade. He is now running into kids he coached during the early days. These kids are now in their early to mid 20s.

"I run into players from years ago and it's nice to hear, 'Hey coach, how are you doing?'" Kuczera said. "It's nice to know I made a little difference in their lives."

Kuczera's coaching career began when his oldest son, 21-year-old Jon, wanted to play

hockey.

"I coached Little League and some other sports, but never hockey," he said. "Coaching is a great way for parents to support their kids and do something positive in the community."

"I know my children enjoyed having me around coaching them."

He also coached his youngest son, 18-year-old Alex, and his daughter, 20-year-old Vanessa, in other sports besides hockey.

"Through all of the time I have spent coaching and traveling with the kids, I have to thank my wife of 30 years, Rosie, who has supported me through it all," Kuczera said. "Without her support I wouldn't have made it."

Kuczera's love of hockey began when he was a youngster growing up on Detroit's east-side.

He played hockey with his buddies at Heilman Park and other sports while attending East Catholic High School, where he met Rosie.

"We are high school sweethearts," Kuczera said.

Kuczera attended Macomb County Community College before earning a Bachelor's Degree from Wayne State University.

He fuels his athletic fire by playing pickup hockey with several longtime friends on Tuesday and Thursday mornings throughout the year.

After the workout and a shower, it's off to his day job, a salesman for a trucking company.

"Playing sports is a great way to start the day," he said. "We love it and it keeps us in shape. I'm lucky because my employer comes from a hockey family; so he understands the importance of coaching and giving time to coaching, which my boss allows me to do."



Joe Kuczera, standing far right, is coaching an upper-division team, the Blue Max, this season. Pictured with Kuczera are top row from left, Rich Johnston, manager and coach; Doug Johnston; Sam Hull; Alex Kuczera; and Andrew Pitters; bottom row from left, Barry Hull, coach; Matthew Smith; Steve Harnadek; and Ben Wilson.

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GROSSE POINTE WOODS

Faircourt businesses take care of mind, body and smile

By Joe Warner
Editor

"Peace begins with a smile." Those words are from Mother Teresa, but they are words Dr. Mary Sue Stonisch lives by at her Grosse Pointe Woods business, Faircourt Dental Smile Enhancement Studio.

One meeting with the nationally acclaimed aesthetic dentist in her serene office will show potential clients the sky's the limit when it comes to creating a beautiful, healthy smile and lifestyle.

Since she was 10 years old, Stonisch chased the dream of becoming a dentist. She

worked for a dentist while attending Grosse Pointe South High School and graduated from Albion College with a dual degree in art and science. Next was the University of Detroit Mercy School of Dentistry.

"I had great support from my parents along the way," Stonisch said. "I knew exactly what I wanted to do."

A doctor's office in a converted home, at 20040 Mack Ave., became available and in the third year of dental school, Stonisch started work with her father to create a comfortable, relaxing atmosphere for her business.

"Dad became the general contractor for a lot of work



Dr. Mary Sue Stonisch works in the lab at her office. At right, Ann, Missy and Mary Sue go over a chart.



here," Stonisch said. "It took a year to get exactly what I wanted."

Stonisch began practicing dentistry July 15, 1987, the day she received her license. Her mother was happy to help as her assistant for the first year.

The building had offices and was Stonisch's home after the offices. Eventually she knew it was time to move when she was cooking dinner and simultaneously helping a patient.

"I had to go at that point," she said.

The business stayed, as did her focus.

Beyond dentistry

As time went on, Stonisch looked to blend her talents as an artist with those as an aes-

thetic dentist. She worked to become one of 200 dentists in the world accredited by the American Academy of Cosmetic Dentistry. And while Stonisch strives for perfection in every case, from the extreme to the simple procedures, she gives credit to her staff for helping the business become successful.

"I have just an incredible staff," she said. "We work really well together as a team and we love what we do. I'm really blessed to have them here."

Using her creativity and her artful mind allows her to do something few in her field have accomplished. In a lab at her office, Stonisch creates working models of her patients' teeth, allowing her to plan her

procedures by shaping the perfect smile with wax — work that is typically sent to a lab and back to a dentist.

"I know the people and the smile," she said. "It's easier for me to do the lab work and come back to the patient with exactly what they are looking for. I enjoy the creative side."

"My satisfaction comes from knowing that I did the best I could from start to finish."

Her work in cosmetic dentistry has earned Stonisch several national awards, but her goal remains the health of her patients.

"There is an oral systemic link when it comes to being

healthy," she said. "High bacterial counts in the teeth and gums are related to cardiac problems, diabetes, pulmonary diseases and low birth weights. We are absolutely on the leading edge of hygiene care and creating a beautiful, healthy smile is what we enjoy."

As a leader in the field, Stonisch has trademarked a system called "VIP Smiles," and is a technique currently used to teach other dentists her step-by-step method of smile design.

She utilizes the latest whitening techniques, porce-

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Kris works with Missy in the Faircourt Wellness Center.

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Clark Durant writes on his relationship with the recently deceased William F. Buckley Jr., distinguished author, commentator, publisher, sailor and musician.

Remembering William F. Buckley Jr.

By Clark Durant

In April, 1970 I handed William F. Buckley Jr., the National Review's founder/editor, almost \$500 in checks, saying, "I just want to help the magazine."

I was an undergraduate at Tulane University and collected the checks in response to Buckley's compelling annual appeal to his subscribers.

The timing was perfect. Bill was to speak on campus. I wanted to meet him.

That began a wonderful relationship.

Later, I went to New York to discuss with him a return appearance to Tulane and New Orleans as a part of a four-day symposium I was putting together for April of 1971.

Before our private meeting to discuss the program, Bill invited me to sit in on the weekly National Review editorial meeting. I don't remember what was discussed. I was just in awe that I was there.

We met in his office afterwards to brainstorm next year's program for Tulane. Then, he took me to his uptown apartment for a small gathering of his friends.

It was where I first met Russell Kirk, a National Review columnist and author of the seminal "The Conservative Mind." Kirk and I became friends for the rest of his life. So many kindnesses. So unexpected.

When the April Direction 1971 program took place in New Orleans, we had an amazing cast of characters: George McGovern, Dan Rather, Daniel Moynihan, Russell Kirk, Mayor Carl Stokes, Bill Buckley, Michael Harrington, Ed Banfield, George Roche, Clark Kerr and others. It was lively. It was entertaining. Every session for four days was packed.

The Direction program was televised for the first time. And, it all began in a little office on 150 East 35th Street in New York. There a very kind erudite writer, commentator, publisher, and sailor offered to help a junior undergraduate, who had a big vision, but no resources.

While at Tulane for our program in 1971, Buckley invited me to be one of three student questioners on two of his "Firing Line" shows. We taped

Madeline Murray O'Hair, the renowned atheist and then James Dickey, the poet. It was a wonderful experience. "Firing Line" was a discussion of ideas, not a "gotcha" series of questions so common on today's contemporary talk shows.

I have the collection of essays on conservative thought, still with my college bookplate, that Buckley compiled, edited, and encouraged me to read that summer.

"Did You Ever See A Dream Walking?" was a rich conversation of 25 distinguished individuals that, taken together, represented for Buckley the essence of conservative thought.

Looking at those essays recently after Buckley passed on, I realized that conversation is as relevant today as it was 38 years ago.

When Susan and I married in 1973, I gave each groomsman two books, "Witness" by Whitaker Chambers, a book Buckley strongly urged me to read, and "An Odyssey of a Friend," a collection of letters that Buckley exchanged with Chambers.

Buckley wrote individual notes to my groomsmen in the book letting each know, among other things, that "above all Chambers was a poet."

When I was in law school at Notre Dame, I began to take graduate courses in political theory from a long time National Review contributor Dr. Gerhart Niemeyer. I was also teaching in the undergraduate school.

In early 1976, as I was about to finish this part of my life, I shared with Buckley some thoughts. His response from the slopes of Gstaad: "your spirits are soaring ... your lucidity increases." He offered some comments on my thoughts and promises to send me a book on his father. He asks me to keep in touch. And, I am just a law student.

After I became a lawyer, Frances Bronson, Buckley's firm and gentle executive secretary, calls to say Buckley is speaking to the Michigan Bar Association. He asks that we ride together to the airport. He talks to me about what it would mean for me to join the Catholic Church. We discuss it. He is the poet.

In 1982 we traveled to Toronto together. Buckley was to speak the next day to some business people, journalists and political leaders. We were in the hotel. He calls me to join him for dinner. I tell him I am not feeling well and need to head home immediately. I was soon hospitalized for a bleeding ulcer.

In the hospital I get a note from him. "If this is what happens to conservatives who travel with me, think of what happens to the liberals!" He sends me his book, "Atlantic High" as a "brother in arms."

When I am working as chair of the Legal Services Corporation to try to bring a better understanding of how best to serve the poor, The National Review writes a very helpful piece, "The New Serfs"

in its Aug. 5, 1988 issue that goes to the core of the challenge and it is in an issue that Buckley's friend the president will most likely see.

Buckley always encouraged civil dialogue and an elevated conversation. Once we were in New York together with Jeff Greenfield. I asked Jeff, a certified Democrat, why he liked Buckley. His answer speaks for us all. "Because he always took ideas seriously, but never himself."

Buckley was present at the creation of the modern conservative movement. He brought clarity, civility, kindness and humor. All will be missed. But so will a friend.

Clark Durant is the CEO of the Cornerstone Schools Association and a resident of Grosse Pointe Farms.



Clark Durant in the early years with William F. Buckley Jr.

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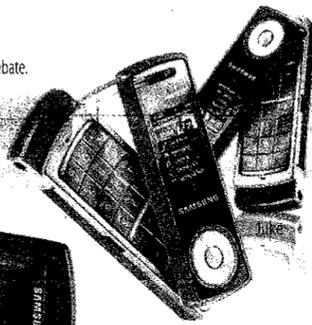
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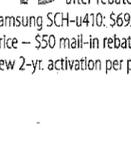
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lain veneers, plastics, prosthetic implant restorations, instant orthodontics and Invisalign invisible braces.

Extra space

Stonisch and her staff have created a relaxing atmosphere for their dental office. The space that was once home to Stonisch sat empty for a time after she moved.

"As a good steward of the blessings God has given me, I was really struggling with that space being left empty. My husband suggested I turn the space into a wellness center, to continue our theme of mind, body and smile," she said.

After remodeling, Faircourt Wellness Center opened its doors to the community.

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tunity to be comfortable while you work out," Stonisch said. "It's private with personalized attention. It's very relaxing."

Great career

Stonisch loves her career choice and it shows. She has learned to balance her time between family, the dental office and the wellness center.

Vacation time is often spent with the family doing mission work in other countries. She also donates dental services through special programs in Metro Detroit.

"It's important to give back," she said. "Our health is based on the balance between work and play - balance being the emotional, chemical and mechanical.

One more cleaning a year and an hour a week dedicated to yoga might be the scale tipper for bringing everything back into balance."

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EDITORIAL

Grosse Pointe athletes are No. 1!

Just at this date down in the Grosse Pointe history books, March 8, 2008. This was the day when student athletes from one end of the Grosse Pointes to the other competed for state championships.

We, at the Grosse Pointe News, tip our hat to honor those young men and women, who defied the odds to win the hearts of the five Grosse Pointe communities by winning when it counted most, the Finals.

In a matter of several hours, Grosse Pointe North's girls basketball team beat East Lansing 58-56 to win the Class A ti-

Interstate I-94 was packed with vehicles filled with parents, fans and classmates of those young men and women, who competed in the state's most pressure-packed event, the state finals. The Grosse Pointe News is providing in-depth stories on each champion as well as page upon page of photographs celebrating being No. 1.

tle at Eastern Michigan University's The Convocation Center; Grosse Pointe South junior Jordan Long won the Division 2 one-meter diving title at Eastern Michigan University Jones Pool; and Grosse Pointe South's girls hockey team won a Michigan Metro Girls High School Hockey League state championship beating Ann Arbor 4-2 at City Arena in Detroit.

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Gary Bennett is the head coach of North's hoops squad; Chad Hepner is Long's diving coach; and Bill Fox is the mastermind of South's ice hockey team.

The Lady Norsemen team members, who will be forever listed as the school's first-ever girls' basketball champs, are Kelly DeFauw, Kayla Womack, Christine Klein, Olivia Stander, Jasmine Kennedy, Ariel Braker, Allison Liddane, Sarah Bigham, Madeline Kent, Katelyn Vargo, Sarah Perry and Christine Bedway.

Braker led the squad with 15 points in the title game, followed by Kennedy with 13, DeFauw with 11, Stander with nine, Womack with six and Kent with four.

Long dominated the one-meter diving competition, scoring 496.60 points. John Santien of University of Detroit Jesuit was second with 432.80 points.

Joining Long in the Division 2 swimming and diving championships from South were diver Kyle Eschenburg and swimmers Michael Shook, Matt Mandel, Roby Boggs, Brad Kaminski, Fares Ksebaty, Craig Campbell, Joe Hessburg and Jack Hessburg.

Grosse Pointe North also had several competitors in the swim finals. They were Michael Lane, Cameron Howle, Maxwell Hunt, Stephen Van Beek and Andrew Paige.

In the team standings, South finished 16th with 34 points and North was 28th with six points.

For the record, Battle Creek Lakeview won the Division 2 swimming title with 293 points and perennial state power Zeeland was second with 290 points.

South's ladies hockey squad had to hang on in its championship effort. The Lady Blue Devils were outshot 30-19, but used two goals by Alex Rentz and one each by Jenna Huitsing and Kelsey Burgess to win.

It's the eighth time the Lady Blue Devils won the state crown.

Joining Rentz, Huitsing and Burgess on the championship team are Erin Shook, Tara Bolton, Jessica Snella, Simone Arora, Maria Hartman, Emma Hull, Kathryn Repicky, Christine Daudlin, Mary Dosch, Sarah Auk, Anna Shepard, Shannon Gianino, Chantel Chuba, Kathleen McDonald, Ashley Thibodeau, Margaret Miller and starting goalkeeper, C.J. Jarboe, who earned team most valuable player honors.

Jarboe's heroics in net played an instrumental role in helping the Lady Blue Devils prevail.

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LETTERS

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Enrollment up

To the Editor:

In response to an article which appeared in The Detroit News by Charles E. Ramirez on Feb. 23, "Private schools make public pitch," I would like to express our belief at The Grosse Pointe Academy that the economy is not what drives enrollment.

While we don't dispute the State Department of Education finding that private and public school enrollment has declined in the last decade, I would like to point out that not all private schools have realized a drop in enrollment during the difficult economic times of late.

At The Grosse Pointe Academy, an age 2 1/2 through eighth-grade coeducational independent day school, we have realized an increase in enrollment of close to 5 percent over the last three years.

Credit for our stable and growing enrollment goes to our board of trustees, parent base, and committed faculty and administrators, who understand and communicate regularly with others in the community on the value of an independent school education at The Grosse Pointe Academy.

Families have become "consumeristic" in attitudes about education, and it is increasingly critical to the success of a school to communicate its mission clearly.

At the academy, our mission has remained unchanged for more than a century. And our marketing efforts help parents visualize our mission and strengths by consistent messaging using a four pillar strategy: This is a unique approach to education, a Christian way of life, an unparalleled campus, and enhancing leadership

and vitality.

We find it increasingly important in this tough economy to communicate our scholarship and tuition assistance programs.

Many parents, who want the advantage of an academy education for their children, may have not considered it an option due to their lack of awareness of these programs.

This school year 29 percent of our students, first through eighth grade, receive some sort of assistance, and of those, 27 percent of the families reported household incomes of \$100,000 or more.

In the end, it is our experience, that regardless of the economic cycles, parents want the best possible education for their children.

Those who recognize the benefits of an independent school education — academic rigor, individualized attention, development of leadership skills, community service and civic participation, values education, and flat world diversity — choose to invest in the future of their child.

PHIL DEMARTINI
Head of School
Grosse Pointe Academy

Acts of kindness

To the Editor:

If I were literary, I would write an ode of joy about living in Grosse Pointe on a "Snow Day."

I am a kindergarten teacher for the Grosse Pointe Public School System. Admittedly, fellow staff members at Richard Elementary School and I did a "snow dance" on the eve of Tuesday, March 5.

Report card and conference time is here and you can imagine the glee, when the "snow angel" deposited the gift of

time on our fair city. It meant not only could we plow through the snow, but through more progress reports.

Ask any of our children, the fact that snow days "never" happen in Grosse Pointe, makes it even sweeter.

As the snow day progressed, I was struck again how fortunate I feel to live in this community.

I want to thank our city's road and sidewalk plowers — even though it's their fault a snow day is, indeed, rare.

I also want to thank the sanitation department, whose work is friendly and flawlessly provided even during winter's worst.

I want to thank neighbors, who are ever-present in Grosse Pointe to walk by and share a smile, a wave, and on that snow day, to laugh winter words. They shared my delight as I attempted to shovel.

While I was struggling with the heavy white gift on our driveway, I was the grateful recipient of a "random act of kindness."

At Richard Elementary School, we have been counting just such acts among students and teachers during the past couple of weeks. Mr. Havern's fifth-graders posted them in the hall. My teaching partner and I remind our students about the first four letters of "kind-ergarten."

This is why I had to write to the Grosse Pointe News about what happened to me:

My husband had left for work earlier than usual that morning and had made one brave little path to plunk down the trash and recycling bin. I decided to take a break from report cards to surprise him with shoveling.

Dear friends had offered to snow blow the driveway for me, but I was going to be "noble." As I huffed and puffed, a man in a burgundy pick up truck with a plow the size of a garage, charged lightly up our driveway. He called out, "I don't want anything; this is just a random act of kindness. I live over on Island Lane."

I stood with my jaw dropped as he sashayed back and forth a few times clearing the snow. I had no more time than to shout, "Thanks a million!" as he pulled away.

I felt like those people in the old "Lone Ranger" TV program, who used to say, "I didn't even catch his name."

So, to the good people of Grosse Pointe, and to that gentleman in particular, I offer this epistle of gratitude for life in our town.

NANCY SCHULTE
Grosse Pointe Farms

Smoke-free Big Boy

To the Editor:

Congratulations to the Grosse Pointe Big Boy — and Big Boy St. Clair Shores — for going smoke-free.

They join Grosse Pointe restaurants such as The Original Pancake House, Clairpointe Restaurant and Ferlito's Family Dining & Pizza Parlour; that are completely smoke-free. They also join Antonio's in the Park and Sierra Station, which have a separate smoke-free room.

My cardiologist advised me to avoid second-hand smoke and to go on a low-fat diet. I'm sure that isn't only so I will be able to keep visiting him for many more years.

I appreciate the restaurants that accommodate persons with a coronary or respiratory "handicap" and others, who choose not to breathe smoke, as well as those that accommodate those with dietary restrictions.

I'll be more likely to eat where I'm respected.

KENNETH VAN DELLEN
Grosse Pointe Park

Thanks for program

To the Editor:

A big thanks to Beaumont Hospital and Channel 7 News for their wonderful "Healthy Heart Check Student Athlete Heart Screening Program."

Beaumont and Channel 7 are working together to offer this screening to student athletes in March at no charge to help our high school kids stay healthy.

The Beaumont staff was professional, organized and did a terrific job working with the kids.

Thank you Beaumont for this great opportunity and welcome to the neighborhood!

JEANNE M. LIZZA
Grosse Pointe Woods

VETERANS POST By Freddy Groves

Franchise programs open for veterans

I stopped at a sandwich shop the other day and talked with the owner, who is a veteran.

He had quite a story to tell about how he got started in his business. It's a franchise, and he went through a veterans program called VetFran.

VetFran, part of the Veterans Transition Franchise Initiative, is a program run by the Department of Veterans Affairs, in conjunction with The International Franchise Association to help honorably discharged veterans start franchises of their own by offering financial incentives.

I just checked the IFA list of participating franchises at the Web site franchise.org and there are a couple hundred of them.

There's a good cross-section of nearly any kind of business a veteran might want and many are a good match for military training and experience.

Sandwich shops, tire stores, office and home cleaning, gyms, handyman services, coffee shops, copy centers, tool distribution, vacuums, cleaners, party supplies, glass replacement, computer repair,

signs, office staffing, residential remodeling and more are available.

For more information, check the Federal Trade Commission's Consumer Guide to Buying a Franchise at ftc.gov. The publication explains the basics of initial franchise fees, continuing royalties, restrictions on what goods and services veterans may offer, how to decide on a business, checking the litigation background of the franchiser, along with dozens of questions to ask if considering a franchise.

At va.gov, the VA's site, search for VetFran or Veteran Franchise. Also see vetbiz.gov, a resource site for entrepreneurial veterans.

As with any business venture, there are caveats. Most businesses take a while to get off the ground.

These programs can help veterans get started, but after that it's up to them.

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I SAY By Beth Quinn

My guardian angels, Holly and Paddy



I once read a group of prison inmates were asked what was the best intruder deterrent homeowners could have and the majority answered, "dogs."

While I wouldn't forego my home security system, I do take comfort having my current golden retrievers, Sofie and Marley, residing in my house.

They are a noisy duo when they think they hear something suspicious outside.

While I must admit it is an-

noying when they bark at a door slamming on TV, but I try to remember my family and I have benefited from these protective instincts.

Years ago, my sons and I were alone one night at our home in Virginia when one of our dogs, Holly, started going crazy. This prompted her father, Paddy, to start barking.

I normally would have ignored this frenzy because it frequently happened. Our property overlooked a pond which attracted all sorts of wildlife that would get my pooches attention.

Except this time Tommy, 3 1/2, said, "Mommy, I see a man," as he pointed at a window, which was out of my sight.

My heart started racing as I

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PHOTO BY BETH QUINN

Beth Quinn's two golden retrievers, Holly, 4 months, and her father, Paddy, 10, resting on the front porch of the house they faithfully guarded years ago.

STREETWISE By Renee Landuyt

Since March is reading month, what was the last book you read?

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



'I just finished a book called 'Middlesex' by Jeffrey Eugenides and it's a great book. It is about a family that settles on the street Middlesex in Grosse Pointe Park.'

SEAN WAGNER
Lansing



'I just read 'The Senator's Wife' by Sue Miller. It's an interesting story about two married women, who are neighbors and their lives are parallel and at the same time similar.'

MIRANDA REDMAN
Dearborn



'The last book I read was 'The Littlest Hitler' by Ryan Boudinot and it is a collection of short stories that are all filled with surreal humor.'

EDWARD MILLER
Detroit



'Labyrinth' by Randall Sullivan was the last book I read and it is about the deaths of B.I.G. and Tupac Shakur and how they are related.'

KATEY KAISER
Grosse Pointe Woods



'I just read a book called 'Freakonomics' by Steven Levitt. It is about economic tools that apply to everyday things and the importance of economic issues we might not think about.'

MICHAEL DAY
Roseville

FYI By Ben Burns

One minute search ends career



Nancy Nall Derringer of the Woods, spent a minute searching for an unusual name and it ended the political career of a key White House advisor.

Derringer is a blogger, who is an excellent journalist. She wrote a column for the Fort Wayne, Ind. News-Sentinel for 20 years and won a prestigious fellowship at the University of Michigan for a year. The fates of journalistic cutbacks washed her, her husband, daughter and ancient Jack Russell terrier up in the Pointes.

Her husband now works at The Detroit News, while she freelances. She had two bylines in this month's Hour Detroit Magazine.

Until Friday, Feb. 29, Timothy S. Goeglein was special assistant to President George Bush and public liaison deputy director with the special assignment to work with Christian conservatives. "The Washington Post called him a 'pipeline to the president,'" according to Derringer, in a piece for the online magazine, Slate.

By the end of that leap year day Goeglein was out of work.

Derringer still reads the Fort Wayne paper online and has been known to make fun of Goeglein's prose. On Thursday, Feb. 28, she noted what she characterized as "a case of egregiously obscure name-dropping" in Goeglein's latest offering in the News-Sentinel.

The reference was "a notable professor of philosophy at Dartmouth College in the last century, Eugene Rosenstock-

Hussey..."

When she Googled the phrase, up popped a several-years-old essay by Jeffrey Harlan in the Dartmouth Review where Goeglein had lifted the material. Derringer alerted her old editors at the News-Sentinel and posted her blog column Friday morning at 7:38 a.m.

The item was picked up by some big traffic Internet sites and the blogosphere sensed blood in the water. By shortly after 11 a.m., one blogger had noted copied passages from the Washington Post in a Goeglein column on Indiana musician Hoagy Carmichael. Others weighed in with other examples and eventually the Fort Wayne editors identified plagiarism in 27 of 38 guest columns that the White House aide had written since 1995.

By the end of the day Goeglein, 44, (pronounced GEGG-Lein) who had once been described as the eyes and ears of the president on the right, admitted his plagiarism, said there was no excuses and resigned.

The blogosphere and the Internet are causing a revolution in journalism transparency. Any fact that any writer states, any phrase that you use, can be scrutinized by thousands of folks around the world, many of whom are experts in special areas. If you get it wrong, if you steal someone else's material, you are probably going to be called to account.

By the by, Derringer points out in her Slate piece that the original author of the Dartmouth Review piece had spelled Professor Eugen Rosenstock-Huessy's name wrong. If Goeglein had checked that small fact and corrected the spelling, the old Dartmouth piece would probably not have shown up at the top of a Google list and would

have been buried in 20,000 other hits, according to Derringer.

That reminds me of one of my own sins of commission. I once misspelled my friend WDIV-TV's Carmen Harlan's name wrong in an analysis of the media in southeast Michigan. I spelled it Harlan and didn't check myself. For years if you Googled Carmen Harlan my article popped up—an ongoing embarrassment. The last time I looked it didn't show up, but I'll bet you that error is still lurking out there in cyberspace somewhere.

Semper Fi

If you go to Sindbad's Restaurant at 100 St. Clair in Detroit between 5:30 p.m. and 8:30 p.m. Monday, April 7, upstairs you will find an unusual fundraiser designed to garner money for the Marine Corps Scholarship Foundation—the group that supports the education of children of Marines who died while serving their country.

Scott Villeneuve, a well known bartender from the Detroit Athletic Club, will be the featured mixologist and all tips and donations deposited in a big glass jar will go to the Marines' 501(c)(3) non-profit organization.

Scott has been at the DAC for more than a dozen years and got his start mixing drinks at the Press Box across from old Tiger Stadium that was owned by his dad.

The event will be in "loving memory" of Lt. Col. George F. Coughlin, USMC (ret), Scott's father-in-law, who died last April. He had served in the Korean War.

In previous guest bartender charitable gigs, Scott raised \$2,500 for various charities and he hopes folks will step up this time as well.

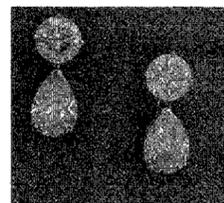
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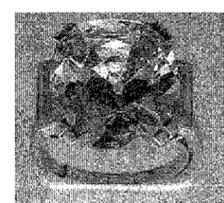
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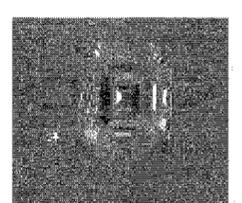
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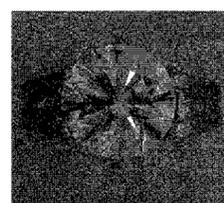
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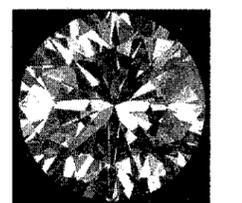
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GROSSE POINTE SOUTH

Students, parents enjoy Spain

By Bob St. John
Staff Writer

More than five dozen Grosse Pointe South music students spread the sound of music during a tour of Spain in mid-February.

The group spent two nights in Barcelona and Valencia and three nights in Madrid. They also made stops in Tarragona and Segovia.

Under Choir Director Ellen Bowen's charge, the music students performed for their Spanish peers, as well as for residents of the cities and priests at the cathedrals they visited.

Bowen and several other school administrators and parents chaperoned the students.

"We spent 40 hours practicing for weeks before the trip and more than a couple of days gathering all of the equipment we needed for the performances," Bowen said. "The kids performed wonderfully and they matured before our eyes."

"It was the trip of a lifetime for the kids and it's something they will never forget."

Bowen and several others carefully packed equipment in travel bags, making sure they didn't exceed the 50-pound limit Northwest Airlines requires.

Besides instruments, the students needed keyboards and a base-amplifier.

"It was a wonderful experience for all of us," said Tom Harwood, assistant superintendent of human resources and labor negotiations. "The students performed in some of the world's best acoustical venues. Their performances were truly amazing."

One of the highlights of the trip was the performance given at Trinity College, a high



PHOTOS BY BRUCE FERGUSON AND JEF FISK

The Grosse Pointe South choir, above, performed at several venues during their week-long trek to Spain. Leading the choir is Ellen Bowen, far left.

school in Valencia. The students received a standing ovation and cheers of encore said in Spanish.

"It was a nice gesture on their part," senior Nick Ryder said of the encore request.

"Singing in front of students our age and watching their excitement was really neat," said senior Janice Kulic.

"All of the students were very nice to us," said senior Carrie Fisk. "We have a lot in common with them. It was fun talking to them and getting to know what they do at school and for fun."

South's students learned that their Spanish peers are more serious about academics and they don't have school-sponsored athletic teams like here in America.

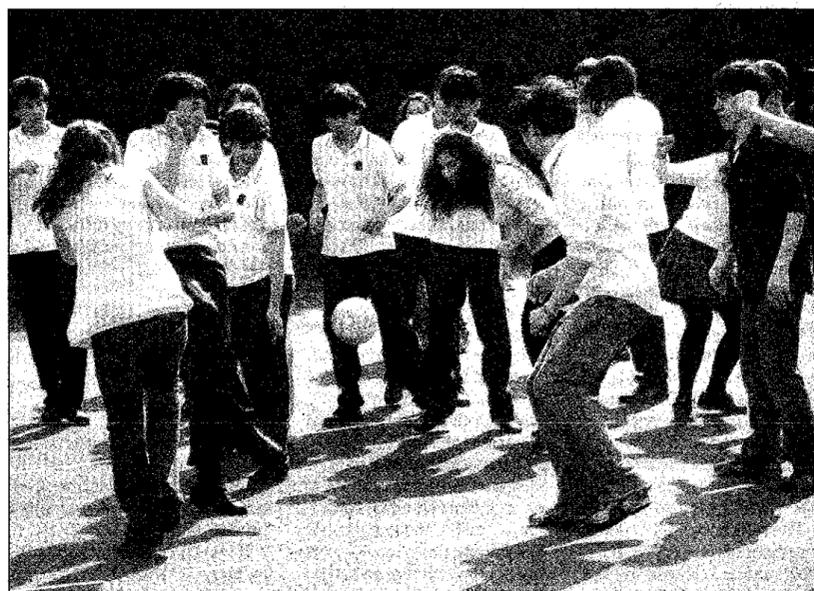
"It was great getting to know the students at the schools we played in," said senior Clare Dice.

"I also liked the interaction with the students," said senior Gabe Moss. "They are like us in so many ways, which was neat to find out."

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The trip began with everyone meeting at Metropolitan Airport for the long plane ride to Europe. Above, students play games and talk while they wait to board their flight. Below, students take time out of their busy schedule to eat at a local restaurant. Opinions varied about the quality of the food. Bottom, the choir members spent a little time playing an impromptu soccer match against students from Trinity College, a high school in Spain.



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SPAIN: Choir trip a triumph

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"We were able to communicate with the students even though most of us knew little Spanish," senior Kelli Sarakum said. "The Spanish students spoke very good English while our Spanish wasn't the greatest."

"It was really cool meeting people of other cultures," senior Emily Holm said.

"The trip was great," said senior Sarah Duffield. "I loved performing and it was also great seeing the architecture."

The students also learned their peers speak three languages fluently and they learn a fourth in high school.

Performances were given at more than a dozen venues. The students played classical numbers, as well as showtunes from "Dreamgirls," which their peers enjoyed.

Some of the songs performed were "I've Got You Under My Skin," "Mercy Mercy," "Those Boots Are Made For Walkin'," "Too Darn Hot," and just for their Spanish peers, "The Man of La Mancha I, Don Quixote."

Spanish students do not have choir as part of their academic curriculum. They do, however, play a lot of soccer.

"It was great to see our kids playing soccer with their peers during one of the afternoons after performing," Bowen said. "They were having a lot of fun."

"It was a great experience as a parent to see my son performing in the public venues of Spain," said Gary Marowske. "The most emotional was the first performance on Sunday morning when the kids sang at the main cathedral in Barcelona to a packed house."

"They were awesome. There wasn't a mother there without a tear in her eye—some dads, too—after listening to how beautiful they sound."

Marowske also enjoyed the interaction between the South and Spanish children.

Some of the Spanish students asked for autographs and the South students handed out mini-frisbees as gifts.

"Spain is a fantastic place to visit," said Jef Fisk, co-president of the South Choir

Boosters Club. "The kids had a chance to see some fantastic sites and play seven venues, which was great to see and hear."

"It was a very structured trip," Bowen said. "We kept the students busy. It was important for the students to learn the rich Spanish history and appreciate what they have and this opportunity."

"It was very special to watch my students, which I see as my children, enjoy themselves on this trip."

The students also had a chance to see the Prada Museum of Art in Madrid, the Roman Aqueducts, built in 100 A.D. and several Terreiro walls built by the Romans before Christ was born.

"A lot of time went into planning this trip," said trip coordinator Brian Black. "The biggest challenge was moving all of the equipment from one venue to the next."

Some streets in Spain were so narrow that trucks carrying



PHOTOS BY BRUCE FERGUSON AND JEF FISK

Grosse Pointe Public School System Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources and Labor Relations, Tom Harwood, center, accompanied the choir to Spain. He said it was a wonderful week.



South students, from left, Cam Ferguson, Martin Petz and Peter Croce play some jazz tunes in front of a cafe. Fellow member Topher Horn helped form their jazz group, the 'Hot 4.'

the equipment couldn't get through, he said.

"It was interesting making sure we had 112 parents and students ready to go from city to city," Black said. "It was well organized and everyone did a great job."

"The kids performed very well and we, as parents, enjoyed this experience."

In addition, two nurses traveled with the group to help with any potential medical problems the students or parents would encounter.

I SAY: Loyal dogs on duty

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tried to calmly eek out, "Tommy, come to me."

I carefully slipped out of the room so "the man" couldn't see that there was just a woman and a boy in the house as I worked my way to the nearest phone to call the police.

Although the police got to my house within minutes, the would-be intruder had left. The officers did a thorough check of my house and property, making sure the coast was clear before they left.

Later, after everything had calmed down, I thought to myself, "Once again, the dogs saved the day."

You see, three years prior, four-month-old Tommy and I were once again alone at night in our home located 15 miles outside Manhattan when once again Holly started going crazy.

This time Tommy was sleeping peacefully behind the

closed door of his nursery and I was in my room getting ready for bed. Suddenly I heard the crack of breaking glass.

As I opened my bedroom door, Holly flew out like a bat out of hell and ran downstairs. Fueled by adrenaline, I was not far behind.

Holly stayed by my side as I went from room to room turning on the downstairs lights and checking the doors and windows.

Once I saw that everything was OK, I backtracked turning off the lights. As I was doing so, I noticed that 11-year-old Paddy wasn't with Holly and me.

I shook my head thinking sadly, "I can't believe Pad is getting to be a lazy old dog."

As I was going back upstairs, I was mourning the strong and heroic dog he once was.

Years earlier, I saw him sprint 100 yards down a beach to defend an old female dog that was being viciously attacked by a very large male dog.

As I was remembering this scene, I turned on the landing and saw Tommy's door was open.

"Though the police got to my house within minutes, the would-be intruder had left. The officers did a thorough check."

My heart sank. I thought, "Oh my God, I went the wrong way. They came in through an upstairs window and got Tommy."

Those few feet to his room seemed like miles. I felt like screaming at the top of my lungs.

As I passed through the nursery's threshold, I stopped dead in my tracks.

There was Paddy sitting at attention and standing guard in front of Tommy's crib. I could tell by the look in his eyes that he was ready to attack if need be.

To this day, I'll never understand how or why my two dogs acted the way they did. I am just grateful that they did.

Paddy and Holly have now passed on to a more peaceful place where they never need to bark at anyone; expect, perhaps, when they are chasing other angels.

FYI: Journalist works craft

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check made out to the Scholarship Fund in care of 20417 Country Club, Harper Woods, 48225.

Pistons

If you boot up the Detroit Pistons 50 Unforgettable Moments at nba.com/pistons/news/top50moments you might be surprised to learn that the Pistons played an NBA playoff game in the Grosse Pointe High School gym in 1960.

Grosse Pointer Jerry Green narrates the video clip explaining the Pistons were bumped from Olympia and U of D venues due to of scheduling conflicts.

They played that one first round game against the Lakers in what is now Grosse Pointe South. They lost both the game and the series.

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THE GROSSE POINTE ACADEMY

School offers money

Two scholarships honoring Early and Lower School Principal Camille DeMario, who will retire this year after 39-years with the school have been created.

The scholarships were announced Tuesday, Feb. 5, during a special celebration in DeMario's honor.

"Camille has been a vibrant part of the academy for 39 years," said Head of School Phil Demartini, during his tribute to the longtime educator and administrator. "Her contributions to the growth of the school and her legacy are immeasurable."

DeMario's legacy will live on through scholarships granted each year to two students entering first grade, one to a current student and one to a new student.

Both awards will go to students who demonstrate a strong desire to excel in addition to academic promise. The amount of each award, which will be partially funded by gifts made to the Camille DeMario Scholarship Fund, is a half-tuition scholarship.

Any student who is not cur-



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Camille DeMario, pictured with (on left) Bret Wacker, board of trustee president, and Phil Demartini, head of school, was honored Feb. 5 for her 39 years of service to The Grosse Pointe Academy. A plaque in her name will be mounted in the entryway of the Early School.

rently enrolled in the early school is eligible to apply for the new student award. Applications for the scholarship are available in the admissions office and must be com-

pleted prior to the testing date. Testing for the scholarship is Saturday, April 19. Transcripts and teacher recommendations will also be considered. Winners will be notified by

April 25.

To make a donation to the Camille DeMario Scholarship Fund, contact Jenny Parke, advancement director, at (313) 886-1221.

GROSSE POINTE PUBLIC SCHOOL SYSTEM

Students get course option

Students may now take Chinese at the high school and middle school levels, beginning next school year.

"It's an exciting new option," said Susan Allan, assistant superintendent of curriculum, assessment, instruction and technology. "We should get an acceptable enrollment to go through with this."

Allan said there is \$20,000 in the budget for books and background material to teach Mandarin Chinese. A total of 124 students attending Parcels and Pierce middle schools, and South and North high schools are enrolled in an introductory Chinese course.

Allan was part of a committee consisting of Matt Outlaw, high school assistant principal; Scott Ismail, North student; Ning Yan, parent; Mark Mulholland, principal; Bob Abel, middle school teacher; Normayne Day, parent; Madeline Salonen, North department chair; Sara Delgado, Spanish instructor; Michelle Yankee, assistant principal; Kenya Brown, parent; Theresa MacEachern, South department chair; Amy VanHecke, parent; Sandy Ambrozy, parent; and Evan Grunberger, South student.

Students who take Chinese I

as eighth-graders may enroll in Chinese II as a high school freshman.

Committee members gave board of education members several reasons why Chinese should be taught in Grosse Pointe Schools. They are:

◆ China has grown significantly as an economic and political power.

◆ China has become one of the United States' greatest trade partners with trade levels exceeding \$250 billion annually.

◆ China is the most widely spoken first language worldwide and will soon top English as the most used Internet language.

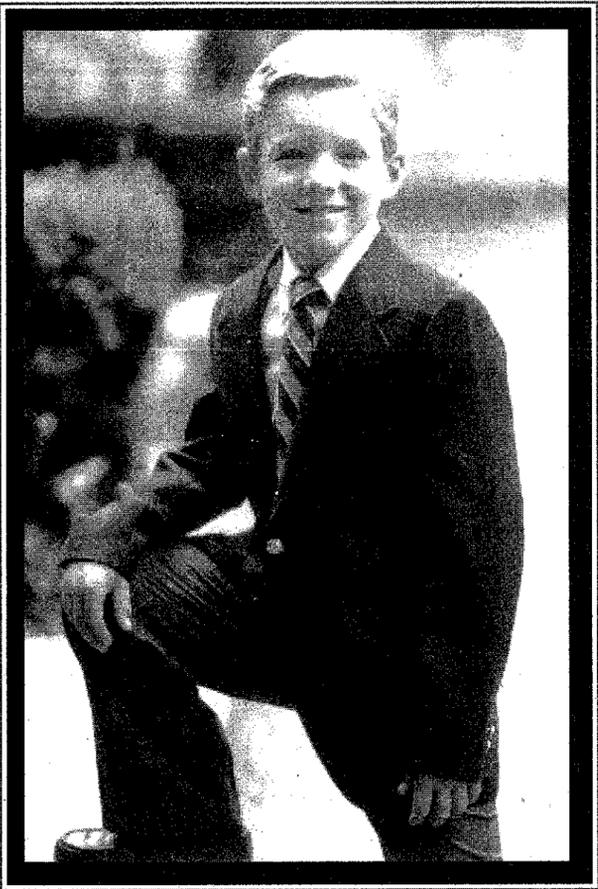
◆ America's Asian population is anticipated to grow by 213 percent in the next 50 years.

◆ Many schools similar to Grosse Pointe offer Chinese as a language and numerous school districts in Oakland County either have implemented it or are considering doing so.

District instructor Glenn Croydon told board members that the committee is looking for two teachers to handle three high school courses and two middle school courses.

—Bob St. John

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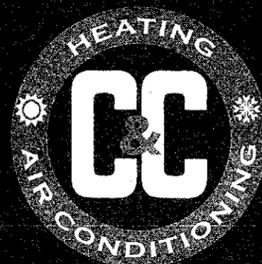
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ST. PAUL CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Spelling bee winners

St. Paul Catholic School students in grades five through eight recently competed in the Knights of Columbus Spelling Bee.

The competition was split into two groups, fifth and sixth graders, and seventh and eighth-graders. Dana Kornmeir was a first-place winner and G. R. Dulac was second-place in the fifth- and sixth-grade division. Mikey Bernard and Ellie Parks were runners-up.

Winners from the seventh- and eighth-grade division were Olivia Monette, first place, and Jack Fordon, second place. Alex Gamero and Carolyn Alam were runners-up.

Each of the aforementioned students advanced to the district level competition at Utica St. Lawrence.

"The students prepare for the



Pictured above are two of St. Paul Catholic School's spelling bee winners. They are from left Dana Kornmeir and G. R. Dulac.

school spelling bee by having an 'elimination' round in each homeroom," said St. Paul sixth-grade teacher Beth Shaum. "In an age where students rely heavily on spell check when they're writing, it's nice to see that there are students out there who learn how to spell well." Five students are selected from each homeroom to represent their grade in the spelling bee. The four finalists from each division participate in the K of C Diocesan Bee.

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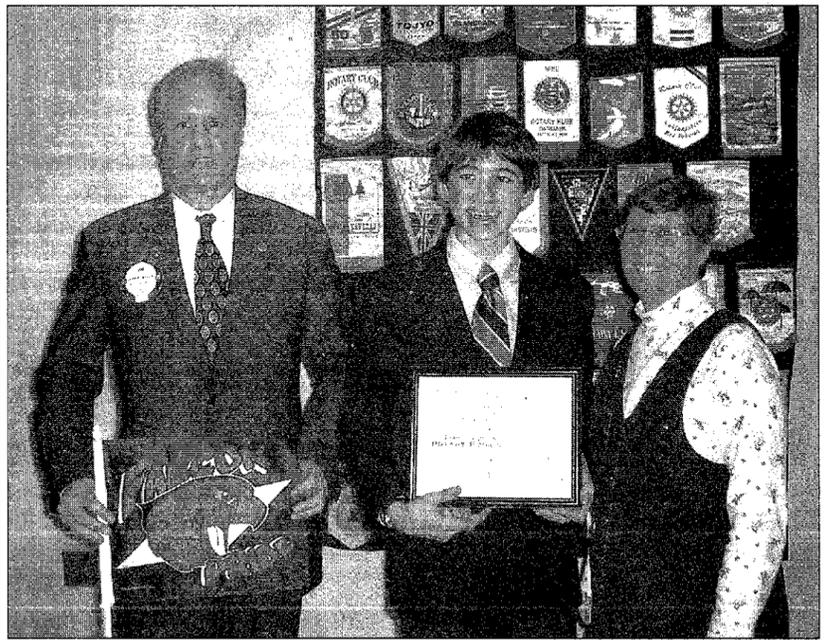


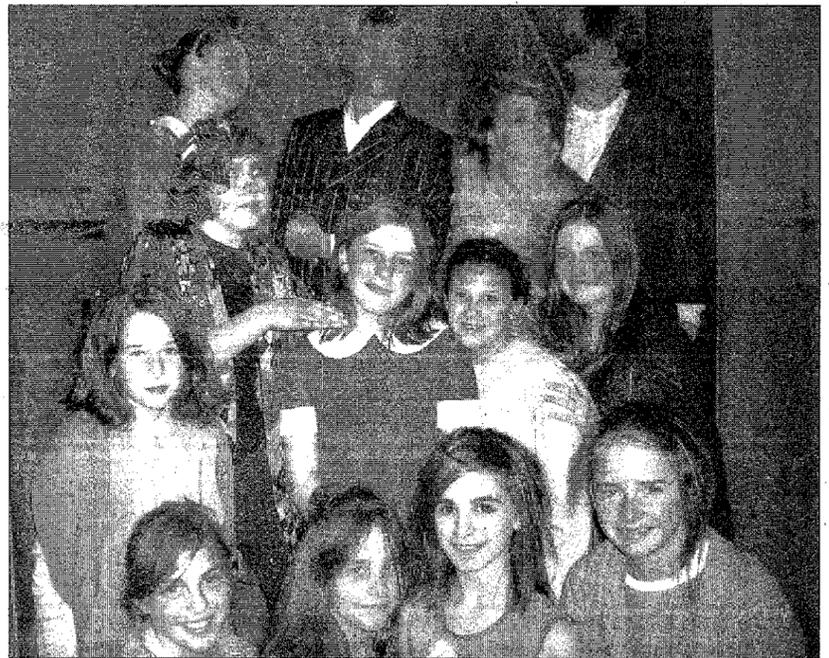
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St. Clare student earns scholarship

At a Feb. 4 Grosse Pointe Rotary luncheon, St. Clare of Montefalco eighth-grader, Isaac Piepszowski, center, received a Fikany Rotary Book Scholarship from Grosse Pointe Rotary member Jim Fikany, left, and St. Clare of Montefalco Principal Sister Kathy Avery.

The scholarship is for \$500 worth of books for college and a \$50 bookstore gift certificate for use now. The criteria for receiving the scholarship were superior grades in 7th grade and participation in school and community activities. A total of nine book scholarships are awarded throughout the 07-08 school year.

BROWNELL MIDDLE SCHOOL



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Brownell Middle School presents the musical "Annie," at 7 p.m. Friday, March 14, and 1 p.m. Saturday, March 15, at the Parcels Middle School auditorium. Tickets are available in advance at Brownell and at the door before each performance. Pictured above are, from left, Olivia Withers, Kayla Rump, Alana Page, Margaret Bove, Emma Hintzen, Jackie Chylinski and Emily Weston as the orphans; Kathe Erichson as Annie; Eliza Mott as Grace Farrell; Austin Montgomery as Rooster Hanigan; Jake Bielaczyc as Daddy Warbucks; Elyce Croce as Lily St. Regis; and Christina Swanson as Miss Hanigan.

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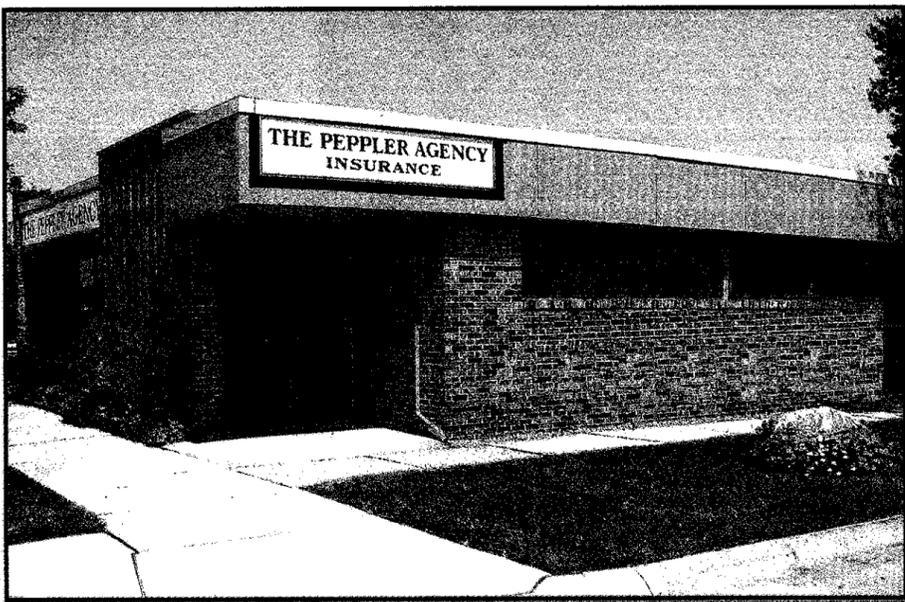
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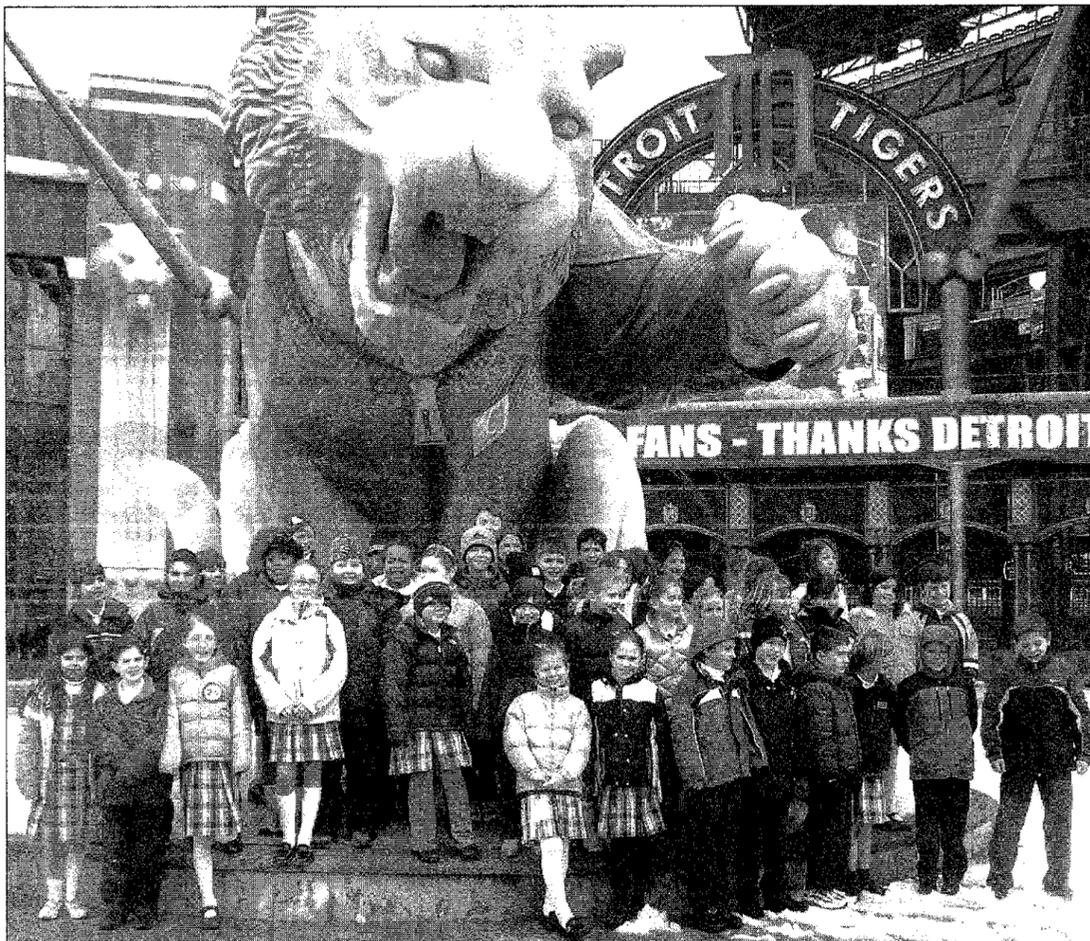
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OUR LADY STAR OF THE SEA

Visiting the Tigers' home

Our Lady Star of the Sea third-graders, right, spent Thursday, March 6, touring Comerica Park the home of the Detroit Tigers. The students began the trek with lunch at Cheli's Chili Bar and spent more than an hour touring the nooks and crannies of the Tigers' home, which drew more than three millions fans last year. Third-grade teacher Joette Liamini, below left, was treated to a cake, celebrating her birthday, while students, bottom left, from left, Emma St. John, Maya Lyght and Kelley Graham enjoyed chicken fingers and french fries at Cheli's. Students were able to check out the visitors' lockerroom, the pressbox, pictured bottom right, and all of the historical displays scattered throughout the stadium.



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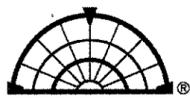
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GROSSE POINTE COMMUNITIES

Zumba here to help people tone up

By Bob St. John
Staff Writer

Zumba is a new activity for Grosse Pointers.

Zumba is a fitness class that combines Latin dance and rhythms with unique moves and combinations that allow participants to dance away calories.

It's offered at many locations in the Grosse Pointes, including through the Grosse Pointe Park parks and recreation department, the Grosse Pointe

War Memorial, and the Grosse Pointe Dance Center on Mack in Grosse Pointe Woods.

"This is a wonderful way to exercise," said instructor Karen Clark.

"It's fun and it combines dancing with fitness to help people stay in shape and lose weight."

Clark is a physical education teacher and certified personal trainer, who is hooked on zumba.

Her classes began at 9 a.m. Mondays and Wednesdays; at

7:15 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays; and 9:30 a.m. Saturdays. The classes run through April 10.

Officially, zumba is a fusion of routines that feature aerobic and fitness interval training with a combination of fast and slow rhythms that tone and sculpt the body.

It utilizes the principles of fitness interval training and resistance training to maximize caloric output, fat burning and total body training.

LouAnne Wattrick, director

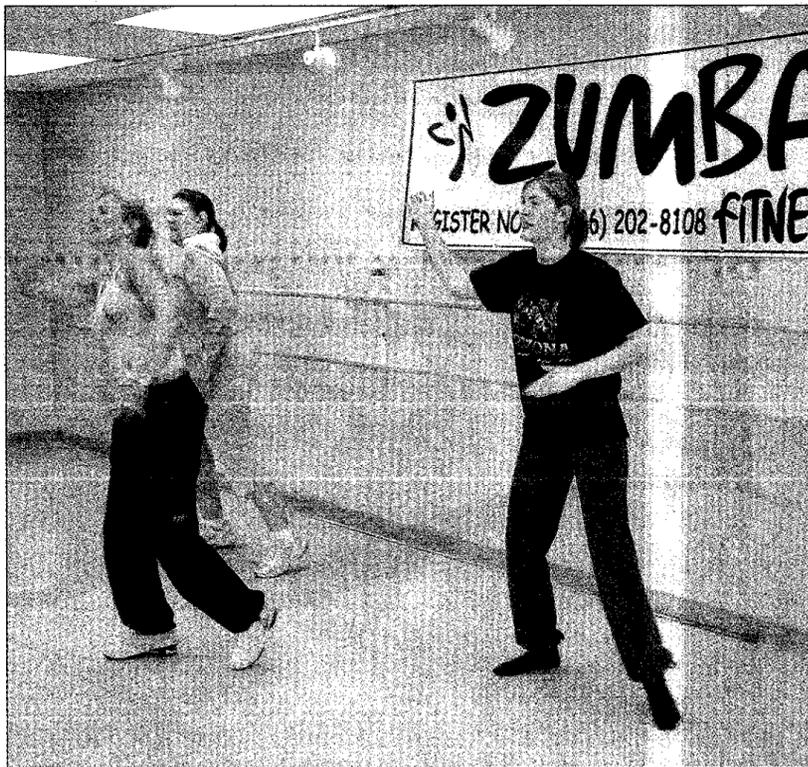


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Instructor Karen Clark, front, teaches Zumba moves to Cathy Wynne, left, and Elsie Erickson. The classes are offered through several area centers.

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of lifelong program learning at the War Memorial, said people can sign up for zumba classes offered from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. Friday mornings.

It is \$54 for the six-week class that runs from Friday, March 28 to May 2 and another six-weeks from May 9 to June 13.

Julia LaTorre, also a certified fitness trainer and specialist in performance nutrition, is the zumba instructor.

The class is 70 percent cardio and 30 percent fitness.

Mary Beth Hathaway, Lavin Activity Center manager in Grosse Pointe Park, also enjoys the program.

"I took a zumba class and it was a lot of fun," Hathaway said.

"It's really energizing and I want to see it offered more here in the Park."

Morgan Nye is the instructor. The cost is \$10 per class, which takes place at 9:30 a.m. each Friday morning.

For more information, contact Clark at (586) 202-8108; Wattrick at (313) 881-7511 or Hathaway at (313) 822-2812, ext. 302.

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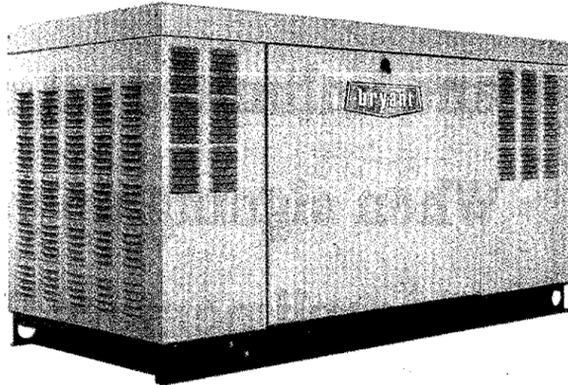
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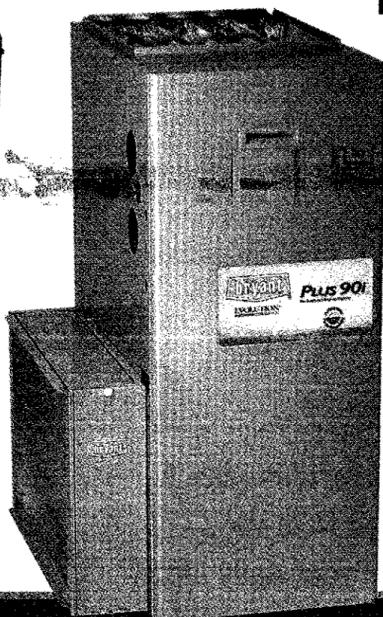
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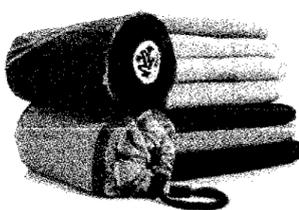
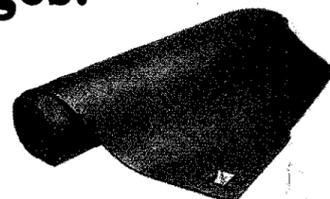
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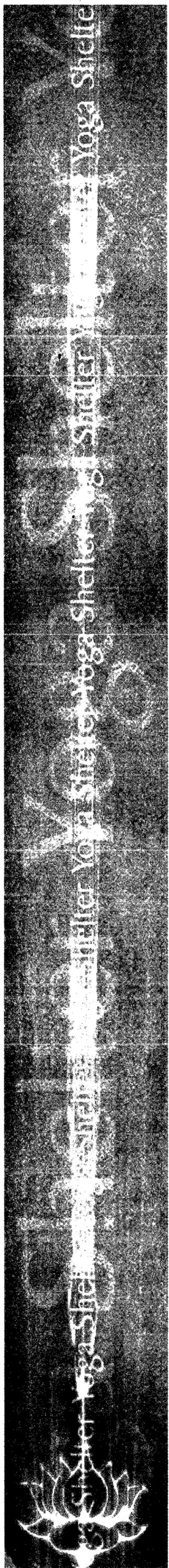
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By Bob St. John
Staff Writer

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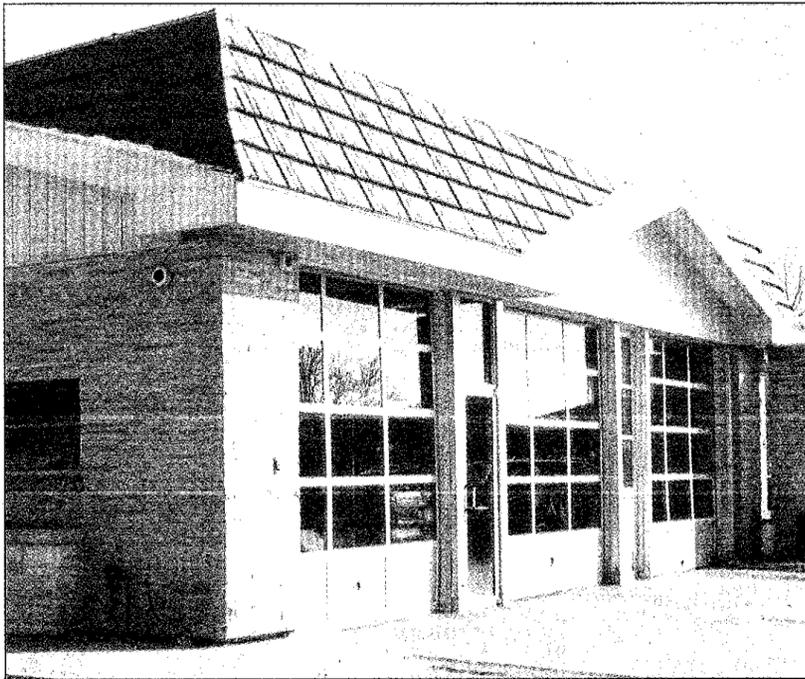
"It's important to get these vehicle changes to help your car run smoother during the summer months," Collins said.

The National Institute for Automotive Service Excellence Web site expanded Collins' suggestions, saying that getting a vehicle in shape now will undo the wear and tear of winter driving, and can help prevent unnecessary breakdowns during the dog days of summer.

The following tips are from the experts that test and certify the competence of working automotive professionals.

◆ Read the owner's manual and follow the recommended service schedules. The manual contains a complete checklist of services and schedules and other important information about the vehicle.

◆ To prevent engine overheating, summer's No. 1 vehi-



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Representatives of the BP gas station, above, on Mack and Moross is one service station in the area that can provide spring car care tips.

cle problem, make sure your engine's cooling system is in top shape. Flush and refill the radiator according to the service manual's instructions.

The level, condition, and concentration of the coolant should be checked periodically. If doing the work yourself, make sure the engine has cooled down before removing the radiator cap.

◆ A qualified auto technician should check the tightness and condition of belts, clamps, and hoses.

Most do-it-yourselfers do not have the proper equipment but can look for signs of wear, cracking or frayed belts. Have belts and hoses replaced according to the service manual's intervals or sooner, if you notice wear and tear, so as to pre-

vent sudden breakdowns.

◆ Have engine performance problems like hard starts, rough idling and stalling corrected. These checks may improve gasoline mileage and can catch minor problems before they grow into more expensive repairs later on.

◆ When seeking a mechanic, look for repair facilities with vehicles in the parking lot equal in value to your own, modern equipment in the service bays, and signs of qualified automotive technicians as evidenced by trade school diplomas, certificates of advanced course work and training classes as well as national certification of the individual technicians by ASE.

◆ Have a marginally operating air conditioner system serviced by a qualified technician. The air conditioners on older vehicles often contain ozone-depleting chemicals that could be released into the air through improper or incompetent service.

◆ Change the oil and oil filter as specified in the owner's manual. Properly dispose of used oil. Surveys of technicians indicate this is the most neglected service, and one that can greatly reduce the life of the vehicle. Replace other fil-

ters, air, fuel, PCV, etc., as recommended in the service manual.

◆ Check the condition of tires, including the spare. Let the tires "cool down" before checking pressure. Uneven wear, "cupping," vibrations, or "pulling" to one side indicates problems with the tires or suspension system.

◆ Routine brake inspection and service is important for safety and can save money in the long run. Failure to replace worn brake pads, for example, can result in more expensive damage to rotors and wheels.

◆ Don't neglect the transmission. Costly repairs can be pre-

vented by routine service of this often-neglected system.

◆ For safety and convenience, inspect all lights and bulbs and replace when necessary. Replace worn wiper blades and keep plenty of washer solvent on hand to fight summer's dust and insects.

◆ Remove clutter, vacuum the carpeting, clean all windows and wipe down headlights with a soft, damp rag to prevent scratching. Wash and wax your vehicle to remove built-up dirt and deposits and to protect the vehicle's finish and enhance its resale value.

Questions can be answered by calling local service stations.

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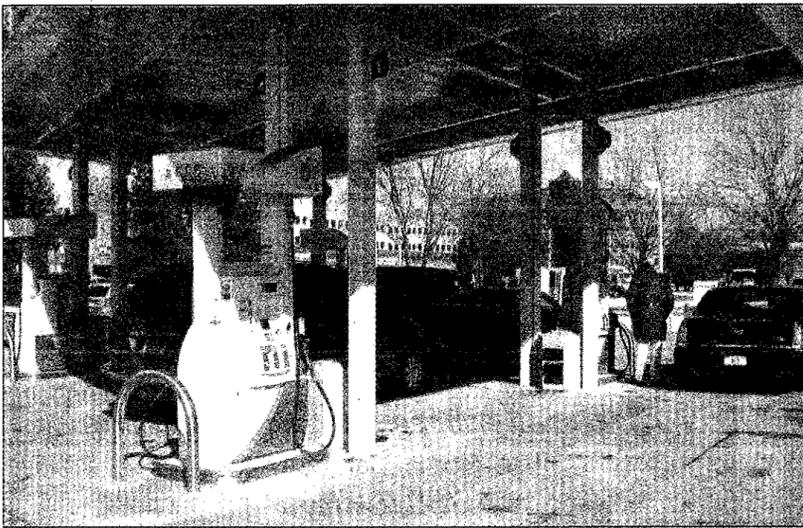
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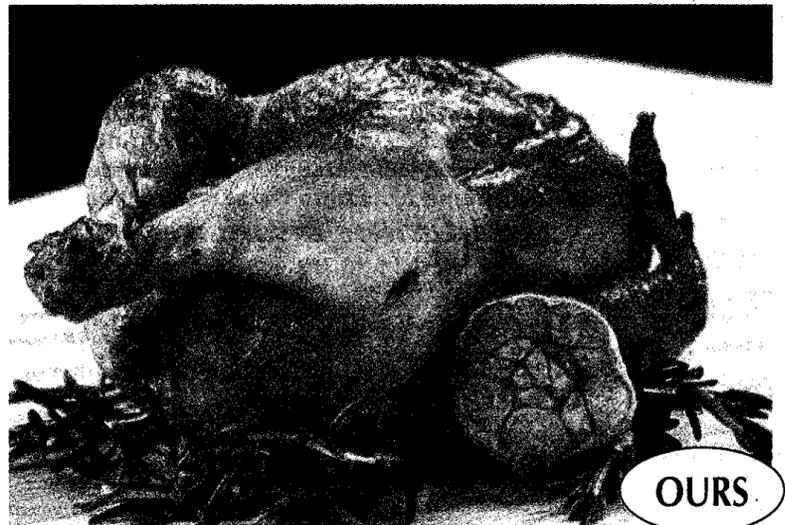
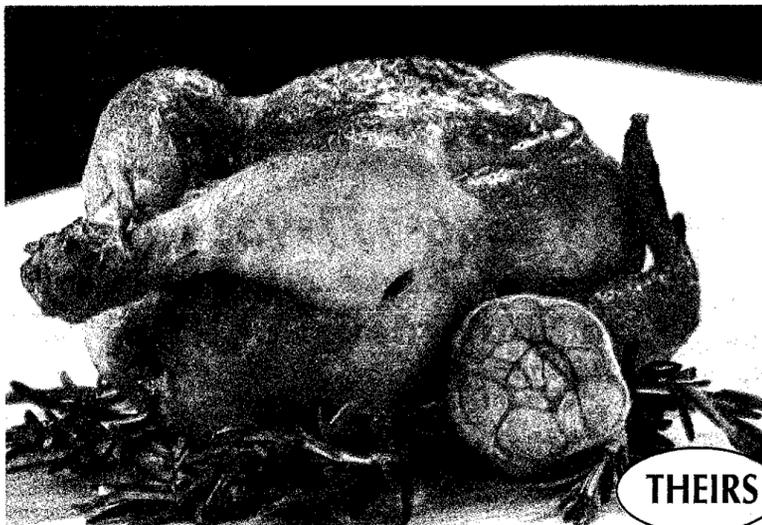
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GROSSE POINTE PARK

F.E. Moran Inc. buys Grosse Pointe Alarm

By Bob St. John
Staff Writer

F.E. Moran Inc. Alarm and Monitoring Services is the new name of longtime company Grosse Pointe Alarm.

The sale was made a year ago, but the new owner kept the name Grosse Pointe Alarm for several months so as not to confuse customers.

"We officially changed our name to F.E. Moran Inc. and sent a letter to our customers, telling them of the change," said Todd P. Thomas, Michigan general manager. "We heard Grosse Pointe Alarm was on the market; so Brett Bean (president) got the ball rolling with the purchase."

The company, located at 17006 Mack in Grosse Pointe Park, is moving to the 14 Mile and Kelly area in Fraser.

"We're moving into a bigger building that will accommodate our expansion," said Nicholas A. Curcuru, regional sales manager in Michigan and a Grosse Pointe South High School graduate. "I know the area well and we will continue to provide excellent service to the Grosse Pointes."

This is the first F.E. Moran location in Michigan. The company has locations in the southwest, southeast and as close as Illinois.

"We're providing a valuable service to our customers, helping residents and business owners feel at ease," said Eric Kraft, vice president of operations.

"We're protecting what matters most to you."

"We fielded about 100 calls and 95 percent were happy with the notification and said they would continue to use our service," Curcuru said. "That was nice to hear because we will remain a presence in the Grosse Pointes."

Curcuru also said the com-



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F.E. Moran Inc., the former home of Grosse Pointe Alarm, is now led by, from left, Nicholas A. Curcuru, regional sales manager in Michigan; Eric Kraft, vice president of operations; and Todd P. Thomas, Michigan general manager.

pany is going to continue to invest in the local community and schools.

Representatives will also work with the Klaas Kids Program and local public safety departments to provide child identification cards for parents.

F.E. Moran provides fire, intrusion, access control and audio/visual protection.

It also works directly with Honeywell, an authorized dealer of First Alert Professional Security Systems.

Curcuru and Thomas made

stops at their customers' homes throughout the Grosse Pointes, answering questions and informing them of what F.E. Moran is about.

"We felt it was important to talk to our new customers up close and personal and let them know what we're

about," Curcuru said. "We made them feel at ease since we're their new safety provider."

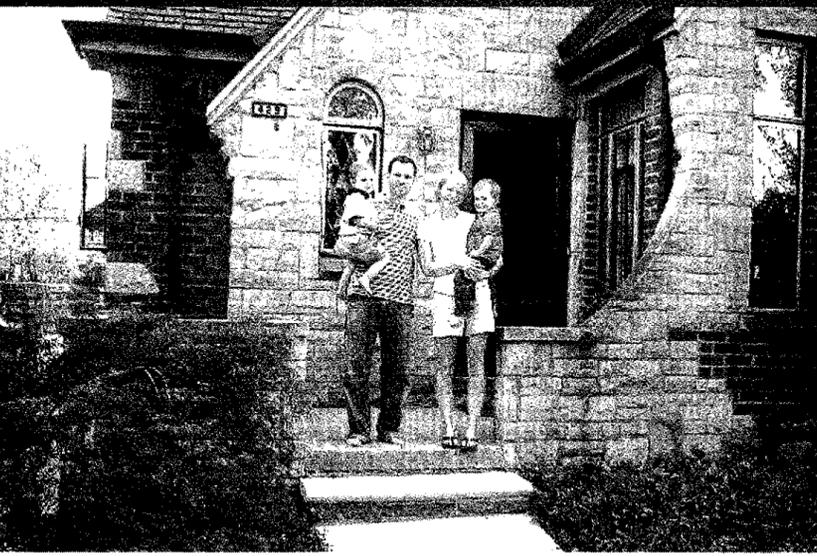
Since the company is expanding, Kraft said it is looking for sales consultants and technicians.

"We take our time hiring

new employees," Kraft said. "We're a good place to work, because we feel it is important to have a family-type atmosphere."

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FREDERICK J. DINDOFFER has been chosen by his peers to be included in the 2008 edition of "The Best Lawyers in America." He will be listed under environmental law. He assists clients with environmental matters, including environmental litigation, obtaining permits, counseling clients with respect to their responsibilities on environmental matters and performing necessary due diligence and planning for corporate acquisitions, real estate purchases and financing. Dindoffer is a Grosse Pointe Park resident.



ROBERT J. DIEHL JR., a partner in the Detroit office of the law firm Bodman LLP, has been ranked as one of Michigan's leading attorneys specializing in banking and finance in the 2007 edition of "Chambers USA: America's Leading Lawyers for Business." The publication also ranked Bodman LLP as one of Michigan's top business law firms. Chambers ranks law firms and leading individual attorneys in key practice areas based on interviews of clients and peers. Diehl concentrates his legal practice in representing clients in complex business law matters and commercial transactions with a particular focus on debtor-creditor rights and bankruptcy. He represents financial institutions in out-of-court workouts and in bankruptcy proceedings involving all types of business and collateral, especially automotive-related businesses and real estate and construction businesses. Diehl is a Grosse Pointe Park resident.



DAVID M. HEMPSTEAD has been chosen by his peers to be included in the 2008 edition of "The Best Lawyers in America." He will be listed under trusts and estates. He concentrates his practice in the areas of income, estate and gift tax planning for high net worth individuals, estate and trust administration, trust litigation and charitable trusts and foundations. Hempstead is a Grosse Pointe Park resident.

E. WILLIAM S. SHIPMAN, a founding member and former chair of the State Bar of Michigan's Health Care Committee, has joined Bodman LLP as a partner practicing in the firm's Detroit office. He will head the firm's health care practice group. Shipman has more than 30 years of experience representing health care facilities and practitioners in corporate and regulatory matters with emphasis on medical staff issues, captive and alternative risk programs and regulation of hospital-physician financial relationships. He has structured and negotiated hospital mergers and acquisitions, joint ventures and other business transactions, including asset and stock purchases and joint ownership agreements. He is a member of the American Health Lawyers Association and served on the board of directors of the Michigan Society of Hospital Attorneys. Shipman is a Grosse Pointe resident.

ANNE BAGNO WIDLAK has joined the Detroit-based employment law firm Nemeth Burwell. She has a strong background in employment law and focuses on a variety of employment law issues on the management side. She has substantial experience representing employers in employment litigation in both state and federal courts, as well as before administration agencies. Immediately prior to joining Nemeth Burwell, Widlak was a partner in the Detroit office of Fraser, Trebilcock, Davis & Dunlap. Widlak is currently a member of its labor and employment law section. She is permitted to practice in the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Michigan, as well as the 6th Circuit Court of Appeals. Widlak holds both a Bachelor of Arts degree and a Master of Arts degree in English from Georgetown University. She earned her law degree from the Wayne State University Law School. She was recently elected to the board of directors of the Detroit Institute for Children, a Detroit-based service provider that has offered children with disabilities specialized diagnostic, medical and rehabilitative care since 1920. Widlak is a Grosse Pointe Farms resident.



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Chamber board 2008

The Grosse Pointe Chamber of Commerce recently announced its 2008 board of directors, pictured above. They are seated from left, Eric Turin, treasurer; Sheldon Wardwell, vice chairman; Ed Russell, chairman; and Ted Everingham, secretary; back row from left, Jon Cotton, director; John Danahar, director; Matt Rumora, director; Cathy Champion, director; Ed Lazar, director; Mike Reno, director; Mark Wollenweber, director; and Dave Stephens, director. Directors Kay Agney and Jon Peterson are not pictured.

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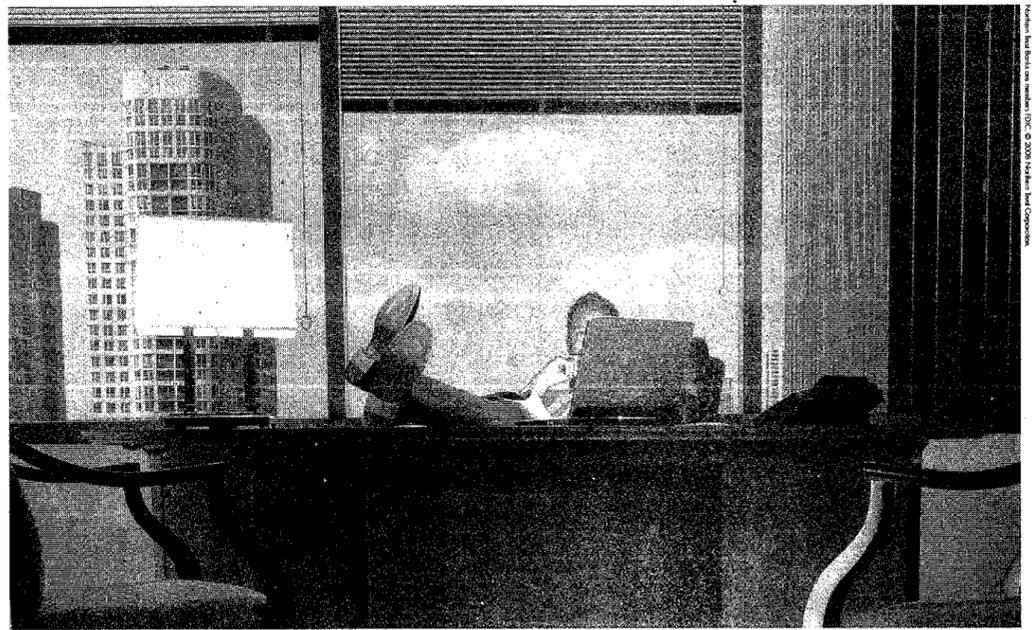
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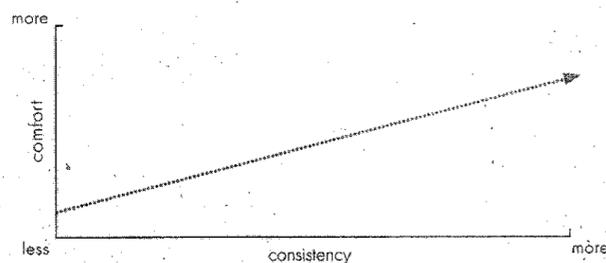
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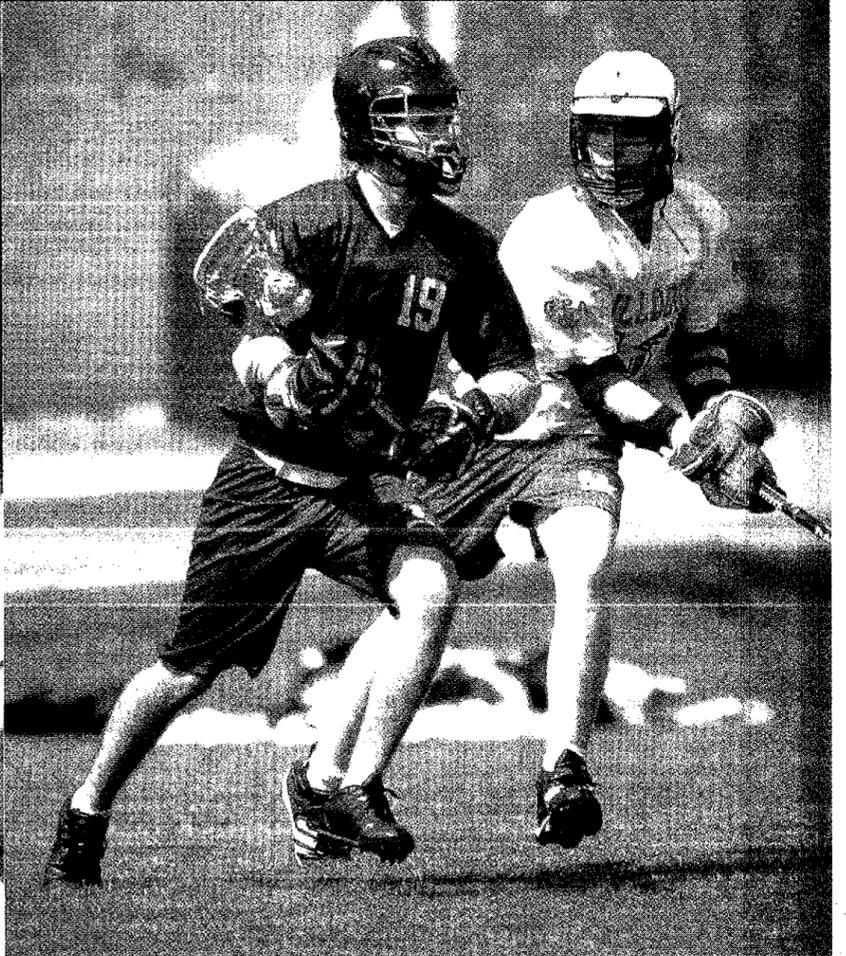
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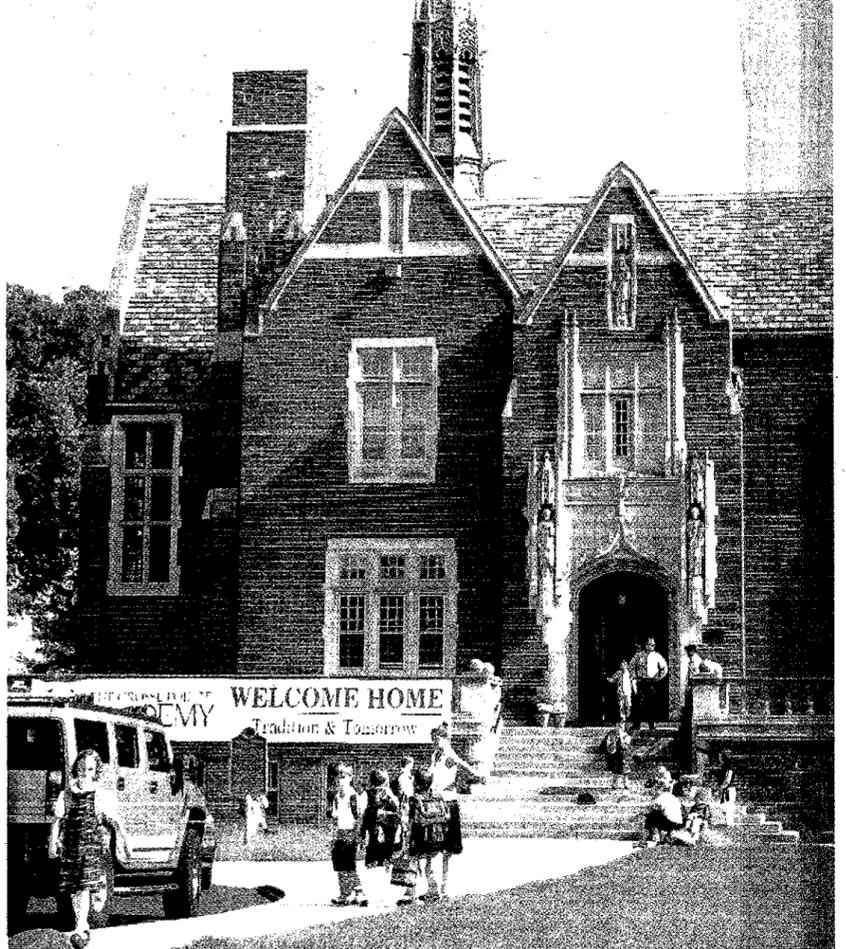
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Park resident to lead St. Patrick's Parade

By Ann L. Fouty
 Features Editor

As the Grand Marshal of Detroit's 50th annual St. Patrick's Parade, Pat O'Hara of Grosse Pointe Park will be waving to the crowd on Sunday, March 16.

The 2 p.m. parade of floats, bands and novelty units will wind its way along Michigan from Sixth Street to 14th Street.

O'Hara's duties as grand marshal are more than waving to the crowd and sharing the Irish with all ethnicities. His election to the position requires a year long commitment beginning with the St. Patrick's Parade Celebration Ball in January.

O'Hara is a judge for two scholarship pageants, the Maid of Erin and the court of St. Brigid, and other Irish functions across the metro area. For O'Hara and the rest of the Irish community, Sunday, March 16, begins with a Mass at St. Patrick's Catholic Church. It will be a subdued Mass out of respect to Palm Sunday, he said.

This will be followed by the St. Patrick's Parade Corktown Races. The event features a kids quarter mile walk, which steps off at 11:30 a.m.; and the 1.5 mile walk and four mile run. Both begin at noon at Tiger Stadium and finish at the old train station on Vernor. To register, call (248) 354-1177. All proceeds will go to St. Patrick's outreach programs.

As people line the streets to

cheer on the runners and walkers, O'Hara will be getting ready to lead the all-volunteer parade, which is Detroit's second largest parade.

"We are honoring St. Patrick," O'Hara explained. "We are people who came in great numbers during the potato famine. They had to leave and we have a memory to pass on. We continue to celebrate. We celebrate our heritage and pass it along to our own children. We have intense Irish pride."

The pride is shared through dance, music and religion, he added. "We try to remember that on the Feast of St. Patrick."

Additionally, O'Hara said, "The Irish community is most generous. We raise funds for charities, the Capuchin soup kitchens and St. Patrick Senior Center."

The City of Dearborn hosted the first parade in 1959, which was organized by the United Irish Societies in Detroit with Victor Brady as its grand marshal. O'Hara is the first Grosse Pointe resident to serve as grand marshal since the late Neil Shine held the title in 1988.

O'Hara's great-grandparents Patrick O'Hara and Margaret Garvin, came from County Mayo to Canada in the late 1840s as part of the famine migration. His grandfather, Francis O'Hara, moved to Michigan, and farmed in Mount Pleasant in the early 1870s. O'Hara's father, Tom, graduated from the University of Detroit in 1925 with a mechanical engineering degree



From left, Anne White O'Hara, Consul General of Ireland Martin Rouine, 2008 Grand Marshal of St. Patrick's Parade Pat O'Hara and Bishop John Michael Quinn attended the United Irish Societies 50th St Patrick's Parade Celebration held at the Dearborn Inn on Jan. 12.



Grosse Pointe Park resident Pat O'Hara is the grand marshal of the 50th annual Detroit St. Patrick's Parade.

and worked for Packard Motor Car Company and Modern Engineering.

On the maternal side, O'Hara's relatives, the Gallaghers and the Bannons, moved to Stratford, Ontario in the 1850s. O'Hara's mother graduated from St. Mary's Hospital School of Nursing.

O'Hara became involved in politics, having been inspired by Pres. John F. Kennedy. He was vice chair of the former 17th Democratic Congressional District Committee, was a member of the Democratic State Central Committees, as a precinct and National Convention delegate and was appointed to the staff of the Taxation Committee of the Michigan House of Representatives.

He has served on the Detroit

Charter Revision Commission, the finance committee of the Education Task Force and is a member of the Wayne State University Planned Giving Committee. He has been the Supreme Sir Knight of the Knights of Equity and the Worthy Sir King of Court 6 in Detroit. O'Hara is also a member of Knights of Equity Scholarship Commission and a delegate to the United Irish Societies, serves on the Judge's Committee of the St. Patrick's Parade and has been a member of the board of directors of the Irish Cultural Forum since 1981. He was a volunteer coordinator for the Detroit Catholic Pastoral Alliance's Reader and Math Tutoring Program and

history professor, have two children, Julia Rose, 14, and Tom, 11. He and his family spend the summers on Ontario's Newboro Lake on the farmland that his ancestors settled in the 1840s.

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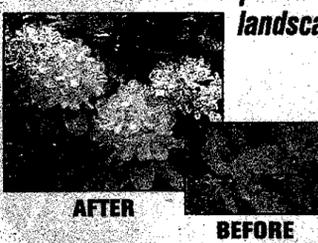
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Grosse Pointe's real estate market trends

By Randy Repicky
Special Writer

While there has been a lot of negative news regarding local and national real estate trends, the Grosse Pointe market has fared remarkably well given the economic environment we've been in since 2000.

Grosse Pointe was one of the few areas in metro Detroit that experienced an increase in the number of units sold in 2007 compared with 2006. While values are declining, things could be much worse given this economy.

Homeowners were spoiled by the real estate boom of the late '90s, where everyone made money in real estate no matter how good or bad their real estate decisions were. The market left us all thinking that real estate was somehow immune from the fluctuations that occur in any other industry.

As the economy in southeastern Michigan began to sag in 2000, sellers continued to price homes as if we were in a growth market. "Everyone knows that real estate always goes up," was a common misconception that was dominant among sellers for far too long.

Overpriced listings caused homes to sit and inventory levels to skyrocket. Annual peak inventory levels zoomed up from a high of around 205 units in 1998 to levels of 742 in both 2006 and 2007. While inventory levels were growing, the annual number of single family homes sold was typically declining —

not a good mix.

Remarkably, between 2000 and the first half of 2005, despite the growing supply/demand imbalance, sales prices remained relatively constant.

The pressure from growing inventories continued to build. Eventually, in the second half of 2005, the bubble popped and sellers who had been holding tight on prices began to realize that with 650 available homes and only 10 to 12 selling per week, something had to give. It was at that point prices began to drop.

The sinking southeastern Michigan economy has been the primary driving force in the slowing market and declining values. Homeowners who were accustomed to having a safety net of equity in their homes began drawing on that equity when they hit financial tight spots they assumed were going to be temporary.

People were used to stretching things, believing that home values and incomes would continue to grow.

A few years ago, as local employers went to wage freezes and downsizing, homeowners tapped into the equity they thought they had in their homes. Interest rates were great and huge appraisals left unsuspecting homeowners with a false sense of security as they pulled cash out of their homes to finance their way through temporary setbacks.

Many of those setbacks turned out to be more permanent than expected and the

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1999	671	+0.1%	224,989,474	+20.5%	1,423,441	+3.9%	\$ 158.06	+16.0%	245	+19.5%
2000	597	-11.0%	195,517,262	-13.1%	1,221,396	-14.2%	\$ 160.08	+1.3%	262	+6.9%
2001	629	+5.4%	207,385,901	+6.1%	1,287,432	+5.4%	\$ 161.08	+0.6%	312	+19.1%
2002	646	+2.7%	216,522,286	+4.4%	1,308,122	+1.6%	\$ 165.52	+2.8%	395	+26.6%
2003	653	+1.1%	232,861,649	+7.5%	1,392,767	+6.5%	\$ 167.19	+1.0%	487	+23.3%
2004	624	-4.4%	221,257,462	-5.0%	1,346,431	-3.3%	\$ 164.33	-1.7%	522	+7.2%
2005	571	-8.5%	192,905,510	-12.8%	1,184,826	-12.0%	\$ 162.81	-0.9%	601	+15.1%
2006	424	-25.7%	140,575,555	-27.1%	925,713	-21.9%	\$ 151.86	-6.7%	742	+23.5%
2007	517	+21.9%	164,485,457	+17.0%	1,176,684	+27.1%	\$ 139.79	-7.9%	742	0.0%

Source: Data comes from sales and listings reported to Mirealsource MLS. Sales that were not reported with true sales prices (i.e. \$1) were dropped out of the data.

*Supply was rising while demand was dropping.

*Increasing supply combined with decreasing demand eventually led to declining values.

cash ran out before the new job or increased income was in place.

As the economy dried up, so did the cash reserves of buyers, sellers and homeowners who had no plans to move. Without anticipating how significant our economic issues would become, many people became too dependent on extended credit.

Many homeowners found themselves trapped, owing more than their homes were worth (what we call "upside-down"). The declining values that kicked in around 2005 brought into play an additional level of difficulty. With about 10 to 12 Grosse Pointe single family homes selling per week and inventory levels in excess of 700, the only way to sell a home was to package it and price it so that it would stand out from the

competition.

Sellers who were upside-down couldn't compete without "Short Sale" assistance from their lender. A short sale occurs when the amount owed is greater than the value of a home. Some waited too long or couldn't get the help they needed and slipped off into foreclosure.

Those bank-owned homes and their wholesale pricing have suddenly become significant competition for traditional homeowners looking for retail prices. The numbers of wholesale priced homes — foreclosures and short sales — are unprecedented and are impacting retail values.

The financial crunch has affected all market segments across southeastern Michigan. Many business owners were

trapped by the economy and pulled equity out of their homes to keep their businesses afloat. Before they knew it, they too were trapped upside down and without funds to continue making payments.

Short sales and foreclosures have not been limited to lower priced homes. They have hit all areas and price segments.

Southeastern Michigan markets are typically seeing the painful "1-2-3" combination of rising inventory levels, declining unit sales and declining prices.

Grosse Pointe is a rare community that seems to have corrected two of those three areas of concern. Inventory levels in 2007 tied 2006 levels at 742 available single family homes. Inventory levels in 2008 will again be high, but will probably peak at a lower level than they have in the past two years.

For the first time in the past few years, the number of Grosse Pointe sales went up significantly, from 424 single family units in 2006 to 517 units in 2007.

The one area we still need to fix is declining values. While supply and demand are getting better, values will likely continue to decline until the local economy begins to recover.

After what we've been through with our local economy, it's actually remarkable that values have remained as stable as they have.

We all need to realize that real estate is like other markets where values move in both directions — they go up and they go down. We've been spoiled and a little blindsided by the degree to which our economy has flourished, but what's happened with our real estate market could have been far worse.

East Coast and West Coast

markets tend to be more volatile with extreme growth and extreme declines. Markets in southeastern Michigan tend to move more slowly.

We haven't seen the end yet, but it's important for both buyers and sellers to understand what's happening so that they can make good decisions.

This market presents terrific buying opportunities with a lot of inventory to choose from, great interest rates and motivated sellers.

Sellers need to understand what's happening in the market. Too many sellers are positioning their homes "in the middle of the pack" and chasing behind the declining market with their pricing.

In this market with declining values and where only 10 to 12 homes are selling in a given week, serious sellers need to position their homes ahead of the pack and ahead of the market curve. With only 10 buyers "pulling the trigger" in a given week and with 600 to 700 homes for them to choose from, and many of those bank-owned, it really takes a big impression to cause a buyer to select a specific home.

Homeowners who find themselves in financial trouble should be quick to seek help. By acting quickly to get in touch with their lender and a good Realtor who understands and can handle short sale situations, homeowners preserve options that they would otherwise miss.

Grosse Pointe is among just a few communities in southeastern Michigan to turn the corner with the supply/demand issue. Most areas are still experiencing growing inventories and declining unit volume.

Randy Repicky is the director of the Grosse Pointe Board of Realtors.



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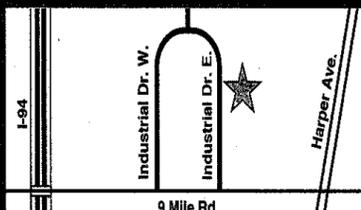
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GROSSE POINTE FARMS

Council ponders rental minimum again

By John Lundberg
Staff Writer

The Grosse Pointe Farms City Council once again took up the issue of enacting a minimal rental period in which a property owner may rent out a house.

During Monday's work session, council members debated the issue of protecting properties from transient renters versus "over-regulating" with a strict new ordinance.

"The big question is whether we want a new (revamped ordinance) that is three pages long or a one paragraph amendment to the current ordinance," said Councilman Louis Theros.

Several Farms residents pe-

tioned the city council in January to enact an ordinance to make renters in the city commit to a one year lease.

Elaine Hartmann of Kerby, improved the council to stop short-term rentals, saying it will "protect the welfare" of the city.

She said the Farms should have an ordinance like the Shores council enacted last December setting a minimum lease of one year.

"Grosse Pointe Farms is too beautiful of a community (to have property neglected by short-term renters)," she said.

In considering the issue, the Farms looked to the Shores ordinance as a guidepost. But the council also wants to provide latitude to property owners who have no choice but to

'The last thing I'm interested in is over-regulating this.'

JAMES FARQUHAR,
Grosse Pointe Farms Mayor

rent their homes in the current depressed economy.

"The last thing I'm interested in is over-regulating this," said Mayor Jim Farquhar.

Rental properties have proliferated in the Pointes recently due to the dismal housing market.

In December, responding to complaints over transient renters who produce a high turnover rate in rental properties, the Grosse Pointe Shores council extended the mini-

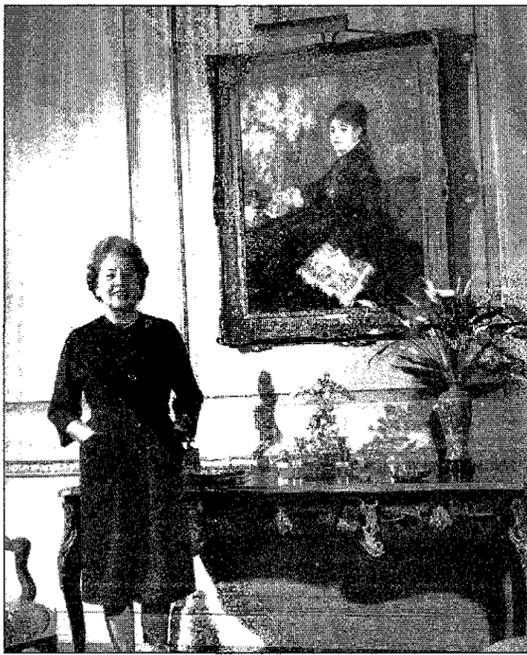
month rental period from one month to 12 months.

The planning commission recommended a six month period, but the council felt a stronger message needed to be sent to landlords and tenants and approved the 12 month minimum.

Linda Walton, Grosse Pointe Shores council member, voted against the Shores ordinance because she feared that property owners would be stuck with two homes because they could not sell their old house.

Hartmann cited a number of rentals that have occurred recently. In a letter she circulated, she said short-term rentals "will most certainly bring down property values."

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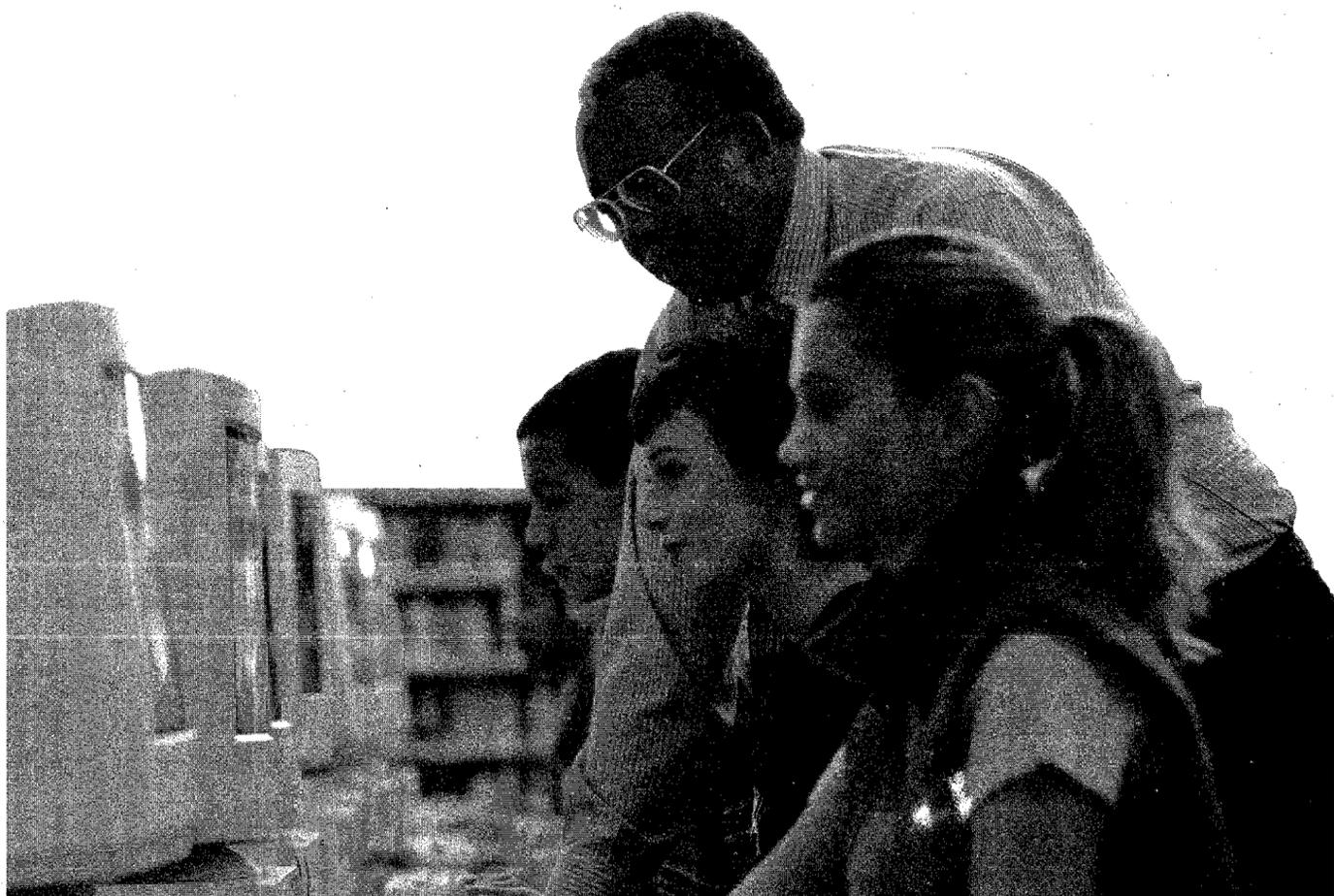
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GROSSE POINTE PARK

Keeping the street lights shining bright

By Beth Quinn
Staff Writer

Things will soon be looking brighter in some parts of the Grosse Pointes.

Detroit Edison will begin work to upgrade street lighting starting mid-March in Grosse Pointe Park.

The first phase of the project will begin along Jefferson between Wayburn and Westchester. Later in the month, crews will begin working on Jefferson between Balfour and Audubon, and in the area of Bishop and Grayton between Jefferson and Mack.

The areas were selected be-

cause they have experienced reoccurring outages in the last four years, said Park City Manager Dale Krajniak.

"We are very pleased and welcome this much needed upgrade," he said. "As a result, outages within these circuits will be significantly reduced and when a break does occur the timeliness of identifying the location will be reduced as well."

Detroit Edison plans to invest more than \$10 million over three years to improve the reliability of street lighting in the Grosse Pointes and other communities in southeast Michigan.

The street lighting work will

take place in other areas of the Grosse Pointes throughout the spring and summer after work is completed in the Park. The City is next in line with work tentatively scheduled for late spring, followed by the Farms and the Woods, respectively.

"Barring any delays due to bad weather, we anticipate the work will take between 30 to 40 days for each segment," said Len Singer of Detroit Edison's external relations department. "Work in the Grosse Pointes should be completed by late summer."

The company will be upgrading older street lights that are energized by a series of circuits that are similar to some

holiday lights — when one light goes out, others on the circuit can be affected.

The upgrades will ensure that when one street light goes out, the other lights on the circuit will continue working.

The work will consist of new ballasts, underground wiring and transformer replacement.

"The steps we are taking will greatly increase the reliability of the street lighting system and significantly reduce street light outages," said Ed Henderson, Detroit Edison's manager of community lighting. "We are working closely with local leaders to minimize disruptions to the community during this important project."

Prior to the work starting, door hangers will be left at area homes and businesses to notify them when work is being done, and signs will be posted on street lights that are affected by the upgrade work.

"Our goal is to provide street lighting service that is not only reliable, but is visibly attractive and adds to the safety of the area," Henderson said. "We appreciate the patience of the community while our crews work to improve the street lighting service."

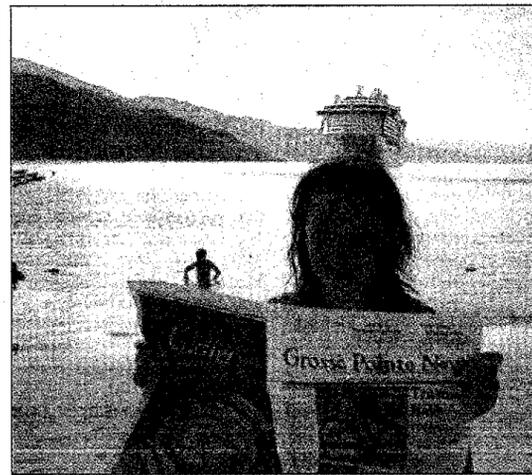
While power to the street lighting circuits will be turned off during the upgrade, electric service to homes and businesses will not be affected.

The work will be performed by Detroit Edison and contract crews. The signage on contractor vehicles will identify them as contractors for DTE Energy.

In addition to upgrading each circuit, the crews will also do maintenance work including replacing lights bulbs and covers as needed, Singer said. The street light poles will remain the same.

As work on each circuit is completed, the street lights will be turned on. Singer estimates work should be completed within 30 to 40 days in each area.

Residents will receive notification when work in their area is completed.



Haiti reader

Ivana Kakos of Grosse Pointe Farms read the Grosse Pointe News on the island of Haiti on Dec. 26, which was one of the stops on her Christmas cruise aboard the Liberty of the Seas, the largest cruise ship ever built. When you travel, take along a copy of the Grosse Pointe News and have a photo taken of yourself in front of a local landmark. Send the picture, along with a few words to: The Grosse Pointe News Reader, 96 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe Farms, MI 48236; or e-mail to editor@grossepointenews.com. Your picture will appear in an upcoming issue.

GROSSE POINTE WOODS

Mack construction back this summer

By Kathy Ryan
Staff Writer

It seems it wouldn't be summer if Mack Avenue wasn't under construction — and this summer will be no exception.

The Grosse Pointe Woods City Council approved a recommendation from its construction committee to fund the resurfacing of Mack from Cook to Vernier and Cook to Moross.

The project will begin in April and run most of the summer.

City officials expect disruption along Mack to be held to a minimum, since this is a resurfacing project not major construction like the work last summer on Mack north of Vernier.

"Mack will be down to one lane as the work is done, but it will not be closed completely," said Councilwoman Vicki

Granger, who chairs the construction committee. "We are also not doing any work on the medians or installing new turn lanes. It is a repaving project, not major construction."

The cost for the entire repaving project is \$3.39 million with the Vernier to Cook segment costing \$2.33 million and the Cook to Moross coming in at \$1.06 million. However, the actual cost to Grosse Pointe Woods will be \$320,000, or less than 10 percent of the total. Wayne County and federal grants will cover the majority of the costs.

"This may not be the best time for spending this money and we could delay it, but some of the funds from the federal government and Wayne County may not be

available next year," said Mayor Robert Novitke. "It makes sense to do the project now while the money is there."

Councilman Pete Waldmeir asked for assurances that there would not be a repeat of problems encountered last summer on the construction project north of Vernier.

Public Works Director Joe Ahee assured Waldmeir that the final contract would include penalties for delays in completing the project.

The city will be meeting with business owners along Mack to discuss the project before it begins, though a date has not been set.

Several other construction projects are also proposed for this summer, including water main replacement on Lochmoor from the Milk

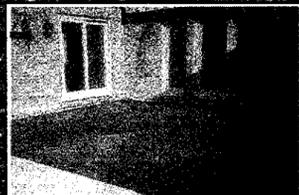
River to Wedgewood, according to Granger.

"The pipes were built in 1934 and they have had several breaks," said Granger. "We'll be increasing the size of the line from six inches to eight inches."

Also under consideration is the completion of concrete construction along N. Oxford and asphalt work on Brys from Mack to Helen. These projects have been referred to the city's finance committee for funding approval.

"I have been chair of the construction committee since 1997 and it's important people know that Grosse Pointe Woods has been extremely pro-active in attending to our city's infrastructure, especially water and sewer lines, sidewalks and streets," said Granger.

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OBITUARIES

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Catherine E. Abeli

Longtime Grosse Pointe Woods resident Catherine E. Abeli, 80, died peacefully in her home Wednesday, March 5, 2008.

She was born March 14, 1927 in Detroit to Edna and Ernest Bondy. She graduated from St. Martin's on the Lake and Wayne State University.

She was a member of the Grosse Pointe Rose Society, Grosse Pointe Women's Club and Our Lady Star of the Sea Alter Society.

She enjoyed playing euchre, crafting stained glass and cooking. Her grandchildren brought her great joy and she was very devoted to them.

Mrs. Abeli is survived by her husband of 58 years, John F. Abeli; daughters, Nancy D'Amore-Chase and Kathleen Szachta; sons, John, Daniel and Michael; 15 grandchildren; and one great-grandchild. She also is survived by her sister, Betty; and brother, Casper.

She was predeceased by her parents; sister, Marie; and brothers, Ernest and Joseph.

Funeral services were held at A.H. Peters Funeral Home, Grosse Pointe Woods followed by interment at Mt. Olivet Cemetery in Detroit.

Memorial donations may be made to Seasons Hospice, 27355 John R., Suite 100, Madison Heights, MI 48071 or The Capuchins, 1820 Mt. Elliott, Detroit, MI 48207.

Dell J. Bramble

St. Clair Shores resident Dell J. Bramble, 82, died Tuesday, March 4, 2008, at Beaumont Hospital, Grosse Pointe. Prior to moving to St. Clair Shores, Mr. Bramble lived for 20 years in Grosse Pointe Park and 20 years in Grosse Pointe Farms.

Mr. Bramble was born Sept. 6, 1925 in Eaton Rapids to Maggie and Carr Bramble. He served as a chief petty officer in the U.S. Navy during World War II.

In 1950, he received a Bachelor of Science degree from Tri-State University in Indiana. He moved to the Detroit area to work for Continental Motors Co. He retired from Scans Engineering in 1990.

Mr. Bramble enjoyed coin collecting and restoring vintage cars.

He is survived by his wife, Ruth Bramble; daughters, Dr. Rachel Bramble and Elizabeth (Jeffrey) Shetterly; son, Peter Bramble; grandchildren, Elaine Shetterly and Benjamin Shetterly; and great-grandchild, Kyle Shetterly.

He was predeceased by his parents; and his brother, Roy.

A memorial service was held March 8 at St. Michael's Episcopal Church, Grosse Pointe Woods.

Memorial donations may be made to St. Michael's Memorial Fund, 20475 Sunningdale, Grosse Pointe Woods, MI 48236.

Shirley M. Doetsch

Clinton Township resident Shirley M. Doetsch, 85, died Monday, March 10, 2008, at Mt. Clemens Regional Medical Center.

She was born May 12, 1922 in Detroit to Albert and Delia

Lassen and graduated from St. Catherine High School.

Mrs. Doetsch was a volunteer at Henry Ford Cottage Hospital and St. Joseph Hospital in Mt. Clemens. She was a member of Gowanie Golf Club and the Merry Go Rounds Dance Group.

She was very artistic and created oil paintings and clay sculptures. She was an avid bridge player and loved to travel.

Mrs. Doetsch is survived by her daughters, Julie (Paul) Gastelum and Lori Kosmas; sons, Thomas and Timothy; grandchildren, James (Gina) Cardasis, Daniel Cardasis, Karl Kosmas, Donald Kosmas, Zachary Kosmas and James Gastelum; and her sister-in-law, Florence Lassen.

She was predeceased by her husband Donald, in Sept. 2007; and her brother, William Lassen.

Visitation will be held from 2 to 9 p.m. Sunday, March 16 at A.H. Peters Funeral Home, 32000 Schoenherr, Warren. A funeral Mass will be celebrated at 11 a.m. Monday, March 17, at St. Michael Catholic Community, 40501 Hayes Rd., Sterling Heights. Interment will take place at Resurrection Cemetery, Clinton Township.

George Joseph Goodheart

Grosse Pointe Farms resident Dr. George Joseph Goodheart died peacefully at his home on Wednesday, March 5, 2008. He was 89.

Dr. Goodheart will be remembered for his many contributions to chiropractic medicine. His family said he had a holistic approach to health and medicine years ahead of his time.

After attending the University of Detroit and the National College of Chiropractic, he joined his father, Dr. George Goodheart Sr., practicing in downtown Detroit for more than 30 years before moving to an office in Grosse Pointe.

In 1964 he began a series of revolutionary observations about muscle function and health, which he introduced as Applied Kinesiology in a research manual. Progressive chiropractic physicians around the country recognized the groundbreaking nature of his work. They established the International College of Applied Kinesiology, which has grown to more than 600 members in the U.S. and 3,000 worldwide.

Dr. Goodheart and his wife, JoAnn, logged many miles traveling the world where he lectured to physicians, doctors of medicine, osteopaths, dentists and those committed to holistic healing.

He received many awards for contributions to his profession, but was most proud of his appointment to the U.S. Olympic Sports Medicine Committee as the first chiropractic physician. He served the U.S. Olympic team at the 1980 games in Lake Placid, N.Y.

Dr. Goodheart was featured in a 2001 TIME Magazine article, "Alternative Medicine Innovators, A New Breed of Healers."

His family said Dr. Goodheart's intuitive ability to "listen to the body" and prob-

lem-solve patient concerns with a kind, thoughtful demeanor contributed to the success of his practice. He was a consummate family doctor, who rarely tired of seeing patients.

Patients from far and wide sought his expertise including ballet dancer Mikhail Baryshnikov, Broadway stars Carol Channing, Imogene Coco, Lorna Luft, Yul Brenner, former Vice President Hubert Humphrey and oil magnet Adnan Khashoggi.

He treated clergy at no charge, and he sometimes received payment in the form of vegetables or prayers from those who were unable to pay. Dr. Goodheart often remarked that he couldn't believe he was paid for doing something he so loved.

Dr. Goodheart was a member of the U.S. Army Air Force during World War II. He was stationed in France and England and never tired of telling stories about his day as a bomber pilot. He was awarded the Bronze Star for inventing a bombing release mechanism.

His family said Dr. Goodheart will be remembered as a gentleman with unflappable optimism. He had a lifelong passion for tennis, and would remind opponents of his Detroit City Parks and Recreation championships. He was still skiing in the Alps at the age of 83.

His trademark Corvette and khaki suits made him recognizable throughout Grosse Pointe. He was a life member of the Grosse Pointe Hunt Club, Detroit Athletic Club and the Detroit Rotary.

He is survived by his wife, JoAnn (nee Dutts); daughters, Carroll (Dennis) Velle of Grand Rapids and Elizabeth Goodheart of Bend, Ore.; grandchildren, Ted Velle, Brian Goodheart and Chase Coyle; and in-laws, Joseph and Eileen Dutts.

He was predeceased by his first wife, Catherine; son, Mark; and sister, Shirley Metras.

Share a memory with the family at verheyden.org.

Charles F. Gutwald Sr.

Charles F. Gutwald Sr. died Saturday, March 8, 2008 at his home in Grosse Pointe Farms. He was 81.

Mr. Gutwald was born Sept. 26, 1926 in Pittsburgh, Penn. to Clement and Elizabeth Gutwald.

He served in the U.S. Navy in World War II and moved to the Detroit area after his discharge. He graduated from the University of Detroit in 1953 and became a certified public accountant. He worked for public accounting firms for many years and then moved to the corporate side. He retired in 1998 as the assistant treasurer of CenTra Inc., in Warren.

He was a member of the Michigan Association of Certified Public Accountants.

Mr. Gutwald was devoted to his children and grandchildren, supporting their sports, hobbies, and business ventures. He was a loyal and avid Notre Dame football fan.

He is survived by his beloved wife, Mary Ann; daughter, Barbara (Mike) Kostuk; sons, Charles Jr. (Janice), Thomas,



Catherine E. Abeli



Dell J. Bramble



Shirley M. Doetsch



George Joseph Goodheart



Charles F. Gutwald Sr.



George Demitrios Hanzakos

and Paul (Melissa); daughter-in-law, Lynn; grandchildren, Jennifer and Justin Gutwald, Kate (Richard) Babcock, Timothy, Christopher and Stephen Gutwald, Peter and Stephanie Kostuk, Taylor, Kate, Anne and Matthew Gutwald; and great-grandchild, Connor Babcock. He also is survived by his sister, Mary Margaret Klesius; and brother, Johnny Gutwald.

He was predeceased by his parents; and his son, Mark.

Visitation will be held from 2 to 9 p.m., with a rosary at 7 p.m., Friday, March 11 at Chas. Verheyden Funeral Home, 16300 Mack Ave., Grosse Pointe Park.

A funeral Mass will be celebrated at noon Saturday, March 15 at St. Paul on the Lake Catholic Church, 157 Lakeshore Rd., Grosse Pointe Farms. Interment will follow at the church.

Memorial donations may be made to the Carmelite Nuns, 7201 West 32nd Street, Little Rock, AR 72204-4716.

George Demitrios Hanzakos

Grosse Pointe Woods resident George Demitrios Hanzakos, 89, died Friday, March 7, 2008.

Mr. Hanzakos was the owner of Ham Heaven Sandwich Shop in downtown Detroit. The 80-seat eatery was one of Detroit's lunch hot spots.

Serving hundreds of celebrities, judges, law students, city workers and business people from throughout the downtown area, Ham Heaven treated customers as family and hosts George and Athena Hanzakos greeted patrons at the door with a slice of ham "to spark the appetite" and a menu laden with ham specialties including stacked ham on a Kaiser roll with a slice on top, mouth watering omelets, ham salad, piggy hot cakes, and a crowd favorite, heavenly hash. Bean and pea soup with a dollop of ham were regular fare.

Mr. Hanzakos reigned over the confusion with his unique brand of wisdom and wit. His engaging half grin greeted his customers as guests. He always counseled, "Never skimp on portions, people are willing to pay for quality, use the best ingredients and you can't go wrong."

His roots were from Sparta, Greece and after a 37-year absence, Ham Heaven made it

possible for him to visit his beloved village, Paleopanagia. With some trepidation for a loss of business, he closed the restaurant for a month and thanked customers for buying his ham bones throughout the years since these sales had financed the trip. His fears were assuaged upon his return, when lines formed to get a seat or carry out.

Mr. Hanzakos was a gentle man, who loved his church and family. He could always be found in the kitchen preparing dinners for Sts. Constantine and Helen Greek Orthodox Church fundraisers.

The Hanzakos home also became the headquarters for the Greek American youth who visited the family's Rosedale Park home monthly to share in Ham Heaven's abundance.

At a recent reunion, they were overwhelmed by the stories shared by each guest offering their own unique perspective on the family's generous nature.

Mr. Hanzakos retired from Ham Heaven in 1986.

The years were generous to Mr. Hanzakos and his wife whose 62-year marriage saw trips to Greece, London, Costa Del Sol, and several cruises and trips to Martha's Vineyard, New York City, and Key West, Fla.

The highlight of his dreams, however, was when he visited his beloved sovereign, King Constantine of Greece, in London during a trip in 1983. Leaving London he toured France, Italy, Romania and Greece.

Mr. Hanzakos was active in the Assumption Greek Orthodox Senior Citizens Organization and exercise classes, as well as greeting those visiting the sanctuary on Friday afternoons, when his wife could be found polishing every pew and handle.

They were members of American Hellenic Educational Progressive Association and attended the organization's yearly conventions.

Mr. Hanzakos is survived by his beloved wife, Athena; daughters Elena (Apostolos) Kersasiotis and Kathy (Paul) Domitrovich; and grandchildren Yorg (Jennifer), Michael and Demetri. He also is survived by his sister-in-law, Harriet Hanzakos.

A memorial service was held March 11 with burial in Evergreen Memorial Park, Leamington, Ontario, surrounded by those who prede-

ceased him: his beloved sister and brother-in-law, Mary and Bill Konduros, brother, Le. Hanzakos, Tom Konduros, Pearl and George Christopher and cousin, Emily McIntyre.

Memorial donations may be made to the Assumption Senior Citizens Organization, 21800 Marter Rd., St. Clair Shores, MI 48080 or District #10 AHEPA Educational Foundation, c/o Mr. Milton Gust, 1628 Crimmon Dr., Troy, MI 48063-5535.

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Anthony "Tony" Palmisano

Grosse Pointe Farms resident Anthony "Tony" Palmisano, 79, died Tuesday, March 4, 2008.

He was born Jan. 18, 1929 in New Rochelle, N.Y. to Anthony Palmisano and Muriel Wettagren Palmisano.

During World War II, his family moved to New Jersey where his father worked in an aircraft plant and he helped with the war effort program "bundles for children."

Moving back to New York City, he attended Pace College and received a Bachelor of Business Administration degree. He then served his country from 1951 to 1953 as a supply sergeant in the U.S. Army in Ansbach, Germany. Upon returning to the U.S., he attended Columbia University, receiving a master's degree from the school of business.

Brown Forman Distillers Co. invited Mr. Palmisano to their executive training program. It was in Louisville, Ky. where he and his wife, Betty, raised their five children. He enjoyed all animals, and bred and showed Great Danes and boxers.

Mr. Palmisano was responsible for adding Louisville to the Dixie Steeple Chase Circuit with the sponsorship of "Rebel Yell" bourbon for the race known as the "Hard Scuffle."

A creative marketing executive for beverage distillers, Mr. Palmisano's favorite statement when people asked what his job was, "my business is your pleasure."

He served as executive vice president and partner of DePerri, Inc. in White Plains, N.Y. an advertising and sales promotion agency for beverage, packaged goods, automotive, financial service and travel industries. His last corporate job was as director of marketing services for the U.S. sales and marketing subsidiary of Hiram Walker Inc.

After retiring from corporate life, he continued to market beverages for Tiffield Importers, a division of L&L Wine World.

At the Detroit Athletic Club, Mr. Palmisano was known as a "super sub bowler" and won awards for his teams. The camaraderie of the club enriched his life. Golf was his favorite game and he spent many years at the Detroit Golf Club.

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Mr. Palmisano was a lover of the arts. He shared tickets to the Grosse Pointe Theatre and the productions of the Grosse Pointe South Choir, Fisher Theatre and many others. Music was important in his life. As a youth he performed in amateur theater and in the days of piano bars, he had his own stool.

Cooking, gardening, travel, dancing, napping in the sun, entertaining, business and politics were his interests. His family and friends said he was always a gentleman with a great sense of humor.

Mr. Palmisano was a deacon at the Grosse Pointe Memorial Church. He was a member of the National Italian American Foundation and worked on the foundation's scholarship program.

Mr. Palmisano spent the last 10 years working with environmental products and those designed to enhance vehicle fuel efficiency. Finally, Mr. Palmisano worked with Prescription Drug Assistance, an organization which helps low income individuals save money on their prescriptions.

Mr. Palmisano is survived by his children, Susan (Michael) Smith, Andrea (Richard) Spencer and Stephen Palmisano; two grandchildren, and his longtime companion, Cheryl Meyer of Grosse Pointe Park and Traverse City.

He was predeceased by his wife, Betty; and children, Linda and Michael.

Memorial services will be held at 2 p.m. Friday, March 14, 2008 at Grosse Pointe Memorial Church, 16 Lakeshore Drive, Grosse Pointe Farms.

Memorial donations may be made to the Grosse Pointe Memorial Church, 16 Lakeshore Drive, Grosse Pointe Farms, MI 48236 or St. John Health Foundation, Van Elslander Needy Patient Fund or Valade Healing Arts Center, 19229 Mack Ave., Grosse Pointe Woods, MI 48236.

Winfrey "Wink" Maclin Qualls

Former longtime Grosse Pointe Shores resident Winfrey "Wink" Maclin Qualls, 92, died peacefully Thursday, Feb. 28, 2008 at his son's home in Fraser.

He was born April 30, 1915 in Martin, Tenn. to John and Elsie Qualls. He moved to the Detroit area at 18, never leaving his birth state far behind.

He was proud of his Tennessee roots and through the years eagerly looked forward to trips "back home." His family said those car trips soothed his soul. He married Margaret Louise Modlin Aug. 3, 1941 in Angola, Ind.

Mr. Qualls was a self-made man. His first job was as an usher at the Fox Theatre in Detroit. He then began a career with Western Auto Transports and managed its Detroit Terminal for many years.

He worked an insurance business in the evenings and later became a partner in a building company, Marco Homes. He built many homes in the Warren area in the 1950s and 60s, as well as commercial and professional buildings. Mr. Qualls never really retired, remaining active into his 80s.

His family said Mr. Qualls believed a man should be diversified and not have all his eggs in one basket.

Mr. Qualls was proud to be a Shriner and a member of Acacia Lodge. He was a lifelong member of Grosse Pointe Woods Presbyterian Church.

He had a lifelong love of flowers and gardening, where he found joy and relaxation. His rose garden was visited by many and he loved to give tours.

He enjoyed living by Lake St. Clair and could often be found watching the lake and the sun set and moon rise. He missed the lake tremendously when he moved from his Grosse Pointe Shores home.

Mr. Qualls also enjoyed Sunday barbecues with his family. He could always be found at the grill with a big smile on his face. Faith, family and friends were the cornerstones of his life.

His family said that he was a kind, nurturing man. A true

"southern" gentleman and the wind beneath all of their wings. He gave them a lifetime of precious memories and was an inspiration always. The gift of his life and all whom he touched will be warmly treasured in their hearts.

Mr. Qualls is survived by his loving children, Sharon (Robert) Tyrrell and Thomas (Deborah) Qualls; his grandchildren, Mark (Robin), Margie (Jeff) Valenti, Bob, Todd and Laurie; great-grandchildren, Michael, Sarah, Miranda and Ella. He also is survived by his brother, Frank (Eunice).

He was predeceased by his beloved wife of 61 years, Margaret; son, Gary; and 11 siblings.

Memorial contributions may be made to St. John Hospice, 37650 Garfield Rd., Clinton Twp., MI 48036.

Anita Spina

Grosse Pointe Shores resident Anita Spina passed away gracefully in her 92nd year on Thursday, March 6, 2008, after a wonderful life. Her family referred to her as the world's best wife, precious mother and fabulous nonna.

She was born July 10, 1915 in Cosenza, Italy to Alfonso and Adelina Ammerata. At 13 she joined her family in Canada. She graduated from high school in North Bay, Ontario. She married, Guisepppe, the man of her dreams, and they moved to Detroit to start a family.

Active and driving into her 90s, Mrs. Spina never missed volunteering at the St. Clair Shores Senior Center, where she taught knitting classes and greeted everyone she met with her warm, gracious smiles.

Her beautiful needlework



Anthony "Tony" Palmisano



Winfrey "Wink" Qualls



Anita Spina

was appreciated by many charitable groups. She made baptismal bibs for Our Lady Star of the Sea Catholic Church, lap blankets for hospices, clothes for Goodwill Christmas dolls, and many other beautiful projects too numerous to name.

She enjoyed knitting, cooking, sewing, gardening, and bicycle riding. She never missed her great-grandchildren's games, concerts, plays and practices. She also was a member of the Red Hat Society and Buxom Belles.

Mrs. Spina's family and friends will remember her for her faith, kindness, determination and hard work.

She is survived by her daughter, Joan Retford; grandchildren, Anita Retford Barger, Pamela Retford Faber, Mary Anita, Patti Ann, Ann Marie and Gabriella; great-grandchildren Michael Barger Jr., Christopher Barger, Amy Barger, Andrew and Skippy Faber and eight others.

She was predeceased by her husband, Guisepppe; son, Gabriel; and grandson, Joseph.

A funeral Mass was celebrated at St. Paul on the Lake Catholic Church in Grosse Pointe Farms, followed by interment at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery in Southfield.

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Jane Walerych

Jane Walerych, 90, died Saturday, March 8, 2008. She was a longtime resident of the City of Grosse Pointe.

Mrs. Walerych is survived by her children, Wayne (Roberta) and Cordell; and grandchildren, Jon and Jill. She was predeceased by her husband, Harry.

A memorial service will be held at a later date.

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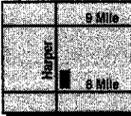
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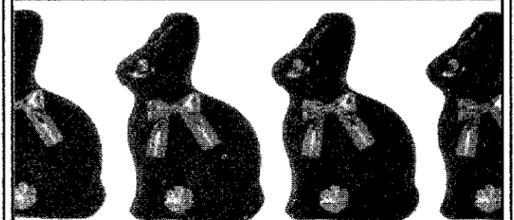
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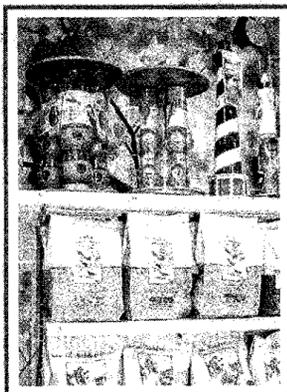
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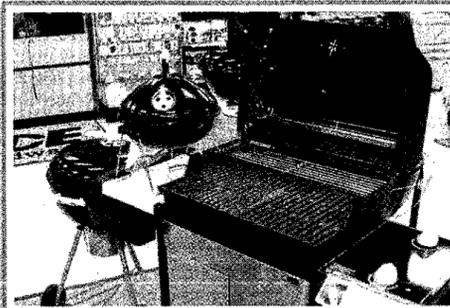
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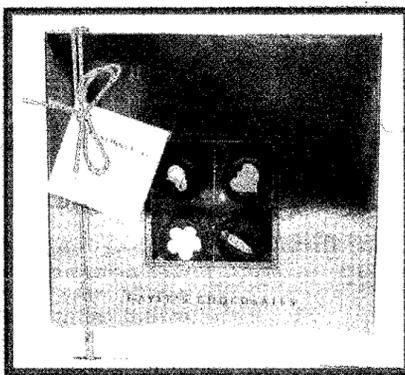
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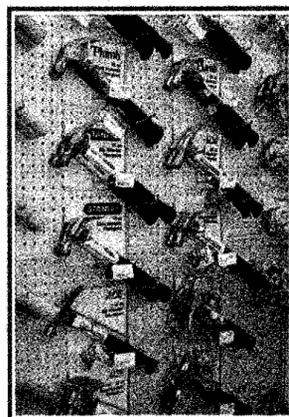
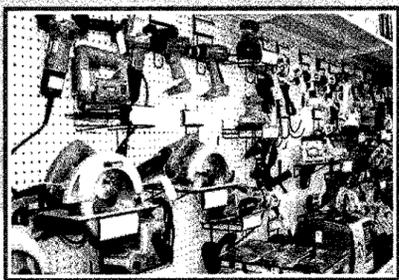
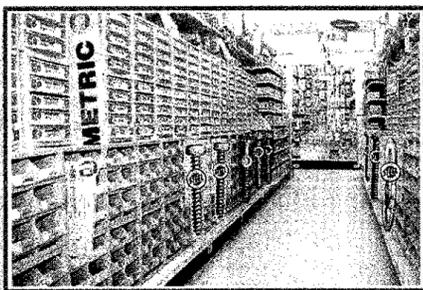
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Grosse Pointe Farms

Joy ride

Police detained a 14-year-old Grosse Pointe Park male who took a vehicle without permission belonging to another Grosse Pointe South High School student at 3:24 p.m. Friday, March 7.

Police found the vehicle parked in a lot on Fisher with the youth and two companions inside.

Warrant arrest

Police arrested a 24-year-old Detroit man wanted on a felony warrant at 1:26 p.m. Thursday, March 6.

Police detained the man after receiving a report that he attempted to enter a vehicle near Mack. A Law Enforcement Information Network (LEIN) check revealed a warrant was issued out of Detroit.

Defective

A 36-year-old Detroit woman was arrested following a traffic stop on Moross at 10:23 p.m.

Monday, March 3.

Police stopped the vehicle for defective equipment. A LEIN check revealed she had a suspended driver's license and was wanted on a Macomb County warrant. She was held for pickup.

Two for one

Police arrested a 22-year-old Detroit man and woman following a traffic stop on Kerby at 9:46 p.m. Sunday, March 2.

Police stopped the vehicle for having an expired license plate. A LEIN check on both the driver and passenger revealed both were wanted on warrants. They were held for pickup and their vehicle was impounded.

Bad money

Police are investigating the passing of a counterfeit \$10 bill at a store in the 18000 block of Mack reported at 4:22 p.m. Sunday, March 2.

Police said four men entered the store and paid for a bottle of liquor with the phony currency. The men exited the store before the money was identified as being counterfeit.

Caught

Police arrested two Detroit males, ages 19 and 23, for possession of a stolen vehicle following a traffic stop on Mack at 2:46 a.m. Sunday, March 2.

Police stopped the vehicle after a LEIN check of its license plate revealed it had been reported stolen out of Grosse Pointe Woods.

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

Grosse Pointe Shores

On and off

An 84-year-old Detroit man was arrested following a traffic stop on Lakeshore at 10:10 p.m. Friday, March 7.

Police stopped the vehicle after observing its headlights flashing on and off. Police said the vehicle also was driven erratically. A Law Enforcement Information (LEIN) check revealed the driver had a suspended driver's license.

Traffic arrest

Police arrested a 31-year-old Harper Woods woman following a traffic stop on Lakeshore at 8:01 a.m. Friday, March 7.

Police stopped the vehicle for speeding. A LEIN check revealed the driver had a suspended driver's license.

Going hunting?

Police are investigating the theft of a radar detector and hunting clothing from a vehicle parked in a driveway of a home on Stratton Place reported at 8:02 a.m. Monday, March 3.

Police said the suspect(s) gained entry by breaking the

driver's side window.

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

Grosse Pointe Park

Tahoe theft

Police are investigating the theft of a 2007 Chevrolet Tahoe parked in a driveway in the 600 block of Pemberton, which occurred overnight Sunday, March 2.

Within minutes, officers checking the area recovered the vehicle in the 200 block of Phillip.

Glasses recovered

At 2:25 p.m. Tuesday, March 4, police officers responded to a call from Henry Ford Eye Care, where a male and a female stole 12 pair of eye glass frames and fled in a tan pickup truck.

A witness obtained the license plate number. The vehicle was located in the 9400 block of Phillip, where a 29-year-old female was arrested and the glasses were recovered.

— Beth Quinn
Those with information on these or any crimes should call the Grosse Pointe Park police department at (313) 822-7400.

Grosse Pointe Woods

Tires stolen

A Sunningdale resident was surprised to find her 2005 Chevy Malibu up on blocks and all four tires missing, when she left her house the morning of Monday, March 3.

She had parked the car on the street at 10 p.m. the night before and said she had not heard any suspicious noises during the night.

Car break-in

A woman leaving choir practice at a church on Mack at 8:15 p.m. Thursday, March 6, discovered her car window had been smashed and her radar detector stolen.

Police remind residents not to leave valuables visible in cars.

No refund

An angry customer threatened to assault a clerk at an electronics store on Mack Avenue at 2 p.m. Wednesday, March 5.

The customer called the store to request a refund on an item she purchased several weeks ago.

When the clerk informed the caller she could not provide a refund without a receipt, the customer became verbally abusive and threatened to assault the clerk if her money was not returned.

Police said they should be notified if she returns.

Identity theft

A Blairmoor Court resident advised police that on Tuesday, March 3, someone tried to open

a credit card in her name.

The woman said a credit card company called for information regarding an application for a credit card that had been filed in her name.

She told the company she had not applied for a card, but that her husband had done so through a major retailer. Her name was not to be on the account.

Police believe someone from that retailer had taken information from her husband's application and applied for a card in the wife's name.

The retailer and the credit card company are investigating.

— Kathy Ryan

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

Police nab suspects, recover stolen vehicles

By Beth Quinn
Staff Writer

Wayne County's Arresting Car Thieves In Our Neighborhoods (ACTION) team got more than they bargained for when they made a deal to purchase a vehicle from a suspected car thief.

When undercover deputies met with Keith Holliday, 17, of Detroit, to buy a 2002 Hyundai Sonata for \$300, they soon discovered the car, as well as a 2006 Dodge Magnum that the suspect's two associates arrived in, had been reported stolen in armed carjackings during the past week in Detroit, said Wayne County Sheriff Warren C. Evans.

Holliday also matches the description given to Detroit police of the suspect in the March 3 carjacking of the Magnum. The Hyundai was reported stolen on March 1, also out of Detroit.

"It's great to recover stolen vehicles, but it's far better to find the suspect with the vehicle and it appears we may have been lucky enough to do that in this case," Evans said. "It's because of solid investigations like this one that the ACTION team has been successful in reducing auto theft complaints by more than 20 percent on the county's east side."

According to Evans, his investigators received an anonymous tip through Help Eliminate Auto Theft about Holliday and were able to make contact with him for the

purchase of the stolen Sonata. Holliday met the officers at approximately 1 p.m. Thursday, March 6, outside a business in Grosse Pointe and exchanged the keys to the vehicle for \$300.

As arresting officers moved in, Holliday and his two associates, ages 15 and 24, both of Detroit, fled, but were all apprehended after a brief foot chase. Assisting in the arrest were officers from the cities of Grosse Pointe and Grosse Pointe Park.

"Our road patrol officers often assist the ACTION team," said John Schulte, Grosse Pointe Park's deputy director of public safety. "This time they assisted in the containment and arrests of the suspects."

After making the arrests, the officers ran checks on the two vehicles, at which time they learned they both had been reported stolen at gunpoint in the past week.

Holliday was arraigned Monday, March 10, in Grosse Pointe court on charges of possession of a stolen motor vehicle and an attempt to pass a false title. He may face additional charges in Detroit in connection with at least one of the carjackings, Evans said.

Holliday is being held at the Wayne County Jail on \$100,000 cash bond.

The ACTION team consists of four sheriff's deputies, two Grosse Pointe Park officers and one officer from Harper Woods.

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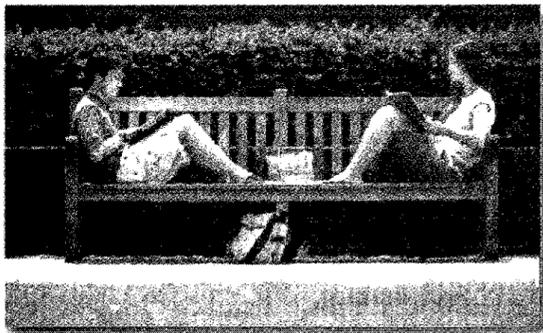
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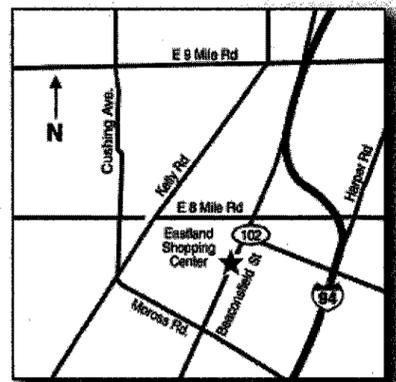
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Land Rover LRX hybrid concept

Land Rover unveiled a vision of its future at the North American International Auto Show with the world debut of the LRX hybrid concept.

The LRX is a bold evolution of Land Rover design that indicates the brand's progressive shift into new areas of the market, while remaining true to its core values.

As the company prepares to celebrate its 60th anniversary, the three-door LRX with its more compact size, lighter weight and sustainability-focused technologies, clearly addresses the needs of a changing world and offers the potential of 120 g/km CO₂ emissions.

LRX is a cross-coupe and dramatically extends the scope of what Land Rover represents. The first all-new Land Rover revealed since Gerry McGovern became the company's design director, LRX is a natural extension of the Land Rover range, complementing the existing models and helping to define a new segment.

"The LRX concept delivers the powerful message that we are as serious about sustainability as we are confident about the continuing relevance and desirability of our vehicles," says Phil Popham, Land Rover's managing director. "LRX is in every respect a Land Rover, but it's a very different Land Rover. At this stage, LRX is purely a concept, designed to help us develop our thinking as well as gauge customer reac-

tion — but this feels like a hugely exciting direction to take."

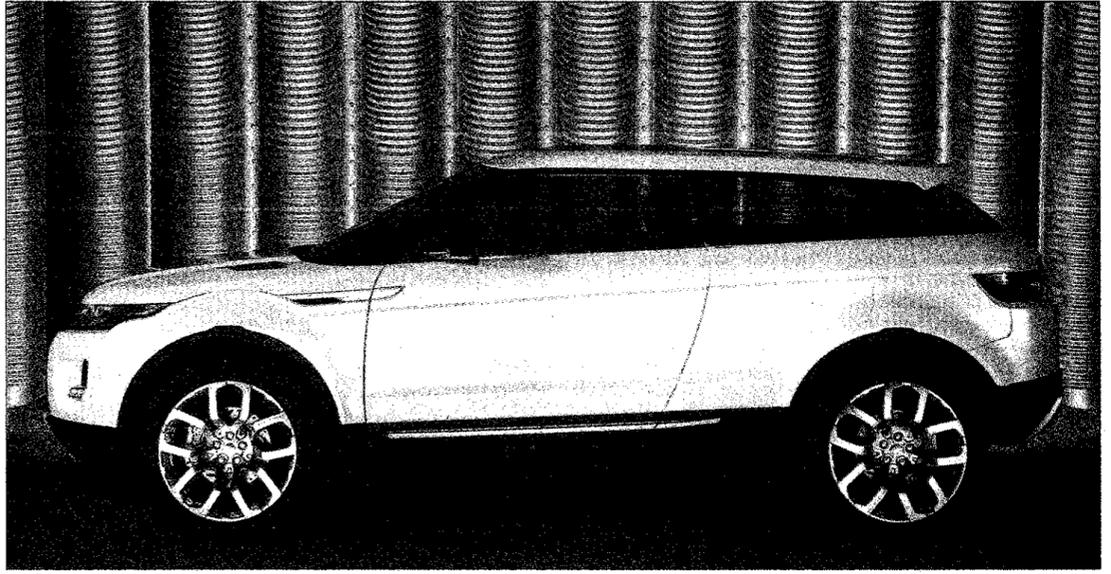
LRX is conceived as powered by a 2.0-liter, turbodiesel engine, capable of running on bio-diesel fuel. In combination with other Land Rover technologies, this powertrain could reduce fuel consumption by as much as 30 percent compared with other SUVs of comparable size, as well as reduce emissions.

The concept's integrated Electric Rear Axle Drive would allow LRX to use electric drive alone at lower speeds while retaining full sport utility ability in tough conditions. Land Rover's unique solution retains mechanical drive to all four wheels.

Off-road, the ERAD would provide additional torque only when it is needed, and with maximum electrical torque from standstill, this solution offers even better low speed control and enhanced pull away on difficult surfaces.

On the road, the ERAD would allow low-speed traffic creep up to 20 mph on electric power alone, with the Integrated Starter-Generator function restarting the engine automatically when needed. The electric drive would then continue to assist the mechanical drive until the engine is running in its most efficient range.

The ISG would also stop the engine automatically when the



Land Rover LRX Hybrid Concept

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vehicle halts in traffic, so the engine does not idle needlessly, and restart it quickly and smoothly as required.

LRX also incorporates Hill Descent Control and Land Rover's acclaimed and user-friendly Terrain Response system. In the LRX, Terrain Response adds a special "Eco" mode, for optimal economy, to the standard modes found on all other Land Rover vehicles.

The design of LRX was developed entirely in-house by McGovern's team, driven by a

passion to create a vehicle that truly represents Land Rover's future thinking. Inside, LRX's distinctive seats "float" on individual plinths and have open frameworks to reinforce the impression of light, airy interior space — while also creating useful under-seat and under-floor storage areas.

To reduce overall vehicle weight, the glass for the side windows and roof were replaced with polycarbonate from SABIC Innovative Plastics, which is around 40

percent lighter, yet still strong and scratch resistant.

Even the choice of premium-quality trim materials reflects Land Rover's deep thinking about sustainability, with vegetable-tanned leather; extensive use of aluminum and carpeting made of felt from sustainable sources. And the luxurious, vanilla-colored "fine suede" on the door inserts and headliner is a 100 percent recycled material made from used plastic bottles and fibers.

"We are determined to make

sustainability a key element in our future product design and the way we do business, while still creating vehicles that have a strong emotional appeal as well as fulfilling people's practical needs," says Popham. "No single technology delivers all the answers to whole-life sustainability, but the LRX concept brings together some of the ideas for the future that interest us, integrating them into a car that we believe represents an exciting way forward for Land Rover."

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AUTOS By Jenny King

The Grand National Roadster Show in Pomona, Calif. is a celebration of the best of the past from the Motor City. Highlights included the 1932 Ford Roadster named America's most beautiful roadster.

'Grand' best describes hot rod show



Mercury. There was Tony Aguilar's '36 Ford coupe, "The Rose," with its pinker-than-pink paint. Like Aguilar, Marty Deushane somehow qualified for an outdoor spot in one of the many sunny courtyards weaving around the seven permanent buildings. Deushane had his '67 El Camino there with its 427-inch engine. Deushane was explaining to visitors the intricacies of the flames on the Chevy's hood. He had placed a "must sell" sign on the vehicle.

Welcome to the 59th annual Grand National Roadster Show.

With a backdrop of snow-capped San Bernardino Mountains and a canopy of bright-blue sky, how could this established hot rod show be anything other than grand?

Set at the sprawling Fairplex grounds and show sites in Pomona, Calif., east of Los Angeles, the Grand National Roadster Show comprises vehicles and paint jobs that truly stretch the imagination.

The event has the advantage of the use of seven permanent buildings plus surrounding walkways and courtyards that, in the southern California sunshine, provided perfect display areas for vehicles, vendors and invited musicians.

Car lovers of all ages, though weighted toward men over the age of 55, were admiring the work of do-it-yourselfers and the many custom shops that inhabit southern California.

There were toddlers in strollers and young women in impossible 4-inch high heels. There were guys with pierced lips and full neck tattoos and at least one woman wearing a strawberry-Jell-O-colored wig.

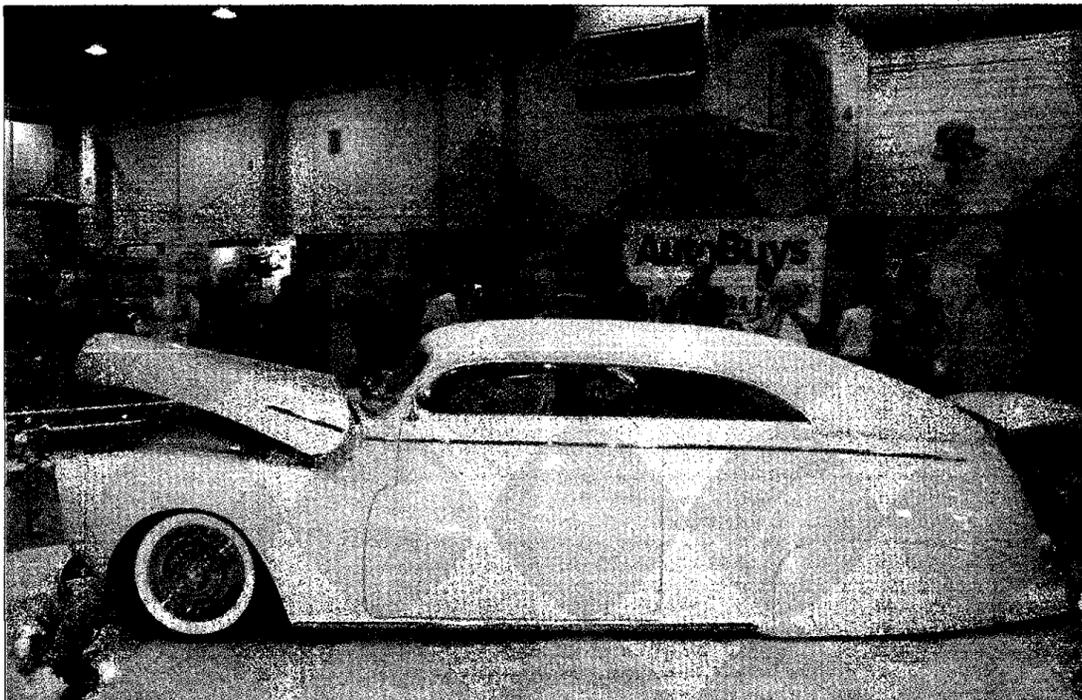
Then there were the cars. To wit, a '49 Chevrolet Styleline masquerading as a same-year

Jim Kitchen's white '54 Plymouth Plaza was surely one of the more unusual models at the Fairplex. Kitchen had decorated the tops of the windows with strings of white pompons, like those used around kitchen and bathroom windows of that era. Under the Plaza's modest hood was a not-so-modest Chrysler 354 Hemi engine.

In one of the buildings and just across from a fragrant popcorn stand, the Zocchis' mauve '61 Oldsmobile Super 88 hugged the ground. "Looks like a Mary Kay car," said a passerby, referring to the pink cars associated with the cosmetics purveyor.

Joe Moeno's ground-hugging baby-blue 1941 Ford Custom with white convertible top certainly was a contender for best paint job in the show. But there were dozens of serious competitors in that sector, including the 1939 blue Chevrolet Master Deluxe sedan entered by Joe Epstein of Montebello.

Most of the cars on the road in southern California came from makers other than the "Detroit 3." But customizers,



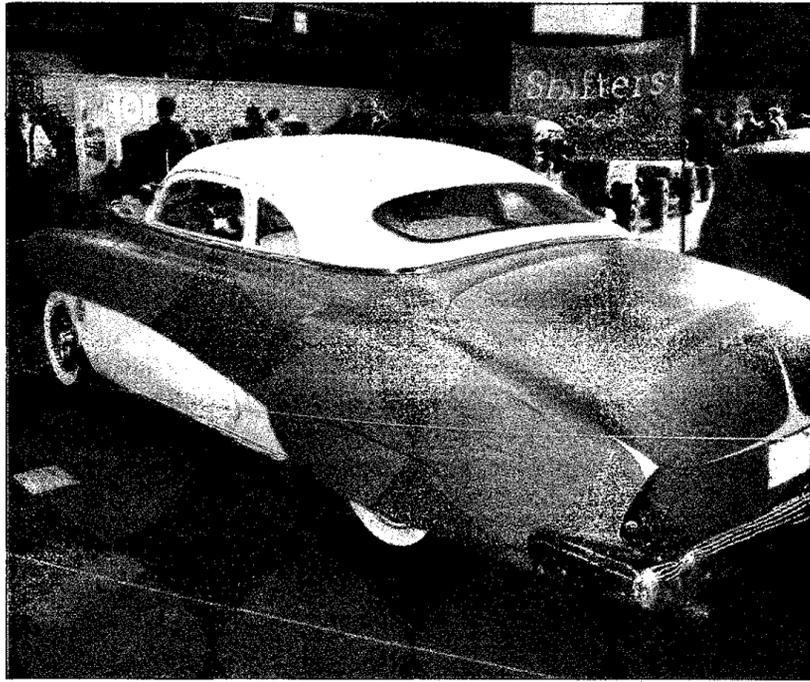
This blue and white, low-riding 1941 Ford custom coupe was among the beautiful hot rods at this year's Grand National. It was exhibited by Joe Moeno of Phelan, Calif.

collectors and enthusiasts who just enjoy looking at the cars and trucks obviously are enchanted with products that were designed, engineered and/or built in Michigan.

While it might sound awfully good in the face of snow piles, it's not necessary to travel to California to enjoy great hot rods and other custom vehicles. Autorama at Cobo Hall allows us to see what our neighbors have been concocting in their closed, heated garages over the past several months.



David Aguilar of Chula Vista, Calif., brought his 1935 Plymouth five-window coupe to the Pomona show.



This 1949 Chevrolet Styleline belongs to Dale Van Zant of Valley Center, Calif.



This pickup truck wasn't invited to participate in the hot rod show, but it will get a lot of attention here in the parking lot as thousands enter and leave the 59th annual exhibit.

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AUTOS By Jenny King

The 2008 Taurus X Limited is a crossover delivering comfort and utility with top-of-the-line luxury. Features include leather-trimmed first and second row seats and third row split bench seat.

Family gives Taurus X the thumbs up



A young family of four in Scottsdale, Ariz., found the 2008 Taurus X very much to their liking.

Mom loved the ease of putting groceries in the rear section, which is lower than its liftover lip and thereby, with some added help from cargo nets, keeps sacks from tipping over and sharing their contents with the entire area.

Mom also liked the attention she was getting from other drivers who were checking her and the copper brown six-seater over.

Visibility, she added, was excellent; it's a necessity here in a thriving metropolitan area where it seems every family owns at least one full size pickup or SUV and few drivers heed speed limits.

There's an exception in Scottsdale, however, where the city has installed nine stationary cameras that will take your picture if you are speeding and, in some intersections, if you are running a red light. The municipality will mail you the photo of your car and its driver — one you aren't likely to include with next year's Christmas cards — along with a bill for your misdeed. But that's another story.

The 5-year-old was thrilled to finally ride in what she called a

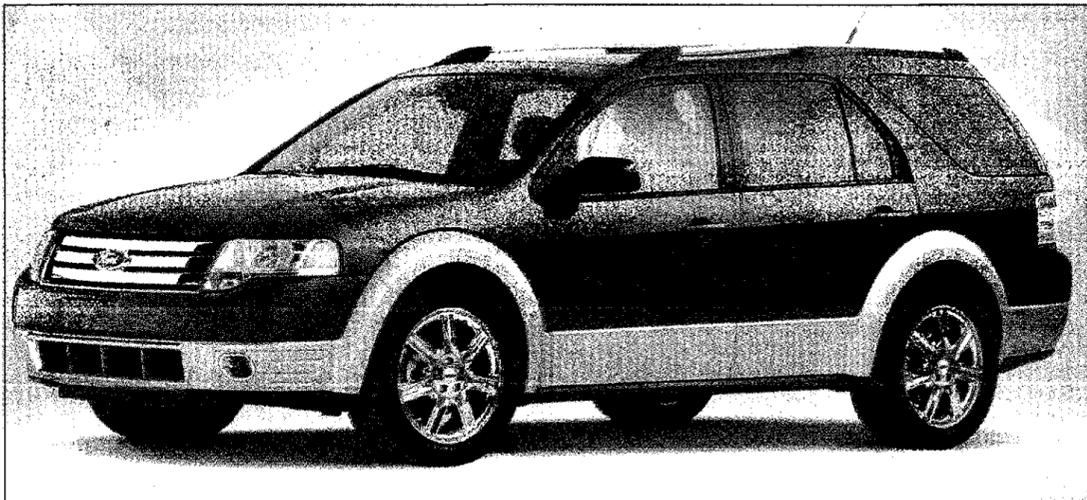
"movie car." The Taurus X included a DVD player which is controlled by the information screen on the front instrument panel. We had more success than anticipated with it, but for the last few trips were only able to bring in the (tiresome) voices of Clifford, The Big Red Dog, and his cartoon playmates.

The 2008 Taurus X is an updated version of Ford's earlier Freestyle family vehicle. The Taurus X can be ordered with seating for up to seven. The review vehicle featured the standard front bucket seats with a heating package which feels good on the 40 degree desert mornings; two second-row seats separated by a handy console for storage and drinks, and two third row seats that could fold flat separately.

Our test vehicle, a 2008 Limited with front drive and the standard 3.5-liter V-6 that is widely used in the Ford family of cars and trucks, had a base price of \$30,335. That included 18-inch aluminum wheels, power heated outside mirrors with a memory function for a couple of programmed driver positions, a six-CD player, an eight-way power driver's seat and antilock brakes.

Security features in this model included a reverse-sensing system, front seat side air bags, air curtains on both sides and a perimeter alarm.

Options were running about \$5,000, with the most costly being the navigation system (\$1,995). Chrome spoke wheels were close to \$700. Those attractive second row bucket seats and a power liftgate,



This crossover vehicle from Ford — the 2008 Taurus X — turned heads even in Phoenix, where new, clean and stylish vehicles abound.

which can be very handy when you are stowing a stroller or a carton of furniture parts, comprise the "limited ultimate package" and will set you back \$825.

In spite of generational differences in taste, we all agreed the Taurus X is a bit more user-friendly than some of today's other crossover vehicles. The visibility is superior and it is less ponderous on the road. Granted, it's not as trendy as more recently designed competitors, but we thought it didn't look too different from Cadillac's popular, upscale SRX.

It's posted fuel economy numbers are 16 miles per gallon on average for city driving, and 24 mpg on the highway.

Keep teen drivers safe

Getting the keys to the family car — or better still, a car of their own — can be one of the biggest things in the lives of most teenagers. For their parents, however, it can be a source of worry.

There are many things parents of teen drivers can do to improve their teens' safety behind the wheel.

"Parents can have a tremendous impact on their teens' safety," said Robert L. Darbelnet, president and CEO of AAA.

AAA has created a list of 10 things parents can do to help keep teen drivers safe:

- ◆ Know and understand your teen. Not all teens are ready to drive at the same age. Teenagers mature, develop emotionally and become responsible at varying rates, which parents need to gauge as they determine when their teen is ready to drive.

- ◆ Be a positive and responsible role model. Teenagers learn from their parents' behavior. Research has found that, when using collisions and traffic tickets as criteria, parents of teens involved in crashes were more likely to have poor driving records than parents of collision-free teens.

- ◆ Choose a quality driving school. Driving is a risky activity for teens and warrants professional instruction. Driving schools that feature cutting-edge curriculums, high degrees of interaction and professionally-trained instructors are suggested. Parents can consult their local AAA club

for potential local recommendations.

- ◆ Practice might not make perfect, but it can make for better teen drivers. As an important supplement to formal driver education, supervised driving sessions with parents provide teens with opportunities to enhance learning, reinforce proper techniques and skills, and receive constructive feedback from the people that care most about their safety.

- ◆ Keep teen drivers free of teen passengers and off the road at night. Research indicates that a teen driver's chances of crashing increase with each additional teen passenger.

- ◆ Know who is driving with your teen at all times. Teen crash rates spike at night, with most crashes happening between 9 p.m. and midnight.

- ◆ Encourage teens to get enough sleep. Teens need about nine hours of sleep nightly, but many fall short. Lack of sleep can negatively affect vision, hand-eye coordination, reaction time and judgment.

- ◆ Eliminate distractions. Cell phones and text messaging can be hazardous. With surveys reporting widespread use of distracting technology by teen drivers, more than one-third of states ban cell phone use by new teen drivers. Parents should make it a strict rule in their households.

- ◆ Create a parent-teen driving agreement. Written rules, conditions, restrictions and consequences of teens' driving

establish driving as a privilege, and not to be taken lightly. Look to state graduated driver licensing programs as the minimum.

Parents should establish rules and consequences that they and their teens agree upon that extend beyond state laws. If the teen breaks a family driving rule, consequences should be enforced and the situation should be used as an opportunity for learning. Proper driving should be encouraged and rewarded with additional liberties.

- ◆ Set a time for weekly discussion and review. Parental involvement and communication is critical in the prevention of teen-related crashes, injuries and fatalities. Designate a time each week to address concerns (both parent and teen), review the teen's driving performance and chart the progression toward established goals.

- ◆ Make smart vehicle choice decisions for teens. As the family member most likely to crash, a teen should drive the safest vehicle the family owns.

Things to consider are vehicle type: Sedans are generally safer than sports cars, SUVs and pickup trucks; larger vehicles fare better in crashes than smaller vehicles; and safety technology such as, front and side air bags, anti-lock brakes and stability control systems.

Keeping teens safe on the road is one way to help teen drivers turn into responsible adult drivers.

— StatePoint

Tips on driving in snow and ice

Avoid car accidents this winter by following these driving tips offered by AAA Michigan:

- ◆ Clear snow and ice from the car hood, roof, trunk, turn signals, tail lights and headlights.

- ◆ Go slow in the snow. Posted speed limits are set for ideal road and weather conditions. Slow down when visibility and road conditions are im-

paired.

- ◆ Braking techniques. Use "squeeze" or "threshold" braking when driving a car without anti-lock brakes. Apply the brakes to a point just short of lock-up, then ease off the brake pedal slightly. For vehicles with anti-lock brakes, continuous, firm braking is necessary.

- ◆ Anticipate danger. Be

ready for ice on bridges, hidden lane markings, stalled cars and poor visibility. Adjust speed and increase the distance between vehicles.

- ◆ Avoid skids. Ease off the accelerator and don't lock up the brakes. Carefully steer in the direction you want the vehicle to go and straighten the wheel as soon as the car begins to go in the desired direction.

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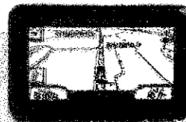
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TEST DRIVE By Greg Zyla

Now you can have it all with the affordable 2008 Mazda5 6-passenger mid-size station wagon family vehicle that gives compact-like fuel efficiency — up to 28 miles per gallon.

2008 Mazda5 Touring is one-of-a-kind



This week we test-drive the 2008 Mazda5 Touring, still a one-of-a-kind vehicle where the “zoom-zoom” spirit of Mazda marketing switches gears just a bit — base price: \$19,660; price as tested: \$20,775.

Specifically, Mazda5 may be looked upon as a crossover, SUV or small minivan, yet I'll go with the term mid-size station wagon as the preferred nomenclature.

Introduced to American consumers as an 2006 model and based on the Mazda3 platform, we tested a “5” in late 2005, and today I'm happy to report that the word inflation seems not to exist in Mazda5's dictionary. Specifically, the 2006 model tested was more expensive than the 2008 version by \$735, including options. Additionally, for 2008 you receive way more in standard and safety features for a difference in the base of just \$710 more.

This price stability is a real welcome, especially as we move further into what some call an “economic downturn,” and others a “possible recession.” Thus, if Mazda's pricing policy on its “5” from 2006 to 2008 isn't yelling “we care” to the consumer, then those shopping this market who miss a Mazda5 deal isn't doing their homework properly.



2008 Mazda5 Touring

On the road, we took Mazda5 to upstate Pennsylvania close to the New York border, mostly on two-lane side roads. After returning home the same day and traveling a combined 195 miles, we still had more than a half-tank of fuel left. This very much impressed us, since we feel we did better than the 22 city, 28 highway EPA numbers listed on the sticker. The “5” handled great in all highway situations and is comfortable, too.

Granted, the “zoom-zoom” of Mazda's advertising theories is trimmed somewhat to achieve these EPA numbers, but “5” still has peppy characteristics.

The 2.3-liter, 16-valve double-overhead inline-4 engine puts out just 153 horsepower, but thanks to a lighter curb weight it moves fairly well. In some instances, we found it surprising-

ly quick, although if you overload with six adults, don't expect either peppy acceleration or great EPA as the 4-cylinder will struggle.

Our Golden Sand Metallic (mint green) front-drive Mazda5 featured a five-speed manual transmission; no doubt helping that all-important EPA number while adding to the “fun factor” during our week-long drive.

Inside, Mazda5 shows off its three-row combination seating, although don't expect any full size adults to ever occupy the third seat. In particular, it's very cumbersome to get settled back there if you happen to be taller than 5 feet, even with the slide-open rear doors, which make everything easier to do.

The vehicle's overall interior scheme, however, is noteworthy

and you can do plenty with the second and third rows, depending on how you want your “5” to function on a particular day.

The second and third rows fold flat, or the third row can split 50/50, allowing for some added groceries and the smaller child with the second row still up. There is also under-seat and foldout storage, and a total of eight cupholders for occupants.

As for standard items, Mazda5 offers a power glass moonroof; independent strut front and multi-link rear suspension; four-wheel disc anti-lock brakes with EBD and brake assist; front and rear stabilizer bars; variable-assist power steering; 17-inch alloy wheels with all-season tires; halogen headlamps; integrated fog lamps; front and rear stabilizer bars; rear wiper; and key-

less entry with a multi-function remote that operates door locks, liftgate and illuminated entry.

Cabin items incorporate adjustable lumbar driver's seat with lift control, leather tilt and telescopic steering wheel, steering mounted cruise and audio controls, automatic climate control with second row cool air vents, all the powers, and a great sounding AM/FM with six-CD changer.

Safety features on Mazda5 include anti-whiplash front seat design, driver and front passenger side and front air bag systems, front side air bags, three-row side impact air curtains and a tire pressure monitoring system.

Important numbers include a wheelbase of 108.3 inches, 3,480-pound curb weight, 5.5-

inch ground clearance, 44 cubic feet of cargo space, and a 15.9-gallon fuel tank that takes regular-grade fuel.

In summary, Mazda5 owners come from all walks of life, but they all have one thing in common: added value built into their purchase. We like Mazda5's interesting vehicle combination enough to bestow a well-earned 8.5 on a scale of 1 to 10. Yes, it's a neat car (did I say car?)

Likes: Price, fuel mileage, versatility, and the neighbors won't know if it's a car, wagon, SUV, or compact minivan.

Dislikes: Is there value in such a small third row seat? We think not, but kids may disagree; a few more horses wouldn't hurt.

Greg Zyla is a syndicated automotive columnist.

TEST DRIVE By Greg Zyla

The 2008 Nissan Xterra takes power over nasty terrain, water, rock and snow with a 261 horsepower V6 engine. Xterra received a 5-star side impact safety rating and was voted in “10 Best Buys in 4WD” by Four Wheeler magazine.

2008 Nissan Xterra 4x4 is geared for anything

We recently turned the ignition key on Nissan's 2008 Xterra, which is pretty much identical to the 2007 model sans a longer list of standard features — base price: \$27,330; price as tested: \$31,045.

These features suggest perhaps an off-road adventure is in order, thanks to the 4x4's front bumper tow hook, which is there to help someone — or yourself — out of a jam.

Our tester's bright paint scheme and overall rugged good looks attracted favorable comments from most onlook-

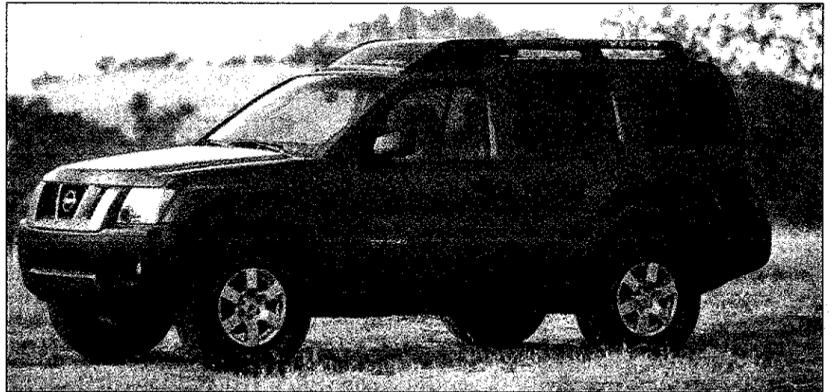
ers during our weeklong test. The vehicle's five passenger, midsize SUV size combines nicely with its Off-Road V-6 design, one of seven 2008 trims that range from an “X” 4x2 to the “SE” 4x4. The OR is one step shy of the top-line SE, which other than 17-inch wheels and Bluetooth capabilities, differs only in some minor interior amenities.

The OR package offers 16-inch, six-spoke aluminum-alloy wheels; Bilstein performance shocks; electronic locking differential; and hill-start assist and hill-descent control. These features produce off-road confidence, while the

4WD system features shift-on-the-fly, which we love, and a 4-LO setting for particularly tough off-road, deep mud puddle or snow day encounters. A 9.5-inch ground clearance adds assurance, with skid plates protecting the front underbody, oil pan, fuel tank and transfer case.

Overall, Xterra's OR offers a nice package of goodies for those who love the mountain trail rides.

Xterra doesn't simply bully its way into 4x4 land, it's smart about it. Cut into each corner of the rear bumper are steps that allow easy access to the roof rack. On the roof, there's



2008 Nissan Xterra 4x4

an available latching removable ventilated cargo box; and the sturdy aluminum tubing of the rack and crossbars holds up to 125 pounds. Also, the cargo area in the Xterra features an easy-to-clean surface that extends up the back of second-row seats.

A compartment in the bottom of the cargo area provides storage, where 10 clips and hooks — four on both the floor and ceiling and one on each side — are available for assistance.

Xterra's 60/40 split rear seats fold flat. An available nearly fold flat front passenger seat extends the cargo area to the full length of the interior, making trips to the home center a breeze. The back seat cushions are also removable.

Other exterior features include a full-size spare tire, fog lights, tinted rear privacy glass, splashguards and the aforementioned tow hook.

Nissan uses a 4.0-liter, 261-horsepower V-6 with 281-pound-foot of torque in all Xterras. As for fuel consumption, Xterra goes from a high of 16 city and 20 highway on the six-speed manual transmission model, then drops to 14 city yet

stays at 20 highway for the five-speed automatic equipped models. The automatic costs \$1,000 more than the manual and came as the gear changer on our tester.

Nissan's cabin is geared toward work and exploration, but is still practical and comfortable. Notable features include reclining front buckets, six-speaker CD/AM/FM stereo, front and rear 12-volt outlets, intermittent rear wiper, leather wrapped steering wheel, overhead console with sunglasses storage, rear defroster, cruise with steering wheel mounted controls and a first-aid kit.

Safety highlights on the Xterra include advanced air bag system, front and rear crumple zones, pipe style side-door guard beams, energy-absorbing steering column and tire pressure monitoring system. As for stopping, a well designed 4-wheel disc ABS system keeps you straight and true.

Options that pushed our base price up nearly \$4,000 included iPod interface, \$290; floor mats, \$115; side curtain air bag package that includes unique roof mounted side impact/rollover curtain style air

bags for outboard occupant, \$700, and recommended; technology pack featuring a Rockford Fosgate audio system and six-disc in-dash CD changer, \$1,450; Nevada Tow Package, \$455; and destination, \$705.

Other important numbers include a wheelbase of 106.3 inches, 4,402-pound curb weight, 21.1-gallon fuel tank and a minimum of 35.2 cubic feet of cargo space.

While we initially recoiled from the \$31,000-plus price tag, we came to appreciate all Xterra has to offer against some of its competitors. From the extra skid plates to the easy clean cargo area to “go in snow” capability, experienced when hit with a six-inch snowfall during our test, we give Xterra a well-earned 8 on a scale of 1 to 10.

Likes: Mechanicals, off-road abilities, functionality, looks, safety options, standard features.

Dislikes: Rear wheel wells cut into rear door size, making exit tricky even for the nimble; console acts as armrest; city fuel consumption.

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AUTOWIRE.NET By Derek Price

The 2008 Mitsubishi Lancer GTS is a fun-to-drive family car designed to look and feel sporty. Features include special bodywork, foglights, sport seats, front strut-tower brace and an aggressive suspension.

The sporty 2008 Mitsubishi Lancer GTS

Ever heard of a "sleeper," a car that looks ordinary but drives really fast? This is the opposite, the quick-looking Mitsubishi Lancer GTS, which comes with the wild styling but makes do with the ordinary Lancer's 152-horsepower engine.

I've driven a lot of cars that make fools want to race me. Usually I just ignore them and drive like a grandma until they go away, taking off in their sticker-covered cars with McDonnell Douglas spoilers and Folgers coffee can exhaust tips. I think it's great that they want to race, just not on a public street.

And I've never driven a car that attracts more foolish, whiny-engined, street racers than this Mitsubishi.

It's the Lancer GTS, a family car designed to look and feel sporty. It has a rock-hard suspension, a huge rear wing and styling that makes it look like

the fast Mitsubishi Evolution X. The Lancer GTS is no Evolution.

Other than the drivetrain, everything about this car feels raw and abrasive, exactly what a hardcore driving enthusiast wants. In many ways, it feels as if it belongs on a racetrack, mainly because of the raucous suspension that makes even a mirror smooth road feel like it's filled with potholes.

Few street cars let you sense the road surface as precisely as this one, which is great if you want an engaging drive but not so cool if you want to be comfortable.

Other than a rough suspension that's designed more for fun than comfort, the Mitsubishi Lancer GTS has a rather comfortable interior. Roomy seats and a sculpted back seat bench make the interior look more like a family car than a screamer.

The GTS has the same engine as all the other standard-issue Lancers, a 2.0-liter four-



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2008 Mitsubishi Lancer GTS.

banger that makes 152 horsepower. That's actually a reasonable amount of power for a family car, but it seems out of

place in a vehicle that feels spectacularly sporty in many other ways.

It doesn't help matters that the engine is coupled to a continuously variable transmission, so you don't get the same sensation of speed as you would with a manual transmission or even a traditional automatic.

Even without a super powerful engine, the Lancer GTS is fun to toss around, rewarding your skill as a driver rather than your ability to step on the gas pedal.

It doesn't come with traction control, it's not even available as an option, so you're always free to play with the limits of tire adhesion without an electronic schoolmarm stepping in

to spoil your fun.

The Lancer GTS also excels as a regular family car, assuming you can live with the rough ride. It has comfortable front seats, a roomy back seat and lots of air bags to keep you safe in a wreck.

The big question is whether you'll want to buy one. If you want your car to look fast but not necessarily be fast, then the Lancer GTS is a good buy for \$18,490. For that money, it's a nice looking, fun-to-drive, family car.

But if you want serious performance, you'll have to look elsewhere. The Evolution X will likely cost around \$35,000, but more affordable speed machines are out there, like the Chevy Cobalt SS in the low

\$20,000 range.

Does that mean there's room in the Mitsubishi showroom for a higher performance Lancer that's more affordable and less scary than the Evolution?

I sure hope so.

What was tested? The 2008 Mitsubishi Lancer GTS with a base price of \$18,490. Options included a Sun & Sound package for \$1,500. Price as tested, including a \$625 destination charge: \$20,615.

Why avoid it? It doesn't have the power to back up its racer looks.

Why buy it? It's a stylish, fast-looking family car with a super-firm, sporty feeling suspension.

Review provided by Tony Leopardo.

TEST DRIVE By Greg Zyla

The 2008 Nissan Titan Pro-4x offers supreme on- and off-road ability. Its steel-reinforced ladder frame provides the backbone for hauling and towing.

2008 Titan 4x4 Pro-4x



numbers are nothing to cheer about in this day of rising gas prices. However, the V8 is available in Flex Fuel capability for E85 Ethanol, but the EPA numbers drop even more. At least we cut our oil demand.

Nissan pickups include the smaller Frontier, and can be ordered in a light duty mode with more economical four and six cylinder engines. Our "short wheelbase" Titan Pro-4x model still stretched an amazing 139.8-inches on its Pro-4x full chassis, yet buyers can start with a \$16,150, 4-cylinder powered Frontier King Cab, which sits on a 125.9-inch wheelbase,

translates into "too tight" for everyday commutes.

This is why Titan offers 159.5-inch wheelbase King or Crew Cab, the latter with four-door design. If you are a smaller adult or child, however, the short wheelbase model's rear seating is fine.

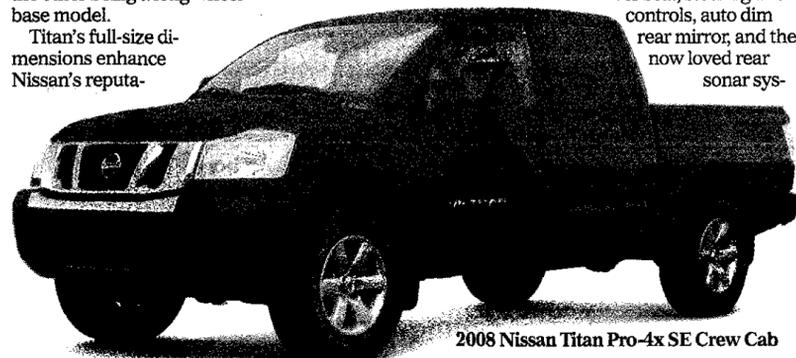
Our Titan had a few notable options, one of them a recommended side air bag package for \$1,200 that adds front seat mounted side impact air bags and roof mounted curtain side impact bags with rollover support. It's worth every penny.

A "Popular Package" for \$1,250 adds 8-way power driver seat, steering audio controls, auto dim rear mirror, and the now loved rear sonar sys-

We recently test-drove a big, fast, impressive 2008 Nissan Titan Pro-4x half-ton pickup — base price: \$31,450; price as tested: \$36,020.

The Pro-4x is one of two all-new Titan offerings for 2008, the other being a long wheelbase model.

Titan's full-size dimensions enhance Nissan's reputa-



2008 Nissan Titan Pro-4x SE Crew Cab

tion as a popular choice for work or adventure, and this brute of a truck begs to be driven hard. Surprisingly, Titan also offers a great ride considering its bulk.

We are additionally impressed with Nissan's "Switch On Demand," shift on the fly 4WD system. Thanks to a 2-speed transfer case and dash mounted switch that offers three traction settings at any time, 2x4, 4-Hi and 4-Lo is just a flick away. We used the 4-Hi and 4-Lo on a quick run through some off-road mountain trails, easily done, thanks to the truck's 20-inch tires, alloy wheels and generous 10.7-inch ground clearance.

Under the hood sits a powerful, 317-horse, 5.6-liter V8 hooked to a 5-speed automatic transmission that delivers a stout 385 pound-feet of torque.

When in 2WD mode and not carrying cargo, be prepared for the rear tires to break loose if you're not careful. Too much throttle will let your neighbors know there's lots of power under the hood.

If there is a negative to big V8 powered Titans, it's the EPA numbers of just 12 city and 17 highway. These EPA

weighs only 3,668-pounds and delivers 19 miles per gallon city and 23 mph highway.

What impressed us most is the work Nissan engineers are putting into its large truck brake systems, an area where past drives in older generation Nissan trucks left us a bit wanting. Four huge ABS disc rotors help stop the 5,230-pound Titan, resulting in a more confident feeling when traveling at 65 mph on the freeway.

The outward shape, too, is noteworthy, as Nissan's design team has never been a group to shy away from novel motifs. Sitting next to main competitors Ford F-150 and Chevy Silverado, certainly Titan holds its own.

Inside, Titan's cabin exudes a "more comfort" than "work" attitude, from a great sounding stereo to numerous standard amenity items.

Passengers, meanwhile, gain access to King Cab's full rear bench seat from small rear doors. The comfort, however, is questionable, as we nestled a full-size adult male into the rear quarters for a 50 mile business trip. His final assessment was "in a pinch, it will do if I sit in the middle," which

tem with audible warning and Homelink transmitter.

In particular, while switching vehicles around in my circular driveway, my son parked the family Trans-Am, with the new fiberglass Ram Air hood, behind the Titan. Later, while backing the Titan up so I wouldn't run over some grass, I couldn't see the low sitting Trans-Am. The rear warning alarm went off and I stopped just in time.

Titan is available in four models, XE, SE, PRO-4X and LE; two body styles, King Cab and Crew Cab; four bed sizes ranging from 5.5- to 8-foot; and in 4-by-2 or 4-by-4 configuration.

Other important numbers include a 28 gallon fuel tank and 9,400-pound tow capacity.

We enjoyed our week in the Titan Pro-4x, and rate it a strong 8.5 on a scale of 1 to 10.

Likes: Rear sonar, looks, power, comfort, cabin amenities, lots of standard features.

Dislikes: Although a big work truck, gasoline fuel mileage is poor; Ethanol is even worse at 9 city and 12 highway.

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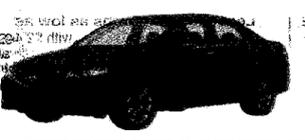
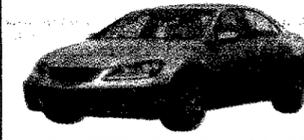
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Overall crime is down in the Park

By Beth Quinn
Staff Writer

Grosse Pointe Park is a safer place through the hard work and training of its public safety officers.

In his annual report to the city council, Police Chief David Hiller reported his department's overall crime statistics showed a decline of 8 percent from 2006.

In comparison to 2006, the

Park saw a reduction in robbery by 75 percent, home invasion by 11 percent and motor vehicle thefts by 23 percent.

"We had an outstanding year," Hiller said.

He noted there was an increase in larcenies. The Park had 245 larceny complaints reported last year compared to 216 in 2006.

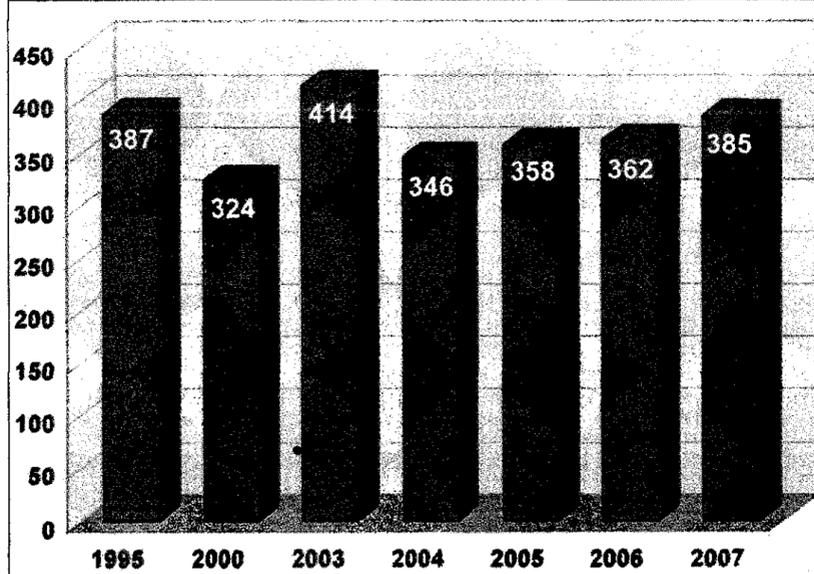
"Larceny is the most reported crime in any community and one that we constantly

work to reduce," Hiller said. "Without that increase, we would in fact have reduced index crimes last year."

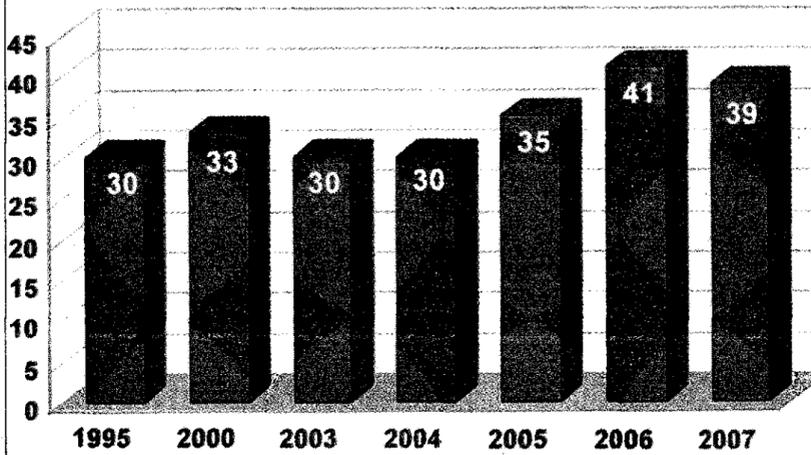
The city's index crime tally, which includes larceny, robbery, home invasion and motor vehicle theft, increased from 362 in 2006 to 385 in 2007.

Hiller said there has been an increase in juvenile activity in serious crimes, specifically home invasions and auto thefts for which 69 minors

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were arrested. "We arrested 118 juveniles last year," Hiller said. "This is where our greatest concerns are."

He noted that children as young as 13 or 14 were detained for driving stolen cars.

Hiller and the city's youth services officers are employing new tactics to deter juveniles from committing crimes.

An automatic admission policy which allows police officers to place juveniles in a youth detention facility rather releasing them to their parents until their court date has also been implemented.

"It used to be that kids knew that they would be released if they stole a car," Hiller said.

"Now they know they about the automatic admission. "It has become a good deterrent from stealing cars here. The message is getting out."

Hiller reported that 74 cars were stolen in 2007.

"That number, 23 percent less than 2006, is also the lowest we have had in five years," he said. "That reduction can be attributed to a number of factors, but the most significant is the department's commitment to the Arrest Car Thieves in Our Neighborhood task force."

The ACTION team was formed in 2006 with the goal of reducing car thefts on the Eastside.

It is comprised of officers from Grosse Pointe Park, Harper Woods and the Wayne County Sheriff's Office.

During the past year, the team has been responsible for recovering more than 400 stolen cars and has made more than 200 arrests, which includes more than 75 juveniles.

"The unit has been recog-

nized as being extremely efficient and has already received awards and recognition," Hiller said.

He announced that the team has received a state grant from the Automobile Theft Prevention Authority to help offset salaries and vehicle costs in 2008.

The Park experienced an increase in fire activities last year. Fire runs totaled 164 as compared to 111 the year prior. Hiller attributed the rise to an increase in false alarms.

Mayor Palmer Heenan commended the public safety department for its professionalism.

"We appreciate the fact that we have the best public safety officers in the community," he said.

"You very much are key to the home values and personal safety of our residents."

Jane Austen favorite discussed

The Friends of the Grosse Pointe Public Library's next Classics Books Lecture Series is at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, March 13 in the Grosse Pointe Public High School library.

University of Michigan Professor Gregg Crane will discuss Jane Austen's "Sense and Sensibility."

"Dr. Crane will point out Austen's paradoxical impulses

toward a classical symmetry of human relations within a historical context, addressing the era's ambivalence about social mobility," writes Friends member Mary Beth Smith. "Looking back at authors Richardson and Fielding, and forward to Dickens and Eliot, Dr. Crane will place Austen in the novelistic tradition."

The public is welcome. Prior

reading of the book is not required. Admission is \$10 at the door and is free for Friends members, students and teachers. For more information, call (313) 343-2074 ext. 6 or visit gpfriends.org. Enter the building from parking lot and follow the signs to the school library.

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Thursday, March 27, 2008
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One stop shop for resale, reuse, recycling

By Beth Quinn
Staff Writer

If you have seen the children's cottage at the Edsel and Eleanor Ford House, you know it is wonderfully decorated with vintage furniture.

But did you know that the four-poster bed which is the focal point of the bedroom was purchased from the Neighborhood Club's Thrift Shop?

"Years ago when they were furnishing the cottage, some of the Ford staff came here and they saw the headboard leaning against a wall in the corner of the shop," said Maureen Christian, who oversees the shop's receiving room. "They bought the bed; cut the legs down to size and put it in the bedroom."

Since 1929, Grosse Pointers have been finding all sorts of gems at the thrift shop located at the back of the Neighborhood Club at 17150 Waterloo, between St. Clair and Neff.

"Our customers have more fun with the little treasures they find," said shop manager Linda Bruce.

Just recently one frequent customer found two window cornices covered with the same pattern as her dining room wallpaper. Better yet, they perfectly fit the room's two windows, Bruce said.

The shop is stocked with all sorts of gently used items and some that have never been used.

"We get many things that still have the price tag on them," Bruce said.

Grosse Pointe Park resident and loyal customer Ken Eatherly said he once found two Harris tweed sports jackets which were never worn and the pockets were still sewn shut.

"I come here to browse around," Eatherly said. "You never know what you are going to find. There's lots of good stuff."

Aside from the regulars who stop in a couple times a week just to browse, the thrift shop is popular with people who are looking with something in mind, said Bruce.

Teenagers come in shopping for good deals on vintage clothes and school representatives who are looking for clothes to use as costumes in theater productions frequent the store.

It is also on the estate sale circuit. "Every Friday, we have people stop by after they are done with the estate sales," Bruce said.

The shop's five part time employees and 20 or so volunteers keep busy sorting, pricing, tagging and displaying items.

"Everybody is great about doing what needs to be done," Bruce said.

The shop is organized into departments such as housewares, home furnishings, toys and clothing for men, women, juniors and children.

In the department, "A Cut Above," better brand names such as Talbots, Ann Taylor, Ralph Lauren Polo and Sigfrid Olsen are priced for \$15 or less.

The shop has a designers' boutique, which offers clothing from top flight designers such as Giorgio Armani, Prada and Gucci.

"Much of it is vintage stuff, which just flies out the door," said Bruce. "Young kids really love buying these clothes."

Every dollar that comes in directly supports the Neighborhood Club and helps keep participation costs down.

"The shop subsidizes programs for every demographic in the community. It runs the gamut from athletes, toddlers, senior citizens to people with special needs," said Neighborhood Club board member, Peggy Scully.

In addition to accepting items for resale, the shop is a resourceful clearing house for items to be recycled or reused.

"We believe there is a home for everything," Bruce said. "We are really trying to push the ideas of recycling or reusing items within the com-



PHOTOS BY BETH QUINN

Maureen Christian, who has volunteered at the Neighborhood Club Thrift shop for more than 25 years, is tagging a group of lampshades that were recently donated to the store.

munity."

They accept wire coat hangers and glass vases, which they pass along to local dry cleaners and florists.

The shop gives donated eye glasses to the Lions Club International, which dispenses them to the visually impaired.

Anything that is in less than perfect condition but still usable, the shop gives to a number of non-profit organizations, who help people in need such as the Coalition on Temporary Shelter.

Insurance liability prohibits them from selling safety equipment such as car seats and bike helmets so they have found a home for them.

"We give a lot of infants car seats to Pregnancy Aid," said Bruce. "Many women can't afford a car seat for their newborn babies."

To make the shop accessible to more people, its hours have been expanded to include Saturdays and will be open this summer.

"We're trying to make the shop more customer friendly. We'll see how it goes," Bruce said.

The hours are from 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday; 9:30 a.m. to 7 p.m. Thursday; and 9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday.



Larry Panczyszyn is one of the shop's loyal customers, who stop by a few times a week to check out the new merchandise.

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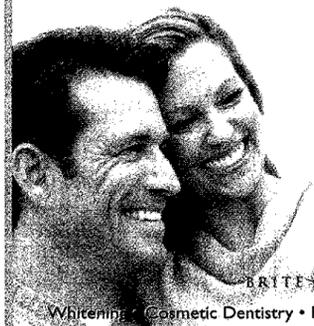
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Appealing property taxes in 10 minutes

By Randy Repicky
Special Writer

With our Michigan economy and money supply tight, many people are looking for financial relief.

Our 2008 tax assessments have arrived and while they have provided a reprieve for many, some taxpayers are scratching their heads wondering, "They say my value dropped, so how can it be that my taxes have again gone up?" This year, the assessors and boards of review have been swarmed by upset taxpayers looking to land one of the few available appeal appointments in the next few weeks. Some cities have limited appeal hearings to 10 minutes.

My purpose in writing this is twofold: To help those who have a case to prepare it; and to help those who don't understand why they don't so that they don't waste their time trying.

There is only one question that typically matters with a board of review ... does the state equalized value or taxable value exceed 50 percent of the market value of the property?

Things that are irrelevant and not actionable by the board of review include: Taxes going up while values are dropping; and the fact that subject property taxes are higher than taxes of neighbors, the fact that a property owners feels their taxes are excessive.

Even if the taxpayer is right, it doesn't matter. What does matter for board of review purposes and for a decision that will affect this year's taxes is that taxpayers shows their new taxable value is greater than 50 percent of the market value of their home as of Dec. 31 of the prior year.

Since 1994, Michigan property taxes have been assigned three values:

◆ State equalized value — assessor's estimate of 50 percent of the market value of your home.

◆ Capped value — the 1994 SEV or the SEV from the year following the most recent transfer of ownership, plus annual adjustments for cost of living, Consumer Price Index, not to exceed 5 percent in any year.

◆ Taxable value — the lesser of the SEV or capped and the factor that is multiplied times the city's tax rate to determine property taxes.

In the late 1990s, we had a little tortoise and the hare action as property values and SEVs were shooting up and capped taxables were plodding along behind. We're seeing situations today where the tortoise has gotten close or even passed the hare.

We rarely saw capped values exceed SEVs. We are starting to see that now, with declining property values pulling down SEVs and cost of living increases lifting capped values. It is especially common where there

was a recent sale and "uncapping" followed by a reduction in the SEV by the assessor.

SEVs are adjusted by our assessors, while our caps are statutorily adjusted according to the CPI 2.3 percent for 2008 and roughly 2 to 3 percent in recent past years.

Back to appeals.

While there may be a reason we may want to reduce our SEV, i.e. in anticipation of an upcoming sale, for most taxpayers, the number of most significance is the taxable value. The other numbers may or may not mean anything to us, but our taxable value is the factor that the assessor multiplies times our tax rate to determine our property taxes.

To lower my 2008 taxes, I need to demonstrate to the assessor and board of review that my taxable value exceeds 50 percent of the market value of my home as it sat on Dec. 31, 2007.

Be focused. For practical purposes, nothing else matters.

It doesn't matter that I think my taxes are too high. It doesn't matter that I pay more than my neighbor whose house is 75 percent larger. It doesn't matter that my taxes went up while my value (even according to the assessor) dropped. Basically the only way I can get my taxable value and/or SEV reduced is to demonstrate to the assessor and board of review that my taxable value or SEV exceeded 50 percent of the market value

of my home as of Dec. 31, 2007. Unless I can persuade the board of review that my taxable value exceeds 50 percent of the market value of my home, I won't save anything on my 2008 taxes.

As the taxpayer, it is my responsibility to collect the materials and present a case in about five minutes that will convince the board of review that my taxable value and/or SEV exceed 50 percent of the market value of my home.

Some people choose to pull together recent sold information on their own. Some hire appraisers. Many who have existing relationships with good real estate professionals call on them for help.

Keep it clear and simple.

Walk in the door with a positive attitude. Be nice. Today you are a salesperson making a sales presentation. Your job is to make it easy for the board of review to see and agree with your point. You only have about five minutes to present and a few minutes to answer questions. Focus on value.

If you are bringing comparables or other visuals, make copies so each member of the board of review has a copy. Keep it simple and tight. Be logical, reasonable and friendly — you are asking the same of the board members.

If you recently purchased your home and your SEV/taxable are higher than they should be, it is important that

you appeal your assessment in the year following your purchase. By doing so, you preserve what might be the most compelling piece of evidence you have in establishing its market value — the selling price of your home.

By doing so in the year following your purchase, you will also establish a new starting benchmark which may affect and reduce taxes this year and all future years you live in the home.

The purchase price of a home is not conclusive in itself. We need to establish that the home was on the open market for a period of time; the transaction was an arms-length transaction; the sale price is the best indication of market value as of the date of the sale; and due to market conditions, the value of the property as of Dec. 31 in the preceding year had not increased since the sale.

Appealing taxpayers typically don't receive an answer while at the board of review hearing. Different boards may work in different ways, but most often, taxpayers present their case and leave.

Board members then review and discuss the evidence behind closed doors and make a decision that is then sent to the taxpayer via mail which arrives a few weeks later with directions for appealing the board of review decision.

As a community service, the Grosse Pointe Board of

Realtors recently hosted a free Property Tax Appeal presentation at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial. There are helpful materials from that presentation available at gpbr.com.

There has never been a time when homeowners were more in need of professional help from a Realtor. We are blessed in Grosse Pointe with a professional organization the GPBR, and its members who are well trained and caring.

As a homeowner, whether you need help with property taxes, or getting out of a mortgage-related bind that so many homeowners are in, a good Realtor is an invaluable professional resource.

Johnstone & Johnstone will be conducting three mini tax appeal presentations for the public from 2 to 3:30 p.m. Saturday, March 15; from 7 to 8:30 p.m. Monday, March 17, and Tuesday, March 18.

The presentations will take place in J&J office conference rooms at 82 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe Farms. Space is limited.

For more information and reservations, call (313) 884-0600.

Repicky is a real estate salesperson, sales manager of the Johnstone & Johnstone office of Real Estate One, director/officer and past president of the Grosse Pointe Board of Realtors; and a member of the Michigan Bar Association. He can be reached at (313) 530-1710.

Eagle Scout Jim Stano receives G.P. Farms honor

James B. Stano has reached a milestone he set for himself at a very early age.

During a ceremony held at St. Clare of Montefalco Catholic Church March 3, Stano was honored for earning the rank of Eagle Scout. Fewer than two percent of all Boy Scouts achieve this highest advancement rank in scouting.

The son of Jim and Kay Stano of Grosse Pointe Farms, Stano is a member of Lakeshore District Troop 399 and has been a scout since the age of five when he joined the Tiger Cubs.

Along with accolades from

fellow scouts, family and friends, State Rep. Edward Gaffney R-Grosse Pointe Farms, presented a special tribute to Stano at the Court of Honor ceremony. Farms Mayor James Farquhar read a resolution detailing Stano's efforts and honoring his success.

Stano's Eagle Scout service project was a book-and-toy drive benefiting Children's Hospital of Michigan. In addition to monetary donations, Stano directed the collection and delivery of approximately 1,000 items for children in all age groups.

Donations included books,

games, coloring/activity books, crayons, stickers, board games and puzzles. The donations will be distributed by CHM's Volunteer Services Department to children recovering from surgery or other medical procedures, celebrating a birthday while hospitalized, or in need of something to brighten their day.

Stano extended his gratitude to everyone involved in his project and throughout his journey.

"Thank you for your thoughtfulness and generosity on behalf of the patients at Children's Hospital and especially for your

support during all my years in scouting," he said.

As an active participant in his troop, Stano held ascending leadership positions and earned 29 merit badges, surpassing the Eagle requirement of 21. He is a member of Order of the Arrow and spent numerous hours volunteering with Operation Can Do, at Gleaners Food Bank and assisting other scouts with their Eagle projects.

A 2007 graduate of Grosse Pointe North, Stano attends Lee Honors College and School of Music at Western Michigan University.



Grosse Pointe Farms Mayor James Farquhar presents a special tribute to James B. Stano for earning the rank of Eagle Scout.

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City of Grosse Pointe Farms, Michigan
BOARD OF REVIEW

Meetings for the purpose of reviewing the 2008 Assessment Roll for the City of Grosse Pointe Farms, Wayne County, Michigan, will be held by the Board of Review on:

TUESDAY, MARCH 11, 2008
From 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
and 1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

and

TUESDAY, MARCH 18, 2008
From 1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.
and 5:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

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

Hearings will be scheduled by appointment. Please contact City of Grosse Pointe Farms at (313) 640-1618. You may also petition the Board in writing through the mail if you cannot make the hearing dates. These letters **HAVE TO BE IN THE OFFICE BY FRIDAY, MARCH 7th**.

TIMOTHY E. O'DONNELL
City Assessor

G.P.N.: 2-21-08; 2-28-08; 3-6-08; 3-13-08

City of Grosse Pointe Park, Michigan
NOTICE OF REVIEW OF THE 2008 ASSESSMENT ROLL

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

Tuesday, March 18, 2008
Wednesday, March 19, 2008

Hours: 9 a.m. to 8 p.m.

HEARINGS ARE BY APPOINTMENT ONLY. CALL (313) 822-4361 TO SCHEDULE. WRITTEN APPEALS ACCEPTED NO LATER THAN MARCH 21, 2008.

Tentative state equalization factors:

Commercial property	1.000
Residential property	1.000
Personal property	1.000
Taxable increase for 2008 is	1.023

Diann Lulis,
CITY ASSESSOR

G.P.N.: 3/6/2008 3/13/2008

Eastside Republican Club to hold public forum

The Eastside Republican Club will hold a public forum at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, March 18, at the Grosse Pointe War

Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms.

The guest speaker is state Rep. Jack Hoogendyk, R-

District 61, of Kalamazoo. The 52-year-old Republican candidate is campaigning for the U.S. Senate in an effort to unseat incumbent Carl Levin, 73, who seeks a sixth term.

Hoogendyk was re-elected to the Michigan House representing citizens of Kalamazoo County in 2004. He has served on the House Appropriations Committee, was vice chair of the Family Independence Agency subcommittee as well as the Higher Education; Economic Development; and School Aid and Department of Education subcommittees.

Hoogendyk spent 15 years in sales and marketing, eventually working as a national manager with a Fortune 500 company. He joined Alternatives of Kalamazoo, Pregnancy Care Center as executive director in April 1996. Alternatives is a faith-based nonprofit organization serving young women and families facing unplanned pregnancies with a variety of services including clothing and shelter.

In 2000, Hoogendyk was elected to the Kalamazoo County Board of Commissioners. Prior to that, he was on the Portage Zoning Board of Appeals and the Kalamazoo County Public Health Advisory Board.

Hoogendyk is a board member of Partners in Ministry, a faith-based community organization that helps churches and nonprofits promote life and health-affirming services to those in need around the world.

He serves as majority vice chair of the House Government Operations Committee, and is a member of the Education, Family & Children Services and the Tax Policy Committees. He also serves on the Joint Committee on Administrative Rules.

Hoogendyk and his wife of 29 years, Erin, live in Texas Township and have five children; Jacob (Jennifer), Isaiah (Elise), Maria (Phillip), Caitlin, and Benjamin, and five grandchildren.

Tax Time is here!

Calculate tax and trust cash flow requirements.
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Trust cash flow administration and returns:
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Contact:
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TELEPHONE 313.886.0000

City of Grosse Pointe Farms, Michigan
SPECIAL NOTICE
Holiday Rubbish Schedule for Good Friday, March 21, 2008

There will be no interruptions of residential or commercial rubbish pick up on Good Friday, March 21, 2008.

All rubbish collection routes will be collected according to their normal schedule.

Friday's commercial routes will be collected on schedule.

Thank You,
G.P.N.: 3/13/2008 **DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS**

City of Grosse Pointe Woods, Michigan
PUBLIC NOTICE
WEEDS, BRUSH AND GRASS
TO ALL OWNERS OR OCCUPANTS OF LAND IN THE CITY OF GROSSE POINTE WOODS:

Notice is hereby given that after May 1st of this year the provisions of Chapter 46, Vegetation, Article IV, Weeds, Brush and Grass will be enforced. This article requires the owner or occupant to cut, destroy or remove weeds, brush and grass that is six (6) inches high or more. In the case of noncompliance, the owner or occupant of the land shall be responsible for all costs incurred by the city in connection with such cutting or destruction plus a 30 percent administrative fee. If the charges are not paid within 30 days after billing, payment shall be deemed delinquent and shall be enforceable as a tax lien against the land.

Any person who violates any of the provisions of Article IV of Chapter 46 shall, in addition to the other obligations imposed thereby or by other applicable law, be responsible for a municipal civil infraction and subject to a civil fine.

Lisa Kay Hathaway, CMC
City Clerk

G.P.N.: 3/13/2008

City of Grosse Pointe, Michigan
NOTICE
CITY OF GROSSE POINTE WAYNE COUNTY BOARD OF REVIEW

The CITY OF GROSSE POINTE Board of Review will meet at 17147 Maumee, Grosse Pointe, Michigan on March 10th, 17th and 18th 2008. The Board will organize and review assessments on Monday, March 10th. The Board will hear protests from aggrieved property owners by appointment on Monday, March 17th from 9 am to 9 pm and Tuesday, March 18th from 9 am to 5 pm. Appointments may be made by calling the City offices at 313-885-5800 from 8:30 am to 5pm.

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

CLASS	RATIO	MULTIPLIER
Commercial	50.00	1.0000
Residential	50.00	1.0000
Personal	50.00	1.0000

Judith A. Provenche, Assessor
Secretary, Board of Review

G.P.N.: 03/06/08, 03/13/08



PHOTO BY RENEE LANDUYT

Fortified

Mike and Jack Reith of Grosse Pointe Woods are enjoying, hopefully, the last days of Michigan's winter. They built the snow fort one bucket at a time.

The Prague reader

When Brian and Stephanie Schantz of Grosse Pointe Farms traveled to Prague in December, they took along a copy of the Grosse Pointe News to read. The couple is pictured on the Charles Bridge with the Prague Castle in the background. When you travel, take along a copy of the Grosse Pointe News and have a photo taken of yourself in front of a local landmark. Send the picture, along with a few words to: The Grosse Pointe News Reader, 96 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe Farms, MI 48236; or e-mail to editor@grossepointe-news.com. Your picture will appear in an upcoming issue.



March lake levels

The following lake levels as of March 7 are offered by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers:

Lake Superior is 7 inches higher than it was at this time last year, while Lake Michigan and Huron are 5 inches lower than last year's level.

Lake St. Clair is 2 inches above its level of a year ago, whereas lakes Erie and Ontario are 2 and 1 inches, respectively, below their levels of one year ago. Lake Superior is predicted to remain steady over the next month.

Lake St. Clair is projected to drop an inch during the next 30 days, but ice or precipitation may cause it to fluctuate greatly.

Lakes Michigan, Huron, Erie and Ontario are predicted to rise 2 to 4 inches. Lake Superior is predicted to stay above last year's water levels through August, while the remaining lakes are forecasted to remain below their levels of a year ago over the next several months.

Outflow from the St. Mary's and St. Clair rivers was below average for February. Outflow from the Detroit, Niagara and St. Lawrence rivers was slightly above average for last month.

Alerts: Lake Superior, Lake Michigan and Huron are below chart datum and forecasted to remain below datum through May and June. Ice buildup in the connecting channels can cause large short-term water level fluctuations.

Users of the Great Lakes, connecting channels and St. Lawrence River should keep informed of current conditions before undertaking any activities that could be affected by changing water levels. Mariners should utilize navigation charts and refer to current water level readings.

Sedona Reader

Jo Ann and Bob Barto of Grosse Pointe Farms were on their way to the Barrett-Jackson Car Auction in Scottsdale, Ariz., and decided to spend time at the Enchantment Resort in Sedona, where they enjoyed the Grosse Pointe News. When you travel, take along a copy of the Grosse Pointe News and have a photo taken of yourself in front of a local landmark. Send the picture, along with a few words, to: The Grosse Pointe News Reader, 96 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe Farms, MI 48236; or e-mail to editor@grossepointe-news.com.



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Diann Lulis,
City Assessor

CITY OF HARPER WOODS WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN

SYNOPSIS: REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING MARCH 3, 2008

The regular City Council meeting was called to order by Mayor Kenneth A. Poynter at 7:30 P.M.

ROLL CALL: All Councilpersons were present except Councilman Daniel S. Palmer.

MOTIONS PASSED

- To excuse Councilman Daniel S. Palmer from tonight's meeting because of a prior commitment.
- To receive, approve and file the minutes of the regular City Council meeting held February 20, 2008, and furthermore, receive and file the minutes of the Planning Commission meeting held February 27, 2008.
- To adjourn to the Conference Room for the 2008 Goal Setting Session.
- That the agenda of the regular City Council meeting having been acted upon, the meeting is hereby adjourned at 7:59 p.m.

RESOLUTION PASSED

- To approve the following items on the Consent Agenda: (1) approve the Accounts Payable listing for Check Numbers 83298 through 83421 in the amount of \$676,221.71 as submitted by the City Manager and Finance Director, and further, authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to sign the listing. (2) approve payment to Statewide Security Transport in the amount of \$6,050.66 for prisoner lodging and maintenance for the month of January 2008. (3) approve the purchase of a thermal imaging camera from Argus-Hazco in the amount of \$6,828.00, with \$5,000 in grant money to be used, and further that competitive bidding we waived in accordance with City policy. (4) approve payment in the amount of \$37,163.90 to Wayne County for the Milk River Drain Interest; \$22,205.54 for the 1991 Series, \$2,756.28 for the 1992 Series and \$12,202.08 for the 1993 Series Bond.
- To approve the purchase of two PC Tough Books and related software through Accumed in the amount of \$10,640, and further to approve a six-year contract with Accumed for billing services at a rate of 8.75% of billings, subject to final review and approval by the City Manager and City Attorney.

Kenneth A Poynter,
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Audubon-Whittier Property Owners' Association weaves a tapestry with diversity and camaraderie in the presence of stately Colonials and French Tudors under the umbrella community.

Friends & neighbors

By John Lundberg
 Staff writer

If there is one common thread that weaves the rich tapestry of the Grosse Pointes, it's the beautiful and diverse housing architecture.

From stately Colonials and French Tudors to sprawling ranches, the housing stock in Grosse Pointe is a point of pride for the community.

And in Grosse Pointe Park, there is a long-standing homeowner's association dedicated to keeping it that way.

Created in 1941, the Audubon-Whittier Property Owners' Association is the oldest and largest homeowners group in the Pointes.

"It's a neighborhood where everybody knows everybody else," said William LeFevre, immediate past president of the non-profit group. "It just makes it a wonderful place to live."

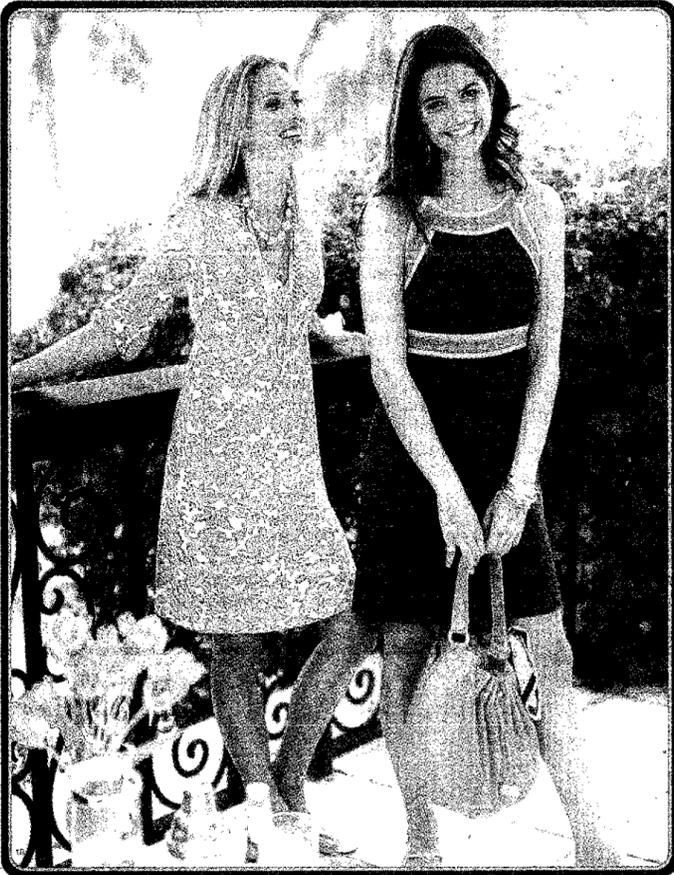
The association encompasses all homeowners on Audubon and Whittier from Jefferson to Kercheval. Its pri-



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See HOMES, page 2B The Audubon-Whittier Property Owner's Association represent 140 homes on Audubon and Whittier, between Jefferson and Kercheval.

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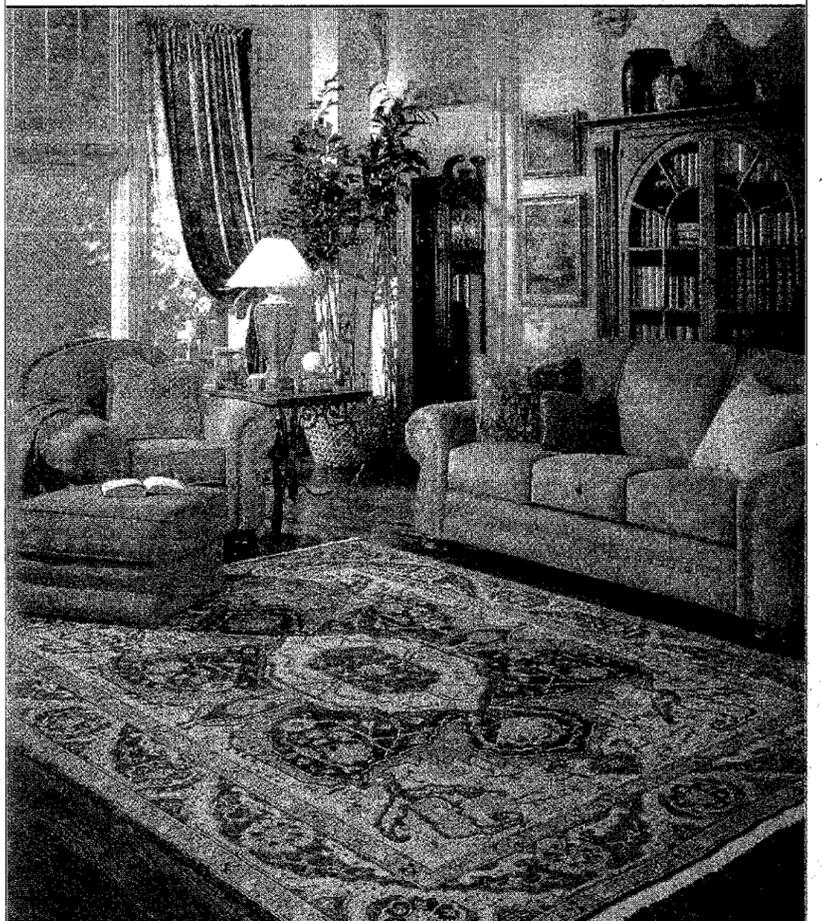


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by Sally

HOMES: Embracing diversity

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mary mission is maintaining the architectural heritage of the area. Members accomplish that through active enforcement of building and zoning objectives as well as engendering social interaction with each other.

As evidence, when the association hosted its 68th annual dinner last month at City Kitchen in the City of Grosse Pointe, some 60 homeowners were in attendance. Though scheduled to conclude at 9 p.m., the party didn't wrap up until well after 10 p.m., LeFevre said.

"I think we sucked up every last babysitter that can be found in the area for the dinner," he said. "We had people doubling up on babysitters."

"People just didn't want to leave the dinner."

But there is one stigma the organization would like to shed. It is a little known secret that the group had been guided by a not-so-pleasant principle, namely keeping the area Caucasian. LeFevre said there are still homeowners that will not join the organization because of its early history of discouraging minorities from moving there.



PHOTOS BY JOHN LUNDBERG

The housing stock in the neighborhood features a diverse range of styles. The association, founded in 1941, is the largest and oldest in the Grosse Pointes.

"Some of our older neighbors won't join because of the past," he said. "We embrace diversity. We want to show that some organizations can change."

The association is governed by a board of directors comprised of a president, vice president, treasurer, secretary and eight block captains, one from each block on both the odd and even sides. Each block captain serves a two-year term and each officer

serves a one-year term.

It has a strict list of bylaws governing architectural changes to neighborhood homes. Homeowners must receive the association's consent to start any renovation project, even before applying to Grosse Pointe Park's zoning board.

"If the Park receives an application that doesn't have our approval, it is immediately kicked back to us," LeFevre said. "We are stricter than the city."

The association also makes sure that people moving into the neighborhood are aware of the group. Local Realtors are instructed to inform prospective home buyers of the association before they commit to a purchase.

In most cases, the home buyer is very receptive to the group's presence.

"We work hard in welcoming them in here," LeFevre said. "We team with local merchants and put together a welcome basket for them."

"Normally, new homeowners are overwhelmingly enthusiastic. They are thrilled about moving into a neighborhood where everybody knows each other."

Membership dues are \$20 a year. In return, the association organizes a yearly block party, the annual dinner and composes a newsletter. In the recent past it set up a committee

to study property tax assessments to ensure they were in line, with the stagnation in home values.

Most of the housing stock was built in the 1940s and 1950s. It is a rich blend of residential styles that dominated the area. And the association is committed to maintaining that integrity.

The group has had its share of successes and failures in fighting renovations that didn't conform to its guidelines. One of the toughest battles is fighting lot splits that result in diminished green space.

"It is really very difficult to do," LeFevre said. "You do what you can."

The association's board of directors is charged with examining a home renovation proposal to determine compliance with use restrictions. LeFevre said it is common for the association to work very closely with residents looking to renovate. The last thing the board wants is hard feelings between them and the owners of the 140 homes the association covers, he said.

But it is the sense of family that makes the area such a great community for people, particularly younger families.

"There are 70 kids in a four-block area," LeFevre said. "We know everybody and the neighborhood really connects. I wouldn't trade what we have now for anything."

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CHURCH EVENTS

Holy Week

Holy week at First English Evangelical Lutheran Church begins on Palm/Passion Sunday, March 16 with the 8:15 a.m. Holy Communion service, a 9:30 a.m. contemporary service and an 11 a.m. traditional service with the procession of the palms. "The Triumphant Entry" is the title of the day's study. Sunday school is at 9:45 a.m. The Maundy Thursday service is at 7 p.m. Thursday, March 20 with the study, "The Last Supper." On Good Friday, March 21, "The Death of Jesus" is presented at 1 p.m. and at the 7 p.m. Tenebrae service. On Easter Sunday, March 23,

"The Resurrection of Our Lord" is presented at the 7 a.m. sunrise service, the 9 a.m. contemporary service and the 11 a.m. festival worship service. Each service includes Holy Communion. There will be no Sunday school on Easter. For more information, call the church office at (313) 884-5040.

Christian comedy

The Single Way, a group of interdenominational Christian single adults, features a Christian comedy video and

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"Technological progress is like an ax in the hands of a pathological criminal."

Albert Einstein

Defend yourself on the Internet

Editor's note: Thom Kaleta is a corporate technology consultant and owner of Object Seven. He will occasionally share his expertise with Grosse Pointe News readers.

By Thom Kaleta

In 1971, a 22-year-old deaf genius with perfect pitch discovered, if he whistled at exactly 2,600 hertz into a telephone, he could make free calls.

Being a genius and realizing that not everyone has perfect pitch (or can whistle, for that matter); he modified a toy whistle that came free in a box of Cap'n Crunch to resonate at exactly 2,600 hertz and showed a friend. That friend, John T. Draper, discovered even more mischievous things to do with a phone and gave a detailed interview to Esquire magazine on the subject.

Obviously not being a genius, this quickly resulted in an arrest and conviction with a sentence of five year's probation.

The modified toy whistle is a clear example of Einstein's ax.

That story is the seminal event of an illegal activity called "phreaking." You don't hear much about it these days, probably because making free phone calls isn't as exciting as it used to be.

These days the popular technology-based criminal activity is called "hacking."

Armed with a computer, an Internet connection and too much time on one's hands, a hacker can reach into your wallet and spend your every dollar before you realize it. Or worse, he'll open credit cards in your name and spend money you don't have.

In addition to financial and identity reasons, you should protect your identity for the simple fact you don't know what the future holds.

You are outmatched

Computer hackers don't use one computer to break into another computer; they use dozens or hundreds.

With that much computing power at their disposal, how can the average consumer protect himself? Unfortunately, you can't. There's no way you can be 100 percent sure your online identity is safe and secure.

Here's more bad news, you can't burglar proof your home either. You can deadbolt your doors, put steel bars on the windows, install an alarm and hire an army of Wal-Mart security guards to watch over your humble abode, but you can never be completely sure someone will not break in. What if one guard turns against you or simply falls asleep?

What if there's an elaborate sting operation involving the requisite off-camera distract-

tion via explosion? What if you are hypnotized to carry your valuables to the black van parked across the street? Hey, it could happen.

For every security measure there's an anti-security measure. It's true with home security and it's true with technology. That's why brand new automobiles still get stolen. The good guys come up with ways to outsmart the bad guys; the bad guys evolve, which makes the good guys evolve which makes the bad guys evolve ad nauseam.

The very best you can do is make it difficult to break into your home. Burglars are inherently lazy; they want the easy way out. If they wanted to work hard, they would get day jobs. By making your house difficult to break into, you are making their job harder and they'll likely just break into the next house. Which brings me to the first law of theft discouragement: if it's easier to break into the neighbors, they'll probably do just that. The second law, (Seriously, I'm just making these up as I go) is cost. If it costs too much to steal your stuff, it won't be stolen. For instance:

- ◆ Ski-mask: \$5
- ◆ Jar of peanut butter to distract barking guard dog: \$2.99
- ◆ Explosive material to distract sleeping security guard: \$9
- ◆ Hypnotism lessons and workbook: \$129
- ◆ Get-away vehicle gas, tune-up and mileage: \$73.50
- ◆ A thief hanging upside down with his boxers snagged on your fence and your dog licking his face: Priceless. (Sorry, I couldn't help myself.)

The point is simply this: If a thief has to buy \$219.49 of thief gear to steal \$10 worth of baseball cards, he won't bother. Would you?

The computing metaphor holds true, just replace the words "house" and "burglar" with "identity" and "hacker." You can never be sure your digital life is secure; you can only make it difficult to break in.

The answer

Fortunately computer science has provided us with a simple, effective, ubiquitous panacea for this problem: The Password.

A password is your single best defense against identity, data and financial theft on the Internet.

Unfortunately most users don't take this simple, yet effective security measure very seriously and opt for memorable instead of secure passwords. In fact, I've seen users not only freely give out their passwords, but oftentimes it is printed out somewhere near their desk with the word PASSWORD written next to it. Even if you weren't looking to be nosy,

Example Pass	Characters	Combinations	Time to guess
10ChrPass.	10	66,483,263,599,150,100,000	210,817 Years
YouAreThe1!	11	6,382,393,305,518,410,000,000	20,238,436 Years
24/7_365DDays	12	612,709,757,329,767,000,000,000	1,942,889,895 Years
99Redballoons.	13	58,820,136,703,657,700,000,000,000	1,865,174,299 Centuries
123Strikes&Out	14	5,646,733,123,551,140,000,000,000,000	179,056,732,736 Centuries
600PoundGorilla.	16	52,040,292,466,647,300,000,000,000,000,000	165,018,684,889,166 Milleniums
1Singular_Sensation	19	46,041,920,195,771,600,000,000,000,000,000,000,000	145,997,971,194,101,000,000 Milleniums
1FlewOverTheCookeesNest.	24	375,413,246,727,102,000,000,000,000,000,000,000,000,000,000,000	86,892,525,267,635,800,000,000 Times the current age of the universe
50WaysToLeaveYourLover(s)	25	36,039,671,685,801,800,000,000,000,000,000,000,000,000,000,000,000	8,341,682,425,693,040,000,000,000 Times the current age of the universe

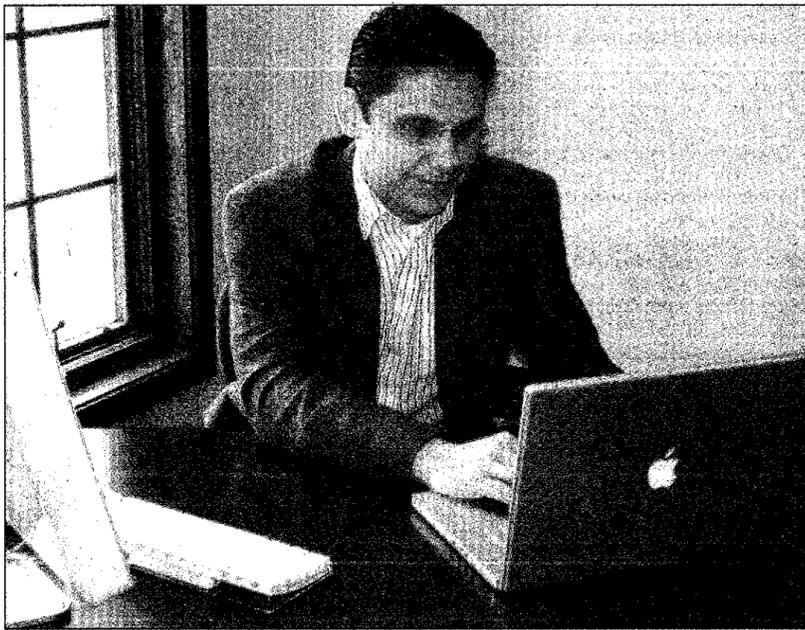


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Tom Kaleta gives Internet advice to readers.

that's just way too inviting.

However, for someone actually trying to break into one of your computers or online accounts, (via "hacking") here's how they might do it.

First they would probably use a very long list of common passwords that can be found on the Internet. The list is often referred to as "a word list."

Here's a short list of some commonly used passwords: password, password1, 123456, qwerty, abc123, letmein, test, myspace1, love and asdf.

If you're using any of these, seriously, change them or just delete the account all together. A word on old accounts: Don't leave data out there if it's absolutely not necessary. Web sites requiring you to log in can track a lot more than just the data you enter. They can track your computer type, the time of day you visit, your geo-location, your computer's address, called an IP address, and a lot more.

Now, if a hacker was really ambitious and a "word list" attack didn't work, he'd likely use a computer to systematically check every combination of letters, numbers, punctuation, et al. until he got in. This method, called a "brute force attack," can be deadly if you don't have a strong password. However, with a strong pass-

word, guessing it can be next to impossible.

Use strong passwords

Here is a set of guidelines to follow to help you choose strong passwords:

Rule No. 1

Do not use the same password twice, ever. Inevitably, a situation will arise when you have to tell someone your e-mail password. If it's the same as your bank account password, somebody other than you can now spend your money AND brag about it with your own e-mail account.

Rule No. 2

Don't use anything specifically associated to you. If everyone knows your pet's name is "Snuggly," that is not a good password. If everyone knows your favorite movie is "Goodfellas" than that's not a

good password. If everyone knows you have kids or pets, their names are not good passwords. I'd reread that last one again. Don't even use variations on any of the above either. No initials, no birthdays, nothing.

Rule No. 3

Make your password at least 10 characters: more on this.

Rule No. 4

Include at least one of each of the following: A lower case letter; an upper case letter a non-letter character and a number.

Given those guidelines good strong passwords look like this:

ChrPass.
YouAreThe!
3IsCompany?
M*a*s*h4077
24/7_365Days
99Redballoons.

December,1963
123Strikes&Out
600PoundGorilla.
1Singular_Sensation
1FlewOverTheCookeesNest
50WaysToLeaveYourLover
(s)

As you can see, I've picked things that are memorable. There are many things to use as password fodder, for instance:

- ◆ Lyrics to a song (not your favorite song).
- ◆ The obscure date of an event (not your wedding date).
- ◆ A punch-line to a joke (not one you've told a million times).
- ◆ The jersey number and last name of an athlete (not if you are a sports fan).
- ◆ The make, model and year of a vehicle (not if you're a car buff).

You get the idea. I think a better way of picking good passwords is to stop calling them passwords all together and to call them passphrases. That way you don't feel like you have to pick a single word.

Extra credit:

Just for fun, and to give you an idea of how secure those passwords are, see the adjacent table.

By using at least one of each of the four types of characters described above, you are choosing from a set of 96 characters.

For every character you add, the number of character combinations goes up exponentially. When the number of character combinations increase, the time needed to guess that password with a computer goes way up.

So why 10 characters? Because computing power is catching up, too.

Contact Thom Kaleta at thom.kaleta@objectseven.com.

CHURCH: There are activities for all

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dessert night at 7:30 p.m. Saturday, March 22, at a St. Clair Shores' members home.

Admission is \$4 for adults and \$2 for children.

For more information, call (586) 776-5535.

Stations of the cross

The Stations of the Cross will be presented during Good Friday: Walking the Way of the Cross at 3:30 p.m. Friday, March 21, at St. Ambrose Catholic Church, 15020 Hampton, Grosse Pointe Park. This is an ecumenical event and is sponsored by St. Ambrose.

The afternoon features the

Stations of the Cross at chosen sites on the east side that will be the point of departure for devotions and prayers on Christ's passion that brings its redemptive meaning into focus.

A soup lunch will be served to participants upon returning to St. Ambrose after the final station.

A freewill offering will be accepted.

Taste of beauty

The 16th annual United in Prayer Day begins with refreshments at 9 a.m. Saturday, March 15, at St. Peter the Apostle Parish House, 19851 Anita, Harper Woods.

The centering prayer, with the theme "A Taste of Beauty, Truth and Goodness," starts at 9:30 a.m., followed by the DVD presentations by Father Richard Rohr and Father Thomas Keating at Contemplative Outreach in

Houston, a period of contemplation and discussion. The event ends at 2:30 p.m.

Bring a lunch.

For more information, call Donna Carey at (586) 773-6438 or Bernadette Thibodeau at (313) 882-4842.

This day unites the worldwide network of Contemplative Outreach in a single bond of centering prayer.

Nursery benefit

The third annual silent auction and cocktail party to raise funds for Assumption Nursery School is from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. Saturday, March 15, at the Assumption Cultural Center, St. Clair Shores.

Tickets are \$40. The event is sponsored by the Assumption Nursery School Parent Group. Proceeds go to the school's building fund for the recent renovation and expansion projects.

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Ford House Easter festivities

Wintery conditions of an early Easter won't stop the 15th annual Easter Eggstravaganza and Easter brunch from happening at the Edsel & Eleanor Ford House.

The grounds open at 10 a.m. Saturday, March 22, and the horn blows at 10:30 a.m. for the Easter egg hunt. Afterward, children can visit with the Easter Bunny, receive a treat bag and watch clowns make balloon animals.

Attendees also are invited to spend some time walking the grounds and to stop in at the Josephine Ford playhouse.

"We're thrilled that this event continues to be so popular," said Jennifer Welsh, events and public programming manager, who has coordinated the event for the past 10 years. "We've enjoyed watching hundreds of children over the years as they excitedly gather their eggs. For many of them, it's their first visit to Ford House and for others it's a long-standing family tradition."

A limited number of tickets also are available for a Bunny Lunch in the activities center. The menu includes fresh fruit and veggies with ranch dress-



Even the youngest can pick up an egg or two at the Easter Eggstravaganza held at the Edsel & Eleanor Ford House on Saturday, March 22.

ing, pinwheel deli sandwiches, baked chicken tenders with dipping sauces, penne pasta with marinara sauce, garlic bread, brownies and cookies.

Tickets for the egg hunt are \$7 per child and \$4 per adult. The Bunny Lunch is an additional \$9 per person.

The Easter brunch begins at 10:30 a.m., Sunday March 23. Reservations are now being taken for the meal, which is

followed by a guided tour of the estate.

This year's menu includes made-to-order omelets, strawberry topped pancakes with whipped cream, smoked bacon, sausage links, roasted pork loin with duchess potatoes, chicken served over angel hair pasta, fresh vegetables, salads and baked pastries. Assorted cakes will round out the desserts.

Tickets for the brunch and tour are \$31 for adults and \$17 for children. Without the tour, tickets are \$24 for adults and \$12 for children.

Reservations are required for all events and can be made by calling (313) 884-4222.

The Edsel & Eleanor Ford House is located at 1100 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Shores.

A LA ANNIE By Annie Rouleau-Scheriff

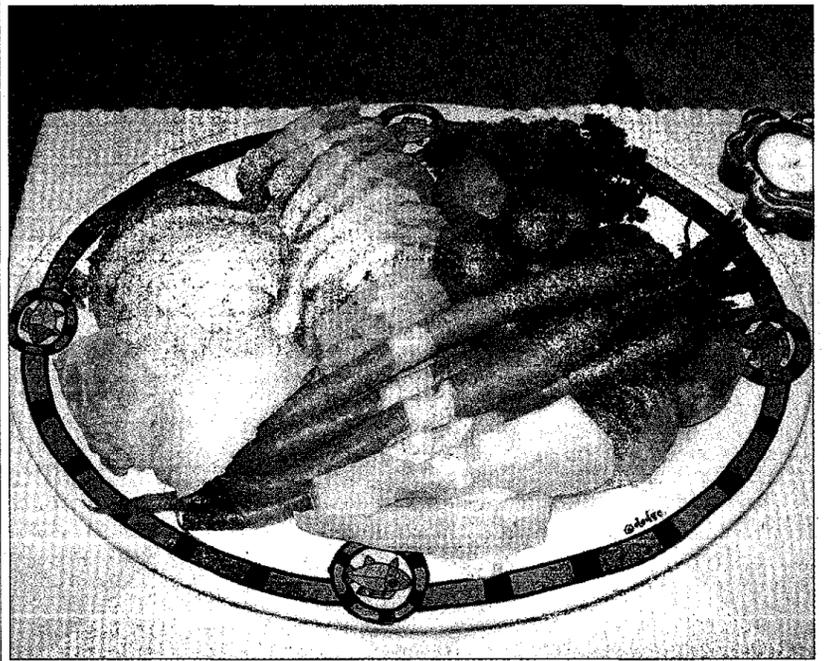


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Cook the traditional St. Patrick's Day meal of corned beef and cabbage in the crock pot. Dress it up with Annie's cream sauce.

Traditional St. Patrick's Day meal from crock pot



Monday is St. Patrick's Day. If for no other reason go Irish at dinner this year just to bring something different to the table.

A traditional "boiled" meal of corned beef and cabbage is no further away than your slow cooker.

I've prepared a mustard cream sauce to make the meal really special.

- halved and quartered
- 2 parsnips, peeled, halved and quartered
- 1 large red onion, peeled, halved and quartered
- 1 lb. small red or white potatoes
- 1 small head savory cabbage (or regular cabbage)
- 1 cup heavy cream
- 1/2 cup mustard (Dijon, spicy brown or your choice)
- 2 tablespoons honey
- 2 teaspoons cider vinegar

Spray no-stick spray in the bowl of the slow cooker. Place the meat in the cooker and add enough water to just cover the meat.

Add the spice packet from the brisket.

Place the carrots and the parsnips over the meat. Top with the onions and potatoes.

Cover and cook on high for four hours or six to seven hours on low.

Add the cabbage and cook

for another hour or until the cabbage is done. (Cooking times will vary from crock pot to crock pot.)

For the sauce, place the heavy cream, mustard, honey and cider vinegar in a small sauce pan.

Heat over medium-low heat until the sauce thickens slightly, about 10 minutes, stirring often.

Arrange the corned beef, cabbage and other vegetables on a serving platter for a nice presentation.

Pass the sauce on the side to drizzle over the meat and vegetables.

If you'll be away while the slow cooker is on, definitely choose the low setting. I only cook (with my slow cooker) on high when I'm at home.

You can also boil the cabbage, if you like. I usually go for savory cabbage which has light and dark green crinkled leaves and a mellow flavor.

It was a good choice.

Thespian showcase on March 13

Donna McKechnie hosts an all-state thespian showcase at 7 p.m. Thursday, March 13, at the Music Hall Center.

Best known for her Tony award winning role in "A Chorus Line," she will give the

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DLA programs honor women's history

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Features include storytelling on March 16, 23 and 29. Artist demonstrations on March 15 are also Women's History Month activities.

Programs are free with museum admission unless otherwise noted. They are as follows:

◆ Guided tours are offered at 1 p.m. Wednesdays and Thursdays at 1, 6, and 7:30 p.m. Fridays; and at 1 and 3 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays.

Friday, March 14

◆ Drawing in the Galleries for Youth and Adults, ages 6 and older; children 8 and younger must be with an adult, from 1 to 5 p.m. Artist/instructors help participants create pencil drawings to take home.

◆ Music: Holly Cole performs at 7 and 8:30 p.m. Cole imbues well-worn standards and eclectic songs with a combination of sensuality, innocence, sophistication and originality. In this rare, not-to-be-missed Detroit appearance, she and her quartet will perform music from her self-titled CD released in January.

◆ The Detroit Film Theatre presents "Nanking" at 7 p.m. "Nanking" is a searing reminder of the toll war takes on the innocent and a testament to the courage and conviction of a handful of individuals determined to act honorably in the face of evil. This story is about the Japanese invasion of Nanking, China in the early days of World War II. It focuses on the efforts of a small group of unarmed Westerners, who provided refuge for more than 200,000 Chinese. Tickets are \$5 for members, seniors and students and \$7.50 general admission.

◆ Detroit Film Theatre presents "My Brother's Wedding" at 9:30 p.m. Tickets are \$5 for members, seniors and students and \$7.50 general admission.

Saturday, March 15

◆ Drop-in Workshop: Origami from 1 to 5 p.m. Make your own Japanese folded-paper sculpture.

◆ Artist Demonstration: Sabrina Nelson demonstrates from 1 to 5 p.m. She is a Detroit artist whose work is about spiritual seeking and talking with whatever medium she employs. She makes altars for the living spirits and the non-living using references from African, Native American and Asian spiritual philosophies.

Short films

◆ Well before Douglas Fairbanks Sr. made the swash-bucklers and epics he is most famous, he appeared in films that expressed a culture that idealized athleticism. Popular

in their time, Fairbanks' "single reelers" remain largely unknown to modern audiences. "Mystery of the Leaping Fish," "Down to Earth" and "Matrimaniac" are three prime examples. Admission is free.

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Sunday, March 16

◆ Drawing in the Galleries for Youth and Adults, ages 6 and older; children 8 and younger must be with an adult, from 1 to 5 p.m. Artist/instructors help participants create pencil drawings to take home.

◆ Adventures in Drawing, ages 8 and younger must be with an adult, from 1 to 5 p.m. Children explore creative expression through drawing with assistance from museum instructors.

◆ Drop-in Workshop: Tapestry weaving from 1 to 5 p.m. Create your own woven tapestry using yarn and paper.

◆ Storytelling: Sugar or Spice? Stories by Gutsy Girls and Wise Women at 2 p.m.

Girls in the featured age-old tales don't flee from action, cower in the corner, or wait for a knight in shining armor. These stories feature gutsy girls and wise women who use humor, strength and wit to win the day.

◆ Lecture: Representing Women in American Art at 2 p.m. Marianne Doezema, Florence Finch Abbott director at the Mount Holyoke College Art Museum in Massachusetts, discusses how during the last decades of the 19th century and the first decade of the 20th depictions of American woman came to represent the values of the nation.

◆ Detroit Film Theatre presents "Nanking" at 4 and 7 p.m. Tickets are \$5 for members, seniors and students and \$7.50 general admission.

Wednesday, March 19

◆ Lecture: Between Logos and Light: Depicting the Prophet Muhammad from 1300 to today at 6:30 p.m. Paintings of the Prophet Muhammad have been produced since the medieval period in Persian and Turkish lands of the Islamic World. Christiane Gruber, assistant professor of Islamic art and Near Eastern Languages and Cultures at Indiana University, examines a number of these paintings that underscore the intricate and historical conventions of prophetic "portraiture" in Islamic traditions.

Thursday, March 20

◆ Detroit Film Theatre pre-

sents "Blind Mountain" at 7:30 p.m. Deng Xiaoping's "one-child policy" in China resulted in too few women available for Chinese men to marry. The result has been an explosion of modern-day slavery. An attractive, urbane young woman travels to a remote village in mountainous Shaanxi province for a reasonably well-paying job she has been promised. Instead she is kidnapped, drugged, and sold into marriage. Huang Lu plays the unwitting bride who is increasingly desperate and ingenious attempts to escape pit her against a corrupt community and its government enablers. Tickets are \$5 for members, seniors and students and \$7.50 general admission.

Friday, March 21

◆ Drawing in the Galleries for Youth and Adults, ages 6 and older; children 8 and younger must be with an adult, from 1 to 5 p.m. Artist/instructors help participants create pencil drawings to take home.

◆ Adventures in Drawing, ages 8 and younger must be with an adult, from 1 to 5 p.m. Children explore creative expression through drawing with assistance from museum instructors.

◆ Drop-in Workshop: Milagros from 6 to 9 p.m. Milagros are religious folk charms that are traditionally used for healing purposes and as votive offerings in Mexico. Make your own Milagros using air-drying clay.

◆ Quartet New Generation performs at 7 and 8:30 p.m. Quartet New Generation uses innovative programming that juxtaposes contemporary and early music. Performing on more than 20 different recorders of varying sizes and shapes during a typical performance, the quartet transports the listener into new sonic worlds.

◆ Detroit Film Theatre presents "Kings" at 7 p.m. In the 1970s, six ambitious and energetic young men, some friends, some relatives, leave Ireland for London fired up with hopes of making their fortunes and their futures, and eventually returning home in triumph. Thirty years later, only one does return - in a coffin. As the five others reunite for his wake, they're forced to face up to the realities of the past three decades. Tickets are \$5 for members, seniors and students

and \$7.50 general admission.

◆ Detroit Film Theatre presents "Blind Mountain" at 9:30 p.m. Tickets are \$5 for members, seniors and students and \$7.50 general admission.

Saturday, March 22

◆ Clayworks: Bowl Me Over! for adults from 1 to 3 p.m. Using simple slab construction methods, explore texture, form and color while making two bowls out of clay. Call (313) 833-4249 to register. The cost is \$24 for members and \$28 for nonmembers.

◆ Drop-in Workshop: Origami from 1 to 5 p.m. Make your own Japanese folded-paper sculpture.

◆ Detroit Film Theatre presents "Sally of the Sawdust" at 4 p.m. W. C. Fields, in his second film appearance, plays Prof. Eustace McGargle, the unlikely guardian of an orphaned circus waif (Carol Dempster). This movie is a rare glimpse of the comic timing and dry wit that makes Fields a legend as well as providing an intimate portrait of the lives of itinerant vaudevillians. Admission is free.

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◆ Storytelling: What Do You Know About Women's History? at 2 p.m. Join story teller Tonya Dallas as she weaves tales of captivating women and courageous girls in celebration of Women's History Month.

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Thursday, March 27

◆ Detroit Film Theatre presents "Steal a Pencil for Me" at 7:30 p.m. Jack refers to himself as a "very special Holocaust survivor" because he was in a concentration camp barrack with his wife and girlfriend.

When Jack's wife objects to the "girlfriend" despite their unhappy marriage, they resort to writing secret love letters, which sustain them throughout the war. Tickets are \$5 for members, seniors and students and \$7.50 general admission.

◆ Symposium: Circa 1900: Celebrating American Turn-of-the-Century Arts:

This national symposium includes a day and a half at the DIA devoted to the Ashcan School as well as receptions at the Manoogian collection and the Scarab Club. Arts and Crafts will be the focus of the next two days, with lectures, visits to Pewabic Pottery, the Guardian Building and other architectural gems. A day-long trip to Cranbrook rounds out the symposium. Call (313) 833-4025 for ticket prices and to register.

Friday, March 28:

◆ Drawing in the Galleries for Youth and Adults, ages 6 and older; children 8 and younger must be with an adult, from 1 to 5 p.m. Artist/instructors help participants create pencil drawings to take home.

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◆ Min/Wu/Xu performs at 7 and 8:30 p.m. Min Xiao-Fen (pipa, vocals, and electronics), Wu Wei (sheng, erhu, xun), Xu Fengxia (zheng, vocals) are three pioneers of the Chinese avant-garde who grew up during the Chinese cultural revolution. These composer/improvisers, each one an explorer of new music with traditional roots, have redefined their instruments, receiving universal acclaim from critics and audiences alike.

◆ Detroit Film Theatre presents "The Counterfeiters" at 7 p.m. Languishing in a Nazi concentration camp because he is a Jew, Saloman Sorowitsch is summoned by the SS officer, who arrested him, whereupon he's told he can escape death, if he'll use his considerable skills to take charge of a Nazi plan to flood

England and America with counterfeit money. Tickets are \$5 for members, seniors and students and \$7.50 general admission.

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Sunday, March 30

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The museum is open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Wednesdays and Thursdays; 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. Fridays; and 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays. Admission is \$8 for adults, \$6 for senior citizens and \$4 for children ages 6 to 17.

Bookie's reunion tour stops in Farms

Bands that once performed at Bookie's Club 870 will give it another go Sunday March 16, at Dylan's, 15402 Mack, Grosse Pointe Farms to celebrate the club's 30th anniversary reunion.

The Sillies, the punk band noted for starting the club, will perform with the Scott Campbell Group, led by Campbell, a former Harper Woods resident.

Included in the festivities is the showing of the film, "DETROIT ROCK: 1977-1981." It features live performances from Bookie's plus The MC 5, The Romantics and Mitch Ryder & The Detroit Wheels. Poster art and a photo exhibit of the Detroit music scene featuring the works of Deanne Detroit, Robert Matheu, Sue Rynski, Scott Campbell and Niagara will be displayed.

The Sillies started the club in the 1970s because there was nowhere in Detroit for bands to play original music. They debuted with Coldcock and The Denizens.

The Police, Ultravox, The Dead Boys, The Damned, The Cramps and others played their first and sometimes only Detroit shows at Bookie's while local bands like The Sillies, The Romantics, Destroy All Monsters (ex-MC 5 and Stooges) and Sonic Rendezvous (with Scott Morgan of The Rationals) headlined regularly.

Tickets are \$5 and all ages are welcome. Those under 21 must be accompanied by a parent or guardian.



Scott Campbell

John Williams featured at luncheon

Known for his work in "Jaws" and "Star Wars," composer John Williams is the featured speaker at the Thursday, April 10, Detroit Symphony Orchestra Volunteer Council luncheon.

The event begins with Williams conducting a DSO open rehearsal from 10 to 11:15 a.m. followed by lunch

and a program at the Max M. Fisher Music Center, 3711 Woodward, Detroit.

Williams led the Boston Pops Orchestra from 1980 to 1993 and is Artist-In-Residence at the Tanglewood Music Festival.

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Upcoming Detroit Symphony Orchestra lineup

German pianist Martin Stadtfeld will make his U.S. debut in Orchestra Hall March 14-16, performing works by Mozart and Bach with the Detroit Symphony Orchestra.

The 27-year-old has earned a reputation as a live performer and recording artist. DSO Music Director Emeritus Neeme Jarvi will lead Stadtfeld and the orchestra in Mozart's "Piano Concerto No. 23" and Bach's "Keyboard Concerto

No. 4."

The program will also feature Haydn's "Symphony No. 88" and Schubert's "Symphony No. 5."

Concerts begin at 10:45 a.m. Friday, March 14; 8:30 p.m. Saturday, March 15; and 3 p.m. Sunday, March 16.

The Toronto Symphony Orchestra, led by conductor Peter Oundjian, comes to Detroit at 8 p.m. Friday, March 14 for the second half of the

DSO and TSO orchestra exchange program.

This "unmasked" concert features soprano Barbara Hannigan as guest soloist and CBC radio personality Tom Allen as host.

Britten's "Les Illuminations," Mahler's "Symphony No. 4" and "The True Colour of the Sky," a piece by Canadian composer Gary Kulesha, are part of the program.

Orchestra Hall will echo with

the music of the late John Coltrane as Ravi Coltrane and Roy Haynes honor the life and music of one of the giants of jazz at 8 p.m. Thursday, March 20.

Saxophonist and composer John Coltrane is known for changing the musical landscape of the 1950s and 1960s prior to his death in 1967. He challenged traditional notions of the way the saxophone could be played, influencing a gener-

ation of future artists.

A full package deal for a night at the Max M. Fisher Music Center that includes two tickets to a concert, two drinks

and parking for \$49. DSO 2 GO is available for most concerts in March and April. For prices and ticket information, visit detroitsymphony.com

Shipwreck hunter addresses Grosse Pointe Historical Society

Famed "lord of the wreck hunters" David Trotter discusses his work at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, March 19, at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms.

Trotter, a shipwreck discoverer, diver, author, lecturer

and photographer, was the first to locate, identify and document more than 70 Great Lakes shipwrecks.

His shipwreck discoveries and programs have been featured on television and in newspapers throughout the U.S. and Canada.

He has also written several articles on Great Lakes shipwrecks for historical journals and national scuba diving publications and is the subject of book, "Shipwreck Hunter: Deep, Dark and Deadly in the Great Lakes," by Gerry Volgenau.

His talk, sponsored by the Grosse Pointe Historical Society.

It is free and open to the public.

For information, call The Grosse Pointe Historical Society at (313) 884-7010, or visit gphistorical.org.

Pewabic Pottery observes birthday

Pewabic Pottery, 10125 E. Jefferson, Detroit, is commemorating its 106th year as Michigan's only surviving historic pottery with a free celebration from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, March 15.

In conjunction with Women's National History Month, the business is honoring the achievements of artist Mary Chase Perry Stratton, Pewabic's founder, who was inducted into the Michigan Women's Hall of Fame in 1986.

During the festivities, guests may explore the facilities, view tile pressing and wheel throw-

ing demonstrations during one of the hourly tours offered from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Birthday cake and refreshments will be served throughout the day and the first 300 guests will receive a party favor.

Pewabic is preparing for the next step in its legacy with the demolition of an adjacent blighted apartment building.

Visitors are welcome, free of charge, during business hours, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday through Saturday and from noon to 4 p.m. Sunday. For more information, call (313) 822-0954 or visit pewabic.org.

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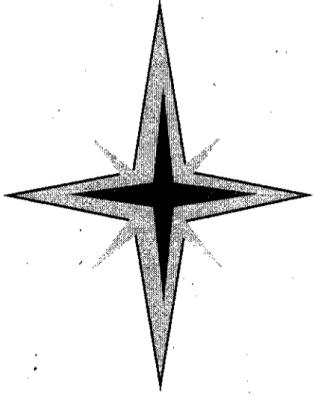
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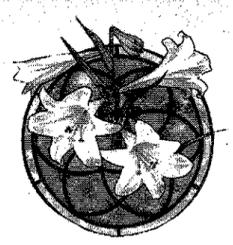
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Little thrift shop thrives on innovation

An 18 carat gold Italian necklace and Madame Alexander dolls have passed through the Little Thrift Shop of St. Michael's Episcopal Church in Grosse Pointe Woods.

Countless shirts, dresses and hats reflecting the styles of the past 50 years donated or on consignment establish the thrift shop as a permanent fundraiser to benefit such organizations as Habitat for Humanity and Turning Point.

Celebrating its 50th anniversary this March, the Little Thrift Shop is still a successful fundraising venture, thanks to some innovative women from the early years of St. Michael's Episcopal Church in Grosse Pointe Woods.

Shortly after the founding of St. Michael's in 1952, the women's auxiliary held a rummage sale as an outreach project fundraiser. Later they added a "Summer Arcade" with handmade items and food for sale and games for children held in the parking lot.

From those events, The Little Thrift Shop came to life on March 14, 1958.

It was a "little" thrift shop because its first location was in the organ chamber.

In a Grosse Pointe News article dated March 7, 1968, one of the original thrift shop founders, Louise Mason, is quoted as saying, "In addition to its small size, the organ chamber had one great drawback — a large window opening into the church, which of course, could not be closed off due to the necessity of letting the sound of the organ pass through. Unfortunately, it also let all sorts of other sounds pass through, which necessitated a complete shut-down of the shop, if there were an unscheduled service such as a funeral.

"And, in spite of all our precautions there were a few occasions, when we neglected to silence the telephone, which could be distinctly heard supplementing the organ on



Due to lack of storage space, the Little Thrift Shop's overflow was once stored in the church's attic.

Sunday morning."

Longtime thrift shop volunteer Marge Chandler recently reminisced, "It was such a long time ago, but I seem to recall that due to lack of space, inventory was sometimes stored in the attic. I remember stepping carefully on the boards in the attic to avoid falling through the ceiling," she said.

The Little Thrift Shop moved to its current location in the church in 1961, when a new wing was added. To the delight of thrift shop volunteers, it had built-in shelves, a dressing room, an office and room for storing unticketed inventory. The room was originally used as a classroom on Sundays.

The thrift shop has always been a consignment shop. If the item sells within two months on the shelves, the consigner gets 60 percent of the sale price. If the item doesn't sell within that time, the shop gets all the profit.

The shop also takes donated items — known as number 6 — and all the profits from sales go to the shop. All items must clear a rigorous screening by the volunteers, who work in receiving. Only quality, used goods

are accepted.

"You never know what treasures you may find," said Genny Davenport, manager of the thrift shop since 2001. When asked if anything of significant value has been brought to the thrift shop, she recalled a necklace made of 18K Italian gold that sold for \$200. after digging through old records, it was discovered that a set of dolls brought in were sold to DuMouchelle Art Galleries for \$458.

The most significant finds though, are the great bargains found regularly at the shop. There is even a designer section, which highlights used designer women's clothing and accessories, including occasional finds such as Coach and Kate Spade handbags.

Besides women's, men's and children's clothing, other items one might find are china platters, crystal candlesticks, jewelry, mink coats, shoes, purses, bedding and children's toys, just to name a few. There is also the "Christmas Boutique" which offers an array of holiday items during the season.

All of the thrift shop's profits are given to the Episcopal



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Pat Grant and Beth Carpenter tag items to be placed on the racks at the Little Thrift Shop.

Church Women of St. Michael's, who donate about 50 percent to St. Michael's and the remainder to a variety of charitable organizations.

Some groups that have benefited include Mariner's Inn, Crossroads, Alternatives for Girls, Turning Point, Habitat for Humanity and Gleaners Community Food Bank.

The thrift shop fashion show and luncheon also is a popular event that features clothing from the shop and models from the church membership. This year it will be held Tuesday, May 13.

More than 60 women and men of St. Michael's put in countless hours working in receiving, ticketing, sales, bookkeeping and housekeeping. They pull and sort items that have been in the store more than two months. However, if asked volunteers say it's a labor of love.

The Little Thrift Shop at St. Michael's Episcopal Church is

located at 20475 Sunningdale Park Drive in Grosse Pointe Woods. Hours are 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Wednesdays and Fridays and 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturdays.

PASTOR'S CORNER By Fran Bachmann

Is there more than one way to pray?

There are so many ways we can communicate with God. So which is the most effective?

There are prayers of gratitude, talking to God, listening, reasoning, praising, prayers of petition, repetition and many more. People pray while driving, singing, walking, working and just before going to sleep.

When I pray, it is generally a prayer of affirmation I learned in my study of the Bible and

"Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures," by Mary Baker Eddy. When praying, I have the expectancy of good; of God's blessings supported by spiritual reasoning that the qualities of God stated throughout the Bible are all wonderful and perfect qualities that we reflect as the "image and likeness of God."

God is described in the Bible as a loving, perfect spirit and

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SENIOR SCENE By Ruth Cain

Simple steps help ease 'brain fog'



There is a condition described as "brain fog," which many seniors frequently experience.

It can feel like a mist surrounding your consciousness, leaving you not quite there. You can feel scattered, forgetful, unfocused and confused, when faced with simple decisions.

Seniors who experience this believe it's because they're getting older or it's a signal that dementia has set in.

The March issue of Consumer Reports on Health, a publication of Consumers Union, has good news.

Research shows that neither aging nor senility is typically to blame for clouded thinking.

One recent study of 100 older adults found that forgetfulness, attention lapses and other complaints about mental sharpness were more closely related to mood and general mental health than to cognitive status, age or risk of Alzheimer's disease.

The symptoms could also

stem from an underlying medical condition, or a drug's side effects, but "most often it's a disturbance in sleep or mood, or simply the hurried, stressed nature of modern life," said Jeanne Leventhal Alexander, M.D., director of the Psychiatry Women's Health Program at Kaiser Permanente in northern California.

What's even better news is that those problems can usually be corrected or at least improved, Alexander said.

Here are six steps which could restore mental clarity:

- ◆ Check for medical reasons. Mild cognitive complaints often stem from high blood pressure, chemical, hormonal or metabolic imbalances and other health conditions that can be detected by a few simple blood tests. Chronic pain can also affect mental sharpness.

- ◆ Review medications with a doctor. Some medications, both prescriptions and over-the-counter, can dull the senses. Many of the worst offenders belong to a broad class of drugs called anticholinergics. An eight year study of nearly 400 older people found that those taking anticholinergics had a higher risk of impaired function.

- ◆ Reboot your brain. Your

body responds to stress by releasing a cascade of hormones that put all body systems on full alert.

"When you're at peak performance, just the nerve cells needed for the response are firing, but in protracted or very stressful situations, too many nerve cells fire at once," said Esther Sternberg, M.D., director of the Integrative Neural Immune Program at the National Institute of Mental Health.

John Hopkins University researchers measured the impact of stress on thinking in a group of about 1,000 men and women ages 50 to 70. Most stressed subjects performed worse than their calmer counterparts on

nearly every measure of cognitive function.

With prolonged stress, Sternberg says you have to reboot and shut your brain down or your body will do it for you.

- ◆ Sleep. Some research shows that those getting even an hour or two less than the optimal seven to eight hours of sleep each night performed as poorly on cognitive tests as those who stayed up for 24 hours.

For those who regularly shortchange themselves on sleep night after night, over time their sense of sleepiness tends to level out. Good sleep habits include going to bed and waking at the same time every day, avoiding beverages (espe-

cially alcoholic or caffeinated ones) a few hours before bedtime and exercising early in the day. If it doesn't interfere with night time sleep, a short nap can be a real brain refresher.

- ◆ Exercise. Physical activity improves brain function in the same regions adversely affected by stress and lack of sleep. It increases blood circulation to the brain and enhances neural activity. One research study found regular exercise yielded more long term improvements in executive functions among previously sedentary older adults.

- ◆ Socialize. Some research suggests exercising our brain by doing crossword puzzles or learning new skills can sharpen

thinking skills.

A 2008 study at the University of Michigan with more than 3,600 adults, found that regardless of age, the more frequently they interacted with friends, neighbors and relatives, the higher their score on a simple test of cognitive function.

Socializing may also play a role in keeping you sharp as you age. Studies suggest that having satisfying relationships with friends and family and participating in mentally stimulating activities with others is associated with a reduced risk of cognitive decline and dementia.

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Daisies with valentines

Daisy Girls Scout Troop 1180 of Grosse Pointe Woods sends its love and talent by making valentine cards for seniors in the Grosse Pointes and Harper Woods. "I told them that on Valentine's Day, they would have a wonderful feeling that they never had before," said Daisy scout leader Lory LaRose, "That would be the exact moment when someone received their valentine and they felt happy and they smile. Those cute tiny little girls were so excited for Valentine's Day to come, so their person could receive their valentine and smile." The Daisies are from left, Jaclynn Kummer, Emily Marshall, Rebecca DeZeery, Alexandra Leone, Caroline Mrsan, Mackenzie Mermiges, Ava Gallant, Sophia LaRose and Katelyn Gloster.

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merciful. God promises perpetual and inevitable good. Jesus says "Be perfect as your Father in heaven is perfect." So that is where we find that affirming perfection — and knowing it as the truth — is a prayer that is effective and supported by Jesus' teachings (i.e., "Ye shall know the Truth and the Truth shall make you free").

Another way to look at it is if it is true about God, it is true about you, since you are made in His image.

I had an opportunity to make a decision regarding prayer while in downtown Chicago this past January with a vocal performance group. We had to take a bus from the hotel where we were staying to the venue. As I was walking to the bus, one of the other singers said she had lost her purse and was going back to find it. Of course, she was very upset and worried. If she didn't locate it quickly, she would miss the bus. My first thought was either I could help her find it or get on the bus, ask the driver to wait for her and pray. I decided the best way I could help was to board the bus and pray.

I began immediately to affirm that there was nothing lost in God's universe and that if God could not lose anything, then we could not either. Also, that we are all brothers and sisters with one God, our Mother and Father. Therefore none of our brothers or sisters could want to keep something away from another brother or sister. Well, we only had to tell the bus driver to wait once before the woman returned with her purse completely intact, very happy to proceed to the performance, as we all were.

Someone had turned the purse over to the security desk, which was all a wonderful demonstration of God's harmony.

Whether you think of prayer as asking for guidance or tuning in to a higher power; listening for inspiration or resting in God's love, in essence they are all the same. Prayer is humbly reaching out for help and being receptive when God's divine message, the Christ, speaks. The good news: This kind of prayer — whatever you name it — works!

Fran Bachmann is a member of the local Christian Science Church. For more information visit ChristianScience.com.

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OB/GYN chief authors Practice Bulletin

By Sara E. Brown
St. John Hospital and Medical Center

Pregnant asthmatic women should take their asthma medication in the lowest dose possible to manage symptoms during pregnancy, a new study suggests.

This information was published in the Practice Bulletin released in early February by the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists.

Mitchell P. Dombrowski, M.D., an internationally known expert on high-risk pregnancy and chief of OB/GYN at St. John Hospital and Medical Center, authored the bulletin. It complemented his long-time research on the subject.

"Research consistently shows that women with well-

controlled asthma can have healthy pregnancies with excellent maternal and perinatal outcomes," said Dombrowski, an ACOG fellow.

"The ultimate goal of controlling asthma during pregnancy is to ensure that the fetus continues to get adequate oxygen by preventing asthma attacks."

Instead of discontinuing medication, pregnant asthmatic women should be educated on self-monitoring, correct use of inhalers, promptly handling signs of worsening asthma, and avoiding triggers, so they can correctly respond if they have an asthma attack.

An estimated 22 million Americans have asthma, a common chronic disease that causes inflammation in the airways and increases sensitivity to allergens and irritants. It af-

fects approximately four to eight percent of pregnancies.

During pregnancy, asthma attacks may deprive the fetus of oxygen and have been linked to increased prematurity, the need for cesarean delivery, growth restriction, other fetal complications, morbidity and mortality in women.

Because how pregnancy will affect an individual woman's symptoms is unknown, lung function of women with moderate to severe asthma should be monitored during pregnancy.

A first-trimester ultrasound should also be performed to assess fetal growth restriction and risk for preterm birth. Ultrasound exams to monitor fetal activity and growth should be performed starting at 32 weeks for women with poorly controlled asthma,

moderate to severe asthma, or those who are recovering from a severe asthma attack.

Many women with asthma need to use medication to maintain normal respiratory function. Long-term medications — such as inhaled corticosteroids — are used to prevent asthma flare-ups. Rescue therapy — most commonly inhaled short-acting beta agonists (preferably inhaled albuterol during pregnancy) — provide immediate relief from symptoms.

No matter the combination used, prescriptions for pregnant women should be tailored to supply the lowest amount of drug intervention necessary to control a patient's asthma.

Women who already use immunotherapy (allergy shots) at or near maintenance level to improve asthma symptoms

may continue getting shots during pregnancy. However, women should not begin immunotherapy during pregnancy.

Allergy shots are typically given with lower doses of serum to start and are gradually increased to higher levels. These escalating doses may cause anaphylaxis during pregnancy and have been associated with maternal and fetal death.

During labor and delivery, asthma medication should be used. In combination with hydration and adequate analgesia, the medication may be enough to keep symptoms under control.

Cesarean delivery may be indicated in cases in which patients have unstable asthma and a mature fetus that would benefit from immediate deliv-

ery. Use of asthma medications may also continue after delivery and during breastfeeding.

Women, who are better educated about asthma management and how it relates to pregnancy, often have an easier time controlling their symptoms.

Pregnant asthmatic patients should be counseled to start rescue therapy at home, if they experience symptoms of asthma flare-up, such as coughing, chest tightness, wheezing, shortness of breath, or labored breathing.

All women with asthma should be instructed to be attentive to fetal activity. If women notice that their fetus is less active than usual or has stopped moving altogether, they should seek immediate medical attention.

ASK THE EXPERTS By Diane Strickler, RN, MSW

Sooth a crying baby with the six 'S's'

Our newborn seems to cry incessantly. He is dry and fed, but nothing we do seems to stop the crying. Can you share something about Dr. Harvey Karp's soothing technique for fussy babies?

Harvey Karp, M.D. is an assistant professor of pediatrics at the UCLA School of Medicine, a nationally known speaker, researcher and author. Karp's initial studies focused on crying and colic. In his first book, "The Happiest Baby on the Block: The New

Way to Calm Crying and Help Your Newborn Baby Sleep Longer," Karp explains how calming even the fussiest baby is easy, once you see the world from the infant's perspective.

In utero, the fetus is constantly fed, shushed, jiggled and cuddled. "The sound our fetus hears is louder than a vacuum cleaner...24/7," Karp said.

What an adjustment to the infant being born into a quiet, calm and lonely world.

In his research, Karp discov-

ered the calming reflex, "the off switch babies are born with," which persists for the first few months after birth. "Parents can trigger the calming reflex by recreating the coziness, sounds and motions experienced by the baby before birth."

The following are Karp's 5 "S's" to turn on the calming reflex:

◆ Swaddling — snugly wrap the baby with his arms at his side and be sure your baby does not get too hot.

◆ Side/stomach — although a baby should sleep on his back, lying on his back feels like falling.

◆ Turn your baby toward his side to trigger a reflex in the middle ear.

◆ Shushing — remember the vacuum cleaner noise? Shushing must be as loud as the crying or the baby does not hear you.

◆ Swinging — the more up-set the baby, the tinier and faster the movement should be. While supporting the head

and neck, let the baby's head jiggle.

◆ Sucking — once the baby is calmed, sucking puts him in a state of relaxation.

◆ The 6th "S" is for parents — more sleep!

This article was compiled from Web research and an article by Nick Friedman of "Scholastic Parent and Child," October 2007.

To learn more about Karp's technique, attend the free Partners in Parenting class at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, March

19, in the VanElslander Pavilion 2nd floor cardiology conference room.

To register, call The Family Center at (313) 432-3832 or St. John Health Connect at (888) 440-7325.

Parking is free and a light dinner will be served.

The Wednesday, April 16, lecture will be "Understanding Your Child's Temperament" with Dr. Michael McMillan.

E-mail questions to info@familycenterweb.org.

Teen dating violence prevention class offered

According to recent studies, 20 percent of teenage girls and young women have experienced some form of dating violence and even more endure emotional abuse.

"This is something that needs to be talked about," said Wayne County Sheriff Warren Evans. "Many young ladies, who go on dates with boys, might face some uncomfortable and perhaps dangerous situations. These girls need to know in advance what to look out for, how to handle uncomfortable situations and what to do if they become a victim."

The Sheriff's Office Training Center is planning a series of sexual harassment, assault and rape prevention classes available to the public. Participants will learn how to identify early warning signs and be shown practical techniques to regain

physical control at various stages of an assault or potential assault.

"This is a subject matter that requires active parental involvement, whether it is a series of conversations inside their home, or taking our safety class together," Evans said.

"Kids look to their parents for guidance and direction so they can feel safe and stay safe."

According to the U.S. Justice Department's Office on Violence Against Women, dating violence can happen to anyone at any time. However, young victims face different

obstacles than older, adult victims.

Teen dating violence often increases the risks of substance abuse, sexual activity, pregnancy and suicide, especially for female victims. Despite public perceptions, harmful issues associated with

teen dating do not have to include physical contact or assault, Evans said.

"Problems can start with controlling behavior, such as the young man trying to dictate who her other friends can be or other forms of emotional abuse. Those are the warning

signs of possible physical assaults down the road," he said.

Classes are open to teens and adults and will be scheduled on an on-demand basis. To get on the list, or for more information, call (734) 287-2225 or visit waynecounty.com/sheriff.

Beaumont offers speakers bureau

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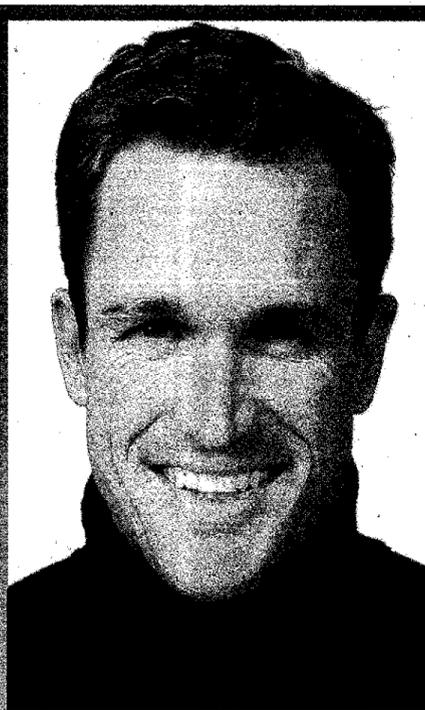
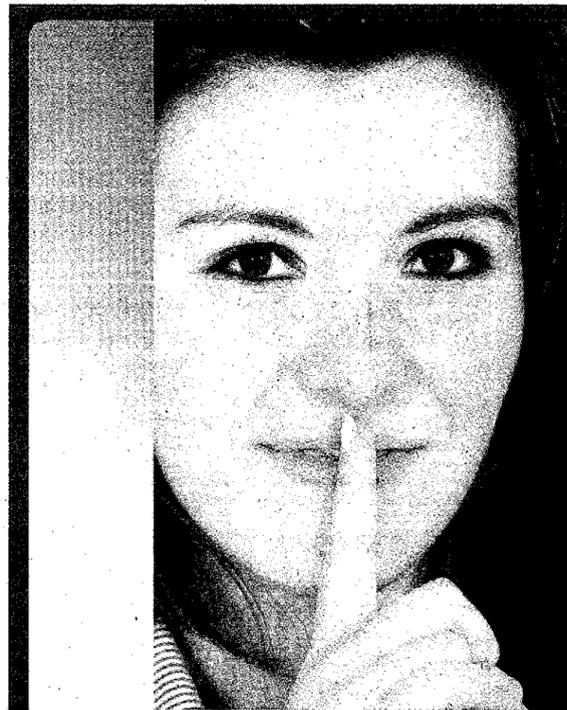
The presentations are free upon request to civic and service groups, social clubs and other nonprofit organizations.

Topics offered include female health concerns, including pregnancy and menopause; general health topics such as weight loss, high blood pressure, back care, heart disease and cancer; concerns specific to older adults including arthritis, caregiving, hearing disorders and memory tips; and legal issues including living wills and patient rights.

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Saturday, March 15

The Grosse Pointe Board of REALTORS® will hold its 21st Annual Home & Garden Expo from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, March 15, at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial. The event is free. Parking is free.

The Grosse Pointe Board of REALTORS® will showcase its link to the community with its 21st Annual Home & Garden Expo from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial Saturday, March 15.

The free event will feature some 70 exhibitors specializing in every aspect related to your home. Experts include painters, remodelers, home inspectors, florists, landscapers, roofers and more. They will be happy to offer ideas and tips for home improvements you might have in mind this spring. "This is our way of getting local vendors together with the community 'they serve', said Cheryl Gauss, Board president". "They have the answers people want when it comes to home improvements." "It's nice to be able to go to one location for assistance."

The Grosse Pointe Board of REALTORS® is celebrating its 23rd anniversary of servicing the Grosse Pointes. It was founded to ensure high ethical standards of practice among those engaged in the purchase or sale of real estate. It also fosters networking of its members on a professional basis. Members follow a Code of Ethics established by the National Association of REALTORS® in 1913, which insists its members uphold the professional standards of the industry.

The Expo typically draws over 1,000 people every year, said Bobbi Sexton, chief executive officer of the Board. Not only does it get vendors together with the community, some proceeds from the event go to fund three \$1,000 scholarships to one student from Grosse Pointe South, Grosse Pointe North and University of Liggett high schools. "That is one of the most rewarding 'aspects' of the Expo," Sexton said. "The scholarships go to students who otherwise wouldn't be eligible 'for aid.' These students are chosen because of their special circumstances. Maybe they had a rough time. "But they're still plugging away."

Sponsored by LaSalle Home Lending Center and John Adams Mortgage Co., the Expo will have door prizes, drawings, demonstrations, handouts and much more. It is just one of several community involvement projects the Grosse Pointe Board of REALTORS® engages in. "We serve the community on a daily basis" Gauss said. "We work with financiers and assist homeowners by helping them to handle their 'home issues.'"



Other civic contributions the Board makes to the community include the landscaping and maintenance of the corner where Warren meets Mack, giving Easter Baskets to families who are in need, a Toy Drive for children in need, a Christmas party for the Foundation for Exceptional Children and this year sponsoring a free seminar to address the process of appealing your property tax assessment.

The Board also helped the Grosse Pointe Chamber of Commerce get started. "We're very visible in the community," Sexton said. The Home & Garden Expo is spearheaded by the Education Committee chairs which includes Chase Wakefield and Krys Schroeder. Krys also co-chairs the event along with Pat Chasteen.

One thing the Board has been fighting for is a reduction in the "pop-up" tax that homebuyers encounter when they make a purchase. The Board is working with the state legislature to reduce the tax burden when buying a house. "It is an important issue with us," Gauss said. "We are focused on the education of our members and making sure that residents in the community are aware of what's happening."

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For more information about the 21st annual Home & Garden Expo visit the GPBR's Web site at www.gpbr.com

Proceeds from the Home & Garden Expo benefit Grosse Pointe Board of REALTORS® projects including the Scholarship fund. Each year the Grosse Pointe Board of REALTORS® gives out three \$1,000 scholarships to local students — one to a Grosse Pointe North High School student, one to a Grosse Pointe South High School student and one to a University Liggett School student.

Scholarships are granted based on a student's ability to persevere in adverse situations.



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The late **Sylvia Marciniak** was an artist with a talent that people find remarkable. Her drawings are rich in detail and illuminate shadings. See art from her point of view at the public library.

Her spirit endures

By Beth Quinn
Staff Writer

When people see artist Sylvia Marciniak's colored pencil drawings, their first reaction is "I can't believe these are done in pencil. They look like acrylics or oil paintings."

It appears her drawings' rich detail and illuminant shadings came from some divine place in her soul. It is evident she saw beauty even in life's most mundane moments.

"I have always looked on my art as a celebration of all the things I love. I think the world has learned all it is ever going to learn from tragedy," Marciniak once said in an interview. "I would like my art to help people feel good about being alive and feeling good about the world we live in."

"I try to find beauty in simple things, whether a simple expression in the eyes of child, an adult, or an everyday still life of fruit."

The Grosse Pointe Woods resident's celebration ended when she died of cancer at the age of 68 in May of 2005.

Through sheer optimism and will power, Marciniak transcended cancer's pain and discomfort to work on her paintings, recalls her sister, Barbara Marciniak Olgati.

"She carried on with her work. She would not give in to the cancer," she said.

Some of Marciniak's finest work was done during this difficult time, said Louis Olgati, Barbara's husband.

Through it all, Marciniak continued to help others.

When learning her dogs' groomer was unable to work due to an illness, Marciniak sent her a check to help her get through a rough time, remembers Olgati.

"Even though she was under so much pain, she was thinking about other people," he said



See ARTIST, page 14B Sylvia Marciniak was a master of the color pencil with her ability to recreate the life-like qualities of her subjects.

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ARTIST:
A shade above
the others

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"She was so aware of others. She was so charitable."

The Olgiat's are now honoring Marciniak by donating her art to places that meant something to her.

"We are asking ourselves, 'Where would these paintings mean a lot to her?'" Marciniak Olgiat said.

One of the recipients is the Grosse Pointe Public Library.

"She loved the library," said Marciniak Olgiat. "I don't think there is anyone who loved the library more."

The two pieces the library received are hanging in the Woods branch where Marciniak as a frequent patron.

One titled, "The Carousel," a close-up of two bejeweled white carousel horses. It is located in the youth room.

The building's second floor now houses her painting, "Moment of Reflection," which depicts a young girl gazing at a floral bouquet.

"The donation combined her love of the library with her love of children and animals," Olgiat said.

"The library is very fortunate to have had these pieces donated to the woods branch," said Library Director Vickey Bloom. "Sylvia was an accomplished artist and her pieces fit beautifully in the library."

"I want to express my thanks again to Louis and Barbara Marciniak Olgiat for



thinking of the library to display the pieces."

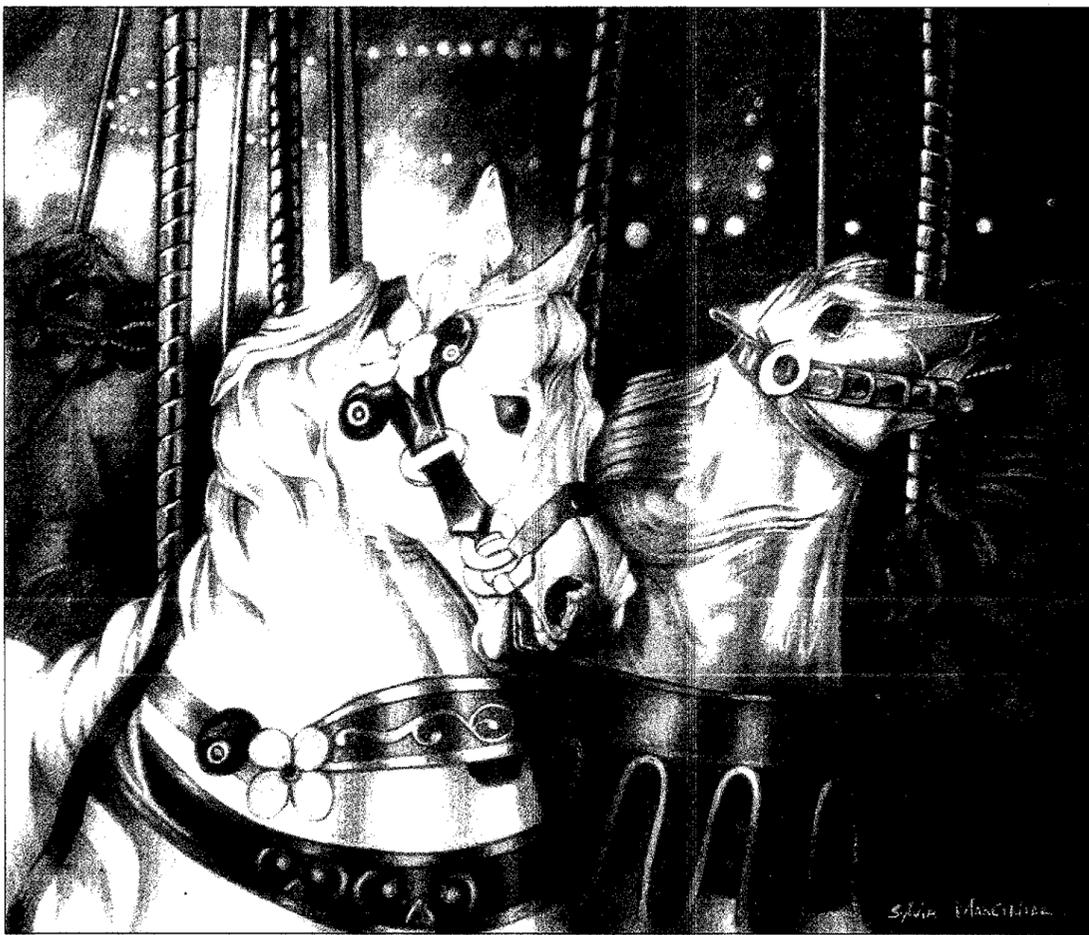
A native of Grosse Pointe, Marciniak earned her bachelor's degree in fine arts from Wayne State University and her master's from the University of Michigan. She continued her studies at the American School for Art in Fontainebleau, France.

The Olgiat's gave a monetary donation and a framed original artwork in Marciniak's honor to Wayne State's Arthur Neef Law Library. The two sisters worked at the library as undergraduates at the university.

In addition to being an award-winning artist, Marciniak was a teacher, who inspired legions of young artists to pursue their dreams, Marciniak Olgiat said.

She was an instructor in the Detroit Public School System followed by her professorship in Macomb Community College's department of graphic and commercial art.

"(Sylvia) taught me that I have ability. She showed me where to start," wrote artist



PHOTOS BY BETH QUINN

Two of Marciniak's pieces now grace the Grosse Pointe Public Library's Woods branch. "The Carousel" is located in the fourth room and "Moments of Reflection" is displayed on the second floor.

and Macomb alumna Sandra Markowski in a letter to the Olgiat's. "I take her with me in every new artistic endeavor I attempt."

The Olgiat's established The Sylvia Marciniak Memorial Scholarship for Macomb students majoring in advertising, media and communication arts. Renewable

for up to three semesters, it is based on financial need and covers tuition, fees and books.

"We would like to carry on her philosophy of bringing out the best in people," said Marciniak Olgiat. "She was one very strong, compassionate and committed personality — to both her students and her family."



The late Sylvia Marciniak cherished her art, family, friends, students and her two pet pooches.

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AREA ACTIVITIES

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Members of the Grosse Pointe Questers will tour the Detroit Institute of Arts Native American exhibit on Friday, March 14. Car pools will depart at 11 a.m. from the Grosse Pointe Memorial Church lot, 16 Lakeshore. Alyssa Mertz will be the guide.
Coordinators are Louise Papista and Josephine Rothrock.

des Jardiniers
The La Societe des Jardiniers will meet at noon, Thursday, March 13, at the Children's Home of Detroit, 900 Cook, Grosse Pointe Woods. Members are asked to bring a donation for a girl's cottage and assemble Easter baskets.
A lunch will be provided by hostess Jean Forton.

Pointer Bridge Club
The Pointer Bridge Club meets at 11 a.m. Thursday, March 20, for lunch and bridge at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial's Alger House.
To make a reservation or to cancel, call (313) 886-7595 or (313) 881-8566 by Saturday, March 15.

Women's Connection
The Women's Connection of Grosse Pointe meets Thursday, March 27, at the Lochmoor Club. Socializing begins at 6 p.m. with dinner at 6:30 p.m. The program with Mariene Paoletti is at 7:45 p.m. Her topic is "Gift of Life." The cost is \$27 for members and \$29 for non-members. For more information, call Marcia Pkielek at (313) 884-4201 or Nancy Neat at (313) 882-1855.

Genealogical society
The Irish Genealogical Society of Michigan presents "Googling for Books" at 1:30 p.m. Saturday, March 22, at the Gaelic League/Irish American Club, 2068 Michigan, Detroit.
Speaker William J. Priest will explain how to find, review, download and print thousands of free books. Some of the information found is on family and county histories.

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The 40-70 Rule can make a huge difference

By Bob St. John
Staff Writer

Home Instead Senior Care offers a program to help ease the anxiety of dealing with delicate subjects for aging parents, the 40-70 Rule.

The 40-70 Rule is when a child reaches age 40 or the parent reaches age 70, whichever comes first, it's time to begin those difficult conversations.

"Talking to aging parents

about giving up car keys and issues similar to those are tough to deal with," said Marian Battersby, owner of the Home Instead Senior Care office in Grosse Pointe Woods. "Lack of communication can lead to misuse of medications, self-neglect and accidents.

"Our goal is to educate the public about the 40-70 Rule and practical ways for adult children to talk to their parents now about topics such as dri-

ving, finances, independence and even romance."

Research based on a survey of Baby Boomers 45 to 65 years of age in the U.S. and Canada, showed nearly one-third of adults in the U.S. have a major communication obstacle with their parents stemming from the continuation of the child-parent, rather than a peer-to-peer, role.

"Because of this obstacle, adult children may wait until

an emergency or crisis happens before talking to parents," said Battersby. "It's best to open up the dialogue early."

More than half of the adult children surveyed, who still see themselves in the child-parent role have the most difficulty talking to their parents about whether it's time for the parent to leave the family home. Their parents' desire to remain independent makes it challenging to address such sensitive issues as health (28 percent) and money (21 percent).

Half of the respondents were interested in learning more about their parents' cognitive condition. Are memory lapses indications of early-stage Alzheimer's or simply senior moments? Forty-seven percent of adult children are "not very" or "not at all" comfortable speaking to their moms or dads about their romantic lives."

Other issues such as driving come into mind when dealing with aging parents.

"I advise children to take a drive with a parent every so often, just to gauge skills and deficits," Battersby said.

She added, if your parents acknowledge a problem on this issue or others, ask what they think would be good solutions. Avoid patronizing speech or baby talk that may put older adults on the defensive and convey a lack of respect.

To help ease the tension, adult children should analyze their relationship with their parents and perhaps make some changes, Battersby said.

Always try to move toward solutions that provide the maximum amount of independence for the older person, she said. Good communication is vital to helping families; know when it's time to seek additional resources, for example, the help of a professional caregiver.

The bottom line is to keep talking, because the parent-child conversation can be so



PHOTO COURTESY OF HOME INSTEAD SENIOR CARE

Above is the front cover of the 40-70 Rule booklet, which the Home Instead Senior Care facility in Grosse Pointe Woods can provide to anyone with questions on this topic.

important in helping seniors adapt to changing life circumstances, she said.

The hardest part in starting these conversations is getting past the stigma of parent-child roles. Childhood has taught children they should listen to their parents and not tell them what to do.

Nothing changes, even when a person is 40-years-old and their parents are 70-years-old. They still listen to what they are told and it's tough to reverse those trends, Battersby said.

Here are the seven steps Battersby recommended people should follow with the 40-70 Rule:

◆ Get started. If you're 40 or your parents are 70, it's time to start observing and gathering information carefully and thoughtfully.

Don't reach a conclusion from a single observation and decide unilaterally on the best solution until you have gathered information with an open mind and talked with your parents.

◆ Talk it out. Approach your parents with a conversation. Discuss what you've observed

and ask your parents what they think is going on. If your parents acknowledge the situation, ask what they think would be good solutions. If your parents don't recognize a problem, use concrete examples to support your case.

◆ Sooner is best. Talk sooner, rather than later, when a crisis has occurred. If you know your loved one has poor eyesight or has trouble driving at night, begin to address those issues before a problem arises.

◆ Forget the baby talk. Remember you are talking to an adult, not a child. Patronizing speech or baby talk will put older adults on the defensive and convey a lack of respect for them. Put yourself in your parents' shoes and think how you would want to be addressed in the situation.

◆ Maximize independence. Always try to move toward solutions that provide the maximum amount of independence for the older person. Look for answers that optimize strengths and compensate for problems.

◆ Stay tuned in. If your dad dies and soon afterward your mom's house seems to be in disarray, it's probably not because she suddenly became ill. It's much more likely to stem from a lack of social support and the loss of a life-long relationship.

◆ Ask for help. Many of the issues of aging can be solved by providing parents with the support they need to maintain their independence.

Resources such as area agencies on aging, local senior centers and in-home care providers can help provide those solutions.

For the 40-70 Rules guide, contact Home Instead Senior Care in Grosse Pointe Woods at (313) 647-9682 or m.battersby@homeinstead.com. For additional research results, visit 4070talk.com.

ACTIVITIES: Cards, history and gardening

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group for the visually impaired and blind, meet from 10 to 11:30 a.m. Monday, March 17, at the Detroit Institute of Ophthalmology, 15415 E. Jefferson, Grosse Pointe Park.

The group also meets from 10 to 11:30 a.m. Wednesday, March 19, in the same location.

La Leche League

La Leche League, a mother-to-mother breast feeding information and support group, meets at 10:30 a.m. in a Grosse Pointe Home and at 7 p.m. in a Harper Woods home.

For more information and location, call Jennifer at (313) 821-9196, Shannon at (313) 882-9801, Elizabeth at (313) 640-9438 or Maria at (313) 885-3709.

Craft show

The Fraser Band Boosters Spring Craft Show will be from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, March 15, at Fraser High

School, 34270 Garfield. Admission is \$2.

Drouin Collection

The St. Clair Shores Genealogy Group hosts genealogist Suzanne Sommerville at 7 p.m. Thursday, March 27, at the St. Clair Shores Public Library, 22500 11 Mile. She will share tips on searching the Drouin Collection French records in the Ancestry Library Edition database and other French Canadian resources. This event is free and open to the public.

Woman's Club

The Grosse Pointe Woman's Club 12:30 p.m., Wednesday, March 19, meeting presents Harold Abraham. He is the director of technology and extended services for the Rochester Leader Dogs for the Blind organization. It will be held in the Crystal Ballroom at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial, 32, Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms.

Abraham began his career as an optician where he focused on helping people with low vision.

Due to his expertise, Abraham was recruited as a

consultant for Leader Dogs for the Blind. He was so successful in his innovative approach, he was asked to be its director in 2005.

Live entertainment will be provided.

For guest reservations, call hospitality chairman Janice McManus at (313) 886-9098 by Saturday, March 15.

For more information about the club, call Pam Zimmer at (313) 882-9087.

Genealogy author

Writer and genealogist Cecile Jensen will discuss genealogy and her books from 6 to 8 p.m. Wednesday, March 19, at the Detroit Historical Museum, 5401 Woodward, Detroit.

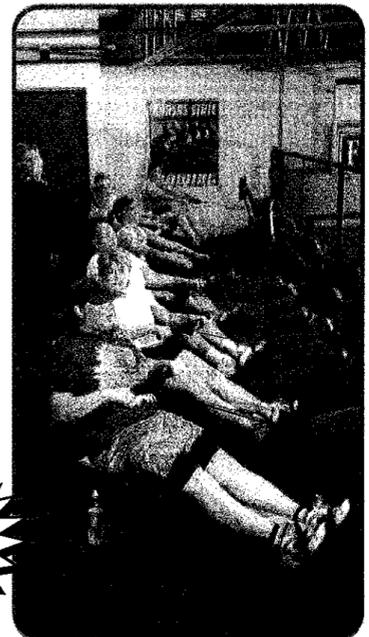
The native Detroit is a certified genealogist and author of three books, "Detroit's Polonia," "Detroit's Mount Elliott Cemetery" and "Detroit's Mount Olivet Cemetery."

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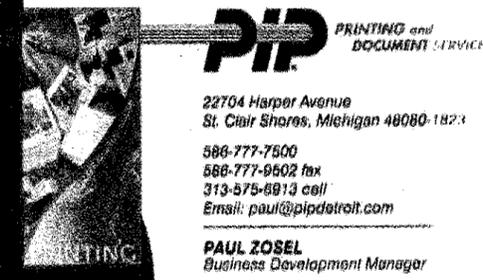


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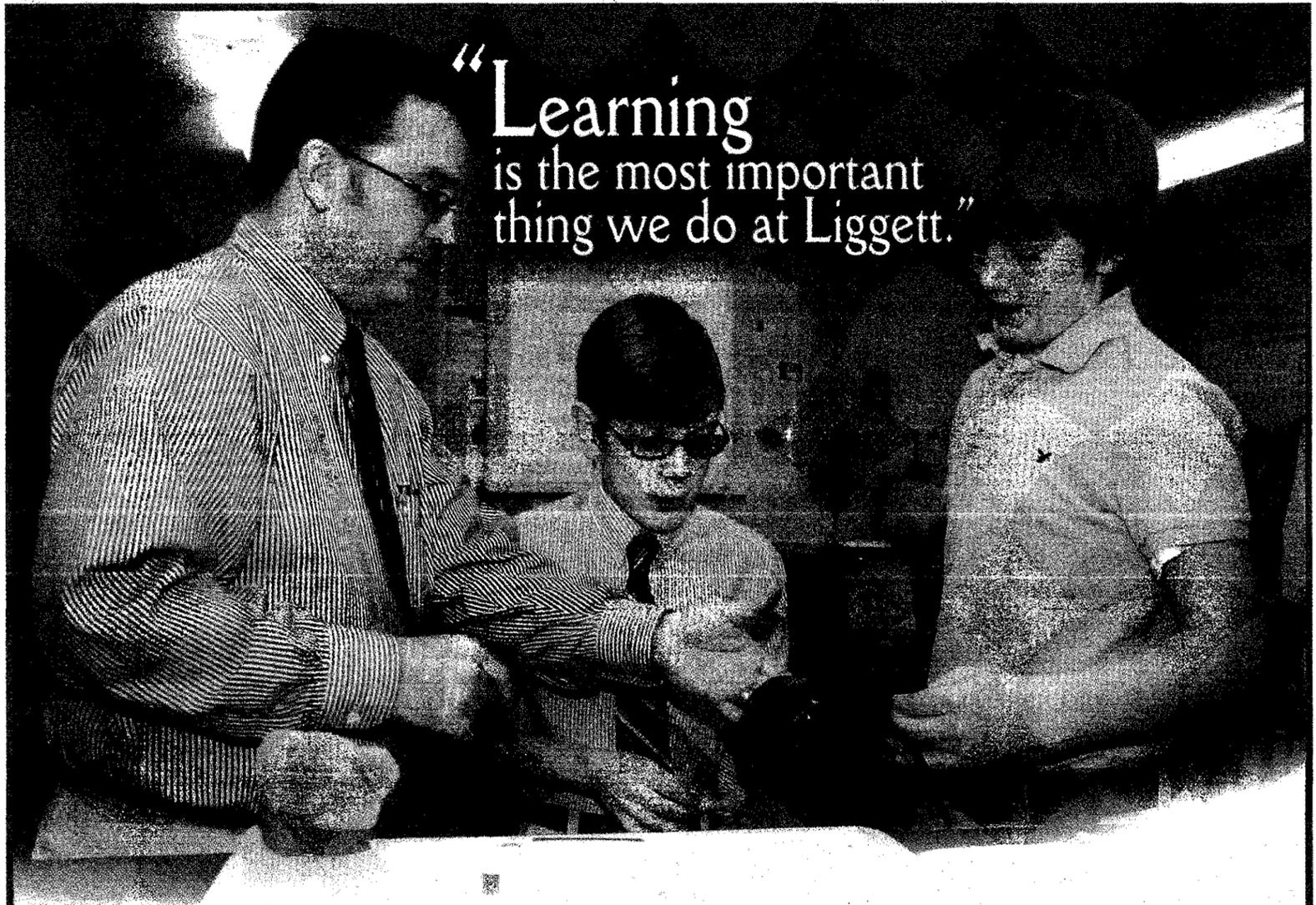
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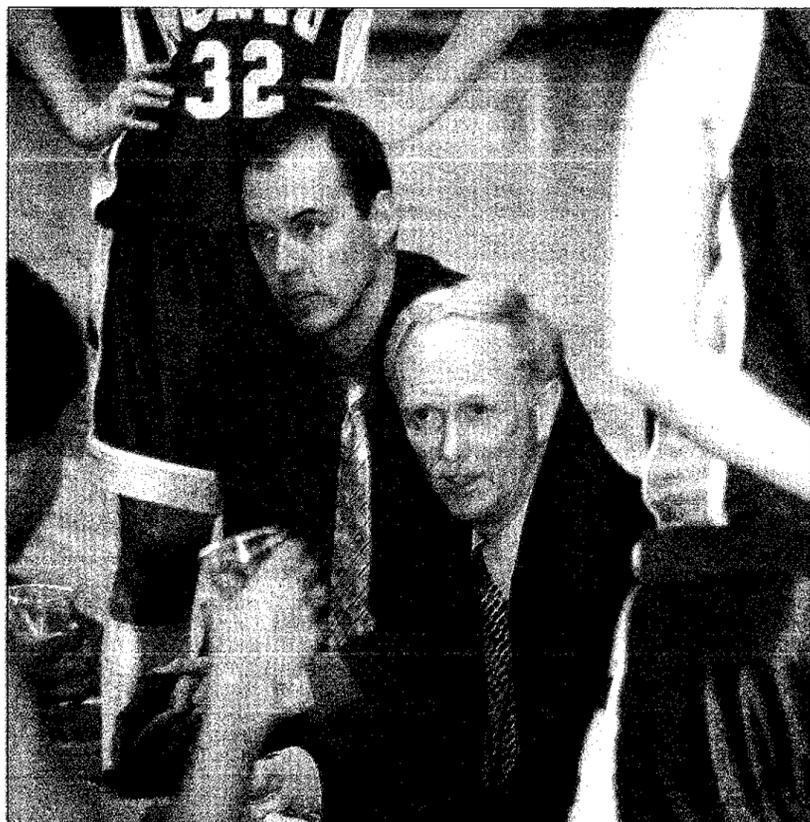


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Grosse Pointe North coaches Gary Bennett, right, and Matt Trombley give instructions to the Norsemen during a timeout in last Saturday's state Class A championship girls basketball game at Eastern Michigan University.

Everyone on the squad a contributor to school's first basketball state championship

By Chuck Klonke
Sports Editor

Grosse Pointe North's girls basketball state championship didn't just happen.

It's been in the building process for more than 20 years.

That's what made it special for coach Gary Bennett and his players.

"It was a very emotional experience," said Bennett. "Our program is built on working hard. I just sort of sat there in awe and with a lot of respect. The girls were certainly tired in the fourth quarter of the championship game, but they kept working. We talk about sustaining our effort, and that's exactly what they did. That's what made it such an emotional experience."

When Bennett became coach of the girls team at North 23 years ago, he instilled a belief in working hard in that first team and it has carried on through the years. Last Saturday's 58-46 championship game victory against East Lansing was the program's crowning achievement.

"It's a lot easier for me if the kids coming back each year

can convey what our program is about," Bennett said. "They tell the new girls coming in, 'this is the way it is and this is the way it'll be.' They conduct themselves the way we want. Everybody who has played here has contributed to this. We haven't changed the values. The only thing different this year is that we finally had the people who could get us the championship."

The ones who immediately come to mind are the top seven in Bennett's rotation: Kelly DeFauw, Christine Klein, Jasmine Kennedy, Maddie Kent, Olivia Stander, Ariel Braker and Kayla Womack.

However, the rest of the players also played a vital role, whether it was working hard in practice or supporting the five players on the court during the game. Sarah Perry, Katelyn Vargo, Allison Liddane, Christine Bedway and Sarah Bigham filled those roles, and Bennett was delighted that all of them were able to make an appearance on the Eastern Michigan University court in both the semifinal and championship games last weekend.

"We don't win it without one piece of the puzzle, and that in-

cludes all 12 kids," Bennett said. "The other kids who don't play as much do a great job in practice. And (the top seven) all love them. I can guarantee that."

Bennett cited the team chemistry as a key factor in the Norsemen's success.

"I was really proud of two events (in the championship game)," Bennett said. "One, we knocked a girl over at halfcourt and Olivia helped her up, which is what we want to do all the time because we want to do things the right way."

"Secondly, when Jasmine got hurt the four kids on the court carried her off. That's not a strange event. They care about each other so much. We have tremendous chemistry. We didn't have one issue this year with a parent. We didn't have one issue with a player. They just came to get the job done. I can't say how well they treated coach (Matt Trombley) and I."

Trombley, who guided North's boys team to the state semifinals in 2005 with Bennett as his assistant, also played a major role in the champi-

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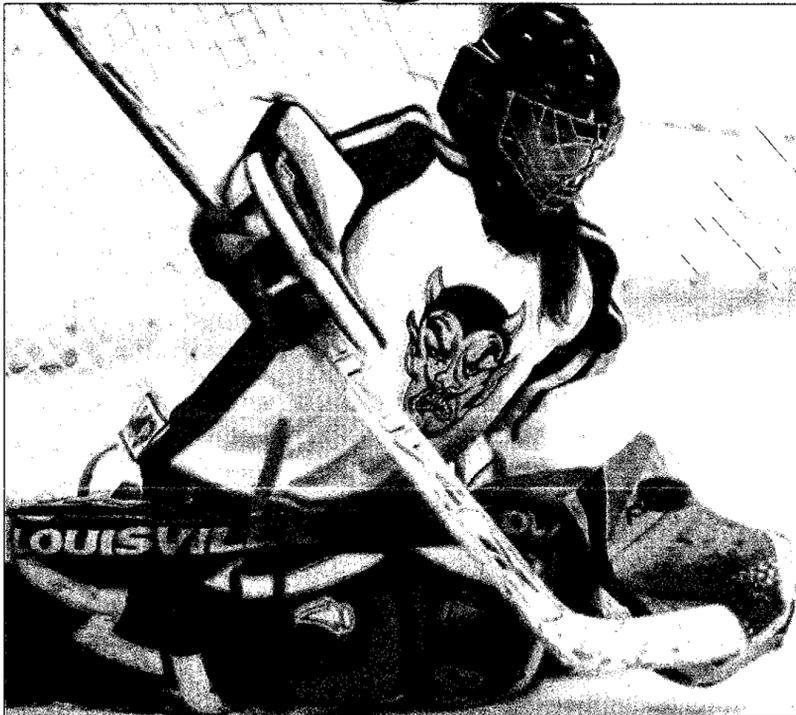
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South girls still best on ice



Grosse Pointe South goalie C.J. Jarboe makes a save against Ann Arbor Unified.

By Bob St. John
Staff Writer

For the eighth time, the Grosse Pointe South girls hockey team has claimed the Michigan Metro Girls High School Hockey League state championship.

Despite getting outplayed for two of the three periods, the Lady Blue Devils fended off upstart Ann Arbor 4-2 in the championship game played last weekend at City Arena.

"Winning the state title is a great feeling," said head coach Bill Fox, who has been at the helm of each of the eight titles. "Our goal entering the season was to win our last game, which we did, but it wasn't easy."

Senior Jenna Huitsing's unassisted goal with 1:11 left in the third period cemented the championship for the Lady Blue Devils.

Two Ann Arbor defenders fell down trying to play the puck, which allowed Huitsing to break in alone on Pioneer goalkeeper Tori Carito.

After a couple of moves, Huitsing buried the shot past Carito, giving the home team a two-goal cushion.

Kelsey Burgess, assisted by Emma Hull, scored in the opening period, giving South a 1-0 lead.

They grabbed a 2-0 advantage early in the second period when senior Alex Rentz scored with senior Annie Shepard drawing an assist.

Ann Arbor came back with a goal by Annie Sturgeon at the 8:20 mark. Kelsey Raver and Emy Guttman had assists.

The Pioneers outshot the Lady Blue Devils 14-10 in the second stanza, but trailed by a goal.

It was all Ann Arbor in the final period. The Pioneers fired 13 shots on junior netminder C.J. Jarboe, but only junior Angie Chronis found the back of the net, scoring a powerplay goal with 3:07 left.

Rentz scored her second goal of the game 40 seconds before Chronis.

"C.J. was phenomenal tonight," Fox said. "She was a key to the win. Without her incredible play in net, we wouldn't have won."

"We did everything right, except win the game," said Ann Arbor head coach Lon Grantham. "You don't lose many games outshooting your opponent 30-19, but we did tonight."

"It was a great game and our girls played very well, but it just wasn't meant to be."

Jarboe earned South's player of the game honors, as did Chronis for Ann Arbor.

Grosse Pointe South finished the season 19-0-2 overall. Ann Arbor finished 18-3 with each loss coming to the Lady Blue Devils, 4-2, 6-3 and 4-2.

Semifinals

South used a 10-goal second-period to mercy defending state champ Plymouth-Canton-Salem (PCS) 10-1 in the first semifinal Thursday, March 6.

"We had 14 shots on net in the opening period and most of those were good scoring chances," Fox said. "I told the girls between the first and second period to keep on shooting

and be aggressive in the offensive zone because those chances would start turning into goals."

The floodgates opened when senior Kathleen McDonald scored 50 seconds into the second period. Senior Annie Shepard drew the only assist.

In a matter of three minutes, the Lady Blue Devils' lead grew to 5-0, thanks to goals by sophomore Tara Bolton, assisted by sophomore Emma Hull and junior Kelsey Burgess; Shepard, assisted by Bolton and Burgess; junior Kathryn Repicky, assisted by Shepard; and junior Erin Shook, assisted by seniors Jenna Huitsing and Maria Hartman.

The Penguins scored their lone goal at the 9:05 mark.

The Lady Blue Devils added another five goals to end the game after two periods.

Hull and Rentz each scored two of South's final five goals and senior Mary Dosch put the finishing touches on the semifinal victory with a tally in the final minute of the second stanza.

Drawing assists on those goals were Hartman, Shook, Shepard, Burgess, freshman Simone Arora and sophomore Jessica Snella.

"Our girls were flying on the ice," Fox said. "It was nice to see the offense explode."

Grosse Pointe North wasn't as fortunate, losing 5-2 to No. 2 seed Ann Arbor in its semifinal.

"We took too many penalties and it caught up to us," said North head coach Scott Dockett. "It's disappointing because our girls gave it their best shot. It was tough to play our style of hockey with so many girls in the penalty box."

The Lady Norsemen had a 2-1 lead after the opening period. Senior Meredith Chicklas scored a powerplay goal at the 8:41 mark and junior Alexa Quinlan tallied at the 1:59 mark to give North the lead.

Ann Arbor took a 1-0 lead at the 11:16 mark.

The Pioneers scored three goals in the second period and added their fifth tally in the final seconds of the third stanza to send the Lady Norsemen home for the season.

North's explosive offense was limited to only eight shots on goal.

"We wanted to limit (Lauren) Walsh's scoring opportunities," said Ann Arbor head coach Lon Grantham. "Our defense did an excellent job of funneling Walsh toward our other helpers. This was a nice win."

North finished its season 15-3-2.

"We took a step forward from last year," Dockett said. "We lost in the quarterfinals last year and made it to the semifinals this season."

"We lose some good players, but we still have some nice girls returning."

Quarterfinals

Both North and South received a scare the quarterfinals.

North escaped with a 4-2 win over city rival University Liggett School, while South had to come from behind in its 6-3 victory over longtime rival Bloomfield Hills Cranbrook Kingswood.

"I don't know if it was the

couple of weeks off, but we didn't have it in the first two periods," Dockett said. "We were standing in motion."

"We picked it up in the third period and were lucky to beat Liggett, which played a tough game."

Freshman Megan Bergeron scored 2:23 into the opening period and junior Alexa Quinlan added a goal at the 5:26 mark to give the Lady Norsemen a seemingly comfortable 2-0 lead.

The momentum swung toward the Lady Knights after sophomore Paige Counsman scored an unassisted goal with only 30.6 seconds left in the opening frame.

Sophomore Liz Smith stunned the Lady Norsemen, scoring a powerplay goal at the 5:22 mark of the second period, tying it 2-2.

ULS lost its momentum when senior Katie Latimer scored what turned out to be the game-winning goal with only 19.2 seconds left in the second period.

The Lady Norsemen also scored as time expired, but the officials waved it off, saying it came after the horn sounded.

Quinlan scored an insurance goal at the 11:22 mark of the third period to stave off any upset bid.

"We played a great game and gave North everything it could handle," said ULS head coach Laura Owczarski said. "We had it, but couldn't finish it off."

"I'm very proud of my players."

North goalkeeper Rachael Lentz stopped eight of 10 shots, while ULS netminder Janaya Gripper stopped 32 of 36 shots.

"Liggett's goalie was very good tonight," Dockett said. "She made some nice saves to keep it a tight game."

North's defensive corp had a game plan to prohibit Counsman, the league's leading goal scorer this season, from getting into a groove.

Counsman had only the one goal and a couple good scoring chances.

Other Lady Knights who put their name in the scoring column were freshman Mariah Passalacqua and senior Gem Manalo, who drew assists on Smith's goal.

ULS ended its season 7-14 overall.

South fell behind 2-0 early in its quarterfinal matchup.

"I can't believe we were not ready to play," Fox said. "I could see it from the get-go, but we were able to steady the ship and come back with a good final two periods."

"It's nice to play a rivalry game with Cranbrook because the girls get fired up to play them, but tonight, for some reason, my girls were not ready to play."

The Lady Blue Devils scored five unanswered goals as sophomore Emma Hull, sophomore Shannon Gianino, senior Kathleen McDonald, sophomore Tara Bolton and senior Annie Shepard tallied.

Senior Jenna Huitsing scored an empty-net goal with 5:58 seconds left to round out the scoring.

Freshman Caley Chelios scored twice for the Cranes and senior Kelsey Muchacho also tallied.

South's Long is diving champion

By Chuck Klonke
Sports Editor

Slowly but surely, Chad Hepner's diving records at Grosse Pointe South are being erased from the books.

And Hepner doesn't mind a bit.

That's because Hepner is now the diving coach at South, and one of his divers, Jordan Long, is the one breaking his coach's records.

"I couldn't be happier for Jordan," Hepner said after

Long won the diving competition at the state Division II swimming and diving championships at Eastern Michigan University. "Not only is he a great diver, but he's a nice young man."

"It's kind of strange seeing him break those records, but at the same time I take a lot of pride in coaching somebody like that."

Long's score for 11 dives at the state meet was 496.60 points. Runner-up John Santien of University of Detroit

Jesuit scored 432.80. Long's score was a state record for the division.

His mark in the state meet is especially impressive because the scoring at that level is more stringent than at most other meets.

Last year, Long competed in Division I and finished fourth with a score of 370 points.

"Jordan is a hard worker, and he wanted to improve so we outlined some things that we

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Weary Norsemen strong at the end

By Chuck Klonke
Sports Editor

There must be some reserve power driving athletes when a state championship is on the line.

That's the only way to explain how Grosse Pointe North's girls basketball team survived the high-tempo game it played against East Lansing in the Class A title game Saturday at Eastern Michigan University.

A 12-2 run midway through the fourth quarter snapped a 38-all tie and carried the Norsemen to a 58-46 victory and the school's first state championship in girls basket-

ball.

"You know that this is your last game and you can't save anything," Ariel Braker said. "I know we were all dying out there, but we pushed for each other and our team. We knew it was going for a cause."

Olivia Stander said the team wanted to finish the job.

"We talked a lot before about all the hours we've put in at practice," Stander said. "Going into the second half, we just had to stick it out for another 15 or 16 minutes. We've talked all season about winning a state championship. We just had to do it. There was no chance we were going to lose."

Braker played all but a few

seconds and finished with 15 points, 16 rebounds, eight steals, five assists and four blocks. Stander and Kelly DeFauw each played 31 minutes. DeFauw scored 11 points, while Stander had nine points, four assists and four steals.

"I have tremendous respect for my kids," said North coach Gary Bennett. "At the pace at the beginning of the game, I didn't know how we'd have anything left at the end if it kept up like that. Usually we press all the time. We pulled that off to save ourselves. The kids just dug in. They have a tremendous amount of heart

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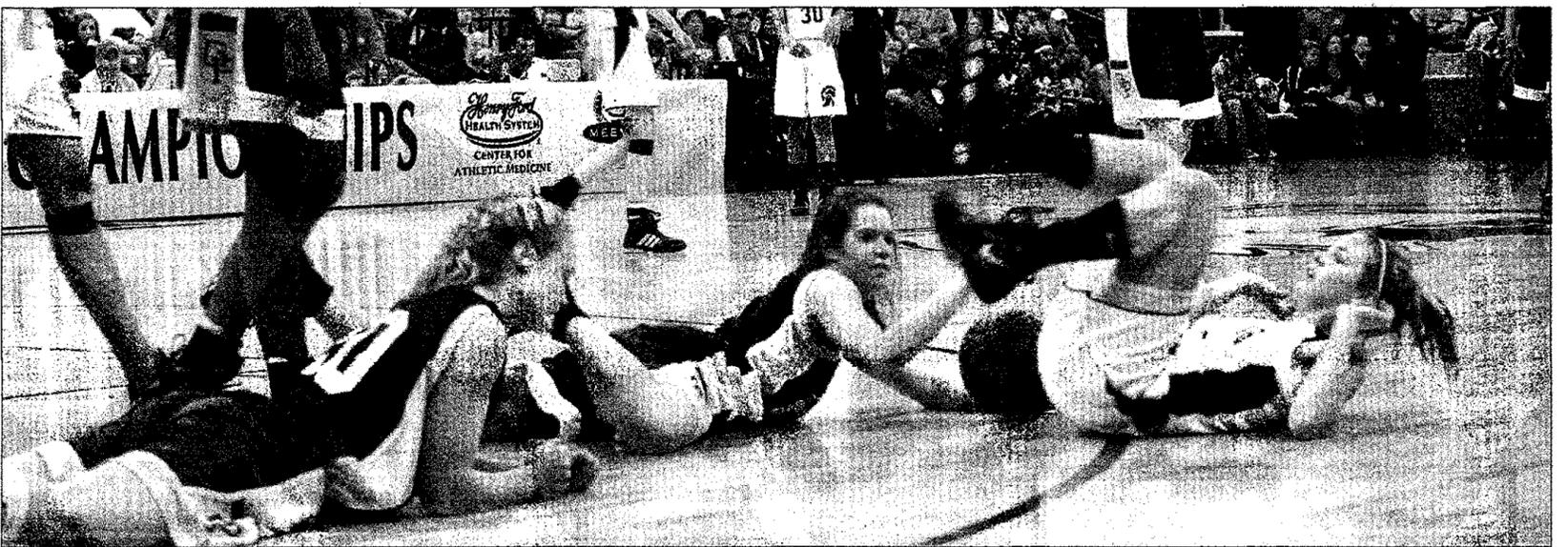


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Grosse Pointe North's Olivia Stander, left, and Kelly DeFauw dive for a loose ball with East Lansing's Kori Reinhart.

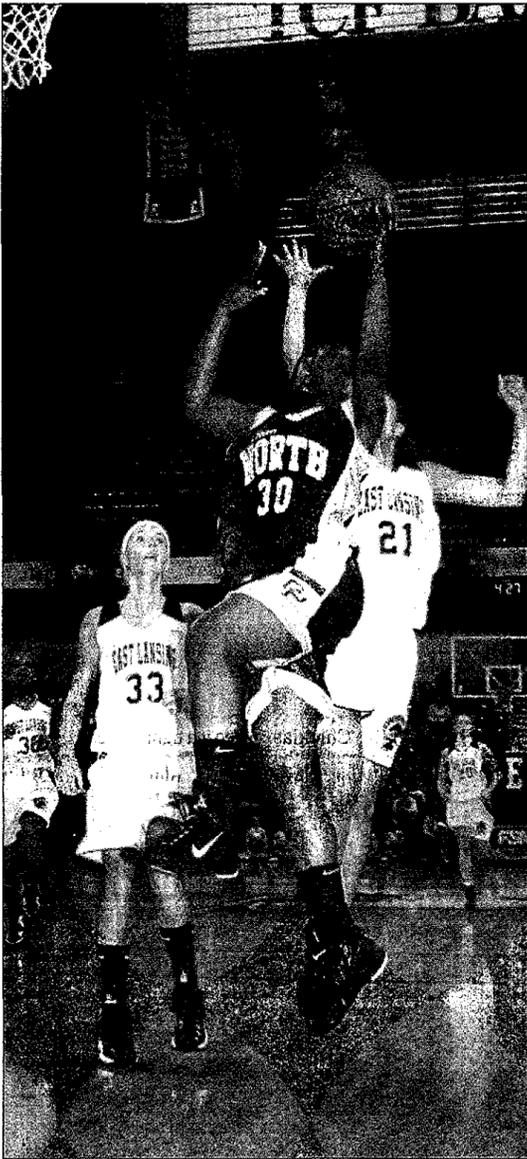


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Jasmine Kennedy was a force down the stretch with her inside play for North.

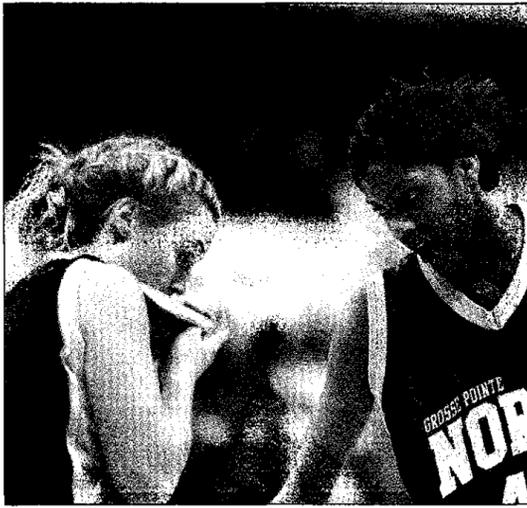


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Olivia Stander and Ariel Braker give each other some words of encouragement.

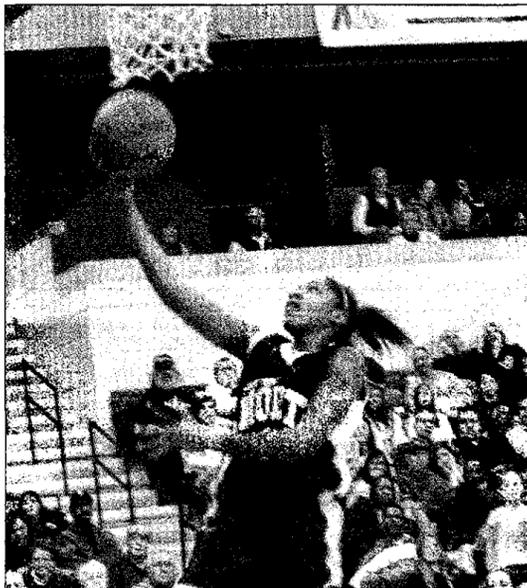


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Kayla Womack drives for a layup against East Lansing.

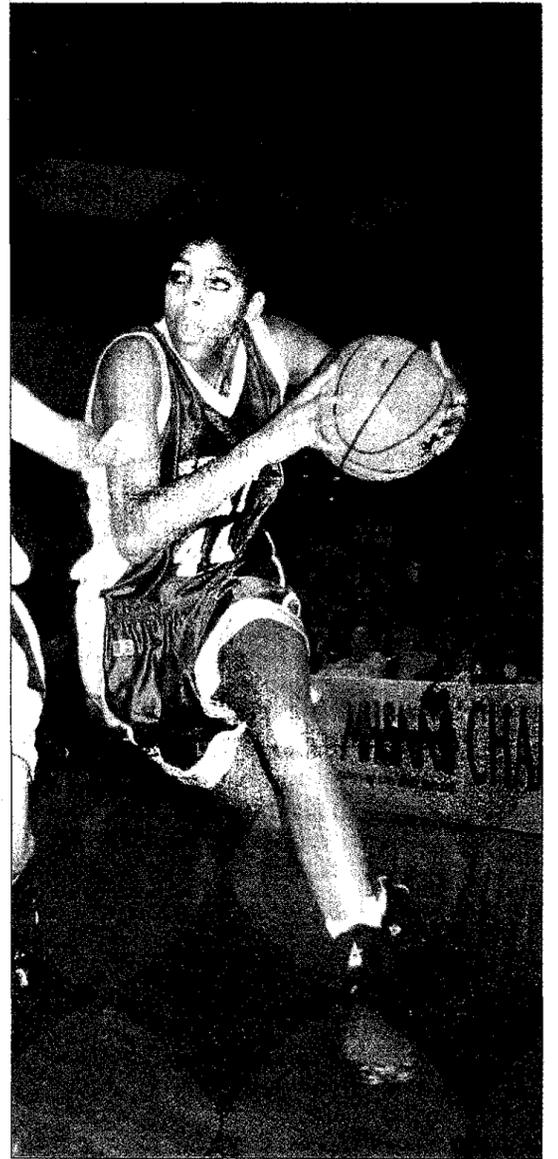


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Ariel Braker was North's leading scorer and rebounder in both the semifinal and championship games.

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onship.

"He's listed as my assistant coach, but we're co-coaches," Bennett said. "We complement each other. I think he's better in games, and I like practices better. We work together and he's a huge part of this. If Coach Trombley's not around, we don't win."

Each of the players also made significant contributions, and they were able to do that through hard work. A prime example is Kennedy, who suffered a hamstring injury late in the title game.

"Jasmine made our varsity as a ninth grader and the only thing she could do was jump," Bennett said.

"She had terrible footwork. She didn't know one thing about defense and she couldn't dribble the ball. She didn't want to be on the varsity. I told her to go home and discuss it with her parents. She said, 'my dad told me to stay on the varsity.' She stayed on the varsity and gradually got better, but the important thing is she saw what she needed to do. After her freshman year she worked. She worked with boys. She worked with her dad in the driveway. She played AAU and she made herself a player. She came back a better player as a sophomore and this year as a

junior she was better still.

"For three-quarters of the season we didn't see everything Jasmine was capable of doing. About three-quarters through she really started to pick it up. She works very hard on her moves and in shooting drills, and consequently she's able to do things in games. I don't think she's going to get any postseason awards, but next year she will because she's a heck of a player and a heck of a competitor. In the tournament she kept us alive on the boards so many times."

Although Klein wasn't able to play in the final two games, her presence was certainly felt on the bench.

"Words can't explain how I feel about Christine," Stander said. "She's the most vocal leader on the team, but she also leads by example. She's drained into our heads that we could win a state championship from Day One. When she got hurt last Tuesday it was devastating to the team. I don't think we could have pulled this out if Christine hadn't been so positive. Just because she wasn't able to play, doesn't mean she wasn't affecting us. She gave us the confidence to pull it out."

Klein talked about the team chemistry.

"We had a lot of girls coming back and Mr. Bennett said from the start that he wasn't going to do anything that would mess with the team chemistry," Klein said. "The decisions that he made to bring people to the team were obviously the right ones."

"I've been friends with some of these girls since grade school and with others I've formed friendships in high school. It's really scary how close you can get to someone. I think that's what you can credit our success to. We care so much about each other that if we're having an off game, it isn't about who's scoring points or who's in the game. It's about North. It's like a family more than anything."

Braker is only a sophomore but she might be the best player in the state. However, as good as she is, she's a team player.

"I wouldn't trade Ariel for anybody in the state, because she does everything on both ends of the court," Bennett said.

"Besides that, she's a wonderful young lady with no baggage at all. She's willing to be coached, she's willing to work hard, she's willing to play defense and she's willing to play offense and do all of the little stuff. And she doesn't like to lose."

It's going to be difficult to replace DeFauw. She has been on the varsity since she was a freshman, and has contributed both offensively and defensively.

"We're going to miss her terribly," Bennett said. "She's a wonderful person to coach. She's always upbeat and positive. I've never had to tell her to go harder. On another team, she probably would have scored more points, but that didn't matter to her. Her assist-to-turnover ratio was phenom-

enal, something like 3-to-1."

Stander, an outstanding soccer player who has given her verbal commitment to Michigan State, was the Norsemen's top long-range scoring threat throughout the state tournament.

"Early in the season, Olivia had some tough times as she struggled with her shot, but she worked on it and at the end of the year, she was more balanced when she took the shot," Bennett said. "She's a fierce competitor, who isn't afraid to take a shot."

That competitiveness came to the fore in the fourth quarter of the championship game when Stander wrestled a key rebound from an East Lansing player and started a fast break that culminated in a basket by Braker.

"In that game, Olivia was as mentally tough as I've ever seen her," Bennett said.

Womack moved into the starting lineup when Klein was injured, but she contributed even before that. Bennett, who was a standout on North's boys teams in the 1970s, could see some similarities between his game and Womack's.

"Kayla is one of the players I'm proudest of because she lifted her game so much at the end of the season," Bennett said.

"She showed that she understood how defense is hard work. She changed her thinking, just like I changed mine when I was playing, and it made her a better player just like it made me a better player."

By the end of the state tournament, Womack was often guarding the opponent's top player.

"We were able to trust her with that assignment," Bennett said.

After Friday's semifinal victory against North Farmington, Bennett got a call from former coach Ray Ritter, who was impressed with Womack's defensive work against the Raiders' Jenna Bachrouche.

Kent was the Norsemen's only extra player in the rotation after Klein's injury.

"Maddie gave us some real good minutes," Bennett said. "She subbed at the perimeter and post positions, and before Christine got hurt, Maddie had never played post. I thought she was a little nervous in the semifinal, but by the championship game she showed a lot of poise. She has the least amount of basketball experience of anyone in our regular rotation, so she could have crumbled under the pressure, but she didn't."

Kent got a key basket for North against East Lansing. She also finished the season with the free-throw percentage record as she made 26-of-30 attempts.

Perry was a co-captain with Klein.

"She was an outstanding captain," Bennett said. "I really appreciate the way she accepted her role. She took care of a lot of little things for me, like letting the players know about practice times and things like that. My trust in her was well-founded."

Another student asked Perry why she was still on the team, even though she didn't play a lot.

"Sarah told him, 'you just don't get it,'" Bennett said. "She told him, 'it's about more than just playing. It's about something much bigger. It's about friendships.'"

Another senior who didn't play a lot was Vargo.

"Katelyn is one of the smartest players on the team," Bennett said. "If she had been given more height, speed and strength, she'd be one great basketball player. She executed our offensive movement better than anyone else. She understands the game and her role. She has the same attitude as Sarah."

The three newcomers to the team this year were Liddane, Bedway and Bigham.

"Allison gives us somebody quick and fast to make everyone work harder on defense," Bennett said. "She's a tremendous person to ensure quality practices. Christine was on the varsity to learn what she needed to do to be a major contributor next year. She has more ability than I thought. She just has to improve her competitiveness."

"Sarah went to team camp with us, and I told her that if she went down the the JV and worked on certain things, we'd bring her up for the tournament. She stayed involved with the team even though she was injured. That way when the cast came off (of her hand) she was ready to contribute. She was a leader on the JV team."



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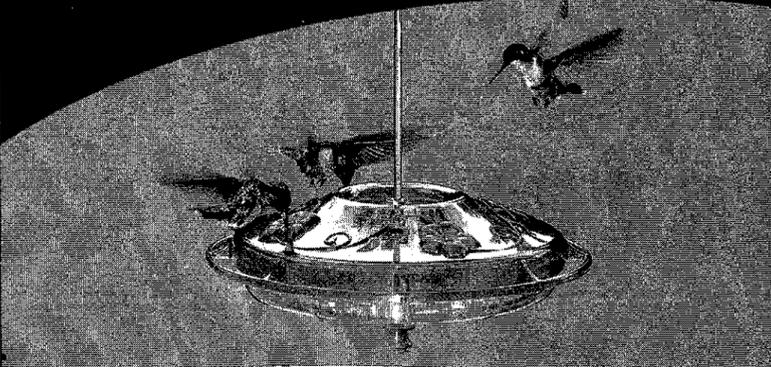
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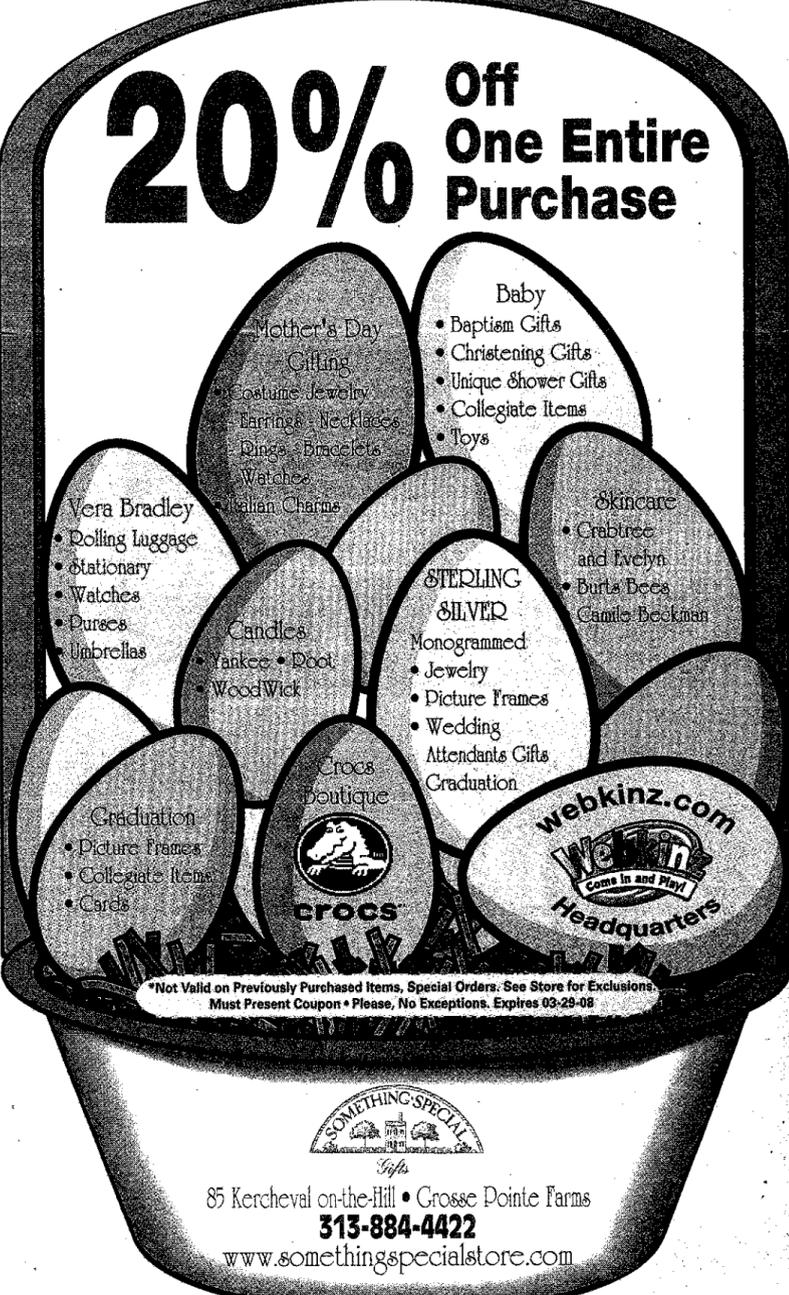
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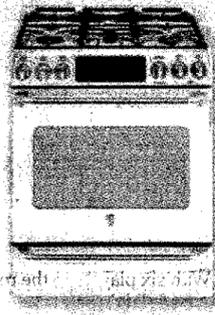
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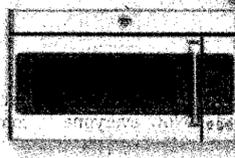
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Hot goalie ends North's run

By Chuck Klonke
Sports Editor

Marquette's players knew exactly why they played in the Division I state championship hockey game and Grosse Pointe North didn't.

"This guy won it for us," said forward Mark Nettell, pointing to goalie Jon Nezych. "It could have been a 5-3 or 6-3 game without him."

Some of the other Redmen were just as lavish in their praise of Nezych, who turned back all 39 shots that North peppered him with in a 3-0 Marquette victory in the Division I semifinal at the Compuware Arena.

"Unbelievable," said John Aho.

"Amazing," offered Brian

Liberty.

Nezych had the Norsemen frustrated at every turn.

"We had a ton of chances tonight," said North coach Scott Lock. "Obviously, their goalie was the number one star. Sometimes you run into a goalie like that. Tonight was definitely his game, but our guys never quit. I think from the beginning of the game to the very end we played extremely well. The last 10 minutes of the game we had a gazillion chances, shooting just wide.

"We had 40 shots on goal and another 20 or 30 that just went wide or didn't get through. They took care of things in front of the net so that their goalie could see the puck, and even when he didn't see it,

he made the save."

Nezych prefers getting a lot of work, but this might have been taking it a step too far.

"I was definitely getting tired," Nezych said. "That's the hardest I've ever worked. Usually we dominate teams, but we expected a tough game tonight. I like getting a lot of shots because I'm able to stay in the game and I'm able to get into a rhythm."

"I don't think we've been out-shot all year," said Marquette coach Joe Papin, "but Jonny played the game of his life and we're still in it."

North finished with a 39-14 advantage in shots.

Marquette, which beat North 8-2 in last year's semifinals, opened the scoring at 4:03 of the first period.

Aho passed from behind the net to Eric Rizzio, and Rizzio one-timed a shot past North netminder Eric Rohrkemper, who had allowed only two goals in four previous playoff games.

"I saw him standing down low and got him the puck," Aho said. "I think he shot it before the goalie knew it was on his stick. We usually do well when we score the first goal."

The Redmen made it 2-0 at 8:56 of the second period when Aaron Lancour scored on an odd-man break when North was making a line change.

Rizzio completed the scoring with an empty-net goal with six seconds remaining.

"On the first goal we had a little D-zone coverage problem," Lock said. "We should

have had the puck out at the blue line. We got caught watching the play instead of taking our guy, but we told them that doesn't matter. We know what we have to do.

"After they scored the first goal we started to take it to them the rest of the period. We were taking to them in the second period and we made a mistake on a line change and they got behind our guy and scored. We kept telling them to keep going that something's bound to go in. We felt that if we got one, they'd come in bunches. Unfortunately, for us we couldn't get that one."

Lock didn't know what to tell his team after the game.

"You're at a loss for words," he said. "They do everything you ask them to and it didn't

work out our way tonight. My hat's off to Marquette. They did a good job and their goalie played well."

It wasn't the way captain Michael Neveux wanted his four-year career to end, but he was able to appreciate what the Norsemen did accomplish.

"I'm not going to make any excuses for the game tonight," Neveux said.

"Everyone on our team left it all on the ice, heart and soul. It was a magical run that we had. We ran into a hot goaltender and people lose. For us to make it this far is wonderful, but sometimes you have to suck it up and close it out. We couldn't do that tonight, but I couldn't ask anything else of the players in our locker room."

Norsemen cruise in quarterfinals

Sometimes you win hockey games in overtime.

Other times you can win them in the first period.

That's what Grosse Pointe North did when the Norsemen scored two first-period goals and went on to a 5-0 victory against Dakota in a state Division I quarterfinal game at the St. Clair Shores Civic Arena.

"I wanted to make sure that we got the first goal and didn't give (Dakota) any life," said North coach Scott Lock. "I told the team that it was still a three-period game, but we were going to win this one in the first period."

"We wanted to add to our lead in the second period, and then we wanted to dig a little deeper in the third period and really shut them down."

Everything went according to Lock's plan and the Norsemen reached the state semifinals for the second year in a row.

It didn't take long for the Norsemen to put Lock's plan to get an early lead into effect.

At the 1:46 mark of the first period, Jimmy Tocco one-timed a shot from the slot past Cougars netminder Paul Savage. Kevin Gibson and Tim Tibaudo assisted.

After that, Savage took over, making one outstanding save after another as North outshot the Cougars by a wide margin in the first period.

"Their goalie was fantastic, but so was Eric (Rohrkemper)," Lock said. "He made a couple of great saves

after we went up 2-0."

North got another goal at 9:16 when Tibaudo knocked the puck into the net from a goalmouth scramble.

North scored the only goal of the second period. Michael Colosimo took a shot from the point that Savage stopped but the rebound went to Gibson and he fired into the near side of the net to make it 3-0 at 3:47. Justin Kovacs also assisted.

After that the two goalies took over for the rest of the period. Rohrkemper stopped Steve Seaman on a semi-breakaway, then Savage made good saves on John Neveux and Ben Scarfone during the last three minutes of the second period.

North secured the win with a pair of goals early in the third period.

John Neveux scored from Scott Brown and Dante Deseranno at 4:25 and 40 seconds later, Gibson wrapped up the scoring with his second goal of the game, assisted by Kovacs and Michael Neveux.

Dakota didn't have a shot on goal in the third period as it spent much of the period killing off four penalties.

The victory against the Cougars provided some revenge for several of the North players who were on the football team that lost 35-7 to Dakota, which went on to repeat as state champions.

"It was a nice payback," said John Neveux, who along with his brother, Anthony Raymond, and Michael Rahaim were on the football

team.

North seemed to be a step quicker than Dakota, which came into the game with a 20-4-2 record but didn't play the grueling regular-season schedule that the Norsemen had.

"Our guys should be quicker," Lock said. "We used to a high-tempo game so we expect to be quicker."

Rohrkemper has had a solid season, but he has taken his game to another level during the playoffs. He has started all four state tournament games and has allowed only two goals. He also shut out St. Clair Shores Unified in the playoff opener.

Rohrkemper said that the difference is that the entire team is peaking at the right time.

"Early in the year the offense would be playing good and the goalies would play bad. Other times the defense would play good," Rohrkemper said.

"Now everyone is coming together and playing their best — offense, defense and goalies — and I think that's the difference."

But what about his game?

"You see the puck a lot better when you're in a zone, I guess you could say," he said. "I can't wait for the next game. All I think about all day in school is playing in the game."

Lock has noticed a difference in Rohrkemper.

"He's more confident, and he wants to be the guy," Lock said. "He's not giving up rebounds and he's seeing the puck into him. He's dictating the game."



PHOTO BY BOB BRUCE

Scott Brown ties up a Marquette player while a Grosse Pointe North teammate skates away with the puck.

NORTH: Has 12-2 run in final period

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and caring for each other."

North had something left at the end because the Norsemen's coaches — Bennett and Matt Trombley — push them in practice.

"Our program is built on defense," Bennett said. "We do defensive drills that they don't always like, but we do them. The main key to our defensive drills is to sustain your effort. When your legs are burning and your lungs are burning and you want to give up, we ask them to keep working. In practice, we have no out-of-bounds. You just keep playing. If the ball goes into the hall we expect the defensive player to go out with the offensive player to get it. We don't stop."

"We didn't do any special in the fourth quarter except change from a 2-3 to a half-court man. It was stuff that because we're used to doing it in practice, we just did it. If you had told me that we'd still have something left in the tank to pull away at the end, I'd have told you that you were crazy. But it's kind of automatic."

When Christine Klein was injured in the quarterfinal game, and was unable to play in the semifinal and final, Maddie Kent was the only reserve left in the rotation. When Jasmine Kennedy's hamstring tightened up with just under three minutes to play, there wasn't going to be any rest for the remaining starters — Braker, Stander, DeFauw and Kayla Womack — until the victory was safely in hand.

Kennedy also played a prominent role in the victory with 13 points and eight rebounds.

North not only puts pressure on its opponents when the Norsemen are playing defense, but they keep the tempo up on offense, too.

"In transition, if we get the ball we're going to take off and put pressure on," Bennett said. "We want it to be a conditioning game, but that was moreso when we had more players.

With six players in the rotation now, I didn't know if we could do that. We still wanted to run and we emphasized that if you get the break, still take the break. We had enough in the tank at the end. That's a credit to them. The coach can run you through as many things as he wants to, but it's the level of intensity that the person does the drill at that makes the difference. Running sprints doesn't do that much good (in building endurance). I think you have to dig in on defense and actually run a defensive drill where you have to keep working. I don't know how they did it, but they showed as much heart as any team I've ever seen."

The game was close until North's late spurt. The teams were tied 17-all after one quarter and North led 28-26 at half-time. East Lansing got the ball with just under a minute remaining and the Trojans were trying to get the last shot of the half. Coach Rob Smith called a timeout with 10 seconds to go to set up a play but Braker foiled the strategy when she stole the ball at midcourt and went in for a layup.

"We called 'Gold.' It looks like a 2-3 zone and we'll trap the ball handler out front and try to steal the ball on the wings," Bennett said. "We got the trap more on the sidelines and Ariel saw what was happening, was real aggressive and got the tip. I thought it was huge to have us go into the locker room with that momentum. She was really aware and the kids who were trapping did a good job. It was something to throw them off because they were going to run some kind of play."

Both teams struggled at the start of the second half. North turned the ball over on its first six possessions of the third quarter, but the Norsemen's defense was solid enough that East Lansing didn't score either.

"(The turnovers) weren't by design," Bennett said with a smile. "All year we've had problems with our execution because we get a lot of stuff off our break and we get a lot of stuff off our defense. I think our execution has suffered a little. When I was younger, I tried to choreograph more. As

I've gotten older, I've decided that players have to make plays. Although we turned the ball over in those situations, there were also a number of situations where these kids made plays. We can live with those things. We got things back under control and we showed a lot of composure down the stretch. We'll turn it over, but we'll make some plays that I think are pretty impressive."

Kennedy finally broke the drought with a basket off a feed from Stander with 4:13 remaining in the third quarter. The quarter ended with North leading 36-34, but another layup by Kennedy, who was set up again by Stander, gave the Norsemen a four-point lead in the first minute of the final quarter.

A free throw by Victoria Lipscomb and a three-point basket by Kori Reinhart tied the game at 38-38 with six minutes left.

Then it was all North. Braker blocked a shot and fed an outlet pass to Womack for a layup. Stander wrestled away a rebound after a miss by East Lansing, and got the ball to Womack, who fed DeFauw for another fast-break layup. After a missed layup by the Trojans, Kennedy used a nice move in the paint to score on another layup and give the Norsemen a 44-38 advantage with just under five minutes to play.

Rachel Woodruff broke the North run with a basket, but the Norsemen answered with a three-pointer by Stander, a layup by Womack after a long pass from DeFauw and a free throw by Braker to give North a 50-40 lead with 2:50 left.

"We felt that this was a game we could win if we were able to accomplish the things we've done all year," said Miller, who guided East Lansing to a 25-2 record. "Unfortunately, we were beaten by a team that does similar things and tonight they did them better. Grosse Pointe North was able to push the ball up the floor over our press and we weren't able to get people back."

"Really, there were three things. They got the rebounds offensively and we didn't box out, and also the dribble penetration along with throwing the ball over top of our press."

Gymnastics team 8th in regional

The Grosse Pointe Unified gymnastics team made a strong showing at the regional meet at Plymouth High School.

Grosse Pointe scored 129.95 points and placed eighth in the strong region, which includes many of the state's top teams.

"This was very good considering how extremely fierce the competition in our region is," said coach Cathy Hubmeier.

Lauren Krieger had an outstanding meet. She placed third on vault and floor exercise, and fifth in all-around in

Division II, which qualified her for the state meet.

"Lauren is extremely talented and works very hard all the time, so we are thrilled that she is able to represent our team at the state meet," Hubmeier said. "Lauren is only a sophomore, too, so I believe she will continue to grow and do great things."

Heather Koresky scored 8.2 on vault, 8.35 on bars, 8.5 on beam and 8.4 on floor. Brittany Rizzo had a strong meet all-around and did especially well

on vault as she scored an 8.4.

"Both Heather and Brittany are freshmen so we anticipate that they will be making it to states in the years to come," Hubmeier said. "Jenna Simon competed all around for the team and finished the season strong. Andrea Koueiter, our senior this year, competed on bars, beam and floor and did a great job."

"Anna Liang competed a great beam routine for us, and Lydia Fuller competed a great vault routine."

of December because he had mono, but he overcame that."

Hepner said that Long has the three qualities that a champion diver needs.

"He has strength, power and ability," Hepner said. "He also has the ability to perform in the big meets. When the pressure is on, Jordan is at his best."

Long won the Michigan Interscholastic Swim Coaches Association (MISCA) meet, which included the top divers in all three classes. In the regional, Long had 517 points for 11 dives. That's when he broke Hepner's school record of 493.

"I still have the school record for six dives, but I'm sure Jordan is going to break that next year," Hepner said.

Several South swimmers placed at the state meet, led by Michael Shook, who was eighth in the 500-yard freestyle with a time of 4:47.22. Shook was also 15th in the 200 freestyle with a time of 1:48.34. South's Matt Mandel was 16th in the 50 freestyle in 22.82.

Grosse Pointe North's Michael Lane was 12th in the 200 individual medley (2:01.24) and 16th in the 100 breaststroke (1:03.62).

DIVER: Breaks his coach's mark

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thought could help him improve," said Hepner, who was the state champion as a senior in 1993.

"We worked on Jordan's strength training," Hepner said. "He really worked hard during the offseason. Then he had a setback and missed most

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100 ANNOUNCEMENTS

DOG- mobile needed, small, used, automatic, station wagon in good condition. Medium to dark interior preferred. Call (313)598-0988 with specifics.

Special Services

108 COMPUTER SERVICE

COMPUTER Technician. In home residential - troubleshooting, network setups, tutoring, disaster recovery. Military certified. Local resident. Available 24/7. (313)310-3610

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112 HEALTH & NUTRITION

ZIMBA
Dance Your Way to a Fitter You!
Get Exercise by Dancing to Latin Moves & Music!
Call Karen Clark
586-202-8108
Weekly Classes at Grosse Pointe Dance Center

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TAX WHISPERER in your home or my office. (313)884-4005
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119 TRANSPORTATION/TRAVEL

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METRO AIRPORT LUXURY TRANSPORTATION
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120 TUTORING EDUCATION

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131 Kercheval
313-343-0836

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125 FINANCIAL SERVICES

COMPLIMENTARY IRA Analysis/ Beneficiary Review; retirement plans, insurance, annuities. Rick Rutan, (313)886-8000

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200 HELP WANTED GENERAL

EXPERIENCED Nail tech needed for our new Grosse Pointe Woods salon. Pointe Nail Tech. Possible health insurance available. Call (313)885-3110.

FLORIST needs Easter help.

Call (313)882-1350

FRANCESCO'S

Salon in Grosse Pointe Village- looking for hair stylists with some clientele. 810-444-3889.

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Grosse Pointe News CONNECTION

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Detroit Athletic Club seeking qualified personal trainer to work with members in state-of-the-art facility. Must be certified by nationally accredited organization; CPR; degree in health-related field preferred. Flexible hours. Submit resumes via fax (313)963-5995 or email: humanresources@the.dac.com

Retail Sales

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201 HELP WANTED BABYSITTER

TERRIFIC 5 year old seeks care; Monday, 3:00- 9:00pm and Wednesday, 6:00- 9:00pm short term. Must have transportation and references. (313)882-3736

207 HELP WANTED SALES

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210 HELP WANTED RESTAURANT

EXPERIENCED wait-staff wanted. Apply in person: La Cina Mexican Restaurant, 17201 Mack Avenue.

WAITSTAFF needed, immediately.

Apply in person, 22411 Mack, St. Clair Shores. Pepperoni Grille, 2-4pm.

Situations Wanted

300 SITUATIONS WANTED BABYSITTERS

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Parents - Please Verify All Child Care Licenses!

302 SITUATIONS WANTED CONVALESCENT CARE

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Mary Ghesquiere, R.N.

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Via fax: (313)202-0016; E-mail: resume@hpmich.com
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305 SITUATIONS WANTED HOUSE CLEANING

2 dependable women able to clean your home/office. Reasonable. Days/ evenings. References. Joelle, 586-948-2127

A Polish Housekeeper with references & experience. Laundry & ironing available. Call (313)303-5891

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307 SITUATIONS WANTED NURSES AIDES

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406 ESTATE SALES

BOOKS WANTED
John King
313-961-0622
•Clip & Save This Ad•

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408 FURNITURE

A new Queen pillow top mattress set, in plastic. Must sell! \$259. 5 year warranty. (586)296-2233

411 CLOTHES/JEWELRY

CASH now! Paying top dollar\$. Scrap gold, costume jewelry, broken watches. Anytime! Only at Mother's Antiques, 22100 Harper/ between 8 & 9 Mile. (586)771-7166.

413 MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS

1952 Baldwin Baby Grand with French legs, black lacquer finish. \$5,000. (313)729-8806

409 GARAGE/YARD/RUMMAGE SALE

3 households moving sale! 411 Notre Dame, March 14, 9am- 4pm. March 15, 9am- 12. Dining & bedroom sets, hutch, lighted bookcase, Baker's rack.

413 MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS

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CASH for your unwanted furs! Mink capes, stoles, coats. Wolverine Fur Co. (313)961-0620

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TIGER fan will split cost of your season/ partial ticket package. Gary, (313)505-1974

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Sunday, March 16th at Noon.
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Wednesday, March 12th 9:30am - 8:30pm



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316 RIDGEMONT, G. P. FARMS
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Between Chalfonte & Beaupre
Featuring: great dining room set; large tiled, kitchen table with 6 chairs; office furniture; bedroom set; decorator items; oval glass-top coffee table; lots of china cups & saucers; garage goodies; grill; patio items; Kitchen-Aid refrigerator; some tools; many framed prints and posters and more.
Numbers @ 7:30 A.M. Sat. Check out the website; www.rainbowestatesales.com Look for the Rainbow!!!

MARCIA WILK ESTATE SALES
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2159 LENNON GROSSE POINTE WOODS
FRIDAY, SATURDAY
MARCH 14TH & 15TH
9:00AM- 4:00PM
Lennon is off Mack Avenue, one block before Hanson's Running Shop

This is a lovely sale with items collected through the years and now ready to become heirlooms in your home! There is a Victorian sofa, Victorian settee, camel back sofa, large drop-leaf dining room table with four chairs, round oak table with four chairs, drop-leaf and gable tables, Victorian commode, two free standing fireplace mantles, armoire, Kindel maple bed, dresser & nightstand, painted double bed, dresser & mirror, two quilt racks, wicker sofa and chairs, artwork, Schumann china, blue & white decorative items, cut glass, tins, books, vintage hats & shoes, jewelry, fabric, needlepoint, quilt pieces, tons of sewing notions, linens, cement statue, Lots & lots more!

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I accept Visa, MasterCard and Discover on all purchases.
Check Website to see some featured items
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GROSSE POINTE SALES, INC.
MARCH 14TH & 15TH
(10-4)
543 LAKEPOINTE, G.P.P.
Off Windmill Pointe Drive

Estate sale of large, old Grosse Pointe Park home. Art Nouveau curio cabinet, slag glass/ wrought iron lamps, Silver coins, 6 piece Queen bedroom set, chinoiserie style secretary, 3 single beds, bunk beds, desks, dressers, lovely needlepoint chairs, carpets, bookcases, French style sofa and chairs, sofas, sleeper sofa, chairs, end tables, dining table/ chairs, china cabinet, console, buffet, Vintage wicker tables, chair. Closets full of ladies fashions: St. John, Castleberry, Ferragamo shoes. Famille rose jars, large cobalt cut clear vase, cut glass, Waterford crystal, Lenox, Gorham sterling, Russell Wright, Limoges, costume jewelry, Hobe, Trifari, Linens, Lionel train, tool case, antique dental drill, refrigerator, freezer Lots of misc.

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Numbers Friday only @ 9:30-10:00

Renee A. Nixon (313)822-1445

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Decorative items include new and old items, check website for details.
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www.freshstarthomeorganizing.com

FRESH START SALE
20206 Danbury, Harper Woods
(Located off the 194 Service Drive between Old 8 Mile and Vernier Road) (This is the only access)
Friday, March 14th, 9:00 am to 3:00 pm
Saturday, March 15th, 9:00 am to 3:00 pm
Moving sale, furniture includes Broyhill dining table with 6 chairs, buffet with china hutch, and a flip top server all oak with burl walnut, roll top desk, maple dressers, desk and dresser with hutch, oak pedestal table with 4 chairs on wheels and 4 matching bar stools, large oak coffee table, computer desk, cedar hope chest, futon, 4 teal chairs, wicker full headboard, benches, games table, any nice framed prints, several furs, electronics include: Casio keyboard with stand, fax machine new in box, several printers, keyboards and monitors, 2 refrigerators, games, kitchen and garage.

Street numbers honored 8:30am Friday only.

RENTAL REAL ESTATE

700 APTS/FLATS/DUPEX POINTES/HARPER WOODS

1 bedroom \$575 includes utilities. Good size 2 bedroom, \$475. References checked. (313)821-8788

1 bedroom upper. Wayburn. Private porches. Separate utilities. Parking. \$465, plus security. (586)778-2730.

1 bedroom, Vernier, upper, appliances, garage, air, no pets, references, \$600. (313)881-3149

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1ST month free! 870 Nottingham, 4 unit building, lower available. 2 bedrooms, hardwood floors, appliances, \$625. Also a lower apartment available on 817 Beaconsfield. (586)212-0759

2 bedroom, lower. Private laundry. 1 car garage. \$750. 1st month free heat. (313)580-6571

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2 bedroom flat, beautiful lower unit, hardwood floors, central air, private laundry/ basement, parking. No smoking. \$750/ month. (313)779-1010

20620 Hollywood, Mother-in-law suite. All utilities included plus cable & Wi-Fi. \$550, (313)496-3981

414 Neff- 4 bedroom, 2 1/2 baths, air, 2 car garage. \$1,400. Crane Realty (313)884-6451

474 Neff, 6 room, 3 bedrooms. Newly painted. Appliances included, \$1,200. (313)885-2808

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Last Weeks Puzzle Solved
Col. 1: STATES/TASTES
Col. 2: CARPAL
Col. 3: CENTER/RECENT
Col. 6: SEDGES

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ACROSS

1 Tummy muscles
4 Fill a suitcase
8 Therefore
12 Homer's interjection
13 — vera
14 Angel's prop
15 Final performance
17 Seaweed
18 Tree house?
19 Draw a conclusion
20 Texas A&M student
22 Watch noise
24 Wonka creator Roald
25 1933 Marx Brothers movie
29 Palindromic title
30 Maguire of "Spider-Man"
31 Street address?
32 Convict quickly and falsely
34 Plumbing problem
35 Hightails it from the law
36 Antimacassar
37 Inexpensive
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41 Actor Neeson
42 Fit together
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10 Desire
11 Practice
16 Armstrong or Simon
19 Disgusting
20 Hebrew month
21 Enthusiastic applause
22 Oompah producers
23 On the rocks
25 Unhappy destiny
26 Deferential
27 Caspian feeder
28 Sluggish
30 Snare
33 Andean herd
34 Mississippi ex-senator
36 Reverie
37 Cause a surf
38 Raise
39 Deserve
40 State with conviction
42 Hammarskjöld of the U.N.
43 Raw rock
44 401(k)
45 Remiss

DOWN

1 Commercial
2 Acknowledge
3 Forcibly detain
4 Old hat
5 Oodles
6 Anti
7 Small barrel
8 "Merci"

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