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SATURDAY, MARCH 14

◆ Tackling Today's Technology is the topic of a seminar from 8 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at Grosse Pointe South High School auditorium, 11 Grosse Pointe Blvd., Grosse Pointe Farms. Sadie Bolos is the keynote speaker on preparing, managing and protecting the virtual worlds of toddlers, tweens and teens. For registration, visit familycenterweb.org or call (313) 432-3832. This event is held in partnership with The Family Center, Grosse Pointe Public Schools System, Harper Woods School District, Barnes Early Childhood Center, Grosse Pointe North Parents Club and the Mothers' Club of Grosse Pointe South.

SUNDAY, MARCH 15

◆ The Grosse Pointe South High School choirs present "New York, New York" at 3 p.m. in the Performing Arts Center at Grosse Pointe North. Tickets are available at Posterity: A Gallery in the Village or online at gpsouthchoir.org.

MONDAY, MARCH 16

◆ The Grosse Pointe Chamber of Commerce hosts NCAA local committee chairwoman Keri Gaither at a noon lunch at the Grosse Pointe Hunt Club, 655 Cook, Grosse Pointe Farms. The cost is \$20 for chamber members and \$25 for non-chamber members. For reservations, call (313) 881-4722.

◆ Wayne County Commissioner Tim Killeen, D-Detroit, hosts 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, 17147 Maumee.

◆ The Grosse Pointe Woods Council meets at 7:30 p.m. in council chambers, 20025 Mack Plaza.

TUESDAY, MARCH 17

St. Patrick's Day
 ◆ Grosse Pointe Shores City Council meets at 7 p.m. in council chambers, 795 Lakeshore.

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Crescent Sail Club to upgrade

By Brad Lindberg
 Staff Writer

Leigh Savage wants to make the grounds of Crescent Sail Yacht Club shipshape by replacing a fleet of storage sheds with a single, 2,000-square-foot utility building.

"This building replaces six smaller structures," said Savage, Crescent's past commodore. "We will eliminate all of the existing temporary sheds and generally improve the overall aesthetics of the grounds."

The new, two-story, 28.5-foot-tall building needed approval of the Grosse Pointe Farms City Council because structures in the club's district are limited to heights of 15 feet.

The building's design by architect Rob Wood won over Farms planning consultant Brandon Rogers.

"Owing to the spacious site and style of architecture, I conclude the proposed variance in building height is acceptable," Rogers said.

Wood is a veteran when it comes to designing lakeside structures.

A few years ago, he produced the community center at Farms Pier Park. With the Crescent building, he included characteristic dormers and window shutters to give it a residential feeling.

Construction will take place "as soon as we can," Savage said, on the south shore of the club's peninsula behind a group of willow trees, with more landscaping to come.

According to Savage's account, Crescent's 4.45 acre site has gotten too crowded for comfort.

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Scenes from a settlement

Fifth-graders at University Liggett School spent an evening back in time during the annual Colonial Night Thursday, March 5. The students have been studying the time period with teachers Maureen Zamboni and Therese Chouinard, and put on presentations for parents that demonstrated an occupation, from glass blowing to baking to owning a general store. Above from left, Lucy Mott, Elana Baty and Caroline Carmango practice rug hooking. Chris Borreg and Madison Jerome depict Spanish dancing.



PHOTOS BY RENNE LANDUYT



Suspect apprehended

By Kathy Ryan
 Staff Writer

There is a letter of commendation and a box of dog biscuits on their way to the Chesterfield Township Police Department, compliments of Michael Makowski, Grosse Pointe Woods' director of Public Safety.

The thank you gesture follows the arrest Tuesday, March 3 by the Chesterfield department of Johnnie Leroy Williams, 47, the suspect in a home invasion Sunday, March

1 on Roslyn Road in Grosse Pointe Woods.

According to Makowski, Williams was being chased by Chesterfield Township police following a purse snatching in a parking lot on 23 Mile Road. Williams fled the scene in a 1993 Dodge Dakota truck, but when he reached an area near Jefferson and 23 Mile Road, Williams jumped from the truck and fled on foot through a wooded area. The department's K-9 team was called in,

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PHOTOS BY BOB BRUCE

Smiles

Above, the University Liggett School girls hockey team won a Division 2 Tournament title last weekend. At left, Grosse Pointe North junior Ariel Braker holds the Class A district trophy the Lady Norsemen won after beating St. Clair Shores Lakeview.

POINTER OF INTEREST

'I strive in my work to create change.'

Edward Griffor



Home: Grosse Pointe Park
Age: 57
Family: Wife, Mariela; daughters, Elena and Javiera
Claim to fame: Walter P. Chrysler Technical Fellow for Chrysler Corp.
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Yesterday's headlines

1950

50 years ago this week

◆ **KERBY FIELD UP-GRADES:** Kerby Field is undergoing a \$11,500 face-lift which will improve baseball facilities. Two players' benches and two bleachers will be installed and a water pipe will be laid to service the field.

◆ **GUNS FOUND IN PARK, FARMS:** Two pistols, apparently discarded by the same burglar who has been operating in the Pointes, were found and turned over to police.

Police believe the firearms, one a .32 caliber gun was found in Grosse Pointe Park by a resident; the other a 7.65 automatic was found in Grosse Pointe Farms by a Department of Public Works employee, were thrown away by the same thief who burglarized homes in the Pointes.

◆ **SIX TEENS HURT IN CRASH:** Six teenage boys suffered injuries in a two-car collision on Fisher Road. The boys, all 16, were taken to Bon Secours Hospital, treated and released. According to police, the driver who hit the other car was ticketed for not having his car under control and causing the accident. Skid marks were taped at a length of 47 feet for all four wheels of his vehicle.

◆ **BONUS PROMOTES BIG STAFF TURNOVER:** Grosse Pointe parents can expect to see new faces in many public school administrative offices next year as the management staff undergoes its greatest turnover in years. Almost a fifth of the schools' administrative staff — including its library director and two principals — have announced they will leave at the end of this semester, induced into retirement by a bonus offer.

A similar retirement incentive for teachers, which expires next month, may lead to an equally large turnover in their ranks.

◆ **LIVELY BOARD RACE EXPECTED:** This June's school ballot promises to be the most crowded in several years as some of the more vocal opponents of reorganization line up to race for two seats on the Board of Education.

Seven nominating petitions have been picked up from the schools' central office and there's still a month to go before the official filing deadline. No one has formally announced candidacy, yet, however.

1999

10 years ago this week

◆ **CARRIAGE HOUSE FIRE:** A two-alarm fire damaged the second story of a house on Grosse Pointe Boulevard in Grosse Pointe Farms. The structure, a renovated carriage house originally part of an estate on Lakeshore, suffered damage to a room in which workers were removing wallpaper.

According to reports, the workers were using a flammable agent to dissolve wallpaper glue when a pad of steel wool rubbed against a metal electrical outlet. The resulting spark set off the agent.



FROM THE MARCH 12, 1959 ISSUE OF THE GROSSE POINTE NEWS

1959: Neighborhood Club open house

All Pointe residents are invited to visit the Neighborhood Club to become better acquainted with recreation and social services it offers. The club is observing Neighborhood House Week along with other similar metropolitan agencies. Enjoying the club's game-room are, left to right, Jim Walker, Susan Kamischke, Tom Starrs, Kathy Naughton, Mary Kristufek, Mary Ann Wightman, Mary Grace Flannery, Tim McLeod and Robert Patterson.

1984

25 years ago this week

◆ **DRUG RAID NETS THREE SUSPECTS:** A drug raid at a home on Wayburn in Grosse Pointe Park led to three of seven arrests that evening that police said were connected to a narcotics ring in three suburban cities. Confiscated in the Park were more than \$5,000 worth of cocaine, narcotics paraphernalia, money and guns.

◆ **SOUTH HOCKEY PERFECT:** The Grosse Pointe South High School Lady Blue Devils hockey team beat Harper Woods Regina 4-1 to earn its first state championship title. The Lady Blue Devils were perfect for the season with a record of 20-0-0.

◆ **PEDESTRIAN HIT:** A 44-year-old Grosse Pointe Park woman suffered a knee injury after being hit by a car driven by another Grosse Pointe Park woman. The accident occurred in the Village as the driver was

turning left from St. Clair onto Kercheval.

2004

Five years ago this week

◆ **VOTERS TO DECIDE SINKING FUND:** Budget challenges continue to concern the public as well as the Grosse Pointe Board of Education as the March 16 election for a sinking fund approaches. The

sinking fund is a way for the district to use local funds to pay for mid-range repairs less than \$50,000. It would impose a 1-mill levy for six years, raising \$2.8 million each year.

◆ **VILLAGE WALL COULD COME DOWN:** The Grosse Pointe Park City Council is reviewing options for the rock wall structures in Kressbach Place in the Village. Public opinion has been mixed ever since the series of decorative rock structures were erected. The council is considering

leaving the middle wall as is, lowering it, or removing it.

◆ **ULS STUDENTS PAY CHD WATER BILL:** When the Children's Home of Detroit was hit with an \$18,000 water bill, donations came pouring in.

Among the biggest benefactors was a group of neighboring children at University Liggett school who raised \$1,850. The students held a dress-down day, where students paid for the privilege to dress casually for a day.

— Karen Fontanive

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GROSSE POINTE FARMS

Unified effort results in lower numbers

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

Everybody these days seems to be seeking closure.

Grosse Pointe Farms detectives are, and they got it.

They achieved a felony and misdemeanor larceny closure rate of 92 percent during 2008, according to the department's annual report released this week.

"We worked extra hard, especially on solving home invasions," said Lt. Rich Rosati, head of the detective division.

Closures were high enough to earn Rosati and fellow detectives Mike McCarthy and Rick Good a director's unit award for outstanding achievement.

"Crime went down in every area but robbery," said Dan Jensen, public safety director. "Robbery went up from one to four. Two of those four were juvenile-related at Kerby Field."

He credited the overall decrease to police patrols along the Mack Avenue border with Detroit.

"I attribute it all to aggressive patrols by uniform officers, excellent interviewing, excellent plain clothes surveillance by detectives — just a great, cooperative, unified effort by everybody in the department,"

Jensen said.

Major property crimes during 2008 accounted for 96.7 percent of all major crime reported last year in the Farms. The figure represents a 17 percent decrease from 2007, according to the report.

Property crimes and their changes from 2007 were:

◆ Larceny, 137 cases, down 13 percent.

◆ Burglary, 12 cases, down 55 percent.

◆ Auto theft, 29, down 31 percent.

Major violent crimes totaled 3.3 percent of all major crime reported last year in the community.

Examples include:

◆ Robbery, four cases, up 300 percent.

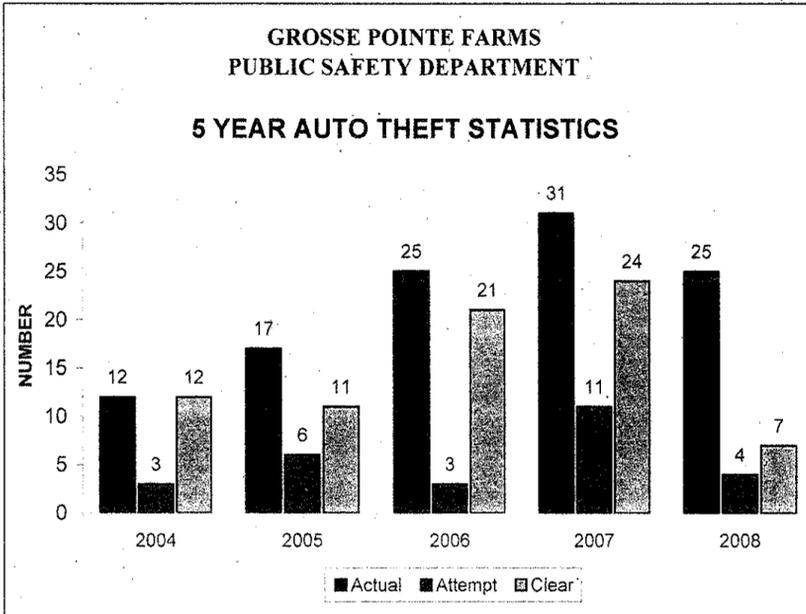
◆ Aggravated assault, two cases, down 33 percent.

There were no arsons, rapes or murders.

Malicious destruction of property (32 cases) went down 27 percent. Bicycle theft (16) declined 20 percent.

The public safety department's clearance rate for major crimes was 66.8 percent compared to the national average of 32.1 percent.

Rosati attributed the detective bureau's success to nabbing repeat offenders.



"Certain individuals were responsible for so many of our crimes that once we caught them and they confessed, that closed a lot of them," Rosati said. "Michael Albane (of Detroit) was responsible for at least 20 larcenies from autos." Interrogations revealed no honor among thieves.

"People we arrested, Eric Arndt being one of them (for home invasion), lead us to Nancy Weigand (of Detroit) who was responsible for home invasions," Rosati said. "It's like a house of cards. You knock down one card and everything else starts to fall along with it."

Only four of 91 fire runs last year resulted in appreciable property loss. Losses totaled \$1,755,490, due overwhelmingly to a house fire in the 200 block of Lewiston that inspectors said was caused either by human error or a stove top malfunction. There were many false

alarms triggered by faulty alarm systems. In December, firefighters rushed to a house in the 200 block of Hillcrest only to discover smoke coming from burnt toast.

Officers also conducted safety education activities at all school levels and for groups of adults.

"Our program consists of a variety of instructional aids, including the fire safety smoke house presented through Grosse Pointe Safety Town," said Officer Stephen Puckett, the school liaison officer and a 23-year veteran.

Officers logged a combined 317 hours last year addressing 10,175 students regarding lockdown drills, evidence collection, bicycle inspections and more.

"I am proud to say because of the dedication to our community, we continue to be one of the most professional and dedicated public safety agencies in the area," Puckett said.

Four officers assigned to the marine patrol unit based at Pier Park responded to two boating accidents, conducted two search and rescue operations, assisted boaters three times, conducted 143 safety checks and issued 85 violations.

GROSSE POINTE PARK

Park's crime stats dropped 16 percent

By Kathy Ryan
Staff Writer

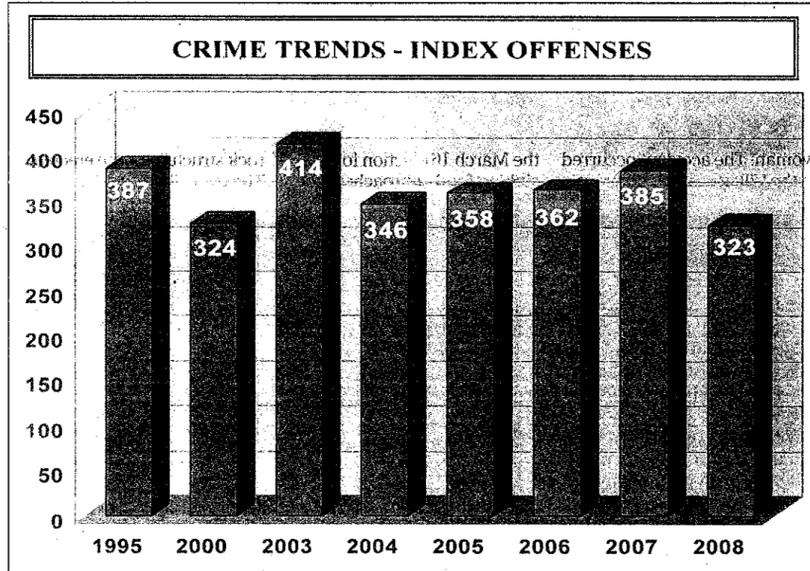
It's a report Grosse Pointe Park's Chief of Public Safety David Hiller likes to give.

His annual report of crime on his watch shows an overall reduction of 16 percent in serious, or index crimes, and Hiller is especially pleased to cite a major reduction in the number of vehicle thefts.

"I believe one of the main reasons for the reduction in motor vehicle thefts is the work of the Arrest Car Thieves in Our Neighborhood Team," Hiller said. "This team, which has been operating for about two years now with the assistance of a grant from the State Automobile Theft Prevention Association, is comprised of officers from Grosse Pointe Park, Harper Woods and the Wayne County Sheriff's Department. They have done an outstanding job with over 100 arrests last year and 430 stolen vehicles recovered."

While Hiller credits the ACTION team, he also recognizes members of the department at all levels for contributing to the reduction not only in auto thefts, but in other crimes as well.

"The success of the ACTION program is also the result of a real team effort on the part of members of our department," Hiller noted.



"Everyone is involved. Our uniform officers check out suspicious vehicles and the detective bureau follows up with investigations. Even our dispatchers are involved, doing computer checks on hundreds of cars every month."

"Residents should realize that the success of the ACTION program has a trickle-down effect when it comes to other crimes as well. The ACTION team has arrested over 100 individuals who might be prone to committing other crimes as well."

The total for both index and non-index crimes for 2008 was 678, down from a total of 737 in 2007, 801 in 2006 and 827 in 2005. Larcenies dropped from 168 in 2007 to 122 for 2008, and burglary and forced entries were down from 34 to 27 for the same period.

However, thefts from a mo-

tor vehicle rose from 36 to 42, an upward trend consistent with the last four years.

Hiller urges residents to take cell phones, wallets, laptops and iPods with them, and to lock their cars. "That is a crime of opportunity," he said. "All we can do is remind residents to not leave valuables in their cars. Don't leave your

snow blower or lawn mower out front while you go in the house to get a drink. Don't create an opportunity for someone to take your possessions."

Fire calls were up in 2008, from 163 in 2007 to 188 in 2008, and the Emergency Medical Units responded to 527 calls. There were 10 injury accidents, and traffic enforcement noted a 3 percent uptick in tickets over 2007 numbers.

An increase in juvenile crime has Hiller and the Park's Youth Services Unit taking a more proactive approach in investigations and follow-up on reports of crimes involving juveniles.

Hiller sees keeping Grosse Pointe Park a safe community as a cooperative effort between citizens and the police.

"We are taking a very positive approach to crime," Hiller said. "We are getting the word out that if you commit a crime in Grosse Pointe Park, we will go after you. We have stepped

up our patrols and our presence on the streets."

Hiller points out the success of the Bike Patrol, which operates 24 hours a day, all year round, averaging 20 miles a day or 6,000 miles patrolled each year.

"Bike officers are very visible and are very approachable," Hiller said. "They have also proven very effective during night patrols in locating and arresting larceny suspects."

But Hiller reminds residents that his department can't do it without the help of the citizens.

"We encourage residents to call us if they see something they feel uncomfortable with," he said. "We really count on citizen awareness, as a resident is far more aware of when something is not right. And don't hesitate to call us, thinking that you are just going to bother us."

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Mariela, Javiera and Edward Griffor are above. Edward is a mathematician and Mariela is a writer.

Mathematician enchanted by work and love

By Carrie Cunningham
Special Writer

Work and love define Edward Griffor's life.

Griffor is a mathematician and the Walter P. Chrysler Technical fellow for the Chrysler Corporation and husband to Mariela Griffor, a poet and publisher. He approaches his job and marriage with true love.

Griffor works to develop technology to manage the complexity of the modern automobile. A good example are efforts to make the elements of driving, such as setting heat levels, managing a complex radio or working a GPS system, easier for drivers. He uses methods known as Human Machine Interaction.

"I strive in my work to create a system that helps the engineering design adapt and change," he said. "It's a way of controlling and designing processes that perform in the way you want."

Griffor recently directed a study to measure how people manage controls in cars. He contributed the mathematics and electronics needed to model these questions and adapted them to control designs in Chrysler cars.

Griffor extols Chrysler for believing in his work and giving him flexibility to bring cutting-edge results.

"The goal is to provide a support for the product that employees are trying to build to meet today's vehicle needs," he said.

"Chrysler is agile and able to address needed change quickly. That's why I think they have the biggest opportunity to succeed," he added.

Math and engineering have captivated Griffor since elementary school. Growing up in the eastside of Detroit, Griffor attended Mount Calvary Lutheran Church where his teachers saw and praised his powers of concentration. Griffor said he would stare at the sides of a building trying to figure out their essence.

"That's what got my interest and the reason was because mathematics is a way of

disengaging your mind from yourself and becoming what it is you're looking at," he said.

Griffor attended East Detroit High School where he graduated a year or so before his classmates. He took advanced classes, such as calculus, at Wayne State University and went on to Michigan State University where he studied engineering, mathematics, linguistics and philosophy. After college, he completed master's and doctoral work in electrical engineering and mathematics at Harvard University and the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

He went on to be a NATO/National Science Foundation postdoctoral fellow in science in Europe. He led research in Sweden, Norway, Switzerland and Poland and the Soviet Union before moving into industry in South America.

Griffor is very cerebral about the role of mathematics and thinks it can be used to understand how the world works.

He says mathematics is about structure and change. To understand the logic of structure or the logic of change, one has to remove the layers to find the underlying heart. These ideas can be used to understand not only the matter of buildings but the design of electronics and behavior, he said.

Mathematics is moreover a way to stave off fear, he believes. Fear tends to come from the unknown and the chaos in things and people. Math can introduce new ways of thinking about order and allow confusing matters in the world to be conceptualized, he said.

The other bright spot in Griffor's life is his marriage.

Griffor said he fell in love with Mariela at first glance. The couple moved to Grosse Pointe after living for more than 10 years in Sweden.

Griffor beams when talking about Mariela, praises her courage and is proud of her role in founding Marick Press. He helps with financ-

ing for the press's books and is involved in special events hosted by the publishing house.

Griffor said he likes Grosse Pointe for its values, namely its attention to education and family. He said he hopes his two daughters, Elena and Javiera, will grow up with these values and their mother's traits.

In the future, Griffor wants to continue contributing to Chrysler. He's also seeking a place where he and Mariela can commune and write. They have family in South America where they might be able to relax and create by the ocean.

Writers need peace and quiet to provoke lucidity in thought, Griffor said.

Griffor said he and Mariela, as a mathematician engineer and writer, make a good combination. They both attempt to understand the world and give it meaning, describing how it is and how it should be.

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In her weekly radio address, Gov. Jennifer Granholm highlighted a partnership with Denmark that will allow Michigan to explore new development and share experiences of renewable energy, energy efficiency and job creation.

"Denmark leads the world in wind power technology, an industry employing 20,000 people in a nation with half Michigan's population," Granholm said. "We understand how a new energy economy can be a source of increased innovation and job creation. In fact, the Center for American Progress calculates that Michigan can create 60,000 new jobs by investing in

wind, solar, biofuels and energy efficiency."

Granholm underscored some of the steps Michigan has implemented, from putting in place a Renewable Portfolio Standard to initiating the nation's most aggressive tax incentives for research and development and manufacturing of batteries.

"At a time when our economy is challenged and job losses continue to dominate the news, it's important to remember and to continue to invest in the steps that will diversify our state's economy and create jobs, all kinds of jobs for all kinds of people," Granholm said.



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The view

Joe Glover of Grosse Pointe Park had the best view of a seal during a visit to the Detroit Zoo. And the seal had a good view, too. The zoo is open 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. through March 31 and from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. the month of April. Summer hours, May 1 through Labor Day, are 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Admission is \$11 for adults, \$7 for children and \$9 for senior citizens. Children less than 2 years old get in free. Zoo parking is \$5.

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SUSPECT: Chesterfield police assist

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and the tracking dog, Bulzi, found Williams hiding under the deck of a house.

Williams' truck and license plate matched the description of the vehicle driven by the suspect in the Woods home invasion, Makowski said.

"He was even wearing the same clothes when he was picked up," Makowski said.

"The victim in the home invasion was able to give us a description of the truck and the license number, so we are very confident this is our man," Makowski said.

In the Grosse Pointe Woods case, a 46-year-old Roslyn Road resident returned home at 5:15 p.m. Sunday, March 1, entered her home through a

side door and was startled to find a man opening the door she had just closed. He then asked her for money. The woman dropped her purse and ran out of her house through the front door. The suspect grabbed her purse and fled in a 1993 Dodge Dakota truck. The victim was able to give the police a description of the truck and its license plate number.

Williams, who had a previous conviction in 1990 for armed robbery, was arraigned March 5 in the Chesterfield Township case and charged with unarmed robbery, fleeing and eluding police and possession and use of a stolen credit card. He is expected to be arraigned in the Woods as soon as the warrant is completed.

"We believe this guy victimized women in several local communities," Makowski said. "The Chesterfield Township police did a great job on this case, not to mention Bulzi, who has a box of dog biscuits coming his way."

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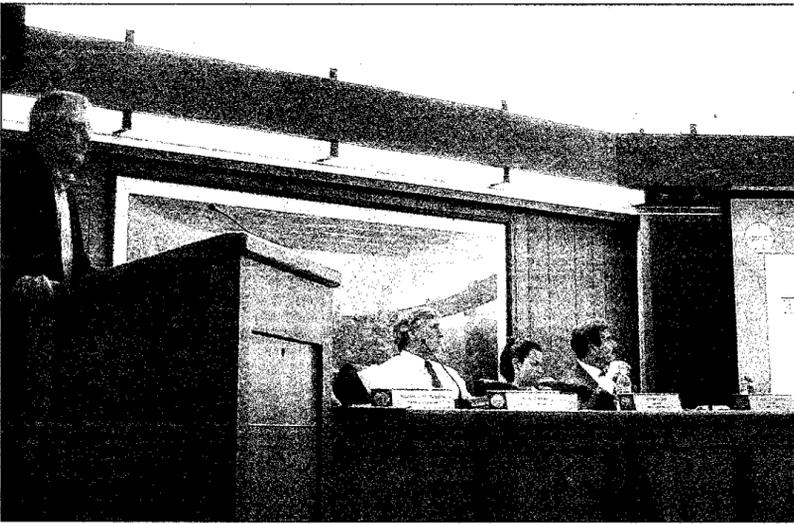
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Leigh Savage speaks to the Grosse Pointe Farms council on behalf of the Crescent Sail Yacht Club about the proposed improvements to the club's grounds.

SAIL: Club suggests upgrades

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"The existing one-car garage was already more than full of grounds maintenance equipment, and we have been compelled to utilize a number

of temporary storage sheds and vinyl tents placed around the property," he said.

In 2005, club members approved construction of a new clubhouse.

The project was canceled due to budget considerations. Club members decided instead to focus club resources on sailing and mooring facilities.

"This proved to be a wise decision, as our new harbor has

been very well received," Savage said. "We have kept the harbor full each year, have attracted new members and expect to be full again in 2009."

Sailing classes, offered to club members and the public alike through the club's non-profit association, have grown.

"Particularly the adult program, which is held on weekend evening throughout the sailing season," Savage said.

CITY OF GROSSE POINTE

Recreation fee increase affects 14 programs

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

Budget constraints prompted an early review of fees for events and programs offered through the City of Grosse Pointe recreation department.

Increases going into effect this spring range from \$1 for a non-resident group permit at Neff Park to \$20 to join the synchronized swim team.

Marina rates are unchanged.

Increases are forecast to generate an estimated \$12,525.

"Budgetary constraints are on everybody now, this year more than ever," said Chris Hardenbrook, recreation director.

"Next year is going to be worse."

Instead of cutting programming to ease the budget, city officials decided to increase fees to offset costs.

"Money we will collect won't come close to recuperat-

ing all of the costs, but it will help and hopefully save our programming," Hardenbrook said. "We still have a lot of programs that are no charge."

Events such as Winterfest, fall harvest, family fiesta, outdoor movies, Michigan Marina Day and more are still free to City residents.

"We just are collecting some fees for the most expensive events," Hardenbrook said.

Increases affect 14 of 63 recreational programs.

"Typically, a comprehensive review of all City fees are conducted as part of the budget process ending in May each year," Hardenbrook wrote in a report to the city council. "However, this mid-year review will allow the proposed changes to be implemented in time for the summer recreation season."

Affected programs, last year's fee and this year's fees are:

◆ Summer arts and craft, from \$2 to \$5 per class.

◆ Camp Norbert Neff, \$20 to \$30 per registration.

◆ Lifeguard training, from \$140 to \$160 per certificate.

◆ Aquatic aerobics, \$20 to \$30.

◆ Adult aquatic lessons, \$15 to \$30.

◆ Diving lessons, \$15 to \$30.

◆ Synchronized swim team, free to \$20.

◆ Beginner tennis lessons, \$15 to \$30.

◆ Intermediate tennis, \$15 to \$30.

◆ Advanced tennis, \$15 to \$30.

◆ Pavilion rental, free to \$25 per five-hour block.

◆ Park group permit, free to \$1 per non-resident.

◆ Kayak rental course, free to \$15.

◆ Bag of ice, \$1.25 to \$1.50.

The \$1 charge for non-resident group permits is expected to generate the biggest income at \$2,750.

Pavilion rentals are forecast to generate \$2,500.

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WEDNESDAY, MARCH 18

◆ Coming of Age: Legal and Health Aspects of Turning 18 is the seminar topic from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at the Grosse Pointe Woods Community Center, 20025 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods. This is a presentation for middle and high

school students, families and professionals. Presenters include attorney Chip Berschback, managed care supervisor Heather Dombrowski, Dr. Rudy Vervaeke and psychotherapist Josette M. Lucci. The evening is presented in partnership with Beaumont Hospital, Grosse Pointe, Community, Assessment Referral & Education, Grosse Pointe Woods, the George R. and Elise M. Fink Foundation, Grosse Pointe North Parents Club, the Mothers' Club of Grosse Pointe South and The Family Center. For more information, call (313) 432-3832.

◆ Author Gerald J. Prokopowicz presents a pro-

gram relating to his book, "Did Lincoln Own Slaves?" at 7:30 p.m. in the Fries Auditorium, Grosse Pointe War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms.

THURSDAY, MARCH 19

◆ University of Michigan professor John Whittier-Ferguson presents a lecture on T.S. Elliot's "Four Quarters" at 7:30 p.m. in Grosse Pointe South High School Library, 11 Grosse Pointe Blvd., Grosse Pointe Farms. Free admission to Friends of the Grosse Pointe Library, teachers and students with ID. Admission is \$10 for others. For more information, call (313) 343-2074.

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EDITORIAL

We can't let Cobo fail

Some members of the Detroit City Council are angry they've been called crazy, but they don't seem to be doing anything to help their cause. City Council President Monica Conyers has led the charge to keep Cobo Hall in Detroit's hands — while state legislation has called for a regional authority to operate the facility in dire need of expansion and repair.

The transfer of power — which was signed into law by Gov. Jennifer Granholm — would go from the city to a board of five representatives, including one each from Macomb, Oakland and Wayne counties, one appointed by the mayor for the City of Detroit, and one from the governor's office. All would have veto power on issues surrounding the operation of Cobo Hall.

Cobo provides thousands of jobs and brings millions in spin-off revenue to Detroit each January with the North American International Auto Show.

The switch in authority would open \$288 million in funding to rehab and expand a facility that is crumbling and failing to hold its own against cities with better convention centers. Cobo provides thousands of jobs and brings millions in spin-off revenue to Detroit each January with the North American International Auto Show. Cobo — as it stands today — will lose out to Chicago, Los Angeles, or anywhere if something isn't done. The show could move away from the Motor City. It's bad enough that we're trying to keep it the Motor City.

All parties seem to agree on the plan for Cobo except five city council members who voted Feb. 24 to reject the transfer. That move forced Mayor Ken Cockrel Jr. to veto the council's vote. The council then voted Monday to file an injunction challenging Cockrel's veto.

Cockrel, speaking to WWJ-AM 950 Tuesday, said taking the issue to court is a waste of taxpayers' money. We couldn't agree more.

A struggling economy that has hit real estate and the auto industry harder here than anywhere else doesn't seem to be enough for this council and Conyers.

Her yelling "Shrek" at Cockrel during a council meeting in April 2008 was just a sidebar to what then-Mayor Kwame Kilpatrick was doing to destroy the reputation of the city.

Even after he spent the holidays in jail and then moved his family to Dallas, we are left with the entertaining texts of what he was doing on city time. There are thousands more. It hasn't calmed much since he left.

We've recently had Councilwoman Alberta Tinsley-Talabi tell The Detroit News the MGM Grand Detroit casino billboard with the spooky eyes found along several local highways should be taken down. Instead, she should be happy a company is spending money to build their business and advertise it in Detroit. It's hard to see the sign at times because of all the potholes. Maybe she could fight for more funding to fix the roads that are crumbling as fast as some of the city's neighborhoods.

No doubt MGM is happy she didn't like the billboards. They've received hundreds of thousands in free advertising because of it.

Then there was Barbara-Rose Collins singing "Onward, Christian Soldiers" at a recent meeting and then breaking in to a rant that charged Oakland County Executive L. Brooks Patterson and the media as being racist.

And speaking of the media, Conyers thinks the media should stay out of Cobo Hall — that they were trespassing when they reported on the leaking roof at the facility during last weekend's Autorama. She claims it was the media playing politics, and the roof didn't leak during the auto show or a recent dog show.

Who's playing politics?

Detroit's government shouldn't be the laugh-of-the-day on CNN or YouTube.

We hope the Detroit City Council sees the value in Cobo expansion project and a regional authority looking after it. It's a drain of \$12 million to \$16 million that could come off the city's books each year.

Most in the suburbs love to see the positive changes in the city and Detroit's success affects the whole region. It's not us versus them.

This region — and especially Detroit — can't afford to let Cobo fail.

To do so, in the name of politics, would be crazy.

KEN SCHOP



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Library rules

To the Editor:

Something must be done about the children running wild in the Ewald Branch of the Grosse Pointe Public Library in Grosse Pointe Park.

Parents drop their small children off and leave them unsupervised. Other parents stay and ignore their behavior — running and screaming and bumping into people.

Our librarians are not baby sitters and our libraries are not playgrounds.

We need more rules and regulations that must be enforced.

MARY FORD
City of Grosse Pointe

Thanks for support

To the Editor:

I'm not sure where to even begin in thanking the Grosse Pointe community for its overwhelming support of the Full Circle Upscale Resale's first bridal fashion show.

Nearly 300 people filled the Grosse Pointe War Memorial Saturday, Feb. 7. Patrons had the opportunity to visit with several local merchants who specialize in wedding items be-

fore sitting down to a wonderful lunch and a fashion show put on by our students that can only be described as "magical."

In particular, we would like to thank:

Caribou Coffee; Coliseum International Salon & Spa; James Cooper; Kathy Ryan, Grosse Pointe Hunt Club; Just Delicious; Men's Warehouse; Kate Fodell Training; Village Jewelry & Repair; Lamia & Lamia Salon and Day Spa; Woods Wholesale Wine; Roxy Starr; Pointe Nail Techs; The Secret Garden Flower Shop; City Kitchen; Services for Older Citizens; Charity Cars Inc.; 88 Mile Graphics; Aretex Therapeutic Wellness Spa & Cafe; Conner Park Florist; Grosse Pointe Florists Inc.; WOW! Women's Only Workout; Flame Heating, Cooling and Electrical; Andiamo Trattoria; The Westin Book Cadillac Detroit; The Ferraro Dermatology Clinic; Alessandra Bridal & Formalwear; Breadsmith of Grosse Pointe Woods; Ronald Eisenbies; Two Sisters Gourmet Consultant; Sheryl Hogan; Angie Niforos; Kramers Bed, Bath and Windows Fashions; Pointe

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Many thanks for all those who have put so many hours and given generously to the success of this bridal bash the first fundraiser for the Full Circle Upscale Resale.

The ARC of Grosse Pointe; Harper Woods in conjunction with the Grosse Pointe Public School System appreciate your support of this and other programs for individuals with developmental disabilities and for bringing this dream closer to reality.

MARY FODELL
Director
Full Circle Upscale Resale

GUEST OPINION By Rich Lowry

Obama: the rhetorical magician

President George H. W. Bush made a "read my lips; no new taxes" pledge in his acceptance

speech at the Republican Convention in August 1988, and broke it two years later.

That seemed a fast turnaround, but President Barack Obama has outpaced him by making, and then signaling his intention to break, a no new taxes pledge all in the same address.

"If your family earns less than \$250,000 a year," Obama said in his speech to Congress, "you will not see your taxes increased a single dime. I repeat: Not one single dime."

Unless, that is, your family pays a utility bill. Earlier from the same podium, Obama exhorted Congress to send him "legislation that places a market-based cap on carbon pollution." This cap-and-trade program would increase the cost of energy for everyone, regardless of income. It is a broad-based — if indirect — tax increase of the sort the casual listener would have thought

Obama prides himself on a facility with words that has fueled his political rise. He clearly respects words, including their power to manipulate and mislead.

Obama ruled out in categorical language.

Obama's recently released budget outline proposes using revenues raised by cap-and-trade to fund his "making work pay" tax credits that were part of the stimulus bill. Of those credits, Obama said, "The recovery plan provides a tax cut — that's right, a tax cut — for 95 percent of working families."

This was a central Obama pledge during the campaign, although he never mentioned he'd fund it with a countervailing tax increase on working families and everyone else.

Obama is a talented, but a wily and dishonest, salesman.

Nineteenth century politician Martin Van Buren earned the sobriquet "the little magician" for his skillful manipulation of New York's political machine. Obama is the rhetorical

magician, depending — as all magicians do — on deft sleight of hand.

In his speech, Obama didn't want his listeners to think he's a big-government heir to President Lyndon B. Johnson, so he talked of slashing waste. He said his team had begun going "line by line" through the budget, and "we have already identified \$2 trillion in savings over the next decade."

In common parlance, "savings" is taken to mean ... well, savings. But half of this \$2 trillion is accounted for by Obama's planned tax increases on the rich — in other words, he has identified revenue, not savings. Much of the rest is arrived at by assuming the Iraq War would cost \$170 billion a year for the duration, even though Obama has long planned a drawdown.

Obama prides himself as

ruthlessly paring back government when he is simply raising taxes and leaving Iraq.

Even as he expands government, Obama forswears any interest in expanding government and says he's scaling back: "Everyone will have to sacrifice some worthy priorities for which there are no dollars, and that includes me."

Really? His budget increases discretionary spending by 12 percent next year. To paraphrase Bob Dole, where's the austerity?

Obama prides himself on a facility with words that has fueled his political rise. He clearly respects words, including their power to manipulate and mislead.

"A good catchword," Oliver Wendell Holmes said, "can obscure analysis for 50 years."

To pass a vast program changing the relationship of American government to its citizens, Obama only needs to obscure analysis for about a year.

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I SAY By Brad Lindberg

Oddities of the air museum



bled together during the early part of WWII, is among numerous rare aircraft being restored for display at the museum.

Restoration takes place in a set of hangars at neighboring Wright Patterson Air Force Base.

seum's 90 full-time employees. Twenty-one employees spend their time making something out of nothing in the restoration hangars.

All aircraft displayed in the museum pass through the restoration hangars. Many in-

The aircraft failed to meet expectations as a long-range fighter — Meyer said it "performed like a dog" — and was relegated to above-ground nuclear testing during the 1950s.

"This aircraft was nuked three times," Meyer said.

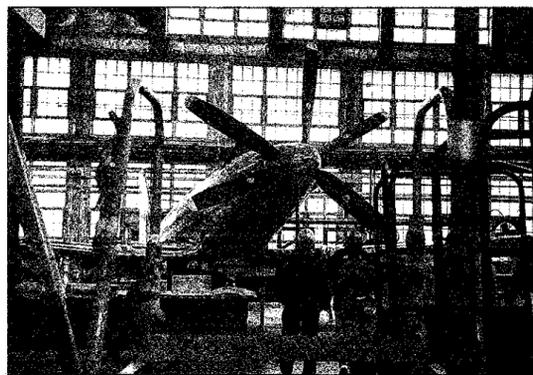
It was placed 1/2 mile from the detonation point to gauge the blast's effect. The bent and battered XF-90 has been decontaminated and will appear in the museum for a display about nuclear testing.

A Soviet-built MiG-25 fighter jet being restored was dug up from the sands of Iraq.

"During Operation Desert Storm II (Iraqi Freedom) the Iraqi technique was to bury their airplanes," Meyer said.

"That's neat. If you dig a hole and put your airplanes in it, you won't get shot down."

MiG-25s fly three times the speed of sound. "Soviets built



PHOTOS BY BRAD LINDBERG

P-75.

them to counter our B-70 and SR-71," Meyer said. "It is a big, fast jet that can't stay in the air too long. It burns so much gas."

The specimen being restored

isn't anywhere near flyable condition.

"After we conquered Iraq, we dug it up," Meyer said.

"Unfortunately, somebody got to it before we did. It's missing its wing and horizontal stabilizers."

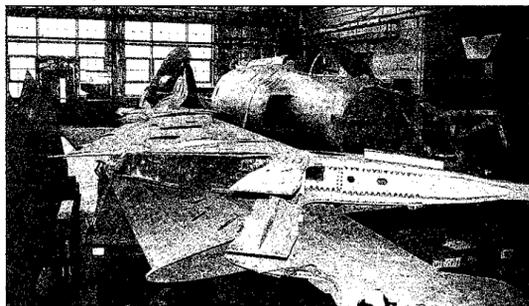
Read more about the museum's restoration of two WW II B-17s on page 1B.

What do you call a long-range fighter plane with wings from a P-40 Warhawk, landing gear from a F-4U Corsair, a tail from an A-24 and a W-shaped, mid-body engine that drives two counter-rotating propellers?

"An accident waiting to happen," said Don Meyer, a retired U.S. Air Force officer. "The first test pilot said after his flight, 'Do not buy this thing.'"

Meyer is a volunteer tour guide at the National Museum of the United States Air Force in Dayton, Ohio. He landed the job upon completing active duty as a navigator in C-135 (derived from the Boeing 707). His father flew B-29 bombers during World War II and, afterwards, B-52s.

The accident in waiting is a P-75 Eagle. The prototype, cob-



XF-90.

"They've calculated that there's a 30-year backlog of work," Meyer said.

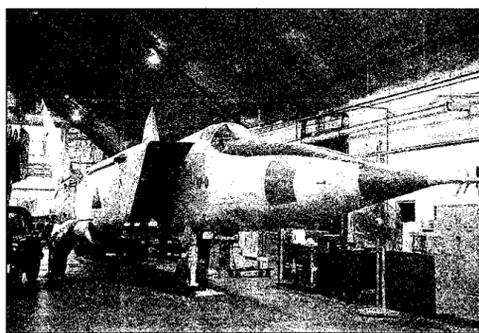
The museum owns 2,100 aircraft, but has room to display only 300. The other 1,800 are on view at Department of Defense museums nationwide.

Meyer is among about 450 volunteers who bolster the mu-

coming aircraft are in rough shape.

"Nothing's too good for our museum, and that's usually what we get: nothing too good," Meyer said.

One aircraft, an experimental Lockheed XF-90 jet, is beyond restoration and will stay that way.



MiG-5.

STREETWISE By Renee Landuyt

If you could start a business right now what would it be and why?

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



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"I would open an animal adoption center with rescued animals that sold pet supplies (but not pets) so you could get everything in one place."

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FROM THE ARCHIVES Compiled by Suzy Berschback

Summer homes dot the Pointes' shores



The following article is from the archives of the Grosse Pointe Historical Society, circa 1930. For more information, visit gphistorical.org.

The growth of the township was slow for some years after the War of 1812. But when peace was assured, there was a large influx of Belgians and Germans.

Since then, the population has been multiplying in a much greater rate than that of the natural increase. When Grosse Pointe Township was set apart from Hamtramck in 1846, the first township offi-

cers were Supervisor George Moran; Clerk Robert Baiton; Treasurer Dagobert Juriff; Assessors John Gouine, Jr., and James Baiton; School Inspectors John Gouine Sr., and George Githrie; and Justices of the Peace, Francis Van Antwerp, Frank Juriff, Daniel Corby and George Martin.

The population of the township in 1876 was about 3,000, of which 500 were children. Alexander Michie was one of the pioneers who settled in Grosse Pointe in 1849.

He later held the office of Wayne County auditor and was the first postmaster appointed in Grosse Pointe Township.

There was not a single Detroit citizen in those days that had a summer house in Grosse Pointe.

With their habitual attachment to their houses, the French habitants for many years had refused to sell. But

Lakefront property was valued at \$1,000 an acre, while at a little distance back, \$100 per acre was frequently asked.

one by one, they yielded to the offers of summer residents who paid far more than the farming value of the land. Lakefront property was valued at \$1,000 an acre, while at a little distance back, \$100 per acre was frequently asked.

In the late 1880's many fine homes were built on the lake shore of what is now known as the Village of Grosse Pointe Farms and Grosse Pointe Shores.

The first residence on the lakefront adjoining the Grosse Pointe Clubhouse was the property of George H. Prentiss. Next was the pretty summer home of Theodore H.

Hinchman who was one of Detroit's oldest and most highly esteemed merchants.

Next to attract attention was the beautiful and well-kept grounds called "Edgmere," the residence of Joseph H. Berry.

On the land-ward side of the road was the handsome residence of John B. Dyar, known as "Beaurivage" (beautiful shore). The pretty Queen Anne cottage of William A. McGraw came next and was known as "the Poplars." A handsome row of lambardey Poplars and an Osage orange hedge defined the front.

Following was the residence of Martin S. Smith, known as Sans Souci, (without care). He purchased the property in 1885 for \$21,000, from the former owner, D. Bethune Duffield a well-known Detroit lawyer.

Smith was a member of the firm of Alger, Smith & Co., that operated one of the

largest lumbering enterprises in the state.

Next in view was a rustic lit-

tle cottage, occupied by Will C. McMillan, son of James McMillan of Detroit.

GUEST OPINION By Freddy Groves

Problems hinder 'New GI Bill'

The Post-9/11 Veterans Educational Assistance Act of 2008, or "New GI Bill," is supposed to begin in August.

The act offers a benefits package that nearly guarantees full four-year scholarships at any public state college or university for those who served for three years since Sept. 11, 2001.

When I wrote about this last summer, it sounded pretty good. On the surface, it still

does. In the Yellow Ribbon Program, as it's now called, the Department of Veterans Affairs and states colleges will split the cost of tuition.

For private — more expensive — colleges, they'll split the tab for anything above the cost of a state college. Besides tuition, there's a housing stipend for full-time students, book allowance and money for tutoring.

But all is not well.

One problem is the economy. Colleges and universities are getting strapped as their

investments dwindle and alumni donations come up short. While they want to participate in the program, the question remains: Can they afford to cover the costs?

Another issue is lack of communication. The private schools don't yet know what dollar figures they have to cover. How many veterans do they sponsor?

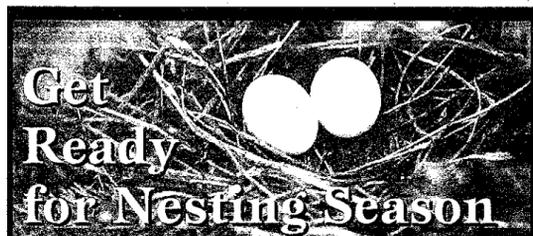
An additional glitch is the timing. By starting in August, the VA is behind by about six months in getting veterans into college this year.

As of now, the VA hasn't opened the application process for getting into the program, and the list of approved schools won't be posted until April 1.

The good news: If you want to go to school after service, the time to take advantage of the benefit has been extended from 10 years to 15 years.

For more information and to determine eligibility, visit gibill.va.gov. Type "Yellow Ribbon" in the search box.

Freddy Groves is a writer for King Features Syndicate.



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GROSSE POINTE PARK

Unique house sales initiative launched

By Kathy Ryan
Staff Writer

"It's a win-win situation."
That's how Grosse Pointe Park's City Manager Dale Krajniak, describes a new home sales program the city recently set in motion.

Called the Good Neighbor Home Purchase Program, this grant program will assist selected house buyers in the purchase of either a new or renovated home located within the Park's Tax Increment Financing district located between Jefferson and Mack, Beaconsfield and Wayburn.

What is unique about the program is that it is directed toward employees of the Grosse Pointe Public Schools System, Grosse Pointe Park city employees and public safety officers from the five Grosse Pointes.

"This is a terrific program for those employees, but especially for newer, younger employees," Krajniak said. "Imagine being 25 or 26 and being able to purchase a home that is well within their income requirement. It provides a good investment for young employees, and it puts vacant properties back on the city tax rolls. And an occupied house adds value to the area."

There are two types of houses available for purchase under the program. Some houses, usually foreclosed properties, have been purchased by the city. Completely renovated and brought up to code, the houses are priced in the \$80,000 to \$90,000 range. Other eligible properties include The Brownstones at the Park, new condominiums that have been built on Lakepointe by Robertson Brothers. Eleven units have attached garages and two-and-a-half baths and

are priced between \$157,000 and \$190,000.

The grant program will provide 10 percent of the purchase price, up to a maximum of \$12,000 for non-city owned properties or up to 15 percent or a maximum of \$15,000 for city owned properties. To be eligible for a grant, the property must be owner occupied. Grant funds will not have to be repaid if the owner occupies a previously city-owned residence for a period of 10 years. If sold before the 10-year time limit, the grant must be repaid at the time of sale at a rate discounted by 10 percent for each year the house was occupied by the owner.

For property not previously owned by the city, the grant would have to be repaid in full at the time of sale, but there would be no interest charged.

While pointing out the advantage to the potential home owner, Krajniak also points out the benefits this program has for the city.

"This gives the city the opportunity to upgrade, renovate and improve our housing stock," he said. "Our program mirrors a federal program that was directed at only law enforcement personnel. We wanted to expand ours to include other young professionals."

Tax revenues generated by improvements made in the TIF district will be used to fund the grants.

Krajniak said home sales in the Park are strong, in spite of market indicators elsewhere. He pointed out sales have increased dramatically in the first two months of 2009, with 50 homes being sold since the first of the year. Compared to 130 sales in all of 2008 and 100 sales in all of 2007, Krajniak said that it is a good sign for



PHOTO BY WILL HARRAH

Grosse Pointe Park sets Good Neighbor Home Purchase Program in motion to help city and school district employees.

Park home values. "We expect the demand to increase," he said. "Strong home sales reinforce rental

prices as well, so we're very pleased at such a strong showing."

Grosse Pointe public school

employees and Grosse Pointe public safety officers can get a complete listing of available properties and information on

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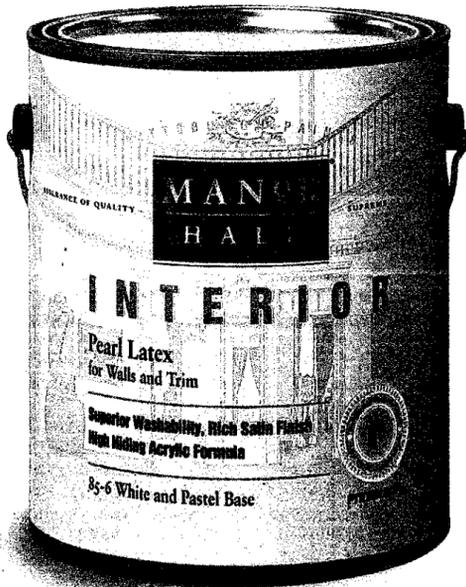
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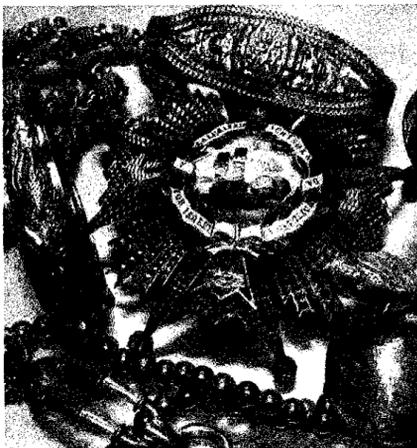
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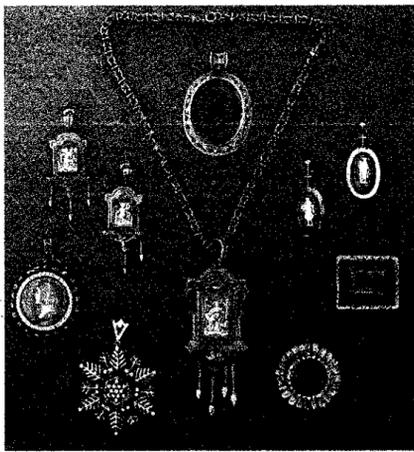
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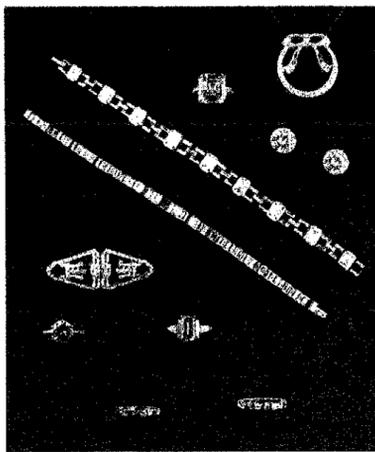
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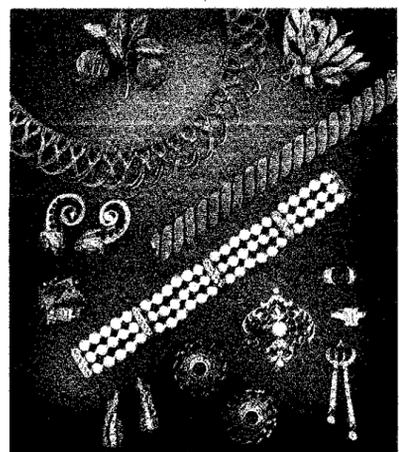
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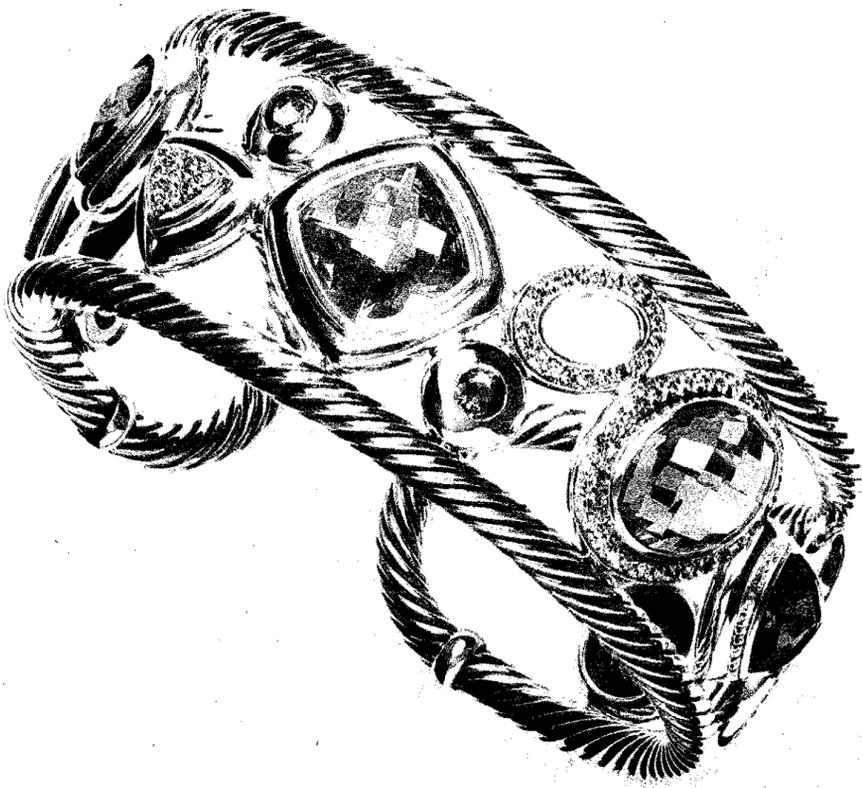
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Students take the F.A.S.T. track to better reading

By Amy Salvagno
Staff Writer

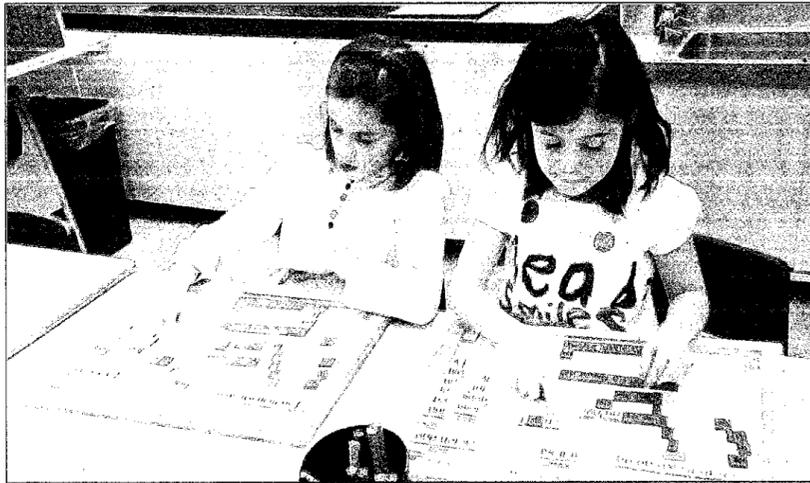
From her seat on the Grosse Pointe Board of Education, President Alice Kosinski has heard the enthusiasm for a program that for nearly two years has had the community's embrace.

But from across her kitchen table, she's seen firsthand its impact, however small, in helping her son better interpret words.

The sophomore at Grosse Pointe South High School, who has autism, took a semester-long class in which teacher Sandra McCue incorporated sessions of the F.A.S.T. Reading System: how to break words down, sound words out and examine their content.

"This is something Dan had never succeeded in before. His reading vocabulary was purely memorized. He has an amazing memory — once he learns something, he rarely forgets it," said Kosinski. "But it is a lot to expect a student to have a 'sight vocabulary' for every word he might encounter in life. Dan is still not someone who will ever read novels for pleasure, but I do feel that since the class, he is doing a better job of interpreting words in classwork. He also reads for information, and I feel that his ability in that area has improved."

The almost 11-year-old program, created by Stephan Tattum of the Denver Academy, combines a broad



Richard Elementary School second-graders Hadley Gordon and Olivia Zajac work with words and sounds on their F.A.S.T. magnetic board. The reading program, implemented in the district nearly two years ago, helps both struggling readers and those learning the basics.

range of research and teaches students with learning differences to read through intensive phonics, fluency and comprehension instruction. F.A.S.T. — Foundations of Analysis Synthesis Translations — is accompanied by a phonetically-controlled book series that Tattum wrote to help students apply their skills. On average, a student gains more than two grade levels in reading in as little as eight weeks of program participation.

McCue, who teaches English, said she has been impressed with the results of the system.

"The F.A.S.T. program is great because it allows me to pinpoint which areas of reading my students are struggling with and work on those areas from the first week of class. The students in Reading Workshop, who generally arrive in my class with a high level of frustration with reading, are thrilled when they realize how quickly their reading is improving," she said.

For several of McCue's students, the work they do with F.A.S.T. translates to other academic areas, as well. One student uses exercises on roots, prefixes and suffixes to break down complicated words in

her science book. Other students have told her that their fluency has improved so much, they are no longer afraid to read aloud in class.

"More than anything else, I have seen a boost in their confidence levels. Certainly, there are some aspects of the program that are too basic to use in the high school setting, but I have found that by picking up the pace and jumping past the beginning lessons, the program can easily be used to help older kids," she said.

In 2007, the district applied for a grant through the Grosse Pointe Foundation for Public Education for instructional materials and teacher training to



Christopher Kolomjec and Aaron Blondell read aloud from "Mystery of the Misty Cloud" as Richard teacher and reading specialist Beth Rainbolt follows along.

implement F.A.S.T. Since then, GPFPE has poured into the program nearly \$250,000 in donations, a large portion of which was garnered through a \$100,000 Reading Challenge, where donated dollars were matched by the John and Marlene Boll Foundation. The couple's grandson struggled with dyslexia — until he was introduced to the program. The nonprofit's most recent contribution of \$41,000 was made at the school board meeting last month.

Beth Rainbolt was one of several specialists in the district who attended an informational meeting at the Grosse Pointe Academy about F.A.S.T.

"We were hooked. We got this vibe to do it, to know what this is," said the Richard Elementary School reading specialist and department

chair. Kindergarten teachers use the system within the classroom for reading foundations, while the middle and high schools are incorporating it for reading support. It's also offered to grades 1-5 at each elementary school, even for those students reading below their grade level.

Kosinski said she looked at the program for her son as an "intervention that can't hurt." She's also seen it from the eyes of a board member.

"I have witnessed younger children with learning disabilities using this program. It is so satisfying to watch a child feel proud of themselves for being able to read," she said. "Again, F.A.S.T. is just one more tool for a teacher's tool belt, but I

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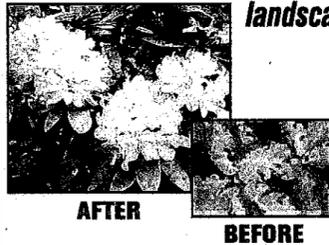
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Mason marks milestone with school party

By Amy Salvagno
Staff Writer

Birthdays are for blowing out candles, for making wishes about tomorrow and for celebrating the accomplishments the past year has brought.

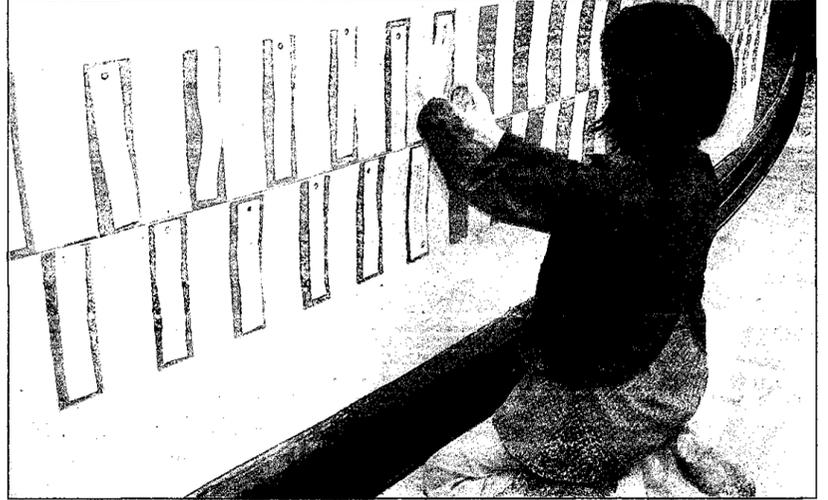
And sometimes, birthdays are even for buildings.

Last month, students, staff and a few administrators gathered to mark the almost official 80th birthday of Mason Elementary School, which opened to 99 students Feb. 29, 1929 — the same year the Academy Awards debuted, teddy bears were introduced, Crayola crayons released and the stock market crashed.

The Grosse Pointe Woods campus stepped back in time throughout the day, from learning the Charleston to hearing the history of the school's simple beginnings. And between bouquets of balloons and shirts and sweaters donned by pupils and teachers, the gymnasium was a sea of green — a tribute to Mason's original school color.

Principal Elaine Middlekauff told about her predecessor and the school's namesake, Steven T. Mason, who was the state's first governor — nicknamed the Stripling because of his age. He remains the youngest state governor in American history.

In the beginning, Mason — the third elementary school in the district — only housed grades K-4, but its playground held a maypole and an ice rink. During the Great Depression, parents came to the school to pick up ration books for tires, sugar, gas and meat.



At one point over the years, the building housed 900 students. Today, it hosts a comfortable 286.

Wayne County Executive Robert Ficano stopped by the assembly to designate Feb. 27 as Mason Elementary School Day in the state's largest county.

"It has been a great gateway for preparing students to go on to their academic career. It's what we call laying the foundation," he said.

Officials from the Grosse Pointe Historical Society also shared about the early days of Grosse Pointe, followed by an 80-year timeline presentation by fourth-graders.

"I think they like the excitement of a birthday," said Judy

Gafa, Mason mom and Grosse Pointe Board of Education trustee. "Each got a pack of crayons and got to bring in their teddy bear."

A fifth-grade brass band played "Happy Birthday" and then students — or Masonites, as they were once called — rushed back to class to devour a cupcake or two.

Middlekauff said she felt honored to be part of such a milestone.

"I see so much tradition. The building itself represents so much of what the curriculum represents. There is such a respect for learning."

"Mason and a number of our other schools were built in the same era and, as a result, have some exceptional archi-

tectural elements not found in schools being built today," said Superintendent Suzanne Klein. "Walking through the building, you can see the lovely tile ornamentation, woodwork and brickwork detail, as well as the nursery rhyme character fireplace in the library — all very unique and well maintained. Being in such a beautiful building each day gives Mason students a wonderful opportunity to develop an appreciation of architecture of the 20th century as we educate them to step into the challenges of the 21st century."

Klein said she also felt proud to be part of the memorable celebration.

"I feel such a connection to the values and what's been put in place here. The other thing is I feel a tremendous responsibility — our future is being developed. We're going to look back 25 years from now and see careers in the making that we didn't even know about then."

Each student has been involved in some way during Mason's 80th year, from learning its history through social studies activities to encircling the school last fall to sing "Happy Birthday." Klein credited parent volunteers who



PHOTOS BY RENEE LANDUYT

Top left: Kayla Steinberg enjoys a cupcake with her teddy bear after celebrating her school's birthday. Top: A student places an event on Mason's historic timeline during the school-wide assembly. Above: Mason parent and Grosse Pointe Board of Education trustee Judy Gafa prepares to help blow out the candles on the school's chocolate birthday cake.

have been involved year-long in the celebration. "We appreciate their interest and support to make this a very special occasion for Mason students."

FAST: Students learn to read

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have seen the children who were doing poorly make improvements after being in the program for a few months. The boost to their self-esteem is integral to their continued success as students."

"What is so impressive is how motivational it is," Rainbolt said, noting the books that go along with each of the 25 F.A.S.T. concepts, such as the open/silent "e," diphthongs

and the sounds of basic consonants and short vowels. The three series are written sequentially so each reader reviews and builds on phonetic concepts taught in earlier volumes to further advance fluency, vocabulary and automaticity. In particular, the eight-book mystery series, Rainbolt added, keeps the students interested and intrigued to find out what happens. Some of the books include "Panic in the Park" and "Enchanted Rock."

The program also features a magnetic board with letters that feature all sounds of the English language.

"Through manipulating

those letters, they can really isolate the sounds. It's so much more productive. They're using the magnetics to segment the sound and blend the sounds. It just changes the reading process," said Rainbolt.

Students in the system spend about 45 minutes during the school day in class. Its concept: Go as fast as you can and as slow as you must, said Suellen Lohr, a reading specialist at Trombly and Defer Elementary schools, who has been training for the last 20 years.

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The CITY OF GROSSE POINTE Board of Review will meet at 17147 Maumee, Grosse Pointe, Michigan on March 3rd, 16th and 17th 2009. The Board will organize and review assessments on Tuesday, March 3rd. The Board will hear protests from aggrieved property owners by appointment on Monday, March 16th from 9 am to 9 pm and Tuesday, March 17th 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:

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PUBLIC MEETING NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Board of Review of the City of Harper Woods will be holding public meetings at 19617 Harper Avenue on Monday, March 23rd, 2009 from 12:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m., and Tuesday, March 24th, 2009 from 12:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. to consider appeals on property assessment.

Residents who are unable to attend this meeting may submit their appeal by letter to the Assessor's office at 19617 Harper Avenue, Harper Woods, MI 48225 on or before March 24th, 2009 at 6:00 p.m. For information please call 313-343-2526.

CITY OF HARPER WOODS
Published: March 12, 2009
Posted: March 3, 2009

MICKEY D. TODD
City Clerk

Lecture to highlight Elliot

The Friends of the Grosse Pointe Public Library hosts its fourth speaker in the Classics Books Lecture Series.

John Whittier-Ferguson, associate professor of English at the University of Michigan, will talk on T.S. Elliot's "Four Quartets" at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, March 19 in the Grosse Pointe South High School library, 11 Grosse Pointe Blvd., Grosse Pointe Farms. He will discuss the suite of poems written on war, mem-

ory, personal and national identity, history and aging.

Admission is free for current Friends members, as well as teachers and students. Cost for non-members is \$10. The Hill Seafood and Chop House, 123 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe Farms, offers a pre-lecture dinner for less than \$20 beginning at 5:30 p.m. Make reservations by calling (313) 886-8101. For more information, call (313) 343-2074, ext. 6 or visit gpfriends.org.

Library hosts book reading

The Grosse Pointe Public Library hosts local poet and novelist Anca Vlasopolos, author of "The New Bedford Samurai," at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, March 24, at the Ewald branch, 15175 E. Jefferson, Grosse Pointe Park.

Vlasopolos, a Wayne State University professor, will present a slide show and read

from her nonfiction book, which tells the tale of a teenage Japanese boy, one of the first to come to America in 1841.

Admission is free, but seating is limited. To register, visit gp.lib.mi.us or call (313) 343-2074, ext. 220. For more information on the book, visit vlasopolos.com.

K-7 science curriculum more hands-on

By Amy Salvagno
Staff Writer

Changes are coming this fall to science classes in the district's elementary and middle schools.

Revisions and updates have been made to the K-7 science curriculum in response to the state's new Grade Level Content Expectations released in January 2008. The guidelines align what is taught with what is tested in the classroom.

According to Susan Allan, assistant superintendent for curriculum and instruction, significant changes include one new unit at almost every grade level. Current curriculum was reviewed and aligned with the new GLCEs, which caused some units to be dissolved.

Instead of ecosystems, sixth-graders will learn about astronomy. Instead of biomechanics, seventh-graders will study properties of matter. And during Earth Week, all students will find out about energy con-

servation.

In addition, several units have been moved to an earlier grade because the Michigan Educational Assessment Program testing window for fifth- and eighth-grade science was switched from January to October. Now, all elementary-level content must be taught by the end of fourth-grade and all middle school content by the end of seventh-grade. In grades K-4, units have been reduced to three per year. Allan noted that the cutback eliminated content not in the new GLCEs. And new units were developed to coincide: seventh-grade chemistry, sixth-grade astronomy and fifth-grade living systems.

"It will be a little harder, but so far, the children have been doing well with the challenges already in the science program," Allan said about the moving units.

The K-7 science committee — made up of parents, students, teachers and administrators — kept the science kits that

children use to perform experiments and participate in activities.

In kindergarten, students learning about characteristics of animals must match up babies to their mothers and pick where they would likely find them: at the zoo or on the farm.

In fifth-grade, students trying to understand elements and compounds will use marshmallows and toothpicks to create water molecule models.

In April, each elementary building will mark Earth Week with school-wide environmental science activities that also incorporate math and social studies standards. Middle schoolers will participate in hands-on activities that focus on developing, protecting and preserving natural resources.

"I love that they're having this Earth Week every year. It will be very engaging for the students," Allan said.

About the new curriculum, she added, "I like the fact that there's fewer topics, but just as

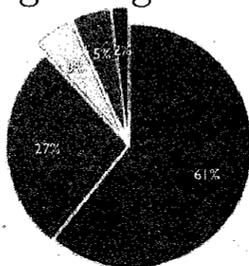
much instruction. It allows them to go into bigger depth. And expanding the hands-on aspect really helps prepare students for high school lab work. It's going to be a very positive way to teach science."

Allan said the committee has been examining the new expectations, analyzing state recommendations and developing inquiry-based activities since last January. The last comprehensive review was six years ago. The curriculum will be up for approval by the Grosse Pointe Board of Education at its Monday, March 23 meeting.

"We've maintained the hands-on approach at the elementary level because our MEAP scores show that our students are learning well that way," said Christine Geerer, K-12 science curriculum specialist and committee co-chair. "And we've worked to minimize the change in topics at each grade level, allowing us to capitalize on the expertise our teachers have developed."

Get school budget insight

They're used to tackling a millions-dollar deficit to create a balanced budget for the Grosse Pointe Public School System. Find out how it's done. Turn to next week's Grosse Pointe News for a course in School Budgets 101, as district officials share insights, from the top misconceptions to financial benchmarking.



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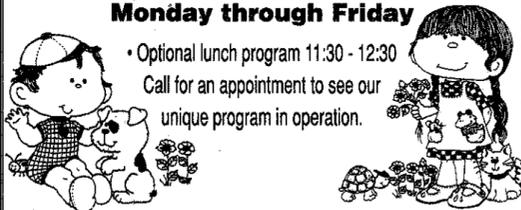
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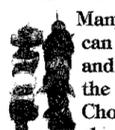
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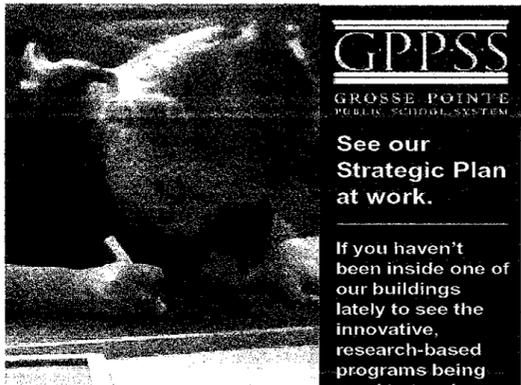


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BOARD OF REVIEW

Meetings for the purpose of reviewing the 2009 Assessment Roll for the City of Grosse Pointe Farms, Wayne County, Michigan, will be held by the Board of Review on:

TUESDAY, MARCH 10, 2009
From 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

and
1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

and

MONDAY, MARCH 23, 2009
From 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

and
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 6th.

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4A II | **SCHOOLS**

Register for summer camps **North, South, ULS students named merit finalists**

Assumption is offering summer camps for children ages 1-6 and 7-12.

For young children, the theme for the 10-week summer program is "Spectacular Science!" Activities include creative art, music, dance, storytelling, cooking, games, sports and outdoor fun.

For 7- to 12-year-olds, the theme is "Make Friends With Planet Earth!" During the program, children will participate in multiple eco-action hands-on activities designed to increase awareness of environmental stewardship. The program stresses environmental interdependence, conservation and natural habitats while dis-

covering ways to reduce, reuse, recycle and restore.

Two celebrations are highlighted and open to families and friends: Smitten for Our Mitten, highlighting Michigan ecology and local natural resources, and Eco-Art Extravaganza and Art Fair, displaying art created from recycled materials.

Summer camp hours are 9 a.m. to noon with full day child care available from 6:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. Registration is \$75 and is being accepted for the 2009-10 school year. Call the school office for summer camp and fall registrations or to schedule a tour at (586) 772-4477 or visit assumptionnursery.org.

By Amy Salvagno
Staff Writer

They're at the top of the class, with an academic prowess that's helped them surpass thousands.

Out of more than 15,000 semi-finalists across the country, three seniors from both Grosse Pointe North and Grosse Pointe South high schools and four seniors from University Liggett School have been named finalists in the National Merit Scholarship Program.

They now have the opportunity to continue in the competition for 8,200 Merit Scholarship awards, worth more than \$35 million that will be offered in the spring. Available are: National Merit \$2,500 scholarships; corporate-sponsored Merit Scholarship awards; or college-sponsored Merit Scholarship awards.

The students from North are Maxwell Hunt, Jamie Ding and Matteus Simoes. From South, the students are Grosse Pointe Park residents Emma Brush, Elizabeth Olson and John Sullivan. The ULS students are Christopher Brownell of Grosse Pointe Farms, Tori Jovanovski of Grosse Pointe Farms, Michael McLaughlin of Harrison Township and Claire Peracchio of Grosse Pointe Shores.

With the honor, they are part of a nationwide pool of finalists that represent less than one percent of U.S. high school seniors.

To advance to this level, each student needed to show an outstanding academic record from freshman year and up, be endorsed by their principal and earn SAT scores that confirm their earlier qualifying test performance. Part of the detailed scholarship application is a self-descriptive essay and information about each student's participation and leadership in school and community activities.

"To be counted in the top one percent of those that attempted the PSAT says an awful lot about these students. We commend these students for attempting the rigor and rising above the competition," said South Principal D. Allan Diver.

At his school, Brush, Olson and Sullivan said getting the news about their advancement was exciting.

"I'm honored to get this far in the competition and represent Grosse Pointe South in this way," said Brush, who will attend Dartmouth in the fall. She has yet to choose her course of study.

Olson will attend Reed College in Portland, Ore. to possibly pursue engineering. Sullivan is still narrowing down schools and areas of study.

"Grosse Pointe North is extremely proud of our National Merit finalists. Max, Matteus and Jamie are not only great scholars, but outstanding people and fine representatives of North," said Principal Tim Bearden. "To be named a finalist is one of the most prestigious accomplishments possible for a high school student, and we are very pleased for all three boys."

Hunt has been accepted to the Wharton School of Business at the University of Pennsylvania, whose well-known alumni include Warren Buffett and Donald Trump.

"I'm really honored to have been selected as a finalist and to be part of such an impressive group of students," said Hunt, who plans on majoring in finance.

"I think it's very cool that doing well on something that wasn't required produced such an honor," said ULS' Jovanovski, who is undecided on her major or the college or university she will attend.

Brownell, also undecided about the school he plans to attend, would like to major in



Above: South's National Merit finalists are, from left, John Sullivan, Emma Brush and Elizabeth Sullivan. Below: ULS National Merit finalists are, from left, Michael McLaughlin, Tori Jovanovski, Christopher Brownell and Claire Peracchio.



Jamie Ding Max Hunt Matteus Simoes

physics or engineering. McLaughlin is debating between the University of Michigan or Michigan State University, and is undecided on a major. Peracchio plans to attend Brown University and is also undecided about her field of study. More than 1.4 million juniors in 21,000 high schools nationwide entered the National Merit Program by taking the 2007 preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test.

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Concert held for trip

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More than 30 South choir students and chaperones will take part in the trip to the Big Apple later in the month, where they will perform at the United Nations and the Church of St. Paul & St. Andrew. The group will also attend vocal and dance workshops with Tony-nominated Broadway performers and receive one-on-one training.

The concert includes selections of pop and choir numbers, such as "Wheels of a Dream," and a sneak peek from the upcoming production of "Hello, Dolly." Tickets are \$25, \$15 and \$10 and are available for purchase at Posterity: A Gallery, 17005 Kercheval in the Village, online at gpsouthchoir.org, or at the door. Pictured from left, choir accompanist Richard Wolf, and Stephanie Aboukasm and Lauren Jacob review the music for a special duet.

SCHOOL HAPPENINGS Preparations under way

The Grosse Pointe Academy is gearing up for its annual Action Auction, held Wednesday, May 6 and Saturday, May 9 at the school, 171 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms.

The event draws more than 1,200 bidders each year. Proceeds generate funds for the academy's operating budget, scholarship aid and the restoration and preservation

of the historic campus. New auction items come in each day and include Royal Crown Derby china, a Neiman Marcus day of luxury, jewelry from Edmund T. AHEE Jewelers, LaLonde Jewelers and David Wachler & Sons Jewelers and a Marco Island vacation.

For more information, contact Angela Lenda at (313) 886-1221, ext. 182.



Preparing for Pirates

Students at Our Lady Star of the Sea Middle School are getting ready for their comedic spring musical, "The Pirates of Penzance," Friday, March 27, and Saturday, March 28. For more information or to purchase advanced tickets, call the school office at (313) 884-1070. Seventh-grader Maria Liddane will get a parasol for the real production, but a ruler works for rehearsal.



Star hosts 'Starlit Garden' auction

Our Lady Star of the Sea hosts school holds its annual spring auction Saturday, March 21, at the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club. The event, "The Starlit Garden," will feature a silent auction and live bidding on a number of items, including tickets to the "Oprah Winfrey Show," a trip to Hilton Head Island and student artwork, including the eighth-grade self-portrait composite, pictured. The kick-off event, the Spring Fling, is held from 6 to 9 p.m. Friday, March 20, in the school gym, 467 Fairford, Grosse Pointe Woods. Proceeds will go toward items on the school's "wish list." Tickets can be purchased by calling (313) 884-1070.



Maire Fair event goes 'green'

Maire Elementary School, 740 Cadieux, City of Grosse Pointe, hosts its Maire Fair Carnival from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, March 28.

The event is open to all children and parents in the community. The cost is \$4 in advance or \$5 at the door, which includes a passport for 16 green-themed games in classrooms throughout the school. A box lunch is available for \$4, which includes the choice of a hot dog, pizza or a sandwich. Bring printer ink cartridges and batteries for the recycling drive, books to swap and money for the tin can auction.

For advanced tickets, call (313) 310-9115 or (313) 886-1890 or e-mail balconis@aol.com or c.portwood@comcast.net. All proceeds go toward building a new playground. The logo was designed by Maire art teacher Michael Heenan.

Pierce students perform "Seuss"

Join the Cat in the Hat, Horton and the entire Dr. Seuss gang March 19-20 as Pierce Middle School students present, "Seussical Jr."

Performances will be held at 7 p.m. in the Pierce auditorium,

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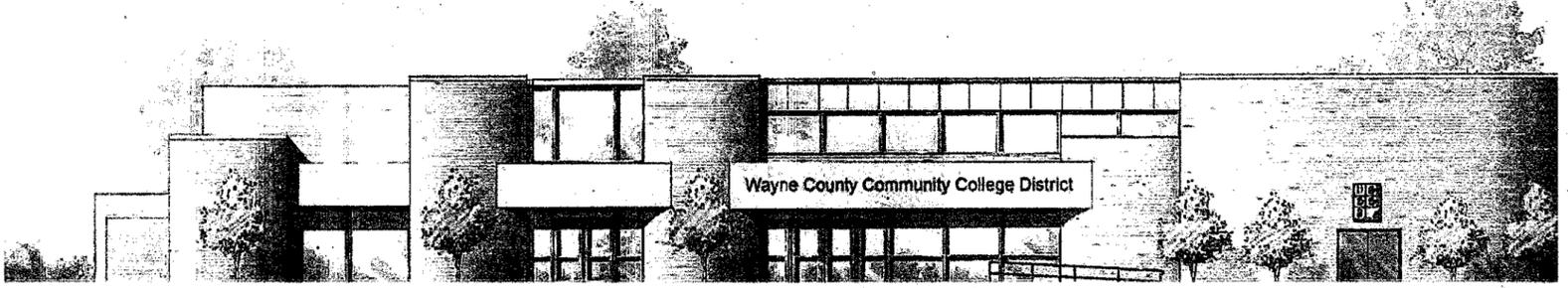
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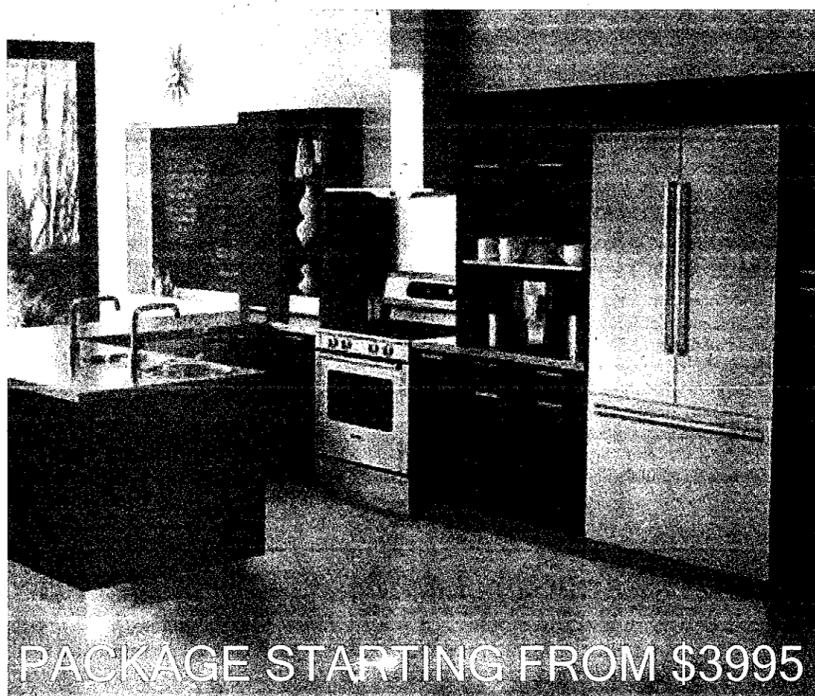
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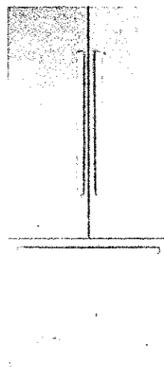
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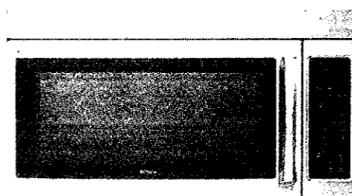
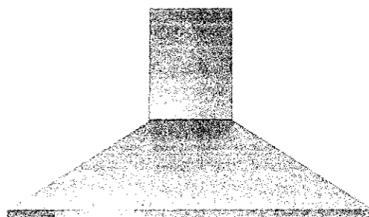
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Kindergarteners at the Grosse Pointe Academy Early School showed off to parents what they've learned about dance from creative arts movement teacher Denise Szykula. Above left: Meggie Demkowicz, left, and Gabrielle Anusbigian balance each other out. Above center: from left, Lachlan Doan, Jimmy Banfield and Alec Leonard demonstrate the concept theme of open and close, one of Szykula's dance elements. Here, they are closed. Right: Danielle Patterson, left, and Christine Thomas are open. The concept theme teaches the children to explore what their bodies can do through imagination, said Szykula, who presents objects in the beginning of the year to provide movement vocabulary.

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The 2009 Liggett Scholars are: Kevin Allen of St. Clair Shores, a student at St. Isaac Jogues School; Connor Borrego of Grosse Pointe Woods, a student at ULS; Shatara Cleveland of Detroit, a student at Hamtramck Academy; Aria Ganz-Waple of Flat Rock, a student at Helen C. Shumate Middle School; Eleni Pitses of Grosse Pointe Woods, a student at Parcels Middle School; Joseph Renzi of Clinton Township, a student at Wyandot Middle School; Elisha Sword of Highland Park, a student at Great Oaks Academy; Chandler Warren of Grosse Pointe Farms, a student at Grosse Pointe Academy; Elizabeth Watson of the City of Grosse Pointe, a student at ULS; and Tori Wuthrich of Grosse Pointe Woods, a student at Our Lady Star of the Sea School.

Math students excel

Grosse Pointe North High School students recently participated in two competitions: the Michigan Mathematics Prize Competition and the American Mathematics Contest.

Students who placed in the top 7 percent in the state are: junior Will Bowman, senior Andrew Charnesky, senior Jamie Ding, junior Lydia Fuller, senior Raheeb Hasan, senior Max Hunt, senior Michael Matula, freshman Justin Rakowicz, senior David Ulmer, freshman Nathan Vengalil, junior Matthew Vengalil, and senior Chau 'GiGi' Wong.

Matthew Vengalil and Ding scored in the top 100 and the top 5 percent in the country in the AMC. Ding, Fuller, Ulmer, Nathan Vengalil and Matthew Vengalil also participated in the Michigan Math Field Day. Fuller and Ulmer scored second in their combined individual event; the team scored fifth overall out of all participating schools in the state.

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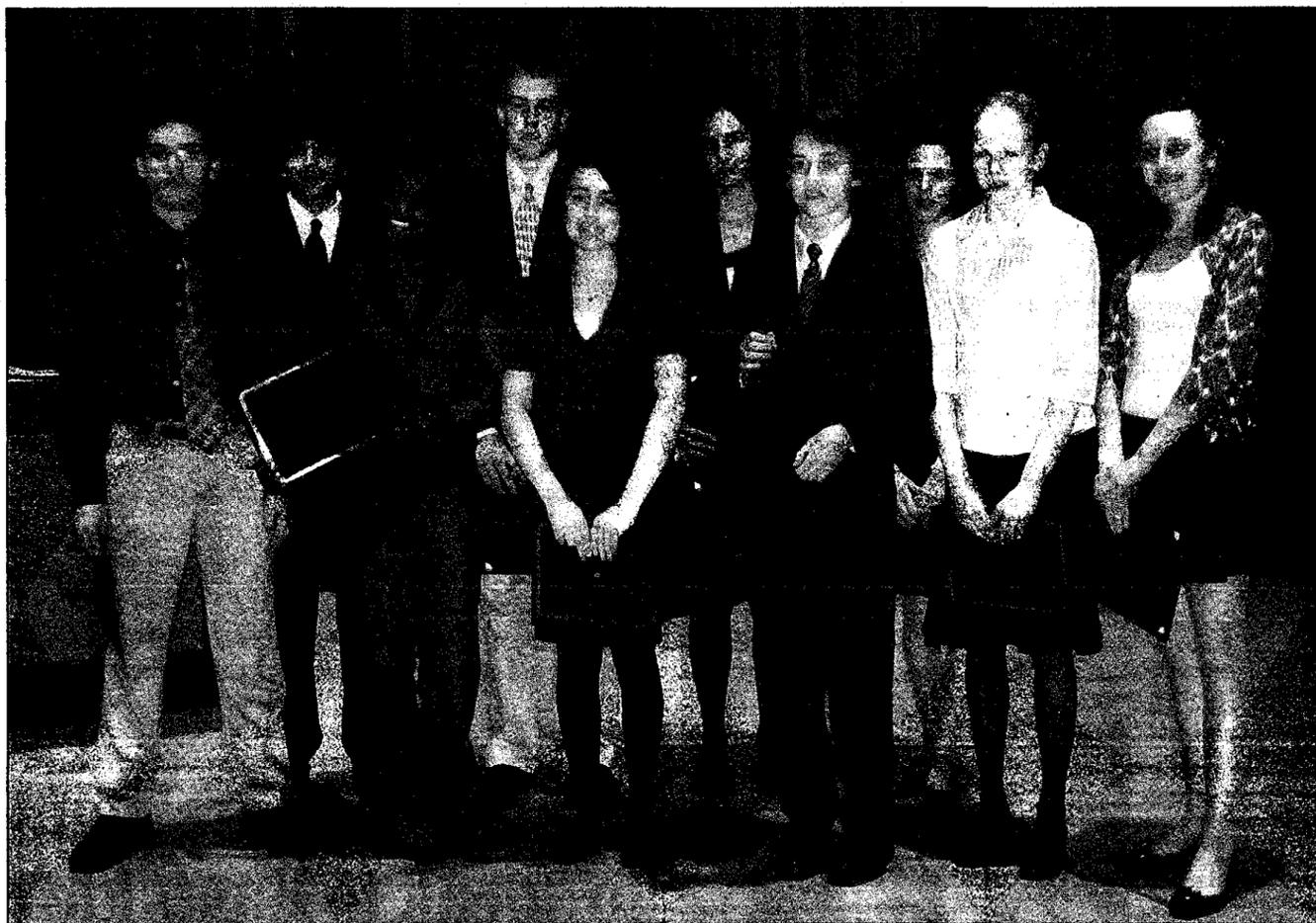
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For Larry Hart and Sandra Van Burkleo, Artisan Knitworks is much more than the business they own and manage together. It's a labor of love.

Their Grosse Pointe Park business offers handcrafted yarns, garments and accessories, hundreds of artisan and vintage buttons and fiber classes for artisans of all levels.

A small storefront hides a sprawling interior - with something for everyone. All of the wearables, from hand-knit sweaters, hats, shawls and other garments, are made by professional knitters across the United States and Canada. Nothing comes from a factory.

Artisan Knitworks offers the finest hand-spun and hand-dyed yarns crafted by some of the smallest producers in North America.

"This is a business of passion," said Van Burkleo, an award-winning fiber arts teacher who has studied with many leading designers. "There is a misconception that we are only about expensive yarns and products. That isn't true. There are classes and items here for everyone."

Hart and Van Burkleo love what they do and their business shows it.

For more information about the store and classes, visit the store at 15222-B E. Jefferson. Call (313) 823-4132 or e-mail info@artisanknitworks.com.

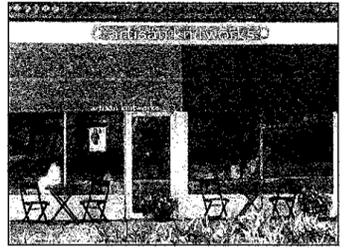
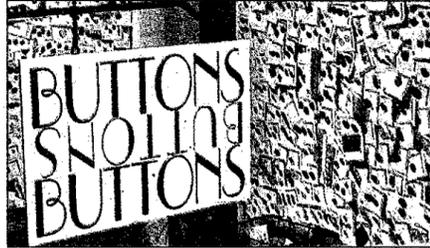


Above, sweaters designed by Sandra Van Burkleo are the heart and soul of the gallery operation.



Artisan Knitworks hosts "Knit-Togethers" several times a week. These combine the best of social knitting and unstructured knitting and crochet education.

At right, hand-painted and hand-dyed yarn is the foundation of Artisan Knitworks' fiber selection. Above right, from there, the business has one of, if not the largest selection of vintage and contemporary artist-made buttons in the Midwest. There are hundreds of choices - old and new. Below, this felted purse is another exclusive design by Sandra Van Burkleo. A pattern is available for it.



Crime Stoppers' founder to speak to Eastside club

The Eastside Republican Club will hold a public forum at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, March 17 at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms.

Light refreshments will be available before the meeting.

The guest speaker is John Broad, president of Crime Stoppers of Michigan.

Broad, a resident of Grosse Pointe Farms, helped found the non-profit in 1993 with the help of Wayne County Prosecutor John O'Hair and Horace Sheffield of the Detroit Association of Black Organizations.

"We invite the public to hear Mr. Broad's perspective on safety and crime prevention," said John Chouinard, Eastside Republican Club chairman.

Crime Stoppers grew out of the Detroit Strategic Plan that identified a need for the com-

munity, business and law enforcement to come together to curb crime and the perception of crime in the Detroit region. It is the largest crime fighting organization in the world.

Crime Stoppers is an alliance between business, law enforcement and community leaders with the mission to empower people to make their neighborhoods, schools and businesses safer through anonymous reporting of crime.

A key component of the program is a guarantee of anonymity to tipsters who might otherwise be reluctant to get involved due to a fear of retaliation.

In 2007, more than 3,000 anonymous tips were received by Crime Stoppers and forwarded to law enforcement, leading to 490 arrests and more than \$55,000 in reward payments.

Broad began his professional career in 1962 when he graduated from the University of Michigan with an MBA. After briefly working as a consultant/auditor at Arthur Anderson & Company in San Francisco, he made his way back to the Motor City and began work for General Motors as a financial analyst.

After three years at GM, Broad purchased Broad, Crane & Engineering Services Co. from his father. During his time there, he expanded the company which later became the Broad Group, first in the U.S., and then internationally, increasing revenue from \$300,000 to \$80 million.

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Partnering with ThyssenKrupp in 1999, he formed Broad AutoPark Systems, which utilized new technology to provide high-density automated parking facilities in very limited spaces.

For many years Broad has been active in community improvement. He started the Alliance for a Safer Greater Detroit as an affiliate of the Detroit Regional Chamber with a mission to reduce crime and the perception of crime in southeast Michigan.

The signature project for the alliance was the Freeway Courtesy Patrol, now operated by the Michigan Department of Transportation.

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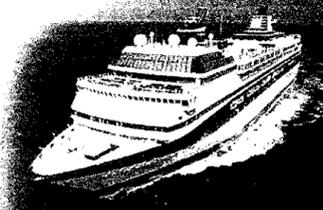
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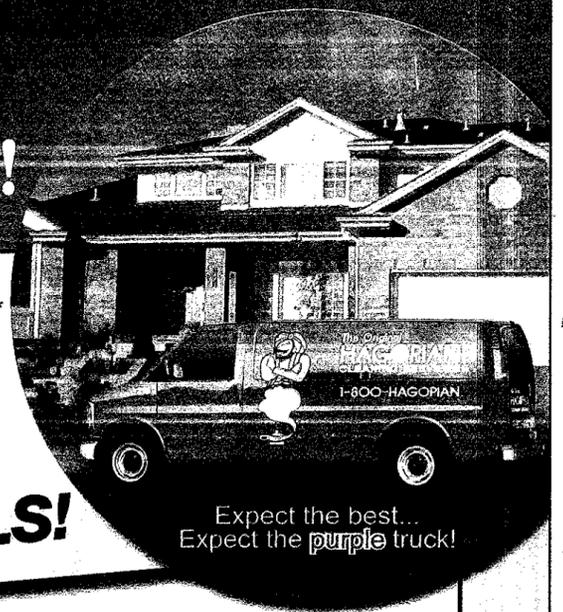
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DETROIT INSTITUTE OF ARTS

America's storyteller

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

When people speak of their favorite Norman Rockwell painting, they often say, "I like the Rockwell painting about My favorite is about" The painting *about*. Not the painting *of*. Rockwell painted stories, not objects. His primary colors may well have been Will Rogers, O. Henry and Frank Capra. Rockwell's paintings are alive with protagonists and pranksters. Whereas Van Gogh painted a wheat field, Rockwell painted a family breaking bread. Whistler painted his mother. Rockwell painted motherhood.

"To put it in grammatical terms, Rockwell's are verb paintings and Van Gogh's are noun paintings," said Laurie Norton Moffatt, director of the Norman Rockwell Museum in

Stockbridge, Mass. Rockwell was a visual storyteller.

"There always is a narrative," Moffatt said. "There's often a punch line. There's usual-

ly a subtle turning point. He keys into the moment of transition."

Rockwell's paintings can be simultaneously humorous, poignant and profound. Their narratives live, breath, smile and sigh through generations.

Although most of Rockwell's 44 paintings and all of his 323 Saturday Evening Post covers exhibited through May 31 at the Detroit Institute of Arts are owned by the museum in Stockbridge, their sentiment belongs to us.

"He gave us many profound visual icons of our cultural identity of this past century," Moffatt said. "His paintings are rich with the intangible qualities of our culture, and these values resonate powerfully to-



PHOTOS BY BRAD LINDBERG

"Girl in the Mirror" above; "Rosie the Riveter", right.

day."

◆ His set of paintings, "The Four Freedoms," painted during the early years of World War II, celebrate freedom and democracy.

◆ His image of Rosie the

Riveter, another wartime work, honors members of what would become known as the women's movement.

◆ His "The Problem We All

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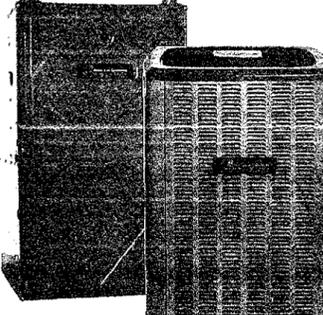


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OBITUARIES

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

Hildegard Kosack

Hildegard Kosack passed away Monday March 2, 2009 at her home in Grosse Pointe Farms. She was 78 years old.

She was born May 26, 1930 in Reisbach, a town located 75 miles northwest of Munich, Germany. Joseph and Maria, her parents, settled in Dingolfing, a small town near Reisbach, to raise their family of five children.

After living through World War II and the turmoil of a destroyed country, she met her first husband, Easel H. Gomah. They moved to the United States and together had three children; Sonja, Gloria and

Alexander. Less than a decade later, her husband passed away.

She then married Bruno Kosack, and with him, enjoyed extensive traveling to Europe, the Caribbean and south Florida where they purchased a condo on the Atlantic Ocean.

During her years with her second husband, she continued to raise her children, and enjoyed her home on Edgemont Park, in Grosse Pointe Park, where she could relax and enjoy her love of the arts, reading and especially classical music.

Her second husband passed away in 1984.

All of her friends loved her for her generosity, her steadfast personality and the love of in-

dependence she cherished her entire life, until her final days.

Mrs. Kosack is survived by her brother, Heribert; sisters, Mariella and Ida and her three children, Sonja, Gloria and Alexander.

A funeral service was held at Chas. Verheyden Funeral Home in Grosse Pointe Park.

Memorial donations may be made to the charity of the donor's choice.

Margot Kessler

Longtime Grosse Pointe Park resident Margot Kessler, 85, died Monday, March 2, 2009. She had lived in Grosse Pointe



Hildegard Kosack



Margot Kessler



Frederick Joseph Somes Jr.

Park for 60 years.

She was born and raised in Wyomissing, Pa. She attended governmental studies at American University in Washington, D.C. She graduated with an associate's degree from Drexel University in Philadelphia. She worked as an executive secretary to the production manager at RCA in New Jersey from 1944 to 1946.

In 1946, she married William Kessler and moved to Chicago where she served as corresponding registrar for the Chicago Academy of Arts. In 1948, the couple moved to Cambridge, Mass. and Mrs. Kessler worked as technician secretary to Professor George Wald, Nobel Prize laureate, at Harvard University.

The couple then moved to Detroit where Mrs. Kessler modeled for the J.L. Hudson Co., various automotive companies and photographer

Kawamoto until her first child was born in 1953.

Mrs. Kessler was an active volunteer and served on various Grosse Pointe Public School System PTO councils. She and her husband were instrumental in bringing Martin Luther King Jr. to speak at Grosse Pointe High School in 1968. She also served on several boards including the League of Women Voters, the Detroit Urban League, Wayne State University Center for Teaching about Peace and War, the Grosse Pointe War Memorial, the Detroit Institute of Arts, the Arts Foundation of Michigan and Art/Serve Michigan.

She was an avid sailor, swimmer and tennis player and enjoyed writing poetry in her leisure time.

She is survived by daughters, Tamara Checkly and Chevonne Patten; sons-in-law William Checkly and Michael Patten

and three grandsons, Aaron, Alexander and Ariel Wagner.

She was predeceased by her husband, William.

Memorial donations may be made to Services for Older Citizens, 17150 Waterloo, Grosse Pointe MI 48230; Hospice Services at Barbara Ann Karmanos Cancer Institute, c/o Development Office, 4100 John R, Detroit, MI 48201 or the Detroit Institute of Arts, 5200 Woodward Ave., Detroit, MI 48202.

Eulogy for Hildegard G. Kosack

May Your Soul Finally Sing Her Aria

Life's storms come and go, but in their wake, they leave a permanent imprint on our souls. Mother had her share of these storms, molding her into the person she was. Living through World War II, rationing, and the German Depression made her strong; yet these experiences also revealed her fragility—uncertainty, desire for security, and never again wanting for food and necessities of life.

Living in an era when women had no choice but to be dependent upon men, she still longed for independence; however, marrying was a social demand, and so was having children. Though she did not like these circumstances, she endured them with grace and dignity. These experiences made her outspoken, wise, and realistic; they also made her understand what disappointment, hardship, and lost dreams meant.

Life's beauty is both eternal and transient, and it, too, leaves an imprint on our souls. Mother appreciated the short yet beautiful life of a tulip or rose, the song of a cardinal, and the sunset over the Atlantic Ocean. These joys made her insightful, observant, and visceral.

Life's greatest beauty for Mother was music: opera was a metaphor for her own life—deep passion and independence struggling against adversity and circumstances beyond her control. Music left the imprint of great depth of feeling, the nobility of the human spirit, immortality, and the soul singing triumphantly despite the body's hardships.

From braving life's storms comes the reward of peace.

- Sonja M. Gomah

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Frederick Joseph Somes Jr.

Frederick Joseph Somes Jr., 86, died Tuesday, March 3, 2009.

Mr. Somes was born March 16, 1922, in Detroit. He graduated from the U.S. Naval Flight School and Michigan State University with a degree in electrical engineering. He was founder and retired chairman of Motor City Electrical Co.

He developed and sold several patents to General Electric Co., and was appointed by Gov. G. Mennen Williams to the Michigan Electrical Administrative Board in 1956. He was a longtime active member of the Central Business District Association during which time he lighted the Ambassador Bridge between Windsor and Detroit.

He was a founder of Louisville Downs, a harness racing track, and he lighted other thoroughbred and harness tracks throughout the United States, France, Italy and Panama. He was an honorary Kentucky Colonel.

Mr. Somes was an avid racing sailor and longtime member of Bayview Yacht Club. He was instrumental in designing and building the North American 40, a one-design class of racing sailboat still popular today. He owned a number of racing sailboats called "Hotspur," the last of which he helped design and build in New Zealand. Fulfilling a life-long dream, he sailed it nonstop across the Pacific Ocean and then home.

His racing accomplishments were many. He won the Bayview and Chicago Mackinac races several times and swept both Mackinacs and the North American 40 National Championship in 1981. His sailing accomplishments include the SORC, Newport to Bermuda race, Jamaica Race and Congressional Cup to name a few. He also loved to cruise the Great Lakes and the St. Lawrence Seaway. He loved to mentor young people who shared his enthusiasm for business and his sport.

He was a former member of the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club, the Detroit Athletic Club and was a current member of the Country Club of Detroit.

Mr. Somes is survived by his beloved wife, Eleanor J. (nee McGrath); children, Deborah (John) Zahnoff, Jennifer (William) Chope and Jon (Barbara) Somes; 10 grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

He was predeceased by his granddaughter, Eleanor Wagner Brock.

A memorial service will be held 11 a.m. Friday, April 3 at Mariners Church, 170 E. Jefferson, Detroit.

Memorial donations may be made to Mariners Church, 170 E. Jefferson, Detroit, MI 48226, The Eleanor Wagner Brock Foundation, c/o The Grosse Pointe Academy, 171 Lakeshore Road, Grosse Pointe Farms, MI 48236, or The Hospice of St. John Hospital, 37650 Garfield, Clinton Township, MI 48036.

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OBITUARIES: Loved ones remembered

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Robert Leo Rousseau

Robert Leo Rousseau

Life-long Grosse Pointe resident Robert Leo Rousseau, 87, passed on to eternal life Sunday, Feb. 15, 2009.

Born in 1921, Mr. Rousseau is survived by his daughters, Nancy (Mark) Lindsay and Susan (Patrick) Schulte; granddaughters, Frances and Sydney Schulte; brother, Charles Rousseau and many loving nieces and nephews.

He was predeceased by his loving wife of 52 years, Mary Jane (nee Barrows); brother, Jacques and sister, Peg Alison.

Mr. Rousseau graduated from Grosse Pointe High School in 1940. Although he earned a Bachelor of Science degree in mechanical engineering from Tri-State College in Angola, Ind., his education was put on hold from 1943 to 1946, while he was deployed to serve his country during World War II as a combat engineer in the Asian Pacific Theater.

Upon his return, Mr. Rousseau graduated and soon after joined the family busi-

ness at Minut-Man Car Wash, where he helped produce the United States' first set of automated car washes, family members said.

Later he joined General Motors Corp. as an engineer for 20 years.

He was an active member of St. Clare of Montefalco Catholic Church, serving as an usher. He had a love and appreciation of northern Michigan, which was demonstrated by his voluntary service as president of the Menonaqua Corporation.

In his retirement, he was active with the SMOG (Society of Old Geezers) men's group and the Grosse Pointe Senior Men's Club, and became known for his "significant smile."

A celebration of Mr. Rousseau's life will take place at 11 a.m. Saturday, March 21, at St. Clare of Montefalco Church, 1401 Whittier, Grosse Pointe Park. Visitation begins at 10 a.m.

Memorial donations may be made to St. Clare Montefalco or the Little Traverse Conservancy, Harbor Springs, MI 49740.

1922, in North Charleroi, Pa. to Valentine Lisz and Anna Stasicha. She attended Grace Martin Business College in Pittsburgh as well as the University of Pittsburgh.

Mrs. Nixon worked as an executive secretary at DeVry Institute of Technology in Columbus, Ohio. After her retirement, she became a nanny. From 1992 to 2000 she cared for 14 children in her Grosse Pointe Park neighborhood.

Her family said Mrs. Nixon loved Frank Sinatra and vodka martinis and hoped both were waiting for her in heaven.

She is survived by her daughter, Bonnie Cannon; son, Bill Cannon; grandchildren, John F. Martin III and Allison McClelland and great-granddaughter, Elena Lynne Martin.

She was predeceased by her first husband, William Cannon; her second husband, Burt Nixon; her daughter, Terri McClelland and her sister, Cecelia Luciani.

Memorial donations may be made to World Wildlife Fund,

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Kenneth E. Urtel

Kenneth E. Urtel

Kenneth E. Urtel, 52, of Hickory, N.C. passed away unexpectedly Friday, Feb. 27, 2009 at his home.

He was born Sept. 2, 1956, in Detroit to Melvin Urtel and Virginia Clifford Urtel and graduated from Grosse Pointe South High School in 1974.

He graduated from the University of Michigan with a Bachelor of Science degree in chemical engineering.

He also earned a bachelor's degree from Appalachian State University in mathematics. He worked for Enron Corporation in Houston and since retiring worked with his sisters at Shear Magic Hair Care in Viewmont, N.C.

Mr. Urtel volunteered at many community organizations, including the Red Cross, Habitat for Humanity and Eastern Catawba Cooperative Christian Ministry in Newton, N.C.

He also had his own ministry working with activity directors at nursing homes teaching Bible study to the elderly. He regularly attended the Jesus Life Center in Longview, N.C.

Mr. Urtel is survived by his stepmother, Phyllis Urtel of Lexington, Ky. and siblings, Karen (Mark) Belrose of Whitehall, Robert (Jill) Urtel of Traverse City, Marilyn (John) Blake of Bethlehem, N.C., Diane (Rick) Setzer of

Hickory, N.C., Paul (Diane) Urtel of Conover, N.C., Brian (Jenny) Monteith of Chaska, Minn. and Cathy (Jeff) Ruehl of Edina, Minn.

He also is survived by his special friend and sister-in-law, Shirley Brinkley of Granite Falls, N.C. and many nieces, nephews, aunts, uncles and cousins all over the country.

A celebration of life service will be held at 4 p.m. Saturday, March 14, 2009, at First United Methodist Church in Hickory. The family will receive friends one hour prior to the service at the church.

Funeral arrangements were handled by Drum Funeral Home & Cremation Services, in Hickory, NC. Condolences may be sent to the Urtel family at drumfuneralhome.com.

Memorial donations may be made to the FoodBank@ECCCM.org, the charitable organization dearest and nearest to his heart, ECCCM, 245 East N. St. Newton, NC 28658.

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Dorothy Nixon

Dorothy Nixon

Former Grosse Pointe Park resident Dorothy Nixon, 86, died Monday, March 2, 2009, at her home in Shorepointe Village in St. Clair Shores.

She was born March 28,

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CITY OF HARPER WOODS

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City of Grosse Pointe Park, Michigan

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"The Connoisseur" by Norman Rockwell is among 323 of his Saturday Evening Post and 44 of his paintings displayed in "American Chronicles: The Art of Norman Rockwell" through May 31 at the Detroit Institute of Arts.

DETROIT INSTITUTE OF ARTS

Illustrator or artist?

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

When readers of the Saturday Evening Post picked up their Jan. 13, 1962 editions, they saw on its cover a Norman Rockwell rendering of a beyond middle-aged man pondering an abstract painting that could have passed as a tablecloth discarded after an Italian food fight.

Rockwell's "The Art Connoisseur" implies the traditional art world's befuddlement by modern painters, in this instance the drip-method works of Jackson Pollock.

The connoisseur is dressed neatly in a conservative business suit. His body is framed by his suit's gray fabric and cuffed trousers. He stands erect, shoulders and arms symmetrical.

The painting he ruminates upon consists of seemingly random swaths and blotches of bright colors that the artist flicked, flung and globbed on the canvas, which has no frame except what's needed to hold it taut.

In short, the man and the painting are everything the other is not.

Rockwell had reason to feel the same way about his place in 20th century art.

Highbrows said he wasn't an artist. He was an illustrator, they said, a contractor working on deadline to carry out the instructions of employers and clients. His role at the Post was to create covers. Covers are

marketing tools that are supposed to have snap recognition to grab customer attention and 20 cents (in 1962) to buy a copy.

"I'm sure it was difficult for Rockwell not to have the respect of the art world during his lifetime," said Laurie Norton Moffatt, director of the Norman Rockwell Museum in Stockbridge, Mass. "But, you don't have millions and millions of people loving your work without knowing you're onto something good and you're doing well."

"He's a wonderful painter, not just an illustrator," said William Hennessey, director of the Chrysler Museum of Art in Norfolk, Va. "When you see the actual oils he did, you realize how very, very good this guy was."

Hennessey indicated that the artist versus illustrator argument may have less to do with art than with art critics.

"There might be some out-of-date, lingering prejudice against people who actually earn a living as artists," he said. "When you look at Rockwell's stuff on the wall, all of that disappears. He has a way of keying into all things that we as a nation would like to think about ourselves, but also not doing it too seriously."

Moffatt said Rockwell was proud to illustrate issues of the Post.

"In Rockwell's day, the magazine was the preeminent form of visual communication," she said. "There are many kinds of

artists. The distinction for illustration art is you're painting to communicate an idea and you're usually painting for a mass audience of some sort. I've always respected Rockwell's work for its communication power and the way it touches the human heart."

Rockwell lived from 1894 to 1978. One of his earliest jobs was in 1914.

He illustrated a series of Daniel Boone stories for Boy's Life magazine. Publication came one year after the International Exhibition of Modern Art in New York, known as the Armory Show, the first large exhibition of modern art in America.

"I think the rift between illustration and fine art came about in the early 20th century when modernism became the art form in vogue," said Stephanie Plunkett, the Rockwell museum's chief curator.

The art world had entered a period of abstract expressionism. Realistic art was viewed as old-fashioned.

"In many cases, it was considered overtly or overly sentimental and not in keeping with what was considered to be a modern way of creating art," Plunkett said. "So, Rockwell, who was creating narrative pictures for popular magazines of the era, was somewhat seen as out of vogue."

There are historical similarities between Rockwell's time and now — the Great

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DIA: Rockwell show begins

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Live With," 1963, showing U.S. marshals escorting a black girl to an all-white grade school, supports the civil rights movement.

Paintings from throughout his career about the innocence and courage of youth reflect national values placing children central in the concept of

family.

"Rockwell's imagery had a profound effect on American culture, influencing and defining how Americans view themselves, in terms of three themes in the exhibition: the family, innocence and heroism," said Swarupa Anila, DIA interpretive specialist. "One thing that sets him apart is his focus on championing everyday, mundane matters. They're very much about a moment: a law student studying, two people haggling over the price of something. Just small events."

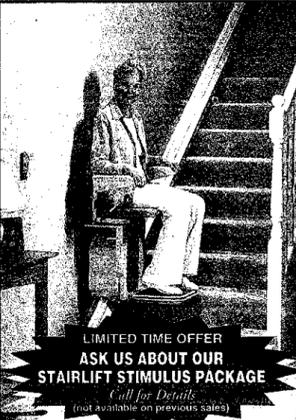
Rockwell's narrative component draws viewers into his works. People recognize themselves in them.

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I.D. theft

A City of Grosse Pointe resident learned March 7 someone had stolen his identity and tried to charge nearly \$600 in online purchases to his GM credit card.

The Internet retailer denied the transaction and informed the victim.

Stolen and returned

A resident of the 17100 block of St. Paul said two guests stole his laptop computer and charger during the evening of Saturday, Feb. 28.

One suspect, a 30-year-old Detroit man, told the victim the other man, a 35-year-old Romeo resident, may have committed the crime.

The Detroit man offered to "see what he could do" about it, the victim told police.

Within hours, the Detroit man returned the laptop.

"(He) has been recently released (from) jail and does not need any more trouble," he reportedly told the homeowner.

Cart stolen

A black and yellow handcart was reported taken sometime between Feb. 22 and March 1 from the side or backyard of a house in the 400 block of Notre Dame.

The victim used the cart to take out trash.

—Brad Lindberg

If you have any information about these or other crimes, call the Grosse Pointe public safety department at (313) 886-3200.

Michigan fuel prices

Over the past week, fuel prices in Michigan increased 3.2 cents per gallon, according to AAA Michigan.

The current statewide average is \$1.996, \$1.257 per gallon lower than last year at this time.

The average for self-serve regular is down three-tenths of a cent in Metro Detroit over the past week, with the average at \$1.968 per gallon. The Metro Detroit average is \$1.227 per gallon lower than last year at this time. The statewide average for biodiesel is \$2.23 and \$1.89 for ethanol.

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GROSSE POINTE SHORES

Officers save a life

By Brad Lindberg
 Staff Writer

Commendations are likely for three public safety officers who gave a middle-aged woman the ultimate Christmas gift.

Officers from Grosse Pointe Shores saved the woman from choking on a piece of food during Christmas dinner.

"It's a great feeling. I can't lie about it," said Officer Tony Spina, one of the officers involved.

Officers arrived at the woman's house to find her on the floor unconscious.

"She was turning blue," said Officer John Jabrael. "She was going down and out. I couldn't find a pulse on her."

"We were getting close to the time brain damage could occur due to lack of oxygen," Spina said.

Spina used his paramedic skills to retrieve the meat from the woman's throat while Jabrael, an emergency medical technician, performed cardiopulmonary resuscitation and tried to get her breathing again.

Members of the family dinner party looked on, except for children who were herded into another room.

Spina was about to perform an on-site tracheotomy when he decided to search for the obstruction one more time.

"On the last try, a piece of meat came up," Spina said.

"It looked like beef," Jabrael said.

"She was still unconscious," Spina said. "Her

'It's a great feeling. I can't lie about it.'

OFFICER TONY SPINA,
 Grosse Pointe Shores Public Safety

color was grayish, being deprived of oxygen for several minutes. We loaded her on a stretcher and took her to the hospital."

Sgt. William Nicholson was in overall charge of the scene. He drove the ambulance and provided Spina and Jabrael extra tools they needed to save the woman's life.

The woman started coming around en route to the emergency room.

"Her response was, 'What am I here for?'" Jabrael said.

She was soon in the hospital, sitting in bed with nothing but a sore throat.

"It feels pretty good, like we made a difference," Jabrael said.

The Shores public safety department has 10 officers cross-trained as paramedics and six cross-trained as EMTs.

"You sometimes wonder if all the training is worth it," Jabrael said. "Something like this makes it all worthwhile."

"This is another example of the professionalism and abilities of our officers," said Stephen Poloni, department director. "We had a situation where a resident could have passed away. Our guys saved her. They should be commended."

while driving drunk.

Officers said the man had a concealed weapons permit for a loaded Smith & Wesson .40-caliber semiautomatic pistol found in his silver-colored 2007 Jeep Commander.

A patrolman had pulled the man over for running a red light from East Warren to east-bound Mack.

"(His) vehicle nearly caused a collision with a vehicle traveling westbound on Mack at East Warren," said the patrolman.

Officers said the man had a

.20 percent blood alcohol level.

10 revocations

A 48-year-old Grosse Pointe Farms man with a record of 10 current driver's license revocations was spotted at 5:35 p.m. Friday, March 6, operating a black 2008 Mercedes Benz S63.

The man also has four current suspensions, police said.

A patrolman recognized the resident heading southbound on Lothrop from Ridge.

"(He) stated he was on his

way home from his mother's house," said the officer. "He admitted that he is revoked and explained that he has an attorney working to clean up his suspensions and is due for a review soon."

blood alcohol level.

—Brad Lindberg

If you have any information about these or other crimes, call the Grosse Pointe Shores public safety department at (313) 881-5500.

Car stolen

A black 1993 Cadillac Deville was stolen between 3:30 and 7 a.m. Friday, March 6, while parked in the 300 block of Ridge. The victim wasn't sure if the vehicle had been locked.

Not abandoned

A patrolman cruising the Mack alley near Kerby at 7:45 p.m. Wednesday, March 4, noticed a man driving a black 1997 Dodge Stratus with a license plate listing the vehicle as abandoned since October, 2008.

The driver, a 31-year-old Detroit woman, had 13 driving suspensions. The patrolman impounded the Stratus.

Window broken

A woman living in the 300 block of McMillan said someone broke the driver-side rear window of her 2005 Jeep Laredo sometime between 2 and 7 a.m. Monday, March 2.

—Brad Lindberg

If you have any information about these or other crimes, call the Grosse Pointe Farms public safety department at (313) 885-2100.

Grosse Pointe Shores

Drunken driving

Police arrested a 27-year-old Detroit woman for drunken driving at 4:43 a.m. Sunday, March 8.

An officer patrolling northbound Lakeshore near Duval saw her weaving a white 1995 Buick between lanes and almost hitting the curb.

The woman reportedly admitted drinking.

"She stated she had been drinking at a party (near Six Mile) for a friend," police said.

She registered a .15 percent

Grosse Pointe Woods

Possession pullover

A routine traffic stop at 3:22 a.m. Saturday, March 7, found not only a driver with an open container of alcohol, but also suspected marijuana in the glove box and a pipe in the 22-year-old driver's purse. The driver, a Clawson resident, was taken into custody and charged with possession of drugs and drug paraphernalia.

Too much to drive

A 49-year-old Grosse Pointe Woods resident was taken into custody after being stopped for erratic driving at Mack and Huntington at 2:02 a.m. Saturday, March 7. He admitted to police that he had too much to drink. His blood/alcohol content measured .19 on a PBT.

Bike taken

A bike was taken from an unlocked garage on Hawthorne overnight March 6.

Smile next time

A business owner on Mack will be installing security cameras after discovering a second incident of vandalism to the store's door locks Saturday, March 7. Epoxy had been put in the locks of both the front and rear doors. This was the second time the locks had been tampered with.

Vandals nail tires

An employee of an office on Mack notified police at 8:45 a.m. Saturday, March 7, of several incidents in the employee parking lot where nails were found in the tires of employees' cars.

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OBITUARIES: Loved ones remembered

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Ellen L. Roche

Ellen L. Roche died Monday, March 2, 2009. She was the beloved wife of Maurice P. and dear mother of Michael, Curtis (Ursula), Kevin (Mary Jo Wolff), Maryellen (Alan) Kunst, David, Patricia, Daniel (Gretchen), William (Kristin) of Grosse Pointe Park, Maureen (Richard) Trombley, Ann (Paul) DeMeulemeester, and Martin, all of whom survive her.



Ellen L. Roche

She also is survived by 25 grandchildren; four great-grandchildren and her sisters, Nancy Ziegenbein and Martin (Judy) Boss.

Faye Clancy Youngblood

Former Grosse Pointe Woods resident Faye Clancy Youngblood died peacefully surrounded by her family at the Shorepointe Village Assisted Living Center in St. Clair Shores Tuesday, March 3, 2009. She was 91.

She was born Aug. 27, 1917, in Detroit to John V. and Marie Clancy. Her family describes her as a terrific mother and grandmother who put the interests and needs of her children before her own. Mrs. Youngblood and her husband attended every piano recital, dance recital, swim meet and soccer match in which their grandchildren were involved.



Faye Clancy Youngblood

They also attended as many of their grandchildren's high school and college graduations as they could. After determining they could not attend the

college graduations of two grandchildren on the same day — one in Pennsylvania and one in Arizona — they chose to stay home rather than choose.

Her family remembers when Mrs. Youngblood was told she was a great-grandmother for the first time, she displayed her quick wit by replying, "What do you mean? I think I've always been a great grandmother."

Mrs. Youngblood was a tireless and dedicated volunteer, first with the Austin High School Mothers' Club and later for more than 30 years as a surgical lounge volunteer at Bon Secours Hospital. Her outgoing personality and comforting manner helped allay the anxiety of family members of those in surgery.

She was an active member of

the Bayview Yacht Club for many years.

She was a woman of deep faith, who instilled that faith in her children.

Mrs. Youngblood is survived by her sons, Jim (Denise), John (Mary Jo), Thomas (Kim) and Bernard (Bobbie); daughter Mary Anne (Kevin) Yessian; 12 grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

She was predeceased by her husband, Raymond J. "Jim" Youngblood, who died in August, 2001, shortly after their 60th wedding anniversary. She also was predeceased by her parents; sisters, Marie Defever and Helen Clancy and brothers, Henry and "Bud" Clancy.

A funeral Mass was celebrated at St. Paul on the Lake in Grosse Pointe Farms.



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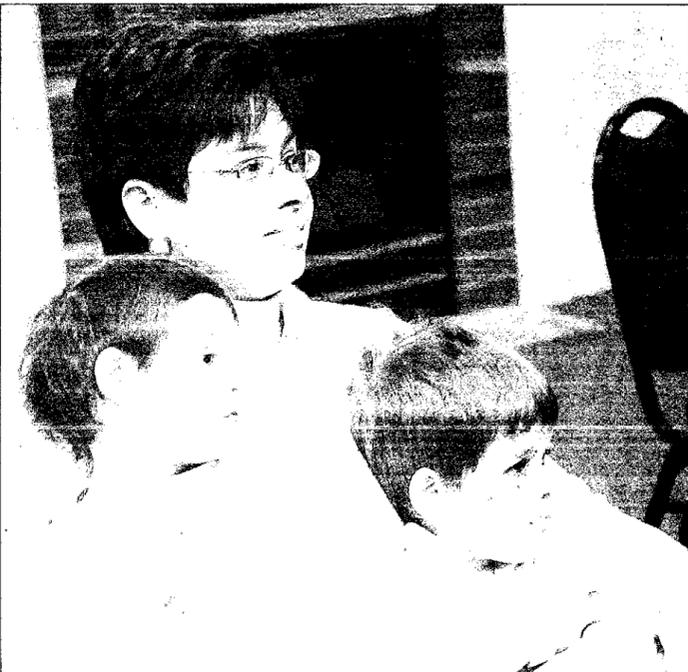
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Grosse Pointe Woods mothers and sons spent an afternoon watching "Kung Fu Panda" at the community center. Inside goodie bags, the boys found a Pez dispenser depicting a movie character, a mask and treats. Left, Rory and Ronan MacMaster cuddle up on the lap of their mother, Katherine. Right, Ethan Lord and Christopher Marshall, wearing "Kung Fu Panda" masks, show off their best karate moves, having learned them from watching the movie.



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DIA: Rockwell through May

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"A deep understanding of our human resilience shines throughout his work," Moffatt said.

An analysis of his 1954 painting, "Girl in the Mirror," illustrates the point.

In a simple sense, "Mirror" is about a girl trying on her mother's makeup.

Closer examination reveals how Rockwell used the scene to touch on our loss of innocence as we move, often excruciatingly, from adolescence into adulthood.

It's also emblematic of Rockwell's quality of keying in to the turning point.

He includes in "Mirror" symbols of the girl's transition:

◆ She's sitting alone in a room wearing her little girl petticoat.

◆ Her mother's makeup is on the floor next to her while she studies herself in a mirror wearing freshly-applied lipstick.

◆ Her doll is thrown aside, but not discarded, so her childhood is still close.

◆ Her hair is braided in the way of little girls.

◆ Yet, she has on her lap a photograph of the sultry actress Jane Russell, a prototype of womanhood.

"The girl is comparing this transition and wondering if she'll be beautiful when she grows up," Moffatt said.

Rockwell painted the perspective from over the girl's shoulder, letting viewers peek into her private time of reflection.

"Rockwell takes us behind the door to a moment that wouldn't have been noticed," Moffatt said. "These types of



transitions happen over and over again."

The DIA exhibition, "American Chronicles: The Art of Norman Rockwell," was a hit last year at the Chrysler Museum of Art in Norfolk, Va.

"It was an overwhelming success from every point of view," said William Hennessey, Chrysler's director. "In terms of numbers, we were up 68 percent from the same period the year before."

He said attendance cut across age demographics.

"We initially worried the appeal only would be people in their 60s and 70s who remember seeing the Saturday Evening Post on their coffee tables," Hennessey said. "We got that group, but we got younger people as well."

Moffatt looks forward to the same reception at the DIA.

"I hope this does that for this community, not only for the museum, but for the joy it will give everyone's spirit," she said. "People need that right



"The Four Freedoms," above. At left detail from "Freedom From Want."

now." "American Chronicles: The Art of Norman Rockwell," organized by the Norman Rockwell Museum of Stockbridge, Mass., runs through May 31 at the Detroit

Institute of Arts. Tickets cost \$15 for adults, \$14 for seniors age 62-plus, \$8 for ages 6 to 17 and free for DIA members. Museum hours are 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Wednesdays and Thursdays; 10 a.m. to 10 p.m.

Friday; and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays. Museum admission is \$8 for adults, \$4 for ages 6-17, and DIA members are admitted free. For more information, call (313) 833-7971 or visit dia.org.

ARTIST: Rockwell's rating

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Depression and overcoming the current recession; fighting World War II and the global war on terror.

"During Rockwell's time and today, the American people are seeking a hopeful vision about a future that is difficult to get to, but is held out as a possibility," Plunkett said. "Rockwell represented American aspirations. The messages he conveyed 50-plus years ago are still very poignant, relevant and heartfelt today. People connect with them."

"You can see in Rockwell's paintings the fruits of our American resilience, our strength of character and the

power of innovation, our optimism, courage and faith to grow a better society resonate through his art," Moffatt said.

If criticism got to Rockwell, he didn't show it.

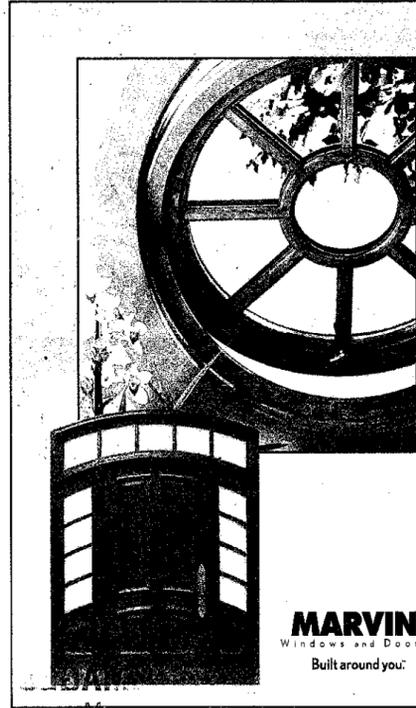
"I paint life as I would like it to be," he once said.

Claire Williams, a Rockwell museum docent for 25 years, was among many Stockbridge residents he used as models.

"He was very down-to-earth and nice," she said. "He worked quickly. Sittings took about two hours. He was serious when it came to his paintings."

The Norman Rockwell Museum in the Berkshire Mountains of western Massachusetts holds the world's largest collection of his original art, an archive of about 200,000 photographs, correspondence and his Stockbridge studio.

"There's a lot of history here," Williams said.



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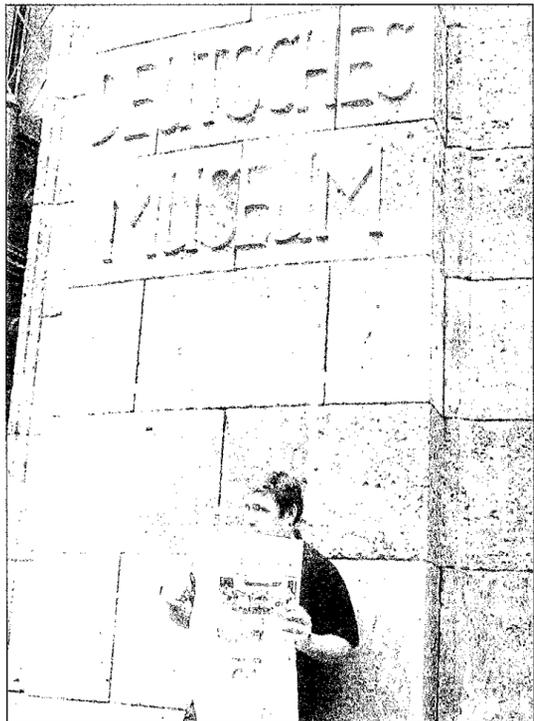
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Margaux and Caroline Forster of the City of Grosse Pointe took the Grosse Pointe News along during their annual visit to France, where they see family and friends.



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Glenn and Elizabeth Peters of Grosse Pointe Shores took the Grosse Pointe News along when they visited Budapest, Hungary.



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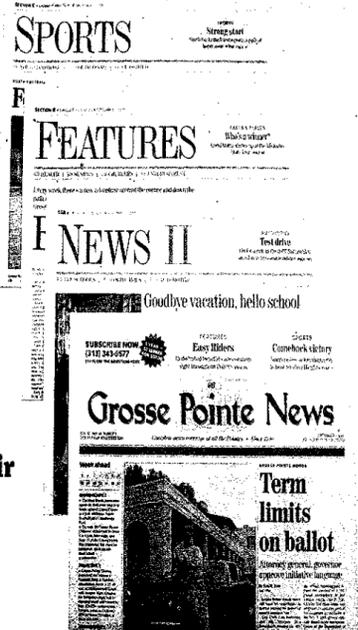
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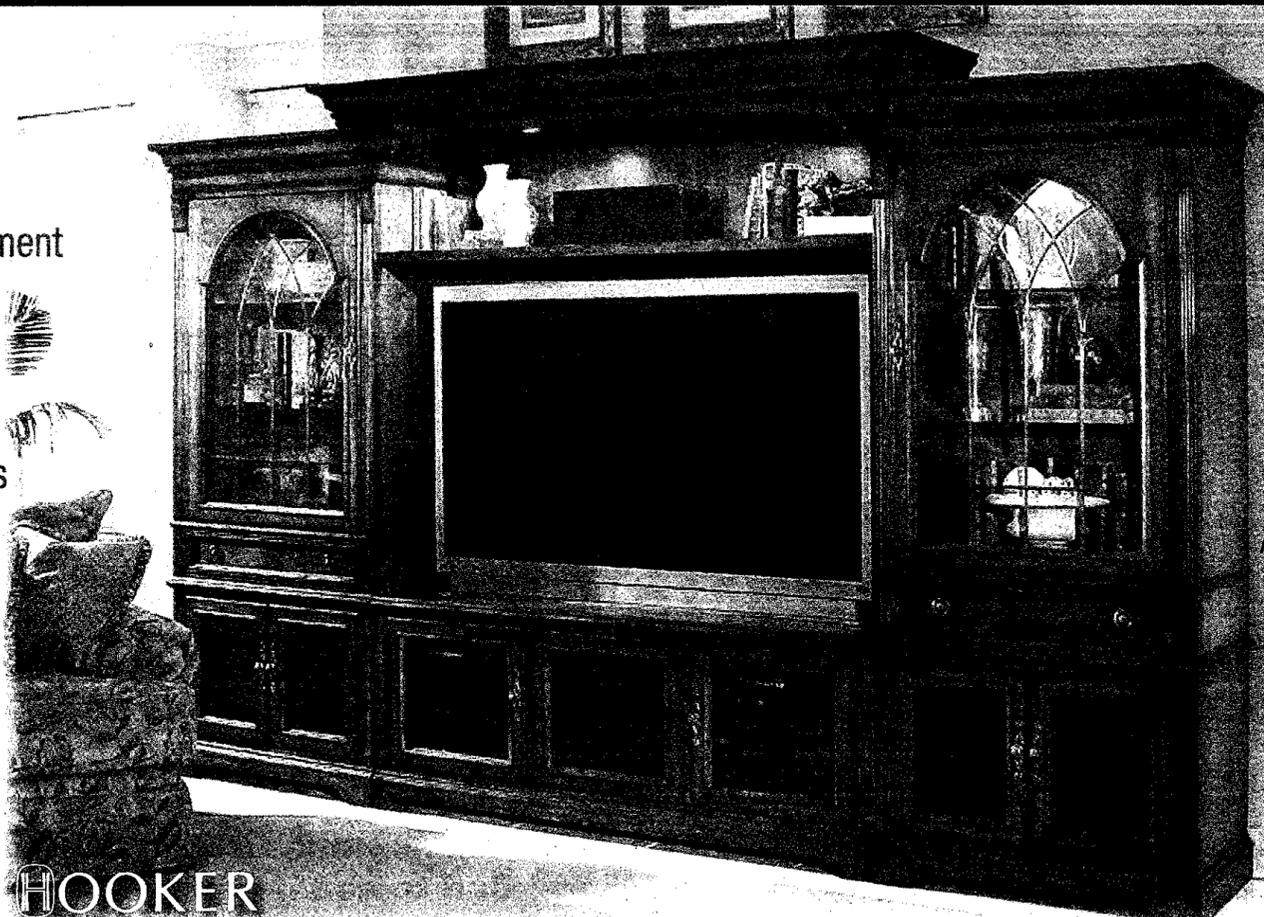
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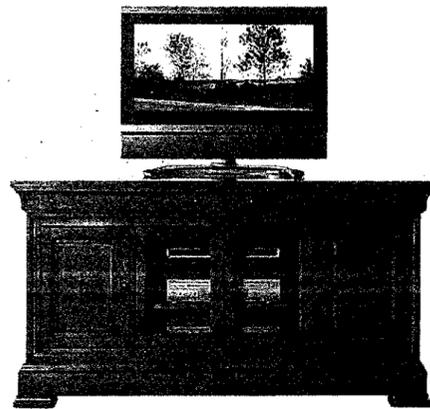
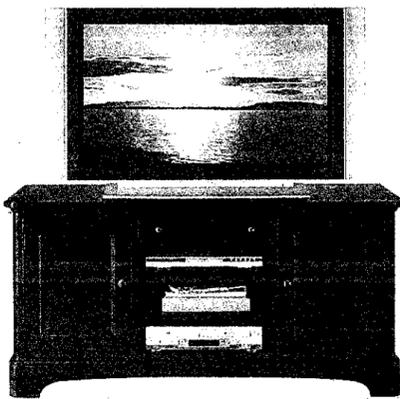
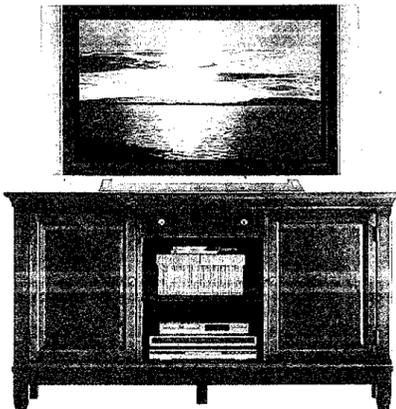
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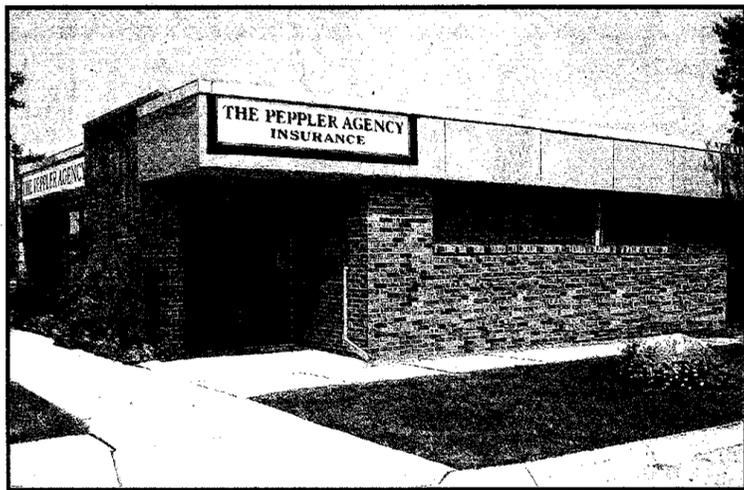
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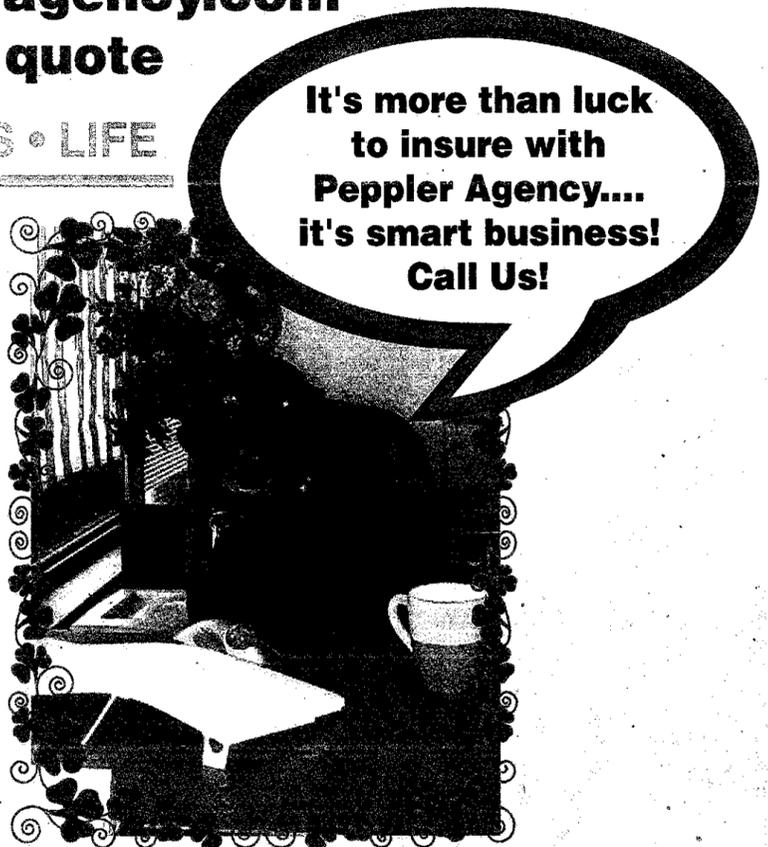
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AUTOS By Jenny King

A mid-size, front-drive car, available as a sedan, coupe or hard-top convertible, the 2009 Pontiac G6 comes by its popularity honestly.

Pontiac G6 samples Route 66

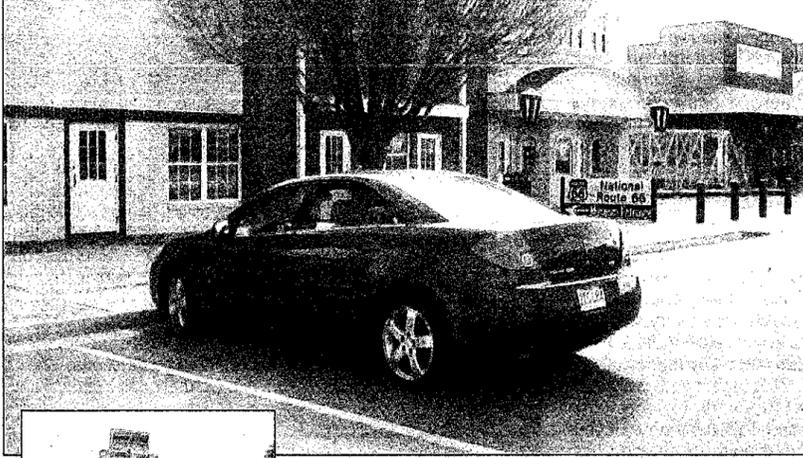


Pontiac says its G6 is the brand's best-selling nameplate. Nicely proportioned, user-friendly, moderately priced, available with a choice of engines and a fair amount of technology, the G6 makes a good family car, commuter or trip-taker.

We opted for the latter and put a G6 to a cross-country test earlier this year, spending lots of time on the federal interstate system but also sampling the beloved Route 66 and discovering nearly deserted US 60 in northeast Arizona and western New Mexico.

The G6 sedan comes in a base model with 164-horsepower 2.4-liter four-cylinder engine; a GT model with 219-horsepower 3.5-liter V-6, or a GXP sedan with beefier 252-horsepower 3.6-liter V-6 mated to an efficient six-speed automatic transmission.

After a day or so of hard dri-

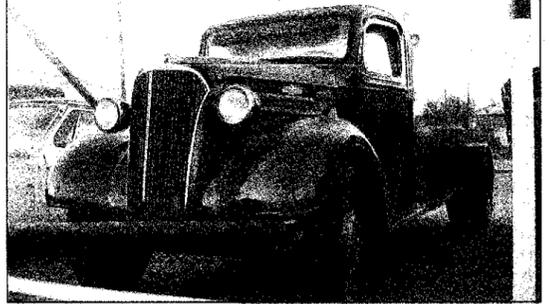


ving, signs announcing a future destination some 250 miles ahead aren't as daunting. But having a CD player, even if it

ABOVE: Route 66 is home to several automotive museums. Here the Pontiac G6 rests outside a collection in Elk City, Okla. **LEFT:** The outdoor lifestyles of ranching and hunting in western New Mexico give Quemado and other small towns a special flavor. The G6, capable of up to 33 miles per gallon in highway driving, stops here on beautifully paved, two-lane US 60 for a fill up and a look around.

takes only one disc at a time, helps the miles pass, even productively. You can finally "read" Charles Dickens, with his flowery, polite language, you avoided in high school or college. Sometimes the pleasures of

being read to en route overshadow noticing and appreciating G6 features such as the paddle-shift manual feature that has its own "M" setting on the shift menu. Traction control coupled with antilock brakes give a sense of security.



Shamrock, Texas is a proud host to Route 66, with older motels and eateries along the road plus used car businesses selling nostalgic fixer-uppers. An old Chevrolet medium truck awaits an ambitious buyer.

Pontiac says a sleek, new instrument panel is available on the 2009-1/2 model of the G6, which started arriving at dealerships earlier this year. All G6 models have been slated for interior upgrades.

New for 2009, the 2.4L engine is offered with a six-speed automatic transmission that delivers EPA estimated fuel economy of 22 miles per gallon in the city and 32 on the highway. This powertrain combination is offered with the sport package on base sedans, Pontiac says.

The G6 coupe is available with the smaller 164-horsepower

er 2.4-liter four-cylinder Ecotec engine. With the six-speed automatic transmission, the powertrain combination is capable of the same 33 mpg fuel efficiency as the current G6 sedan and also incorporates a new TAPshift manual shift system with steering wheel-mounted paddle controls.

A FlexFuel version of the 219-horsepower 3.5L V6 will be available as a no-cost alternative to the standard 3.5L engine on all body styles, Pontiac says.

The optional 222-horsepower

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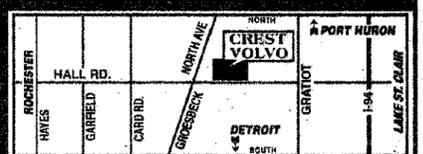
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TEST DRIVE By Greg Zyla

The newly designed 2009 Acura RL offers the new Collision Mitigation Braking System which predicts rear-end collisions and assists brake operation.

Acura RL CMBS delivers new styling



This week, we're driving redesigned Acura's 2009 RL — base price: \$53,700; price as tested: \$54,460.

Delivered in a daring new exterior design, RL for 2009 conveys a perfect blend of luxury, AWD performance, security and opulence a consumer expects when he/she writes a check for \$50,000.

However, if there's one thing we question when it comes to styling, it's the front grille design. In my opinion, it looks out of place with its huge overhanging center emblem and resulting "blackout" section underneath. The resulting "big tooth smile" is either a "like or dislike" depending on one's aesthetic leanings.

Other than that, we like the overall build, especially the cabin and superior AWD performance-based mechanicals.

The RL with the technology package plus CMBS will add

Acura's innovative Collision Mitigation Braking System. The system incorporates distance to the vehicle ahead using radar techniques, relative speed, and visual and audio warnings to prompt the driver to take preventative action. It can also initiate braking to reduce the vehicle's speed.

Additional upgrades for 2009 include a better Navigation System with voice and rear camera, Acura Link Real Time Weather information, steering wheel paddle shifters and all new interior appointments.

Under the hood sits Acura's new 300 horsepower, 11.2-1 compression 3.7-liter V6 engine that produces 300 horses and 271 pound-feet of torque. Hooked to Acura's 5-speed automatic transmission AWD system and 18-inch all season tires on light alloy wheels, this car is a real mover. Be it through a snowstorm or accelerating on a ramp to a 65 mph freeway, you'll truly feel the roadworthiness of the "sports car bred" RL and its safety offerings.

In addition to all the aforementioned CMBS, all RLs have air bags to protect front and rear passengers, large 4-wheel

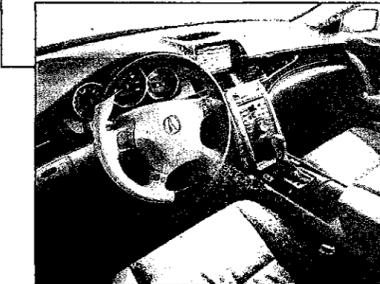
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Standard luxury items are many, among them heated and cooled driver and front passenger 10-way power leather seats, Xenon headlights, Bose surround sound 10 speaker stereo 6-disc CD system with XM Satellite, USB interface, MP3/Auxiliary, genuine interior or wood trim and a power rear sunshade.

We were able to test RL's driving prowess in all types of weather conditions, from sunny, dry roads to a near 10-inch snowfall. Regardless of condition, this car works well, thanks to the suspension system that features a fully independent aluminum front double wishbone setup mated to a real multi-link arrangement.

When the weather was good, we pushed RL on some back road sites and came away just as impressed as we do when we drive high class Audi Quattro machinery, which is also known for handling, traction and performance.

RL's higher curb weight of 4,110 pounds no doubt influences EPA fuel ratings if your foot is on the heavy side, but in exchange for the new V6's power and how much better



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2009 Acura RL

cubic-feet of cargo space and a 19.4 gallon fuel tank.

Competition is keen, from the likes of

Audi, BMW, Lexus, Infinity, Cadillac, Lincoln and Jaguar, but Acura holds its own against these cars. Thus, if it's

a performance level personal luxury car you're after that offers AWD, Acura RL is a great choice. I rate Acura RL a strong 8 on a scale of one to 10.

Likes: Interior, AWD, CMBS, suspension, power
Dislikes: Front grille, fuel mileage suspect.

Greg Zyla is a syndicated automotive columnist.

PONTIAC G6: Four-cylinder coupe

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3.9-liter V-6 for the G6 retractable hardtop convertible remains unchanged.

The V-6 in the westward-bound G6 surprised its driver as well as a few behind the wheels of big rigs with its ability

to move the sedan onto the freeway from too-short entrance ramps.

Larger 17-inch chrome wheel covers are now standard on all four-cylinder, six-speed automatic sedans and coupes.

The latest G6 offers integrated infotainment opportunities in GM's optional My Link communication package. My Link brings together the audio system, Bluetooth telephone, XM satellite radio and OnStar navigation functions.

Pricing for the new G6 coupe

with the four-cylinder, six-speed automatic powertrain starts at \$22,890, including \$670 destination and freight. A comparably equipped G6 sedan starts at \$23,875.

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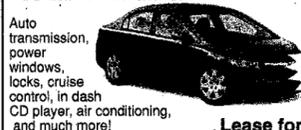
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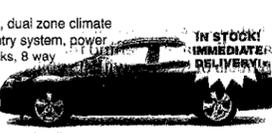


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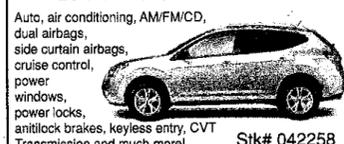
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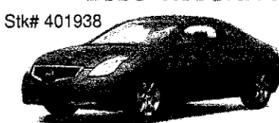
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DRIVEWAY By Frank A. Aukofer

New Challenger is better than original

It looks great in orange, but the 2009 Dodge Challenger is also a silver lining. The Challenger, a retro exercise, harks back to the popular 1969-era muscle car. It is, of course, way better than the original, which in its day was straight-line fast but challenged when it came to turning or stopping. The new car not only looks better; its performance, handling, braking and environmental credentials are four decades improved.

It's a silver lining because it arrives at an opportune time to inject excitement into Dodge and Chrysler LLC when they are stumbling in a market that is changing, trending from big engines and dismal fuel economy to more sensible, fuel-efficient transportation.

The Challenger is anything but sensible in its high performance versions, although it does have a model that is both inexpensive and delivers acceptable fuel economy.

But in the end it is a fantasy car, and for people who hanker after the dream, the gas mileage won't be a crucial consideration. This is a car that causes people to stop and gawk, one that fits into the "gotta have" category. It is a vehicle to be seen and seen in.

The only automobile of this type to persist over the years has been the Ford Mustang. The Chevrolet Camaro expired and also is being reincarnated, but the new Challenger beat it to the starting line.

For enthusiasts, the versions that get the juices flowing are the SRT8, which was introduced, briefly as a 2008 model, and the R/T, new for 2009. Both have powerful V8 engines under their hoods, with famed "Hemi" badges. Though many engines now have hemispherical combustion chambers, only Chrysler owns the

2009 Dodge Challenger SE two-door coupe

Engine: 3.5-liter V6, 250 horsepower.
Transmission: Four-speed automatic.
Overall length: 15 feet 8 inches.
EPA passenger/trunk volume: 94/16 cubic feet.
Weight: 3,720 pounds.
EPA city/highway fuel consumption: 18/25 mpg.
Base price, including destination charge: \$21,995.
Base dealer cost: \$20,643.
Price as tested: \$24,790.

as a daily driver, the SE even

used toward handling. With rear-wheel drive, they are comfortable and forgiving being tossed around tight turns on a race track. Most of all, they have that hunkered-down, long hood, short rear deck design that makes the driver's seat feel like the center of the driving universe.

But guess what? If you're not into impressing your buddies or girlfriends with a burbling V8 exhaust sound as you cruise down the avenue in second gear, rapping the pipes, you can get all the looks and adulation from passersby without spending 30 or 40 large.

Just order the Challenger's entry level third model, the SE, which has a manageable \$21,995 price tag and decent fuel economy to boot. The SE's engine is a 250 horsepower, 3.5-liter V6 connected to a four-speed automatic transmission.

Unless you look closely, and you know what to look for, you'd be hard-pressed to distinguish the tame SE from its big bully brethren. In fact, a truck driver on a Manhattan street during a test drive of the SE asked the now-famous question: "That thing got a Hemi?"

As a daily driver, the SE even

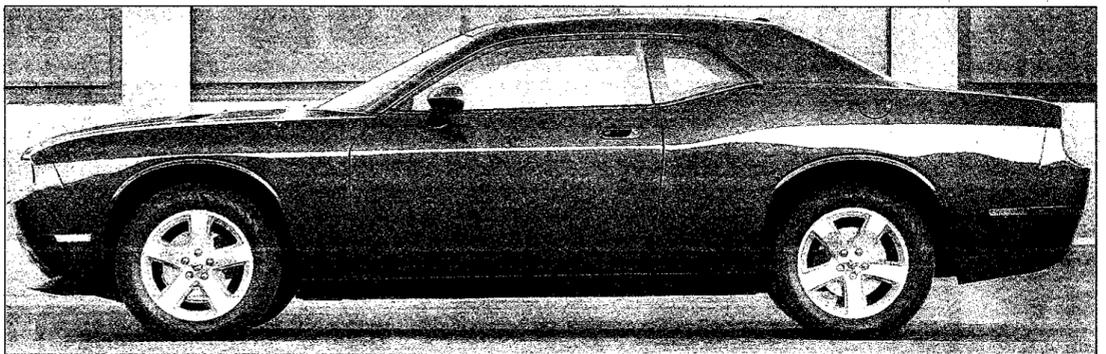


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The 2009 Dodge Challenger.

As a daily driver, the SE even

is preferable to the R/T and SRT8. The suspension system is softer, delivering a more comfortable ride, and the power train is more compliant for stop and go commuting. City/highway fuel consumption is 18/25 miles to the gallon. However, the four-speed automatic sometimes shifts prematurely. A five-speed automatic would be preferable.

Inside, the Challenger features a retro, four-gauge instrument cluster trimmed in chrome. The front seats are big, supportive and comfortable, with a driver's seat lumbar adjustment standard, as are side air bags and side curtain air bags. The back seat can hold two adults, as long as they're shorter than 5 feet 10 inches and the people up front are willing to scrunch forward.

But getting into the back requires a contortionist's moves. It's almost impossible to enter from the driver's side. On the passenger's side, the seat slides forward, but it's still a chore to crawl back there.

The trunk can hold 16 cubic feet of stuff. The Challenger is built on the same platform as the Chrysler 300 and Dodge Charger, and the trunk is as large as that of the Charger.

The tested Challenger SE

had a few options, including traction control, anti-lock brakes, Sirius satellite radio and 18-inch aluminum wheels, which brought the suggested sticker price up to \$24,790.

That's way below the average delivered price of a new car these days.

Frank Aukofer is an automotive writer for Scripps Howard News Service.

Spring maintenance

To be prepared for the changing weather and road conditions of spring, here's a checklist of tips motorists should perform to help keep their vehicles running longer, safer and cost-effectively:

- ◆ As temperatures change, so can tire pressure. Proper tire inflation is essential for increased automotive safety, optimum driving performance and better fuel mileage. Tires should be inflated to the vehicle manufacturer recommendations printed on the vehicle door placard or in the glove box and should be checked monthly. Over-inflation can lead to premature or irregular tire wear and under-inflation reduces a vehicle's fuel efficiency by an average of 3.3 percent.

- ◆ Replacing a dirty air filter can increase a vehicle's life expectancy and fuel efficiency by reducing engine strain, especially during warmer months. Over the winter months, salt, sand and other impurities may build up in a vehicle's air filtration system and could be robbing it of as much as 10 percent in fuel efficiency.

- ◆ Keeping cars, trucks and SUVs clean will help protect them from chemicals and dirt that may attack the car's finish and undercarriage. Use quality cleaners and waxes specifically designed for handling a car's finish as regular dish soap will break down the wax and could harm the underlying paint.

- ◆ Oil is the lifeblood of the engine. Over the winter, the viscosity of the oil in the car may have changed, but in warmer weather, less protection will be had as things heat up. Not sure what oil to use? Defer to a professional or use the grade of motor oil recommended by the vehicle manufacturer.

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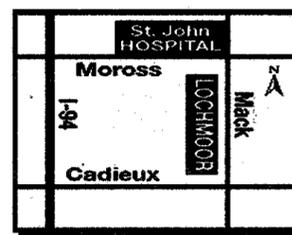


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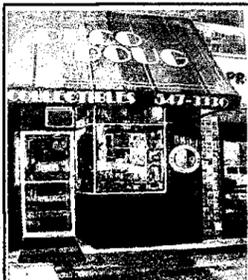


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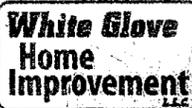
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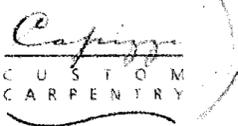
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22 reasons to attend EyesOn Design

The EyesOn Design Automotive Show will be held from 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Sunday, June 21.

Here are 22 reasons to attend the show:

1) Theme — This year's theme, The Art of Automobile Advertising and Design, highlights historical advertisements of record relative to automotive marketing.

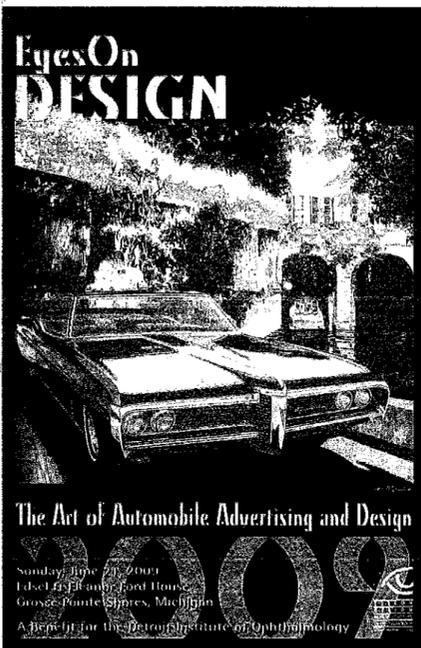
2) Main Attraction — EyesOn Design remains the preeminent International celebration of fine vehicle design of the past, present and future. More than 200 automobiles and motorcycles will be on display.

3) Distinctive Cars and Motorcycles — A unique collection of automobiles will be complemented with time-honored motorcycle designs of Harley-Davidson's Chief Styling Officer Willie G. Davidson.

4) Venue — The setting is the Edsel & Eleanor Ford House in Grosse Pointe Shores. Tours of the house and gardens will be offered during the car show.

5) Elegance — A Private Eyes Brunch under a canopy along the shores of Lake St. Clair is being offered. Make reservations by calling (313) 824-4710 or online at eyeson.org.

6) Models — This exhibit has become the national standard for the finest three-dimension-



al automotive works of art. Many clay models will be on display.

7) Poster — Incorporating the legendary work of the now 90-year-old Art Fitzpatrick, designer of the U.S. Post Office's Automotive stamps, this year's poster celebrates the most notable automobile advertising campaign rollouts throughout history.

8) Vehicle Categories — EyesOn Design is a show that celebrates "pure car design." It is not about restoration, provenance, costing, rarity, or political attributes. The Vehicle Selection Committee — led by Werner Maier — will organize vehicle Show Categories that reflect design trends through-

out the decades.

9) Eve of Eyes — An informal soiree featuring a strolling buffet, drinks and entertainment will be held June 19 at the Chrysler Museum in Auburn Hills. Call (313) 824-4710 for tickets.

10) Vision Honored — This year's Saturday, June 20 event spans the spectrum from black tie to black leather. Previous winners of the Detroit Institute of Ophthalmology Lifetime Design Achievement Award have selected Willie G. Davidson, designer of Harley-Davidson motorcycles, to receive this award. Reservations are available by calling (313) 824-4710 or visiting eyeson.org.

11) EyesOn Design — "The" Car Show of the Year. This Father's Day event offers something for everyone.

12) The Art of the Advertisements — EyesOn Design will backdrop each vehicle with "time-sensitive" creative advertising from its respective period. Likened to Jay Leno's garage in California, vehicles will be matched with the foremost advertising art of the era. These advertisements highlight the prevailing fashion, architecture and notable locations where these paintings and photographs were obtained.

13) Willie G. Davidson Design Review — Trained as



Depicted at last year's EyesOn Design Father's Day car show brunch held at the Edsel & Eleanor Ford House are, from left, Dr. John and Sheila Roarty and family of Grosse Pointe Shores, and Drew and Peggy Brophy and family of Grosse Pointe Farms.

an automobile designer at the Art Center College of Pasadena, Willie G. Davidson has devoted his imagination and talents to motorcycle development. Within his portfolio are the Softail and V-Rod. The show features a representation of his bikes along other Harleys.

14) The Awards Presentation — Design historian, and well-known auto designer Jeff Godshall joins radio and TV personality and auto analyst John McElroy, lead the awards presentation.

15) Pomp, Circumstance and Essential Peripherals — Included are snack kiosks, accessible and clean restrooms and lots of shady trees.

16) Art Pavilion — EyesOn Design will present the efforts of the finest automotive artists in the world.

17) Convenient Parking — The expansive Ford grounds allow the most convenient parking of any car show.

18) Rub Elbows — With the glitterati of the auto design industry, the leaders of the worldwide auto industry and car collectors.

19) Great Weather — Eight orders of praying nuns have delivered spectacular weather for almost all shows. An approaching storm bypassed the show in 2008.

20) The Friends of Vision Raffle — Members of the Friends of Vision will be selling tickets for the \$10,000 raffle.

21) Cost Competitive — The car show is \$20 per adult and \$15 in advance.

22) The most fun Father's Day anywhere. Why not make Dad's day special for him?

Show facts and figures

The EyesOn Design Father's Day car show at the Edsel & Eleanor Ford House is a must-attend for lovers of great car design — but where does the money go?

One of the major uses is the Detroit Institute of Ophthalmology's sponsorship of the internationally renowned collegial research congresses. The first of these is The Eye and The Auto which addresses the relationship between vision and the safe operation of a motorized vehicle. In September 2009, this congress will be held at the Research Building of the General Motors Tech Center in Warren.

The second congress is The Eye and The Chip which focuses narrowly on the visual neuro-prosthetic device which will one day be available to implant within the eye or the brain of many blind people.

All about the charity

Why in the world would an eye institute sponsor car shows? The institute raises the money for its research and educational activities from the proceeds which annually flow to it from the several EyesOn Design events.

The DIO also helps to cover the financial burden of those who suffer from blindness or severe loss of vision. It does this through education and research in the field of ophthalmology and many forms of aid.

Spokespersons for the Detroit Institute of Ophthalmology believe the organization manages the largest support groups for patients with macular degeneration in the United States. These are primarily older patients, but DIO support groups also are popular with young people who have lost their vision through complications of diabetes, retinitis pigmentosa or ocular trauma.

Artificial vision in the blind

The organization is working toward creating a miniature electronic device to be placed within the eye or the brain to improve vision. A device for the blind will be analogous to that which already gives totally deaf persons useful hearing.

There are now at least 50 major programs in 19 countries working to achieve this goal.

Proceeds from EyesOn Design programs at the North American International Auto Show in January and at the Edsel & Eleanor Ford House in June, support the cause.

With proceeds from the EyesOn Design shows, the DIO, every other year, hosts The Eye and The Chip World Congress, at which each of these major academic, governmental or business enterprises present their research work.

Judging

Both EyesOn Design at the Edsel & Eleanor Ford House in June and the judging of concept and production cars introduced in January at the North American International Auto Show are done by members of the transportation design profession.

Judges are selected exclusively from the design world so that the vehicles judged would receive awards on the basis of their design qualities.

For more information, visit eyesondesigncarshow.com or call the DIO at (313) 824-4710.

CITY OF HARPER WOODS WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN SYNOPSIS: REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING MARCH 2, 2009

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 Councilperson Vivian M. Sawicki.

MOTIONS PASSED

- 1) To excuse Councilperson Vivian M. Sawicki from tonight's meeting because of a prior commitment.
- 2) To receive, approve and file the minutes of the regular City Council meeting held February 18, 2009, and furthermore, receive and file the minutes of the Library Board meeting held February 19, 2009.
- 3) That the agenda of the regular City Council meeting having been acted upon, the meeting is hereby adjourned at 7:58 p.m.

RESOLUTION PASSED

- 1) To approve the following items on the Consent Agenda: (1) Approve the Accounts Payable listing for Check Numbers 86733 through 86859 in the amount of \$219,072.30 as submitted by the City Manager and Finance Director, and further, authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to sign the listing. (2) Accept the quote submitted by Argus-Hazco for the purchase of 14 SCBA masks and voice amplifiers in the amount of \$6,846.00, and further that competitive bidding be waived in accordance with city policy. (3) Approve payment to Badger Meter, Inc. in the amount of \$6,794.75 for the purchase of 36 new automatic read water meters and transmitters. (4) Approve payment to Anderson, Eckstein & Westrick, Inc. in the amount of \$12,742.40 for professional services during the month of January 2009 for the following projects: 2007 Sewer Cleaning & TV Inspection, #180-100 and the Kelly Road Sidewalk/Alley Project, #180-102. (5) Approve payment to the City of Grosse Pointe Farms in the amount of \$16,118.27 for Harper Woods' proportionate share of the Intermunicipal Radio System for the period July 2008 through December 2008. (6) Approve payment to Statewide Security Transport in the amount of \$7,237.40 for prisoner lodging and maintenance for the month of January 2009.
- 2) To approve payment in the amount of \$29,442.42 to Wayne County for the Milk River Drain interest payments; \$17,939.97 interest on the 1991 Series Bond, \$2,177.00 interest on the 1992 Series Bond and \$9,325.45 interest on the 1993 Series Bond.

Kenneth A. Poynter, Mayor

Mickey D. Todd, City Clerk

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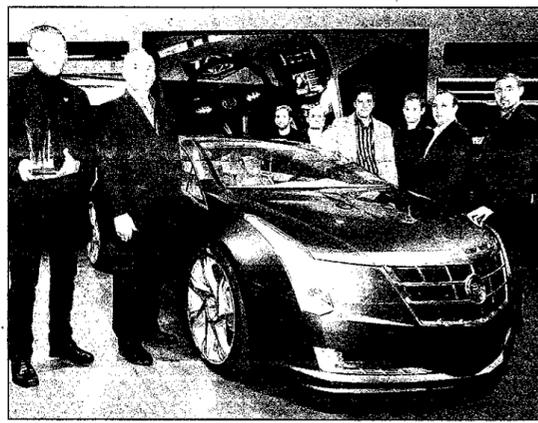


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NAIAS named best

The Cadillac Converj concept was named the Best Concept Vehicle in the 2009 EyesOn Design Awards at the North American International Auto Show in Detroit. Converj design team leader, Simon Cox, left, holds the trophy with executive director of advanced design David Rand. The Converj concept design team members, left to right, are Jeff Perkins, Robin Kreig, Brian Smith, David Leary, James Gasparotto and Ben Walsh.

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Big Girl travels Shiawassee rails

By Ann L. Fouty
Features Editor

Big Girl is the object of affection from young and old, volunteers and crew members despite and because of her characteristics.

She may huff, puff, chug and spew smoke, but she is stoked and maintained with care. She's big. She's black. Her annual insurance coverage is \$3,000. She runs on Pennsylvania and West Virginia coal and Big Girl or Locomotive 1225 weighs 400 tons traveling the rails on a 69-inch drive wheel through Shiawassee County from her home at the Steam Railroading Institute in Owosso.

Locomotive 1225 is the object of fascination from the North Pole Express passengers and those who see her on the big screen.

In 2003, Warner Brothers consultants stopped by for a look-see. What they saw can be viewed in the animated movie, "The Polar Express," based on a book written by Michigan author Chris Van Allsburg.

The animated version of "The Polar Express" was modeled after the 1225. Even a few of 1225's crew members have been immortalized in the movie.

Through 2004, the Polar Express was run out of Owosso. Due to copyrights, the Christmas tours are now the North Pole Express, making 10 to 19 trips each year to fairgrounds near Chesaning to visit Santa's Village. Loaded with 22 tons of coal and 22,000 gallons of treated water, the train takes holiday travelers on a four-hour, 35-mile round trip with a crew of 40, three of whom are paid.

"Every year it has grown," said the institute's executive director T.J. Gaffney, of the holiday trip. "The first year there were 200 passengers per train; now it's 400 per train. We've only raised the prices twice in the last five years. We sell out every year. We started selling train tickets Jan. 15 and make 18 trips. Eighty percent of the tickets are sold on line. Between 35 and 40 percent of the tickets sold are from out of state."

With a budget of \$600,000, Gaffney said he needs all the volunteers he can get to keep the locomotive and its cars in safe running condition and the museum staffed.

"Many Eagle projects have been completed through work on 1225," he said, referring to the scouting rank.

Many volunteers are retirees from the auto industry who were in the boardroom, in the design rooms and on the line. There are former railroad employees and automotive engineers working during the day and volunteering on weekends. And most of them don't remember the steam engine era, said 32-year-old Gaffney.

"There is always renovation being done. A roving office and bedroom for the maintenance crew and bunk car is under way right now," he said.

"Like anything of historical significance, it's the knowledge and expertise that keep the locomotive running. You need to be mindful of what you will be dealing with and don't randomly pull the trigger. It's a simple beast. It takes five minutes to figure out what is wrong and five days to fix it. It's not a clean beast because it is friction-bearing using an oil bath system with brass shoes. There are no computer chips. It's the precision of turning a wrench. It's an intellectual process. 1225 has good days and bad days. She can be cantankerous. She's the personality of the people who built her.

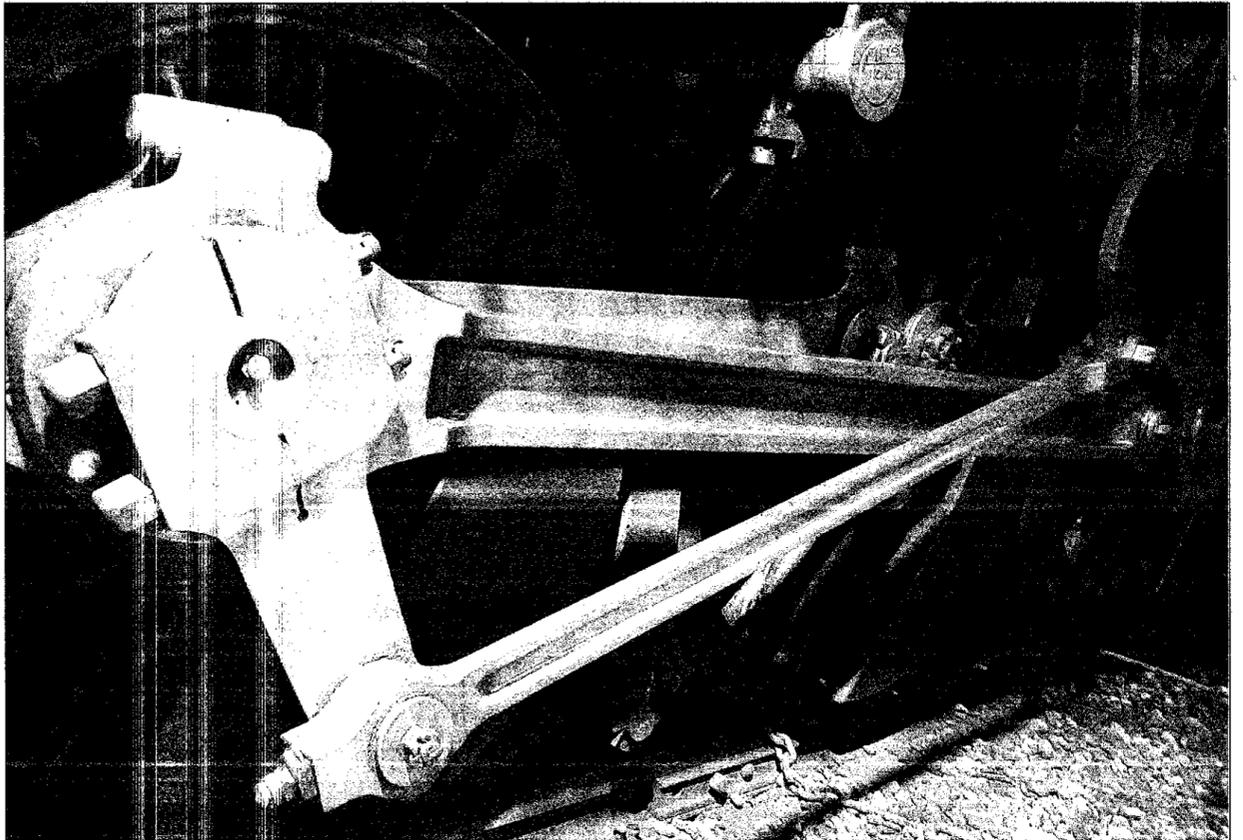
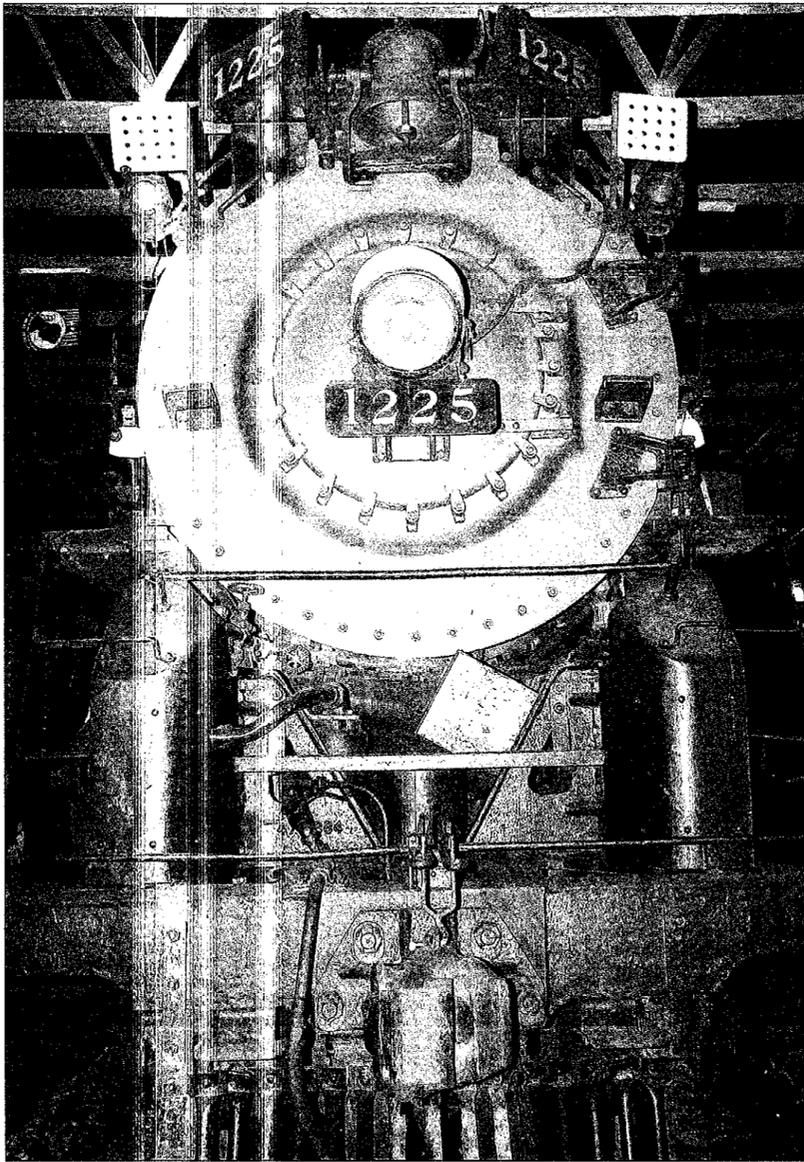
"It takes 8 hours to build up enough steam to get under her own power, it would be better for 10 to 12 hours. The first time it hisses it's breathing. You hear it chug, it sounds like someone breathing. It takes water to live and coal to move," Gaffney said.

Built in 1941 at Lima Locomotive in Lima, Ohio, Big Girl was one of 39 engines built between 1937 and 1944. Constructed for the Pere Marquette Line Railway, she was a fast steam locomotive hauling 100 freight cars between Detroit and Chicago and Grand Rapids, Gaffney said. During World War II, 1225 hauled freight for the Warren Tank Plant and was used as a troop train.

"It's major service was between 1941 and 1951," Gaffney said.

Times changed and steam powered locomotives became an outmoded form of transportation.

"The maintenance is intensive on these



PHOTOS BY RENEE LANDUYT

Top, the engine measures 60 feet and a 35-volt light shines the way. Above, Locomotive 1225 weighs 400 tons traveling the rails on a 69-inch drive wheel. Bottom left, aptly named Cinder, this cat wandered into the train yard one day a few years ago and hasn't left. She patrols the yard of the Steam Railroading Institute and keeps the volunteers company while watching renovations and repairs being made from her heated shelter. Below center, brightly painted red, the Ann Arbor caboose signals the end of the train pulled by Big Girl or Locomotive 1225 of Owosso. Below right, the Steam Railroading Institute includes a small museum with a train layout, blueprints of the train, Michigan's railroad history train and a telegraph office. It is also home to Mississippian 76, a rail camp and Flagg Coal Co. 75. Winter museum hours are 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday through Sunday and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Wednesday through Sunday in the summer.



beasts,"

he said.

"The railroad industry went through what the auto industry is going through now."

Ignored and discarded, 1225 sat for 13 years until 1969 when a group of Michigan State University students and railroad retirees got together on weekends to begin a restoration project. The first steam test was undertaken in 1975 and by 1980, the steam engine needed to get undercover for the remaining restoration project. In 1982, it was moved to Owosso because MSU officials were nervous about liability. The State of Michigan took over ownership. In 1985, 1225 moved under its own power for the first time in decades.

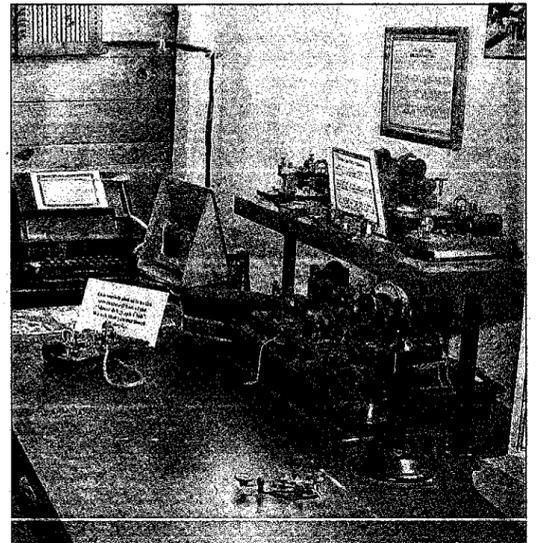
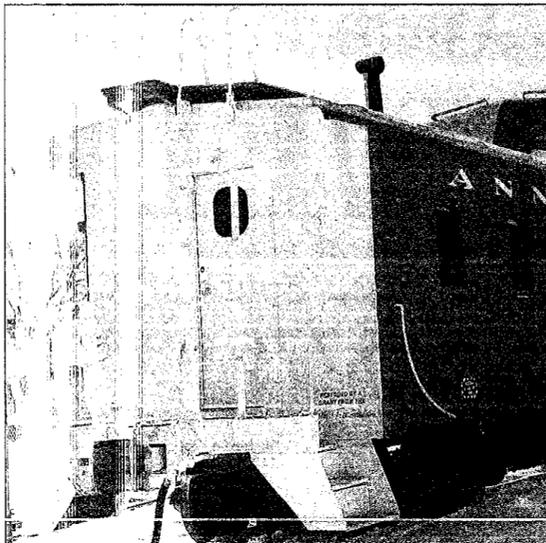
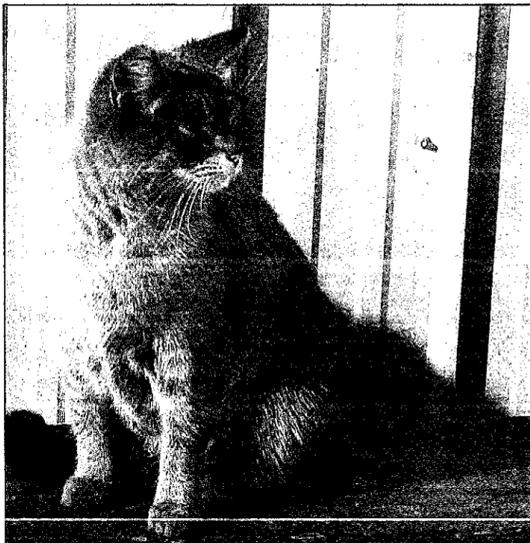
"Enthusiasts found a steam engine tool shop filled with tools dating from 1887," said Gaffney, who has a master's degree in history from Clemson University.

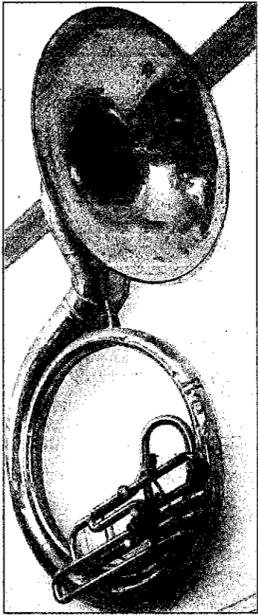
The rescued tools are used to this day keeping Big Girl and several other cars in tiptop shape for the 2,500 miles a year the engine travels.

For an up-close view of the 60-foot tall Big Girl and seven other operating steam locomotives, TrainFestival 2009 is July 24 through 26. There will be train rides, model and miniature trains, cab tours, caboose rides and handcar rides.

For more information, visit trainfestival2009.com.

North Pole Express runs from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Nov. 27 - 29, Dec. 5, 6, 12, 13, 19 and 20. An adult ticket costs \$70 and a child's ticket costs \$40.





Warming up to good food and tubas

listings for breakfast, appetizers, soups, salads, light meals, meals with a Latin American, Asian, Mediterranean and Middle Eastern flair. There were all-American sandwiches. There were charbroiled bison burgers, the original health food, the menu declared enhanced with home-grown herbs and vegetables.

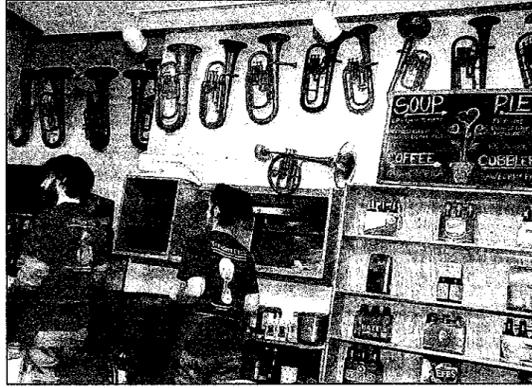
Soup stock is made from scratch.

While providing an organic and health-conscious menu, the staff recycles all plastic and metal.

Four pages are devoted to beer offerings. Two pages list wines from Italy, France, Germany, Japan, Chile, Hungary, Lebanon, New Zealand and South Africa.

And if that's not enough to draw attention, a look around at the dozens of tubas hanging on the wall bring a warm feeling.

I opted for the day's special, Spanish roasted chicken stew. It was browned in extra virgin olive oil and garlic, simmered in a tomato and onion sauce and dry white wine. Whole green olives, bay leaves, thyme and nutmeg made the steaming meal warm to my



Tubas line the walls of the Travelers Club International Restaurant & Tuba Museum in Okemos. All are still in playing condition. There are always specials, dozens of beers and wines to complement a dinner made from local ingredients.

toes. Landuyt said she savored a Latin American dish of black beans, brown rice, frijoles, salad and tofu.

This is an institution, said our waitress, Sara Holy.

"I came here as a kid. It's some experience growing up here. It's a very loved place. There is a great selection of food and beer. It's a very laid-back place.

"We use local vendors to

help further the local market," she said.

The building on Hamilton Street was built in 1948 as a hardware store and converted into Miller's Ice Cream Parlor in 1959. Jennifer Brooke Byrom and William White purchased the building in 1982, turning it into The Traveler's Club.

The two cooked ethnic dinners for their friends. The menu stemmed from the cou-

ple's travels. Byrom leaned toward Eastern Europe, the Middle East and Asia. White said his tastes ran to Mexican, European and India.

"We had a lot of friends from different countries. We would collaborate and have a feast," White said. "We would have friends over and have music and eat Armenian or Indian."

Byrom left about five years ago, leaving White as chief cook and creator of two to three new dishes a month.

"I learned cooking as I was growing up. It was my first job out of high school," he said.

White made pizza dough from scratch and learned how to make bagels.

When the two first bought the restaurant, the Travelers Club included music and thus began the tuba collection and the piano sitting against the back wall. Occasionally, White, who said he can play any instrument, will have a jam session.

White began playing the sousaphone in Ferndale in 1959, at the age of 9. His acquisitions became extensive enough that he said, "Hey, I ought to start a museum."

Most of the horns on display

are in playing condition, including the only known example of an Austrian made double E flat Helicon Tuba.

Even with the collection of tubas and extensive menu, White said it's hard to compete with the ultra modern restaurants. The Travelers Club was the only restaurant near I-96 when he bought the two-story building. Now there are 25 at the intersection and the competition is increasing. He added the beer and wine list 10 years, to the benefit of the restaurant.

White admits the economy is hard on his business, including White Brothers Music store next door, but he's attempting to maintain a high quality and variety of food for his loyal customers.

The Travelers Club has atmosphere and an extensive menu. It's not plush nor does it have the touch of an interior designer.

It will appeal to those who are seeking something other than the regular fare of a chain. It will appeal to those who want to eat healthy, homemade food. It will appeal to those who are looking for a close-to-home adventure.

By Ann L. Fouty
Features Editor

It was bitter cold winter day when photographer Renee Landuyt and I burst through the doors of the Travelers Club International Restaurant & Tuba Museum in Okemos.

We needed warmth to envelop us. And we found it "where friends and continents meet."

The warmth began in the form of a 23-page menu with

Bright spot at the river's bend

Owosso is a town of 15,713, once known as the city that made caskets. It was home to an well-known author, impressionist artist, a presidential candidate and a New York Giant.

Artist Frederick Carl Frieseke was born there in 1874 and author James Oliver Curwood in 1878. Presidential candidate Thomas E. Dewey was born March 24, 1902 in Owosso.

Brad VanPelt was a three-sport star at Owosso High School and Michigan State University. He played 11 seasons in the National Football League and died in February at the age of 57.

Dewey was the son of a local newspaper publisher. He never missed a day of school, graduating from Owosso High School in June 1919. Dewey earned a Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of Michigan in 1923 and in 1925 he graduated from Columbia University Law School.

He ran for president in 1948 against Harry Truman and helped secure Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower's presidential nomination.

Located 85 miles northeast of Detroit in Shiawassee County, Owosso was founded at the bend of a river, still a drawing point for visitors. Another reason to visit the city is the train museum.

"The railroad station is still here. You can hear the trains go through, sometimes as early as 4 a.m.," said Kimberly Springsdorf of the Shiawassee Chamber of Commerce.

"It's known for its historic homes, it's turn of the century homes," she said. "Twice a year, residents open their homes to the public."

The houses are of Greek Revival, Italianate, French Second Empire, Victorian Gothic and Queen Anne styles.

There are bike trails and walking trails, fishing spots, canoeing and kayaking. However, the Train Festival is what draws visitors. It's "America's largest celebration of railroading in 2009," a brochure proclaims.

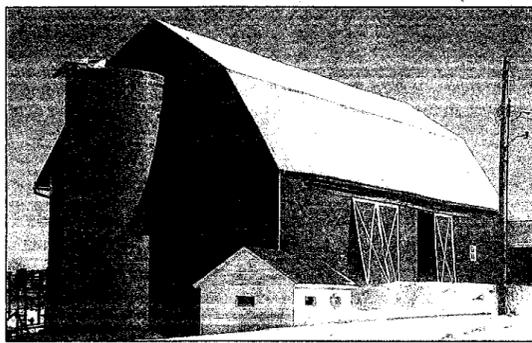
The three day event, July 24-26, includes hourly train departures, all day excursions, caboose rides and handcar rides. For more information, visit trainfestival2009.com.

The town was named after the son of a Chippewa princess who died after being struck by a poison arrow. Her husband named their son "Wasso," meaning one bright spot. The young boy was a symbol of his father's life after the death of his wife.

Wasso, according to legend, grew up to become the tribe's chief.



A welcome sign to Owosso features the recognizable Curwood Castle.



Scenery on the way to Owosso holds a host of red barns.

The "O" was added to make it more euphonious and in reference to the shade trees growing in the area.

In 1833, brothers Benjamin and Alfred Williams bought land at the bend in the Shiawassee River. Their vision of a prosperous city became a reality when in 1837 a gristmill was established and in 1838, a sawmill was built on the river.

Benjamin saw to it that a school was built in 1840 to serve a growing population. By 1850, there were 500 residents, incorporated in 1859 and, according to volunteer Curwood Castle docent Mitch Speers, "Owosso was a breath away from becoming the state capital."

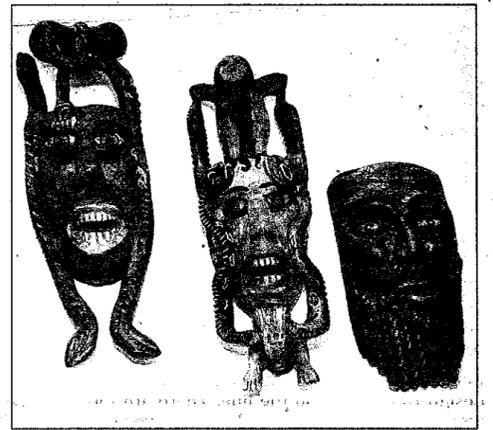
Planned for growth, the business district has wide streets with angle parking and retains the quaintness of its early days. The business are varied to fulfill the residents' needs and the visitors' wants.

For more information, visit shiawasseechamber.org.

—By Ann L. Fouty



The home of Thomas E. Dewey, an Owosso native, has a historical designation.



PHOTOS BY RENEE LANDUYT

Above, the Shiawassee Art Center in Owosso holds more than 70 local artists' works, including works by impressionist Frederick Carl Frieseke. Right, a special display of masks dating back to 1800 will be on display this month at the art center. Masks from the Ivory Coast, Mexico and South Korea are on display.

Picturesque inside and out

By Ann L. Fouty
Features Editor

Nestled describes the setting of the Shiawassee Arts Center in Owosso. The turn of the 20th century house, turned-art-gallery sets on the bank of the Shiawassee River under the cover of mature trees.

Located at 206 Curwood Castle Drive, the art center's neighbors are one of the first log cabins built in the county, the stone Heritage Bridge, a small park and Curwood Castle. The scaled-down castle was built in 1922 by author James Oliver Curwood. He used it as a writing studio and entertainment venue for businessmen and movie moguls.

This is the perfect setting for the nonprofit, two-story art center, which boasts works by hometown artist Frederick Carl Frieseke (1874-1939).

He was born and raised in Owosso, moving to France in 1898 where he was Monet's neighbor. Two of Frieseke's paintings are for sale in the art

gallery, as well as reproductions of his works.

His work takes inspiration from his French surroundings with images of single figures, women. They are posed in interiors, sun-filled doorways or in floral gardens.

Frieseke's grandson, who also lives in France, will have a show at the gallery in March 2010.

This month, Exhibit Director Linda Hill has arranged a display of some 50 masks from a dismantled estate.

Masks range from the 1800 to the 1940s coming from the Ivory Coast, Mexico and South Korea. Some have been worn but many are just for display. They are made of leather, woods, copper and white clay.

Some of the more interesting pieces include an armadillo head of clay and wood and a leather mask with porcupine quills. The wart hog mask is embedded with real teeth. There are masks which portray an elephant, a crow, a dog, snakes, a frog, tigers and a two-

sided mask.

"Some have been worn. You can tell by the inside," Hill said.

The masks' display is interwoven with the art that is for sale.

Between 70 and 75 mid-Michigan artists send in fiber art, digital photography, jewelry, felt, oils, pastels, steel works, watercolors, acrylic, mixed assemblages, gouache, mild steel, ceramics and fused glass displayed in eight galleries.

Established in 1972, the arts council moved into the center in 1989. Displays are arranged in cozy rooms all surrounded by windows to let in the natural light. The recent addition of the River Gallery with its floor to ceiling windows and the Cottonwood Terrace offer a view of the river and the bridge.

The center is open noon to 5 p.m. Tuesday - Saturday and 1 to 5 p.m. Sunday. Admission is free and the center is handicap accessible. For more information, visit shiawasseearts.org or call (989) 723-8354.

There's safety in chocolate making

By Ann L. Fouty
Features Editor

As director of Baker College Public Safety in Owosso, Vic Spagnuolo has his hands full making the campus safe for students and staff.

To unwind he fills his hands with chocolate.

Every week, Spagnuolo makes dark, white and milk chocolate candy on a table in the back of Spagnuolo's Chocolate Co. at 106 W. Main.

The rich and yummy chocolates are what attracts customers to this small storefront. Spagnuolo's wife, Barb, said the dipped Oreos, dipped marshmallows, caramels, nut

clusters and chocolate covered cherries are the most popular.

What sets the Spagnuolo candy apart is the use of fresh ingredients, Barb said.

"We make the chocolates as needed and don't do things way ahead of time. We use chocolate from a Michigan supplier. The fresh nuts are freshly roasted," she said.

From late November to Dec. 24, the store is hopping, Barb said as people come in for truffles, Jelly Belly's and fresh roasted nuts, to complete the handmade chocolates specially packaged in holiday-themed boxes, ribbons and plastic.

Customers also taste homemade ice cream, which has a

cream base for a better flavor, she said. During the winter, Spagnuolo's keep only four flavors in the cooler.

In warmer months, small tables are set on the sidewalk for customers to enjoy an ice cream cone and watch the traffic, because, according to Barb, people here revel in the quaintness and the atmosphere of the city.

Spagnuolo came by the retail business via his grandfather who sold candy and cigars in the Lansing area, Barb said. "We've been here for 25 years raising a family."

And making an all time favorite — mouthfuls of chocolate.



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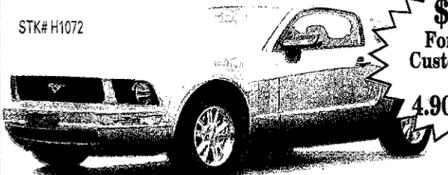
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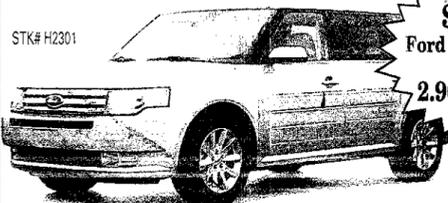
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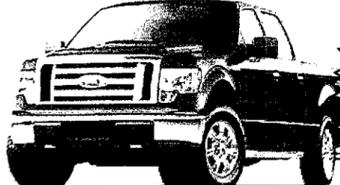
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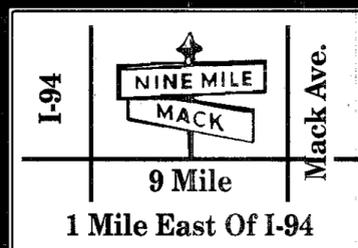
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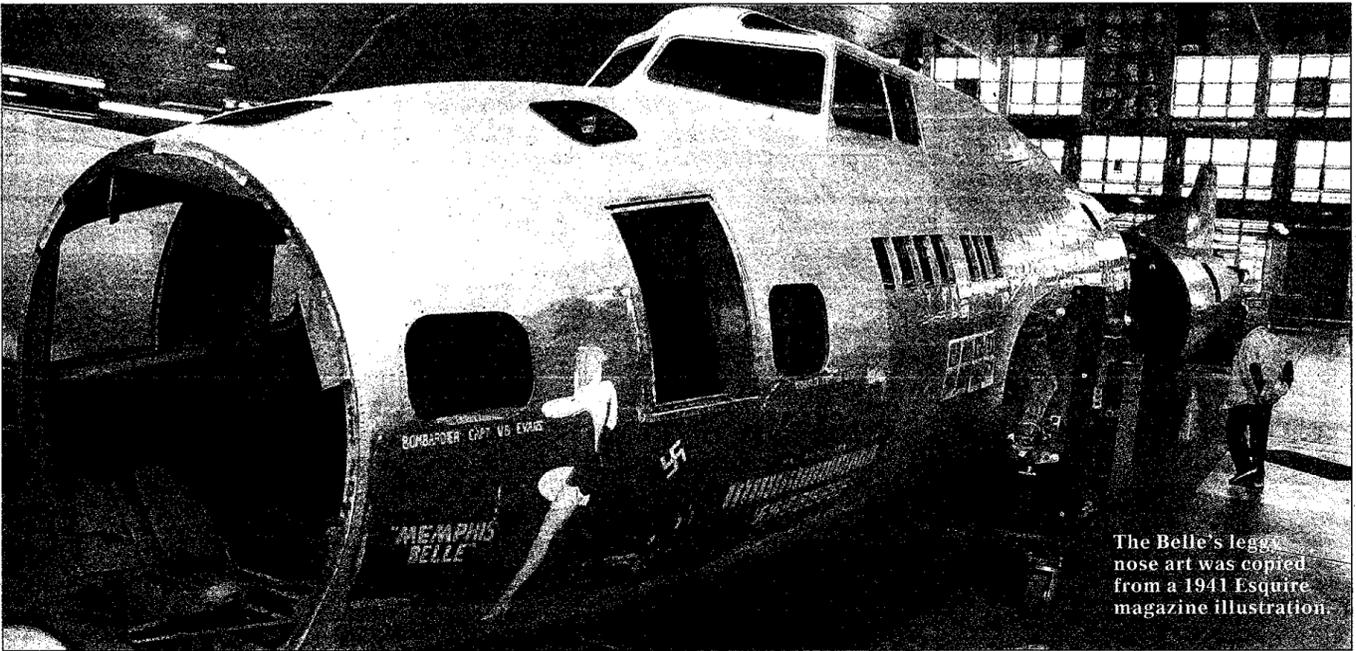
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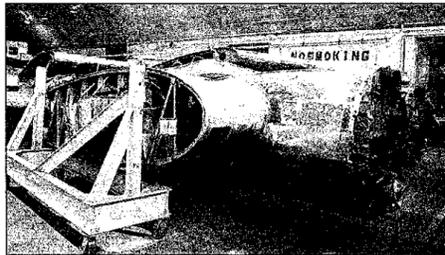
The Belle's leggy nose art was copied from a 1941 Esquire magazine illustration.

BELLE OF THE BALL

DAYTON, Ohio — There really was a Private Ryan during World War II. Not the fictitious one Tom Hanks' character saved in the blockbuster movie, but a real soldier. He grew up in Butte, Montana, and died near there a few years ago. "He was quite a character," an acquaintance of his said recently during attempts to contact him. During the summer of 1943, Ryan inscribed his name and hometown on the fuselage of the most famous American airplane of its time, the B-

17F Memphis Belle. The four-engine Belle and its 10-man crew was the first U.S. Army Air Corps strategic bomber to complete 25 combat missions over Europe. As such, it and its bathing beauty nose art rated star billing back home on a coast-to-coast war bond tour that included Detroit on July 3. That's likely when a Detroit native named Harry Majewski scratched his name and city into the aircraft's aluminum skin. Probably in exchange for buying a bond.

Thousands of names are etched into the Belle. These autographs in reverse — gestures by everyday patriots to attach their names to the war effort — were eventually covered with mottled green camouflage paint as the Memphis Belle returned to service in a training squadron. The names are visible again, if on-



July 1942

Boeing B-17 F serial No. 41-24485 built in Seattle, Wash.

the United States Air Force in Dayton, Ohio. The 10-year restoration is nearing its fourth year. In coming years, the names will be covered again. "We're not sanding those names off," said Roger Deere, chief of

ly for a while. Belle is being stripped of paint and restored for permanent display at the National Museum of

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by Sally

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BELLE: Restoration continues on historic war bomber

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restoration. "We'll paint over them, but they'll always be there."
 After the war it helped win, Memphis Belle wound up in an Oklahoma scrap yard. In 1946, the mayor of Memphis, Tenn., asked for the aircraft to be flown to its namesake city as a war memorial.

"The government said fine, send us \$350 for the fuel," said Don Meyer, a museum volunteer tour guide and retired Air Force navigator. "It was flown to Memphis and ended up outside a National Guard armory subject to the elements.



September 1942
 Named Memphis Belle, 1941, and deployed to England

"You have to look at it in little chunks," he said. "Otherwise, it will defeat you."

He considers an engine a "small piece." A wing section, including engine nacelles, is "a pretty big chunk."

Deere oversees a staff of about 20 paid employees augmented by 60 volunteers that includes retired aircraft mechanics and crew chiefs. He said working on historic aircraft is both rewarding and demanding.

"Removing paint without damaging the surface is like cleaning an old master painting without touching the original surface," Deere said.



May 1943
 The Memphis Belle completed its 25th combat mission over Europe.

The museum restoration hangars are inside the fence of Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, a major research facility. Restorers tapped into that research to find ways of removing paint

from the 66-year-old Belle without damaging its skin.

"We gave a chemist a piece of the Belle to take to the lab," Deere said. "They formulated the paint stripper especially for paint on Belle. I could use that same paint stripper on another plane and it may not even touch it."

Dave Lazzarine, a restoration supervisor, has been assigned to work on the bomber's wing root sections.

"We found flack damage in the trailing edge of the left wing," he said. "You can see where it went through the skin and hit an internal structure."

Members of the restoration team walk the line between preservation and restoration. Flack damage on the ball turret frame won't be fixed.

"We preserve as much as possible," Lazzarine said. "It reflects history. People died for these things. My focus is to do the best job I can to be fair to them."

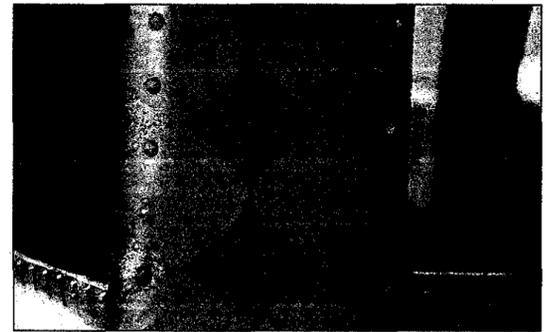
Original replacement parts are scarce. Pieces for the ball turret came from a St. Louis businessman who bought a warehouse that happened to contain 77 drums of ball turrets.

"You'd be surprised how many people show up at the front door with a box of stuff to give us," Lazzarine said. "We got instruments for our (Japanese) Zero that way. I'm looking for caps for the turbocharger oil tanks on the Belle."

Memphis Belle was named for its pilot's sweetheart, Margaret Polk of Memphis. The bomber's leggy nose art was copied from a George Petty illustration published in a 1941 edition of Esquire magazine.

Belle lost its spot as the war's most famous plane when the B-29 Enola Gay dropped the first atomic bomb on Japan. Yet, the status of another B-17 being restored at the museum can never be

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Summer 1943
 Thousands of people signed Memphis Belle during a 1943 morale-building tour, which included Detroit in July.

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AREA ACTIVITIES

Garden club

The La Societe des Jardinières Garden Club meets at noon Thursday, March 12 at the house of Kiki Herfert.

Members are to bring a charitable donation for St. Mary's Residence, a residential center for developmentally disabled women.

Lunch will be provided by the hostess.

Questers

The Grosse Pointe Questers meet at 9:30 a.m. Friday, March 13 with hostess Jo Malecek who presents a program on Florence Nightingale. Co-hostesses are Lois Jacobs and Lynne Baker-Hunter.

Palmer Woods music

Detroit jazz laureate Marcus Belgrave joins Italian-born eight-string guitarist and violinist Michèle Ramo for an evening of jazz at 8 p.m. Saturday, March 14 in a house in Palmer Woods. For more information, call (313) 891-2514.

Sunrise Rotary

Grosse Pointe Sunrise Rotary presents "Afternoon at the Symphony" with the Detroit Symphony Orchestra, 3711 Woodward, Detroit, at 3 p.m. Sunday, March 15.

Music by Elgar, Beethoven, Debussy and Stravinsky will be performed.

Tickets are \$30 for adults and \$15 for children.

Concert choir

The Detroit Concert Choir, under the direction of Gordon Nelson, presents "A Celtic Collection" at 3 p.m. Sunday, March 15, at Old St. Mary's, 646 Monroe, Detroit.

Poetic and spirited songs, dance and instruments of Ireland, Scotland and Wales and traditional favorites to celebrate St. Patrick's Day will be performed.

Tickets are \$20 for adults, \$18 for seniors and \$10 for young adults.

Advanced discount group rates are available. For more information, call (313) 882-0118 or visit dcc@detroitconcertchoir.org.

Friends of Vision

Friends of Vision, a support group for the visually impaired and blind, meets at 10 to 11:30 a.m. Monday, March 16 and Wednesday, March 18 at the Detroit Institute of Ophthalmology, 15415 E. Jefferson, Grosse Pointe Park. For more information, call Nancy Pilorget at (313) 824-

4710, ext. 225.

Art therapy

Jane Spaulding leads an art therapy group class from 6 to 8 p.m. Monday, March 16, at the Van Elslander Cancer Center. All supplies will be provided for the winter landscapes: using water colors to discover the beauty of the winter.

Registration may be made by calling (313) 647-3000. A \$5 donation may be made.

Quilting circle

Cathy Wrobels' teaching quilting rotary cutting techniques in a class from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Mondays at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms.

Participants learn how to cut fabric accurately and fast, quick machine piecing techniques and fabrics and patterns are available. A lap-sized quilt will be made during the five-week class.

The fee is \$80. For more information, call (313) 881-7511.

Bridge club

The Pointer Bridge club meets at 11 a.m. Thursday, March 19 at Grosse Pointe War Memorial's Alger House, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms, for lunch and bridge.

To make a reservation or cancel, call (313) 886-7595 or (313) 881-8566 by Saturday, March 14.

Brain health choices

Learn the latest insights about how people can make brain-healthy choices and lower their risk for Alzheimer's disease at a free lecture, 1 to 3 p.m., Thursday, March 19, at Detroit's Henry Ford Hospital, 2799 W. Grand, Room E&R 2055.

Registered nurse Andrea DiMuzzio, who has cared for many persons with dementia including her mother and aunt, will be the speaker.

During the seminar, participants will:

- ◆ Gain an understanding of how to live a brain-healthy lifestyle.
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- ◆ Understand that exercise and nutrition are important for your heart and your brain.
- ◆ Challenge oneself by learning and experiencing new things.

Light refreshments will be provided. Free parking will be available by using the valet parking in front of the main hospital entrance off West



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The Grosse Pointe Fencing Club offers classes for all levels of fencers. Lessons for beginners are 6:15 to 7 p.m., intermediate fencers are 7 to 7:45 p.m. and advanced fencers are 7:45 to 8:45 p.m. Mondays and Wednesdays. The fee is \$60 per session. Adult classes are 8:40 to 9:30 p.m. Mondays. The fee is \$40 per session.

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To make a reservation, call (800) 272-3900.

Healthy lifestyle

The Grosse Pointe Chamber of Commerce Public Policy Committee is launching a healthy lifestyle initiative organizational meeting at noon Thursday, March 26 at the Grosse Pointe Woods Community Center. The public is invited.

Called Live Well in Grosse Pointe, the committee's plan covers smoking cessation, healthy eating and exercise. Its goal is community-wide smoking cessation in 2009 and diet and exercise are the themes for 2010.

The GPCC Public Policy Committee will promote and guide the program and is encouraging the community to carry out the plan which includes smoke free businesses and public areas in Grosse Pointe, significant tobacco cessation among Grosse Pointers of all ages, encouraging Grosse Pointers to commit to a plan for healthy eating and exercise, community-wide reduction in cancer, high blood pressure and heart disease in this and following generations and consistent state and municipal government support for healthy living, starting with smoke free ordinances.

The group is planning several activities and is seeking assistance from area organizations to promote the initiative by planning events that encourage a healthy lifestyle among all age groups.

Cartoonist

Tom Wilson, cartoonist for Ziggy, will be at Border Books, 17141 Kercheval, City of Grosse Pointe, at 7 p.m. Thursday, March 26 to autograph copies of his memoir

book.

The book reveals private life experiences and how the character helped save Wilson.

Spring dinner dance

The Villagers host a spring dinner dance Saturday, March 28 at the Country Club of Detroit. Cocktail hour is from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. with dinner following. Mike Zelenick provides music for dancing from 8:30 to 9:30 p.m.

Black tie is optional. The cost is \$100.

Call Vito P. Cusenza at (313) 886-8598 for reservations.

War Memorial

The Grosse Pointe War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms, hosts Mil Hurlley for three classes for a hands-on gardening experience April 21 and April 28.

The Cheap Tricks and the Tough Plants classes on April 21 address specific garden questions. It is designed to answer the questions of what to do when grand plans collide with a not-so-grand budget. Bring garden photos and get advice from 7 to 9 p.m. The cost is \$26.

Tough Plants to Weather Tough Times is from 7 to 9 p.m. Tuesday, April 28 Hurlley will discuss how to keep plants healthy on a budget. The fee is \$26.

For more information and to register, call (313) 881-7511.

Neighborhood Club

If interested in learning improvisational skills, the Neighborhood Club is offering an Improv for Adults Workshop from 7 to 9 p.m. Tuesday, March 31.

Register by March 27 and the fee is \$15 or \$24 for two people. After March 27, the

cost is \$19 and \$28 for two people.

Registration can be done online at neighborhoodclub.org or in person at the Neighborhood Club, 17150 Waterloo in Grosse Pointe. Registration hours are 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday or call (313) 885-4600.

The Neighborhood Club is offering Me & My Kid, The Star: Improv/Acting Games Workshop for Parent & Child for children and their parents or another special adult from 1:30 to 2:10 p.m. Saturday, April 4.

Some basic improv, acting games and exercises an adult can play with a child will be taught.

This class is recommended for children between 4-7 years old. A discount is provided for those adults registering with more than one child. Register early to be eligible for an additional discount. Register by April 1 and the fee is \$15 a pair, \$7 for each additional child. After April 1, the cost is \$19 a

pair, \$7 for each additional child.

Rotary news

◆ Detroit Rotarian Liz Smith was a recent speaker at the Grosse Pointe Rotary Club.

◆ Bob Selwa from Mount Clemens and Smith were recognized as visiting Rotarians.

◆ Call Ron Vitale if you are able to host one of two families April 19-21.

◆ Smith has been active in the RotaPlast for about three years and has helped on four missions during the last two years for District 6400. She showed a video of the district's recently sponsored trip to the Philippines where 225 potential patients lined up for pre-screening to have work done on their cleft lips and palates, RotaPlast's main surgical priorities.

Of those prescreened, the team performed 125 procedures on 85 people, mostly children and young adults. The district plans to participate in and jointly sponsor a mission in the first quarter of 2010.

Contact Smith for more information.

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Families and youth from St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church of Grosse Pointe Farms participated in World Vision's 30 Hour Famine project. In its 18th year, the program raises awareness and money to fight hunger both overseas and in the United States. Ranging in age from 7 to 70, many parishioners are regular volunteers at the Gleaners Food Bank. Ben Wrobel and Jon Bamford load packed boxes of food onto the pallet. Both fasted for 30 hours from noon Saturday, Feb. 28 through 6 p.m. Sunday, March 1, to experience the feeling of hunger endured by many children around the world. Saturday afternoon, team leader Michelle Ketepa took seven children to a local grocery store for a lesson in shopping for a family of four on \$10 a day.

Feeding the hungry



Ten-year-old Jacob Schwessinger helps load the Gleaner food boxes.



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St. Ambrose sixth-grade students in the Cofraternity of Christian Doctrine class packed single-serving food items to be distributed by Gleaners. From left, Katie Robert, Ian Sutherland, Griffin Sharp, Andrew Sharp, Max Whalen, Drew Harrison, Michael Landuyt and Patty Allen.

Some 125 volunteers gathered at The Luther Center to assemble 17,600 food packages for hungry children locally, in the United States and worldwide.

First English Sunday School children raised \$4,200 to buy food for Kids Against Hunger, a non-profit organization feeding impoverished children worldwide for more than 20 years. To raise the money, children hosted a Vacation Bible School Kick-Off event, contributed to a penny jar, held a bake sale and a Mother and Dad Christmas Sale. The food packages contained six servings each for child that can be prepared in less than 20 minutes by adding boiling water. Participants also included a mixture of rice and 52 percent soy protein fortified with 21 essential vitamins and minerals, six dehydrated vegetables and chicken flavoring. The nutrient-rich formula is shown to reverse the starvation process and its effects.

One third of the prepared packages benefit local citizens, one third is distributed throughout the United States and one third is shipped abroad through private and corporate donations. First English member Michele Nehls, as agent for Thrivent for Lutherans, provided lunch for all participants; and Gerry Udell, chairman of parish education at First English, was in charge of the Kids Against Hunger effort.



Members of First English Evangelical Lutheran Church in Grosse Pointe Woods, Rachel Boutin, Chris Turbin and Kyle Ellis went door to door seeking either food or monetary donations.

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Practical skills come in handy

By Ann L. Fouty
Features Editor

A combination of theology, psychology and truck driving experience has led Canadian Ben Van Arragon to become the minister at First Christian Reformed Church of Detroit in Grosse Pointe Park.

Van Arragon said he trusts everything that happens fits into God's plan and is the reason he was called to the church founded in 1914.

He grew up near Toronto and graduated from Queen's University in Kingston, Ontario in 1999 with a bachelor's degree in health studies and psychology but wasn't sure what path to pursue. Van Arragon took a year off, driving a truck for a living until

enrolling in Tyndale University College & Seminary in Toronto. There he earned a Master of Divinity degree in counseling in 2003 with the goal of helping families and couples.

"I interned at a counseling clinic that offered free or affordable counseling as long as they would see an intern," he said.

His need to continue helping people and his religious upbringing took he and his wife, Melody, to Grand Rapids for two years where he studied preaching, reformed theology, Greek and Hebrew at Calvin College, earning a master's degree in divinity.

"In retrospect, it turned out. If it would have been streamlined, I wouldn't have taken

the psychology classes," Van Arragon said.

Combining his undergraduate studies and truck driving experiences, Van Arragon said it gave him a "broad window on the world and I delighted in the richness of the journey.

"It gave me the opportune snapshot for a conversation starter. The Pepsi truck driver put me in a world of appreciation to make a living in the service industry. It got me out of the books and gave me a whole set of skills. I had to work hard on the academic end to achieve success. It humbled me. It taught me how to navigate the real world, the adult world."

Before coming to the Park, Van Arragon served at the Shawnee Park Christian

Reformed Church in Grand Rapids.

"I learned about congregational life and how to be a pastor," he said.

He said he feels his multifaceted background will serve him well as he fulfills the church's mission — rooted in Christ. Growing in faith. Sharing in love — to the 100-adult member congregation.

First Christian Reformed Church of Detroit, 1444 Maryland, Grosse Pointe Park, has a 10 a.m. Sunday service, Sunday schools, children's worship, youth groups and offers God's Kids Early Learning Center Preschool and Daycare.

The church's phone number is (313) 824-3511. The daycare's phone number is (313) 821-8779.



PHOTO BY ANN L. FOUTY

The Rev. Ben Van Arragon is the new minister at First Christian Reformed Church of Detroit in Grosse Pointe Park.

CHURCH ACTIVITIES

Breakfast

Grosse Pointe Ecumenical Men's Breakfast is from 7:15 to 8:15 a.m., Friday, March 13, in the Grosse Pointe Memorial Church's Fellowship Hall, 16 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms.

The speaker will be Carol Marks, director of pastoral ministries at Grosse Pointe Memorial Church.

Buffet dinner

A Lenten buffet dinner will be served from 5 to 9 p.m. Friday, March 13, at The ARK at St. Ambrose, Hampton and Wayburn, Grosse Pointe Park. The cost is \$14 for adults, \$10 for children 6 to 10 years and \$12 for seniors.

Open door

Members of the Grosse Pointe Congregational Church, 240 Chalfonte, Grosse Pointe Farms, will work at the Open Door Rescue Mission Saturday, March 14. The public is invited to participate in the renovation and painting of the building located on the eastside of Detroit.

For more information, call Jeri Gleichauf at (313) 993-0848 or Lori Zurvalec at (313) 881-7084.

Play that Tune

The Lay Theological Academy presents "Play That Tune" at 4 p.m. Sunday, March 15, at First English Evangelical Lutheran Church, 800 Vernier, Grosse Pointe Woods.

John Lovegren of Jefferson Avenue Presbyterian Church will play church music from a variety of eras and traditions.

Lovegren is a native of New Orleans, holds a master's of church music degree from the New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary. He was organist and music director of Presbyterian churches in New Orleans and Cleveland from 1984-1994.

The cost is \$5.

St. Sabbas

The Russian Tea House serves lunch from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tuesday, March 17 at St. Sabbas Orthodox Monastery, 18745 Old Homestead, Harper Woods. The suggested donation is \$20.

The Royal Eagle dining facility offers a full menu of food from around the world from 5 to 10 p.m. Thursday March 19. All proceeds go toward the completion of the monastery.

For reservations, call (313) 521-1894.

Lenten service

First English Evangelical Lutheran Church, 800 Vernier, Grosse Pointe Woods offers two Lenten services at 10:30 a.m. and 7 p.m. Wednesday, March 18.

A freewill buffet lunch follows the morning service and freewill offering supper will be served at 6 p.m. The topic of study is "Rose Again, Ascended into Heaven at the Right Hand of God; Will Come to Judge the Living and the Dead." The topic of the Sunday, March 15 service is "Crucified, Died, Buried:

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Cyberspace topic of March 14 symposium

"Tackling Technology: Preparing, Managing, Protecting the Virtual World of Toddlers, Tweens and Teens" is the topic of a symposium for parents and professionals.

Presented by The Family Center of Grosse Pointe and Harper Woods, this year's symposium was planned in response to parents' concerns about the impact of technology on their children and families. The symposium is from 8 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Saturday, March 14, at Grosse Pointe South High School, 11 Grosse Pointe Boulevard, Grosse Pointe Farms.

Sadie Bolos, speaker, author and coach, will present the keynote address. Her topic is "The 21st Century Family: Everything Has Changed But Nothing Is Different."

Bolos is president and

founder of Bolos, Ame & Associates. She started her professional career in criminal justice after completing her bachelor's degree in criminal law at Wayne State University. As a police officer, a probation officer and later a businesswoman in sales and sales management, Bolos said she learned to see and take advantage of the "up side" in the worst of situations.

In this presentation, Bolos will address the good, the bad and the ugly of cyberspace. She will discuss the tools needed to help participants feel safe, competent and prepared and how to use technology as a positive, interactive communication tool.

The morning session, beginning at 10 a.m. offers three choices:

A) "Growing Up in a Digital Age" Scott Bruns, M.S.Ed., will discuss the "Millennial,"

"Echo Boomer" or "Net Gen" generations — those aged 11 to 30 years old. He will share his insights into this generation and what cultural influences helped shape who they are.

Bruno has worked with special needs and at-risk youth for more than 20 years. He has been a school psychologist for 17 years and has worked the last nine years for the Grosse Pointe Public School System.

B) "The Impact of Technology on Play and Learning," by Lori Warner, Ph.D., will answer the questions: "Should I let my baby watch 'Baby Einstein' videos?" "Does my 7-year-old need a cell phone?" "How much time should my 4-year-old spend watching television or on the computer?"

Warner will discuss the impact of technological ad-

vances on the play and learning of children from infancy through age 8.

She is a clinical psychologist and behavior analyst. In her role as director of Beaumont Hospital's HOPE Center for Human Development, she oversees training for parents and staff who work with autistic children.

C) "The Dark Side of the Internet: Predators and Child Pornography." John O'Brien, assistant U.S. attorney, will discuss how social networking sites, online want ads and video gaming are being used by child predators and others to exploit, bully or victimize children and teenagers. Another emerging concern is the creation of inappropriate or pornographic images of minors by minors.

This talk will focus on understanding these types of

Internet sites and understanding the ways to work with a child, identify problems and respond to victimization attempts. There will also be discussion involving examples of the actual victimization of minors and the criminal charges and penalties associated with such conduct.

O'Brien was an assistant prosecutor in Oakland County for more than 13 years and has been an assistant U.S. attorney for the past seven years. He specializes in the prosecution of child sexual assault and exploitation offenses.

The symposium's 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. sessions include:

D) "Cyber Bullying: Creating Safer Cyberspace." Craig Anderson will introduce participants to cyber bullying, including the forms of bullying, the types of online venues where bullying takes place and what recent studies teach about the phenomenon. He will also explore some ways to create safer cyberspace and respond to incidents of cyber bullying.

Anderson, a program specialist, has worked for the Michigan Roundtable for Diversity and Inclusion for almost 10 years.

Much of that time has been devoted to youth leadership programming designed to empower students and teachers to create safer, more inclusive schools and communities.

E) "A Whole New (Virtual) World: Internet, Video Games and Other Technological Use, Abuse, and Addiction Among Adolescents." David Votruba Ph.D., will explain while advancements in technology have transformed the nature of communication and entertainment among adolescents have been largely positive,

others present serious challenges for healthy development.

This session will explore issues related to Internet, video game and other technological use, abuse and addiction and consider these in light of clinical examples, research and theory concerning adolescent development. Practical information and strategies for both parents and teens will be presented and discussed.

Votruba is a licensed clinical social worker and psychotherapist in private practice in Ann Arbor.

F) "Strangers Online: Keeping Our Children Safe." Deputy Erin Diamond of the Wayne County Sheriff's Department alleges that cyber predators are "slicker, smarter and try harder, using text messaging, cell phones and web cams, to meet our kids."

Diamond will discuss how and why parents should monitor their children's websites, learn about Internet activity at their children's friends' houses and why it is important to know a child's password.

Diamond founded the sheriff's department Internet Crimes Unit in 1997. He follows Internet crime trends and is an electronic forensic examiner. Portraying himself as a teenager, Diamond makes 500 contacts per week with people trying to talk with and exploit children.

The cost of the program is \$25. Check-in is at 8 a.m. Attendees are asked to use Entrance E (the greenhouse doors) off Grosse Pointe Boulevard.

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Mary Jackel knew the time had come for her aging mother to move. "She always liked having people around, but she was living alone," says Jackel about her mother, a resident of Grosse Pointe Shores since the 1950s. "When she couldn't drive anymore, and experienced some health problems, we decided to consider assisted living."

Like Jackel, today's baby boomers are changing roles with their parents: grown-up children are now the family's primary caregivers and decision-makers. They're challenged by making the right changes to meet increasing health care needs, without sacrificing comfort. And the numbers of families thrust into these changing roles are on the rise, especially in this area.

Fortunately for Jackel and her family, the move to assisted living opened the door to a new home nearby. Jackel's mother is a resident of ShorePointe Village — owned and operated by Premier Health Care Management and Beaumont Hospitals since 2007.

Like Jackel's mother, the majority of ShorePointe Village residents are lifelong East-siders whose families are committed to maintaining the sense of community they've always enjoyed.

"Moving my mother to ShorePointe was an easy transition," says Grosse Pointer Chris O'Connor, whose mother also

resides at ShorePointe Village. "We were able to keep her in a familiar area, close to the family, surrounded by all of the things she knows and enjoys."

Nestled in an attractive residential area in St. Clair Shores near the Nautical Mile along Lake St. Clair, ShorePointe Village is part of a beautifully maintained campus that provides fine living with exquisite appointments, quality and endless opportunities for socializing, recreation, and autonomy. The campus also features ShorePointe Nursing

Center for those who require more comprehensive care, including long-term nursing and short-term rehabilitation.

Recently, Premier Health Care Management has focused its efforts on renovating the ShorePointe campus to create an unparalleled living environment. ShorePointe Village residents live in "neighborhoods" — a unique design plan that accommodates 10 residents per location, featuring spacious private suites with natural light, elegantly appointed common areas, luxu-

rious dining rooms with table-side meal service, and beautifully landscaped outdoor spaces.

Something for Everyone ShorePointe Village residents enjoy a variety of programs developed by a full-time activities coordinator. From exercise and gardening to group discussions and live entertainment, there is always an opportunity for residents to socialize with programs that meet individual interests and skills. A brand new beauty shop and ice cream parlor

complete the sense of "neighborhood," with so many amenities and activities right around the corner.

"Our living environment supports a dignified lifestyle that is safe, inspiring, and stimulating," says Anne Lahey, ShorePointe Village director. "Our residents enjoy as much independence as they want. We give them the opportunity to use the skills they need to remain vital and stay involved in their world and in their community."

Considering Change

"The decision to move from a family home is never easy. But if you ask others who have taken this step, you will nearly always hear: 'I wish we had done this earlier,'" according to Lahey.

"At ShorePointe, there is so much comfort, care, and love," says Jackel, "and we can still take mom for her favorite drives along the lake."

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Knowing When It's Time to Consider Assisted Living

Taking the first step to consider assisted living for an aging parent or spouse can be the most difficult. Often times adult children or spouses can miss important cues that signal a change in daily care is needed.

Here are some questions to ask yourself about your parent or spouse:

Is basic housekeeping a struggle?

Does food often go uneaten and then spoil?

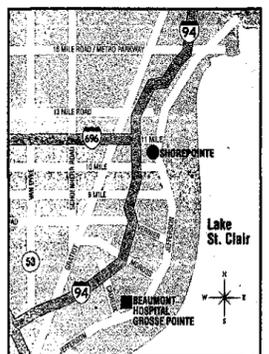
Do doctors appointments take up the majority of time that you spend together outside of the home?

Are there feelings of loneliness, or longing for more social opportunities with friends and neighbors?

Are medications taken correctly, each day?

Do you notice changes in appearances and hygiene?

At ShorePointe, our skilled professionals are both highly qualified and compassionate. We work closely with families who are faced with the possibility of change to help make transitions more manageable. Give us a call to schedule an appointment for a personalized tour, or to simply answer your questions.



Above: The warm, beautifully appointed main gathering room is perfect for relaxing and enjoying pleasant conversation.

Left: Residents enjoy visiting beautifully landscaped courtyards filled with a variety of colorful perennials as well as vegetables.

ShorePointe Village
Assisted Living Facility



Five generations

Five generations of the Urso family gathered for this picture. From left, Stella Urso of Eastpointe, Lucy Zelenak of Warren, V.J. Zelenak of Grosse Pointe Woods, Emily Zelenak of Canton and Brayden Klomparens of Canton. Urso has four children and 19 grandchildren.



Virginia Ficarra, left, and SOC's cable program hostess Fran Schomenberg.

Learning to downsize

When the house is too big, what do seniors do? What do you keep and what to pass? Should the house be sold? Or should rooms be closed off? When older adults get ready to downsize they are faced with these questions.

Many times the answers are not so easy.

Virginia Ficarra, a color specialist and design consultant, will appear on the Services for Older Citizens show for a week beginning March 23. The show is aired on Channel 5 and 915 on Comcast at 1 and 5:30 p.m. and 1 a.m. addressing the topic "downsizing the right way." She will talk about:

- ◆ Streamlining your lifestyle
- ◆ Restyling and nesting
- ◆ Personalizing a moving plan.

"Above all," Ficarra said, "to feel at home where you move, we can recreate your favorite rooms with your current furnishings, favorite colors and treasured items."

She will be giving advice on budgets to ensure purchases are affordable.

Ficarra has a checklist of how to downsize and make a home more appealing to a buyer.

Her ideas can be found at her website, rolocred@aol.com or through SOC's website.

Care and healing classes offered at center

The Valade Healing Arts Center, located within St. John Hospital and Medical Center, offers a variety of caring and healing classes and services.

Below is a listing of classes/services for March:

◆ Reiki Level I — 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Saturday, March 28. Reiki is an ancient, Japanese, hands-on healing method. Students learn the history of Reiki, basic hand positions and ways to use this energy in their own lives and in service to others. The cost is \$125.

◆ Reiki Level II — 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Saturday, March 14. Students receive attunements that intensify the Reiki energy.

Learn techniques for distance healing and furthering mental, spiritual, and emotional healing processes. The cost is \$195

◆ Intro to Reiki — 7 to 8:30 p.m. Thursday, March 19. Reiki is an ancient, Japanese

healing method. This evening will be an opportunity to experience a mini, hands-on Reiki session. Participants will also receive an explanation about Reiki energy healing and the many benefits of using Reiki. A \$5 donation is suggested.

◆ Emotional Freedom Technique — 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Saturday, March 28. Emotional Freedom Technique is a powerful tool for resolving almost any type of distress, such as: anxiety, addictions, phobias, anger, insomnia, traumatic memories, pain and other negative emotions.

The roots of EFT can be found in acupuncture. It works in a similar way, but instead of using needles, EFT employs the use of one's fingers, thus it is easy to do. It is also effective in helping people with cancer by relieving many of the side effects of chemotherapy, radiation and other oncology treatments. The cost is \$45.

◆ Radical forgiveness ceremony — 6 to 9 p.m. Wednesday, March 25.

Based on a Native American healing circle ceremony, this largely nonverbal process preserves privacy and anonymity.

yet has proven itself to be extremely powerful and effective in allowing people to forgive themselves and others, finding peace and happiness in the process.

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Descended into Hell."

Day of prayer

A Day of prayer will be held from 6 a.m. to 9 p.m. Thursday, March 19 on the Solemnity of St. Joseph at Historic St. Joseph Church, 1828 Jay, Detroit.

For more information, call (248) 250-6005.

Music and readings

Old St. Mary's Church hosts a service of music and readings featuring a performance of Stabat Mater by Franz Joseph Haydn at 8 p.m., Friday, April 10.

Performing will be soprano Gail Mitchell, contralto Catherine McKeever, tenor David Carle, baritone Davis Gloff and the Old St. Mary's Festival Choir and orchestra under the direction of Bob Barnhart.

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Crafters needed

Crafters are invited to participate in the 17th annual Holiday Mart, Crafts and Bake Sale in The Luther Center at First English Evangelical Lutheran Church, 800 Vernier, Grosse Pointe Woods.

The event will be from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 10.

Admission is \$1.50, and free for children under 12. Strollers are welcome. A light lunch will be available from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Proceeds will support church projects; Thrivent Financial will provide matching funds.

All show items must be hand-crafted.

To rent a space for \$32, two spaces for \$60 and a table for \$8, call Holiday Mart chairwoman Beverly Jackson at (586) 771-9049.

Deadline is Sept. 30 or until full.



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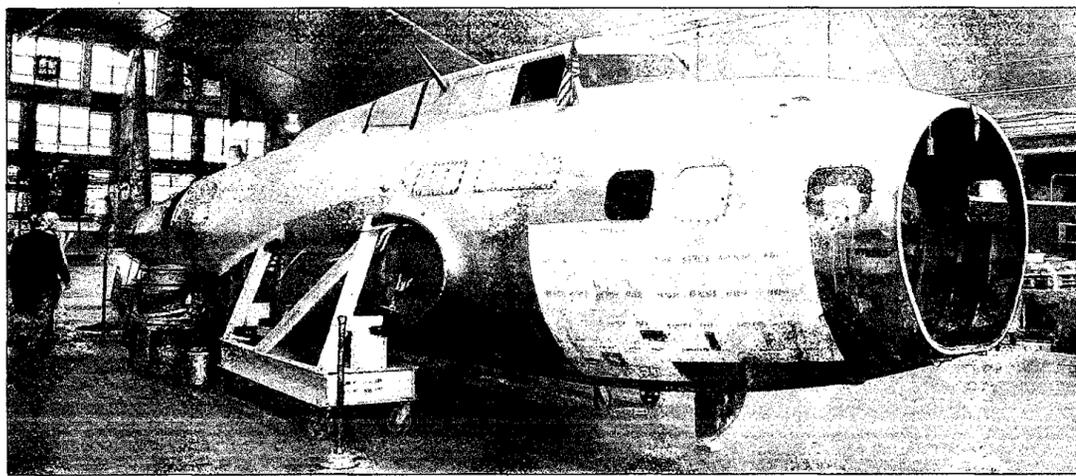
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BELLE: Dayton Museum showcases historic B-17

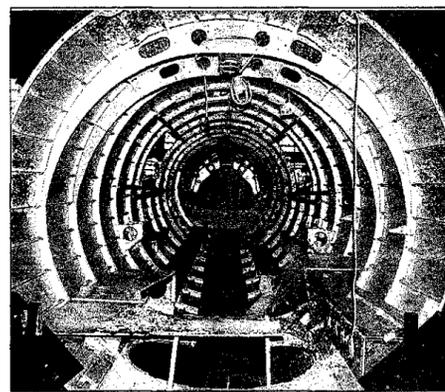
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changed. Swoose, an early D model with shark fin tail, is the oldest B-17 in the world. It sits beside Belle in the restoration hangar; fuselage in pieces, wings removed, engines partially disassembled and interior gutted. "Swoose arrived in better shape than the Belle," Deere said. "Belle sat outside for years where water could get to it. Swoose was put inside a building in 1960 and never saw rain again." Swoose, one of the first American aircraft to see combat in WWII, is really two planes in one. "It was in the Philippines," Meyer said. "Hours after the Japanese attacked Pearl

Harbor, they hit Clark Air Base in the Philippines. This airplane was one of the first to bomb Japanese positions in the Philippine area of conflict. It received enemy damage." After a few months of combat, it was damaged enough to need reconstruction. "It has a tail from another B-17," Meyer said. "That's how it got its name, a Swoose being half swan and half goose. So the airplane is a Swoose. This airplane was in the war from the beginning to the end, but it wasn't always used as a bomber." Although the museum is open all but three days per year, behind-the-scenes tours of the restoration hangars are given only on Fridays. Deere hopes visitors appreci-

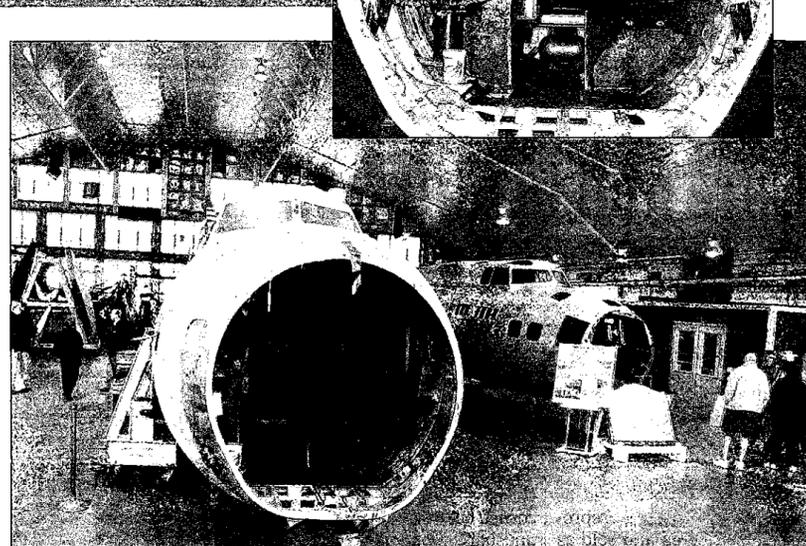
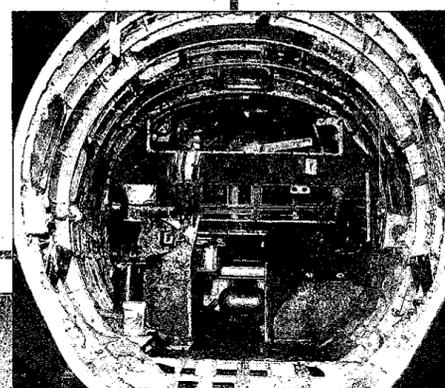
ate both the effort to restore the aircraft and the sacrifice by those who fought the war. He said a lot of veteran airmen who visit the hangars are drawn to tears. "They haven't been this close to a B-17 in years," Deere said. "They're reunited with what brought them back home." *The National Museum of the United States Air Force is located at 1100 Spaatz Street, Wright-Patterson AFB, Dayton, Ohio. Hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. seven days per week except Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year's Day. Admission to the museum and restoration hangars are free. So is parking.*

Behind-the-scenes tours are given only on Fridays at 12:15 p.m. Visitors must sign up no later than the Wednesday before the tour. Upon arrival at the museum, register by using government-issued photo identification, such as a driver's license. For more information, call (937) 255-3286 or visit afmuseum.com.



October 2005

Acquired by the USAF museum after being saved from the scrap heap for display in Memphis, Tenn. in 1946. Work in the restoration hangars is scheduled for completion in seven years, when Memphis Belle will be displayed in the museum.



Two World War II B-17 bombers, Swoose, left, and Memphis Belle, sit side-by-side during the early part of 10-year-restorations.

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DOWN TO EARTH By Kathleen Peabody

Quick fix for lawns or long term health?



First it was cigarette smoking that is banned in restaurants in Toronto and more than 30 states; Michigan still hasn't caught on.

As of April 22, Earth Day, Canada leads the way again. That's when Ontario will ban 85 "cosmetic" pesticides from use. (Cosmetic is the term used in Canada for home lawn care fertilizers and weed killers.)

According to Nancy Alderman, president of Environment and Human Health, Inc., a national non-profit organization dedicated to protecting human health from environmental harms through research, education and the promotion of sound public policy, most people don't consider weed and feed a pesticide. In fact, it is three herbicides: 2,4-D, mecoprop and dicamba. To date, research through several studies found a statistically higher incidence of non-Hodgkin's lymphoma in people exposed to 2,4-D. Data also suggest that MCPP

may cause cancer, birth defects, and mutagenic effects.

These products are especially hard on children and animals due to their body size.

Some companies offering these fertilizers claim that there is no research backing the individual herbicides. Alderman says since these herbicides are used together, their cumulative effects must be measured.

The health organization is made up of doctors, public health professionals and policy experts committed to the reduction of environmental health risks to individuals. Visit ehhi.org for more information.

The local connection

Two years ago, Mary Beth Palmer-Gierlinger of Grosse Pointe Park began a lawn and landscape service offering only organic products. After learn-

ing her mother's colleague had breast cancer and discovering the Grosse Pointe area has a higher than normal incidence of the disease, Geirlinger spent time discovering more about environmental issues that may contribute to the illness.

Her research led her to see there is a strong link between cancer rates and both lawn and house cleaning chemicals and came to learn there were no local businesses offering all-organic lawn fertilizers in Grosse Pointe.

And that's why Eco-Logic Lawn and Landscape came to be. It is the only Grosse Pointe-based company offering 100 percent organic materials for lawns, shrubs, trees and pest control.

Gierlinger says conventional lawn fertilizers are made with petroleum-based chemicals high in nitrogen that "addict"

lawns. While grass looks green, the top and layers below are actually damaged.

"My goal," said Gierlinger, "is not just to provide service to nourish the lawn and garden. I also want to help educate our clients in how to bring that lawn to a self-sustaining state." The long-term benefit is that the lawn learns to live on its own. Sustainability is something to consider during this economy and for the health of our children.

As you receive postcards and phone calls from lawn care companies who don't necessarily have your best interests in mind, be sure to ask the right questions:

1. Will you analyze my lawn?
2. Will you soil test and use only what's needed?
3. Will a slow-released fertilizer be used?
4. What type of herbicides

will be used?

5. How and how often will the chemicals be applied?

Demand proof of insurance, an analysis and material data safety sheets on each chemical.

I can now boast neighbors on both sides of us have begun using organic corn gluten on their lawns. Their grass continues to be green, not as weedy,

and as one neighbor put it, the only problem is it still has to be cut.

I'm grateful to live between neighbors who care about the health of children, animals and the planet.

Kathleen Peabody is an advanced master gardener who lives (and gardens) in Grosse Pointe Woods.

What's going on?

◆ Butterfly Gardening in Southeast Michigan, Sun., March 15, Belle Isle Nature Zoo. Presenter Brenda Dziedzic is cofounder and president of the Southeast Michigan Butterfly Association. The luncheon and meeting is from 12:30 to 2 p.m. and costs \$25. The program is from 2 to 3 p.m. and costs \$5. The event is sponsored by the Detroit Garden Center. For reservations, call (313) 259-6363, or e-mail detroitgardencentr@yahoo.com.

◆ Grosse Pointe War Memorial hosts the following garden programs in March. Call (313) 884-6638 to register.

◆ Mosaic Garden Art, 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Saturday, May 23. Instructor: Maxine Gardner. The \$97 fee includes registration and materials.

◆ Cheap Tricks for the Garden, 7 to 9 p.m. Tues., March 24. Mil Hurley instructs and the cost is \$26.

◆ Pruning, Everything you need to know, 12:30 to 2:30 p.m. Saturday, March 28. Mil Hurley instructs and the cost is \$26.

Tough Plants to Weather Tough Times, 7 to 9 p.m. Tuesday, April 21. Instructor: Mil Hurley instructs and the cost is \$26.

A LA ANNIE By Annie Rouleau-Scheriff

Cream cheese spread party style



1/2 cup pimento stuffed olives, chopped
4 to 5 teaspoons olive juice
crackers or toasted rye bread for serving

Place the softened cream cheese in a medium bowl and stir until smooth. Stir in the corned beef and the chopped olives. Lastly, stir in the olive juice, one teaspoon at a time.

Turn the mixture into a bowl or loaf pan that has been lined with a large sheet of plastic wrap. Cover and chill for an hour or more.

To serve, flip the molded spread onto a serving plate and surround with crackers or wedges of rye toast.

May the luck of the Irish be with you this St. Patty's Day.

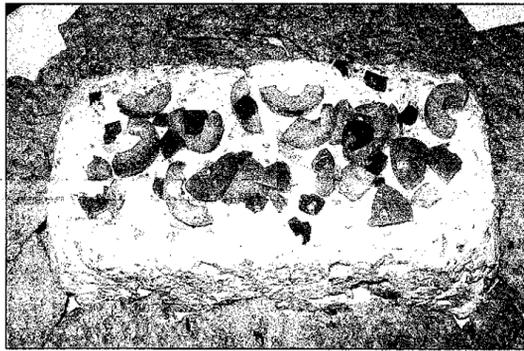


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This year I'll be spending St. Patrick's Day in northern California. It's my sister-in-law Colleen's birthday and I'm throwing her a little party. (She doesn't know!)

Among other appetizers, I'll be making a simple cream cheese spread loaded with corned beef and olives. This unusual combination is rather tasty (smear on a cracker or a wedge of rye toast). The spread has been a longtime favorite of the Caton brothers from Berkley.

Eileen's Cream Cheese Spread

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Eileen's Cream Cheese Spread is a long-time favorite at any gathering.

Students compete for zoo poster

Student artists from the College for Creative Studies are being asked to create and submit artwork for a Detroit Zoo Poster Competition and Exhibition.

The submission selected as Best in Show will be reproduced, distributed and sold as the official Detroit Zoo poster. The original artwork will become part of the zoo's permanent art collection.

Their creativity and talent will no doubt capture the zoo's uniqueness, spirit and essence," said zoo Executive Director Ron Kagan.

Submitted artwork will be judged by a panel of jurors from the Detroit Zoological Society, CCS and Doner Advertising. Award selection criteria will be based on artistic merit, originality, creativity, innovation and adherence and relevance to the competition theme.

Scholarship contributions will be awarded to the best-in-show as well as first- and second-place winners. Third-through fifth-place winners will receive individual Detroit Zoo memberships and four honorable mentions will receive zoo admission, parking, concession and ride tickets.

The winning posters will be unveiled at an awards ceremony at the zoo in May. All artwork submitted for the competition will be exhibited at the Detroit Zoo's Ford Education Center May 17 — Sept. 7.



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FEATURES II

HEALTH
High road to Niagara
 Pointer enjoys scenic ride **PAGE 2B II**

The future of health care

As Henry Ford Cottage Hospital celebrates 90 years in the Grosse Pointe community, the future of hospitals everywhere was unveiled to the media in West Bloomfield recently.

The new \$360 million, 300-private bed full-service facility that opens in Oakland County March 15 will create 1,200 jobs. The 730,000 square-foot hospital will eventually be staffed by 2,300 medical professionals, including 500 primary care physicians and specialists.

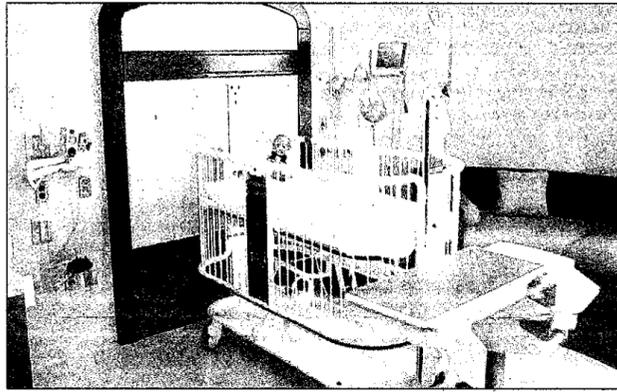
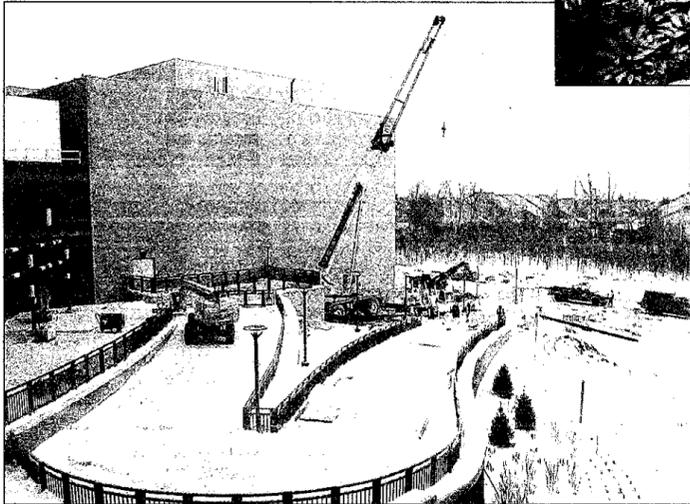
The hospital is the first built by Henry Ford Health System

since its flagship hospital in Detroit opened in 1915. It's the seventh in Henry Ford's regional hospital network, which also features Henry Ford Cottage Hospital in Grosse Pointe Farms.

Modeled after a northern Michigan lodge, the hospital features Michigan-quarried fieldstone, river rock and skylights in its three-story grand atrium, as well as a place for multi-denominational reflection.

"We have completely changed the hospital paradigm

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Above, trees and water are part of the three-story grand atrium of the new Henry Ford West Bloomfield Hospital, located on 160 acres on the south side of Maple. At far left, finishing touches are being made to the \$360 million facility. At left, a pediatrics wing of the hospital offers comfort and privacy for the whole family.

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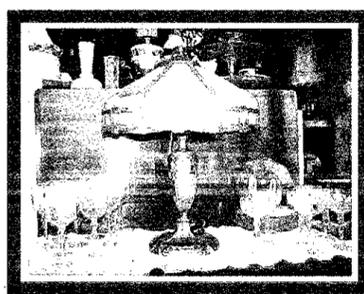
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Taking the high road to Niagara Falls

Pointer bikes from Detroit to Canada

By Michael Goodell
Special Writer

09/01/08 - 09/05/08

DAY ONE: Detroit to Wallaceburg, Ontario

Depart: 6:36 a.m.
Distance: 71.48 miles
Avg. speed: 13.4 mph

Arrive: 1:46 p.m. Max. speed: 23.4 mph Ride time: 5 hrs. 19 min.

I set out at first light, some 23 minutes later, the sun rose an angry orange over a still-slumbering Lake St. Clair. It was going to be hot, but at least the wind wasn't blowing. Except for a long detour around Selfridge Air National Guard Base, my route followed the lake shore all the way to the St. Clair River.

I picked up M-29 in New Baltimore. There were quite a few cyclists on the road, which is why it makes sense for the State of Michigan to provide bicycle lanes and trails. Cyclo-tourism is a growing activity, one with the potential to bring substantial tourist dollars to the state.

New Baltimore had seemed nothing more than an unpleasant bottleneck to be endured on the way to the island. But on the bike, I noticed things I never had in a car, like Main Street. There is a pleasant little town off the main road, including a historic district and a functional downtown.



Port Stanley, Ontario.

I stopped for a break at St. John's Marsh, named for William St. John, a real estate developer who built The Colony, Michigan's first exclusive gated community. Its water tower, disguised as a lighthouse, has served as a landmark since 1925. The Michigan Department of Natural Resources bought the land in 1977 to preserve an essential piece of the largest fresh water delta on the Great Lakes.

At Algonac, where the St.

Clair River enters the delta region, there is a monument to the Speedboat Capital of the World. It was here that Gar Wood and Christopher Smith built the first of 11 record-setting speedboats. After the first, Smith started the ChrisCraft Boat Company. For years it was headquartered in Algonac and even after relocating to Florida, the company kept a factory there until the 1970s.

Just north of town, Algonac State Park sprawls along the St.

Clair River shoreline. The campground was crammed with tents and trailers as people savored the last weekend of summer. Lined on both sides by houses grand and small, the river offers an accessible aquatic lifestyle.

In stark contrast to this idyllic state, chemical factories and power plants loomed along the shoreline to the north. Swirling spires of smoke and steam poured from their massive chimneys.

I rode up to Marine City where the Blue Water Ferry beckoned. I had to go north to go east because bikes are banned from the tunnel and the Ambassador Bridge.

It cost me \$1 to cross, in the company of one car, and three other cyclists. Mom, Dad and teenaged son had ridden over from Sombra for breakfast. The father looked at my saddlebag-laden bike and said, "I bet you're going further than we are." Since their trip would total fewer than five miles, I had to agree.

On the Canadian side, I took the St. Clair Parkway south along the river. In spots there was a bike lane or trail, but for the most part it was just two narrow, heavily-traveled lanes lined by an iffy-looking gravel shoulder. The sealing tar poured into the cracks on the edge of the road was melting in the heat, grabbing at my tires and making it hard to stay upright. Forced to ride 3 feet from the shoulder, with traffic roaring past at close quarters and the day growing steadily hotter, it was something less than fun.

This was a good introduction to Canadian riding, where there are few shoulders. I suppose in the second largest country in the world, with fewer citizens than the state of California, it's hard enough to keep the roads paved, let alone put in shoulders. Given a

choice between paved shoulders and a national health care system, they chose the latter.

As a cyclist, I thought they'd made the wrong choice, though if I were to get hit by a car, I might reconsider. My plan was to get at least to Wallaceburg, and maybe all the way to Chatham. Rolling at 12:55 p.m., I had plenty of time to go further. On the other hand, it was awfully hot and the wind had picked up. On my other rides I tended to push it too hard the first day and paying the price for the rest of the trip. Lunch seemed like a good venue for considering my options, but I passed restaurant after restaurant before finding one that was open.

After lunch, I decided to call it a day. I found a Days Inn on the edge of town, across from a restaurant called Crabby Joe's, whose slogan was "Eat Here — And Go Home!"

DAY TWO: Wallaceburg to Port Stanley, Ontario

Depart: 6:30 a.m.
Distance: 89.03 miles
Avg. speed: 13 mph

Arrive: 4 p.m. Max. speed: 34.4 mph Ride time: 6 hrs. 50 min.

Not a bad day, but a hard one, a long one, and a hot one. It started out horribly, but ended nicely in a quaint fishing village on the Erie shore.

After a good night's sleep, I stood in front of the motel, sipping coffee and waiting for dawn, marveling at all the cars and trucks rumbling past at 6:15 a.m. I eschewed busy Highway 40 for the seemingly more serene Base Line Road and pedaled east through the morning mist. It didn't burn off with the rising sun, but thickened, as did the traffic.

The shoulder of the narrow road was dressed with loose

gravel and sloped away from the pavement. I couldn't ride there and didn't want to ride on the road to trust drivers to see me in the soup. For the first hour my ride consisted of four pedal strokes, followed by a glance over my shoulder in search of headlights. I couldn't look away for more than four strokes or a car would be upon me. When I did see lights, I quickly cleated out, hit the brakes and swerved onto the shoulder, planting my feet to keep from slewing over.

I finally bailed out at a crossroads and headed south on a quieter road. Strangely, this road was not highlighted as a recommended route on the Ontario Bicycle Touring Atlas, whereas the vehicular abattoir I'd just escaped was.

I stopped for coffee and a muffin at a rustic general store in Kent Bridge, where friendly people kept dropping in. Then, headed south again, crossing the River Thames, a sleepy, sluggish, greenish-brown, perhaps moping because it lacks the acclaim of its more storied British cousin.

Ridgetown is a still prosperous market town, which not surprisingly, occupies a ridge. The culmination of the bluffs rising from Lake Erie, it continues pretty much uninterrupted along an east-west line, some five to eight miles north of the shore, to the Grand River Valley, where the geography alters, dominated by the Niagara escarpment.

Many creeks and streams originate along this ridge and during rainy season, they crash thunderously down steep gullies to the lake.

I turned east on Highway 3, the Talbot Trail, at Morpeth, which was the home of Archibald Lampman, a prominent 19th century Canadian poet. He died at the age of 38 in 1899, and is buried just down the road at the Anglican Church cemetery. Founded in 1845, the church presides over a collection of gravestones old and new, commemorating the hardscrabble existence the mostly Scottish settlers eked out of the harsh climate and fertile soil of the region.

One can't help but recall Lampman's words:

"Yet, patience—there shall come
Many great voices from
Life's outer sea.
Hours of strange triumph,
and, when few men heed,
murmur and glimpses of
eternity."

Of course, it's especially easy to recall them when they're printed on Lampman's monument, which dominates the entrance to the cemetery.

Seriously, a solitary cyclist develops a special relationship with cemeteries. On lonely back roads, crossing miles of open farmland with few towns and fewer amenities, cemeteries are the one constant resource for peaceful rest and valuable shade. Plus, as is the case with Lampman's resting place, they often occupy sites of beauty and offer pleasing vistas.

Though not very wide and lacking a shoulder, Highway 3 is lightly traveled and runs along the ridge, with Lake Erie rarely out of view. East of St. Thomas, it becomes a race track for semi's and is not recommended for cyclists. Fortunately, where the highway veers northeast toward St. Thomas, new travel opportunities arise. Swinging south at Wallaceburg, Fingal Line leads to Fingal, where Highway 20 runs down to Port Stanley.

Fingal Line runs past Port Talbot, the original settlement of Thomas Talbot, the Scotsman who settled this region, importing hundreds of families to build houses and work the land. He ruled his domain like a private fiefdom until the Provincial government assumed control in the late 1800s. A couple miles east of Port Talbot, Highway 14 runs north to Iona.

Just a half-mile up the road lies the Southwold Stone Age Earthworks, erected in 1500 by "The Neutrals," a more pacific

See RIDER, page 3B II

Relief for Aching Feet!

One of the most neglected areas of our body is the foot. We complain about them, stuff them into improperly fitted shoes or just plain ignore the signals they send us.

The foot is the foundation of your body and if that foundation is out of alignment you can experience problems not only in your feet but throughout your trunk. Many people think foot problems are caused from poorly fitted shoes. While this is partially true, the fact is most foot problems come from a foot that inherited biomechanical defects.

IMPROVE YOUR BALANCE
For example, feet must support about twice our body's weight with each step we take. A foot with even a small biomechanical malfunction can wind up being painful. Biomechanical problems can encourage the formation of bunions, hammer toes, heel spurs, plantar fasciitis (arch pain) and any number of other foot ailments.

What can you do if you have any of these problems? First, have your feet properly measured and assessed, including your gait pattern. Doing so allows for a proper footwear recommendation.

By Joe Dymant, C. Pod



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In addition to proper shoes, you may require an accommodative or functional orthotic to help balance the biomechanical function of your feet. This device fits comfortably in the shoe and helps the foot function in a more normal manner. It is important to have the proper orthotic design to give you the best results. Knee, hip and back pain can often be helped with orthotics and proper footwear as well.

DIABETIC FEET NEED EXTRA CARE
Diabetes disrupts the vascular system, affecting many areas of the body such as the eyes, kidneys, legs, and feet. As such, people with diabetes should pay special attention to their feet and wear properly fitted shoes to help keep the feet healthy. It is very important for diabetics with neuropathy or loss of feeling in the foot to take necessary precautions to prevent injury. If you have diabetes and are experiencing a foot problem, immediately consult with your foot doctor. In addition to loss of feeling in the feet, diabetics are prone to complications such as changes in foot shape and ulcers, or sores that do not heal.

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RIDER: Heading to Niagara

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offshoot of the Iroquois nation. They built earthwork walls and redoubts at this site, steadily expanded them, and survived until Mohawk and Seneca raids wiped them out in 1650.

Having drained my last water bottle during my Southwold exploration, I was relieved to find another rustic general store in Fingal. The clerk informed me there were accommodations in Port Stanley and recommended the Inn at the Harbour. But when I stopped there, after screaming down a steeply winding road to the mouth of Kettle Creek, I was told bluntly that I couldn't put my bike in my room. When I asked if there was a secure place to lock it, the receptionist grinned smugly and said, "Sorry," like she didn't mean it.

I said "good-bye," like I did mean it. Just up the road, the Kettle Creek Inn was far more accommodating. Perhaps this is because Jean Strickland, who owns the inn with her ex-husband, Gary Bedova, is an avid cyclist herself. In fact, she recently finished a 4,400 mile ride from Istanbul to Beijing. Her son, Dean, told me Jean suffered a heart attack a few years back. "That changed her life," he said. She devoted herself to fitness and to pursuing the sort of adventures most of us keep relegated to the realm of dreams.

The Kettle Creek Inn was originally built in 1849 as a summer home. In 1918 it opened as the Port Stanley Inn and was renovated and enlarged in 1983 and 1990. Today it offers 10 rooms and five suites, with two additional buildings surrounding an attractive garden and gazebo offering outdoor dining. Inside there are two dining rooms and an English-style pub. The staff is friendly and happy to make their guests feel at home — and the dining is top notch. I had a Lake Ontario Trout Cake with a Pelee Island Sauvignon Blanc and beef tenderloin with sautéed vegetables and garlic and horseradish mashed potatoes.

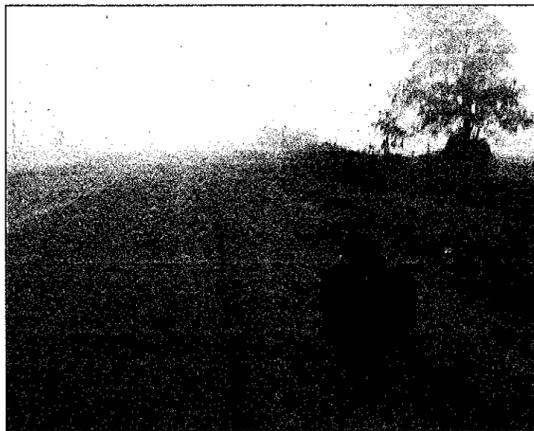
DAY THREE: Port Stanley to Dunnville, Ontario

Depart: 6:30 a.m.
Distance: 108.92 miles
Avg. speed: 13.3 mph.

Arrive: 5:36 p.m. Max. speed: 36.9 mph Ride time: 8 hrs. 10 min.

This morning I was immediately confronted with an ascent as steep as yesterday's concluding descent. With 160 miles on my legs in two days and no time to loosen up, it wasn't long before I surrendered to the grade and walked the second half of the slope. But, no matter; I decided long ago that there is no shame in walking.

It was very foggy again, but unlike yesterday, there were virtually no cars. It was a won-



Foggy morning leaving Port Stanley.

derfully mystical setting, with bands of fog in the distance. Gazing across a field at a tree line, the bottom third was obscured by fog. The middle third was clearly visible, but another band covered the rest. The sun struggled to burn through and eventually did, but not before casting the sky in an ethereal peach/gold hue. When the sun vanquished the fog, it burned away the morning chill. Soon it was hot. It turned into a six water bottle day.

I rode for 24 miles along Lake Erie, through corn, soy bean, tobacco and hay fields. Workers were harvesting the tobacco, heaping bundles on flatbed wagons and loading them into the distinctive drying sheds.

I stopped in Port Burwell for breakfast. The town had a dysfunctional feel to it, as if it were Port Stanley's ne'er-do-well brother. A once-prosperous port community, it now depends on the kindness of tourists who come for the miles of sandy beaches. The one open restaurant served a decent breakfast though, and those three eggs, bacon and hash browns gave me energy until well past noon.

The Erie coast is dotted with forgotten towns, most of which are little more than smudges on the map. Each is located at the mouth of a creek, some of which are broad as rivers. It may be because they are so short, rising on the ridge not far inland that they don't qualify as rivers. The road travels along the bluff overlooking the lake and swoops precipitately down to the town. After a quick transit of the creek over a bridge, the road begins a steep ascent around a hairpin turn back to the top of the bluff.

About eight miles past Port Burwell I came to the Sand Hills, a collection of dunes along the shore. Now a private park, it offers camping, hiking and swimming. The gatekeeper waived the \$5 day use fee since I only wanted to look around.

The dunes are tall and severe, their slopes carved by the insistent wind. They evoked a sense of desolation, on a weekday in September, after all the children had returned to school; a worthwhile stop.

Continuing east, I entered the Long Point Biosphere, which is a rather grandiose title for a wildlife refuge. Long Point is a thin spit of shifting sand extending some 20 miles into Lake Erie. It harbors marsh-

lands on its leeward side and is a Mecca for birdwatchers from around the world.

The day kept growing hotter; but what little wind there was blew from the west, gentling me along my way. The land here is quite tame, except for the sudden dips into derelict towns.

At Normandale I stopped at yet another general store for yet another bottle of water. Founded in 1815 by John Mason, the town rose to prominence in 1828 when Joseph van Norman turned it into Canada's leading iron production center. Two decades later, with the ore played out and the timber all harvested, Normandale lapsed back into obscurity, known today only by a handful of cottage owners.

The ride was longer than I expected, following the undulating shoreline. It was nearing 3 p.m. by the time I made it to Port Dover and I already covered 72 miles. Time to stop, but I was still too far from Port Colborne, where the Niagara Region Circle Route began.

I was looking forward to a relaxing day of exploring the Welland Canals and the Lake Ontario shore and I wouldn't be able to do that if I had to ride 50 miles just to get to the beginning.

Port Dover is Ontario's leading sport fishing center and home to the largest freshwater fishing fleet in the world. It also has the world's worst Visitor Information Center. I wanted to find out how far it was to Dunnville or Port Colborne and whether there were any motels or inns along the way, but the clerk was on the phone. Though she saw me, she made no acknowledgment of my presence. For the next 15 minutes she continued her personal conversation while I searched for a brochure which



The Niagara Regional Circle Route along the Welland Canal.

might provide an answer.

Finally I learned from a passer-by there were no motels until Dunnville, some 30 miles away. Out on the open road, the wind had freshened and blew at my back, pushing me down the road at close to 20 miles an hour. Still, approaching exhaustion, even making good time, it became harder to stay on the bike. Saddle sore and road weary, my breaks became more frequent and lasted longer.

It was with a feeling of achievement and relief that I arrived at Dunnville. Located on the banks of the aptly named Grand River, it had assumed an aura of greatness in my mind. It was with dismay I crossed the bridge and found a moribund town. I gave up almost immediately on reprising my Kettle Creek Inn experience and pedaled around in search of a gas station where I could find out where the motels were.

There being no gas stations, I started looking for sentient beings whom I could ask. I found none, only a senior citizen who almost ran me over while leaving a Basic Foods parking lot. He scanned the road for cars and seeing none, pulled out. Fortunately, having watched his eyes, I was already putting on my brakes as he accelerated. More than 106 miles at this point, I was too tired to even yell at him.

I headed east first, but found only a rapid return to farmland. I headed back to town and north on the Grand River Scenic Parkway. A pedestrian told me there were a couple motels "not too far away."

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RIDER: Traveling alone to the falls

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River. The alternative was a 28-mile-long trench from the Grand River, dug by hundreds of laborers in a matter of months. The Welland Canal opened and Great Lakes transportation was changed forever.

Cole mentioned a little-traveled road which ran alongside the feeder canal, all the way to the Welland, where I could pick up the Niagara Region Circle Route. So my plans changed, and my impression of Dunnville was materially brightened. Still, on the walk back to my ratty little room, I couldn't help but notice the contrast between the town as it was and the vast potential of its setting and history.

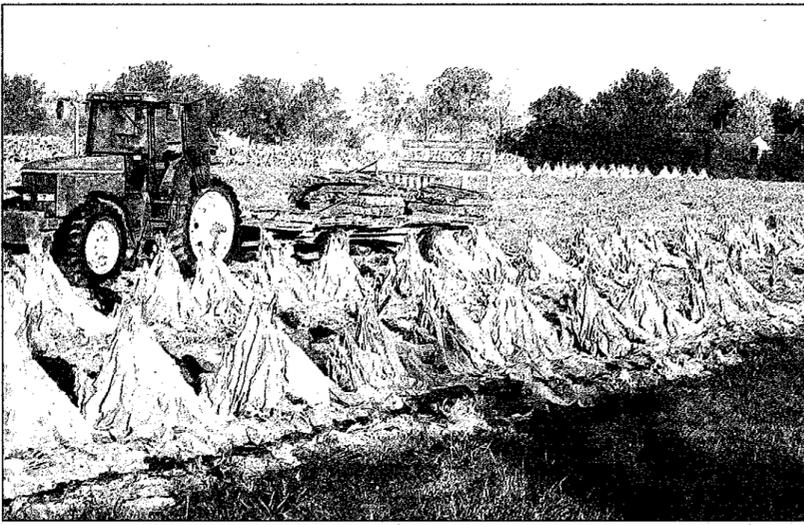
DAY FOUR: Dunnville to Niagara-on-the-Lake

Depart: 6:33 a.m.
Distance: 61.14 miles
Avg. speed: 11.9 mph.

Arrive: 2:05 p.m. Max. speed: 23.4 mph Ride time: 5 hrs. 7 min.

The Canal Bank Road diverged from Highway 3 about four miles south of Dunnville and offered ideal riding conditions all the way to Welland. Here it disappeared, but before long, the original Welland Canal reappeared. No longer used for shipping, it hosts a series of courses for rowing competitions.

It was here I picked up the Niagara Region Circle Route which runs north from Port Colborne to the end of the Welland Canal, then east to Niagara-on-the-Lake on the Waterfront Trail, south to Fort Erie on the Niagara Recreation Trail, and finally west back to Port Colborne on the Heritage Trail. It runs 88 miles, and so can be done in a day, but take



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Above, a tobacco harvest near Wallaceburg. At right, Konzelmann Vineyard sloping to the Lake Ontario shore.

two and enjoy the sights.

Paved trails run along both sides of the old canal for several miles before joining the modern Welland at Port Robinson. On the east side, the trail rolls along beneath an avenue of mature trees, with the canal on the left and the Welland River flowing on the right, some 15 feet below.

There are seven locks on the Welland Canal, a major improvement over the 40 sported by the original. This was some of the most enjoyable riding of the entire trip. The trail sloped, first steeply down the Niagara escarpment, and then gently all the way to Lake Ontario. Each of the vast locks is large enough to hold the biggest Great Lakes freighter. The Cedarglen was rising in the sixth lock as I rode past. The others were empty until Lock 3, where there is an observation deck and museum.

I crossed a bridge over the final lock and headed east on the Waterfront Trail, which I followed eight miles to Niagara-on-the-Lake. Before long I saw a sign for the 9/11 Memorial Walkway and followed the lane to the Ontario

shore. I found a gravel path snaking along between two rows of native Canada trees planted in memory of the 27 victims who either had been Canadians or had strong Canadian ties. It was poignant, on this day, just one week before the seventh anniversary, to read the stories of those memorialized here.

The Waterfront Trail mainly runs along Route 87, the Lake Shore Road. It consists of that Canadian rarity, a wide shoulder. The riding was easy and the countryside given to orchards and vineyards with a winery or fruit stand popping up every 100 yards it seemed. I stopped at one, and asked if I could buy just one peach. "Sure," the woman said. "How much? You can have it." It was a white flesh peach and was delicious. I told her I didn't know if it was because I'd already ridden 100 kilometers, or because it was free, but it was the best peach I had ever tasted.

A little further along, I stopped at the Konzelmann Winery, where the grapevines grew in rows to the water's edge, a lovely setting. The tast-

ing room was inside a building resembling a giant dovecote. I tried a Riesling, a Gewurztraminer and a Pinot Noir.

Entering Niagara-on-the-Lake, I found a sprawl of cars creeping along High Street, with hordes of pedestrians hindering their progress and hundreds more it seemed pouring out of tour buses every minute. For once it was an advantage to be on a bike as I made much better time than the cars. It took me awhile, but I eventually landed at the surprisingly affordable Prince of Wales Hotel. This was a robust three story structure which dominated the street across from the park and stretched the entire block.

It had been a surprisingly easy 60 miles. Perhaps being cool and cloudy in the morning made it easier, but I had no problems on the road. It was a different story at the end. After a shower and change into civilian garb, I set out to explore the town.

Halfway around the block I gave up. My legs were so tired and I realized with only a power bar and a peach to eat all day, I was starving. Fortunately there was an Irish pub right there, appropriately called The Irish Pub.

I staggered inside and ordered a Smithwick's Ale with the last of my strength. After a few sips I was sufficiently restored to inquire about food. Perusing the menu, I settled on a traditional Irish pub dish of Buffalo Chicken Wings. While I was licking my fingers a man walked in and asked, in a thick Irish brogue, how the wings were. I mumbled my approval and we got to talking.

His name was Mickey. A Great Lakes merchant marine, he was taking the year off to drink his way across Canada. He had come to town two weeks ago, planning to stay for two days. He said he didn't know when he would leave, with so many bars within walking distance. After hearing his stories of growing up fighting in Belfast, I declined his offer to accompany him on his evening ramblings. Restored by the wings, I now had enough energy to think about dinner. Wandering along the High Street, wending my way through mobs waiting to get into restaurants or for shows to



open, I studied the menu at each place and finally decided, while acknowledging the irony of it, to have a pizza at Bistro Six-One.

DAY FIVE: Niagara-on-the-Lake to Niagara Falls, Ontario

Depart: 7:10 a.m.
Distance: 25.08 miles
Avg. speed: 8.8 mph

Arrive: 1 p.m. Max. speed: 24.2 mph Ride time: 2 hrs. 51 min.

Leaving Niagara-on-the-Lake, I passed Fort George where I learned a bit of the city's history. Established in 1778 by Loyalists fleeing the American Revolution, it had thrived in the early days as a shipping and farming center.

During the War of 1812, when the British and Americans fought all along the Niagara Gorge, American troops invaded the city and burned it to the ground. Rebuilt following the cessation of hostilities, the historic center of Niagara-on-the-Lake retains the genteel atmosphere of 19th century England.

The actions and atrocities of that conflict are lost to most Americans. While they remain fresher in Canadian memories, it doesn't prevent the merchants and hoteliers along the Niagara River from welcoming the hordes of American tourists who flock to the region.

The Niagara River Gorge is crammed with historical and geologic significance. As the trail scales the Niagara escarpment, the cliffs grow higher and steeper and the river narrows. Carrying all the waters of the Great Lakes between its banks, the Niagara River features some of the most ferocious rapids in the world.

A favorite site, some three miles north of Niagara Falls, is the White Water Walk, a 1/4-mile-long boardwalk alongside the churning rapids.

Tourists have been visiting the site since 1876, when a steam-powered incline railway provided access.

After the railway and its station burned in 1932, the Niagara Parks Commission built a 230-foot-deep elevator shaft and 240-foot-long tunnel to the river's edge. The walkway was subject to frequent

washouts before hydroelectric projects on both sides of the river diverted half the river volume. Portions of the original walkway are still visible higher up the cliff.

The bike trail ends at the White Water Walk, forcing cyclists to negotiate the lunatic bustle of Niagara Falls on the road. Ever since the first tourists arrived at the falls, promoters and hucksters have devised schemes to separate them from their money.

Though the tacky arcade attractions have long since been pushed further up the hill, the original spirit continues undiminished. There are now two casinos overlooking the falls. It has always struck me as ironic that, given the spectacular nature of the scene, even at half volume, the attitude of developers has been, "We have to come up with a way to amuse these people." Looking at the falls themselves should be amusement enough to last a lifetime.

The day's plan was to ride down to Fort Erie, and then back up to Niagara Falls, an easy 45 miles, all on bike trails. There my wife, Mary, would pick me up and we would head over to Buffalo for the Antique & Classic Boat show. The Tropical Storm Hannah decided if she could make it in New York she could make it anywhere. While the heavy rain was limited to the Atlantic coast, she announced her arrival with a gale blowing up from the south. My first taste of headwinds on this trip was enough to alter my plans.

I only made it 5 miles below Niagara Falls.

At the end of a bridge over the intake pond for the Niagara Region Hydroelectric plant, there was a down slope followed by a sharp left turn. When I made the turn the wind hit me broadside. It nearly blew the bike out from under me. I could feel the tires slipping on the pavement and decided that was enough. I knew I could cover the next 15 miles, I just didn't think I needed to. I had nothing to prove.

Instead I turned around and headed back north. I probably turned my pedals a total of six times that last five miles and coasted along averaging 10 miles an hour.

It was the perfect end to an ideal trip.

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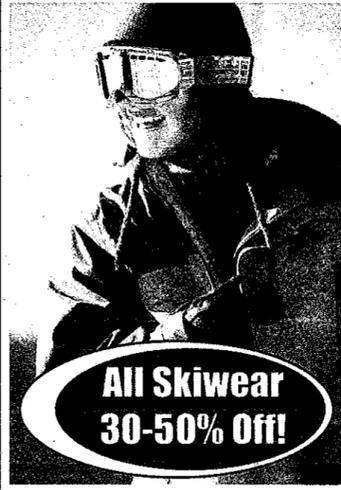


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CAREGIVING By Terri Murphy

Living arrangements and care options



Editor's note: This is the second of a two-part series on care options.

It can be helpful to recognize that living environments and care options are two separate and distinct considerations. Living Environments refer to where a person physically resides or calls home. For some living environments, care may be provided as part of the arrangement (such as in assisted living or nursing care centers.)

Private Residence—A private residence is often the first choice, as "there's no place like home." This arrangement is referred to as "Aging-in-Place," meaning growing old in the home where a person has lived

for years. For many people, this might appear to be the only choice, as the thought of change can be overwhelming. In situations where the physical layout and the functionality of a person's home do not meet their needs, remodeling may be an option. If remodeling, consider potential safety concerns (adding grab bars by the toilet and bath, adding handrails and ramps, changing doorknobs and faucets to lever handles, etc.) When care is needed, you will need to arrange to have care brought into the home.

Senior/retirement communities—There are a variety of living arrangement options dedicated to meeting the needs of older adults. Communities that offer the full range of options are said to offer a "continuum of care." In other words, as a person's condition or illness progresses, requiring a change in care needs, a person can be moved from one level or living environment to another

within a community, thereby providing uninterrupted care (assuming space is available).

Independent living—refers to a secure and carefree independent living environment, where a person or couple has a private residence within a building or on a campus setting. Living quarters may include wider doors, emergency call systems, and feature assistive devices such as grab bars in bathrooms. Monthly fees typically cover the living quarters, on-site security, and maintenance services. Additional services such as housekeeping, meals, transportation, and activities are often available—additional charges may apply.

Assisted living—typically refers to studio, one-bedroom or two-bedroom apartments with a compact kitchen area. General support services are available to address common challenges facing older adults. Residents are encouraged to participate in activities and use

common areas. Services include meals, and help with dispensing medications, personal care assistance, laundry, activities and other concierge type services—additional charges may apply. The staff providing assistance is a resource shared by the residents. Access to health care may be available on a limited basis.

Skilled nursing facility—refers to a semi-private (shared), furnished living environment. Meals and activities are provided in addition to around the clock care. A nurse's aide or certified nursing assistant provides the non-medical care. Medical care is provided by an RN or LPN. Staffing typically reflects a ratio based on the number of residents (e.g. 10 to 1). Nursing units are equipped to handle residents' medical, mobility and care needs, on both a short-term and long-term basis. Larger facilities often have multiple or tiered nursing care

units, to cater to people that require less care, versus those that require constant monitoring or attention.

Specialized/institutional care—refers to a living environment designated to address the needs of people with significant mental or physical limitations (hospitals, skilled nursing dementia units, rehabilitation centers, and hospice centers.)

Continuing care retirement communities—are also referred to as Life Care Communities. For this arrangement, a person buys in to a community, and is contractually guaranteed lifetime living and care arrangements. CCRC's offer a full continuum of care, and are responsible for providing suitable housing and care based on a person's needs. Many communities charge a one-time initiation or entrance fee.

Living with relatives—For many families, regardless of personalities, family dynamics, lifestyles or needs, there is no other option. Your parents raised you, and now it's your opportunity to provide for them as they age or face an illness. In situations where loved ones move in with a son or daughter, or other relative, a room with or without a private bath is typically designated for parents, with common areas being shared. If space is a concern, you can consider temporary housing arranged on a monthly

basis. These are referred to as Elder Cottage Housing Opportunities (ECHO), a modular home that can be attached to an existing home, or placed in a rear or side yard. (Note: there may be zoning and permit issues.)

Since each facility offers a distinct setting and array of services, it is difficult to know which one is the best choice for your family member. Most families recognize that choosing a facility based on cost alone is not the wisest decision. Choosing a facility based on its proximity to the primary caregiver is often not the best choice either, even though it should be close enough for family and friends to visit often. Keep in mind that your loved one will be in the facility 24-7; the best choice is one that will provide your loved one with options for continuing her own life in her own way, not the one that's easiest for everyone to visit.

When looking for a living environment for your loved one remember to ask tough questions. Do your homework and take into consideration their future care needs.

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STATE OF THE ARTS By Alex Suczek

Stratford has deals for groups



Make your trip a party and save

Practically since the Stratford Festival opened its doors 57 years ago, groups gathered to spend time in that charming town.

The point was to enjoy a few days together in this destination that has grown around one of the finest repertory theater programs in the world. Students and others with professional interest have found it can be easily both educational and fun.

Friends and affiliate groups enjoy it as a stimulating intellectual experience and take pleasure in sharing and comparing notes on what they have seen.

From the beginning, it was always a great experience. As the festival has grown, however, the list of things to do, places to eat, sleep and shop, behind the scenes explorations and other arts to savor, have multiplied. It's not easy to take it all in.

In a day at the festival, it is now possible to start the morning with a backstage tour followed by time for shopping, a pre-show presentation for students, a picnic lunch in the park and a matinee at one of the four theaters. There may then be dinner at one of many restaurants offering fare ranging from sandwich shops to fine dining, a pre-show lecture or a post-show discussion group.

An advantage not to overlook is group discounts on tickets for 10 or more plus a free leader's ticket for 20.

Performances designated for students and seniors are discounted as well.

Tours with admission fees visit the backstage, costume warehouse and gardens. There are concerts, art shows, good shopping and free activities that include stage-side chats and post performance discussions.

There is so much going on, it's now time to make the experience more accessible. The festival management has figured out how to do just that. It is like a free concierge service to help groups plan their days and nights in Stratford and take advantage of activities that have grown up around the core of great theater.

That core is as impressive as ever this season. Shakespeare, as usual, tops the list. "Macbeth"

opens with Colm Feore in the title role. Last year he starred on Broadway as Cassius in "Julius Caesar" opposite Denzel Washington as Antony. Two more by Shakespeare on this year's bill are "Julius Caesar" and "A Midsummer Night's Dream."

The musicals are "West Side Story" and "A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum" with Pseudolus played by Bruce Dow who wowed us at Stratford last year in "Cabaret."

Feore appears again at Stratford in the title role of "Cyrano de Bergerac," while Brian Bedford, another perennial star of Broadway and the festival, directs "The Importance of Being Earnest" in which he also performs as Lady Bracknell. He also acts and directs his own one-man reading of selections from Oscar Wilde's correspondence, a presentation titled "Ever Yours, Oscar."

There are three more great classics on the program, two of them rarely performed. Chekhov's "Three Sisters" stars a trio of Stratford's finest: Lucy Peacock, Adrienne Gould, and Irene Poole. Martha Henry is the director.

There's also a rare opportunity to see Ben Johnson's ribald "Bartholomew Fair." In their aptly named roles, Juan Chioran as Zest-of-the-Land Busy, Kelli Fox as Joan Trash, Jonathan Goad as Tom Quarlous, and Tom McCamus as Justice Overdo, will make lively contributions to this licentious Elizabethan revel directed by Antoni Cimolino.

Most rare is a revival of the Greek tragedy, "Phedre," rendered in French poetry by Jean Racine and translated into English by Timberlake Wertenbaker. It is a deeply moving tale of conflicted love with Seana McKenna as Phedre and Jonathan Goad as Hippolytus.

Sometimes a most exciting performance will be a new play at the tiny Studio theater. There are three this year: "The Trespassers," "Rice Boy," and "Zastrozzi." Some past Studio presentations have been so successful they toured after their Stratford premiere.

Members of the acting company and artistic staff from all productions host Stageside Chats, free with general seating. Meet the Festival takes place from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. Wednesdays and Fridays from July 8—Sept. 4 and Saturdays Sept. 12, 19 and 26 in the Tom Patterson and Studio theaters. The program is an informal question and answer session between the audience and hosts.

Talking Theatre is held Thursdays over the same period at the Tom Patterson.

Director of Education, Pat Quigley and General Director Antoni Cimolino lead discussions on themes of the season. Post Performance Discussions take place in the Festival Theatre following Friday evening performances and feature a half hour Q&A session with cast members. These are for selected performances in July and August. All are indicated by symbols in the program guide.

Guided tours of the backstage, the costume and props warehouse and the gardens have a fee and often require advanced reservations. For these, the groups services staff or the box office can help with tickets and find times that fit your schedule.

When bringing a group to the festival, it is desirable to contact group services to get help with making advance reservations, locating places to park large vehicles and ordering catered picnics or reservations in a festival dining facility.

With an eye toward future audiences and talent, group services cater to school and college groups. Students are welcome at the Stageside Chats, but more focused programs for the young audience like workshops led by festival teaching artists are offered. Subjects range from song and dance and stage combat to an exploration of the play the students will attend. Study guides of the plays being performed this summer are available by

visiting stratfordshake-spearefestival.com/education.

The Teaching Shakespeare School offers teacher workshops on how to explore plays and create classroom strategies. Classroom visits by actors are also available. And, of course, there are special prices for school groups to attend plays in the fall. There is even a month-long school in the summer for aspiring young actors.

This may be the most comprehensive program to welcome groups of all kinds to a great artistic program. To take full advantage of the staff of eight group hosts, contact the festival as soon as possible.

Ask for a copy of the Groups and Schools Guide which is loaded with more detail and information on finding accommodations, places to eat and tour bus services.

Get the group together, choose shows and order. Then fill up your free time between shows with reservations and plans for festival special events, meals and accommodations.

It is almost impossible to take it all in, but it is worth the effort and the group hosts can help a lot. Contact the group service staff at stratfordshake-spearefestival.com; e-mail groups@stratfordshake-spearefestival.com; call 1-800-567-1600; or write Stratford Shakespeare Festival, Attn. Groups and Schools, PO Box 520, Stratford ON, N5A 6V2.

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Today, turning 18 remains the legal definition of adulthood, but the reality of coming of age is more complex with many families encountering health and legal issues making the transition more challenging than expected. To help families better navigate this road, The Family Center of Grosse Pointe and Harper Woods along with several co-sponsors host a panel of local medical and legal experts entitled "Coming of Age: Legal & Health Aspects of Turning 18."

The free presentation for middle and high school students, parents and professionals is from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m., Wednesday, March 18 in the Grosse Pointe Woods Community Center, 20025 Mack. Partners include Beaumont Hospitals, Grosse Pointe, Community Assessment, Referral & Education, Grosse Pointe Woods, George R. & Elise M. Fink Foundation, Grosse Pointe North Parents Club, the Mothers Club of Grosse Pointe South and St. John Health Hospital and Medical Center.

The evening includes a Q & A period and time to speak individually with the speakers after the session.

"We are pleased to have diverse panel of experts that include an assistant city attorney/prosecutor, a substance abuse counselor, a doctor and a psychotherapist to address the wide range of issues families are dealing with. We've hosted these kinds of panels in the past and have gotten positive feedback from parents and teens that they have been interesting and helpful in addressing real world challenges," said The Family Center Executive Director Deborah Liedel.

A few of the specific topics addressed include the legal impact of turning 18 (adult status); mental health issues faced by teens and barriers to treatment; substance use; the use of pain medications, drug interactions and sharing medications; the consequences of alcohol and drug related offenses in Michigan and elsewhere; and medical power of attorney waivers.

The panel includes: Charles "Chip" Berschback, assistant city attorney/prosecutor for Grosse Pointe Woods who has had extensive experience with alcohol-related offenses and other cases involving mi-

nors and young adults; Rudy Vervaeke, M.D., of Beaumont Hospital, is an expert in addiction medicine and has been recognized as a Top Doc in that specialty by Hour Detroit Magazine for the past five years; St. John Health psychotherapist Josette M. Lucci has 15 years of experience working with individuals, couples and families in Oakland and Wayne County; and Heather Dombrowski, managed care supervisor at Community Assistance, Referral and Education of Macomb County, who deals extensively with mental health and substance abuse issues among teens and young adults.

According to Dombrowski, the value of the presentation is that, "These presentations can be helpful in opening the lines of communication between teens and parents to talk about these really important issues."

Berschback said, "The discussion is not only relevant to families with children in trouble or at risk. I think it's important for parents to be as proactive as possible regarding these matters. Even if you are not directly affected, you should be aware of what issues and resources are available in the community, both

for your family and your children's friend's families."

Berschback has had extensive experience in alcohol-related offenses and other cases involving minors and young adults. He earned his law degree from Wayne State University Law School and is a University of Michigan graduate.

A former law clerk to Michigan Supreme Court Justice Michael Cavanagh, Berschback has practiced law in the tri-county area for more than 25 years.

His areas of practice include business law and litigation, probate, wills and trusts, domestic relations, real estate, municipal law and criminal law.

He will discuss underage drinking and legal aspects of turning 18, including contracts, living wills and medical power of attorney for parents, also known as the HIPPA waiver.

Dombrowski will discuss mental health problems faced by teens and young adults, substance use trends of students (within Macomb

County) and barriers to getting into treatment or getting the help they need.

She began her career with CARE as a clinician and has been with the agency for almost three years. She has experience in working with adolescents, teens, young adults and their families, as well as adults with substance use and mental health disorders.

She holds a Bachelor of Science degree in psychology from Michigan State University and a master's degree in counseling psychology from Western Michigan University.

Vervaeke will discuss the difference between addiction, abuse, dependence, pseudoaddiction, tolerance and withdrawal. The use of pain medications, drug interactions and sharing medications, especially controlled substances, will also be discussed.

Vervaeke is a graduate of Wayne State University School of Medicine and has been in practice since 1984, specializing in addiction. He is on staff at St. John and

Cottage hospitals.

He is board certified in internal medicine, is certified in addiction medicine by the American Society of Addiction Medicine and is a certified medical review officer.

Vervaeke is assistant clinical professor at WSU School of Medicine and adjunct professor at WSU College of Nursing.

Lucci will focus on diminished coping skills, the importance of expectations, structure and consistency, as well as use of medications/drugs to assist with coping.

She has 15 years of experience working with individuals, couples and families in Oakland and Wayne counties, has a master's degree in social work and is a licensed certified social worker. Lucci works with St. John through its group practice, Eastwood Clinic. She also has a private practice in Troy.

Her topic is common mental health issues that contribute to the struggles faced by young adults and their families.

ASK THE EXPERTS By Chip Berschback

Legal representation for teens



Q. My child lives off campus at college and just received a minor in possession. How serious is this and could jail time be imposed?

A. Any drug or alcohol related offense at any age needs to be handled seriously. Underage drinking is a crime and enforcement is quite strict. The law in Michigan treats first offenders with some leniency, and the law allows a defendant to be placed on probation for up to one year. If the conditions of probation are met, the charges are eventually dismissed.

The case history is recorded to prevent second offenses from being treated in a similar manner. Courts vary widely in imposing probationary terms for first offenses. The conditions generally include alcohol

counseling, random alcohol/drug testing, community service, and fines and costs. The result, however, does not happen in every case. Some courts impose very stringent conditions.

Jail time would rarely be imposed for first offenses, but the chances of jail increase if a person is charged with another offense. The charges are more severe if a motor vehicle is involved. The driver can be assessed points and risks a suspended license for repeat offenses.

Q. HELP! My teenager just received a speeding ticket. Do I need a lawyer?

A. Probably not, but as usual, it depends. Some (not all) courts in the metro Detroit area will consider reducing a moving violation to a "no point" ticket. Factors include the age of the driver, the driving record, the type of ticket, and whether an accident was involved. Young drivers may be asked to attend a one day traffic school as a condition of

the reduction. Some courts will only allow reductions for specific types of ticket, and courts outside southeastern Michigan rarely agree to a reduction. It is best to call a lawyer knowledgeable in local traffic matters to determine whether professional representation is necessary.

Attorney Chip Berschback and medical and social work professionals will speak at a free special presentation entitled "Coming of Age: Legal and Health Aspects of Turning 18" presented by The Family Center 6:30 to 8:30 p.m., Wednesday, March 18, at the Grosse Pointe Woods Community Center. To make a reservation, call The Family Center at (313) 432-3832 or info@familycenterweb.org.

Berschback's private practice includes both civil and criminal matters. He is assistant city attorney and prosecutor for Grosse Pointe Woods. Contact Berschback at (586) 777-0400 or blbwlaw@yahoo.com.

Grief Recovery offered course at St. John

A nine-week grief recovery course for 15 people committed to finding a "new normal" in their grief journey begins Saturday, March 28.

Participants will meet from 10 a.m. to noon at St. John Hospital and Medical Center's Van Elslander Cancer Center in the third floor conference room of the Van Elslander Cancer Center, 19229 Mack Ave., Grosse Pointe Woods.

"This program is designed to help those who have experienced many different types of loss and wish to move beyond pain and into healing," said Ricki Fox, a grief recovery spe-

cialist. "Just as death is a part of life, so is grief a part of living. It's often misunderstood that the grieving process is as individual as the person who endures it. The key to enduring and moving beyond grief is understanding grief."

Grosse Pointe Woods resident Mark Lorenger initiated the Grief Recovery Outreach Program in memory of his wife, Mary Jo, who lost her battle with cancer in 2004. Funding for the program has come from gifts made by friends and family in her memory. Mary Jo Lorenger was treated at the Van Elslander

Cancer Center.

"During our challenges while at the Van Elslander Cancer Center, we found real comfort and a caring atmosphere that allowed all of us to cope with the trials that were put before us," said Mark Lorenger. "The support that we received during my wife Mary Jo's battle proved so helpful that we wanted to give back to those who are grieving, an opportunity to manage and deal with their loss in a spiritual and meaningful way."

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FUTURE: Henry Ford Health System set to open new hospital

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by combining the best in clinical care with the most innovative, comprehensive wellness philosophy integrated into every aspect of patient care," said Gerard van Grinsven, president and CEO of Henry Ford West Bloomfield. "We hope to revolutionize health care."

Those involved with the facility, including Chef Matt Prentice, who is culinary director at the hospital and CEO of Matt Prentice Restaurant Group, said the innovations that are part of the new hospital will spread to other facilities as well.

"It's changing the way we do everything, from the food to patient care," Prentice said. "A lot of effort has gone into the hospital. The food will give you the fuels to heal. We will cater to the needs of our patients."

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Along with a healthy, healing menu, the new hospital offers full-service medical and surgical services in orthopedics, obstetrics and gynecology, urology, neurosurgery and back surgery, pediatric urology, cardiovascular, women's health, gastroenterology, ear, nose and throat, cancer and emergency care.

Patients also have access to the latest in technology, including robotic surgery for prostate

cancer, a non-invasive treatment for cancer called Novalis Tx – the only one in the country – and imaging technology that includes MRI, PET and CT scanning for real-time visualization of the patient's condition. Some other features include:

Private ER exam rooms: The expanded emergency department includes 30 private exam rooms, about half of which have a private bathroom. The ER bays were designed to offer auditory and visual privacy for patients and their families.

One-stop care for seniors: The Senior Center at the Neuroscience Institute offers older adults the opportunity to meet with physicians from up to nine clinical specialties – all during one appointment – to help rapidly diagnose and create a treatment plan for some of the most common and complicated disorders that affect the elderly, including cognitive, memory, balance and pain issues. This approach allows for a diagnosis to occur within a matter of days, instead of weeks.

Nurse coordinators for cancer patients: Patients seeking cancer care will work directly with nurse coordinators who will help schedule appointments, lab work and tests, as well as educate patients and answer their questions.

Health coaches: Health coaches also will be available at the wellness center, and have been trained to create an integrated plan for personal

nutrition, exercise and overall health improvement for patients.

Mother and baby care: The family-focused labor and delivery suites include hydrotherapy tubs, a special care nursery that provides a peaceful transition for premature infants, and an eight-bed pediatric unit.

Early detection of heart disease: Designed for early and rapid detection, the Cardiac Health Center includes cardiac diagnostic testing and a dedicated imaging center.

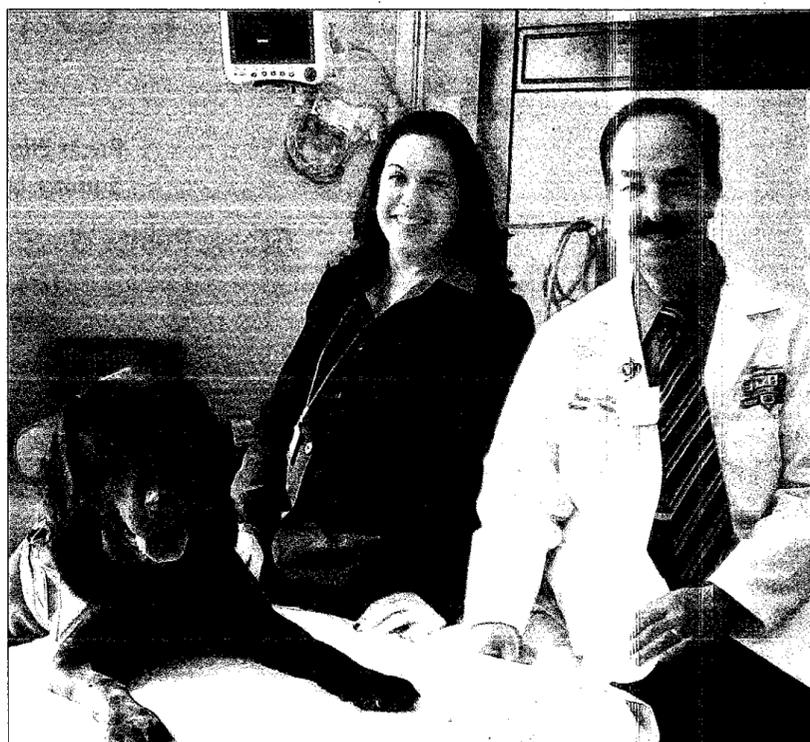
Henry Ford designed the hospital to keep the environment healthy too, and is seeking Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design certification from the U.S. Green Building Council.

It features a rooftop garden, energy-efficient heating and cooling systems, as well as high-efficiency equipment and window systems. Plus, a variety of woodlands and wetlands were preserved to reduce chemical and irrigation needs, and 3,000 trees have been planted on the property. There also are plans to create walking and biking trails in the wooded area surrounding the hospital.

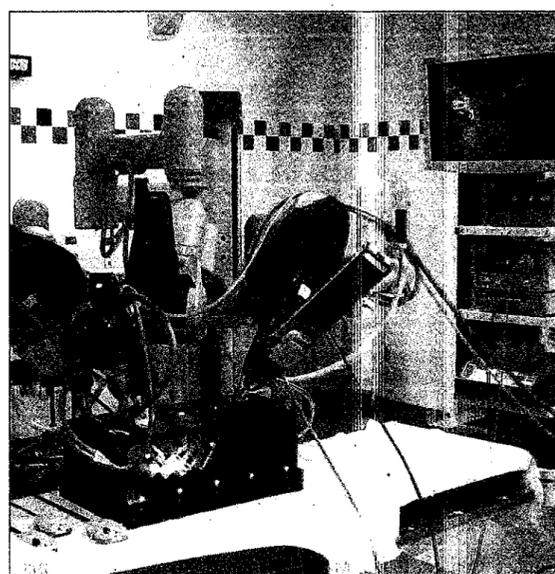
"This is a great day for us," said Nancy Schlichting, president and CEO of Henry Ford Health System. "We will use what we have here to continue to improve our other facilities."

Henry Ford Health System added Cottage Hospital in 2007.

For more information, visit henryfordhealth.org.



Above, Henry the therapy dog, is a staffer at the new hospital, along with Diana Anderson, RN, nurse manager for pediatrics and women's care, and Dr. Irvin Kappy, service chief for pediatrics. At right, one of the 10 operating rooms. Special lighting is used in all operating rooms. Studies have shown that green lighting allows the human eye to better distinguish fine lines and smaller objects, an advantage when performing surgery.



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All the amenities

Each room includes a view of the pond and wooded area surrounding the facility. Some other special features of the patient rooms are:

A quieter stay with fewer interruptions: When medically possible, patients will not be disturbed by staff from 10:30 p.m. to 5:30 a.m. to check vitals, draw blood or administer medication.

Plus, the patient rooms don't share common walls or ceilings, eliminating noise from neighboring rooms and reducing hallway noise.

Female-only floor: A 16-bed inpatient unit has been designated for female patients. Health care teams will study those on the female-only inpa-

tient unit to evaluate if they have fewer medical complications, such as infection, blood clots or pneumonia, compared to women staying on mixed gender units.

Smart technology: Patient bedrooms have wireless Internet access, a flat screen TV with on-demand programming, remote-controlled window treatments, patient-controlled thermostat and multiple lighting options.

Space for patient families: All patient bedrooms include a sleeper sofa and a reclining chair, offering family members comfortable space to stay overnight. For those who need to stay for extended periods of time, the hospital offers family

rooms on each floor, complete with beds, tables and kitchen facilities.

A culinary school: Schoolcraft College has partnered with Henry Ford to create the first culinary learning institute in the world for health care.

Vita: Patients and the public have the opportunity to take part in acupuncture, therapeutic massage, yoga and relaxation classes and more at Vita, the hospital's wellness center.

Main Street shopping: With the look of a Northern Michigan town, the hospital's retail area features stores focused on wellness, including sleep, pregnancy and healthy cooking and lifestyles.



Using produce from Michigan organic farms, local chef Matt Prentice has worked for two years to develop recipes for healthy, tasty food for patients and their families, employees and the community to serve at Henry's, the hospital café. Patients can order healthy meals of their choice any time of day, which reduces food waste and is no additional cost. Plans are even under way for an on-site greenhouse that will supply fresh produce for the café.



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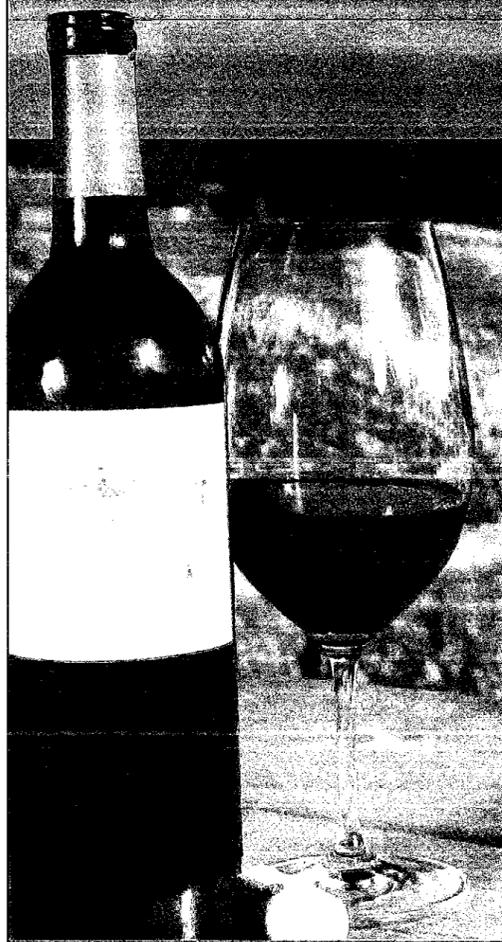
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Tournament tough
 The ULS girls hockey team creates magic during Div. 2 tournament **PAGE 2C**

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BOYS HOCKEY

North captures another regional title

Norsemen crush foes in tournament

By Bob St. John
 Sports Editor

Grosse Pointe North's boys' hockey team boasted a third straight Division I regional championship trophy last weekend.

The celebration concluded at center ice for the team picture after the Norsemen blasted Utica 7-1 in a regional title game at Detroit City Ice Arena.

"The defense played very well and we were finally able to get the offense going after a sluggish first period," head coach Scott Lock said. "This is our seventh regional title in the past 11 seasons and we're moving on in the playoffs."

The Norsemen beat one of the best teams in the Macomb Area Conference had to offer, outshooting the Chieftains 38-10. Four of the Chieftains final shots on net came in the final couple of minutes.

Senior Michael Rahaim earned the win in net, saving 9-of-10 shots. He was mobbed by his teammates when the final horn sounded.

North's defense limited Utica to only two shots on net

in the opening period and four in the second, which is when the Chieftains scored their lone goal.

Leading the defensive charge were senior Scott Brown, freshman Scott Dornbrock, junior Dylan Welke, sophomore Brad Herron and junior Alex Tomovski.

Senior Craig Henderson got the Norsemen on the board with 5:29 left in the first period, scoring a goal set up by Dornbrock and Welke.

The eventual game-winner was scored by senior Justin Kovacs on the power play. Senior Ben Scarfone assisted on the goal that game at the 3:57 mark.

The Norsemen put the Chieftains away in the second period as Scarfone scored twice and senior John Neveux tallied to make it a 5-1 game entering the final 15 minutes.

Seniors Jimmy Tocco and Nicholas Hartman scored third-period goals for the Norsemen, which improved to 18-8-1 with the win.

In the pre-regional title game, North had little trouble disposing of host St. Clair Shores Unified, winning 6-1.

"I'm happy we won the game and earned a chance to repeat as regional champions," Lock said. "I kept telling



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Grosse Pointe North's boys' hockey team, shown above before its game at Grosse Pointe South, earned another Division 1 regional title, blasting Utica 7-1.

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Girls hockey

UNIVERSITY LIGGETT SCHOOL

Lady Knights win Division 2 Tournament

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

March Madness was in full swing last weekend during the Michigan Metro Girls High School Hockey League Division 2 playoffs.

Just like the upcoming NCAA Tournament, the winner moved on while the loser packed up and got out the softball or soccer equipment.

University Liggett School stamped its ticket to the Division I Tournament by beating Walled Lake 5-0 in the Division 2 Tournament Championship Game played at Eddie Edgar Arena in Livonia.

The game was closer than the previous meeting between the teams in which the Lady Knights cruised to an 8-1 victory.

"We took it one shift at a time and the girls played with confidence and not overconfidence," head coach Laura Owczarski said. "This was a complete team effort."

Senior goalie Janaya Gripper was one of the tournament's most valuable players after not giving up a goal in either of the Lady Knights' contests.

Defensively, the Lady Knights kept one of the league's top scorers, Jenna Karagozian, off the board and limited her to only a few shots on net.

The defense was led by senior Alex Boll, freshman Haleigh Bolton, junior Morgan Ellis, sophomore Natalie Peracchio and senior Megha Patel.

Offensively, Boll, Ellis and Bolton scored goals and recorded assists. The other goal scorers were junior Paige Counsman, who led the MMGSHL in total points, and sophomore Medea Shanidze.

Owczarski also pointed out the solid contribution from sophomore Kinaya Smith, digging pucks out of the corner to set up several scoring opportunities.

This is the first title of any kind for the Lady Knights during Owczarski's tutelage.

ULS was supposed to face league nemesis Farmington Hills Mercy in the title game on the Marlins' home ice.

Walled Lake pulled off a stunning 5-4 upset win in one of the semifinals, while ULS crushed Warren Regina 8-0 in the other semifinal.

"We're shocked we lost, but I have to give Walled Lake all of



PHOTOS BY BOB BRUCE

University Liggett School girls hockey players and coaches celebrate winning the Michigan Metro Girls High School Hockey League Division 2 Tournament championship last weekend, blanking Walled Lake 5-0.

the credit because they outplayed us tonight," Mercy head coach Pat Gregory said.

The Wild led 5-3 after Karagozian scored with 2:59 left.

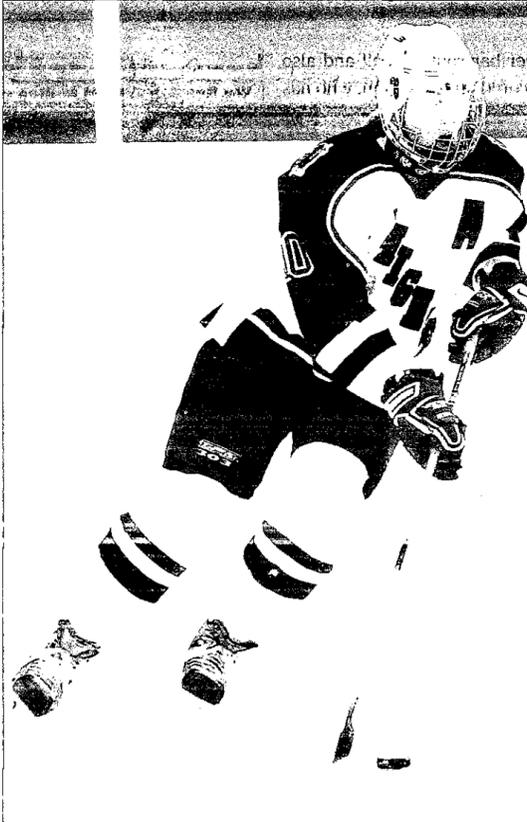
However, the Marlins crept to within a goal when Jackie Buckley scored with 1:51 left.

Gregory pulled goalie Alessi Nehr to gain the extra attacker, but they weren't able to get the tying goal.

The Lady Knights were paced by Bolton, who had seven points on four goals and three assists, and Counsman, who had five points on three goals and two assists.

Sophomore Keegin Fisher scored the final goal, tallying with 3:37 left in the third period.

With the wins, the University Liggett School girls hockey team improved to 15-6 overall.



Junior Morgan Ellis also had a goal and played tough defense against one of the league's top scorers, Jenna Karagozian.



Freshman Haleigh Bolton scored a big goal near the end of the second period, which helped ULS take a 3-0 lead.

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ULS seniors, from left, Alex Boll, Janaya Gripper and Megha Patel show off the championship trophy.

Grosse Pointe gymnastics

Grosse Pointe takes fifth at regional meet

The Grosse Pointe gymnastics squad placed fifth with 134.15 points in last weekend's 12-team state regional meet held at Plymouth Canton High School.

Others competing were Livonia Blue, Northville, Canton, Salem, Livonia Red, Saline, Dearborn Edsel Ford, Trenton, Plymouth, Adrian and Tecumseh. There were, on average, 65 gymnasts competing in each event.

Sarah Fentin, Lauren Krieger and Heather Koresky finished in the top eight in several events to earn a spot in the state championship meet Saturday, March 14.

Here is a breakdown of the highlights:

Bars: Sarah Fentin tied for seventh with an 8.3 and Heather Koresky tied for third with an 8.65.

Beam: Lauren Krieger placed first with a 9.15.

Floor: Krieger placed third with a 9.075.

All Around: Krieger placed third with a 34.975.

Head coach Cathy Hubmeier's squad started the meet participating in floor events.

Fran Kay's floor routine showed off her dance skills. She scored a 7.95. Next was Brittany Rizzo, who earned an 8.25.

Madi Kaiser soared with a layout half and scored an 8.05, while Koresky also flew with her front layout and scored an 8.525.

Fentin tumbled her way to an 8.4. Krieger scored a 9.075, earning her the bronze medal.

"It was another great floor performance for our team," Hubmeier said. "Floor has been our strongest event this season and all of the girls performed well, proving their tumbling and dance are truly

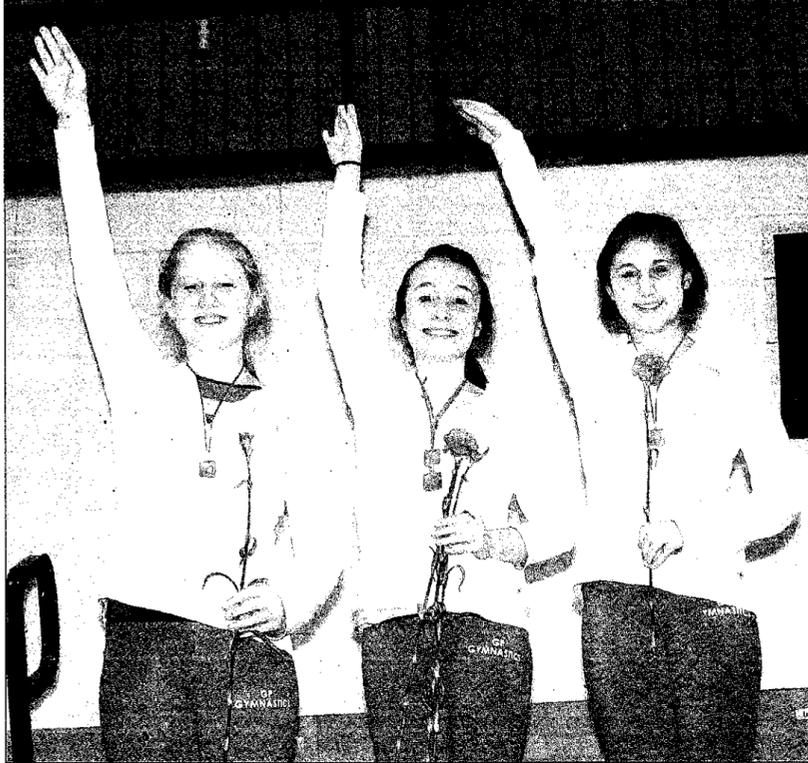


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Grosse Pointe gymnasts who earned a spot in the state finals are, from left, Grosse Pointe North sophomore Heather Koresky on bars, North junior Lauren Krieger in all-around, and Grosse Pointe South freshman Sarah Fentin on bars.

exceptional."

Vault was the team's next event with Lydia Fuller starting off with two good hand-springs, finishing with a 7.8. Koresky was next and performed a handspring-half and half-half vault to earn an 8.4.

Next up was Fentin, who performed a half-half vault, bouncing out of her second vault, which was a half-full, and scored an 8.15. Rizzo performed two strong hand-spring-halves and scored an 8.3 and Krieger scored an 8.55

with two yami-half vaults.

Kaiser finished up the vault rotation with two half-half vaults, scoring an 8.35.

The bars was the third event.

"We had a rough bar warm-up, but you would never have known it by the way the girls performed," Hubmeier said.

Rizzo earned an 8.15, followed by Kaiser, who used a strong layout dismount to score an 8.2. Krieger executed her bar routine well and also scored an 8.2. Fentin, who has

been strong on bars all year, scored an 8.3, ranking her sev-

enth.

"Koresky awed everyone when she hit her handstand and flew flawlessly through her bar routine, scoring an 8.65, which ranked her third and will send her to states, as well," Hubmeier said.

The team's final event was beam.

"The girls performed well, but it was not their strongest showing on beam for the season," Hubmeier added.

Rizzo did start us off well, sticking to her routine to score a 7.8. Fentin had a couple of miscues, but still scored a 6.9 and Koresky had one slip to score a 7.95.

Kaiser was next and had a solid score of 8.05. Krieger finished the event for the team and posted a near flawless routine to win with a 9.15.

"All in all, it was a pretty successful day; sending three girls to states," Hubmeier said. "We had hoped that all five of our all arounders would make it on an event, especially considering how strongly they competed throughout the season, but it is extremely exciting to have three girls moving on."

"We told the girls that this meet was the meet they had worked so hard for all season and so it was time to step up and give it their all. Regardless of what happened,

though, they all had a very successful season as a team and even individually.

"We are extremely proud of what each of them has accomplished this season. All of these girls have contributed hugely to the team's almost perfect record. This team is so talented I cannot wait to see what we do next season."

Krieger, Koresky and Fentin will travel to Rockford High School for the state meet.

Krieger will compete in the all around (she also qualified separately on beam and floor), while Koresky and Fentin will compete on bars.

Helping the gymnasts throughout the season were assistant coaches Georgie Niec, Courtney Law and Gretchen Madison.

"We are so excited to have three girls qualify to the state meet this year and are very proud of how well the entire team competed throughout the season," Law said. "Our team is relatively young, and so we are already looking forward to building on this year's success next season."

The Grosse Pointe team qualified for regionals in the first four meets, earning at least a score of 120 in each meet. In addition, the team's five all-around gymnasts qualified individually on all four events.

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Girls basketball

GROSSE POINTE NORTH

Lady Norsemen are district champions

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

Grosse Pointe North's girls' basketball team made quick work of St. Clair Shores Lakeview in last weekend's Class A district title game.

The Lady Norsemen, playing on their home court, beat the Huskies 61-37, claiming a third straight district crown.

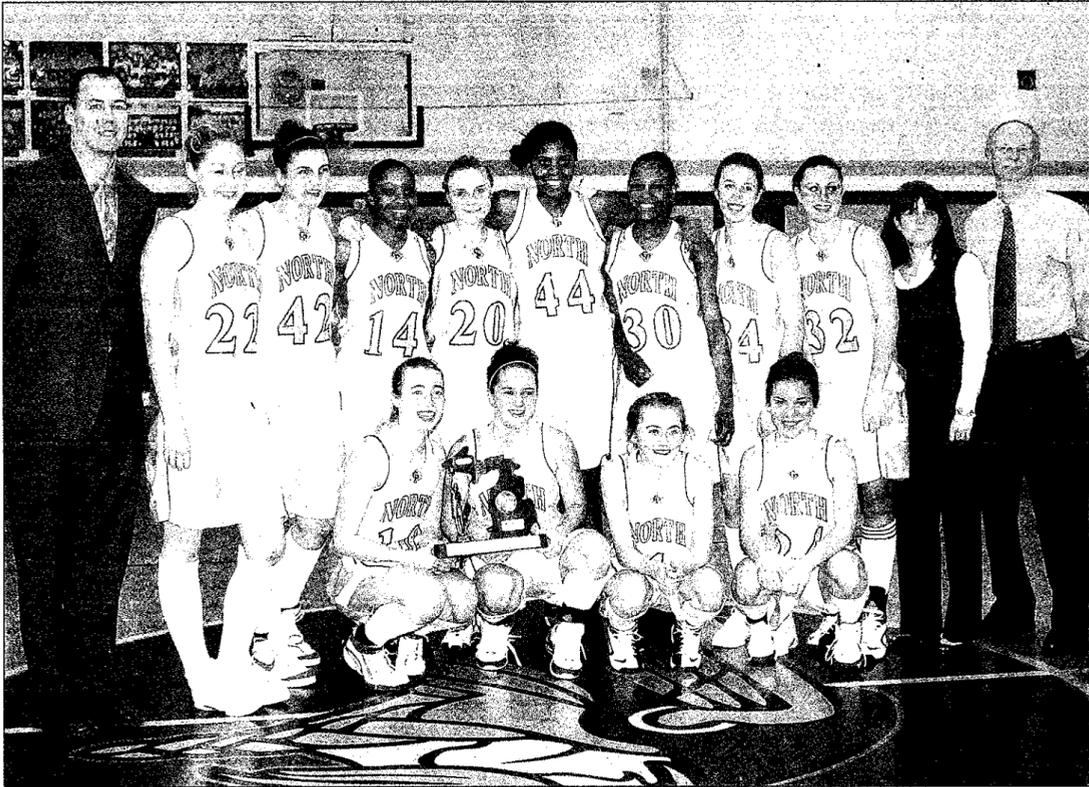
"Winning a district championship is great, but we need to keep getting better," head coach Gary Bennett said. "It was important that we played well tonight. We came out with a lot of energy and we hit our spots on the court."

The highly ranked Lady Norsemen used their height advantage to overwhelm the Huskies. They forced seven turnovers and used those miscues to outscore the Huskies 23-7 in the first eight minutes.

The Huskies finished the first half with still as many turnovers, 15, as points. At the intermission, the Lady Norsemen led 38-15.

The Lady Norsemen did a fantastic job of keeping the Huskies' leading scorers, seniors Ashley Savoie and Kayla Habrowski, to only two first-half points.

Junior Kayla Womack nearly outscored the Huskies by herself in the first half. She had 12



PHOTOS BY WILL HARRAH

Members of Grosse Pointe North's girls' basketball team and coaches celebrate after winning a third straight Class A district championship.

points, including 10 in the first

quarter.

With the game out of reach after the third quarter, which North led 52-25, the Huskies were able to maintain their positive attitude, thanks to constant encouragement from head coach Manny Haratsaris.

"It's tough to beat such a good team like North," Haratsaris said. "We gave it our best effort, but they were too

tough tonight. I'm proud of my kids for playing hard throughout the game."

The Huskies failed to have a double-digit scorer, but the district champions had two, as junior Ariel Braker scored 16 points and grabbed 14 rebounds, and Womack finished with 14 points.

Senior Jasmine Kennedy added eight points and seven

rebounds, while seniors Olivia Stander and Madie Kent (seven rebounds) each had six points.

Rounding out the Lady

Norsemen's offensive output were senior Allison Liddane, junior Christine Bedway, sophomore Andrea Matthew, junior Kamille Hamzey and junior Sarah Bigham with two points apiece; and junior Alyssa Bruno with one point.

The Lady Norsemen finished with 43 rebounds and forced the Huskies into 24 turnovers.

The Lady Norsemen advanced to the title game with an easy 62-26 victory over Detroit Finney in the semifinals.

It was all business from the get-go as the Lady Norsemen's pressure defense forced the Highlanders into more turnovers, 20, than points, 11, in the opening half.

North poured in 29 points in the opening quarter and 17 in the second to build a 46-11 halftime advantage.

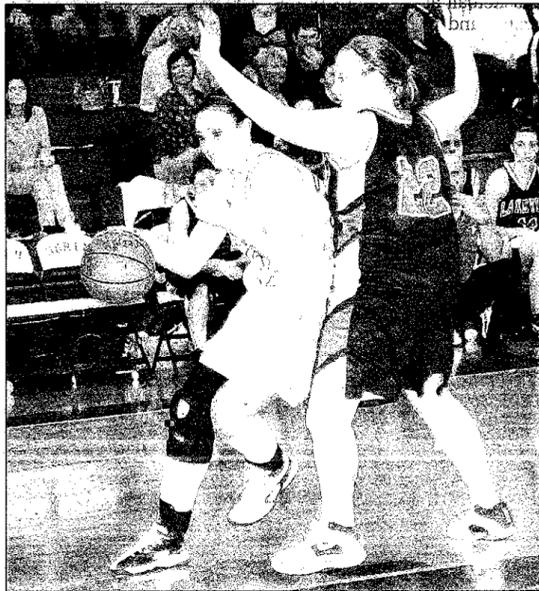
Womack's hoops and Stander's three-point basket to open the third quarter forced a running clock that continued throughout the remainder of the game.

Womack was the lone North player in double figures, netting 21 points. Stander finished with nine, followed by Kennedy with eight, Bruno with six, Braker with five, Kent with four, Hamzey with three, Matthew with two, senior Allison Liddane with two and sophomore Micaela Liddane with two.

Grosse Pointe North improved to 19-4 overall.



North junior Ariel Braker, center, goes up for two points in the Lady Norsemen's district championship game against St. Clair Shores Lakeview.



Junior Alyssa Bruno, left, drives past Lakeview's Brittany Chapman during the second half of North's Class A district game on its home court.



Senior guard Olivia Stander, No. 20, played on her third straight district championship team for Grosse Pointe North's girls' basketball team.

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UNIVERSITY LIGGETT SCHOOL

Lady Knights fall in title contest

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

One of best seasons in a decade ended last weekend when University Liggett School girls' basketball team lost 68-48 to Detroit Allen Academy in a Class D district title game.

The Lady Knights tried to keep pace with the Wildcats as freshman Madison Ristovski scored 38 points, but it wasn't enough to stop the quicker foe in the Southeastern Athletic Conference.

"This team is just a better team," head coach Adam Beck said. "We played hard for all 32 minutes, but it just wasn't enough. I was very happy with how tough and smart we played on the defensive end."

"It is very apparent that we have made significant improvements throughout the year, particularly on defense."

Beck pointed out the solid play of freshman Madison Ristovski, who battled through constant double teams to score 28 points. Junior Hannah Baird



PHOTO BY RENATO JAMETT

Freshman Madison Ristovski, right, shown here in an earlier regular season game, led the University Liggett School girls basketball team in scoring in its district games.

scored eight and senior Catherine Vatsis had eight rebounds.

The Lady Knights advanced by defeating Detroit Midtown Academy 51-23 as Ristovski

led the way with 29 points and nine rebounds. Baird added 13 points and senior Megan Amicucci had seven. Vatsis chipped in with six rebounds.

"It was a physical game with

several hard fouls," Beck said. "Our girls played well, especially on defense with the score being 14-1 after the first quarter."

Ristovski averaged 30 points per game this season, which is one of the top numbers in the state.

Everyone played a pivotal role in helping the Lady Knights' rejuvenation this season, which ended with a 12-10 overall record.

The Lady Knights played its final season as a member of the Metro Conference.

Starting next fall, they will compete in the Michigan Independent Athletic Conference with Canton Agape Christian Academy, Taylor Baptist Park, Ypsilanti Calvary Christian Academy, Novi Franklin Road Christian, Allen Park Inter-City Baptist, Warren Macomb Christian, Auburn Hills Oakland Christian, Sterling Heights Parkway Christian, Canton Plymouth Christian Academy, Birmingham Roeper and Southfield Christian.

Boys basketball

GROSSE POINTE SOUTH

Blue Devils pull district upset over East Detroit

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

The Grosse Pointe South boys basketball team began the state playoffs with a bang Monday night, upsetting Eastpointe East Detroit 47-42 at Grosse Pointe North.

The Shamrocks came into the tournament with a 14-6 record, finishing in second place in the Macomb Area Conference Blue Division, one game behind Madison Heights Madison.

They boasted a veteran lineup, but it was the Blue Devils which dictated the tempo and made the key plays down the stretch to pull off the upset.

"We wanted to make this a fistfight and not a track meet," South head coach Jim Twigg said. "We had to outslug East Detroit because we knew they had some nice players who could really push the ball up the court and get easy transition baskets."

Behind a starting lineup of senior Will Kim, junior Farrell Mays and sophomores Victor Mattison, Ben Fry and Corbet Conroy, plus help off the bench from junior Leif Rodney, senior Nick Pavle and sophomore Alex Bedan, the Blue Devils outslugged the Shamrocks.

"I think Will Kim did a good job on Montez Richardson," Twigg said. "It's not easy to defend Richardson in the low-post, but Will, Leif and Alex did the best job they could defending him."

"He was their go-to guy in the fourth quarter, but our kids found a way to win by playing tough defense."

The Blue Devils led 20-16 at halftime, but once again found themselves behind after playing a poor third quarter.

This time, the Shamrocks outscored the Blue Devils 18-11 to take a 34-31 advantage.

"We got out of our tough defense and allowed East Detroit to run a little too much and

make some threes," Twigg said. "I give our kids credit because they buckled down defensively in the fourth quarter and forced some critical turnovers."

In the opening minute of the fourth quarter, Kim hit a basket and Conroy nailed a three-pointer to give the Blue Devils a 36-34 lead.

During the next five minutes, the lead changed hands twice and it was tied four times before Mattison's free throw gave the Blue Devils a 43-42 lead with only 44 seconds remaining.

Conroy rebounded a missed shot and was fouled. He made both free throws for a 45-42 lead and a Shamrock turnover allowed Mattison to get fouled on the inbounds play.

He made both to account for the final points of the game and push the Blue Devils into the district semifinals.

Conroy finished with 16 points, five rebounds and three



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Sophomore Corbet Conroy dribbles in transition during the Blue Devils' big upset win over East Detroit.

blocks, while Rodney had 10 points, four rebounds and three blocks.

Mattison had nine points, followed by Mays with six points and six rebounds. Kim and Fry rounded out the scoring with four and two points, respectively.

"Our young guys came through in the clutch after a shaky third quarter," Twigg said. "I think East Detroit took us too lightly, but that doesn't take away from the solid game my guys played tonight."

The Blue Devils ended the regular season with a surprising 50-47 win over Warren Fitzgerald, sending their overall record to 8-13 overall.

and Detroit Old Redford Academy.

Manning's absence left sophomore Dominic Jamett as the Knights' only low-post threat.

"Eaton Academy and Old Redford offer quick, athletic teams we will face in the district tournament," Johnson said. "We're playing better basketball at both ends of the court and playing with some confidence with the state playoffs approaching."

Johnson's crew ended the regular season 9-11 overall, which included winning six of its final nine games.

GROSSE POINTE NORTH

Norsemen shaky, but get victory

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

Head coach Matt Lockhart got a firsthand look at just how exhausting the state playoffs can be.

His Grosse Pointe North boys basketball team rolled through the regular season with one of the program's best-ever records, 19-1 and 12-0 in the Macomb Area Conference White Division.

The host Norsemen's Class A district first-round opponent was St. Clair Shores Lake Shore, co-champs of the MAC Silver Division which held a 12-8 overall mark.

The Shorians didn't have much height, which created a mismatch for the home team.

After the first couple of minutes of the second quarter, the Norsemen led 19-4 and looked poised to run away with the game.

Not so fast because the Shorians made a game of it and made the Norsemen sweat too long for Lockhart's taste despite North's 57-45 victory.

"We didn't play well at all tonight," Lockhart said. "Darin (Willis) was very steady, but otherwise, the guys missed too many layups, didn't rebound particularly well and didn't shoot the ball at all, but at least we stepped it up in the end to win and move on."

The Norsemen led 17-4 after the first quarter and had the

19-4 lead before the Shorians stormed back to trail 25-23 at the half.

They never led, but for several minutes of the third quarter they hung around just enough and forced the Norsemen into foul trouble.

"Maybe our guys looked past Lake Shore and looked at playing Finney instead," Lockhart said. "We preached the entire week of practice that they had to focus on Lake Shore."

"We won the game, but boy was it ugly."

Two critical turnovers by the Shorians early in the fourth quarter allowed the Norsemen to get easy transition baskets and extend their lead to double digits.

That would be the closest the Shorians would get as the Norsemen hit several free throws in the final minutes to seal the win and advance to the district semifinals.

Senior Paul Bramos led the way with 13 points, followed by senior Matt Blunden with 11, senior Kyle Nadeau with eight, Willis with seven, senior Damien Davis with six, senior Gregg Blunden with five, senior A.J. Horne with four and senior Dan Calcaterra with three.

The Norsemen earned win No. 19 last week, beating St. Clair Shores South Lake 48-36.

After the victory over Lake Shore, Grosse Pointe North improved to 20-1 overall.

UNIVERSITY LIGGETT SCHOOL

Knights play tough foes

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

The University Liggett School boys basketball team completed its regular season last week, winning one and losing two.

The Knights played the trio of games without senior forward Jeremiah Manning, who is nursing an injured finger. He is expected to be ready for the state district tournament.

"We have to change our style of play little bit with Jeremiah on the bench," head coach Sidney Johnson said prior to the Knights game with

Hamtramck. "We will have a smaller lineup, so we will go with a more guard-oriented lineup."

Manning's loss wasn't a factor as the visiting Knights beat Hamtramck 52-39 in the Metro Conference Tournament consolation finals.

Freshman Eddie Thomas used the extra minutes to score a team-high 16 points, while senior Andrew Malaski and junior Mark Ghafari had 11 points apiece.

The offensive flow wasn't consistent during losses to Eastpointe Eaton Academy

YOUTH BASKETBALL

Hawks win tourney title

The Grosse Pointe Hawks fourth-grade travel basketball team continues to have success in its inaugural season.

The Hawks recently won the Grass Lake 4th grade tournament.

They drew East Jackson in the opening game, losing 21-18 as Teddy Wujek and Charlie Denison scored eight and six points, respectively, to lead the team.

Knowing that they had to win their next two games to reach the finals, the Hawks came out strong and never let up, beating Vandercock Lake 46-6.

All the Hawks players scored in the game as Noah Davey and Bobby Molitor scored 10 points apiece to lead the offense.

The Hawks' size was a major factor as Brian Flaherty and Logan Mico controlled

the boards all game, collecting eight rebounds apiece.

The next game against Chelsea was a hard fought battle with the winner advancing to the finals.

The game went back and forth and with 50 seconds left in the final quarter, the Hawks found themselves down by two.

After a timeout, Davey took the in-bounds pass in the back court and found a wide open Molitor underneath the basket for the tying bucket.

After a defensive stop, the Hawks had the ball with 20 seconds left. Once again the Hawks were patient on offense and were able to work the ball inside to Mico who made the game-winning shot with two seconds left.

In the championship, the Hawks had a chance to avenge the earlier loss to East

Jackson.

Jonathan Rogowski scored the first basket of the game and Davey added a free throw and the Hawks were up 3-1 after the first quarter.

Both teams played great defensive and Jackson Walkowiak lead the way for the Hawks with four steals. Offensively, Wujek was unstoppable, scoring from all over the floor to lead the Hawks with 14 points.

With the score tied at 17 and under a minute to play, Denison was fouled and went to the line for a one-and-one. He hit the first free throw to give the Hawks the victory, 18-17.

The Grosse Pointe Hawks team members include Jack Galsterer, Rogowski, Mico, Walkowiak, Bobby Molitor, Wujek, Denison, Davey and Flaherty.



The Grosse Pointe Hawks fourth-grade travel team won the Grass Lake 4th Grade Tournament, thanks to team work.

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Boys hockey

GROSSE POINTE SOUTH

Poor start dooms South

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

It was one and done for Grosse Pointe South's boys' hockey team.

An anticipated battle with host Warren DeLaSalle in last week's Division 2 pre-regional final turned into a 4-2 loss, ending the Blue Devils' season 9-10-6 overall.

"We didn't score a lot of goals this season and falling behind 4-0 wasn't what we needed," head coach Bob Bopp said. "I'm proud of the players for not giving up and playing a good third period."

"We could have packed it in and lost 8-0, but the guys played hard and gave it their best effort."

The Pilots gained momentum early in the game and turned a 2-0 lead to 4-0 with two late goals in the second period.

"We played much better in the second period, but those two late goals really put us in a hole," Bopp said. "We were in a tough situation heading into the final period."

"As I said, I'm very proud of the guys for playing a tough third period and they made a run at DeLaSalle."

Thanks to a slew of penalties on the Pilots, the Blue Devils scored power play goals 29 seconds apart in the final stan-

za. Senior David Clem scored

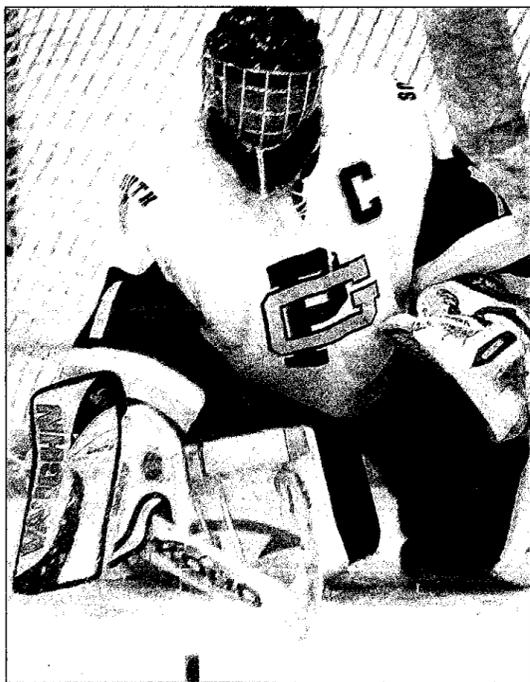


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Senior Trevor Sattelmeyer makes a stop during Grosse Pointe South's 4-2 loss to Warren DeLaSalle.

the first goal off a wild scramble in front of Pilot goalkeeper John Kleinhans, who was eventually pushed into the net, along with two players.

The official counted the goal, but during the scramble, Kleinhans and two other DeLaSalle players were called for roughing penalties.

Bopp's squad took advantage of the first set of 5-on-3 advantages when Clem scored another goal with junior Jimmy Morris netting an assist.

The Pilots were able to kill off the second set of penalties, despite the Blue Devils' constant pressure.

"We put pressure on them for the rest of the way, but couldn't get the third goal," Bopp said. "On defense, the

pairing of Nick Monforton and David Clem had another great game.

"These guys really played well together all year and the line of Brian Auty, Jimmy Morris and Keith Sklarski were, by far, our best line all year and one of the best in the state."

"They had another great game. I can't say enough about the play of Keith Sklarski. All season, he has been a team leader on and off the ice."

Bopp also pointed out the solid effort provided by Kelly Odonnell-Daudlin, as well as his two senior goalies, Trevor Sattelmeyer and Brett Johnson.

Bopp loses nine seniors from the squad, including Mack Sterr, Matt Reck and Stephen Hollidge.

UNIVERSITY LIGGETT SCHOOL

Knights lose 3 OT thriller

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

After three full periods and two overtimes, the University Liggett School boys hockey team skated onto the University of Michigan Dearborn Arena ice for a third overtime.

At stake was advancing in a Division 3, pre-regional game and a game against Dearborn Divine Child.

Just a few minutes into the third OT, Dearborn Heights Crestwood scored, sending the Knights home with a 3-2 loss, ending their season.

"It was a heartbreaking loss," head coach Robb

McIntyre said. "The game could have gone either way and each team played hard, but Crestwood found a way to sneak the puck by David (McIntyre) to win it."

The Knights led 1-0 in the opening period when junior Dan Zukas tallied. He finished the season with 66 points in 24 games.

The Chargers scored twice in the second period to take a 2-1 lead, but senior Drew Amato tallied to tie the game at 2 late in the second stanza.

Both squads had scoring chances in the third period and in each overtime.

McIntyre's squad finished the season 8-16 overall.

"We had our moments this season and lost a lot of close games," McIntyre said. "It's a tough loss for the seniors since their high school careers are over, but the guys who will be returning next season will need to continue to work on their game in the offseason and come back next fall ready to work even harder since it will be my second year at the helm. We will win more games next season because our younger guys have a year under their belt and we will have some solid upperclassmen."

Amato joined Kyle Keith, Erik Litch and Clarke Dirksen as the Knights that played their final game.

HOCKEY: Norsemen win big

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our guys to stay focused throughout the final period and keep following the game plan."

The Norsemen scored twice in the first period with Hartman and Kovacs netting goals. Kovacs came on the power play with 2:23 left on the clock.

Neveux scored early in the second period to make it 3-0 game and then the route was on.

Tocco scored at the 8:56

mark and another tally, this time on the power play, at the 5:01 mark to give the Norsemen a commanding 5-0 lead.

Scarfone had a couple of assists, as did Kovacs, on Tocco's two goals.

Senior Eric Rohrkemper started and played the first two periods. Senior Mike Rahaim played the final period.

The Lakers scored a short-handed goal midway through the final stanza and the Norsemen concluded their scoring with a goal by senior Brandon Davenport at the 5:53 mark.

The Lakers and Norsemen have played each other several times in the past few years, including in the state playoffs.

This was the second time this season the teams squared off.

North outscored its three regional opponents 16-3.

If the Norsemen can win their quarterfinal game, they advance to the state semifinals at 8:30 p.m. Friday, March 13, at Compuware Arena in Plymouth.

The state title game is at 7 p.m. Saturday, March 14, at Compuware Arena.

Last year's Division I state championship game between Orchard Lake St. Mary's and Marquette ended in a 1-1 tie after eight overtimes.

Trenton beat Midland 3-0 in the Division 2 championship game and Calumet edged Flint Powers 1-0 in overtime in the Division 3 title game.

NEIGHBORHOOD CLUB

Sports teams forming

The Neighborhood Club is getting ready to kick-off its 2009 spring youth soccer league season.

Leagues are offered for children born between 2002 and 2006 and current first- through fourth-grade boys and first-through eighth-grade girls.

Games are played Saturdays and Sundays and all players are required to purchase a \$19 uniform kit that includes a reversible jersey, black shorts and socks, unless one was purchased in the fall and still fits.

The season begins April 25 for all age groups. Practices and games for children born in 2005 and 2006 run until May 30, while the season for the older children ends June 13.

The fee for each player ranges from \$60 to \$85, depending on age, level and length of season.

The deadline for registration is March 19. As a bonus, free weekly soccer skills nights are included with the league fee.

Check the website for dates, times and location.

A second session, running June 6 through July 11, is offered to children born in 2005 and 2006.

Registration can be done online at neighborhoodclub.org or in person at the Neighborhood Club, 17150 Waterloo, City of Grosse Pointe. Registration hours are 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday. Call (313) 885-4600 with any questions or visit the website for more information on classes offered by the club.

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The Neighborhood Club batting cage is now open for reservations. It is located in the gymnasium and is available from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. each Saturday and noon to 5 p.m. Sunday.

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youth pitching mound are available for use.

Reservations can be made for the current week only. The cost to rent the cage is \$40 for an hour or \$25 for a half hour. Call (313) 885-4600 Monday through Thursday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. for reservations or more information.

Softball

Interested parties can sign up to form a woman's slow-pitch softball team for the upcoming season.

Teams play Thursday nights from May 7 to Aug. 14, using an 11-inch ball. The team fee is \$644.

Men play Tuesdays or Wednesdays, April 28 through Aug. 13. Both leagues participate in double-elimination playoff tournaments at the end of the season.

Team registration can be done online at neighborhoodclub.org or at the Neighborhood Club.

YOUTH HOCKEY



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District champs

The Grosse Pointe Bulldog hockey team, members of the Grosse Pointe Hockey Association, won the District 3 hockey championship Monday, Feb. 13, beating a tough Rochester team. The Bulldogs went 7-1 in district play and overcame several difficult games against Rochester and Troy. The team now advances to the state championship tournament March 13-15 in Burton, Michigan. The Bulldogs are coached by Paul Martinelli, Mike Albrecht and Todd Cameron and team manager is Ross Naidow. The Bulldog team members are Austin Albrecht, Liam Kavanaugh, AJ Martinelli, Paul Lucchese, Joe Lucchese, Spencer Stefani, Patrick Bourke, Christopher Cameron, Ryan Sullivan, Ryan Cullen, Jack Holme, Devin Naidow, Jack Liagre and Alex Batts. Thus far, the 99 Bulldogs are 37-15-2 and have scored 212 goals while only giving up 84.

YOUTH BASEBALL

Baseball camp info

The 18th annual Grosse Pointe South Indoor Baseball Instructional Camp is Saturday, March 21, in the school gymnasium.

There will be one session from 9 a.m. to noon. The cost is \$50 and all proceeds go to South baseball. The camp is open to players from second through eighth grades and covers hitting, infield, outfield, pitching and more.

Camp brochure can be picked up at the Neighborhood Club or in the South athletic office or by contacting camp director Dan Griesbaum at (313) 884-7834 or via e-mail at dan.griesbaum@gpschools.org.

Youth coaches may attend the clinic for free and take notes or videotape the drills.

Campers are asked to sign up early, as only one session is being offered and space is limited.

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Youth hockey

Blue Devils win tourney

The Grosse Pointe Hockey Association Blue Devil High School Prep (JV) Hockey Club successfully defended its title in the Rock & Roll Cup tournament in Cleveland, Ohio, the weekend of Jan. 17.

The Blue Devils won all three of their games, including a shootout victory in the championship.

In the championship game against Alden (NY) United JV, the Blue Devils jumped out to a 3-0 lead before Alden rallied to score three unanswered goals and force overtime.

After a scoreless extra period, it took eight shooters before Grosse Pointe captain Andrew McCoy broke the deadlock with a slap shot off the right post.

Blue Devils goaltender stopped Blake Sanford stopped six of the eight shots he faced in the shootout to secure the championship victory.

McCoy also tallied a goal and an assist during regulation, while Josh Johnston scored the other two goals for the Blue Devils.

For the tournament, Johnston and Ian Osborn each tallied two goals and four assists to lead the Grosse Pointe offense, while Eric Roche finished with a team-high four goals and added an assist.

In their first game of the tournament, the Blue Devils easily handled the Mentor (OH) Cardinals, 6-1, as Troy Marowske started the scoring with an unassisted goal. Two

minutes later, Roche converted on a power play assisted by Johnston and Matt Hughes. Grosse Pointe added a third goal in the first period when Hughes scored on a pass from Johnston.

Ian Osborn and Charlie Weipert each chipped in a goal and an assist, while Alex Atsalkis posted the first of four assists for the tournament.

Defensemen James Brophy and Conner Flaska led a strong defensive effort, filling in for injured teammates Cameron Valade and Mark Dulchavsky on the backline.

On Sunday morning, the Blue Devils defeated Troy by a score of 4-1.

Defenseman Stu Bristol scored on a blast from the point on a power play set up by Osborn and Atsalkis to get things started.

Roche scored back-to-back goals in the second period on assists from Osborn and Atsalkis.

In the third, Osborn deflected a point shot by Brophy on a pass from Bristol to finish off the scoring. Meanwhile, the checking line of Zach Martinelli, Nate Zimmeth and Marowske shut down the opponent's top line to seal the victory.

The Blue Devils' annual trip was made possible with the help of team manager Dan Brophy.

The team is coached by Howard Hoban and assisted by Nick Hatfield and Nick Hoban.

College signing



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Dragon football

Grosse Pointe North senior Theron Carter signed a letter-of-intent to play football at Tiffin University. The Division II school is a member of the Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference with programs such as Wayne State University and perennial national power, Grand Valley State University. Carter will be playing defensive back for the Dragons. Taking part in the ceremony were, standing from left, longtime friend, Darius Wilcox; father, Jerome Carter; and brother, Troy Carter; and sitting from left, cousin, Daisia Carter; grandmother, Minnie Carter; Theron; and mother, Shelly Carter.

STATE FINALS

Local athletes gear up for state finals

More than three dozen local athletes will compete in state championships this weekend.

Josh Franklin and Nate Strickland of Grosse Pointe North and Reggie Lewis of Grosse Pointe South compete in the Division 1 individual wrestling finals at The Palace of Auburn Hills.

The grand march assembly is at 2:15 p.m. Thursday, March 12, followed by round one matches at 2:45 p.m.

The finals continue Friday, March 13, and conclude Saturday, March 14, starting at

8:30 a.m.

University Liggett School senior Chris Brownell competes in the Division 3 swimming and diving state championship meet at Oakland University Friday, March 13, and Saturday, March 14.

Grosse Pointe North has five swimmers competing in individual events and three relays in the finals, while Grosse Pointe South has 20 swimmers competing in the Division 2 championships at Holland Aquatics.

Look for the Blue Devils to

finish in the top 5, which would be their highest finish in more than a decade.

With a quarterfinal victory, Grosse Pointe North's boys hockey team will make the Division I Final Four at Compuware Arena in Plymouth.

The Norsemen may play at 8:30 p.m. Friday, March 13, in a possible state semifinal contest. They have made it to the semifinals the past two years, but have lost to Marquette each time.

Several of the Grosse Pointe

gymnasts, including Lauren Krieger, will compete in the state finals Friday and Saturday, March 13 and 14, in Grand Rapids.

The other sport crowning its state champ this weekend is girls hockey.

Defending champ Grosse Pointe South is the favorite with Ann Arbor seated second. Grosse Pointe North and University Liggett School are also in the tournament, but play each other in a quarterfinal contest.

—Bob St. John

Bantam AA Bulldogs to play for title

The Grosse Pointe Bulldogs Bantam AA team will play for the Little Caesars Bantam AA Patrick Division Championship Sunday, March 15, against the Farmington Hills Blazers.

The Bulldogs won back-to-back games Sunday, Feb. 2, to earn a spot in the championship game.

They won both the quarterfinal and semifinal games by identical scores of 3-2.

In the Sunday morning game against the No. 2 seed Sylvania, the Bulldogs were able to hold off the Maple Leafs for the entire third period and win the game in regulation.

The semifinal afternoon game against the No. 1 seed Jackson Generals generated the most excitement of the day as the game went into double-overtime before Marty Moesta ended the contest by scoring off a perfect pass from Jack Guest with 12 seconds remaining in the period.

The Bulldogs net minder, Nate Gaggin, was outstanding, turning away more than 40 shots in each game. Gaggin, who led the Little Caesars Patrick Division in wins, shutouts, and the lowest goals-against-average during the regular season, continued his strong performance in the playoffs with game-saving stops in both contests.

Moesta, who had an assist in the morning game and two goals in the afternoon contest, joined teammate Austin Jones, Kurt Hamel, Tre Cools, who had an assist in the afternoon game, and Nate Erickson as the team leaders.

They played stellar defense during the two playoff games, as well as through the regular season.

Patrick Vanbeisbrouck continued his team leading scor-

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ing streak by tallying goals in both games, including the game winner in the morning contest.

His line mates, Tommy McShane and Zach Dettlinger, each delivered key checks and had strong performances in both games.

Alphonse Nepi dominated in face-off wins and won a key battle when the Bulldogs were down two men during the final minutes of the morning game.

Jack Guest, who had a goal in the morning game and two assists in the afternoon game, and Vince Scarfone caused the opposing teams to turn over the puck in several key situations with their all-out hustle and determination.

Andrew Addy, Douglas Annas and Jared Yinger were the strongest fore-checking line on the ice. They relentlessly pressured the opposing defensemen and prevented them from breaking the puck out of their zone and caused several scoring chances from defensive turnovers. Max Gawley, who was with the team in spirit on Sunday, was a solid contributor all season with his 'never quit' attitude.

The Bantam AA Bulldogs are coached by Mike Nepi, Tom McShane and Brian Gaggin.

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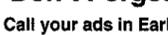
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HINT: There might be more than one answer hidden in the six columns or two diagonals. Can you find 6 words? Happy Hunting!

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