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**FRIDAY, MAY 15**

◆ Stephen J. Edberg, NASA and jet propulsion laboratory system scientist, presents a program on exoplanets, extra-solar planets, at 7:30 p.m. at Cranbrook Institute of Science, 39221 Woodward, Bloomfield Hills. Tickets are \$8 for museum and astronomy club members and \$10 for nonmembers. For reservations, call (248) 645-3210.  
 ◆ A fundraiser for Toni Kruse of Grosse Pointe Park who has ALS begins at 5 p.m. at the Atwater Brewery, 237 Joseph Campau, Detroit. Admission is \$20 and includes food, one beverage and live music. A silent and live auction begins at 7:45 p.m. Cash and checks only.  
 ◆ State Rep. Tim Bledsoe, D-Grosse Pointe, speaks at 11:30 p.m. at Services for Older Citizens Lunch and Learn, 17150 Waterloo, City of Grosse Pointe. His speech is "Dr. Bledsoe Goes to Lansing."

**SATURDAY, MAY 16**

◆ The Lake St. Clair Symphony Orchestra holds a 7:30 p.m. concert at Schaublin Auditorium, Lakeview High School, St. Clair Shores. The evening of American music features Chris Collins and his jazz quartet and James Harway, Michigan composer and pianist. Adult tickets pay \$15; senior citizens, college students and military members in uniform pay \$12; and students kindergarten through high school pay \$5. Tickets may be purchased at Gifts Afloat or by calling (586) 933-0088. A donation will be taken for Selfridge Air National Guard Base families in crisis.  
 ◆ The fourth semi-annual Wheel & Deal, an outdoor flea market, is from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms. Refreshments will be available. Unsold items may be given to the Salvation Army which will have a truck on site.  
 ◆ The Grosse Pointe Park Beautification Commission has a spring perennial plant exchange from 10 a.m. to noon (rain or shine) at the Tompkins Center, Windmill Pointe Park. Free mulch is available, while supplies last. Master

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PHOTO BY RENEE LANDUYT

## Playing with fire

Parcells Middle School eighth-grade science honor students visited Grosse Pointe North High School Wednesday, April 29, for a chemistry extravaganza, hosted by teacher Steve Kosmas, Chris Amore and honors chemistry students. Amore flashes a fiery demonstration of several properties of methane — density difference, flammability and potential energy uses — and how water absorbs and releases energy. For more photos, turn to page 2A II.

## Market ready for sixth season

By Kathy Ryan  
 Staff Writer

There will be fresh vegetables, flowers and gifts, but well-dressed canines will be the stars at the opening of Grosse Pointe Park's West Park Farmers Market Saturday, May 16.  
 A summer fixture for six years, the Market will open for extended hours on its first day, and will feature the first monthly Best Dressed Dog contest. This month's theme is Western attire, with prizes being awarded to both the best dressed dogs and their owners.  
 "We're hoping owners will be as creative as they can be," said market manager Jennifer Meldrum. "Dogs have always been welcome at the market, and we thought this might be fun for our best friends." Meldrum said dogs of all sizes are welcome to participate, but asks that owners make sure their dog is on a leash, comfortable around other dogs and the owner makes sure to clean up after their dog. If the family pooch isn't in to cowboy at-

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**GROSSE POINTE FARMS**

## 'Nude' found under water

By Brad Lindberg  
 Staff Writer

Police divers on the Detroit River bottom encountered a body with the worst case of rigor mortis possible.  
 Groping through zero visibility off of Mariner's Park near the mouth of Fox Creek canal across from Grosse Pointe Park, divers came upon the female figure mostly buried in silt 18 feet under water.  
 "The only part sticking out of the muck was the head and arms," said Sgt. Michael Carpenter, dive team leader. "It was solid hard. It felt like a torso. I thought it was part of a statue."  
 Carpenter was right. He discovered the statue by chance three weeks ago during one of the 14-member team's bi-weekly Wednesday training exercises. Carpenter assumed the submerged artwork or lawn ornament came from Marine Hospital that stood on

the site until torn down a few decades ago.  
 Intrigued by the thought of recovering something for display outside the team's boat house on Belle Isle, divers last Wednesday returned to the site.  
 Visibility in the 5-knot current had improved to one foot when Carpenter and his diving partner, Sgt. John Frisette, put on full-body wet suits and slid under water.  
 They descended, nearly landing on the outstretched arms and plaintive face of "The Nude," a 6-foot, roughly 500-pound bronze fountain stolen nearly eight years ago from the Grosse Pointe War Memorial garden fronting Fries Auditorium.  
 "If we didn't know there was a statue down there, it probably would have scared us," Carpenter said.  
 Mark Weber, president of the War Memorial, hopes the

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PHOTOS BY RENEE LANDUYT

## Bloomin' flowers

The Grosse Pointe North High School Parents Club and the Grosse Pointe Woods Beautification Commission couldn't have selected a more pleasant two days, May 8 and 9, in which to usher in spring with a flower sale. At right, Pat Bartos of Maire Elementary School looks at plants during her lunch break. Left, Anna Czech selects a flat of flowers she would like her mother and grandmother to plant. More than 1,600 flats and 225 hanging baskets and patio pots were sold.

**GROSSE POINTE WOODS**

## Offer dropped due to lack of funds

By Kathy Ryan  
 Staff Writer

The Beztak Cos. of Farmington Hills, citing a lack of funding, has withdrawn its proposal to buy the property known as Vernier Terrace and abandoned its plan to build a senior citizen apartment complex on the property.  
 The 124-unit upscale senior

development, referred to as All Seasons of Grosse Pointe, was to have been built on the three acre site on Vernier just west of Morningside and was expected to cost \$20 million.  
 The property is owned by ANK Enterprises of Farmington Hills, which had entered into an agreement to sell the property to Beztak, pending securing funding for the project by May 1.

"It's unfortunate how this all played out," said Matt Kormmeier, director of property management for ANK. "But we're going to move forward with rehabilitating the property and we're going to upgrade a number of the units. We'll be adding half baths on the first floor to several units, we're also upgrading furnaces and air

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**POINTER OF INTEREST**

*'I like being on stage. It feels like my home sometimes.'*

## Steffi Roche



**Home:** Grosse Pointe Woods  
**Age:** 8  
**Family:** Father, John; Mother, Sue  
**Claim to fame:** Aspiring starlet performs Frank Sinatra and Judy Garland classics  
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Yesterday's headlines

1959

50 years ago this week

◆ **ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS OFFER FOREIGN LANGUAGE:** The Grosse Pointe Board of Education authorized the establishment of a foreign language program in the elementary schools starting in the new school year. Each elementary school will have two 45-minute classes of French immediately after school each day. Additionally, three classes of French will be scheduled for each junior high school. The 55-minute classes will meet Saturday mornings throughout the school year.

◆ **SAFE STOLEN FROM WOODS HOME:** Grosse Pointe Woods police are attempting to solve the mystery of the whereabouts of a 500-pound safe that burglars took from a Woods home which contained \$16,000 worth of non-negotiable bonds.

◆ **FARMS JEWELRY STORE ROBBED:** A thief broke the plate glass window of Pongracz Jewelry on the Hill and stole an emerald ring from the window showcase. The theft was discovered during a routine police patrol of stores during early morning hours. A small amount of blood was found at the scene.

1984

25 years ago this week

◆ **SCHOOLS MAY SEE SWEEPING STAFF CHANGES:** Five and a half administrative positions in the public schools would be eliminated under a proposed reorganization. Seventeen administrators would receive new or increased assignments and nine schools would see new principals when they reopen in September. The reorganization is the result of the pending retirements of seven administrators.

◆ **VILLAGE MAY SETTLE**



FROM THE MAY 13, 1999 ISSUE OF THE GROSSE POINTE NEWS

1999: Coiled ssssurprise

A Saturday morning spent feeding birds was interrupted when a woman from Grosse Pointe Shores came upon a four-foot water snake curled up under a bush in her backyard garden on Lakeshore. As police arrived, the non-poisonous snake slithered away into Lake St. Clair. Cold water drove it back to land where a Shores public safety officer caught it with a garden tool. The snake was released unharmed in a wilderness area.

**SUICIDE LAWSUIT:**

An out-of-court settlement has been reached in the months-old lawsuit stemming from the hanging death of a 28-year-old St. Clair Shores man in the old Grosse Pointe Shores lock-up. The lawsuit alleged negligence against the village for not properly supervising the man while he was in lock-up.

◆ **STATE WILL TRAP AREA FOR GYPSY MOTHS:**

The state agriculture department will double its trapping efforts this summer in Grosse Pointe Shores in hopes of finding what the department says might be a major gypsy moth problem in the area.

1999

10 years ago this week

◆ **FARMS RESTRICTS**

**BUSINESS BUILDING:**

A seven-month moratorium has been placed on the building, raising or changing of structures in the business districts of Grosse Pointe Farms where such actions would promote additional off-street parking in public parking lots. The measure was prompted by the efforts of a local developer to replace the one-story Optical Library building on the Hill with a two-story retail-office building.

◆ **\$8,000 THEFT AT**

**SOUTH HIGH:** In a similar incident to one that occurred a few weeks ago, \$8,000 in cash was stolen from a locked filing cabinet in the main office of Grosse Pointe South High School.

◆ **PARK COUNCIL STICKS TO ZONING:**

Citing the need to adhere to zoning regulations and the desire not to set a precedent that could lead to the abandoning of neighbor-

hood standards, the Grosse Pointe Park City Council turned down a residential variance request. The homeowner wanted to add an additional story to his home. The council offered the homeowner a chance to revise his plans and re-present before the council.

2004

Five years ago this week

◆ **BIDIGARE SUES**

**WOODS:** Former Grosse Pointe Woods City Administrator Ted Bidigare, who was fired March 11, is suing the city for wrongful discharge. The suit claims that Bidigare was fired without prior notice and without a hearing, violating the Michigan Veterans Preference Act. The suit also charges the city with age discrimination, stating that

prior to firing Bidigare, various members of the city council made comments relative to his age.

◆ **EMPLOYEES SAVE CO-WORKER:** Two employees of the Farmer Jack grocery store in Grosse Pointe Woods were recognized by the Southeast Michigan chapter of the American Red Cross for saving the life of their co-worker. The employees provided CPR to their co-worker who collapsed of a heart attack just prior to the store's opening. Police and firefighters who responded

shortly after, indicated the employee would have died without the immediate assistance of his co-workers.

◆ **NEIGHBORS OPPOSE CONDOS:** The Grosse Pointe War Memorial might be heading for a battle over condominiums announced for Lakeshore. Two Grosse Pointe Farms residents living near the development proposed for 50 and 60 Lakeshore said they are concerned about the project and are circulating a petition among nearby homeowners.

—Karen Fontanive

Eastside Republican Club holds forum

Samuel Logan, publisher of the Michigan Chronicle, will address the Eastside Republican Club Forum at 7:30 p.m., Tuesday, May 19, at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms.

Light refreshments will be available before the meeting.

Logan will share his views on the Detroit mayoral election, city council, the future of Cobo Hall and offer his perspective on the Republican Party. A question and answer session will follow.

"We invite anyone interested in politics to attend this forum," said John Chouinard, Eastside Republican Club chairman.

According to the club's vice chairman, Thomas R. McCleary Jr., "Sam Logan tells it as it is, straight to the point."

In addition to the community newspaper published since 1936, Michigan Chronicle also offers an online edition.

Logan's business interests include an ownership interest in the publishing company that produces Michigan FrontPage, Chicago Defender, New Pittsburgh Courier, Memphis Tri-State Defender, as well as the Michigan Chronicle.

The former U.S. Army paratrooper is a graduate of



Samuel Logan

University of Detroit, a member of the Central Michigan University scholarship fund, a lifetime member of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, and a member of the Detroit Urban League.

Logan serves on the boards of the Michigan Historical Commission, Michigan Press Association, Detroit Historical Society and the Detroit Chamber of Commerce.

The Eastside Republican Club Forum is normally held on the third Tuesday of the month from September through June. Admission is free and the public is welcome.

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## GROSSE POINTE WOODS

# Woman claims prior physical abusive

By Kathy Ryan  
Staff Writer

A pre-trial hearing for a Grosse Pointe Woods public safety sergeant charged with two misdemeanors is set for July 7.

James DaDeppo, 53, of St. Clair Shores, has been charged with domestic assault and obstructing a police officer. Both are misdemeanors with penalties of 93 days in jail and/or a \$500 fine.

DaDeppo was arrested Friday, May 1, after Warren police were summoned to a house on Lane Court in the area of Hayes and East 12 Mile Road on a report of domestic violence.

According to the police report, police were dispatched to the house at 8 p.m. The dispatcher indicated in the report the alleged assailant was an off-duty police officer and advised responding officers he was intoxicated and armed.

When police arrived, they found DaDeppo and the victim, also 53, standing outside the house. When asked if he was armed, DaDeppo said, "Yes" and was ordered to put his hands in the air. Officers performed a weapons search by patting him down and removed his police-issued firearm from his waistband. According to the report, "DaDeppo smelled of intoxicants."

The report states at that time DaDeppo began "mildly struggling" and refused to comply with the search.

"In an attempt to gain control of the situation, DaDeppo was asked to put his hands behind his back to be handcuffed," the report continued. "DaDeppo refused to comply and he began pulling his arms to the front of him. DaDeppo refused repeated orders to comply with the search/handcuffing. Instead, began walking away from the officers."

The report also stated when DaDeppo ignored a warning to stop, he was tackled to the ground. According to the police report, an officer "applied one knee strike to his back in

an attempt to get him to comply. DaDeppo still struggled and tried to stand up. We were eventually able to handcuff DaDeppo behind his back. He was secured in a scout car."

DaDeppo was transported to Warren police headquarters. His loaded weapon was tagged and secured. He was released several hours later after posting \$2,500 bond.

The victim, whose name is being withheld by the Grosse Pointe News, told police she had been dating DaDeppo for about seven months. She added this was not the first time he had been physically abusive toward her.

She said she and DaDeppo had been drinking at a Sterling

Heights bar when an argument ensued and she threw her drink on him.

She left the bar and returned to her house.

The report said the victim was speaking with a neighbor when she saw DaDeppo drive up to her house and enter the front door. When she confronted him in the kitchen, she alleges he pushed and shoved her. She yelled for a neighbor to call 911.

The victim, when contacted by Warren detectives the following morning, said she did not wish to press charges and signed a waiver of prosecution.

However, both the domestic assault case and the resisting

arrest reports were forwarded to the city attorney's office, which authorized charges against DaDeppo on both counts.

DaDeppo waived his scheduled arraignment May 6, and a pre-trial hearing is to take place in 37th District Court in Warren.

He has retained St. Clair Shores attorney Robert Ihrie. Neither DaDeppo nor Ihrie could be reached for comment.

DaDeppo, a 32-year department veteran, has been placed on paid administrative leave by the Grosse Pointe Woods public safety department. He has also been relieved of his weapon.



## Happy Birthday, Irene

Grosse Pointe Farms resident Irene Eisenhart turned 102 on May 8. Friends, family and neighbors helped celebrate her birthday. The Grosse Pointe Farms police sent their best wishes, as Farms dispatcher Katie Giacobelli shares a card with Eisenhart.

## GROSSE POINTE PARK

# Revenue drop forces council to snip costs

By Kathy Ryan  
Staff Writer

"We're running lean and there isn't much left to squeeze."

That was Grosse Pointe Park Mayor Palmer Heenan's assessment of the city's \$10 million 2009-10 budget was offered for review at a public hearing Monday night.

The biggest budget item the city is contending with is an increase in health care costs of \$300,000. Coupled with nearly \$300,000 in reductions in interest income, fines and fee revenue and state revenue sharing, the city had to look for ways to recover \$600,000.

"We're cutting costs wherever possible," said City Manager Dale Krajniak. "We are fortunate this year that all of our contracts are up for negotiations, and in the past our employees have been reasonable and willing to compromise. Health insurance will be our No. 1 issue in all negotiations."

The new budget calls for maintaining the city's current millage rate of 14.07, which is the most it can levy under the Headlee Amendment. The city's reserve fund is approximately \$700,000. While there are few cuts in city services, the city has cancelled all capital improvement projects for the next 12 months, with the exception of a new boiler for city hall and repair work on the city's olympic-sized pool. The cost of those two projects will total \$120,000.

Krajniak believes there will be little in the way of stimulus

money, especially for road repairs, as most of the funds Wayne County receives will be spent on maintaining county roads. In the Park, those include Jefferson and Mack.

One factor working in the Park's favor was the city had one of the lowest reductions in assessed property tax values in the county, amounting to less than 5 percent.

"Several of the Grosse Pointes had sizeable reductions in their property tax revenues, which we didn't have," Krajniak said.

One area the city will "squeeze" a little harder for revenue is in the municipal court department and how it collects fines, according to city attorney Dennis Levasseur.

"I sat down with our judge and the court staff to figure out ways to increase collection of fines," he told the council. "We've allowed people to pay fines over time, and we are going to try and get away from that. There is also a backlog of uncollected parking tickets, but the city lacks the staff to collect those fines. We will be using an unpaid intern this summer in order to clear up the backlog."

Residents will see an increase July 1 in water and sewage rates, as the city passes on an increase from the Detroit Water and Sewerage Department. Those increases amount to 11 percent for water and 2 percent for sewage. The city also will not allow residents to carry over special assessments, such as side-

walk repair or unpaid water bills onto yearly tax bills. Those bills now must be paid when charged.

"We have become more cost effective," said Krajniak. "We have reduced staff levels and made cuts wherever possible. We will make it through this year, but if we're confronted with the same climate next year, we will have a much harder time."

## GROSSE POINTE SHORES

## Waste not, want not

The lineup began early for Household Hazardous Waste Drop-Off Day last Saturday, hosted at Grosse Pointe Shores Osius Park.

"There was a big line early this morning," said Brett Smith, head of public works. "They were lined up past the entrance."

The collection was coordinated by Tringali Sanitation.

"We do recycling for all of the Grosse Pointes and Harper Woods, except Grosse Pointe Woods," said Bob Zee, Tringali operations manager. "We recycle 250 tons-plus per month."

Items collected Saturday were taken by Drug and Laboratory Disposal to a chemical disposal facility near Kalamazoo.

"Our facility specializes in handling waste in an environmentally correct way," said Brent Walter, laboratory president. "Paint gets recycled or goes out for what we call fuel blend to harvest the energy. Fluorescent light bulbs, which contain mercury, go through a retort process. That's a facility that pulls the mercury out of materials. The mercury can be reused."

In addition to the annual Grosse Pointe household hazardous waste drop off, Wayne County schedules similar events during the year. For more information, contact Wayne County's Resource Recovery coordinator at (734) 326-3936.



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Paint was a popular item to be discarded during Household Hazardous Waste Drop-Off Day.

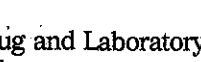


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## GROSSE POINTE FARMS

# Budget cut 3 percent

By Brad Lindberg  
Staff Writer

It could be six of one and a half-dozen of the other for property taxpayers next year in Grosse Pointe Farms.

If the new budget is passed as proposed, about half of Farms landowners will be charged 4.2 percent more in taxes. The other half will see as much as a 13 percent drop compared to this year.

Higher tax payments would come despite the city's 13-mill tax rate remaining unchanged, a relatively unaccustomed occurrence in the Farms, where the millage rate has been cut five times in the last seven years.

"Overall, half of the residents will see an inflationary increase in taxable value, while the other half will see an actual reduction in taxable value," said Shane Reeside, city manager.

All told for fiscal year 2009-2010 (July 1 through June 30), a \$12,585,995 general fund budget being considered is 3 percent lower than last year. The drop results from falling property values, the city's main source of income.

"Property tax revenue makes up 75 percent of our budget," Reeside said.

Such revenue has gone down due to declining property value assessments and taxable values.

"Overall state equalized values (SEVs) have gone down just over 13 percent," Reeside said. "Individuals whose taxable value is below their assessed value will see a 4.2 percent increase in taxable value. That's the inflationary rate determined by the state. However, individuals whose taxable values mirrored their assessed value will see a reduction in taxable value up to 13 percent."

About 50 percent assessed property values in the Farms are the same as taxable values, Reeside said.

"There's less of a gap between assessed value and taxable value than in years passed," he added. "There will be even less of a gap in the following fiscal year in 2010-2011. Next year, taxable value will have caught up with the assessed value. It's only 50 percent now. But, next time, it might be closer to 70 or 75 percent."

When revenue goes down and costs go up, something has to give.

"We've kept all salaries and wages flat," Reeside said.

Capital projects and purchases have been scaled back or put on hold. Changes include:

◆ The proposed public safety department budget of \$4,805,772, which represents more than 38 percent of all municipal expenditures for next year, has been cut by \$33,1218, or about .7 percent, from this year.

Reductions include switching a full-time clerical job to part time. Capital purchases include three in-car computers for police cruisers.

◆ Parks department expenditures have been proposed to increase 1.5 percent to \$1,357,209. Some recreation programs have been dropped or added in relation to demand. Swimming pool hours will be shaved. The normal 10 p.m. closing time will be

wound back to 9 p.m. from when the pool opens for the season Memorial Day weekend until school lets out for summer. Then, swim hours return to 10 p.m. with the option of closing early.

◆ In the public works department, a retired employee won't be replaced. Also, rather than buying a new, \$160,000 garbage truck, one will be rented during eight weeks of leaf pickup.

"The focus is to maintain the level of services," Reeside said.

"We're in a relatively good position going into the next fiscal year. That said, we're also very cautious and concerned about what subsequent years are going to bring. We're not only looking at the next fiscal year. We're looking at what the next five years are likely to bring."

Federal stimulus money has been obtained to repave:


◆ Fisher next spring between Jefferson and Grosse Pointe Boulevard.

◆ Jefferson from Fisher to Warner and

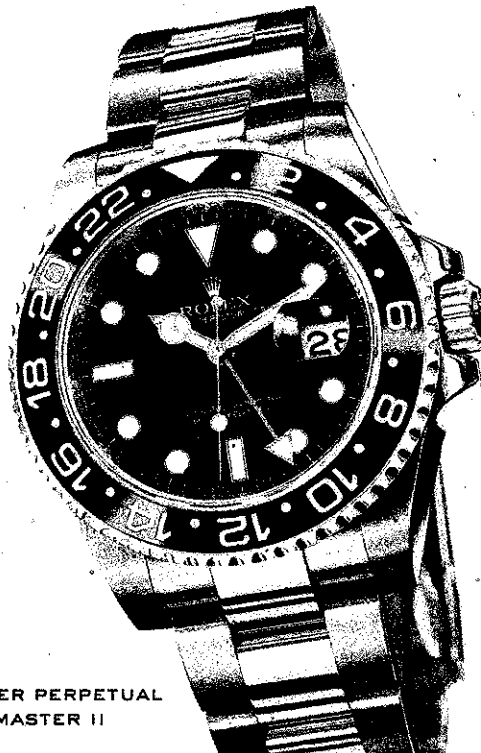
◆ Lakeshore next spring from Moross into Grosse Pointe Shores to Vernier.

"We're applying for separate funding to replace Ridge and Mack," Reeside said. "Ridge could be done this summer, depending on bids and our success in getting federal dollars. Mack, a county road, is scheduled to be done next year."


A public hearing on the budget is scheduled for 7 p.m. Monday, May 18, at city hall, 90 Kerby.



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POINTER OF INTEREST

**Steffi Roche, a big-voiced ULS second-grader hopes to make it to the top.**

# A star is born

By Amy Salvagno  
Staff Writer

She has a fondness for the late Judy Garland. And a voice just like her. At just 3 years old, Steffi Roche was singing along with the award-winning actress in "Meet Me in St. Louis" and "The Wizard of Oz." Now, at age 8, the University Liggett School second-grader seems poised to follow in the footsteps of the famed star,

times," said Roche, of Grosse Pointe Woods. The aspiring starlet says her singing talent developed on its own — mom and dad merely enjoy music and play a few instruments. "I don't want to say my kid is so great, but to hear everyone telling me how talented my child is — it's been shocking to us," said her mother, Sue Roche, who initially dreamed of her daughter becoming a renowned tennis player. "I nev-

aplaude from strangers were clues to his daughter's true gift. Roche's first performances — Garland, Frank Sinatra and Liza Minnelli favorites — were in front of her parents and grandparents. She began taking lessons when she was 3 at Grosse Pointe Dance Center with former Radio City Music Hall Rockette Cori Vokal, and incorporated those techniques into her living room shows. Then, last spring, she got her big break.



PHOTO COURTESY OF THE ROCHE FAMILY

Steffi performs last year in the "Sounds of Sinatra" tribute show with Mark Randisi and the Johnny Trudell Orchestra in the Andiamo Celebrity Showroom.

Bottom left: Steffi Roche practices with vocal trainer Wayman Ezell, at the piano, and Mark Randisi for her upcoming performance.

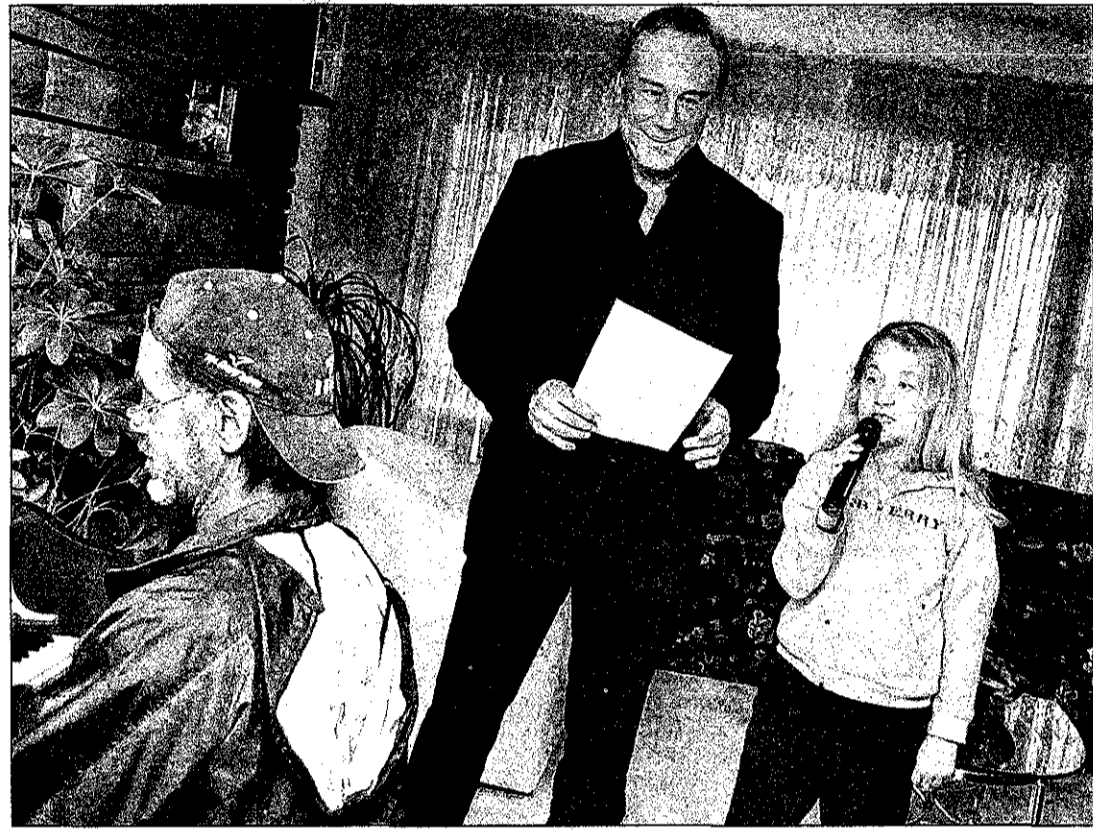


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who also began performing at a young age and got her start in Hollywood at 13. "I loved how she was singing and dancing and I wanted to be like her. I like being on stage. It feels like my home some-

er expected to have a child interested in this and do it so well." "We are both surprised by her powerful singing voice," said father, John Roche, adding that the constant praise and

While out to dinner at Andiamo Trattoria in the Woods, Roche wandered over to hear Stefan Kukurugya singing. The pianist invited the curious girl to sing a few tunes — she belted out "Hello, Dolly," "Chicago" and "Tomorrow." Roche was so impressive, says her mother, that she was asked to perform last April with Mark Randisi and the Johnny Trudell Orchestra in the Andiamo Celebrity Showroom "Sounds of Sinatra" tribute show. "It was really fun. I knew I

was going to do my best, no matter what," said Roche, who remembers receiving a standing ovation after her renditions of "Love and Marriage" and "Chicago." "It was a thrill." "The real test is when there are hundreds of people in an audience and you're standing in front of them. That's the one thing you can't teach someone," said Randisi, who's been in show business for 11 years. "She shocked us all. She's a little pro." He's worked with Andrea Bocelli, Joan Rivers, Debbie Reynolds and Don Rickles and once opened for Ray Charles. But Randisi has never worked with children — at least not until Roche. "I think she's wonderful. I spoke with all the fellows in the orchestra and we were all pleasantly surprised. It's always cute to see a young person singing an old standards

song, but she really came off Broadway holiday show. "If you closed your eyes, you would have believed Judy Garland was singing," said Sue Roche. Roche's big voice is similar to the legendary performer's, described as contralto, which has a deep range somewhere between a tenor and a mezzo-soprano. She said she would like to appear on Broadway and in roles from some of her favorite musicals, including "Wicked" and "Annie." This week, Roche films three episodes for the new PBS children's show, "Aunt Molly and Friends." "This is all natural. I didn't have to push her or anything," said Sue Roche, who says she will stand by her daughter no matter what. "I just want her to pay attention and to do her best at all times."

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## PRIDE OF THE POINTEES

Airman 1st Class Ethan Jensen has completed basic training at Lackland Air Force Base in Texas and graduated from Special Forces Selection School. Jensen, a 2008 graduate of Grosse Pointe South High School, is the son of Frank Jensen of the City of Grosse Pointe and Nancy Schubert of Grosse Pointe Park. ◆◆◆ Sarah C. McMillan of Grosse Pointe Farms has been named to the Dean's List for the fall 2008 semester at Northwestern University. ◆◆◆ The following students graduated from Western Michigan University in the winter 2008 semester: John D. Albrecht of the City of Grosse Pointe; John P. Markwick and Taylor M. Zaleski, both of Grosse

Pointe Farms; Mark W. Howson of Grosse Pointe Park; and Nicole M. Andary, Tamara M. DeFrain, Nicholas A. Fell, Ross C. Gardner, Amy T. Grinvalsky, Adam N. Kraft, Denise R. Manns, Susan A. Thompson and Charles A. Ulmer, all of Grosse Pointe Woods. William Pringle of Grosse Pointe received a Dean's undergraduate scholarship award for the 2009 spring term from the University of Detroit Mercy. ◆◆◆ Alexander Hurt of Grosse Pointe Shores received a Dean's undergraduate scholarship award for the 2009 spring term from the University of Detroit Mercy. ◆◆◆ Daniel Surmont of Grosse Pointe Woods received a Dean's undergraduate scholar

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## Pointes for Peace May 18

Pointes for Peace will hold a public forum at 7 p.m. Monday, May 18, at the Grosse Pointe Public Library, Ewald Branch, 15175 E. Jefferson, Grosse Pointe Park. Joanna Porvin and Jen Ruud of Detroit Synergy, a coalition of Detroiters and suburbanites, will share their organization's vision for a greater Detroit. The title of their presentation is "Detroit Synergy: People, Projects, Possibilities." The program is free and open to the public. A Grosse Pointe teacher and life-long Detroit resident,

Porvin is project chair of Detroit Synergy's "Third Thursday Community Connect." Ruud, who has been part of Detroit Synergy for five years, is administrative coordinator and interim project chair on the organization's leadership team. Detroit Synergy, founded in 2002, is a nonprofit, all-volunteer coalition committed to generating positive perceptions and opinions about Detroit by bringing together a diverse community and building on the city's strengths. Pointes for Peace is a community-based group of

Eastiders and others who are committed to educating for conflict resolution and other strategies to work for peace on local, national and international levels. Membership is free and all are welcome at Pointes for Peace weekly gatherings at 7 p.m. Sundays at Panera Bread on Kercheval in the Village. For more information call Carol Bendure at (313) 882-7732 or e-mail pointesforpeace@yahoo.com. For more information on Detroit Synergy, visit detroitsynergy.org.

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# Park pool supervisor dives into new job

By Kathy Ryan  
Staff Writer

The Grosse Pointe Park pools won't open until Memorial Day weekend, but Rick Cozad is working full-time to make sure everything is ready.

As the new pool supervisor, Cozad is busy overseeing the prep work needed to get the two pools at Windmill Pointe Park ready as well as the splash pad at Patterson Park. He's also busy organizing lifeguards, swim coaches and support staff in order to ensure a safe and successful summer swim season. And he hasn't forgotten those dedicated lap swimmers.

"I'm a lap swimmer during the winter with Tim Kennary at Brownell," he said. "I've been swimming laps for so many years, I've lost count. I know all the lap swimmers, and we'll be

ready for them this summer. We'll be opening earlier this year, at 6 a.m., so everyone can swim and then get on to work."

Cozad included. As the pool supervisor, one of Cozad's main jobs will be to serve as the go-between with parents and coaches of the Park's swim team, the Mutants.

"We have more than 200 swimmers on the team, and we always appreciate parental involvement, but it's important that we allow the coaches to be coaches and let them do their job," he said. "The parents can bring their concerns to me, and give me their opinions. It will be my job to deal with the coaches."

As both a swim coach and a parent himself, Cozad will bring a unique perspective to that task.

His own children, Peter, 15, Gretchen, 13, Emma, 11, and

Thomas, 7, swim on the team, and Cozad is the swim coach at Andover High School in Bloomfield Hills. He has also taught swimming at all levels for community education programs in both Grosse Pointe and Harper Woods. And just to add to his credentials, he was a swim team member himself, a five time all-America at Oakland University, swimming both the backstroke and individual medley.

"With my own children on the team, I think it will be easy for me to relate to parents who are concerned that their children aren't getting the recognition they think they deserve," he explained. "The parents can come to me, and that will allow the coaches to be coaches and do their job. It was getting a little chaotic at meets, and I hope that I'll be able to eliminate that problem."

At the same time, Cozad will

be working with Mutant coaches to improve practice sessions, with more emphasis on stroke techniques and drills.

"Swimming is a unique sport in that it is both a team sport and an individual sport, he said. "It teaches someone to set goals, become more organized and determined. But the will to win and succeed has to come from within. I think parents have to keep in mind that this is a summer swim league, and if the needs of their child aren't being met, I will tell them that perhaps they should look for a different level of swimming for them."

In the meantime, Cozad is busy supervising the pool opening, getting swim team diving blocks in place, and hoping for a successful Mutant swim season.

"I think I'm like everyone else," he said. "I'm definitely looking forward to summer."



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Rick Cozad, Grosse Pointe Park's new pool supervisor, is getting ready for opening day and the Mutant swim season.

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## Painters

This year's Paint the Window Contest, themed "It's a Zoo out There," gave local school children in grades K-5 the opportunity to become window artists in the Village. Prizes were awarded for the best interpretation of the theme based on composition, color use and creativity. Left Zoe Thompson paints monkeys climbing trees in the window of Borders Books. Collin Monette with his painting of Free Willy with Ava Wilberding, 4, in the window behind him.

## CITY OF GROSSE POINTE

# Water rate increase proposed

By Brad Lindberg  
Staff Writer

Snowbirds could see their winter quarterly water bills plunge to \$8 if a new rate formula is adopted next week in the City of Grosse Pointe.

Overall, according to the proposal scheduled to be decided at the May 18 city council meeting, the average water customer's rate would go up about 9 percent.

Unlike the current rate formula, which charges water and sewer customers a minimum rate based on an assumed minimum usage of 1,300 cubic feet per quarter,

the proposed change is pay as you go.

"If somebody isn't using water, they won't be billed for water or sewage use at all," said James Rabine, of Anderson, Eckstein and Westrick, the city's consulting engineers. "They'll pay that minimum amount (of \$8) to offset overhead costs of the system."

The average general residential customer is probably going to see less than the 9 percent increase, according to Peter Dame, city manager.

"In general," he said, "if we used the rate system we've had in place for the last sever-

al years, we would have had to have an approximately 9 percent increase in our water rate."

"If somebody used a total of 1,000 cubic feet of water per month — and that's average for residential usage — their (quarterly) bill would increase from \$175 to \$186, or 6.21 percent," Rabine said.

"There are going to be a few oddities," Dame said. "Some people are going to wonder why their bill is so much higher. A lot of it will have to do with the size of their water meter. Generally, people who have a larger meter in their house are going to be paying

more under this system."

Revised billing stems from a study mandated in order for the city to obtain a State Revolving Loan to finance city-wide sewer improvements. Some \$4.1 million in sewer work is scheduled to start next April.

"The principle of these state regulations are intended to have a fairer way of distributing the cost to all properties based on how much they use the system," Dame said. "In general, if we used the rate system we've had in place for the last several years, we

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# Former CHD board members on Starr board

By Kathy Ryan  
Staff Writer

Three members of the former Children's Home of Detroit Board of Trustees have been named to the board of Starr Commonwealth.

Based in Albion, Starr Commonwealth took possession of the CHD property in February.

William Rands, of the City of Grosse Pointe, and Bruce VandeVusse, of Grosse Pointe Farms, were appointed to the Starr board of trustees at an

April 23 meeting. Pamela Lemerand, the former director of student services for the Grosse Pointe Public School System and a resident of Grosse Ile, was also appointed.

"We are very honored and pleased to have board members from the Children's Home of Detroit joining us as we look forward to combining the rich 172-year legacy with the best of Starr Commonwealth," said Starr president and CEO Martin L. Mitchell in a prepared state-

ment.

Rands is a managing partner with Sagres Partners in Grosse Pointe and VandeVusse is an attorney with Foster, Swift, Collins & Smith in Farmington Hills. Lemerand teaches at Eastern Michigan University. Neither Rands nor VandeVusse responded to requests for comments regarding their appointments.

"By joining the Starr board, these trustees will help continue the legacy of the Children's Home of Detroit

while helping guide our organization as it serves at-risk families in southeast Michigan," said Eugene Moore, chairman of the Starr Commonwealth Board of Trustees.

A major question that the Starr board will have to address is the future of the 13-acre campus on Cook Road in Grosse Pointe Woods that housed the Children's Home and the Barnard Center, a self-contained K-8 program housed on the campus that served the needs of those residents of CHD that could not be served in a traditional public school setting. Both have been closed since the CHD board voted to shutter the facility in November 2008. In February, the property was transferred to Starr

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Commonwealth. In March 2009, Starr Commonwealth announced that it was considering three options for the site, including

a residential facility, a therapeutic education program or the sale of the property, with the proceeds from the sale going to fund Starr's current programs. Dana Jacobs, Starr spokeswoman, said that no decisions have been made as of yet.

The Children's Home of Detroit traced its history back to 1836, when a home was established for children who were orphaned by a cholera epidemic. It moved to the location on Cook Road in Grosse Pointe Woods in 1950. Founded in 1913, Starr Commonwealth is a private, nonprofit organization licensed by the states of Michigan and Ohio and accredited by the Council on Accreditation of Services for Families and Children.

## MARKET: Ready for season six

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ture, the theme for the June 13 contest will be "cutest bathing suit;" July 4 will be "show your colors;" Aug. 22 will be "black tie;" and September will be a Halloween theme.

In addition to the canine costume capers, opening day at the market will feature a food fair, with residents offering their homemade creations. "If you have a favorite recipe, or if you love to put up jams and jellies, this is the time to share it with your neighbors," Meldrum said. Those wishing to participate in the food fair are asked to register with the parks and recreation department by calling (313) 822-2812.

The food fair is just one of several special events planned for the summer season. On Saturday, June 27, market goers are invited to "Learn a New Trade," including cooking, how to build twig furniture and how to build a bird house. July 18th will be the annual Tailgate Treasures sale, Aug. 15, will feature a beer tasting and corn roast. Girls in grades 1 through 5 are encouraged to participate



PHOTO BY KATHY RYAN

The West Park Market is open for its sixth season of providing Grosse Pointers with fresh food.

### Thrift Shop

Grace United Christ Church  
1175 Lakepointe  
Grosse Pointe Park  
9 a.m. to 3 p.m.  
Saturday, May 16  
9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Tuesdays

in the Market Princess contest, with the winner being crowned on closing day, Sept. 26. For additional information, contact Meldrum at either the parks and recreation office or at the market on Saturdays.

But all season long, market-goers will find fresh produce, flowers and gift items. According to the guide created by Meldrum, asparagus, cucumbers, peppers and tomatoes should be at their best as the market season opens.

"This is such a great way to have fresh Michigan produce," said Meldrum. "And now is the time to think about flowers and plants. We'll be offering flats of both annuals and perennials. Thanks to our customers, the market has grown by leaps and bounds. Every week we have 30 to 40 vendors. It's a great place for people to meet and shop. We're thrilled at how successful it has been and are looking forward to another great season."

The West Park Farmers Market is open from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. every Saturday throughout the summer. It is located on Kercheval in Grosse Pointe Park, between Alter Road and Nottingham. For its opening May 16, the market will be open from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. For information, call Meldrum at (313) 822-2812, ext. 202.

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## GUEST EDITORIAL

By Emily Tennyson

# Auto task force and dealerships

Right now, thousands of car dealers are anxiously awaiting their fate. They'll see if they're one of the dealerships on the closure list. Many of these dealerships are profitable, yet the government is forcing auto companies to close them.

In these troubled times, such an act is lunacy. Here is some information that might dispel commonly held conceptions about auto dealerships:

◆ Did you know the nation's franchised automobile dealers are independent business men and women?

Your neighborhood Chevy, Chrysler, or Toyota store is not owned or operated by the manufacturer. The dealer pays for the land and the building. The dealer must meet the payroll every two weeks. The dealer must buy the cars in inventory from the manufacturer so the consumer can see and test drive a car before making such a major purchase. The dealer even pays for the sign with the manufacturer's logo.

◆ Did you know the nation's GM and Chrysler dealerships today employ almost 500,000 people and the Presidential Task Force on the Auto Industry proposals would require GM and Chrysler to eliminate as many as 3,600 dealerships and almost 190,000 jobs?

The franchised dealers for GM and Chrysler provide direct jobs across the country, so these rapid reductions would have a pervasive, negative effect on our entire economy.

In addition to the direct job loss, the rapid dealership closures would create other adverse ripple effects, such as decreased sales and income tax revenue and more non-performing commercial real estate loans.

◆ Did you know that both Chrysler and GM have already implemented market-driven plans to consolidate dealerships, but the auto task force has insisted upon a rapid acceleration that will threaten GM and Chrysler's current market share?

GM and Chrysler executives have stated many times that every time a dealership closes, the immediate result is the loss of market share.

This rapid shuttering of dealerships will put "closed" signs across America, unnecessarily eroding brand equity and further weakening consumer confidence. Dealership closures also will mean an immediate loss of competition and convenience for consumers.

◆ Did you know the only purported benefits of rapid dealer consolidation offered by the auto task force will not materialize, if at all, for years?

The Wall Street analysts on the auto task force have concluded a rapid reduction in dealers will generate greater sales — "throughout" — and enhanced profitability for the remaining dealers, which will empower them to invest in larger facilities that will enhance the GM and Chrysler brand images.

Unfortunately, the devastating costs of rapid dealer reduction will occur today, while any potential benefits are highly speculative and several years away, at best. In sharp contrast, the original viability plans of the manufacturers called for an orderly, market-driven transition to fewer dealers over a period of just a few years.

◆ Did you know the auto manufacturers created the franchise dealer network to out-source virtually 100 percent of the costs associated with selling new cars?

In the aggregate, the nation's franchise dealers have invested approximately \$233 billion in the nation's automobile retail network. Far from being a burden to the manufacturer, the franchised dealers have created a vast distribution channel that provides products and service to consumers at virtually no cost to the manufacturer.

In addition to directly benefiting the manufacturers, this retail distribution network provides competition and convenience for consumers.

◆ Did you know franchised dealers incur some of the highest risks and receive some of the lowest returns on investment of any business in the United States?

◆ Did you know the dealers provide more than 90 percent of the revenue that auto manufacturers receive each year?

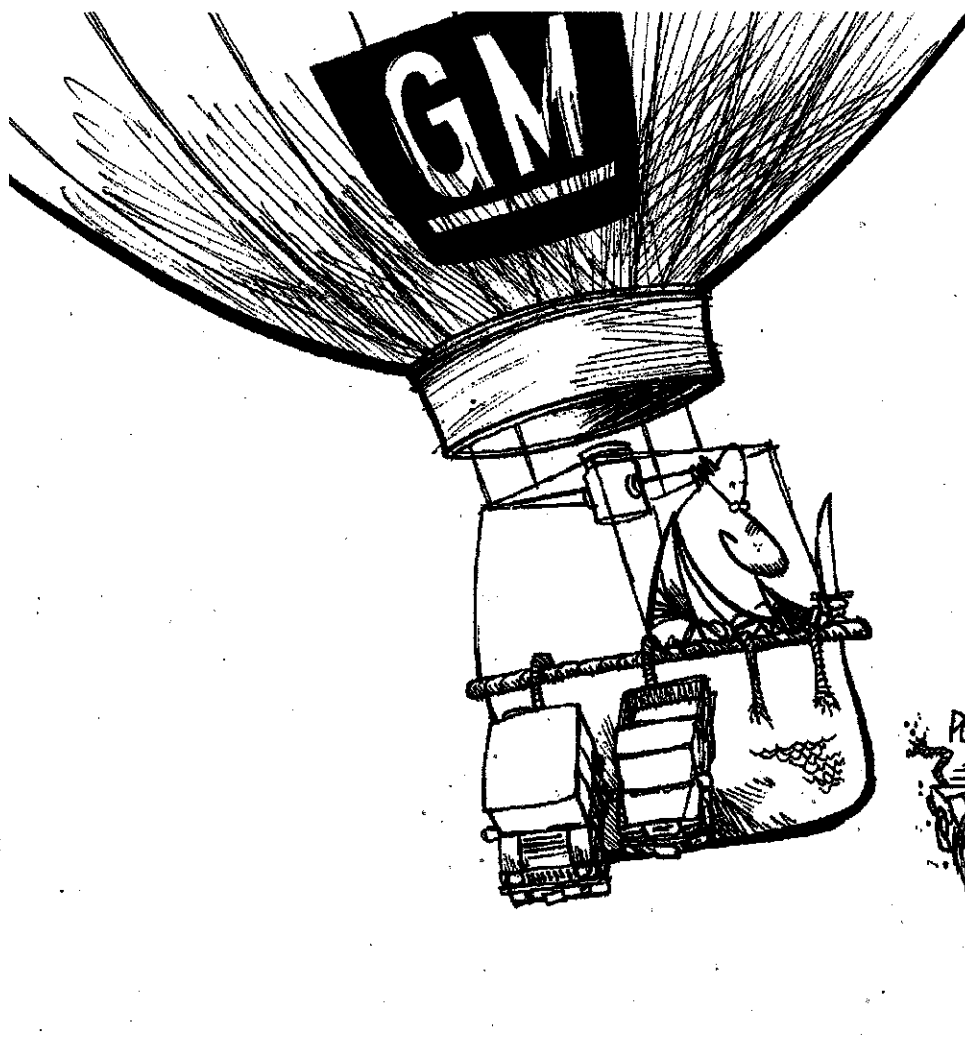
Yes, the dealers buy the cars from the manufacturers. Consumers buy cars from the dealers. Therefore, a rapid dealer reduction will further compromise the ability of GM and Chrysler to sell cars in the near term.

◆ Did you know the nation's dealers provide well-paying jobs for more than 1 million Americans?

To put this in perspective, the largest private sector employer in the U.S. is Wal-Mart, with 1.3 million people on the payroll.

However, the average wage rate at a dealership is \$21.63 per hour, while the average wage at Wal-Mart is less than half of

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# LETTERS

The Grosse Pointe News welcomes your letters to the editor. All letters should be typed, double-spaced, signed and limited to 250 words. Longer letters may be edited for length and all letters may be edited for content. We reserve the right to refuse any letter. Include a daytime phone number for verification or questions. The deadline for letters is 3 p.m. Monday. Letters to the Editor can be e-mailed to [jwarner@grossepointenews.com](mailto:jwarner@grossepointenews.com).

## Multi-age program

### To the Editor:

For our children, the children of Grosse Pointe Public School System's multi-age program, located at Trombly Elementary School, the end of the school year next month will mean more than no more pencils, no more books.

Unless the school district changes its current plans, it will also mean the end of their innovative, highly successful program.

The multi-age concept is simple. The program combines students grades first through third in one classroom, allowing them to learn and advance at their pace.

National studies find students generally perform better in this type of environment and are healthier mentally. The longer students stay in such programs, the greater the improvement in their achievement scores. Better attendance and fewer discipline problems are also reported.

As parents, we can testify to these results first-hand. We

have seen the difference the program has made in our kids. In subjects where our children are above grade level, they can be moved ahead and challenged, regardless of their grade.

Where they are lagging, they can receive extra time and attention with comparable groups of kids and not be left behind.

A 7-year-old child may have third-grade math skills, read at a second grade level and struggle with writing. In the multi-age class, that child can be grouped with a small group of children with similar skills in each area and taught to his or her level.

When we joined the program, the school district asked each of us, as parents, to commit to keeping our children in the program for three full years. We gladly made that commitment, recognizing it was important for the students to complete the full three-year cycle. But the district apparently does not share the same commitment. It intends to cut

the program effective next school year, leaving our children caught in an educational no-man's land.

For example, the program's current second-graders will actually be forced to repeat the district's science and social studies curriculums next year — as part of their three-year cycle, they learned what is taught in the regular third-grade class as first-graders in the multi-age program.

The district blames budget cuts for the demise of the program. But the budget is simply a representation of the district's priorities in the form of dollars and cents.

Instead of negotiating over money that can be raised through fundraisers, we need to find a way to save a more than 15-year-old program so advanced that one elite Grosse Pointe private school copied it and added it to its curriculum.

Many of us have decided we have no alternative but to explore sending our children to private schools next year. The district stands to lose as many as 10 students — and the roughly \$100,000 in annual state funding they bring to the district — because of this decision.

We love the Grosse Pointe public schools. We strongly support the multi-age program. We have seen with our own eyes the effect the program has had on our children. Our school district needs more programs like this one, not fewer.

We urge the district to prioritize education and find a way

to keep and expand this innovative program — not only for our children, but for the many families who will come after ours.

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## Children's Safe Products Act

### To the Editor:

Very soon the full Michigan State House of Representatives will vote on the Children's Safe Products Act.

Parents and consumers have a right to know about harmful chemicals in children's products. Our state should not be left in the dark when other states and countries have the right to this information from toy importers. Who would be opposed to this act?

Could it be powerful businesses lobbyists?

If that appears to be the case, who has your child's best interest at heart ... business lobby-

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## GUEST OPINION By Russ Harding

# Governor makes right call

Gov. Jennifer Granholm made the right policy call in announcing her decision to return wetlands permitting to the federal government.

The announcement was met with heavy applause as she delivered her State of the State address, but since that time there has been much criticism of the proposal from environmental groups and from members of both parties in the Legislature, including Sen. Patty Birkholz, R-Saugatuck Township, chair of the Senate Natural Resource and Environment Committee. Opponents claim wetlands in the state will go unprotected, but estimates of potentially unprotected wetland acreage are unreliable as the state's wetland inventory is not accurate.

"Hart Enterprises: A Wetland Case Study" details the problems associated with Michigan's wetland statute and the negative effects it has on property owners. It can be read at [mackinac.org/9504](http://mackinac.org/9504).

Michigan was the first state to take control of federal wetland permitting when it assumed the program in 1984 — New Jersey is the only other state that operates the federal

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program within its borders.

The rationale for taking over the program was sound, but much has changed since 1984. The expected benefits from operating the federal program never materialized:

◆ Funding — The feds promised funding, but Michigan currently spends more than \$2 million per year in tax dollars to operate the program. The lack of regulatory certainty in Michigan is chasing jobs to other states.

◆ Autonomy — State officials reasoned they would make better decisions than their federal counterparts. In reality, federal officials continue to micromanage the program. Almost every state wetland permit decision is reviewed by the Environmental Protection Agency; the same level of scrutiny does not occur in the other 48 states.

◆ Efficiency — This may have been true at one time, but in responding to criticism from Congress, the Army Corps of Engineers has streamlined the

process by adopting nationwide general permits. While the EPA has review authority, the corps does the actual permitting.

The Michigan Department of Environmental Quality, however, in the last few years has moved in the opposite direction, making wetland permits more difficult or impossible to obtain for many landowners and businesses in the state.

The Legislature's attempt to mandate permit adjudication timelines has been less than successful. The DEQ bureaucracy has circumvented legislative intent by routinely declaring wetland permit applications incomplete, thereby resetting the permit time clock.

It is curious that state environmental groups are now lobbying to keep the state in the business of issuing federal wetland permits. The Michigan Environmental Council in 1997 petitioned the EPA to take the wetland delegation back from the state, claiming the Corps

would do a better job. The \$2 million that could be saved by returning the program is helpful, but the largest benefit is regulatory certainty for job providers in Michigan. Returning the program to the federal level will ensure wetland permit applicants will be subject to the same set of rules as the rest of the nation.

The definition of wetlands used by the corps is easier to understand than state law and provides more certainty for developers who are used to complying with federal requirements in the other states.

Currently in Michigan, an area is a wetland if the DEQ considers it to be a wetland. The lack of regulatory certainty in Michigan is chasing jobs to other states. Hardly a week goes by when I do not receive a call from a frustrated landowner, farmer or business owner who has given up on investing in Michigan due to the state's overzealous regulation of wetlands.

Relying on the corps for wetland permitting is not a panacea, but it is a step in the right direction.

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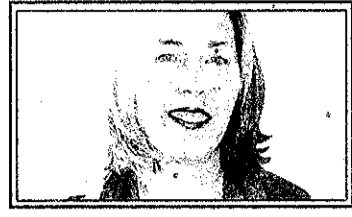
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I SAY By Renee Landuyt

# Things that make me go Hmmm...



you're getting better if you are taking medicine for the flu that makes you feel like you have the flu? Hmmm.

Then there's a commercial for a pill to help you lose weight and the announcer says "you don't have to change your lifestyle at all which makes it so easy to lose the weight." Wow, that sounds great! But if you look closely at the bottom of the TV screen you will see in small print that it says diet and exercise recommended. Wait, what? Why does it say that if the announcer said you don't have to change your lifestyle? Hmmm.

Ok the medicine in this particular commercial had something different from the normal side effects. It was a commercial for restless leg syndrome and (I promise you I am not making this up) they list one of the side effects as...drum roll please...the increased urge to gamble! Huh? Hmmm.

I recently saw an ad for a

show called Top This Party showing two women toasting each other on their party success (no special reason for the party) and one woman said, we successfully spent half a million dollars! WHAT!? (Picture my head spinning in a circle and exploding like a cartoon.) Do you know how many animal shelters, homeless shelters and domestic violence shelters I could help with half a million dollars and they are toasting the fact they spent that kind of money on a party? Wow. Double hmmm.

And is it just me, or was it wrong that a giant oil company sponsored the presidential holiday special in 2007?

And isn't it odd a cow is a vegetarian, but sold for its meat?

If four out of five dentists recommend something what is it the fifth dentist doesn't agree with? And why do newscasters call something unspeakable then talk about it for hours and days? Wouldn't it be great to

turn on the news and hear mostly good stories instead of who was shot where? Why aren't there more human interest stories on every night?

Ok, here is something I have been wondering about lately. You know how your mom always told you to wash your hands after going to the bathroom? Why aren't we told to wash them before we go? Wouldn't that make sense since our hands are probably dirtier before as opposed to after since there is a good chance we have been handling all sorts of things prior to stepping into the bathroom?

Why do people ask for a bag when they buy a gallon of milk that has a handle? Isn't the point of a handle to be used as a carrying device? I'm just curious. Have you said hmmm yet?

Speaking of wasteful, I'm all for buying organic and it is said the next best thing is washing fruits and veggies to remove the toxins. But if we buy pesticide-laden fruits and veggies

and wash them, aren't we polluting our water with the pesticides that go down the drain? That means the chemicals pollute twice, once where sprayed and again when washed down our sinks.

Pesticides contain a sticky substance that adheres them to the fruit or veggies, otherwise the rain would rinse it off. That is why water alone won't wash it off. Hmmm.

And speaking of sticky things, why are stickers on products in the worst place possible using glue that is so hard to get off, like on photo frames? You scrape and scrape and try not to press so hard that you break the glass. I mean really, they aren't gluing a plane together; it is a price sticker for crying out loud.

Here is a novel idea, put the sticker in the back. I am pretty sure we are smart enough to pick up the frame and turn it around to check for the price. I purchased a pet dish that had the sticker in the bowl where

the food goes, not on the bottom. I am not exaggerating when I say I had to soak it for two days to finally get the glue off. Hmmm.

Question; if it is illegal to litter, why are balloons released at events to just float away to wherever? Isn't that littering? Did you know a whale actually choked on the 3-foot string of a mylar balloon?

I don't think children will miss balloons. They let them go most of the time anyway, so why aren't we concerned about where they end up?

That's it for now. Maybe you will begin to notice silly things that don't make sense or at least begin to question things. Hmmm?

*Disclaimer: this column is just meant to be thought provoking and fun and not to rile anybody up like a salesperson, doctor, drugstore, newscaster, people who litter, infomercial watchers, or regular people. Lighten up, it's all in fun. Ha-ha.*

STREETWISE By Renee Landuyt

## Who is your favorite character in a story 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



'Laura Ingalls Wilder because she was a pioneer and it might have been exciting to live on the prairie.'  
SYLVIA HODGES  
Grosse Pointe Park



'Belle from 'Beauty and the Beast' because she is kind to people.'  
EFFIE HODGES  
Grosse Pointe Park



'Despereaux, the mouse, because he is daring, he's a hero and he is lovable.'  
RUTHIE IMPASTATO  
City of Grosse Pointe



'Pip, the chipmunk, from 'Enchanted' because he's cute and funny and he saves Giselle.'  
GILLIAN GRAHAM  
Grosse Pointe Park



'The seven dwarves because I love their different personalities but I like Dopey the best because he is silly.'  
BRIDGET HUBBELL  
Grosse Pointe Park

FROM THE ARCHIVES Compiled by Suzy Berschback

# Walker house never enjoyed F. Caldwell



The following article is from the archives of the Grosse Pointe Historical Society, circa 1930. For more information, visit [gphistorical.org](http://gphistorical.org).

Robert O. Derrick designed this dignified, Georgian estate for Hiram Walker's grandson, F. Caldwell Walker, in 1931.

Walker never had a chance to completely finish the interior or live in the house. Due to the depression, he lost it to the bank. Three years later, the house

was sold to Wendell Anderson Sr. of Bundy Tubing. Five Belgian craftsmen were hired to finish the wood and plaster work inside — a three-year project.

Anderson lived there until 1963, when the home was sold to George and Penny Simon who raised their 10 children there. It is still presently owned by the Simon family. The impressive red brick

structure has strong classical lines including Ionic columns on the front and rear porches.

Also, other elegant appointments decorate the exterior, including four decorative carved stone medallions flank-

ing either side of the building front, which represent the four seasons. The estate sits on 2.2 acres of land and the house is approximately 18,000 square feet.

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Pointe Historical Society presents A De-lovely Night in Grosse Pointe, a benefit for the Grosse Pointe Historical Society Friday, June 19. For more information, call (313) 884-7010.



F. Caldwell Walker house

## AUTOMOTIVE: Dealership numbers fall

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that figure. In fact, auto retailing sales position on average pay twice as much as any other retailing position.

◆ Did you know that in town after town a single auto dealership is often the largest employer in the area and has been for many years?

The auto dealership remains one of the centerpieces of a community's economic viability.

◆ Did you know the number

of franchised dealerships has declined every year for the past 50 years?

There were 50,000 dealerships in 1950, and the vast majority of these held domestic franchises. Today, there are approximately 19,000 dealerships, and almost half hold international franchises or domestic and international franchises.

Moreover, of the 250 million cars on the road today, more than 150 million have domestic nameplates. Today there are fewer domestic dealerships per vehicle in operation than at any time in modern history.

Now that you know a franchised automobile dealership delivers at virtually no cost these tremendous economic

benefits to consumers, local communities, and the auto manufacturers, why is the auto task force insisting GM and Chrysler rapidly reduce their dealer networks throughout America?

The auto task force is effectively mandating the largest Main Street layoff in the history of America — almost 190,000 Americans will lose their jobs and most of these will be on Main Streets all across the country.

The current policy of the auto task force will increase unemployment and the ranks of the uninsured and create more potentially toxic assets for the financial sector.

Emily Tennyson is a resident of Grosse Pointe Farms.

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ists or the provider of the child's welfare — parents and grandparents?

Give your Michigan state representative a call and tell your state representative to support the passage of the Children's Safe Products Act.

EILEEN WULLSCHLEGER  
Grosse Pointe Farms

## Moral values

To the Editor:

The April 30 issue of the Grosse Pointe News outdid itself in showing an astonishing lack of moral values for a community that puffs itself up on its superiority to all around them.

First, we had the crocodile tears of the Grosse Pointe Board of Education, "Cuts hit public school teachers," about the necessity of firing teachers and other school personnel because of declining enrollments, in a period when the same board did not allow children of school employees to attend Grosse Pointe public schools.

Second, Brad Lindberg in his article, "Loan payback less than 100 percent," on discount interest rates invoked Shylock, that bugaboo of anti-Semites — thanks for the cultural sensitivity, Brad. Congratulations on your enlightened use of Shakespearean allusions.

Perhaps you'll treat us to something about Othello's be-grimed visage in regard to President Barack Obama?

And, lastly, the letters to the editor — "U.S. Intelligence Community," "Fellow countrymen tortured" — from members of the community endorsing torture as a means of making them safe.

My father was tortured — no, he was subjected only to "harsh interrogation techniques" by the Communist Romanian government in the 1950s. Poor man, he was deduced into thinking that being kept forcibly awake for over 36 hours, being deprived of water and food, seeing his interrogators eat, drink and smoke in front of him while he was being jerked awake by having cold water thrown on him and being knocked off the stool where he was sitting constituted torture.

He signed his own arrest warrant after this pleasant interlude, confessing to anything the interrogators put in front of him because he couldn't even think straight or read the text.

My mother, who was shown the document he had signed, could tell from the signature that her husband had been tortured. Surely, she must have been wrong, too!

And how much safer the Communist regime was for my father's confession that he had undermined the Stalinist five-year plan.

Let us also recall previous instances of waterboarding: Under this technique many during the Spanish Inquisition confessed to trafficking with

the devil. How much safer the Christian Spanish state found itself after these people were burned at the stake!

Clearly, we get such great information from people by torturing them.

I hope my fellow Grosse Pointers sleep well knowing that they're made safe by having other human beings subjected to inhuman treatment. After all, aren't we more important because we're more humane?

ANCA VLASOPOLOS  
City of Grosse Pointe

## Teacher layoffs

To the Editor:

After reading the article in the April 30 Grosse Pointe News, "Cuts hit public school teachers," about teacher layoffs, I have a couple of questions to ask.

First of all, why don't parents rise up and demand that the better teachers be kept? After all, they are the taxpayers — bosses who pay the salaries.

The Michigan Education Association's protection of wornout or incompetent teachers has to be stopped.

And why do we never hear of administrators being cut. I think administrative staff should be cut to the bone and teachers kept, if they are doing a good job, of course.

For the salary of one administrator, two teachers could be paid.

These are just a couple of ponderings from a grandmother.

MARY LEONARD  
City of Grosse Pointe





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## Budget work continues

Community Ed, choir accompanists may stay

By Amy Salvagno  
Staff Writer

Convened for a work session Monday, May 4, Grosse Pointe Board of Education trustees attempted to address three unresolved budget issues that have raised public concern over recent weeks.

President Alice Kosinski said the board does not support ending Community Education, laying off the two high schools' choir accompanists or asking hockey players to pay the full price for ice time.

The 2009-10 budget — up for approval in late June — initially proposed eliminating ice time, a \$120,000 expense, and removing the three accompanists, a \$185,000 expense for the two part-time pianists at Grosse Pointe North High School and the full-time pianist at Grosse Pointe South.

Kosinski reminded the wall-to-wall crowd gathered in Grosse Pointe North High School's library of the \$5.5 million budget gap the district is working to close.

"Our pie is not infinite. Every cut we choose to reinstate has to be cut from somewhere else. We can't replace people in the budget without cutting people elsewhere," she said. "Unfortunately, like districts throughout the state, our enrollment is declining and that means our general operating fund is declining. Our expenses

continue to outpace our revenue."

Enrollment in the fall is expected to be down 142 students, and the state foundation allowance is expected to decrease by \$59 per pupil. Since the 2006-07 school year, the district has lost 452 students.

The district has included in its staff layoff list, released last week, the two employees who ran the Community Education program. Both are part of the Michigan Public School Employee Retirement System, to which the district is required to pay a fixed percentage of salaries. District officials say that rate is expected to jump from 16.54 percent this year to 19 percent in 2011.

MPSERS is the second largest expense behind salaries and about equal to health care costs, added Chris Fenton, assistant superintendent for business and support services.

Residents who regularly attend Community Education classes expressed concern over rumblings the program would be cut, like its two staff positions. Rather, the administration plans to reorganize: All classes in the spring/summer brochure will run as scheduled. In the fall, the district will only continue offerings that directly support its instructional programs, including Safety Town and aquatics. Staffing and registration will be handled at the administration building.

School officials are working with the Neighborhood Club, the Grosse Pointe War Memorial, local hospitals and

Connecting the Pointes to continue to provide classes previously offered through the district.

"We're looking very carefully at funding constraints, but also options. The goal of the Grosse Pointe Public School System is to provide the best possible education for our students," said Superintendent Suzanne Klein. "That's why we're here and that's where the funding should go."

Some of the classes proposed to be outsourced include:

- CPR/AED/first aid certification
- Community band — members can be reorganized as a 501(c) 3 organization and rent space
- Special needs programs; indoor rowing would be eliminated
- Photography
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- Foreign languages — Italian for Travelers, Viva l'italiano I and II
- Computer education
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Among the ways the district has resolved past budget shortfalls are restructuring the middle school day, moving school board elections to November, privatizing cafeteria services, reducing the athletic budget by \$450,000, increasing energy efficiency, passing early retirement incentives and creating fees for secondary clubs and sports.

Options the board was presented with but did not approve this year include en-

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## Puzzle whiz

Children and families from across the country and Canada showed up Saturday, April 25 at the Ewald branch of the Grosse Pointe Public Library for a Rubik's Cube contest, which provided cubers with some friendly competition and speed comparisons. Above: Out of 46 contenders, Eric Limeback of Canada took first place with the lowest time for figuring out the puzzle — in 10.55 seconds. Left: Kyle Spencer, of Birch Run, and Nick Edmonds, of Howell, practice resolving different types of colorful cubes.

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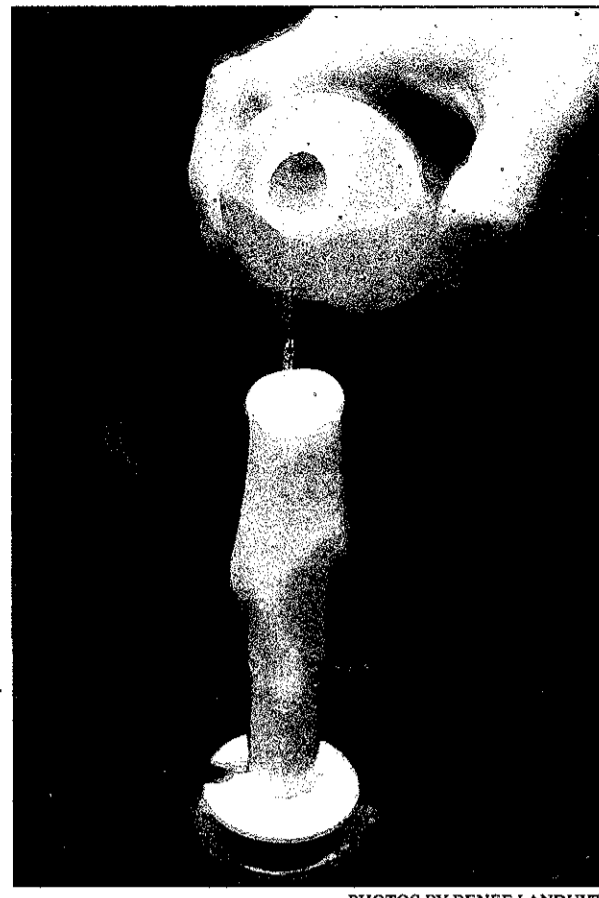
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**Intriguing instruction**

Eighth-grade students from Parcels Middle School visited Grosse Pointe North High School Wednesday, April 29, for a chemistry extravaganza, hosted by teacher Steve Kosmas, Chris Amore and honors chemistry students. Left: With help from North's Brittany Gregory and Adam Devine, Parcels student Michelle Rabaut puts the glow-in-the-dark bracelet she made with UV-sensitive beads under the black light. Above: Students see what happens when vinegar and baking soda create an endothermic and an exothermic reaction.

**Poets read for Follies**

The Poets Follies Reading Series 2009 is at 7 p.m. Thursday, May 21, at the Ewald branch of the Grosse Pointe Public Library, 15175 East Jefferson, Grosse Pointe Park. The series introduces Topnja Bagwell and John Jeffire as readers. Bagwell, a full-time graduate student working on her MA in professional counseling, is the author of the collection of poems, "Sunrise of

Revelations." Jeffire is the author of "Motown Burning," a 2007 Independent Publisher award-winning novel set during the 1967 Detroit riots and the aftermath. The book was named the 2005 grand prize winner in the Mount Arrowsmith Novel Competition. The Poets Follies offers an open mike after the readings. The event is free.

**Choir concert at North**

Grosse Pointe North High School hosts its spring choir concert at 7 p.m. Friday, May 15 at the Grosse Pointe Performing Arts Center, 707 Vernier, Grosse Pointe Woods. The program features music by the Beatles. Tickets are \$10 and \$5 for students and se-

niors, and available at Wild Birds Unlimited, 20485 Mack Ave., Grosse Pointe Woods; Posterity: A Gallery, 17005 Kercheval in the Village of Grosse Pointe; or at the door. Gold Cards are accepted. For more information, call (313) 882-7774.

**Broadway tickets on sale**

The Grosse Pointe South High School choir closes out its 2008-09 performance season with "Broadway 2009" Friday, May 29, and Saturday, May 30, at the Performing Arts Center, 707 Vernier, Grosse Pointe Woods. The program includes selections from "Phantom of the Opera," "Billy Elliot," "Guys

and Dolls," "Chicago," "Thoroughly Modern Millie," "Ragtime" and more. Special solos are being performed by all graduating seniors at both shows. Tickets are available at Posterity: A Gallery, 17005 Kercheval in the Village of Grosse Pointe, or at gpsouthchoir.org.

**Summer program returns**

Camp Invention comes to Parcels Middle School Monday, June 22, through Friday, June 26. The week-long program provides children entering first- through sixth-grade science-based lessons through hands-on activities, experiments and challenges. Children will learn about environmental and "green" sci-

ence, laws of physics and structural design techniques through ingenuity, trial and error, a lot of tape, aluminum foil and cardboard. Two staples also return this year: "I Can Invent: Fantasy inventions and complicated machines 2" and "Recess Remix." For more information, visit campinvention.org or call (800) 968-4332.

**Special Events at Victorian Tea Parlor**

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rolling non-resident children of employees and approving additional cell towers to be placed on school property. Board members say they support some type of tiered payment plan for all sports so

hockey teams don't have to foot the full \$120,000 ice time bill. That plan has yet to be finalized. In one scenario, participation fees for all athletes would increase from \$115 to \$165. The tier plan would have boys' and girls' ice hockey players paying \$400, boys' and girls' golfers paying \$350, boys' and girls' basketball and girls' volleyball players paying \$245 and football players paying \$140, for example. "We're going to have a \$5 million budget again next year. This is not a problem that is going to go away," said trustee Fred Minturn.

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# Setting up camp

ULS hosts more than 40-year-old program

By Amy Salvagno  
Staff Writer

On sprawling acres carved out of Cook Road some 80 years ago, lasting memories are made, unbreakable bonds are born and once-untried pastimes become lifetime loves.

Surrounded by now quieted classrooms and empty hallways, children soak in the summer sun, building creative crafts, practicing aims in archery and improving their backswing and serve.

For more than 40 years, University Liggett School Day Camp has fostered an atmosphere of friendship, encouragement, excitement and learning from 3-year-olds to rising seventh-graders. The six-week program June 22 to July 31 provides experiences in outdoor adventures, singing and drama, swimming, tennis, sailing and canoeing.

"One of the benefits is the wide variety of activities that the kids have the opportunity to be involved with," said ULS athletic director Michelle Hicks, co-director of the day camp. "We have a pretty rich history — there are children at camp whose parents attended when they were kids."

Children ages 3-5 are enrolled for either three-week sessions or the full six-week camp. Their 8:30 a.m. to noon program — with a camper/counselor ratio of 5:1 — consists of games, stories, movement and music, science, art, sand and block play and special events to enhance the experience. Each junior camper receives a half-hour of swimming instruction each day in the school's two outdoor pools.

Rising students in grades 1-7 also attend for either three or six weeks. Their full day camp includes the half-hour swimming instruction every day in addition to a half-hour free swim each afternoon. And aside from daily activi-

ties, such as sports, drama, singing and archery, special events are planned for each grade, said Hicks.

"A program we call Outdoor Adventure features activities that are planned and based on cooperation and goal setting," she said.

Some activities extend beyond the school camp to outlying settings ideal for water sports and educational experiences. Fourth- through seventh-graders experience sailing and canoeing at Grosse Pointe Woods' Lake Front Park. Second- through seventh-graders can also spend the night under the stars.

"For some of the kids, they get to experience activities that maybe they don't have throughout the school year," Hicks said, adding that many of the campers come from other schools in the area.

Staff members are college students, high schoolers and teachers like Ray Buccilli, who has been with the program for 13 years.

The Chippewa Valley Schools educator spent 10 years as head of waterfront canoeing and is now in his third year as assistant camp director, running day-to-day activities and "putting out fires" as they arise, he says.

And his family has not been far behind.

Buccilli's wife, Nancy, is head director of the junior camp and has been involved since her sophomore year of high school. Their 14-year-old daughter, Anna, came to camp in a stroller as a newborn and has gone through each stage it offers, including working as a counselor in the junior camp and helping out with the basketball program. Joe, 12, is in his final year as a camper, and wants to follow the family tradition and come back as an employee. And 9-year-old Vince is a rising fourth-grader.

"They are truly the definition of 'lifers' as far as the day camp is concerned," said Ray Buccilli.

He says he has found many unique aspects of the program over the years, from the diverse groups and employees to the positive atmosphere.

"Teamwork is stressed be-

cause a good percentage of kids and employees come back every year and if there are one or two 'newbies,' they have to work themselves into the camp system with the help of veteran campers," he said.

Buccilli hasn't found a shortage of fun on ULS' summertime grounds.

"The kids are thinking about camp in the winter months ... they are exposed to experiences they many have never done," he said.

The cost for the three-week junior camp is \$542; for six weeks, the cost is \$1,111. The cost for the three-week, 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. full day camp is \$947; for six weeks, the cost is \$1,490. Extended day care is also offered from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m.

For more information, contact Michelle Hicks at (313) 884-4444, ext. 240 or mhicks@uls.org. Register online at uls.org.

# School re-opens upon change in state flu requirements

By Amy Salvagno  
Staff Writer

Brownell Middle School re-opened Wednesday, May 6, after closing a day earlier due to concerns about the H1N1 flu.

State and federal health officials said last Tuesday the illness is no more dangerous than the seasonal flu. The Michigan Department of Community Health, along with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, recommended schools remain open in response to probable or confirmed cases of H1N1, unless there is a large number of students or faculty cases.

Previous recommendations called for schools with suspected outbreaks to close for seven days as a preventative measure to lessen the spread of infection.

Grosse Pointe school officials received notice from the

Wayne County Health Department late Monday, May 4, that a male student had a probable case of the respiratory disease commonly known as the swine flu.

The building was initially planned to stay sealed until Monday, May 11, said Rebecca Fannon, community relations specialist.

In addition, Brownell students were asked not to participate in after school activities, including Little League or Honors Band.

Had the building remained shuttered for the week, said Principal Mike Dib, the students and staff would have been impacted.

"It would have definitely had an affect on the school. We're in the middle of NWEA (Northwest Evaluation Association) testing and we're also within the three-week window of the Grosse Pointe

Writing Test," he said. "Those are areas that would have to be made up."

The State School Aid Act grants all districts the right to count up to the first 30 hours of canceled pupil instruction for situations "beyond the control of school authorities such as severe storms, fires, epidemics, utility power unavailability, water or sewer failure or health conditions." Anything in excess would have to be rescheduled.

The act would also allow Dib to apply for a waiver from Superintendent Suzanne Klein to count up to an additional 30 hours of canceled instruction for situations after April 1.

Information about H1N1 is available at gpschools.org, as is the phone number for the Wayne County Health Department. The district will notify parents of any updates through its automated phone fan-out system.

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# Encore performances

A round-up of the district's middle and high school spring musicals

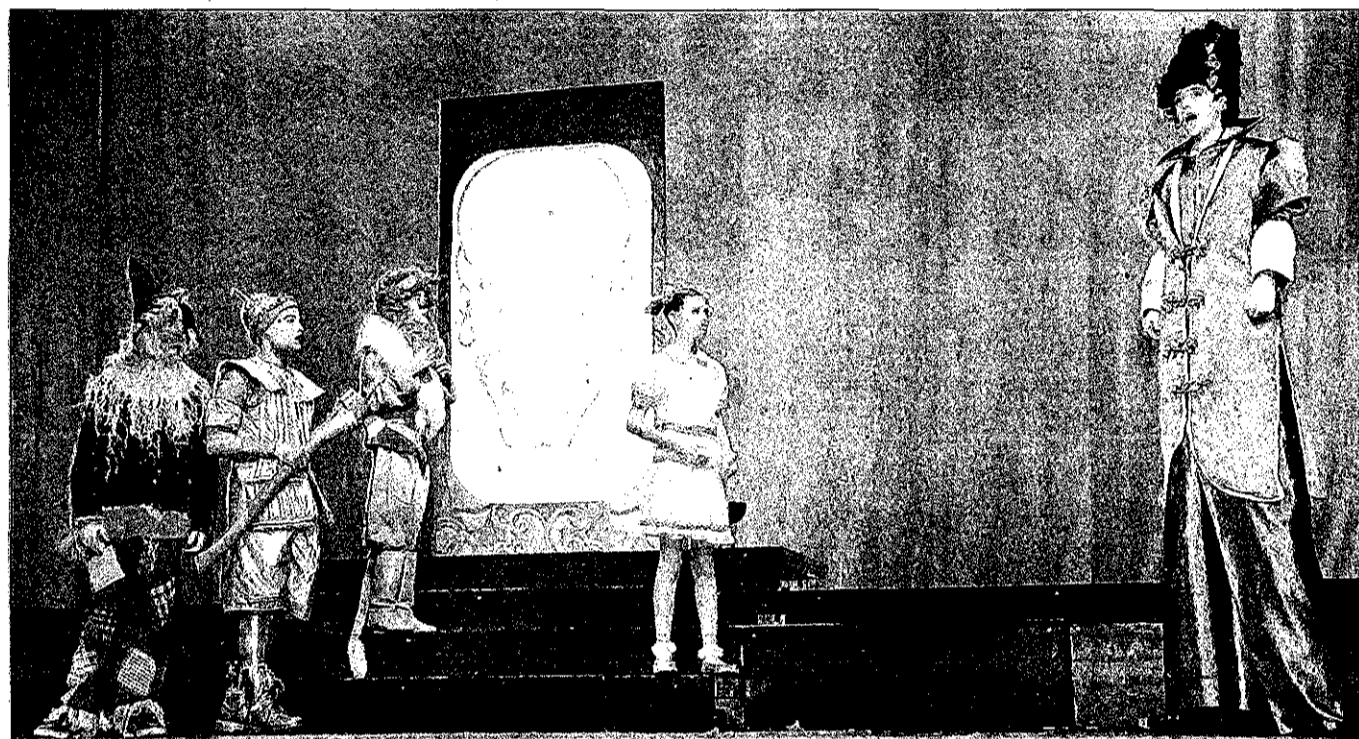


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## 'The Wiz'

Students at Brownell Middle School presented the musical Thursday, April 2, and Saturday, April 4. Above: Dorothy, played by Emma Turco, oils the Tin Man, Lamont Josey, after she and the Scarecrow, played by Evan Enders, run into him on the way to Oz. Below: The Wiz, Grant Livingston, tells Dorothy, the Tin Man, the Scarecrow and the Cowardly Lion, played by Jack Daley, that they must kill the Wicked Witch before they can have their wishes granted.



## 'Seussical Jr.'

Pierce Middle School students shared stories of some of their favorite Dr. Seuss characters, including Horton the elephant, Gertrude McFuzz, Lazy Mayzie and all the Whos of Whoville Thursday, March 19, and Friday, March 20.

## 'Hello, Dolly!'



Actors from Grosse Pointe South High School gave a showstopping rendition of the Broadway classic Thursday, April 30 through Sunday, May 3. The musical, based on the book, "The Matchmaker," was put together by more than 100 students and featured singing, dancing and large chorus numbers. Musical director was Ellen Bowen, choreographer was Andy Haines, director was Melissa Johnson-Smith and technical director was Dan Vicary. Above: David Krueger and Katie Gilbert share a meal. Right: Sean Buckley, Alex Papis, Michael Gilbert and Christina Swanson dance together in one of the scenes



## 'Thoroughly Modern Millie'

Grosse Pointe North High School presented the award-winning musical Thursday, March 5, through Saturday, March 7. The cast of 54 students was directed by drama teacher Marty Bufalini, with vocal music direction by choir teacher Ben Henri and choreography by Valerie Mould. Set construction, lighting and sound were created under the direction of Dan Vicary by dozens of tech students. Left: Millie and Jimmy, played by Myra Lamphier and Justin Wrubel, share their feelings for one another. Right: The Percilla girls talk with Millie — from left, Claire Schreiber, Kristine Minturn, Alex Brennan, Myra Lamphier and Joanna Harr.





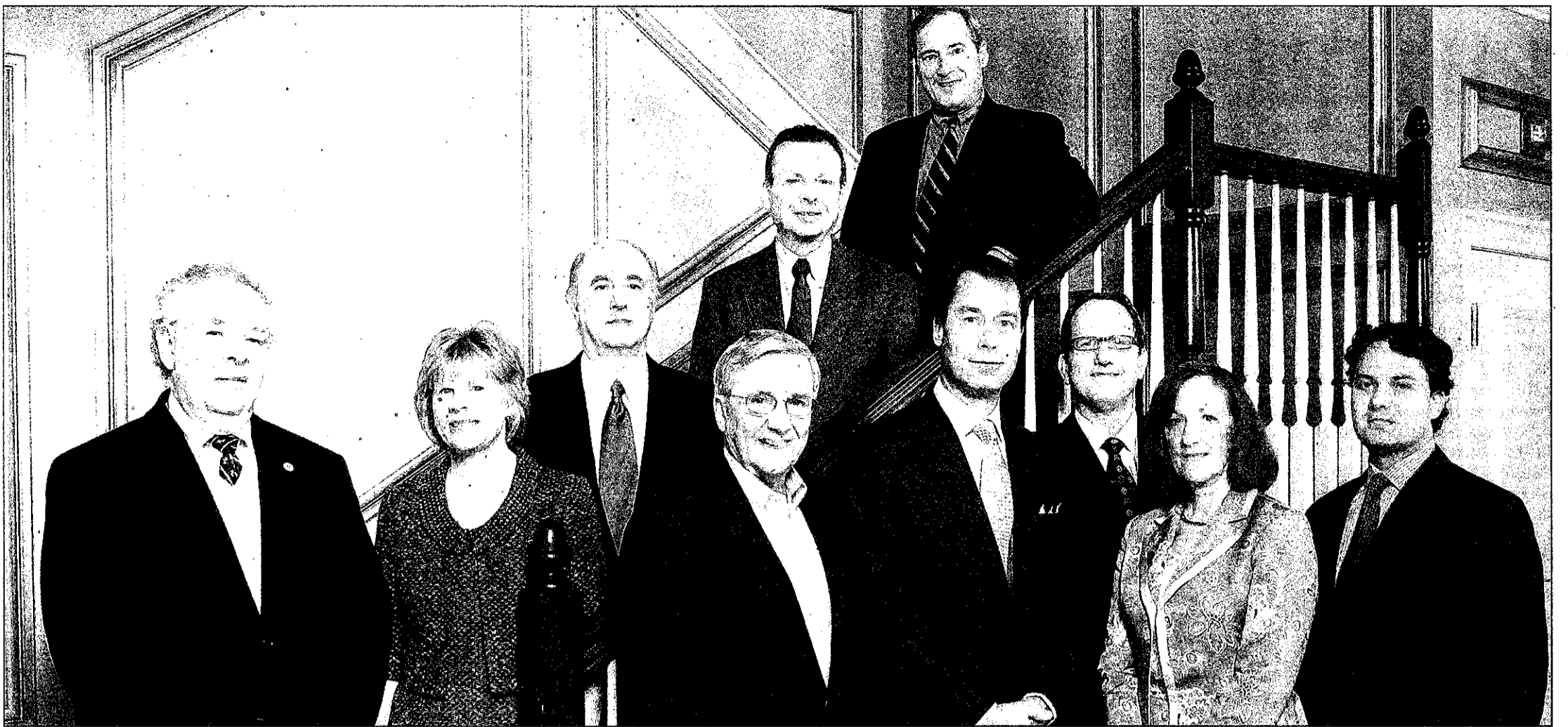


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## Chamber board

The 2009 Grosse Pointe Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors is, front row from left, executive committee members J. Theodore Everingham, secretary; Edward J. Russell III, chairman; Ed Lazar, vice chairman; Cathy Champion, director; and Jon Cotton, treasurer. On the stairway are Directors Mark Wollenweber, Diane Radloff, Sheldon Wardwell, Matthew Rumora and John Danaher. Not present are Directors Jon Peterson and Denise Alliar.



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## For the pets

The Grosse Pointe Animal Adoption Society held a wine tasting fundraiser last week at the home of John Loffredo of Grosse Pointe Park. Approximately 120 people participated and helped the adoption society raise nearly \$6,000 in the name of Loffredo's late wife, Nancy Loffredo, an advocate of animals. Helping with the fundraiser pictured above are, from left, John Loffredo holding Sally; Jamie Loffredo; Lesley Loffredo holding Jodie; David Loffredo; and Corine Martin, president of the Grosse Pointe Animal Adoption Society, holding Szigmond.

City of **Grosse Pointe Farms**, Michigan

### NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

#### CITY OF GROSSE POINTE FARMS SEWER REHABILITATION PROGRAM STATE REVOLVING FUND PROJECT PLAN

The City of Grosse Pointe Farms is seeking financial assistance through the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality (MDEQ) State Revolving Fund (SRF) to mitigate structural pipe problems and the I/I issue which has increased the potential for high water alarms and basement flooding, in the immediate vicinity of former CSO Outfalls No. 1 and 2, located in the north end of the Lakeside Sewer District section of the City's existing sanitary sewer system. The City has created a Project Plan for the City's proposed Sewer Rehabilitation Program that identifies a cost effective program and will submit the Plan to the MDEQ as an application for these funds by July 1, 2009.

The Project Plan contains an effective solution to 'tighten up' and rehabilitate a portion of the City of Grosse Pointe Farms' existing sanitary sewer system in the aforementioned District. The Plan includes a description of the project, cost estimates, and figures showing the proposed Rehabilitation Program. The most cost effective, environmentally sound and implementable alternative to eliminate the issues is to utilize 'point' sewer repairs and sewer lining. Most of the construction will take place within public right-of-way or City owned property. Construction is scheduled to take place from August, 2010 through December, 2013. The estimated Project cost is approximately \$458,482. The City may use sewer rates and a portion of the City's General Fund to make bond payments.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the City of Grosse Pointe Farms will hold a public hearing for the purpose of receiving comments from interested persons on Monday, June 15, 2009 at 4:00 pm in the City Council Chamber of the City of Grosse Pointe Farms offices located at 90 Kerby Road, Grosse Pointe Farms, Michigan 48236.

TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that copies of the Project Plan will be made available for public inspections on or after May 15, 2009 at the following locations:

City of Grosse Pointe Farms Offices  
90 Kerby Road  
Grosse Pointe Farms, Michigan 48236

TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that written communications will be accepted until June 12, 2009. All written communications should be addressed to:

Mr. Matthew Tepper, Assistant City Manager  
City of Grosse Pointe Farms  
90 Kerby Road  
Grosse Pointe Farms, Michigan 48236

GPN: 05/14/2009

## Certified

Phillip A. Brancato, a financial advisor at the Grosse Pointe Woods office of Wachovia Securities, earned the designation of certified financial planner. He completed more than 1,000 hours of study and passed a two-day 10-hour exam testing his knowledge of asset allocation, estate planning, life insurance and retirement planning.

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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.

## Helen Mataya Graves

Former Grosse Pointe Park resident Helen Mataya Graves, 84, died Tuesday, April 21, 2009, at her home in Providence, R.I.

She was born in Pittsburgh, Ill. to Lawrence Mataya and Pauline Stachevich Mataya. She earned a Bachelor of Arts degree from Southern Illinois University in 1947, a Master of Arts degree from the University of Minnesota in 1949 and a Ph.D. in 1975 from Wayne State University.

Ms. Graves was a professor at University of Michigan-Dearborn from 1975 to 1996 and the University of Michigan from 1996-2006, as well as the University of Arizona.

She was prominent in the field of experiential education, establishing the first comparative political internship programs in the Canadian House of Commons in 1984. She directed this program for more than 20 years, and augmented it with similar programs in Washington, D.C., Lansing and several Canadian provinces, involving hundreds of students from both the U.S. and Canada.

Ms. Graves was a founder of the Women's Commission at U-M Dearborn, and received numerous academic and civic awards, including recognition from the Michigan House of Representatives and Senate, and the Canadian House of Commons. She was the first female president of the Michigan Conference of Political Scientists, was nominated for the Michigan Women's Hall of Fame and served on the screening committee for International Fulbright Scholarships.

Ms. Graves took great pleasure from her participation in a wide range of civic affairs. A perennial Democratic precinct captain, she was a delegate to the Democratic National Convention in 1972, and was appointed to the Michigan Women's Commission. She was a founder of the committee which established the Northeast Child Guidance Center in Detroit and fought for the preservation of Three Mile Park.

She was a long-time member of the Unitarian Church in several different locales, as well as the League of Women Voters and the ACLU.

Ms. Graves is survived by her sons, James Bau Graves of Chicago and John Graves of

Fort Lee, N.J.; daughter, Adrienne Southgate of Barrington, R.I.; grandchildren, J and Scott Southgate, Emma Rye and Anna Graves, Hannah and Guthrie Graves and her brother, John Mataya of Ocala, Fla.

A funeral service will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday, May 16, 2009, at Ann Arbor Unitarian Church, 4001 Ann Arbor-Saline Road, Ann Arbor.

The Helen M. Graves Scholarship Fund dedicated to supporting social science internships has been established in her memory. Donations may be made payable to U-M-Dearborn and mailed to Institutional Advancement, U-M-Dearborn, 4901 Evergreen Road, 1040 AB, Dearborn, MI 48128.

## Ann Louise Donovan McLaughlin

Detroit resident Ann Louise Donovan McLaughlin, 84, died Monday, May 11, 2009.

She was born Oct. 14, 1924 in Detroit to Francis and Mary Donovan and graduated from Academy of the Sacred Heart Lawrence Avenue and Detroit College of Business. She was an underwriter with Marsh & McLennan Insurance in Detroit.

Mrs. McLaughlin was active in the community as an alumna of the Academy of the Sacred Heart Lawrence Avenue, and a member of Children of Mary Sodality, Christ Child Society, Pregnancy Aid, Morality in Media, St. Clair of Montefalco choir and the Grosse Pointe Community Chorus. She was also a volunteer with Beaumont Hospital, Grosse Pointe.

She is survived by her daughters, Kathleen Hill, Mary Ann McLaughlin and Madeleine (Patrick) Socia and grandchildren, Elizabeth Hill, Andrew Hill, Rebecca Hill, Pfc. Christopher Hill, William Socia and Charlotte Socia.

She was predeceased by her husband, William J. McLaughlin.

A funeral Mass will be celebrated at 10 a.m. Thursday, May 14, 2009, at St. Clare of Montefalco Catholic Church, 1401 Whittier Road, Grosse Pointe Park. Viewing begins at 9:30 a.m. at the church. Interment will follow the funeral at Mt. Olivet Cemetery, Detroit.

Memorial donations may be made to Alzheimers

Association, Michigan Parkinsons Foundation, Retired Religious of the Sacred Heart, 4389 West Pine Blvd., St. Louis, MO 63108 or Capuchin Soup Kitchen.

## Dora Mary Vernier

Grosse Pointe Woods resident Dora Mary Vernier, 79, died peacefully during holy hours on Good Friday, April 10, 2009, at Mount Clemens Regional Medical Center.

Born June 8, 1929, into one of Grosse Pointe's founding families, Ms. Vernier never strayed far from her Grosse Pointe roots and the Vernier homestead which still stands at 665 Vernier Road.

Family was most important to Ms. Vernier. She married and then divorced. At that point, she reclaimed and retained her Vernier name. As the family expanded over the generations, so too, did Ms. Vernier's family books and photographs.

She is survived by her loving sister, Marjorie Miller; brother, Herby Vernier and 28 nieces and nephews as well as their children.

Ms. Vernier was predeceased by her parents, Alice M. (nee Maison) and Robert L. Vernier; brothers, John, Stanley, Robert, Norman, Donald and Earl and sisters, Marie, Grace Dow, Helen LaBeau, Arvena Frasad, Hilda, Rosemary Lang and Ruthanne Mailloux.

A memorial Mass will be celebrated at 10 a.m. Monday, June 8, 2009, at St. Joan of Arc Catholic Church, 21620 Greater Mack in St. Clair Shores.

Inurnment will be at Resurrection Cemetery in Clinton Township.

## Mildred Louise Hoover Warren

Former Grosse Pointe Park resident Mildred Louise Hoover Warren, 93, died Wednesday, March 11, 2009, at her daughter's home with her three children at her side.

Mrs. Warren was born May 6, 1915, in Grand Rapids. Her parents fostered more than 150 children, took in borders, and shared their home with family, friends and pets. This empathy for others remained a central part of her life and a value she instilled in her children.

Mrs. Warren graduated from



Helen Mataya Graves



Ann Donovan McLaughlin



Dora Mary Vernier



Mildred Warren



Harold G. Kain



Nancy S. Chuba

Central High School and attended Davenport College, enjoying the social perks of the Alpha Iota Sorority. While at Davenport College she spotted the vivacious and handsome William Warren. She hadn't even met him yet when he came up behind her at the drinking fountain and gave her a kiss! That was the beginning of a 53-year partnership of love, marriage and family.

After graduating from Davenport, Mrs. Warren landed her dream job as executive secretary for a general in The War Department in Detroit. She married Bill Warren in 1941 and returned to Grand Rapids with the couple's first child while her husband served during World War II. After the war, the young family moved to Chicago where Mrs. Warren cared for their three children.

During the 1950s, Mrs. Warren ordered a full set of tents, cots and camping equipment from the Sears, Roebuck and Co. catalogue. Summer vacations found the family of five and the family dog discovering nature and the beauty of North America. The family moved to Grosse Pointe Park in 1960.

Mrs. Warren loved music and was able to listen to tunes then play them by ear on the grand piano that she bought as a single career woman. She brought her joy for music to birthday parties, cocktail parties and holiday celebrations.

She and her husband eventually retired to Florida and California, always keeping a home in Grosse Pointe. They traveled the country with their camp trailer, visiting national parks from California to

Maine.

Mrs. Warren is survived by her children, Ann (Mike) MacDonald, Bill (Chris) Warren, and Jane (Al) Spaulding; grandchildren, Katie (Mark) Mastie and John MacDonald, B.J. (Amy) and Geoff (Meredith) Warren, and Annemarie and Kristina (Angel Cuellar) Spaulding; great-grandchildren, Dylan and Davis; step grandson, Jason (Jill) Siewertson and four step great-grandchildren.

She was predeceased by her husband, William in 1994.

Her family said Mrs. Warren lived her life with a song in her heart and kindness for everyone. She loved her husband, family and friends and expressed a lifelong gentle caring for the natural world around her. Her family will celebrate her life with a private Mass, a family dinner and a follow-up picnic, enjoying the outdoors and the beauty of nature that Mrs. Warren so loved.

Memorial donations may be made to the Grosse Pointe Animal Adoption Society, 296 Chalfonte, Grosse Pointe Farms, MI 48236.

## Harold G. Kain

Grosse Pointe Woods resident Harold G. Kain, 88, died Sunday, May 10, 2009, at Beaumont Hospital, Grosse Pointe.

He was born Aug. 14, 1920, in Detroit to Samuel and Barbara Kain. He earned a Bachelor of Science Degree in Engineering from the University of Detroit and worked for Ford Motor Co. in Dearborn as an executive engineer.

Mr. Kain served as a sergeant in the U.S. Army during World War II. He was a member of the Grosse Pointe Senior Men's Club, Society of Automotive Engineers and the Engineering Society of Detroit. He liked to golf.

Mr. Kain is survived by his wife, Geraldine; children, Kathleen Vorwith, Lorraine (Ron) Reynolds, Marilyn (Don) May, Marlene (Bob) Pranskatis and Kevin (Dawn); grandchildren, Carey, Sean, Christopher, Tonya, Michael and Matthew and great-grandchildren Austin, Makena and Tyler.

A funeral Mass was celebrated May 13 at Our Lady Star of the Sea Catholic Church in Grosse Pointe Woods with interment in Resurrection Cemetery in Clinton Township.

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

## Nancy S. Chuba

Former longtime Grosse Pointe resident Nancy S. Chuba, 76, died Monday, May 4, 2009. She was living in Sarasota, Fla.

She was born Nov. 20, 1932, in Detroit to Dr. Henry J. and Helen Kehoe and graduated from Denby High School and in 1955 from Michigan State University.

Mrs. Chuba was an elementary school teacher in East Detroit and Detroit Public Schools as well as St. Joan of Arc in St. Clair Shores. She taught for more than 25 years and was fondly remembered by many of her former students as their favorite teacher.

She was a past president of Detroit Suburban Alumnae Association of Kappa Kappa Gamma, a member of Louisa St. Clair Chapter of the DAR, a past member of the Bon Secours Assistance League, and a former member of the Detroit Yacht Club and the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club.

She was devoted to her family and enjoyed painting, playing bridge, traveling and her work in various organizations. An avid boater, she was especially fond of spending summers with her family at the DYC, GPYC and on the many boating excursions they took throughout the Great Lakes and Lake St. Clair.

Mrs. Chuba is survived by her husband, Thomas W. Chuba; son, Thomas (Dawn) Chuba; daughter, Kathleen (Gary) Marowske and grandchildren, Kerri and Troy Marowske and Randy and Kellie Chuba.

She was predeceased by her parents; her sister, Sally Lucas and her brother, Richard Kehoe.

A memorial Mass will be celebrated at 10 a.m. Friday, May 22, 2009, at Our Lady Star of the Sea Catholic Church, 467 Fairford, Grosse Pointe Woods.

Memorial donations may be made to At Home at Last, 6327 Brentwood Ave., Sarasota, FL 34231 or Capuchin Soup Kitchen, 1820 Mt. Elliott, Detroit, MI 48207.

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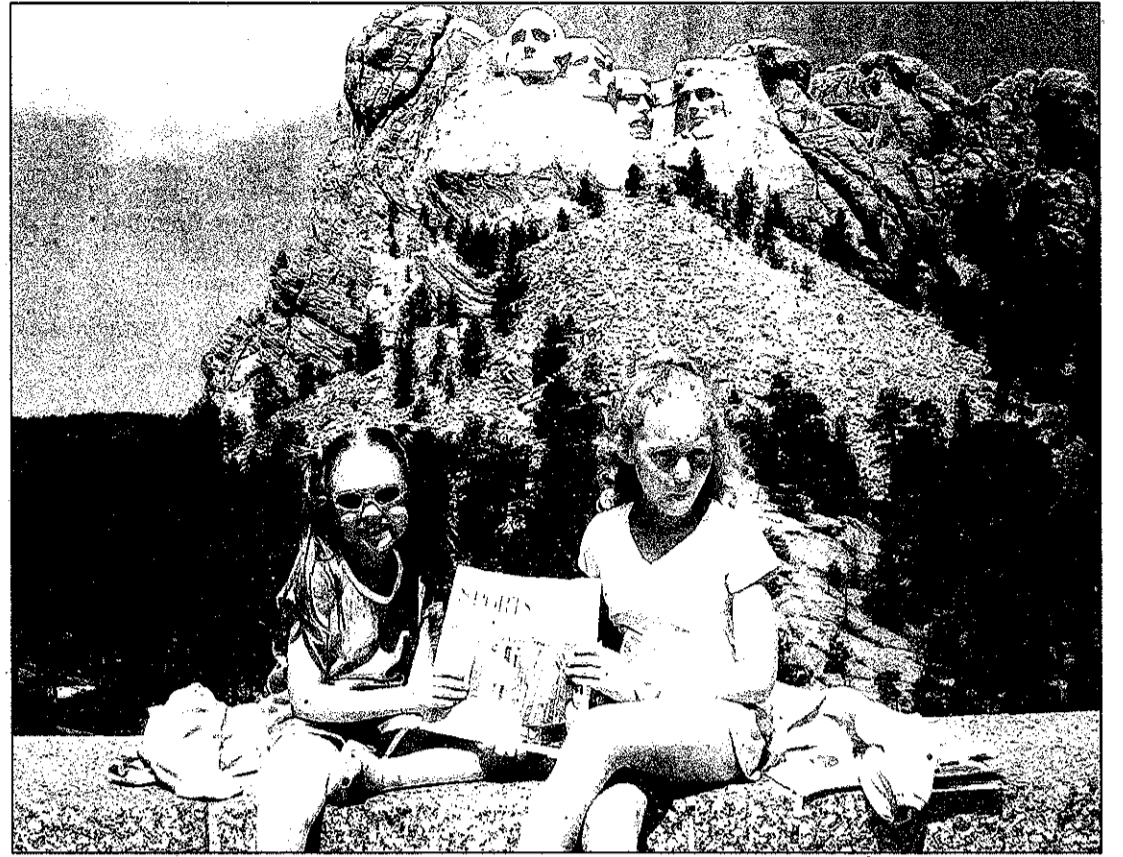
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## The St. Peter's readers



Maria Patak of New Hudson and Vicki Siewert of Grosse Pointe Woods took the Grosse Pointe News along when they visited family in Italy and stopped to see St. Peter's Basilica in Rome. When you travel, take along a copy of the Grosse Pointe News and have a photo taken of yourself in front of a local landmark. Send the picture, along with a few words to: The Grosse Pointe News Reader, 96 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe Farms, MI 48236; or e-mail to editor@grossepointenews.com. Your picture will appear in an upcoming issue.



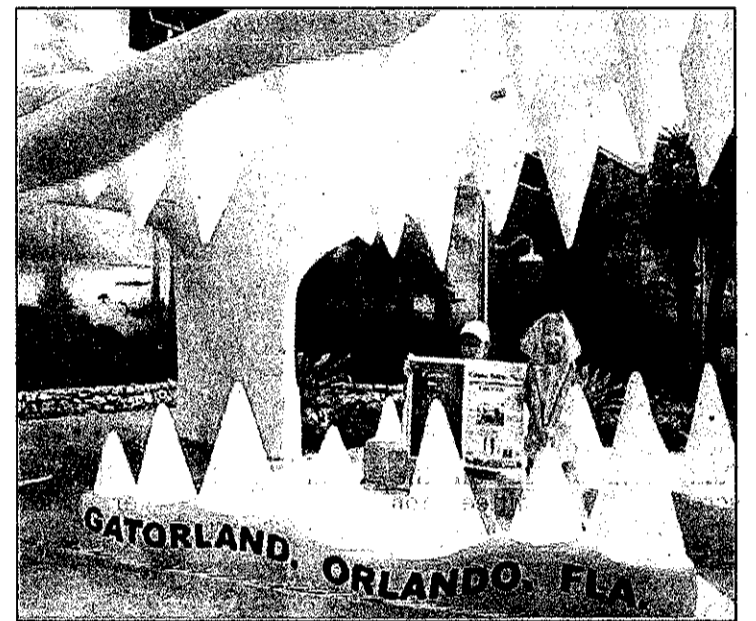
## Mount Rushmore readers

Ashley, left, and Alison Pomaville of Grosse Pointe Park took the Grosse Pointe News along to read during a family vacation to Mount Rushmore.

## The 'Up North' readers



The 2008 Grosse Pointe Yacht Club "Up North" rendezvous was held in St. Ignace. More than 70 adults and children traveled by boat, car and airplane to attend the event and they took the Grosse Pointe News along to read. When you travel, take along a copy of the Grosse Pointe News and have a photo taken of yourself in front of a local landmark. Send the picture, along with a few words to: The Grosse Pointe News Reader, 96 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe Farms, MI 48236; or e-mail to editor@grossepointenews.com. Your picture will appear in an upcoming issue.



## Gatorland reader

Riley and Lilly Parrish of Grosse Pointe Woods took the Grosse Pointe News along when they visited Gatorland in Orlando, Fla.

### GROSSE POINTE FARMS

## Garbage load too hot to handle

By Brad Lindberg  
Staff Writer

A combustible cocktail of household chemicals ignited spontaneously last week in the bed of a garbage truck.

A Grosse Pointe Farms public works crew was making morning rounds Tuesday, May 5, in the first block of Merriweather when they discovered where there's smoke, there's fire.

"When I got there," said Farms Lt. Jack Patterson, "a DPW worker was on top of the truck with a fire extinguisher trying to put it out. There wasn't a lot of flame and smoke."

Patterson ordered the worker off the truck and its conflagrant contents dumped in the street.

Garbage trucks, called packers, cost about \$160,000.

"My first thought was to dump the garbage and save the truck," Patterson said. "We

brought in fire trucks and, using a Scotty Bottle of foam on an attack line, put the fire out. We found out later that the fire may have been caused by somebody dumping hazardous materials into trash."

Scotty Bottles are one-gallon containers of foam concentrate. Officers disburse the foam the same way homeowners attach a bottle of lawn fertilizer to a garden hose.

Damage to the garbage truck consisted of two burned hydraulic lines and paint damage, Patterson said.

Once the fire was believed out, crews used a front-end loader to clear the street of garbage. The pile was deposited at the DPW yard.

"A muriatic acid bottle was smoking in the pile," Patterson said. "It was bubbling green gas and clouds."

He suspects someone within a day's time of the fire being discovered discarded the

muriatic acid, used in households for such things as cleaning bricks or swimming pools, along with pool chlorine or fertilizer. If the chemicals came into contact with each other, they could have ignited.

"There was enough charring on wood in the pile that it could have been sitting in the packer all night," Patterson said.

### Dangerous cargo

"It's amazing what combinations of household chemicals can create," said Brent Walter, president of Drug and Laboratory Disposal, a licensed chemical treatment and storage firm near Kalamazoo. "I'm speculating that the muriatic acid combined with an oxidizing agent to create an exothermic reaction that was hot enough to ignite surrounding materials."

Fertilizer found in the burning trash was the likely oxidiz-

er, which adds oxygen to combustion.

"If you add an oxidizer to something that's burning, it increases the scope of that burn," Walter said. "It also can accelerate a reaction."

Walker and some of his employees were in the Grosse Pointes last weekend for the annual Household Hazardous Waste Drop-Off Day.

"A lot of stuff gets inappropriately put in the trash," he said. "The same chemicals that households have, if they were generated by a business, would be a fully-regulated hazardous waste."

Grosse Pointe City, Farms, Park and Shores once each year cooperate to collect household hazardous waste.

In addition, Wayne County accepts drop-offs of household hazardous waste multiple times per year. For a schedule and collection sites, call the county at (734) 326-3936.

## OBITUARIES: Loved ones remembered

### Jeanie Williams Angier

Jeanie Williams Angier of Brookline, Mass. died Friday, May 8, 2009. She grew up in Grosse Pointe.

Mrs. Angier was the beloved wife of John; stepmother of Jeremy and Penelope; sister of Rob and Katie; aunt of Tom, David, Laurie, Wendy and Katie and good friend of Lenny, Andrea and Sandy. Her much-loved and devoted aunts, Jeanne and Alice Laitner, reside in Grosse Pointe.

Mrs. Angier leaves numerous friends and family across the United States and the United Kingdom, dismayed at her death at such a young age, but grateful for having known such vivacity.

Memorial donations may be made to the place to which she devoted so much of her wonderful energy: Longyear Museum, 1125 Boylston Street, Chestnut Hill, MA 02467.

### Jerrold Allen Jacobs

Jerrold Allen Jacobs, 54, died Tuesday, April 28, 2009.

Dear brother of Jake (Ronna) and Steve Ellwing, Sandra and the late David Chlubna, Sharon Jacobs, and the late Bruce Jacobs. Loving uncle of Cassandra and Calley Ellwing, and Eli Chlubna. Predeceased by his parents, Ronald and Beverly.

"What a long strange trip it's been."

Arrangements were handled by Hamilton Cremation Society of Grosse Pointe.



Susan Smith

### Susan Smith

Grosse Pointe Park resident Susan Smith, 86, died Sunday, April 5, 2009.

She was born June 20, 1922, in Troy, Ohio.

Mrs. Smith is survived by her daughter, Ann Smith Brink of Grosse Pointe Park, Greg Smith of the City of Grosse Pointe and Steven Smith of Grosse Pointe Farms and grandchildren, Kirby Brink, Bo Brink, Hadley Brink, Emery Brink, Erin Smith Weitzmon, David Smith, Mark Smith, Eva Smith and Alec Smith.

Services were private.

Memorial donations may be made to Michael J. Fox Foundation for Parkinson's Research, Church Street Station, P.O. Box 780, New York, NY 10008-0780.

**AUTOS** By Jenny King

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# Range Rover Sport: king of the hill



**Y**ou'll have to forgive Range Rover drivers and their passengers if they appear to be looking down on you.

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Indeed, the view is awfully nice from the inside of the 2009 Range Rover HSE, even when the scenery consists of mile after mile of scrubby desert in Tucson, Ariz.

While we didn't try it, this descendant of the desert-loving Land Rover family would probably be quite capable of ascending some of the steep mountains that mysteriously decorate the otherwise pancake-flat, saguaro-dotted Sonoran Desert.

With its full-time four-wheel drive and a Terrain Response System that allows the driver to choose among general, snow, mud, sand, rock and crawl capabilities, where's the worry in trying almost anything in this truck with its boxed-steel ladder frame construction?

The 4.4-liter, 300-horsepower aluminum alloy V-8 under the massive hood hooks up to a six-speed, electronically controlled automatic transmission with normal and sport options.

The driver also can play with manual shift using the

automatic shift stick. This would be most fun on those hill-climbing expeditions, both ascending and descending.

The Range Rover gets pretty good marks from other reviewers. Little doubt it's a capable and sturdy truck. And it is luxurious. But we found fault with the lack of room for rear-seat passengers, where entrance is narrow and leg/foot/ankle room cramped. This may seem petty, but a fairly thorough search uncovered no rear-seat beverage holders.

Well, there's plenty of head room, front and back.

Anyone who loves gauges and gadgets will be excited by the proliferation of buttons and knobs and the things they will do for the Range Rover and/or its passengers. The test vehicle, with a base price of \$58,375, included dual-zone climate controls, power driver and front passenger seats, memory for the driver seat/outside mirrors/steering wheel and a power sunroof.

Those outside mirrors can be heated and also folded flat. There was a navigation system, a 14-speaker sound system, CD player with room for six discs, Bluetooth wireless communication capability and lots of controls on the steering

wheel.

A dynamic response package with mega-brakes from Brembo in the front added \$2,000 to the bottom

line. A luxury interior package was \$3,000 and provided leather surfaces, heated front and rear seats, a heated windshield and washer jets and a cooler box which we overlooked.

California buyers will have to pay a \$100 emissions fee if they choose to own a Range Rover Sport HSE.

The prestigious sport utility is rated at 12 miles per gallon on average in city driving and 18 mpg on average outside city limits.

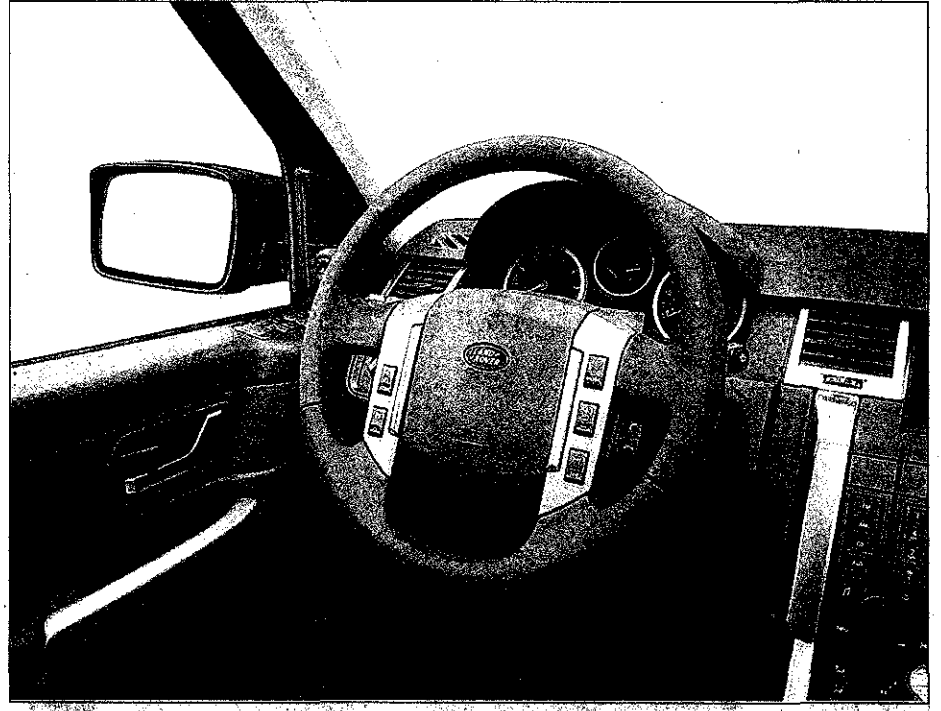
Land Rovers are assembled in Solihull in the UK. India-based Tata Group purchased Land Rover (and Jaguar) from the Ford Motor Co. a year ago. That company has been busy perfecting its tiny Nano car and preparing it for production. Observers feel Tata will

turn its attention to these new luxury vehicles and may restore some glory to Land Rover.

Think you might like to try your driving skills in a Land Rover without committing to a sale or lease? Land Rover dealers frequently have driving ranges at or near their facilities.



2009 Range Rover Sport HSE



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AUTOMOTIVE

AUTOS TODAY By Richard Williamson

# Colorful FJ Cruiser covers rough terrain

If the Mini had a mother, it would be the FJ Cruiser. The two-tone Toyota stands out in a crowd with its white top and bright body, defying a trend of increasingly racy, car-like sport utility vehicles.

Pick a color — any color — and the FJ Cruiser looks simply adorable in its retro design: Yellow body, white top; blue body, white top. The color schemes seem simultaneously quaint and rugged. Like the Mini Cooper, the FJ Cruiser always appears to be wearing a hat.

Designed to resemble Toyota's FJ40, sold in the U.S. from 1960 to 1983, the Cruiser emerged as a concept vehicle from Toyota's Calt Design Research in Newport Beach, Calif., in 2003.

Retro styling cues included the front grille with two round, five-inch headlights, resembling the FJ40's. Hood and fender contours harkened to history, as did a rear-mounted full-size spare tire with an off-center license plate mount. The Cruiser is the only current vehicle bearing the word "Toyota" across the grille instead of the corporate emblem. Despite the branding, it is actually built by Japan's Hino Motors.

After its debut at the Chicago Auto Show in 2003, the Cruiser went on sale in

### 2009 TOYOTA FJ CRUISER

**Type:** 4-wheel-drive, four-door, five-passenger, compact SUV.

**Price:** \$24,910 base.

**Where built:** Tokyo, Japan.

**Key rivals:** Jeep Liberty, Hyundai Santa Fe, Hummer H3.

**Power:** 4-liter, 24-valve, 239-horsepower, DOHC V6; five-speed auto transmission.

**Fuel economy:** 15 mpg city, 18 highway.

**Curb weight:** 4,295 pounds.

2006 as a 2007 model.

For 2009, Toyota adds three new colors to the scheme: Black, silver fresco metallic and iceberg. My advice: Keep it simple. You can't go wrong with black, blue or yellow.

Prices rise slightly for 2009 at about \$275 per vehicle or 1.1 percent. The two-wheel-drive Cruiser goes for a very attainable \$23,320, while the 4x4 sells for \$24,910.

Upgrades in this model year include driver and front passenger active headrests, roll-sensing curtain air bags, front map light, and a driver side vanity mirror as standard equipment. New in the convenience package option is rearview camera and backup warning.

The Cruiser's 4-liter V6 engine is appropriately strong at

239 horsepower and 278 foot-pounds of peak torque.

Tuning is designed to create a pleasing exhaust note, while special sound absorbing material under the engine cover quiet the cabin.

Buyers can choose an electronically shifted five-speed automatic transmission or a six-speed manual on the 4x4, but the 4x2 comes only with the automatic.

The automatic varies the shift pattern based on road conditions and driver input. A Flex Lock-Up feature modifies the lock-up clutch's operational range and improves fuel efficiency, which is not great at 15 city miles per gallon or 18 mpg highway with 4-wheel-drive and automatic transmission. Fortunately, the energy crisis is over, thanks to the new government program — Drill, Baby, Drill — and the economic collapse, of course.

As a true off-roader, the 4x4 uses a part-time four-wheel drive system that can slow to a crawl for terrain such as California's Rubicon Trail. A boxed steel ladder-braced frame is de rigueur for off-roaders, and double-wishbone independent front suspension allows 7.87 inches of wheel travel for climbing over rocks.

The solid rear axle uses a four link coil spring suspension system with a lateral rod, tubular shock absorbers and a



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The 2009 FJ Cruiser with its retro design.

stabilizer bar. This system provides 9.1 inches of wheel travel. The disc brake system uses ventilated 12.6-inch front and 12.3-inch rear rotors. The FJ Cruiser employs a variable-ratio, hydraulically assisted rack-and-pinion steering system. Standard wheels are 17-inch steel, with 17-inch, six-spoke aluminum wheels available as an option.

Surefootedness is enhanced through traction control, anti-lock braking on the disc brakes with electronic brake-force distribution and brake

assist. The electronic brain keeps the FJ Cruiser on the intended course by detecting front or rear-wheel slide during cornering and intervening to straighten the path.

The Cruiser's angular wheel arches are designed to accommodate the potentially weird wheel positions that come with off-roading and are framed by flexible fender flares that resist damage.

The interior is designed to reinforce the retro style while actually resisting the mud and wetness drivers and passen-

gers are expected to encounter. The rubbery floor is easy to clean, and the water resistant seat fabric is designed for efficient drying.

Ergonomically, switches for major functions, including climate and audio controls, and the optional locking rear differential are mounted for easy reach in the center dash.

Standard features include air conditioning, power accessories, tilt steering wheel, four cup holders and two bottle holders, rear window defogger, skid plates for the engine, transfer case and fuel tank, front and rear tow hooks and mudguards.

An AM/FM/CD system with six speakers, including two ceiling transducers is standard, but you can upgrade to a Premium Audio FJammer AM/FM eight-speaker system with an in-dash six-disc CD changer.

Standard safety features include front seat mounted side air bags and first and second row roll sensing side curtain air bags.

What's new: Colors, more options.

Pluses: Styling, ruggedness, safety.

Minuses: Fuel economy.

Bottom line: Uniquely retro and rugged.

Richard Williamson writes about automobiles for Scripps Howard News Service.

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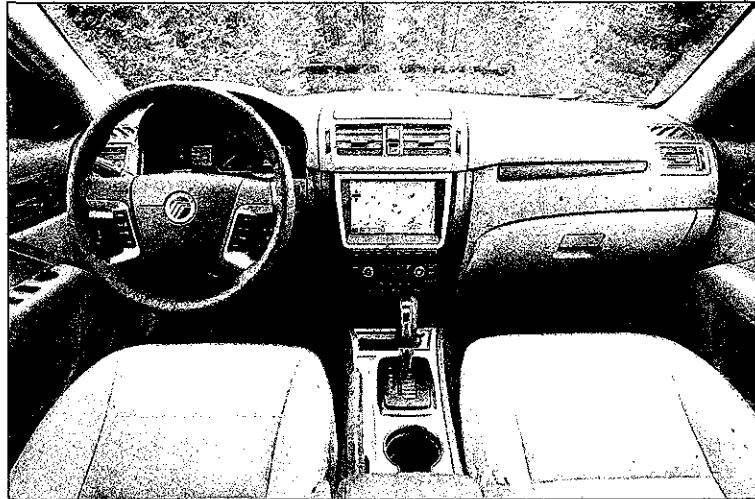
**AUTOS** By Jenny King

# Nice going: Milan Hybrid gets 36 mpg

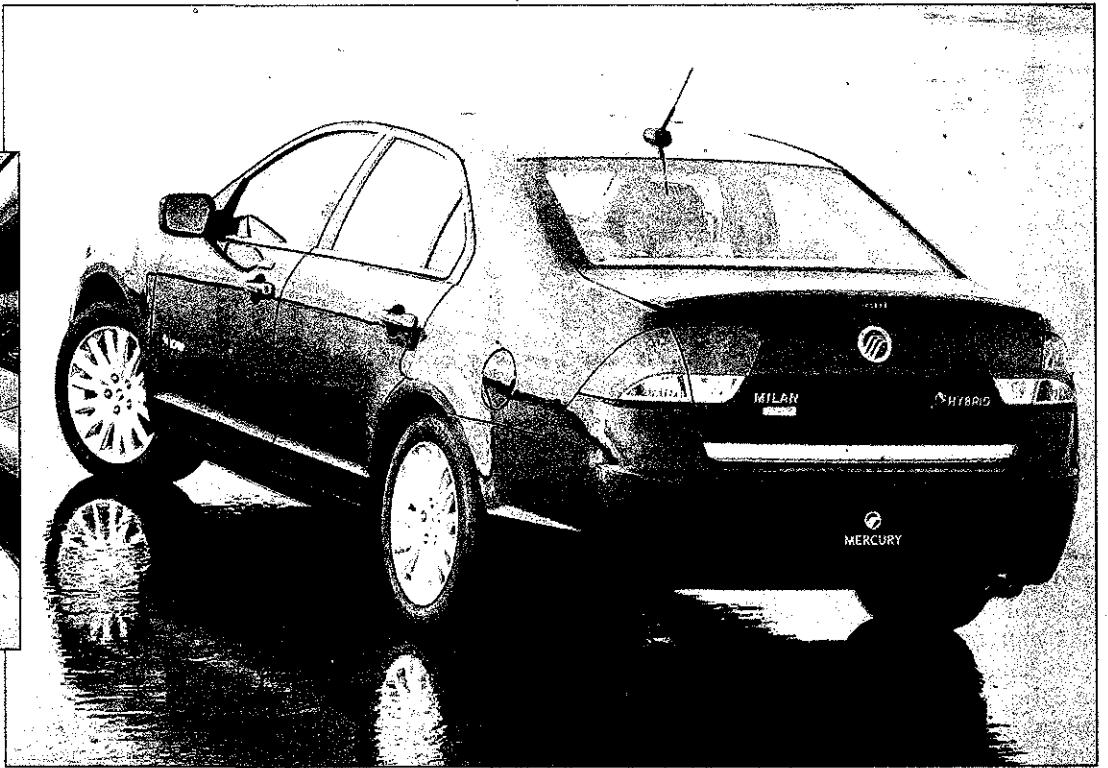


you likely will get a colorful message on the instrument panel screen on either side of the steering column.

threshold and accessory power consumption. You might want to wait until a traffic jam or a long stretch of



Need information? The Mercury Milan Hybrid greets with "good morning," provides miles-to-fill-up calculation and other data on a beautiful full-color screen directly in front of the



The Mercury Milan is available as a gasoline-electric hybrid for the 2010 model year.

It was with some fanfare that Ford Motor Co. recently introduced newer members into its family: the Ford Fusion Hybrid and the Mercury Milan Hybrid. The automaker is going up against some stiff competition in the compact and mid-size hybrid sedan market segment. That includes big names such as the Toyota Prius and Camry; the Honda Civic and new Insight and Nissan's Altima Hybrid.

No point in hiding your light under a bushel basket or plugging your trumpet with a mute. Ford boldly announced its latest hybrids could squeeze as many as 40 miles out of a gallon of gas in urban driving.

We mixed our Milan Hybrid miles with both city roads and local sections of the interstates and got a final combined reading of 37 miles per gallon. Very respectable, we thought, especially for such a comfortable—even luxurious—five-passenger sedan.

This hybrid is not as silent as you might expect. A small green icon on the instrument panel lets the driver know the system is up and running. It "kicks in" with engine noise shortly thereafter when left in park. If the driver immediately puts the Milan in gear and presses the accelerator, there will also be engine noise.

If memory serves, the first generation of Toyota Prius was quieter. But most drivers are attuned to listening for the sound of an engine, so the feedback in the Milan provides the assurance all is well. If it isn't,

Let's talk about edu-gauges. Ford calls this SmartGauge with EcoGuide and it features two full-color liquid crystal display screens on either side of the speedometer that can be configured to show different levels of information, including fuel and battery power levels, average and instant miles-per-gallon. Growing leaves and vines track and reward the driver's efficiency.

Ford has built a tutorial mode into the display that helps the driver learn about the instrument cluster and the hybrid in a user-friendly way that Ford hopes will not intimidate even those who think they preferred instrument panels from the late 20th century.

The Mercury Milan Hybrid driver can choose one of four data screens for information on fuel level and battery charge status; electric vehicle mode indicator and tachometer; engine output power and battery output power; or power to wheels, engine pull-up

empty highway before getting your information fix while driving.

All levels can show instant fuel economy, fuel economy history, odometer, engine coolant temperature, what gear the car is in and trip data.

**Gas and electricity**

The gas-electric hybrid set-up in the Milan Hybrid includes a 155-horsepower 2.4-liter four-cylinder gasoline-powered engine that works in conjunction with an electric motor and a continuously variable transmission. Ford has designed this latest system to lean on electric power longer, that is, up to higher speeds before the gasoline engine takes over.

"Because our hybrid can run at a much higher speed in electric mode, you can do so much more in city-driving situations," said Gil Portalatin, hybrid applications manager. "Under the right conditions, you can drive in your neigh-

borhood or mall parking lots without using a drop of gasoline."

Ford says its improved electronic throttle control reduces airflow on shutdowns, thereby reducing fueling needs to match more air on restarts.

A new smaller, lighter nickel-metal hydride battery produces 20 percent more power than earlier batteries for hybrids. An added variable voltage converter boosts the voltage to the traction battery to operate the motor and generator more efficiently.

**Inside and outside**

The Milan Hybrid had a suggested retail price of \$27,500. That price includes 17-inch wheels, antilock brakes, heated power mirrors, leather seating, side air curtains and attractive interior lighting—even for the front cupholders.

The rear seat was surprisingly roomy with plenty of knee,

ankle and foot space for most passengers. The middle spot might be a bit crowded for most adults.

A \$3,700 option package included a power moonroof, upgraded Sony 12-speaker system, rearview video camera, blind spot detection with a small yellow light on the two outside mirrors, a voice-activated navigation system, heated front seats and leather seating all around.

Leather? Yes, it's easy to clean but oh so cold on one's backside on a March morning. The optional heated front seats were welcome, but slow to work.

New technology features available on the 2010 Milan include the blind spot information system with cross traffic alert. One of the key benefits of the cross traffic alert is to let the driver know of nearby traffic when backing out of a parking spot. It uses two multiple

beam radar modules, which are packaged in the rear quarter panels.

The radar detects moving objects within a 65-foot range from either side of the vehicle. Ford says the radar identifies when a vehicle enters the defined blind spot zone and illuminates an indicator light on the corresponding side-view mirror, providing a warning that a vehicle is approaching. An audible alert is sounded as well.

No amount of head turning can be this accurate. And we all have found ourselves parked between two large vehicles with either side panels or dark glass that really keeps you guessing as you ease out.

The standard Mercury Milan with front-wheel drive, 2.4-liter four and six-speed automatic transmission starts at \$21,180. An all-wheel-drive Milan with 3.0-liter V-6 and automatic starts at \$27,800.

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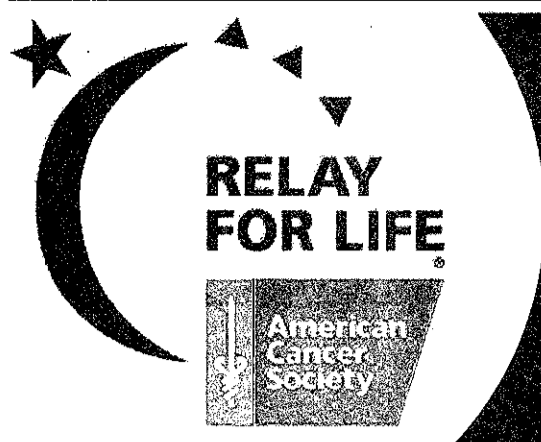
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# Relay for Life Grosse Pointe

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## Come for the fun of it!

### Relay For Life at the Grosse Pointe Woods Lake Front Park

What could be better on a Saturday in spring than hanging out at the Grosse Pointe Woods Lake Front Park, enjoying games, food, music, silent auctions and more — all while helping fight cancer.

The community is encouraged to participate in the 5th annual American Cancer Society Relay For Life of Grosse Pointe. It's a jam-packed 24 hours of fun-filled activities and inspirational ceremonies, beginning at 10 a.m. Saturday, May 16, and continuing around the clock until 10 a.m. Sunday, May 17.

Grosse Pointe Woods Lake Front Park is located on Lakeshore Drive at Marter Road, next to the Edsel and Eleanor Ford House. Park passes are not needed for this event.

Henry Ford Cottage Hospital and its Edith McNaughton Ford Center for Radiation Oncology is the lead sponsor for the 2009 Relay For Life of Grosse Pointe. Media sponsors, the Grosse Pointe News and Comcast, have contributed print space and air time to publicize relay. Business members of The Hill Association once again are providing sponsorship support for this important community event, as are State Farm and the Borushko Family.

Families and friends, students, coworkers, cancer survivors, community leaders, church groups and people of all ages who want to have fun while they help beat cancer

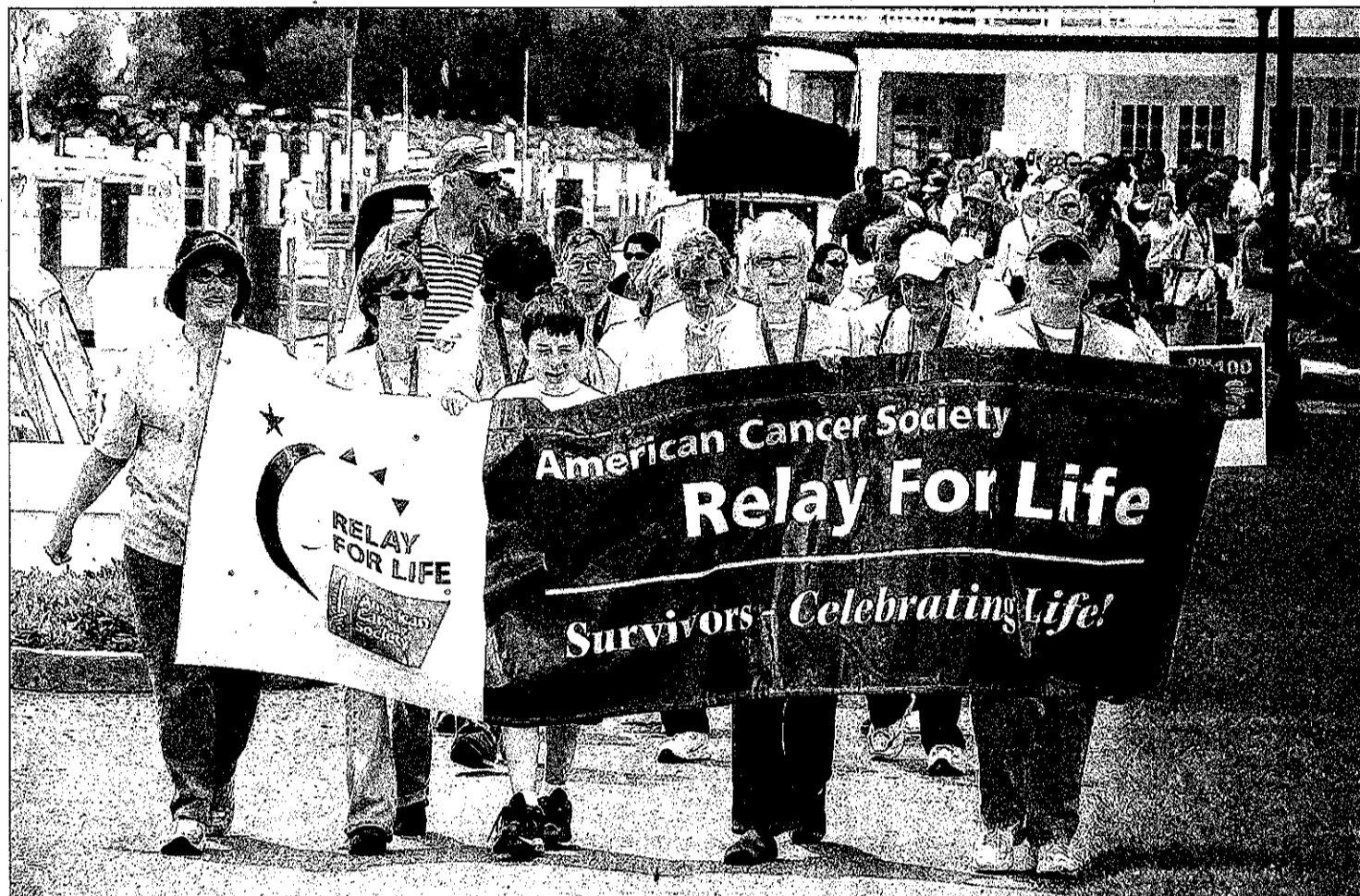
and celebrate survivorship have teamed up and raised substantial funds to make the 2009 American Cancer Society Relay For Life a soaring success.

Any and all cancer survivors are especially invited to participate and be honored during the Survivor Ceremony taking place at 1 p.m. Survivors should arrive by 12:30 p.m. to register and receive their commemorative medal prior to the ceremony and honorary Survivor Lap. They also will enjoy a special reception and heart-felt gifts.

Relay For Life is the American Cancer Society's signature event that raises funds and awareness of cancer research and patient programs. The teams camp out, each taking turns walking the relay path throughout the 24 hours — a reminder that cancer never sleeps. Funds raised by the Relay For Life teams support education, advocacy, research and services provided to cancer patients and their families by the American Cancer Society.

Grosse Pointe Woods resident Mark Cohn stepped up as this year's chairman after participating with a new team, "Shelley's Gang," last year.

"My family wanted to do something to honor my niece, Shelley, who died of cancer. It is our hope that we might prevent other individuals and their families from having to face this disease. I was our team captain last year, and I have leadership



During the 2008 Relay for Life Grosse Pointe, at 1 p.m., 50 survivors walked a lap in recognition of their courage and determination.

experience with my church. So when I was asked if I'd consider being the relay chairperson, I decided to give it a shot."

Cohn has brought new energy to the Relay For Life of Grosse Pointe. Along with providing Grosse Pointe Congregational Church for the Relay committee and team cap-

tain meetings, he also recruited friends and others from his church to serve on what's become a strong, enthusiastic planning committee. Now he's "looking forward to sunny skies to encourage the community to come out in force and help us reach our goal by taking part in all of the great

fundraising activities going on at the relay campsites."

This year's Grosse Pointe Relay includes 27 teams, each with its own unique name and personality. Since the Relay Kick-off event in February, they have been busy raising funds and planning campsite themes and activities. Fundraising efforts are as individualized as the teams, but include everything from bake sales to bowling tournaments, on-line dona-

tion solicitation through a relay website, RelayForLife.org/GrossePointeMi, and selling luminaria bags that are decorated and named in honor or memory of special people who have faced cancer. As part of the always inspirational and emotional ceremony, candles in the bags are lit, illuminating the relay path throughout the night and re-

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## Relay campsite capers

Here's a sampling of the fun, food, games and more available at the relay team campsites.

All proceeds from campsite activities support American Cancer Society initiatives in education, advocacy, research and services to patients.

### All Knights — ULS

- All day Saturday
- ◆ Craft Boutique including decorated Flop-Flops and ceramic Cancer Awareness Ribbons
- ◆ Bake Sale
- ◆ Luminaria Decoration Station
- Noon to 6 p.m.
- ◆ Children's Games
- At dusk
- ◆ Glo-sticks for sale

### Cure Cruzers — GPA

- All day Saturday
- ◆ Candy Sale
- ◆ Fruit Kabobs
- ◆ Water & Soda

### Eagles Wings — Christ Church

- All day Saturday
- ◆ Pulled Pork BBQ
- ◆ Sodas & Sweet Tea
- ◆ Ornaments & other small items for sale

### GP Cong

- Starting at 2 p.m. Saturday
- ◆ Face Painting
- ◆ Glo-in-the-Dark T-shirt Painting
- ◆ WWJD and Fight Cancer Bracelets, plus Light-up Jewelry for sale
- ◆ Bake Sale, Lemonade & Water
- 4 p.m.
- ◆ Watermelon Eating Contest

### Henry Ford Cottage Hospital "Wings of Hope"

- Starting at 11 a.m.
- ◆ Coney Island Hot Dogs
- After 5 p.m.
- ◆ Pizza

### Most of Saturday

- ◆ Silent Auction — Precious Moments Collectibles
- ◆ Used Book Sale
- ◆ Flashlights & other Fun Stuff
- ◆ Face Painting

### J's Crew

- Ballpark Favorites including:
- ◆ Dippin' Dots
- ◆ Pizza
- ◆ Italian Sausage
- ◆ Peanuts
- ◆ Popcorn & Cracker Jack
- ◆ Bubble Gum & Candy

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- Come to the Luau!
- ◆ Faygo Soda & Water
- ◆ Einstein Bagels & Better Made chips
- ◆ Mr. C's Car Wash Passes
- ◆ Children's Games & Crafts, including "Make-and-Take Leis"
- 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.
- ◆ Chair Massage

### Panthers for a Cure — Parcels Middle School

- ◆ Bake Sale

### Sasha's Outdoor Voices

- All day Saturday
- ◆ Glo-Necklaces & Bracelets
- 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.
- ◆ Silent Auction

### 7th Heaven — Grosse Pointe Academy

- Saturday Afternoon
- ◆ Bounce House
- ◆ Carnival Games
- ◆ Carnival Greats — Popcorn & Cotton Candy

### 7th Grade Boys — Grosse Pointe Academy

- ◆ Partnering with 7th Heaven Carnival

### SWAT (Students with a Target) — ULS

### All day Saturday and more

- ◆ Life-size CandyLand Game
- ◆ Hit-the-Target Games
- ◆ Bake Sale
- ◆ Pizza
- ◆ "Garage Sale"

### Team Taylor

- 10 a.m. to noon Saturday
- ◆ Get your Nails Polished by a Pro

### Team UP & Win the Fight

- 10 a.m. to noon
- ◆ Coffee, Bagel & Bake Sale
- 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.
- ◆ Candy & Snacks
- Noon to 2 p.m.
- ◆ Lunch — Walking Taco Sale
- 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.
- ◆ Face Painting
- 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.
- ◆ Used Book Sale
- 5 to 7 p.m.
- ◆ Appetizers & Dinner
- 7 to 9 p.m.
- ◆ "Steve's Songs for a Cure"

### U.U. Uniters

- All day Saturday
- ◆ Used Book Sale including DVDs & VHS items
- ◆ Bottled Water with your Choice of Flavors

### WATCH

- ◆ Bake Sale
- ◆ Water
- ◆ Pick-a-Popsicle Stick Game with Prizes, including Two Sisters Gourmet & PartyLite items

### Other Teams include:

- ◆ Blue Devils of Civics — Grosse Pointe South High School
- ◆ Brenda's Angels
- ◆ Grosse Pointe Hunt Club
- ◆ Grosse Pointe News
- ◆ Grosse Pointe South Key Club
- ◆ Hunter's Hoofers
- ◆ Old Pointe Bar
- ◆ Shelley's Gang
- ◆ Shoreline Blaze Skating Team
- ◆ Starbucks

## What's happening when

### Schedule of Relay ceremonies and 'wacky' laps

Everyone is invited to participate in the ceremonies and wacky laps. Bring your hula hoop, wild Hawaiian shirt, favorite '80s attire, and jammies and join the fun!

Rick and Pat Bartos, Circuits of Sound DJ Services, are providing music throughout the day and into the evening.

### Saturday, May 16

- ◆ 10 a.m. — Opening Ceremony — DJ
- ◆ 10:30 a.m. — Hula Hoop Lap
- ◆ 11 a.m. — Merry Music Maker
- ◆ 11:30 a.m. — Beach-themed Lap
- ◆ 12:30 p.m. — Survivor Registration
- ◆ 1 p.m. — Survivor Ceremony, Victory Walk & Reception
- ◆ 1:30 p.m. — Live Music: Kris Mclonis — '80s-themed Lap
- ◆ 2 p.m. — Live Music: Fox Creek Underground
- ◆ 2:30 p.m. — Hawaiian Lap
- ◆ 2:45 p.m. — Yoga Session with Heidi George — Live Music: Pandora's Box
- ◆ 3:30 p.m. — Masquerade Lap
- ◆ 4 p.m. — Fight Back Ceremony
- ◆ 4:45 p.m. — Live Music: Charuba
- ◆ 5:30 p.m. — Prom/Wedding Party Lap
- ◆ 6 p.m. — Live Music: Rosetta Pebble
- ◆ 6:30 p.m. — Mr. Relay Competition
- ◆ 7 p.m. — Live Music: Weathervane Cocks
- ◆ 8 p.m. — Live Music: Rock Bottom
- ◆ 8:30 p.m. — Scavenger Hunt
- ◆ 9 p.m. — Luminaria Lighting
- ◆ 9:30 p.m. — Luminaria Ceremony
- ◆ 10:30 p.m. — Pajama Lap
- ◆ 11:30 p.m. — Glo-in-the-Dark lap

### Sunday, May 17

- ◆ 9:30 a.m. — Closing Ceremony and Final Lap

## RELAY FOR LIFE

## Local students step up for relay



The University Liggett All Knights are back this year with a craft boutique and children's games at their campsite.

Rarely does a school encourage age fighting. But when it comes to cancer, students and their staff sponsors from several Grosse Pointe schools are coming out swinging — with full approval.

Among them are Grosse Pointe Academy, University Liggett, Parcels Middle School and Grosse Pointe South High School.

## GPA inspires action

Inspired by teachers Harriett Whitaker and Sasha Murphy, both of whom have been instrumental in the planning committee for relay over the past few years, Grosse Pointe Academy seventh graders Kate Van Pelt and Kara French decided to form a team of their own and call it 7th Heaven.

They enlisted classmates to join them, promising it would be a personally rewarding effort and lots of fun.

The girls made posters and spread the word about their bake sale fundraiser at school, picking a date when lots of parents and student athletes would be gathered for a lacrosse match.

Now, as the relay gets closer, they are looking forward to be-

ing part of an important effort to raise money and celebrate the effort to beat cancer.

A 7th Heaven team member, Miranda Turner, relays for her grandparents, all four of whom have encountered cancer, and only one survived.

"My mother is also a survivor," said Turner. "I know that my brother, sister and I are more susceptible to cancer. This is an opportunity to be part of the effort to advance knowledge and treatment by raising money. The goal is that anyone at any age, 1 or 91 years old, can beat cancer and enjoy a longer life. We hope to raise lots of money for research, treatment and care of those touched by cancer."

Alison Mobley joined the 7th Heaven team to be part of a good cause, rather than through any personal ties to the disease.

"Then my grandfather developed AML leukemia, so this became personal," said Mobley. "I hope the money can be used to find treatments, and that someday people with these very bad cancers can have a cure. The money from Relay For Life will help."

Mobley is hoping her friends

and neighbors will make luminaria bags and come to the park to celebrate all the ways people are helping to fight cancer together at the relay. The 7th Heaven girls have picked a carnival theme for their relay campsite activities.

Tagging on with the academy girls, there's also a team of seventh grade boys participating in the Relay For Life of Grosse Pointe, led by co-captains Joe DiMauro and Gordon Fisher.

"I wanted to participate and captain a Relay For Life team because three of my grandparents had cancer," said DiMauro. "I wanted to help fight cancer in some way."

Then there's the group of sixth grade boys called the Cure Cruzers. Matt Homsy and Nick Minanov are the co-captains.

"I'm relaying for my grandpa who died of lung cancer," said Homsy. "I am also relaying for my cousin, Andrew, who died at age five. I am proud of my classmates at the Grosse Pointe Academy, and I think it will be a lot of fun."

Minanov is relaying because of his Aunt Vicky who lost her personal fight with cancer last summer.

"And also for my Aunt Hayden who just learned that she has cancer," said Minanov. "This made me realize how important it is for me to help raise money to cure cancer."

"I am so proud of the effort and dedication of these academy students," said Phil Demartini, head of school. "They truly understand what it means to care and to give support to one's community. Service is a major part of the Grosse Pointe Academy's mission."

## ULS nurtures leaders

In her fifth year as a team captain, Maiya Dempsey relays in honor of her best friend's grandmother who was lost her life to a combination of cancers in early 2005.

That spring, her friend's mother helped them start their team, comprised of seventh graders from University Liggett Middle School. Over the years, their team has gradually changed schools, and each year taken on a new

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## Why I Relay?

"I am the team captain for the 'UU Uniters.' It's our first year, but we're very determined!

"I am motivated by my father who had his bladder removed at the age of 87 due to cancer, and is still going strong, playing golf, driving and living by himself in the home I grew up in."

— Kathy Konwiak,  
"UU Uniters"

campsite activities happening throughout the 24 hours. You'll find Relay For Life has something for everyone.

"Whether you're looking for closure following the loss of a loved one, support coping with a new cancer diagnosis, or an opportunity to celebrate a victory over cancer, you can find what you're looking for — and more — at relay," says Cohn. "And it's all done in the spirit of fun, fellowship and commitment to our community."

For more information, contact Dorothy Busignani, ACS community representative, at (248) 663-3418; e-mail, dorothy.busignani@cancer.org; website, relayforlife.org/grossepointemi.



## Relay for Life Grosse Pointe Committee

Coordinating the Relay For Life of Grosse Pointe this year are: seated, Crystal Baker and Vice Chairwoman Jenny Konwiak; standing, Jan Treuter, Catherine Fly, Brandon Lanyon, Patty Gotham, Harriett Whitaker, Karen Gale, Chairman Mark Cohn and Walker Archer. Other committee members include Penny Soby, Warren Liverance and Len Agosta.

RELAY:  
Come for  
the fun

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mind everyone of the true purpose of relay.

Come for the Opening Ceremony at 10 a.m. Saturday, the Survivor Ceremony at 1 p.m., the Fight Back rally at 4 p.m., a hilarious "Mr. Relay" competition at 6:30 p.m., the Luminaria Ceremony and Silent Lap at 9:30 p.m., the sleep-deprived Closing Ceremony at 9:30 a.m. Sunday — and, of course, the array of



The 7th Heaven team members include, left to right, starting at top: Allison Mobley and Miranda Turner, team co-captains Kate Van Pelt and Kara French, Jennifer Vermet, Sammy Perry, Lauren Mattes and Kate Kruger.



Those with a sweet tooth will enjoy the life-size CandyLand game hosted by the SWAT team.

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## Relay For Life of Grosse Pointe

May 16-17, 2009

10:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.

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[www.RelayForLife.org/GrossePointemi](http://www.RelayForLife.org/GrossePointemi)

\* Park passes are not needed for this special event.

For more information about the American Cancer Society and Relay For Life call 248.663.3400 or visit [www.relayforlife.org](http://www.relayforlife.org).

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# Summer camp programs offer normalcy

The journey to cancer survivorship is hard, especially when you may not be old enough to cross the street alone, drive a car or attend your first prom.

Every summer, more than 100 young cancer survivors from Michigan and Indiana take their minds off of their treatments, hospital visits and doctor appointments, and simply enjoy being a child while they attend the American Cancer Society's Camp Catch-A-Rainbow and Young Adult Retreat.

Going to the doctor for check-ups or facing another round of chemotherapy to many of these young children is just part of the daily routine, so the opportunity to take a break, run down the Slip 'N Slide, or simply hang out with other children just like them

*During the American Cancer Society's summer camp programs, campers can participate in activities they normally may never have the opportunity to do.*

may be just what the doctor ordered.

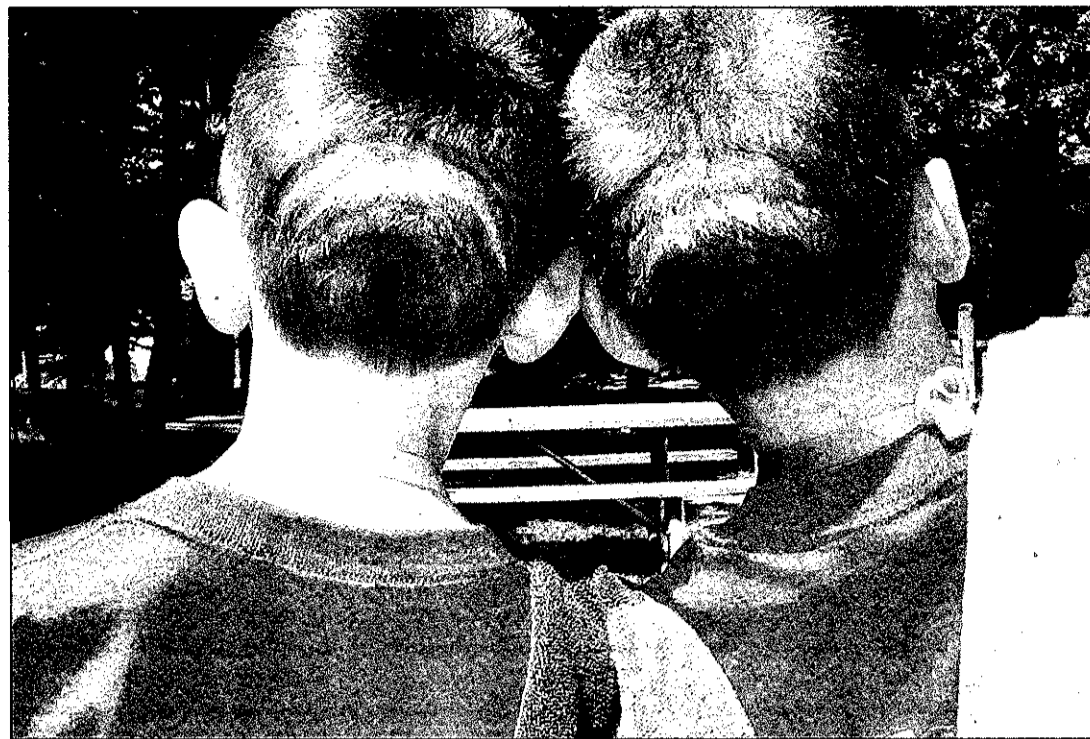
Restrictions to summertime activities that often come with a cancer diagnosis and treatment can be as simple as being unable to swim because of the risk of an infection in an IV port, or not having the energy to walk across the campgrounds. These children rarely have the opportunity to feel normal or participate in activities with other children their age, but at camp they are the "norm."

During the American Cancer Society's summer camp programs, campers can partici-

pate in activities they normally may never have the opportunity to do, especially considering the financial burden that falls upon many families facing a cancer diagnosis.

Spending an afternoon at the water park or taking the day to explore downtown Chicago, with others who have been through similar experiences often creates a natural sense of camaraderie and lasting bonds.

For more information about the summer camping programs, contact the American Cancer Society at (800) 227-2345.



Fun is had at the American Cancer Society's Camp Catch-A-Rainbow and Young Adult Retreat.

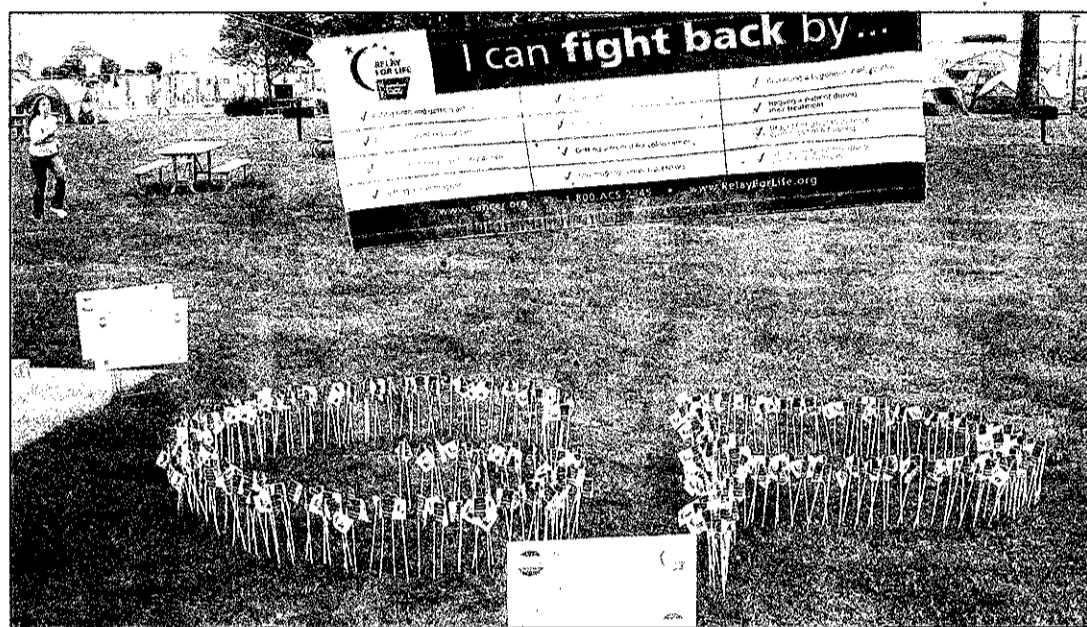


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## Relay flags

During the 2008 Grosse Pointe rally, each flag represented one person in the Grosse Pointes who will be diagnosed with cancer in 2008.

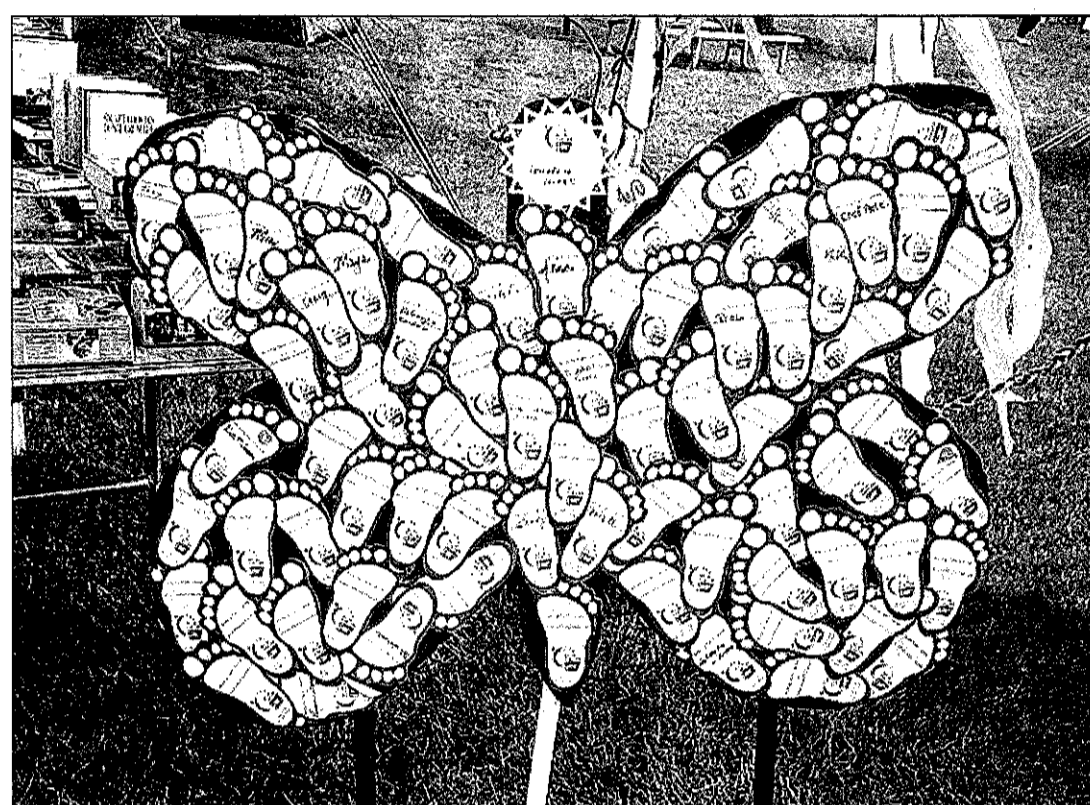


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## Relay butterfly

For the 2008 Relay for Life Grosse Pointe, Cancer patients, family members and employees at the Henry Ford Cottage Hospital purchased the footsteps for \$1 to help fight cancer. The butterfly is the symbol that represents the Wings of Hope team.



Once again, teacher Nick Provenzano, at center in red, is leading the Grosse Pointe South Blue Devils of Civics.

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name and theme — Pet Parade, Wild West Wranglers, Las Amigas de Fiesta and Mardi Gras Madness.

Today it's primarily students at Grosse Pointe South High School where Dempsey is now a student, and their team name is SWAT — Students With a Target.

"My team continues to relay in memory and honor of Mrs. Jacobson and all the other people lost to cancer, as well as those who have survived," said Dempsey. "I continue to relay because I believe that if we all come together and pool our resources, we can defeat this disease. Every time I hear of a person who has survived cancer, I feel proud because I know that little by little our efforts are making a difference."

Also part of that original ULS team in 2005 was Mary Grech. Starting as a small team from one school, the group now has become two, with Dempsey at Grosse Pointe South, and Grech continuing

to lead the University Liggett All Knightsers. Grech's team has expanded to at least 36 ULS students and faculty from the lower, middle and upper schools.

"We participate in relay because it is a fun way to support members of our community affected by cancer, promote cancer awareness, and spread hope," said Grech.

### Parcells and South faculty add support

Deborah Peck, National Junior Honor Society faculty advisor at Parcells, was approached by a parent about forming a team for the Relay For Life of Grosse Pointe.

"We are a service organization, and we love to give back to the community," said Peck. "This is just one small way we can, hopefully, help many." She also has her own personal motivation for getting involved.

"My mother is a colon cancer survivor, and I'm interested in the American Cancer Society finding a cure for that," Peck said. "It has been about nine years since the experience, but it is still with me. I'm one of the lucky ones, though — I did not lose my mom to the horrible disease. I still have her, and my children still have their grandmother. We are truly blessed."

Called Panthers for a Cure, Parcells team member Caroline Shulte echoes that sentiment saying: "I have family who have had cancer and survived. I want to help support finding a cure."

And it just wouldn't be a relay without civics teacher Nick Provenzano strutting his best stuff as Grosse Pointe South's entry in the "Mr. Relay" competition. Co-captained by Brandon Lanyon, the Blue Devils of Civics are a team with real relay spirit.

"Grosse Pointe is truly fortunate and to be commended for having so many young people take an active interest in the Relay For Life," says Dorothy Busignani, American Cancer Society community partner for the Grosse Pointe event.

"Not only are they experiencing the personal rewards of public service, they also are learning the importance of committing to a healthy lifestyle that includes wearing sunscreen, not using tobacco, and getting life-saving cancer screenings when the appropriate time comes in their own lives. Hopefully, they will be inspired to live healthier lives and reduce the incidence of all types of cancer for the future."



## Fun games

Photo opportunities can be had at the 2008 Relay for Life Grosse Pointe.

### Why I Relay?

"This is my fourth year participating in relay. Last fall I was hesitant about heading up my team again, as well as being on the committee. But all that changed when I learned that one of my friends from college was fighting her battle against breast cancer.

Despite all she was going through, in photos sent to me Elizabeth looked peaceful and relaxed, bald head and all, with her family on the beach in Hawaii. She passed away Dec. 26, leaving a husband and three children behind.

"At her funeral, I learned how she was involved in relay and the American Cancer Society. If Elizabeth, fighting her own personal battle with cancer, could still put others first by supporting them in their fight, go to Washington on behalf of the ACS, and head up the relay in Hilton Head, then I could certainly do my part. "A few weeks later, I lost another friend, adding fuel to my inspiration fire to raise money and try to make a difference. We have to continue to fight this disease and find a cure so other children aren't left without a mother, father, aunt, uncle or grandparent because of cancer."

— Harriett Whitaker, "Eagles Wings"

## Merry Music maker is 'Pied Piper' of fun

It's a hand clappin', toe tappin' good time when the Merry Music Maker comes to the Relay For Life of Grosse Pointe.

Children of all ages — especially those ages 2 to 8 — will be following local resident Paula Doak as she engages them in a playful and wonderful musical experience.

Look for Miss Paula, the Merry Music Maker, Saturday, May 16, from 11 to 11:45 a.m. at the Grosse Pointe Woods

Lake Front Park gazebo.

There will be singing, dancing, and lots of giggles as children catch the "music fever" from the Merry Music Maker's contagious silliness. Her high-energy, action-packed music will have children dancing like animals, sneezing to silly songs, freezing like statues or singing using sign language. Crazy characters and silly puppets add a playful style to Miss Paula's educationally-based musical program.



Have fun with the Merry Music Maker at 11 a.m. Saturday, at the Relay For Life of Grosse Pointe.

# Skin cancer detection and prevention

As the Midwest prepares to welcome the summer sun, the American Cancer Society asks families to be sun safe.

Last year alone, more than 1 million Americans were diagnosed with skin cancer, the most common of cancers. Of those, more than 62,000 were diagnosed with melanoma — the most deadly form of skin cancer — and more than 11,000 people died from the disease.

More than 2,000 people were diagnosed with melanoma in Michigan.

"Nearly all skin cancers can be prevented by limiting unprotected exposure to the sun and avoiding artificial sources

of UV light," said Dru Szczerba, director of prevention and health care for the American Cancer Society, Great Lakes Division. "Youth are particularly at risk of overexposure since a substantial of the average person's lifetime UV exposure occurs before age 18."

Other risks associated with skin cancer include unprotected and/or excessive exposure to UV rays, multiple or atypical moles, fair skin, family history and occupational exposures to coal, tar, pitch, radium, creosote and arsenic compounds.

Even one severe sunburn during childhood can double

the risk of developing skin cancer later in life. By following a number of simple steps, you can still enjoy time outdoors while protecting yourself and your family from overexposure to UV radiation.

To prevent skin cancer, the American Cancer Society recommends the following:

- ◆ Follow the "Slip! Slop! Slap!" guidelines for covering up while outdoors. Slip! on a shirt, Slop! on a sunscreen of SPF 15 or higher, and Slap! on a hat. Also wrap on sunglasses to protect eyes from harmful UV rays.

- ◆ Limit sun exposure, especially between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. when the UV rays are

strongest.

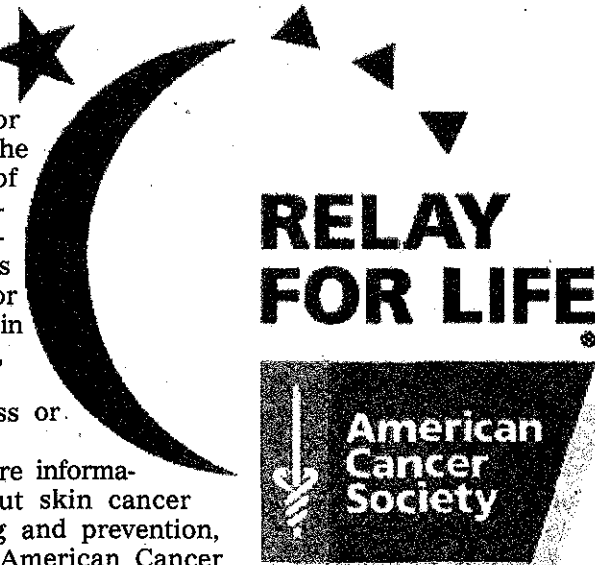
Avoid artificial sources of UV light — sun lamps, tanning beds — which pose just as many risks as outdoor tanning.

Do not use sunscreen on babies under 6 months old, but do cover them with protective clothing and avoid direct sun exposure. An infant's sensitive skin can burn in minutes.

The best way to detect skin cancer early is to be mindful of symptoms, which may include: any changes on the skin, especially in the size of a mole or other darkly pigmented growth or spot; scaliness, oozing, bleeding or changes

in the appearance of a bump or nodule; the spread of pigmentation beyond its border; or a change in sensation, itchiness, tenderness or pain.

For more information about skin cancer screening and prevention, call the American Cancer Society at (800) 227-2345 or visit cancer.org.



## Watch Team

The WATCH Team held a Silent Auction, offered treats and information about W.A.T.C.H. Breast Cancer Support Group at the Relay For Life Grosse Pointe 2008.



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## SURVIVORS

Cancer survivors lined up behind the lights which spell out survivor — S for strength, U is for uniting, R is for reaching, V is for VIP, I is for interest, V is for volunteering, O is for outstanding and R is for rejoicing.



### Why I Relay?

"I established our team with friends and family to honor my mother, Becky Kacsanek, who lost her battle with cancer July 4, 2008. She was 59 years old, and beginning to look forward to the golden days of retirement when she could spend even more time with her family, friends, and five grandchildren.

"During her courageous battle, she often reminded us all (medical staff included) to never give up on her. I promise her I never would. By participating in Relay For Life, I am able to keep my promise and continue her fight.

"Mom, we are still fighting — we won't give up — we won't forget. We love you and miss you."

— Michelle Lemerond, "OHANA  
— Nobody Left Behind or Forgotten"

## The ACS' promise of cancer research funding

When the American Cancer Society began its research program more than 60 years ago, only 25 percent of cancer patients lived after five years of diagnosis.

Today, through research funded in part by Relay For Life, more than 60 percent live longer than five years.

Currently, the American Cancer Society is funding research totaling nearly \$15 million at institutions across the state. The American Cancer Society has also funded the work of 42 Nobel Prize winning researchers.

Some major health advances through society-funded research include:

- ◆ Structure and sequencing of DNA.

- ◆ Curing childhood leukemia.

- ◆ Establishing the link between smoking and lung cancer.

- ◆ Creating the Pap test to screen for cervical cancer.

- ◆ Developing the first therapies to attack cancer at its genetic roots.

- ◆ Using the first successful bone marrow transplant to treat cancer.

- ◆ Identifying the link between diet and cancer.

- ◆ Showing that tamoxifen can help reduce breast cancer risk.

- ◆ Developing the prostate-specific antigen test for early detection of prostate cancer.

## Volunteers needed for Road to Recovery

The American Cancer Society is currently recruiting volunteers to help cancer patients when they need it most.

Road to Recovery is a volunteer-based driving program that provides transportation to and from medical centers for cancer patients undergoing treatment.

The need for transportation assistance has grown and the American Cancer Society's Road to Recovery program helps alleviate some of this burden. Thousands of metro Detroit patients either cancel or postpone cancer treatment

because they have no means of transportation.

Volunteers with reliable means of transportation are needed in Wayne, Oakland and Macomb counties. Volunteers can select the region or area in which they choose to volunteer, and can donate anywhere from a few hours to a few days of driving time each month. Businesses and organizations are also encouraged to participate as a group.

To learn more about Road to Recovery or to volunteer, call the American Cancer Society at (800) 227-2345.

## Cancer Resource Network available for patients

The scariest words anyone could hear are, "You have cancer." And many people may not realize resources exist to help.

The American Cancer Society makes finding help easy through the Cancer Resource Network. Through (800) 227-2345 and cancer.org, the society offers comprehensive cancer information and referrals to community resources 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

## American Cancer Society Relay For Life

Where you can go to share your story and never say a word. Find support for your fight or celebrate your cancer victory during the Survivor Ceremony at the Relay For Life of Grosse Pointe.

Register at the Survivor Tent at 12:30 p.m., Saturday to receive your special survivor medal. Following the Survivor Ceremony at 1 p.m., participate in the Victory Lap, and enjoy refreshments and gifts.

Bring your family and friends, and enjoy the fun, games, music, food, and unique fundraisers at each of the Relay team campsites!

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TEST DRIVE By Greg Zyla

The 2009 Subaru Forester 2.5X is redesigned to feature a stronger, less car-like SUV style while still retaining some of the past Forester's DNA.

## Newly designed 2009 Forester 2.5X

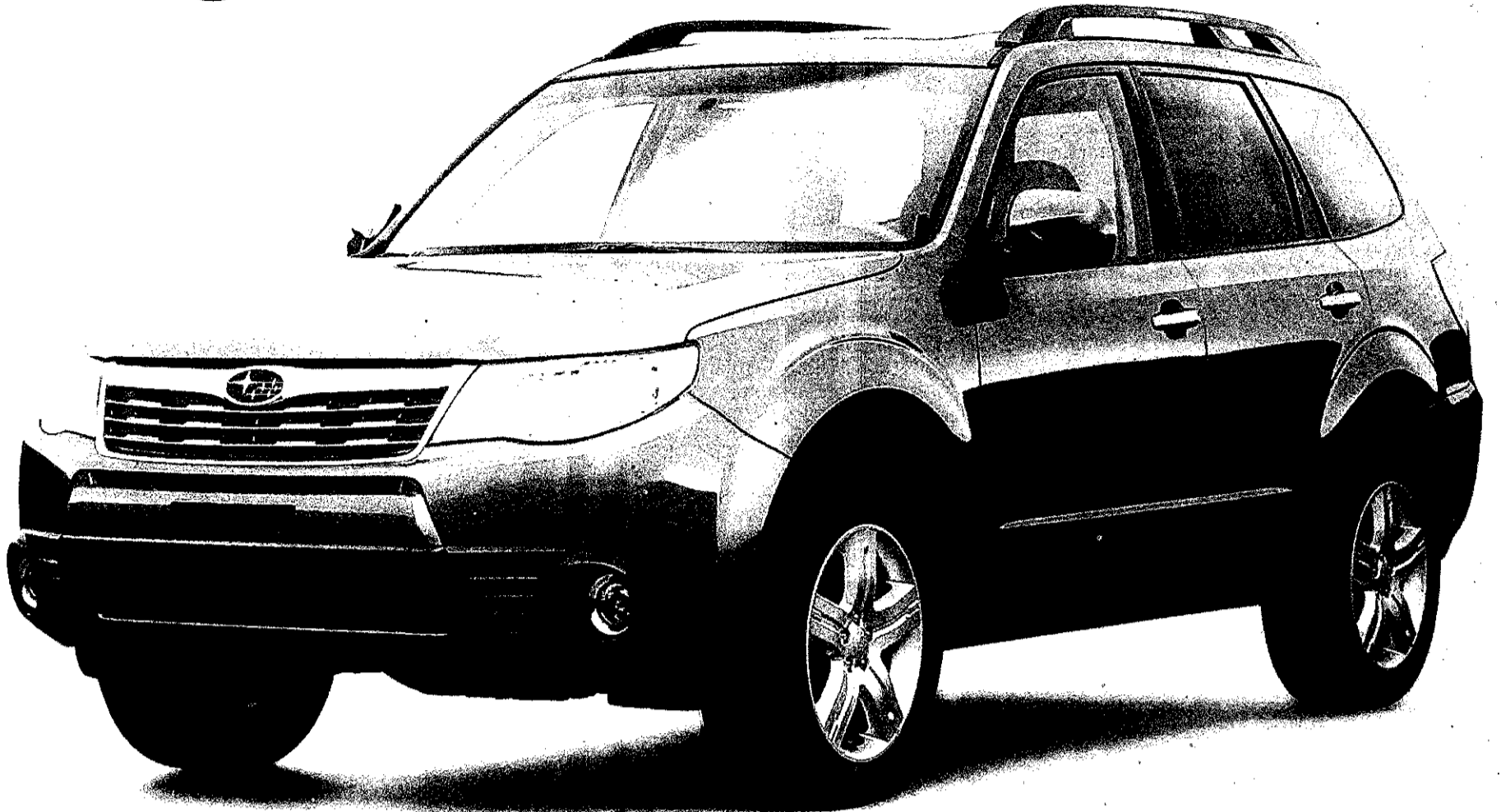


This week, we're driving Subaru's all new 2009 Forester 2.5X Premium — base price: \$22,695; price as tested: \$25,664.

The new Forester rides on a wheelbase that is 3.6-inches longer than last year, resulting in a vehicle that offers more passenger/cargo room and an overall better driving package.

Subaru began offering four-wheel drive passenger cars 35 years ago and introduced innovative automatic full-time All-Wheel Drive in 1987. In 1997, Subaru became the first brand in the United States to feature AWD as standard equipment on all its models.

Forester for 2009 is designed to satisfy the needs of a cross section of consumers, including those who enjoy active



2009 Subaru Forester 2.5X Limited



lifestyles or just need a safe, "go anywhere, anytime" grocery-getter.

Under the hood, our tester came with the base 2.5, 170-horsepower Boxer engine, which features revised intake, exhaust and valve lift tweaking for better performance. A turbo model is available that puts out 224 horses for those who need more power.

Outwardly, a new hood, grille, fog lights, higher overall line, "hawk eye" headlights and a large, contoured bumper cover give the front end a more aggressive look. New rear quarter panels, taillight assembly and a larger rear hatch door also emphasize the new design.

Underneath, Subaru's new double-wishbone rear suspension mounts to the sub frame and replaces the previous strut-type configuration. In combination with front struts, this fully independent suspension offers improved ride and absorbs bumps in a better fashion.

Forester also features 8.7-inches of ground clearance to help negotiate all types of roads. We feel ride quality and interior quietness is greatly improved over the previous generation, although there still is a little road and wind noise present.

Notable is the fact that the new Forester's platform is

based on the "Subaru DC3," which underpins the brand's respected high-performance Impreza models. This allows Forester's engine to sit lower in the chassis, which effectively lowers the center of gravity and improves all handling and traction characteristics.

Of course, Subaru's now legendary symmetrical AWD comes standard, as does four-wheel disc brakes with ABS and brake assist. We've lauded Subaru's four-wheel drive system in the past, and it's still a great mechanical wonder.

Our tester came with two options, including automatic transmission for \$1,000 and a popular all-weather package, where \$400 gets you heated front seats, heated side mirrors and a windshield wiper deicer.

Standard on our premium model is, not surprisingly, the premium package, which adds a large panoramic power moonroof, 17-inch tires and alloy wheels, privacy glass and a host of additional interior enhancements.

We especially like the "headlights-off with ignition switch," which is a traditional Subaru convenience that can preserve battery life for those who forget to turn off lights for whatever reason.

All Forester models for 2009 feature as standard equipment front seat side impact air bags and side curtain air bags that

offer additional head protection for front and rear occupants. Intelligent dual-stage deployment front air bags use sensors to determine front air bag deployment strength for optimal occupant protection. Active front head restraints can help reduce potential whiplash injury in a rear collision.

Forester's improved crashworthiness results in five star ratings for driver and passenger in front and side crashes and a four star rating in the rollover test. All 2009 Forester models come standard with a rollover sensor, vehicle dynamics control stability/traction systems and a brake assist safety system.

Important numbers include a wheelbase of 103 inches, 20 city and 26 highway EPA fuel mileage, 3,300-pound curb weight, 33.5 to 68.3 cubic-feet of cargo space, 16.9-gallon fuel tank and up to 2,400 pounds tow capacity.

We still rate this vehicle a "best buy" in the small SUV category, and give it a nine on a scale of 1 to 10.

Likes: New design, safety, longer wheelbase, interior room, fuel mileage, AWD legend.

Dislikes: Some wind noise, 170-horses not much when fully loaded.

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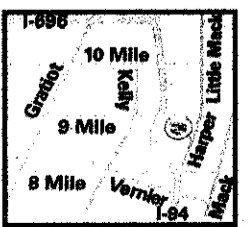
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**TEST DRIVE** By Greg Zyla

The 2009 Mitsubishi Galant Sport is a 4-door, five-passenger sedan available in four trims from 4-cylinder powered ES and Sport to more powerful V6 Sport and Ralliart.

# 2009 Mitsubishi Galant Sport



**T**his week, we're behind the wheel of Mitsubishi's popular mid-sized Galant.

Our tester came in 4-cylinder sport edition form — base price: \$21,099; price as tested: \$23,524.

Mitsubishi has always been a favorite with the younger set, especially the Eclipse and Lancer. Our test Galant is currently the car maker's largest size offering in America and fills the needed family sedan demographic.

Mitsubishi is commonly referred to as "Japan's No. 4 auto manufacturer," although Galant is actually built in Normal, Ill. The engine and transmission are shipped in from Japan, while the following 61 percent of Galant's part makeup comes from the U.S. and Canada.

This is yet another example of today's modern "foreign car" relying on good old U.S. work ethic and parts manufacturing to come up with a final product. This manufacturing reality emphasizes how important the entire auto industry is to a participating nation's economy.

Most notable from a design standpoint is Galant's great looking, restyled, front end where an all-new grille replaces last year's "like it or hate it" look. The headlights are also improved and deliver a sporty

multi-bulb image while color keyed bumpers and door handles improve the car's final presentation. We openly applaud Galant designers for tweaking the front end for the better.

Galant's cabin is simplicity at its best, as sometimes, less is more. I had no problems working all buttons and dials, which were plain and simple to learn. The seats are firm and comfortable, and expected amenities, such as storage compartments, 12V outlet and cup holders front and rear, are in place. Standard fare includes air conditioning, cruise, 4-speaker CD stereo with MP3, all the powers and remote keyless entry.

Galant is an affordable, economical, well-built car that delivers excellent fuel economy at 20 city and 27 highway.

Power comes from 2.4 liter, 9.5-1 compression, 160 horsepower 4-cylinder engine hooked to a "Sportronic" 4-speed automatic overdrive transmission.

Personally, I'd rather a manual in a car like this, but the automatic did OK even though it had to search at times for the correct gear. If you want a manual, you'll have to look at the smaller Lancer or the sporty Eclipse.

Underneath, a MacPherson strut independent front suspension mates with an independent rear setup that offers acceptable handling. Other notable handling attributes include 18-inch tires and a weight distribution of 53 front and 47 rear. Overall, the handling is decent, but not great, and the ride leans more toward firmness, as some bumps jarred us a bit.

On the safety side, everything expected is in place, in-

cluding dual-stage front-impact air bags, seat-mounted side-impact air bags and the all important side curtain air bags for both rows. The 4-wheel anti lock disc brakes deserve praise, although our car did not offer traction control which is a mystery. Government crash ratings are very good with 4-Star and 5-Star results.

The sport value pack has been reduced from \$3,050 to \$1,750, and you'll receive a sport wrapped steering wheel with audio controls, power sunroof, heated front seats, power driver seat, aforementioned 18-inch tires, nice alloy wheels, theft deterrent, rear spoiler, Homelink, automatic air conditioning, integrated fog lights, dual vanity mirrors and Bluetooth hands free. At this price, we'll recommend it.

Important numbers include a 109.3 inch wheelbase, 13 cubic feet of cargo space, large 17.7 gallon fuel tank, 407 mile cruising range, and a 3,432 pound curb weight.

There's tough competition in Galant's 5-passenger mid-size class, where cars like Camry, Accord, Altima, Malibu and Fusion roam. Galant, meanwhile, needs some modern suspension upgrades and more power to deliver a sturdier impression and ride. We rate the 2009 Galant a 6.5 on a scale of 1 to 10.

Likes: Price, front end new looks, interior room, easy to drive.

Dislikes: No traction control, no manual transmission, engine is loud when pushed, tinny sound and feel, no 6-speed automatic.

Greg Zyla is a syndicated auto columnist.



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**Christ Church's Antique Show** is an annual event, one noted on many Grosse Pointer's calendar. The 2009 show marks its 25th year and promises to live up to its glorious past.

# Silver-plated show

By Patti Theros  
 Special writer

Most experts agree quality antiques remain a sound investment, even in a recession or down economy.

With the current economy in mind, co-chairs Scottie Knight and Nancy Osborn developed the theme for this year's 25th annual Christ Church Antiques Show, "Seek Wonder...Spend Wisely."

Each of the dealers featured at the May 29-31 show offer items that have the potential to increase in value, the co-chairs said.

For 25 years, antique lovers throughout the region have attended the annual antiques show because of its inventory and price points on items from a broad range of designs, periods and regions, organizers say.

"Now more than ever, people are interested in seeing the best value for their dollar," she said, "and they consider that it's less expensive in the long run to buy a solid carved mahogany table than a modern pine one from Ikea. The equivalent from a discount store might cost a quarter of the price, but may only last for a few years."

This year's event includes a preview party, an educational lecture, shopping and an appraisal clinic.

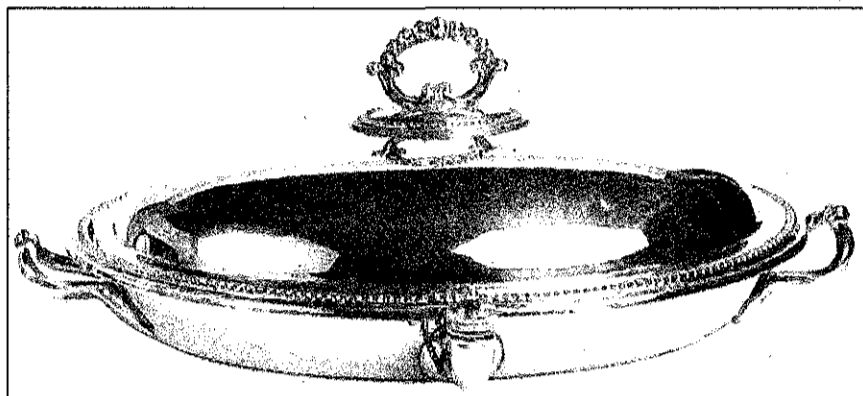


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**Sterling silver pieces are featured.**

"Whether you're interested in just learning a little bit more about antiques, or if you're ready to make a major antique purchase, this show is the perfect opportunity for you," said Knight.

"At our show we'll have exhibitors displaying beautiful vintage jewelry and posters for less than \$100, and timeless pieces of furniture for \$50,000," she said. "We're the only high-end show in this area. I feel that our show gives something back to the community. "And we're having fun doing it."

And another interesting fact about antiques is they help the world "go

green."

"For those who are concerned about the loss of hardwood trees, antique furnishings offer a beautiful alternative to newly-produced furniture, often with better construction and durability," Osborn said.

This is the second year Knight and Osborn have co-chaired the event.

The show takes place in the church hall and education building where Knight notes "there are classrooms and exhibitors set up in the rooms like little boutiques."

A preview party from 7 to 10 p.m. Thursday, May 28, features a silent auction with proceeds benefitting



PHOTO BY PATTI THEROS

**Antique Show Co-Chairs Scottie Knight and Nancy Osborn chose a 1870 cast iron mechanical bank to represent this year's theme — "Seek Wonder...Spend Wisely."**

Crossroads, a Detroit social services agency. Tickets are \$75 and include heavy hors d'oeuvres and refreshments.

This year's featured speaker is interior designer and author Charles Faudree who addresses the audience at 10:30 a.m. Friday, May 29. Tickets

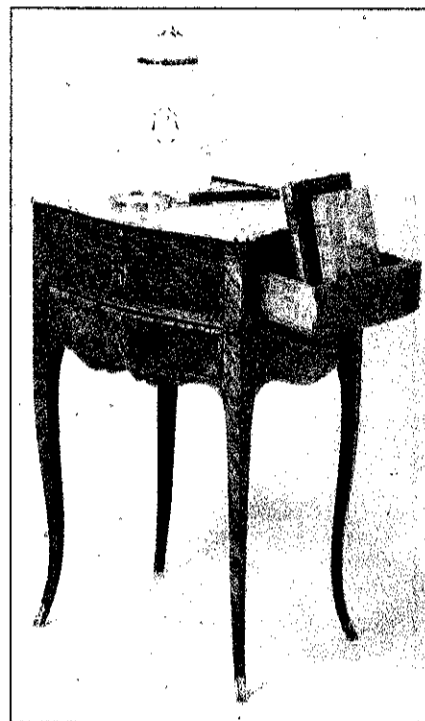



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**Furniture is one of the highlights at the antique show.**

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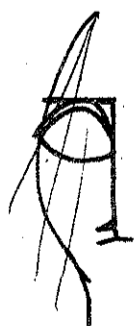
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# Two-star general honors G.P. Eagle Scouts

Maj. Gen. Scott G. West, a two-star general with the U.S. Army, was the keynote speaker at a Court of Honor ceremony April 19 at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Grosse Pointe Farms honoring four Eagle Scouts.

Alexander Acton, Matthew Franzen III, Matthew McNamee and Charles Visser, members of Troop 86 under Scoutmaster Lee Greening III, were presented with the highest Boy Scouts of America rank.

Acton, son of Robert Acton and Suzanne Mallare Acton of Grosse Pointe Farms, earned 23 merit badges and served as patrol leader and scribe.

For his Eagle project, Acton restored the porch of an officer's quarters at Historic Fort Wayne. He is a senior at Grosse Pointe South High School and will attend Michigan State University in the fall.

Franzen is the son of Matthew and Terri Franzen and earned 38 merit badges. He served as patrol leader and was Order of the Arrow representative.

Frazen organized the purchase and planting of 100 trees in observance of Grosse Pointe Park's 100th anniversary and was awarded the Grosse Pointe Park 2007 Civic Award. Frazen is a junior at South.

McNamee is the son of



From left, Charles Visser, Matthew McNamee, Matthew Franzen III, Alexander Acton and Matt Elias, who portrayed Allowat Sakima, Lenape for Great Chief.

Michael and Deb McNamee of Grosse Pointe Woods and earned 35 merit badges. He has been the den chief and assistant senior patrol leader.

For his Eagle project, McNamee organized the clean-up of an overgrown area in the back of Our Lady Star of the Sea School and built two freestanding ecology gardens by the middle school science

classroom. He is a junior at University of Detroit Jesuit.

Visser is son of Monte and Shelley Visser of Grosse Pointe Woods and earned 28 merit badges. He served as senior patrol leader.

Clean-up, refreshing and repairing project areas at Grosse Pointe Woods Presbyterian Church were Visser's Eagle project.

Charles Woodbury Jr. presented his grandson with a sterling silver Eagle pin that was given him 64 years ago.

Visser is a Grosse Pointe North High School graduate and is an Albion College freshman.

Included in the ceremony was the Order of the Arrow 4 Winds Eagle Scout Court of Honor Ceremony.

# NEW ARRIVALS

## Eva Jean Keating

David and Korina Keating of Denver, Colo. are the parents of a daughter, Eva Jean Keating, born Jan. 14, 2009.

Maternal grandparents are Lynn Cooper of Denver, Colo. and Terry and Laurie Acker of Greenville.

Paulette Keating of Grosse Pointe Woods and the late Bill Keating are the paternal grandparents.

Maternal great-grandparents are Don and Sharon Cooper and Duane and Millie

Acker. Paternal great-grandparents are Henrietta Zmich and Henry Keating.

## Sophia Anne Fisher

Mr. and Mrs. Matthew Fisher of Los Altos, Calif. are the parents of a daughter, Sophie Anne Fisher, born April 11, 2009.

Barbara Johnson of Sunnyvale, Calif. is the maternal grandmother. Mary and Anthony Fisher,

both of Saratoga, Calif., formerly of Grosse Pointe, are the paternal grandparents.

Great-grandparents are Ann and Bob Gotfredson of La Jolla, Calif., formerly of Grosse Pointe Farms, and Peggy Fisher of Grosse Pointe Farms.

## Charlotte Grace McCracken

Mr. and Mrs. Kevin McCracken of Livermore, Calif., are the parents of a daughter, Charlotte Grace McCracken, born April 21, 2009.

Paternal grandparents are Jack and Patty McCracken of

Grosse Pointe Farms.

## Darshan Emmanuel Adhikari

Meredith Moore and Kamal Prasad Adhikari of Washington, D.C. are the parents of a son, Darshan Emmanuel Adhikari, born Feb. 27, 2009.

Maternal grandparents are Paula Moore-Valihora and Mike Valihora of St. Clair Shores and Vero Beach, Fla., formerly of Grosse Pointe Park.

Mrs. Jayalal Adhikari of Kathmandu, Nepal, is the paternal grandmother.

# ANTIQUES: Treasures on sale

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tions," says Knight.

From 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, May 30 attendees can bring in their "treasures" to an appraisal clinic hosted by Caroline Ashleigh of Antiques Roadshow.

"We also have an exhibitor who specializes in refurbishing antiques. So, after you've had your antique appraised, you'll have the opportunity to seek the advice of an expert about restoring your antique," says Knight.

Money raised from the antique show helps finance the performance tours of the Choirs of Christ Church and support the church's outreach ministries.

The Christ Church Choir of Men and Girls travels to Ireland this summer and next year, the



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The Christ Church Choir is the beneficiary of the annual antiques show.

## Featured auction item

A Catalina 25 foot sailboat will be auctioned during the preview party, 7 to 10 p.m. Thursday, May 28. Sloop rigged, Yamaha, four-stroke, gas engine, summer well paid, three sails, cushions, battery, anchor, fenders, lines and life saving equipment.

Choir of Men and Boys heads to France and Italy to sing in the Notre Dame Cathedral in Paris and St. Peter's Basilica in Rome.

Many of the choristers are working in the café set up at the show.

The 3-day admission price to the show is \$10. New this year attendees can purchase in advance \$50 gift certificates that can be used with any dealer in the show.

"The certificates make a great idea for graduations or weddings," says Knight.

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The Christ Church Antiques Show features a design lecture and book signing with Charles Faudree on the morning of Friday, May 29.

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## Star Trek

The Detroit Symphony Orchestra, under the direction of Erich Kunzel, perform "Start Trek Meets Star Wars" at Orchestra Hall, 3711 Woodward, Detroit. Performances are at 10:45 a.m. and 8 p.m. Thursday, May 14; 8:30 p.m. Friday, May 15 and Saturday, May 16; and 3 p.m. Sunday, May 17. For more information, call (313) 576-5100.

gun start at 12:30 p.m.

The entry fee is \$185; \$199 after May 15 and includes the 18-hole round of golf, lunch, a strolling dinner with beverages and a raffle. Non playing guest can attend the dinner at 5:30 p.m.

To register or donate to this fundraiser, visit [jdetroit.org](http://jdetroit.org) or call (313) 881-0040.

## Car wash

The Neighborhood Club gymnastics group holds a free car wash from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, May 16 in the Neighborhood Club's parking lot, 17150 Waterloo, City of Grosse Pointe. Donations will be accepted.

Baked goods will be available.

## Symphony orchestra

The Grosse Pointe Symphony Orchestra presents its final concert of the season dedicated to the memory of the late Felix Resnick, at 7 p.m. Sunday, May 17 at Parcels Auditorium, 20600 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods.

The concert includes music by Wagner, Tchaikovsky and Humperdinck under the direction of Joe Striplin.

Detroit Symphony Orchestra violinist Marguerite Dene performs Max Bruch's "Scottish Fantasy."

A free music history lecture with Jack DuBois begins at 6 p.m.

Tickets are \$15 for adults and \$12 for seniors. Students under 18 are admitted free.

For more information, call (313) 402-9398.



Marguerite Dene

## Friends of Vision

Friends of Vision, a support group for the visually impaired and blind, meets from 10 to 11:30 a.m. Monday, May 18 and Wednesday, May 20 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

Art therapist Jane Spaulding offers an art therapy session from 6 to 8 p.m. Monday, May 18 at the Van Elslander Cancer Center. This month participants will tell a personal story through collage.

To register, call (313) 647-3000. A \$5 donation is requested.

## Live theater

Broadway Onstage Live

Theatre holds auditions at 7:30 p.m. Monday, May 18 and Wednesday, May 20 for the 2009-10 season at the Broadway Onstage Live Theatre, 21517 Kelly, Eastpointe.

The shows are: "Lovers and Other Strangers," "Murder at Howard Johnson's" and "The Werewolf of the Full Moon."

Auditionees are asked to bring a two-minute prepared monologue. Readings will also be done from various scripts.

For more information, call Dennis Wickline at (586) 771-6333.

## Alternative novels

Alternative history novelist Robert Conroy speaks at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday, May 19 at the Center for Lifelong Learning for Active Adults, in the Commons Room of St. Peter Parish House, 19851 Anita, Harper Woods.

Conroy has authored "1901," "1942," "1945" and "1862." His novels are based on historic events but written from a what if it didn't happen that way perspective.

A freewill donation is accepted. For more information call (313) 886-1770.

## Woman's Club

The Grosse Pointe Woman's Club holds its annual May luncheon at noon Wednesday, May 20 at the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club.

Grosse Pointe North and Grosse Pointe South high schools scholarship winners will be presented. A North jazz group presents the musical entertainment.

Tickets are \$35. Call Marie Mainwaring at (313) 881-2441 to make a reservation.

For more information about the club, call Janice McManus

at (313) 886-9098 or Marilyn Richardson at (313) 884-4056.

## Ford and Kahn

"Ford and Kahn: Centennial of an Extraordinary Relationship" begins at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, May 20 at the Edsel & Eleanor Ford House, 1100 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Shores.

Albert Kahn is often referred to as the world's greatest industrial architect. He earned the distinction, in large part, because of his work with Henry and Edsel Ford and Ford Motor Company. At the time of his death in 1942, he had designed more than 1,000 Ford buildings, including the Highland Park plant, Rouge Center and Willow Run plant.

Ford and Detroit history enthusiast Mike Skinner examine the Ford-Kahn relationship, including his many years on the Detroit Arts Commission with Edsel Ford, the Kahn designs that helped shape Detroit and the 15 Kahn designed structures in the Grosse Pointes, including the Edsel & Eleanor Ford House.

The event is free. Visit [gphistorical.org](http://gphistorical.org) or call (313) 884-7010 for more information.

## Meetup Group

The Grosse Pointe Spanish Language Meetup Group gathers at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, May 20 at Caribou Coffee in the Village.

For more information, visit [meetup.com](http://meetup.com).

## Robotic surgery

Beaumont Hospital, Grosse Pointe, 468 Cadieux, City of

Grosse Pointe hosts a community open house from 6 to 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, May 20.

Larry Lloyd, M.D., senior vice president and director of surgical services, presents the benefits of robotic surgery and surgeon Benjamin Chen, M.D., gynecology and obstetrics, will demonstrate the capabilities of the daVinci robot.

Guests will have the opportunity to operate the robot.

For reservations, visit [PREvents@beaumonthospital.com](mailto:PREvents@beaumonthospital.com) or call (248) 551-0750.

## Bridge club

The Pointer Bridge Club meets at 11 a.m. Thursday, May 21 at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial's Alger House for lunch and bridge.

To make a reservation or cancel, call (313) 886-7595 or (313) 881-8566 no later than Saturday, May 16.

## Palette club

The Lakeside Palette Club of St. Clair Shores hosts Carol La Chiusa who will give a watercolor demonstration at 7 p.m. Thursday, May 21 at the St. Clair Shores Civic Center, 20000 Stephens.

For more information, call (586) 415-9774.

## Women's Connection

The Women's Connection of Grosse Pointe hosts Alice Pfahler Thursday, May 28 at the Lochmoor Club. Her topic is "Secure Your Future."

Socializing begins at 6 p.m., dinner at 6:30 p.m. and the program is from 7:45 to 9 p.m.

The cost is \$27 for members and \$29 for nonmembers. For more information, call Marcia Pkielek at (313) 884-4201 or Nancy Neat at (313) 882-1855.

## Junior League

Registration is open for Junior League of Detroit's golf classic featuring a \$1 million hole-in-one drawing June 15 at Lochmoor Country Club, 1018 Sunningdale, Grosse Pointe Woods.

Golfers can participate in foursomes or as individuals in a scramble format with a shot-

## Historical museum honors TV personalities

The Detroit Historical Museum honored the individuals featured in Detroit's Classic TV Personalities exhibit with artifacts, photos and video from the following:

◆ Bill Bonds — the longtime WXYZ-TV Channel 7 news anchor drew viewers in massive numbers during four different decades with his dramatic and often opinionated style;

◆ John Kelly and Marilyn Turner were both first seen in Detroit at WJBK-TV2 in the 1960s. Kelly, the newscaster, and Turner, the weathercaster. Turner moved to WXYZ in 1972. Both became known for their news work and co-hosting the local talk show, "Kelly & Company" for 17 years;

◆ Bill Kennedy — the movie



Detroit Historical Society Executive Director Bob Bury of Grosse Pointe Park is interviewed by Kimberly Craig of WXYZ-TV Channel 7.

host was a staple on Detroit television, first on WWJ-TV (now WDIV-TV Local 4), then Windsor's. KCLW-TV Channel

9 during the 1950s and 1960s, and finally on WKBD-TV Channel 50;

◆ Emery King — a news an-

chor at WDIV for 19 years, he left a job at NBC News as White House correspondent during the Reagan administration for a local news job in Detroit to minimize time away from his family;

◆ Amyre Makupson is best known for her 25-year career at WKBD, the last 17 as anchor of the station's signature "10 O'Clock News;"

◆ Soupy Sales was an early Detroit television star. Born Milton Supman, he hosted both a lunchtime children's show and an evening sketch comedy/live jazz show for adults on WXYZ before moving on to national household name status.

The exhibit continues in the museum's Kresge Gallery through Sunday, Sept. 6.

## Forgotten patriot honored

Members of the Louisa St. Clair Chapter Daughters of the American Revolution of Grosse Pointe helped mark the grave of Nathaniel Blackmer, a forgotten Michigan Revolutionary War patriot.

The group traveled to the Richfield Union Cemetery in Flint Sunday May 3 and joined members of the Sons of the American Revolution other DAR chapters, American Legion and VFW Posts, the Flint Scottish Pipe Band, Historical Society Representatives and the Michigan Patriot Guard Riders and local dignitaries and descendants of Blackmer to honor him 228 years after he served the U.S. Revolutionary War.

In addition to the dedication of a plaque honoring his service, a 13 fold flag ceremony was held with the flag presented to his family. Wreaths and flowers were laid by the Children of the American Revolution and other patriotic groups and Blackmer received a 21 gun salute.

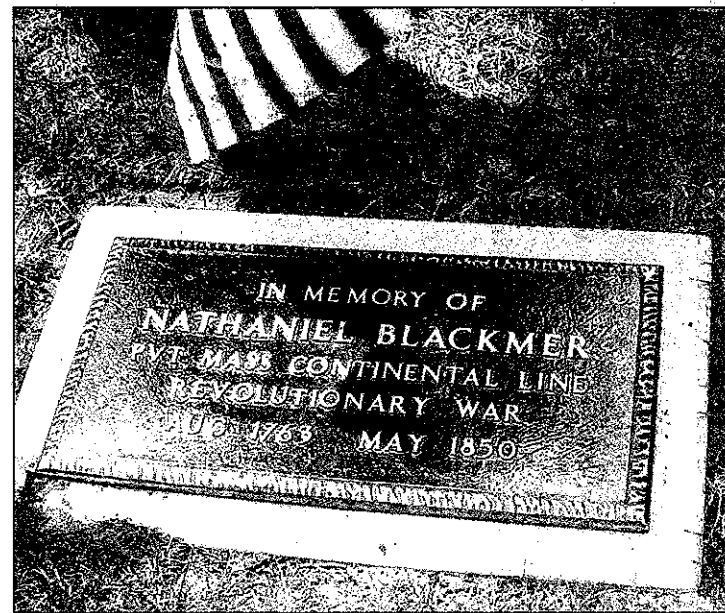
Following the graveside ceremony, a reception was held at the Davison VFW Hall.

Blackmer was born in 1783 in Warren, Mass. and was 17

when he joined the MA Continental Line. He served between August 1780 and May 1781 and may have been in such Connecticut battles as the Battle of Female River in 1780 and the Battle of Horseneck in 1780. In early 1781, he served as a nurse/orderly in Brimfield, MA treating soldiers suffering from sickness and battle wounds received in the New York area.

Blackmer was discharged in May 1781, but was not granted pension rights until March 11, 1845 in the Genesee County Circuit Court.

After the war, he married Aurilla Limekins and fathered six children, Phebe, Sophia, Homer, Nathaniel, Jr., Horace and Merritt. The family is be-



Plaque honoring the service of a Michigan Revolutionary War veteran.

lieved to have lived in New Hampshire, Canada and western New York before coming

to Michigan in the 1830s. They settled in Richfield Township. He died in May 1850.



Susie Scheiwe and Sally Drake of Louisa St. Clair Chapter DAR at the grave site of Revolutionary War veteran Nathaniel Blackmer.

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SENIOR SCENE By Ruth Cain

# Follow a strict routine to assure long life



to our nineties. Thomas Peris, who studies the century-plus at Boston University School of Medicine, is passing along habits shared by these centenarians.

**H**ow to live independently into your 90s. When I saw this statement I was intrigued, read the material and am now passing it on.

We all know the obvious steps: walking or other exercise 30 minutes a day; eating five servings of fruit and vegetables daily; and avoiding cigarettes and excess alcohol.

Researchers have discovered that centenarians tend to share certain traits in what they eat, move about, and deal with stress. We can emulate them to improve our own chances of aging well, even in-

1) Don't retire, but if you must, remain active.

2) Floss every day. A 2008 New York University study showed that daily flossing reduces the amount of gum disease causing bacteria in the mouth. This bacteria is thought to enter the bloodstream and trigger inflammation in the arteries, a major risk factor for heart disease.

Other research shows those with high amounts of bacteria in their mouth are more likely to have thickening of the arteries. Peris suggests flossing twice a day to get the biggest life expectancy benefits.

3) Move around. Exercise is

the only real fountain of youth, according to Jay Oishansky, professor of medicine and aging researcher at the University of Illinois at Chicago. It's like an oil and lube job for a car. Its benefits improve mood, mental acuity, balance, muscle mass and bones.

Building muscle with resistance training is also ideal, but yoga classes can provide similar strength-training effects.

4) Eat a fiber-rich cereal for breakfast. Getting a serving of whole-grains, especially in the morning, appears to help older folks maintain stable blood sugar levels throughout the day. They also have a lower incidence of diabetes, a known accelerator of aging.

5) Get at least six hours of sleep every night. Sleep helps regulate and heal cells.

Those who reach the centu-

ry mark make sleep a top priority.

6) Consume whole foods, not supplements. Strong evidence suggests those with high blood levels of selenium, beta-carotene, vitamins C and E age much better and have a slower rate of cognitive decline. Unfortunately, there's no evidence that taking supplements provide those anti-aging benefits. Go for those colorful fruits and vegetables and dark whole grain breads and cereals.

7) Reduce stress. Woody Allen made a fortune with his neurotic persona, but we need a new way to deal with stress. Studies show that centenarians tend not to internalize things or dwell on their troubles. They are great at rolling with the punches.

If you're unable to do this, yoga, exercise, meditation, tai

chi, or deep breathing for a few minutes are all good.

8) Break bad habits. Seventh Day Adventists have an average life expectancy of 89, about a decade longer than the average American. One of the basic tenets of their religion is that it's important to cherish the body that's on loan from God, which means no smoking, alcohol abuse or overindulging in sweets. They're also very focused on family and community.

9) Be a creature of habit. Centenarians tend to live by strict routines, eating the same kind of diet and doing the same activities their whole lives. Going to bed and waking up at the same time each day is another good habit. Missing a few hours of sleep one night or drinking too much alcohol can weaken immune defenses, leaving you

more susceptible to viruses and bacterial infections.

10) Stay connected. Having regular social contact with friends and loved ones is key to avoiding depression, particularly prevalent in elderly widows and widowers. Strong social interaction can come from walking with a buddy or taking a group exercise class.

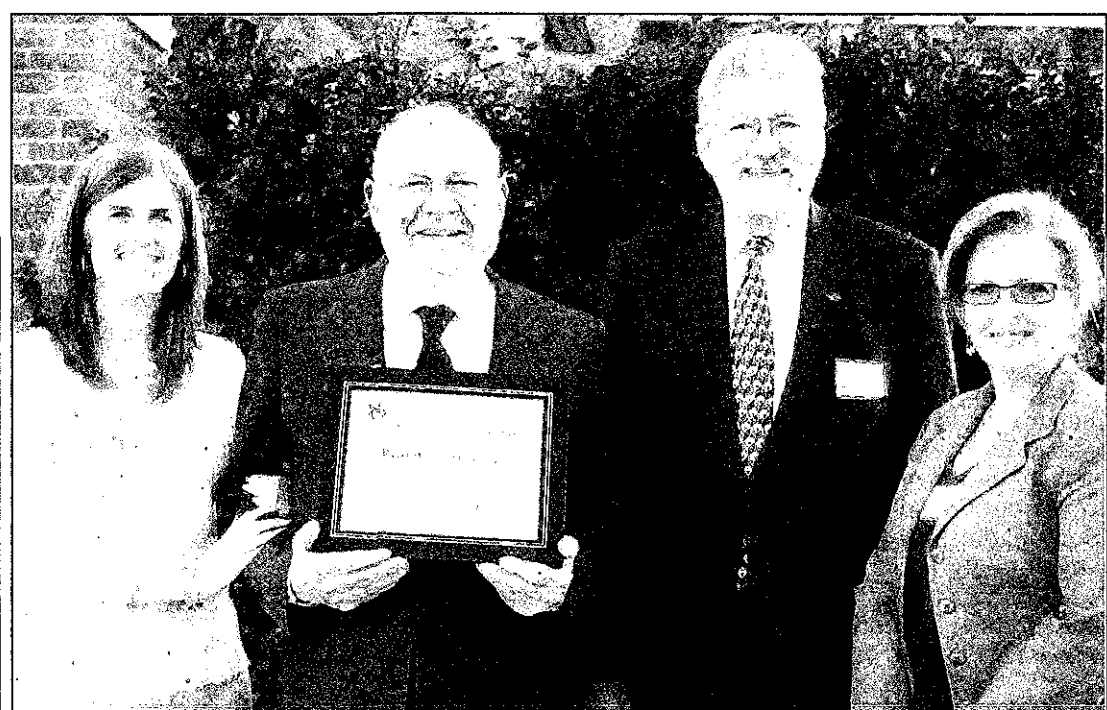
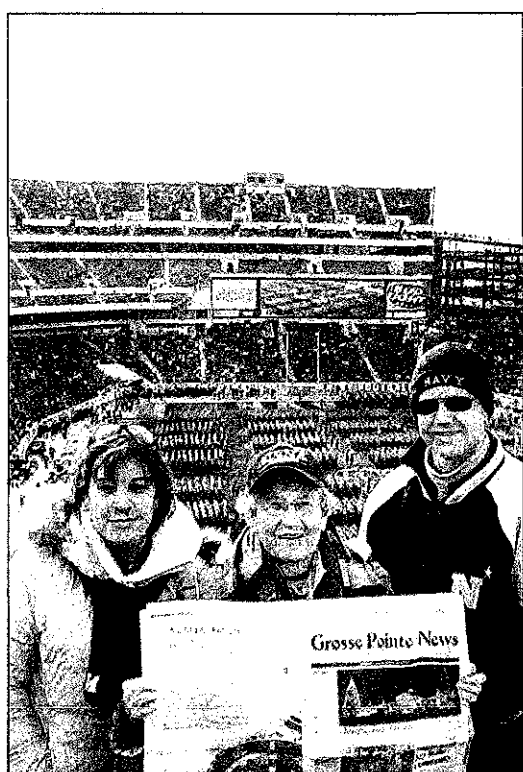
Daily connection with a close friend or family member gives the added benefit of someone to tell you if they note sharp changes in memory or personality.

I realize some will think observing these habits might simply make it seem like you've been living 100 years. I have no desire to live to 100, but the idea of being independent while I am alive seems a worthy goal.

Contact Cain at [ruthcain@comcast.net](mailto:ruthcain@comcast.net).

## Navy reader

Denise, Mary Lou and Bruce Duncan of Grosse Pointe Woods took the Grosse Pointe News along to read during the December Army-Navy football game in Philadelphia. When you travel, take along a copy of the Grosse Pointe News and have a photo taken of yourself in front of a local landmark. Send the picture, along with a few words to: The Grosse Pointe News Reader, 96 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe Farms, MI 48236; or e-mail to [editor@grossepointenews.com](mailto:editor@grossepointenews.com). Your picture will appear in an upcoming issue.



## SOC award

Beaumont Hospital, Grosse Pointe was given a 2009 Senior Friendly Business Award from Services for Older Citizens. The award recognizes businesses that go beyond being senior friendly. The hospital was recognized for Meals for the Homebound, a program that provides up to eight weeks of meals. From left, Heather Chase of Grosse Pointe Farms, volunteer services, Beaumont, Grosse Pointe; volunteer Richard Jungwirth of Grosse Pointe Farms; City of Grosse Pointe Mayor Dale Scrace; and Marie Reinman of Grosse Pointe Farms, director of cardiology of Beaumont, Grosse Pointe. For more information about the Meals for the Homebound, call volunteer services at (313) 343-1795

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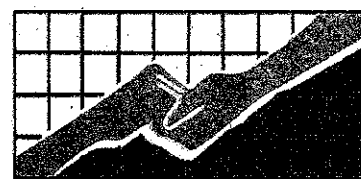
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Know your strengths and limitations and do not overexert. Drink plenty of water to prevent dehydration.



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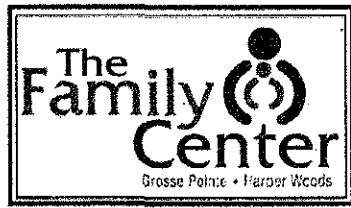
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ASK THE EXPERTS By Mary Ellen Brayton, LLPC

# Making the most of career transition period



Last week a reader asked how to help her husband who recently lost his job. This column provides ideas how to make the most of a career transition period.

**Get support.** Losing one's job is a loss on so many levels — intellectually, socially and emotionally. We are defined by what we do, so when we lose that piece of who we are, it can be devastating. That needs to be acknowledged.

It is similar to the stages of grief after the loss of a loved

one; shock and denial, anger and frustration, sadness and depression, and finally acceptance and hope. Before we even begin the job search process, we need to feel whole and project a positive attitude.

Getting support from family and friends may be enough. If not, this might be a time to get some short, focused, professional assistance to help re-frame self-defeating thoughts or gain a new perspective.

**Stay connected.** Loss of a job usually equates to less human contact and more isolation. Resist the urge to sit in front of the computer searching for jobs on the web. Call old colleagues, friends or neighbors and meet them for a cup of coffee. Join associations or groups.

Networking is a way of life

now and it's not going away. Networking is more than handing out cards or resumes — it's about developing relationships. Finding a job isn't going to depend on what we know or who we know, but rather who knows us.

**Make a business plan.** A successful job search doesn't just happen. Days may be less scheduled, but resist the urge to waste time. Put together a plan of action and schedule specific times each day for specific activities. It is easy to get distracted and wonder where the day went. Think of the 80/20 Rule: 20 percent of one's time is typically spent producing 80 percent of results. Make sure to schedule results-oriented activities on a daily basis.

**Learn a new skill.** No mat-

ter the field of expertise, there is always something new to learn. Maybe a new computer class or a continuing education course in one's field would be helpful. It's also a great way to meet people. Social networking is very popular. Learning about LinkedIn, Facebook and Twitter could be extremely beneficial. We are NEVER too old to learn a new trick!

**Volunteer.** A great way to feel better about ourselves is to help others. Sharing a talent or just filling a need can go a long way to feeling productive. Call a church, charity or local school district and ask how to help. It's a great way to get out there and make a difference!

Keep a positive attitude and surround yourself with the right people. As Viktor Frankl

says in "Man's Search for Meaning," "Life is potentially meaningful under any conditions, even those which are the most miserable... what matters is to make the best of any given situation."

Attend the Take Control meetings at 7:30 a.m. Monday morning at St. Paul's Catholic Church in Grosse Pointe Farms. It's a great way to obtain information, support and network.

Mary Ellen Brayton is the former program director of The Family Center, is a profes-

sional counselor in private practice in St. Clair Shores and heads the Take Control program. Contact her at (586) 321-0185, e-mail MEBRAYTONLLPC@comcast.net, or visit maryellenbrayton.com for more details.

E-mail questions to info@familycenterweb.org or via mail to The Family Center, 20090 Morningside Drive, Grosse Pointe Woods, MI 48236.

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HEALTH COLUMN By Jeff and Debra Jay

## Thank you for not smoking



**Dear Jeff and Debra:** My father has had two heart attacks and he still smokes. My mother, brother and I have all reasoned with him. His cardiologist has told him he must quit. But nothing anyone says brings about the desired result. Dad is still puffing away and it's going to kill him. I was wondering, is it possible to do an intervention on a smoker? I'd appreciate any advice you can give.

One small thing I should probably mention; I smoke too. I'm in my 30s and don't have any cigarette-related health problems. Is my smoking go-

ing to be an issue if we intervene?

-CONCERNED DAUGHTER

**Dear Concerned:**

You can use intervention to motivate a smoker to quit. The key is learning how to intervene properly.

Families often intervene with little, if any, education or planning. The resulting "intervention" is a poorly prepared ambush, which is an ill-advised approach. Success is unlikely and it often leads to anger and resentment.

We advocate dignified and loving interventions. Well-planned and rehearsed, approximately 85 percent succeed. A professional interventionist can facilitate, or your family can train themselves using a self-help book. Our website, lovefirst.net, gives information on various options.

During the intervention, you need to do more than ask your father to quit. Even with the best intentions, quitting isn't easy and many people fail. Put together a plan that will give your father the support he needs.

Nicotine Anonymous meets at St. John Hospital at 7 p.m. Wednesdays. Your father will find the support he needs by attending. He can ask a member to be his sponsor to help him through the rough patches. There is no fee for the meetings.

Medications can help your father with nicotine withdrawal. The Federal Drug Administration has approved seven over-the-counter stop smoking aids. Ask your father's doctor for recommendations. For more information, visit smokefree.gov.

As for the "small" matter of your cigarette addiction, you

can't ask your father to do what you're not willing to do. Prepare to quit before the intervention. During the intervention, tell your father you also commit to quit smoking. Go with him to the weekly Nicotine Anonymous meetings. The intervention will result in both of you living healthier, longer lives.

Jeff Jay and Debra Jay of Grosse Pointe Farms are professional interventionists and co-authors of "Love First." Debra Jay is the author of "No More Letting Go: The Spirituality of Taking Action Against Alcoholism and Drug Addiction." They may be reached at (313) 882-6921 or lovefirst.net.

## Lesson on 'how to save your face' by dermatologist

Dermatologist Shauna Ryder Diggs and plastic surgeon Herman Houin will discuss Saving Face at Henry Ford Cottage Hospital's Fit & Fabulous After 50 educational series Wednesday, May 20.

Diggs discusses the importance and benefits of antioxidants, retinol, certain vitamins,

green tea, glycolic acids and sunscreen in health care products. She'll explain how knowing what to use when can help protect the skin and repair existing damage. Samples and recommended product will be available for purchase.

Houin shows how facelifts, eyelifts and other minimally in-

vasive, outpatient procedures can help reverse the signs of aging. Some procedures, he said, may be covered by insurance.

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# CHURCH ACTIVITIES

## Ecumenical Men's Breakfast

Grosse Pointe Ecumenical Men's Breakfast meets from 7:15 to 8:15 a.m. Friday, May 15 in Grosse Pointe Memorial Church's Fellowship Hall, 16 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms.

The speaker is Dr. Jong Sam Park, chief executive for World Vision Korea.

For further information, call (313) 882-5330.

## St. Paul on the Lake

Monsignor John Zenz of Holy Name Church talks about consolation in midst of grief: the spirituality of St. Paul from noon to 2:30 p.m. Friday, May 15 at St. Paul on the Lake Parish House, 175 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms. This is part of the parish's year-long St. Paul Bereavement Ministry meetings.

## Fort Street Chorale

Fort Street Chorale & Chamber Orchestra perform Handel's "Judas Maccabeus" at 3 p.m. Sunday, May 17, at Fort Street Presbyterian Church, 631 W. Fort, Detroit.

Tickets are \$18. Group, student and senior rates are available.

For more information, call (313) 961-4533 or visit fortstreet.org.

The performance commemorates the 250th anniversary of



## Slide in

The St. Joan of Arc Catholic Church, 22412 Overlake, St. Clair Shores, 40th annual parish festival is May 15 through 17. Ride bracelets are available for unlimited rides from noon to 6 p.m. Friday and Saturday. A fish and chips dinner is served from 4 to 8 p.m. Friday and a pig roast is from 4 to 8 p.m. Saturday. Brunch is served from 9 a.m. to noon and a spaghetti dinner from 1 to 5 p.m. Sunday. There will be games of chance, a bake sale, live entertainment, a raffle, bingo, a Texas Hold'em tournament and a disc jockey. For more information, visit sjasc.org or call the parish office at (586) 777-3670.

Handel's death in 1759.

## Hats on for Mission

Hats on for Mission is the theme of a luncheon, silent auction and fashion show Saturday, May 16 at the Grosse

Pointe Woods Presbyterian Church, 19950 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods.

Silent auction bidding begins at 11:30 a.m. and lunch is at noon. Chico's of Grosse Pointe provides the merchandise for the 1 p.m. fashion show. The Second Mile Center has a pre-

sentation at 1:30 p.m. and prizes will be given at 2 p.m.

Tickets are \$15 and may be purchased by calling (313) 884-8905 or at the church at (313) 886-4301.

## St. Paul Catholic Church

Walt Tarrow, an employment specialist from Jewish

Vocational Services, is the guest speaker from 7:30 to 9 a.m. Monday, May 18 at the Take Control meeting in St. Paul Catholic Church, 157 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms.

Take Control is a support group providing networking opportunities and information to those in career transitions.

For more information, call Mary Ellen Brayton at (586) 321-0185 or e-mail

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## Good deals

"Flea Market with a Flair," organized by the Grosse Pointe Unitarian Church, 17150 Maumee, City of Grosse Pointe, is from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, May 16 and noon to 3 p.m. Sunday, May 17. Admission is free.

## PASTOR'S CORNER By Fran Bachmann

# Enough is really a lot

When a mother told her child she just barely had enough money to buy him something he needed, he said, "Enough Is A Lot."

The Bible records many stories, through the centuries, that show us "enough is a lot" and that God wants us to not only have "enough" but even abundance. Some of those accounts in the Bible are: the widow with only a pot of oil proved to be an endless supply for her and her family (II Kings 4); manna from heaven (Exodus 16); Jesus changing the water to an unlimited flow of wine (John 2); limited loaves and fish feeding the multitudes, with baskets left over (Matthew 14); casting the nets on the right side to be filled not just to capacity, but overflowing (John 21).

Because I grew up learning about these testaments of constant supply and abundance, I always knew I could lean on

God as my source no matter what the circumstance.

When I finished high school and went to college, my family situation was such that I had to pay for school myself. I was always able to find a job and sometimes up to three jobs, that would meet my monetary needs and work around my school schedule. This allowed me to finish my bachelor's degree in three and a half years, with no debt.

When I look back at that time, everything fell into place and put me where I needed to be. Several months after I finished college and a month after I gained a full time position, my mother suddenly passed away. I had a teenage brother who needed my support for college.

My brother went to college during an economic downturn, but he was able to get his degree (even go away to Western Michigan University for the last three years) and graduated with nominal debt. When I look

back at that time I cannot even figure out from a mathematical standpoint, how we handled all the expenses.

One of the Bible passages I studied was "And God is able to make all grace abound toward you; that ye, always having all sufficiency in all things, may abound to every good work" (II Cor: 9: 8) and from "Miscellaneous Writings" by Mary Baker Eddy, 1883-96, pg. 307, "God gives you His spiritual ideas and in turn they give you daily supplies. Never ask for tomorrow: it is enough that divine Love is an ever-present help; and if you wait, never doubting, you will have all you need every moment."

That has been proven to me, not just on the above occasions, but many times since. I am grateful to know that my source is from God.

Fran Bachmann is a member of the local Christian Science Church. Contact her at franbachmann1@aol.com.

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A LA ANNIE By Annie Rouleau-Scheriff

# Add fresh asparagus to linguine to make a special spring meal



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Celebrate the brightness of spring with asparagus and lemon.

**M**y friend Bonnie has (finally) taken the plunge into the computer world. Lucky me.

Bonnie e-mailed me a recipe for quick linguine with fresh asparagus. Lemon zest and Parmesan cheese finish this fresh take on pasta. Yummy. Make it your first pasta this



spring. You'll have dinner on the table in less than 30 minutes.

## Bonnie's Quick Linguine with Fresh Asparagus

1/2 lb. linguine (dried or fresh)  
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1 lb. asparagus spears, trimmed and cut into 1/2 inch pieces  
1 1/2 tablespoons grated lemon zest (about 1 lemon)  
1/4 cup grated Parmesan cheese (or more)  
salt and pepper to taste

Bring a large pot of salted

water to a boil and cook the pasta according to package directions. (Keep in mind that fresh pasta takes only a few minutes to cook and the water should be a gentle boil.)

Meanwhile heat 2 tablespoons of olive oil in a large non-stick skillet over medium heat. Add the asparagus and cook and toss for about 5 to 7 minutes, just until the asparagus begins to soften. (Don't overcook the asparagus.) Add the lemon zest and season with salt and pepper. (Less salt and more pepper.)

Add the cooked pasta, Parmesan cheese and remaining 2 tablespoons of olive oil. Toss and toss until the asparagus, olive oil and cheese have been distributed evenly throughout the pasta.

This simple flavor combination is perfect. Really delicious. Thanks, Bonnie.



## Public debut

The Detroit Zoo's baby aardvark, Amani, front, made her public debut and can be seen with her mother, Rachael, across from the giraffe habitat. Born Dec. 8, 2008, the infant aardvark weighed 3 pounds, 10 ounces at birth and now tips the scales at around 75 pounds. Mature aardvarks can weigh between 90 and 145 pounds.

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Rock Stars' Cars & Guitars 2 assembles a collection of cars and guitars from rockers' personal collections, the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame and

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◆ ZZ Top's Billy F Gibbons' 1932 Ford Coupe, "Eliminator."

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For more information, call (313) 982-6001 or visit TheHenryFord.org.

## Sunset at the Zoo celebrates new arrivals

The Detroit Zoological Society's annual Sunset at the Zoo fundraiser is from 7 to 11:30 p.m. Friday, June 19.

The year's party features a strolling supper, zoo-themed martinis, live entertainment, dancing and live and silent auctions. The 21-and-over event is held rain or shine.

More than 2,000 are expected to attend the event, themed "Celebrating Our New Arrivals." A strolling supper offers tastes of signature dishes from 40 area restaurants, Skyline & the Backstreet Horns entertain throughout the evening and guests have access to the zoo's animal habitats. Attire for the evening is "elegant safari chic."

The live auction includes a gourmet dinner for 12 with the giraffes, a polar bear and seal feeding experience for six, a behind-the-scenes tour of the rhino habitat for four, a fall twilight hayride at the zoo with cocktails and hors d'oeuvres for 12, a Top Gun fighter jet experience and a San Francisco and Sonoma winery excursion.

Tickets for Sunset at the Zoo range from \$150 to \$600 per person. Those purchasing the \$600 tickets can attend a private party Tuesday, May 19. Those purchasing \$600 benefactor tickets and \$300 patron tickets can attend a VIP reception at the zoo's Dinosauria experience from 5:30 p.m. to 7 p.m. Friday, June 19.

Tickets can be ordered by phone at (248) 541-5717 ext. 3750 or online at detroitzoo.org.

### Retired racehorse

A retired racehorse named Trio has a home at the Detroit Zoo to live out his golden years.

The chestnut thoroughbred gelding galloped into the zoo just in time for his 10th birthday on Kentucky Derby day, May 2.

Trio was adopted by the Communication Alliance to Network Thoroughbred Ex-Racehorses based in Emmett, that provides retired racehorses with opportunities for new careers after the finish line.

"Trio is a beautiful horse with an easy-going personality and we're happy we can

provide a home for a racehorse like Trio who has few options for retirement," said Scott Carter, director of conservation and animal welfare.

Trio stands 15.3 hands high at the withers (a hand equals 4 inches) and weighs 980 pounds. A thoroughbred horse typically stands about 15 to 17 hands high and weighs 900 to 1,100 pounds.

With career earnings of more than \$85,000, Trio has

raced on dirt and turf in 74 races, winning four titles and placing second 10 times and third five times. His final competitive race was in June 2008.

Trio joins 15-year-old retired racehorse Siberian Sun, known as Sunny, in the Detroit Zoo's barnyard.

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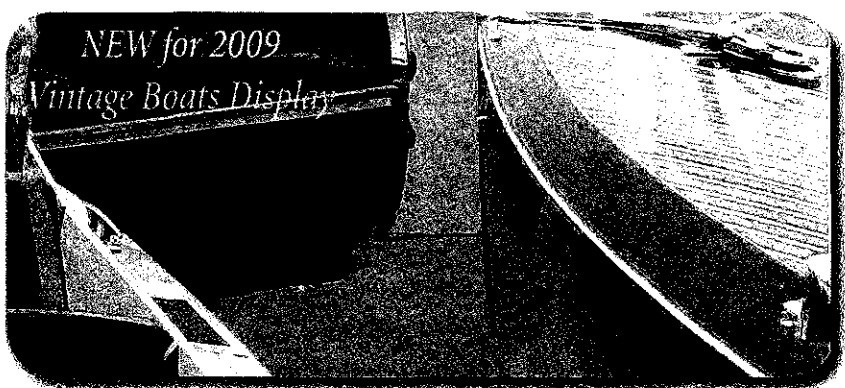
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**BOYS GOLF**

## North sweeps South, wins division title

By Bob St. John  
 Sports Editor

Rivals clashed on the golf course twice last week in a battle for the Macomb Area Conference Red Division dual meet title.

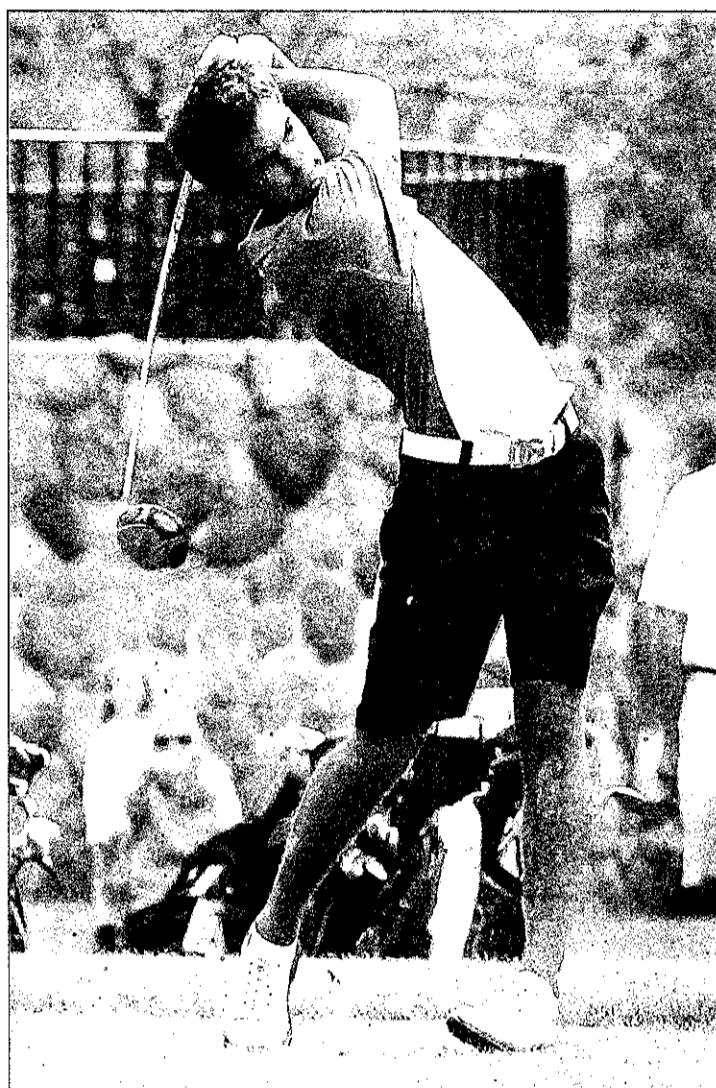
After a hectic week, Grosse Pointe North swept both matches with Grosse Pointe South, and won its other two matches to win the Red Division dual meet championship for a sixth consecutive season.

"The title came down to this week, thanks to all of the rain outs we had," North head coach Brian Stackpoole said. "It was a long week, but the guys shot some nice rounds and squeezed out the wins needed to win the dual match title."

In the first match between the rivals played at Lochmoor, the Norsemen prevailed 156-161 and the second match at Gowanie was won 154-158 by the Norsemen.

Leading the Norsemen in round one was senior Matt Jankowski, who shot an even par 36. Next was junior Jon Freismuth with a 39, followed by junior Eric Sandmair with a 40 and sophomore Christian Vervaeke with a 41.

In the second match at Gowanie, junior Kevin Zak battled back from a triple bogey on the opening hole to fire



Senior Robert Okonowski lets a drive rip down the fairway during the Norsemen's victory over Grosse Pointe South at Lochmoor.

a 37. He had seven pars and a birdie on the final eight holes.

Other leading Norsemen were senior Robert Okonowski

with a 38, Jankowski with a 39 and Vervaeke with a 40.

In the first match, junior Matt Taflinger led the Blue Devils with a 38, and in the second match, junior Tommy Pandy had a 38 and junior Evan Inger had a 39.

"It's a little disappointing losing both matches by such a few strokes," South head coach Rob McIntyre said. "We had our chances, but North was a little better than we were in each round."

The Blue Devils rebounded to beat Utica Ford 141-148 and Utica Eisenhower 158-170.

Leading the way were junior Mathew Temrowski, Inger, sophomore Konrad Tech and junior James Brophy.

On Monday afternoon, the Blue Devils played Ford again, winning 161-168 as Inger and Pandy led the way, posting a 38 and 39, respectively.

"We have a chance to win the division tournament since we lost out on the dual match title," McIntyre said.

The Norsemen played three other foes last week, beating Ford 141-144 and Eisenhower twice, 172-174 and 154-170.

Against Ford on a modified course due to flooding, Okonowski had a 34, followed by Freismuth and Sandmair with a 35 and Vervaeke with a 37.

Playing a fourth straight day against Eisenhower,



Junior Matt Taflinger led the Blue Devils with a 38 in their first match against Grosse Pointe North.

PHOTOS BY RENATO JAMETT

Jankowski had a 40. He was followed by Sandmair with a 43, Vervaeke with a 44 and Okonowski with a 45.

North improved to 7-0 in the Red Division and South is 4-2.

"This has been a total team effort with our seniors step-

ping up to go low when they are needed," Stackpoole said. "Our (No. 3) three and (No. 4) four players coming in with consistent scores and someone from our (Nos.) five and six spot coming in with a number to secure the victory."

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## Girls tennis

# South wins Red tournament, North fourth

## ULS wins tournament

By Bob St. John  
Sports Editor

Grosse Pointe South's girls' tennis team won the Macomb Area Conference Red Division Tournament last week.

Head coach Mark Sobieralski knew his young Blue Devils squad has been improving with each match and this was another highlight.

The Blue Devils won seven of the eight flights to earn 47 points. Utica Eisenhower and St. Clair tied for second with 42 points, followed by Grosse Pointe North with 25, Port Huron Northern with 22 and Chippewa Valley with eight.

"The girls have really worked hard on their game and they have improved a lot," Sobieralski said. "Their confidence level is way up."

In the No. 2 singles title match, freshman Emma Hyde of South beat Eisenhower's Natalie Georges 6-4, 6-1, while junior Emily Lynch won her No. 3 singles flight with a 6-1, 6-4 victory over Port Huron Northern's Andrew Betrus.

Junior E.A. Kennedy won the No. 4 singles title by beating St. Clair's Alison Karadjoff 6-4, 4-

6, 6-1.

Senior Sarah VanWalleghem was runner up at No. 1 singles, losing a tough match to St. Clair's Rebecca Pfyfe 7-6, 6-3.

The Blue Devils won their four doubles title matches in straight sets to complete the domination of this tournament for yet another season.

Seniors Lizzie Hyde and Stephanie Skau beat Eisenhower's Melissa Wandrei and Adrienne Roberts 6-3, 7-5 in the No. 1 doubles finals, and junior Carla Schmidt and sophomore Alana Dickson won 6-4, 6-4 in the No. 2 doubles title match over St. Clair's Paula Frascchetti and Jui Foggard.

In the No. 3 doubles finals, juniors Diane Dodge and Kiki Fox won 7-6, 6-1 over Eisenhower's Megan Matelonek and Rebecca Crenshaw and the No. 4 doubles team of senior Jaelyn Royer and freshman Amelia Boccaccio defeated Eisenhower's Emily Dekker and Carolyn Renke.

North head coach Matt Eszes was also happy with his team, which finished ahead of Port Huron in the division tournament for the first time.

"We had seven girls win a match against a team that they lost to recently," Eszes said. "South was strong, but St. Clair

and Eisenhower were both stronger than they were last year. We are stronger, too, but the competition just keeps improving."

For the Norsemen, No. 1 singles player Ariana Conti, a senior, beat Northern's Taylor Sweeney and Ike's Diana Covalschi, while senior Karen Huntsman defeated Ike's Rachel Georges at No. 4 singles.

In addition, the No. 3 doubles team of seniors Stephanie Malouf and Mary Allemon came from behind to win a match in the tournament and the Norsemen's top performance came from the No. 4 doubles squad of sophomore Maura Bresser and freshman Holly Gilezan stormed back to win their match 2-6, 6-4, 6-3. They trailed 4-1 in the second set.

Earlier in the week, the Norsemen lost league dual meets 6-2 to both Port Huron Northern and Eisenhower.

South finished 5-0 in the Red Division dual meets with North finishing 1-4.

## ULS

University Liggett School's girls' tennis team played two tough opponents last week, losing 8-0 to Cranbrook Kingswood and 5-3 to Sacred Heart Academy.

"We played our best against a very good Cranbrook team and struggled against ASH," ULS head coach Cathy Hackenberger said.

Leading the charge against Cranbrook Kingswood was senior Catherine Vatsis, who played well in her No. 1 singles match before falling 6-3, 6-2, and the No. 2 doubles team of juniors Sarah Pollick and Jasmine Policherla went three sets.

"It was a bummer losing to ASH since we face them in the upcoming regional," Hackenberger said. "It was a long busride out and the girls didn't have their usual hop."

Vatsis won 6-0, 6-1 at No. 1 singles, while seniors Claire Peracchio and Kate Shannon were also victorious, 6-1, 6-1 at No. 2 singles and 6-2, 6-2 at No. 3 singles, respectively.

On Monday afternoon, the Knights defeated Warren Cousino 8-0, losing a combined 16 games in the seven matches. The Patriots defaulted at No. 1 singles.

Hackenberger's squad also won its tournament last week-end, edging Grosse Pointe North for the title. University Liggett School is 6-3-1 overall.

All three schools, ULS, North and South, will compete in state regional tournaments May 14 and May 15.



Senior Stephanie Skau serves during a recent Grosse Pointe South girls' tennis match. Skau and her doubles partner, Lizzie Hyde, are having a fantastic season.

## Girls soccer

## RIVALS

## Teams endure another draw

By Bob St. John  
Sports Editor

The meetings between Grosse Pointe North and Grosse Pointe South are always tight.

It doesn't matter what their records are or where they are in the division standings because the only thing that matters is winning and gaining bragging rights.

South head coach Gene Harkins has had North's number during his tenure. However, earlier this year the Norsemen got the upper hand, winning 2-1.

Last week, the teams tied 1-1 playing on North's grass field instead of the football field.

"We had some great oppor-



PHOTOS BY WILL HARRAH

Holly Spencer came up several big saves in the final 10 minutes to help Grosse Pointe North earn a tie with Grosse Pointe South.

tunities to win the game in the

final 15 minutes, but the ball would go high or wide or right at the goalkeeper," Harkins said. "This was another tie in which I thought we should have won."

"We will hopefully get another chance to play North."

If the teams meet again, it will be in the state district playoffs.

"I was happy with our play for the most part," North head coach Jen Nadeau said. "We're passing much better and getting good shots on goal. Unfortunately, we had a defensive lapse on South's goal, but overall we did a nice job."

The Norsemen struck first when junior Sami Filippelli curved a corner kick into the back of the net.

The Blue Devils tied it with a goal with 14 minutes left when senior Chelsea MacGriff touched a rebound into the back of the net. Sophomore Emily Flomm earned an assist.

In other action last week, the Blue Devils beat Romeo 2-0 and lost 1-0 to Chippewa Valley to stand at 1-4-3 in the Macomb Area Conference Red Division and 3-5-8 overall.

The Norsemen played Monday evening, losing 2-0 to Utica Ford, dropping to 1-4-3 in the MAC Red and 3-7-3 overall.

## UNIVERSITY LIGGETT SCHOOL

## Knights net share of title

By Bob St. John  
Sports Editor

University Liggett School's girls' soccer team earned a share of the Metro Conference regular season title last week, beating Lutheran North 2-0, Hamtramck 8-0 and Rochester Hills Lutheran Northwest 2-0.

"We have had several girls step up and score goals," head coach David Dwaihy said. "Our veterans are leading by example and our younger girls are contributing a lot."

"It's nice to win a co-championship, but now we have to concentrate on the conference tournament and getting ready for the state playoffs."

Against the host Mustangs, Mariah Passalacqua scored the first goal, assisted by Hannah Baird, and Charlotte Waldmeir tallied the second goal.

North has been a thorn in ULS' side for years and getting the road win was huge for the Knights.

Against the visiting Cosmos, Annalisa Provenzano had a hat trick, while Baird had two goals and two assists and Tori Jovanovski had two goals.

Katie Sheehy also scored, while Paige Counsman had three assists. Kathryn LaLonde had two assists and Morgan Stinson had an assist.

The visiting Knights struggled in the opening half against Northwest, playing a scoreless game.

In the second half, Morgan Hutson scored the game-win-



PHOTO BY RENATO JAMETT

Senior Charlotte Waldmeir scored a big goal in the Knights' win over host Macomb Lutheran North.

ner and Counsman added an insurance goal.

"We were a little frustrated in the first half because Northwest's defense was very strong," Dwaihy said. "We were finally able to break through and get some good

scoring chances, which we converted into two goals."

ULS improved to 7-0-2 overall and finished the regular season 6-0-1 in the Metro Conference, along with Bloomfield Hills Cranbrook Kingswood.

## Golf

## UNIVERSITY LIGGETT SCHOOL

## Knights play tough foes

By Bob St. John  
Sports Editor

The University Liggett School golf team ran into some good golfers last week during all three matches.

The Knights lost dual matches to Macomb Lutheran North, 152-165, and Auburn Hills Oakland Christian, 167-176.

They were also fourth in the Metro Conference Tournament, shooting a 361.

Lutheran North won it with a 317, followed by Rochester Hills Lutheran Northwest with a 331 and Bloomfield Hills Cranbrook Kingswood with a 334.

"Our team score might have been fourth, but it was a huge improvement from our score a year ago," head coach Dan Sullivan said. "The improvement is amazing."

Last year, the Knights shot a 414, so a 53-stroke drop was definitely a moral victory for

Sullivan's golf team.

Marc Hames tied for ninth with an 85, while Kyle Keith posted an 89.

Against Lutheran North, Hames had a 34, followed by Clarke Dirksen with a 41, Keith with a 44 and Jake Goldberg with a 46.

In the Oakland Christian match, Hames had a 37, while Jacob Dombrowski had a 44. Freshman Caleb Ninivaggi played his first varsity match. ULS dropped to 5-4 overall



Grosse Pointe North's Sami Filippelli, right, scored the lone goal for the Norsemen. She is defended by Grosse Pointe South's Meryl Ethridge.

## Boys baseball

## UNIVERSITY LIGGETT SCHOOL

## Knights beat defending state champs

By Bob St. John  
Sports Editor

University Liggett School's boys' baseball team found its mojo last weekend after two lethargic weeks of play.

"The guys played with more energy this weekend and won a couple of big games," head coach Dan Cimini said. "I

liked our enthusiasm and I think we're back on track."

After slipping past upset-minded Hamtramck 5-3 earlier in the week, the Knights won their own tournament, beating Southfield Christian 7-2 in a semifinal and defending Division IV state champ Bay City All Saints 7-3 in the title game.

"Beating the defending champ was nice," Cimini said. "We had good pitching, good defense and our offense put up some runs."

In the title game, Joe Simon earned the win, going the distance. He scattered five hits and struck out five, while Andrew Malaski was 3-for-4 with a home run, a double and

three RBIs.

The Knights followed the pitching of Tommy Graves, who earned the win with 10 strikeouts and giving up only two hits against Southfield Christian.

Dominic Jamett was 2-for-3 with a double and three RBIs and Jeremiah Manning was 2-for-3 with two RBIs to lead the

offensive charge.

"Our strength is pitching and defense, but getting the offense is a bonus," Cimini said.

The Knights finished the regular season 5-2 in the Metro Conference, earning the No. 3 seed in the conference tournament, and improved to 20-2 overall.

The current state rankings compiled by the Michigan Coaches Association have Frankfort No. 1, followed by University Liggett School, Harbor Light Christian, North Huron, Lake Leelanau St. Mary, Mount Pleasant Sacred Heart, Saugatuk, Parkway Christian, Lutheran Westland and Unionville Sebawing.

## Girls softball

## GROSSE POINTE SOUTH



PHOTO BY DANA KAISER

## In the chase

Grosse Pointe South senior captain Jacqueline Reno rounds the bases during a recent victory. Reno and the rest of the Blue Devils beat Warren Mott 7-6 and Warren Lincoln 8-7 last week, improving to 4-2 in the Macomb Area Conference Gold Division, just a half-game behind first-place Roseville. Head coach Nicole Crane watched junior Keely O'Connor and sophomore Hayley Martin pitch solid games the past couple of weeks.

## GROSSE POINTE NORTH

## Norsemen drop close contests

By Bob St. John  
Sports Editor

Snakebit. It's the only word to describe Grosse Pointe North's girls' softball team this season.

Last week the Norsemen lost three division games, each by one run. They lost 3-2 to St. Clair Shores Lake Shore, 5-4 to St. Clair and 2-1 to L'Anse Creuse North.

"We had a chance to win each of those games, but somehow we found a way to lose by a run," head coach Bill Taylor said. "The girls are playing very hard, but it's frustrating to lose these close games against these good teams."

The Norsemen's bats were quiet against Lake Shore and North, but against division-leading St. Clair, Sam Matthews, Teresa Nagel and Krysta Schroeder each had two hits.

They trailed 5-0 before rallying to cut the deficit to one run and had two runners on base with only one out. A ground out and strikeout ended the threat and the game.

North rebounded to win two of three games in the Romeo Tournament last weekend, beating Romeo 7-3 and L'Anse Creuse 4-1 after losing the opener 4-1 to Utica Ford.

"It was nice to see the girls win a couple of big games, including the win over Romeo, who beat ranked Anchor Bay earlier in the week," Taylor said. "The girls can play against anyone, but they have

to play well for seven innings, which they did this weekend."

Grosse Pointe North dropped to 1-5 in the Macomb Area Conference White Division and 7-14 overall.

## U.L.S.

## Knights get first victory

University Liggett School's girls' softball team won its first game of the season last week, beating Hamtramck 17-2.

The Knights used a 12-run first inning to get the victory ended after three innings due to the mercy rule.

Ashley Monicatti earned the pitching win, striking out six, while Tess Bando had an RBI and stole several bases.

Nicole Smith stole bases and Kristin Peterson drove in three runs and also stole three bases against the Cosmos.

Susie Stefani had two RBIs and three stolen bases.

On Monday afternoon, the Knights lost 15-0 to Macomb Lutheran North in the first round of the Metro Conference Tournament, dropping their record to 1-11 overall.

—Bob St. John

## RIVALS

## South evens season series with North

By Bob St. John  
Sports Editor

Grosse Pointe South's resurgence took another step forward last week after beating city rival Grosse Pointe North 10-8.

The win avenged a 3-2 loss to the Norsemen a couple of weeks ago.

"It was a good win for the ball team and it gave the guys more confidence," South head coach Dan Griesbaum said. "These games are always close and this was a typical game between our clubs."

The visiting Blue Devils used an eight-run fourth inning to take a 10-3 lead. They sent 13 hitters to the plate.

Junior Bobby Peltz led off with a bunt single and moved to second after senior Kelly O'Donnell singled.

Junior Leif Rodney's sacrifice bunt moved the runners to second and third.

Peltz scored after junior Carl Brecht reached on a fielder's choice and senior Keith Sklarski walked to load the bases.

Senior Johnny Hackett earned an RBI after drawing a walk and junior Ryan Miller followed suit, drawing a bases-loaded walk.

Junior Brad Remillet's fielder's choice grounder scored another run after the throw to the plate was late and Peltz, up for the second time in the inning, delivered a two-run single.

O'Donnell had an RBI double to drive in the final run in the inning. Rodney also singled, but both runners were stranded.

The Norsemen made it interesting, scoring five runs in the fifth inning, but in came junior Chris Shirar, who shut the door

on the home team, getting six straight outs to record the save.

Brecht earned the win and sophomore Marc Palazzolo took the loss.

O'Donnell led the Blue Devils with three hits, including two doubles, and three RBIs, while Rodney had two hits and three RBIs.

For the Norsemen, Palazzolo had two hits and three RBIs.

In other action, North won two of three games last weekend, beating Detroit Western 8-4 and L'Anse Creuse 6-2 before losing 6-5 in nine innings to L'Anse Creuse North.

Against Western, senior Kevin Remus was the starting pitcher, but it was junior Josh Richardson who earned the win, pitching the final three innings.

Senior Josh Cok was 2-for-3 with a three-run homer and four RBIs. Junior Teddie Williams two hits and two RBIs, while junior Michael Tolliver had two hits and two runs scored. Lewis chipped in with two hits and two RBIs.

Palazzolo earned the win against L'Anse Creuse with Reardon going 4-for-4 with an RBI and two stolen bases. Cisco had a solo homer and two RBIs and junior Tony Casano was 2-for-2 with a double and an RBI.

The Norsemen lost to the Crusaders on a bang-bang play at the plate in the final inning. Palazzolo and Lewis each had two hits to lead the team.

On Monday afternoon, the Norsemen dropped a 12-2 decision to Chippewa Valley, falling to 3-4 in the MAC Red Division and 15-10 overall.

"We played terrible behind Nate (Lewis was the pitcher of record)," North head coach Frank Sumner said. "We dropped a couple of fly balls in



PHOTO BY WILL HARRAH

South's John Hackett rounds the bases during the Blue Devils' eight-run inning that led to a 10-8 win over the Norsemen.

the first inning in which Chippewa Valley scored five runs. Nothing went right for us, but we have to put that behind us and start playing better baseball because the state playoffs are right around the corner."

South kept the momentum going in the right direction, winning its tournament last weekend.

"The guys played some great baseball and it was great to keep the winning streak going," Griesbaum said.

Senior Matt Reck earned the win in the Blue Devils' tournament opener, an 8-1 win over Riverview.

Junior Charles Getz had two hits, including the game-winner that beat Warren Woods-Tower 6-5 and in the title game, junior Anthony Riashi tossed a four-hit shutout in a 6-0 victory over Warren Mott.

The Blue Devils' nine-game

winning streak ended Monday afternoon with a 17-11 eight-inning loss to Macomb Dakota.

"We were bound to play a bad game sooner or later, the odds just weren't in our favor," Griesbaum said. "We didn't play very well, but we still had chances to break the game open early and win it late."

The host Blue Devils scored seven runs in the opening inning to lead 7-1, but the Cougars used an eight-run fourth inning to grab a 9-7 lead.

The home team scored two runs in the fourth to tie it and each club scored single runs in the fifth and seventh innings to knot it 11-11.

The Cougars used a couple of errors and the long ball to score six runs in the final inning to break the game open.

Grosse Pointe South dipped to 3-4 in the MAC Red Division and 14-12 overall.

## Co-ed sailing

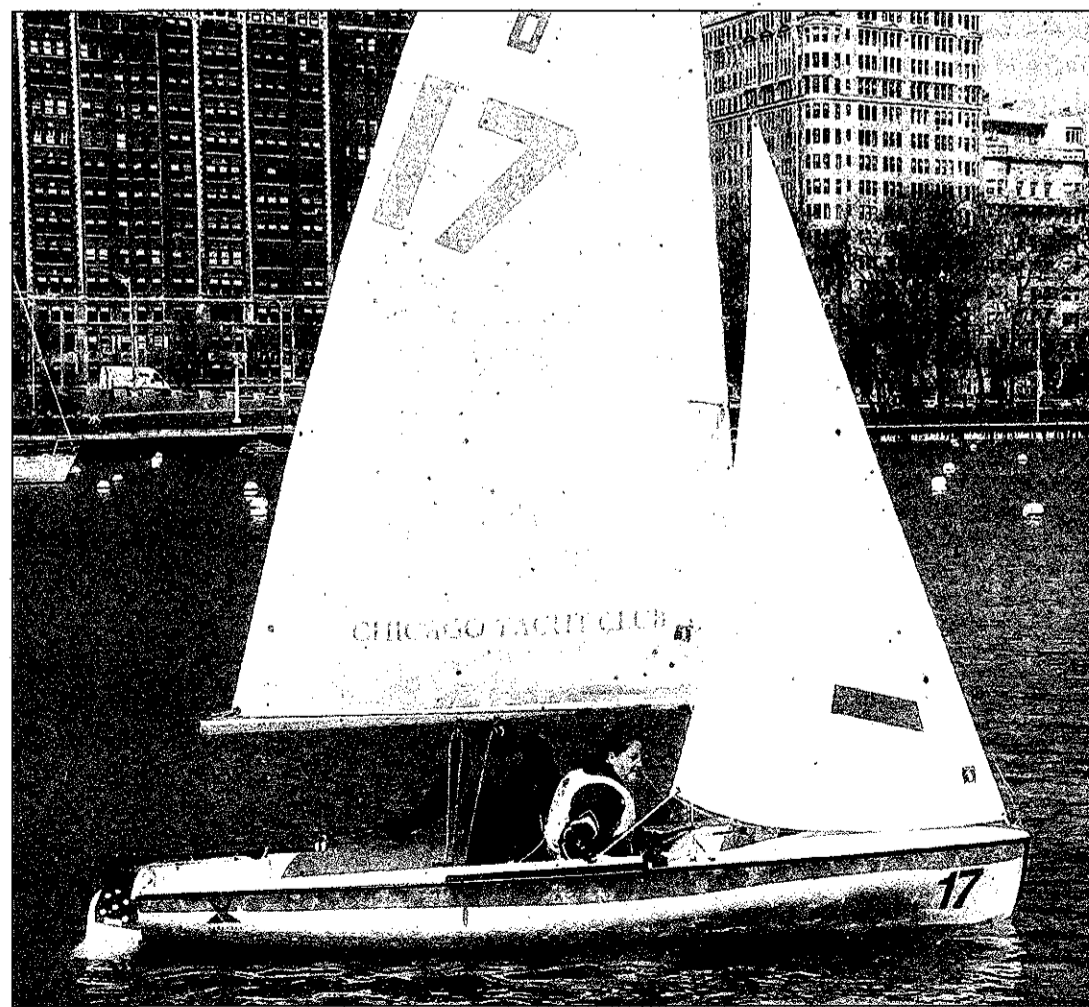


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Andrew Malley, left, and Nicole Rhodes head out to start the first leg of races Saturday, May 2.

## G.P. SOUTH

## Sailors improve

The Grosse Pointe South co-ed sailing team competed in the Baker Qualifiers the weekend of May 2.

The Blue Devils struggled the first day, going 0-15, but head coach Sergei Lie was able to rally his sailors who put together a stronger second day.

"Sunday we woke up re-energized, re-focused and determined to get our first win," Lie said.

The Blue Devils did just that, beating Minnetonka on the last beat. Leading the charge was Andrew Malley, thanks to a huge left shift to get clear air, according to Lie.

He also pointed out the efforts of Madison Eger for skippering for the first time, as well as Blake Utz, Dan Gallagher, Matt White and Nicole Rhodes for their first travel regattas this season.





## Boys lacrosse

## GROSSE POINTE SOUTH

## Blue Devils learn

By Bob St. John  
Sports Editor

Grosse Pointe South's boys' lacrosse team lost a tough one last week, falling 9-8 to Utica Eisenhower.

The host Blue Devils built a 7-1 halftime lead, but that evaporated in the final quarter when the Eagles took the lead early in that quarter.

The Eagles scored eight unanswered goals in the second half to take a 9-7 lead, but senior Lyle Baumgarten scored to make it a one-goal game.

Head coach Don Wolford watched his players gain one final possession with a chance to score and send the game to overtime.

Unfortunately, they turned the ball over and the Eagles gained possession and ran out the final few seconds.

Baumgarten led the way with three goals, while juniors Jimmy Morris and Peter Nelso chipped in with a goal and an assist apiece.

Other goal scorers were senior Kevin Macconnachie, senior Roger VandenBussche and junior Spencer Ray with one goal apiece.

For the Eagles, it was a two-man show as Vinny Giacoma had five goals and Alex Voultos had four.

In other recent action, the Blue Devils beat L'Anse Creuse 14-1, lost 14-1 to Ann Arbor Pioneer and beat Romeo 8-7, improving to 4-8 overall.

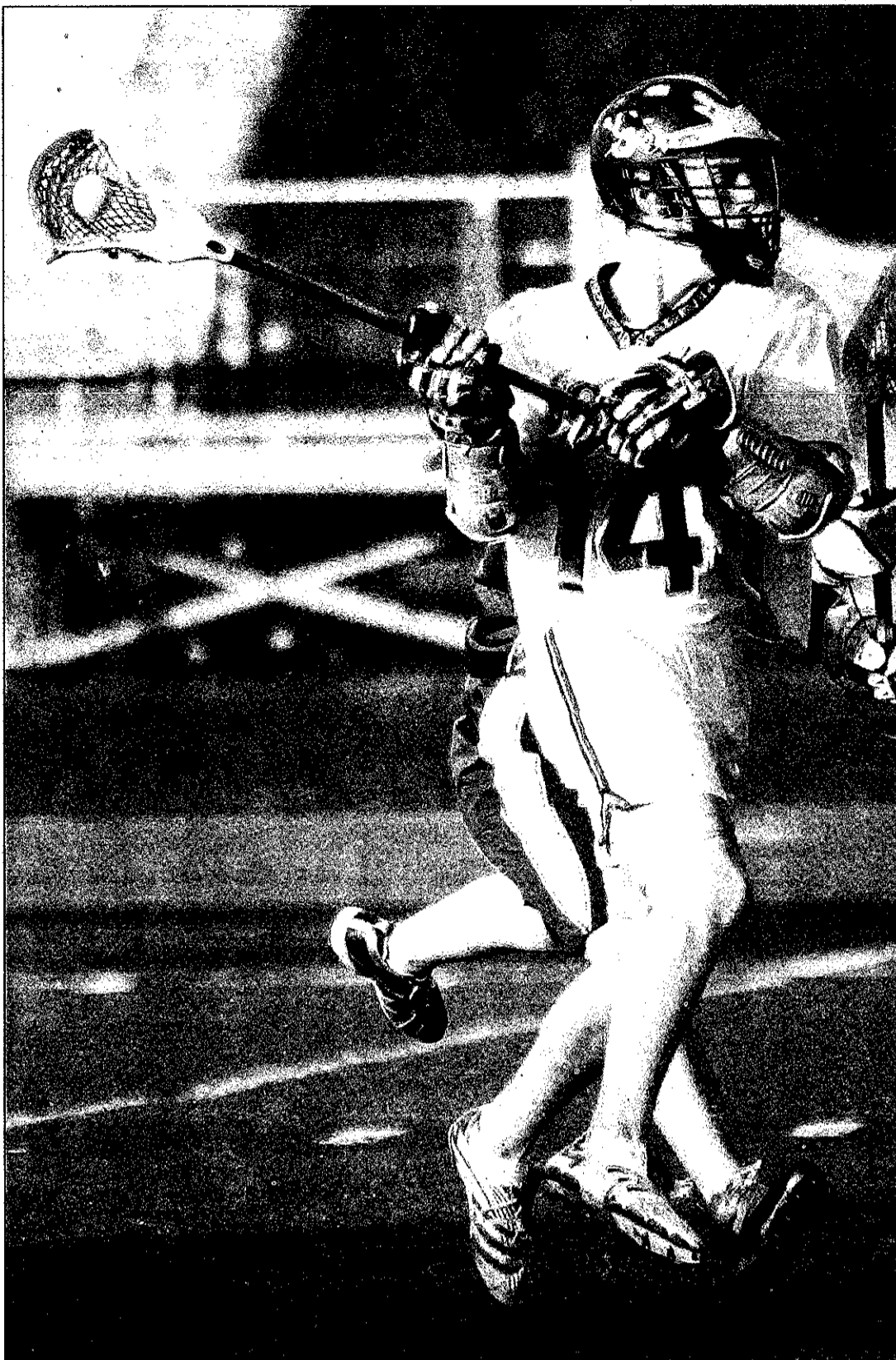


PHOTO BY DANA KAISER

Grosse Pointe South's Lyle Baumgarten scored three goals in a tough one-goal loss to Utica Eisenhower.

## GROSSE POINTE NORTH

## LaValley's goals lift Norsemen

By Bob St. John  
Sports Editor

Grosse Pointe North's boys' lacrosse team put its game in high gear in the second half of last week's 14-7 win over Utica Eisenhower.

"We were a little sluggish in the first half as both defenses played well," head coach Dan Preston said. "I told the guys to pick it up and they really got the offense going with nice passing and quick shots."

Senior Ian LaValley scored four of the Norsemen's five first-half goals and added two more in the fourth quarter as

the game turned into a rout.

Senior Joe Youngblood, senior Brandon Davenport and junior Jeremy Payton had two goals apiece, while seniors Jimmy Tocco and Scott Brown each tallied one goal apiece.

"Our offense is tough to stop and tonight it really got going in the second half," Preston said.

"We're playing pretty well, but I don't think we're at the top of our game."

In other action last week, the Norsemen crunched L'Anse Creuse North 15-6 and Warren-Sterling Heights 13-8, improving to 10-1 overall.

## UNIVERSITY LIGGETT SCHOOL

## Knights keep rolling along

By Bob St. John  
Sports Editor

Freshman David Gushee scored all four goals to help the University Liggett School boys' lacrosse team beat Ann Arbor Gabriel Richard 4-3 last week.

"David and the rest of the young guys have really improved and they're starting to play like veterans and not like freshmen," head coach John Bartoy said. "This was a big road win for us and our confidence is really soaring right now."

It was the Knights' fourth straight win as junior goal-

keeper Rory Deane stopped 24 shots, including one with three minutes left when he faced an attackman one-on-one.

"Rory made that save and boy was it huge," Bartoy said. "There was only a few minutes left. We were able to control the play from that point."

Junior Dan Zukas was successful on 12 ground balls which helped the Knights' offense control a majority of the play.

"Everyone is chipping in," Bartoy said. "We're not a one-man team because everyone contributes."

UHS improved to 6-2 overall.

## YOUTH HOCKEY

## 99 Bulldogs net state runner-up

The 99 Grosse Pointe Bulldogs, winners of Michigan Amateur Hockey Association District No. 3, came as close as possible to becoming state champions in only their second year of existence.

The Bulldogs, coached by Paul Martinelli, Mike Albrecht and Todd Cameron, nearly pulled out what many believed was the impossible, by losing in the state championship game by one goal to what was the yearlong, No. 1 team, the Plymouth Stingrays.

The 99 Bulldogs traveled to the state championship tournament in Burton during the weekend of March 13.

In round one, the Bulldogs faced the Stingrays, losing 1-0 on a goal scored with less than three minutes left in the third period.

The Bulldogs, in game two, fell behind Saginaw 1-0 in the elimination bracket. However, two late period goals by Ryan Sullivan and strong defense by the line of Jack Holme, Alex Batts and Patrick Bourke, held Saginaw to only five shots on net in the third period and the Bulldogs were ready for round three.

Next came No. 2-ranked Novi, who previously beat the Bulldogs 4-out-of-5 times during the regular season.

The Bulldogs played stellar defense, led by back-checkers Ryan Cullen, Spencer Stefani and Paul Lucchese, and held the Ice Cats scoreless as the Bulldogs recorded a 1-0 win. Ryan Sullivan scored the Bulldogs lone goal six minutes into the third period.

The Bulldogs again faced elimination in the state semifinal game the morning of Sunday, March 15. The team faced the Holland Ice Dogs who had split their season series with the Bulldogs.

This game belonged to the Bulldogs defensemen, led by

A.J. Martinelli, Christopher Cameron, Jack Liagre and Joe Lucchese, along with the Bulldogs goalie, Devin Naidow.

Naidow stopped all 20 Ice Dogs shots, helping the Bulldogs win the semifinal 2-0. Bulldog goals were scored by Liam Kavanaugh and Jack Liagre with an assist added by Austin Albrecht.

The Bulldogs now moved on to the finals in a Plymouth rematch.

In the state final, the Bulldogs put Plymouth on the defensive by scoring the first goal of the game midway through the first period as Kavanaugh lit the lamp. He skated down the left side of the ice and drilled a shot from the top of the left circle beating the Plymouth goalie.

The Bulldogs held the 1-0 lead until midway through the second, however, some brief miscues allowed Plymouth to score three unanswered goals to take a two-goal lead into the third period.

Kavanaugh came back again with his third goal of these championships, closing the gap as the final period winded down.

The Bulldogs, with six skaters on the ice, could not put another one past a strong Plymouth goalie in the final minutes as they fell short in their run for their first state championship.

The Bulldogs finished the season 42-18-3, giving up less goals than any other team in the state. The Bulldogs will be hosting team tryouts for the 2009-10 season in mid to late June.

"These boys are not just on the same team, they are friends and family and they define what the team concept is all about," Martinelli said. "Our community should be proud of these young men, as they are the future of Grosse Pointe hockey."

## YOUTH BASKETBALL



PHOTO COURTESY OF STEVE BENARD

## Winners

The BBC 14U Select team is currently 30-8 and just won the Division 2 14U-AAU Michigan District Championship 60-58 on a lay-up by Nolan Linville with five seconds to play over Team Basketball Sunday, May 3, at The Fieldhouse in Detroit. The Select team overcame a 16-point deficit in the second half with its consistent team play and aggressive defense. The BBC Select team had a 3-1 tournament record and earned a bid to go to the AAU Nationals in Orlando, FL. Steven Elliott of Parcels Middle School earned the Tournament MVP award. Elliott had a game where he went 7-of-9 from three-point land and scored a game high 23 points. Pictured left, top row from left, coach Matt Ferguson, Justin Hudson, Brandon Ramirez, Robert Smith, Nolan Linville, Alex Raicevich, Dylan Ermani, Stephen Benard Jr. and coach Steve Benard; bottom row from left, Zach Ferguson, Steven Elliott, Josh Cox and Eric Ewing.

## GIRLS SOCCER



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## Honored

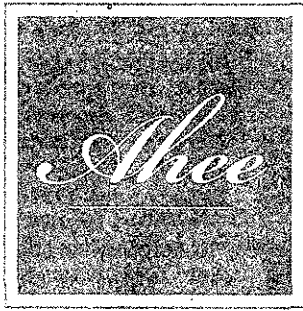
Grosse Pointe North senior Olivia Stander, No. 20, found out earlier this week she was named the 2009 Michigan High School Female Athlete of the Year. The award is co-sponsored by the Detroit Athletic Club and Chrysler. Stander is a two-time member of the state's girls' soccer "Dream Team," and is looking to make it three years in a row on the prestigious squad.











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