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SATURDAY, MAY 23

◆ A class teaching mosaic garden art is taught by Maxine Gardner from 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms. The cost is \$37 plus \$60 materials fee. For more information, call (313) 881-7511.

MONDAY, MAY 25

Memorial Day observed
 ◆ Memorial Day services begin at 10 a.m. at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms. Admission is free.
 ◆ "Reflections: The American Funeral," a special traveling museum honoring memorial services of veterans and prominent Americans is on exhibit beginning at 10 a.m. at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial.
 ◆ Memorial Day services begin at 10 a.m. at the Circle of Honor, Mack and Vernier, Grosse Pointe Woods.
 ◆ State and municipal offices are closed.
 ◆ Banks are closed.
 ◆ Federal offices are closed.
 ◆ The Grosse Pointe News office will be closed.
 ◆ Garbage pick-up will be delayed a day.

TUESDAY, MAY 26

◆ The Friends of the Grosse Pointe Public Library host Paul R. Kavieff, author of "Detroit's Infamous Purple Gang: A History of the Detroit Underworld, 1910-1945" at 7:30 p.m. at the Grosse Pointe Farms Pier Park Community building. For more information, call (313) 343-2074, ext. 6 or visit gpfriends.org.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 27

◆ A series of four lectures titled "Psychic Discovery" is from 7 to 9 p.m. at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms. The cost is \$22 per lecture or \$82 for the series which are held on Wednesday nights. For more information, call (313) 881-7511.
 ◆ The Senior Ladies Club meets from noon to 4 p.m. at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial for lunch and cards. The cost is \$10. For more information, call Evelyn Reinhold at (313) 886-4241.

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City budget offers tax cuts for most

By Brad Lindberg
 Staff Writer

It's Karen Johnson's turn to buy doughnuts for her fellow department heads at City of Grosse Pointe city hall. She owes it to them for helping draft next year's balanced budget without having to raise the municipal property tax rate.

"Each department was required to cut its budget," said Johnson, finance director.

"We looked under every rock to find different ways of doing things more efficiently. The budget is balanced without drawing on any reserves."

The fiscal year 2009-2010 budget was adopted Monday, May 18. It maintains the tax rate at 13 mills plus .5 mills to cover the park bond voters passed in 2001.

"We're not raising taxes, dipping into fund balances and we're maintaining essentially all of our services," said Peter

Dame, city manager. "This budget includes tax cuts for 80 percent of our residents due to declining assessments. For approximately 42 percent of residents, this is the second year in a row they will be receiving a property tax reduction."

Department-wide cuts of nearly 10 percent helped Johnson counter a 7.63 decline in general fund revenues with a slightly greater 8.31 percent decrease in overall spending.

"We're ahead of the game," Johnson

said. Revenue dropped because of \$481,840 less in property values and a \$21,000 decrease in state shared revenue.

"We've taken approximately a \$500,000 hit in revenue reductions and been able to keep our millage rate the same without significant reductions in services or staff," said Mayor Dale

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GROSSE POINTE WOODS

Millage increase approved

By Kathy Ryan
 Staff Writer

The Grosse Pointe Woods city council members got an earful from residents before approving the 2009-10 city budget. At issue was a millage rate increase to balance the budget.

More than 100 residents packed council chambers Monday night for the required proposed budget public hearing. While several residents spoke in favor of the budget, many more voiced opposition to the \$13 million budget and its proposed 1.75 millage increase.

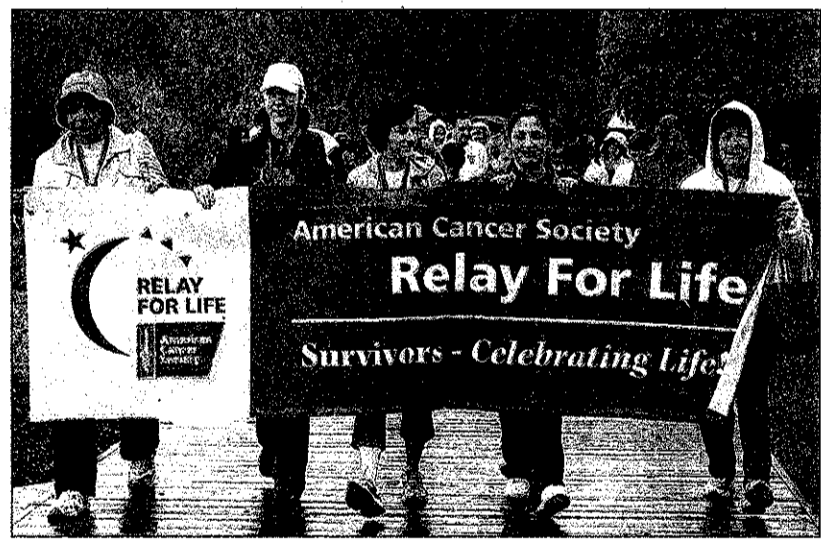
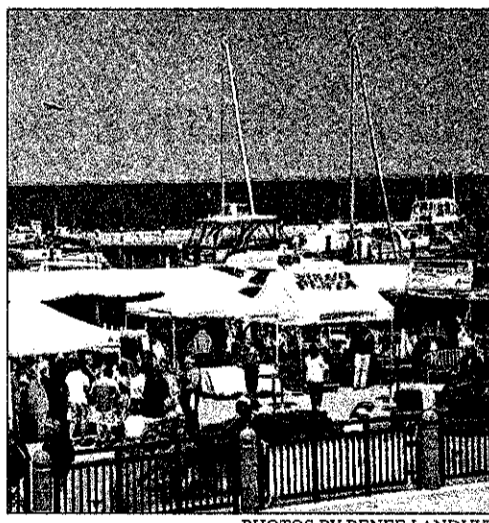
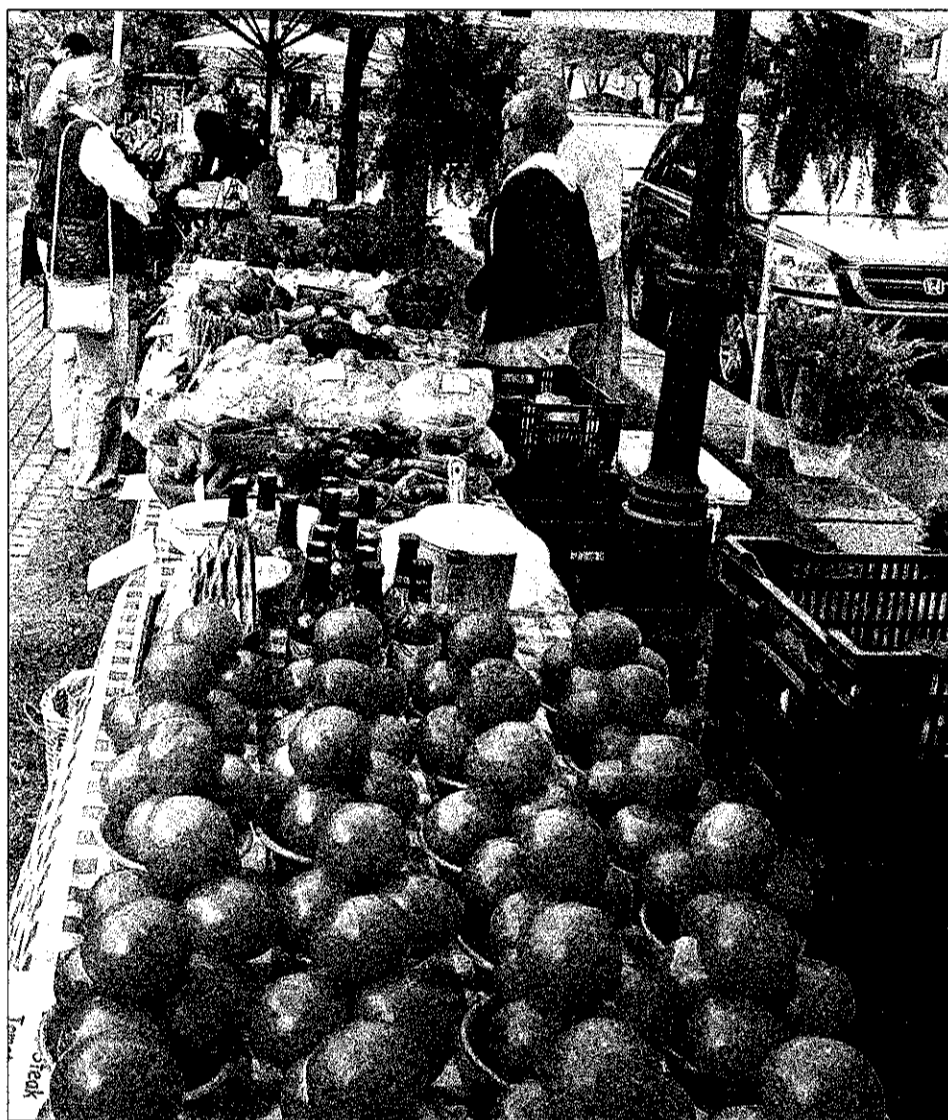
The Woods is facing a shortfall of nearly \$2 million due to declining property values and assessments. According to City Assessor Kathleen Paul, the majority of Grosse Pointe Woods homeowners received a reduction in their property taxes and will likely see additional reductions next year. Even with an increase in the millage rate from the current 12.9 mills to 14.6, most homeowners will not see a dramatic increase in their tax bills.

Based on projections by City Treasurer Dee Ann Irby, a 1.75 mill increase will allow the city to recoup that lost revenue without significant withdrawals from the city's reserve funds.

"Without an increase in the millage rate," she explained, "we would wipe out our reserves by 2011."

"This has been a difficult process," said Mark Wollenweber, city administrator, as he explained how the city arrived at the proposed budget. "We have raised some fees for city services to bring them more in line with the other Grosse Pointes, but we have

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Great weekend

Last weekend was just the beginning of a season packed with events to enjoy in the Grosse Pointes. Left, there was a tent full of goodies at the opening of the sixth annual Grosse Pointe Park's West Park Farmers Market. Bottom left, the 21st annual Great Lakes Boating Festival, May 15-17, at the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club allowed visitors to climb aboard 16 feet to 80 foot vessels, jet skis and vintage boats. Tents were set up on the back lawn that had vendor information with marine products and services, food, a children's activity area. Inside there were a marine inspired art show and a wine tasting with a different selection each day. Below, cancer survivors walked in the rain during the fifth annual Relay for Life. For more photos, turn to page 4A III.

PHOTOS BY RENEE LANDUYT

Brownell project takes next steps

Groundbreaking slated for June

By Amy Salvagno
 Staff Writer

It's been nearly seven years since a promise was made to the Brownell Middle School community and now the ball is finally rolling.

Grosse Pointe Board of Education trustees, who have long weighed the cost and design of a multipurpose room

set aside for in the \$62 million capital improvements bond, voted 6-1 Monday, May 18, to approve 15 trade groups that will complete everything from roofing and flooring, plumbing and painting and electrical and construction of the auditorium.

The approximately 18,000 square foot space will be used for a multitude of activities, from choir concerts to social studies debates to grade-wide events, according to Chris Fenton, assistant superintendent for business and support

services. He added the project has come under budget — \$3.2 million compared to the initial \$3.5 million, which includes construction and architect and construction management fees.

Trustee Ahmed Ismail cast the dissenting vote on each of the 15 bids "because of poor financial constraints in the community." A year ago, Ismail voted for a \$2.5 million budget.

Fenton said it will cost about

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POINTER OF INTEREST

'Some pasta with butter and shaved white truffles, a bottle of Barbaresco wine — it's really heavenly.'

Mark Basile



Home: City of Grosse Pointe
 Age: 46
 Family: Wife, Maura; sons, Daniel, 19 and Pete, 17
 Claim to fame: Hunts white truffles in Alba, Italy
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Yesterday's headlines

1959

50 years ago this week

◆ **TEEN BURGLARY RING SMASHED:** A stolen gun, purchased in good faith and brought to the Grosse Pointe Park police station to be registered by the purchaser, started a chain reaction of events that resulted in the smashing of a teenage burglary ring.

Thirteen young Detroit-area men were arrested following an around the clock joint investigation by detectives from the Park, Grosse Pointe Farms and the City of Grosse Pointe. The arrests cleared recent burglaries in those cities as well as Detroit.

◆ **HUNT CLUB HORSE**

SHOW: The 48th annual Grosse Pointe Hunt Club Horse Show to be held this June, has been designated an "Honor Horse Show" by the American Horse Shows Association. Only 10 of 376 shows this year have been given that distinction this year by the AHSA.

◆ **A COUPLE OF NIPS IS ALL HE**

TOOK: The thief who broke into a house on McKinley in Grosse Pointe Farms counted his loot by "swigs." As far as could be determined by Farms police and the homeowner, all that was missing was two bottles of whiskey.

1984

25 years ago this week

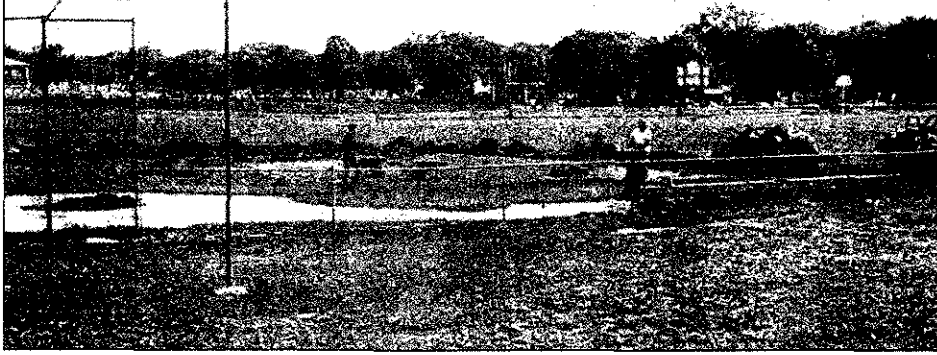
◆ **SCHOOLS TO TEST ALL-DAY**

KINDERGARTEN: Parents of kindergarten children at three schools will have a chance to send their students to school all day long as part of a pilot program at Defer, Monteith and Ferry.

The optional program will cost approximately \$1,250 per student, or about \$7 a day.

◆ **LOCKOUT HITS TWO CLUBS:**

A selective strike by a 1,700-member Detroit culinary union against the Detroit Boat Club and the Pine Lake Country Club in Oakland County led 22 other country clubs into a retaliatory lockout of union employees last weekend. Local clubs that saw pick-



FROM THE MAY 21, 1959 ISSUE OF THE GROSSE POINTE NEWS

1959: Work then play ball

It takes a lot of doing to get set for a Little League season. Beside all the organizational work and picking teams, there is the physical task of getting the diamond in shape.

During the last week there has been much activity on the high school campus, Kercheval Avenue side. A diamond has been completely installed and is now set for the opening game this Saturday.

ets protesting the lockout were the Little Club and the Country Club of Detroit.

1999

10 years ago this week

◆ **CASTAWAYS OK:** Hearing the distress call, "I'm taking on water and sinking," a Grosse Pointe Farms public safety officer helped land two castaways near the foot of Moran and Lakeshore.

As the incident unfolded at 10:30 p.m., the officer called the Coast Guard and centered his police car's spotlight on the sinking boat 150 feet off shore. The boat owner and passenger were rescued and taken to Cottage Hospital for evaluation.

◆ **WOODS APPROVES SKATING**

RINK: The Grosse Pointe Woods City Council approved spending \$162,000 for a new skating rink at Ghesquiere Park.

The rink will be located near the Jackson entrance to the park, by the old shuffleboard courts. The rink will not be refrigerated so it can be used for in-line skating in the summer and ice hockey in the winter.

◆ **STUDENT ADMITS**

BROWNELL BOMB THREAT: A 13-year-old male student at Brownell Middle School used a pay phone outside the school principal's office to call in a bomb threat to the Grosse Pointe Farms police. While officers

and school custodians conducted a 1 1/2 hour search, other police traced the boy's 911 call to the school pay phone. A teacher remembered seeing the boy using the phone at the time police answered the threat.

Under questioning by police, the student admitted his guilt and said the bomb scare at Grosse Pointe North High School earlier this month prompted his actions.

2004

Five years ago this week

◆ **CITY POLICE GET TASERS:**

City of Grosse Pointe police will become armed with Tasers, the battery-operated guns that shock wrong-doers into submission. The weapons cost \$600 to \$800 each and \$20 each time a cartridge is fired. Tasers are in use by Farms and Shores officers and have been ordered by the Woods as well. The Park does not use them.

◆ **PELLET PUNKS:** A pair of

Grosse Pointe Woods men, 18 and 19 years old, are being investigated in an air gun assault on a 17-year-old Woods boy.

The pair reportedly shot at the boy while circling him on their mopeds in a church parking lot. The boy was not injured. A witness claimed the boy was throwing wood chips at the men before he was shot.

— Karen Fontanive

Special exhibit added to Memorial Day tribute

The Grosse Pointe War Memorial honors those who have served the nation with special programs Monday, May 25.

The Memorial Day Service begins at 10 a.m. on the lakeside lawn with a joint service color guard.

"Reflections: The American Funeral," a traveling museum that honors the memorial services of veterans and prominent Americans, also is on exhibit.

Residents of all communities are invited. There is no charge to attend. The Grosse Pointe War Memorial is located at 32

Lakeshore Drive in Grosse Pointe Farms, just east of Fisher Road. Parking is free.

"Reflections" explores funeral customs and commemoration of veterans and others who served the country in a 53-foot mobile museum. Of special note is the "Arlington National Cemetery" exhibit, which honors veterans and the more than three million Americans buried in national cemeteries. The Memorial Day service includes participants of all ages represented by members of

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Scrace. "The job isn't done. We have tough times coming in the years ahead."

Property tax revenues, which make up 74 percent of city revenue, went down 10 percent from the year before.

"The average residential assessment this year was reduced by 20.7 percent, which is unheard of," Johnson said. "I've never seen a decrease like that. Last year, it went down 9.4 percent. The combination of those two is substantial."

Due to the narrowing gap in the state equalized value of City properties and their taxable values, 80 percent of City land owners will receive a property tax cut, according to City Manager Peter Dame.

The figure nearly doubled last year; declining assessments resulted in 42 percent of city landowners receiving property tax reductions.

"Next year," he said, "when assessments go down further, if tax rates don't change, everyone in the whole city will have a property tax cut. That's great for residents, but it makes a significant challenge to meet the needs of city services; in particular, long-term needs of the infrastructure, which we've had to postpone as well as long-term liabilities of the retirement system."

"These are scary times," said Councilwoman Jean Weipert. Overall, the \$6,656,086 proposed

budget is \$550,144 less than this year's, which was \$26,065 less than in 2007-2008.

"Things are tight everywhere," Johnson said. "They're tight here, too."

Proposed cuts to the city's three largest departments:

◆ public safety, which accounts for 50.4 percent of total city expenses, \$12,784;

◆ public works, representing 19.4 percent of city outlays, \$55,265 and

◆ parks and recreation, 10.7 percent of the budget, \$55,169.

In response to revenue declines, some recreation fees have been increased to cover a greater share of costs.

The five-year capital improvement fund, which pays for infrastructure repairs and improvements, has been "tweaked and scaled back," Johnson said.

Yet, the following streets are scheduled this year to be resurfaced:

◆ Lakeland, for about 450 feet north of Charlevoix,

◆ Rivard, for 300 feet north of Goethe,

◆ University, for 380 feet north of Jefferson and

◆ Maumee between St. Clair and Neff. Water and sewer rates are likely to be increased about 9 percent.

The parking fund is healthy and able to pay debt on the Village parking structure without increasing rates.

Marina fees will stay the same. They generate enough money to repay a loan from the general fund and to finance maintenance costs and improvements.

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GROSSE POINTE FARMS

Ramping up for busy summer

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

Susan DeSeranno capped her European vacation last week by taking her grandson to Pier Park.

"It's a little piece of vacation when you come down here," she said.

DeSeranno is a former Grosse Pointe resident now living in Traverse City. On her way home from Europe, she visited her daughter's family in the Farms and took grandson Robbie Ermanni to the lakeside park.

"It reminds me of when my children came here," she said while Robbie played on the tot lot.

"I was in some beautiful parks in Europe, and this stands up with the best of them," DeSeranno said. "The view is something else. In Europe, parks were smack dab in the middle of cities. I'd tell people that our parks back home are on a beautiful lake."

While Robbie played, park employees prepared the park

for Memorial Day weekend, the unofficial start of summer.

"The pool's fired up," said Dick Huhn, Farms recreation director. "Boaters are coming in. We're finishing landscaping around the new ice rink, which is going to be a basketball court this summer. A rain garden is going in next to the warming building."

"The purpose of the rain garden is to collect storm water and have it seep into the soil, not go into the lake," said Lev Wood, a Farms resident who suggested the garden and design. "I'm a fan of low-impact development and making sure development and environment coincide."

Pier Park sits on 17.5 acres of man-made peninsula at the foot of Moross.

Attractions include the Pointe's only beach, two playscapes, swimming pool, wading pool, splash pad, a picnic shelter, lakeside gazebo, redesigned marina, boat lift, kayak racks, community center with a screen porch and second-floor outlook, new

year-round warming-cooling shelter, paddle tennis courts, tennis courts, snack shack and a dog named Kate trained to chase messy geese away.

"The park plays a huge role in the community," Huhn said. "A lot of people, especially those who have families, look at the park as a place to do things together. It gives people a place to enjoy themselves and appreciate life a little when things are tough economically."

In addition to the recreation department hosting major events, such as the July 4 fireworks and regatta in August, a number of smaller recreation programs are being scheduled through the summer.

Michele Eickhorst, recreation and aquatics coordinator, who began working at the park as a high-schooler and is now married with two children, is excited to offer classes in scrapbooking for children and adults.

"We try to schedule adult classes so they can come down on their own and scrapbook,"

Eickhorst said. "I and all my friends do it."

Due to tighter municipal budgets, fees have been implemented for picnic permits and picnic shelter reservations. Picnic permits cost \$25 and are required for groups with 10 or more non-resident guests.

Picnic shelter rentals cost \$25 to \$40 for four hours. Gazebo reservations cost \$50. Community building room rentals are \$90 to \$240.

Ryan Steiner, new manager of the Barracudas municipal swim team, wants his swimmers to have a good time and make new friends while defending last year's undefeated championship in the Lakefront Swimming Association, consisting of the five Grosse Pointes and St. Clair Shores.

"We give our swimmers a goal for the season to improve their strokes and to have fun doing it," said Steiner, who grew up in the Farms and now studies outdoor recreation leadership management at Northern Michigan University. "Getting youngsters to work



PHOTO BY BRAD LINDBERG

Robbie Ermanni of the Farms slides into summer on a visit to Pier Park with his grandmother, Susan DeSeranno.

hard teaches them to strive for something and set goals."

Park hours are 5 a.m. to midnight, through Oct. 31.

Pool hours are:

Main pool: May 23 through June 12, noon to 10 p.m.; and 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. June 13 through Sept. 11.

Wading pool: May 23 through June 12, noon to 6 p.m.; and June 13 through Sept. 7, 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Beach hours: May 23 through June 12, noon to 6 p.m.; and June 31, through Sept. 7, 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Numerous classes, programs and activities are offered through the recreation department.

Adult programs include, but are not limited to, water aerobics, early morning lap swim, scuba diving lessons, various sports, how to use a nautical chart and a global positioning seminar.

Youth programs include swimming lessons, parent and infant swim, Swim Chicks synchronized swimming, sports clinics, ballet and jazz dancing and more.

Special events include:

- ◆ July 4 fireworks.
- ◆ Thursday night sailboat races through September.
- ◆ Ice cream social Aug. 1.
- ◆ Fishing rodeo, Aug. 8.
- ◆ Family campout, Sept. 12 and 13, limited to 60 families; advance registration required.
- ◆ Family outdoor movies, "Horton Hears a Who," July 18; and "Kung Fu Panda," Sept. 5. Both are shown at 9 p.m.
- ◆ Outdoor concerts: The Relics, 4:30 p.m. Sunday, May 31; Bobby Lewis and Gia Warner, 4:30 p.m. Sunday, June 14; Soul Provider Band, 7 p.m. Saturday, July 4; Company of Strangers, 4:30 p.m. July 12; and Swing Shift Orchestra, 4:30 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 2.

Park pass applications to the residents-only facility are available at city hall, the park office, page six of the spring municipal newsletter and the city website, grossepointefarms.org.

Applications should be submitted at the park.

Register for recreation programs at the park office on the first floor of the community center.

Pointes' littlest park tries harder

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

Children's laughter, the boing of a diving board and a splash a split-second later — if you're a City of Grosse Pointe resident within earshot of that aquatic trinity, you're probably at Neff Park, where little things mean a lot.

The lakeside park is a microcosm of the bantam Pointe.

"We have a small park, but it represents the closeness of the community," said Christopher Hardenbrook, park director. "It's a comfortable place for parents to bring their children to run around and play."

The lakeside hideaway has big-time amenities: a high dive, toddler pool, jungle gym, pavilion, marina rebuilt in 2004 with 160 boat wells, kayak racks, a nature trail and the requisite

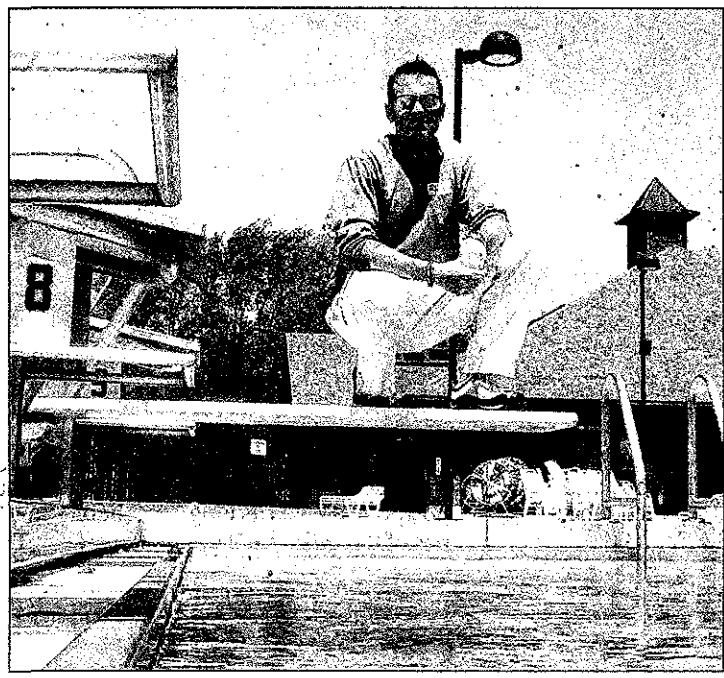


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Christopher Hardenbrook, City park director, has Neff Park ready for residents to take the plunge on Memorial Day.

grills and picnic tables. Tennis courts are located at Elworthy Field.

Hardenbrook anticipates increased park attendance this summer. Because of tightened family budgets due to the economic downturn, he foresees more families spending recreation time closer to home.

"A lot of people are sticking around and coming to the park," he said.

Hardenbrook thanked his staff, especially Ben Semmler, recreation coordinator, for this year's programming.

"He's stepped up and taken quality programming to the next level," Hardenbrook said.

Park hours are 6 a.m. to 11 p.m. every day, May through October.

Entrance to the residents-on-

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Circle of Honor center of Woods Memorial Day ceremony

By Kathy Ryan
Staff Writer

For more than 140 years, Americans have gathered on a day late in May to remember and to honor those who have served their country and who have made the ultimate sacrifice.

This year is no exception as Grosse Pointe Woods honors the American military personnel, some of whom are neighbors and friends, fighting and dying in Iraq and Afghanistan.

Before heading off to the parks and picnics, hundreds of Grosse Pointers will gather at one of the special observances Memorial Day, Monday, May 25. Ceremonies will be held at the Circle of Honor, located at Mack and Vernier in Grosse Pointe Woods, and lakeside at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial in Grosse Pointe Farms (see related story).

This will be the 27th year that the Woods' Historical Commission has organized a ceremony to honor those who have died in service to their country, according to commission chairman, Mary Kay Ferry.

The Circle of Honor was created by Albert Howe, a local dentist who lost a brother in World War II, and John Hamel, who was then director of the Historical Commission. It is a place where people can gather to remember those who have given so much. Memorial markers recognize the wars Americans have fought in, and there are flags from each of those wars.

The ceremony begins at 10 a.m. with the raising of the flag. Bill Fierst will lead attendees in the signing of the National Anthem. An invocation will be delivered by Rev. Gary Smetanka of Our Lady Star of

the Sea. Sgt. William Thompson, an Iraq War veteran with the U.S. Marine Corps, will speak, along with fellow Marine, Mayor Robert Novitke.

Scout troops will present a wreath, honoring the lives of those who died for their country. The University Liggett Upper School Chorale, under the direction of Bob Foster, will sing.

The Gentlemen of Swing, under the direction of Mel Stander, will also be featured. Ralph Miller will conclude the ceremony with the playing of Taps.

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Remembered

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the nation's armed forces, local scout troops, community volunteers and veterans' organizations.

Capt. Katherine Ann Spicer, United States Marine Corps, gives the address.

Music will be provided by Joe Armijo and Dave Pas, along with the Grosse Pointe Children's Choir and bagpiper Mary Beth Nicholson.

Many elements of the service are specific to honoring the military and are rarely observed by non-military families. These include the tolling of the bell for those that have died in conflict; a rifle salute by the V.F.W. Bruce Post 1146 Ritual Firing Team; the playing of Taps; retiring the colors and a possible flyover by the pilots serving at Selfridge Air National Guard Base.

Groups participating include the Marine Wing Support

"Memorial Day is important because without remembrance, the sacrifices of so many would be forgotten," said Novitke, a member of the U.S. Marine Corps who served in Vietnam. "Marking Memorial Day is a debt we owe to those we have lost. I think the phrase, 'Always remember, never forget' says it best."

Last year's service drew 500 people, and Ferry believes it is because Memorial Day, while always an important day, holds even more significance these past few years because of the large numbers of American troops serving in Iraq and

Afghanistan.

"It's important for the community to come together, to be here to honor our military and those who have given the ultimate sacrifice. There are people who come who have lost relatives in different wars, and there are people who just want to honor those who gave so much," she said. "What we find most inspiring is how many young people and young families attend. It is truly small-town America celebration, people come on their bikes, the kids wave their flags, the dogs bark and babies cry, and we're all together for this special day."

Group 47, Grosse Pointe American Legion Post 303, Knights of Columbus 1795, Boy Scout Troops 86 and 96, Girl Scout Troop 1508, Brownie Troop 4011 and the Grosse Pointe War Memorial Veterans Club.

James Farquhar, mayor of Grosse Pointe Farms, presents the Gold Star Honor Roll.

Readers include Don Joseph DeSeranno and Linda Lloyd, representing World War II; Susan Davies, the Korean War; and John B. Maliszewski, the Vietnam War, Afghanistan/Iraq and Meritorious Service.

"Reflections: The American Funeral" has been touring the United States since summer 2008.

"Glory, Glory Hallelujah" showcases President John F. Kennedy's rider-less horse — empty boots reversed in the saddle — trotting briskly in his funeral procession and civil rights pioneer Rosa Parks, who was the first woman to lie in state at the Capitol Rotunda.

"Six White Horses" — a poem about Kennedy's funeral written by a Grosse Pointe

high school student — captures the emotions of a nation in grief.

"The Lord is My Shepherd" is a poignant tribute to public safety officers killed in the line of duty.

Other exhibits include a display on Abraham Lincoln featuring a reproduction of his casket and tracing the near three-week funeral procession and "The Final Curtain," which pays homage to celebrities, including Marilyn Monroe, Dale Earnhardt, and Elvis.

The free mobile museum is open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. It is handicap-accessible.

"There are intriguing stories of funeral practices throughout the centuries and this exhibit educates people on those stories and enables them to connect to the universal human experience of death," said Harry Kurtz, a Grosse Pointe resident and president of MRA, a leading mobile exhibit and event producer. "The displays on Arlington and fallen public safety officers move people to tears."

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POINTER OF INTEREST

Mark Basile discovered white truffles and has gone from ordering them at restaurants to hunting for his own. He has taken numerous trips to Italy in quest of truffles and introduced family and friends to the delectable delight.

A-truffle hunting he will go

By Karen Fontanive
Staff writer

Like Sherlock Holmes searching for clues to the crime or the great Orion hunting his prey, Mark Basile searches for elusive and exotic white truffles.

White truffles, a member of the fungi family, are native to the foothills and mountains of northern and central Italy and southern Croatia. They grow only from September to December. And it is in the cold month of November that the City of Grosse Pointe resident has traveled to Alba, Italy, to uncover the prized truffle.

"It's not very glamorous," said Basile. "It's cold. We stand around and talk while the dog sniffs for the truffles. Once the dog starts digging, the truffle hunter has to quickly remove the animal so it doesn't eat the truffle."

The hunter then digs out what appears to be a clump of dirt and within it is a truffle.

"Truffles have an almost intoxicating smell. Some pasta with butter and shaved white truffles, a bottle of Barbaresco wine — it's really heavenly," said Basile.

Truffle hunting grew out of Basile's interest and appreciation for food.

When asked how his love of food started, he is quick to point out his Italian heritage and the feasts his grandmother prepared when the family visited her in New York.

"No matter what time we would arrive — even one in the morning — there would be long tables set with platters of food," said Basile.

Growing up with two brothers, all three boys learned to cook. Basile remembers watching the Galloping Gourmet on television when he was young. When he was



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Top left: Mark Basile takes a whiff of a truffle from a street-side vendor. The truffles have a pungent aroma reminiscent of pepper and garlic. They are weighed before a meal, then thinly shaved over eggs, meat, potatoes, and other foods. After, the remaining truffles are reweighed and patrons are charged accordingly.

Above: Mark Basile, his wife, Maura, and friends watch as truffle hunter, Mario, readies Rocky, the truffle-sniffing dog.

At left: Basile, his wife, Maura, and friend, Kevin Grady, clean truffles with a toothbrush in preparation for their flight home from Italy. The USDA allows the truffles to be brought in to the U.S. if they are free of all soil.



come back during the truffle season to enjoy the freshest truffles.

On a future trip, Basile arranged to buy truffles from a local dealer. Basile likened the clandestine exchange to an illicit drug deal.

"The owner of the hotel set up the meeting. The seller was dressed in black, unwrapped a towel with truffles in it and pulled out an electronic scale," said Basile.

And no wonder. Truffles cost approximately \$100 an ounce. Basile had now tasted truffles and bought truffles. The attraction was growing. It was time to find his own truffles.

As an owner of Healthmark, a medical device company, Basile attends a medical trade show in Germany each November, peak white truffle season.

"I must have read about truffle hunting at that time."

And so began his love affair with the truffle quest and feast that follows.

Basile discovered the La Villa Hotel. The owners arrange truffle hunts with guides and truffle-sniffing dogs.

"The truffles grow underground along the root lines of oak trees," explained Basile. "The dog sniffs, finds a truffle and starts to dig. As soon as he digs a hole, you can smell the truffle. The guide has to pull the dog away quickly so it doesn't eat the truffle."

Lest you think the truffles are the only valuable part of the equation, guide Mario was once offered \$45,000 for his trained truffle hunting dog,

Rocky. "We're able to keep whatever small truffles are found during our hunt, and we can buy larger ones at a discounted price — about half off retail," said Basile.

While the USDA allows travelers to bring truffles back into the United States, the truffles must be free of all dirt. Cleaning them is a painstaking task requiring a toothbrush, keen eyesight and proclivity toward the tedious. "It takes time and patience," adds Maura. You can't use water on them and you have to be careful not to break them.

It's a lot of work for a short-lived pleasure. Truffles last only about two weeks.

"You can freeze them, but they lose a lot of their aroma and flavor," explained Basile. And, the truffle-tasting expert doesn't recommend the white truffles Oregon is trying to cultivate. "They don't have nearly the same aroma or flavor."

Several trips and years later, the allure and pleasure of white truffles endures. Basile has taken family and friends, even his mother, to the truffle hunting Piedmont area. But it isn't just the truffles.

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Anonymous flier hot topic at budget hearing

By Kathy Ryan
Staff Writer

Grosse Pointe Woods residents attended the public hearing on the 2009-10 city budget armed with their opinions and a yellow flier that had been distributed to several Woods homes in the past week.

While the content of the flier was clearly in opposition to the proposed millage increase, what wasn't clear was where the flier had originated, who wrote it and who was responsible for its printing costs and distribution.

The flier took city officials to task for allowing city employ-

ees and officials to take trips to California and Alaska; allowing city employees the use of city cars during off-duty hours and excessive costs for city legal fees. It also included what some perceived to be a personal attack on City Clerk Lisa Hathaway.

Former city council member

Patti Kukula Chylinski has been vocal in her opposition to the millage increase and Lisa Hathaway, but denied any responsibility for the flier. She did admit to passing "about five fliers" to neighbors and said, "I believe I think I might know" who put the flier together, but declined to name who she

thought might be responsible.

Council member Al Dickinson discussed the flier in his remarks to the audience at the conclusion of the public hearing.

"If I had received this flier, I would have no reason to doubt what was in it," he said. "But I know the facts, and this flier is

full of half truths and distortions. It was intended to inflame people and it has. Call me if you want the truth and I will be happy to go through this flier with you."

Dickinson's phone number was included in the flier, as well as those council members who have voiced their support of the proposed millage increase. Only Lisa Pinkos Howle's number was not included. The flier praised Howle, who is running for municipal court judge, for her opposition to the tax increase.

Former council member Eric Steiner, who served as Chylinski's campaign manager in her unsuccessful 2005 bid to unseat incumbent Mayor Robert Novitke, also raised Dickinson's ire. During the public comment section of the meeting, he accused Dickinson of living in Port Huron.

"Why would anyone say that?" Dickinson asked later. "If anyone wants facts, call me."

BUDGET: Difficult decisions

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avoided fees for other services. We have frozen salaries for non-union employees and reduced our health care costs. Several positions have been eliminated or consolidated."

Several residents spoke in favor of the new budget and recognized that a millage increase was required to maintain city services.

"I have watched the council work to cut costs. There is no other alternative and I reluctantly support it," said George McMullen, a member of the Board of Review.

"I'm a third-generation resident of Grosse Pointe Woods," said Rick Shelter. "I truly appreciate all that Grosse Pointe Woods has to offer. This council has made some difficult decisions, but our services have remained intact."

There were several familiar faces that spoke in opposition to the budget.

Former city councilwoman Patti Kukula Chylinski told the council she did not feel a tax hike was necessary and cited several ways she believed the city could save money, including contracting out city assessing duties to Wayne County, eliminating health insurance coverage for the city attorneys and the elimination of retirement and holiday parties. She also asked council members to decline their annual stipends of \$3,600.

"This isn't a career," she told her former colleagues. "This is public service."

She also spoke of what she referred to as "the sleeping elephant," which was the city's pension plan and retiree health care costs and suggested the question of a millage increase to be placed on the ballot.

"We need to reduce our expenses, not raise taxes," she said. "Where will this end? Let the council give themselves a haircut first before digging into the citizens' pockets."

Resident Jim Regan also stated his opposition.

"It is time for civil servants to be civil servants, not civil masters," he said. "They're living better than the rest of us. I have lived here for 22 years and it is time for the city to go into survival mode. No one will be able to afford to live here."

Council members addressed the residents before voting.

"This has been painful," Al Dickinson said. "Some of us are senior citizens and retired. The impact this increase in millage will have on my property taxes amounts to a \$120 reduction and a significant number of our homeowners will see the same thing."

The council approved the budget on a 6-to-1 vote, with Lisa Pinkos Howle dissenting.

"This has been a difficult decision," Mayor Robert Novitke said. "We made cuts, but we also maintained our city services. I want Grosse Pointe Woods to be a point of destination."

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'Nude' home and under wraps

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

"The Nude," rescued recently from theft and abandonment eight years ago, made a grand, and pungent, return Monday to the Grosse Pointe War Memorial Fries ballroom.

"After eight years — it's amazing," said Mark Weber, president of the Grosse Pointe War Memorial.

Thieves in 2001 stole the roughly 6-foot, 400-pound bronze fountain from the memorial's front, formal garden.

Detroit police divers found and recovered her — the work's grace inspires personification — this month from the Detroit River near the foot of Alter, roughly three miles south and three fathoms down from her garden spot.

Last Monday, she debuted again, as yet uncleaned of dried mud and zebra mussels. Four memorial employees placed the statue on a wooden dolly and wheeled it into the Fries ballroom for display during a meeting of the Grosse Pointe Rotary Club.

The statue's weight bent a wheel of the

dolly. Water seeped from pipes in the base, decorated with four fish heads. A skid row odor of river bottom and zebra mussels didn't dissuade curious Rotarians. Many looked closely for as long as they could hold their breath.

Police said there's little chance of solving the theft. Theoretical suspects range from teenage cutups to international art thieves.

The statue, by Philadelphia artist Harriet Whitney Frishmuth (1880-1980), was valued at \$100,000 at the time whomever took it. The memorial's insurance company settled the loss, Weber said.

"We're going to meet with the insurance company soon and work that out," he added. "Hopefully, we'll be able to keep her here permanently."

The location hasn't been determined. "She should be inside," Weber said. "Most of our art outside are replicas."

Divers during a routine training exercise found "The Nude" half buried by muck in 18 feet of near zero-visibility water.

"We're really pleased and are grateful to the Detroit divers," Weber said. "If they'd



PHOTOS BY BRAD LINDBERG

Long lost until a chance recovery, "The Nude" is back to the Grosse Pointe War Memorial. Its feet are covered with zebra mussels.

been three feet the other way, they'd never have found her."



NEFF PARK: Little things mean a lot

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ly park is by pass, or as the guest of a resident with a pass. Residents who are 10 years and older must have a pass photograph. Photographs are taken at the park office.

Advanced registration for summer recreation programs and classes runs through Monday, May 25. Register at the park office, city hall or by mailing forms downloaded from the municipal website. In-person registration dates for the three-session summer program series begin June 6 and 27, and July 18, respectively.

Classes range from arts and crafts, babysitter training, CPR, lifeguard training, synchronized swimming, water aerobics and more.

"Our classes are always well attended," Hardenbrook said. "The most popular are swimming and tennis lessons."

Kayak rentals come with a mandatory safety course for beginners.

"We're not going to rent kayaks to novices and let them go on their merry way," Hardenbrook said. "We're going to provide instructions and a safety orientation of the equipment."

Hardenbrook's crews have been busy getting the park in shape for Memorial Day, which comes a week early this year.

"When I think about spring and summer," Hardenbrook said. "I get excited about warmer evenings, the cool breeze off the lake, the smells of the flowers, trees and when the guys cut the grass. There's something about the anticipation of the pool opening."

The Norbs swim team will have a few new members this summer as youngsters cycle through.

"We have about 200 kids each year," Hardenbrook said. "That shows the popularity of the program. We've always been competitive and we'll be competitive this year."

Pool hours are:

◆ May 23 through June 10: 4 to 8 p.m. Monday through Thursday; 4 p.m. to 9 p.m. Friday; 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Saturday; and 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Sunday.

◆ June 11 through Sept. 6: noon to 9 p.m. Monday through Friday; and 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. weekends.

Early bird lap swims are 6 to 10 a.m. Monday through Friday until June 10, when lap swim ends at 8 a.m.; and 8 to 10 a.m. weekends.

Special events this year are:

◆ Family nights, 9 to 11 p.m.: Caribbean Pirate, June 23; Luau, July 14; and Fiesta, Aug. 4.

◆ Outdoor movies: 8:45 p.m. July 31 and Aug. 22, and 7:45 p.m. Sept. 26.

◆ Fall harvest, 3 p.m. Sept. 26.

◆ Camp Norbert Neff, an all-night campout and pancake breakfast, July 31-Aug. 1; cost \$30 per family. Registration begins July 13.

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GUEST EDITORIAL By Greg Zyla

Historic Pontiac

It's a sad day in every aspect when General Motors decides it's time a brand such as Pontiac shutter its doors.

Of all the makes and models, Pontiac seems to have always been there whenever anything big was happening on the racetrack. Be it Jim Wangers and his Royal Pontiac 421 Super Duty drag cars to Fireball Roberts wheeling Smokey Yunick's black and gold Pontiac into victory lane, Pontiac was always in the middle of the action.

It's especially distressing when one looks over Pontiac's history. Specifically, the first Pontiac car debuted in 1926, but the division's history actually dates back to 1893, when Edward M. Murphy operated the Pontiac (Horse Drawn) Buggy Co. in Pontiac.

In professional National Hot Rod Association competition, Pontiac is a top notch Pro Stock entry with several factory cars. Over in the Rolex Grand Am series, Pontiacs run in several divisions, and even power many of the top Daytona prototype division cars.

A tip of the hat goes to the late John DeLorean, who had enough foresight to inspire the Pontiac GTO back in 1964, which set the Detroit muscle car industry in motion. Even the

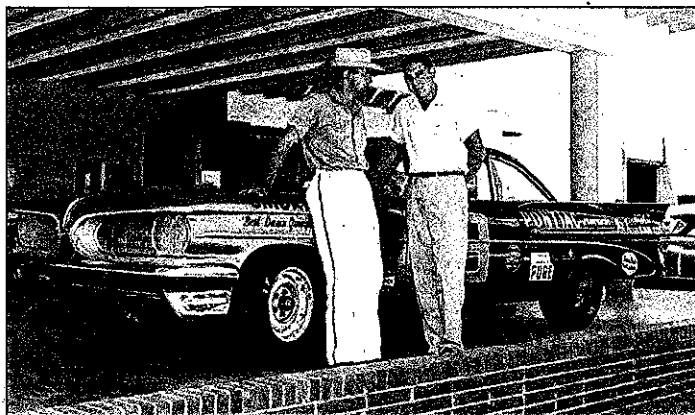


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Pontiac's rich history in racing includes the golden years of Smokey Yunick, left, who prepared Pontiacs with Fireball Roberts, right, behind the wheel. The team won many events, including the Daytona 500 in 1962. Yunick also won the 1961 Daytona 500 with Marvin Panch driving his Pontiac. Pictured is Smokey's 1959 Pontiac.

singing group Ronnie And The Daytonas hit the top charts with the single, "Little GTO" to cap off GTO's popularity — take that Beach Boys and your "409."

However, this is reality time, when decisions made by GM — along with Chrysler and Ford, too — will invariably impact racing and affect what we've come to expect from car manufacturers the last 35 years.

Yes, I still feel there will be factory cars somewhere in racing, but I don't expect U.S. car companies to spend millions upon millions on sponsor and manufacturer programs. Regardless of the economic principal of "win on Sunday, sell on Monday," thanks to this "recession," the old adage just may not compute any longer.

The worst case scenario? How about a complete pullout of major racing until things get better.

Personally, I feel GM will file a bankruptcy restructuring, especially since GM bond holders are now being asked to accept stock in trade. Professional money people say the "debt for equity" deal will fail, and not meet the 90-percent bond conversion to stock needed for GM's plan to succeed.

Regardless of how GM restructures, you can take to the bank it will restructure and do whatever it needs to stay alive. Hopefully, even with the bad news of the demise of Pontiac and 21,000 more losing their jobs, it will result in a leaner, tougher company when GM turns around.

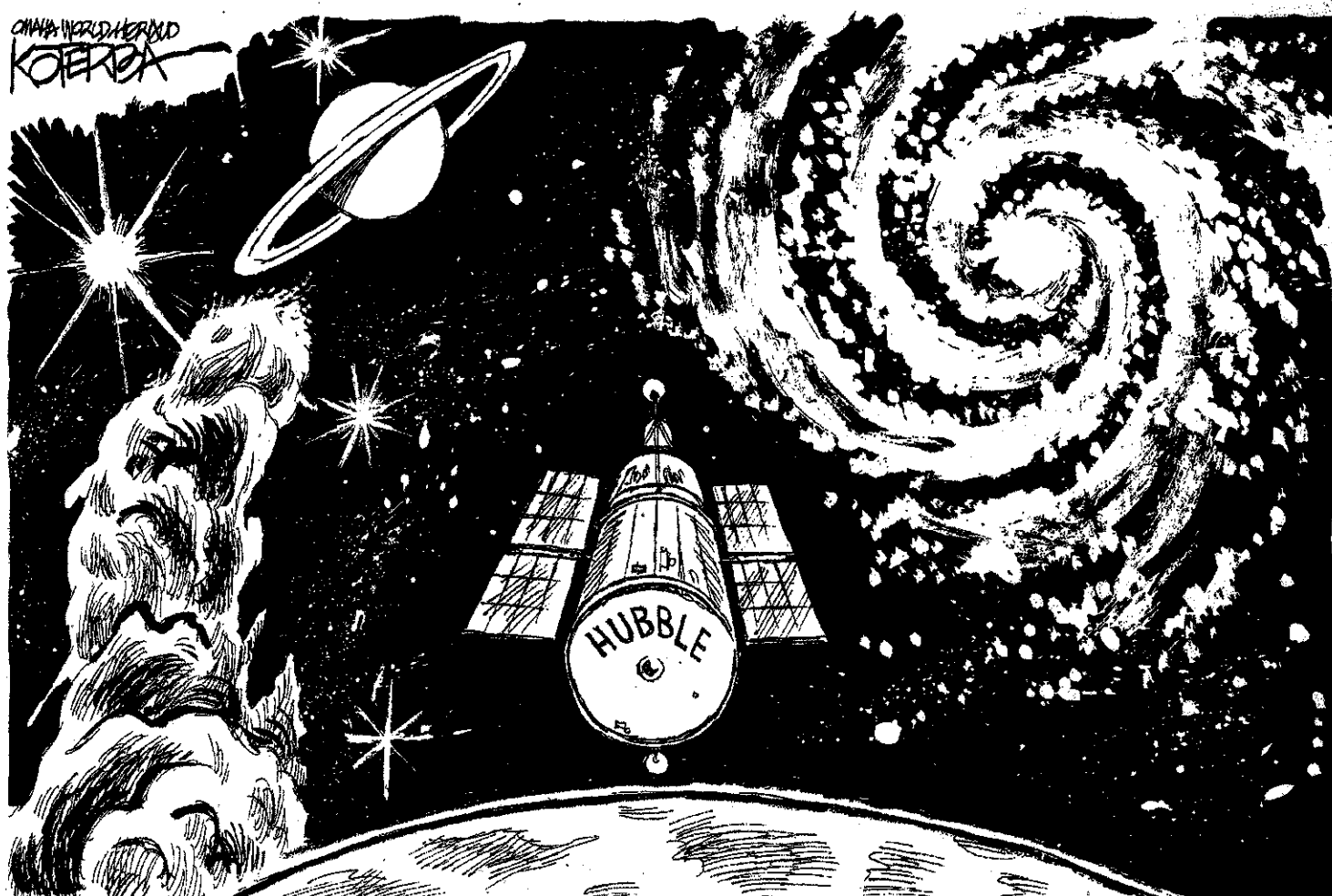
Intuitive readers will see I said "when GM turns around" instead of "if GM turns around," because frankly, if GM goes under totally it will be one very sad day for America and a precursor of worse things to come.

I'm not a big fan of government interventions, but in the case of GM, I have to be on the side of those who want to see GM survive. Heck, Chrysler got a government "loan guarantee act" when it was close to bankruptcy back in 1979-80, and they survived thanks to creditors getting just 30-cents on the dollar.

Oldsmobile and Plymouth fans have been through model cancellations, but this is way different. Personally, I feel Buick's days may be numbered, and you can throw in Saturn, too. I expect GM will end up with Chevy/GMC/Cadillac, and it may not be a bad thing as Toyota, Honda and Nissan all survive with one nameplate, and then, ala Cadillac, use upscale Lexus, Acura and Infiniti nomenclature, respectively, for the higher demographic consumer sale.

I guess when I hear "Little GTO" on the oldies station I'll turn the volume up a bit more and reminisce about Pontiac's great heritage, with special thanks to all those who carved the brand's reputation.

Greg Zyla is a syndicated motorsports columnist.



LETTERS

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Proud of Relay for Life teams

To the Editor:

As I woke up for work this morning, just shy of 26 years old, I found myself exhausted, but accomplished.

I think back to my undergraduate days, where sleepless nights was the norm with admiration and wonder: "How did I do it?"

The sleepless night that sent me over the edge this week was from last weekend's Relay For Life 24 Hour Walk at Grosse Pointe Woods Lake Front Park.

I was the team captain for

Grosse Pointe Congregational Church where I've been a youth director for the past three years. "GPCONG" along with 17 other teams braved the changes of "Michigan weather" over the weekend, sleeping in tents while raising money to find a cure for cancer.

I am writing to express how impressed I was with all involved, but especially the youth who participated in Relay For Life. Teams from Grosse Pointe South High School, Grosse Pointe Academy, St. Paul Catholic School, Grosse Pointe

Congregational Church and

University Liggett surrounded my tent last weekend.

The kids' maturity, hard work and dedication to a worthy cause shined bright. The energy they brought to the weekend inspired me and left me in awe of a group of Grosse Pointe kids' swamped with extracurriculars and homework sacrificed their hard earned weekend for the betterment of others.

I was left motivated, enthusiastic and hopeful about the character of children we are raising in this community.

It's important to mention another 20-something: A colleague, Julie Borushko, who was the captain of "J's Crew." Her team raised more than \$16,000 for the world's fight against cancer.

A first year first-grade teacher at Our Lady Star of the Sea, with a work load like the rest of us, seized another opportunity to do some good in this world and rose to the occasion. I am proud of her and her team of family and shared friends.

I think Grosse Pointe's youth are outstanding and this

is just another fine example of Grosse Pointe kids' working for good.

ALISON SCARFONE
Youth Director
Grosse Pointe
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Grosse Pointe North High
School Varsity Girls
and Boys Swimming

Cuisine Cruise a success

To the Editor:

Due to the generosity of our participating restaurants and sponsors, the recent Grosse Pointe Chamber of Commerce Cuisine Cruise was great fun and many guests said they've found new places to dine!

Recognition and thanks are due Antonio's in the Park, City Kitchen, Dylan's Raw Bar and Grille, Just Delicious, Lucy's Tavern on the Hill, Sunrise Sunset Saloon and The Hill Seafood and Chop House for welcoming our guests and participating in the cruise.

We also want to thank our

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GUEST OPINION By Bill Kalmar

105 must be the new 90!



On May 22, my grandmother, Marianne Linari will be 105! She resides in Eastpointe with her 89-year-old sister Anne.

Nonnie — as her 10 grandchildren, 15 great grandchildren and 13 great-great grandchildren call her — was born in Italy and spent most of her life in Mulberry, Kan. — a town located in the southeast portion of the state on the Missouri border.

To this day she remains vibrant and continues to enjoy the influx of family and friends who stop by her apartment on a regular basis. Here's a brief synopsis of her life:

◆ John, her husband, was



Marianne Linari and grandson, Bill Kalmar.

the mayor of Mulberry for many years and owned a feed store in the downtown area. During summer vacation while I was in grade school, you could always find me there loading bags of feed into a truck. Prior to his owning a feed store, John worked in the mines in Kansas. My grandfa-

ther has since passed away.

◆ Marianne's two children, Josephine, my mom; and Sergio, have also passed away. Now here is something eerie: John Linari, my grandfather, was born on May 8 and died on May 8. His gravestone sometimes confuses people in our family who are unaware of this coincidence.

My mom was born on May 8 and died on May 9 perhaps not wanting to duplicate her Dad's route to the afterlife. And of the eleven grandchildren we have, one was born on May 8 while another was born on May 22. Must be something about the month of May in our family!

◆ Within the last year, Marianne's landlord asked her to sign a one-year lease on her apartment. Does the landlord somehow think that she will renege on her rent and escape into the night! Where does a 104 lady run to!

◆ Marianne remains

healthy with periodic fluid in her lungs but her spirits are high. Frequent visits from family seem to buoy her and she remains the matriarch of the family.

Several years ago as she was approaching 100 years of age, she had a bone density test. The results disclosed she had the bones of a 90-year-old. Now for most of us hearing that, it would be disconcerting. But when you are almost a centenarian it is encouraging news!

◆ We have notified Willard Scott of The Today Show of Marianne's impending 105th birthday and he will recognize her on the day before her birthday, Thursday, May 21, when he presents the Smucker's Centenarian review.

◆ Marianne still talks fondly of her years in Mulberry. And those of us who visited her

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GUEST OPINION By Freddy Groves

Restoring Memorial Day to original date

Once again Sen. Daniel Inouye, D-Hawaii, has tried to get Memorial Day restored to its original date, May 30.

Right after the first of the year, he got right on it, as he's done every single year since 1989. Within days, according to Congressional records, the bill was "Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary," where it still sits. Beginning in 1868,

Memorial Day was celebrated on May 30. It was a sacred day when the sole purpose was to put flowers on the graves of those who'd given their lives in battle during the Civil War. After World War I, it was expanded to include all veterans who'd died in war.

In 1971 the date was changed to be the last Monday in May. Easier for government workers, I guess, to get a full three-day weekend off. If they want a replacement for

Memorial Day, why not make Armed Forces Day into a long weekend?

In 2000 we were given "The National Moment of Remembrance Act," where, I assume, people across the country stop what they're doing at 3 p.m. local time. Its purpose is to "promote greater understanding of the meaning of the Memorial Day holiday."

If "a moment" is not enough, and if you want to speak up and either call or send e-mail

to voice your opinion about restoring Memorial Day to its original date, visit judiciary.senate.gov for info on the Judiciary Committee, where Inouye's bill still languishes. I did a search for "restore Memorial Day" on its site and found nothing.

Or you can thank Inouye for his efforts. His congressional office number is (202) 224-3934.

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I SAY By Kathy Ryan

I'm definitely not digging this



You know how there are bumper stickers that say, "Ask me about my grandchildren," or "Ask me about my Shar Pei?" I'm having one printed up that says, "Ask me about my sewer line."

Not that I ever wanted to know anything about sewers or the lines that connect those giant pipes to my house, but circumstances have forced me to learn all there was to know about them, and then write a great big check for the privilege.

Where's Norton when I need him?

It all started about a week after we bought our home — 25 years ago. A little water in the

basement and around the drains after a storm. Then a little more water after a really heavy downpour. It always drained right out. Then one day it didn't.

Tree roots, the plumber/electric snake handler explained. They get in the sewer line, you have to have them snaked out. OK, that seemed easy enough. About every two or three years, we would get the warning signs ... the kitchen sink would start to gurgle, then a trickle of water around a basement pipe. Sometimes I would choose to ignore those little early warning signs, thinking that if I did, they would simply go away. They didn't. The next thing I knew, there would be two inches of water in the basement, I'd call the snake handler, the tree roots would be banished, and we were high and dry for a few more years.

Then one day last fall, I started down the basement stairs and WHOA, when did we in-

stall the indoor pool? No warning sign, no trickles, just about eight inches of water and rising ... fast. I ran to the phone and called a plumber who arrived on the scene and gave me some of the most dreadful news a homeowner could hear.

"We're going to have to replace your sewer line."

Let me translate for the non-homeowners out there.

"We're going to take that money you were saving for that trip to Paris, for that sporty red convertible, for your old age and we're going to use it to dig up the new grass you have on your front lawn. We're going to make a muddy mess, we're going to dig an 8-foot deep trench, we're going to install a sewer pipe. No one will ever see it, no one will care. No one will ooooh and ahhh over it like they would if you had used that money to buy new living room furniture or granite countertops for your kitchen.

And when we're done, we're going to relieve you of your hard-earned cash. As a comparable exercise in futility, you might want to go to the bank, withdraw the exact amount of money from your savings account that I am going to charge you, the money that you worked so hard to get, asking the teller to give you that amount of money in brand new, crisp \$100 bills, and then come home and set fire to it, because that pile of ash that used to be your money will bring you the same satisfaction as the new sewer line I'm about to install."

OK, so I speak a different language than the plumber.

They came and dug up the lawn, and we made the best of the muddy mound of dirt left in the front yard. On Halloween, we decorated it with skulls and skeleton hands, as if someone had disturbed the tomb of the unknown money grabber. Snow

hid it in winter, come spring grass seed was planted and it's almost back to normal.

A few weeks ago, as I started down the basement stairs ... WHOA! ... about four inches of water, and while not rising, it wasn't going down either. So I did what I usually do whenever I'm confronted with a situation like this, I went on vacation.

My husband didn't. He tends to worry more about these things than I do. He bought a pump, pumped out the basement, called the plumber, the same one who installed the first sewer line, whose last words to us were, "Enjoy your dry basement," and heard the second to last words any homeowner wants to hear, "We're going to have to replace your connection to the city sewer line."

I called another plumber, sadly the advice was the same, but fortunately, the cost was significantly less.

Of course, now we're talk-

ing digging up the concrete that is the city street, which, of course, costs even more than digging up the mud that makes up the front lawn because not only do you have to break up the concrete, you have to replace it as well. Who exactly wrote that into the Park's city charter?

Now there's a lovely orange barrel directly across the street, guarding the six inch dip in the concrete. We're waiting for it to settle before the next layer goes in.

And last week it rained. Hard. It wasn't so much the thunder and lightning that kept me awake, it was the thought of who I would throttle if I opened the basement door and there was water down there. Thankfully, the plumbers of the world can live another day, the Ryan basement was dry as a bone. With our luck, it will probably stay that way until about a week after the road is totally repaired.

STREETWISE By Renee Landuyt

What is the best or scariest thing about going off to college?

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



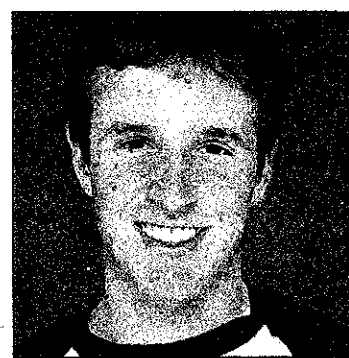
'The scariest thing is not having my mom do my laundry anymore. Thanks, Mom.'

ANDREW SIMON
Grosse Pointe Park



'The best is that I will be able to get my own subscription to the Grosse Pointe News.'

MOLLY MILLER
City of Grosse Pointe



'Not being able to bring my dog with me to college. I will miss hanging out with her.'

JOHN SULLIVAN
Grosse Pointe Park



'Independence is both scary and fun.'

MOLLY ONDERBEKE

Grosse Pointe Park



'The scariest thing is missing out on everyday family stuff like dinner and being together.'

JACKIE FONTAINE
Grosse Pointe Park

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Grosse Pointe on Lake Sainte Claire

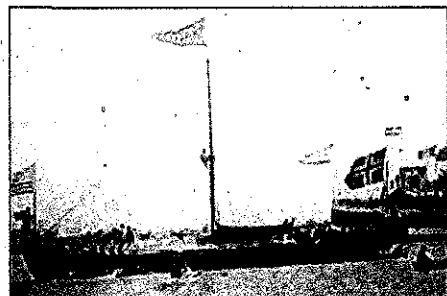


The following article is from the archives of the Grosse Pointe Historical Society, circa 1930. For more information, visit gphistorical.org.

By Silas Farmer, 1886

The lake was first christened Sainte Claire Aug. 12, 1879, by the famous explorer, La Salle, and his chaplain, Father Hennepin.

On that date, the historic ship, "Griffin," the first sailing



Early sailing vessels on Lake Sainte Claire.

vessel constructed and manned by Europeans to nav-

igate these waters, passed from the strait into the calm,

clear waters of the adjacent lake.

The day being the festival of Sainte Claire, the foundress of the Franciscan nuns, it was though appropriate by the explorers to bestow her name on the beautiful sheet of water on which they were sailing.

In the course of a year, ignorance of history and careless writing, caused the name to be ordinarily spelled, Saint Clair.

Attention having been directed to the error, on the 200th anniversary of La Salle's arrival, a memorable celebration was held at the

Pointe, and the lake was formally rechristened.

A historical address by Bela Hubbard, with poems by Judge Jas. V. Campbell and D. B. Duffield, were delivered. Most of the residents of the locality with many visitors from Detroit enlivened the occasion with their presence.

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and Nona John also have vivid remembrances of our times in their home.

She always made the best peach pies and the most delicious homemade ice cream, which was enjoyed in early evening as we sat around the yard smudge pot to ward off mosquitoes. And for those of us northerners in Michigan, we were always "good eating" for all those chiggers!

◆ So it's a rare family and a delighted family that has had

the enjoyment of a woman who still mesmerizes us with her stories of her Italian birthplace and of course stories of Mulberry. We plan to celebrate this latest remarkable event with her and look for many more!

Bill Kalmar is the former director of the Michigan Quality Council and a former resident of Grosse Pointe.

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MARY HUEBNER
President
Grosse Pointe Chamber of Commerce

School budget decisions

To the Editor:

We could not agree more with last week's letter, "Multi-age program," May 14 Grosse Pointe News, from concerned parents who want to save one of our school district's most effective academic programs housed at Trombly Elementary School.

This program is one of the few successful non-traditional academic programs offered in Grosse Pointe, a program that

sets us apart from other districts. Yet, whenever there are budget constraints, the multi-age program is placed on the chopping block and parents have to fight to save it.

We understand the need to make budget cuts, especially during this economy. But a budget, regardless of the circumstances in which it exists, is a statement of priorities.

At the end of April, the Grosse Pointe Board of Education issued layoff notices to 74 teachers. Parents have been told "the budget no longer supports small class sizes." We ask then, what does it support? What are the district's priorities?

A look at the number of personnel working out of the central offices at 389 St. Clair — persons who do not have contact with our children on a daily basis — might lead one to believe the budget supports a top heavy district.

Of course our district is led by a superintendent who has an executive assistant and a secretary. Her job is further alleviated by a community relations specialist. That is a total

of four people who work out of the superintendent's office.

The department of curriculum, instruction, assessment and technology is led by one of three assistant superintendents. It also has an executive director. Both of these administrators have their own secretaries. Then there is a separate curriculum secretary and an assessment secretary.

The department also consists of a staff development coordinator and a gifted program coordinator. In addition, there are four curriculum specialists. Technology consists of a manager and a network supervisor, five technicians, and two technology coordinators. There is a supervisor, analyst and a technical analyst in information services.

All together, there are 25 people employed by the Grosse Pointe schools who work in this one department.

The business support and services department has almost as many employees as the curriculum department. It is also led by an assistant superintendent who has his own secretary in addition to a fi-

nance assistant.

There is a director of business operations, a manager of buildings and grounds, a supervisor of custodial operations, and a support services coordinator. There are four clerks — one for payroll, one for stores and two for accounts payable.

Within this department we find enrollment and residency led by a dean of students and compliance officer who is assisted by an information services analyst, an enrollment secretary and student records secretary.

Finally, we have the Kids Club, Pointe After, and Camp O' Fun coordinator for a grand total of 16 members of this department.

The human resources department employs yet another assistant superintendent who has his own secretary. There is also a supervisor of human resources who has her own secretary, too.

On top of that, we have a fringe benefits coordinator with an assistant and a human resources clerk.

Finally, there is a substitute

teacher coordinator, despite the fact that Grosse Pointe schools have outsourced their substitutes through Aesop.

Grand total for this department? Eight.

Currently, the special education department has two co-directors who are acting in this capacity while the district searches for a new full-time director — a job that was insensitively posted on April 30, right around the time when 74 teachers were pink slipped.

There are many other special services directors who work in smaller capacities, but we realize special education is completely separate funding, so we will not elaborate.

In addition to all of these positions working out of the central office, there are department chairpersons for almost every subject you can imagine from kindergarten through 12th grade. These are teachers who take on these jobs for extra pay, anywhere from \$2,000 to \$7,000 a year per person.

Furthermore, many department chairs are given an extra planning period to do their de-

partment chair duties. It seems this time would be better spent teaching an academic class, thus alleviating other teachers' class sizes.

It is hard for us to understand why we need any department chairpersons at all with such a large curriculum department leading the district.

When the economy demands frugal behavior, we need to cut back to the academic basics. We need to get rid of all the "extras" before we even consider cutting classroom teachers and increasing class sizes.

Let's make budget decisions that reflect the fact Grosse Pointe schools pride themselves on academic excellence, not mediocrity.

Reinstate the laid-off teachers, do not increase class sizes and save strong academic programs such as the multi-age class at Trombly.

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GROSSE POINTE FARMS

Council has little say about Brownell

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

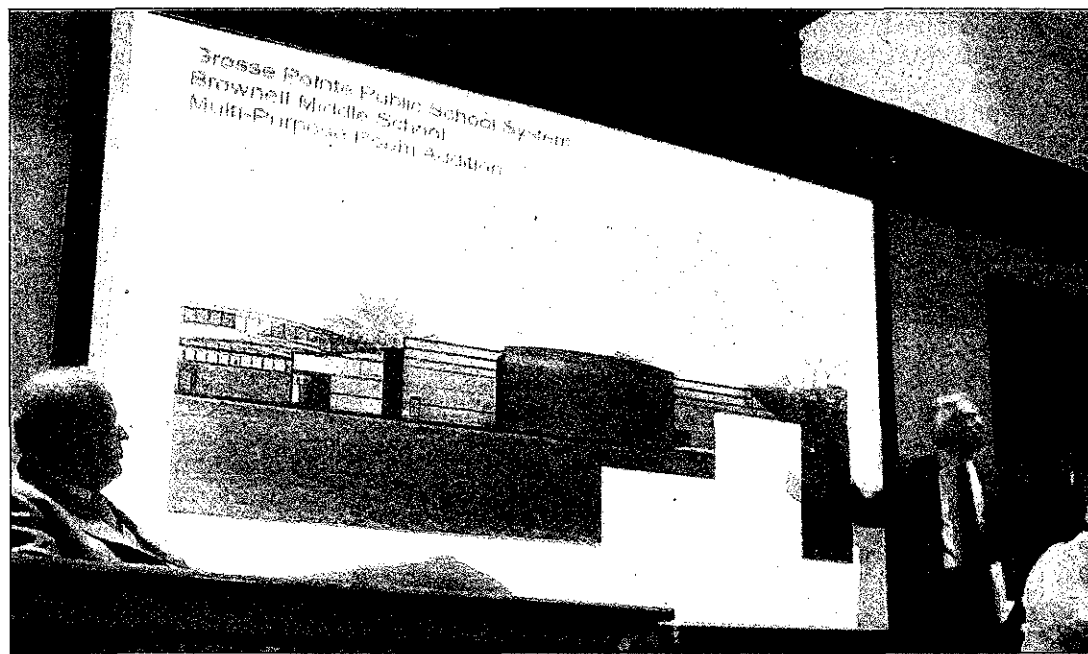
Grosse Pointe Farms officials must make an end-run if they hope to influence construction of a 17,000-square-foot addition to Brownell Middle School.

Although council members lack power to regulate the project on school property, they can regulate what goes on around it. Especially its effect on neighborhood traffic and parking.

"We have authority with regard to public safety on our community's streets," said Councilman Peter Waldmeir Jr. "We have no legal authority as a council to amend, modify, restrict, expand, stop or push the project of the school board."

"The Farms role is limited to making sure there's enough parking and that the building isn't too close to neighboring property," added Councilman Louis Theros.

The proposed \$3.2 million addition, construction bids for which were due for discussion at last Monday night's meeting of the Grosse Pointe school trustees, would eat into the school playfield, stand nearly 36 feet tall at the top of its crescent-shaped roof and consist of a multi-purpose room with a stage, 800 seats and an open



PHOTOS BY BRAD LINDBERG

Left, architect Dale Erhsman explains the proposed Brownell Middle School addition while Chris Fenton, a district assistant superintendent, listens. Above, a special Farms council meeting at the Pier Park community center was for information only. The city can't regulate the project, only its impact on the neighborhood.

area.

By comparison, auditoriums at Parcels and Pierce seat 897 and 891, respectively; with North and South high schools seating 777 and 425, respectively.

"Our goal is to break ground shortly after school is out in June," said Chris Fenton, district assistant superintendent for business affairs. "The construction timeline is about 10 months."

School officials predict high usage.

"This is something we will use every day for educational purposes, not only during the

day, but by our community as well after school," said Mike Dibb, Brownell principal. "We could have multiple, simultaneous activities in the multi-purpose room at the same time."

Anticipated functions include class assemblies, testing, academic competitions, video presentations, debates, science demonstrations, club meetings, all-school musicals, PTO meetings, staff meetings, community and children's choir concerts, adult band and more.

"If you build it, they will come," Dibb said.

Traffic impact

About 150 people attended a special Farms council meeting last week to hear school representatives lay out plans for the addition, its purpose and impact on the school system and residential neighborhood surrounding Brownell.

"The goal of this project is to improve student performance," said Dale Erhsman, project architect and Grosse Pointe Park resident. "We tried to create an innovative, creative and agile learning environment. Many people say that our kids are our future. I think

that's wrong. We are our kids' future. This facility will take us where they have to go."

Representative comments were made by residents concerned with parking during school functions spilling onto side streets and overall increases in traffic triggered by the addition.

Councilman Theros lives near the school. He peppered district officials about how close the addition, and a parking lot possibly due for expansion next year, would be from neighboring property.

"We knew what we were getting into when we moved there," Theros said. "We knew of school functions, back-to-school night, summertime noises of kids playing ball. That's beautiful. But, you hit a saturation point where it goes from bucolic to bothersome."

Erhsman said state officials have approved parking plans that include the existing 160-space lot, 50 feet from the property line, plus an additional 63 spaces on nearby streets. An expanded lot would stand 40 feet from the property line.

Plans for the addition's 800 seats consist of 470 fixed seats and 370 bleacher seats that roll out of the back wall. Either way, the room has enough capacity that cars parked by a sold out audience would overflow onto side streets.

"We'll send this matter to the traffic and safety committee because there will be increased usage and traffic," Theros said. "As city council members, our concern are the off-premises issues that impact the neighborhood."

PROJECT: Patience soon to pay off

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\$20,000 to operate the space. "We're actually reducing our energy costs per square foot and we haven't added any maintenance or custodial staff," he said. "It's a unique facility. There's not going to be anything like it in schools around us."

Supporters of the multipurpose room say the new addition would benefit every department in the school. Math classes could move out of the hallway to conduct large-scale activities; English teachers could spread students around for group book discussions or novel performances; and band classes could stay at the school to rehearse, rather than traveling to use another facility.

Fenton is anticipating a June groundbreaking; the project is expected to take 10-12 months to complete.

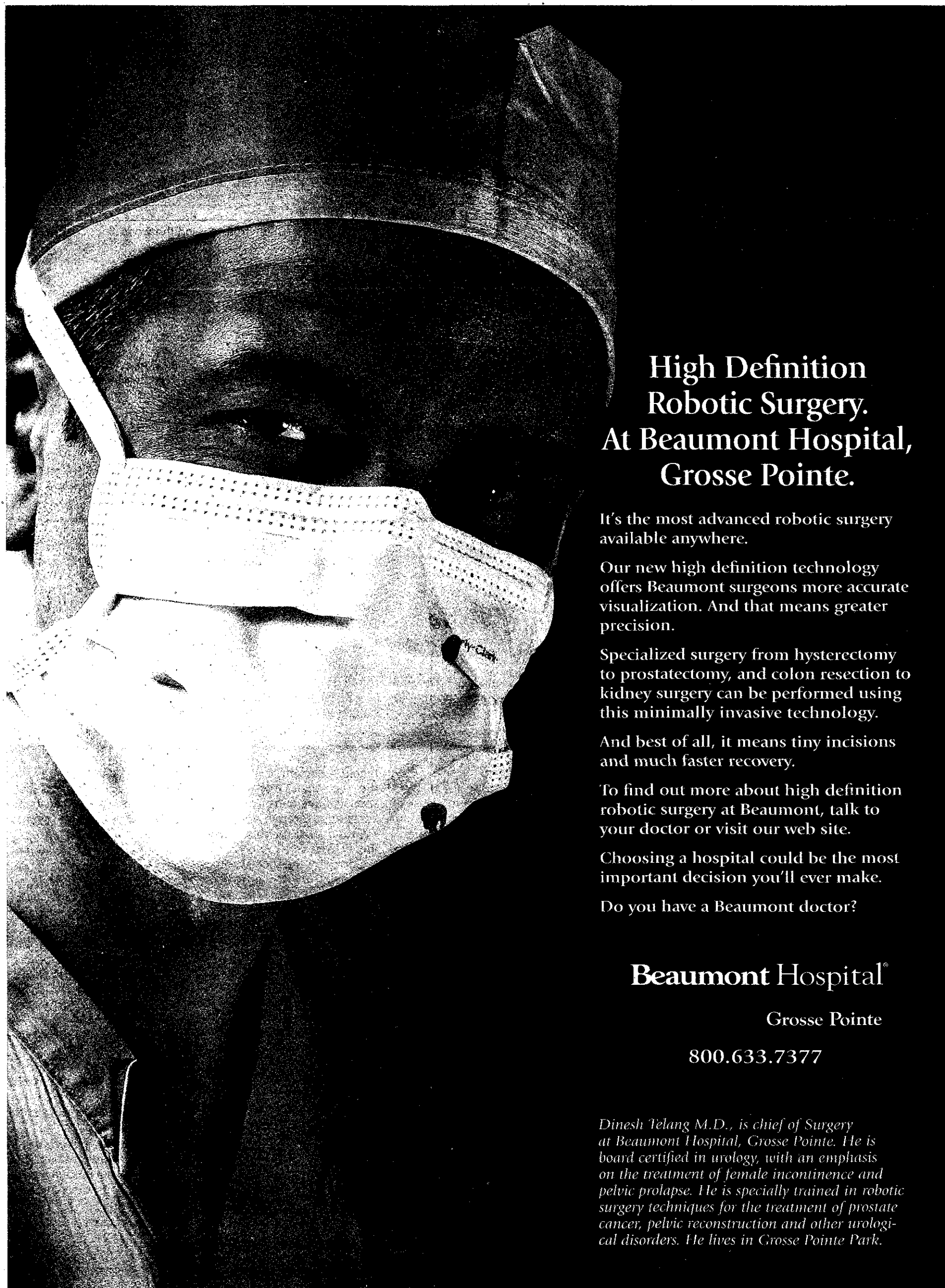
Drawings show the building contains 450 fixed seats, a stage area and open spaces for a variety of educational and meeting spaces. Resurfacing of the parking lot is also included.

"As a former Brownell parent, I say thank you to all the people who have worked for seven years and to the majority of voters who said they would invest in the district and attract more students," said Board President Alice Kosinski.

"No project has been more discussed, more debated ... I value everyone's opinion and like almost everything, there is a difference of opinion. But we've spent far too much time on whether we'd call this an auditorium or not," said Board Vice President Brendan Walsh.

"This was a project the voters wanted for a number of years and have been paying for. This is an exciting day.

"It's an absolutely right decision and it's not an inappropriate financial decision. We're operating in a financial system that pays off when you have an attractive district."



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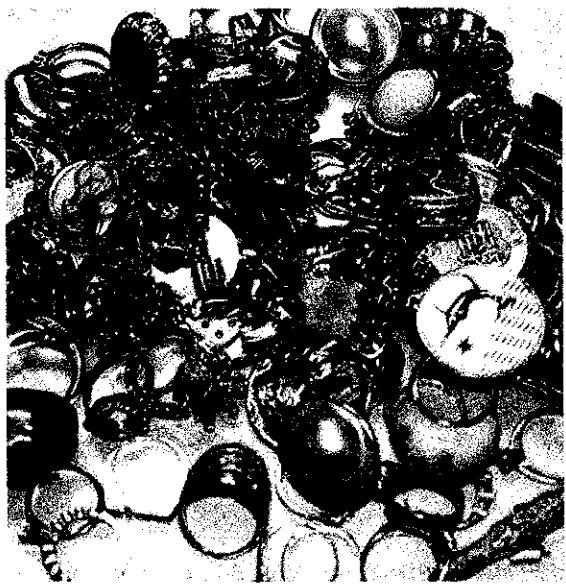
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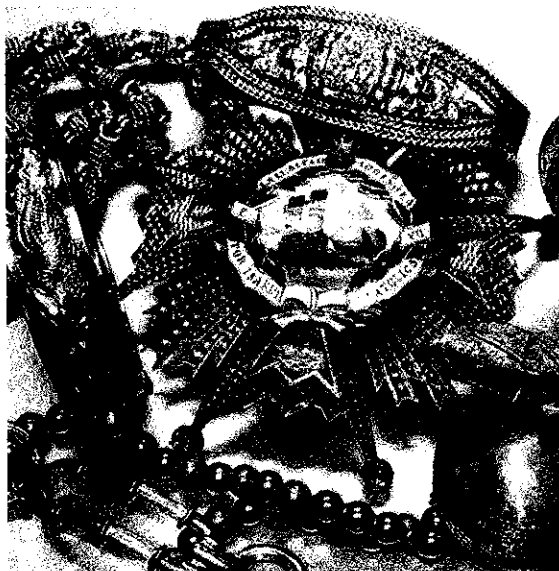
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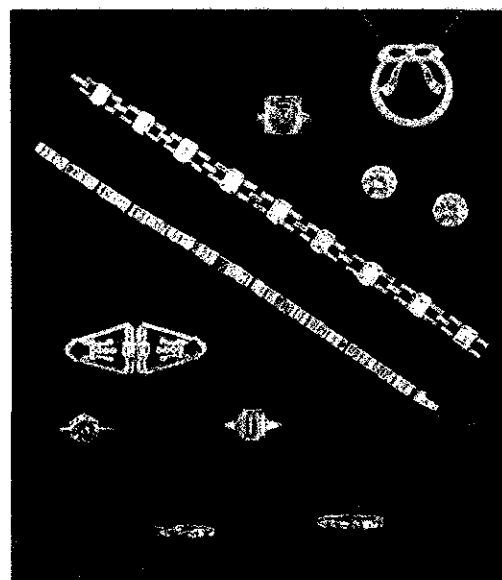
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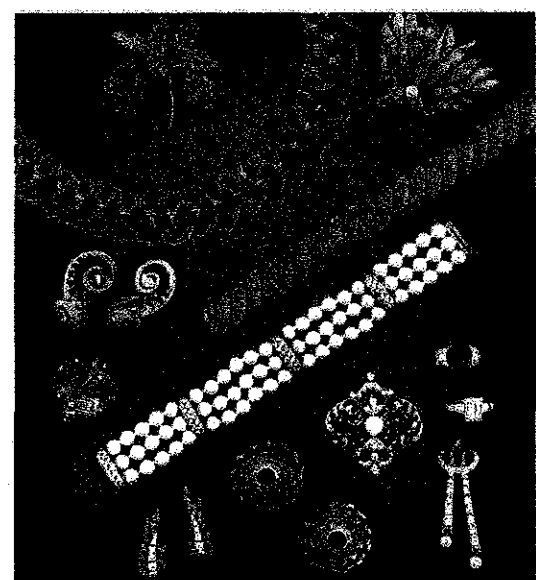
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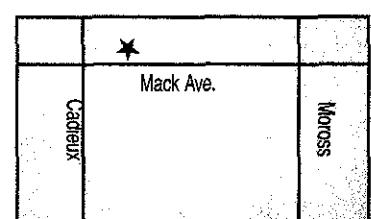
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GPPSS budget posed for June approval

By Amy Salvagno
 Staff Writer

The Grosse Pointe school district appears to have come up with additional cuts, savings and revenue to balance its \$103 million budget after grappling with a \$5.4 million shortfall.

Officials are sparing hockey players from shouldering the cost of ice time, restoring the accompanists at Grosse Pointe North and Grosse Pointe South high schools — 2.0 full-time equivalent positions — and saving the SAFE program at

Poupard Elementary School.

Also eliminated was a change in the participation fees for high school athletes. The initial two-tiered system proposed a \$350 fee for hockey and a \$115 fee for all other sports. The \$120,000 cost for ice time was instead rolled into the athletic budget.

Brendan Walsh, board of education vice president, said the administration needs to stop proposing the same cuts.

"When they are rejected year after year, they should not be brought as a resolution. We're

causing havoc in the community by looking at them," he said. "We can no longer afford the perspective that the budget is so lean and raw that it can't be cut anymore."

Officials say there is an up to \$120,000 savings by sharing responsibilities and not filling the special education director position, another \$140,000 savings by using the best practices from the two high school's athletic budgets, a \$20,000 savings in reducing transportation to one-way for select events and possibly a \$100,000 savings in con-

tracting coaching positions, no longer carrying those retirement costs.

Other cost saving measures include a reduction of around 25 classroom assistants; a reduction in supplies and materials; reducing textbook purchases by 20 percent; delaying technology purchases; closing individual buildings during school breaks to save on utility expenses; and moving board of education meetings to South from May to October, a \$4,000 savings in air conditioning from holding the gatherings at

North.

The district expects to generate \$39,000 through a new preschool program at Barnes Early Childhood Center.

"This process will look like a walk through Candy Land compared to next year," said board president Alice Koskinski, noting the district will likely face the same budget deficit for the 2010-11 school year.

Declining enrollment — which affects the district's general operating fund — and the growing cost of employee health care and retirement

costs remain trouble spots in budget planning. And money anticipated from the federal stimulus package over the next two years will provide one-time revenue for special education programs, but are to be targeted only to eligible programs. The funds have a number of restrictions, officials say. The amount the district will receive hasn't been confirmed.

The 2009-10 budget will be adopted at the Monday, June 22 board meeting. A work session is scheduled for 6 p.m. June 8 in the South High School library.

Brownell budding chefs serve up love and lunch

By Amy Salvagno
 Staff Writer

When learning is applied outside the classroom, the benefits get spread around the table.

In this case, it was a picnic table.

With barbecued burgers, pasta salad with made-from-scratch noodles, freshly squeezed lemonade and homemade banana cream pie, seventh- and eighth-grade students in Dona Reynolds' Brownell Middle School life skills class dished out a spread cooked, blended and served with love for the ones they cherish most.

Held against the backdrop of

the school's sunny front lawn, several young chefs treated moms and dads to an appreciation lunch Tuesday, May 12. Another section of the class hosted a similar-themed breakfast Thursday, May 7.

Reynolds began holding the parent appreciation gatherings two years ago. In years prior, she featured Mother's Day brunches and in 2006, added a day just for dads. The combined meal was last held in November 2007 as a pre-Thanksgiving feast.

The life skills class, divided into kitchens from a first hour class and a sixth hour class, began planning and preparing the food for the two parties in April.

Some whipped up pies; some cut up fruit for breakfast crepes; some some shaped hamburger into patties; and others sliced up the cucumbers for the cucumber salad. As the days grew closer, students figured out how the tables would be decorated — with colorful daisies.

"There's something about the kids and all of us working together — the food comes out so good. I can make the same recipe at home and it won't have the same pizzazz," said Reynolds. "We all put our love into it."

"It shows them what we've

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Brownell parents enjoy the sunshine and summery fare, made homemade by their children.



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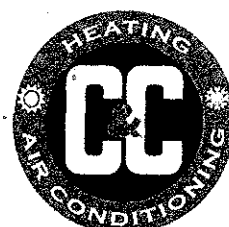
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Residency proposal dissolved

By Amy Salvagno
Staff Writer

Discussion that has dragged on since late February over the possible reregistering of district students ended after a failed motion during the Grosse Pointe Board of Education meeting Monday, May 18.

Trustee Fred Minturn recommended an annual reregistration of students at all schools as they sign up for classes in the fall. Along with Minturn, Judy Gafa and Ahmed Ismail voted for the proposal. Trustees Joan Dindoffer, John Steininger, Brendan Walsh and Alice Kosinski were opposed.

"It's obvious that if you're not checking everyone, some are getting through," Minturn argued, referencing the administration's investigations into tips. "It's a horrendous process. The job is done wrong and the whole community knows it — the whole north end knows it. This is only my effort to fix it."

"I don't blame anyone trying to get into the Grosse Pointe

Public School System for a great education," said Gafa. "I think it's more equitable that everyone has to register."

Spurred by residents' concerns that several students are wrongfully enrolled in the district, Gafa proposed a resolution requiring students to provide proof of eligibility at regularly scheduled intervals throughout the school year.

The administration was charged with creating the approach and developed a plan that would have involved a random sample of 940 K-11 households this summer. The \$14,000 process, including mailing, supplies, part-time help and legal fees, would have been held at the administration office and mainly carried out by the central office staff.

"I think what we have is a perception process. We just spent a bunch of hours arguing over laying off teachers," said Kosinski, citing the cost of Minturn's proposal.

According to Chris Fenton, assistant superintendent of

business and instruction, the plan would require the help of 30 people spread across the elementary, middle and high schools — or about \$20,000. And there would be a risk of inconsistency with the residency verification, he added.

The district hired Arnette Jordan, dean of students and compliance officer, to specifically handle residency investigations.

Officials have averaged 133 investigations since 2005. Of those, 41 students have been removed, said Fenton.

In the 2008-09 school year, 247 students were checked and 42 were removed as of April 16.

Leases comprise 14.2 percent of the district's housing population, and 461 expired or month-to-month leases were checked and have been verified.

"We've gained somewhat of a reputation for checking up on residency," Fenton said.

"We have an enrollment eligibility issue, not a residency concern," said Walsh.

Joint lawn concert returns

The band and orchestra groups from Grosse Pointe North and Grosse Pointe South high schools perform at an annual outdoor concert at 7 p.m. Thursday, May 21, on

Grosse Pointe North's front lawn, 707 Vernier, Grosse Pointe Woods.

Included in the concert are selections from "Pirates of the Caribbean," "Evita" and

"Grease," as well as the songs "Raider's March," "1812 Overture," Borodin's "Symphony No. 2" and "The Stars and Stripes Forever." Admission is free.

South's Broadway tickets available

The Grosse Pointe South High School choir closes out its 2008-09 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," "Guys and Dolls," "Chicago," "Thoroughly

Modern Millie," and more.

Tickets are available at Posterity: A Gallery, 17005 Kercheval in the Village of Grosse Pointe, or online at gpsouthchoir.org.

Author to speak at annual meeting

The Friends of the Grosse Pointe Public Library host Paul R. Kaveff, author of "Detroit's Infamous Purple Gang: A history of the Detroit Underworld, 1910-1945," at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, May 26, at

the Grosse Pointe Farms Pier Park community building.

Kaveff discusses his book about the Prohibition-era organized crime gang from Detroit and presents the recent film, "The Purple Gang," on which he collaborated with H. G. Manos. Kaveff, an engineer at Wayne State University School

of Medicine, has written four books on the history of organized crime in Detroit. Copies of the book will be available for purchase. Kaveff will also sign the books.

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MEAL: Students BBQ for parents

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learned," said seventh-grader Cecilia Vandebussche, helping out Tuesday after hosting a few days earlier.

"And how much we appreciate them," added Allison Schimmel, a fellow seventh-grader.

The girls said a barbecue sounded like a nice complement to the warming weather.

"I'm surprised how good the food was," said eighth-grader Leah Pridoehl.

"And how we could do so much," added seventh-grader Kayla Sanocki. "It's nice to be able to cook for our moms and dads."

"It gives our parents something to do. It gives them a little break from work," said Catherine O'Gorman. "And it's just nice to chat with your parents and they can see what you've done."

While most students received visits from one or both of their

parents, eighth-grader Sydney Decker welcomed a special guest; her grandmother, Peggy Dan, from Ohio.

"I definitely chose the right day to be in town," laughed Dan. "They did a great job. I'm truly impressed with the variety of things they did."

Along with helping her grandmother at Thanksgiving with the green bean casserole, Decker says cooking is on her list of hobbies.

"I just love food. I'm learning about the different varieties, too."

"I think it's a wonderful thing that we can come and see what they do in class — and taste it," said Kelly Shimko, sitting near her seventh-grade daughter, Gabrielle, who was looking forward to her mom tasting the pasta salad, something she hadn't yet made.

"Mrs. Reynolds teaches us new recipes to make that are easy and good."

"I love to cook and put on parties and I want the children to enjoy a good, home-cooked meal. It's a lot of work, but worth it in the end," said Reynolds, "for family and friends to enjoy each other's company."



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Above: Parents pile up their plates with homemade lunch items. Below: Some of the students who prepared the food are, from left, Paulina Perakis, Janie Kaess, Tommy Clark and Gabrielle Shimko.



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Maire play about believing raises money for hospital

By Amy Salvagno
Staff Writer

From their window-side beds at Children's Hospital of Michigan, little ones can leave illness behind and discover "How Jackson Saved the Sea."

The original play, written by Maire Elementary School mom Sara Fischer Hodges, performed by 30 Maire students and professionally recorded, will soon air at the Detroit facility, bringing smiles and a little laughter to children who have so much weighing on their minds.

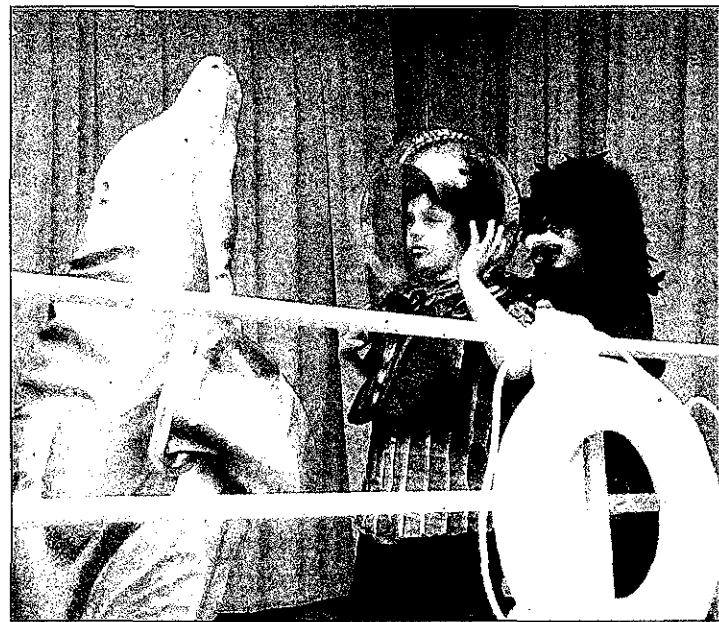
"We thought this would be such a positive message to send to the kids and something our kids could wrap their arms around," said Hodges, adding the performance Thursday, May 14, at the school also raised \$1,000 for Children's Hospital. "The kids really embraced it — that we are really privileged and lucky."

This is the second play Hodges has put on for the school, but the first to have any fundraising attached, something she hopes to bolster in years to come.

No stranger to the performing arts — she is a member of A (Habeas) Chorus Line, the Detroit-based musical parody troupe — Hodges is looking to start up a theater group at Maire. Last year's play, "The Bird and the Bear," which she also authored, was a hit and Principal Kathy Satut wanted a repeat performance.

"How Jackson Saved the Sea" developed from a children's book she began before her now second-grade son, Jack, was born. Her inspiration: Nantucket, the hometown of her husband's family. Her idea: a little boy has an adventure on his way into town.

Talking animals, birds and sea life — who share a universal language and communicate with children — seek the help of Jackson, played by Hodges'



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Above: The dolphin and seagull help Jackson, on a trip to his grandparents' house, put on an underwater bubble helmet to see the damage in the sea below. Right: The cast of "How Jackson Saved the Sea," with writer Sara Fischer Hodges, left, and costume creator Cathy Pomaville.

son. Jackson's new friends give him an underwater bubble helmet to show him rotting barrels filled with poison. He must then tell his father, an expert scuba diver, about the problem — minus the bit about talking sea creatures. With help from Jackson's grandfather, who spoke with the animals when he was a child, the trio head out on a fishing trip right over the polluted spot of the ocean.

"The students had to really commit to it and work a lot on their own. They were very talented, dedicated and worked extremely hard. They really stepped up," said Hodges. "I think also, at the end, knowing they were going to do something to benefit other kids was the icing on the cake."

The play was filled with dancing, music — mostly by the Beatles — and colorful, creative costumes by Hodges' counterpart, Cathy Pomaville. The women met while working on a Halloween party in 2007, where Hodges mentioned her idea about writing a play.

Pomaville urged her to pursue it and offered to make the costumes.

"She has an incredible flair for it. I gave her a few ideas and she came back to me with intricate drawings. I was blown away," said Hodges. "It's a great partnership because she is passionate about that and I'm passionate about writing and directing. We've formed this really great bond and friendship."

"She is incredibly talented and sweet and I'm fortunate to have worked with her," said Pomaville, whose second-grade daughter played Julia, Jackson's sassy little sister. Third-grade daughter Alison played Frankie the Cat. "We've become very good friends and that alone is worth every minute of it."

Pomaville began working several months ago on the designing of the costumes. Some she found on eBay and other websites; others she found at the Salvation Army. For the bubble helmet, Pomaville used an acrylic globe from a lighting



store. The rest of the outfits, from the dolphin and whale to the bunnies, seagull and school of fish, she made from scratch.

"I wanted each child to feel special, not only in their role, but also in their costume," she said.

Pomaville added it was important for the children to understand the play's message — to believe.

"Especially the children at Children's Hospital to get that message means a great deal. And each child, when I saw them go on, they were lit up and happy and excited. It was a feeling of utter joy just to see them that excited. They were able to each walk away with something special."

"When it comes down to it, this is truly all about the kids. They are wonderful and it is a joy to know that we are helping to build confidence in all of them," said Hodges. "It's something they'll carry with them for the rest of their lives as a fond memory. I told them many times that this is about working together as a group to reach a common goal. These kids come from very different worlds, home environments and ages,

but they bonded together for this production. Everyone knew that we all depended on

each other to make this a success and they pulled it off with flying colors."

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Auditorium seats leave a legacy

By Amy Salvagno
Staff Writer

From them, audiences have laughed and cried, applauded and cheered, waved and winked.

And through them, many have left dedications to graduates, friends and teachers and in honor of those no longer living.

The Preservation Committee of the Mothers' Club of Grosse Pointe South High School is reviving its fundraising efforts with the Auditorium Chair Campaign, an opportunity for members of the community to purchase a velvet red seat while contributing to the theater's restoration.

The tax-deductible cost to designate a chair is \$500 and includes an engraved brass nameplate attached to the back. Names of people who make preservation donations less than \$500 will be listed on a permanently-affixed wall plaque.

Preservation committee chair Debbie Fisher says the club decided to reorganize the campaign to renew interest. The fundraising first began in the 2004-05 school year after



Each purchased chair will feature an engraved brass nameplate attached to the back.

the auditorium restoration — one of the committee's major projects — was completed. In the 70s, the space was stripped of its chairs, custom chandeliers and balcony space. The committee initially sold half of the chairs available — to offset renovation costs — and since then, orders have continued to trickle in. Just less than 200 seats remain unsold, including all of the balcony and about one-third of the main floor.

"It could go to a retiring teacher, a graduating senior, a student who is maybe the last

to attend South, a special family member — the sky's the limit," said Fisher.

Organizations, such as Safe Rides, have donated chairs with funds left over from the school year. The committee also focuses on former graduates.

"Reunions organize tours and alumni get to walk through their alma mater and see all the progress that has been done. It's always a thrill and when they get to the auditorium, they're absolutely amazed," Fisher said. "Whatever money is left over from reunion expenses typically get donated to the committee with the stipulation of purchasing a chair to dedicate to their class."

Preservation funds raised since the committee was established in 1990 have supported the restoration of Cleminson Hall and the tower clock, establishment of the school's archives, replication of the original hallway clocks and doorway brackets and signs and restoration and display of the graduating class composites.

For more information or to purchase a chair, contact Lisa Mower Gandelot at (313) 882-5001 or lgandelot@comcast.net

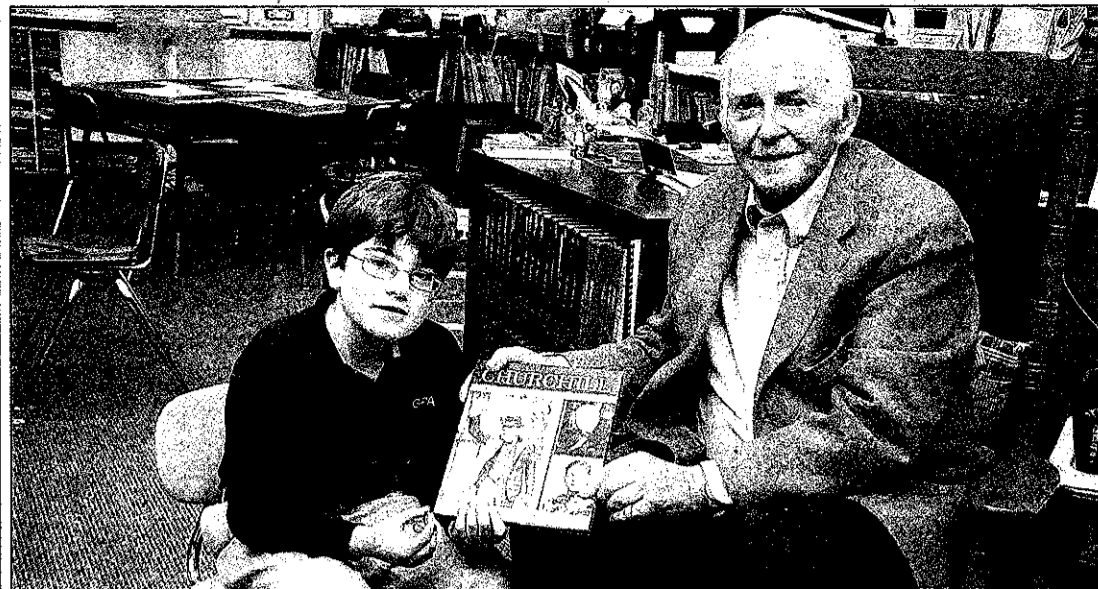


PHOTO BY RENEE LANDUYT

A shared interest

Grosse Pointe Academy student Joseph Spica would like to meet Winston Churchill. In sharing this wish in a recent Grosse Pointe News Streetwise column, Spica caught the attention of City of Grosse Pointe resident Jim Rauh, a member of the Winston Churchill Society of Michigan. Finding it admirable the young student chose Churchill, Rauh arranged with the academy to present an autographed book on the late prime minister, written and autographed by his granddaughter, Celia Sandys, to Spica. During his visit, Rauh also shared stories about Churchill, meeting Sandys and going to Normandy Beach for one of the D-Day anniversaries. Above: Rauh presents Spica with the book simply titled, "Winston Churchill."



Cum Laude students selected

University Liggett School inducted 11 students into the Cum Laude Society at a ceremony Thursday, April 30. The organization honors scholarship, character and commitment and is analogous to the collegiate honor society Phi Beta Kappa. In determining membership, faculty review academic achievement for grades 9-11 or 12. Above: Seniors are, from left, Mike McLaughlin of Harrison Township, Megan Amicucci and Cat Vatsis, both of Grosse Pointe Woods and Kate Shannon and Drew Brophy, both of Grosse Pointe Farms. Left: Juniors are, from left, Matthew Stanley of Grosse Pointe Farms, Sarah Pollick of Grosse Pointe Shores, Jimmy Palmer of Grosse Pointe Farms, Ali Yamasaki of Grosse Pointe Woods and Natalie Boll and Ben Gellman, both of Grosse Pointe Park.



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OBITUARIES

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Charles D. Cronenworth

Charles D. Cronenworth, 87, of St. Clair, died Saturday, May 2, 2009.

He was born Aug. 7, 1921, in Mohawk to Jacob and Margaret (nee Therrien) Cronenworth.

Mr. Cronenworth attended Michigan Technological University where he was an active member of Tau Beta Pi, Blue Key, Tau Nu Tau, Theta Tau, Keweenaw staff, the track team, varsity hockey team and served as a junior class officer.

In 1944, after three years, he graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree in mechanical engineering and was a registered professional engineer. He was offered a tryout with the New York Rangers professional hockey team, but instead enlisted in the U.S. Marine Corps where he oversaw the building of the first air strip on Okinawa. He was honorably discharged as a first lieutenant after three years of service.

Mr. Cronenworth married Lorraine DeBruyne May 18, 1946, and began his professional career as a design engineer with Chrysler Corporation that same year. He then was a project engineer with General Foods from 1947 to 1950.

In 1950 he became the plant manager for Diamond Crystal Salt in St. Clair. He held a number of managerial positions with the company and in 1975 was elected to the position of president and chief executive officer. He served in this capacity until he retired in 1985.

His retirement was short lived. In 1986, he and his son, Charles, co-founded Mohawk Plastics Inc. in Marine City where Mr. Cronenworth served as chairman until his second retirement in 1996.

Throughout his busy and illustrious career, Mr. Cronenworth was the consummate family man and community leader. He was active in his children's schools and activities and enjoyed using his woodworking skills to build toys and dollhouses for his grandchildren. After his second retirement, upon the death of one of his daughters-in-law, he took an active role in the upbringing of his young grandsons.

Mr. Cronenworth was a board member of the former Commercial and Saving Bank in St. Clair, Maritek Worldwide Protein in the Bahamas and Diamond Crystal Salt. He served the city of St. Clair as a councilman from 1955 to 1958 and as mayor from 1962 to 1963. He was past president of the St. Clair Rotary Club and a member of St. Mary's Catholic Church, St. Clair.

His memberships included the Michigan Society of Professional Engineers, serving as the alternate director from 1958 to 1962, the National Society of Professional Engineers and the National Association of Manufacturers.

He was a president's club member at Michigan Tech. In 1976, the university presented him with the silver medal award and in 1978, he was inducted into the school's engineering Hall of Fame.

Mr. Cronenworth is survived by his wife, Lorraine; son, Charles E. Cronenworth; daughters, Carol Todd of Grosse Pointe Park, Linda (Kenneth) Meade of Grosse Pointe Farms, and Mary (Robert) Deneweth of West Bloomfield; grandchildren, Melissa Connell of Grosse Pointe Farms, Kelly Cavanaugh, Jessica Deneweth and Charles Robert and Jacob Cronenworth; great-grandchildren, Nicholas, Morgan and Chase; and his sisters, June Meloragni and Laverne Vranesich.

He was predeceased by his siblings, William, Ruth and Doris.

A funeral Mass was celebrated May 6 at St. Mary's Catholic Church in St. Clair followed by burial in the church's cemetery.

Memorial donations may be made to the Friends of St. Mary's School, care of the Community Foundation of St. Clair County, 516 McMorran Blvd., Port Huron, MI 48060.

Simon Dunn

Simon E. Dunn, 86, of Lower Saucon Township, Pa., died Monday, May 11, 2009, at Luther Crest Nursing Home in South Whitehall Township.

Born in Grosse Pointe July 14, 1922, he was the son of the late Simon E. Dunn Sr. and Marguerite (nee Kelleher) Dunn. Mr. Dunn served his country honorably during World War II in the U.S. Navy. He worked as a stockbroker for many years until retirement.

He was a loving husband, father and grandfather.

Mr. Dunn is survived by his sons, Brian E. of Boulder, Colo., Kevin of San Francisco and Blair of Denver; daughters, Deidre J. (Martin) Van Assche of Lower Saucon Township, Bridget (Gerry) Kreutzjans of West Palm Beach, Fla. and Molly K. (David) Crawford of Boulder; sister, Sally Meyer of Detroit and seven grandchildren.

Mr. Dunn's wife, Corinne J. (nee Clemens), predeceased him in 2003.

A private service was held in Colorado with his immediate family.

Memorial donations may be made in Mr. Dunn's name to Colorado Coalition for the Homeless Resource Development, 2111 Champa Street, Denver, CO 80205.

Share a memory with the family at heintzelmanfh.com.

Albert C. Garmhaus

City of Grosse Pointe resident Albert C. Garmhaus, 88, died Monday, May 11, 2009, at St. John Macomb Hospital in Warren.

Born June 4, 1920, in Detroit to Albert and Edna Garmhaus, Mr. Garmhaus was a World War II veteran naval aviator who served from May 1942 to May 1946 as a member of the Black Cat Squadron VP-54. He achieved the rank of lieutenant and was awarded the Air Medal "for meritorious achievement in aerial flight in action against enemy Japanese forces in the southwest Pacific War Area."

Mr. Garmhaus earned a commercial pilot's license in October 1946 and earned a Bachelor of Science degree in business administration from Wayne State University in February 1950. He worked for Chrysler Corporation most of his adult years and retired in 1980 as a dealership auditor.

He was an active member of the Men's Garden Club of Grosse Pointe, Villagers, Merry-Go-Rounders and Senior Men's Club.

He enjoyed gardening and fishing.

Mr. Garmhaus will be greatly missed by his wife, Margaret; stepsons, Jonathan (Sandra) and Christopher (Wendy) Hawksley; sister-in-law, Eleanor Garmhaus; nephew, Carl (Susan) Garmhaus, niece,

Sandra (Terry) Rooney; step-grandchildren, Andrea, Danielle and John; grandnieces, Carolyn, Courtney and Katie and many friends.

He was predeceased by his parents and his brother, Frederick.

Burial was in Forest Lawn Cemetery in Detroit.

Funeral arrangements were handled by A.H. Peters Funeral Home in Grosse Pointe Woods. Share a memory with the family at ahpeters.com.

Vernon S. Glendening

Grosse Pointe Woods resident Vernon S. Glendening, 82, died Thursday, April 30, 2009, at St. John Hospital and Medical Center in Detroit.

He was born Oct. 23, 1926, in Lake Orion to Joseph Glendening and Sybil Zbanek.

He earned a Bachelor of Science degree in 1951 from the University of Detroit. He also graduated from the pension school at Purdue University and the Executive Program of College of Insurance in Harriman, N.Y.

Mr. Glendening served as a sergeant in the U.S. Army Air Corps during World War II from 1944 to 1946.

He was a partner in Glendening-McLeod Associates until joining Detroit Insurance Agency in 1964. The company merged with Alexander & Alexander Inc. in January 1970. Mr. Glendening became executive vice president in 1971 and president in 1974. He had served as chairman of the board from 1982 until his retirement in 1992.

Mr. Glendening enjoyed boating, golfing, spending time with his family and friends and living each day to its fullest.

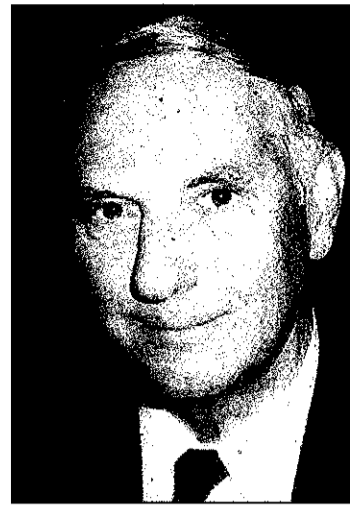
He was active in numerous community organizations. He was a past member of the board of trustees of St. Clair Renal Dialysis Center and the executive committee of St. John Hospital Men's Guild. He was the past chairman of the executive committee of the University of Detroit President's Cabinet and past chairman and advisory board director of Sacred Heart Rehabilitation Center.

Mr. Glendening also was chairman of St. John Hospital Guild membership committee, director of the Foundation for Exceptional Children and director and treasurer of WTVS/Channel 56. He also was a director of the Grosse Pointe War Memorial Association, Greater Detroit Chamber of Commerce and a past president of the Grosse Pointe Rotary.

Mr. Glendening was active in many social and professional clubs as well. He was a member of the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club and the Detroit Athletic Club. He was a past member of Country Club of Detroit, The Economic Club of Detroit and Pine Tree Golf Club in Florida. He was a past member of the board of governors of The Recess Club and a past director of The Old Club.

Mr. Glendening is survived by his daughter, Elizabeth (Robert) Wronski; sons, Douglas (Jerry) and Gregory (Amy) and grandchildren, Kendal, Matthew and Michael Wronski and Samantha and William Glendening.

His wife, Beverly P. Glendening, predeceased him



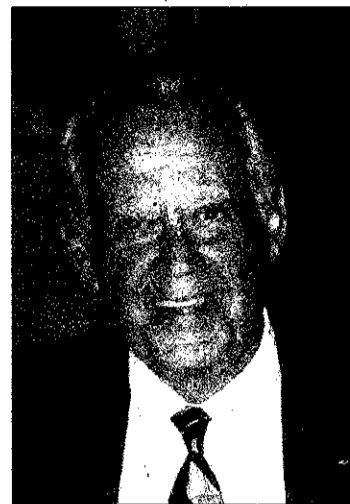
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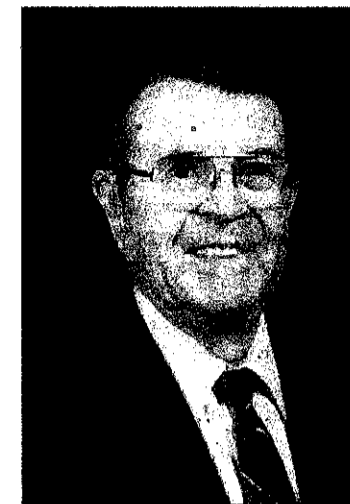
Albert Garmhaus



Vernon S. Glendening



Stanley J. Kowalski



William Colburn Standish Jr.

in July 2008.

A funeral Mass was celebrated May 5 at St. Paul on the Lake Catholic Church in Grosse Pointe Farms with interment in the church's cemetery.

Memorial donations may be made to Rotary International, The Rotary Foundation, 24380 Collections Center Drive, Chicago, IL 60693 or St. John Hospice, P.O. Box 673271, Detroit, MI 48267-3271.

Stanley J. Kowalski

Longtime Grosse Pointe Shores resident Stanley J. Kowalski, 101, passed away peacefully Tuesday, May 5, 2009. In October 2007, in celebration of his 100th birthday, Grosse Pointe Shores Village President James M. Cooper presented Mr. Kowalski with a Centenarian Plaque. He lived in the Shores for 40 years.

Mr. Kowalski was born in Schenectady, N.Y. to Joseph and Anna Kowalski who immigrated to the United States from Poland. After completing a four-year machinist apprenticeship at General Electric in November 1927, at the age of 20, he came to Detroit to work in the fledgling auto industry with the Dodge Brothers and Packard Motor Company. In April 1929, he joined Fisher Body - General Motors. His career at Fisher Body included numerous engineering positions and advancement to the director of tool and die engineering. He retired from General Motors in November 1972 after 43 years of service.

Over the years Mr. Kowalski has enjoyed traveling, bowling, golfing and fishing. His extensive travels included British Isles, Europe and Eastern Europe, the Mediterranean and Greek Islands, the Caribbean, Mexico, Canada and all 50 U.S. states.

An accomplished bowler, in October 1934, he bowled a 300 game in an American Bowling Conference sanctioned event with a two-finger ball. An avid golfer, he was a lifetime member of Burning Tree Golf Club in Macomb Township. He scored a hole-in-one at the age of 83 at Hickory Hollow Golf Club.

Mr. Kowalski fished for salmon in Alaska and Lake Michigan, perch in Saginaw Bay, small-mouth bass, lake trout and pike in the inland lakes of Canada and for salt water species in waters surrounding Florida and Mexico.

He was a lifetime member of

the Fisher Body Retirees, the local chapter of the Knights of Columbus, and Our Lady Star of the Sea Catholic Church.

Mr. Kowalski was predeceased in 2006 by Teresa, his wife of 68 years. He also was predeceased by three brothers and four sisters.

He is survived by his children, Christine (Daniel Daley) of Dana Point, Calif., Stan (Vickie) Kowalski of Brighton and Steven (Angie) Kowalski of Rochester; grandchildren, Liz Daley (Marc) Delgado, Daniel (Erin) Daley, Jennifer Kowalski (Chris) Anderson, Stephanie and Teresa Kowalski and great-grandchildren, Derek Delgado, Conlon and Broghan Daley, and Ava Anderson.

A Mass of the Resurrection was celebrated May 11 at St. Edmund Catholic Church in Warren followed by interment at Mt. Olivet Cemetery in Detroit.

Arrangements were handled by Clyne and Sobocinski Funeral Home in Eastpointe.

William Colburn Standish Jr.

City of Grosse Pointe resident William Colburn Standish Jr., 94, died Saturday, May 16, 2009, at Henry Ford Health System Continuing Care in Harper Woods.

He was born Feb. 5, 1915, in Detroit to William Colburn Standish and Marion Eddy Standish and graduated from Grosse Pointe High School. He was a tire mold designer and supervisor at Uniroyal.

Mr. Standish enjoyed swimming, sailing, carpentry, bicycling and gardening. He particularly enjoyed growing his own vegetables.

He was a member of the Detroit Boat Club for 73 years. He received the Gold Legion membership award for his long affiliation and continued service at the club including swimming, sailing, rebuilding masts and chair carpentry and was dubbed the "Chair-man." He was an exercise enthusiast and enjoyed daily swimming when the pool was open.

Mr. Standish was also a member of the men's theatrical group, The Players. He became an honorary life member in 1981. His father was the third president of this organization which formed in 1910. Mr. Standish handled properties, participated on stage and was recognized as "chef extraordinaire in good taste" for providing monthly rehearsal dinners.

He was also an authority on tying bow ties — required attire for attendance at the club.

He participated in many shows and helped back stage for the Fine Arts Society.

Mr. Standish joined Grosse Pointe Congregational Church in 1947 and helped design and build the original scale model of the church. He was an active member during his 62 years with the church. His carpentry talents were used to build some of the original cabinets still used today.

Mr. Standish is survived by his wife, Ann Armour Standish and nephews, James G. Standish and Frederick D. Standish III.

He was predeceased by his brothers, Frank E. Standish and Frederick D. Standish.

A funeral service will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, May 30, 2009, at Grosse Pointe Congregational Church, 240 Chalfonte, Grosse Pointe Farms.

Memorial donations may be made to the church or The Players, 3321 East Jefferson, Detroit, MI 48207.

Christa Maria Mueller

Christa Maria Mueller, 75, most recently a resident at Perry Farm Village in Harbor Springs, died Tuesday, May 12, 2009, at Bays Bluff's Medical Care Facility in Harbor Springs.

She was born June 7, 1933, in Detroit to Ernst and Hildegard Mueller. She was a graduate of Wayne State University, holding degrees in elementary education and special education.

After teaching in Germany with the U.S. Army for eight years, Ms. Mueller lived and worked in the Grosse Pointe and Harper Woods suburbs. She was a life-long member of St. James Lutheran Church in Grosse Pointe Farms.

Ms. Mueller is survived by her brother, Ernie and his wife, Ann; niece, Lisa and her husband, Kelly Davis and their children, Sarah and Gavin and his nephews, Christopher and his wife, Gretchen, Matthew and his wife, Mary and their son, Elijah and Paul and his wife, Dana. She also is survived by many friends who stood by her as her quality of life slipped away.

A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, May 23, 2009, at St. James Lutheran Church, 170 McMillan Road, Grosse Pointe Farms.

Memorial donations may be made to the church.

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GROSSE POINTE SHORES

Fun's the thing at Osius Park

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

The Sharks swim team members swam last year to their best record ever, 3 wins and 2 losses.

"We put silicone on them," joked Jim Cooke, Grosse Pointe Shores park director.

The underdog Sharks, the smallest team in the municipal Lakefront Swimming Association, plans this year to have a great year, win, lose or draw.

"We work hard keeping it a recreational swim program," Cooke said. "Everybody likes to do well. We do too. But, we make sure it stays fun for the kids."

The team after every meet has a picnic at the Osius Park pavilion.

"If it's a home meet, we have

a cookout," Cooke said. "If it's away, we bring in pizza. At the end of the season, we have a movie and an all-night campout."

A lot of summer events at the park revolve around the swim program and league meets against the other Grosse Pointes and St. Clair Shores.

The biggest event of summer is the annual community splash party, scheduled this year from 2 to 4 p.m., Sunday July 12.

Osius Park is 8.3 acres of award-winning, lakeside landscaping. It has two swimming pools, tennis courts, a new marina, 24-hour security and a shoreside walkway with lookouts. The park is open 24 hours per day, but the gates close for entry at midnight.

The pool opens for the season at 4 p.m., Friday, May 22.

"We've been taking picnic reservations," Cooke said. "Our pavilion is getting pretty booked up for summer."

Pavilion reservations are for a minimum of 50 people.

"When we reserve picnic tables, we never totally book the park," Cooke said. "We always leave areas available for walk-ins."

Tennis and swim lesson fees costing \$30 per student were instituted this year due to tight budgets. Fees average about \$3 per session, Cooke said.

"It's a sign of the times," Cooke said. "The general fund can't carry all of these programs this year. We've worked hard to establish what we have here and we want to maintain what we have going."

Summer 2009 park activities include:

◆ May 22: Swimming pool opens.

◆ June 1: Swim and tennis lesson sign-up at the pool office, 5:30 p.m.

◆ June 12: Summer pool hours begin, 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. daily.

◆ June 13: Home swim relay meet, 10 a.m.

◆ June 15: First session of swim and tennis lessons and water aerobics begins.

◆ June 24: Home swim meet against the City of Grosse Pointe, 5:30 p.m.

◆ June 29: Sign up at the pool office for the second ses-

sion of swim and tennis lessons.

◆ July 1: Home swim meet against Grosse Pointe Woods.

◆ July 4: Fireworks at dusk.

◆ July 6: Second session of swimming and tennis lessons begins.

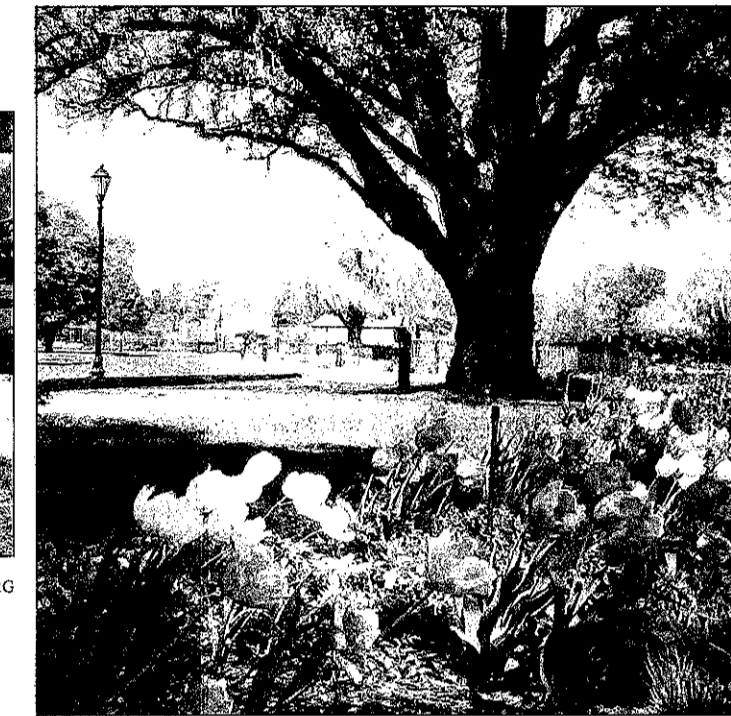
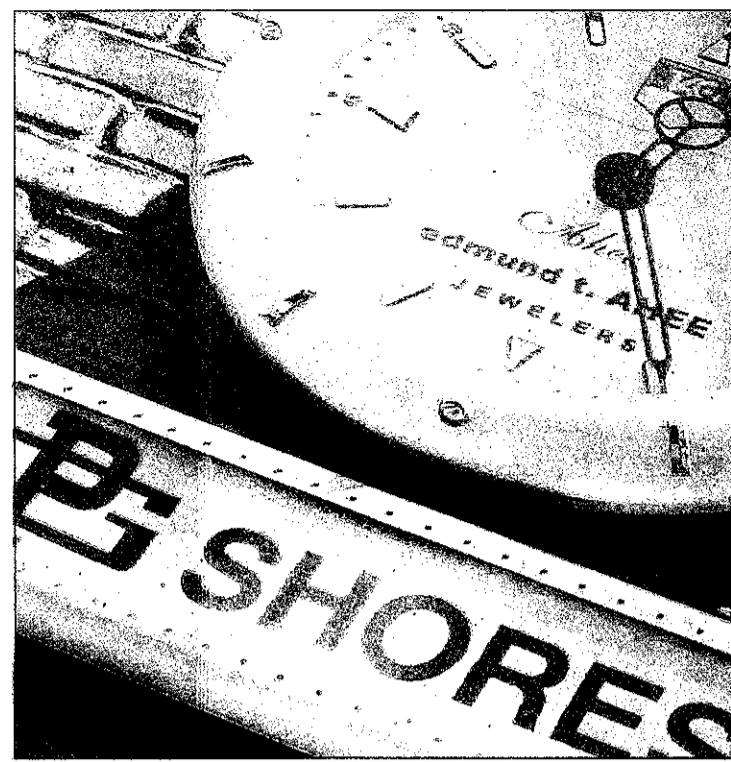
◆ July 15: Home swim meet against Grosse Pointe Park, 5:30 p.m., followed by the annual swim team campout and outdoor movie.

◆ July 16: Annual swim team pancake breakfast, 7 a.m.

◆ July 30: Third session of tennis lessons begins.

◆ July 23: Swim team banquet at Barrister Gardens, 6 p.m.

◆ Sept. 7: Labor Day. Pool closes for the season.



PHOTOS BY BRAD LINDBERG

Osius Park's landscaping this year won Keep Michigan Beautiful's highest award.

Chamber club crawl set

The Grosse Pointe Chamber of Commerce, the Grosse Pointe Hunt Club, the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club, the Country Club of Detroit and Lochmoor Club offer the Grosse Pointe Club Crawl from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. Thursday, June 4.

The event is a Chamber of Commerce fundraiser and informational opportunity.

"The idea of this event is two-fold," said Chamber President Mary Huebner. "The private clubs are some of the Pointes largest businesses so we wanted to do this for them. We are thankful that they have agreed to partner with us."

"Second, many Pointe residents have an interest in learning about the clubs but don't receive many opportunities to do so."

When making reservations, participants will be asked to rank the clubs in order of priority. Three of the four clubs may be visited for 40 minutes each. Appetizers and beverages will be provided, as well as a map. Personal rankings may be accommodated.

Groups may also be formed by personal request. Event participants must be 21.

The cost is \$15 for chamber members and \$20 for non-members.

To make a reservation, call (313) 881-4722.

DETROIT INSTITUTE OF ARTS

Last chance for Rockwell

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

Attendance at the Detroit Institute of Arts' Norman Rockwell exhibition is meeting expectations, which means it's doing even better than the recent "Monet to Dali" retrospective.

"For the first nine weeks, attendance was 10,000 ahead of 'From Monet to Dali,' which itself was pretty good," said Pamela Marcell, museum public relations director and City of Grosse

Pointe resident. "Rockwell is a big word-of-mouth show, too."

"We knew Norman Rockwell would be a big draw," said David Penny, vice president of exhibitions.

Not bad for a commercial artist who is distinctly American in style and appeal, yet virtually unknown beyond the New World.

"I don't think there's any awareness of Rockwell outside of this country," said British-born Graham Beal, museum director.

Extended hours

The show ends Sunday, May 31. To accommodate an anticipated last-minute rush, hours have been extended to 8 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, May 30 and 31. Final entry is at 7 p.m.

Beal hopes Rockwell fans who otherwise don't frequent the museum have been wowed by its permanent collection and will come back for more.

"That's always a component of a special exhibition," Beal said. "We have indicators that our permanent collection is drawing people greatly. It's all about our permanent collection."

Likewise, Rockwell is all about America. He evoked in his paintings a version of a conservative national character celebrating family, faith, individualism and patriotism.

His 44 paintings and 323 original Saturday Evening Post covers in the show date from 1914 to 1970. They are from a body of work that millions of people have embraced and at which many critics find so easy to snicker.

"Rockwell was an observer of human nature, which is the same whether it's 1926, 1940 or now," said Margie Smith, a DIA interpretive program volunteer, City of Grosse Pointe resident. "Older people are bringing their grandchildren. Grandchildren like it."

Smith said she's mainly been working in a gallery containing the magazine covers.

"We have to keep people from touching them," Smith said. "People are walking through that room so slowly and pointing out the details in all of those Post covers. They try to find all the odd things in the April Fool's cover."

Smith likes the painting of a farmer on the running board of a truck. The son has a suitcase and is leaving home for college. Smith also likes a painting of a little boy wide-eyed at discovering Santa's suit hidden in his father's dresser drawer, and thereby the secret that Santa isn't real.

"That's my favorite — those big, blue eyes," Smith said of the boy.

Beal said England doesn't have a direct counterpart to Rockwell, except, possibly, the fictitious John Bull character or nationalistic illustrations found in the magazine, "This England."

"My mother was a subscriber," he said. "It's all about

the old England when things were just right."

In a young America celebrated as a cultural melting pot, Rockwell's recipe typically included members of Caucasian nuclear families. Little boys with skinned knees played hookey and pretended to hate little girls. Little girls blushed and wished they were older. Families sighed, suffered and rejoiced through life.

In Rockwell's world, it didn't take a village to raise a child. It took a married mother and father equally engaged in the proper upbringing of this offspring, with pop willing to take whatever job needed to support the flock.

"With Rockwell, what is so powerful but also so disturbing is that he was able to take this society that was being added to by immigrants from around the world and purvey, create and make so powerful the notion of what it was to be American," Beal said. "That is what we're looking at in this exhibition — how was this image on the one hand so utterly misleading in saying what this country is about?"

Next up

Beal had hoped to follow "American Chronicles: The Art of Norman Rockwell" with an Andy Warhol exhibition. That changed when the Warhol tour schedule changed.

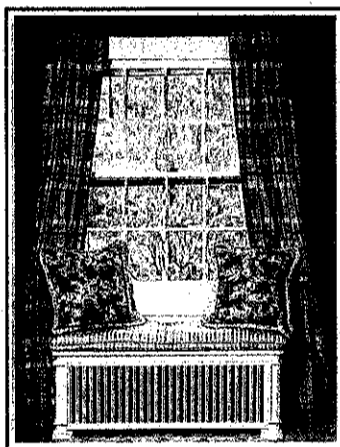
Pinch-hitting for Warhol are works by fashion photographer Richard Avedon, opening Oct. 18.

Beal said Avedon compares nicely with Rockwell.

"Rockwell was creating an image of everyday America, and Avedon was always looking at alternative America," Beal said. "Or, when he did depict America, he looked at some unpleasant sights — exploited workers or portraits of coal miners and ranch hands. He was the Annie Leibovitz of his generation."

Tickets for "American Chronicles: The Art of Norman Rockwell" at the Detroit Institute of Arts are \$15 for adults, \$14 for seniors, \$8 for ages 6-17, and free for DIA members. Regular museum hours are 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Wednesdays and Thursdays, 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. Fridays, and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays. Special hours Saturday and Sunday, May 30 and 31 are 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.

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City of Grosse Pointe

Needs compass

A 28-year-old Grosse Pointe Farms man was arrested for drunken driving at 11:15 p.m. Wednesday, May 13, on northbound Cadieux from Mack.

An officer monitoring the area said the man was speeding a white Chevrolet Suburban and skidded when turning from Mack to Cadieux.

The man refused to take a Breathalyzer to test his blood alcohol level, so police took him to a nearby hospital for a blood test.

—Brad Lindberg

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

Grosse Pointe Farms

Bad dog

At about 5:15 p.m. Saturday, May 16, a white German Shepherd in the 190 block of Ridge reportedly jumped over a fence bordering the sidewalk and bit the hand of a 62-year-old St. Clair Shores male pedestrian.

Police found two dogs in the yard.

"(They) did not appear friendly," said an officer.

The victim refused medical attention.

Caught on tape

A 23-year-old River Rouge man was arrested at 12:27 a.m. Saturday, May 16, for drunken driving and possession of drugs.

Police measured his blood alcohol level at .172 percent and placed him alone in a holding cell before shifting him to another cell. Officers thereafter found on the floor of the hold-

ing cell a small bag containing 2.6 grams of marijuana.

Security video showed that the man "removed something from his pants and put it in his mouth, then walk to the corner where the marijuana was found and spit it out," said police. "(He) admitted to (the) marijuana being his as well as him consuming three (or) four Xanax pills that he had hidden in his groin area while in (the) holding cell."

Another pat-down of the man turned up two more baggies containing Xanax.

Forked tongue

A 19-year-old Troy woman told one story, then another during her arrest for drunken driving at 8:09 p.m. Friday, May 15.

"(She) originally stated yes, but then stated no" to drinking before being pulled over in a white 1997 Cadillac Catera on eastbound Lakeshore near Sunset Lane, said the arresting officer. The woman reportedly had a .163 percent blood alcohol level.

Locked up

A 44-year-old shoplifting suspect was locked up before being arrested at about 5 a.m. Friday, May 15.

A clerk at the British Petroleum station at Mack and Moross secured the lobby doors to keep the Detroit resident from running away until police arrived.

The man was arrested for trying to steal two bars of soap. Records showed him wanted on two warrants from 3rd Circuit Court for child support.

Illegal alien

A 24-year-old male illegal alien living in Pontiac was identified with help from a U.S. Border Patrol agent following

the man's arrest for drunken driving at 9:42 p.m. Sunday, May 10, on Moross near Beaupre.

Farms police said the man had been operating a 1997 Ford Ranger 42 mph in the 30 mph zone and had a blood alcohol level of .16 percent.

—Brad Lindberg

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

Grosse Pointe Park

Heavy lifting

Two cement planters, weighing 150 pounds each, were taken overnight Wednesday, May 13, from the porch of a house on Balfour.

Shhhhhh

A Dell laptop was taken from a backpack left unattended at the Ewald Branch library at 4:45 p.m. Wednesday, May 13.

Bikes taken

Two Trek bicycles were taken Saturday, May 9, from a garage on Three Mile Drive.

Pusher

At 3:15 p.m. Friday, May 15, Park officers noticed a subject pushing a grocery cart that contained two stone statues. Officers pursued and apprehended the pusher, and found the statues had been taken from a house on Berkshire.

—Kathy Ryan

If you have any information on these or other crimes, contact the Grosse Pointe Park Department of Public Safety, (313) 822-7400.

16, from an unlocked car parked in a driveway on Roslyn Road.

man smelled of intoxicants, and a Breathalyzer test revealed a blood alcohol level of .23 percent. He was arrested.

Harassment

A business owner notified police Saturday, May 16, that he was receiving threatening phone calls for an employee that had been terminated.

Domestic assault

A 48-year-old woman called police to a house at 1:40 a.m. Friday, May 15, to report that her 65-year-old boyfriend had assaulted her with a knife, and that he also had a gun in the home. Police noted that the

Buckle up

As part of the "Click it or Ticket" campaign, police pulled over a car to cite the driver for not wearing a seat belt. The stop resulted in the driver being arrested for driving with a suspended license. Police remind drivers to wear their seat belts.

—Kathy Ryan

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What is the Arthritis Walk? The Arthritis Walk is a non-competitive team walking event that raises funds to fight arthritis. The Arthritis Walk offers a one or three mile route and will take place in seven Michigan communities: Ann Arbor, Birmingham, Grosse Pointe, Fenton, Kalamazoo, Rockford and Traverse City.

What is a team? A team is a group of ten or more walkers. You may sign up as many people as possible! Team members may include co-workers, vendors, clients, friends, family, neighbors, coaches, or anyone who wants to walk.

Why should my company participate? Arthritis is serious. In Michigan, arthritis affects one in three adults in the

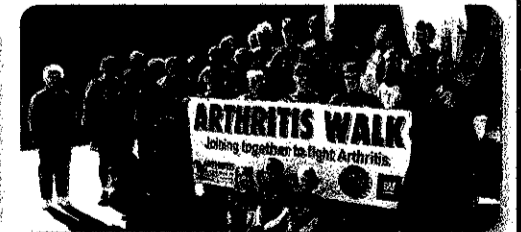
work force. By participating in the Arthritis Walk, you are encouraging your employees to walk for overall good health and empowerment gained through everyday movement. It's about overcoming the obstacles of arthritis — and even preventing the disease — by taking the first step toward a lifetime of physical activity.

Is there a registration fee? No, there is not a registration fee, but we challenge each walker to raise at least \$100 to receive an official Arthritis Walk T-shirt. If walkers come up short of the \$100, they are still welcome to walk, as every dollar helps. We also have great fundraising incentives to help motivate the walkers.

How can top management get involved with the Arthritis Walk? Your CEO or senior management staff can help by issuing an Arthritis Walk challenge among employees. Ask them to endorse a memo to all staff requesting their participation and offer a free company T-shirt to generate excitement and gain publicity.

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NEWS III

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TEST DRIVE By Greg Zyla

Collectors take note, as the 2009 Pontiac G8 GT won't be here after 2010. It's a great car, given a high rating. Now's the time to buy.

The 2009 Pontiac G8 GT



2009 Pontiac G8 GT



John had a 1951 Pontiac with a straight-8, while my uncle Joe became one of the first owners of the all-new, 4-cylinder, rear transmission mounted, Tempest in 1961.

It is with a dose of sadness that I test drive the 2009 Pontiac G8 GT, and want to emphasize it's not because G8 is a bad car in any manner.

Previously billed as "the shape of things to come" by Pontiac's marketing arm, I guess we'll have to call G8 the "shape of things that came and went."

This admission, of course, follows General Motors announcement that Pontiac will cease to operate as a brand name beginning 2011. This move effectively eliminates a car label that dates back to 1926.

Most disturbing, while also soothing, are my great memories of the Pontiac automobile while growing up. My uncle

My initial ownership came in 1968, when I bought a '65 GTO convertible with a 389 Tri Power that I raced at Atlantic City Dragway. Wish I never sold that one. In '89, after driving used cars or AMC Hornets and Gremlins most of my life while selling newspaper advertising, I bought a dealer demo '89 Bonneville, followed by the first car I ever ordered in my life, a beautiful, pure white '94 Trans Am LT1 6-speed—I still own and have since transformed into a Ram Air model.

As for my Trans Am, I'm proud to say I received an official "OK back pat" from Pontiac's master of speed, Jim Wangers of Royal Pontiac Racing fame along with "Royal Bobcat" badges for the car. It only has 14,800 miles on it.

Where I grew up in New Jersey, my next door neighbors

always had Pontiacs, and a close friend two doors over had a '61 Catalina 389 bubble top that ran great. Other friends had a bevy of GTO's on my street, and an acquaintance who owned a garage had a 12.5-second '65 GTO back in 1969 that he used to regularly take money from "rich kids" with 427 Corvettes who though they owned the world yet showed up to drag race with snow tires trying to hook Corvette's 435 horses.

On the track, Pontiac was or still is a big winner, from National Association for Stock Car Auto Racing to Rolex Grand Am to National Hot Rod Association and everything in between.

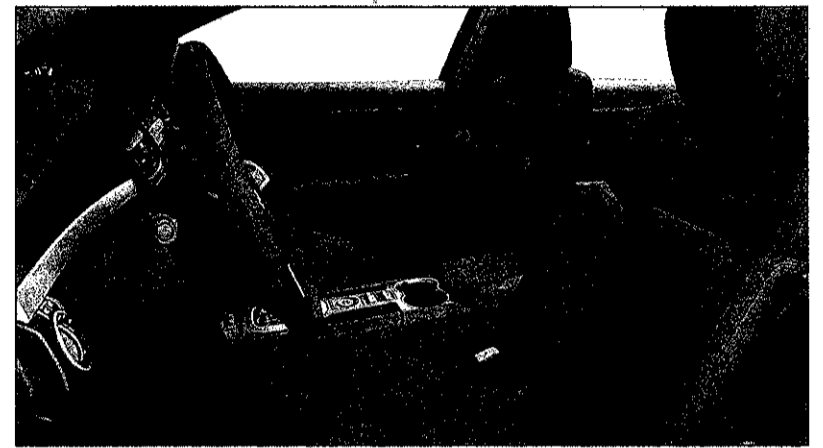
Nevertheless, we move forward with this review of a truly beautiful, fast and impressive rear drive 2009 G8 GT sedan—base price: \$30,675; price as tested: \$33,210.

Our tester features an LS3 style 6-liter V8 that is a cousin of Corvette power, developing 361 horses yet still delivering

15 city and an amazing 24 highway. The highway EPA number comes thanks to a 6-speed automatic transmission and GM's active fuel management system that allows the huge V8 to run on four cylinders while on the freeway. When you press the throttle, Pontiac delivers on its excitement formula with 0-60 coming in just 5.3 seconds and a quarter mile estimate of 13.7 at 103.

If you want more go, a GXP with a 415 horse 6.2 LS3 V8 is waiting. Additionally, all G8's are Australian-bred from the GM arm at Holden, and similar in makeup to the 2-door GTO a few years back.

Inside, comfortable and secure seating, Pontiac's legendary good looking instrumentation, room for a family and all the expected standard features make G8 stand out in a



crowd. For listening pleasure, a Blaupunkt AM/FM/CD with MP3 input tends to your music needs, while all the powers, On Star with Navigation, climate control and six air bags make up just part of the standard feature list.

Our model came with the \$1,250 Leather Premium Package, which also adds 6-way power, front heated seats and a leather wrapped shifter. Outwardly, the \$600 19-inch

machine faced aluminum wheels are worth the price, and come with summer performance tires that grip the road in tandem with a well constructed fully independent suspension. Brakes are excellent, thanks to 4-wheel ABS discs, with stability traction control also on the standard list.

Overall, the design is beautiful. Important numbers include a

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AUTOS By Jenny King

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.

Nice going: Milan Hybrid gets 37 mpg



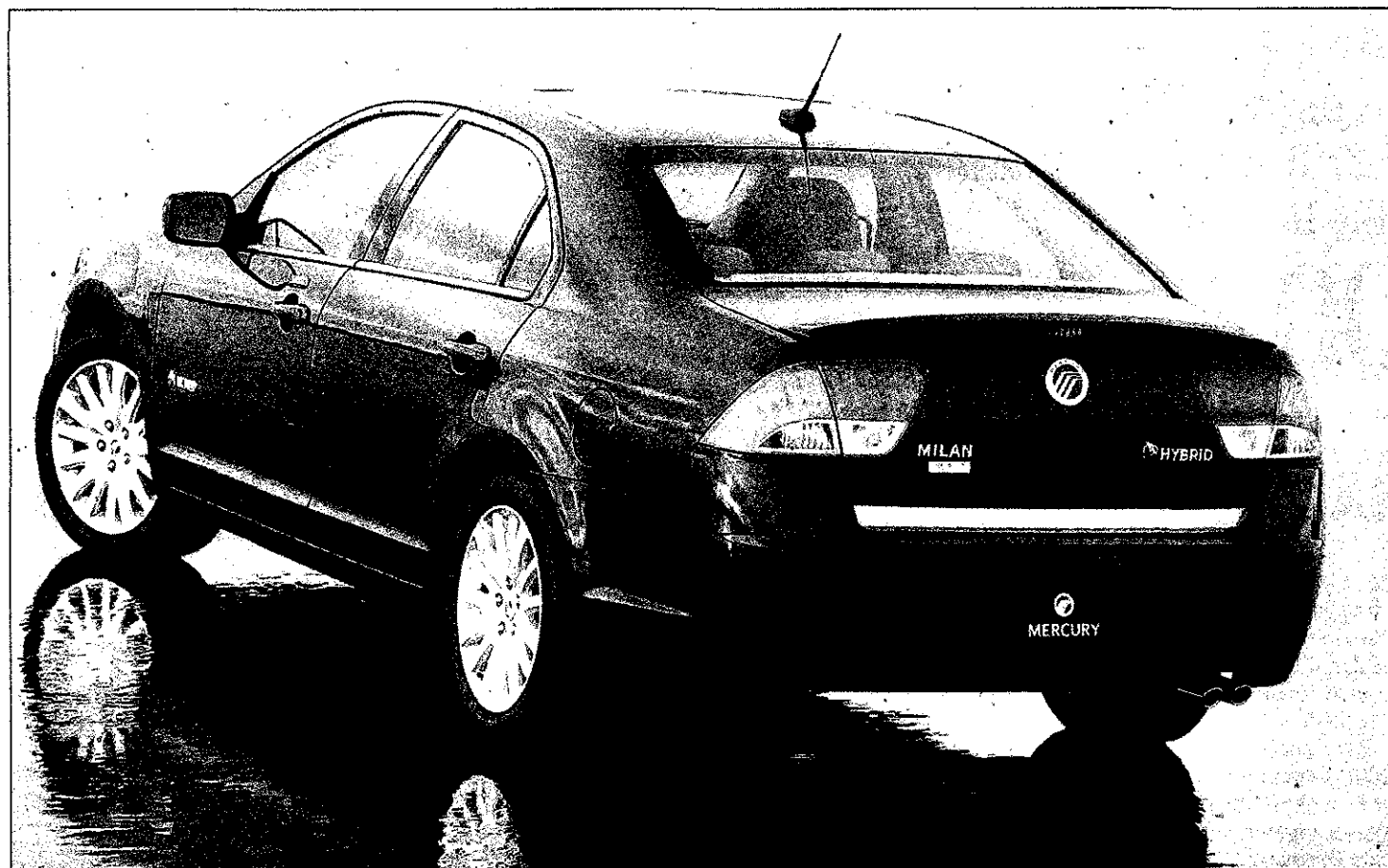
It was with some fanfare Ford Motor Co. recently introduced newer members in its family: the Ford Fusion Hybrid and the Mercury Milan Hybrid.

The auto maker 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. So 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



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

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

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 lev-

els, 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 threshold and accessory power consumption.

You might want to wait until a traffic jam or a long stretch of 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.

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Ford has designed this latest

gas-electric 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 neighborhood 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 was \$1,500 lower than musical colleague Joyce Myers guessed when given a ride home one day. 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 outboard passengers. The middle spot might be a bit crowded for most adults.

A \$3,700 option package for this sedan included a power moonroof, upgraded Sony 12-speaker system, rearview video camera, blind spot detection, small yellow lights 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

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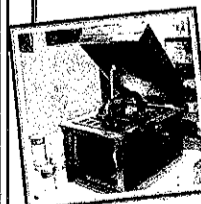
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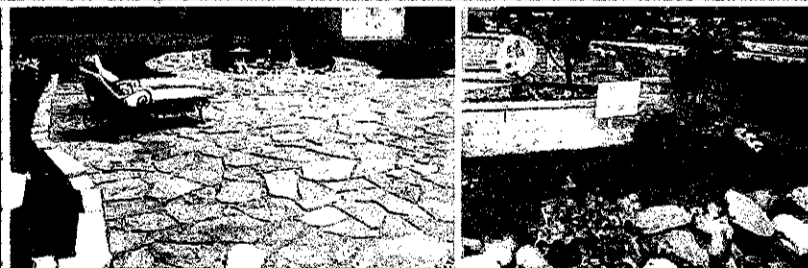
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Garden can contribute to ecosystem

Life is about choice, and when we take the high road, only good things can result.

When it comes to how we live each day in our homes, the choices can contribute to a better environment.

We want plants that ask for little water so our garden makes minimal demands on supply. They should be naturally adapted to our climate so we don't have to heat or cool them artificially. A plant should be friendly to local wildlife to support habitat.

Plants that lure the right organisms into the garden solve pest problems naturally and eliminate the need for chemicals or even botanical pesticides.

If this seems like a tall list of requirements, fear not: A group of perennials do all that and more. The big bold plants are standouts, so you aren't laboring over some small disappointing bedding plant. Others can be made into tea. All are good cut flowers. Most were used by American Indians for medicine.

Best of all, they are summer bloomers that show their best colors after the spring flowers have faded in the heat.

This is your short list for a garden that contributes to, not takes from, the ecosystem.

◆ Echinacea root is an herbal supplement that strengthens the immune system. The plant is purple cone-flower, an outstanding, easy-to-grow garden flower from the Midwest.

It is a wildflower super-adapted to our American climate, but new varieties have expanded its color range from magenta pink to yellow, orange and white. It is the best first perennial for the newbie gardener, along with its close relatives, the yellow and orange black-eyed-Susan.

◆ Commonly known as bee balm, the eastern native *Monarda fistulosa* is tough as nails. Once planted, it will survive heat, drought and wet, provided the soil has sufficient drainage. Fragrant ground-hugging foliage produces 3-foot stems topped with purple flowers that draw all kinds of bees, hence the name.

◆ For big fluffy plants with small daisies, begin with coreopsis and its many species that evolved from wildflower parents native to locations from coast to coast.

Its signature color is yellow, but other shades are available.

Similar in stature but much later-blooming are the New York and New England asters, named for their places of origin. Dozens of varieties offer strong lavender- and rose-toned flowers. These are well known for attracting butterflies, making them stars of the fall garden.

◆ Finally, Joe Pye weed, the largest of them all, is the dog-days bloomer. It rises in bold stems topped with huge clusters of small flowers that are a mecca for all winged insects. Variety Gateway is proving to be the most garden-worthy form, but be sure to give it a lot of room.

Make this year's first garden great by beginning with all American plants. These will perform for you in nearly every part of the country. They'll thrive on natural rainfall in all but the driest regions. They take winter cold in stride so you won't have to spend time winterizing them.

They're naturally resistant to pests and draw beneficial insects. None will ever invade an ecosystem and threaten declining plant species.

A green garden shouldn't be any more expensive or require more work than traditional landscapes. You can start it



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Make a great garden with all American native plants such as the purple coneflower, above; coreopsis, top right; Joe Pye weed, center, right; and bee balm, right.

with less than \$20 for quart-sized seedlings at most home-improvement stores.

If you're dabbling in the earth for the first time, know that this is the model for your children to live by. Behind

each of these flowers are whole books on anthropology, geography, botany, ecology and American history. It's up to you to share what you learn today with tomorrow's generation.

Maureen Gilmer is a horticulturist and former host of "Weekend Gardening" on DIY Network.

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Consider budget-friendly options to get the desired look without breaking the bank.

Kitchen

The countertops are one of the high impact surfaces in the kitchen. While natural stone options such as granite and quartz, as well as solid surfaces are alluring, they're expensive. Contemporary laminate countertops offer luxury looks at a surprisingly low cost when compared to stone.

Bathroom

An updated bathroom will

undoubtedly add value to a house. Try searching for discounted fixtures such as shower heads and faucets at home improvement stores.

Replace old knobs and pulls on cabinets and doors with bold new decorative ones.

Save money on bathroom countertop surfaces by considering durable laminate instead of stone, which can be stained by cosmetics and cleaners. Another advantage of laminate is it can be switched out easily and inexpensively.

Family room

Adding a family room, as opposed to remodeling one, will help a homeowner recoup as much as 80 percent of their original investment at resale. Plan the space by factoring in the size of the family, the children's ages, and possible additions to the immediate family, such as grandparents or babies.

Some families take out walls to improve space, but careful planning and wise furniture po-

sitioning can help avoid drastic changes to the room. Built-in shelving and an entertainment/gaming nook are useful and popular additions, and can be painted, stained or covered with laminate to match the decor.

Bedrooms

A master bedroom remodel should reflect an atmosphere of serenity and comfort. It's also the perfect place to install energy efficient windows, which will help keep the room cool in the summer and warm in the winter.

Color is typically one of the easiest and most cost effective ways to make a significant change in the look of the bedrooms. Children's bedrooms can benefit from bright colors and easily washable surfaces.

Pick up a pre-fabricated laminate countertop slab and a couple of file cabinets at a local home center to create a desk with the look of a custom piece.



Affordable renovations, such as high definition laminate in the kitchen, can be wise investments for budget-conscious homeowners.

Get the edge on curb appeal

Lovely landscape dreams can quickly turn into nightmares if unwanted grass and weeds creep into flowerbeds and gardens.

The easiest solution to this common dilemma is a solid, functional edge.

Edging forms a barricade against spreading turf grasses and migrating weeds. It also creates clean, neat lines between planting areas and holds mulch in place, which reduces surface evaporation and helps conserve water.

When used properly, edging reduces the time and effort needed for landscape maintenance.

Today's gardener can choose from a wide selection of edging products. From concrete to plastic to wood, there is a border for every taste and budget.

Some edging styles have drawbacks. Wood edging can be bulky to transport and rots over time. The sharp edges on metal edging can be especially hazardous when rusted.

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Edging gives gardens the neat, finished look that heightens curb appeal.

Edging also adds aesthetic value by giving lawns a tidy, manicured look.

Curb appeal is important, whether a house is placed on the market or just keeping it looking fresh. Great yards improve real estate value, and sprucing up does not have to cost a fortune.

A recent study indicates houses with tidy gardens, freshly mowed lawns, well-stocked flower beds and one or more trees sell quicker and for a better price than a comparable house without the horticultural additions.

Spring and early summer are ideal times to make yards more appealing. Drop by a local nursery; pick up some plants and edging; then get busy boosting the property value. Increased worth is only a flowerbed away.

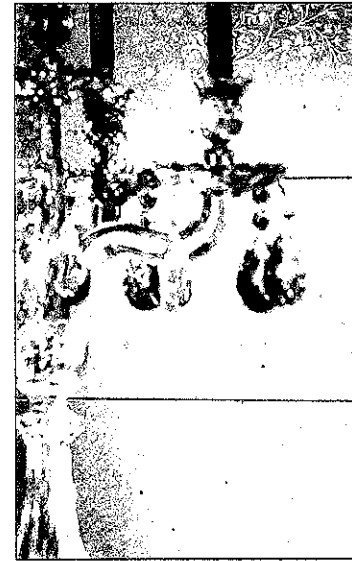
Shimmering metallics reflected in tile

More homeowners are taking a shine to one of the latest design trends: metallics.

Metallics are seen in all elements of residential design, in furnishings, walls, flooring and textiles. The trend, identified as "Glimmer or Shimmer," seeks the sophistication offered through precious metals such as gold, bronze, silver, platinum, pewter and copper.

Even the sheen of industrial materials such as iron, steel, copper, aluminum and titanium is a sought-after accent.

The trend is at the forefront for accomplishing a sophisticated, simple, yet elegant atmosphere. Today, a variety of materials is available to achieve this stylish trend for interior spaces, with no metal alloy actually being present.



Manufacturers answer metal mania with a collection of fluid patterns that offer stylish new decorating opportunities.

Ceramic tile manufacturers in Spain offer a broad range of metallic glazes and finishes, an aesthetic concept ideal for admirers of the avant-garde and urban contemporary looks.

Many products from Tile of Spain branded manufacturers offer this refined appearance and minimalist style. Manufacturers Grespania and Onix capture this concept in

their newest collections. Tile can serve as a canvas on the floor or wall for understated elegance.

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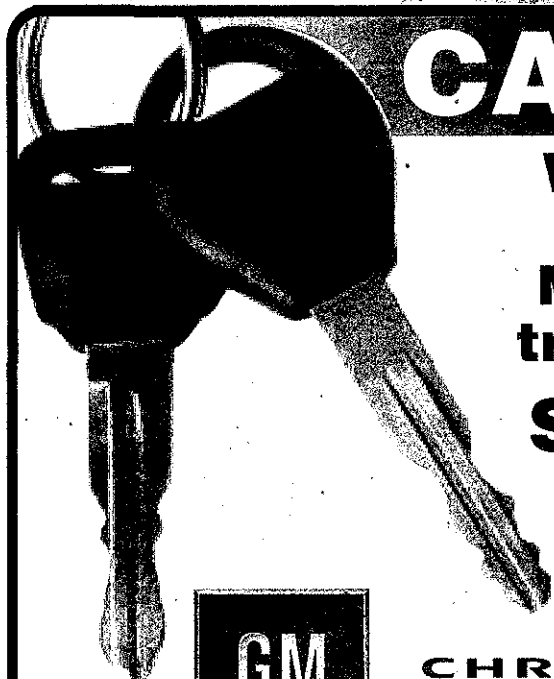
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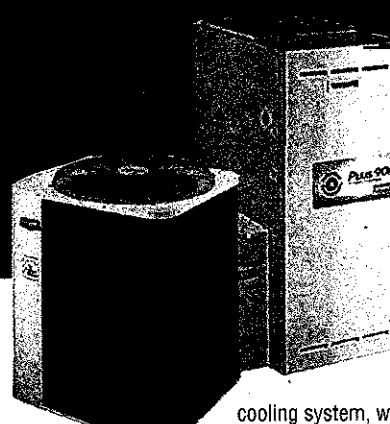
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Greg Zyla is an automotive columnist.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The County of Wayne will hold a public hearing on an application for the Northeast Sewage Disposal System (NESDS) to the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality for the funding assistance through the State Revolving Fund (SRF) Program. The County is proposing improvements to the Northeast Sewage Disposal System Facilities. The Public Hearing is being held for the purpose of receiving comments from interested persons.

The hearing will be held at 1:30 p.m. on Tuesday, June 23, 2009 at the Grosse Pointe Woods Community Center; Park Room located at 20025 Mack Plaza, Grosse Pointe Woods, Michigan 48236.

The proposed project consists of improvements to the Northeast Sewage Disposal System (NESDS) Facilities. The facilities include the Grosse Pointe Interceptor Sewer; the Marter Road Booster Pumping Station; Milk River Pumping Station and Combined Sewer Overflow Retention Treatment Basin; the Kerby Road Pumping Station; the Harper Woods Flow Control System; and the Milk River Recirculation System. Improvements include architectural/structural work; process mechanical systems; piping and valve replacement; heating and ventilation improvements; electrical work and Supervisory Control and Data Acquisitions (SCADA) improvements. Improvements are required to continue to comply with the communities' sewage disposal needs including National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Permit requirements.

If the SRF application is successful, the County plans to begin construction of the above noted improvements within the Priority I Planning Period of 2010 to 2014 under a schedule to be established with the NESDS Communities. Sanitary sewer service for customers will be unaffected by the proposed improvements. Construction activities will be localized to the subject facilities, with little or no impact to traffic.

The estimated annual cost per household for the projects to be implemented between 2010 and 2014, for residents of the service area, is presented below:

Community	Annual Cost per Household
Eastpointe	\$9.87
Grosse Pointe Shores	\$16.71
Grosse Pointe Woods	\$75.54
Harper Woods	\$51.75
Roseville	\$9.87
St. Clair Shores	\$9.99

The 2009 SRF Project Plan detailing the proposed projects is available for inspection at the Clerk's Office for the following communities: Eastpointe, Roseville, St. Clair Shores, Grosse Pointe Shores, Grosse Pointe Woods, and Harper Woods. The 2009 SRF Project Plan is also available for inspection at Hubbell, Roth & Clark, Inc., 420 Michigan Building, 220 Bagley, Detroit, Michigan, and at the Wayne County Department of Environment, 415 Clifford, 7th Floor, Detroit, Michigan, beginning on May 22, 2009.

Written comments received before the hearing record is closed on June 23, 2009 will receive responses in the final project plan. Written questions should be sent to:

Northeast Sewage Disposal System 2009 SRF Project Plan
 c/o Wayne County Department of Environment
 415 Clifford, 7th Floor
 Detroit, MI 48226
 Attention: Sue Ann Hanson, P.E.

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Spring Traditions



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Thomas, Charlotte and Joseph Carey discovered eating a chocolate chip cookie on a stick was the best part of attending the West Park Farmers Market.



Left, there was a tent full of goodies at the opening of the sixth annual Grosse Pointe Park's West Park Farmers Market Saturday, May 16.

Below, Sasha Murphy introduces Mr. Relays, nurse Christian Redding, prom queen Daniel LaLonde, Super Missy Rob Eckert and "Brianna" is Bruce Coburn. The Mr. Relays had 10 minutes to run through the camp collecting as much money as they were able. Redding triumphed for the second consecutive year, collecting \$600 of the total \$1,406.63 raised by the men.



World War II vet Al Schmidt writes about his journey with bone cancer during the Relay for Life event at Lake Front Park. All survivors who registered were encouraged to write their stories that have been sent to Washington, D.C. in preparation for a rally there.



Sisters Mary and Sara Schaden, right, play with their balloon swords wearing life vests during the 21st annual Great Lakes Boating Festival, May 15-17, at the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club. Visitors to climb aboard 16 feet to 80 feet vessels, jet skis and vintage boats. At left, Carolyn Coburn helps her husband, Bruce, enhance his red "hair" with a decorative clip as he prepares for the Mr. Relay contest. He donated a kidney to his wife's sister and gave his wife part of his liver.



Left, during a break in the rains, children played a life-size version of Candy Land. Claire Eckert is calling out the cards for players Jared Dempsey, Maiya Dempsey, Anna Tishbine, Kelly and Kim Baetz.



Lauren Turner helps Natalie Hinks select a pair of fun high heels during the annual Wheel and Deal event at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial Saturday, May 16.



The Sea Stag II was once owned by James Dean. He can still be seen at the helm as a cardboard cutout along with a cardboard Marilyn Monroe.

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Team members often think of themselves as a family. For **Allison and Micaela Liddane** of Grosse Pointe Woods, the relationship term “family” extends beyond the front door to playing on three teams together.

Triple play for sisters



PHOTO BY DANA KAISER

Sisters Allison and Micaela Liddane of Grosse Pointe Woods share a love of sports.

By Kathy Ryan
 Staff Writer

It's not at all unusual for athletes to describe their teammates as family, but the Liddane sisters of Grosse Pointe Woods take that to a whole new level.

Allison, 17, a senior at Grosse Pointe North and Micaela, 15, a sophomore, share not only family time at home, but in several team arenas as well, and the fact that they both play together on three teams at North makes this sister act rather unique.

“Nothing beats hanging out with your teammates,” Micaela said. “A team is like a family, and we know how great it is to have your sister as your teammate. Sometimes people ask us if it's weird but it isn't at all.”

And teammates they are, on the varsity basketball team, the varsity volleyball team and the track team. Each played a role in bringing regional and state championship designations to the North teams.

The sisters started the school year with volleyball, a sport they both played during middle school at Our Lady Star of the Sea. Allison played on the freshman team at North, moved to junior varsity as a sophomore, making varsity for both her junior and senior years. Micaela made varsity as a sophomore.

“Volleyball is a sport where everyone really has to pull together as a team,” said Allison. “It's really a team effort.” And it was that team effort that brought the North volleyball team to its first semi-final competition finish in the state championships.

It also brought honors for Allison, as she was named to the All-Region Team and the All-Academic Region Team and the All-MAC Academic Team. She also broke the school record in assists in a match with 59, assists in a season with 1,613, assists in a career with 2,580 and aces in a season with 97.

Her teammate and her sister, was very proud of her.

“She's a great player,” Micaela said. “It's really important for a volleyball team to have chemistry. We were all very close and really worked together as a team. I loved being able to play with my sister.”

The sisters moved from the volleyball to the basketball court during the winter sports season, another sport they both played both through the Neighborhood Club and Star of the Sea.

Allison was a member of the 2008 State Championship basketball team, and this year, as a sophomore, Micaela joined her sister on the varsity.

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Woods man named as Michigan's Air National Guard surgeon

A. Bradley Eisenbrey of Grosse Pointe Woods has been selected as State Air Surgeon of the 2,700-plus members of the Michigan Air National Guard.

He is assigned as a colonel and traditional guardsman (part-time) at the Joint Force Headquarters, Michigan National Guard in Lansing and is responsible for the oversight of three medical units at Battle Creek Air National Guard Base, Selfridge Air National Guard Base, and Alpena Combat Readiness Training Center.

Eisenbrey was directly commissioned as a captain in the Michigan Air National Guard in 1988 and has served at Selfridge and Battle Creek as general medical officer, flight surgeon, chief of aerospace

medicine and commander of the 127th Medical Group.

On the civilian side, Eisenbrey A. Bradley Eisenbrey is the laboratory director at Gift of Life Michigan and director of the transplantation immunology laboratory at Henry Ford Hospital, Detroit.

He is a 1986 graduate of Wayne State University School of Medicine and completed residency fellowship and training at William Beaumont Hospital and the American Red Cross.



Diplomacy

Army Spc. Wynn Butler hams it up with a goat. Butler is the son of Beverly and Tim Butler of Grosse Pointe Woods and is stationed in Iraq.

SISTERS: Rooting for each other

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ty squad. This year's team was the state regional champion, but lost in the quarter finals for the state championship. Both girls won team honors, including Allison being named best defensive player by her team and Micaela being voted rookie of the year.

North basketball coach Gary Bennett said that both girls exemplified the best in student athletes.

"It has been great working with both of them," he said. "Both brought great enthusiasm and a great work ethic to the court. They worked hard all the time. I couldn't ask for more as a coach."

As soon as basketball ended, the Liddane sisters turned



Allison and Micaela Liddane play on North's volleyball team.

their focus to track.

"Track is an entirely different sport from volleyball and basketball," said Micaela. "It's an individual sport. You really are competing against yourself, but the results of what you do go towards the team."

Both were contributors to the regional championship last year, when Allison qualified in first place as part of the 3,200

meter relay team and Micaela qualified in the 3,200 meter run. She was the only freshman to qualify.

"That was a great race," Allison recalled with a huge dose of sisterly pride. "Micaela came from behind and won by half a second. It was unbelievable, she sprinted at the very end. Most people have no strength left by that

point, but she really turned it on and beat out two other runners."

And now they are winding down not only this year's track season, but their shared team experiences, as Allison will be graduating in a few weeks and heading off to Kalamazoo College in the fall, where she will play volleyball.

Allison uses reading as a way to motivate her, something that will probably come in very handy with her college studies. She plans to major in biology.

"I use reading to motivate me," she said. "Most of our practices are right after school, so when I get home, I'm exhausted. I eat and chill out for an hour or so, then I start my homework. I love to read, and I use that to motivate me. I tell myself that when I get my work done, I'll be able to read. I have a good friend who recommends books for me."

While she looks to a career in a scientific field, Allison hopes to always have time for volleyball or basketball, if not as a player, definitely as a coach.

"I loved all of my coaches," she said. "They all have different styles, and I can't say I prefer one style over another. I have some that are businesslike and regimented, another that is very flexible. I've loved them all."

While Allison gets ready for college, Micaela will prepare for her junior year and playing without her sister. Well, her sister Allison.

Another sister, Maria, currently a student at Star of the Sea, will be a freshman when Micaela is a senior.

Sports was always a family affair with the girls' parents, Michael Liddane and Jeanne Lizza, cheering them on, along with their brother, Thomas.

"It really doesn't matter where the competition is, the whole family goes," Micaela said.

Actually, it was family that brought out the athletic prowess of the Liddane sisters, as they described pick-up basketball games with cousins and current North students Matthew and Danny Liddane.

"It started when we were really young. We used to play basketball for hours, and it would get ridiculously competitive for driveway sports," said Micaela with a laugh.

While sports is a major focus for both girls, they also find time to give back to the community. Both volunteer with the Norseman Session Sports Council and the Special Kids Achievement award.

Summer will be here before the girls know it, and Micaela will be participating in sports camps, while Allison will be assisting with the camps before heading off to join the Kalamazoo College Hornets volleyball team for the fall season.

And as Micaela looks forward to her junior year, she notes that while her sister loves science, her favorite subjects are writing and history.

"We're the complete opposite," she said with a laugh. Not really.

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AREA ACTIVITIES

SOC tea

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Coney dogs will be served and entertainment provided. Participants can play Detroit

trivia for prizes.

To make a reservation, call (313) 882-9600.

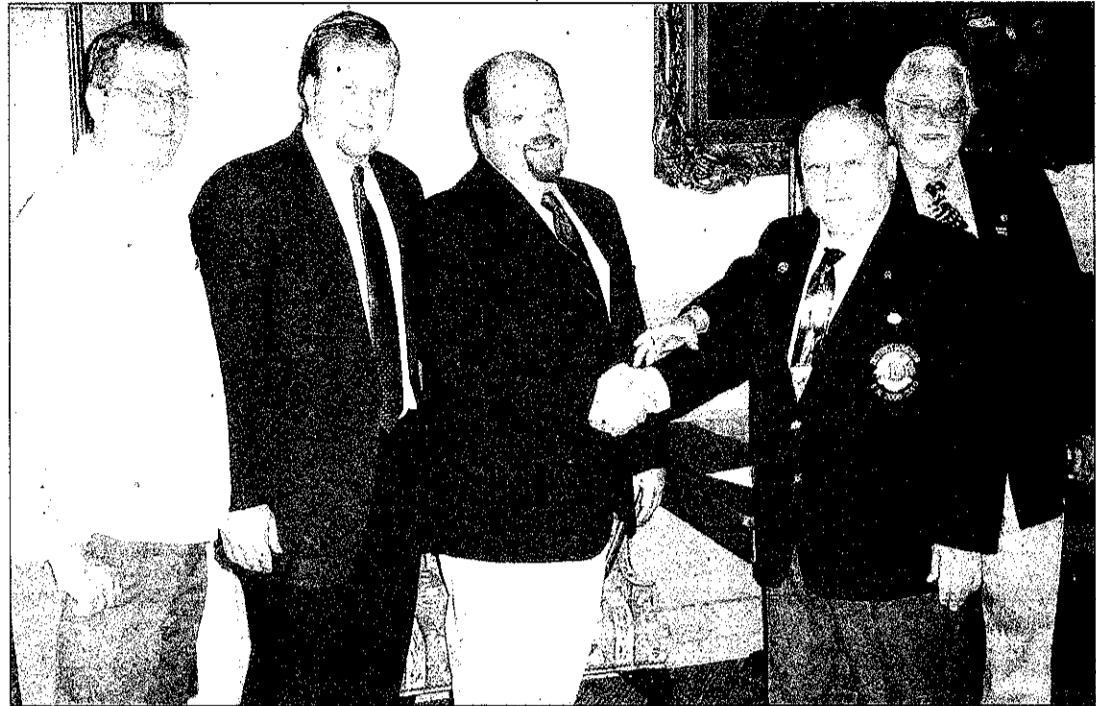
Plant sale

The 17th annual Belle Isle Botanical Society Plant sale is

from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, May 23 in the Belle Isle greenhouses. The sale features heirloom tomatoes.

Meetup Group

The Grosse Pointe Spanish



New Lions member

Above, from left, Chip Gibson and Chace Wakefield sponsored Will Conway III as a new member in the Grosse Pointe Lions Club. Lions District Gov. Jim Williams presented the induction pins and Lions Club president Bill Hollister. Prospective Lions members include John Martin, Paul Huebner and Paul Zosel. Left, Grosse Pointe Lions Club President William Hollister gives a certificate to Kevin Ross, CEO of the Michigan Eye Bank, and a recipient of a donation from the club.



Secretary of State

Local Republicans hosted Michigan Secretary of State Terri Lynn Land at an April 30 dinner sponsored by the Eastside Republican Club political action committee. From left, Thomas R. McCleary Jr., Land, John Chouinard and Lita M. McKeenan.

CCS next stop on 'Behind the Scenes' tour

The College for Creative Studies is the next stop on the Detroit Historical Society's "Behind the Scenes" tour series at 6 p.m. Thursday, May 28.

From its beginning in 1906 as the Society of Arts and Crafts, the College for Creative Studies has expanded into a prestigious center of urban design and technology. The tour explores Detroit art from the past, present and future through the lens of campus life.

Guests can discover the architectural history of campus buildings, visit attractions such as the Josephine F. Ford Sculpture Garden and the current Student Exhibition, and view demonstrations by student artists.

The tour group meets at the Detroit Historical Museum, 5401 Woodward Ave. A Detroit Historical Society volunteer will escort guests to the tour starting point.

Free parking is available in the museum lot. Tickets are \$20 for Detroit Historical Society members and \$30 for guests.

Telephone reservations can be accepted from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday with a Visa or MasterCard.

Tickets are not sold the day of the tour.

For more information or reservations, call (313) 833-1801, or visit detroithistorical.org.

Language Meetup Group gathers at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, May 27 at Caribou Coffee in the Village.

For more information, visit meetup.com.

Women's Connection

The Women's Connection hosts Alice Pfahlert, who will talk about taking control of personal retirement incomes Thursday, May 28 at the Lochmoor Club. She is a graduate of Oakland University and Wayne State University; a certified financial planner, chartered life underwriter and chartered financial consultant.

Social hour begins at 6 p.m., followed by a 6:30 p.m. dinner.

For reservation or information, call Nancy Neat at (313) 882-1855 or Marcia Pikielek at (313) 884-4201.

Windmill Pointe Garden Club

The Windmill Pointe Garden Club holds its annual meeting at 11:30 a.m. Wednesday, June 3 at the home of Doris Woener with Barbara Malley as co-hostess.

Election of officers for 2009-10 takes place.

Benefit for a cure

Arinda Mele hosts a sock hop from 7 to 10 p.m. Friday, June 5 at Maire Elementary School benefiting her fourth year of participation in the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer 3 Day.

The \$20 cost includes pizza, soda and music from the 1940s through the 1980s. There will be a silent auction and a prize for the best costume.

For more information, call Mele at (586) 216-0094 or (313) 469-9765.

MIU run

The Michigan Institute of Urology's MIU Run For The Ribbon kicks off with two events held Father's Day weekend June 19 and 21.

The 5K run/walk begins at 8 a.m. Sunday, June 21 at The Detroit Zoo. Guest runner will be Bill Rodgers, a four-time Boston Marathon and New York City Marathon Champion and prostate cancer survivor.

Friday, June 19, is the Night On The Townsend, at the Townsend Hotel, 100 Townsend, Birmingham beginning at 7 p.m. The event recognizes prostate cancer survivors, those affected with prostate cancer, their families and friends. The evening features a strolling dinner, wine, a silent auction and entertainment.

Each guest can light a candle in honor of someone afflicted with prostate cancer. Proceeds from the event will be used for prostate cancer-related issues. "Big Al" Muskavito of The Dick Purtan Show on Oldies 104.3 WOMC is the emcee. Tickets are \$125 per person. The run course travels through the neighborhoods of Huntington Woods, around Rackham Golf Course and The Detroit Zoo. All entrants have the option of wearing a blue ribbon and making a tribute in honor of an individual affected by prostate cancer.

Several levels of sponsorships are available. For more information, visit MIURunForTheRibbon.org, e-mail info@MIURunForTheRibbon.org, or call (586) 443-4272.

Entertainment book

The National Alliance for the Mentally Ill is selling the 2010 Entertainment book for \$20. If paid when ordered, a free 2009 book will be given. Five dollars of the fee is donated to NARSAD, the Mental Health

Research Association.

For more information, call Tom Coles at (313) 885-0632 or Jeannine at (313) 881-3906.

Golf classic

The 17th Michigan NARSAD Golf Classic is Monday, June 15 at Gownie Golf Course.

For more information, call (313) 885-0632.

Tour de Cure 2009

Jackie Anderer of Grosse Pointe Farms is participating in the June 14 Tour de Cure 2009 for the American Diabetes Association at Kensington State Park in Brighton.

She will ride with the Red Riders Team, whose members have either Type 1 or Type 2 diabetes.

For more information, visit tour.diabetes.org.

Gift shop

The MindBodySpirit Gift Shop at the Valade Healing Arts Center in Grosse Pointe Woods is open from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Mondays; 8:30 a.m. to 7 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays; 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Wednesdays; and 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Fridays.

League of Women Voters

The League of Women Voters of Grosse Pointe is seeking members.

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PASTOR'S CORNER By Matthew McCroskery

The birth of the church

Christians are approaching a holy day that commemorates one of the most important and monumental events in the history of our salvation: the very birth of the church.

By that I don't mean the date that one Christian group splintered off of another and applied to themselves the label, "Church." I don't mean the founding of a religious school of thought or a new innovative approach to modern worship.

Rather, the history of our church reaches back far beyond the 16th century Protestant schisms or the 11th century split between eastern and western Christianity.

The church itself, which St Paul calls the "Body of Christ" (Col. 1:18 and 24) and the "the Pillar and Foundation of the Truth" (1 Tim. 3:15) traces its origin all the way back 2,000 years to the day of Pentecost, 50 days after the Resurrection of Christ.

On that day, as recorded in the second chapter of Acts, the apostles and their friends and followers waited in the upper room of a house in Jerusalem.

They had been nearly two weeks without Christ, who, 10 days previously, had ascended into heaven, and were eager for the arrival of the Holy Spirit, which Christ had promised.

Just then, a "mighty, rushing wind" filled the room and

"cloven tongues like as of fire" appeared on them, and they were miraculously able to speak in the native tongues of those who had visited from abroad.

At that moment the church was born.

The events of that day marked what the theologian Alexander Schmemmann called "the end — the achievement and fulfillment — of the entire history of salvation." Christ had come for two reasons: to bring salvation to the world, and to establish his church, through which that salvation can be realized.

Both of these had now been accomplished. Why is it significant that Pentecost took place 50 days after the resurrection? Historically, the Christian celebration of Pentecost coincides with the Jewish holy day of Shavuot, which commemorates the day God gave Moses the law atop Mount Sinai, bringing about the promised Old Covenant.

This event took place 50 days after the night of Passover. So, 50 days after the Christian Passover — that is, Easter, or, more properly Pascha, which is the Greek rendering of "Passover" — the New Covenant was fulfilled through the work of the Holy Spirit.

But 50 days also has a more spiritual significance.

The number 7 appears again and again in Scripture and in the liturgical life of the church.

It represents fullness and completion. Therefore 49, which is the square of seven, is the fullness of the fullness. Add to that one, which represents the mystical day without evening (i.e. eternity), and you have a number, 50, that is heavy with spiritual symbolism.

It is fitting, then, that the church, which St. Paul calls the "Fullness of Him Who fills everything in every way" (Eph. 1:23), should commemorate the day of her inception on the 50th day after the resurrection.

One's entry into the church through baptism is a "Pentecost" of its own. It marks the end of one journey — through darkness, corruption, and death — and into the light and life of Christ.

Each day is another "Pentecost" as we continuously repent of our own desires, ambitions, passion, impulses, and agendas and turn daily back toward Christ, taking up our crosses and following him.

Pentecost is an end: the end of the Old Covenant, the end of death, the end of self. But, more importantly, it is also a new beginning: the Beginning of the New Covenant, the beginning of life, the beginning of the fulfillment of our salvation through Christ's body, the church.

By Matthew McCroskery the director of Orthodox Christian outreach at St. Sabbas Monastery in Harper Woods.

CHURCH ACTIVITIES

Ecumenical breakfast

Grosse Pointe Ecumenical Men's Breakfast meets from 7:15 to 8:15 a.m. Friday, May 22 in the Grosse Pointe Memorial Church's Fellowship Hall, 16 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms.

The speaker is George Arsenault whose topic is the history of the Bible.

For more information, call (313) 882-5330.

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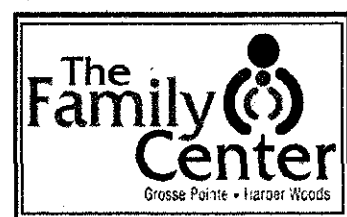
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Often, wishing to spend quality time with their spouse as well as their children, the marital relationship gets thrown to the back burner. Yet, what most fail to realize is the entire family unit suffers if we are not tending to the emotional needs of our spouse. Resentment, tension, loneliness and anger builds and we may begin keeping score with our partner by focusing on the household tasks that are not being done.

Is it really about the laundry not being folded properly?

Typically, the undercurrent is really that our emotional needs are not being met. It is essential couples make time for one another outside of their children.

Q. Are there options other than weekly marital therapy sessions?

A. Yes, there are many types of therapy. No one can know everything about how to establish and maintain healthy relationships.

Even with the best role models, there is always room to grow in our intimate relationships.

Attending a couple's retreat

is beneficial as an option to therapy for those who feel they simply cannot make time in their schedule for ongoing weekly therapy sessions.

What a couple can obtain in a weekend retreat might take months in weekly therapy sessions.

Each retreat has a theme with experts facilitating workshops on a specific topic. The intent is to make the time together feel like a vacation with elements of fun and increased awareness for couples.

Couples finish retreats with hope and tools to enhance their relationship.

Q. How can I get my husband to attend?

A. As a practitioner, I facilitate professional retreats for couples. Many men initially said they were hesitant to attend, as they are alcohol-free weekends. I encouraged them to see how they feel. Last year, 14 couples attended and one Grosse Pointe man said, "For something I did not think would be good, I found it to be a life changing experience."

Many men also like the idea of a weekend away as opposed to months in therapy. Encourage him to view testi-

monials and photos of past couple's retreats on my website. The testimonials exhibit the benefits of these couple's weekends.

Marla Ruhana is a licensed clinical social worker and psychotherapist in private practice and facilitates couple's retreats in Lakeport. For more information on the July 10-12 retreat, visit marlaruhana.com or call her at (586) 447-2162.

E-mail questions to the Family Center info@familycenterweb.org or write 20090 Morningside Drive, Grosse Pointe Woods, MI 48236.

SOC NEWS

June events

Several activities are planned at Services for Older Citizens in June.

The following is the schedule:

Getting to know Ethiopia — 11:30 a.m. Monday, June 1. Patrick Hessman leads a discussion on Ethiopia, its culture, geography, politics and general history.

Pizza Lunch and Tuesday Afternoon at the Movies — "Last Chance Harvey" — 11 a.m. Tuesday, June 2. Pizza, salad, dessert, a drink and a box lunch to take home is served before the showing of "Last Chance Harvey," the tale of a struggling New York jingle writer (Dustin Hoffman) and a lonely British bureaucrat (Emma Thompson) who meet by chance in London and trans-

form one another's lives. Call (313) 882-9600 for reservations. The fee is \$5.

Movie — "In Search of Human Origin, The Story of Lucy" — 11:30 a.m.

Wednesday, June 3. Is "Lucy" the missing link that bridges the gap between human and ape? In the first installment of a three-part television documentary, Nova investigates this question by following anthropologist Donald Johanson to the location in Ethiopia where he found the fossilized remains of this pre-historic ape.

All Things Old are New Again Jeopardy — 11:30 a.m. Friday, June 5. Hessman leads seniors in the game featuring Ethiopian topics. Teams compete for SOC Money to be spent at the SOC Store.

Special Bingo — The

Sweetest Prizes — 10 a.m. Tuesday, June 9. Toni O'Kulich of Executive Home Health Services leads the game featuring prizes such as gift certificates and dinner on the town. The cost is \$1.25 per card with a one card limit.

Birthday Celebration — 11:15 a.m. Wednesday, June 10. Those born in June are saluted with cake and Happy Birthday sung in at least three different languages. Keepsake photos and lunch is on the house.

Father's Day Party — 11 a.m. Wednesday, June 17. A catered buffet by Blue Pointe Restaurant and consisting of honey glazed ham, roast beef in brown gravy, whipped potatoes, buttered noodles, stewed tomatoes, diced beets, coleslaw, bread and butter and dessert kicks off activities. Next, Take-2 plays a wide variety of tunes from Frank Sinatra to Jimmy Buffet to Garth Brooks. Call (313) 882-9600 for reservations. The cost is \$12 per person.

SOC/Grosse Pointe Art Center Workshop — noon to 2 p.m. Wednesday, June 24. During this two-hour mini workshop, participants create a small watercolor or pastel of a simple flower or fruit. This project is open to any skill level and limited to 15 participants. Call (313) 882-9600 for reservations. The cost is \$10 per person and materials are included.

Lunch and Learn

Have lunch and learn something new at Services for Older Citizens.

The schedule is as follows: Dementia, its Causes, Treatment and Coping Strategies: 11:30 a.m. Monday, June 8. Dr. James Adamo, medical director for Behavioral Health, Henry Ford Cottage Hospital discusses the physiological and emotional aspects of dementia, its causes and treatment strategies. He will also teach coping strategies.

Diabetes Blood Sugar and Blood Pressure Testing Clinic:

11:30 a.m. Monday, June 15. Representatives from executive Home Health Care provide blood pressure and sugar testing.

The Power of Positive Thinking: 11:30 a.m. Monday, June 22. Koreen Daniels of Homewatch Care Givers discusses how having a positive attitude promotes a sense of personal well-being, strength and improved health. Learn about the affects of negative thinking and how to decrease stress.

Ask Dr. Gill: 11:30 a.m. Monday June 29. On the last Monday of every month, Dr. Matthew Gill answers health questions. Anonymously put questions in the "Ask Dr. Gill" box and he'll answer them in a group presentation.

Driver's workshop

A three-day Mature Drivers Workshop, offered by the Traffic Improvement Association, is being held at Services for Older Citizens, 17150 Waterloo, City of Grosse Pointe.

The workshop addresses the effects of aging on driving, compensation skills for diminished abilities, risk manage-

ment and defensive driving skills. No records or scores are kept and the workshop results have no bearing on one's ability to obtain a driver's license.

The purpose of this workshop is to allow seniors to make their own decisions about driving.

The workshop dates are June 3, 4, and 5. The first two days, from 10 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., consist of interactive classroom presentations and lunch. The third day is optional and offers workshop participants, who have a valid Michigan operator's license and their own automobile, an opportunity to sign-up for an on-the-road and Useful Field Of View evaluation.

Call SOC at (313) 882-9600 to sign up. Pre-registration and a \$20 fee are required for the workshop limited to 25 participants.

Volunteers needed

Services for Older Citizens is seeking volunteers to help plan parties.

Parties are held every month, as are pizza lunches and afternoon movies.

For more information, call Susan Kopf at (313) 882-9600.



High tea and hats

More than 50 seniors, many wearing hats and gloves, attended April's Afternoon "High Tea" at Services for Older Citizens. Women dressed up for the occasion, from left, Edith Cook, Joan Mannino, Stella Colasanti and Edie Bogle.

Henry Ford Hospital meets milestone

A life-saving liver transplant on a 58-year-old patient with Hepatitis C and liver cancer exceeded a milestone for Henry Ford Hospital.

The hospital is now one of 32 transplant centers in the United States to perform 1,000 liver transplants or more.

Henry Ford offers one of two liver transplant programs in Michigan and has performed more liver transplants than any Michigan hospital in recent years. It is also one of two comprehensive, multi-organ transplant centers in the state.

The March 31 surgery, led by Henry Ford transplant surgeon Atsushi Yoshida, M.D., represented the 1,021st liver transplant performed at the hospital since the liver program's inception in 1989.

Henry Ford's one-year and three-year patient survival rates meet or exceed the national average for deceased and living-donor transplants.

"This a major milestone for our entire transplant program, which is one of the most sound

in the country," says Marwan Abouljoud, M.D., director of Henry Ford's Transplant Institute and a liver transplant surgeon. "We've transplanted more minority liver patients than most other programs in the country, and in the last four years, we've performed the most liver transplants in Michigan."

Since 1996, Henry Ford has performed three notable transplant procedures, for which Abouljoud led the surgical team:

◆ Michigan's first split-liver transplant in 1996 in which a donor liver was separated to save two patients.

◆ Michigan's first adult-to-adult living donor liver transplant in 2000 in which a daughter donated part of her liver to her mother.

◆ Michigan's first laparoscopic living-donor liver transplant in 2008, in which the surgical team used a minimally-invasive technique to remove part of a liver from a woman who donated the organ to her

father.

Abouljoud and Kim Brown, M.D., division head of gastroenterology are credited for developing the program.

Prevent eye injury

To prevent injuries to one's eyes while playing sports, protective eyewear is advised by the Michigan Optometric Association.

The MOA cautions even casual athletes need to protect their sight — and that of teammates — by keeping street eyewear off the playing field and wearing proper protective eyewear instead. Even non-contact sports such as tennis, golf and fishing pose a moderate to high risk of eye injury because of flying objects, such as balls, racquets and hooks.

According to the MOA, conventional frames and lenses do not meet the minimum requirements for impact resistance in most sports.

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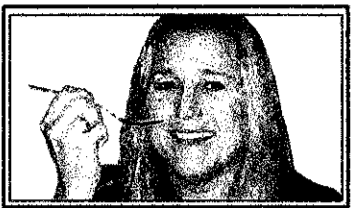
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A LA ANNIE By Annie Rouleau-Scheriff

Recipe adds Italian flair to turkey burger



1 teaspoon Worcestershire sauce
1 teaspoon dried basil
1/2 teaspoon each salt and pepper
1/2 cup Italian bread crumbs

In an effort to try a new take on ground turkey I decided to go Italian. The result, baked turkey burger parmesan with a quick tomato sauce. (Better than that stuff from a jar!) Yummy.

Baked Turkey Burger Parmesan

1 pound linguine (or other pasta)
1 1/2 lbs. ground turkey
1/3 cup finely chopped (oil packed) sun-dried tomatoes
1/3 cup finely diced onion
1 tablespoon olive oil
1 tablespoon dried parsley
2 teaspoons minced garlic

Cook the pasta according to package directions. Drain and set aside. Preheat oven to 350 degrees. In a medium bowl combine the ground turkey with all the remaining ingredients except for the bread crumbs.

Form the meat mixture into four burgers then dredge in the bread crumbs.

Place the burgers in a greased baking dish (9 x 13) and bake at 350 degrees for 30 minutes.

Remove the cooked burgers from the baking dish and set aside.

Meanwhile prepare the quick tomato sauce.

Quick Tomato Sauce

2 tablespoons olive oil
1 cup finely diced onion
1 tablespoon minced garlic
1 - 28oz. can crushed tomatoes
1/4 cup red wine
1 1/2 teaspoons salt
1 teaspoon dried basil
1 teaspoon sugar
1/2 teaspoon black pepper
Heat the oil in a medium

sauce pan over medium heat. Add the onion and the garlic and saute until the onion becomes soft and translucent, about 7 minutes or so. Add the remaining ingredients and bring to a quick boil. Lower to a simmer, cover and cook until ready to use.

Toss the cooked pasta with 1 tablespoon of olive oil and 1/4 cup parmesan cheese. Arrange

half (or more) of the cooked pasta into the baking dish. Ladle most of the quick tomato sauce over the pasta. Place the cooked turkey burgers over the pasta and top with a bit more sauce.

Top with 1 cup (or more) of shredded mozzarella cheese. Return the baking dish to the oven and bake at 350 for an-

other 20 to 25 minutes, until the cheese has melted and the dish is heated throughout.

A fresh garden salad will round out this one dish wonder.

The burgers are seasoned just right and the quick sauce boasts a deep rich flavor.

If you have fresh basil on hand by all means use it.

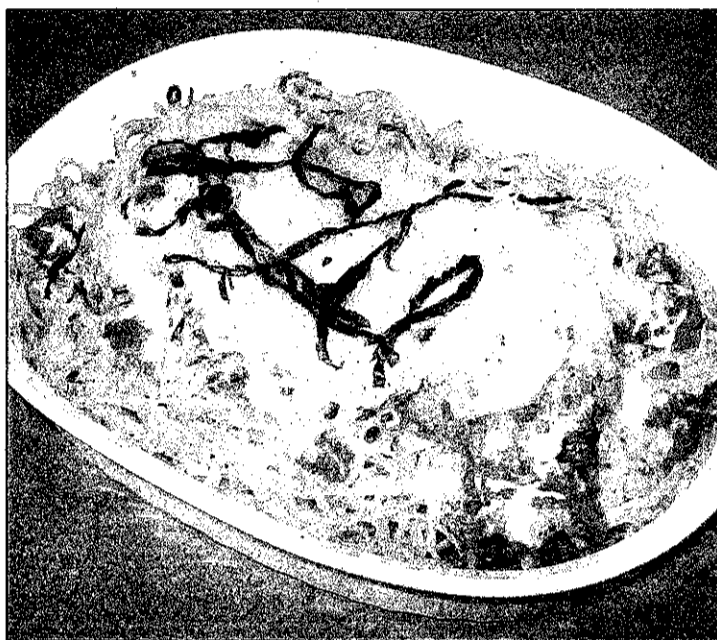


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 South girls and North boys win regional titles **PAGE 2C**

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BOYS BASEBALL

Red-hot South beats North, wins invitational

Blue Devils on a roll

By John McTaggart
 Special Writer

A late-inning walk pushed host Grosse Pointe South (18-12 overall) into the lead, 3-2, against rival Grosse Pointe North, and propelled the Blue Devils to a tourney championship at the Grosse Pointe Invitational Baseball Tournament last weekend.

"It's always a great rivalry," South coach Dan Griesbaum said. "We expected a tough game and we got one."

The victory over the Norsemen was the third of the day for the Blue Devils, who wrapped up the event a perfect 3-0.

"These tournaments are a great way for us to get a lot of guys some playing experience," Griesbaum explained. "That's always a good thing."

"We knew South would battle and they did," North head coach Frank Sumner said. "We always have close games and this was much of the same."

South racked up its three wins by ousting North, and taking out St. Clair Shores Lakeview, 8-2, as well as No. 8



PHOTO BY DANA KAISER

See **TOURNEY**, page 6C Coaches and players were all business last weekend during their three wins that helped Grosse Pointe South's baseball team win its invitational.

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Track and field

South girls dominate, win regional crown

North nabs third place

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

Host Grosse Pointe South's girls' track and field team destroyed the field to win a Division 1 regional meet last weekend.

The Blue Devils earned 200 points, followed by Eastpointe East Detroit with 108, Grosse Pointe North with 104, Roseville with 75 and Detroit Finney with 26 to round out the top five.

"An absolute incredible display of team depth," South head coach Steve Zaranek said. "Girls, you went beyond being great teammates. This was one of greatest meets ever."

Winning a gold medal was the 3,200-relay team of freshman Carmen Engel, freshman Hannah Wheeler, freshman Kelly Langton and junior Katie Steen with a time of 10:02 and the team's leading scorer this season, sophomore Veronica Schacht, took home a silver medal in the 100-hurdles with a time of 15.8 with freshman Cara Monforton placing seventh at 18.0.

In the 100-dash, freshman Caitlin Moor and junior Amanda Ray finished third and fourth with times of 12.7 and 12.8, respectively.

The 800-relay of Moore, freshman Ali DeLoof, freshman Marissa Monforton and Ray made it to the state finals by taking second with a time of 1:48.7, and the Blue Devils swept the 1,600-run with Steen, sophomore Natalie Gay and Langton taking first, second and third with times of 5:24, 5:30 and 5:47.

The top two in that event earned a spot at the state finals, as did the 400-relay team of Moore, Marissa Monforton,

Schacht and Ray, who placed second with a time of 51.5.

Schacht made the finals in the 300-hurdles with a time of 47.8, as did Steen and freshman Ivana Kakos in the 800-run, taking first and second with times of 2:25.6 and 2:33.1, respectively.

In the 200-dash, Moore made the state finals and Gay is a state finalist, taking second with a time of 27.1 and first with a time of 12:16.4 in the 3,200-run.

Sophomore Margaret Levasseur is also a state finalist in the two-mile run, finishing with a time of 12:21.9.

Senior Chelsea Gilbert is making a second straight trip to the finals after winning the shot put with a throw of 37-feet, 5-inches, and pole vaulters Madi Kaiser, a freshman, and Sydney Burke, a sophomore, also will be in the state finals after taking first and second, clearing 8-feet-2-inches, and 7-feet-8-inches, respectively.

Zaranek watched eight of his competitors win regional titles and 17 make the state finals.

For North head coach Charles Buhagiar, his 3,200-relay team made the state finals by taking second with a time of 10:18, and senior Avida Johnson was third in the 100-hurdles at 16.70.

Senior Anitra Peoples was fifth in the 100-dash with a time of 13.00 and the 800-relay team placed third with a time of 1:49.40.

Sophomore Michaela Liddane was fifth in the 1,600-run at 6:01.00 and the 400-relay team was second at 52.50.

Juniors Haley Abessinio and Kamille Hamzey will be in the state finals after winning the gold and silver medal in the 400-dash with times of 1:02.20 and 1:02.90. In addition, junior Christina Embree and senior Allison Liddane placed third and fourth in the 800-run with times of 2:35.00 and 2:37.00 to help the Norsemen earn



PHOTOS BY DANA KAISER

Head coach Steve Zaranek, center background, is all smiles after his Grosse Pointe South girls' track and field team won a Division 1 regional title last weekend.



Grosse Pointe North's 1,600-relay team of, from left, Haley Abessinio, Allison Liddane, Anitra Peoples and Kamille Hamzey, earned a spot in the state finals by winning the race.

points.

Sophomore Kailey Sickmiller was third in the two-mile run with a time of 12:39.10 and the mile-relay team of Abessinio, Hamzey, Allison Liddane and Peoples cruised to the gold medal with a time of 4:14.30.

In the shot put, senior Kiyonna Jones was third with a throw of 30-feet and senior Ashela Taylor-Brown was fifth at 29-feet-3-inches. Jones took fourth in the discus with a throw of 88-feet-2-inches, and junior Aretha Frazier is in the state finals after taking second

in the long jump, clearing 15-feet-11-inches.

Dual meets

Both schools ended their dual meet slate earlier in the week with the Blue Devils winning the Macomb Area Conference White Division title with an 87-50 victory over visiting Utica.

It was their closest meet of the season as they finished 5-0 and 6-0 overall with Romeo finishing second at 4-1.

Leading the way was the team's leading scorer, Schacht, who won the high jump with a mark of 4-feet-6-inches, and 100-yard high hurdles with a time of 16.0.

Gilbert was also a dual winner, taking first in the shot put, and discus with throws of 35-feet-2-inches and 107-feet-3-inches, respectively.

Other individual winners were Marissa Monforton in the long jump, 16-feet; Moore in the 100-yard dash, 13.1; Steen in the mile, 5:26; Sarah Youngblood in the 300-yard low hurdles, 50.1; and Kakos in

the 800-yard run, 2:39.

In addition, the Blue Devils' 3,200-yard relay team of Kakos, Michaela Houff, Engel and Wheeler won with a time of 16:54.

The Norsemen beat visiting Sterling Heights 86-51 to finish third in their first season in the MAC Red Division with a 3-2 mark. Macomb Dakota was first at 5-0 and Utica Eisenhower was second at 4-1.

The 400-yard relay team of Peoples, Frazier, Whitfield and Daniels won with a time of 53.87 to lead the Norsemen.

The 1,600-yard relay team of Long, Hess, Johnson and Delaney won with a time of 5:08.58.

Individual winners were Taylor-Brown in the shot put, 29-feet-2-inches; Alexander in the discus, 79-feet-7-inches; Frazier in the long jump, 15-feet-3-inches; Johnson in the 100-high hurdles, 18.17; Abessinio in the 400-dash, 1:01.69; Wright-Servais in the 300-low hurdles, 53.55; and Sickmiller in the 3,200-yard run, 13:40.

North boys capture another regional title

South takes fourth place

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

Grosse Pointe North's boys' track and field team won another Division 1 regional championship last weekend at Grosse Pointe South.

"We scored points in 14 of 17 events and we took seven first-place finishes," North head coach Frank Tymrack said. "The team came into this regional relaxed and eager to run on a beautiful day for running."

North earned 124.5 points, followed by U-D Jesuit with 103, Roseville with 77, Grosse Pointe South with 76, Detroit Northwestern with 60, Eastpointe East Detroit with 44, Highland Park with 42, Detroit Denby with 32.5, Detroit Martin Luther King with 30, Detroit Central with 24, Detroit Pershing with 14 and Detroit Osborn with three.

"We had 27 personal best performances, including a new school record, that scored points in this meet," Tymrack said. "Also, our veteran coaches, Pat Wilson and Stan Wegrzynowicz, are excellent in the preparation of our athletes."

Senior Nate Strickland won the pole vault with a mark of 10-feet-10-inches, and senior Andrew Horne won the high jump, clearing 6-feet-1-inch. Junior Roland Day took third place in the high jump.

Senior Paul Johnson had a personal record time of 15.6 to win the 110-high hurdles with Day taking third, again, while Charnesky won the 300-intermediate hurdles with a school-record time of 39.2.

The Norsemen's 3,200-relay team of junior Chris Ciaravino, freshman Ed Surmont, freshman Nicholas Finley and junior Kyle Lacey took fourth with a season-best time, while Lacey was fifth in the mile with a season-best time of 4:51.

Other standouts were junior Adam Devine, junior Jeff Simon, Charnesky and Bramos in the 800-run; the 400-relay team of Wilcox, senior James Mason, sophomore Raphael Starks and Devine with a time of 45.1, and Starks had a fifth-place time of 24.3 in the 200-dash.

In the two-mile, VanEgmond was second with a personal best time of 9:43.8 and senior John Poole had a fifth-place finish in the discus with a throw of 111-feet.

Leading the way for the Blue Devils was the 3,200-relay team of seniors Mike Bellovich, Dan Dickson, Dan Holley and Edwin Gay, which finished first with a time of 8:29 to earn a spot in the state finals.

Other state finalists are Gay and junior Jon Roberts, who won the 3,200-run with a time of 9:41 and shot put with a mark of 45-feet-1-inch. Senior Jack Davies also made it to the finals by taking second in the 1,600-run with a time of 4:29.8 and junior Ethan Madison had a second in the pole vault with a mark of 10-feet-10-inches.

"I am very pleased with the improvements the boys made,

especially the underclassmen," South head coach Werner Schienke said. "Most of the performances were personal bests. We reached two major goals, that was improving and getting several athletes to the state meet."

Senior Chris Giancarlo was fifth in the 110-high hurdles with a time of 16.8 and junior Chris Langenburg was seventh in the mile with a time of 4:55.

Bellovich was seventh in the 400-dash with a time of 52.6, while sophomore Deonta Bryant was seventh in the 300-intermediate hurdles with a time of 43.9.

Holley was fifth in the 800-run at 2:05.7 and Davies was sixth in the two-mile with a time of 10:27.

Senior Thom Stergiadis was third in the shot put with a mark of 39-feet-10-inches, and Roberts was fourth in the discus with a throw of 122-feet-8-inches.

Sophomore Zach Wilkins was eighth in the long jump at 18-feet-11-inches to round out the Blue Devils' top finishers.

Dual meets

Both squads closed our their dual meet slate with wins earlier last week.

The Norsemen edged visiting Sterling Heights 75-62 to finish with a winning record, 3-2, in their first season as a member of the tough Macomb Area Conference Red Division.

Leading the charge were senior pole vaulters Paul Chabot, Strickland and Michael Kirazis, who finished first, second and third, respectively.

"Our distance runners earned important points in the 800, mile and two mile," North head coach Frank Tymrack said.

Leading these runners were Balle, Lacey, junior Chris Ciaravino and VanEgmond.

Wilcox won the long jump and Paul Bramos raced to vic-



PHOTO BY JEANNE VANEGMOND

Grosse Pointe North's boys' track and field team celebrates after winning a regional title.

tory in the 400-dash. Other standouts were Charnesky, Maurice Hogan, junior Roland Day and senior Paul Johnson.

Sterling Heights Stevenson won the Red Division with a 5-0 mark.

The Blue Devils defeated visiting Utica 71.5-65.5 to finish 2-3 in the MAC White Division, which Romeo won at 5-0.

Leading the way for the Blue Devils was the 3,200-relay

team of Gay, Fox, Dickson and Holley, which won with a time of 8:59.

Individual winners were Stan Scott in the shot put, 42-feet-5-inches; Robert in the discus, 124-feet, 3-inches; Reid Dixon in the high jump, 5-feet-11-inches; Deonta Bryant in the 100-dash, 11.7; Davies in the 1,600-run, 4:51; Bellovich in the 400-dash, 53.3; and Holley in the 3,200-run, 10:19.



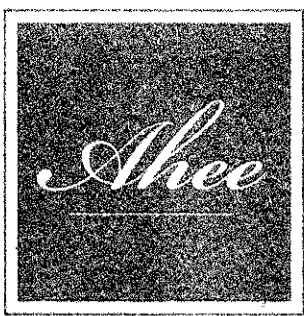
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Grosse Pointe South's Edwin Gay, right, and Grosse Pointe North's Matt VanEgmond finished first and second in the two-mile run, earning a spot in the state finals.



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Grosse Pointe North's Andrew Charnesky turned in a new school-record time in the hurdles in last weekend's Division 1 regional meet, which helped the Norsemen win the title.



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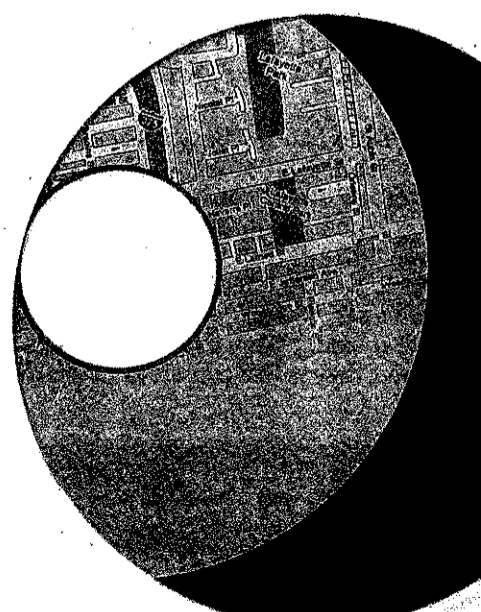
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Boys lacrosse

UNIVERSITY LIGGETT SCHOOL

Knights find mojo

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

The University Liggett School boys' lacrosse team is moving on in the state playoffs.

Last weekend, the host Knights beat Madison Heights Bishop Foley 10-1 in a Division 2 pre-regional game.

"The guys were a little sluggish early on and really didn't get it going until late in the first half," head coach John Bartoy said. "Once we got those late goals in the second quarter, the guys played much better."

"It's a nice playoff win and now we get to play another game."

Jack Fisher, Dan Zukas and Jake Goldberg each scored two goals to lead a balanced scoring attack.

Boris Canzano, Rory Deane, David Gushee and Brandon Woods, his first-ever tally, scored the Knights' other goals against the Ventures.

"It was great to see Brandon get the goal," Bartoy said. "He works hard and was finally rewarded."

In their pre-regional tune-ups, the Knights beat Royal Oak 9-4 and Grosse Ile 10-0.

"The guys have totally gelled as a team and they're playing with tons of confidence," Bartoy said. "We're not overconfident and we believe in our system."

Against Royal Oak, Zukas

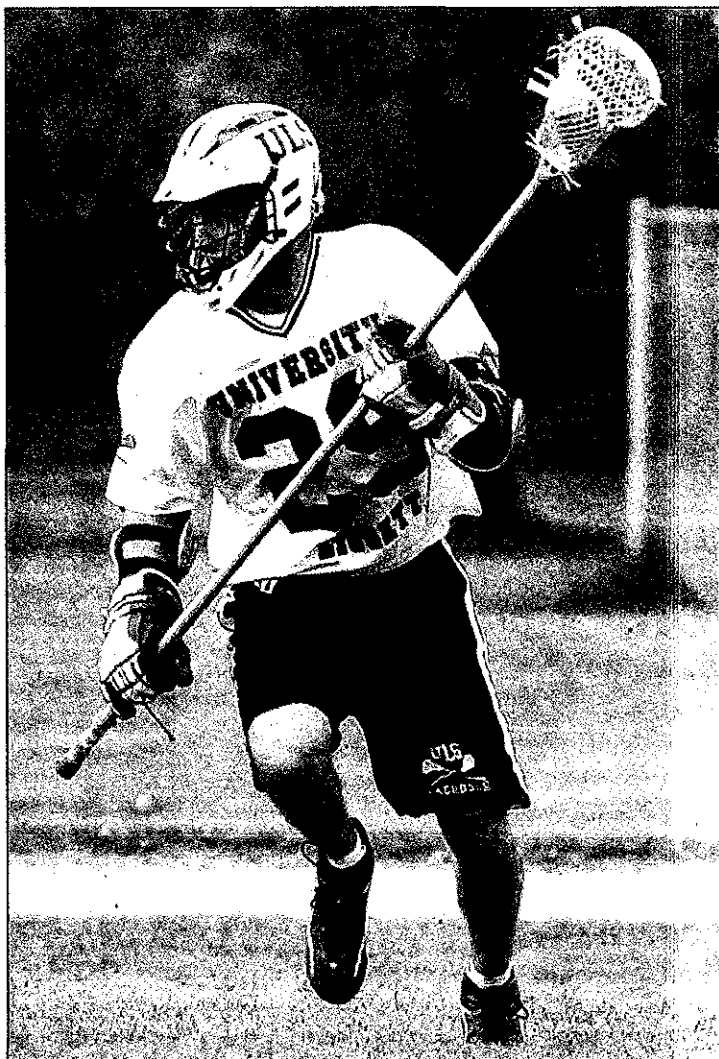


PHOTO BY RENATO JAMETT

Jake Goldberg, right, adds skill and grit to the University Liggett School boys' lacrosse team.

had four goals and Fisher added three to lead the Knights. Deane, for a second straight game, stopped more than 20 shots and also scored a goal, going end-to-end to put the ball in the back of the opposing net.

Defensively, Jake Goldberg, Jon Hammel, Erik Litch and Patrick Gushee were stellar as they cleared 29 of 30 possessions in their zone.

Their defense was again spectacular in the shutout over Grosse Ile.

David Gushee had a team-leading four goals, while Canzano had three and Fisher had two. Zukas also tallied as the Knights stretched their winning streak to six.

Deane earned his first shutout of the season. He made his biggest save with four seconds left in the third quarter, sprawling across an open net after he tried to clear the ball.

"Rory came up with the save of the game he needed to get that shutout," Bartoy said.

Girls lacrosse

GROSSE POINTE NORTH

North wins 2-of-3

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

It was a rollercoaster ride for the Grosse Pointe North girls' lacrosse team.

"It was the best of times and the worst of times during the week," head coach Bill Seaman said. "Overall, though, the girls played pretty well."

The Norsemen began the trek with a 14-8 road loss to Farmington Hills Mercy, which lost 7-5 to Birmingham Marian in the Catholic High School League championship game.

"Mercy is a big, strong veteran team that was better than us," Seaman said. "We didn't get much going at either end of the field."

Next was a 16-13 victory over host Warren Regina in a game played in a constant rain, leaving the grass field wet and muddy.

"That was not one of our best games, but the conditions weren't the best to play lacrosse," Seaman said. "We managed to win and then won a huge game against a good Troy team two days later."

The visiting Norsemen trailed several times throughout the first half, but came back to take a 12-10 lead with only 58 seconds left in the game.

Junior Molly Youngblood had the go-ahead goal and senior Alexa Quinlan's tally

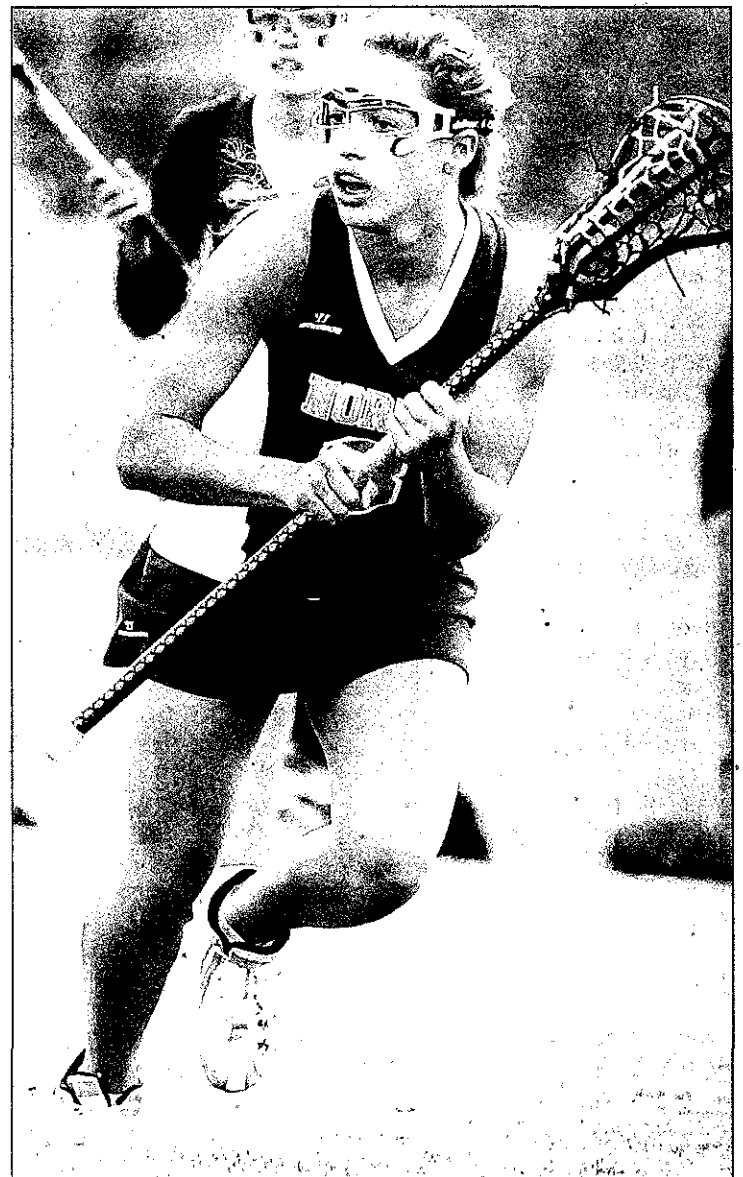


PHOTO BY BOB BRUCE

Alexa Quinlan, shown here in a game against Farmington Hills Mercy, scored what turned out to be the game-winning goal in a win over Troy.

made it the 12-10 advantage.

Troy scored 20 seconds later to make it interesting and then received a golden call as the official whistled a foul against the Norsemen that gave the Colts a penalty shot with only five seconds left.

Sophomore Katie Case stepped up to the challenge and stopped the shot, preserv-

ing the win, which gave North a 11-3 overall record.

"We're in position to tie our best won-loss record of all-time with a win in our regular season finale and then we get a tough game against either Birmingham Seaholm or Troy in our first regional game May 27," Seaman said. "We can't wait."

GROSSE POINTE SOUTH

Laxers playing better

The Grosse Pointe South boys' lacrosse team has recovered from a tough start to the season to inch one game behind the .500 level.

In recent action, the Blue Devils have won three-of-four games, beating L'Anse Creuse North 10-9 in overtime, Sterling Heights-Warren 6-1 and L'Anse Creuse 10-4.

They also dropped a 13-4 decision to Birmingham Detroit Country Day to stand 8-9 overall with the state playoffs approaching.

Head coach Don Wolford knew it would take some time for his young team to gel and they did in winning their Division 2 pre-regional game against L'Anse Creuse.

With the win, they travel to Orchard Lake St. Mary for a



PHOTO BY DANA KAISER

Grosse Pointe South senior Kevin Ginnebaugh played his final home game of his high school lacrosse career last week.

regional game at 6 p.m. Thursday, May 21.

Seniors Patrick Pawlowski, Roger VandenBussche, Chris Thomas, John Conway, John Lovasco,

Kevin Macconnachie, Lyle Baumgarten, Kevin Ginnebaugh, Daniel Gerow, Matthew Gaggin and Michael Harrison, will be counted on to guide the Blue Devils.

GROSSE POINTE SOUTH

Blue Devils stun ASH

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

Grosse Pointe South's girls' lacrosse team pulled off a stunning 12-11 upset win over Bloomfield Hills Sacred Heart Academy last week.

What made it even sweeter was junior Sara Parker filled in as the Blue Devils' starting goalkeeper in place of injured starter Ellie Farber.

Katherine Palms opened the scoring and Molly Smith scored to make it a 2-1 game in favor of South.

Christie Greiner scored to once again give the Blue Devils a one-goal lead, 3-2.

Smith's second tally made it 4-2, but Sacred Heart rallied to score three unanswered goals for a 5-4 advantage.

Shannon Burke scored off a rebound from her original shot to tie it and Emma Hull added a tally to again tie it, 6-6.

Smith's goal gave the Blue Devils a 7-6 lead and it was Palms who scored several minutes later to counter Sacred Heart's two goals, tying the game 8-8.

Palms scored again to tie it 9-9 and they added three more goals to lead 12-9 midway through the final half.

Greiner, Palms and Parke scored the final three goals as the Blue Devils hung on to win



PHOTO BY JOHN PALFFY

Goalkeeper Sara Parker makes a save during one of the Blue Devils' games in the Midwest Tournament.

the big game against the perennial state power.

Last weekend, head coach Lauren Germaine and the Blue Devils played five games in the 15-team Midwest Tournament at Birmingham Seaholm High School.

South lost 9-3 to Nichols with Greiner, Smith and Hanna Doyle scoring goals. They also

lost 8-7 and 9-6 to Farmington Hills Mercy, but beat Ontario Notre Dame 9-7 to lift their record to 3-15-1 overall.

Of the losses, several have come to top-ranked teams in the state and out-of-state.

In the win over Notre Dame, Smith had four goals and Palms added three. Greiner and Parke also tallied.

GROSSE POINTE NORTH

Norsemen defeat Ike

Grosse Pointe North's boys' lacrosse team won the Macomb Area Conference last weekend, beating Utica Eisenhower 15-12.

"It's nice to be MAC champs, but it wasn't easy," head coach Dan Preston said. "We would get a big lead, they would come

back, we would get a big lead and they would come back.

"It was a tough game, but we held on to win."

Senior Ian LaValley had seven goals to lead the Norsemen, which split their other two games last week, losing 14-10 to Orchard Lake St. Mary and

beating Romeo 16-2.

"The guys played pretty well and they're starting to click offensively," Preston said. "We're excited about our chances in the upcoming state playoffs."

North improved to 12-2 overall.

—Bob St. John

UNIVERSITY LIGGETT SCHOOL

Smith nets five in loss

The University Liggett School girls' lacrosse team has battled some of the toughest foes in southeastern Michigan this season.

Head coach Tamara Fobare's young squad has improved throughout the season, which included last week's 11-7 loss to Livonia Ladywood and 14-9 defeat to Birmingham Detroit Country Day.

Liz Smith was on fire against the visiting Blazers, scoring five goals. Morgan Ellis and

Maggie Zinkel also scored for the Knights, who kept the game close by scooping up 19 ground balls.

Two days later, the Knights battled the Yellowjackets in a battle between two of the original girls lacrosse programs.

Fobare's squad had its chances to pull out the win, but the offense couldn't keep up with the more experienced home team.

ULS dropped to 0-7-2 overall.

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Girls tennis

Pointes get a trio of regional champions

Blue Devils edge Troy

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

The roar for four was alive and well last week.

Grosse Pointe South's girls' tennis team won its fourth consecutive Division 1 regional championship on its home courts. It is also their 14th regional title in the past 16 seasons.

"We have some great senior leadership and our younger players came through," head coach Mark Sobieralski said. "We had a nice day today after a rough start with the weather."

The Blue Devils finished with 30 points as six flights won titles. Troy also made it to the state finals with a second-place finish with 26 points, followed by Troy Athens with 16, Royal Oak with 10, Detroit Cass Tech with eight, Eastpointe East Detroit with five, Dearborn Fordson and Warren Cousino with four, Detroit Martin Luther King with one and Warren Mott with zero.

"Our team has really gelled and came together this season," senior Sarah VanWalleghem said. "It's a great leadership role to be a veteran on this team and winning the regional again is great."

Freshman Emma Hyde and junior Emily Lynch captured titles at No. 3 and No. 4 singles, winning their matches 6-3, 6-0 and 6-2, 6-0, respectively.

VanWalleghem lost 6-2, 6-0 in the No. 1 singles title match and sophomore Julie Wittwer lost 4-6, 6-4, 7-5 in the No. 2 singles singles championship match.

However, VanWalleghem sprained an ankle early in the match, but kept on playing instead of defaulting, and Wittwer is still getting her game back after missing 80 percent of the season with an injured foot.

Seniors Stephanie Skau and Lizzie Hyde won the No. 1 doubles title with a tough three set victory, winning 6-2, 6-7, 6-2.

The Blue Devils' No. 3 doubles team of juniors Diana Dodge and Kiki Fox won 6-2, 6-2 in their title match and the No. 4 doubles squad of senior Jaclyn Royer and freshman Amelia Boccaccio captured the title with a 6-3, 6-0 win.

One of the best matches of the tournament came from the No. 2 doubles team of junior Carla Schmidt and sophomore Alana Dickson, who won 6-4, 7-5. They trailed 4-1 in the opening set before winning five unanswered games.

Grosse Pointe South takes a 12-1 overall record into the state finals, which are Friday and Saturday, May 29 and 30, at the Midland Community Tennis Center.



Players and coaches hoist the regional trophy they won for a fourth straight year, edging Troy.

PHOTO BY DANA KAISER

Norsemen nearly sweep

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

Grosse Pointe North's girls' tennis team crushed the competition in its Division 2 regional tournament last week, winning it with 23 points to earn a trip to the state finals.

"We have a senior-oriented, experienced lineup that has played hard to earn this honor," head coach Matt Eszes said. "Winning a regional title is quite an honor and now it's time to get ready for the state finals."

The Norsemen made it to the state finals last year, but it was in Division 1. This year, the Norsemen are aiming for a higher finish.

"We will give it our best shot and see what happens," Eszes said. "We feel better about our chances this time around due to the experience factor."

The Norsemen won seven of the eight flights. Ariana Conti made it to the finals at No. 1 singles, but lost a tough match, 7-6, 7-5.



The Grosse Pointe North girls' tennis team, under head coach Matt Eszes, background center, won a Division 2 regional title. This picture was taken after the Norsemen won the Fraser Invitational earlier this season.

FILE PHOTO

Lauren Gilezan won the No. 2 singles title, winning 6-1, 6-0 over her Sterling Heights foe, and Kim Woods also beat a Sterling Heights opponent in the finals, winning 6-0, 6-1.

Karen Huntsman rounded out the singles titles, beating her Sterling Heights foe 6-1, 6-1 in the finals.

At No. 1 doubles, Claire Mulier and Stephanie Schucker won 6-3, 6-2 over Sterling Heights, and Amanda Josefiak and Emily Biegas won 6-1, 6-2 over Sterling Heights in the No. 2 doubles finals.

Stephanie Malouf and Mary Allemon won 6-2, 6-2 over Sterling Heights in the title match at No. 3 doubles, and the No. 4 doubles squad of Maura Bresser and Holly Gilezan won 6-1, 6-3 over Sterling Heights in their championship match.

North nearly swept the field, winning with 23 points. Sterling Heights also made it to the state finals, finishing second with 14 points.

Warren Woods-Tower was third with six points, followed by St. Clair Shores Lakeview with five, Hazel Park with four and Detroit Osborn with two.

Knights see consistency

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

The University Liggett School girls' tennis team out-muscled a group of top-notch foes to capture a Division IV regional championship at Almont last weekend.

"The girls had the best spirit and determination a coach could ask for," head coach Cathy Hackenberger said. "They were simply terrific."

"We went into regionals with the simple goal of getting our 18 points to qualify for states. We knew this would be a battle of wills since the teams were very evenly matched."

The Knights had to battle ranked foes Almont, Bloomfield Hills Sacred Heart Academy and Flint Powers.

ULS finished with 27 points, followed by Almont with 20, who also made the state finals.

The rest of the finishers were Flint Powers with 15 points, Sacred Heart with 12, Armada with 10, Madison Heights Bishop Foley with seven, Royal Oak Shrine and Imlay City with six, Lake Fenton with

three, Waterford Our Lady of the Lakes with two and Clawson with one.

The No. 1 doubles team of Medea Shanidze and Sophie Mair won, beating Sacred Heart 6-4, 7-5. They lost to the same two in a dual match a week earlier.

The No. 2 and No. 3 doubles teams also won regional titles. Juniors Sarah Pollick and Jasmine Policherla won at No. 2 6-3, 6-2, and freshmen Emily Broder and Madeline Mair won at No. 3 6-3, 6-3.

The Knights' three senior captains, Catherine Vatsis, Claire Peracchio and Kate Shannon, showed their leadership skills by winning their respective singles flights, including Vatsis, cruising to a 6-0, 6-0 win at No. 1 singles.

Peracchio won 6-1, 6-1, and Shannon won 2-6, 6-3, default.

Caroline Charbonier and Mary Nehra at No. 4 doubles, as well as Nimet Williams also contributed to the regional championship, earning points in their flights.

"The girls did it with the help of our excellent coaching staff of Jeff Good and Jamie Bow," Hackenberger said.

Earlier in the week, the Knights tied Regina 4-4, sitting at 6-3-2 overall.



Coaches and players celebrate after stunning the field to win a Division IV regional championship at Almont.

PHOTO COURTESY OF CATHY HACKENBERGER

Boys baseball

UNIVERSITY LIGGETT SCHOOL

Knights
fall in
semisBy Bob St. John
Sports Editor

University Liggett School's boys' baseball team lost a tough 1-0 decision to Meridian High School in a tournament title game last weekend.

Senior Andrew Malaski went the distance, giving up three hits, striking out eight and he gave up one unearned run.

"He pitched a gem," head coach Dan Cimini said. "It was a well-played game and they won on a bloop single to left field."

The Knights beat Reed City 12-4 in the semifinal as sophomore Dominic Jamett had two singles, a triple, a home run and four RBIs.

Junior Mark Ghafari was 3-for-4 and freshman Jeff Mott had a two-run single. Sophomore Joe Simon went the distance to get the win, scattering three hits and striking out eight.

In Metro Conference action, the Knights beat Macomb Lutheran North 1-0 to finish in



PHOTO BY RENATO JAMETT

Sophomore Joe Simon's defensive play at shortstop has helped the University Liggett School pitchers gain confidence, knowing the defense is always there.

third place. They also beat Rochester Hills Lutheran Northwest 12-1 in the quarterfinals and lost 9-3 to eventual champion Bloomfield Hills Cranbrook Kingswood in the

semifinals.

"We led Cranbrook 3-0, but then the bottom fell out," Cimini said.

"Despite the loss, I think we're playing much better and

playing with confidence. I think we're ready for the state playoffs."

ULS is 24-4 overall and finished 7-3 in the Metro Conference.

TOURNEY:
South beats
rival for title

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ranked White Lake Lakeland, 6-5.

"They're a very good team," the coach said of Lakeland. "You could see that. But, in these three-game tournaments, you see a little bit of everything. They're a good team, but we played well and wound up with the win."

The tournament sweep was just another string of victories in an increasingly impressive run the Blue Devils are on. The squad, after starting the season slow, has won 13 of its last 14 ballgames, and, the coach says, it's not by accident.

The Blue Devils stand 18-13 overall.

"We knew when the season started we were very young, and that we'd need some time to adjust and settle in," Griesbaum admitted. "So, we started the season out 2-9, but we've matured, and we've worked very hard to get better - and we have gotten better."

The combination of tough competition, inexperience and nerves might explain the sluggish start to the campaign, and although, at 4-5 in the Macomb Area Conference Red, the squad can't catch division-leading Eisenhower (7-2)

and Dakota (7-2), South may be the hottest team in the MAC.

"Of course, we would've liked to have seen the league play start last week," Griesbaum said. "But that wasn't the case."

Division title or not, South is making a case at being among the few squads capable of making a deep run in the state tournament, which begins May 26 at L'Anse Creuse High School.

"We're playing much better baseball right now, for sure," Griesbaum said. "Our pitchers are improving, they're getting better with their control, and our defense is improving too. I think a lot of it was mental and a product of our youth."

North, 17-13 overall and 4-5 MAC Red, split its other two invitational games, beating St. Clair Shores Lakeview 12-2 and lost 3-2 to Lakeland.

The Norsemen also lost a tough 2-1 division game to Dakota Monday afternoon.

"We're close, but we're not giving our pitchers help because we're making mistakes in the field that are costing us runs," Sumner said.

Against South, senior Aaron Cisco had a solo homer and sophomore Paul Kappaz had a solo homer against Lakeland.

In the win over Lakeview, junior Marc Palazzolo had a big game, going 3-for-4 with a three-run homer, a double, three runs scored and five RBIs.

Boys golf

RIVALS

North wins tournament crown

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

Braving strong winds, Grosse Pointe North and Grosse Pointe South battled to the final hole in last week's Macomb Area Conference Red Division Tournament at Forest Akers West.

North, the dual meet title winner, also won the tournament with a 348, edging South by three strokes. With winds at a constant 20 mph hour, gusting to 35 mph, neither team could get into a rhythm.

Utica Eisenhower was third with a 356, followed by Utica Ford with a 366 and Romeo with a 382.

"The greens were fast and it was very windy, but those are conditions the guys have to learn to play in," North head coach Brian Stackpole said. "It's nice to win the tournament title, too, but we didn't shoot the type of score we would like. That is something the guys have to improve on in the district tournament."

"It was a learning experience out there today," South head coach Rob McIntyre said.

"It was a tough day to play golf, but the guys made it through it and unfortunately, we fell just short of winning it."

The Blue Devils won the division tournament a year ago, edging the Norsemen. This year, the poor weather condi-



PHOTOS BY RENATO JAMETT

Grosse Pointe North's Matt Jankowski, shown here against Grosse Pointe South in a dual match at Lochmoor, helped the Norsemen win the MAC Red Division Tournament title by earning All-League honors.

tions has been a constant throughout the short season. Six players tied for medalist honors, shooting an 85.

Junior Jon Freismuth was

the medalist, shooting an 85, along with five others players. He shot a birdie on the first playoff hole to earn league MVP honors. Senior Matt

Jankowski also earned All-League honors for the Norsemen.

Both teams had to wrap up its dual match slate earlier in the week. North lost to Romeo 172-176, while South beat Romeo twice.

The Norsemen, behind seniors Jankowski and Robert Okonowski; juniors Freismuth, Alex Plomaritis, Eric Sandmair and Kevin Zak; sophomores Steven Demers, Michael Gula, Zach Hanna and Christian Vervaeke; and freshmen Scott Dornbrock and Patrick Hastings, finished 7-1 in the MAC Red Division.

The Blue Devils, with an all-underclassmen roster consisting of James Brophy, Sam Corden, Greg Griffin, Evan Inger, Justin Martin, Michael Mulier, Tommy Pendy, Michael Shook, Robert Sommerville, Matt Taflinger, Konrad Tech, Mathew Temrowski, Frank Welsher and Nathan Zimmeth, finished second in the Red Division with a 6-2 mark.

Ford was third at 4-4, followed by Romeo at 2-6 and Eisenhower at 1-7.

UNIVERSITY LIGGETT SCHOOL



PHOTO BY RENATO JAMETT

Medalist

University Liggett School senior Marc Hames was the medalist at last week's Metro Conference Tournament, posting a 73.

Bloomfield Hills Cranbrook Kingswood won the tournament with a 314, followed by Macomb Lutheran North at 320, ULS at 337 and Rochester Hills Lutheran Northwest at 347. Head coach Dan Sullivan was elated with the Knights' performance, which he said was one of the best rounds the team has produced in several years.

SPORTS CAMP

Register for
basketball camp

Grosse Pointe South is hosting a basketball camp for boys and girls entering first through 12th grade June 15 to 18.

"Our camp is boys and girls combined," said camp co-director Kevin Richard. "Our idea behind the combining of the boys and girls program is that we believe we can offer a better camp. Jim (Twigg) was a staple at the Metro D Post camp for years and I am the director of the Blue Water Position camp in St. Clair."

"Our focus is going to be more on individual skill improvement and knowledge of

the position rather than playing games.

"The camp will be taught in mass teaching format and players will be separated by age group and male/female so players will be working with their peers."

Campers in grades one to five will run 8 to 9:30 a.m. and the cost is \$50, while those in grades six to 12 will run 10 a.m. to noon for the perimeter camp and noon to 2 p.m. for the post camp. The cost for this is \$100.

For more information or to register, call Grosse Pointe South at (313) 432-3541.



Grosse Pointe South's Tommy Pendy will have his eyes set on helping the Blue Devils finish in the top six in the district tournament.

Girls soccer

UNIVERSITY LIGGETT SCHOOL

Long kick wins game

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

With one swift kick from 25 yards out, senior Charlotte Waldmeir scored the game-winning goal to lift the University Liggett School girls' soccer team to a 1-0 win over Macomb Lutheran North in last weekend's Metro Conference Tournament semi-final game.

"What a goal," head coach David Dwaihy said. "Charlotte placed it perfectly above the goalie's head and it went in."

"It was a great game and we expected that from Lutheran North. They gave us all we could handle, but we were able to prevail thanks to a team effort."

Lutheran North's goalkeeper was able to get her right hand on the ball that was headed into the upper right corner of the net, but the ball



PHOTOS BY RENATO JAMETT

Junior Paige Counsman, right, has scored some big goals during the Knights' run to a conference tournament title.

had too much mustard on it and it found the back of the net.

"The girls have played so well as a team and we don't have a superstar, but we have an entire group of girls who

want to win and they play well together," Dwaihy said. "This is a big win and now we get a shot to win the conference tournament."

It will be the Knights' final game as a member of the Metro Conference. Next year, they begin play in the MIAC.

Junior Paige Counsman nearly ended the game several minutes earlier, but her shot was blocked at the last second by the goalkeeper, who rushed out of the net 10 yards to make the stop.

The Knights controlled play for nearly 75 percent of the game and throughout the first overtime.

In the conference quarterfinals, the Knights mercied Hamtramck 8-0 in game played in a pouring rain.

Counsman and sophomore Mariah Passalacqua scored two goals apiece, while senior Quinn Scillian, junior Katie Sheehy, junior Keegin Fisher and sophomore Sarah Altmore tallied the other goals for the home team.

The Knights also played the top-ranked team in Division IV, Ann Arbor Greenhills, early last week, losing 1-0.

ULS stands 8-0-1 in the Metro Conference and 9-1-2 overall.



Senior Whitney Baubie, right, has been rock solid this season, using her veteran leadership to help the University Liggett School girls' soccer team compete for a conference title.

GROSSE POINTE SOUTH

Regular season finales

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

The Grosse Pointe South girls' soccer team wrapped up its regular season last week, beating Sterling Heights Stevenson 1-0 and losing 6-1 to Utica Eisenhower.

"We didn't end the way we wanted to," head coach Gene Harkins said. "We could have knocked Eisenhower to second place with a win, but we didn't get it done."

"We have to play better next

week in the district playoffs and find a way to get more offense.

"We have played very well against some of the best teams in the state and I think we have played only three bad games all year; so we have the confidence to go a long way in the playoffs."

In the win over Stevenson, junior Rae Sklarski scored with senior Emma Brush netting the assist.

Senior Lauren Jacobs had to stop only four shots to record

the shutout, thanks to a stellar defensive effort.

The defense wasn't so swift against the high-powered Ike squad, ranked as one of the best teams in the state.

"We gave up three bad goals and it didn't go well after that," Harkins said. "Eisenhower is very solid at both ends of the field."

South finished 2-5-3 in the Macomb Area Conference Red Division and 4-6-8 overall.

The Blue Devils play Thursday, May 21, at Fraser.

GROSSE POINTE NORTH

Norsemen drop game

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

Grosse Pointe North's trek through the tough Macomb Area Conference Red Division has been bumpy.

The Norsemen hit another speed bump last week, losing 2-0 to Chippewa Valley, which is tied for first with Utica Eisenhower.

"GPN played a very physical match tonight as Holly Spencer made 12 key saves throughout the game," head

coach Jen Nadeau said. "Chippewa Valley went up early in the first half as GPN adjusted to the tough play for all of the second half."

Senior Paul Kennedy helped the Norsemen control most of the second half, creating runs for seniors Olivia Stander and Jasmine Kennedy.

Freshman Sam Langer returned to the lineup after missing some time with an injury and made her presence felt, according to Nadeau.

Nadeau's crew played a solid

game against the Big Reds, but just couldn't get a shot by its netminder.

North dropped to 1-7-3 in the MAC Red Division and 3-7-3 overall.

Upcoming for the Norsemen is a Division 1 district first-round game at 5 p.m. Tuesday, May 26, at Fraser.

If they win, the Norsemen would face city rival Grosse Pointe South at 6 p.m. Thursday, May 28, at Fraser.

North is 1-0-1 against South this season.

Girls softball

GROSSE POINTE SOUTH

Errors doom Blue Devils

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

With the regular season winding down, Grosse Pointe South's girls' softball team is taking strides to work on the little things it will take to battle for a district title next weekend.

On Monday afternoon, the

host Blue Devils dropped a 7-1 defeat to Roseville as several defensive errors led to the defeat.

Head coach Nicole Crane's ballclub scored in the bottom of the first inning when senior Jacqueline Reno hit an RBI single.

Other hitting standouts were senior Morgan Bedan, who

was 2-for-2 with a walk, and sophomore Emily Wybo, who had two hits and scored the lone run.

In other recent action, the Blue Devils beat L'Anse Creuse and lost tough one-run games to Fraser, 1-0, and Port Huron, 10-9, dropping to 5-4 in the Macomb Area Conference Gold Division.

GROSSE POINTE NORTH

Ladies drop 2-of-3

The Grosse Pointe North girls' softball team dropped two-of-three games last week, dropping to 8-16 overall.

Head coach Bill Taylor and his Norsemen started the week on a positive note, beating Utica 3-1 in a Macomb Area Conference White Division game.

They ended the week with a 13-1 loss to highly-ranked Anchor Bay and 8-1 to Marine City, which is in a three-way tie for the White Division lead with St. Clair and St. Clair Shores Lake Shore, all at 6-2.


The Norsemen stand fifth in the division at 2-6, one game behind Utica Ford and one game ahead of Utica with one week left in the regular season.

North plays its Division 1 district tournament Saturday, May 30, at L'Anse Creuse.

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CHESTERFIELD: 25540 Norvell. (off Gratiot/South of 21). Police memorabilia. Beer mirrors, barware. Friday-Sunday, 9am-5pm. 586-228-9090. Pictures at actionestate.com	HUGE assortment/ fine women's clothing, many brand new: 262 East Boston Boulevard, Detroit. Saturday, 9am-3pm. In carriage house. Suits, dresses, coats, etc., designer labels, sizes 14-22. 200 plus pairs/ shoes, boots/sandals, sizes 10-11. Hat, jewelry, hand bag collections and more. Come early for best selection. M/C, VISA	1572 Hollywood, Grosse Pointe Woods, Friday, May 22, 8am-3:30pm. Over 60 antique Nancy Ann Story Book dolls, new in box. Treadmill, outdoor play equipment, kid's clothing, housewares.	45 Lakecrest Lane, Farms (off of Lakeshore). Friday-Saturday, 9am-3pm. Children's items to grandmother's treasures.	GROSSE Pointe Farms, 371 Moross. Saturday, 9am-5pm. Sunday, 9am-3pm. Baby items, housewares, collectible cars, something for everyone!	SHOTGUNS, rifles, old handguns; Parker, Browning, Winchester, Colt, Luger, others. Collector. (248)324-0680	ADOPT a greyhound-adopt a friend. Retired Greyhounds as Pets. Visit www.rescuedgreyhounds.org Call 1-800-GO-HOUND	1999 SVT Cobra, 37,000 miles, garage kept, must see! \$15,900. (313)882-4431	
ESTATE sale, many antiques, household/garage. Snowed out last time, emptied cottage, lots of stuff. 1321 Yorkshire, Friday-Saturday, 10am-4pm	20950 Country Club, Harper Woods. Multi family, May 21-22: 9am-4pm. May 23: 9am-noon. Household items, freezer, couch, end tables, bedding (king, queen, twin), kids books & toys, microwave, clothes, women's shoes, purses, much more.	1953 Fleetwood Drive, Grosse Pointe Woods. Garage/ estate sale. Friday, May 22; Saturday, May 23; 9am-3pm.	55 Touraine, Friday, May 22- Saturday, 23, 9am-3pm. 2 family household sale, furniture, antiques, desks, antique twin beds, exercise equipment, household items.	MOVING sale, selling everything. 956 Washington, Thursday-Saturday, 10am-3pm.	ADOPT a friend. Retired Greyhounds as Pets. Visit www.rescuedgreyhounds.org Call 1-800-GO-HOUND	603 AUTOMOTIVE GENERAL MOTORS	651 BOATS AND MOTORS	
ST. Clair Shores, 22631 California (8 1/2/ Greater Mack), May 22-24, 9am-4pm	3 family garage sale. Lots of everything! 460 Alter Road. May 21, 22, 10am-? May 23, 9am-?	20950 Country Club, Harper Woods. Multi family, May 21-22: 9am-4pm. May 23: 9am-noon. Household items, freezer, couch, end tables, bedding (king, queen, twin), kids books & toys, microwave, clothes, women's shoes, purses, much more.	959 Lakepointe, Grosse Pointe Park. Friday, Saturday, 9am-3pm. 3 family garage sale! Household items, baby/ kids clothes, toys & accessories, air conditioners, furniture, etc. Nice stuff, no junk!	MULTI family garage sale, 880 & 868 Neff. Tools, furniture, household, toys, clothes. Friday-Saturday, 9am-4pm.	GROSSE Pointe Animal Clinic: female Maltese (not housebroken). Female Mastiff. Neutered ShihTzu male, 7 years. (313)822-5707	CADILLAC STS, 2002, excellent condition. Diamond white, new Michelins, brakes. It's nice! Mostly highway miles. \$5,500, 248-376-2102	KAYAK Sonoma 13' 6" Airlite, yellow, Werner Cascadia paddle, rarely used, \$600. (313)886-1228	
Fax your ads 24 hours 313-343-5569	403 AUCTIONS	403 AUCTIONS	MULTI family, 1200 block of Grayton, Grosse Pointe. Saturday, May 23, 9am-3pm. Clothes, jewelry, home goods, office supplies, games, furniture and more.	ST. Clair Shores, 21705 Shady Lane. Saturday, Sunday, 8am. Big garage sale!	ADOPT a friend. Retired Greyhounds as Pets. Visit www.rescuedgreyhounds.org Call 1-800-GO-HOUND	604 AUTOMOTIVE ANTIQUE/CLASSIC	657 MOTORCYCLES	
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RULES: Reshuffle six letters to form a new word. If a word is given, find an anagram of that word. Place letters in boxes next to shuffled letters. After all six words are solved, find new 6-letter words shuffled in the six columns or two diagonals.
HINT: There might be more than one answer hidden in the six columns or two diagonals. Can you find 5 words? Happy Hunting!

TIIGSD					
IIRATV					
OACLSI					
SLINBD					
DEEEDN					
GAMINE					

Last Weeks Puzzle Solved

Col. 3: UNCAPS
 Col. 4: TONICS / TOCSIN
 Col. 5: ENTIRE
 Top Left Diag: UNSAID

U	M	P	I	R	E
W	A	N	T	E	D
L	O	S	S	E	S
C	O	U	N	T	S
N	I	A	C	I	N
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\$219* mo
A/Z PLAN DISCOUNT PRICE \$16,231^{60*}
 MSRP \$17,910⁰⁰ STK# H2404

36 MONTH LEASE THROUGH US BANK, NOT ALL BUYERS WILL QUALIFY. 0.0281 RATE FACTOR, 12,000 MILES PER YEAR, MILEAGE PENALTY OF .18 CENTS PER MILE FOR MILES DRIVEN OVER 36,000 MILES. \$1,604.40 TOTAL OUT OF POCKET CUSTOMER CASH, \$875.00 ACQUISITION FEE INCLUDED IN PAYMENT, 6% USE TAX FIGURED INTO PAYMENT, OPTION TO PURCHASE PRICE AT END OF LEASE IS \$8,588.60, PLUS TAX AND PLATES. NO SECURITY DEPOSIT REQUIRED, \$395.00 TERMINATION FEE DUE AT END OF LEASE.



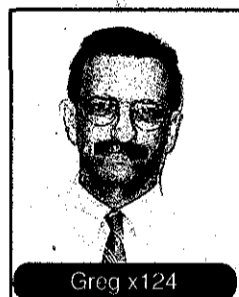
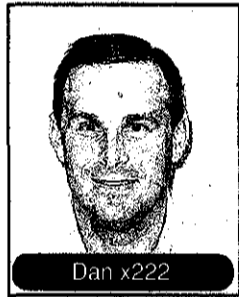
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\$319* mo
A/Z PLAN DISCOUNT PRICE \$27,970^{41*}
 MSRP \$31,365⁰⁰ STK# H1374

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2009 FORD TAURUS FWD SEL

WHITE SUEDE CLEARCOAT, CAMEL CLOTH SEATING, 3.5L DURATEC ENGINE, 6-SPEED AUTO TRANS, P215/60R17 BSW TIRES



\$359* mo
A/Z PLAN DISCOUNT PRICE \$23,557^{90*}
 MSRP \$26,250⁰⁰ STK# H2041

36 MONTH LEASE THROUGH US BANK, NOT ALL BUYERS WILL QUALIFY. 0.0281 RATE FACTOR, 12,000 MILES PER YEAR, MILEAGE PENALTY OF .18 CENTS PER MILE FOR MILES DRIVEN OVER 36,000 MILES. \$2,885.02 TOTAL OUT OF POCKET CUSTOMER CASH, \$875.00 ACQUISITION FEE INCLUDED IN PAYMENT, 6% USE TAX FIGURED INTO PAYMENT, OPTION TO PURCHASE PRICE AT END OF LEASE IS \$9,800.00, PLUS TAX AND PLATES. NO SECURITY DEPOSIT REQUIRED, \$395.00 TERMINATION FEE DUE AT END OF LEASE.

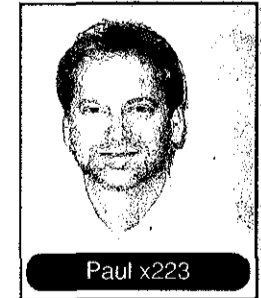
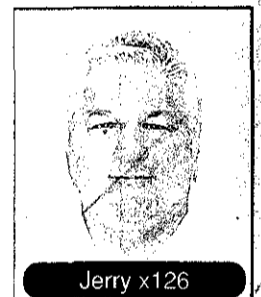
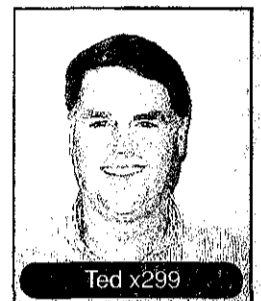
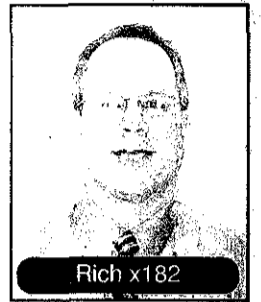
2009 FORD FUSION SE

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\$299* mo
A/Z PLAN DISCOUNT PRICE \$20,618^{70*}
 MSRP \$23,610⁰⁰ STK# H2592

36 MONTH LEASE THROUGH FMC, NOT ALL CUSTOMERS WILL QUALIFY. 1.75% APR, 10,500 MILES ALLOWED PER YEAR, MILEAGE PENALTY OF .15 CENTS FOR MILES OVER 31,500. \$1,132.81 TOTAL OUT OF POCKET CUSTOMER CASH, \$595.00 ACQUISITION FEE INCLUDED IN PAYMENT, 6% USE TAX FIGURED INTO PAYMENT, OPTION TO PURCHASE PRICE AT END OF LEASE IS \$10,888.40, PLUS TAX AND PLATES. NO SECURITY DEPOSIT REQUIRED.



2009 FORD EDGE FWD-SE

BLACK CLEARCOAT, MED LT STONE CLOTH, 17" PAINTED ALUMINUM WHEELS, 3.5L V6 ENGINE, AUTOMATIC OVERDRIVE TRANS, P235/65R17 BSW TIRES



\$329* mo
A/Z PLAN DISCOUNT PRICE \$24,833^{90*}
 MSRP \$26,905⁰⁰ STK# H2029

36 MONTH LEASE THROUGH FMC, NOT ALL CUSTOMERS WILL QUALIFY. 1.00% APR, 10,500 MILES ALLOWED PER YEAR, MILEAGE PENALTY OF .15 CENTS FOR MILES OVER 31,500. \$1,919.47 TOTAL OUT OF POCKET CUSTOMER CASH, \$595.00 ACQUISITION FEE INCLUDED IN PAYMENT, 6% USE TAX FIGURED INTO PAYMENT, OPTION TO PURCHASE PRICE AT END OF LEASE IS \$12,876.30, PLUS TAX AND PLATES. NO SECURITY DEPOSIT REQUIRED.

2009 FORD FLEX FWD-SE

LIGHT ICE BLUE METALLIC, MED LT STONE CLOTH, 18" PAINTED ALUMINUM WHEELS, 3.5L V6 ENGINE, AUTOMATIC OVERDRIVE TRANS, P235/60R18 BSW A/S TIRES, SYNC WITH 911 ASSIST/VR, SYNC VOICE ACTIVATED SYSTEM, ROOF RAILS-BLACK, WHITE TWO-TONE ROOF



\$379* mo
A/Z PLAN DISCOUNT PRICE \$27,659^{55*}
 MSRP \$30,215⁰⁰ STK# H2584

36 MONTH LEASE THROUGH FMC, NOT ALL CUSTOMERS WILL QUALIFY. 1.00% APR, 10,500 MILES ALLOWED PER YEAR, MILEAGE PENALTY OF .15 CENTS FOR MILES OVER 31,500. \$2,162.95 TOTAL OUT OF POCKET CUSTOMER CASH, \$595.00 ACQUISITION FEE INCLUDED IN PAYMENT, 6% USE TAX FIGURED INTO PAYMENT, OPTION TO PURCHASE PRICE AT END OF LEASE IS \$15,003.20, PLUS TAX AND PLATES. NO SECURITY DEPOSIT REQUIRED.

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