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THURSDAY, JULY 9

◆ The Sun Messengers perform at a free 7 p.m. concert on The Village Festival Plaza in the City of Grosse Pointe. Rain location is Maire Elementary School, 740 Cadieux.

SATURDAY, JULY 11

◆ Grosse Pointe Historical Society Summer Veillée is held between 1 and 4 p.m. at the Provencal-Weir House, 376 Kercheval in Grosse Pointe Farms. Storyteller Genot Picor and fiddler Michael Francis share stories and songs about old Grosse Pointe and Lake Saint Clair through sing-alongs, dancing and Native American sign language. Also, docent led tours of the house are offered and light refreshments served. Admission is \$5 for members and \$10 for non-members. Reservations are encouraged. Children are welcome to come with an adult. For information, call (313) 884-7010, or see gphistorical.org.

SUNDAY, JULY 12

◆ A Detroit Chamber Winds and Strings quintet performs from 2:30 to 4 p.m. Sunday, July 12 at the Detroit Zoo's main picnic grove on the mobile stage. Members perform selections by Bach, Sousa and other classical composers with a special presentation of "animal ditties." For more information, call (313) 852-4056.

MONDAY, JULY 13

◆ Hudson cars from all over the world will gather with their owners July 13-17 at the Detroit Marriott Centerpoint in Pontiac. The Pointes have a rich history with Hudson Motor Car Company, and many will share in the 100-year anniversary celebration. See page 3A for more information.

TUESDAY, JULY 14

◆ Gijsbert Kok, carillonneur for the Netherlands cities of Weesp, Voorschoten and Zoetermeer, performs at 7:15 p.m. Tuesday, July 14 at Grosse Pointe Memorial Church, 16 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms. Tours of the tower are given after the recital.

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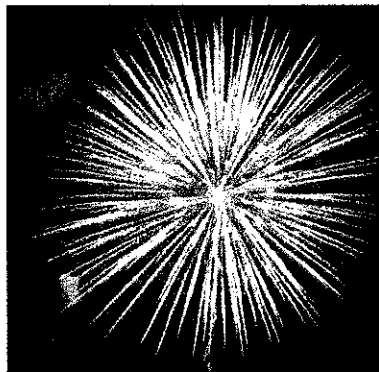
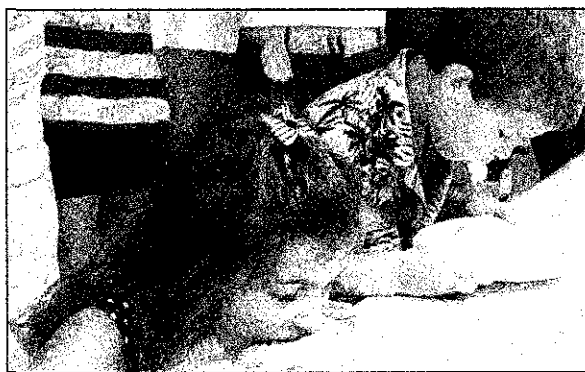
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Fun Fourth

Public safety officers were on hand Saturday when employees of Wolverine Fireworks rigged the show on the Harbor Hill peninsula in Grosse Pointe Farms. At right, Morgan Connell, 9, and her aunt, Kathy Satterlund, compete in the raft race. Below, Victoria and Thomas Bertetto turned 8 years old July 4 and entered the pie-eating contest. See story and photos on page 6A.



PHOTOS BY WILL HARRAH



GROSSE POINTE PUBLIC SCHOOL SYSTEM

Board member resigns

By Amy Salvagno
 Staff Writer

Longtime public official Ahmed Ismail has brought his second term on the Grosse Pointe Board of Education to an abrupt and early end.

Ismail submitted his resignation effective Monday, July 6, to board president Alice Kosinski and Superintendent Suzanne Klein, citing medical issues that he says require his full attention.

The Grosse Pointe Woods resident, who also stepped down from his position on that city's planning commission, suffered a minor stroke last November, the same month he was reelected to four more years on the school board.

"I will not be able to devote the level of attention to school affairs which I feel is owed by a school board trustee to the residents of our community," he wrote in his resignation

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GROSSE POINTE SHORES

Recall effort brewing

Support builds to go after those who backed increase

By Brad Lindberg
 Staff Writer

Dr. Robert E. Lee is in a house divided.

Lee, a cardiovascular surgeon, is drumming up support for a recall in Grosse Pointe Shores.

He's targeting the mayor and four council members for supporting a 1-mill tax increase.

"There's a solid nucleus of 40 to 50 people who are interested in helping and even more who want to be kept posted," Lee said. "Over the next month or so, we're going to have to convene some of the more interested citizens and plan our

strategy."

A tax hike last month passed the city council by a 5-2 vote. Supporting the increase were Mayor Dr. James Cooper and council members Dr. James Hunt, Fred Minturn, Victoria Boyce and Robert Graziani.

Voting no, and thus not recall objects, were freshmen councilmen Ted Kedzierski and Dan Schulte, who have had numerous run-ins with the majority.

The extra tax, to be used for road repairs and to refresh the depleted rainy day fund, was proposed despite a balanced

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GROSSE POINTE WOODS

Director fights to fill vacant positions

Councilman says maybe it's time to explore consolidation in Pointes

By Kathy Ryan
 Staff Writer

In theory, a city budget that mandates a hiring and wage freeze in tough economic times seems like sound fiscal management. In reality, when a key employee opts for retirement, it raises questions as to the benefits of the freeze.

That's the dilemma facing Grosse Pointe Woods Public Safety Department Director Michael Makowski, as he faces

the retirement of his deputy director, Jim Fowler. It brought Makowski before the Woods city council to ask that he be allowed to fill the position, as well as filling a vacant supervisor's position.

"I'm trying to cut costs every way I can," Makowski told the council in a committee of the whole session. "But there has to come a point where you have to decide where the cuts

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POINTER OF INTEREST

'I'm really looking forward to this opportunity to swim for a great college program.'

Mike Lane



Age: 18
 Family: Parents, Bryan and Kim; brothers, Matt and Patrick
 Claim to fame: Swimming in college for Denison University
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Yesterday's headlines

1959

50 years ago this week

◆ **STORM RIPS POINTES:** The Grosse Pointes ushered in a new fiscal year with a brief but violent thunderstorm. The Park and City suffered the most damage, with the Shores feeling some of the storm and the Woods escaping virtually unscathed.

Numerous trees, branches and wires were downed and several houses damaged as a cloudburst and 75 mile an hour winds buffeted the Pointes and the east side of Detroit.

◆ **SHORES HIKES POLICE PAY:** The Grosse Pointe Shores public safety officers, from patrolman to the chief, were granted a six percent pay increase. The chief's pay was increased from \$8,064 to \$8,548 a year, the lieutenants' pay from \$6,672 to \$7,080;

sergeants from \$6,048 to \$6,408; and patrolmen, \$5,664 to \$6,000.

◆ **LOADER CRASHES INTO WALL:** An employee of the Grosse Pointe Farms Department of Public Works suffered bruised ribs when the brakes failed on the pay loader he was operating and ran into a brick wall.

1984

25 years ago this week

◆ **PETITIONS OPPOSE LIQUOR LICENSE:** They haven't even applied yet, but news that the Grosse Pointe War Memorial may seek a Class C liquor license for its community center has already inspired a petition drive in opposition. Unsigned petitions were mailed to several houses in the area claiming granting of the license would increase traffic problems and aggravate Grosse Pointe's "most acute drug problem" — teenage drinking.

◆ **FIREWORKS RETURN:** After an eight-year absence, the fireworks returned to Grosse Pointe Sunday. Crowds estimated at more than 6,000 strong lined Mack Avenue to watch a 20-minute display launched from Lochmoor Country Club sponsored by the Grosse Pointe Business and Professional Association of Mack Avenue.

◆ **DRAIN BOARD WINS FIGHT:** Grosse Pointe Woods' court battle with the Milk River Drain Board ended last month with a whimper. The city council decided not to respond to the drain board's charges by a court-imposed deadline, thereby losing its power to veto the construction because the facility didn't meet the city's zoning ordinance.

The city's planning commission approved a site plan for the building, but the city council refused to grant the necessary variance for the construction.



FROM THE JULY 9, 1959 ISSUE OF THE GROSSE POINTE NEWS

1959: After the storm

The violent storm which whipped through the Pointes July 1 was classified by some as a tornado. It did great damage, especially to trees. This house on Lakecrest took a beating when it was in the path of falling timber.

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1999

10 years ago this week

◆ **TARTARS' RECRUIT:** Grosse Pointe Shores resident Amy Peters signed a letter of intent to become Wayne State University's first women's hockey recruit.

Peters played right wing, was an assistant captain on the Team Michigan Midget A women's hockey team last year and recruited by several colleges.

◆ **THOMAS OUT, BIDIGARE IN:** Grosse Pointe Woods City Administrator

Peter Thomas' last day of work was July 2, after more than 30 years of public service.

Thomas announced his retirement late last year, but agreed to stay on until the city council named a replacement. The council voted in late spring to appoint Ted Bidigare to the post.

◆ **REQUEST MOORED:** A City of Grosse Pointe resident who requested to moor his 27-foot sloop off the shoreline of Grosse Pointe Farms has rescinded his request after it was met with vehement protests and criticism from the public.

2004

Five years ago this week

◆ **NEW SENIOR DEVELOPMENT:** The Grosse Pointe Woods Planning Commission voted unanimously to recommend Sunrise Development be allowed to construct a second senior assisted living complex in the city. The 38-unit facility is proposed to be built on Vernier near Mack. The first complex, at Mack and Brys, is under construction and expected to open early 2005.

◆ **GUNMAN SURRENDERS:** An armed 44-year-old Grosse Pointe Park man sur-

rendered to law enforcement officers after he holed himself up in his house in the 1100 block of Kensington for an hour and a half. Special Response Team officers forced entry into the house and subdued the man with a Taser.

◆ **SCHOOL BILL:** Rep. Edward Gaffney, R-Grosse Pointe Farms, proposed legislation that would start the school year after Labor Day for all public schools in Michigan. The current K-12 academic calendar begins the last Tuesday of August then breaks for a four-day Labor Day weekend. Passing of the legislation is expected to help Michigan's tourism business.

—Karen Fontanive

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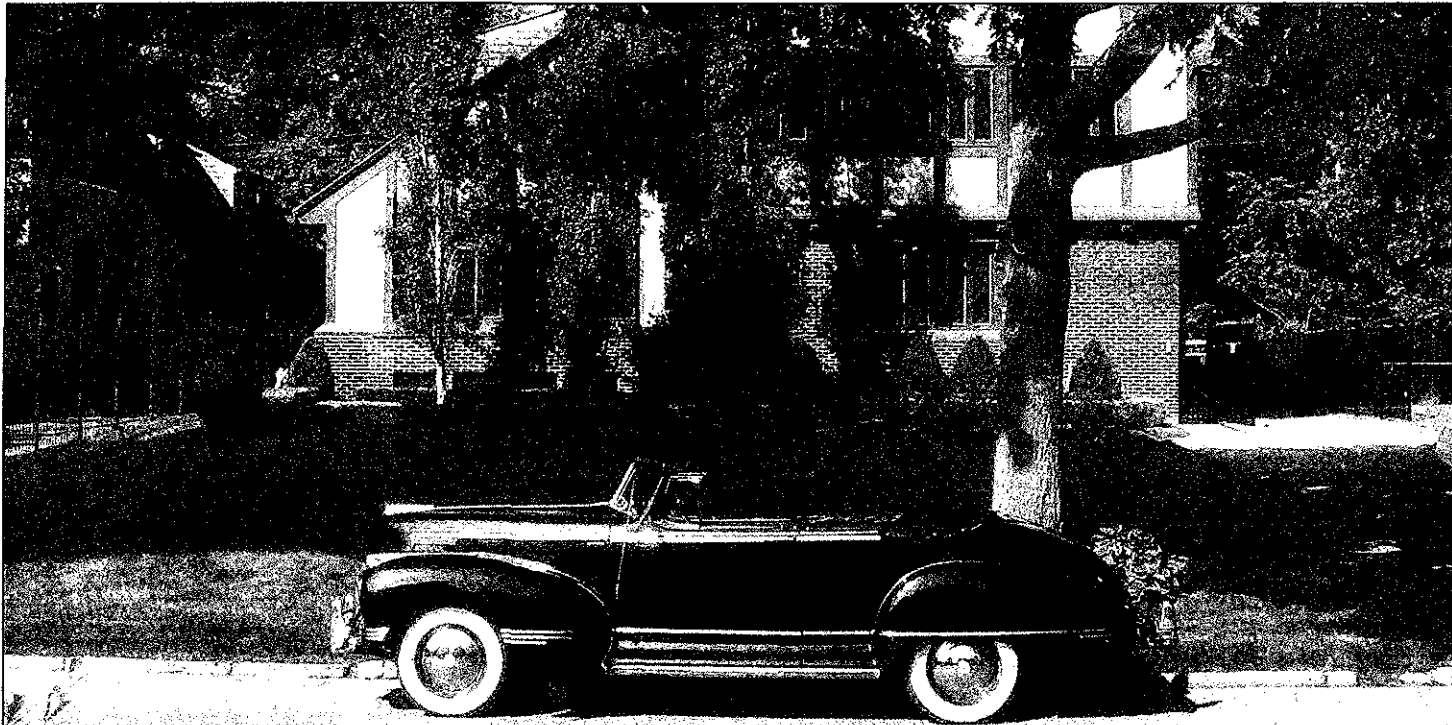
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Hudson celebrates a century

Pointes a part of automaker's history, international gathering set for next week

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

Ken Poynter's maroon 1942 Hudson Commodore convertible rides as steady as Plymouth Rock and is just as American.

"A step-down Hudson rides every bit as well as my Lincoln Town Car," said Poynter, chairman of next week's international gathering of Hudson car owners at the Detroit Marriott at Centerpoint in Pontiac.

"We're expecting approximately 350 to 400 cars," Poynter said. "Cars will be on display to the public July 13 through 17."

Admission is free.

"We encourage anybody interested in antique cars, especially the Hudson, to come out, look at the cars and say hello," said Poynter, who also is mayor of Harper Woods.

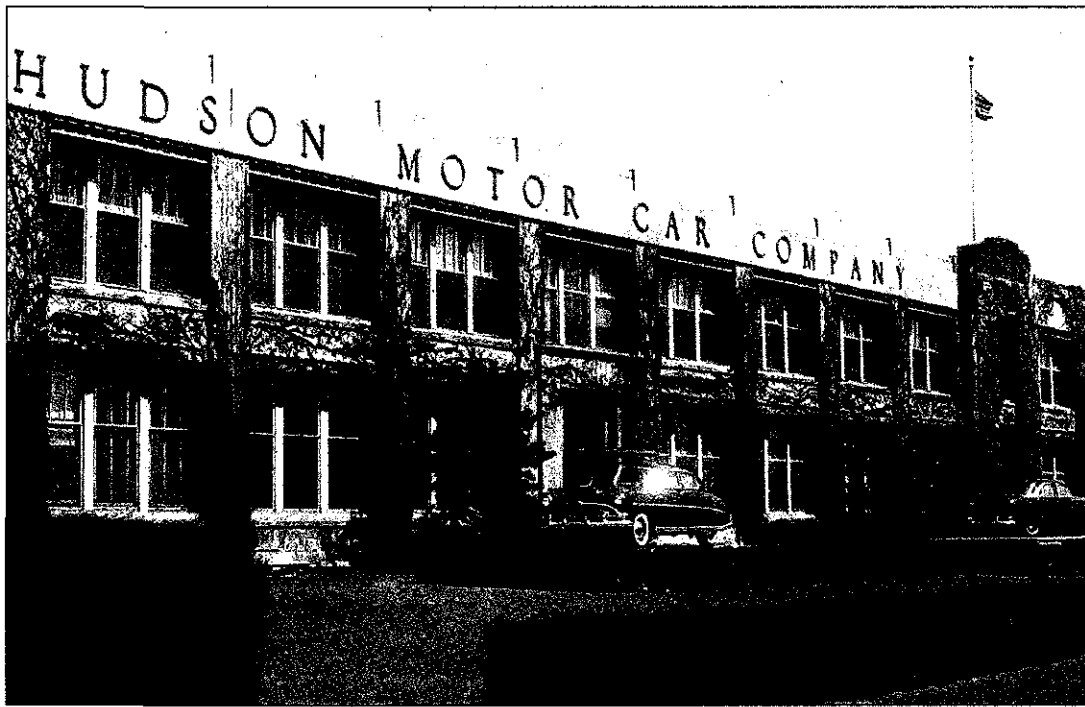
Owners are coming from all over the world: from Australia to Sweden.

"A couple from New Zealand shipped their 1934 Hudson to California about a month ago," Poynter said. "They are touring the United States and expect to be in Pontiac the week of July 13. They were married in the car 40 years ago."

Hudsons were built at a factory on East Jefferson at Conner.

"It goes back to a time when cars had distinctive styling," Poynter said. "Hudson was an extremely well engineered car. They had tremendous owner loyalty."

He's had his Commodore



At top, Ken Poynter's 1942 Hudson outside the home of Hudson Motor Car Co. founding father, Roscoe B. Jackson, at 2525 Iroquois in Detroit's Indian Village. Above, the Hudson factory was on East Jefferson and Conner.

more than 40 years.

"I bought it with my father," he said.

Poynter's father worked for Hudson more than 30 years starting in 1926.

"Detroit was booming in the '20s," Poynter said. "It was a go-to place."

The Hudson car was named after J.L. Hudson of department store fame because he was a primary financial backer, Poynter said.

"As a wedding present to Roscoe B. Jackson (company president Hudson Motor 1923 to 1929) and his new bride (one of J.L. Hudson's nieces), Hudson gave him \$90,000 to

start the company," Poynter said.

The car show celebrates the company's founding 100 years ago by, among others, Roy Chapin.

"His son, Roy Chapin Jr., worked for Hudson and became president and CEO of American Motors during its most prosperous times," Poynter said. "Roy Chapin Jr.'s son, Bill, lives in Grosse Pointe and will be guest speaker at our banquet Friday, July 17."

Many Hudson executives lived in the Grosse Pointes.

Chief stylist Frank Springs lived at 834 Rivard in the City. Superintendent Otto Groehn

and engineer Robert Sucek lived at 1261 and 1023 Kensington, respectively, in the Park. Chief engineer Millard Toncray lived at 1222 Buckingham.

Others lived at 1009, 1352 and 1420 Bishop and 1356, 1369, 1375 and 1410 Yorkshire in the Park.

When Hudson became part of American Motors, first vice-president A. Edward Barit lived at 15366 Windmill Pointe Drive.

The Detroit Marriott at Centerpoint in Pontiac is located at 3600 Centerpoint Parkway, off I-75 exit No. 75, near Square Lake and Opdyke.

GROSSE POINTE CITY AND PARK

Cadieux resurfacing hits bump

On-street parking ban rankles some residents

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

When Greg Jakub learned his street was going to be resurfaced, he had no idea of the rough road ahead.

Jakub said he and his neighbors on Cadieux weren't told by municipal officials that resurfacing would mean a ban of on-street parking.

"It limits access to our property," said Jakub of the City of Grosse Pointe.

He's championing to reverse the ban on behalf of himself and nearly 30 neighbors in the City and Grosse Pointe Park, which Cadieux separates.

"Our elected representatives basically made this major change in our property without consulting us," Jakub said.

City officials are taking most of the heat because it was their turn to repave Cadieux.

Construction began more than a month ago from Kercheval to Jefferson.

Eighty percent of funding came from state and federal grants. Conditions of the grant included banning parking.

"The road is almost 2 1/2 feet too narrow by Michigan Department of Transportation standards to allow parking on the one side," said City Mayor Dale Scrace.

"The issue about parking is a state mandate. It's not a City requirement."

City Manager Peter Dame said residents in the construction zone were given advanced notice.

"We did notify residents several months ago — before the project started — about this issue," he said. "He (Jakub), nor anyone else, is likely to be unconvinced. The City and Park did a lot of viewing of the parking situation. There were no more than three cars parked on the street at any time. We worked with the state to try to look for alternatives because we

would like to avoid eliminating parking if possible. We were not successful with any of our alternatives. We plan to appeal to the state."

In a June 29 letter to the City and Park, Jakub addressed the preconstruction notice: "The door-to-door survey that was done prior to the paving project was done while many of us were at work. It did not give most of us the opportunity to provide adequate feedback on how the project would negatively impact us."

Jakub said eliminating parking leads to a second problem.

He said, "With a new paved surface on Cadieux with no parking, traffic will travel even faster than it does now and basically change Cadieux from a residential street into a highway."

"Two public safety departments police that road," Scrace said. "I don't recall people complaining significantly about paving a street and making it too smooth so cars will go faster."

Police plan heightened patrols of Cadieux for a few months following construction.

"We'll see how it goes," said James Fox, City public safety director.

"It's a busy street," Scrace said. "It's been a busy street. That street's been narrow for a long, long time. Paving the street is not going to increase traffic."

Jakub said he knew before moving onto Cadieux that it was a quasi-commercial thoroughfare linking the Pointes to the I-94 expressway and Jefferson, with the Village shopping district and a hospital along the way.

"On any street you live on there are issues," he said. "The basic dishonesty is they're making a decision that affects me. It cost me something in terms of quality of life and probably in property values down the road. But they didn't involve me in that decision."

GROSSE POINTE SHORES

Harbor no port for stormy council

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

Dan Schulte will remain city council liaison to the Grosse Pointe Shores harbor committee.

Mayor Dr. James Cooper maintained Councilman Schulte's appointment to the committee in the wake of its members' request for a new skipper.

While reaffirming Schulte's station, Cooper told him to stop making waves.

Committee members mutinied a few weeks ago when Schulte, a first-time officeholder, wrote an illustrated report claiming the newly renovated municipal harbor was unsafe.

"I encourage you," Cooper said to Schulte, "to not create or distribute any more reports without consulting with the harbor committee, (City Manager Brian) Vick or this council."

The harbor reopened last summer following a \$3.8 million reconfiguration.

Features include new docks, utility service and floating slips that adjust automatically to changing levels of Lake St. Clair.

Schulte, whose appointment replaced defeated council incumbent and harbor committee liaison Karl Kratz, said a few weeks ago his report was

prompted by some boaters. Schulte said they pointed out exposed metal pipe ends that secure floating docks, cracked breakwalls, too few railings and rescue ladders.

His report's effect was of a rogue wave on calm seas.

"(The harbor committee) concluded that our harbor does not have hazards, but rather, concerns," Cooper said. "All of these were addressed and decisions made on how to deal with them. This is an example of the proper use of a committee."

"I would like to add," Schulte responded, "that the people who decided there was no hazards were the people who chose to design the harbor (and) were responsible for it. So, it was not an unbiased decision."

The harbor was redesigned and built over a two-year period under the direction and guidance of experienced marine architects.

"When we do that, we lessen our chance of being found negligent drastically," said Mark McInerney, city attorney.

"You don't have to be an expert to see pipes sticking up, where if someone fell they'd get hurt," Schulte said. "I talked to City Manager Brian Vick about that and he did get some PVC caps for some of them. There are some things

that are just obvious."

"We've begun to look at these things and make sure all concerns are satisfied," Vick said.

The city's insurance provider has been asked to evaluate the harbor's risk.

"We have some areas that perhaps would pose a liability," said Bill O'Keefe, representing the Michigan Municipal Risk Management Authority (and a former Shores trustee). "We welcome any resident or guests that would point out these things. We feel very comfortable at this time."

There's more

Cooper's mare clausum covers more than the harbor. He also instructed Schulte to bely surveying residents about prospective council action.

"Can you imagine the chaos that would be created if each (council member) decided to send out unofficial surveys and literature?" Cooper told him.

"Legislative bodies take action only through a majority, not individually. Teams accomplish more when members work together rather than again each other."

Schulte had e-mailed some residents seeking opinions about saving costs by cutting services.

"It was brought up in the finance meeting that we could

save \$200,000 if we took our trash to the curb instead of having a (trash) cart come up to our houses," Schulte said.

"My gut feeling, and how the residents feel about this may not match. I'm here to represent the residents, not how I feel alone. So, I asked people what they thought. A few people wrote (to) me and asked if there was going to be any action on this. I said absolutely not; I'm just asking this on my own."

Cooper said the query "unnecessarily alarmed" many residents.

"If you wanted to bring this before the public," Cooper told him, "you need to do it in the proper way. You're now an elected official. When you send out things, people respond to it differently."

"I ask that in the future, if you have an issue you'd like to discuss, bring it to us. I can understand that you want information, but an unofficial survey gives you no information we can use."

Cooper also told Schulte not to attend finance committee meetings. The committee already has three members from the council.

If Schulte attends, Cooper said, it might be construed to form a council quorum in violation of the Open Meetings Act.

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POINTER OF INTEREST

Mike Lane is ready to leave Grosse Pointe North behind and begin his collegiate career at Denison University. The soon-to-be freshman will be on the men's swim team.

Lane anxious for college career

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

Seven weeks from now, Mike Lane begins a new chapter in his life — college.

The 18-year-old Grosse Pointe North graduate leaves the cozy confines of his Grosse Pointe Shores home and heads a little more than 225 miles to Denison University.

Not only will Lane be a student at Denison, but he will be an athlete, competing on the men's swimming and diving team that is a Division III powerhouse.

"I'm really looking forward to this opportunity to swim for a great college program and get a great education," Lane said. "It's going to be a challenge, but I feel confident I can do well in each aspect."

The Big Red placed third in the 2009 nationals, which was their fourth straight top-three finish. Swimmers captured six national event titles, led by David Curtis, who was a senior.

Denison won five of six dual meets, losing only by nine points to Kenyon. Its victories came by 59, 40, 75, 42 and 61 points.

"I know I'm going to have to work very hard to get into the lineup because the roster has a lot of returning swimmers," Lane said. "I have worked hard for a long time to get to this point and I'm ready to put in even more time to be a good collegiate swimmer."

Lane had a successful senior season swimming for

North under long-time head coach Mike O'Connor.

He was 12th in the 200-yard individual medley and 16th in the 100-yard backstroke with times of 2:01.50 and 57.66, respectively, in the Division 2 state championship meet at Holland Aquatics in mid-March.

He also made the state finals as a junior and sophomore, competing in the Division 2 finals in the 200-IM and 100-yard breaststroke last year and Division 1 in the same events in 2007.

"I like swimming, but I originally was a hockey player," Lane said. "My parents literally had to bribe me to get into the pool when I was a kid. It's kind of funny because now I love swimming."

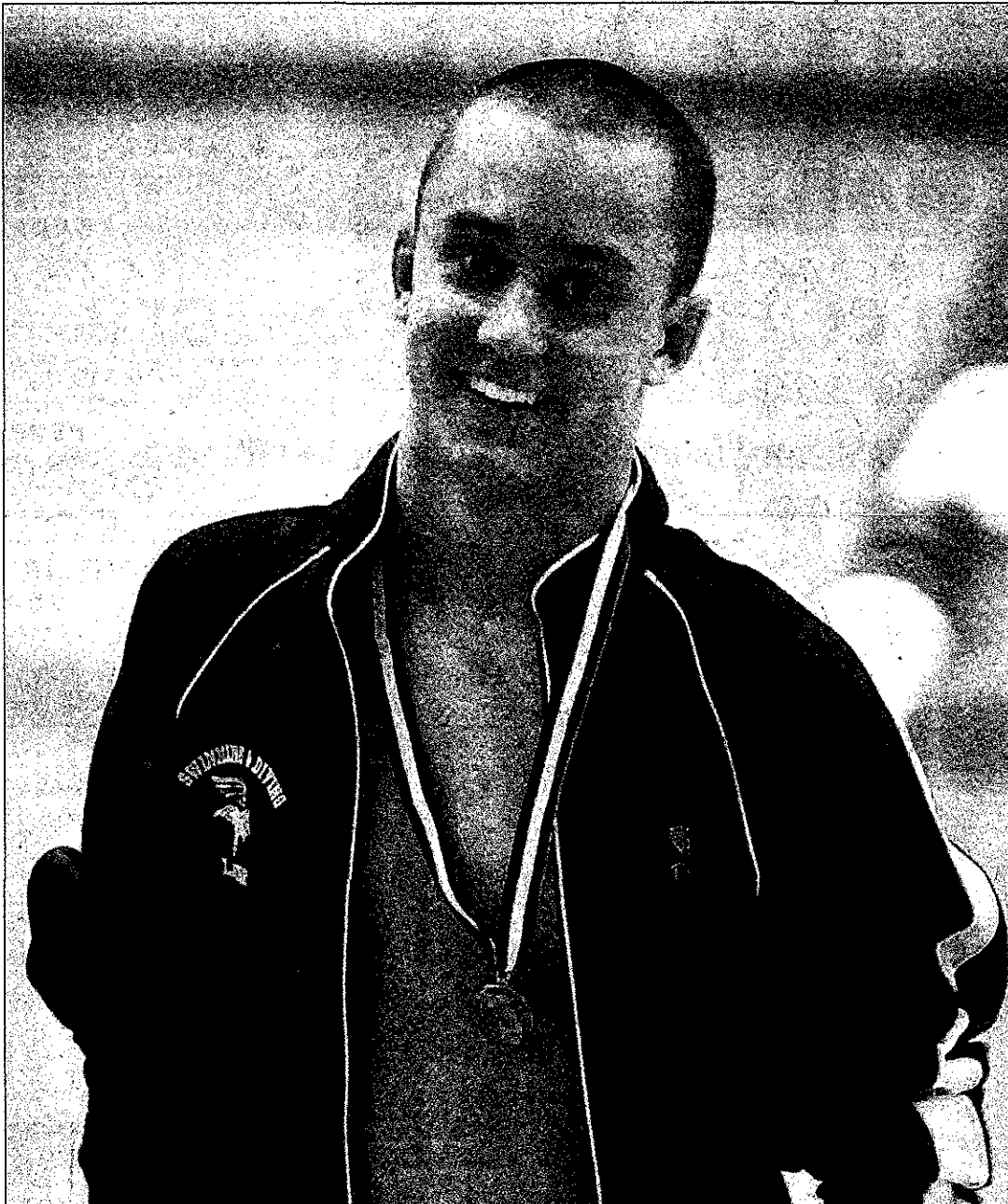
During his junior year, Lane posted times of 2:00.94 in the 200-IM and 1:03.02 in the 100-backstroke in the finals and as a sophomore, his times were 2:00.53 and 1:00.91, respectively.

He reached the pinnacle of high school swimming after starting off on the bottom of the mountain, competing as a member of Pointe Aquatics as a 9-year-old.

His times slowly lowered and his ability increased, which is why he joined the Bulldogs' Aquatic Club.

"I had fun in the pool and my times were getting better and better, so I thought it would be a good idea to become more involved with competitive programs," Lane said.

Lane is now a member of



'I have worked hard for a long time to get to this point and I'm ready to put in even more time to be a good collegiate swimmer.'

MIKE LANE,
Grosse Pointe Shores

the Grosse Pointe Gators' program, which is helping him churn out thousands of yards of practice swimming he will need when he joins the college ranks.

Along with the two-hour swim practices, Lane is lifting weights to build strength in his 5-foot-9-inch, 145-pound frame.

"I will get stronger and better throughout my college career, but I would like to make an impact as a freshman," Lane said. "I'm pushing hard and getting in some good practice time because I know all of this hard work will pay off in the long run."

Lane began receiving telephone calls and letters from colleges the summer before his senior year, including Miami of Ohio and Kalamazoo College.

"I really didn't know where I wanted to go because I had some solid choices," Lane said. "I'm glad I chose Denison because I can major in economics and then attend law school."

"It has a great liberal arts program and it's perfect for me."

As a freshman, his courses include philosophy, biology, Spanish and a writing course for first-year college students.

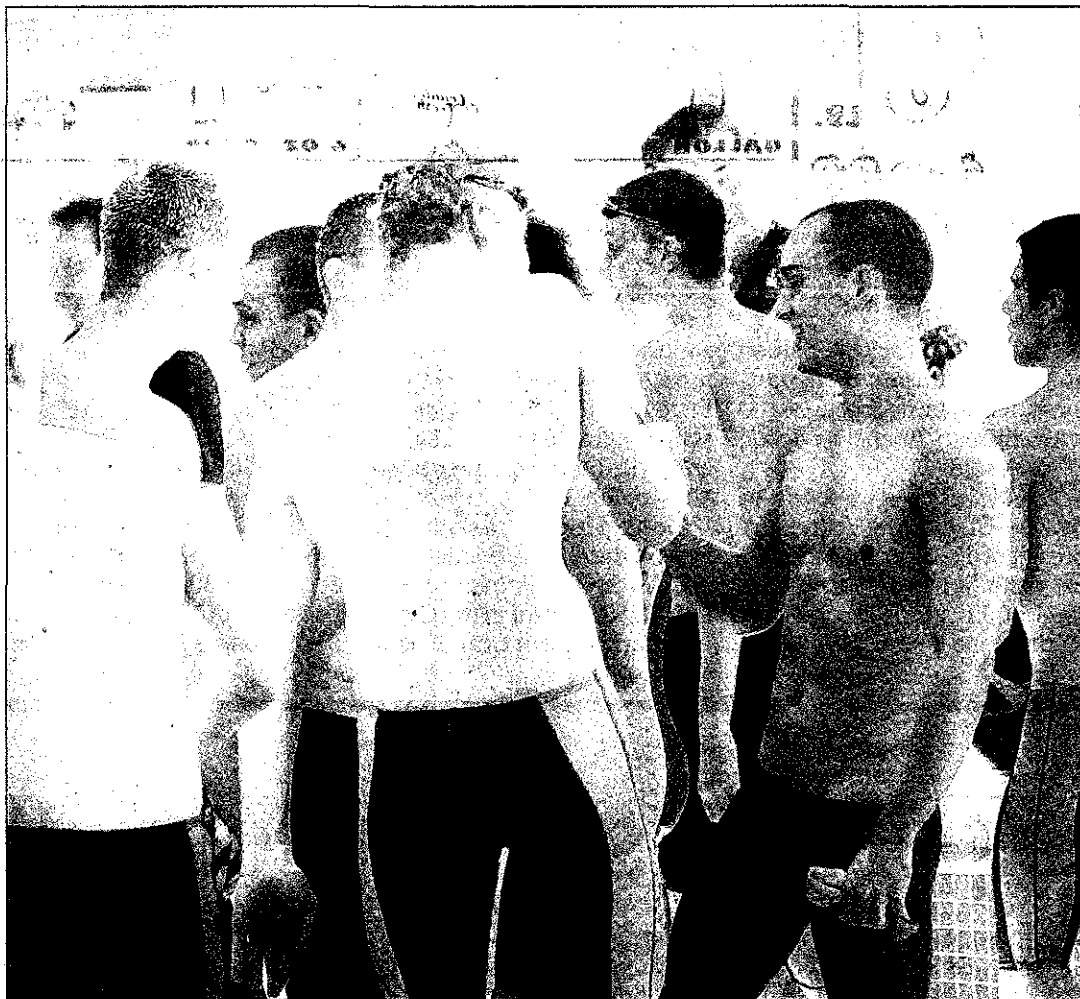
Denison head coach, Gregg Parini, is a big proponent of having true student-athletes compete in his program.

"I like the fact that coach Parini encourages us to get a great education and he thinks education is important," Lane said. "I will be practicing a lot, but coach Parini also wants us to study hard and maintain a good grade point average."

Lane finished high school with his best academic year and said he had his best athletic season, too, as he was able to go to the state finals with several teammates.

He received plenty of support from his family, including father, Bryan, mother, Kim, older brother, Matt, 20, and younger brother, Patrick, 14, a hockey player at North.

Lane will be in the pool many hours throughout the summer, prepping for what he hopes will be a fruitful freshman year at Denison.



GROSSE POINTE NEWS FILE PHOTOS

Mike Lane earned a spot in the state championship meet each of his four years and now will turn his attention to collegiate swimming. Lane, above right, was one of the top swimmers at Grosse Pointe North and the Macomb Area Conference during his four years of swimming for the Norsemen.

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The following students were named to the Dean's List for the 2009 spring semester at Western Michigan University: Jeffrey A. Bove, Emily C. Carter, Michael T. Czarniecki, Joseph M. DiStefano, Julie A. Feikens, Peter M. Mitchell, Alyssa K. Scalvini and Peter D. Watson, all of Grosse Pointe Woods; Rachel A. Draper, William B. Fitzgerald, Daniel P. Houlf, David S. Parnell, Andrea C. Tassopoulos and Bridget A. Thomas, all of Grosse Pointe Farms; Alaina R. Whitney and Evan M. Wouters of the City of Grosse Pointe and Jamie C. Cotzias, Amanda C. Gay, Lance M. Lucas, Benjamin R. Maters, Ryan M. Maynard, Mark A. McGill, Sareen L. Papakhian, Kristen M. Saelens and Cory E. Stanton, all of Grosse Pointe Park.

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Chloe Tennyson, daughter of Christopher and Emily Tennyson of Grosse Pointe Farms, received a bachelor's degree from Bates College. She is a 2005 graduate of Grosse Pointe South High School.

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Sara Crandall, a 2007 graduate of Grosse Pointe South High School, was named to the Dean's List for the 2009 spring semester at Saint Mary's College of Notre Dame. She is the daughter of Sheila and Rob Crandall of Grosse Pointe Farms.

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Lia Zaira Simcina graduated with honors from Michigan State University with a Bachelor of Arts degree. A 2005 graduate of Grosse

Pointe South High School, she is the daughter of Zaira Maio and David Elias of Grosse Pointe Shores and David Simcina of Portland, Ore.

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Maria Fisher Simcina was named to the Dean's List for the fall 2008 and spring 2009 semesters at Michigan State University. The 2007 Grosse Pointe South graduate is the daughter of Zaira Maio and David Elias of Grosse Pointe Shores and David Simcina of Portland, Ore.

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Julie Lieder of Grosse Pointe Woods is interning at fashion design house, Julie Haus in New York City this summer. Lieder is in the graduate program at the University of South Carolina.

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Farms Regatta 2009 Art in the Park judge Suzy Berschback awards 1st Place to Annie McKee, 8, a work titled, "On the Lake."

Displays flashy as ever in Farms, Shores

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

John Adams had a plan to celebrate the Declaration of Independence:

"It ought to be solemnized with pomp and illustrations from one end of the continent to the other, from this time forward forevermore."

Whose to argue with a Founding Father?

By the rockets' red glare and bombs bursting in air, Grosse Pointers Saturday night, July 4, celebrated their nation's 233rd birthday.

Thousands of people went lakeside to watch dual fireworks shows, one at the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club in Grosse Pointe Shores, the other nearly two miles downstream at the Harbor Hill peninsula as part of the Farms regatta at Pier Park.

In the Farms, an eight-inch shell launched from the peninsula burst over Lake St. Clair in a huge orange sphere made almost double bright by its reflection off the water.

"I love them when they do that," said City of Grosse Pointe resident Teri Brown, with her husband and two children near



Lauren Toenjes, 9, sings the National Anthem at the Grosse Pointe Farms Regatta.

35 minute show. From where the Browns sat on blankets, Farms' shells blew up with a bang. Upstream in the Shores, fireworks exploded with a distant wumph.

"My favorite were the giant explosions," said Matthew Brown, 12.

His sister, Abigail, 15, liked the "big, colorful ones."

Their father, Doug, said the best came last: "The finale. Definitely."

The Farms display consisted of three parts: 100 shells at the start, 800 during the main show and about 500 for the finale.

"This is my most labor intensive and spectacular show of the year," said Steve Reiber, of Wolverine Fireworks Display Co., and chief pyrotechnician of the Farms show.

He and a crew rigged shells Saturday on the peninsula, built early last century by one of the Dodge brothers to moor a yacht.

Reiber can hear fireworks crowds lake-side ooh and ahh over the sound of the barrage.

"The favorites are the eight-inchers," he said. "They give the best umbrella, the best coverage. The bigger the better."

the foot of Newberry. About 1,400 shells went off during the

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Tori Potter, 8, in the bicycle parade.

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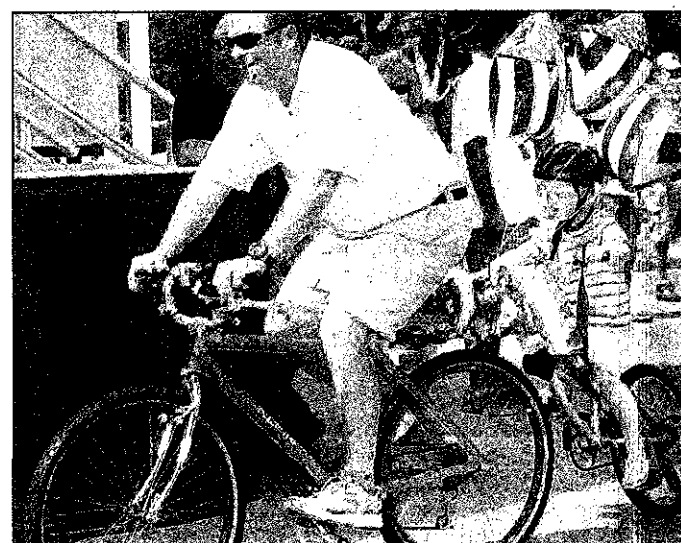
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Top, children play at the park with rubber ducks on the Fourth of July. Above, Luke Taber (left) and Luke Davey, both 11, won the raft race. At right, David Jordan and son William, 4, in bike parade.



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RECALL:

Talk is intended as a shot across the bow of municipal leaders

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budget that included \$300,000 in cuts compared to last year.

"There's questions about paying higher taxes in an environment of exorbitant salaries of some village employees and a huge unfunded liability in our pension plan," said Lee, a council candidate in the late 1990s. "There's concern about the (municipal) harbor not being self-supporting. I don't think I should pay for another

guy's hobbies."

"The campaign by former candidate Lee is predictable," said Mayor James Cooper. "I'm going to focus on my efforts on my job as mayor and continue to work hard for Grosse Pointe Shores."

"I asked all members of the

finance committee and council for alternatives to the 1-mill increase, and none were offered," said Hunt, chairman of the finance committee. "We can't ignore the streets and services if we expect Grosse Pointe Shores to remain a first-class city."

The recall campaign also is intended as a shot across the bow of municipal leaders.

"I don't understand the lack of accountability of elected officials," Lee said. "They said when proposing the new charter that they had no intention of raising taxes. This campaign

is going to help people understand they need to be more accountable and change the way they do business."

On his newly-minted website, shoresrecall.com, Lee wrote that he intends to file recall petition language Oct. 1.

"This will afford us the bene-

fit of being prepared and well organized when the time to gather the requisite signatures comes," he wrote.

The Shores is the second Pointe to experience recall actions. An effort is under way in Grosse Pointe Woods to oust officials for boosting taxes.

Application letters and resumes for the board vacancy must be submitted to the secretary of the board no later than 3 p.m. Wednesday, July 22. For application forms, visit gpschools.org.

RESIGNS: Ismail served schools, community for years

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letter. "I pray that I will again have the privilege of working with my fellow board members, our school system administration and the friends I have made on school boards around the country to promote excellence in public education in some manner in the future."

Ismail's departure places a third seat on the November ballot; the four-year terms occupied by Kosinski and Joan Dindoffer are open. Until then, the school board must appoint a successor — within 30 days — to serve until Dec. 31, 2009. The balance of Ismail's three-year term begins Jan. 1, 2010.

Ismail said walking away from the board was one of the most difficult decisions because of his "passion for excellence in public education." Still, it's one that carries with it almost five years of memorable highlights, including arranging a student trip to China last summer.

"I know that the three weeks the students, chaperone Anne Simon and I spent in China changed the way these students look at the world and also changed the directions some of them will take with their lives," he said.

Ismail also enjoyed being "kept in the loop" of the activities students were involved in, from football games to choir and band concerts.

"The efforts the students and their parents and booster groups put forth will never cease to amaze me... There are many things I will miss from being on the school board. Getting our weekly board packets and knowing what was going on in the school system was a real help to me, as it helped me answer the many questions I had from residents," he said.

The now former trustee says he'll also miss the involvement with school boards outside the district.

"It is a great feeling knowing that your guidance and help to other school board members from all around the state may change the lives of students."

Kosinski said the board "regretfully" accepted the resignation.

"Mr. Ismail has brought a passion and energy for public service to the district and the balance he provides to the board will be missed," she said. "He has served meticulously over the years as bond project liaison. He has also demonstrated his respect of volunteerism to serve as chair of the Distinguished Volunteer committee this year. His efforts on behalf of the district and its students are much appreciated."

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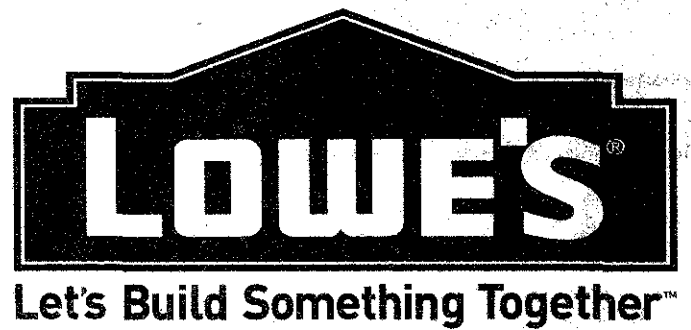
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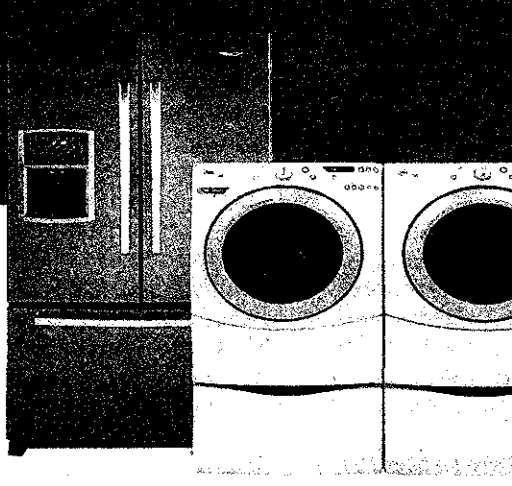
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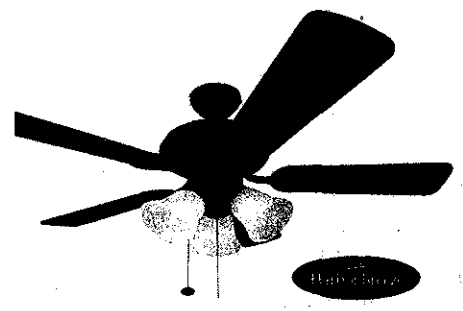
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GUEST EDITORIAL By Joseph G. Lehman

TEA party activists can keep momentum

The media drumbeat of the declining fortunes of the Republican Party stands in contrast to the recent rise of a different sort of party — the citizen-led TEA parties that stand for Taxed Enough Already. Were you as surprised as I was on April 15 when the figurative tea kettle reached a rolling boil? Apparently without any one central organizer, hundreds of thousands of people turned up at hundreds of TEA parties around the country on the day federal income tax returns were due. The best word that describes what they did is "protest."

News reports tallied at least 30 Michigan TEA parties drew more than 20,000 people. Based on what we saw at TEA parties where the Mackinac Center provided speakers, these "protesters" didn't fit the usual caricature. The age range was broad, weighted a bit toward the middle-aged and retired end of the spectrum. They were polite. The dozens I talked to struck me as people who work for a living, play by the rules and pay their taxes and their mortgages.

Their signs were homemade, not handed to them as they arrived. And they came in family cars, not buses chartered by unions, political parties or other orchestrators.

They were deeply concerned about the direction of the country, especially since September, and they felt more than a little betrayed by politicians who promised to support limited government before going along with our history's biggest expansion of government. They were also the kind of folks who snatched up Mackinac Center literature by the armful.

The question I heard repeatedly was, "Where do we go from here?" Over the next several days, a number of Mackinac Center supporters called us echoing that question.

Since we're a research and educational institute, we don't organize political protests, run campaigns, lobby lawmakers or tell citizens who to vote for. But we do inform citizens about the law, the economy, the legislative process and their options in a democratic republic. Those things are very much a core part of our mission.

Our answer to those who asked, "What next?" is a little flier we put together called the "TEA Party Activist Toolbox." What I like about it is its "equal opportunity" flavor. The information will help any resident of any political persuasion become better informed and more involved in making his or her voice heard in Lansing.

I believe Michigan's future depends on residents waking up and regaining control of their government. That's why we operate MichiganVotes.org, the world's first online legislative database of every bill, every amendment and every vote. That's why we publish Michigan Capitol Confidential, the only Michigan news source that reports legislative activity coupled with free-market economic analysis.

And that's why everything we do is built on our foundation of solid policy research. It would be too expensive to automatically send you full copies of every study and report we provide to lawmakers, school board members and other officials. But rest assured, the right people are seeing those reports.

Here is some recent good news:

◆ Gov. Jennifer Granholm recommended eight of our cost-saving ideas in her new budget. True, we compiled 101 ideas for her and the Legislature in January, and we also showed them how to save \$2.2 billion. But the \$100 million those eight ideas could save is welcome, even if she doesn't acknowledge who came up with the ideas first.

◆ The Michigan Education Association recently teamed up with the Anderson Economic Group to issue a report documenting many problems with Michigan's business tax incentives, such as the Michigan Economic Growth Authority and Michigan Film Incentive programs. The MEA doesn't usually agree with us publicly, but their arguments echo those we've made since 1995, and their report cites our econometric analysis.

◆ Michigan charter public school officials were so eager to read our new book on labor unions and charter schools that they were calling us before we could even get it printed.

◆ Sidney Kardon, president of the MEA local in Royal Oak, wrote in the Oakland Press about the influence of our privatization research: "Today, the Mackinac Center embodies Reagan's ideology. And the superintendents are marching in lock step with them." More than 40 percent of public schools now privatize a noninstructional service.

I'm still in my first year as president of this great organization, so I'm especially grateful for your support and advice in these most challenging times. Please keep in touch.

Joseph G. Lehman is president of the Mackinac Center for Public Policy.

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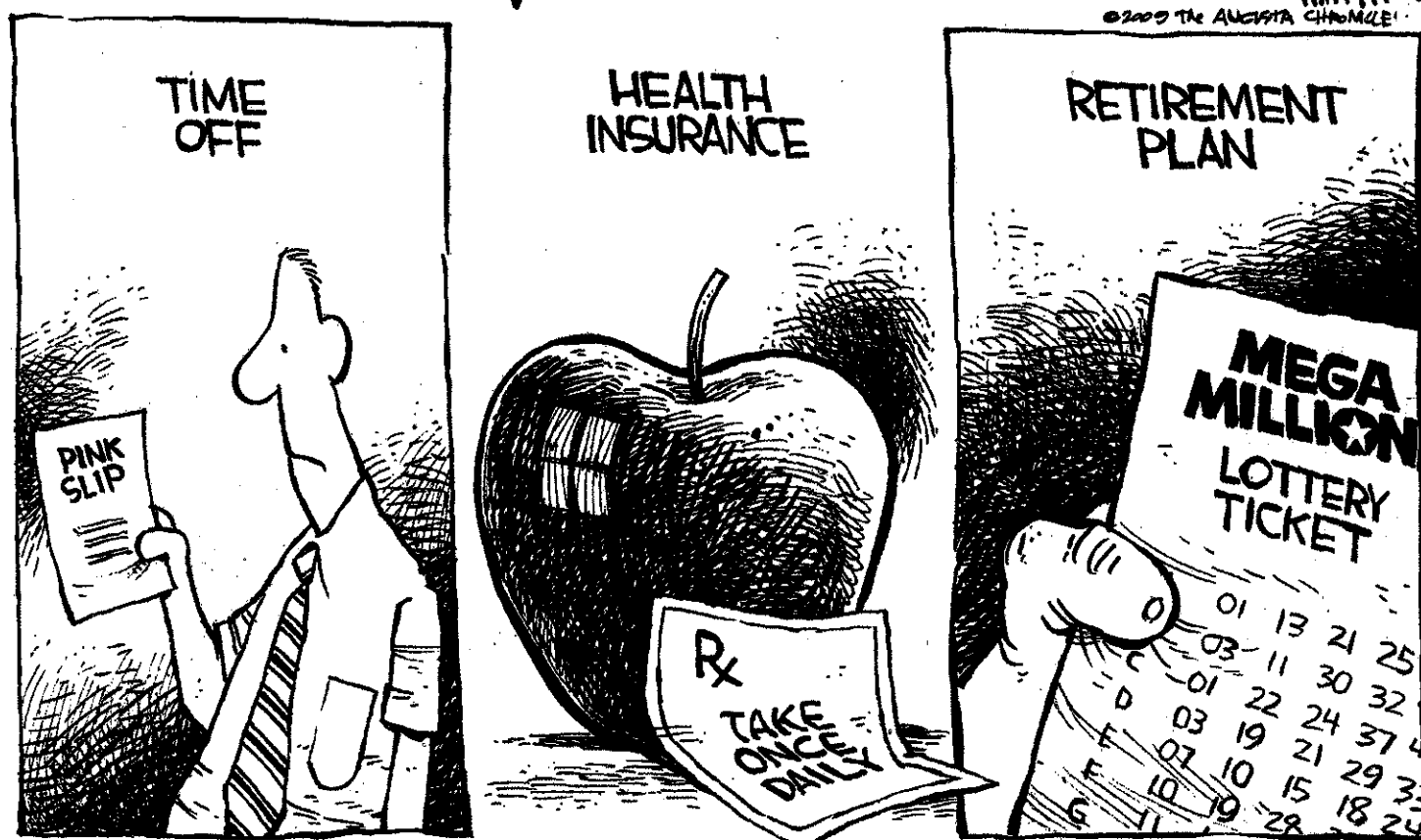
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LETTERS

The Grosse Pointe News welcomes your letters to the editor. All letters should be typed, double-spaced, signed and limited to 250 words. Longer letters may be edited for length and all letters may be edited for content. We reserve the right to refuse any letter. Include a daytime phone number for verification or questions. The deadline for letters is 3 p.m. Monday.

Wake-up call

To the Editor:

The June 16 Grosse Pointe Shores City Council meeting should serve as a wake-up call to all of us.

The dynamics of the meeting has begun to underscore the efforts for progress. Tensions between the mayor and select council members have stymied any progress. And with each meeting there is a growing sense of frustration and dissatisfaction of many residents toward the mayor and several council members.

These factors are beginning to fracture the spirit of our small community.

City council meetings should not be used as a forum to discuss behaviors, comments and actions of members of council or the mayor — it is just dirty laundry.

These comments serve no purpose; do not solve any problems; and only weakens confidence of residents in whom we have elected as leaders.

Further adding to the dilemma is the lack of a communication mechanism for discussion and debate.

Major issues have been decided upon without consideration of comments and expertise from select members of council, and without valued input from the community. This is a frightening scenario, and is doomed to fail.

Better solutions often come

from different perspectives and lively discussions.

However, the environment must be conducive to allow for this type of dialog. The need to pull emotions and feelings out of the equation is the only way to achieve this decorum. And even in the most progressive of environments, there are bumps and bruises.

Having to talk to the community about raising taxes is a tough topic, however, it becomes even more difficult to defend when there is no opportunity for the community to ask questions, to discuss ideas and to process.

It comes down to the most basic of human needs, that of being heard. Even if in doing so does not change the outcome. For without recognizing this simple premise, tensions escalate and energy becomes misspent on the wrong points.

The decision to raise the taxes makes any resident cringe, however, it becomes more palatable if there is opportunity to better understand circumstances that lead to the tax increase.

Every community is struggling with financial constraints in this economy and that may mean increasing taxes to make up for the shortfall.

What raises my ire is I do not feel that my voice is being heard — I have questions. I want to have a better understanding of how certain costs are spiraling out of our control. I want to feel confident

that if I pay more for my taxes, the fiscal management is sound. And, I want the 300-pound gorilla of our rapidly increasing pension fund liability addressed.

I am not a financial guru, and have limited knowledge of the structure of pension plans. But I do understand it is vital to stop or at least slow down the financial bleeding that comes with unfunded pension obligations.

I do not want to see services reduce, nor do I want to see employees who provide those services take pay cuts. What I do want is to have someone explain to me the rationale for why we paid what I consider an egregious salary for a previous city manager.

It is this salary and others that have put us in a different risk category with our pension plan.

Perhaps there is solid data to explain how the salary structure was determined, albeit I am struggling to find any justification.

In line with the intent of this letter to be a part of the solution rather than add more to the already looming dissonance, I propose the following:

◆ At this date, discussion on the fiscal year 2009-2010 budget is moot given that the council was working with a tight timeline to have the budget approved for start of the new fiscal year (July 1, 2009). I propose that the council host an open forum for discussion of financial questions from the city residents. This forum would be a special council meeting, not a committee meeting, where for one to two hours residents will have the opportunity to ask questions. Perhaps questions arising from this forum will add to discussions for next year's budget.

The intent of an open forum would be to allow residents

the opportunity to ask tough questions, to feel heard and to finally address the 300-pound gorilla that sits in the room during the council meetings.

This would also serve as a mechanism for council to redirect any future dissonance about these issues as being in the past, thus allowing the community to move forward. This type of a meeting will take character and strong leadership from the council and mayor.

◆ Explore the option of renegotiating health care costs and pension payout with retired employees. Even the car companies are being forced to renegotiate these plans. It would be myopic for a retired employee of Grosse Pointe Shores to think they would be exempt from such discussions.

I also recommend that we tap into the tremendous bank of talent and experience available from our residents to help us to renegotiate and restructure these plans.

◆ Finally, yet most importantly, have a leadership retreat for all members of city council and the mayor. The intent would be to build team communication, confidence and respect and improve leadership skills.

Government, elected bodies, industry and the like have long and successful histories with team building and leadership improvement techniques.

Again we could tap into resident talent and/or experience to get a seasoned facilitator to run the retreat. However, if necessary, it would be easily justified to find money to hire an experienced consultant to lead the retreat.

I would appreciate a response to the points raised in this letter.

In closing, as I say to my 4-

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GUEST OPINION By Bill Kalmar

Business ethics revisited



There has been a lot of information about people "doctoring up" their resume by listing degrees and accomplishments that are bogus.

I have no patience with people who lie on their resume and they should be fired. But now comes another side to this whole resume discussion.

In this new economic environment, there are thousands of people out of work with very impressive credentials and as a result there are companies who are reluctant to hire an MBA for a job that may only require an under-

graduate degree.

The solution, according to some resume gurus, is to water down your resume, get the job, then work hard for recognition. Once you are a solid member of the company, disclose your real credentials. Any thoughts on this?

For me, it would be like hiring Bruce Wayne only to discover later on that he is in fact Batman. Of course, he wouldn't remain on the payroll for long, since his unexpected absences responding to the Bat signal would adversely affect his work.

The same with Mr. Resume Retractor. I would not be pleased with someone who fudged his or her credentials and they would have to leave.

There's also a new industry springing up of consultants who come into a company and console workers who weren't axed. These workers evidently

feel a sense of regret and depression that their cohorts were let go, so the consultants provide assistance in coping with the loss. Yeah right. If I'm not on the "hit list" and still have a job, please don't think for a moment I will be depressed.

Finally, have you noticed the new packaging for Tropicana Orange Juice? All the cartons are the same except for a description of the product in small print such as "With Calcium," "No Pulp," "Country Style," etc. I contacted the company and stated that it was most confusing and guess what? Here is the response:

"We appreciate your comments about Tropicana's new packaging design and have good news for you.

"Many Tropicana consumers like yourself told us that they missed 'their'

Tropicana packaging. Therefore we've decided to return to the iconic original packaging featuring the orange and straw. When you speak, we listen!

"We appreciate the passion you have for both Tropicana Pure Premium orange juice and for the package it comes in, William. Consumers are the lifeblood of our company. Thank you for choosing Tropicana."

Evidently customers were complaining in droves. And it demonstrates good companies listen and respond to the expectations of their customers.

Hats off to Tropicana. I think I'll now go and have a glass of sunshine. Until the new packaging emerges, I hope I choose the correct carton.

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

I SAY By Brad Lindberg

Another shot at Normandy



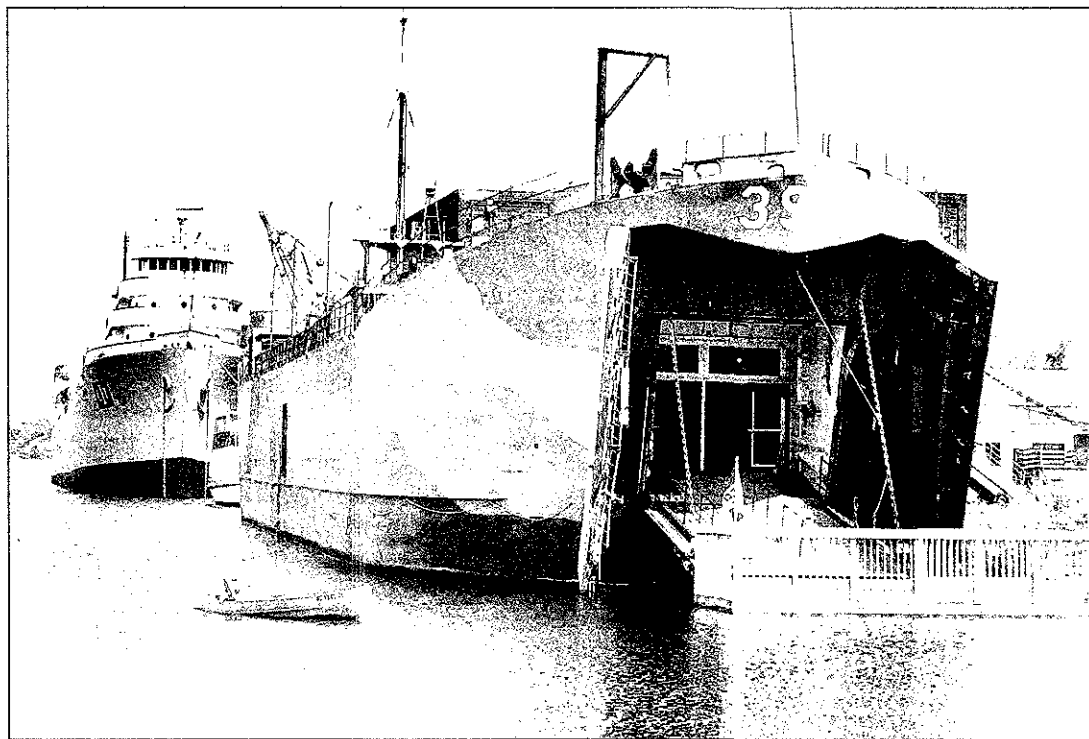
Some of you told me that my June 25 feature story about ships and aircraft used during the World War II Normandy invasion didn't include a photo of the only piece in the article used in the invasion.

A photo of LST 393, showing its clamshell doors and bow ramp — down which equipment rolled onto Omaha Beach and up which casualties were carried aboard and ferried to England — got overlooked.

So, here is LST 393, open for \$5 tours from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. seven days a week, May through September at Mart Dock in downtown Muskegon.

Also shown is the main interior cargo area, big enough to hold 28 Sherman tanks chained to the deck.

See, too, narrow corridors, separated by watertight doors, extending from bow to stern between the cargo hold and hull. The spaces were used as machine shops, berthing areas for troops in



PHOTOS BY BRAD LINDBERG

transit, heads and messes.

Veterans tell me life aboard an LST was no fun. The ships were 328 feet long, but were cramped, had flat bottoms and bobbed around the ocean like corks.

The LST a few hours drive away in Muskegon is reportedly one of only two in the United States open to the public.

See lst393.org or call (231) 730-1477.



STREETWISE By Renee Landuyt

Which would you choose, \$1 million or three wishes?

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



'Three wishes because you could wish for anything and wishes are better than money.'
MARIA HILL
 Grosse Pointe Park



'\$1 million because you can do a lot with that amount of money.'
DESHAWNDA RUSHING
 Detroit



'Three wishes because having \$1 million isn't as big a deal as being able to wish for anything you want.'
JOSEPH MITCHELL
 Washington, D.C.



'\$1 million because you can buy anything you wanted and still have money left over.'
AMELIA MITCHELL
 Washington, D.C.



'Three wishes because I'd wish for more money and for continued prosperity and freedom of our great country.'
JEFF MITCHELL
 Washington, D.C.

FROM THE ARCHIVES Compiled by Suzy Berschback

Periodic rise and fall of Lake St. Clair



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

"Stories have been told about the great rivalry which once existed between the east and west wind. How the east wind, being victorious prevailed for seven years until the waters of the rivers and lakes had risen to such a height as to threaten inunda-

tion to the lodger and corn fields of the tribes living on the banks, when the Great Spirit seeing the misery of his children and listening to their petitions, recalled the west wind which reigned for seven years, thus forcing back the waters into their original channel.

"Many today notice the fact relative to the waters of the Detroit River and Lake St. Clair and we find a memorandum of it in the journal of Capt. Morris, of her majesties Eighteenth Infantry, who visited Detroit in 1764.

"That the waters of these lakes rise for seven years and fall for seven years; in fact there is a seven years' tide. Considerable doubt still exists

as to the cause of the periodic rise and fall. The floating ice from Lake Huron one spring so blocked up the channel of the Ste. Claire River that Lake St. Clair and the Detroit River was almost drained.

"The water had receded from the shore of Grosse Pointe nearly four miles from the shore. The surf had raised several sand ridges. A similar freak of nature occurred in 1818. In winter the ice seems to have some effect."

Flood of 1827

"The rise of St. Clair River and Lake St. Clair occurred in 1827. Many farm houses and two church buildings were carried off by the flood, while many tracts of shore lands



Windmills and boathouses used to dot the shoreline up until the 1920s.

were submerged."

Tornado, 1835

"Perhaps the best remembered and most extraordinary

phenomenon was that which the people of the country witnessed in 1835. On Christmas Day of that year, an exceptionally heavy fall of snow

covered the ground, which was followed on the 26th by a mist.

"The rain ceased suddenly, the clouds lowered, grew dark, and assumed such appearances as would lead the spectator to conclude that his globe was about to collapse. The storm king at length broke loose, swooped down from the northwest in black night, uprooting trees, sweeping everything in his truck, and bringing with him such a current of icy air, that man and beast not hen in shelter were frozen to death.

This storm was as sudden as it was phenomenal. It is well remembered by the old settlers and forms for them a mark on the page of times."

LETTERS: Erroneous charges

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year-old son after an afternoon of conflicts, "...it is clean-slate time..." It is time to start over, and move forward without the baggage that keeps us fighting on the playground.

VAL FITZSIMONS
 Grosse Pointe Shores

Petitions and facts

To the Editor:
 In recent weeks, a small but

vocal group of power seekers, who were defeated in past Grosse Pointe Woods city elections, have launched a well-publicized petition campaign to recall the two of us on the Grosse Pointe Woods City Council on a trumped up charge of voting on May 18 to "increase taxes on all Woods real and personal property."

This is not true. Our message to Grosse Pointe News readers is: Reject the recall — don't sign the petitions!

Their intentionally erroneous charges are distortions of the truth and misleading statements. In fact, they are lies.

Unfortunately, letters, quotes and statements, published by recall supporters in

the Grosse Pointe News, have helped to perpetuate those untruths.

Here is the truth: Taxes on all real estate and personal property in the Woods have not been raised despite a 1.75 mill increase in the tax formula set by the state Legislature.

In fact, some 82 percent of Grosse Pointe Woods' nearly 6,600 residential property owners have seen a decrease in the 2009-2010 summer tax bills, delivered early in July. Any resident can check out that fact.

These are not lies or "scare tactics." They are the truth.

But then people like Nancy Grady Hames and her silent partners can't handle the truth because it doesn't fit

their narrow political agendas.

Facts, alas, only mess up the advancement of their political agenda, and rein doubts on their personal attacks on honest, sincere elected officials.

Here are some facts:
 ♦ Woods' residents will pay \$278,512 less this summer in taxes due Aug. 31.

♦ Woods' expenditures have been cut by almost \$800,000 for 2009-2010.

♦ Woods' wages, hiring and promotions have been "frozen" indefinitely by the city council.

♦ City unions have been placed and told that contract negotiations will not be easy.

♦ Police and fire protection, rubbish and recycling, Lake

Front Park, senior programs and previously budgeted construction projects have not been seriously impacted.

In fairness we want to put just some of the real facts before your readers.

ART BRYANT
JOE SUCHER

Members of the Grosse Pointe Woods City Council

Texting

To the Editor:

I wish to comment on the column by Ann Fouty entitled "Do you care if I have rice for supper?"

This was a light-hearted commentary on the centrality of electronic communications in our lives, especially those of young people.

Young people have always prattled incessantly to one another about seemingly trivial things. Only the communication media have changed.

What I found disturbing about this article was the fact that this woman's daughter so candidly admitted that her primary reason for texting is to say, "I hate someone."

I know this is commonplace, but gossip and slander cause so much unhappiness and conflict.

I wish Mrs. Fouty had identified this as a teaching moment for her daughter, and for anyone who may read her article, to say that we should not talk behind people's backs or slander their good name.

ANITA CAREY
 City of Grosse Pointe

PUBLIC SAFETY REPORTS

City of Grosse Pointe

Handed over

At 1:15 a.m. Sunday, July 5, a 26-year-old Grosse Pointe Park man was picked up by Michigan State Police and turned over to City authorities on an outstanding misdemeanor warrant.

The transfer took place in the Cadieux Cafe parking lot in Detroit.

—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

Takes his lumps

A 19-year-old Roseville man was cited at 3:15 a.m. Saturday, July 4, for having open alcohol in a motor vehicle.

A patrolman saw him driving without headlights on eastbound Lakeshore from Fisher to Moross. Officers notified his mother to pick him up at headquarters.

"(He) had a lump above his right eye and small scratches on his face received from a fight earlier in the night," said the investigating officer. "While he was waiting for his mother, (I) gave (him) a towel with ice to place on the lump."

Slurs

A man living in the 400 block of Belanger reported that parked vehicles belonging to him and his neighbor were vandalized during the night of Thursday, July 2, possibly between 11:10 and 11:30 p.m.

The man discovered three

vehicles and his neighbor's house hit with eggs and scribbled on with racial slurs written in what appeared to be ChapStick.

—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

Home invasions

Overnight Wednesday, July 1, a house on Maryland was entered by using the code on the Realtor lock box. Screens were removed from the garage and 20 custom blinds were removed from the house.

On Saturday, July 4, a house on Balfour was entered through a window and copper pipes were removed from the basement. A radio was also taken from a car parked in the garage.

School vandalized

Several window screens on the west side of Pierce Middle School were damaged Sunday, July 5.

Equipment taken

A Toro lawnmower was taken from a backyard on Lakepointe Friday, June 25.

Between 11 a.m. and noon Friday, July 3, a lock was cut on a landscape trailer parked at Mack and Whittier and two backpack blowers, two line trimmers and a hedge trimmer were taken.

Between 1 and 5 p.m. Sunday, July 5, a garage on Wayburn was entered and two lawnmowers and a trimmer were taken. Three bikes were also reported missing.

Bike thefts

Two youths, ages 6 and 10, were assaulted and their bikes taken at 4 p.m. Sunday, July 5, at Beaconsfield and Kercheval by two young males, ages 11 to 13.

Vehicle thefts

Between midnight and 2 p.m. Thursday, July 2, a purple 1999 Dodge Caravan was taken from the 1300 block of Wayburn.

A 2002 Dodge Ram truck was taken from a driveway on Devonshire overnight Friday, July 3.

If you have information on these or any other crimes, contact Grosse Pointe Park police at (313) 822-7400.

—Kathy Ryan

Grosse Pointe Shores

Illegal fireworks

Public safety officers at 12:23 a.m. Saturday, July 4, cited a 47-year-old man living on Putnam Place for setting off illegal fireworks.

"(An officer) remembered a past incident where the parties involved ran into the house and were uncooperative," said a patrolman. "The street was cluttered with unused fireworks debris. The (man) was instructed to clean the street in the morning."

Green means go

At 12:05 a.m. Sunday, July 5, a 38-year-old Sterling Heights man who'd stopped his 2008 Chevrolet at a green light on northbound Lakeshore at Vernier was arrested for drunken driving.

Police said his blood contained .214 percent alcohol.

Get lost

Two men walking southbound along Lakeshore near the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club at about 7:45 p.m. Saturday, July 4, were questioned by public safety officers and found to be carrying alcohol.

One man was a 58-year-old Grosse Pointe Park resident. The other was 40 and from Sterling Heights. He wore a tether and was wanted in Detroit for disorderly conduct.

"Both were trying to attend the Grosse Pointe Farms fireworks and were advised to leave the area," said an officer.

Bad excuse

A public safety officer patrolling northbound Lakeshore at 1:57 a.m. Wednesday, July 1, arrested a man weaving a 2009 Ford Escape between lanes.

The 51-year-old male driver from St. Clair Shores admitted drinking wine and registered a .15 percent blood alcohol level.

"(He) indicated he may have had too much (to drink), but he celebrated his new car (and said) he was OK to drive the rest of the way home," said the

arresting officer.

Cyclist hit

A 20-year-old Harper Woods woman crying on the Lakeshore sidewalk at Hampton told a public safety officer at 8:25 p.m. Monday, June 29, that she's been riding a bicycle when someone driving a dark SUV ran a stop sign at the intersection and hit her.

"She stated the driver exited his vehicle, helped her to her feet and stood the bicycle up," said the officer. "The motorist then continued south on Lakeshore."

—Brad Lindberg

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

Grosse Pointe Woods

Smoke bomb attack

A 57-year-old woman was doing yard work at her house on Woods Lane when she was the target of a smoke bomb thrown from a passing car at 6:45 p.m. Sunday, July 5. It missed her, but burned the grass. About 20 minutes later, a silver 4-door car with three teenagers drove by and threw

another smoke bomb, striking her arm and leaving a mark. Police found a car a few blocks away that fit the description, but the 17-year-old driver denied involvement. The investigation continues.

Bad trade

An Oxford Road resident parked her bike on her back porch at 5 p.m. Friday, July 3. When she returned at 8 p.m., her \$300 mountain bike was missing, replaced with an old and battered bike.

Remove valuables

Police on patrol at 11:30 a.m. Saturday, July 4, noticed a 2007 Ford Fusion with a smashed back window. A check by the owner revealed a GPS device was missing. Police remind residents to remove valuables from their cars.

Theft at church

An employee at a church on Mack reported Tuesday, June 30, items were removed from her purse sometime between 2 and 6 p.m. Wallets, home and car keys, credit cards and cash were taken.

If you have information on these crimes or any others, contact Grosse Pointe Woods police at (313) 343-2400.

—Kathy Ryan

CITY OF GROSSE POINTE

Reality bites carjack suspect

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

Raleigh the police dog drew his weapon last week against a suspected armed carjacker on Detroit's eastside.

The City of Grosse Pointe dog bit the 16-year-old male suspect hiding in overgrowth near a house in the 4600 block of Marsellies near Cornwall, where the youth and three accomplices are accused of crashing a Honda Odyssey stolen at gunpoint from a woman at Tyrone Elementary School in Harper Woods.

The incident at about 9 p.m. Tuesday, June 30, involved officers from the City and Grosse Pointe Farms aiding Harper Woods police.

Two Farms patrolmen were conducting a traffic investigation on Moross across Mack in Detroit when youths in the stolen Odyssey crossed Moross at Rolandale.

"(They) had the interior lights on and appeared to be rummaging through the vehicle," according to one of the Farms officers.

They and City officers followed the van through various Detroit side streets, converging on the crash site. Officers soon arrested two male teenagers. A female teen got away.

"A witness said someone picked her up in a car," said City Officer Michael



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When criminals don't cooperate, Raleigh the police dog can go from playful to primeval.

Almeranti, Raleigh's one-and-only handler since January, 2006.

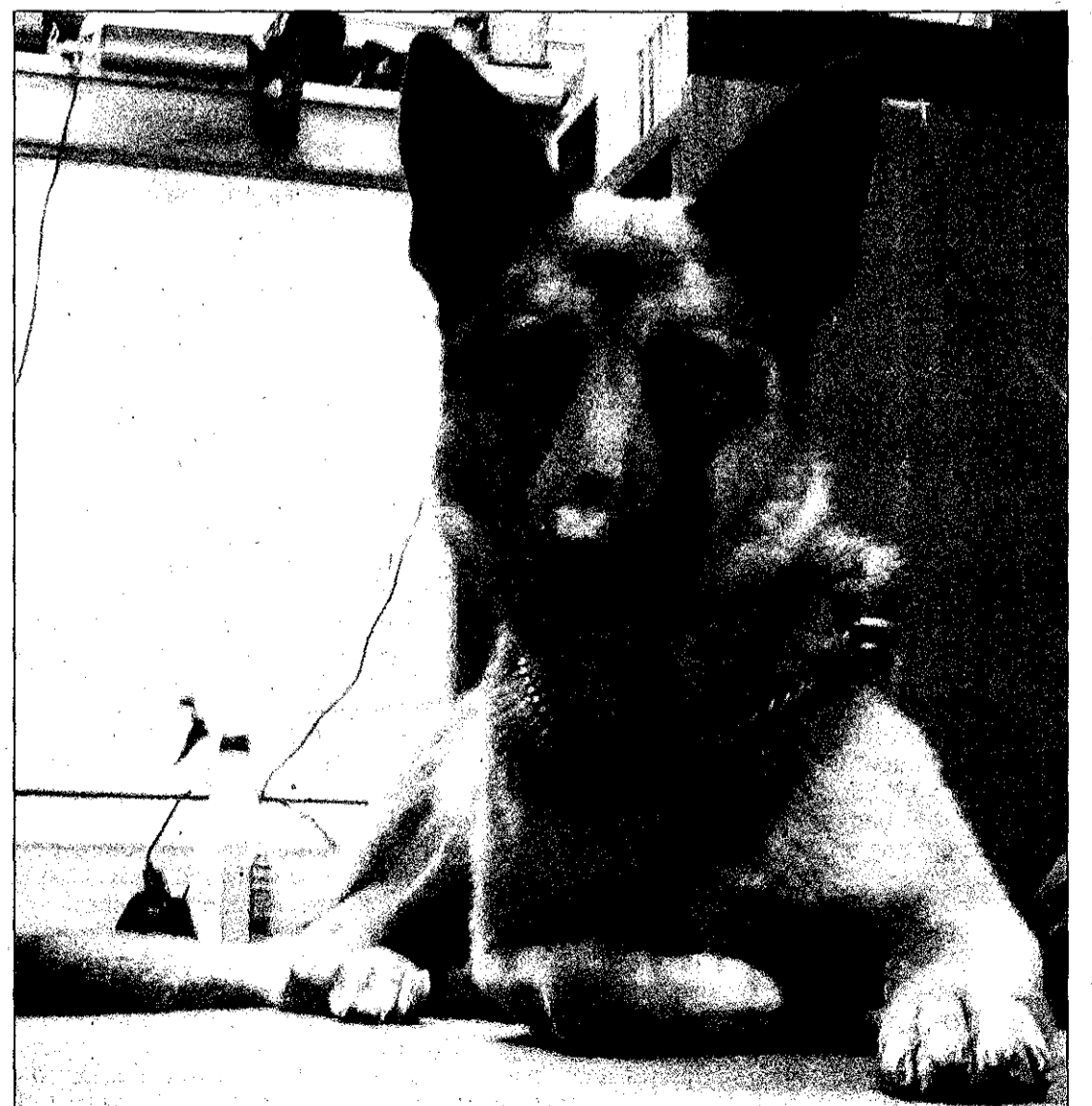
A female homeowner reported the fourth suspect hiding behind her house.

Almeranti ordered the unseen suspect to come forward

or face the dog.

"There was no response," Almeranti said. "I sent in Raleigh. The next thing I heard was growling. The guy was curled up in bushes."

Raleigh bit him on the elbow but didn't break skin.



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Steer clear of the stripes

By Kathy Ryan
Staff Writer

Motorists on Mack in Grosse Pointe Woods might want to review what they learned in driver's education classes before they attempt to turn right at Mack and Cook or Mack and Lochmoor.

Newly painted white stripes in the curb lane are not there for decoration. They legally alert drivers not to drive in that lane, which in the past has been used by drivers to make right turns on to Cook or Lochmoor.

"It wasn't our idea," ex-

plained Public Safety Officer Sally Beghin, traffic safety coordinator for the Woods. "People sometimes forget that Mack is actually a county road, and we have nothing to do with the regulations the county mandates."

County rules stipulate that all traffic lanes narrower than 12 feet be eliminated, Beghin explained, which is why traffic is no longer allowed in the curb lane.

While Wayne County has authority over markings and road rules, Grosse Pointe Woods public safety officers have the authority to enforce those

rules, and have been doing so, via warnings, to those drivers who cruise right over the stripes on their way to making a right turn.

"What everyone needs to know is that if they make a right turn from that lane, they will be responsible if they hit a car making the right turn from the correct lane," Beghin advised. "They will be at fault because they were in a prohibitive lane."

There have been no accidents as of yet, and police have not been ticketing drivers, but that might not always be the case, Beghin said.

"We're reminding drivers they are not allowed to drive in that lane and we're also advising anyone turning right from the correct lane to check to the right before they do, just to make sure no one is driving and turning into the striped lane," Beghin said. "It is a law and we will enforce it."

This is yet another regulation Wayne County has imposed on Mack Avenue drivers. Signs warning drivers to complete left turns on green lights only have been installed at a couple of intersections over the winter. The stripes were put in place in June.



PHOTO BY KATHY RYAN

A tiger might not change its stripes, but Wayne County does. New lane stripes on Mack near Cook indicate cars aren't allowed to use it as a turning lane.

Mayor honored

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

Dale Scrace has spent about one-third of his life on the City of Grosse Pointe council.

His colleagues commemorated his accomplishments at last month's council meeting by presenting him a resolution of appreciation.

"I was speechless," Scrace said. "I didn't know what to say. It was a humbling experience."

The meeting was wrapping up when Councilman John Stempfle gave him a signed resolution.

"I had absolutely no idea," Scrace said. "My wife, Mary, came in after John started reading it. They'd let her know about it."

"Twenty years of community service is along time," Stempfle said. "Someone who does so much for the community should be recognized for a job well done."

He praised Scrace's "distinguished public service and outstanding leadership" for enabling municipal improvements, such as

- ◆ construction of a new city hall,

- ◆ renovation of the public safety headquarters,

- ◆ Village streetscapes,

- ◆ construction of a new Neff Park swimming pool and bathhouse,

- ◆ renovation of the municipal marina,

- ◆ renovation of the former Jacobson's building in the Village into the mixed-use development, Kercheval Place, and

- ◆ construction of a new municipal parking structure in the Village.

Twenty years ago, Scrace was appointed to the council to fill a vacancy. In 2001, he began his first term as mayor.

Shortly after Scrace joined the council, it acquired resi-



City Mayor Dale Scrace, left, received a resolution from Councilman John Stempfle.

dential property to expand Neff Park.

"The park used to go straight down the back of houses on Lakeland," he said. "It was much narrower than it is now."

Recent accomplishments involve the Village.

"It's not done," Scrace said. "We're still working hard for the hotel. Then we get surprise announcements, like the Kroger expansion."

Five businesses recently opened in the Village despite the recession.

"I had three ribbon cuttings in a day," Scrace said.

A designated developer remains engaged for municipal parking Lots 2 and 3.

"We've agreed to let that sit on the back burner," Scrace said. "The time, unfortunately, just isn't quite right to push that forward. But they stay in contact with us."

Scrace has lived in the city more than 30 years. He's a Grosse Pointe Little League coach and life member of the National Eagle Scout Association.

Tonight: The Sun Messengers

The Sun Messengers perform at 7 p.m. tonight, Thursday, July 9, at the St. John Hospital and Medical Center Music on The Plaza. Concerts are free on the Village Festival Plaza at the corner of Kercheval and St. Clair in the Village, downtown City of Grosse Pointe. The house band for the Detroit Pistons, the Sun Messengers present a mix of rhythm & blues, pop, big band, funk and Motown designed to bring out the audience's best dance moves. In addition to the concert, the Village will be buzzing with activity as merchants set up on Kercheval sidewalks from 5 to 9 p.m. for the second of three special Shop 'n' Bop nights. The Music on The Plaza concert series is presented by St. John Hospital and Medical Center. Music on The Plaza and Shop 'n' Bop are produced by the Grosse Pointe Village Association. For more details, call (313) 886-7474 or visit thevillagepp.com.



CITY OF GROSSE POINTE

Lawn equipment regulated

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

Residents could rest assured during Independence Day weekend that the dawn's early light wouldn't be hailed by the roar of lawn mowers and oil-laced exhaust.

A noise ordinance limits lawn equipment use in the City of Grosse Pointe from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. weekdays and Saturdays, and 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. Sundays.

"The city council felt it was important to ensure people have the ability to enjoy the quiet of the neighborhood," said City Manager Peter Dame.

Restrictions amend existing rules and copy provisions in Grosse Pointe Woods. Lawn equipment is defined as "any gasoline or electrical powered lawn mower, edging tool, grass clippers, weed cutter or grass or leaf blower."

"No limitation is made with respect to snow removal equipment," Dame said.

The measure passed the city council recently by a 4-2 vote, with Councilmen Chris Walsh and Donald Parthum Jr. saying there haven't been enough noise complaints to warrant regulating the matter. Councilman Kris Phaehler was absent.

Some supporters hoped to target commercial lawn companies but were told by the city attorney it would be illegal to treat one group differently from the whole.

Last year, City police received 59 noise complaints, according to Chief James Fox.

Nine complaints were about lawn equipment. All but two (6:33 a.m. Sunday and 7:08 a.m. Monday) would have been legal under the new provisions.

Of the remaining noise complaints, most (18) were about loud music, 10 were about fireworks and five each were about barking dogs and snowblowers.

VACANT: Woods council holds off decision

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will stop and what you will be able to maintain. You need to keep vigilance and visibility."

That vigilance and visibility was a recurring theme in Makowski's remarks to the council, and seemed to resonate with several council members as timely, based on comments made earlier in the evening by Wayne County Commissioner Tim Killeen.

Killeen paid a courtesy call to the council to bring them up to date on several issues the county is dealing with, in light of decreased revenues.

"We're dealing with money, or actually, lack thereof," Killeen told the council. "There are challenges everywhere to the county budget. Our revenues are down, due to decreasing property taxes and revenue sharing dollars."

But it was Killeen's comment about the cuts in the county's mental health budget and the state's correctional facilities budget that raised some concerns.

"Because of cuts, over 4,000 prisoners will be released from state correctional facilities," Killeen said. "There will be more people out on tethers,

and Wayne County is expecting to receive about 2,500 of those people."

That's a definite concern for Mayor Robert Novitke.

"We need a very effective public safety department," Novitke said. "We heard what Commissioner Killeen had to say. We need to be proactive."

Even while echoing those concerns, several council members questioned Makowski whether appointing a new deputy director was fiscally responsible.

"I think we have to prepare for downsizing the public safety department," said Councilman Art Bryant. "We need to keep the same number of public safety officers, but I think we can cut down on the number of supervisors. Everybody will have to do more work, learn more, and just suck it up. We don't want to cut personnel from road patrols, but everyone is cutting back and we need to also."

Councilwoman Vicki Granger agreed with Bryant.

"Can we spread the duties among present personnel?" she asked Makowski. "I agree that we can't cut road patrol personnel, but I think we need to look very carefully at filling

these vacancies."

No decision was made by council, but Novitke asked city treasurer Dee Ann Irby to prepare a report on the actual cost to the city to fill the deputy director's position, as well as filling the vacant supervisor's position.

Councilman Al Dickinson suggested that now might be the time to discuss consolidation of police and fire services among the Pointes, and Makowski reminded the council that consolidation has been on the table since 1975 when he first came to the Woods department.

"The chiefs have asked for central dispatch and a central lock-up for years," he said. "But we haven't seen it."

Makowski reminded the council that while the Woods was the largest of the Pointes, smaller cities had even more supervisory positions, as well as deputy directors.

"I live in the Woods and I want to be secure here," he said. "I've been preaching to my officers that we need to be proactive in our work, and I think we have seen positive results. Our officers are good officers, and they need the support of this council."

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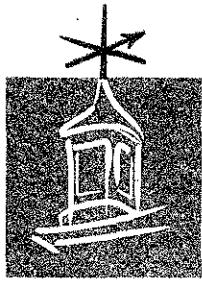
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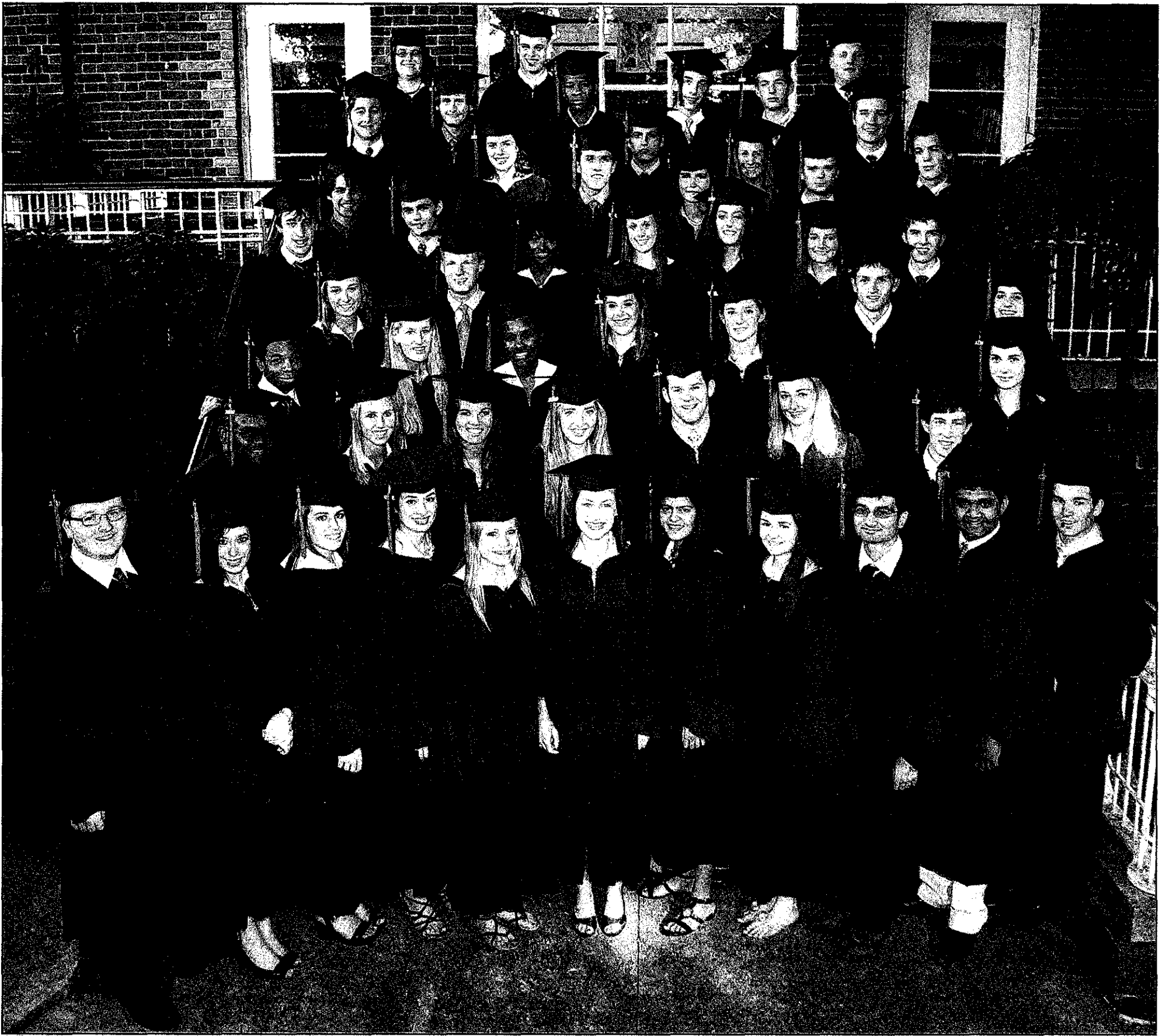
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Camp takes children to simpler times

By Amy Salvagno
 Staff Writer

There won't be any cell phones or video games.

No cartoons or iPods, either. Just freshly-squeezed lemonade, stories of yesteryear and homemade fun.

The Grosse Pointe Historical Society is hoping to take children back to simpler times with the launch of the new summer program, Ribbon Farm Days.

The four-week camp for second- and third-graders features old-fashioned arts and crafts, storytelling and singing at the historic Provencal-Weir House, 375 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe Farms.

"We wanted to offer a summer program for boys and girls to get a sense of the past and just enjoy the house and the times they are going to share there," said Izzy Donnelly, director of education.

The activities children will participate in are reminiscent of those from 1823, she added: games such as blind man's bluff, unique crafts, including painting snake gords and making apple head dolls, and baking recipes — jams and muffins, for example — from long ago.

"It's like going back in time, doing what the children of the past used to do," said Donnelly, who taught at the Grosse Pointe Academy for 14



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Grosse Pointe Historical Society director of education Izzy Donnelly greets children at the Provencal-Weir House, the site of a new day camp that focuses on old-fashioned fun.

years. "It's about slowing life down and having a really good time in a relaxed atmosphere."

Maureen Devine, GPHS executive director says she is excited about the new offering.

"The world today is filled with so much speed and

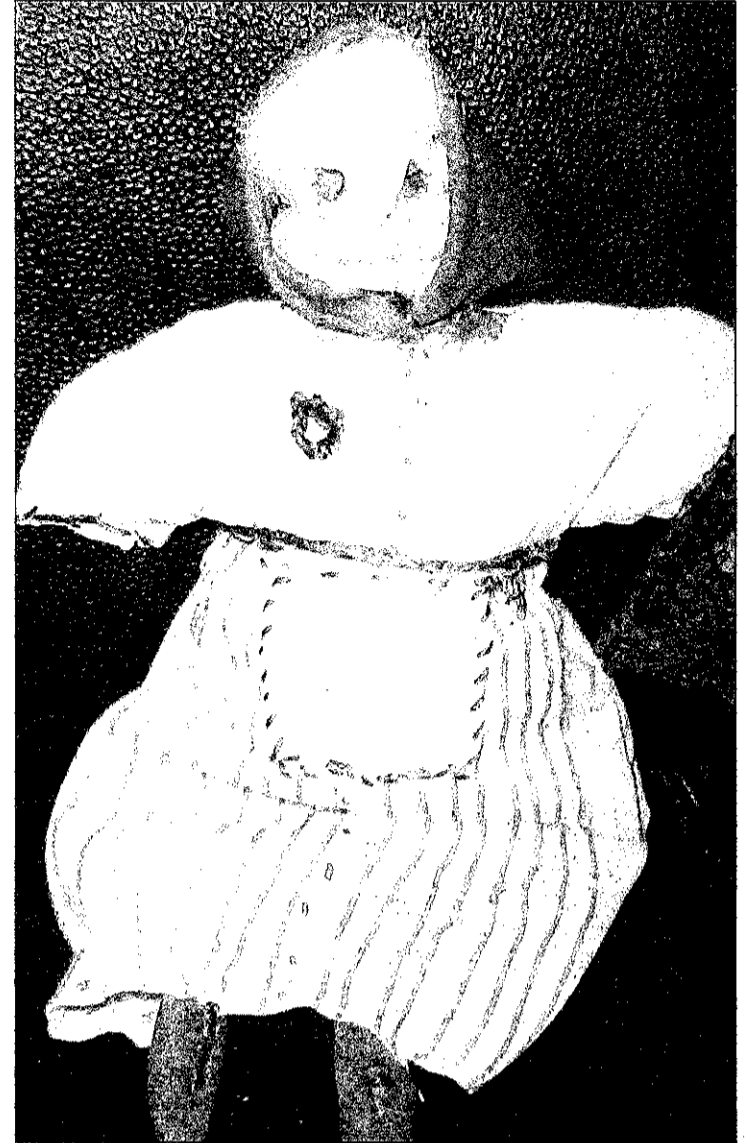
stress, we thought it would be nice to focus on something that is really fun and brings them back to a simpler, easier time," she said. "They'll take home a lot of fun projects."

The month-long session begins Thursday, July 16 and runs each Tuesday and

Thursday through Aug. 6 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

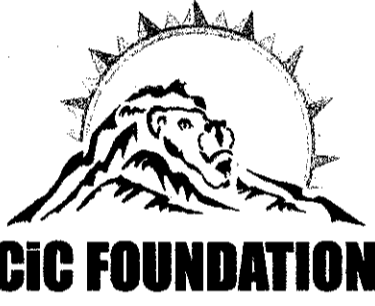

Devine said the program's aim is to provide one-on-one attention to each child to keep the sessions limited.

The cost is \$240 per child. Call the Grosse Pointe Historical Society at (313)



Children will make take-home crafts, including folk apple head dolls, made by carving a face in an apple and drying it.


884-7010 for more information or to register. Children must bring their own brown bag lunches. An assortment of snacks and refreshments are served each day.

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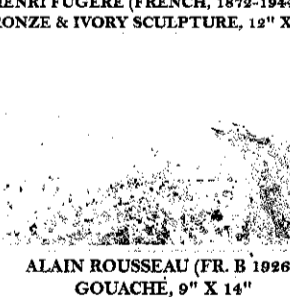
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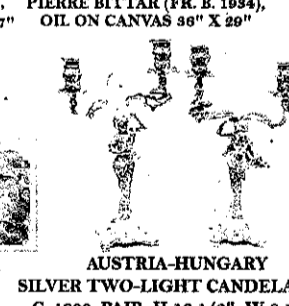
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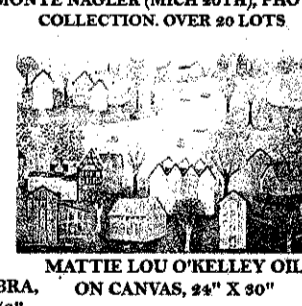
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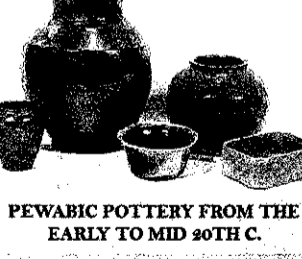
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Students get taste of midshipmen life

By Amy Salvagno
Staff Writer

For six days, they stayed by the sea, taking in a historic campus from where midshipmen have set out for the past 150 years for service on the seas.

And while only visitors to the United States Naval Academy, Brownell Middle School rising eighth-graders Bennett Jackson and Isaac Piecuch were still privy to a learning experience offered exclusively to the Annapolis, Md. undergraduates.

The friends were invited June 22-27 to the annual Summer STEM Program, designed to encourage the pursuit of courses in engineering and technology throughout high school and college.

Jackson and Piecuch were among 100 seventh- through 10th-grade students to participate in projects — taught by USNA professors — in forensics, mechanics, robotics, biometrics and computer simulation.

Throughout the week, they stayed in the midshipmen dorm, shared meals in the mess hall and enjoyed free time and recreational activities.

"I knew I could learn new things and it would still be fun," said Piecuch, who heard about the camp from his sister, a former naval officer.

The 12-year-old thought the experience would be more enjoyable with a friend, and encouraged 13-year-old Jackson, also a math and engineering enthusiast, to apply. Both found out they were accepted shortly after.

Though they've been away from home before, flying alone was a first for the camp-goers.

After settling in, the students traveled to nearby Washington, D.C. to visit the American Museum of Natural History.

For the rest of the week, they awoke for breakfast at 7 a.m., attended two morning classes, took a lunch break and returned for two more classes.

They filled the remainder of each day with sports — frisbee, volleyball, basketball and swimming, mainly — and toured patrol boats and research areas with camp counselors and tutors, the academy's current midshipmen.

"It wasn't like school," said Jackson. "In classes, you weren't reading from a book. There were interactive labs and experiments."

"It was interesting because they didn't make it over my head," added Piecuch.

Mechanical engineering professor Angela Moran said the themes in class are innovative and reflect current technology.

The camp focuses on hands-on activities appropriate for the age and skill of the campers, design challenges and team building competitions.

"Once the initial activities are mastered, we show them how the concepts relate to real world applications and visit the facilities where actual science and engineering research is conducted and applied," she said.

One of the team building activities the friends worked on was a robot that could play catch with itself, showcased at the end of the week science fair.

"If you like engineering and inventing, there's a lot of hands-on lessons," said Jackson. "It's always good to know more than one thing."

"They teach you code breaking, if you want to be in the Navy. You learn a lot of new things and you're also meeting new people and having fun," said Piecuch. "It feels like it made me smarter."

Moms Clarisa Piecuch and Ann Jackson agree the program benefited both boys.

"I'm happy they came back with a broader understanding of other kids, options and opportunities out there, somewhere other than this bubble," said Ann Jackson. "For Bennett, to see you can study this and make a living doing this was eye opening for him."



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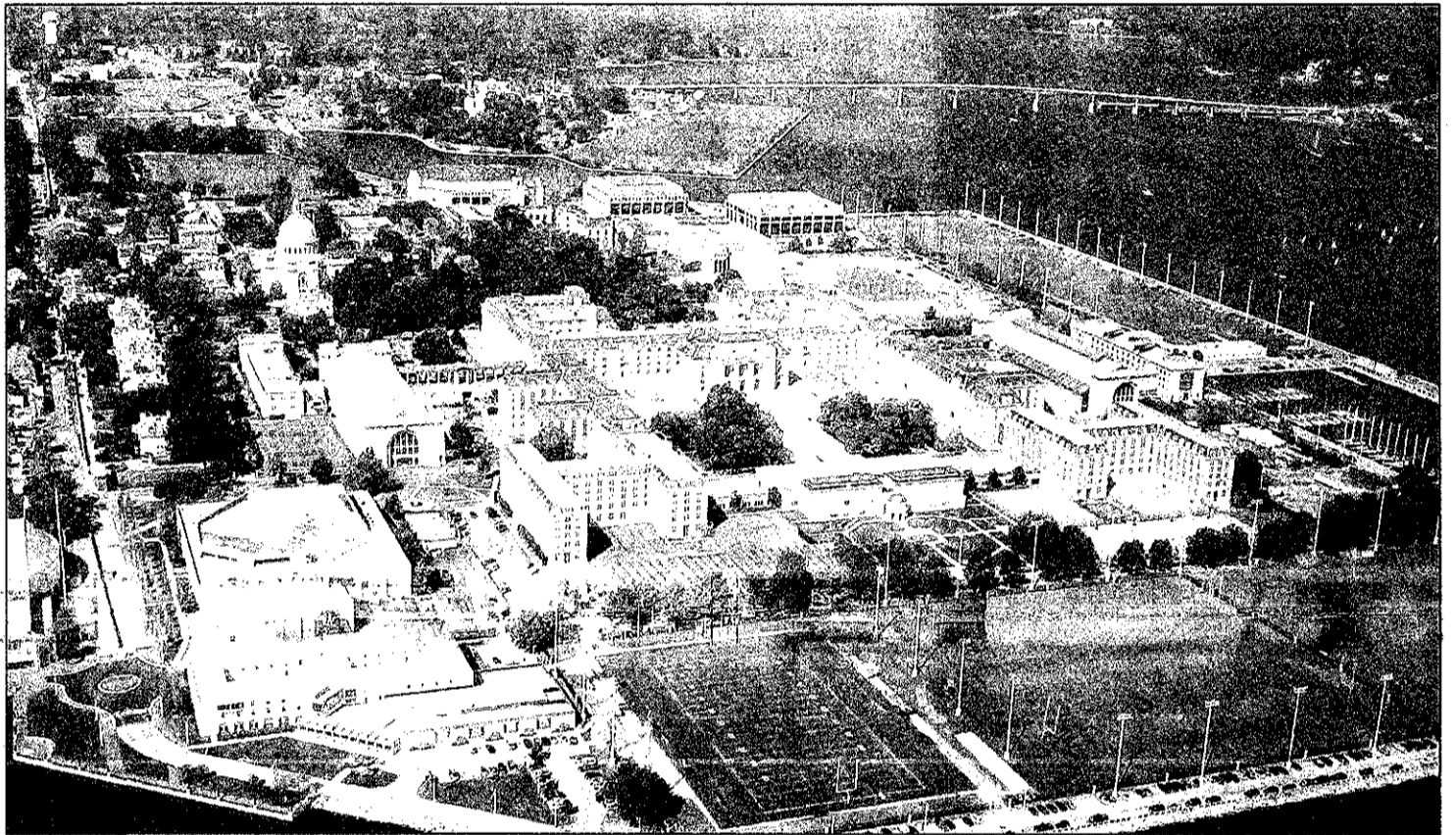


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Top: Brownell Middle School eighth-graders Isaac Piecuch and Bennett Jackson spent a week at the United States Naval Academy for a camp focused on engineering, science, math and hands-on labs. Above: An aerial view of the historic campus in Annapolis, Md., where the students stayed in midshipmen dorms and learned from USNA professors in interactive classes.

"They have a sense of renewed enthusiasm for math and science, that it can be a lot of fun," said Clarisa Piecuch. "They're both good academically and athletically ... they have a lot more pride. They seem to be walking a little taller."

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One vacancy on the Grosse Pointe Public School System Board of Education exists as of Monday, July 6, for the position of trustee. The position is for a term expiring Dec. 31, 2009.

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tered voter from any of the Grosse Pointes or the Harper Woods portion of the Grosse Pointe Public School System.

Application forms are available in the superintendent's office, 389 St. Clair, and on the district website, gpschools.org.

Application letters and resumes must be submitted no later than 3 p.m. Wednesday, July 22. Send applications to Joan Dindoffer, Board of Education Secretary, 389 St. Clair, City of Grosse Pointe, 48230.

Nominating petitions available

Nominating petitions are being accepted for two, four-year seats and one, three-year seat on the Grosse Pointe Board of Education. The election is Tuesday, Nov. 3.

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All forms are due no later than Tuesday, Aug. 11, to the city clerk's office.

For more information, visit gpschools.org.

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The cost is \$200 for each clinic or \$340 for two sessions. If participants provide their own soccer ball, the cost for one session is \$185 and \$325 for two.

A special half-day session for five and six year olds runs from 9 a.m. to noon Aug. 3-7

for a cost of \$100. A special teen session runs 6 to 9 p.m. July 27-31 for a cost of \$100.

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SCHOOL SPOTLIGHTS

Festival winners

Parcells Middle School music students came home last month from the Music in the Parks festival at Kings Island with six awards.

The seventh-grade band, directed by David Cleveland, won second place in its division with a rating of excellent. The eighth-grade band, directed by John Donnellon, also won second place in its division with a rating of excellent. The choir, directed by Kemmer Weinhaus, won third place in its division with rating of excellent.

In addition, the orchestra, directed by Donnellon, won first place in its division. The orchestra was also selected for the Judges Choice award for the best orchestra overall at the festival.

On to Interlochen

Grosse Pointe South High School rising senior Jasper Zientek has been named one of 46 Emerson Scholars and receives a full scholarship to Interlochen Arts Camp, a summer arts program for aspiring musicians.

The Grosse Pointe Park resident, son of Chris Zientek and Janet Rubenstein, will study the viola and perform with the camp's World Youth Symphony Orchestra, which this year performs with such musicians as the Ahn Trio and Chris Thile of Nickel Creek.

Zientek is a member South's Tri-M Music Honor Society and also plays with the Civic Chamber Quartet and Civic Youth Ensembles.

The scholarship provides full tuition, private lessons and room and board at the six-week camp. To be eligible for the award, students must demonstrate skill and proficiency on harp, string, wind or percussion instruments.

French honors

Grosse Pointe Academy middle school students earned high marks in the National French Contest Exam. The 60-minute, multiple choice test, developed by the American Association of Teachers of French, is designed to help spark further interest in the language and identify and reward student achievement. The exam covered comprehension, vocabulary, grammar and reading comprehension. Student scores were ranked against those locally and nationally enrolled in similar curricula. Those who placed in the top 10 nationally are: sixth-graders Bobby Kaiser, Nikolas Minanov, James Scott, George Spica and Sam Williams; seventh-grader Kara French, Kate Krueger, Sheridan Reilly and Kate Van Pelt; and eighth-graders Morgan Westwood and Katherine Woodward. Each received a certificate of honor and medals in recognition of their achievement. In front, from left, is Minanov, Williams, Scott, Spica, Kaiser, French, Van Pelt and Reilly; in back, from left, is Woodward, Westwood, academy French teacher Amal El-Hosni and Krueger.



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School of talents

Our Lady Star of the Sea held its annual talent show last month, featuring various acts and entertainment, from piano pieces to tae kwon do. Pictured, Maria Paluzzi dances Western-style.

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TEST DRIVE By Greg Zyla

The Dodge Grand Caravan received a complete makeover in 2008 and is still regarded as the "Godfather" of the minivan segment. Dodge's Stow 'n Go system is a new standard on the Grand Caravan SE.

2009 Dodge Grand Caravan SE



This week, we're driving the 2009 Dodge Grand Caravan SE — base price \$24,230; price as tested: \$26,045.

Introduced in 1984 with sibling Plymouth Voyager from a then beleaguered Chrysler Corp., the minivan caught other manufacturers off guard and Chrysler enjoyed many years of success until competing designers caught up.

Still, even in this day of our troubled economy, Dodge SE and SXT minivans, with employee pricing and numerous discounts, could well be the best buys at dealer showrooms.

Notable and new for 2009 is Grand Caravan SXT coming out with two high tech safety features at no extra charge: a blind spot monitoring system and a rear cross path system.

The blind spot monitoring requires no driver input and uses dual ultra wide radar sensors to inform drivers, via side mirror lights and chimes, vehicles are in the driver's blind spot. However, make sure you incorporate a combination of this great Dodge safety system with your own eyes for double the safety.

The rear cross path is a Chrysler/Dodge exclusive not yet available on any other vehicle. Using similar blind spot radar technology, the system warns the driver backing out of parking spaces or driveways of

any traffic moving toward or across the path of their minivan. The driver is notified via an illuminated icon in the mirror, and with an audible chime. It won't pick up smaller objects, so keep your eyes out here for children and smaller objects left in the driveway.

Overall, Dodge and Chrysler receive a big pat on the back from this scribe for installing these great features. If you can afford a few more dollars, the SXT may be a better buy right now, especially with the aforementioned incentives and discounts available to all.

Caravan's Government Safety Ratings are also noteworthy, scoring 5 Stars in frontal and side crash for both driver and passenger and 4 Stars in the rollover test.

Caravans feature front and three row side curtain air bags, 4-wheel anti-lock disc brakes, electronic stability program with traction control and brake assist. The safety ratings are important, as most minivans carry many a family member and pet along the way.

Power-wise, three engine offerings include an overhead cam 4.0-liter V6, and longtime workhorses 3.8 and 3.3-liter V6's. The bigger 4.0 and 3.8 engines are available only in the upgraded SXT model, and deliver just one less miles per gallon city/highway with 251 and 197 horses, respectively.

Our SE came with the smaller 3.3-liter, 175 horsepower V6 that couples to a 4-speed automatic overdrive transmission. The result is acceptable acceleration when not fully loaded, and impressive 17 city and 24 highway EPA numbers. The 3.3-liter can also be fueled with Ethanol E85, as indicated by a

Flex Fuel badge on the rear hatch.

The exterior motif is muscular and boxy, something that seems to be catching on in the Nissan Quest mini line, too. This design is in direct conflict with the numerous aerodynamic styles out there, yet still looks correct for the family mover we came to love over the years.

Caravans are now all 7-passenger, and come standard with "Stow and Go" second row bucket seats and a third row bench seat, both of which fold under in an easy manner for more cargo space. We should also mention the great "conversation" rear view mirror, which allows driver and front passenger a full look at all passengers in the rear seats.

A \$995 climate group is recommended, and adds 160 amp alternator, 3-zone air conditioning, rear air and heat and a tweaked instrument panel with satin silver bezel. With \$860 added for destination, the final price came in at \$26,045. Standard features are many, from a great stereo system to all the powers, and more interior amenities that we have space to print.

Dodge's warranty is an industry first "Lifetime Powertrain Limited Warranty" with many benefits.

Important numbers include a wheelbase of 121.2-inches, 20-gallon fuel tank, up to 144 cubic-feet of cargo space and

4,321 pound curb weight.

Dodge and Chrysler minivans are tough to beat, and we rate the SE an 8 on a scale of one to 10.

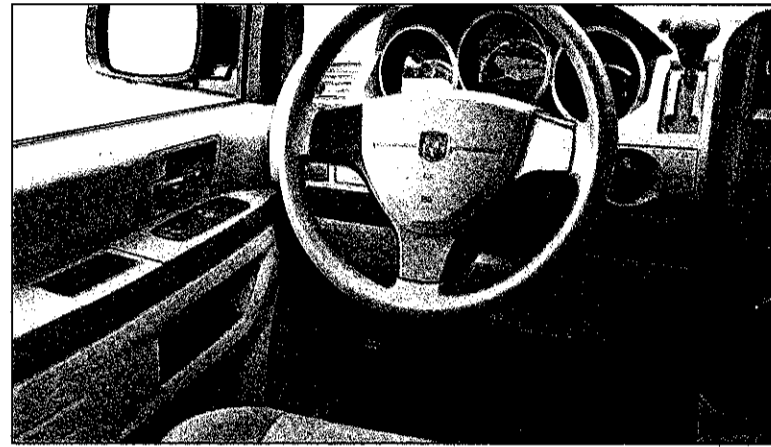
Likes: Looks, discount pricing, numerous interior amenities, Stow n' Go seating.

Dislikes: Average handling, 3.3-liter V6 struggles when fully loaded.

Greg Zyla is a syndicated auto columnist.



2009 Dodge Grand Caravan SE



Cash for clunkers

By David Uffington
Special Writer

The government's Cash For Clunkers program can help get gas guzzlers off the road and shave thousands of dollars off the price of a new vehicle.

Passenger vehicles traded in must be newer than 1984

models and get less than 18 miles-per gallon. For certain trucks, the model year must be 2001 and 15 mpg. The vehicle must be drivable. You can't take an old vehicle from a junkyard and use it to trade in. All vehicles that are traded in are to be scrapped to get them off the road.

Here are some specifics for the program:

◆ You must buy your new vehicle between July 1 and Nov. 1, 2009.

◆ The new vehicle must cost less than \$45,000.

◆ You must have been the owner of record of the old vehicle for a minimum of one year.

◆ If you trade in a passenger car that gets 18 mpg or less, the new vehicle must get 10 mpg more to qualify for the \$4,500 voucher.

◆ If you trade in a passenger car that gets 18 mpg or less, the new vehicle must get 4 mpg more to qualify for a \$3,500 voucher.

◆ If you trade in a pickup or SUV — including a minivan — that gets 18 mpg or less and you buy a similar vehicle that gets 2 mpg more, you qualify for a \$3,500 voucher.

◆ If you trade in a pickup or SUV — including a minivan — that gets 18 mpg or less, your new vehicle must get at least 5 mph higher to qualify for a \$4,500 voucher.

◆ Trucks and vans weighing between 6,000 and 8,500 pounds that get 15 mpg qualify for vouchers of between \$3,500 and \$4,500.

◆ Finally, if an older vehicle has a trade-in value greater than the amounts being offered, you won't benefit from the vouchers.

If a dealer is offering incentives such as thousands of dollars off the price of a vehicle, you can add that discount to the voucher amounts. The dealers themselves will get the vouchers from the government via electronic access.

If you're unsure what gas mileage your current vehicle gets, visit fuelconomy.gov for information. Any new vehicle will have the mileage on the window sticker.

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Heating companies merge

Flame Heating, Cooling & Electric has merged with Roseville Heating and Cooling of Fraser.

Roseville Heating and Cooling's staff joins Flame's team including new service technicians, sales team members and office support staff.

Flame Heating has been family-owned since 1949. It's president, Gary Marowske, lives in Grosse Pointe Farms.

"The wealth of expertise and the longstanding commitment to customer service that Roseville staff have demonstrated over the years are just some of the reasons we feel this opportunity is a good fit," Marowske said.

In operation for more than 40 years, Roseville Heating and Cooling now operates under the Flame Heating, Cooling, & Electrical name.

"We're thrilled to have the opportunity to help carry on Roseville's tradition of excellence," Marowske said.

Former Roseville Heating and Cooling owner Larry Potvin remains with the company. He will oversee quality control.

"Our customers will still be able to call the same number and talk to the same staff," Potvin said. "The only thing that will change is the color of our trucks and the number of technicians and staff working on their behalf."

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AUTOS By Jenny King

The annual mid-June Motor Muster at The Henry Ford's Greenfield Village is always a sure sign summer's here. The show featured a variety of U.S. and European vehicles from the '30s through the '70s.

Motor Muster vehicles always a treat



The Motor Muster at The Henry Ford's Greenfield Village mixes cars, trucks, bikes and motorized two-wheelers with thousands of visitors. Add live music, Model T tours, old car races and ice cream and you have a perfect summer weekend.

Except for the very young, visitors to Motor Muster likely remember, or once owned, many of the hundreds of invited vehicles that lined the village streets and greens. The show

number 10," said spokesman Del Carpenter. "The idea came from technology displays at the Century of Progress 1933-34 World's Fair in Chicago.

"The buses toured in the Parade of Progress until the attack on Pearl Harbor," he said. They were then put in storage and rediscovered in the early 1950s, he said. Today only eight Futurliners are known to exist, and five are in total disrepair.

The one here was the work of some 30 volunteers over a seven-year period, under the direction of Don Mayton of Beaverdam, Mich.

The state of disrepair of Al Scholton's 1942 Chrysler narrow-back Town & Country wagon, by most guesses, would also have been described as "total." But the Holland resi-

to make it more attractive."

With its Bakelite interior trim, fluid drive transmission, barn-door-style rear doors and search light, Scholton's wagon is one of only a handful still registered. He started its renovation in 1993; it was complete six years later.

The one step up from base model 1952 Ford Mainline shown by longtime owner William Bachmann of Erie, Pa., may not have carpeting or even interior handles for closing its doors, but it does have overdrive available at 27 mph.

"There's a switch under the accelerator — this was the first year for suspended pedals — that turns on overdrive," Bachmann said.

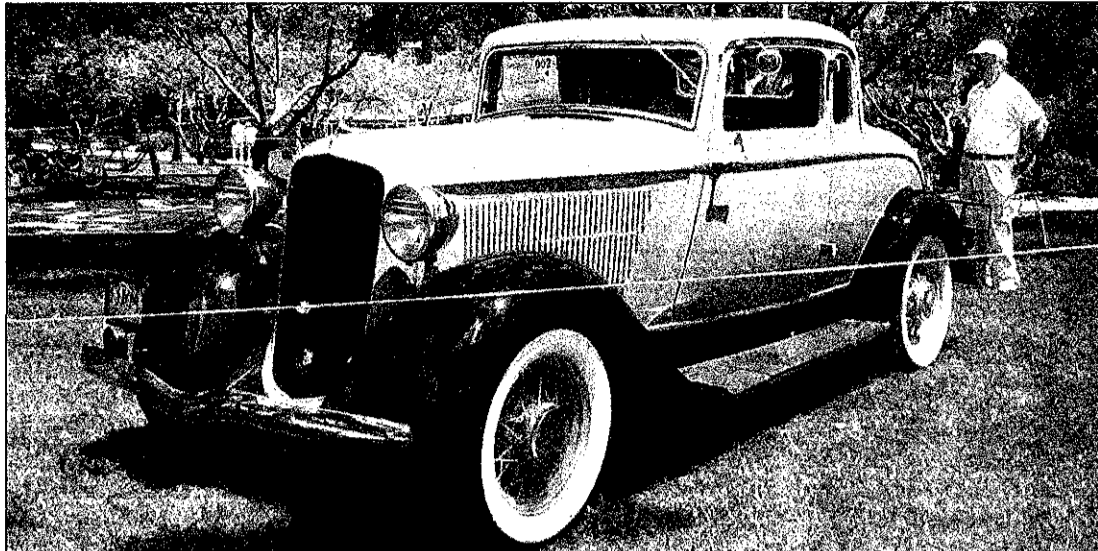
Bachmann has owned his no-frills — one inside sunvisor, 16-inch wheels left over from Fords 1951 Mainline for 40 years. He paid \$150 for it.

Davison resident Henry McQueen bought his 1941 Ford Super Deluxe four-door sedan 12 years ago from a man who was restoring it. McQueen said the three-piece front fenders on the car are unusual. They marked the end of Ford's inability to stamp a single steel piece in that size and shape.

The sober, black sedan does have what McQueen called a "playboy-style" sunvisor. Its flathead V-8 has 61,000 miles on it. At the McQueen home, the car goes by "Nadine."

The supercharging on Bob Leinen's 1948 MG TC roadster sets it apart from other '48 models.

"The car has won a total of 55 awards," said Leinen of Dearborn. "I've owned it five years; it was completely restored in 1986."



Richard Cardecia of Brighton brought his sleek 1933 Plymouth PD business coupe to the 2009 Motor Muster.

Leinen loves the early, traditional styling of the roadster, with its right-hand steering and two elegant racing screens. He also likes the fact he can get parts for it.

Volkswagen enthusiasts Gregory and Ryan Sanchez of Melvindale were busy polishing their Sumatra green 1973 VW TYP3 1600 fastback — one of a three body-style series the German automaker thought would work as a replacement for the beloved Beetle.

"I bought this out of Florida a couple of years ago and it was in good, solid condition," said Sanchez. "These never sold very well here, though 51 of them showed up a year ago for a meet in Ypsilanti."

The Sanchezes had earlier been showing some bicycles from the 1950s. Bikes, scooters, motorcycles, commercial trucks and military vehicles were included in the vast display at Greenfield Village.

With its air-cooled 1600-en-

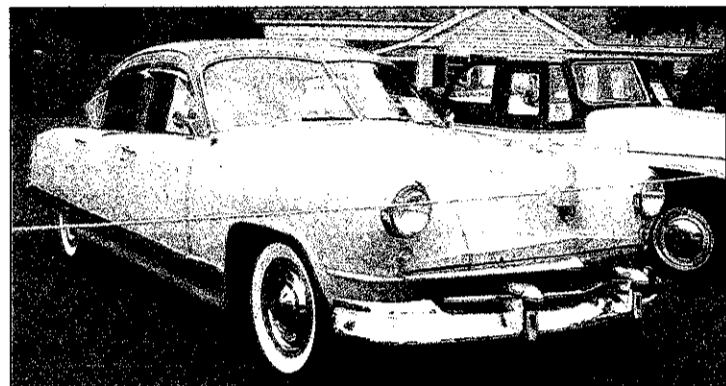
gine in the rear, the TYP3 fastback provided a good-size trunk up front, which the Sanchezes had carefully packed with hardy Samsonite luggage.

Eddie Morris of Wyandotte said he has owned his 1936 Ford 68 with more than 100,000 miles on it for 35 years.

"It's all original except for paint and tires," said Morris, who works on this and his other old cars himself.

The 1969 Cadillac combination ambulance-hearse belonging to Michael Granzeler of Wyandotte now has a different function. The family takes it camping, said the attorney, showing how the two rear jump seats for ambulance personnel fold down to provide a flat bed for a coffin. Or in the present tense, a high and dry spot for sleeping bags.

"We'll sleep in it here in the village tonight," he said.



A 1951 Kaiser Dragon four-door sedan owned by Daniel and Laura Trczinski of Temperance, Mich., was considered the best car in the show from the 1950s by popular vote.

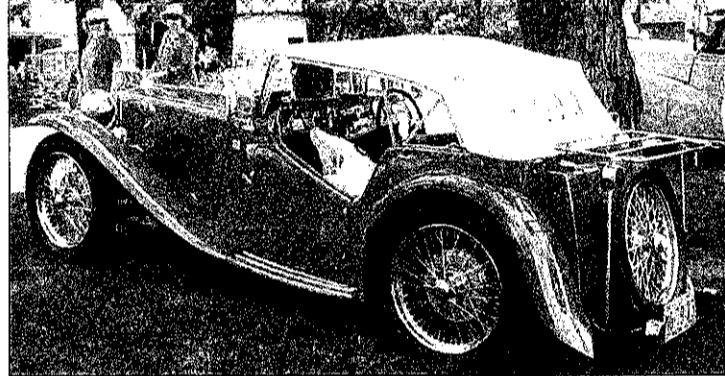
specializes in vehicles built from 1933 to around 1976.

In a central location, volunteers were proudly showing a GMC Futurliner, one of 12 created to bring new ideas in technology to people from coast to coast.

"They were built by GMC and Fisher Body; this one was

dent knew when he spotted it behind a filling station that the wood-sided wagon was very rare: 849 were originally made, he said.

"This depot wagon was introduced in 1941 as a plainer vehicle," Scholton said. "The next year, Chrysler added things like chrome trim and luggage rack






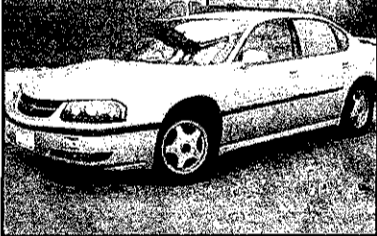
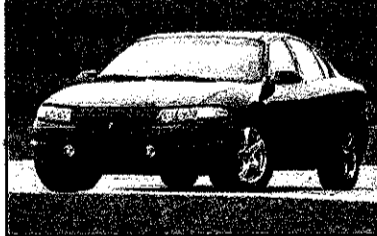







A supercharged 1948 MG TC roadster, restored in 1986, is the proud possession of Dearborn resident Bob Leinen.

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Horsing around

Hunt Club camp teaches much more than just riding

By Kathy Ryan
 Staff Writer

If there is one thing young riders learn at the Grosse Pointe Hunt Club's summer horse camp, it's that there is more to horseback riding than just sitting atop a horse.

There's brushing, feeding and washing. There's cleaning bits and bridles, oiling saddles and rolling leg wraps. There are curry combs, sweat scrapers, and tail conditioners, not to mention human muscles that have probably never been used before. Then there's mucking.

"We teach everything there is to know about horse care and horse riding," said Maggie Yash, GPHC horse camp director. "The campers learn that there is lots of work to be done before anyone can even get on a horse, and we usually start with cleaning the stall."

Just ask Emily Fleming, 11, who along with five other campers was wielding a rake and wheelbarrow and watching where she stepped, as she cleaned out her horse's stall. Fred, a pinto pony, was waiting patiently in a grooming stall for Emily to finish mucking.

"It's not as bad as I thought it would be," she said with a laugh. She even agreed that it was more fun to clean a stall than it was to clean her room. Her friend, Sidney Simoncini, 11, wasn't so sure.

"Actually, I'd rather be riding," she said from the corner of Tucker's stall, the thoroughbred she was responsible for during her week at camp. "But it's just fun to be around the horses."

In what can only be described as horse immersion, Yash takes campers for a week at a time and guides riders at various levels through the basics of riding and horse care. The camp is open to non-members, ages 7 to 15. The camp horses are owned by the Hunt Club, and are used for lessons throughout the year. Those used by the day camp are chosen by Yash for their calm and even temperaments. Campers keep the same horse for the week, which Yash feels gives them both a sense of ownership as well as giving them a certain sense of comfort.

"I tell my beginners that no one can learn to ride overnight," she said. "I try not to promise too much, but some kids really surprise me and are very comfortable right from the very first

day. By the end of the week, they are fairly accomplished riders."

So accomplished they often return the next summer, so Yash works to accommodate riders of all levels, from beginners who have never been on a horse to advanced riders who compete in horse shows throughout the state.

For those intermediate riders, who have mastered the walk, trot and canter, Yash teaches the basics of jumping, starting with poles flat on the ground before moving to cross poles. That was what camper Jennifer Toenjes, 11, of Grosse Pointe Woods, worked on during her week at camp. By midweek, she felt comfortable jumping small x's, known as crosspoles in the show ring, with her horse, Kelly.

"I loved it she said," with a huge grin as she circled after her first jump. "I can't wait to jump even higher."

In addition to riding and horse care, campers also learn how to care for the tack that is required, including saddles, bridles, girths, bits, bell boots and leg wraps, as well as their own necessary equipment, including boots, helmets, chaps and crops.

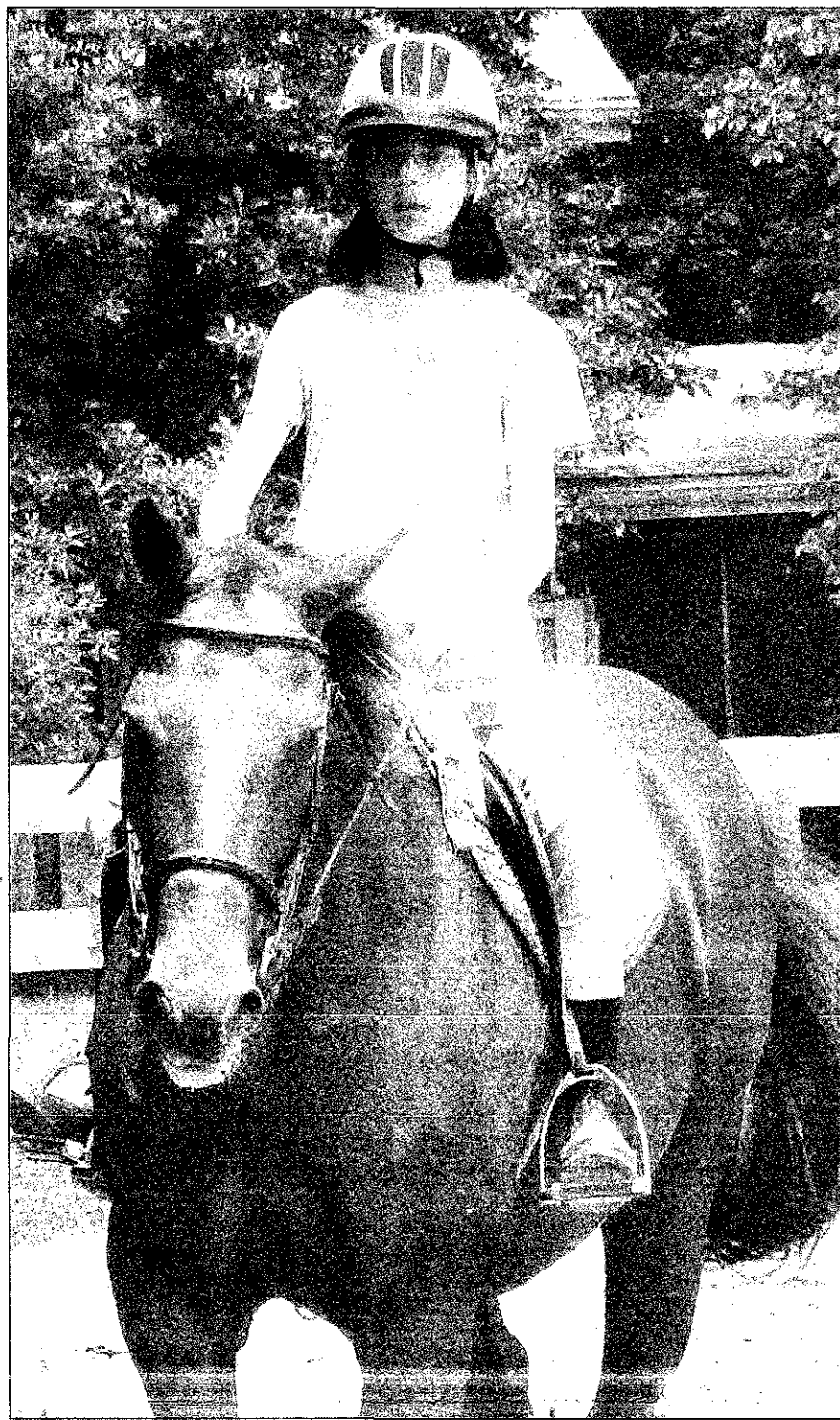


PHOTO BY KATHY RYAN
 Sidney Simoncini spent her week at the Grosse Pointe Hunt Club camp riding and taking care of Tucker. It's Simoncini's second year at the camp.

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Maggie Yash gives final instruction on the day's lesson.

RIDING: Hunt Club camp is fun for everyone

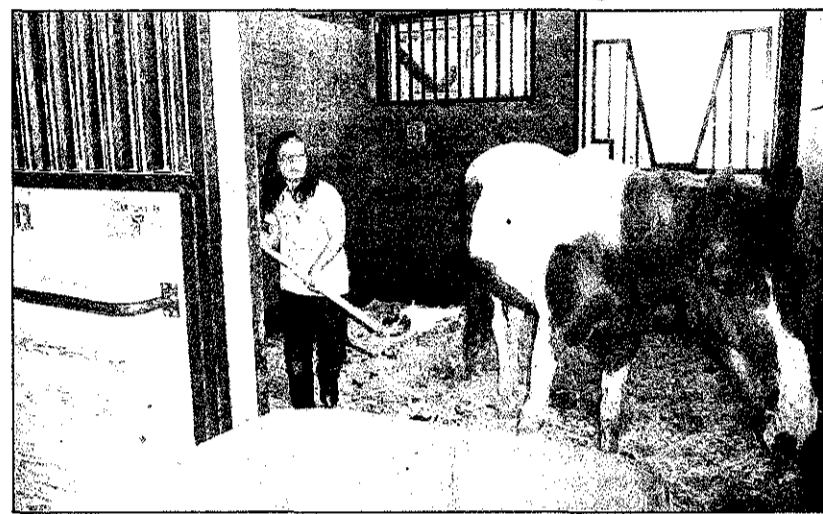
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Then there are the arm and leg muscles riders use, not to mention the occasional sore bottom.

"Some people say that the only one who gets any exercise in riding is the horse," said Yash, with a knowing laugh. "I tell them to come and take one lesson with me and let's see who sweats more, you or the horse. This is a sport where you really have to be in shape."

Yash knows of what she speaks. She began riding when she was seven, and has shown competitively for several years. Her own horse, Laci, a Percheron, still gives her a good workout, when, as Yash says, "I even have time to ride. Summer is definitely our busy time here at the club."

When the riding is done and the horses put away, campers play games, all horse-themed of course, or do crafts. A popular choice among riders is making a bracelet with their



There are some girls who would rather clean a stall than clean their room. Emily Fleming, with her camp pony named Fred, is one of them.

horse's name. A swim in the pool ends each day's session, and is usually a welcome relief after a long ride and stall mucking.

A trend Yash is enjoying seeing is the increasing number of boys who are attending the camp or taking lessons with her during the winter.

"Everyone tends to think that horseback riding is a 'girl's sport, but I'm seeing lots more boys signing up," she

said. "What people don't realize is the strength required to ride. Most of the top riders in the world are men."

Hoping to join those ranks is Louis Anderson, 7, a Monteith third grader who was just completing his first week at camp, and hopes to spend even more time around the barn.

"I loved it," he said. "I'm cantering already and I really want to keep riding so I can start jumping. It looks like so much

fun. My dad did English riding, and now so am I."

Anderson sounds like the perfect candidate, in a few years, for the week Yash sets aside for more advanced riders, those who can jump a course of jumps at least two feet high.

"The week that I have the advanced riders, I call my boot camp week," she said with a laugh. "Most of those riders have their own horses; so they know how to care for a horse. They all can jump, so we do a lot of work on jump courses and work on things judges look for at horse shows. We also do some fun things like learning how to braid manes and tails."

While Yash, who is in her fourth summer as camp director and fifth year as a riding instructor at the club, always looks forward to seeing returning riders, she tries to encourage them to ride over the winter as well.

"Riding is like any sport," she said, "the more you do it, the more comfortable you are, and the better you become. And it's really important to maintain muscle strength."

Yash is also quick to point out what a huge confidence builder riding can be for a young person.

"If you think about it, some of these kids can't walk the 30- or 40-pound family dog because it's too strong for them at the end of the leash. But somehow they are able to maneuver this 1,000 pound animal with no problems. It really gives them a sense of empowerment."

But if there is one lesson Yash wants her campers to take away, whether beginners or advanced, is the special bond that is created between horse and rider.

"It's a truly unique sport," she said. "I like to say that I teach horsemanship and sportsmanship. I love to ride, and I hope they learn to love it, too. Like any sport, you have to learn to take care of your equipment, but in this sport, your most important equipment is a living, breathing animal. I teach them that the horse and rider is a very special partnership, and how important it is to properly care for your horse. It's just as important as learning to ride. I really do try to teach them to love their horse, and for most of my campers, that's not difficult at all."

There are a few openings remaining in the horsemanship camp schedule. Lessons are also available for non-members, both children and adults.

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Historical society gala supports Dossin museum

The Detroit Historical Society celebrated the region's maritime history at the 2009 Dossin Great Lakes Museum gala with the Detroit/Wayne County Port Authority.

This year's gala featured a casino theme, strolling dinner, viewing the museum's new exhibits, music and a silent auction.

Proceeds help the Dossin Great Lakes Museum provide educational

programs and exhibits.

PVS Chemicals sponsored the dinner; Jim and Ann Nicholson were décor sponsors; the Detroit International Bridge Company was the auction sponsor; Doug and Diane Dossin were beverage sponsors; The Mannik and Smith Group, Inc. the dessert sponsor; Michigan Marine Terminal was the entertainment sponsor; Richard M. Dossin was the

valet sponsor; Sidonie Dossin Brown was the blackjack sponsor; and Dwight and Cynthia Vincent were the poker sponsors.

The honorary host committee for the gala included: Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Bluth; Mr. and Mrs. Richard A. Brodie; Sidonie Dossin Brown; Joel and Lauren Bruss; Detroit Historical Society CEO Bob Bury and Mary Ann Bury; Ed and Judy Christian; Detroit Mayor Kenneth V. Cockrel Jr. and Kimberly Cockrel; Detroit City Councilwomen Sheila M. Cockrel and Barbara-Rose Collins; David and Janet Cornillie; Doug and Diane Dossin; Marianne Endicott; Brian Geer; Detroit Deputy Mayor Saul Green and Diane Green; Robert and Ann Greenstone; Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Hertel; Phil Kazmierski; Patrick Kerzic and Stephanie Germack Kerzic; Wayne County Commissioner Tim Killeen, D-City of Grosse Pointe; Mr. and Mrs. Dennis J. Levasseur; U.S. Senator Carl Levin, D-Michigan; Gary and Kathy



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Front row, from left, Jeff Jensen, Diane Dossin, Marlena Hanlon; back row, from left, Kathy Jensen, Dick and Elaine Dossin, Sidonie Dossin Brown, Doug Dossin and Kevin Hanlon.

Marowske; Detroit Historical Society President Sandy McMillan and Mimi McMillan; the Moroun family; David

and Kristin Nicholson; Jim and Ann Nicholson; U.S. Senator Debbie Stabenow, D-Michigan; Detroit City Councilwoman Alberta Tinsley-Talabi, and Dwight and Cynthia Vincent.

The Dossin Museum, 100 Strand Drive on Belle Isle, is open 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays. Museum admission is free and donations are welcome.

Permanent exhibits include the Miss Pepsi vintage 1940s championship hydroplane, a bow anchor from the S.S. Edmund Fitzgerald, the pilothouse from the Great Lakes freighter S.S. William Clay Ford and one of the largest known collections of scale model ships in the world.

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At right, Detroit Historical Society trustee Doug Dossin and Diane Dossin of Grosse Pointe Farms. Below right, Marianne Endicott of Grosse Pointe Shores, Mary Ann Bury of Grosse Pointe Park, Michelle Wooddell of Huntington Woods and society trustee Judy Christian of Grosse Pointe Farms.

AREA ACTIVITIES

Child care

The Child Care Coordinating Council of Detroit/Wayne County Inc. is holding three training opportunities.

The first is More Than ABCs and 123s from 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Saturday, July 11 at the administration office, 2151 E. Jefferson, Suite 250, Detroit.

The cost is \$5 for a 4C member and \$50 for a non-member.

The second, ABCs of Infant/Toddler Development, is from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Saturday July 11 and 25 at Western Wayne, 29200 Vassar, Suite 150, Livonia. The cost is \$130.

A mini-conference titled Music & Growth Development is 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, July 18. The cost is \$45 for members and \$50 for non-members. For more information, call Yvette Clark at (313) 259-4411, ext. 315 or Sonja Stuckey, ext. 320.

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Ceramics, from 6 to 8 p.m. Friday, July 17.

The display includes works of artists who teach ceramics in degree-granting institutions in Ohio and Michigan.

The exhibit runs through Sunday, Aug. 30.

For more information, call (313) 822-0954.

Detroit Zoo

A Detroit Chamber Winds and Strings quintet performs from 2:30 to 4 p.m. Sunday, July 12 at the Detroit Zoo's main picnic grove on the mobile stage.

Members perform selections by Bach, Sousa and other classical composers with a special presentation of "animal ditties."

For more information, call (313) 852-4056.

Around the world

Stewart McMillin presents Around the World in 88 Days at noon Sunday, July 19 at the Iroquois Avenue Christ Lutheran Church, 2411 Iroquois, Detroit.

The \$10 donation benefits Habitat for Humanity.

The event includes a brunch of international foods and a PowerPoint presentation on McMillin's trips to China, Tibet, Hong Kong, Cambodia, Vietnam, Laos, Thailand, Bangladesh, India, Yemen, Bahrain, Oman, Qatar, Kuwait, Lebanon, Syria, Cyprus and the United States.

For reservations, call Kathy Krasiy at (313) 921-2667 or e-mail Iroquoischrist@yahoo.com.

Computer recycling

Grosse Pointe Geeks offers a computer recycling event from 5 to 9 p.m. Thursday, July 9 at the Grosse Pointe Village

Pewabic Pottery

Pewabic Pottery, 10125 E. Jefferson, Detroit, opens a contemporary exhibit, The Ohio-Michigan Game: Teaching



DKG scholarship

The Beta Xi chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma awarded Grosse Pointe South High School graduate Stephanie McShane a \$1,000 scholarship. She plans to study education at Wooster College.

McShane has been a member of South's soccer team, ICON club, SADD, the Varsity Club, the Grosse Pointe Soccer Association, Spanish Honor Society, AAA for Success, St. Paul Youth Ministry, Service for Core City in Detroit, Service for the Mentally Retarded and Homeless and was given the Most Improved Player Award. She is also a classical pianist. From left, Beta Xi President Tina Bertoni, Pamela McShane, McShane and scholarship chairwoman Earlene McMillin.

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ASK THE EXPERTS By David M. Benson

Motivating teens to seek summer employment can be done



Q: Now that school is over, how can I motivate my teenager to seek employment instead of sitting around the house playing video games?

A: This is a question I hear often from the parents of my adolescent clients. First, teens need to identify short and long-term goals and tie them to methods of accomplishing them — like getting a summer job.

It is beneficial for the parent(s) to sit with the teenager and compile the list. If your teen has specific, clear and realistic goals, he/she will have a sense of control and purpose for employment. This process may

also assist your teenager in identifying wanted purchases.

Teenagers all think about driving, having a car, planning for trips or buying special clothes that are not always in the family budget. By earning their own money, a job teaches them responsibility and helps to make their goals more realistic and attainable.

The parental role in this process is of "coach" and motivator. If your coaching is effective, the teenager will make more independent, responsible decisions. As parents, it is often easier for us to simply repeat to our teens, "you need to get a job." However, if a parent is the coach or motivator, the results are almost always more favorable. The key to this process is to allow the teen to feel some control and motivation.

Be aware that the thought of

employment often scares teenagers. Some do not know their talents, or believe enough in themselves. Being employed for the first time is a very anxious moment for teenagers and is one of the main reasons why teenagers will not seek employment.

The parent can assist by helping the teen identify their strengths and weaknesses, as well as making suggestions for employment opportunities that promote success.

The following are the most popular employment opportunities for teens: food services, retail stores, yard maintenance, tutoring, car washing, parks and recreation departments, pet services, babysitting/care giving and the public library.

It is very important to praise and acknowledge the teen's efforts in seeking employment.

Your teen may not find the "perfect" job at first, but accepting setbacks and seeking an alternative job will help them readjust priorities and learn to compromise.

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SENIOR SCENE By Ruth Cain

Brain training is becoming a big business



Advertisements for brain training exercises, in this case Nintendo Brain Age, state "just like how you lose muscle mass with age, your brain function begins to decrease when you reach maturity."

This ad was undoubtedly written by a computer expert not too bright on grammar.

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The kind of exercises de-

vised to pump up your memory range from handheld video to web-based games with a monthly subscription fee. You can log on and track your scores on memory games, concentration games, spatial learning maze games, card games, offering all sorts of varieties.

It's big business. In the last five to seven years, the industry has grown to \$225 million, up from \$8 million. And it will continue to increase as the population ages.

Do these programs work? Peter Snyder, professor of neurology at the Warren Alpert Medical School at Brown University in Providence, RI, and his colleagues recently

compiled results from 10 trials that tested cognitive training programs for four weeks to two years. Their findings ran in an article published in April's Nutrition Action Healthletter.

"Most of the programs didn't help much. 'It's not that there's no added benefit,' Snyder said. 'It's that the benefit is pretty small for healthy adults.'"

Some programs are more impressive, such as the ACTIVE study. Researchers at the National Institute on Aging and elsewhere assigned more than 2,800 people to 10 weekly training sessions or a "placebo" control. Five years later, tests showed sizeable gains in memory, reasoning, and processing speed in those who got

the training.

"For 10 training sessions to have a durable effect for five years is pretty remarkable," says ACTIVE co-investigator Sharon Tennstedt of the New England Research Institute in Watertown, Mass.

"But, researchers also wanted to know if training someone when they're healthy could have a long-term effect on cognitively demanding aspects of daily living like taking medications, paying bills, driving, and making decisions," she explains.

So 10 years after the training sessions, the participants — now typically in their mid-80s — are taking performance tests. So far, scientists only have five-year results, not yet published, on those trained to improve their processing speed. And it worked.

The group that had that training is less likely to stop driving and be involved in vehicle-related crashes, Tennstedt said.

You can get ACTIVE's training from a company called Posit Science. It bought the "speed of processing" component and offers it online for \$400 to \$500 as part of its Brain Fitness Programs.

But Brain Fitness has other components that have a smaller shorter impact and its long-term impact hasn't been tested.

Moreover, other training programs on memory and reasoning were done in small groups using paper-and-pencil exercises that are not yet commercially available.

"All we can say about the programs out there is that most have never been tested," says Tennstedt, "and some are training to the task. They teach people to take specific tests. Of course they do better on those tests, but that's just repetitive learning."

Researchers agree those who are mentally active do better on performance testing and have a later onset of cognitive disease. The worst thing you

could do is not challenge yourself. It's not good for your brain or your mental health.

Suggestions on activities to strengthen memory include having a healthy social life; chief among them for many of reasons. Maintaining friendships, daily conversation, getting outside your house, reading, playing games, a musical instrument, artistic hobbies, visual arts are all good.

The recent explosion of research on memory should soon pay off, says Snyder. "We understand more about the neurobiology of dementia than we did even five years ago."

"I'm guardedly optimistic that within the next 10 to 15 years, we'll have some real breakthroughs in therapies that will slow the progression of disease."

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Discovery canyon

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Each evening children drop money into jars to buy text books for seminary students in Cameroon, where First English minister Paul Owen is stationed.

CHURCH ACTIVITIES

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The Russian Tea House serves lunch from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tuesday, July 14 at St. Sabbas Orthodox Monastery, 18745 Old Homestead, Harper Woods. The suggested donation is \$20. The Royal Eagle dining facility offers a full menu of food from around the world from 5 to 10 p.m. Thursday, July 9 and 16. For reservations, call (313) 521-1894.

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STATE OF ARTS By Alex Suczek

This reminds viewer humanity remains unchanged



self indulgence. It also reminds us that humanity has not changed much over the centuries. This cavalcade of behavior runs the gamut from bawdy, illegal and immoral to hilariously funny and sanctimonious.

Mid term in the reign of James I, when Shakespeare was writing his idealistic romances like "Pericles" and "Cymbeline," his admirer and competitor, Ben Jonson, was inspired by the seamy side of London life as lived in the annual revelry of Bartholomew Fair.

It was one of the city's most unsavory and popular events. Named for the fair, this play in repertory at Stratford has locked in its script a vivid impression of London lowlife of the time that stands as a reminder of human excess and

The story defies efforts at synopsis. It is enough to say that everyone attends Bartholomew Fair to satisfy their own inner — sometimes secret — ambitions and needs. Anything goes and there are outstanding performances among them by star members of the troupe who appear to have been encouraged to exaggerate and satirize their stage identities. The script certainly invites such treatment.

Lucy Peacock is at least momentarily unrecognizable as Ursula, the grotesquely fat Pig Lady. Her costume and make-up are monumental spoofs. She dominates — even intimi-

dates — her assistants, fellow tradesmen and especially her customers. Her mannerisms are superb examples of obese adaptation. She uses her incredible mass to physically overwhelm any opponent and humor is built into every move. In short, she is brilliant. It is her operation, selling roast pork, that engages another trade of the flesh also inevitable in the context of this all encompassing fair.

The brief and mistaken involvement of a pair of upper class ladies adds to the suspense, though like most of the action in Jonson's script, it ends innocently enough.

The brief appearance of Punk Alice listed in the program as "whore" and played with grim realism by Suzanne Roberts Smith, serves almost as an object lesson.

In another sense, Tom McCamus as constable in dis-

guise, assumes the domineering status of legal arbiter on alert for what he calls enormities. In the spirit of the event, he finds plenty and is accused of a few of his own. He even spends a brief time in the stocks as a sort of poetic justice.

Jonathan Goad, on the other hand, is more of a straight man who tries to keep things honest, though not with much success, while Juan Chioran represents the puritanical reformer moralizing to the masses. We see his kind regularly today in the mass media.

Meanwhile, Jesse Aaron Dwyer is cast as a cutpurse who's disarmingly conventional manner and sub rosa collaboration with street singer Nightingale, sung by Quincy Armorer, diverts recognition of his profession.

There is well-deserved recognition for the legitimate

entertainer, in the person of Cliff Saunders as the skilled puppeteer, whose performance with a cast of whimsically crafted puppets from the back of wagon brings back memories of puppet shows that have captured both childhood and adult imaginations since time immemorial.

While as at any fair, it is almost impossible to keep track of everything going on, the crowd that Director Antoni Cimolino has artfully swarmed around the stage in an exciting ebb and flow of mischief is a rich and concentrated impression of the kind of event it recreates.

It is not necessary and perhaps not possible to make sense of it all, but it is an experience that invites full suspension of disbelief because it is so wonderfully theatrical and entertaining.

Carolyn Smith's highly imaginative costume designs deserve special credit, too, for their stimulating contribution to the impressions that the show sets out to create.

Each is uniquely conceived to tell the audience visually what its character is all about and does so with appealing style, color and imagination in a production that cries out for every possible signal of the symbology of the figures on stage.

"Bartholomew Fair" is presented in repertory at the Tom Patterson Theatre through Oct. 2.

For special bargain ticket offers at selected times later in the season, visit stratford-shakespearefestival.com. General orders for tickets, accommodations and a copy of the Visitors Guide can also be directed to 800-567-1600.

A LA ANNIE By Annie Rouleau-Scheriff

Healthy salad for a hot summer day



A healthy salad is always a good choice on a hot summer day. This week I whipped up a traditional three bean salad that's light and delicious. I've added an onion combination to take my bean salad to a new level. Make this salad ahead of time to allow the individual flavors from ingredients to marry.

Three-Bean & Three-Onion Salad (adapted from Eating Well)

2 lbs. frozen green beans, thawed and patted dry
2 15-oz. cans garbanzo beans, drained and rinsed
2 15-oz. cans red kidney beans, drained and rinsed
1/2 cup red onion, halved, quartered and thinly sliced
3 scallions thinly sliced (about 1/3 cup)
1/4 cup chopped fresh chives

1/2 cup apple cider vinegar
1/2 cup rice wine vinegar (or white wine vinegar)
1/4 cup vegetable oil
3 tablespoons whole grain mustard (or Dijon)
3 tablespoons sugar
1 1/2 teaspoons salt
1/2 teaspoon black pepper
1/2 cup chopped fresh parsley

In a large bowl, combine the green beans, garbanzo beans and kidney beans. Add red onion, scallion and chives and toss.

In a small bowl, whisk together the cider vinegar with the rice wine vinegar, vegetable oil, mustard, sugar, salt and pepper. Pour the dressing over the bean and onion mixture and toss.

Add the chopped fresh parsley

and gently toss until all the ingredients are well combined.

Place the bean salad in an airtight bowl and store in the refrigerator for several hours or overnight, tossing every few hours, before serving.

The light dressing is a perfect balance of (not too) sweet and tangy. The bean and onion combination boast a colorful presentation that tastes as good as it looks. Really.

Not only is this cold summer salad super tasty, it's loaded with things that are good for you.

My recipe makes enough Three-Bean & Three-Onion Salad to feed a crowd and does so without breaking the bank. (For a smaller group just cut the ingredients in half.)



A great choice for the dog days of summer - a healthy salad.

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UNIVERSITY LIGGETT SCHOOL

Peracchio defines student-athlete moniker

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

A quiet demeanor in the classroom and a cool calmness on the court can describe University Liggett School graduate Claire Peracchio.

The 18-year-old (her 18th birthday was July 9) Grosse Pointe Shores resident used both of those attributes to put together a solid four-year high school academic and athletic career that will take her east to Brown University.

She sent several applications to universities around the state and on the East Coast, but instantly fell in love with Brown after making a visit last summer.

"I feel it is the right place for me," Peracchio said. "I like the campus and most of all I like the philosophy of learning. It's a school that will challenge me and give me a great education I will use after graduation."

Brown, founded in 1764, is a member of the prestigious Ivy League and is renowned for the quality of its teaching, research and unique curriculum. Peracchio is enthralled to pursue.

The school is located in Providence, RI, and has 5,874 undergraduate students, 1,737 graduate students and 409 medical school students on campus.

According to its website,



Claire Peracchio

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"I will be a little nervous, but I'm more excited to start college," Peracchio said. "I have been waiting for this day for some time now and I feel Liggett did a great job of preparing me for this type of challenge."

Peracchio was University



FILE PHOTO

Claire Peracchio was named one of three team captains this season for the University Liggett School girls' tennis team.

Liggett School's 2009 valedictorian, thanks to her excellence in every area of what encompasses high school. She is a "lifer," spending her entire educational career at ULS.

She earned the University Liggett School Head of

School's Prize, Faculty Award and Eva McKinley West Prize (English), plus was a National Merit finalist her senior year.

As a junior, Peracchio was inducted into the Cum Laude society, earned the Brown University Book Award, the Dr.

Frank B. Bicknell History Award, the William C. Prescott Creative Pen Award and the Rensselaer Science Medal her junior year.

She was honored with the Mount Holyoke College Book Award her sophomore year

and took home awards for highest grade point average during her sophomore and junior year. In addition, she earned a gold medal on the national Spanish exam in her

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middle two years of high school.

She was inducted into the Spanish Honor Society her sophomore year and earned the Daniel H. Fletcher Book English Award, the Jeanette M. Liggett History Award and the Hugh Stalker Prize Writing Award her sophomore year.

Peracchio's curriculum during her senior year included advanced placement government, advanced placement Spanish, advanced placement English literature, advanced placement calculus, advanced placement biology, advanced placement journalism and creative writing.

"I'm not sure what my major will be, but I'm thinking something in maybe humanities, English, international relations or history," Peracchio said. "I love to write, so that may factor in my decision, too."

"I have time to figure it all out."

She will attend the Iowa Young Writers program and was the co-editor and contributing writer of the inaugural year of ULS' school paper, The Scrivener.

Other writing encounters include the University of Virginia Young Writers Workshop; J Camp, a scholarship journalism program for high school students; the Kenyon Young Writers Program; editor of and



Claire Peracchio, second from right, spends hours helping people at the Samaritan Center of Detroit. The people in the picture are, from left, Hiram Faircloth, Raymond Brown, Christin Mason and Akshay Verma.

published in Kenyon Young Writers Anthology; published in school literary magazine during her junior year; and during her freshman year she attended a one week summer program at Brown University in comparative literature.

She wrote her own script this spring when she was named a team captain on the Knights' tennis team.

"I had a lot of fun playing tennis this year," she said. "We had a little adversity right before the season began, but the younger girls helped us become a good team."

"It was great to win regional's, but I wish I could have won a match or two at the state finals. I just didn't play my best, but overall, I had a lot of fun."

Peracchio finished the season with a strong record, finishing 21-4 that included winning the No. 2 singles flight in the regional tournament.

She also earned the Coaches Award.

"Catherine (Vatsis), Claire and Kate (Shannon), all seniors, had exceptional seasons leading up to states," ULS tennis head coach Cathy Hackenberger said. "All three were regional champions and they should be proud of their contributions to the team this year, both in leadership and in helping Liggett to a winning season."

She was a team captain as a junior and won a regional crown.

She played four years of varsity tennis and was state runner-up at No. 3 singles as a junior, winning 12 of 15 matches.

She made All-Conference First Team her junior and freshman seasons and won a state title at No. 3 doubles with Vatsis, 6-3, 3-6, 7-5.

She played varsity soccer her first two years of high school, but had to make a choice between soccer and tennis when a court ruling switched several sports.

"I love tennis, so the choice wasn't very hard to make," Peracchio said.

She began competing in sports in middle school and said she hopes to continue her playing career at Brown, competing on an intramural team.

During the summer, Peracchio will attend the creative writing program at the University of Iowa and continue tutoring children at the Samaritan Center of Detroit.

She has tutored children at the Samaritan Center for four years and created the Samaritan Club at ULS, which coordinates volunteer opportunities at the center.

"It's very rewarding work and it's nice to see others from Liggett helping me," Peracchio said.

She will also spend time in Spain with her mother, Lisa, as well as other family members, father, John, and younger siblings, Natalie and Thomas, before leaving for Brown.

SWIMMING

Lochmoor rips Great Oaks

Lochmoor Club's swim team won its third consecutive meet last week, beating Great Oaks Country Club 726-486.

Lochmoor was led by Connor Borrego, who had four season-best times, which included taking victories in the 13-14 boys 50-yard breaststroke and 50-yard butterfly.

Chris Cornell also achieved four season-best times which included wins in the 11-12 boys breaststroke, butterfly and 100-yard intermediate medley.

Camryn Simon was the only other Lochmoor swimmer with four season-best times in the meet.

Swimmers with three season-best times were Jack Vyletel, who won the 8 and under boys 50-yard freestyle, MacKenzie Simon with wins in the 9-10 girls 50-yard breaststroke and 25-yard butterfly, Anthony Lesha in the 13-14 boys backstroke and freestyle and Ryan Duffy.

Competitors with two season-best times were Shreya Rana, Savannah Rana, Jack Stander, Ava Stander, Carly Orhan, Jenna Mazzola, Tressa Mazzola, Tommy Mazzola, Emmie Mattes, Evan Kolinski, Maria Iaquinta, Marissa Iaquinta, Jordan Kavanaugh, Maddie Kohler, Anthony George, John George, Katyla

Gallant, Bella Gallant, Teagan Cornell, Josh Duffy, Allison Avery, Olivia Asimakis, Paul Cataldi and Natalie Asimakis.

Other event winners were Olivia Asimakis in the 11-12 girls 50 butterfly; Hannah Everett in the 15-17 girls breaststroke; Kayla Gallant in the 9-10 girls 50-freestyle; Davis Graham in the 9-10 boys butterfly; Douglas Graham in the 11-12 boys backstroke; Mallor Jamett in the 13-14 girls backstroke, butterfly and 100-IM; Liam Kavanaugh in the 9-10 boys 50-freestyle; Katelyn Kohler in the 11-12 girls 50-breaststroke and 50-freestyle; Isabelle Lacombe in the 13-14 girls 50-breaststroke; Lauren Latiff in the 8 and under 50-freestyle; Gianna Marx in the 15-17 girls 50-backstroke; Jimmy Mazzola in the 8 and under 25-breaststroke; Mac Olson in the 15-17 boys 50-freestyle; Samantha Perry in the 11-12 girls backstroke and 100-IM; Marshall Vyletel in the 9-10 boys 50-breaststroke, 50-backstroke and 100-IM; Andrew Vyletel in the 8 and under boys backstroke and 50-freestyle; Robert Tripp in the 15-17 boys breaststroke, backstroke and 100-IM; and Kara Zmyslowski in the 15-17 girls 50-butterfly.

Lochmoor improved to 3-0 with the win.

BASEBALL

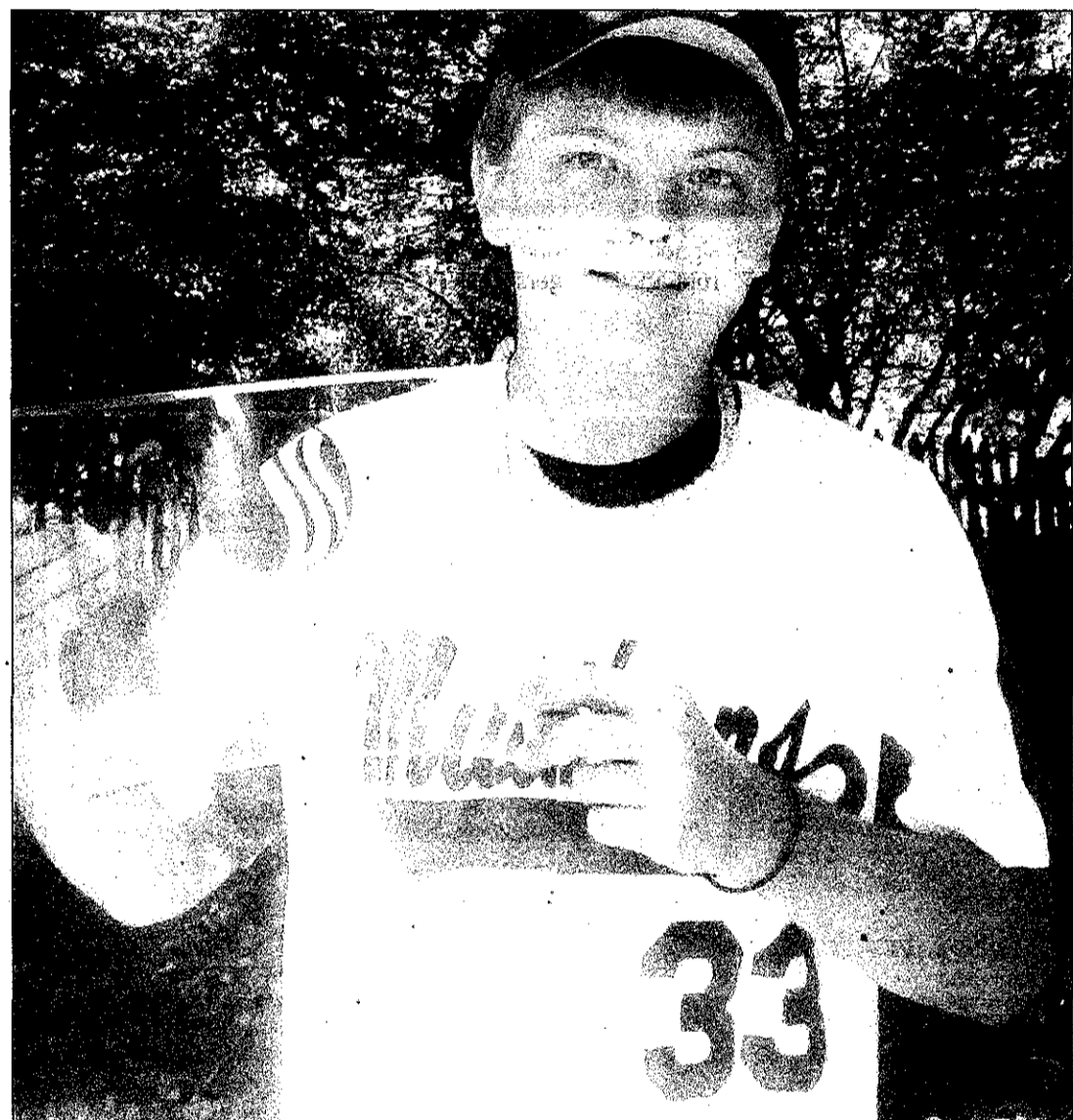


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State champion

Tommy Burke, a 12-year-old Grosse Pointe Shores resident, played first base and pitcher for the state title winning travel baseball team, the Macomb Mudhens. The team won the title June 21, beating the 24-0 West Michigan Broncos at Liberty Park in Sterling Heights. Burke and his Mudhens teammates head to the World Series in Chicago July 23. Prior to this year, Burke played for the Dodgers in the Woods/Shores Little League and the 10u All-Star team.

HYDROPLANE RACING

Hydroplanes ready to roar on Detroit River

The Detroit River will be rockin' and rollin' with the sound of thunder the weekend of July 10 when the annual Chrysler Jeep Superstores Detroit APBA Gold Cup races take place.

"Everything is ready to go and ticket sales have been quite good," said Gold Cup representative Joe Shuly. "We have a lot of nice events for spectators and we anticipate a wonderful weekend of hydroplane racing on the Detroit River."

Drivers from around the country will be in Detroit for the 100th anniversary. Offshore drivers meet Thursday evening, while the unlimited hydroplane drivers have their meeting Friday morning at 9 a.m.

Hydroplanes will be testing engines and course conditions throughout the day on Friday.

On Saturday morning, the Offshore Cat Light, Super Cat and Extreme Classes qualifying heats run, followed by Unlimited and Vintage Medium, GP and Skiffs class runs.

Drivers will break for lunch and an autograph session from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m.

The offshore boats will conduct second qualifying heats from 2:40 to 2:55 p.m. and the Super Light Tunnel 2-B, Vintage Unlimited and

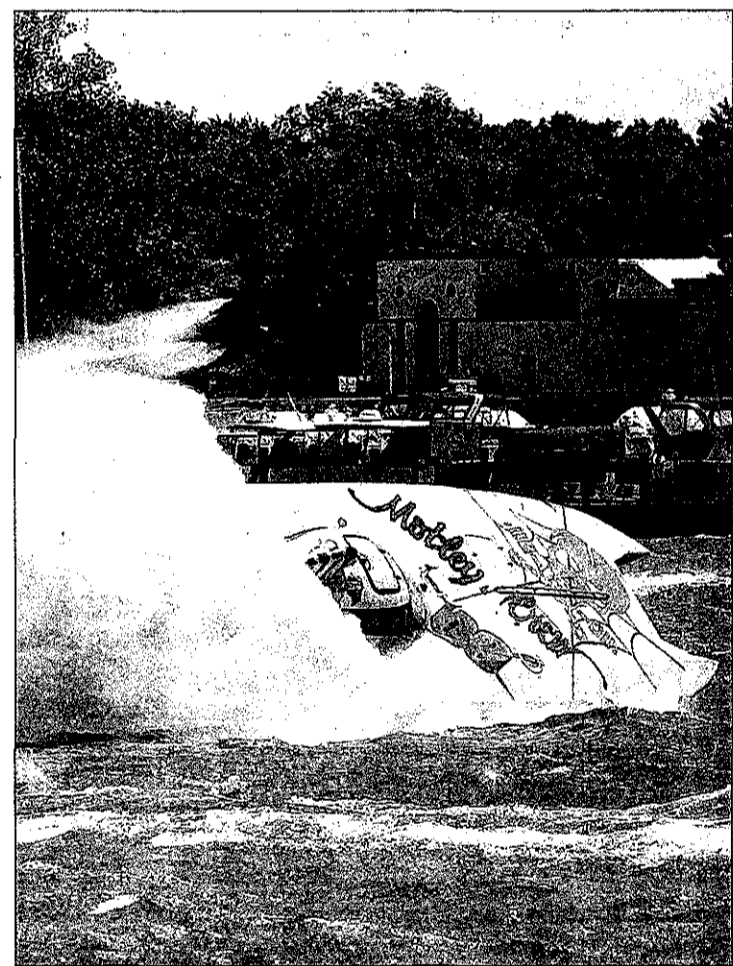


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Fans will get to see plenty of roaring action and roostertail spins during the 100th running of the APBA Gold Cup hydroplane races this weekend.

Unlimited 2-A and 2-B will run later in the afternoon.

From 4:45 to 5:30 p.m., the third heat of the offshore boats will conclude the Saturday schedule.

On Sunday, a fly over is part of the opening ceremonies, followed by Vintage and Unlimited hydroplane runs.

From 11:25 a.m. to 12:10 p.m., the offshore boats will run the fourth heat and the class finals run from 2:05 to 2:50 p.m.

The Super Light Tunnel Final is scheduled from 3 to 3:15 p.m. and the Vintage boats will make their final appearance from 3:15 to 4 p.m.

At 4:15 p.m., the Chrysler Jeep Superstores Detroit APBA Gold Cup Final will run on the Detroit River.

Ticket prices range from \$15 for general admission and children 12 and under are free. General admission areas are at Memorial Annex Park, Chrysler/Henderson Park and Owen Park.

Reserved seating is \$50 for a

two-day ticket, which is the Waterworks Grandstands, and seating in the Commodore's Club are \$100 for the top five rows and \$80 for the other rows for a two-day ticket.

A two-day ticket in the Pit Tow Area is \$205, which gives viewers the best view of the race and the legendary roostertail turn.

Some of the ticket packages include a pit pass for Friday and/or shuttle rides to and from the pits.

Pit access credentials are \$30 for access to the "cold pit" area; \$30 or \$100 for access to the "cold pit" area and reserved ticket holders; and \$125 for the "hot pit pass."

There is a family fun zone tent in the Hydromart, next to the food court. It is open Friday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., Saturday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.

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ST. PAUL SPORTS

Basketball team ends 56-year drought

Just as poet Robert Frost found distinction in taking the road less traveled, so too, did the St. Paul girls varsity basketball team in its recent journey to the 2009 CYO Championship game.

For the first time in 56 years, the Lady Lakers played in the CYO Finals after defeating St. Isaacs Joques in overtime before nearly 3,000 fans packed into St. Paul's gym.

Even though the Lakers lost to Livonia St. Michael before another capacity crowd at Birmingham Marian High School and a regional CWTN television audience, it was the journey to the finals that was remembered when the division and eastside championship banners were recently hung in the St. Paul gym.

"It was quite a ride for the girls, school, and parish. The St. Paul team had not reached the City Championship since 1953," said Mark Wilson, the first-year head coach of the 15-3 Lakers.

He added that more than 110 teams and 1,200 girls began the season seeking the CYO Girls Championship and "in the end, our girls were among the final two teams left playing."

Along the way, the Lakers overcame undefeated teams, last-second shots, overtime games, influenza breakouts, a heated division rivalry and even the loss of its gym for practice.

"I can see now why no St. Paul team had successfully navigated the path to the championship in all those years," Wilson said. "The girls worked hard and still had to overcome some major obstacles to get there. They learned about teamwork, adjusting to a new coach, the history of the school, how girls basketball has changed through time, how to set lofty goals and to enjoy pursuing their common dream no matter the outcome."

The CYO tournament follows the NCAA format of 64 teams that includes divisional champions and invited at-large teams from southeastern Michigan that compete to win six single-elimination games on the way to the championship.

At the beginning of the season, assistant coach Tammy Meier, who had coached the girls from the fourth through seventh grades, decided to bring in a fresh voice for the final year.

Wilson, a St. Paul parishioner whose daughter plays for Grosse Pointe South's junior varsity team, had coached various Neighborhood Club, CYO and AAU teams, and was not in the market to coach.

"Actually, I was looking forward to taking some time off this year and watching my daughter and other former athletes play for South, along with my son who was playing for St. Paul," Wilson said.

But the coach that St. Paul had recruited took another job just before the season started and Athletic Director Troy Glasser was in a bind trying to find a suitable replacement.

"After meeting with Troy, I talked with some of the parents and Meier and decided to help out," Wilson added. "I am sure the girls were hesitant to embrace a new coach in their final year. We adopted an aggressive pressure defense and an up tempo style of play."

"We worked hard on defense. For the first couple of weeks of practice, we hardly touched a basketball. The girls learned to trust and help each other and play as a unit. It was a tremendous boost when our co-captains Marijane Brennan and Amy Bodien became fixated on stopping the other team."

The girls also learned by example. "During the season, we listened to Grosse Pointe North coach Gary Bennett address his team before its first game against South. He talked about giving sustained effort every second of every minute whether they were in practice or a game," Wilson said. "Hearing such impassioned words from the head coach of



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Coaches and team members of the St. Paul's girls' basketball team celebrate after a win. Below left, coach Mark Wilson gives his players a pep talk during a timeout during the huge semifinal win.



the defending state champions impressed our girls. It was even more impressive when our girls watched North play that night."

In early December, St. Paul began divisional play against teams from St. Clare, Star of the Sea, St. Joan of Arc, St. Margaret and St. Isaacs Joques.

Wilson noted, "We were in a strong division. Five of the six teams in our division were invited to the tournament and four of them won their first round games."

St. Paul went 9-1 to win its division for only the ninth time in its 60-plus year history of girls basketball, but not before facing some adversity.

"Our traditional rival was St. Clare and while we surprised them the first time around with a sound win 41-15, they were ready the second time in their gym. They ended up handing us our only division loss, 27-22," Wilson said. "At the end of the game, their girls were so excited. I thought it was because they had beaten their rival, but later I learned that coach Srebernak had promised them pizza after the game if they won. We also trailed Star of the Sea by eight points at half time, but rallied to win. We then only needed a final victory over the St. Isaac Chargers in their gym to clinch the division outright."

The first game against the Chargers appeared easier than it was with the Lakers winning 30-18.

The second game was the last game for both teams in the league play. If St. Paul won, it would win the division outright. If not, the Lakers would share the title with St. Isaac and St. Clare.

"I had scouted the Chargers and realized that they were improving and focusing more with each game. It was late February and other than a loss to us in our first contest, St. Isaac had won every game since early December. That included a victory over a talented St. Clare team that was also battling for the division title," Wilson said. "It was going to be a tough game no matter what, but under the circumstances, the odds were against us. Two of our girls were sidelined with the flu, which subsequently plagued the team throughout the playoffs. On top of that, mid-winter vacations left us short-benched. Then we fell into foul trouble in the first half. It didn't look good at all, particularly in their gym."

"Their gym was packed with cheering fans who knew that if they won, the Chargers would share the division title with us. It was an intense game, but our depth proved to be the difference," Wilson said. "The Meier

twins, Haley and Hannah, and Maggie Blake stepped in and made a 40-30 victory possible. The girls were so excited to walk away as division champs and I was happy that we wouldn't have to face St. Isaac again. I was wrong."

The Lakers started the CYO playoffs traveling to the Our Lady of Refuge district in Orchard Lake.

Led by Danielle Karowicz and Jaclyn Rastelli, the Lakers opened with a strong 39-6 victory over Royal Oak St. Mary. The Lakers next faced home team Refuge in the district final.

The Lakers won 28-27 to advance the regionals at Pontiac Notre Dame Preparatory High School.

The regional bracket was filled with undefeated teams from Waterford Our Lady of the Lakes to Mount Clemens St. Mary.

For one week each year, St. Paul offers its gym, cafeteria, and other facilities to the homeless.

"This year, homeless week came between our district and regional games so we had to find a new place to practice," Wilson said. "We all appreciated this worthy cause and sacrifice and simply made the necessary adjustments. In fact, the girls even volunteered to pack up and deliver clothing one afternoon and arose at 5:30 a.m. on another morning to serve breakfast as a team to the homeless."

The inspiration came from two former CYO champions. After searching through old St. Paul yearbooks, assistant coach Tammy Meier located two players from the 1953 City Championship team; Beline (Lahood) Obeid and Christine (Geist) Kreuterstill, who still live in the area and addressed the girls at practice.

"They related that their championship was special and the journey together made great memories that had endured all these years. In fact, they went on to win more titles in high school. The women encouraged the girls to set the highest goal possible and to believe that they, too, could win the championship," Wilson said.

The former players also described how drastically the game of girls' basketball had changed since 1953.

"Six players played for each team at one time. Three were on offense and three on defense. The offensive players could not play on the defensive end and the defensive players could not cross into the offensive side of the court. They handed the ball across the half court line. A jump ball occurred after every basket," he said. "The girls couldn't believe

their ears. They asked questions and then showed their predecessors a few new plays that they would run in the next game."

In the regionals, the Lakers, displaying terrific team defense, beat Our Lady of the Lakes 27-21.

"At the end of the game, you could see that the Lakes girls were devastated after their undefeated season abruptly ended," Wilson said. "Annie Gallagher and Marie Monark stepped up for us that game, but we had little time to celebrate because the next day we were playing for the regional championship against another undefeated division champion."

Against Mt. Clemens St. Mary, the Lakers overcame an eight point halftime deficit and won a thrilling overtime battle, 26-24.

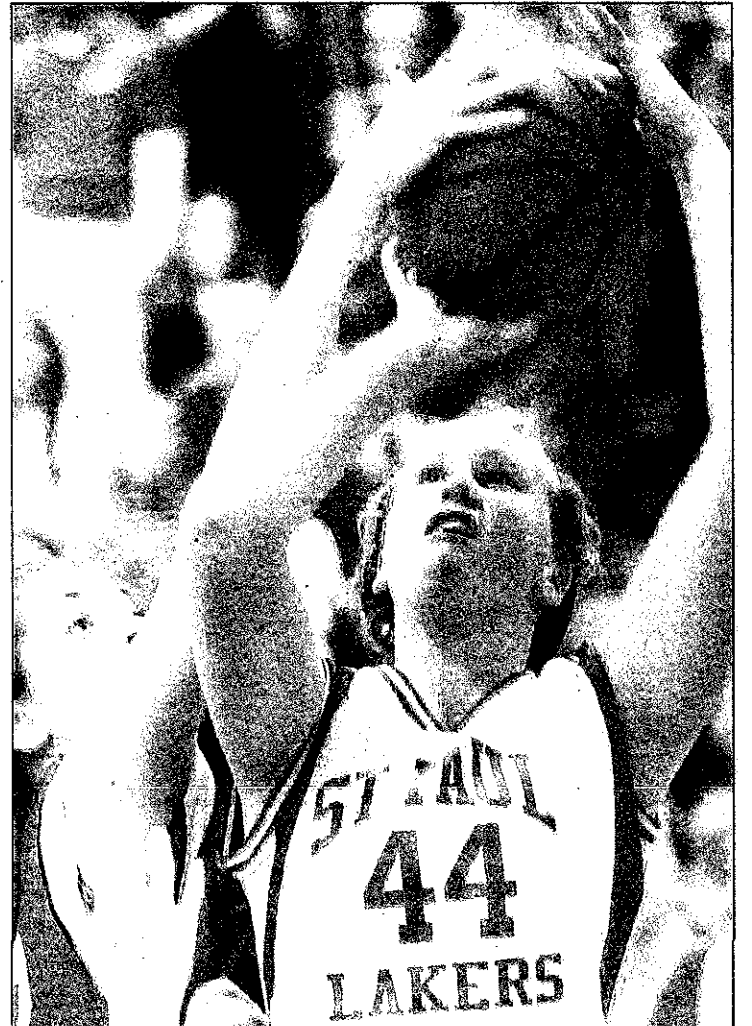
"Eight points is a lot when you only have six minute quarters and no shot clock. Our shots didn't fall in the first half, but our defense kept us in the game. In the second half, we made a quick run to tie the game," Wilson said. "After that, it was so close, back and forth, that it wasn't until the final St. Mary's shot missed the mark that we knew we had won."

Like St. Paul, St. Isaac had beaten two other undefeated teams, Our Lady of LaSalette and Warren St. Anne, on its way to the CYO Final Four. They had also beaten a strong divisional winner, Walled Lake St. Patrick.

With the excitement level spilling over from the regular season, the game became an eastside event.

"Excited St. Isaac fans came out in force to support their team. In fact, they arrived early and held a tailgate party in the St. Paul parking lot," Wilson said. "And our school fans rose up and met the challenge."

On the eve of the game, St. Paul principal Dr. Mary Miller organized a big pep rally for the team. After a spirited



Marijane Brennan goes up strong during the CYO semifinal game.

prayer led by The Rev. Patrick Halfpenny, the entire student body, many clad in special CYO Final Four T-shirts, clapped, danced, and cheered for its grateful team.

"This parish support inspired all the girls," remarked Wilson.

On the evening of March 12, nearly 3,000 fans turned out and the atmosphere was electric that the players could barely hear Wilson shouting instructions.

The game was tight throughout, ending in a 19-19 firsthalf tie.

The Lakers used a newly designed 1-3-1 zone trap to disrupt the Chargers' fast break offense.

"Having four days to prepare for them was crucial," Wilson said. "They knew us and we knew them. Our coaches, with the help of Athletic Director Troy Glasser, put in a brand new trapping defense built around Margaret Reaume at the point and the athletic abilities of Amanda Heidt and Jeannie Boynton along the baseline. I think that St. Isaac had just expected our man to man defense."

In the second half, the crowd noise and pressure took its toll as neither team scored much as the defenses tightened and turnovers mounted.

The lead sawsawed back and forth with three points being the largest lead for either team.

St. Isaac then went up by one with less than a minute to play, but 5-foot-11-inch center Brennan made a clutch free throw in the closing seconds to send the game into overtime, tied at 23.

"Both teams had a shot to win it. I thought the roof was going to come off when the game went into overtime,"

Wilson said. "In spite of the atmosphere, this was our second straight overtime game and we felt confident. But the noise, the pressure, and having the Eastside CYO Championship hanging in the balance made it absolutely thrilling."

In the overtime, a quick basket in the post by Brennan and four crucial free throws by seventh-grade point guard Bre'nae Andrews provided just enough for St. Paul to win 29-27 and head to the CYO City Championship for the first time in 56 years.

"When we look back on the season, I am sure that the three tough contests with St. Isaac culminating in this game will be the highlight. It was the most exciting event at the St. Paul gym since the powerhouse basketball teams of the 1960s."

Less than 48 hours later, the run ended, one victory short, in the CYO championship game as St. Paul lost 40-19 to undefeated St. Michael before bus and carloads of St. Paul fans.

"We committed some early unforced turnovers and missed some easy shots. On the other hand, St. Mike's was great team," Wilson said. "They made their outside shots with increasing confidence and the game was never in doubt. As I look back now, I realize that our girls had spent all they had on the journey to that championship game. With one exception, the last six games were edge-of-your-seat nail biters."

"The final outcome was not what the girls wanted, but their predecessors were right. They have a rich, shared experience that will last a lifetime."

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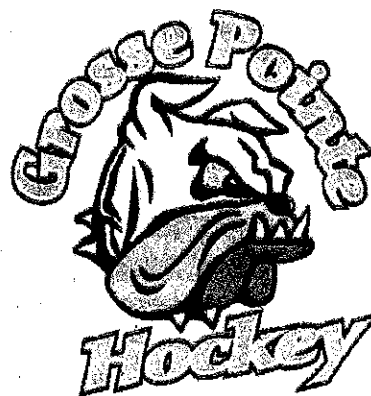
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