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Complete news coverage of all the Pointes

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THURSDAY, JUNE 23

◆ Los Gatos performs a free concert at 7 p.m. on the Village Festival Plaza, Kercheval at St. Clair, City of Grosse Pointe.

FRIDAY, JUNE 24

◆ Teen swim night is from 9 to 11 p.m. at the Grosse Pointe Woods Lake Front Park, 23000 E. Jefferson, St. Clair Shores.

SATURDAY, JUNE 25

◆ The 20th annual Grosse Pointe Garden Tour is from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Pre-tour tickets cost \$12 and can be purchased at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms. Tickets on tour day cost \$15. Proceeds benefit the Grosse Pointe Garden Center and LocalMotionGreen.

◆ West Park Farmers Market is open from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the corner of Kercheval, Lakepointe and Beaconsfield, Grosse Pointe Park.

◆ Eastside Farmers Market, Alter Square, 14820 Mack, Detroit, is open from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

SUNDAY, JUNE 26

◆ A free concert by Motor City Mix begins at 7 p.m. on Parcels Middle School athletic field, corner of Vernier and Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods. Fireworks begin at dusk.

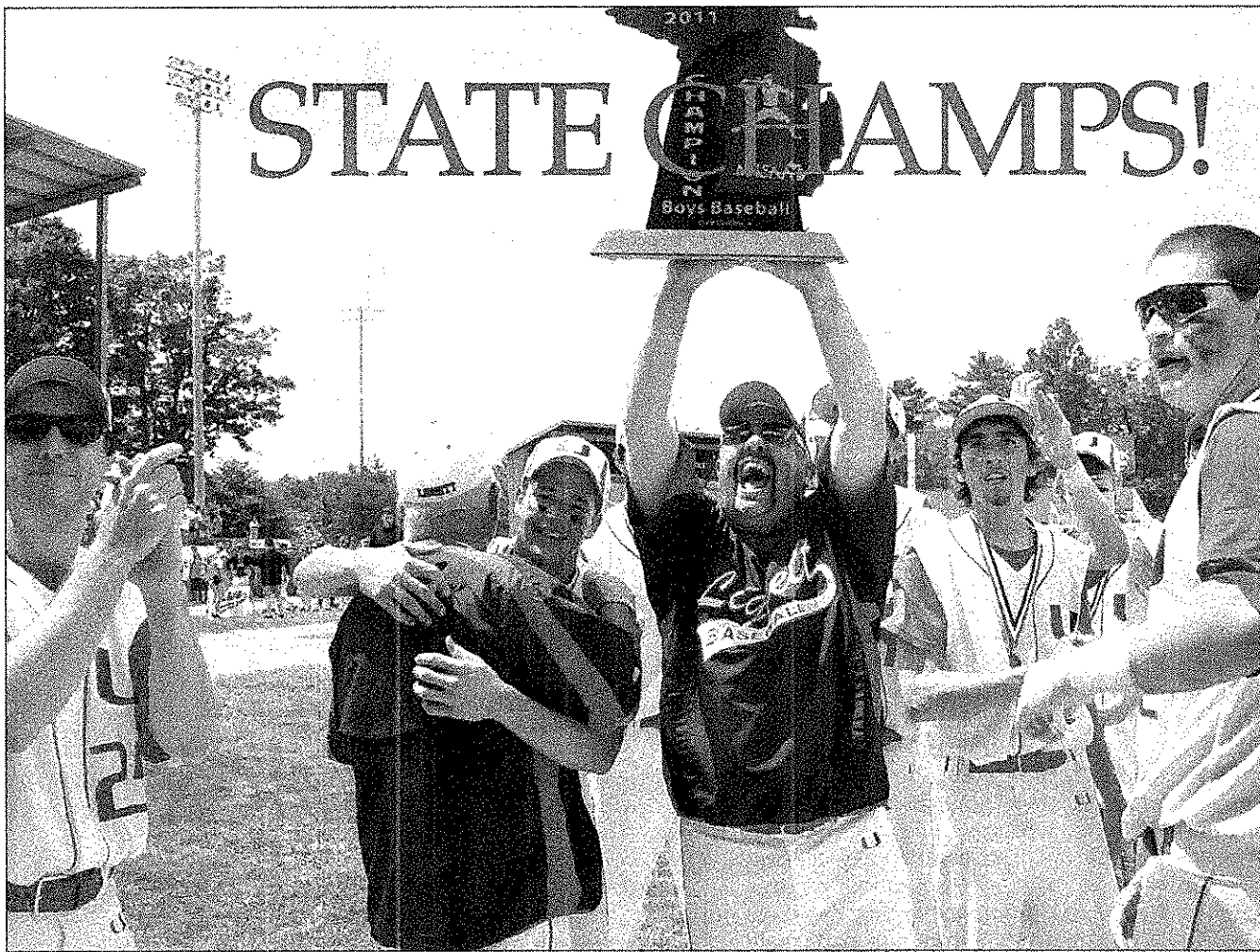
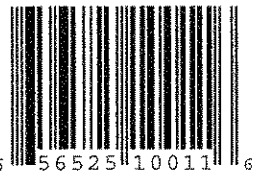
◆ St. Michael's Episcopal Church, 20475 Sunningdale Park, Grosse Pointe Woods, has meals for sale from 5 to 9 p.m.; a free moon walk and face painting for children from 5 to 9 p.m.; and a free organ recital from 8 to 8:30 p.m. Parking in the church's lot costs \$6 and proceeds benefit the church. Viewing the fireworks from the church grounds is free.

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◆ Grosse Pointe Woods Presbyterian Church, 19950 Mack, offers a picnic dinner from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. prior to the Grosse Pointe Woods fireworks.

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Liggett baseball head coach Dan Cimini hoists the Division 4 state championship trophy after his Knights beat Merrill 5-1 in the title game Saturday, June 17, at C.O. Brown Stadium in Battle Creek. For the story, see page 1C.

PHOTO BY RENATO JAMETT

Split vote for tax hike

By Brad Lindberg
 Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE SHORES — A 1.25 mill tax increase eked through the city council June 14 by the narrowest possible vote, 4-3.

The mayor and three supporters agreed more tax revenue is needed to close a projected \$354,029 gap in Grosse Pointe Shores' next fiscal year budget, beginning July 1.

The vote also applies to the upcoming budget of \$5,446,747, a \$414,333 drop from the current budget.

"Last year, we didn't raise the millage, and we just got by," said Mayor Dr. James Cooper. "But, just getting by isn't what people want in Grosse Pointe Shores."

Joining Cooper were councilmembers Victoria Boyce, Brian Geraghty

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Police close open house party

By Brad Lindberg
 Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE FARMS — A parent is in trouble for romping like a teenager at an under-age drinking party.

Police busting the bash at about 8 p.m. Thursday, June 16, didn't like it when the hostesses' father arrived during the investigation and started high-fiving a participant.

"His demeanor was dismissive of the circumstances," according to a report by Grosse Pointe Farms Patrolman Wesley Kipke. "(He) laughed several times while talking with officers."

Police hope to charge the adult homeowners with allowing an open house party.

"One of the parents was kind of jovial," said Lt. Detective Richard Rosati. "He helped facilitate this. His demeanor proved that."

"We'll make recommendations, but, ultimately, the city prosecutor will be the one to decide that," said Dan Jensen, public safety director.

The crime is a misdemeanor. Penalties range from a \$500 fine and 90 days in jail.

"We're going to send a message that this isn't tolerated," Rosati said. "We don't tolerate kids drinking, and we certainly can't tolerate parents who facilitate it."

"Everyone's going to have some accountability for this," said Detective John Walko, the department youth officer. "Just because somebody doesn't

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PHOTO BY KAREN FONTANIVE

Congrats

Inside or outside, the tassels were turned and the mortarboards sent skyward as Grosse Pointe South, above, and Grosse Pointe North, left, celebrate commencement ceremonies for the class of 2011. More coverage on pages 3A II and 4A II.

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NEWS



The community celebrated groundbreaking ceremonies for the new Neighborhood Club Tuesday, June 21. The new club is scheduled to open December 2012.

PHOTO BY BRAD LINDBERG

A new beginning

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

CITY OF GROSSE POINTE — John Danaher dug the Neighborhood Club as a kid growing up in Grosse Pointe. Danaher, former mayor of the Farms, attended this week's ceremonial groundbreaking of the club's reconstruction as Neighborhood Club Recreation and Wellness Center in partnership with Beaumont Hospital System. "It's a grand celebration of the leading recreational organization and hospital system on the east side of town," said Danaher, a member of the Beaumont Foundation. The ceremony took place on the first day of summer, Tuesday, June 21 — the longest day of the year for one of the Pointes' longest-running organizations. The 100-year-old club is entering its second century. "This is a celebration of work accomplished, and an expression of our hopes for the future," said John Bruce, recently retired after 40 years as club executive director. For 83 years of the club's history, it's been located in the City of Grosse Pointe. During

that time, four groundbreaking have marked the club's evolution at the corner of Waterloo and St. Clair, on the northern edge of the downtown Village commercial district. "The Neighborhood Club must be recognized for its loyalty to the community," said city Councilman John Stevens. "Its dedication has been outstanding for all of the Grosse Pointes, serving young and old." Bruce's replacement, Stuart Alderman, is only the club's fourth executive director. "The new facility is an outstanding opportunity that will be a focal point and a destination point for the community," Alderman said. Demolition of the current building starts this summer. Construction of a \$7 million, two-story, 39,743-square-foot replacement starts in the fall. A grand opening is scheduled for December 2012. "I am thrilled to step in at this important time and history of the Neighborhood Club," Alderman said. Representatives of the club

and hospital began discussions four years ago about working together on a new wellness and recreation facility. "(The club) has recreation nailed down," said Eric Hunt, Beaumont senior vice president of integrated health services. "We think we can add to the wellness of the community. The measure of success will be the end result." "Groundbreaking implies further expansion for the Neighborhood Club and a continuation of the wellness services provided by Beaumont Hospital," Stevens said. Some \$1.5 million in funding for the project comes from planned gifts to Beaumont. Club board members have raised \$3.3 million toward their goal of \$4 million in pledges. "The board hopes to contact every member of this community so they can have an opportunity to participate in our 'wellness together' campaign," said Peggy King Scully, president of the club board of directors. "When contacted, please give generously."

Street work approved

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

CITY OF GROSSE POINTE — Paul Weitzel is ready for contractors to get going on road repairs. "We're hoping they'll be able to mobilize within the next couple of weeks," said Weitzel, public service director for the City of Grosse Pointe. Resurfacing this year costs nearly \$140,000 and consists of:
♦ one block of Lakeland between Jefferson and Maumee,
♦ a portion of Grosse Pointe Court between Mack and Charlevoix and
♦ a short stretch of Rivard between Kercheval and St. Paul. Lakeland, which gets heavy

usage that otherwise due to a traffic light at the intersection of Jefferson, is being completely resurfaced. The other roads are being milled 1 1/2 inches and topped with a mixture of hot asphalt. Additional work was scrapped when the lowest bidding contractor was rejected as a credit risk. The contractor didn't provide City representatives performance bonds. A background check revealed some suppliers and subcontractors hadn't been paid, according to Stephen Pangori, of the City's engineering consulting firm, Anderson, Eckstein and Westrick. "We recommend the resurfacing programs be awarded to the next lowest responsible

bidder, Florence Cement," Pangori stated in a letter to Weitzel. Payment comes from \$30,000 left over from this year, plus the balance budgeted for next year. "The budget for the highway fund includes street resurfacing and street maintenance," said Peter Dame, city manager. "In this current year, we already completed the street resurfacing project. But, we had not spent (funds for) the street maintenance work. So, we're trying to combine street maintenance money left this past year with street resurfacing budget for the next fiscal year into one project." If construction comes in under budget, leftover funds will roll over for future projects, Dame said.



Planting day at the Learning Garden.

Green thumbs and golden hearts

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

A salsa garden is among things being tended by a group of people with special needs and an eagerness to work. A harvest of fun food and toppings are among plans for a series of backyard gardens rooted in teamwork and shared goals. "We're doing things you'd grow to make salsa, or where the kids are responsible for their garden of things that go on a good pizza," said Mary Fodell, founder of the Learning Garden in the City of Grosse Pointe. "There's going to be a lot of herbs." Gardeners broke ground Sunday on five plots in the backyard of Ted Coutilish and Mary Beth Langan on Washington. "This is about helping the community," Coutilish said. "There's five raised beds. It will help develop skills of people with special needs." Volunteers, including T.J. Hessburg and Ann Kopt, help gardeners prepare soil, plant and tend vegetables, maintain compost and collect and use

rain water. "Whoever works gets to partake in the harvest," said Fodell, a City resident and retired Grosse Pointe public school teacher. "We'll have cooking classes. They'll learn to cook the food. Healthy eating is hugely important." Participation in the garden is free for all ages. "It's mostly for special needs, but anyone can volunteer or help," Fodell said. "If you want to join, bring some plants and donate rakes or shovels. We hope to have more rain barrels and a pumpkin patch." She'd like to enroll about 20 families. Funding comes from Coutilish, Langan, Ted Lucia of Lucia Landscaping and Fodell with a grant from The Arc Grosse Pointe/Harper Woods. Each gave \$500. Despite contributions, Fodell and her suburban sod busters started the season with almost nothing, just as she did with the Full Circle Upscale Resale shop on Kercheval at Lakepointe in Grosse Pointe Park. The shop is a partnership between Grosse Pointe public

schools and the Association of Retarded Citizens. Fodell coordinates the shop, which stocks donated clothing and provides job training to young adults with special needs. "You want to give special needs kids as many different job opportunities as possible," Fodell said. "It's the whole idea of having our special needs kids involved with the community, giving back to the community and learning." Fodell also hopes to open a bed and breakfast in the Park. "We're trying to get a building donated to us," she said. "The kids would work at it, clean it and make breakfast." Special needs people she works with have a shared trait. "They just want to work," Fodell said. "We just keep building, trying and not giving up." For more information about the learning garden, contact Mary Fodell at mfdell08@comcast.net, call Full Circle Upscale Resale, 15201 Kercheval, at (313) 469-6660, or Langan at mblangan@hotmail.com, or (313) 881-3340.

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Rhythm Society Orchestra
Enjoy an evening of swinging Big Band nostalgia featuring vocalist Paul King and his 16 piece orchestra

In case of rain, concerts will be held at Maire Elementary School, located at 740 Cadieux Rd., two blocks west of the Festival Plaza.

The 24th season of Music on The Plaza is dedicated to the memory of Don Mayberry, who passed away suddenly in May of this year. Don was a regular performer at M.O.T.P. and his skill on his bass was only exceeded by his warmth, charm and incredible sense of humor.

For more information about the St. John Hospital & Medical Center Music on The Plaza concert series, call 313.886.7474 or visit www.thevillagegpp.com.

Dems picnic June 27

Three Grosse Pointes' three Democratic voices in state and county government are scheduled to attend the Grosse Pointe Democratic Club annual picnic 6 to 8 p.m. Monday, June 27, at Windmill Pointe Park in Grosse Pointe Park. The picnic is at the Tompkins Center, 14900 Windmill Pointe Drive.

Officials speaking on behalf of the Pointes are State Sen. Bert Johnson D — Highland Park, State Rep. Tim Bledsoe D — City of Grosse Pointe and Wayne County Commissioner Tim Killeen D — Detroit. Joining them is featured speaker, Oakland County Treasurer Andy Meisner. A \$5 donation is requested for attendees 12 and older.

Food and non-alcoholic beverages are provided. Members may bring a dish or dessert. Friends, family and guests are welcome. For more information or to volunteer for the picnic, contact Gary Bresnehan at garybres@msn.com or (313) 605-6266. For club news, visit its website, gpdems.com.

Surprises await the s e n s e s

By Ann L. Fouty
Features Editor

The 20th annual Grosse Pointe Garden Tour is filled with surprises.

Organizers from the Grosse Pointe Garden Center, Inc., say they went out of their way to make the two-day tour more unique than in years past. Gardens in all five Pointes and the trial gardens at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial will be bloomin' with color as guests make their way through, rain or shine, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. June 25 and 26.

Three of the private gardens are pesticide-free and endorsed by LocalMotionGreen, also a garden tour sponsor. Another small garden can be enjoyed from both the outside on the cement patio and the inside in the Florida room. A Grosse Pointe Woods house features a 21-foot by 55-foot

miniature railroad layout. Yet another backyard is set up for entertaining, complete with a big-screen television, a fire pit and an outdoor kitchen, all presided over by replicas of two life-size terra cotta warriors from Xian, China.

One stop in Grosse Pointe Park features seven beds of roses, hybrid teas, old English, floribundas and knock outs. Guests are greeted in the front yard by a silver maple and yellow, cream and orange day lilies.

The owner said his garden has been in the creation stage for 18 years and set up to appeal to the senses. He has wind chimes for the ears; flora in yellows, reds, greens, creams, oranges and pinks for the eyes; and scents emanating from the sweet bay magnolia for the nose. Growing in the back of a small garden near the house are asparagus and rhubarb for



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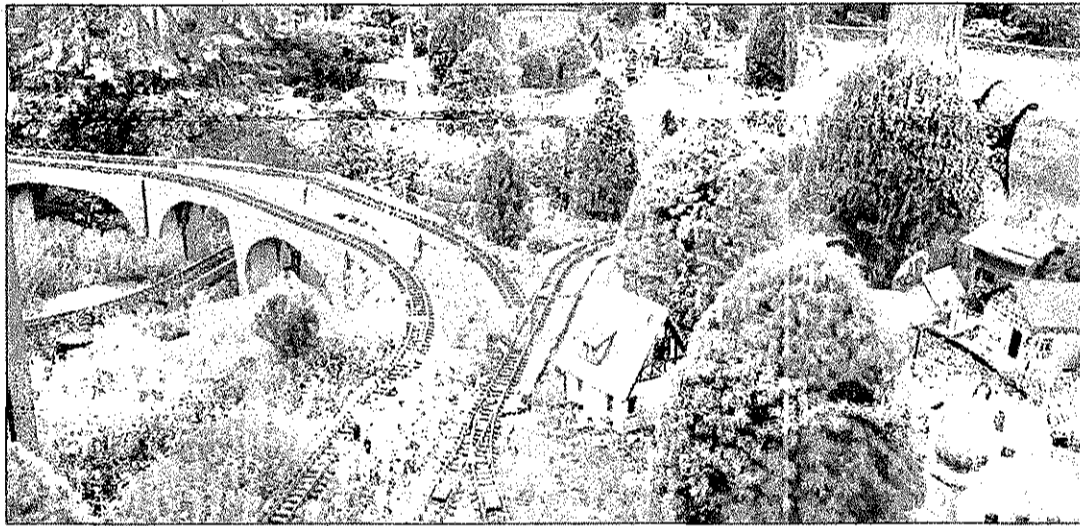
the taste.

Not to be missed are the espaliered apple tree grafted with four varieties — Fuji, gala, golden and red delicious — and a Sitka spruce which turns golden yellow on the tips.

Along the back fence and pergola are variegated dogwood, hostas, river birch, lumber pine, spicebush and Scotch pine.

It's a small backyard on Loraine in the City of Grosse Pointe, but the homeowner has created an oasis. The owners, and their guests, can enjoy the waterfall and koi pond from both the cement patio and Florida room.

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Top, a side garden with a hidden path takes the visitor past a variety of hostas and a bird bath filled with impatiens on Audubon in Grosse Pointe Park. With a length of 55 feet, this railway layout includes, front to back, a European village, a Western town and the wilderness. The miniature trees are kept to scale.

Water rates up 17 percent

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE SHORES — A two-tiered water and sewer rate increase is on tap starting next month.

On July 1, quarterly rates in Grosse Pointe Shores rise to \$62.16 per 1,500 cubic feet of water.

The second waves breaks Jan. 1, 2012, with another increase to \$65.08.

Hikes total \$9.64, nearly 17 percent more than the current rate of \$55.44.

A unanimous city council approved the fees this month.

The decision follows an approximately 9 percent rate increase from Detroit. The

Shores buys drinking water from Detroit and pumps sewage to Detroit for treatment.

"It's imperative that Grosse Pointe Shores pass that cost along," said City Manager Brian Vick.

The Shores' current and previous auditors have been nagging the city to boost rates and cover costs.

"Plante Moran (in 2008) recommended going to \$62.16 in January 2011," Vick said of the city's former auditors. "Our (new) auditor this past fall indicated that rates needed to be increased because we are not covering our depreciation costs."

Some revenue generated by the new rates is being put aside. Anticipated uses are for repair and maintenance projects.

"The (finance committee) wanted to build up reserves, so when we need to address infrastructure problems below grade, we aren't in a pinch," Vick said.

"We're projecting about a \$300,000 fund balance in the fund," said Councilman Ted Kedzierski, committee chairman.

Although the overall water infrastructure is in "OK shape," Vick said, Kedzierski said fixing a sinkhole on Clairview could cost "five figures."

"A lateral (pipe), which is the responsibility of the homeowner, had become detached," Vick said.

There's no immediate problem, but it "has to be addressed," Vick said.

He added, "The city's involved because it is of a scope that goes beyond what the resident alone can handle. The resident is going to have some responsibility in this."

The break is in a problematic neighborhood.

"We did a repair about 10 years ago just down the road, not too far away," Vick said. "The ground in that area needs you to set aside a significant contingency in preparation for problems."

City will reevaluate land

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

CITY OF GROSSE POINTE — Residential property is being reappraised as though nothing were on it other than God's good hand.

Reappraisal costs \$7,200 to \$10,000 and complies with new state tax commission requirements.

"This is somewhat of an exercise in regulation," said Peter Dame, City of Grosse Pointe

manager.

The City has less than a handful of residential parcels without structures. Yet, an assessor will go city-wide this summer reevaluating the community as though the land were bare of manmade influence, not even an Indian mound.

This exercise is being contracted to a private agent before the state takes over and does it for up to 10 times the cost.

"This has proven costly in other communities, ranging from \$50,000 to \$100,000," Dame said. "The entire cost of this appraisal is passed on to the community."

"It seems like a lot of work — there's only, like, three empty lots," said Councilman Christopher Boettcher.

The value of property is tallied by a combination of land worth plus improvements. Because the state is updating its evaluation methodology,

current residential land values must be extrapolated based on sales figures.

"The old way of coming up with land values is no longer usable," Dame said.

His problem is the City doesn't have undeveloped lots from which to draw sales figures.

Extrapolations will be entered on a land values map.

"In real effect, we don't have vacant properties," Dame said. "So, we will rarely be consulting these land values maps."

Fireworks set June 26

GROSSE POINTE WOODS — Kick off the holiday spirit with food, fun and fireworks Sunday, June 26, at the annual Grosse Pointe Woods fireworks display at Parcels field, Mack and Vernier.

Music by Grosse Pointe Woods' own Doug Hamborsky and the Motor

City Mix begins at 7 p.m., followed by the fireworks at dark, around 10:15 p.m. Refreshments are available to purchase. Blankets, chairs and picnic baskets are welcome, but no dogs or alcoholic beverages are allowed on the field. Rain date is Monday, June 27.

Demolition of gazebo coming

By Kathy Ryan
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE WOODS — The first official week of summer was a good time for the Grosse Pointe Woods City Council to review several items related to the city's parks.

After numerous complaints about the condition of the Ghesquiere Park gazebo, the council voted to demolish the nearly 25-year-old structure. Concerns have been expressed about not only the physical condition of the gazebo, but also the continued vandalism that requires constant attention from the public works department.

According to a report from the department's director, Joe Ahee, his department cleaned graffiti from the

gazebo on nearly a daily basis, as well as tending to an increasing demand for repairs. Acting on a recommendation from council, Ahee began researching both the cost of demolition as well as the cost of replacing it. A third option, restoration, was ruled out because of the poor condition of the structure.

Replacing the gazebo would cost \$30,950, Ahee reported to the council. The cost was based on an estimate from Vixen Hill Gazebo, based in Elverson, Pa. The cost includes materials only, the actual construction of the new gazebo would be done by city workers, which would add approximately \$10,000 to the cost of the project.

The cost of the new gazebo.

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State sets word change

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

CITY OF GROSSE POINTE — Everything's a big deal when Big Brother's breathing down your neck. Including jargon.

So, when the state wants municipal governments to replace the word "designated" fund balance with "assigned" fund balance, its, yessir.

"The actual effect of this is nothing," said Peter Dame, manager of the City of Grosse Pointe.

The City council this week dressed up its compliance in a resolution.

"Now, therefore, be it resolved that the council hereby authorizes the city manager to indicate intent to assign fund balance for specific purpose for financial reporting

purposes," the resolution concludes.

"This resolution basically gives the city manager the same authority as before to designate the fund balance, but uses the word 'assigned' fund balance," Dame said. "(The state) wanted it blessed by the governing board of each city."

Designating a fund balance means apportioning unspent money in a fund for a specific purpose.

Money in the City's parking fund, for example, could be designated for maintenance of the Village parking structure.

"It's now called assigning a fund balance," Dame said.

Council members nearly rolled their eyes, approved the resolution and got on with life.

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NEWS

POINTER OF INTEREST

Julie Etheridge learned at an early age to be conscious of her carbon footprint. She is now helping movie producers filming in Michigan to recycle, reuse and reduce during their shoots.

Saving the Earth one film at a time

By Justin Hicks
Special Writer

Orange County native Julie Etheridge's career combines two of her most extreme passions: film production and saving the environment.

Working as the environmental steward on the set of "Disney's Oz: The Great and Powerful," the now Grosse Pointe Park resident is responsible for keeping the movie production as eco-friendly as possible.

"My main goal is to track the carbon footprint of the production and work with every department to bring down the footprint as much as I can," Etheridge said.

Growing up in Southern California, Etheridge said she was always interested in taking the extra step to protect the environment.

"It's something I care very deeply about, and I go home at night knowing I'm doing something good and working in

film, which I love," she said.

The position is new to the film industry, though it's growing in popularity.

"Disney started the position in 2009, and other studios are doing it, too; it's catching on to be more of a standard now," Etheridge said. "I was surprised that some people have worked with environmental stewards and were happy to see me there and others were confused on what I was in charge of."

Examples of her work include using recycled lumber for construction or recycling products to keep them out of landfills.

Production

Upon graduating from California State University - Long Beach with a bachelor's degree in communication studies, Etheridge attended University of Southern California and earned a master's degree in film production. "I grew up watching movies

with my dad and I always knew I wanted to work in film; I just didn't know where exactly I fit in," she said. "I felt better at conceptualizing the idea and knowing how to develop the story, not necessarily executing the writing of it."

Etheridge entered the film industry with the mentality she would only work on big flashy films, but later realized she had to work her way up. She started in the art department of an independent film.

With the movie production field improving in Michigan, Etheridge and her husband, Brad, packed up the Jeep and headed to Brad's hometown of Grosse Pointe Park, where Etheridge worked as the production assistant on the independent film, "On the Double," starring Richard Gere and Topher Grace.

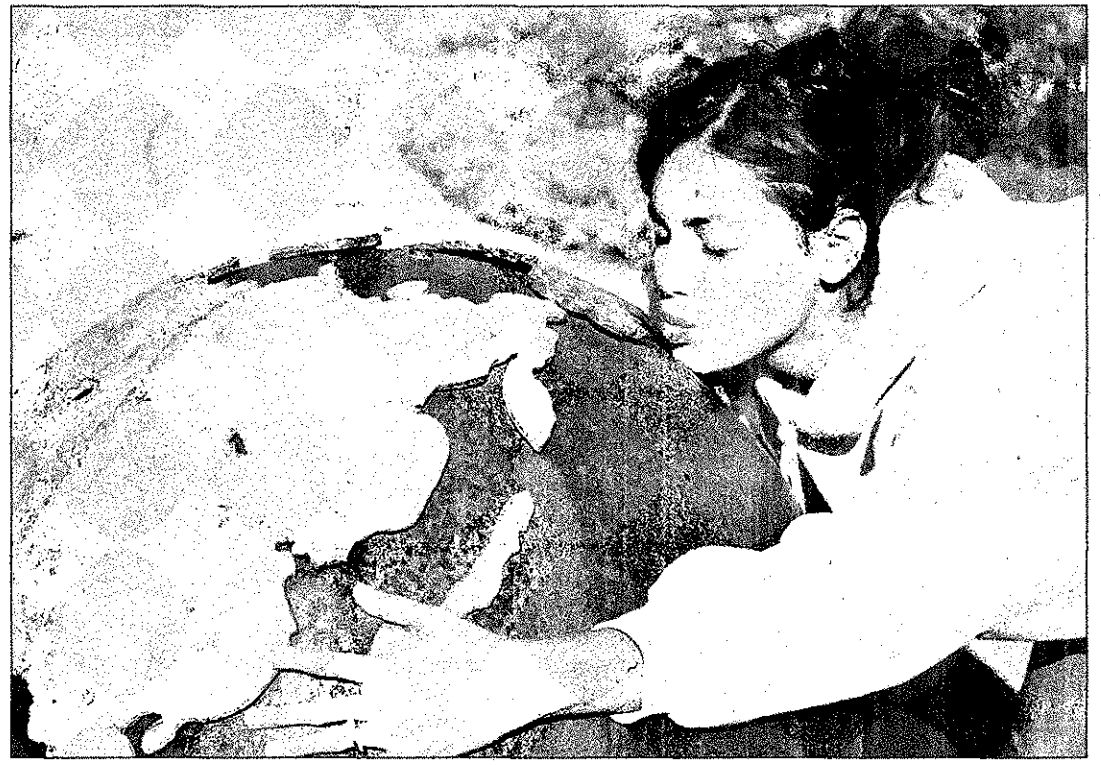
From there, she worked on the production of ABC's "Detroit 1-8-7" and now, her current position on the set of "Disney's Oz: The Great and Powerful."

This, however, could be her last project in Michigan.

"It's really sad to see that the state has invested so much money and young, smart, creative people study here and have worked here on film and now they're leaving because of what is happening in the film industry," Etheridge said.

Michigan legislature passed Gov. Rick Snyder's tax plan in May, which cut the incentives for the film industry to \$25 million, according to an article released on Michigan.gov — a number that was \$117.2 million in 2010 through the state's film tax credit.

"Oz got in and was approved



Julie Etheridge kissing Earth in a garden at Michigan State University. "Growing up in Southern California, I've always had a sensibility for recycling and being good to the environment and I try to do what I can within my means," she said.

PHOTOS BY JUSTIN HICKS



Julie and her husband, Brad Etheridge, an actor who appeared in the movie, "Easy A," and several other television programs.

way in advance, so that doesn't affect them, but things are definitely moving out of Michigan," Etheridge said. "I don't think I'll be here in Michigan after Oz — I think this is the last big run."

Etheridge compared the film industry in California and Michigan, weighing the resources and popularity.

"In California, you just have so many resources, but at the same time, the movie industry has been there since the beginning," she said. "Things were easier in some ways, but harder in others. Resources aren't necessarily here, but people were happy that the opportunity was here."

Wherever she ends up, Etheridge said she hopes to have her own production company and is working on a side project; adapting a book to film, with friend, Tom Sanchez. While the original plan was to follow the book, the story quickly began to change.

"The author wanted to see a sample in Spanish and so we decided Tom would write a short and we'd go down to Peru and shoot it and hopefully obtain the rights to the book," Etheridge said. "That short film kept growing and turned into a feature entirely separate from the book."

The production, "La Navaja

de Don Juan," is still in the works. She and Sanchez are seeking funding.

"We committed to 'La Navaja de Don Juan' and our intent with that was that it's so different from other Latin American films, that people will notice it," Etheridge said. "It's not political or about racism or about any of the negative dramatic things usually associated with Latin American cinema. It's a comedy, which is rare for Peruvian film."

If the production reaches the level she hopes, Etheridge said she can continue to grow as a producer, bringing her one step closer to her dream career.

Taking a bite out of apple scab

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE FARMS — Crabapple trees on Lakeshore have dual roles as test tubes.

Most are on traffic islands between Warner Road and Tonnancour Place. Others are at Pier Park. A few are on the grounds of City Hall.

They're part of an experiment to fight apple scab.

Apple scab causes crabapple trees to lose leaves prematurely.

A team of arborists based in Massachusetts is testing a method of injecting trees with fungicide.

"They're using the Farms as kind of petri dish," said Terry Brennan, public service direc-

tor. "We've had issues with crab and apple trees."

Apple scab is a fungus on leaves, twigs and fruit that makes trees more susceptible to other diseases.

"It's a foliar disease, a disease on the foliage," said Joe Doccola, director of research and development at Arborjet, based in Woburn, Mass. "Cold, wet early spring conditions can exacerbate the disease."

Many trees in the experiment are infected. Their leaves are blotched with brown or black spots. Defoliation follows, depriving trees of their energy-producing leaves, the site of photosynthesis.

"It weakens the tree every year as it defoliates," said Joe Aiken, Arborjet's Midwest regional sales manager and a

certified arborist.

"Our crabapple trees would defoliate by about August every year," said Jacques Beaudoin, Farms city forester.

Apple scab hurts trees on two fronts. Leaf-loss cuts energy production. Regenerating foliage diverts stored energy for other purposes.

"If the tree doesn't have leaves, it can't photosynthesize," Aiken said. "Every year they drop off; and every year when we have a cool, wet spring, the tree gets stressed."

Stress weakens trees, making them more susceptible to other diseases and damaging insects.

"Once you hit a threshold, the tree will start to decline," Aiken said.

Treated trees are marked with chrome tags. Not all crabapples in the research zone are being injected. Some are left alone as control specimens. Their health is being compared with treated trees.

"We have close to 200 crabapples on Lakeshore," Beaudoin said. "If we lose our crabapples, a substantial amount of trees would be gone."

This isn't the first time Arborjet's been in the Pointes. He experimented on ash trees in the Shores about 10 years ago. Last year, Aiken helped Beaudoin become certified to inject the company's anti-emerald ash borer fungicide, Tree-age. Treatments last at least two years.

"While training Jacques, I offered to use crabapple trees for research on new technology and products designed specially for apple scab and fire blight," Aiken said.

He's testing the injection method on crabapples.

"We're trying to create a program and product that can be stem-injected that's safer for the environment, trees and residents," Aiken said. "You're tar-



Joe Doccola of Arborjet checks a crabapple tree on Lakeshore for applescab.

PHOTO BY BRAD LINDBERG

getting directly into the vascular system. There's no contamination because we're putting it directly into the tree."

"The old methodology of controlling apple scab was three to five foliar applications in early spring while leaves emerged," Aiken said.

The whims of weather interfere with topical applications, especially for wind-borne diseases like apple scab.

"The problem was, we don't know what the weather is going to be," Aiken said. "If it was wet and windy, you could have wasted the whole application period."

Emerging leaves fortify themselves against foliar disease by hardening of a cuticle, or waxy outer layer. Topical applications must be made before the cuticle hardens.

"If you don't (put treatments) on at the correct time, the tree becomes infected," Aiken said.

Efficacy isn't known until later in the season, when cuticles have hardened, making it too late for remedial applications.

"You don't know if you did a good job until July and August, when all the leaves fall off the tree prematurely," Aiken said.

"We're injecting these trees with phosphite, a phosphorus product, which has shown activity against fungal diseases

and other systems," Doccola said.

The fungicide, marketed as Phospho-jet, isn't new.

It's effective against sudden oak death, anthracnose, phytophthora, black spot, scab, fire blight in apple, root rot in avocado and citrus, canker blight and others, according to Arborjet's on-line data sheet.

Ingredients include mono- and di-potassium salts of phosphorous acid.

"We're applying it in different environments and settings to get data," Doccola said. "We're adding to our data base."

Crabapples treatments in the Farms are scheduled through spring and fall.

"The question is, will fall injections protect trees next spring?" Doccola said.

"There's a lot of doubt when it comes to crabapples, especially with trunk injections," Aiken said.

Ideally, applications last more than one year. Multi-year effectiveness reduces the labor cost of treatments.

"If you're managing a large number of trees, you want systems that work more than a year," Aiken said. "If you can apply it once every three or four years, it's even better, cost-wise." Land to be

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City of Grosse Pointe

Car thefts

Two vehicles were stolen early this week from separate residential locations about one block apart.

◆ The first happened between 10:30 a.m. and 2:20 p.m. Sunday, June 19.

A gold-colored 2001 Dodge Caravan was stolen while parked in the 700 block of University Place.

"The vehicle has a 'Hillary 2008' sticker on the rear," said Officer Joe Adams.

◆ The second occurred overnight Sunday, June 19, in the 800 block of Lakeland.

A silver 2009 Jeep SUV was taken from a driveway. The owner said the car was locked. Inside were a set of golf clubs, a global positioning unit, child's stroller, iPod, clothing and more.

Car crash

A 39-year-old City woman

was arrested for drunken driving at about 3 a.m. Saturday, June 18, in the 800 block of Rivard.

The woman had been operating a gray Honda Accord that a patrolman found wrecked in the roadway. The car had heavy front-end damage from colliding with another vehicle parked at the curb, according to police.

"(She) smelled of alcohol and (was) slurring," said the arresting officer.

Asked to count backward from 89 to 61, she rendered, "Blah blah," said the officer.

The woman had a .19 percent blood alcohol level, according to police.

Picture this

Someone smashed through the front picture window of Kenniss Academics, 17200 Mack, between 7:30 p.m. Thursday, June 16 and 8 a.m. the next day.

"The only item that appeared to be missing was a Microsoft laptop computer, which (had

been) just inside the front window on a desk," police said.

Bike found

A 20-inch bicycle, found unattended during the afternoon of Tuesday, June 14, on a lawn in the 300 block of University Place, is being stored in the public safety department property room.

Theft from boat

Between Saturday, June 11, and Wednesday, June 15, someone boarded an unlocked boat moored at Neff Park and stole an emergency bilge pump and a \$1,200 Garmin handheld ship-to-shore radio.

The theft occurred at well L-11.

Metal theft

A scrap metal scrounger is suspected of stealing a \$200 aluminum storage rack locked inside a gated storage area behind stores in the 300 block of Fisher.

The theft happened the night of Tuesday, June 14.

"The gate was still locked, but the fence near the building had been pulled out to gain access," said a public safety officer. "The (victim) says there have been other small, metal items missing over the last few months.

The (victim) believes it may be a white male in his 30s, who is a scrapper."

— Brad Lindberg

If you have any information about these or other crimes, call the City of Grosse Pointe public safety department at (313) 886-3260.

Grosse Pointe Farms

Weapons recovered

Two semi-automatic pistols reported stolen 23 years ago during a burglary in the Farms turned up last week in Canton.

A Canton man tried to register the weapons with his local police. Investigation revealed the weapons had been stolen in 1998 from a house on Tonnancour Place.

The weapons are a Smith & Wesson Model 52-1 and a .22 caliber Supermatic Tournament Model 106 Military model.

Over the limit

A 54-year-old City man registered a .12 percent blood alcohol level prior to his arrest at 2:36 a.m. Sunday, June 19, for driving drunk on westbound Mack near Kerby.

"(He) had slurred speech," said an officer.

Lost & loaded

An intoxicated, 29-year-old Woodhaven man was surprised to learn he was on eastbound Lakeshore and not in Birmingham when arrested at 2:11 a.m. Saturday, June 18, for drunken driving, according to police.

"(He) indicated he was coming from a bar in Birmingham," said the arresting officer.

The man registered a .15 percent blood alcohol level, police said.

A search of the man's red 2003 Ford Explorer turned up a "large jar" of marijuana.

"(I) found four medical marijuana cards in the (driver's) wallet," said an officer.

Long way home

A 24-year-old female motorist from St. Clair Shores was arrested on alcohol and drug charges at 1:48 a.m. Thursday, June 16, on eastbound Mack at Moross.

A patrolman pulled over the woman for weaving a light green Volkswagen Bug. The car had a flat right front tire.

"(She) indicted she was coming from working at (a tavern on the Hill)," said the officer.

Her blood alcohol level was .151 percent, said the officer.

"In (her) purse, I found a pink makeup case containing a marijuana pipe and container

Flashback burns two

GROSSE POINTE FARMS — Two men were taken to a hospital when burned last weekend adding fuel to a portable fireplace.

One of the men, a 24-year-old Fenton resident, appeared to have second and third degree burns on his legs and arms, according to Grosse Pointe Farms police.

The second man, 45, of the Farms, has lesser burns. "He was wearing pants that were on fire, keeping direct flames off his legs," according to an initial incident report by Officer Wesley Kipke.

At least four officers responded to the emergency at 9 p.m. Saturday, June 18, at the Farms man's house on Grosse Pointe Boulevard near Meadow Lane.

"The fire was the result of the homeowner trying to refill a small alcohol fireplace," Kipke said. "The fireplace flashed over."

Medics took the Fenton man to St. John Hospital. The Farms man's wife took him to the same facility.

The product, an Anywhere Fireplace, burns a flame between two panes of glass.

The company makes various models: floor-standing, indoor-outdoor and wall mounted.

"You're not supposed to throw lighter fluid on a fire that's already going," said Dan Jensen, public safety director. "Fire can follow the stream up to the can and explode."

— Brad Lindberg

with marijuana residue," said the officer. "(I) also found one pill, later identified as Xanax."

Theft & text

On the morning of Wednesday, June 15, a woman living in the 100 block of Beaupre reported the theft of a 2-foot statue of St. Francis holding a bird.

The statue was taken from the owner's backyard. It was a gift from the woman's children in memory of their deceased grandfather.

Before the woman realized the statue was missing, she received a text message from an unknown source that the statue was "safe in my living room." The sender identified his or herself as "Zeus."

"Zeus" also is the victim's nickname for the statue.

"The family has several young children and is concerned for the safety of all, knowing an unknown person entered their yard without permission," said a public safety officer.

Burglary tools

At 1:31 p.m. Monday, June 13, a resident of the 300 block of Stephens found among trees along her backyard fence line a

backpack containing a flashlight and screwdriver.

Familiar suspect

A man living on Touraine between Grosse Pointe Boulevard and Kercheval heard his garage door being opened at 11:40 p.m. Sunday, June 12.

He saw a man walking southbound and soon discovered a Blackberry cellular telephone and other items missing from his unlocked Cadillac SRX, parked in the driveway.

The suspect is described as a heavysset, balding white male, 40 to 60 years old, with a round face and wearing a blue shirt.

Police said the description is similar to a neighborhood resident they've had contacts with.

An officer went to the suspect's house.

"(I) observed (him) through the window," said the officer. "(He) was wearing a blue shirt."

Another resident of the suspect's house answered the officer's knock, but wouldn't admit police.

The resident said the suspect "will only speak to police through his attorney," said the officer.

Garage entered

A bicycle and lawn equipment were stolen sometime during the first two weeks of June from a garage on Fair Acres.

Missing is an \$800 Cannondale mountain bike, a \$400 Echo edger and \$400 weed whip.

— Brad Lindberg

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

Grosse Pointe Shores

Walks herself

Abbey, a golden retriever with a summertime puppy cut, was found shortly after 10 p.m. Saturday, June 18, wandering from her master's house on Lochmoor. A patrolman took her back.

Hey, that's mine

The unknown driver of a gray Chrysler van is suspected of stealing a wheelbarrow on Hawthorne.

The theft occurred between 8 and 8:30 a.m. Tuesday, June 14.

The new, orange wheelbarrow has wood-style handles. It was curbside, loaded with yard waste for rubbish pickup.

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Cyclist hit

An 18-year-old Grosse Pointe Park woman was riding a bicycle when hit by a motorist at about 5 p.m. Tuesday, June 14, at Lochmoor and Lakeshore.

Medics took her to a hospital.

The motorist was a 17-year-old Farms female, police said.

Misses curve

A 61-year-old Eastpointe woman lost control of her Honda motorcycle at about 9 a.m. Tuesday, June 14, and crashed onto the median while rounding a 90-degree curve in the 1100 block of southbound Lakeshore.

She had a minor injury, but refused medical attention, according to police.

"She indicated she was entering the curve," said an officer. "When she went around a landscaping vehicle, she was too close to the curb and wound up riding on top of the curb a short distance before laying the motorcycle in the grass."

Loaded gun

A 21-year-old Grosse Pointe Farms man with a loaded .357 Magnum revolver was arrested during a traffic stop at 11:04 a.m. Sunday, June 12, on westbound Lakeshore near Hawthorne.

The six-shot revolver was hidden within reach of the driver under the front, passenger-side floor mat, police said.

An officer pulled over the man for speeding a 2001 Chevy Blazer.

"When asked if there was anything in the vehicle, (he) began acting nervous and stated he did not have the insurance papers with him," said the arresting officer.

The officer returned to his cruiser and checked the man's background, yet kept an eye on him.

"(He) was fidgeting in the

driver's seat," said the officer. "At one point, (his) right shoulder dipped down and he leaned to the center console (or) passenger area of the car, as if he was retrieving or placing something down."

Officers ordered the man out of the car.

"(He) became defensive and argued that he was in a hurry to deliver his grandmother's mail and hadn't done anything wrong," police said.

The man said the gun wasn't his. He said it may belong to a friend, identified as "Wakefield."

"(The man) stated the gun may be stolen because 'that's how Wakefield rolls,'" the suspect reportedly told police.

—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 Park

Attempted purse snatching

Police are searching for an 18-year-old black male, 5-feet, 11-inches tall, medium build with short wavy hair in conjunction with an attempted purse snatching at 8:45 p.m. Saturday, June 18, at Maryland and Gothe. The suspect attempted to snatch the purse of a 21-year-old woman, but she had a good grip on the purse. The suspect fled on foot. There were no injuries.

Suspicious persons

A resident in the 700 block of Whittier notified police at 12:26 p.m. Wednesday, June 15, that four young males, ages 12 to 19, were in the backyard. Police responded and found the four walking away from the yard, unable to give any explanation of why they were there.

A LEIN check revealed one was wanted by the Detroit Police Department, but they declined to pick up the suspect. After a warning, the four were released.

Car door found open

An officer on patrol at 6:15 a.m. Friday, June 17, observed a vehicle parked in a driveway on Barrington with the driver's side door open. The resident was notified and found nothing missing from the car.

Fire warning

A garage in the 1300 block of Berkshire caught fire at 12:30

a.m. Sunday, June 19. The fire was extinguished by the responding officers. The cause of the fire was determined to be embers from an earlier outdoor fire that were placed in the trash before they were fully extinguished.

Vans stolen

Between 6:30 p.m. and midnight Sunday, June 19, an unknown person stole a 2000 Chrysler Town and Country van from the 1400 block of Three Mile.

Overnight Monday, June 13, an unknown person attempted to steal a 1998 Plymouth Voyager from the 1300 block of Bedford. The ignition was damaged, but nothing was taken from the car.

—Kathy Ryan

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

Grosse Pointe Woods

Drug raid

Grosse Pointe Woods police, working in conjunction with the County of Macomb Enforcement Team, executed a search warrant at 2:30 p.m. Thursday, June 16, at a residence in the 1700 block of Huntington. Seven young people, ages 15 to 17, were briefly detained, while the 17-year-old son of the homeowner was taken into custody after suspected marijuana was found in the house. The investigation continues.

Minors in possession

A uniformed officer on routine patrol at 12:50 a.m. Thursday, June 16, noticed four young men wearing backpacks and riding bicycles in the parking lot at Grosse Pointe North High School. When approached, the young men fled, two on foot, leaving behind their backpacks.

A search revealed the backpacks contained several bottles of alcohol and mixers. Also left behind was a pair of size 12 Reef flip-flops. They can be claimed at the Woods police station.

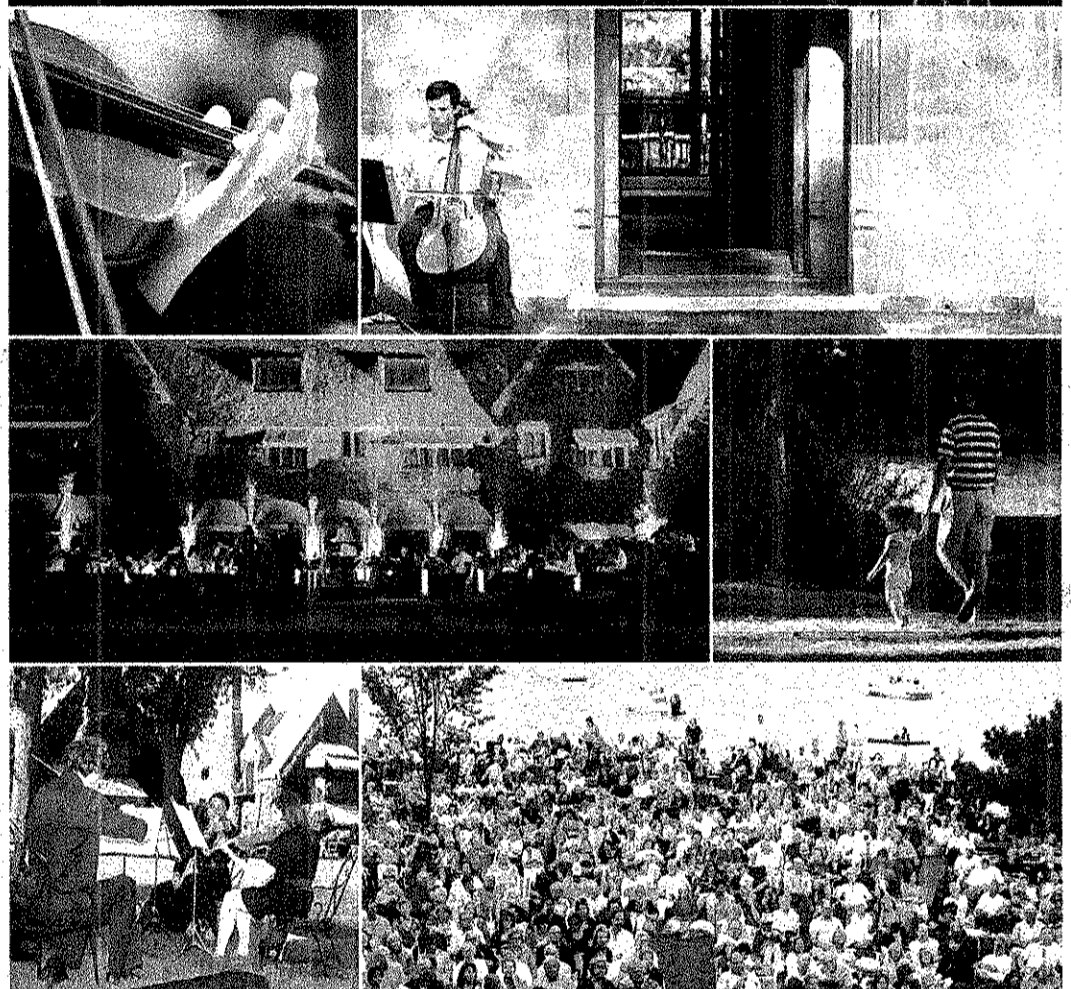
Bike theft

As a Grosse Pointe North student was leaving school at 1:35 p.m. Tuesday, June 14, he observed another student riding off on his bike. He notified police, offering a description of the bike and the thief, who was

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MONDAY, JUNE 27

◆ The board of trustees for the Grosse Pointe Public Library holds a public hearing on its operating budget at 6:30 p.m. in the Woods branch, 20680 Mack.

◆ Rain date for the Grosse Pointe Woods fireworks.

◆ Grosse Pointe Park City Council meets at 7 p.m. in council chambers, 15115 E. Jefferson.

◆ Grosse Pointe Board of Education meets at 8 p.m. in the Grosse Pointe South High School Library.

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GUEST OPINION By Jack McHugh

Political careerists threaten freedom, prosperity

Big Government — a monstrously expanded welfare/regulatory/crony-capitalism state, has intruded politics into virtually every area of life and consumes ever more of our incomes.

The vast majority of elected officials in Michigan are "political careerists." In its purest form, this is defined as someone with the ambition of using politics to escape the hard accountability of the private sector for the rest of his or her working life.

For the political careerists who run our state, school and local government establishments, there is a well understood model for how to achieve this goal, captured in this one-sentence piece of unspoken advice:

"If you serve the political system ahead of the people, it will provide extensive rewards and benefits your public career will prosper, and no one will tell the folks back home."

To be fair, in the world view of political careerists, most of the time "serving the political system" to them means the same thing as "serving the people," although occasionally rationalizations are needed that even members of this class realize are a stretch. But with rare exceptions, their behavior is not the product of self-conscious, cynical manipulation in the manner of Hollywood "bad guy" politicians.

Successful political careerists are almost always "nice guys." But none of this changes the fact our state's largest problems are arguably the product of a lot of very nice-guy political careerists engaging in system-serving behavior that's had hugely destructive social and economic consequences.

What exactly does "serving the system" mean, and why do they do it? Simply put, the most reliable way to advance from the lowest political positions to the Legislature and beyond is to never upset any of the politically powerful special interests that benefit from the status quo. Play along by not seriously upsetting any of these interests' apple carts, and they will be "enablers" for your political advancement.

These particular interests include, but are not limited to: government employees and their unions, the union-dominated public school establishment, local government officials and financiers, corporate welfare beneficiaries, anti-growth environmentalists and their allies in the state bureaucracy, monopolistic utility companies and our state's non-profit health insurer, professional welfare advocates including large foundations and senior citizen lobbyists, the dozen or so large industrial firms that pay no Michigan Business Tax because of its credits against local capital equipment property taxes, other narrow but politically influential interests, and "iron triangle" combinations — such as anti-growth environmentalists, subsidy-seeking "green energy" businesses and monopolistic utility companies.

Understanding these political dynamics explains many otherwise puzzling things. For example, during the past decade people have scratched their heads over the unwillingness of Michigan's political establishment to adopt measures everyone knows are necessary to turn this state around. But fixing our problems requires these careerists to take actions contrary to the system-serving behaviors on which their careers have been built.

Something else that perplexes regular people is why

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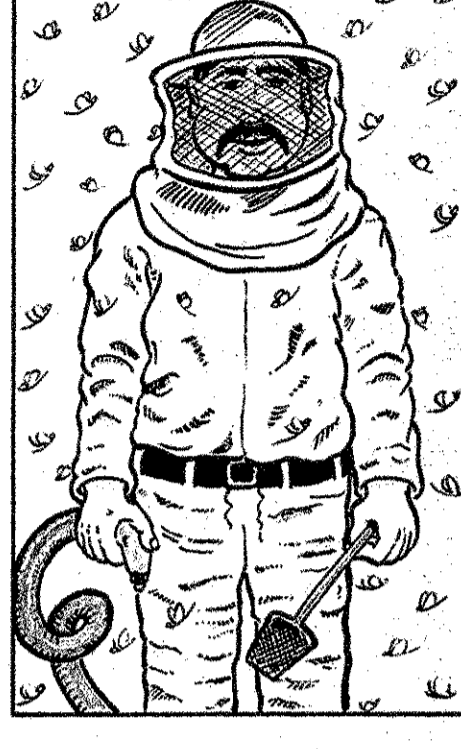
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THE THREE APPROACHES TO DEALING WITH SEASONAL FISHFLIES IN THE POINTE.

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Abortion stand begins in the Bible

To the Editor:

To find the truth about abortion, we have to go back to the beginning.

In the beginning, God created the entire universe, the world and everything on it, including plant life, animal life and human life. To the men and women he created he gave special gifts that he did not give to the animals.

Among the many gifts he gave us are a soul, intellect and free will. Our free will was given to us so we could distinguish between good and evil, not between life and death.

We do not create life and we do not have the right to destroy life, that is up to God.

We are not God. When a child is aborted, the mother does not die, the child within her is destroyed. This is murder.

That is why we are against abortion.

ANNE MARIE SHAHEEN
Grosse Pointe Shores

Abortion major source of revenue

To the Editor:

I felt compelled to respond to the recent letter to the editor regarding Planned Parenthood written by Grosse Pointe Farms resident Bethine Whitney in the June 2, 2011 edition of The Grosse Pointe News.

Ms. Whitney goes to great lengths to vilify Live Action, a pro-life group instrumental in exposing the willingness of numerous offices to turn a blind eye to the exploitation of minors by coaching a man and a woman posing as sex traffickers how to secure secret abortions, STD testing and contraception for underage females and make it "look as legit as possible."

Needless to say, this caused a considerable firestorm in the media, culminating in calls to eliminate public funding for Planned Parenthood.

There exists no evidence the videos were "heavily edited," a fact that any individual can ascertain for the themselves, as they are readily available online.

What Ms. Whitney fails to disclose is the fact she has been intimately involved in the operations of Planned Parenthood of Mid- and South Michigan as a board member, fundraiser and volunteer since 1969. Her statements are de-

signed to confuse and deceive the public in the face of growing opposition by stating that 97 percent of Planned Parenthood's services are preventative, and that abortion is only 3 percent of its overall services.

It is very important to understand that this 3 percent actually represents 332,278 abortions for the year 2009, the latest year for which statistics are available. This is not just a statistic. These are 332,278 human beings whose lives were terminated in Planned Parenthood facilities nationwide.

This figure, while it might be "only" 3 percent of its services, is a huge 27 percent of all abortions performed in the United States. In addition, this so-called tiny 3 percent accounts for no less than 40 percent of the organization's total clinic income. In other words, abortion is a major source of Planned Parenthood clinic revenue — a revenue without which they could not survive.

Calls to dozens of Planned Parenthood offices confirm that breast cancer screenings are not offered at their facilities, although referrals may be provided upon request.

PATRICK ES. FABIAN
Stow, Ohio

Class act to the rescue

To the Editor:

At dusk, June 9 near the corner of Neff and Jefferson, two of us senior citizens had just pulled away from the curb as the right front tire appeared nearly flattened.

Before we chanced a trip to the filling station, two young men from Grosse Pointe South's lacrosse team rushed to our rescue, talked us out of driving farther and changed the tire for us.

It was not an easy job. We could not have done it alone.

We tried to pay Pat and Zack for their unsolicited service but they refused. They truly are concerned citizens.

We wish them well.
CHARLES G. CAWLEY AND
RICHARD ROBERT ROYER,
M.D.
Grosse Pointe Farms

Time to reevaluate consumer fireworks

To the Editor:

On July 3, 1776, future United States president John

Adams suggested in a now famous letter to his wife, Abigail, that Independence Day "ought to be solemnized with pomp and parade ... bonfires and illuminations (fireworks) from one end of this continent to the other, from this day forward forevermore."

The time has come to reevaluate the outdated consumer fireworks laws in Michigan that permit only the use of ground-based items. Consumer fireworks have never been safer and their use continues to increase each year.

This alone provides a strong case for the regulated and sensible use of all consumer fireworks.

In 1976, Americans used 29 million pounds of consumer fireworks, and in 1976, the Consumer Product Safety Commission reported 11,100 fireworks-related injuries, which breaks down to 38.3 injuries per 100,000 pounds of consumer fireworks used.

By 2009, the use of consumer fireworks skyrocketed to 213.9 million pounds, and in 2009, the CPSC reported only 8,800 fireworks-related injuries, which breaks down to 4.1 injuries per 100,000 pounds.

In the short span of 33 years, use of fireworks in America has increased more than 700 percent, while injuries have dropped an amazing 89 percent.

The American Fireworks Standards Laboratory began testing fireworks at the factory level in China in 1994 for compliance with U.S. federal manufacturing and performance standards. If the products fail the AFSL testing, they cannot be imported to the United States.

Phantom Fireworks is one of the founding members of the AFSL.

Clearly the AFSL testing is just one of the components contributing to the dramatically improved fireworks safety record. CPSC and ATF safety initiatives, together with an aggressive safety campaign backed by the National Council on Fireworks Safety and the individual fireworks distributors like Phantom Fireworks, have all helped to produce a smarter and safer buying public.

It is indeed unfortunate that illegal explosives and unlicensed and unregulated devices seem to materialize each year in response to consumer demand.

These illegal and dangerous devices can be virtually eliminated with the availability of legal, regulated consumer fireworks.

The consumer fireworks safety record and greatly improving injury statistics are manipulated and misrepresented by anti-fireworks groups promoting their agendas to eliminate American's right to celebrate freedom with traditional fireworks as envisioned by John Adams.

The naysayers are wrong, as the facts are indisputable. Fireworks-related injuries have decreased dramatically against a significant increase in use.

Now is the time to write or e-mail your state legislator and ask for reconsideration of the outdated consumer fireworks laws. Tell your legislator that you support the right to celebrate freedom with fireworks in the spirit of John Adams and that you support the sensible and regulated use of all consumer fireworks.

Please enjoy the Independence Day holiday with your family and celebrate safely.

WILLIAM A. WEIMER
Phantom Fireworks
Vice President
Youngstown, Ohio

Thank you to men who helped

To the Editor:

While I was walking my two dogs, Pembroke Welsh Corgis, down Maumee in the City of Grosse Pointe, two larger black dogs attacked my dogs.

As I was screaming and trying to get away with my dogs, a car with four or five young men stopped and were able to pull the dogs away from my dogs. I would like to thank these men for helping me. If these men had not stopped, I'm not sure what would have happened.

GRETCHEN LAWRIE
City of Grosse Pointe

Saddened by resignation

To the Editor:

Like many Grosse Pointe parents, my husband and I were deeply saddened to learn of Grosse Pointe South High School Principal Al Diver's resignation.

Obviously, this had to be an agonizing decision on both sides.

While our three daughters attended Grosse Pointe South, we are not writing this as a parent whose children benefited personally from Mr. Diver, nor as disgruntled onlookers. We have seen the school's academic stature rise over the past decade, during a time of enormous economic and demographic upheaval.

Such accomplishments do not happen by chance — they are the result of hard work that goes on after the school bell rings.

We have tremendous admiration for all he has done. Thousands of families have benefited from his continuous efforts to improve South, despite diminished funding and a plummeting economy.

Now, our district must hire a superintendent of schools in addition to several new administrators.

It is our hope our new super-

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I SAY By Karen Fontanive

The leftovers of graduation



It was about a year ago I wrote of traveling with my son to check out various colleges. I wrote what I considered a poignant, yet humorous account of our roadtrip and his getting older and my coming to terms with his growing independence.

A few weeks ago, when I realized I was scheduled to write this week's column, I thought for sure I would write about graduation: A poignant, yet

humorous account of my son getting older and my coming to terms with his growing independence, sprinkled with sentiment and sage advice.

But as graduation day neared, as he participated in the activities of the last week of school — senior breakfast, ride your bike to school day, cap and gown day and college T-shirt day — I realized I wasn't sentimental, but excited — and bereft of original sage nuggets.

I thought I would write about the tears I would shed at commencement exercises; of having his 13 years of school flash before my tear-filled eyes while he walked across the stage. But I was too busy taking pictures. I never cried.

Even when we stepped outside the gym after the ceremony and were greeted by a rainbow, I wasn't moved to wax poetically about graduation and my son's future.

I thought I would write about volunteering at the all-night party and seeing students milling around enjoying the many activities the parent committee planned for them remembering so many of these young men and women from kindergarten.

I thought I would write about the days leading up to his graduation party: the cleaning and organizing and trips to the ATM, Kroger and Costco.

No time to be sentimental, no time to be excited.

Just tasks to be completed and marked off the list.

I thought I would write about the party itself, visiting with guests, but I barely had time to say more than hello to most. (I think cloning would come in handy in such situations.) By the time I had time to sit and chat, there were only a handful of guests left — and a ton of food.

Which brings me to what has become all-consuming and necessary to write about: leftovers.

A few years ago, my son said he wanted a pig roast for his graduation party. He doesn't ask for much, so a pig roast it was. Of course, not everyone likes pork — and some people are so turned off by the sight of

a roasted pig waiting to be carved they lose their appetite — so there was chicken and hot dogs, pasta and beans and potato and Caesar salad.

There were veggies and watermelon, cake and freeze pops.

After the hundred-plus guests ate, I packaged food for several people unable to physically be at the party and Monday lunch for my coworkers.

I froze enough pork for weekly pork feasts the entire summer. And I still had leftovers.

Several pounds of meat, pasta and potato salad fill up the refrigerator; cans of beer and pop and bottles of hard lemonade still reside in coolers in the garage (unopened cases of

beer are not returnable, by the way) and a quarter sheet cake fills the small basement fridge.

All I can think about are leftovers. How many recipes exist for leftover pork, chicken and hot dogs? (According to one website, 385.)

How many days in a row can you eat the same food before you just don't want anymore? (Four, just in case you're wondering.)

And while I'd like to tell my son how proud I am of all he's accomplished thus far, encourage him to take advantage of everything college has to offer and enjoy these years that pass so quickly, I realize the only graduation advice I have is for myself — order less food next time.

STREETWISE By Renee Landuyt

What are you excited about for the first grade?

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



'Math and science because they are fun.'

MITCHELL BEAUREGARD
Grosse Pointe Woods



'Getting my sister's teacher.'

GIOVANNI TURRINI
Grosse Pointe Woods



'Going outside in the morning and I get to do homework.'

ANDRE ALIAHMAD
Grosse Pointe Woods



'I'm excited about reading time and that I get to do math.'

LOUISE ROZEWICZ
Grosse Pointe Woods



'I can't wait for my new desk.'

GABRIELLE
Grosse Pointe Woods

GUEST OPINION By James Gattuso

Paper-cut postal service gets wrong band-aid

Things look grim for the United States Postal Service, which has suffered

four straight years of red ink.

Recently came more bad news, with postal officials reporting a \$2.2 billion loss for the second quarter.

Postal officials predict by September the postal service will run out of cash and default on a payment owed to the U.S. Treasury for retiree benefits.

While a sour economy and high fuel prices have taken their toll, the cause of these troubles isn't hard to find. The fundamental problem is the computer or mobile devices many may be looking at right now. E-mails, online bill payments and digital greeting cards are taking the place of paper and stamps. The total volume of mail has dropped

more than 20 percent since 2006.

The post office is on the wrong side of the information revolution. Mail delivery could go the way of blacksmithing and steam engines, disappearing into economic insignificance.

Others disagree, arguing old-fashioned physical delivery can never be completely replaced. Even under the rosier of these scenarios, the nature and scale of mail delivery will change, and change dramatically.

The question is whether USPS can keep up with those changes.

Improving productivity

While the term "post office" has long been a metaphor for "appalling inefficiency," USPS management has done a creditable job in reducing costs and improving productivity over the past few years. Overall, the postal service points to some \$11 billion in cost savings since 2008.

That's good — and it's not

enough. The immediate political focus will be on the looming \$5.5 billion payment due to the U.S. government to prepay the postal service's retirement obligations. USPS argues such prepayment isn't necessary and it should be allowed to fund its obligations on a pay-as-you-go basis.

Even if so, any relief is bound to be seen as a bailout and face a tough road in the current Troubled Asset Relief Program-shy Congress. And such relief would only shift the timing of the obligation, rather than implement long-term change.

A more fundamental problem is in several key areas. USPS is not allowed to make the changes needed. It is, for instance, prohibited by law from closing individual post offices if they are losing

money. As a result, thousands of lightly frequented postal facilities stay in operation, serving few customers, but costing the postal service and its customers billions.

Saturday delivery

Congress is also keeping the postal service from dropping Saturday delivery, although that would save some \$1.7 billion a year. Such a move would be unpopular, but given the changing role of mail, it's sensible. And it wouldn't be the first time such an adjustment has been made: Before telephones existed, mail deliveries were sometimes made

several times a day.

Just as telephones made multiple deliveries unnecessary, Internet communication has made Saturday delivery non-essential.

At the same time, the postal service should also be stripped of its special marketplace privileges, including its monopoly on first-class mail. If someone is willing and able to make a profit in this shrinking market, they should be encouraged, not jailed.

Would abolition of the letter monopoly hurt, rather than help, USPS? Not necessarily. The introduction of competition could spur it to improve its operations even more. In any case, the ultimate goal is to reduce barriers to mail delivery, not to protect USPS.

FedEx and UPS

USPS' current competitors in package and express mail, led by FedEx Corp. and the United Parcel Service Inc., have shown little interest in

entering the world of first-class mail. This is understandable given the declining volumes. Nor do they necessarily have an interest in the demise of the USPS, since the postal service is also a major customer of their transport services.

So any competition is likely to come from new entrants to the field, bringing innovative ideas and fresh perspectives. Such new blood may be just what mail delivery needs.

As digital technology continues to advance, the USPS will continue to struggle to find a place for itself. Policymakers are making that struggle even harder by hobbling USPS' ability to cut costs — and by banning competition.

While mail service may lose its race for survival, it should be allowed to make a run.

Gattuso is senior research fellow in regulatory policy at The Heritage Foundation.

LETTERS: Applauding commitment

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intendent is a resident of the Grosse Pointes. Paying taxes where one is employed, much as what is required of Wayne County employees, engages a newer level of ownership, one needed in our district to maintain those same standards of excellence.

A superintendent who leaves for the other side of town every evening cannot possibly have the same knowledge and commitment as a resident. Residency, along with academic and professional qualifications, is essential to this job.

We wish Mr. Diver the best and applaud a career of professional commitment.

We will miss you.
EMILY AND KIT TENNYSON
Grosse Pointe Farms

POLITICAL: Providing special interest

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"straight talk" seems so hard for politicians, and why they can't seem to avoid posturing, evasions, half-truths and "spin." The system-serving dynamic also provides an answer here, which has two parts.

The first is the concentrated benefits politicians provide to a politically powerful special interest always impose dispersed costs on taxpayers in general. Hiding this requires spin and telling different things to different audiences.

For example, most grassroots Republican voters would be shocked at many things their "conservative" representatives say in Lansing to government employee union lobbyists.

The second part of the an-

swer is the extent to which the public does not share the political careerists' world view that serving the system is the same as serving the people. When a politician tells a constituent who's complaining about a complicated vote, "You don't understand," more often than not this is the product of clashing world views.

Politicians have always served the system, often at the expense of the people. What's different today is how Big Government, a monstrously expanded welfare/regulatory/crony-capitalism state, has intruded politics into virtually every area of life and consumes ever more of our incomes.

It is this reality that has converted serving the political system ahead of the people from an obnoxious irritant into a dynamic that threatens our future liberty and prosperity.

McHugh is senior legislative analyst at the Mackinac Center for Public Policy.

GUEST OPINION By Freddy Groves

WWII veterans deserve to see memorial

We're losing some 1,000 World War II veterans per day due to advancing age. Sadly, many of them have died without seeing the World War II memorial

built in their honor in Washington, D.C. Honor Flights Network, a not-for-profit all-volunteer grassroots effort, started in 2005 to bring as many World War II veterans as possible to Washington, D.C. at no cost to the veteran. By the end of 2010, the group flew 63,000 veterans to see it.

To keep costs down, the trips are made in one day, flying in and out and traveling on buses. If you want to go, don't let any medical condition or wheelchair stop you. You can be accommodated. Check the website, honorflight.org, for scheduled trips. If there isn't a hub city near you, sign up anyway, as new hubs are opening all the time. (An Honor Flight Northwest is scheduled to take off from Ohio, Wednesday, June 22.) Here's how to help:

◆ Gather contributions from your service group, friends, church and workplace. Honor Flights won't accept a dime if you're a World War II veteran. Donations are tax deductible. Send to Honor Flight, Inc., Attn: Diane Gresse, 300 E. Auburn Ave., Springfield, OH 45505.

◆ Volunteer as a guardian for up to three veterans. It's even better if you have a medical or emergency medical technician background. Volunteer to escort a veteran who doesn't live near an air hub city.

◆ Print out an application for a veteran who doesn't have Internet access. Help him or her fill it out and send via e-mail to veteran-application@honorflight.org, or call (937) 521-2400 for more information.

Given the age of these veterans, time is really running out.

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SENSES: Tour offers scenic surprises

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With ever-blooming forget-me-nots, lady's mantle and a variety of sedum, various grasses, iris, spiderwort, wisteria and peonies, the compact yard is relaxing and full of interesting uses of plants to attract and sustain wildlife. Small trees of paperbark maple, serviceberry and coral bark Japanese maple provide shade.

The Grosse Pointe Shores house on Shoreham has a large backyard created for entertaining with seating for 20 or more. Guests feel secluded from the neighbors and passing traffic with the boxwoods, a berm of large boulders and mature birch trees.

Hostas, hydrangeas, astilbes and ground cover varieties enhance the waterfall next to the fire pit with tempered colored glass inside.

It's the two terra cotta Xian, China, warriors that are the center of attraction near the high brick wall surrounded by arborvitae and rhododendrons of deep pink.

A tour stop on Pear Tree Lane in Grosse Pointe Woods, the St. Clair Western Railway comes as a surprise when guests watch the G gauge train trundle from the wilderness

through a Western-style town to a European village, passing two lakes, two waterfalls and over the Creature from the Black Lagoon climbing a railway trestle where it descends into his black watery house.

Everywhere the eye roams, there are hidden surprises — a tiny log cabin modeled after one the family vacationed in at the Glacier National Park in Montana, farm and wild animals, a hobo camp, a graveyard, a working wooden carousel, a swing ride featuring 120 lights and a Ferris wheel with controlled lights sequencing through more than 30 lighting patterns.

In its 18th year of construction, the homeowners use dwarf varieties of spruce, pine and boxwoods. Ground covers are sedum, Irish moss and wooly thyme. All trees are kept to scale and remain in their original pots to retain moisture; there is 19 cubic yards of sand under the layout which is on a 1.5 inch to 1-foot scale. Thus a 30 inch tall tree equates to a 60-foot tree.

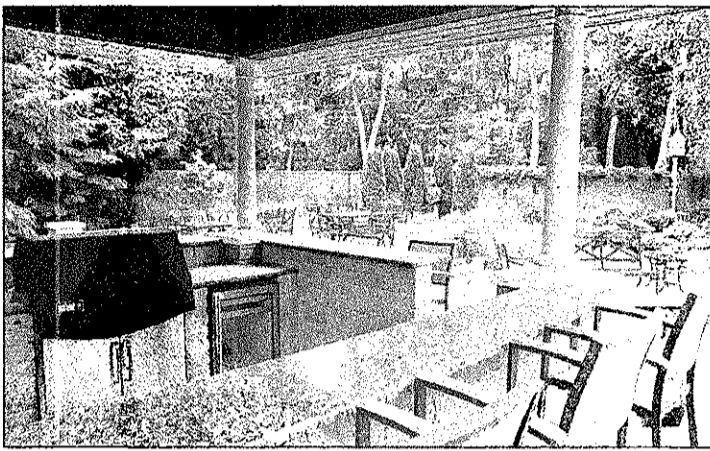
Presale tickets, available at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms, cost \$12. On tour day, tickets are \$15. For more information, call (313) 881-7511, ext. 206.



Forget-me-nots have been planted along the walkway leading to the small backyard garden on Loraine in the City of Grosse Pointe. At right, hidden in the far back are asparagus and rhubarb plants, just one of the surprises found in the gardens on Audubon in Grosse Pointe Park.



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An outdoor kitchen with seating for at least 20 guests coming to the Shoreham house in Grosse Pointe Shores.



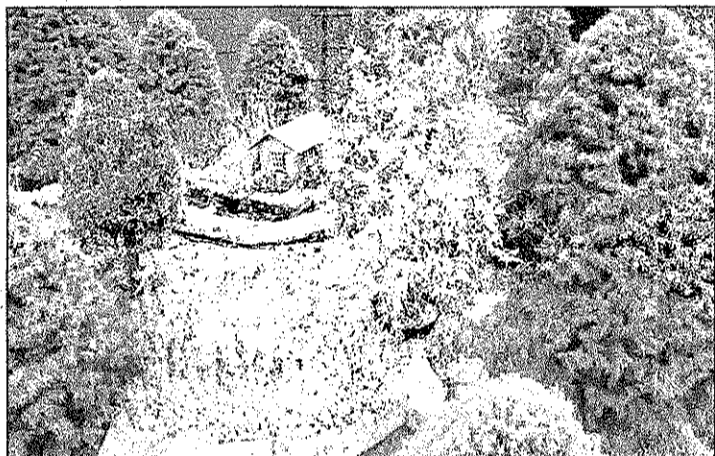
Los Gatos concert tonight

Los Gatos' encore performance at the St. John Hospital & Medical Center Music on The Plaza concert series is 7 p.m. Thursday, June 23.

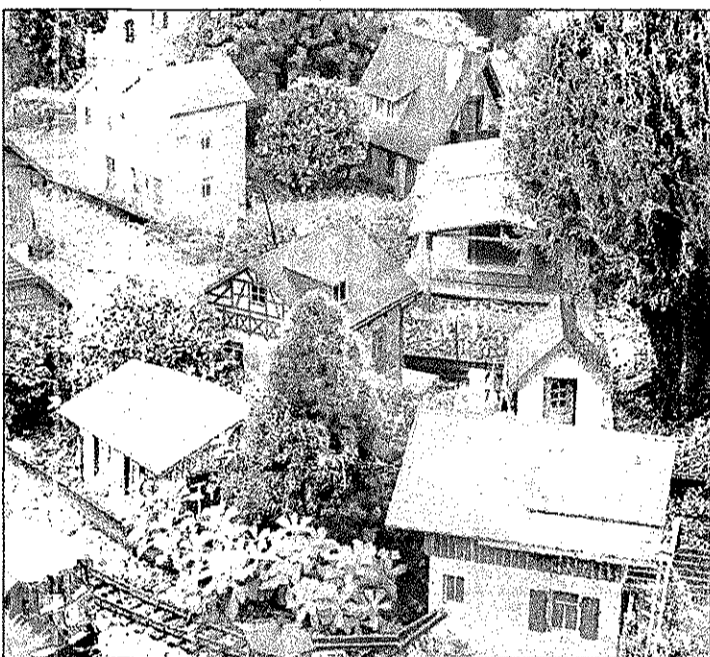
The concert is free on the Village Festival Plaza, at the corner of Kercheval and St. Clair, in the Village, downtown City of Grosse Pointe.

Returning to the festival for the first time since 2005, the Afro-Cuban inspired quintet, Los Gatos, ("The Cats") features mambo dance rhythms, Salsa and Latin jazz. Originally formed as a tribute to the late Cal Tjader, the Ann Arbor-based group radiates the rhythmic sensibilities of the Latin jazz genre. Los Gatos features Pete Siers on timbales and coro; Brian DiBlassio on piano; Cary Cocher on vibes, bongo and coro; Kurt Krahnke on bass and Al DiBlassio on conga and sonero. They have released two recordings on the PKO label, "Cats Got Your Tongue?" and "Insight."

In case of rain, concerts are held at Maire Elementary School, 740 Cadieux, two blocks west of the Festival Plaza. The Music on The Plaza concert series is presented by St. John Hospital & Medical Center and is produced by the Grosse Pointe Village Association. For more information, call (313) 886-7474 or visit thevillagegp.com.



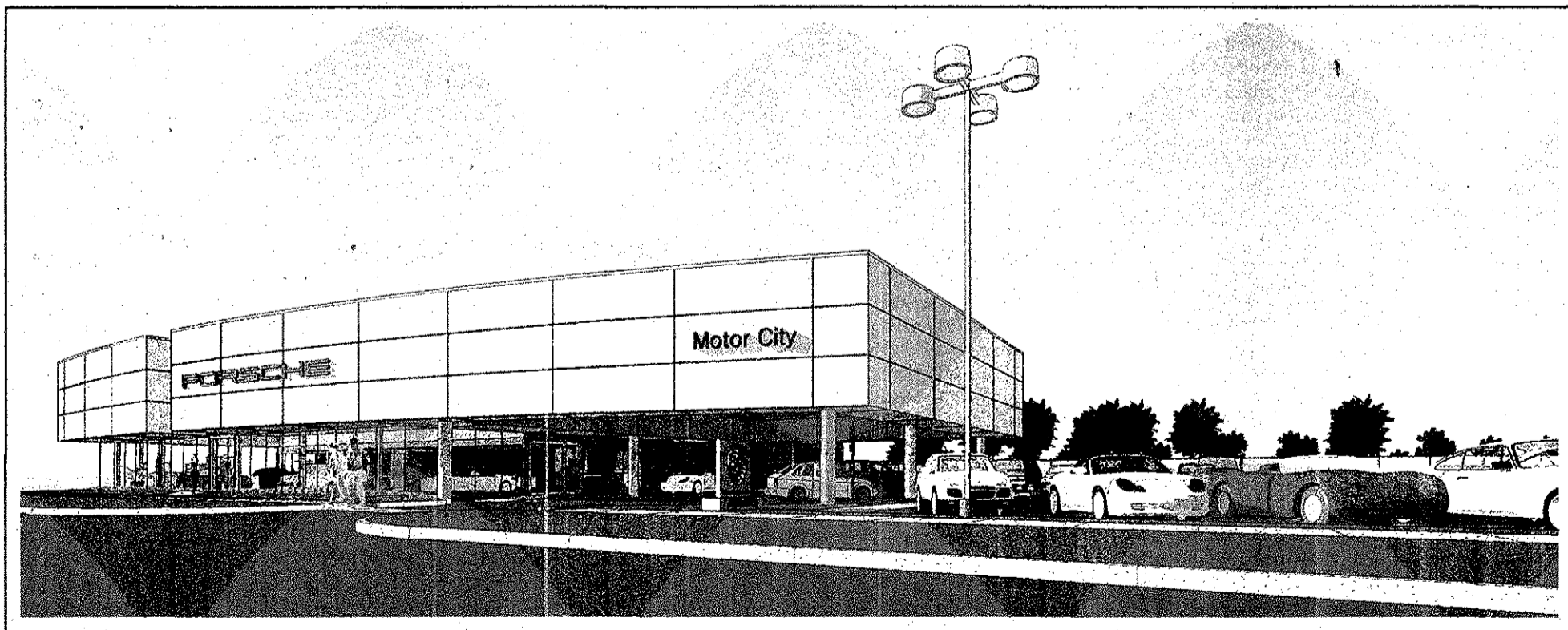
The hermit's cabin in the backyard is surrounded by wild animals — a bear and a pair of moose — and a blue totem pole.



Behind the house on Pear Tree Lane in Grosse Pointe Woods lies another world, that of a G gauge railway layout, including this Western-style town.

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HIKE: 4-3 vote brings higher taxes in Shores

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and Robert Graziani.

The increase takes the property tax rate to 17.14 mills. The figure is nearly 8 percent higher than currently.

In the upside-down world of declining property values and tax bases, the millage increase translates into lower tax payments for most property owners, Vick said.

"Eighty-nine percent of property owners will see a reduction in their summer taxes," Vick said. "Ninety-three percent will see a reduction in their total summer-winter tax bill."

He cited results of a 2010 household survey in favor of maintaining taxes and city services.

"Sixty-six percent of residents were willing to pay the same amount in property taxes as they currently pay if most, but not all, of the Shores' services could be maintained," said Vick.

Voting no

Members of the council voting against the tax increase and budget either thought the projected gap could be filled by cost cutting or that the tax increase wasn't high enough to build meaningful savings.

Against it were councilmen David Galbenski, Ted Kedzierski and Dan Schulte.

Kedzierski, head of the finance committee, wanted to cut costs rather than raise taxes.

He held out for cost reductions he'd proposed in an April 25 e-mail to the mayor, council and city manager.

"I came up with over \$450,000 of cuts I thought we could achieve this year," he said after the meeting.

Suggestions include but were not limited to changing

the underfunded, non-union employee retirement plans to a defined contribution plan; 10 percent pay cuts for department heads coupled with bonuses for cutting costs, obtaining less expensive legal counsel, reducing administrative staff, sharing office equipment with sister cities and changing prescription drug plan benefits.

"We need to effect more cost savings than in this year's budget," Kedzierski said. "That's why I voted against it."

Galbenski wanted to stay the course on a 1.75-mill increase proposed by the committee of the whole. The committee, another name for the finance committee, is comprised of the mayor and all members of the council.

"The strategy through the committee of the whole, which it appeared we had consensus on, was building a fund balance, delivering fiscal strength and moving to a proactive way to maintain our infrastructure," Galbenski said. "Any time you design a strategy, you should follow through on it, regardless of the political environment — stay strong and deliver what you stand for."

Politics

The Shores political environment Galbenski alluded to has been hostile to tax increases.

A 1 mill increase two years ago generated a recall effort against Cooper, Boyce and Graziani. All defeated their recall opponents, Cooper and Boyce by 2 percent margins.

Galbenski and Geraghty were appointed to fill the seats of recall targets who resigned prior to the election.

Dr. Robert Lee, recall organizer, said at this month's council meeting, "Two years later, with home values even

deeper under water and the economy in worse shambles, here we are again, with Mayor Cooper and colleagues proposing to add another 1.25 mills onto taxpayers back."

Lee cited 2011 as an election year.

"I'm not certain voters will be as forgiving at the polls this fall if hit with another tax increase that pushes us even closer to the 20-mill limit foisted on citizens in the new Shores (city) charter," Lee said.

Public comment

A total of 13 residents addressed the council regarding taxes and the budget. Five supported the increase. Eight didn't.

Comments included:

◆ "I am part of the silent majority," countered resident, Jim Anderson, chairman of the volunteer Blue Ribbon Committee that recommended ways to reduce municipal employee legacy costs. "Grosse Pointe Shores is a bargain when you consider the services."

The city council is implementing the committee's recommendations.

◆ "It is what it is," added resident Elias Ropotos. "There's hard times everywhere."

◆ "We need to look at tougher cuts," resident Pauline Lessnau told the council. "I can't sell my house. I can't continue to pay high taxes. I can't refinance my home because I can't get the equity out of it I

need to refinance."

◆ "Is this a budget for the people, or is it for government itself?" said Dr. Raymond Rahi. "That, to me, is the most disappointing question of all."

Cuts so far

Prior to the budget vote, Vick recapped some of the city's cost reductions during the past two years:

◆ reducing city manager compensation,

◆ combining clerk and city administrator positions,

◆ replacing a full-time park director with a part-time director contracted from Grosse Pointe Farms,

◆ reducing city park gate guard staff by 65 percent,

◆ reducing expenditures on flower beds and grounds,

◆ cutting municipal judge compensation by 30 percent,

◆ eliminating overtime for the park manager,

◆ no overtime for leaf collection,

◆ reducing overtime in all departments,

◆ saving \$17,000 by not contracting out leaf hauling,

◆ a reduction of 20 percent in part-time public works employees,

◆ a 50 percent reduction in part-time gardening staff,

◆ scaling back holiday decorations and

◆ establishing or raising recreation department user fees for such things as tennis lessons.

GAZEBO: Tear it down and save

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bo was in stark contrast to the cost of the demolition of the existing structure, which would also be performed by city workers. The cost of four DPW workers for approximately 12 hours would be \$1,405.

Ahee also said restoration of the existing structure would simply be cost prohibitive.

"The gazebo, including the roof, has deteriorated to an unsafe condition that is beyond repair," said Ahee.

"I'm all in favor of demolishing the gazebo and not replacing it at this point," said Councilman Art Bryant. "Let's just let the site sit for a year, perhaps plant flowers, but a new gazebo just doesn't work out for us at this point."

Bryant also suggested turning the site over to the Grosse Pointe Woods Foundation, which could possibly improve it with pavers and benches.

Mayor Robert Novitke recommended waiting on making any plans for the site until the demolition is complete.

"We won't know what we have to work with at the site until the demolition is complete," he noted.

Following a unanimous

vote to approve Ahee's recommendation to demolish the gazebo, the council turned its attention to a construction project at Lake Front Park.

Following an incident last year involving a young child, the council instructed city administrators to research the cost of constructing a family restroom poolside at the park.

The city's engineering firm, Anderson, Eckstein and Westrick Inc., drew up plans for the project, based on reconfiguring existing restrooms to be in compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act.

Based on those plans, the bid from Ashor Associates in Waterford for \$11,238 was approved by council to complete the project.

However, based on the fact that the pool has already opened for the season, and in order to have as little disruption as possible to park users, the council voted to approve the project, but to set a start date for after the pool closes in September.

"The project will take three to four weeks to complete," Ahee told the council, "so starting after Labor Day is recommended in order not to inconvenience park users."

The council approved the project and the start date by unanimous vote.

PARTY: Police break up bash

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agree with it, doesn't make it less of a law."

Police show up

The hostesses' mother was home when at least four officers answered a complaint about a loud party on Windward Place. The road is a dead end off of Lakeshore.

Five of six girls in the driveway had purses containing bottles of red wine, Absolut Vodka, Bacardi rum, scotch, Skinnygirl Margarita and cranberry vodka, according to Officer Geoff McQueen.

"Many of the girls (said) it was the last day of school and they were having a get-together with friends," McQueen said.

The mother let officers enter the basement.

"(I) observed several beer cans throughout the room, in drawers and cupboards," Kipke said.

A pingpong table was set up for a game of "beer pong," he added. Players bounce a pingpong ball across the table into a cup of beer.

"An unknown number of kids were able to escape through a basement window that was not watched due to lack of manpower at the time," Kipke said.

Police corralled at least 37 teenage attendees, all 16 or 17 years old. All live in the City, Farms, Park or Woods. Three City boys, 16, were caught hiding behind a basement furnace.

Nineteen minors either tested positive for alcohol consumption or admitted drinking, according to police. Blood alcohol percentages ranged from .002 for a 17-year-old Farms boy to .152 for a 16-year-old City boy.

"(The mother) stated she couldn't believe that many kids were there and that much alco-

hol was found," Kipke said.

Suspects include the homeowners' two, 17-year-old daughters, police added.

"Before leaving, I wanted to give (the two daughters) Breathalyzers, but the (father) would not let officers back in the house," Kipke said.

"All youth were turned over to their parents at the scene, except (one), who was brought to the station and picked up by his mother," Kipke said.

Police also drove a 16-year-old Park boy home to his father. The boy had a .102 percent blood alcohol level, officer said.

The teens could be charged with being minors in possession of alcohol, a misdemeanor.

"The youth officer will review each case individually," Rosati said. "Based on prior contacts and attitude, we will take appropriate action."

Legal hangover

Minors accused of alcohol possession could be cited for a criminal offense or enrolled in an intervention program.

Cited cases are prosecuted in Wayne County Juvenile Court.

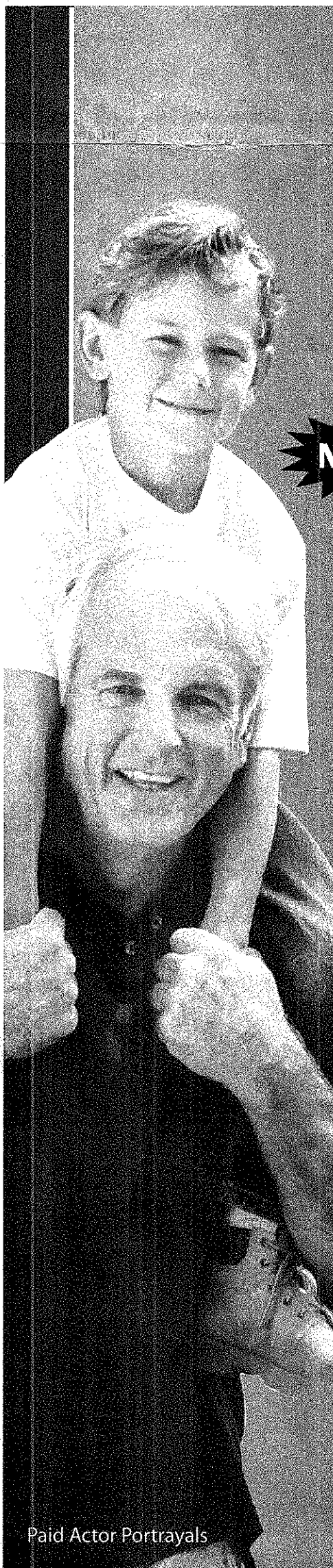
"It can be quite taxing to a parent who has to make several appearances in an overburdened court," Rosati said.

Convictions appear on driving records.

"As any parent knows, a 16-year-old is expensive enough to insure," Rosati said. "With a drinking violation, you might as well take out a second mortgage."

Intervention costs \$175. The program lasts about six weeks, includes group sessions and often requires parental involvement.

"It's meant to be therapeutic and can be pretty time-intensive," Rosati said. "The good side of it is the kids won't have anything on their record if they successfully complete the program."



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Hamtramck high school teacher John Rostek, left, met Russ Chavey, the inspiration behind his "Climbing for Success" campaign, for the first time at a Hamtramck board meeting.

By A.J. Hakim
 Staff Writer

Hamtramck high school teacher John Rostek was in Moosejaw buying gear for his climb atop Mt. Denali in

Alaska when he heard Russ Chavey's story. Chavey, a Grosse Pointe Farms resident, scaled the 19,341-foot Mt. Kilimanjaro in December as part of the Grosse Pointe Foundation for

Public Education's "Climbing for Technology" campaign that raised \$20,793 toward integrating technology in all Grosse Pointe public school classrooms. The climb inspired Rostek

to turn a personal quest — to top the seven summits of the world (Mt. Kilimanjaro, Elbrus, Aconcagua, Carstensz, Denali, Vinson and Everest) — into a community affair. With assistance from

foundation vice president Lisa Vreede and director Cat Ruffner, Rostek and his students launched, "Climbing for Success," a fundraiser to support extra-curricular programs in Hamtramck Public Schools.

Modeled after Chavey's campaign, Rostek's goal is to raise \$1 for every foot climbed, or \$20,320. All proceeds benefit Hamtramck schools.

"I was doing this regardless, but when I heard Dr. Russ' story, I said, 'let me try this,' and it led me to Cat and Lisa and it just seemed like fate how everything worked out," said Rostek, via cell phone from the National Park in Talkeetna, Alaska. "They've been instrumental in offering the template and guidance to my students. I like to consider it the tale of two cities; Grosse Pointe and Hamtramck working together. It's very inspiring."

A team of about 20 students created T-shirts, brochures, newsletters and videos and presented the campaign to the community. They also started a daily blog, logging details of Rostek's climb atop the United States' largest mountain, as well as updating fundraising figures. The blog also includes a satellite link to Rostek's location on the mountain through his satellite phone.

"They're the story — what they're doing — and that's the

inspiring part," Rostek said of his students. "They're applying what they're learning inside (the classroom) in doing the presentations, PowerPoint presentations, along with public speaking and sending out the correspondences, thank you letters and so on. They're applying all that stuff into real-life situations. Plus, doing charity work, volunteer work, it's an important lesson to learn."

"They're the ones who made it as big as it is. That's the hard work they're doing. It takes a lot of guts for a 17- or 18-year-old to go out to the community, to a city council meeting, a chamber of commerce meeting. They went to all the school buildings and presented."

Rostek expects the climb to range from 12 to 18 days, depending on weather conditions, which often-times include average temperatures of 20-degrees below zero at the higher parts of the mountain.

He traveled with a team of 10 people, each carrying a 50-pound pack of food and supplies and a 40-pound sled. Rostek also has a "Climbing for Success" flag featuring the names of all donors to the campaign.

"With the cuts we're facing, the teachers are taking a five percent pay cut this year and the following year," said

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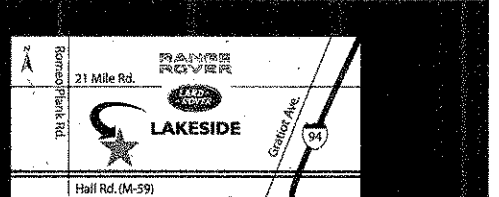


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Five among superintendent semifinalists

By A.J. Hakim
Staff Writer

Representatives from the search firm Hazzard, Young, Attea & Associates last week recommended five semifinalists in the search for the next Grosse Pointe Public School System superintendent, narrowing the field from 24 applicants.

One candidate withdrew, leaving four remaining candidates. Three of the four hold positions in Grosse Pointe or neighboring districts, while one works as a superintendent in Pennsylvania public schools.

The semifinalists are:

•Michael (Jon) Dean, assistant superintendent for human resources at Birmingham Public Schools;

•Tom Harwood, assistant superintendent for human resources in Grosse Pointe;

•Paul Long, superintendent

of the Pennsbury School District in Fallsington, Penn.;

•Richard Machesky, assistant superintendent of secondary instruction at Troy Public Schools.

Each district represented encompasses a budget and enrollment similar to Grosse Pointe, with Pennsbury having the largest budget (\$175,815,000) and Troy the largest enrollment (12,000 stu-

dents).

Grosse Pointe's budget is about \$100 million and its enrollment, 8,200 students.

District comparisons aside, search firm representatives

recruits.

Fourteen applicants have doctorates.

"Our assistant superintendents are all from high-performing districts similar to Grosse Pointe," Morse said. "They know the clientele, they know the parents in the communities and understand the expectations in these kinds of communities."

In keeping with its suggested timeline, the board interviewed the semifinalists Monday and Tuesday, and planned to select two to three finalists Tuesday.

Those finalists are expected to partake in a community reception prior to their second set of interviews Monday, July 11, and Tuesday, July 12. The reception allows candidates to interact with the public in an informal setting.

If all pans out, the board will announce the new superintendent at its July 25 meeting.

Candidate profiles

•Michael (Jon) Dean, assistant superintendent for human resources at Birmingham Public Schools

Years in current position: 3 1/2

Education: He's expected to receive a doctorate in education in December 2011 from Wayne State University, where he also earned his master's and bachelor's degrees. He also attended Saginaw Valley University for an educational specialist degree.

Previous work: Principal

•Tom Harwood, assistant superintendent for human resources in GPPSS.

Years in current position: 4

Education: Harwood graduated with both master's and bach-

elor'd of science degrees from Western Michigan University, earned a special in arts degree in school psychology from Eastern Michigan University.

Previous work: He was a director of special services, superintendent and elementary principal.

•Paul Long, superintendent of the Pennsbury School District in Fallsington, Pa.

Years in current position: 5 (announced retirement earlier this year)

Education: Long received a doctorate in education from the University of Pennsylvania, a Masters of Business Administration degree from Wharton School of Business and

his bachelor's degree from the United States Naval Academy.

Previous work: Business administrator for Pennsbury, director of finance, associate professor and Naval officer.

•Richard Machesky, assistant superintendent of secondary instruction of Troy Public Schools.

Years in current position: 4

Education: He earned his doctorate in education, educational specialist degree and master's degree from Wayne State University and his bachelor's from Calvin College.

Previous work: Director of secondary education in the Utica Community Schools and principal and associate principal at Utica High School.

School brief

Foundation hosts used book sale

The Grosse Pointe Foundation for Academic Enrichment Board of Delegates is hosting a used book sale.

The fundraiser is from 10 to 4 p.m. Sunday, June 26, at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial.

The non-profit group uses proceeds from its fundraisers to support learning activities in the Grosse Pointe Public School System.

Games, volunteer readers, music, dancing, snacks and refreshments are provided.

For more information, contact the foundation via e-mail at gpfae@groups.facebook.com.

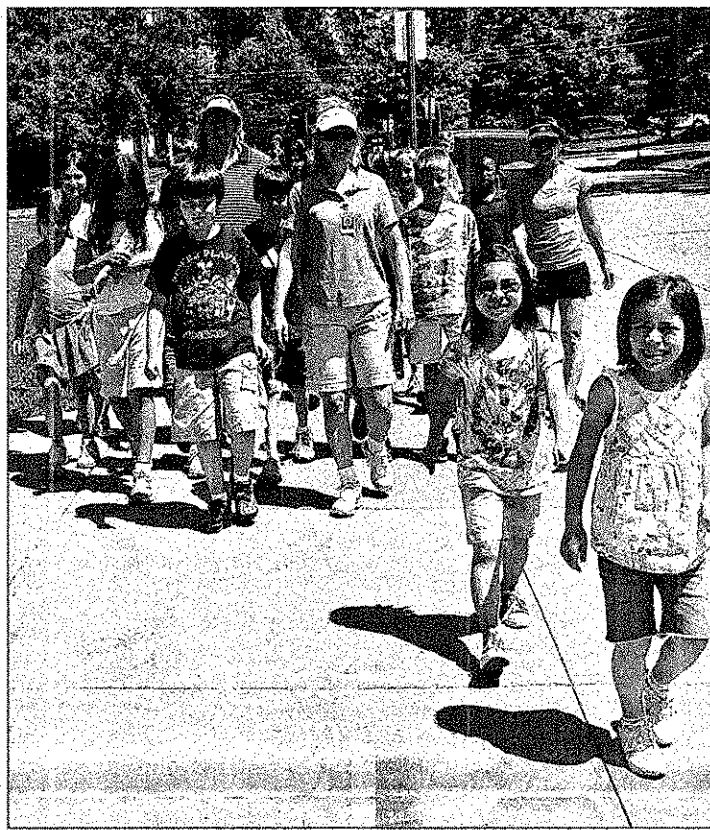
Summit: Rostek says, 'theme in all of this is inspiration'

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Rostek, an accounting and vocational business teacher who climbed Mt. Kilimanjaro last June. "We've been losing funding because we've been losing students, and the whole entire district, all employees — even the custodians, secretaries — everybody's made contributions ... Throughout the difficulties we're all facing, it's amazing that everybody's

contributing.

"I think the theme in all of this is inspiration. It started with Dr. Russ; I heard his story and that inspired me. Cat and Lisa also inspired me. And the students are inspiring the whole community of Hamtramck. It's just passing down. I'd like to say it's not about a teacher climbing, it's about how everybody's connected and inspiring one another."



PHOTOS BY RENEE LANDUYT

Ferry Elementary School third-graders take part in the Dollars Against Disasters walk-a-thon at the school June 6. The Parent Teacher Organization teamed with the student council, raising more than \$1,500 for earthquake and tsunami victims in Japan.

Above, leading the walk are Nanami and Misaki Campbell, whose grandparents reside in Tokyo and are dealing with nuclear fallout and devastation.

Parched from walking in the intense heat, Conor MacLachlan forgoes a cup and hydrates directly from the cooler.

Ferry walk-a-thon



Teacher of the week

They play a key role in every child's development and inspire excellence in and out of the classroom.

This week, it's University Liggett School eighth-grade English teacher Jay Trevorrow.

He was nominated by Teja Pandrangi: "Mr. Trevorrow is a nice teacher. I do not have him very often. Though he is an English teacher, he is a genius at technology. We have many things in common. We both like the Apple company, we both love technology and like

lacrosse."

Years at the Grosse Pointe Woods school: This is my first year at Liggett. While I do teach middle school English, my primary role at the school is as director of technology.

Previous work: I have served previously as the director of technology at the Fieldston School in New York City and Brentwood School in Los Angeles.

Why did you become a teacher: I was probably motivated to become an educator by the teachers I had as a stu-

dent.

I came away from my own schooling with tremendous respect for people whose passion for their work was evident in everything they did. Their passion became infectious for those of us who had the good fortune to be their students. I try to carry that same enthusiasm into my own work with young people.

What do you enjoy most about teaching: Beyond any specific books or discussion topics in my classes, I genuinely enjoy listening to what peo-

ple have to say. What I have learned from students is often the key to any effective teaching I have done in their classes. Learning is always a two-way street.

How do you feel about being nominated: Of course I am flattered that someone thought of me as a worthy teacher, but I do derive plenty of intrinsic rewards in this work as my best days in working with students are days beyond compare. They keep me energized for weeks into the future.

— A.J. Hakim

CITY OF HARPER WOODS 2011 CONSUMER'S ANNUAL REPORT ON DRINKING WATER QUALITY

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that copies of the 2011 Consumer's Annual Report on Drinking Water Quality for the City of Harper Woods are available to the public free of charge at the Harper Woods City Offices and the Harper Woods Public Library. Copies of said report were previously distributed to all residents in the June Advertiser Times, however, additional copies are available to interested persons at the above designated locations. For more information, call the Department of Public Works between 7:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. Monday through Friday at (313) 343-2570.

City of Harper Woods
Mickey D. Todd
City Clerk

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING GROSSE POINTE PUBLIC LIBRARY COUNTY OF WAYNE, MICHIGAN

ON THE ADOPTION OF THE
BUDGET FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2011-2012

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS IN THE LIBRARY
DISTRICT OF THE GROSSE POINTE PUBLIC LIBRARY:

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Boards of Trustees of the Grosse Pointe Public Library, County of Wayne, Michigan, will hold a public hearing on Monday, the 27th day of June, 2011 at 6:30 p.m., at the Woods Branch Library, 20680 Mack Avenue, Grosse Pointe Woods, Michigan to consider the approval and adoption of the operating budget of the Grosse Pointe Public Library for the fiscal year 2011-2012.

Copies of recommended budget are on file with the Library Director at the Grosse Pointe Public Library, 10 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe, Michigan for inspection during regular library hours as well as the two branches. At the public hearing, all citizens, taxpayers, and property owners in the library district of the Grosse Pointe Public Library shall be afforded an opportunity to be heard. **THE PROPERTY TAX MILLAGE RATE PROPOSED TO BE LEVIED TO SUPPORT THE PROPOSED BUDGET WILL BE A SUBJECT OF THIS HEARING.**

This notice is pursuant to a resolution by the Board of Trustees of the Grosse Pointe Public Library, County of Wayne Michigan.

Brian Garves
Secretary, Board of Trustees
Grosse Pointe Public Library

THE GROSSE POINTE PUBLIC SCHOOL SYSTEM

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON BREAKFAST PROGRAM

A provision of the Michigan School Laws requires all K-12 school districts to provide breakfast programs unless the district provided less than 20% of its lunches at free or reduced rates at any of its schools during the prior school year. In that event, the District may opt not to offer a breakfast program, but it is first required to conduct a public hearing which seeks input from parents and pupils on the issue.

The Superintendent of Schools will be recommending that the Grosse Pointe Public School System not provide a breakfast program except at Defer, Mason and Poupard Elementary Schools where the free and reduced lunch exceeds 20%. The reason is that it would be cost prohibitive due to the small number of participants and would require local tax dollars to supplement such a program in the other schools.

Therefore, the required public hearing will be held on Monday, June 27, 2011 at 8:00 p.m., as a part of the regular meeting of the Board of Education. The meeting will be held at the Grosse Pointe South Wicking Library, 11 Grosse Pointe Boulevard, Grosse Pointe Farms, Michigan. All parents, students and other interested citizens are welcome to attend.

Christian A. Fenton
Assistant Superintendent for
Business and Support Services
Acting on Behalf of the Board of Education Secretary

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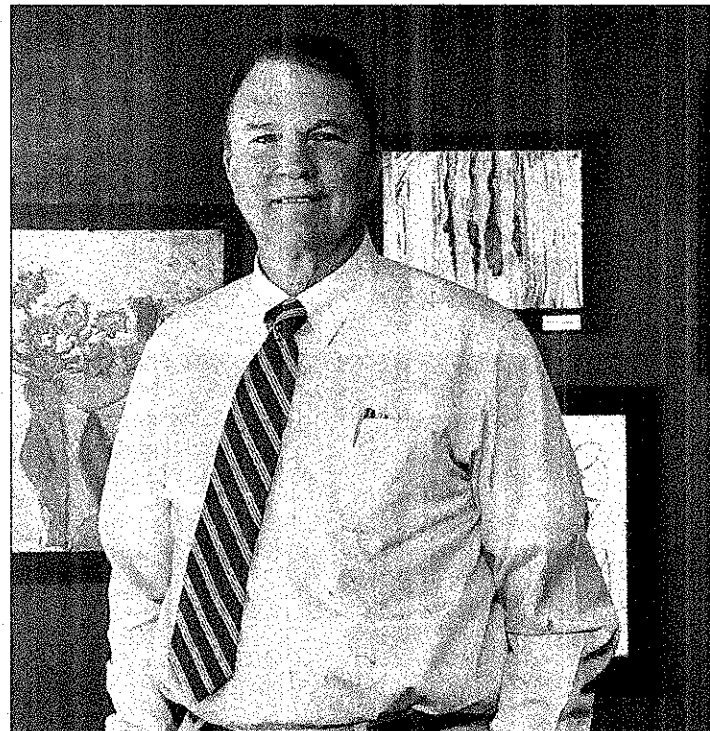
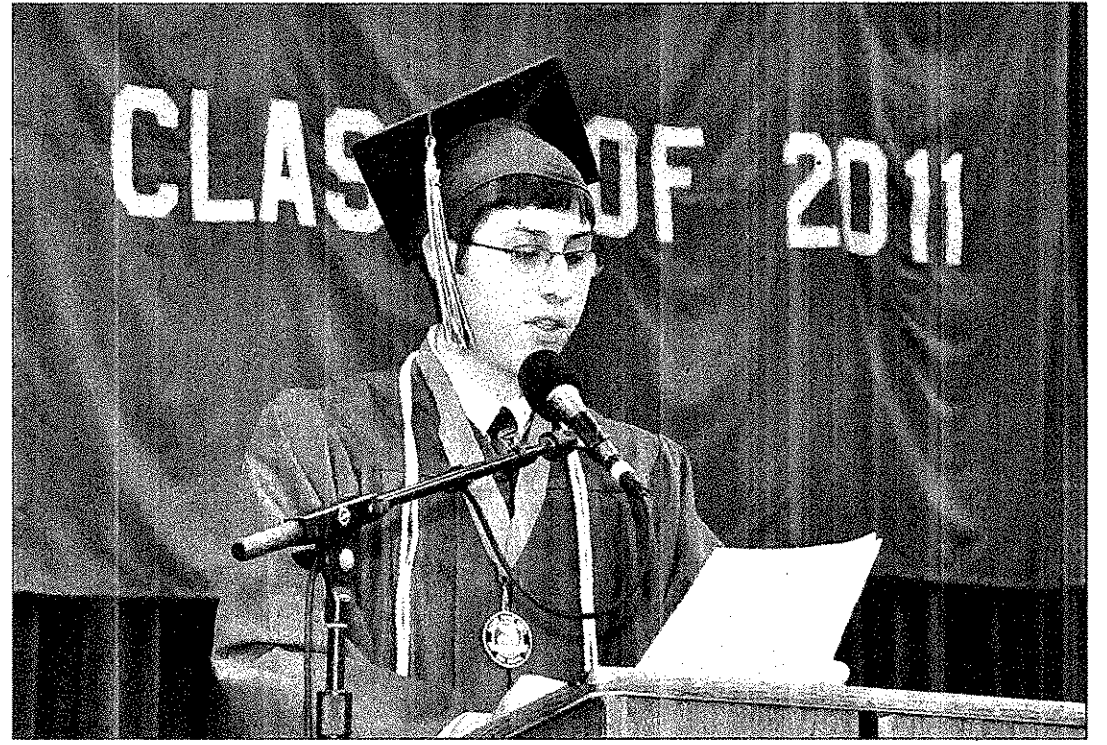
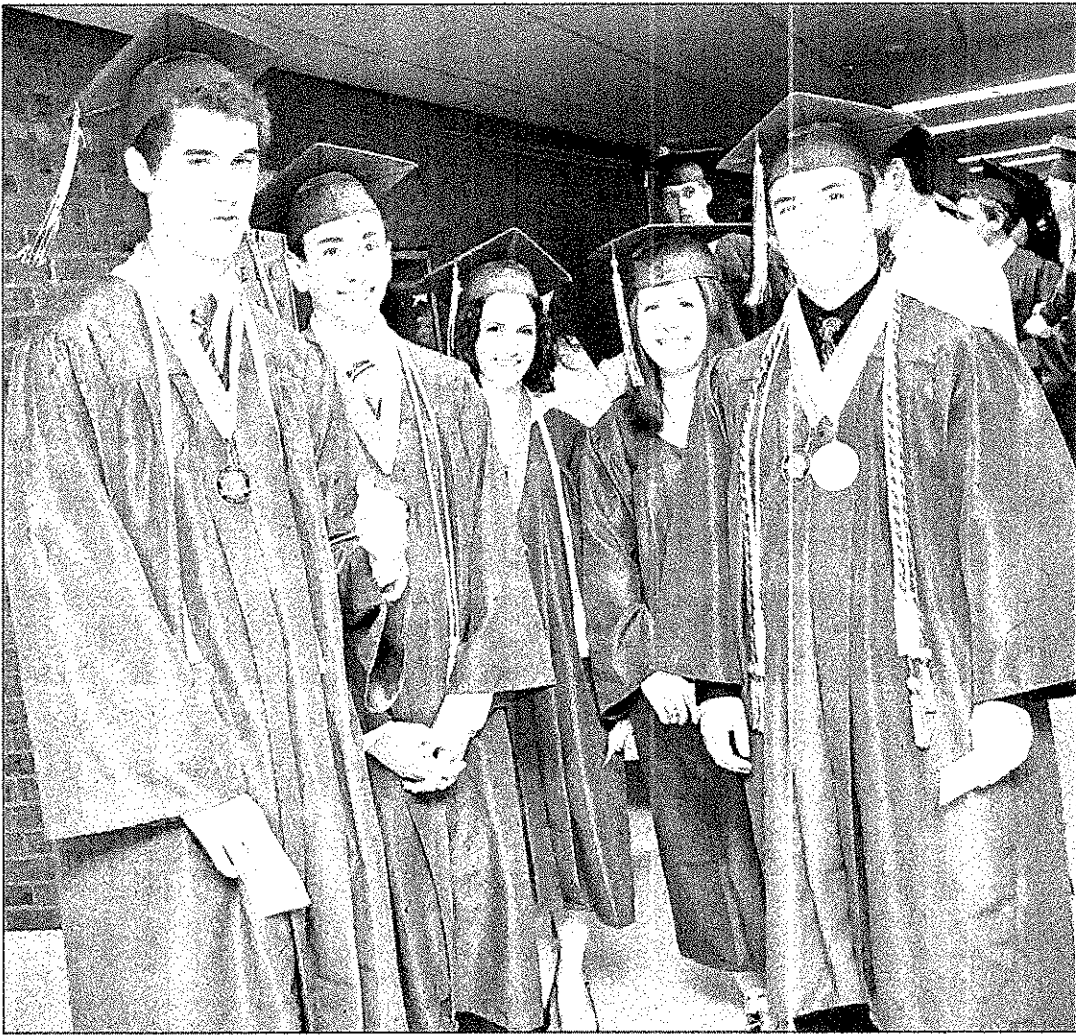


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University Liggett School eighth-grade English teacher Jay Trevorrow.

Hats off to the graduates



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Above left, Grosse Pointe North graduates await the procession into the commencement ceremony, which took place in the school gymnasium.

Above, Stephen Morrison gave the commencement address, telling students never to forget the wonderment of life.

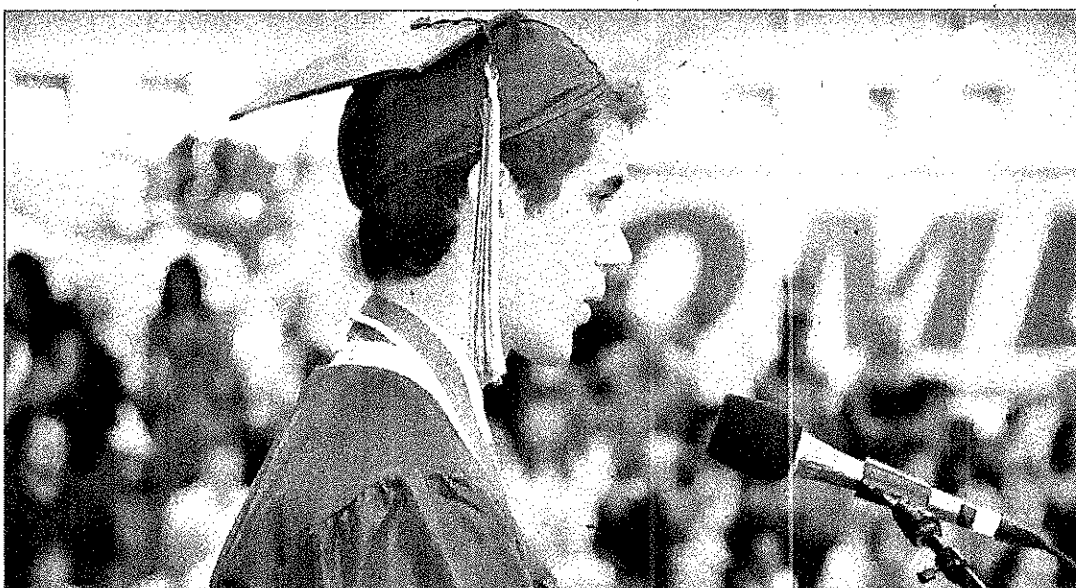
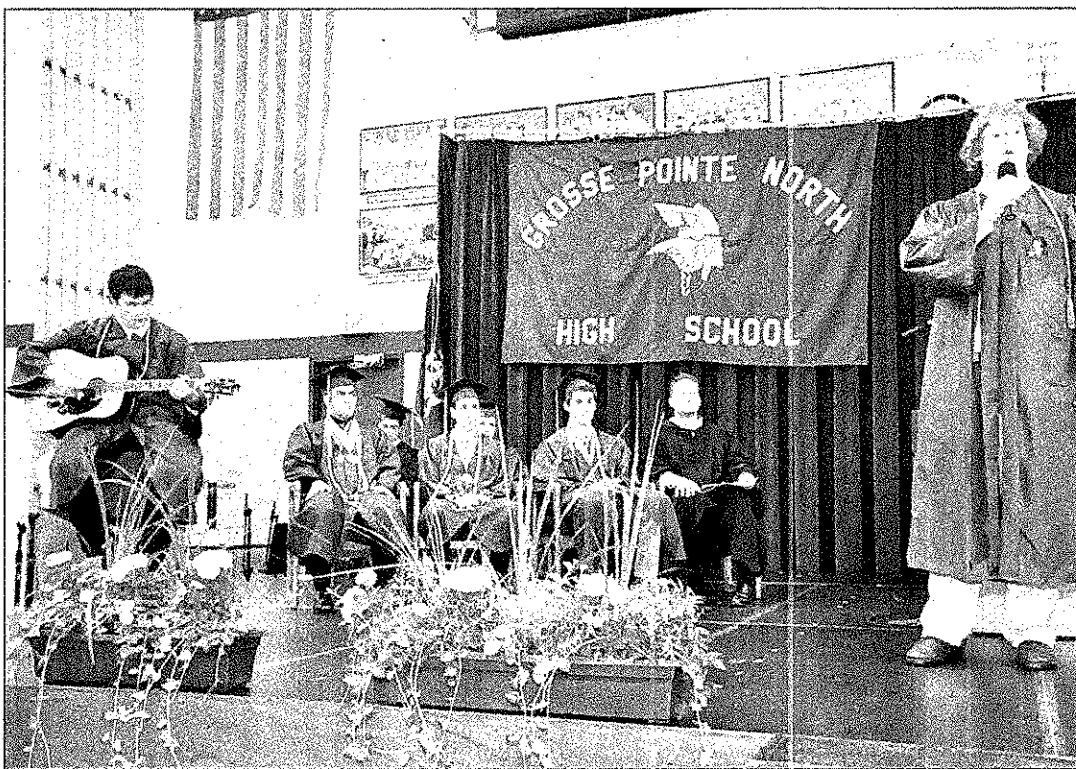
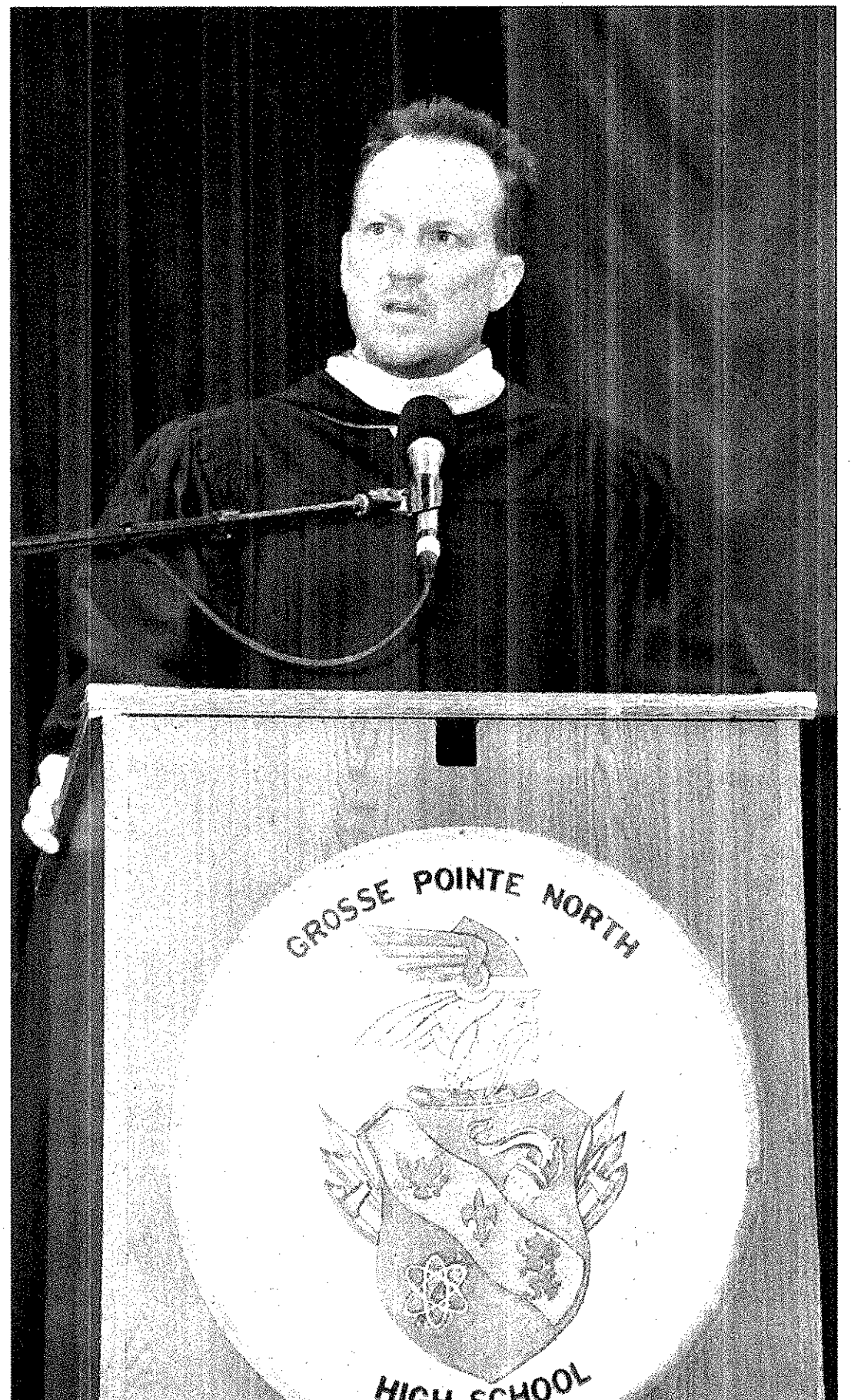
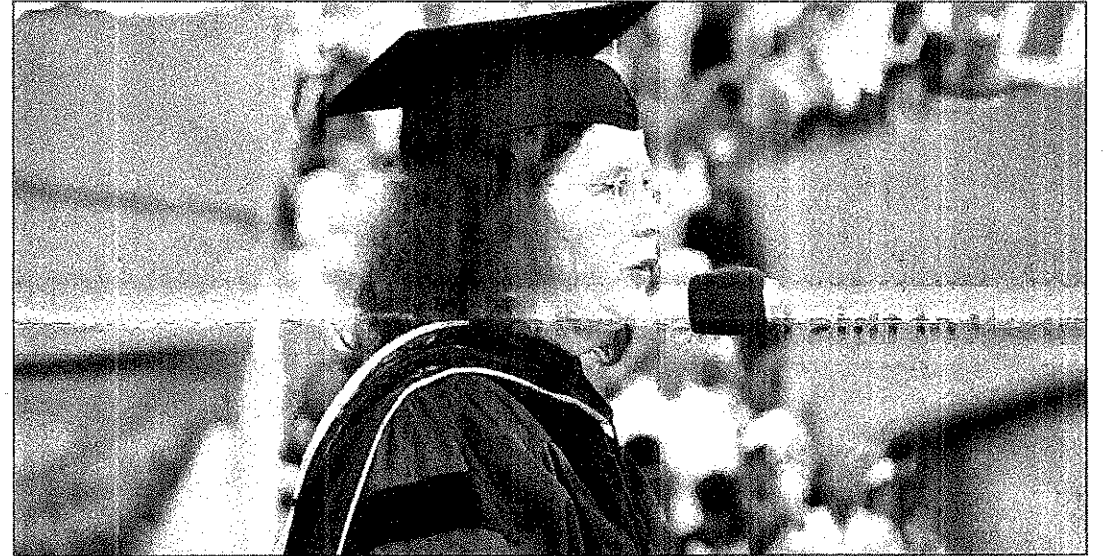
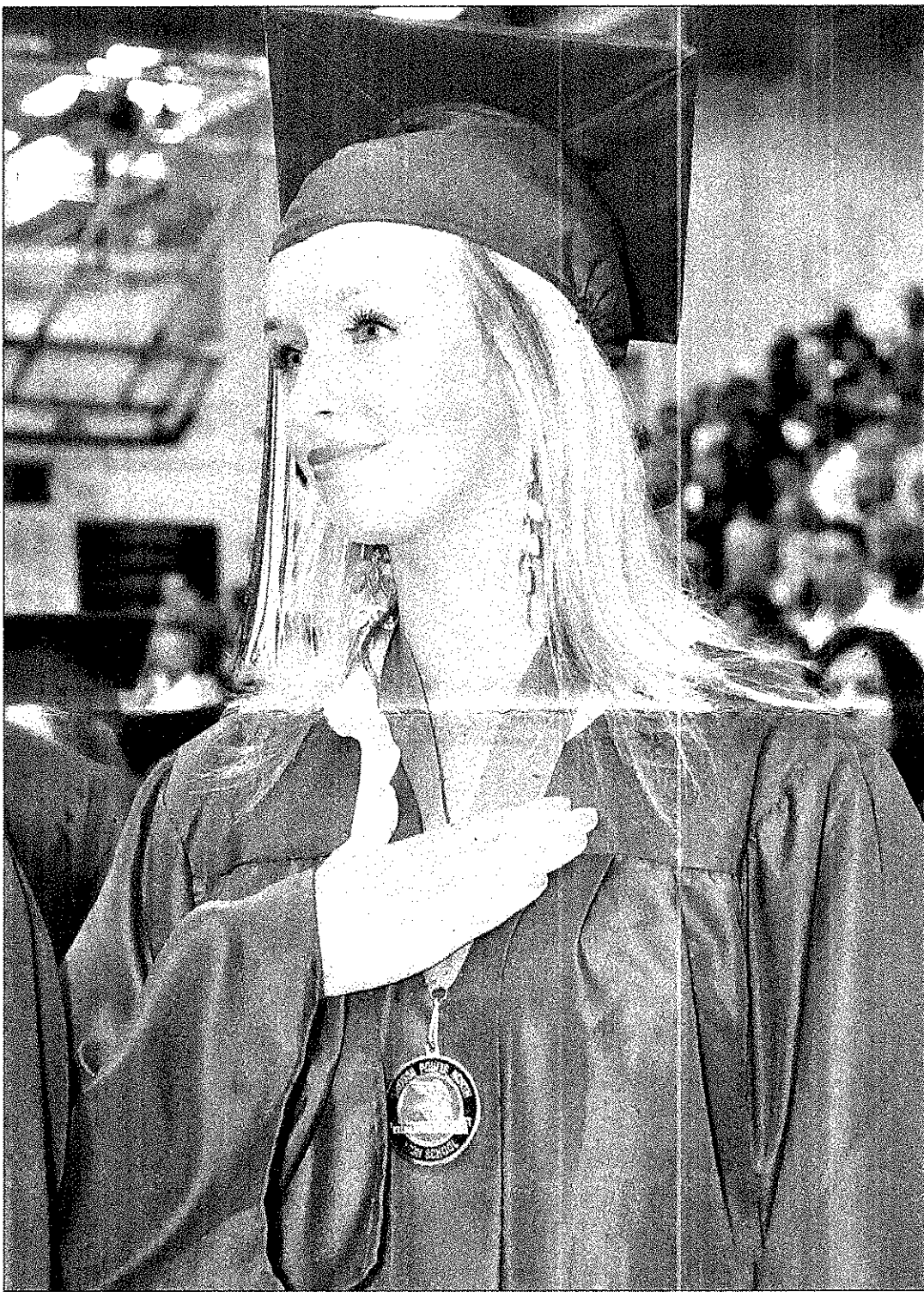
Below, Superintendent Suzanne Klein spoke to her final graduating class before her retirement.

Bottom right, Principal Tim Bearden addressed the audience during his speech to graduates. In his speech, he quoted Lynyrd Skynyrd's, "Free Bird," and Nickelback's, "If today was your last day." He also reminisced of students' shenanigans and spoke of how caring about people and dreams is one of the most important things to do in life.

Bottom left, class president Danny D'Hondt gave the welcome and introduction speech.

Below left, with Miles Carter accompanying him on the guitar, Kyle O'Donnell sang Cat Stevens', "Father and Son."

Left, Brigette Adams holds hand to heart during the choir's rendition of the Star Spangled Banner.



On their way



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Above, Jennifer Stratelak displays her name card, while Dan Sullivan gives a peace sign. Students received name cards to give to the announcer when accepting their diploma.

Above right, class president Dan Gallagher gives the welcome and introduction address.

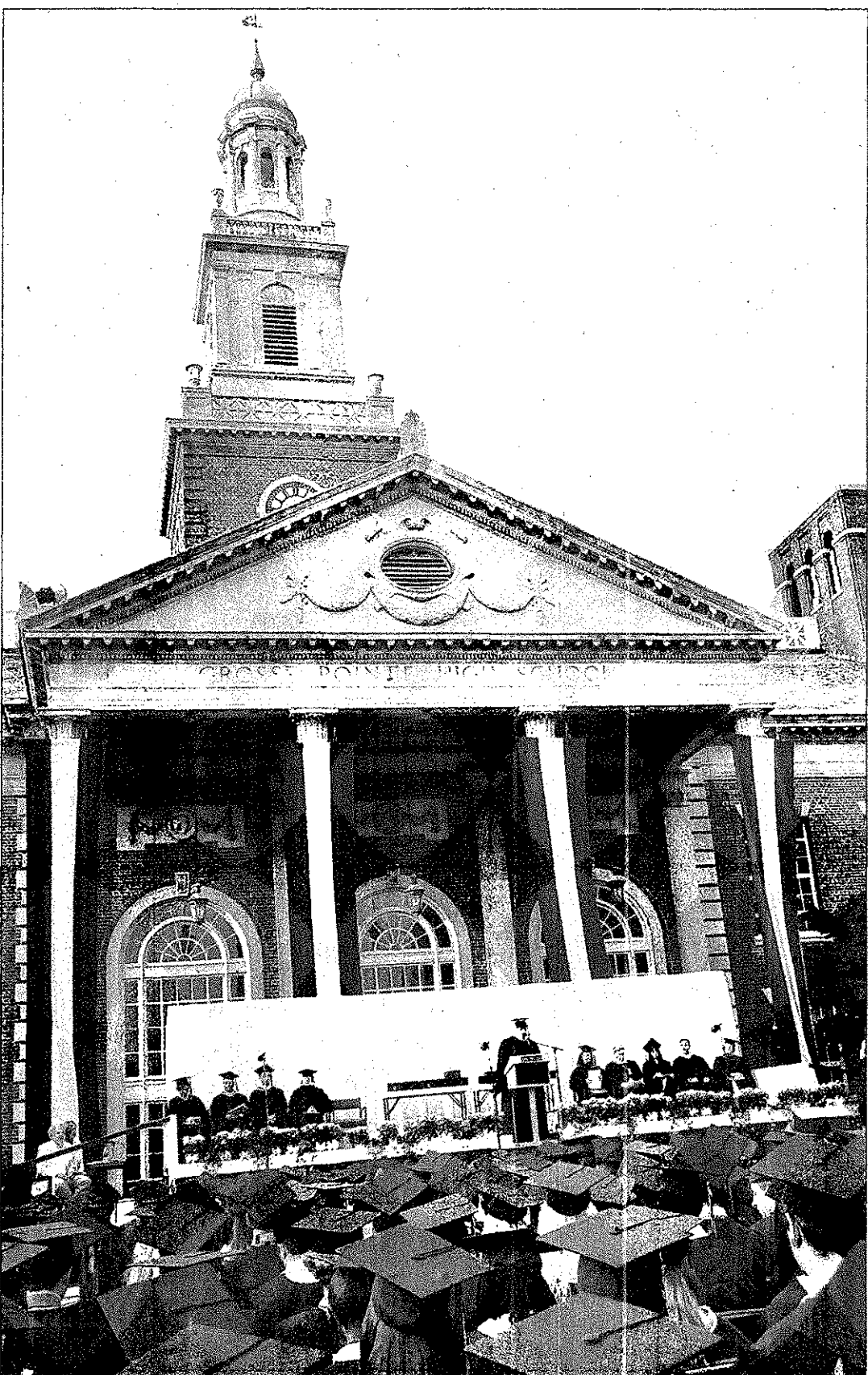
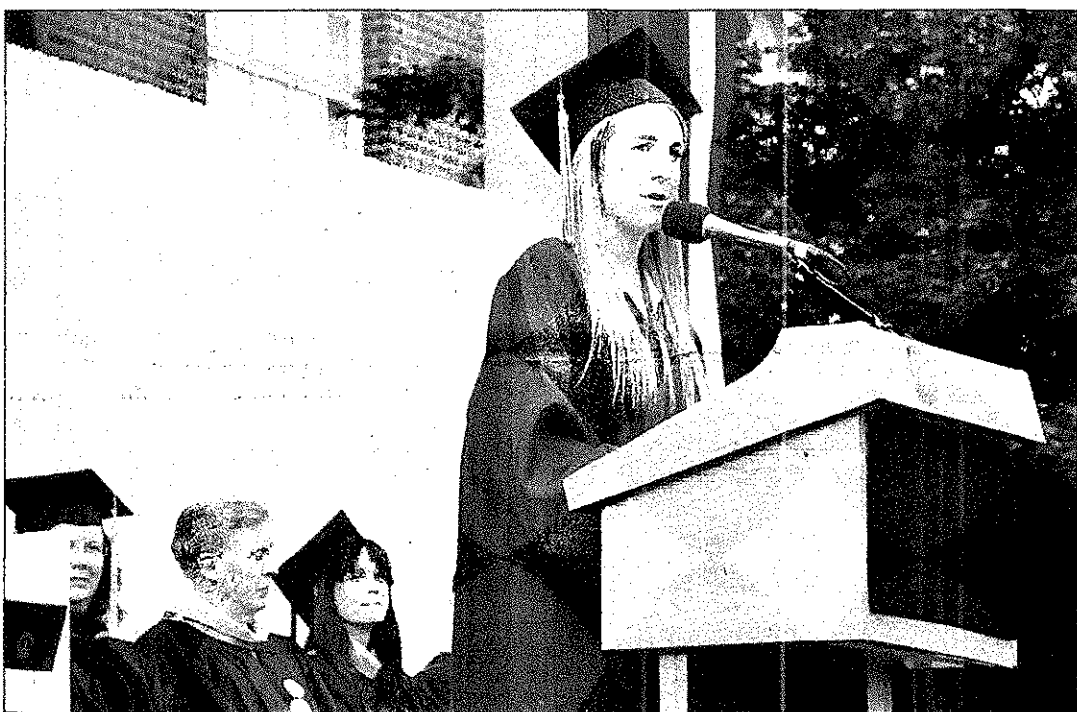
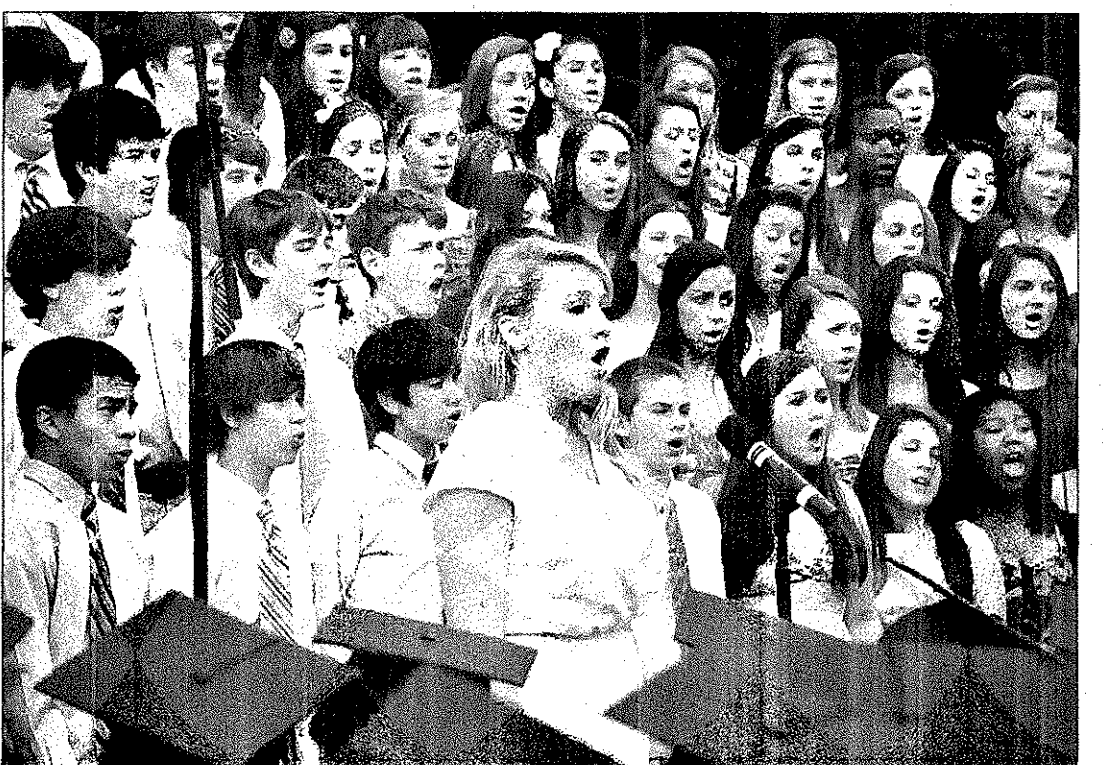
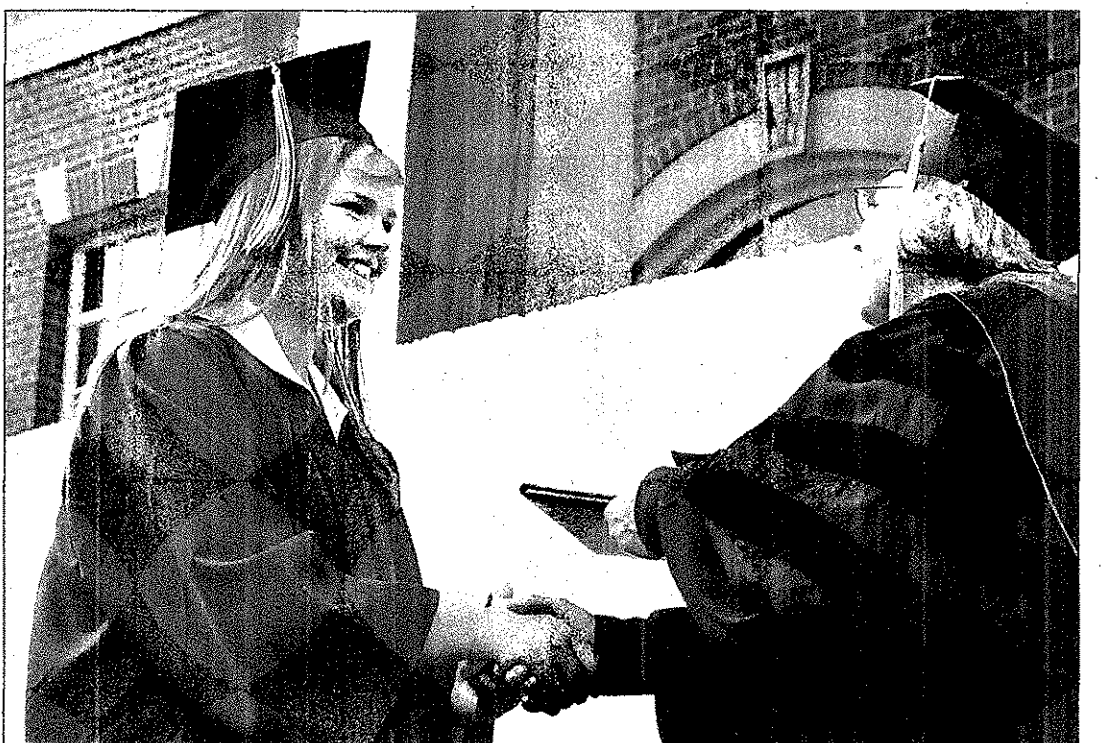
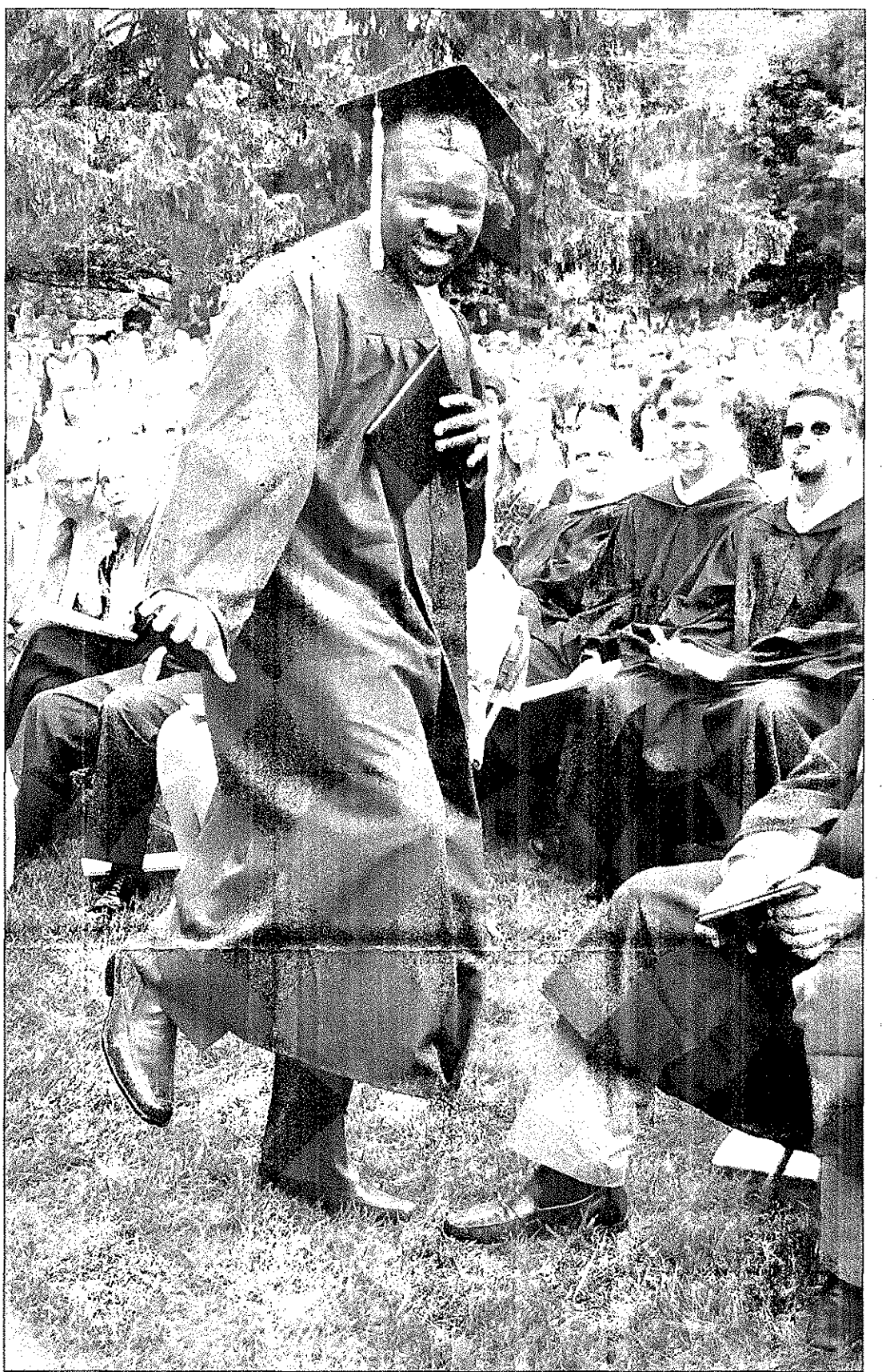
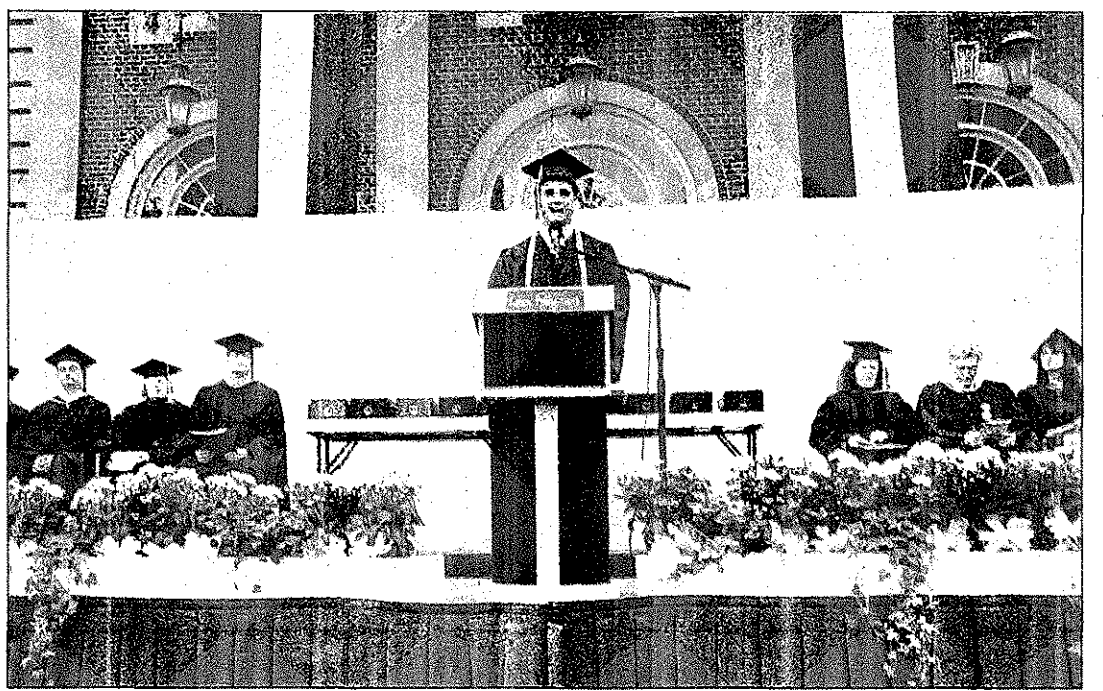
Right, Stanley Scott II strikes a "Heisman" pose with his diploma before returning to his seat.

Below right, Julianne Grobbel shakes hands with and accepts her diploma from board trustee Joan Dindoffer.

Bottom right, South's combined choir sang "For good" from the musical, "Wicked."

Bottom left, Grosse Pointe South's graduation took place on the front lawn outside the school.

Below, Shelby Stone spoke of facing fears during her address to the crowd.



OBITUARIES

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

Joan "Jody" Trefry Briscoe

Former Grosse Pointe Farms resident Joan "Jody" Trefry Briscoe, 78, died Monday, May 9, 2011, in Glendale, Ariz. She was a former longtime resident of Los Angeles.

She was born Jan. 4, 1933, in Detroit to Donald and Margaret Trefry and graduated in 1950 from Grosse Pointe High School. She enjoyed gardening, traveling with her daughters to competitive horse shows and caring for her family.

Mrs. Briscoe is survived by her daughters, Linda (Will) Meek and Lisa; sons, Ralph Jr. (Gisella), Donald and Stephen (Denise); five grandchildren and her sister, Donna Lucas of Grosse Pointe Park. She also is survived by her former husband, Ralph.

She was predeceased by her parents.

A private burial was conducted by the Neptune Society of California.

Linda Marie Brown

City of Grosse Pointe resident Linda Marie Brown, 63, died Sunday, June 19, 2011, at St. John Hospital and Medical Center in Detroit.

She was born Sept. 20, 1947 in Detroit to Anne and Carl Sims and graduated from University of Detroit Mercy in 1964. Later, she received a graduate degree as a math specialist from University of Detroit Mercy.

Mrs. Brown was a retired Detroit Public Schools elementary teacher.

She enjoyed sewing, reading, painting and spending time with her grandchildren.

Mrs. Brown is survived by her children Meaghan Brown Young, Katie Livingstone and Sarah Brown; grandchildren, Olivia, Cash and Caelan Livingstone and sister, Donna Coughlin.

She was predeceased by her parents.

A funeral Mass was celebrated June 22 at St. Ambrose Catholic Church in Grosse Pointe Park.

Express condolences or share a memory at verheyden.org.

Marilyn Smith Engstrom

Grosse Pointe Park resident Marilyn Smith Engstrom, 89, died Thursday, June 16, 2011.

Born April 28, 1922, in Columbus, Ohio, to E. Quimby and Bess Smith, she graduated from The Ohio State University with Bachelor of Science degrees in bacteriology and physiological chemistry.

After college graduation, she

worked for Parke-Davis creating vaccines and later at Henry Ford Hospital teaching immunology and pathogenic bacteriology. After raising her family, and with the encouragement of family and friends, she obtained her stock broker license. In 1986, she passed the Securities and Exchange Commission exam and became a registered representative at the First of Michigan Corporation. She retired in 1990.

Mrs. Engstrom was an avid bridge player who enjoyed reading, gardening and the stock market.

She was a charter member of the Detroit Historical Society, active in the Louisa St. Clair chapter of the 'Daughters of the American Revolution' and was honored at the opening of its national headquarters in Washington, D.C. She chaired numerous fundraising events and volunteered at her children's schools. She was affiliated with Kappa Delta Sorority. She and her husband were members of the Detroit Boat Club and Lochmoor Club.

Mrs. Engstrom is survived by her husband of 64 years, Arthur H. Engstrom; daughters, Wendy (Terry) Gutermuth, Marjorie Engstrom (Emilio DiPietro) and Lynn Engstrom; grandchildren, Erik and Brian Gutermuth, Emily and Michael DiPietro and Marc and Derek Heller.

She was predeceased by her parents and brothers, E. Quimby Smith Jr., Roger B. Smith and J. Walter Smith.

A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. Friday, June 24, at St. James Lutheran Church, 170 McMillan, Grosse Pointe Farms.

Donations may be made to Children's Miracle Network Hospitals, 580 W. 8th St., Suite 3510, Jacksonville, FL 32207 or at cmn.org.

Express condolences or share a memory at verheyden.org.

Margaret V. Guest

Margaret V. Guest, 73, died peacefully at her home Monday, June 13, 2011, after a long illness.

She was born in Oswego, N.Y., Oct. 20, 1937, the first of 18 children of John and Mary (nee O'Brien) Callaghan. The family moved to Detroit's eastside in the early 1940s and she graduated from St. Catherine's High School in 1956.

She continued her education and graduated from Marygrove College with a Bachelor of Arts degree in education. She was one of only two women from her high school class who went to college.

In 1960, she married

Michael Guest and taught elementary school in Detroit after they were married while her husband finished dental school. She soon became a full-time mother to seven children.

The spirit of teaching compelled Mrs. Guest to return to the classroom after her children were raised. She taught Adult Education in the East Detroit School District, was involved with the latchkey program at Ferry Elementary School in Grosse Pointe Woods, and led the RCIA program at St. Joan of Arc Church in St. Clair Shores.

Mrs. Guest was known as a doting mother and grandmother. She quilted and made baby blankets for all of her grandchildren and grand nieces and nephews. She was a devoted, faithful Catholic who often attended daily Mass. She loved to play Scrabble and was described as vicious in her determination to win, even when she played with her grandchildren.

When her parents required assistance with their daily living, she visited weekly at their home in Beverly Hills to care for them. Her affinity to help other people, not just her family, was demonstrated when she became a caregiver for two elderly neighbor ladies.

Mrs. Guest is survived by her loving children, Michael (Barbara) Guest, Mary (Brian Pearsall) Anderson, Elizabeth (Ronald) Berry, Matthew (Christine) Guest, Gregory Guest, Jerome (Alexandra) Guest and Stephen (Patricia) Guest; her cherished grandchildren, John-Michael, James, Julia, Katherine, Nathan, Jennifer, Amanda, Adam, Jack, Melissa, Madeleine, Christopher, Meredith and Justin; brothers and sisters, John (Mary Ann) Callaghan, Paul (Linda) Callaghan, James (Hilary) Callaghan, Edward (Mary Lynn) Callaghan, Kathleen (Vincent) Callahan, Clare (Robert) Jorgensen, William (Rose Ann) Callaghan, Christopher (Patricia) Callaghan, Kevin (Jean) Callaghan, Mary (Patrick) Lynch, Joseph (Maureen) Callaghan, Teresa (Harold) Crisman, Patrick (Gail) Callaghan and Bridget (John) Ebbing.

She was predeceased by her husband, Michael J. Guest D.D.S.; parents, John and Mary Callaghan; brother, Brian Callaghan and sisters, Ann Callaghan and Patricia Malley.

A funeral Mass was celebrated June 18 at St. Joan of Arc Catholic Church.

Donations may be made to St. Vincent DePaul Society, St. Joan of Arc Conference, 21412 Overlake, St. Clair Shores, MI 48080.

Express condolences or share a memory at ahpeters.com.



Jody Trefry Briscoe



Linda Marie Brown



Marilyn Smith Engstrom



Margaret V. Guest



George Frederic Hawkins



Darline Johnson

George Frederic Hawkins

Former Grosse Pointe Park resident George Frederic Hawkins, 66, died Monday, April 18, 2011, following a prolonged illness.

He was born Sept. 7, 1944, in Rome, N.Y., to S. Bowen and Elizabeth Day Hawkins. He studied at New York University, State University of New York at Buffalo, in Siena, Italy, and graduated from Walsh College.

Mr. Hawkins was the former co-owner of Design Detroit Interiors Inc. in Grosse Pointe. He lived and worked in Grosse Pointe as an interior designer from 1978-1991. He was a designer for Junior League showhouses and an award winner for the Festival of Trees, benefiting Children's Hospital.

Always inspired by an urban setting, Mr. Hawkins' most recent residence was Chicago, where he spent the last five years working on art projects. He volunteered with Chicago House, took a class in subversive stitchery at Columbia College Chicago, contributed to The Cradle Project and was a member of Test Positive Aware Network.

Mr. Hawkins had a reverence for beauty, a particular regard for visual elegance. Flowers and fabric remained his passion to the end. His family suggests planting flowers or buying a bouquet of flowers in Mr. Hawkins' honor.

Mr. Hawkins is survived by his children, Ames Hawkins (Corrine Calice) of Oak Park, Ill. and Charles B. (Jessie) Hawkins of Rochelle, Ill.; his brother, Stephen Hawkins of Maine; grandchildren, Charles V. Hawkins, Constance and Mikhaila Calice, Timothy Moreland and Natasha and Mandie

Gosnell; great-grandchild, Mckenze Rogde and two nieces and a nephew.

Funeral services were private.

Donations may be made to TPAN, 5537 N. Broadway St., Chicago, IL 60640.

Darline Johnson

Former Grosse Pointe resident Darline Patricia Johnson, 83, died peacefully following a stroke Wednesday, June 15, 2011, surrounded by her children.

She was born April 21, 1928, in Detroit, the youngest child of Ernest and Elizabeth Anderson. She graduated from Dominican High School in 1946 and attended Marygrove College and then the University of Detroit. While at the U of D, she met Francis K. Johnson, whom she married June 12, 1948.

She worked as a homemaker throughout their marriage, raising five children and enjoying life in Grosse Pointe, as well as sailing with her family on Lake St. Clair and the Great Lakes.

She spent much of her time at volunteer work, including at Detroit Receiving Hospital.

She recently spent time in Tucson, Ariz., where she died.

Her interests included cooking, gardening, hummingbirds and classical music. She was an avid fan of mystery author Agatha Christie.

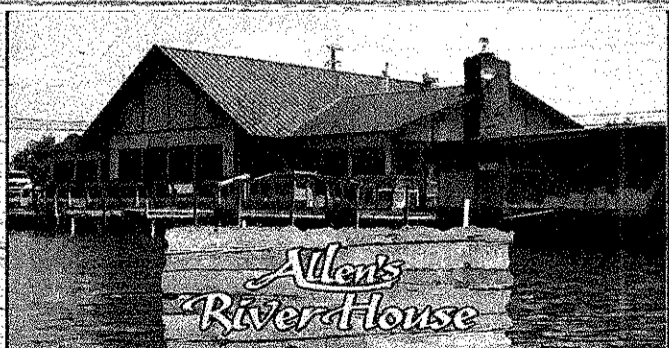
Mrs. Johnson was predeceased by her daughter, Elizabeth Anne Finken, proprietress of Sparky Herbert's, a Grosse Pointe landmark during the 1980s and 1990s. She also was predeceased by her husband.

Mrs. Johnson is survived by her children, Richard (Colleen) Johnson, Mary (Monte) Woodworth, Neil Johnson and Eric Johnson.

The memorial service and inurnment will be held at 11 a.m. July 16 at the Columbarium at St. Paul on the Lake Catholic Church, 157 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms.

Donations may be made to the Salvation Army Eastern Michigan Division, 16130 Northland Drive, Southfield, MI 48075 or the Grosse Pointe Animal Adoption Society, 18519 Mack Avenue, Detroit, MI 48236-3224.

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OBITUARIES: Loved ones remembered

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Frederica Koller Lombard

Longtime Grosse Pointe resident Frederica Koller Lombard, 72, died Friday, June 17, 2011, of congestive heart failure at St. John Hospital and Medical Center in Detroit.

She was the first woman to serve as a professor of law at Wayne State University Law School and was a longtime dean during her 41 years at the school.

Born April 22, 1939, in Reading, Pa., she deflected her parents' desire that she train to become a secretary and instead became the first member of her family to attend college. She graduated from Bryn Mawr College in 1961 and from the University of Pennsylvania Law School in 1964 where she was an editor of the Law Review. Following a clerkship for the chief judge of the Philadelphia Court of Common Pleas, she earned a Master of Laws degree from Yale Law School.

Mrs. Lombard began teaching at Wayne State University Law School in 1966, one of only a handful of female law professors in the nation. She met her husband, Arthur Lombard, who joined the law school faculty the same year. They married in 1968 and for several decades were the longest married couple in American law teaching.

In the 1970s, Mrs. Lombard was a founding member of Wayne State's Commission on the Status of Women which made strides correcting gender inequalities on campus. On the national level, she worked closely with another young law professor, Ruth Bader Ginsburg, now a U.S. Supreme Court Justice, to establish accreditation standards which prohibit law schools and firms interviewing on campus from discriminating against women. She played a significant role in litigation which ordered the nation's major university retirement plan, TIAA-CREF, to abandon its practice of paying female retirees lower monthly benefits than men because women generally live longer.

In 1992, Mrs. Lombard was appointed association dean of the Wayne State Law School. She held the position for an unprecedented 13 years. In 2003-2004 she served as interim Dean of the Law School. She had a major role in the expansion of the law school building in the early 2000s. Upon her retirement, at the urging of the student body, a major scholarship program was renamed the Lombard Scholarship Fund.

For the past 30 years, she and her husband were enthusiastic volunteers at the Manchester Music Festival, a chamber music festival near their vacation home in Vermont. At the time of her death, she was secretary of the festival's board of directors.

In December 2005, Mrs. Lombard underwent the first reported bone marrow transplant for a rare and fatal form of non-Hodgkin's lymphoma at the Dana-Farber Cancer Institute at Harvard. The transplant was successful and she will be forever known there as "Patient One."

Mrs. Lombard is survived by her husband of 42 years, Wayne County Circuit Judge Arthur Lombard; daughter, Lisa Lombard; son, David Lombard and his wife, Ramona Uritescu-Lombard and grandson, Alexander Lombard.

A private funeral was held.

Gwendolyn M. Ohman

Longtime Grosse Pointe Woods resident Gwendolyn M. "Gwen" Ohman died at home Saturday, June 11, 2011, following a joyous 90th birthday celebration with extended family and friends at the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club, Friday, June 10.

Born June 10, 1921, in Moline, Ill., to Swedish and Norwegian immigrants, Erik Henning Gustafson and Mildred Hansen Gustafson, Mrs. Ohman considered herself a native Detroiter, since she moved to Detroit before her first birthday.

She graduated from Southeastern High School in 1939, attended Wayne State University for two years before transferring to Augustana College in Rock Island, Ill., where she earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in psychology in 1943. She returned home to teach kindergarten, then auditorium at Columbus school in Detroit. While at Columbus, she and her co-auditorium teacher wrote, choreographed, developed costumes and produced a play commemorating Detroit's 250th birthday, including every child from kindergarten through eighth grade.

She married Carl Peter Ohman Oct. 21, 1950, in Joliet, Ill., moved into a new home in Grosse Pointe Woods in May 1951, designed and built by her architectural engineer husband, where she lived the remainder of her life. She left full-time teaching to raise her family, but continued to substitute teach throughout Detroit.

Active in church and community, Mrs. Ohman served as president of Priscilla Circle, chair of numerous Swedish Lucia pageants and mother-daughter banquets and treasurer of the Women's Guild for more than 30 years at Immanuel Lutheran Church on Detroit's east side.

In her later years, she was a member of Amity and Hope Circle and served on the Evangelism committee at First English Lutheran Church in Grosse Pointe Woods. Mrs. Ohman also served on the PTA, volunteered for Meals on Wheels and at Grosse Pointe North High School's Learning Resource Center.

She enjoyed 70-plus year friendships with women she met in intermediate, high school and college, forming Pi Delta Chi Sorority. Her sorority traveled together throughout their 20s, later enjoying dinner and cards with husbands at each other's homes every month.

A member of Crescent Sail Yacht Club since 1975, she also loved her "Crescent Girls," serving as co-chairwoman of the Regatta Cocktail Party, then co-chairwoman of the Regatta Luncheon for more than 30 years.

She was the loving and devoted mother of Diann Gwen Ohman of Grosse Pointe Woods. She was predeceased by her infant son, David Carl (Diann's twin), who died a day after birth in October 1955; and husband, Carl Peter, who died in December 2003.

Memorial services were held June 16 at First English Lutheran Church in Grosse Pointe Woods.

Donations may be made to First English Lutheran Church Building Fund, 800 Vernier, Grosse Pointe Woods, MI 48236; Lutheran Social Services of Michigan at lssm.org or Michigan Humane Society, 30300 Telegraph Road, Suite 220, Bingham Farms, MI 48025.

Christine Freiburger Roney

Longtime Grosse Pointe Farms resident Christine Freiburger Roney died Sunday, June 19, in her home after a brief illness, just six days after her weekly bridge game with long-time friends.

Born in Detroit and raised in Grosse Pointe, Mrs. Roney graduated from Grosse Pointe High School in 1933. She married John Kingsley Roney in 1936 and they enjoyed a long and happy life together until he died in 2002.

Loving wife, mother, grandmother and blessed with many dear friends, Mrs. Roney will be remembered for her elegance, intelligence, wit and prowess at bridge.

Mrs. Roney is survived by her children, Christine Bookmyer, Elizabeth (Lewis) Echlin, Kingsley (John) Croul and Patricia (Gary) Colett; 14 grandchildren; 20 great-grand-

children and her devoted caregiver, Donna Al-Hakim.

She was predeceased by her sons-in-law, Thomas Bookmyer and Donald Brosnan.

A memorial Mass will be celebrated at noon, Monday, June 27, at St. Paul on the Lake Catholic Church, 157 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms. Visitation begins at 11:30 a.m. in the church gathering space.

Donations may be made to St. Paul Educational Trust Fund, 157 Lakeshore Road, Grosse Pointe Farms, MI 48236 or St. John Providence Hospice, P.O. Box 673271, Detroit, MI 48267-3271.

James Patrick Murphy

James Patrick Murphy, 51, died suddenly Thursday, June 16, 2011.

He was the loving husband of Maria Flores and beloved son of Peter and Mary. He was the dearest brother of Maureen, Michael (Erica), John, Daniel (Diane) and Peter (Anna Maria), loving uncle of 18 nieces and nephews and dear son-in-law of Maria Zamora de Flores.

A funeral Mass was celebrated June 20 at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Detroit.

Donations may be made to Mr. Murphy's favorite charity, Casa de Santa Maria del Monte Carmelo in Bogota, Colombia. Contributions may be made at Bank of America locations in the name of James P. Murphy Memorial Trust.

Express condolences or share a memory at verheyden.org.

Denise M. Martin

Denise M., nee Williams, Martin, 82, a resident of the Southgate Community in Shrewsbury, Mass., died Sunday, June 12, 2011, at UMass Memorial Medical Center-Memorial Campus, after an extended illness.

She leaves behind her sons, Paul D. Lynch of Durham, N.H., and Michael K. Lynch and his wife, Suzanne, of Grosse Pointe; daughters, Katherine A. Lynch of Sonoma, Calif., and Deborah E. Finch and her husband, David, of Charlton, Mass. She also is survived by her grandchildren, Lauren, Kevin and Morgan Lynch, as well as many nieces, nephews, step-grandchildren and great-grandchildren who each enriched her life in so many ways.

She was predeceased by her former husband, Fred Q. Martin and three brothers.

Mrs. Martin was born in Detroit to Herbert N. and



Frederica Koller Lombard



Gwendolyn Ohman



Christine Freiburger Roney



James Patrick Murphy



Denise M. Martin



Winnifred Weyhing

Phyllis (nee Schultz) Williams. She graduated from Kingswood Cranbrook in Bloomfield Hills.

She was a devoted mother and worked with her former husband to build a successful manufacturing rep business when they lived in both Grosse Pointe and St. Clair. She was an active member of the Junior League and the St. Clair Country Club.

In 2004, Mrs. Martin moved to Massachusetts into the Southgate Community in Shrewsbury where she lived life to its fullest making many new friends and participating in golf, bowling, the flower committee and the Senior Olympics. She enjoyed the symphony, theater and the arts with her many friends. She enjoyed exploring the coast of Maine and planned a trip each year to discover a new region.

Mrs. Martin was a faithful member of All Saints Episcopal Church in Worcester, Mass.

A celebration of her life was held June 18 at All Saints Episcopal Church.

Donations may be made to All Saints Episcopal Church Memorial Fund, 10 Irving St., Worcester, MA 01609.

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Winnifred May Marsh Weyhing

Winnifred May Marsh, "Winnie," Weyhing passed away peacefully Thursday, June 16, 2011, six weeks short of her 96th birthday. A

"Camay" bride in 1939, she was predeceased by her husband of 63 years, Burt Thomas Weyhing Jr., who died in 2002 at age 91.

She was born July 22, 1915, in Lansing and attended Grosse Pointe High School, Ward Belmont College and Connecticut College for Women.

Mrs. Weyhing led a long and productive life, raising her five children and maintaining an active social, professional, charitable and volunteer presence in the Grosse Pointes for almost 80 years. She was a lifetime member of Grosse Pointe Memorial Church.

Mrs. Weyhing was also well-known in the Grosse Pointe communities for her dedication to finding "the right house" for all who sought her help during her more than 50 years as a real estate agent and broker. During her career, she worked with Toles Real Estate, Ann Goodman and Maxon Brothers Realtors and was among the first women in Grosse Pointe to obtain a sales associate license. She remained active in real estate and maintained her broker's license into her late 80s.

One of her greatest loves was sharing her cottage in Elk Rapids, where she spent her summers since early childhood with family and friends. She was deeply involved in the Elk Rapids community, actively volunteering at the Elk Rapids Museum and helping to collect and collate a history of the Elk Rapids area until 2009. In addition, she spent

many years organizing and maintaining the Higbe Maxon collection of early real estate documents, culminating in the donation of the Mrs. Winnifred M. Weyhing Real Estate Collection to the Grosse Pointe Historical Society in 1999.

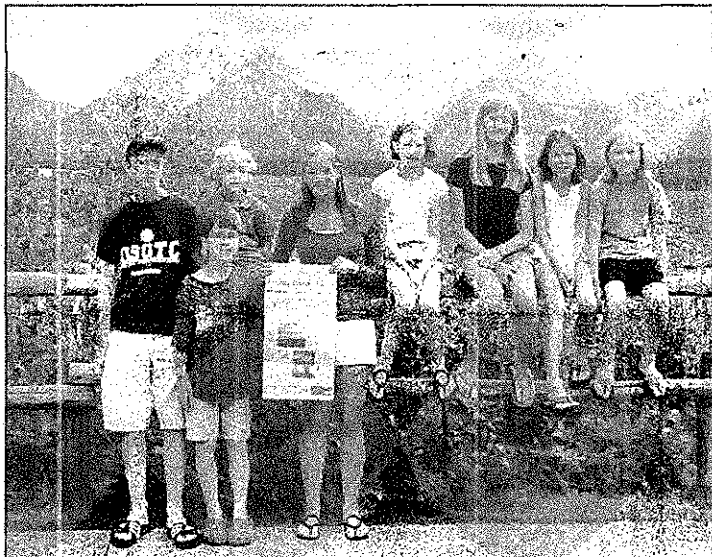
Mrs. Weyhing is survived by her five children; Burt T. Weyhing III (Andrea), Benjamin M. Weyhing (Bonnie), Marjorie M. Reynolds (Michael), James E. Weyhing (Nancy), Barbara W. Ettawagashk (Timothy), 16 grandchildren, and 21 great-grandchildren.

In addition to her husband, she was predeceased by her parents, Benjamin Raymond and Marjorie Bills Marsh; brothers, Benjamin Raymond Marsh (who was killed at Pearl Harbor) and Richard Bills Marsh, and her sister, Francis Marsh Bergman.

Mrs. Weyhing's family said she lived a happy and exemplary life. She was a giving and caring individual who was much loved by her family and friends.

A memorial celebration will be held by her family in Elk Rapids this summer.

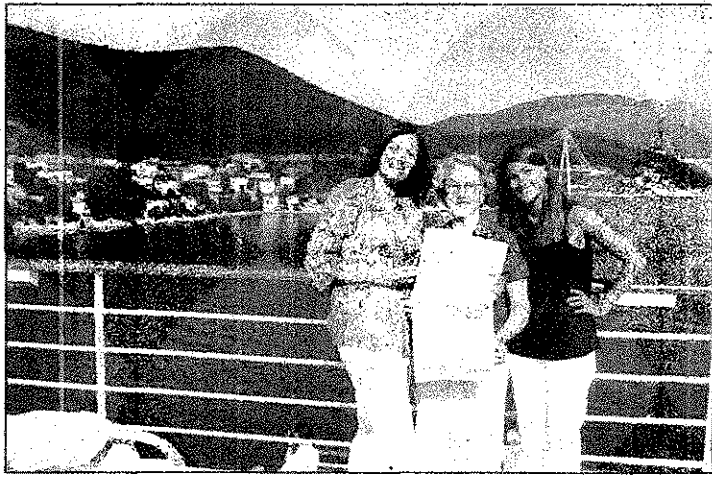
Donations may be made to American Diabetes Association, 30200 Telegraph Road, Suite 105, Bingham Farms, MI 48025; Alzheimer's Association Greater Michigan Chapter, 20300 Civic Center, Suite 100, Southfield, MI 48076 or the Elk Rapids Area Historical Society, 401 River St., Elk Rapids, MI 49629.



Above: Dorothy and Gene Ignasiak of Grosse Pointe Woods in Rome as part of their 60th wedding anniversary celebration.

Upper left: The Walker family of the City of Grosse Pointe and the Henry family of Grosse Pointe Farms vacationed in Grand Teton National Park. Pictured are the Walker and Henry children, from left to right: William, James, Willy, Chloe, Amelia, Elanore, Coco and Kate.

Left: Mary Ann Gutwald of Grosse Pointe Farms, center, with her daughter, Barbara Kostiuik and granddaughter, Stephanie Kostiuik, in Dubrovnik, Croatia, while on a Mediterranean cruise.



TEST DRIVE By Tim Zyla

2011 Lancer Sportback Ralliart

We're driving Mitsubishi's 2011 Lancer Sportback Ralliart — base price: \$27,895; price as tested: \$31,755.

This sporty 5-door hatchback is powered by a turbocharged and intercooled 2.0-liter 4 cylinder engine outputting 237 horsepower and 253 pound-feet of torque. This combo propels the 3,570 pound hatchback to 60 mph in about six seconds and is virtually the same engine used in big brother, Lancer Evolution, but with a smaller turbo that equates to about 60 less horsepower.

Hatchbacks are noted for cargo area and Ralliart provides more space versus Lancer sedan. However, when compared to the Sportback Ralliart's main rival, the Subaru WRX Hatchback, you'll find the trunk area lacking with a mere 13.8 cubic feet compared to the WRX's 19 cubic feet. Additionally, our tester's sole option — a \$3,100 touring package — features a nine speaker sound system with 10-inch subwoofer, so there will be even less room for the week's groceries back there.

Still, while a hatchback's cargo area is important, let's not forget performance.

Fuel mileage is fair at 17 city and 25 highway and is comparable to other cars in its class. We believe part of the mediocre gas mileage is due to the aggressive gearing and that Ralliart comes standard with AWD and a feature called Active Center Differential. ACD comes with three settings — tarmac, gravel and snow — that can be switched on the fly and helps the car get the power

down in any type of situation. Whether you're cruising down city streets or blasting through snow-covered roads, the Lancer Ralliart gets the job done.

One of its strongest features is its hugely popular 6-speed Twin Clutch Sportronic Shift Transmission. The TC-SST is one of the best transmissions we've tested not only in this price range, but beyond to higher priced cars. The combination uses dual clutches to complete gear changes and is faster than both conventional manual and automatic gearboxes. TC-SST shifts while retaining driveline horsepower losses similar to that of a stick shift. The gearbox operates, in short, by having the extra clutch preselect gears so when you command it to change, the car is already in a position to make a smooth and ultra quick shift.

One of the first things noticed when transmission testing began was the "correct" orientation of up-shifting and down-shifting in the manually-controlled Sportronic mode. To shift down, you bump the shifter up, toward the dash. Most cars over the years have this setup opposite, and still do, for reasons unknown. Additionally, the paddle shifters are basically useless in sporty or competitive driving situations as they are not mounted to the steering wheel itself, but rather the steering column. Granted, Lancer is a street car, but if race-inspired features such as paddle shifters are going to be implemented, they should be useful.

Thus, other than the worthwhile shift paddles, the transmission is absolutely brilliant. We suggest giving it a try versus a competitor's manual because

it's definitely a work of art.

Outside, Lancer comes standard with 18-inch alloy wheels wrapped with Yokohama Advan summer tires. The front end style is extremely aggressive compared to the rest of the car, as the back appears to be more of a "no frills" hatchback. This results in a somewhat confusing image, but rest assured — with the hood vent arrangement and front mount intercooler, Ralliart radiates a high performance impression. Standard dual exhaust and a chrome accented front grille round out the exterior appear-

ance while a sport-tuned suspension takes care of planting this Ralliart.

In our view, the interior drew mixed opinions. The gauge cluster is vibrant and well organized, while the steering wheel provides excellent grip and maneuverability. The shifter offers a good positive feel as well, which is needed because we couldn't keep our hands off it. The seats are extremely comfortable and seem to be the highlight of the interior.

The center of the dashboard, which houses the sound system's controls, is lacking and

appeared to be about 10 years out of date. The materials look inexpensive and the layout rather boring, which mismatches the rest of the car. All expected safety items are standard, including air bags, 4-wheel disc brakes, traction control and much more.

Important numbers include a wheelbase of 103.7 inches, 14.5 gallon fuel tank, 5.8-inch ground clearance and a 290 mile cruising range.

Mitsubishi's Sportback Ralliart is a fine performing car with an even better performing transmission. We have some

reservations on the styling and ergonomics, but feel Mitsubishi has a winner on its hands for the younger demographic. As for the Baby Boomer, this model offers enough utility to catch some of the older, performance-minded enthusiasts as well.

Likes: Performance, transmission, sport suspension.

Dislikes: Interior, rear design, paddle shifters.

Tim Zyla is an accomplished driver, journalism major and the 21-year-old son of automotive columnist Greg Zyla.



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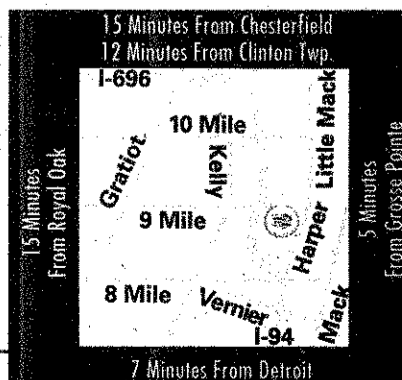
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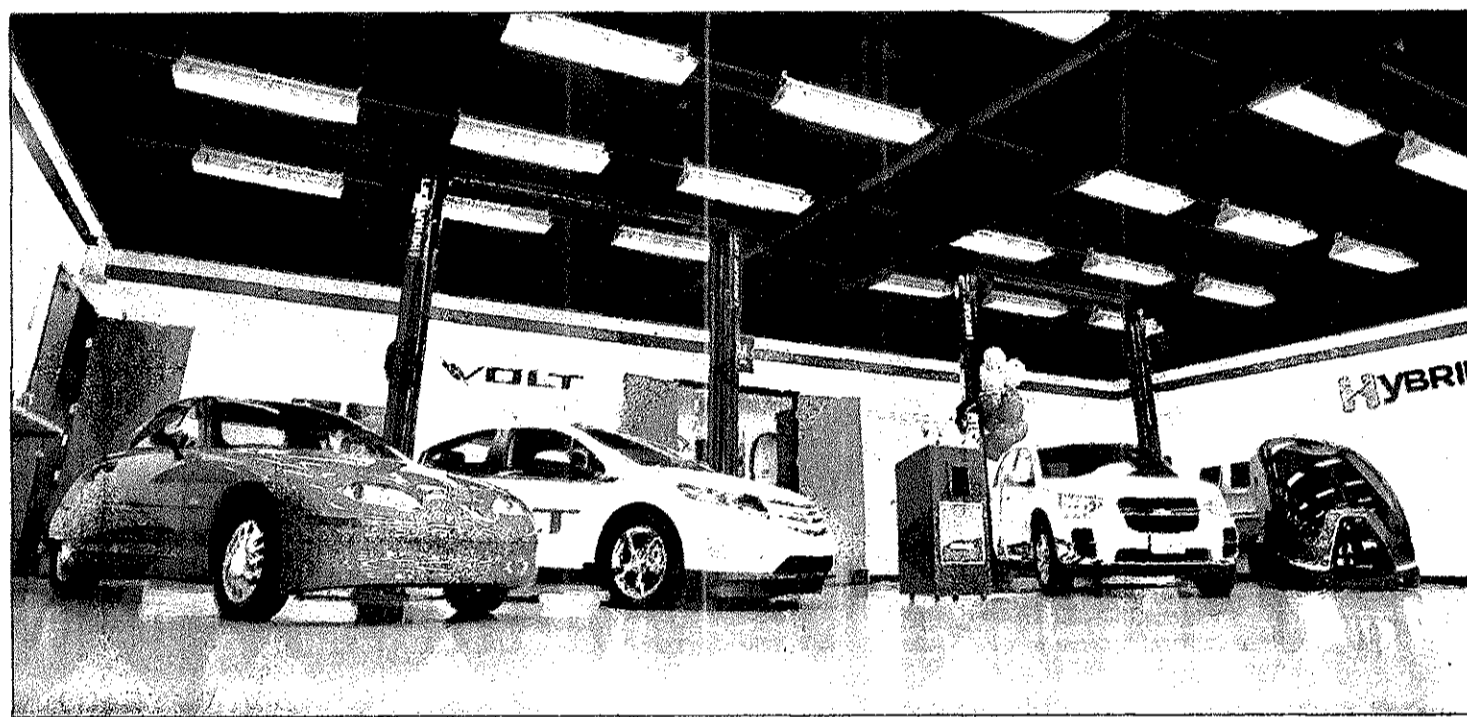
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A General Motors fuel cell vehicle, above, Chevrolet Volt, advanced technology vehicles, left, are parked at the new GM Torrance Advanced Technology Center in Torrance, Calif.

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AUTOS By Jenny King

Toyota turns Avalon into near-luxury car

We recently had a fling with a 2011 Toyota Avalon sedan. Time with the five-passenger test car was short and our driving excursions more brief than usual. But we were impressed with this full-size vehicle, particularly with the capacious rear seat and high levels of equipment. Wide-opening rear doors gave access to a comfortable bench seat with limousine-grade legroom.

With the restyled Avalon, Toyota is making buyer decisions easier by including a moonroof, leather-trimmed upholstery, backup monitor and reclining rear seat as standard on both the Avalon and Avalon Limited.

That rear seat may have everyone wanting to ride in the back for a change.

The newest Avalon represents an effort, the company says, to evoke "a

time when travel was sophisticated, elegant and comfortable." Indeed, it does, plus adding the benefit of a powerful enough 268-horsepower V-6 with six-speed automatic transmission for a contemporary 29 miles per gallon average in highway driving.

The restyling comes from Toyota's Cauty Design Research operation in Newport Beach, Calif. Some features are from the Toyota Technical Center in Ann Arbor. Final assembly is in Kentucky.

We found the new lines somewhat lackluster and the cypress pearl exterior, with gray interior, very conservative.

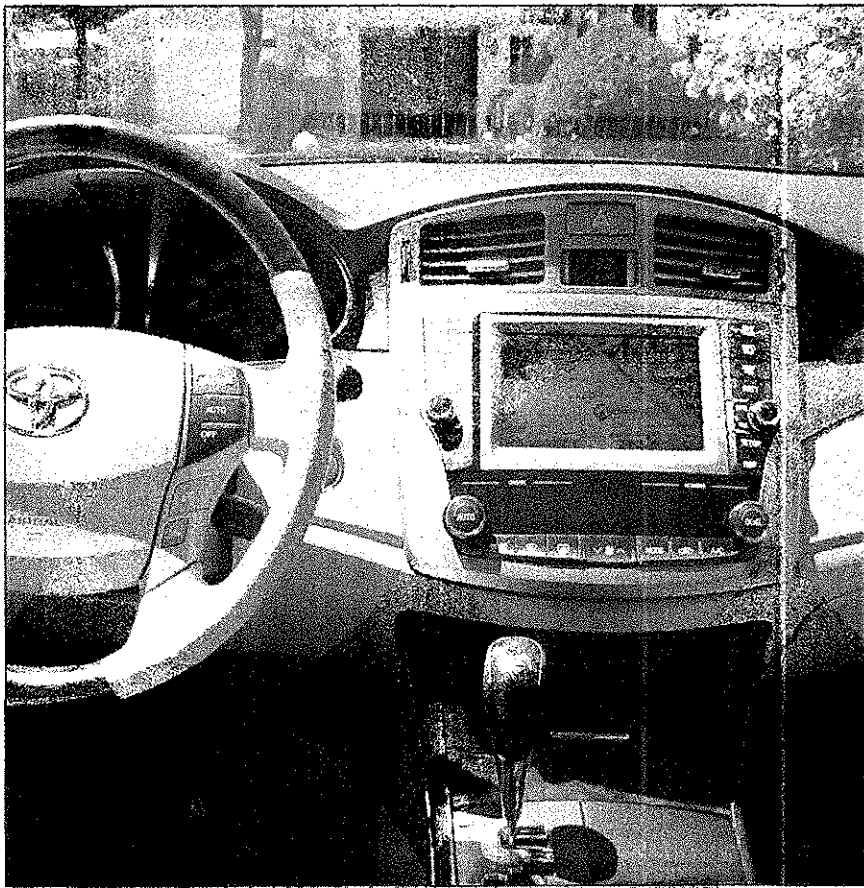
The good news is the 2011 Avalon is available in nine exterior colors, including zephyr blue metallic, sizzling crimson mica, cocoa bean metallic and blizzard pearl.

The base Avalon gives a choice of ivory, light gray and black interiors. There's a similar palette for the up-



PHOTOS BY JENNY KING

Above, long, wide and luxurious, the 2011 Avalon is the ultimate Toyota passenger car. Left, driver information is displayed on a large screen in the middle of the Avalon's instrument panel.



scale Limited model.

Seven air bags, including a front knee bag for the driver and side curtain air bags for both rows, are also standard.

Toyota's standard Star Safety System includes vehicle stability control, anti-lock braking with electronic brake force distribution, brake assist for added help in panic stops and traction control system.

Toyota says the traction control and vehicle stability control can be disengaged to free the car if stuck in

mud or snow.

Color and trim

Other standard safety and comfort features include an eight-way power driver's seat, dual zone automatic climate control with air filtration and 17-inch alloy wheels.

The Avalon Limited gains cooled leather-trimmed seats, an eight-way passenger's seat with lumbar support, driver's seat cushion extension for the long-legged, rain-sensing windshield wipers and Smart Key.

The Avalon can be upgraded with a JBL Synthesis sound system and heated front seats. Navigation is optional for both grades, Toyota says. The 2011 Avalon Limited has a base price of \$35,685.

A nav system tacked on \$1,450, a remote engine start function is \$529 and a preferred accessory package with glass breakage sensor is \$393. The standard Avalon starts at around \$32,500.

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AUTOWIRE.NET By Steve Schaefer

2011 Charger borrows lines from 1968 Charger

The Dodge Charger has received a major overhaul as the flagship vehicle of the Dodge Brand.

Greatly improved quality is just part of this redesign. While there was some grouching in the Mopar enthusiast community over the presence of four doors on the last generation Charger, as the originals were coupes, this new one takes on some of the dramatic styling of the iconic 1968, 1969 and 1970 models.

While the original 1966 and 1967 models were fastback versions of the Dodge Coronet sedan, the new ones flaunted sculpted sides, a tapered nose with hidden headlamps, extended sail panels on the roof

and dramatic taillamps. These new taillamps mirror the 1969-70 models in full-width design, and include 164 LEDs for a dramatic impression.

The EPA classifies the Charger as "Large," so it has lots of road presence and there's plenty of room inside. The interior is as redone as the outside. Since Fiat took over, extensive interior changes have been made.

The plastics have a high-quality feel and look, padded and well fitted. My wife appreciated the quilted, stitched look of the door panels. The thick steering wheel feels elegant and sporty. Situated in the center of the dash in my tester was the generously proportioned 8.4-inch diagonal Uconnect

screen. I set destinations using the friendly Garmin navigation system, adjusted the fully automatic climate control (with humidity sensor) and played with the audio system. I had some trouble figuring out how to set my iPod to shuffle and I had to reshuffle each time I got in to the car, otherwise it was flawless.

Chargers come in three levels: SE, R/T and R/T AWD. Dodge offers separate "lifestyle packages" too, including Rallye, Rallye Plus, R/T Plus, R/T Road & Track and R/T Max. The R/T/AWD model provides an all-wheel-drive system for enhanced traction in less than ideal weather conditions.

My "Toxic Orange Pearl

Coat" test car was an R/T with a 5.7-liter Hemi V8 engine.

Putting out 370 horsepower and 395 pound-feet of torque, it takes the 4,253-pound car from 0 to 60 mph in less than six seconds. The engine sound is pleasing, and with serious attention to filtering out all the undesirable wind and road noise, you can hear it clearly.

Fuel economy numbers are 16 city and 25 highway per the EPA. I averaged 17.1 miles per gallon, which is pretty good for a big sporty car.

The SE level uses a new 3.6-liter V6 that replaces two previous V6s, a 2.7 and a 3.5. Compared to the Hemi, it bumps up the fuel economy by a couple of miles per gallon and lowers the weight by a few

hundred pounds, and it is by no means a slouch. The EPA Green Vehicle numbers for the Hemi are six for air pollution and three for greenhouse gas, unsurprising for an engine of that size and power.

The new Charger gets new suspension and steering settings. These include all-new premium hydrobushings, combined with new monotube shock absorbers; revised spring rates; and redesigned front and rear multi-link suspension geometries. For a big car, the Charger handles tautly and smoothly.

Steering is upgraded with an all-new electro-hydraulic power steering system that features 25 percent quicker steering, precision road feel and im-

proved on-center tracking; it also reduces steering noise and fuel consumption.

Prices start at \$25,995 for the SE, including shipping. The R/T begins at \$30,995. My test car had a heaping helping of extras, including the road and track package at a cost of \$3,000, leather seats, heated second-row seats, 20-inch chrome alloy wheels, a blacked-out grille and more. The orange paint cost an extra \$295. Several other packages added other features. The bottom line on the window sticker was \$38,835.

Considering Dodge has benchmarked BMW and other luxury nameplates for the Charger, this car may be a bargain.

TEST DRIVE By Tim Zyla

2011 Jeep Liberty Renegade

The Renegade off road package has a base price of \$27,250; price as tested: \$31,700.

Liberty is Jeep's 4-door, 5-passenger SUV that comes in five trims, starting with a Sport 4X2 for \$23,250 up to the top-class Limited 4X4, which starts at \$28,250. Our Renegade is just a step below Limited, and features a more rugged style than the plush Limited.

All Liberty models come with a 3.7-liter V6 rated at 210 horsepower and 235 pound-feet of torque. A 4-speed automatic transmission with overdrive is standard on all trims. Jeep Liberty Renegade delivers 15 miles per gallon city and 21 highway. Our test drive included about 200 miles in normal driving conditions on public roads, and we encountered what many feel is a lack of power at lower speeds.

Overall, Liberty stays true to Jeep's rugged 4x4 heritage. Anyone involved in off roading on a regular basis may want to give the Liberty Renegade a look and you won't be disappointed.

As for Liberty's styling, the exterior is well done, especially with the Renegade package sporting 16-inch aluminum wheels painted in a gunmetal gray color. With fairly bulky all terrain tires, Renegade has an aggressive workhorse tone, thanks to Jeep's boxy body styling minus the circle headlights. All safety features are included, as are 4 wheel disc brakes, traction control, all the powers and Jeep's great 4x4 system with a "4-low" option.

Our Liberty tester came with the \$1,250 comfort seating group package that features leather bucket power seats with lumbar support. The seats worked well, were comfortable and all interior gauges and buttons were in easy reach or sight. Our tester also came with a \$1,585 navigation package, which includes an upgraded Infinity sound system and a navigation system with touch screen support. The lack of a physical seek button for the media center made changing songs nearly impossible on bumpy roads.

Our tester also featured the full open

roof package for \$1,075. For this package, Jeep cuts a giant hole in the roof and adds a retractable cloth soft top for cover. The opening is big — as it goes from the windshield to the rear seats — and is a mix between a convertible with a retractable soft top and sun roof. In earlier models with this feature, there were complaints about wind noise, but we found the option well laid out and not noisy.

Important numbers include a wheelbase of 106.1 inches, 4,278 curb weight, 31.5 cubic feet of cargo space, 2,000 pound tow capacity and a very good turning radius of 17.7 feet.

We recommend the 2011 Jeep Grand Cherokee over the Liberty Renegade unless its strictly off-road fun you have in mind. The Grand Cherokee starts at \$30,215.

Likes: 4x4 system, off-road capabilities, fun vehicle.

Dislikes: Outdated transmission, poor fuel mileage.

Tim Zyla writes regularly for Test Drive.

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Kercheval in the Park is just the place to check off items on the to-do list whether it's a hair trim, a present or a car repair that is needed.

Shop 'til you drop

By Kathy Ryan
Staff Writer

If you haven't shopped in Grosse Pointe Park lately, you have no idea what you're missing.

It's definitely time to grab the weekly shopping and to-do lists and head to Kercheval in the Park, the newest shopping area in the Pointes to discover what all the buzz is about.

What was once a sleepy little neighborhood gathering spot has become a viable and busy shopping district with something for just about everyone.

"I have been here for 22 years," said Patty Murie, owner of Lloyd David Antiques, "and it is great to see the changes. It's an exciting time for all of us."

Murie's antique store and estate sale business anchors one end of Kercheval in the Park, which runs from Nottingham to Wayburn, where Historical Courtyards and Gardens, a landscaping firm, anchors the south end. In between, cus-



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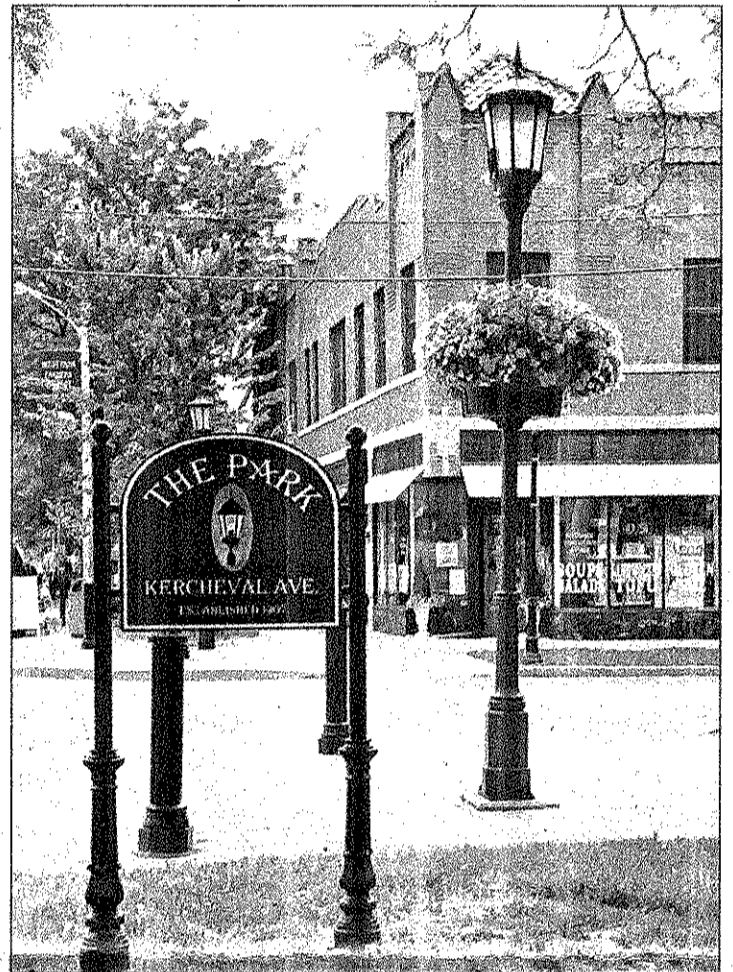
Above, Patty Murie of Lloyd David Antiques has been on Kercheval for 22 years. Right, welcome to The Park's Kercheval shopping.


tomers can shop for themselves, pets and houses. They can eat, drink and even pose for a personal sculpture.

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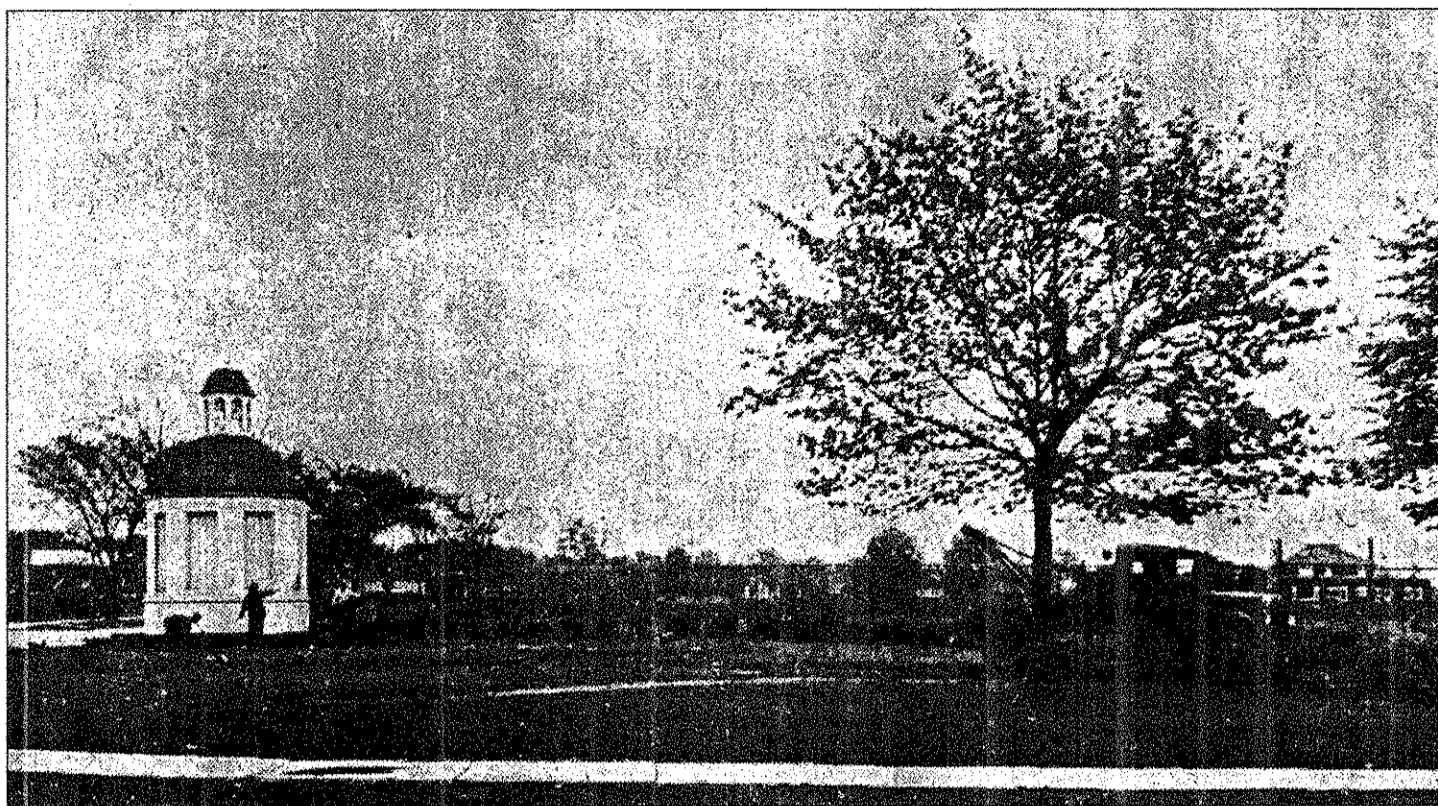
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FROM THE JUNE 22, 1961 ISSUE OF THE GROSSE POINTE NEWS

1961: Central Library

The Central Library now occupies this site. That's Fisher Road in the foreground and Kercheval is to the left. The picture was taken in the late 40's after the Pointe's shrine to the dead of World War II has been moved from the other end of the High School campus. When the Algiers gave the War Memorial Center to the community, the shrine was moved to a lakeside position there.

Editor's note: The following excerpts appear as they were printed in the Grosse Pointe News.

1961

50 years ago this week

◆ **WOODS READY TO FIGHT OPEN STREET:** The Woods Council decided to go to bat against the Village of Grosse Pointe Shores to get Hollywood Avenue opened for through traffic to Lakeshore Drive.

The Woods is faced with a succession of dead-end streets. They are fearful of being "chopped off" as street after street has been closed off to Lakeshore traffic.

In the rapidly developing northeast section of the Woods, the area between Vernier road and the Woods' lakefront park, there are only three streets that extend from the Woods down through the Shores to the lakeshore. They are Hawthorne, Hampton and Roslyn roads.

◆ **COUNTRY CLUB GOLF SHOP BADLY DAMAGED BY BLAZE:** One room of Joe Balfore's Golf Shop at the Country Club of Detroit was completely gutted by fire Wednesday night, shortly after the shop had closed.

Farms Fire Chief M. William Mason said that the fire, which

started behind the counter of the shop, is believed to have been started by a defective wire in the fuse box.

◆ **WATCHMAN TO GET ANOTHER CHANCE TO EXPLAIN:** An assistant watchman for a home on East Jefferson Avenue said he saw a mysterious intruder and fired warning shots in an effort to apprehend him. Later the watchman was found to possess a transistor radio that was taken from the poolhouse and modified his story. He has posted \$50 bond and will have another opportunity to describe the situation in City Court next week.

1986

25 years ago this week

◆ **PARK VOTERS APPROVE POLICE, FIRE MERGER:** There were smiles at city hall after the votes were tallied Tuesday night, and the mood at St. Ambrose hall, where the firefighters gather, was somber. It was a record turnout and the no votes won. The official start-up date to begin the consolidation of the police and fire departments is July 1.

The election was the culmination of a divisive issue that began several years ago when the first steps were taken to merge the fire and police departments into one public safe-

ty unit.

◆ **WAR MEMORIAL DENIED AGAIN:** The War Memorial's latest attempt to obtain a liquor license was turned down Monday, but the center still has at least one arrow left in its quiver. At a hearing tentatively set for July 10, War Memorial officials plan to appeal the Liquor Control Commission's denial of their request for a Class C resort license.

◆ **TWO RESIDENTS INDICTED FOR OPERATING BETTING RING:** Two Grosse Pointe men and a former Pointe resident were indicted along with 11 others for operating a sports gambling ring, according to a federal grand jury.

2001

10 years ago this week

◆ **WE ARE THE CHAMPIONS:** Grosse Pointe South High School's baseball team won the Division I baseball championship with a 2-1 victory over Grand Ledge.

◆ **SOUTH PRINCIPAL RETIRES:** After 20 years of service in the Grosse Pointe Public School System, Grosse Pointe South principal Ben Walker is leaving the district for a new venture.

◆ **GROSSE POINTE PARK'S PARK ATTEN-**

DANCE DOWN: Water in the swimming pool hardly rippled except for the measured strokes of the only swimmer at Windmill Pointe Park.

Lousy weather has kept attendance low at area parks.

2006

Five years ago this week

◆ **A WALK IN PARK FOR DOGS:** Grosse Pointe Woods added its name to the list of cities that has an official dog park after the city council unanimously approved a one-year trial basis at Lake Front Park adjacent to the Ford Estate.

◆ **COUNCIL WANTS MORE INFO:** The gas station on Mack in Grosse Pointe Woods inherited a chemical spill problem that has to be taken care of by state law.

Groundwater and Environmental Services Inc. was hired by the station owners to clean up the problem, but Woods city council put a hold on those plans because of a trailer GES needs as a home base doesn't meet city ordinances.

◆ **COUNCIL OKS PROPERTY SALE:** Grosse Pointe Park's city council agreed to sell the Comcast structure and accompanying parking lot for \$400,000 to the owner of Excalibur Park Tavern.

The city bought the property three years ago for \$350,000, but had yet to develop it.

— Compiled by Karen Fontanive



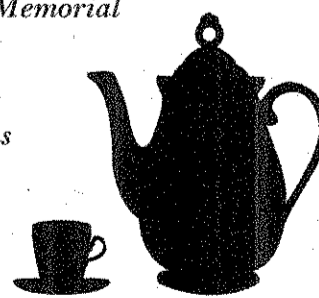
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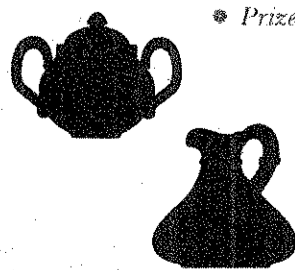
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Alexander William Thomas

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David and Lisa Thomas, of Grosse Pointe Farms, are the paternal grandparents.

Robert and Judith Ress, of Indiana, are the maternal grandparents.

Paternal great-grandparents are James and Lucille Evans, of Grosse Pointe Farms, and William and Erma Thomas, of St. Clair Shores.

Mark Andrew Shannon

William and Heidi Moks Shannon, of North Barrington, Ill., are the parents of a son, Mark Andrew Shannon, born May 4, 2011.

William and Rebecca McCoy, of Grosse Pointe Woods, and Raymond and Tina Moks, of Sterling Heights, are the maternal grandparents.

Paternal grandparents are Roger and Kay Shannon, of Oak Lawn, Ill.

The great-grandmother is Angenette Decraene, of Grosse Pointe Woods.

FACES & PLACES



Incoming officers

The 2011-12 officers for La Societe des Jardinieres are, from left, treasurer Kathie Smith, publicity Sandy Magreta, correspondence Phyllis Kerslake, president Pat Hays, vice president Kiki Herfert and directory Joanne Niederoest. The officers were elected during the June 9 business meeting.



Scholarship winners

The Grosse Pointe Sunrise Rotary Club distributed scholarships to Grosse Pointe South High School students Kelsey Whitney and Jennifer Stratelak; Grosse Pointe North students Haley Monaghan and William Rochte; Western Michigan University student, Aderonke Ibronke; Regina High School student, Clare Zink, Margaret Solomon, Mary Grace Bauer and Megan Murphy Kurza; Harper Woods High School student, Elyse Remenapp; and Denby High School students Maiya Dalton and Keyonia Walker. At right are William Lacey and club president John Brooks.

AREA ACTIVITIES



Club board

The 2011-12 Neighborhood Club Board of Trustees and the new executive director are, from left, secretary Laura Huebner, executive director Stu Alderman, president Peggy King Scully and treasurer Don Lindow.

League of Women Voters

The League of Women Voters of the Detroit metropolitan area meet at 11:30 a.m., Saturday, June 25, for its annual luncheon and fundraiser at Fortesa Restaurant, 543 N. Main, Rochester. Mickey Blashfield, director of governmental affairs for the Ambassador Bridge, and Tom Shields, president of Marketing Resource Group, present opposing views on the proposed new international trade crossing. A question and answer session is scheduled. For reservations, call Kathy at (248) 841-1131.

Radhanath Swami

Chicago-born Radhanath Swami speaks at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, June 28, at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms. He discusses his book, "The Journey Home." The book explains his Jewish background, treks across Europe, the Mid East and ending in India where he became a spiritual guide and philanthropist. A complementary vegetarian meal is provided. There will be classical Indian dancing and live kirtan music by Gaura Vani. For reservations, visit michigan@radhanathswami.com or call (248) 632-0740. Admission is free.

War Memorial

Discover the beers of Belgium in a 7 to 9 p.m. Thursday, June 30, class at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms. The class is an educational program featuring six beer styles ranging from traditional Trappist ales to avant garde. Instructor Anthony Minné tells the story of the diverse and popular brews of the world. The cost is \$28. Call (313) 881-7511 for reservations and more information.

Eastside Parkinson's

The Eastside Parkinson's Support Group meets at 1:30 p.m. Thursday, June 30, at St. Michael's Episcopal Church, 20475 Sunningdale, Grosse Pointe Woods. Members create container flower gardens. For more information, call Betty Rusnack at (313) 884-5778 or Jane Farley at (313) 886-4356.

Lake House

The Lake House, a resource for those touched by cancer, holds free orientations at 1 p.m. Wednesday, June 29, and 5:15 p.m. Thursday, June 23 and 30. The facility is located at 26701 Little Mack, St. Clair Shores. For more information, call (586) 777-7761.

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The Rotary Club of Grosse Pointe awards four scholarships to Grosse Pointe North and South high school seniors and inducts a club president for 2011-12, at 5:30 p.m. Monday, June 27, at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms.

Scholarships are being given to Emily Flom, Kelsey Bahr, Andrea Beach and London Dismukes.

Mark Wilson passes the gavel to his successor, William Scott. Several members will be recognized with club awards.

Cindy Bir, an expert on professional athletes, discussed her studies of the professional dances from "Dancing With the Stars" speaks at the July 11 meeting. The cost is \$13.

Sunrise Rotary

The Sunrise Rotary Club meets at 7 a.m. Tuesday, June 28, at The Hill Seafood & Chop House, 123 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe Farms.

Senior Men's Club

The Senior Men's Club of Grosse Pointe meets for lunch at 11 a.m. Tuesday, June 28, at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms.

The noon speaker, Mary Jo Fresard, discusses "Retired - Now What?"

For more information, call Eric Lindquist at (313) 530-8656.

Le Leche League

La Leche League, a mother-to-mother breast feeding information and support group, meets at 10 a.m. Thursday, June 28, at a Grosse Pointe Park house. For more information and meeting location, call Jessie at (313) 417-1944 or Jennifer at (313) 821-9196.

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CHURCH EVENTS

Presbyterian Church

Planning on viewing the annual Grosse Pointe Woods fireworks Sunday, June 26, from Parcels Field?

Start off the evening with a free picnic from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at Grosse Pointe Woods Presbyterian Church, 19950 Mack. The menu includes hot dogs, hamburgers, baked beans, chips and more. After dinner, walk to Parcels where the church has a special fireworks viewing spot with tarps and glow sticks.

First English

"Shake It Up Cafe" is the theme for the 2011 Vacation Bible School at First English Evangelical Lutheran Church Sunday, June 26 - Thursday, June 30.

The sessions are based upon the II Corinthians, 5:17, "If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation."

The week features story time, music, games, art and food. After the provided 5:45 p.m. supper, Bible school is from 6:30 to 8:15 p.m. The cost is \$10. Children ages 3 through middle school can attend. To register, call the church office at (313) 884-5040 or on the first night. The church is located at 800 Vernier, Grosse Pointe Woods.

Spaces for crafters are available for the 19th annual Fall Craft and Bake Sale in The Luther Center at First English Evangelical Lutheran Church.

The event, sponsored by the Women of the Church, is from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 8.

Table rental is \$32 or two tables for \$60. For more information, call craft show chairwoman Beverly Jackson at (586) 771-9049. Use of electricity is free.

Deadline to reserve is Sept. 30. Proceeds benefit projects within the church, such as new carpeting in the Gathering Area of The Luther Center.

Memorial Church

Grosse Pointe Memorial Church, 16 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms, hosts Koen Cosaert, of Mechelen, Belgium, for a 4 p.m., Thursday, June 30, carillon recital. He graduated from the Royal Carillon School in Mechelen.

Outdoor seating is available with a television screen for viewing. The carillon tower is open to visitors after the performance.

Admission is free and donations are accepted.



Koen Cosaert

PASTOR'S CORNER By Rev. Jim Rizer

The capacity of a father's love

I remember when my wife and I were expecting our second child. We were filled with excitement, anticipation and one big concern. Could we or would we love our second child as much as the first?

It wasn't that we didn't want to, it just seemed impossible to love another.

In fact, I was surprised by the incredible nature of love when Spencer, our oldest, was born. During the many hours of labor I sensed this wasn't going quite as described in the birthing classes.

At one point I thought about the worst case scenario and pondered, "If things don't go well and I can only walk out of the hospital with one, who would I choose?"

I tried to force the question out of my mind, but the answer was clear, the love of my life, my wife of eight years at that point. Fortunately such a

choice never materialized and after many hours of labor that ended in a C-section, Spencer was born. Not long after, I got to hold our son. In that moment I was overwhelmed by such a deep sense of unconditional love that I felt thankful and guilty.

With the dark choice lingering in my mind, I praised God it never came to that. While holding him I realized in my heart he was running neck and neck with Melissa. Eight years of marriage and all the joys and hazards of the journey that caused our love to grow and this baby, who I had just met, was nearly on par.

I was overwhelmed by the incredible nature of unconditional love.

Now nearly two years later as we were waiting for AJ to be born, we both wondered could it happen again. Our hearts seemed so full of love for Spencer there didn't seem room for another. We had babysat other infants and entertained nieces and nephews,

but it never quite felt like that.

Then the moment came and newborn AJ was placed in my arms and my fear was gone. I had in a new way experienced the expansive nature of love. In that moment, I was not only convinced that I could love AJ like Spencer, but that we could have many more children and there would be room in my heart for them.

For the record, we had one more and confirmed this truth.

In this Father's Day reflection, I wonder if we don't get a glimpse of the love of God, our heavenly father.

In 1 John 3:1 we read "Behold the love that the Father has lavished upon us, that we should be called children of God."

Behold the unconditional and expansive love that God has for us.

The Rev. Jim Rizer is the minister of the Grosse Pointe Woods Presbyterian Church.

ACTIVITIES: Organizations keep community vital

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Walk Michigan

Walk through Grosse Pointe Woods' Lake Front Park and be eligible to win a trip for two to Mackinac Island for the Labor Day Mackinac Bridge Walk. Entry forms are available at the park's entrance through Tuesday, July 26.

After one lap around the walking path, submit a completed form to the park ranger at the entrance gate.

The grand prize winner receives the four-day, three-night Labor Day weekend at Mission Point Resort.

The City of Grosse Pointe Woods and the Michigan Recreation and Park Association are co-sponsors of Walk

Michigan, a statewide incentive program to encourage exercise as a healthy lifestyle.

Walk Michigan is open to Grosse Pointe Woods residents of all ages and is a free contest.

NAMI

The National Alliance for the Mentally Ill is selling 2012 entertainment books for \$25.

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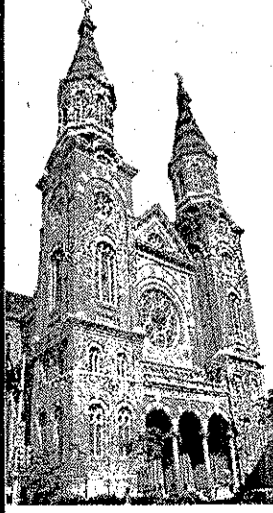
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HEALTH POINT By Jeanne Soncrant

Service dogs provide emotional patient support

St. John Providence's West Region Facility Dog program, launched in 2009, is a big hit for the patients and associates involved in the effort.

Based on this success, St. John Providence introduces an East Region Facility Dog Program this summer, with the first canine associate arriving at St. John Macomb Oakland Hospital - Macomb Center in late July.

Dogs arrive after that at St. John Macomb Oakland Hospital - Oakland Center, St. John Hospital and Medical Center and St. John River District

Hospital in eight-week intervals respectively.

East Region Facility dogs are provided by Paradise Dog Training, a group that trains and provides service dogs to people who are physically disabled, sound-impaired, and/or cognitive/developmentally disabled. The dogs are owned and cared for by hospitals, their sole purpose is to enhance the patient experience. For canine-loving patients who ask for visits, these highly socialized dogs serve as "warm and fuzzy" representatives of the hospital, providing emotional support and help patients contend with separation from their own pets.

The dogs "come to work" Monday through Friday, but spend their non-working hours living with a host family as a regular family dog. The canines are members of the East Region Volunteer Department, and their care is funded by the hospitals. Program policies and guidelines are based on those developed for the west region's program.

Each dog has one or two host families and an alternate, as well as several handlers and an on-site host department where each dog resides when not visiting patients.

Volunteer services is recruiting volunteer handlers to take the dog on its

patient visits around the hospital. All handlers must participate in a 12-hour Paradise Dog Training course which includes handling skills, vocabulary and hand signals, scripting and infection control practices. Each volunteer handler is assigned one weekly four-hour, daytime shift. In addition to completing the training program, all handlers are required to meet certain criteria, including:

- ◆ Excellent interpersonal communication skills.
- ◆ Able to stand and walk for long periods of time, and comfortably move throughout the hospital.
- ◆ Comfortable with dogs

◆ Good attendance.

◆ Reliable, responsible and conscientious.

Upon successful completion of the course, each handler is shadowed by a Paradise Dog Training representative — as visits are conducted.

Paradise Dog Training shadows the handlers for about two months.

Following this period, members of the Facility Dog Steering Committee randomly shadow visits.

To volunteer to be a handler, contact Jeanne Soncrant at (313) 343-3681.

Soncrant is manager, volunteer services, SJPHS East Region.



Scholarship winners

Three \$2,000 college scholarships were presented to area high school students by The Henry Ford Medical Center - Cottage Auxiliary during its annual spring general meeting.

The scholarships are given to high school seniors planning to pursue health care careers. Applications must be accompanied by two letters of recommendation, official school transcripts, an extracurricular activities form and a 500-word essay.

"The mission of the Cottage Auxiliary has always been to raise funds for patient services at Henry Ford Medical Center - Cottage," said auxiliary past-president and 2011 scholarship chairman, Melissa Maghielse, of Grosse Pointe Park. "But for many years, we have been committed to and truly enjoy providing these generous scholarships to very motivated, bright area students who want to become health care professionals."

From left, Cottage scholarship committee chairwoman Melissa Maghielse, of Grosse Pointe Park; Grosse Pointe South High School graduate, Dan Dou, who will attend Harvard University, and his mother, Anna Wang; Steven and Susan Brock, of Grosse Pointe Woods, parents of scholarship winner Rachel Brock, a Grosse Pointe North graduate, who will attend the Michigan State University Honors College; and Grosse Pointe South High School senior Emily Flom, who will attend Amherst College and her parents Pamela and William Flom, of Grosse Pointe Farms; and Cottage Auxiliary Chairwoman Sigrid Carlson, of Grosse Pointe Woods.

ASK THE EXPERTS By Kathy Rager

Focus party on achievements



Q. My 17-year-old daughter will be 18 in July and wants a combination birthday and graduation party. I know it is wise to not serve alcohol at teen parties, but I am afraid none of my friends will come.

Alcohol use is legal for adults and I feel a non-alcoholic party punishes me. I am also concerned the teens may drink too much and I will get in legal trouble.

A. I hate to be blunt, but I will. If your friends and you view an alcohol-free party a punishment, you need to look at your priorities and perhaps, your own alcohol use. After all, this is a party for your daughter and her friends. It should focus on her accomplishments and what is healthy for her.

Your legal concerns are legit-

imate. Many judges are taking seriously the illegal serving of alcohol to a minor. If a parent serves alcohol to a minor, even his own child, he is breaking the law. In Michigan, the legal drinking age is 21.

Michigan parents, under social host liability laws, can be responsible for what happens to an underage drinker if they knowingly serve alcohol or leave accessible alcohol in a house and they are not present. If the teen is in an automobile accident or is otherwise harmed after leaving a house where they have used alcohol, parents can face financial and legal consequences. A recent case involved a youth who drowned after drinking at a house party. The parents faced criminal charges and a lawsuit was filed by the parents of the deceased child. This does not even address the guilt that can last a lifetime.

There are some steps you can put in place to minimize liability.

- ◆ Do not allow an open party.

- ◆ Know who your child is inviting.

- ◆ Set a definite start and end time and choose daytime parties when possible.

- ◆ Set ground rules. No smoking, no alcoholic beverages or drugs.

- ◆ No leaving and returning to the party.

- ◆ Certain rooms in your house are off limits.

Rager is executive director of Community Assessment Referral & Education (CARE). She can be reached at (586) 541-0033 or krager@careofmacomb.com. For more about CARE, visit careofmacomb.com.

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Henry Ford Health System tops ranks nationally

Company rated in four areas

For the second consecutive year, Henry Ford Health System is ranked the top hospital system in the nation for diversity by DiversityInc.

Companies are rated in four areas; CEO commitment, workforce diversity, supplier diversity and community and five are selected each year.

"This is a great honor for Henry Ford Health System," said Randy Walker, Henry Ford's chief diversity officer.

"What makes Henry Ford different in diversity beyond the great commitment we get from our CEO and senior leadership is that we

focus on diversity and inclusion in everything we do."

Diversity Inc. specifically noted CEO Nancy Schlichting's commitment to diversity and the attention dedicated to it on the health system's website, henryford.com/diversity.

"Health care is a growing industry and we are thinking about ways to work with the other hospital systems on the list to leverage each other and share our best practices," Walker said.

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Easy Riders

The Easy Riders Bicycle Club is on the move with rides beginning at 9 a.m. Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays, meeting in the Ghesquire Park baseball diamond parking lot on Jackson and Kenmore, Grosse Pointe Woods. Rides through the Grosse Pointes are 10 to 12 miles with water breaks every five miles. The club has a 9 a.m. Saturday, June 18, ride slated. Riders meet at Ghesquire Park. At 9:30 a.m. Sunday, June 26, riders meet at Rochester Municipal Park, 608 Seventh St. To register for the latter ride, call Frank Clark at (586) 293-4858. For more information about the club, call Barbara Teranes at (313) 885-2646.

**SHOPPING:
Business brisk
in the Park**

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Pointers, the old regulars are welcoming the "new kids on the block" with open arms, pleased with the new spirit that has been infused into the area while keeping close neighborhood traditions.

From Belding Cleaners, a fixture on the corner of Kercheval and Maryland for more than 80 years to the newest addition, Greengos, an eatery featuring a vegan and gluten-free menu, started by Grosse Pointe natives Michell Danel and James Folden.

"We love the neighborhood," Danel said, "and we're happy to be a part of it. We offer all natural foods made from scratch. And we're trying to keep everything local by buying our products from organic farmers in Michigan."

Local is the recurring theme along Kercheval in the Park, as evidenced by the offerings of the merchants. A typical errand run to Kercheval in the Park would allow you to drop off the dry cleaning at Belding

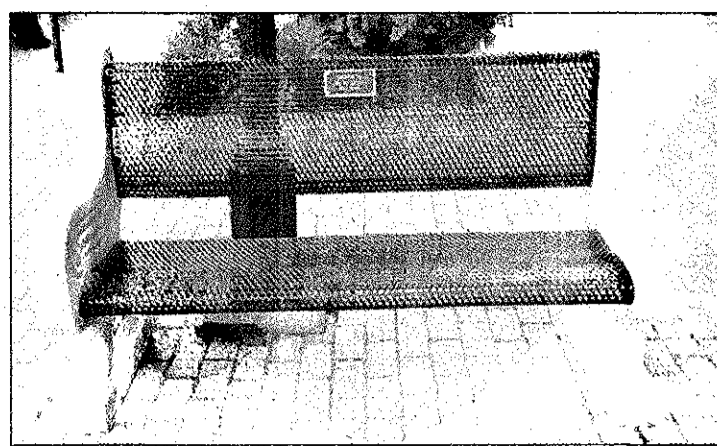


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Benches have been donated by business groups and placed in the shade for customers.

Cleaners, renew prescriptions at Park Pharmacy, get the screens fixed at Pointe Hardware, get the car's oil changed at Grosse Pointe Auto Repair, have the dog vaccinated at the Grosse Pointe Animal Clinic and then stop for a cold beverage at Rustic Cabins. Pull out the grocery list and head to Muiler's Market, a fixture in the neighborhood for more than half a century, for staples, not to mention the Sisters' Salad. But if a recipe calls for something a bit more sophisticated, the Sprout House probably has just what you need for that health-conscious dish.

Hungry? There's something for every palate, from omelets with everything at Janet's Lunch, to subs and pizza from Buscemi's, to Italian fare at Antonio's in the Park or Greek dinners and wraps at the Park Grill. Or pick up a carryout of General Tso's chicken and egg foo young at the Summer Palace.

And while the name has changed, the scones are the same at Fou d'amour, the former Just Delicious.

"Our name means 'madly in love' and we like to add 'with food'," said co-owner Darcy Towns, who along with Michele Makowski still turns out the scones for which the cafe is famous, but has added something new for dinner.

"We offer a carryout dinner on Wednesday nights which people can order online," she said. "Just call us and we'll add you to our e-mail list, and we'll let you know what's for dinner. If you would like to order, simply respond by e-mail and we'll have it ready for you."

Fou d'amour is also offering two different casseroles each week people can order, put in the refrigerator at home and heat up when it's convenient.

And if you feel the need to work off those scones, head across the street to Empowered, a new fitness center offering classes for both children and adults. From tumbling classes for 4 year olds to yoga classes for all ages, Empowered is a new concept in physical fitness, offering certified personal trainers at reasonable prices for all members of the

family. Or you could simply walk the avenue, browse the art galleries and interior design studios, shop for clothes at the two upscale resale shops, Full Circle and Fashion Sense, or pick up a new toy for the family cat or dog at Pointe Pet Supply.

"We have been here for 17 years," said Cheri Musial, owner of the pet emporium. "We love the area, and we're excited by so many new businesses. It helps us all."

Helping all businesses is the goal of the Grosse Pointe Park Business Association, the group overseeing much of the beautification work along Kercheval in the Park, including flowers, welcoming signs and new benches. The driving force behind the group is its president, Joe Habeka, owner of Belding Cleaners and the district's head cheerleader.

"We have so much to offer here," he said. "Our neighbors have always known about us, but we want to make all the Pointes aware of the newest addition to the Hill and the Village."

A great Saturday addition is the West Park Farmers Market, offering a wide selection of locally grown produce, flowers and unusual handmade items.

"We love the activity that the market creates," Murie said, noting many businesses offer specials on market Saturdays.

And the impact the area has had on the overall well-being of the Park has not been lost on city officials.

"The growth of the area reflects a confidence in the area and the Park in general," said Park Councilman James Robson, a 35-year resident of the area. "I'm really excited by what's happening there."

Robson noted the Park fully supports new businesses coming into the area and praised the work of the Grosse Pointe Park Business Association.

"It's a great place to live and shop," he said. "Our goal is to attract young families to the area, and many of our new businesses will do just that. Once people and businesses move in, they fall in love with the neighborhood."

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Fairy tale art on display

The Edsel & Eleanor Ford House displays fairy tale art from July 16 through Sept. 18.

The exhibit features 59 illustrations from classic fairy tales, such as "The Firebird," "Cinderella," "Sleeping Beauty" and "Little Red Riding Hood," as well as modern variations on traditional tales. The illustrations by award-winning artists from across the globe are coupled with the story behind the tales and the history of their effect on past and present cultures.



"Little Red Riding Hood Opens Grandmother's Door" by artist Trina Schart Hyman

The Ford House grounds set the stage for a day of imagination and wonder as fairy tales from the exhibit come to life during its first Fairy Tale Festival Saturday, July 23.

Building on the Michigan Library Association's summer reading theme, "One World, Many Stories," the festival takes a global look at the tradition of storytelling through stories, fables and folklore; encouraging parents and children to read and explore the stories together.

With a variety of family-focused events and hands-on activities, the festival offers something for all ages. Multiple stages host performances, such as "Fractured Fairy Tales" from the Grosse Pointe Theatre, the Magic Carpet Ride Theatre's interactive telling of classic fairy tales, "Magical Tunes and Marvelous

Tales" from the Michigan Philharmonic, Greg Lester's "Puppet Adventures" and marimba virtuosos "Marimbamania! — Music from Around the World."

Favorite fairy tale characters also stroll through the festival and multi-cultural storytellers, a petting zoo of live fairy tale animals, story circles, croquet, a life-size chess set and a concession area decorated like a Mad Hatter's Tea Party are featured. Children can also try mural painting, craft making or climbing aboard Cinderella's carriage.

The inspiration for presenting fairy tales comes from Josephine Ford's Play House, a two-thirds scale Tudor-like house decorated with characters from well-known nursery rhymes, such as "Hey Diddle Diddle," "Humpty Dumpty" and "Little Miss Muffet."

Guests receive a coloring book of the playhouse nursery rhyme carvings as a keepsake.

"Ford House was a truly magical place for Edsel and Eleanor Ford and their children," said Kathleen Mullins, president of Ford House. "We're delighted to share this wonderful new exhibit, festival and programs with our guests and hope that they, too, will be enchanted by their surroundings and use the opportunity to create special memories together."

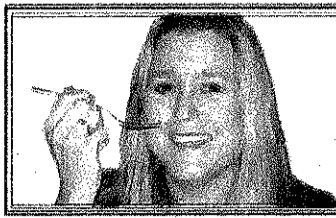
A series of lectures and workshops for adults exploring writing, illustration and a deeper look at the messages behind fairy tales is offered in August.

Admittance to the Fairy Tale Art exhibit is included with general admission and is free to members. Tickets for the Fairy Tale Festival are \$10 in advance and \$12 at the door. To purchase tickets and download a complete list of activities, visit fordhouse.org.

Fairy Tale Art and the Fairy Tale Festival are made possible in part through the support of the Michigan Humanities Council. Fairy Tale Festival partners include MetroParent Magazine, The Parade Company, Ford Motor Company Fund, Radio Disney, Grosse Pointe Public School System and Grosse Pointe Public Library.

A LA ANNIE By Annie Rouleau-Scheriff

Berry good time for dessert



Trifles are a favorite dessert of mine — cake, custard and fruit layered in a clear glass bowl. This is the perfect excuse to take advantage of berry season, while the prices are a bit lower, to create a simple summer berry trifle with vanilla (pudding) custard and little sponge cakes. Yummy.

Summer Berry Trifle

- 1 1/2 cups blueberries
 - 1 1/2 cups raspberries
 - 1 1/2 cups strawberries, cut into bite-sized pieces
 - 1/4 cup triple sec
 - 1/4 cup grapefruit juice
 - 2 tablespoons sugar
 - 2 - 4 oz. boxes French vanilla instant pudding
 - 2 cups whole (or 2 percent) milk
 - 2 cups heavy cream
 - 2 - 5 oz. packages dessert shells, cut into bite-size pieces
- Combine blueberries, raspberries and strawberries in a medium bowl. Add triple sec, grapefruit juice and sugar and gently toss. Set aside.

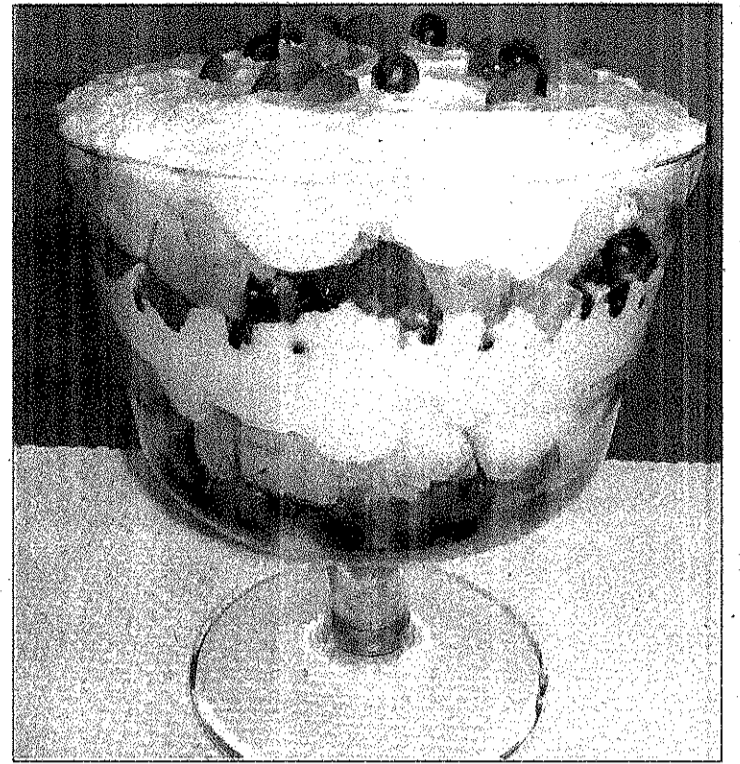


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Celebrate Michigan's fruits with Annie's summer berry trifle.

In another medium bowl, beat together pudding with milk and heavy cream until well blended and smooth. To assemble the trifle, ladle half the berries (with juice) into bottom of a trifle bowl.

Top with half the cut sponge shells, pressing firmly to make a solid layer.

Top with half the custard, spreading evenly and all the way to the trifle bowl's edges.

Repeat layers, ending with custard on top. Garnish with fresh berries.

The fun thing about making a trifle is you can change up the cake or the fruit to your liking. If you can't have alcohol, add more juice.

As you serve the trifle, the layers of flavor come together in each bowl. This is a great way to celebrate the berries of summer.

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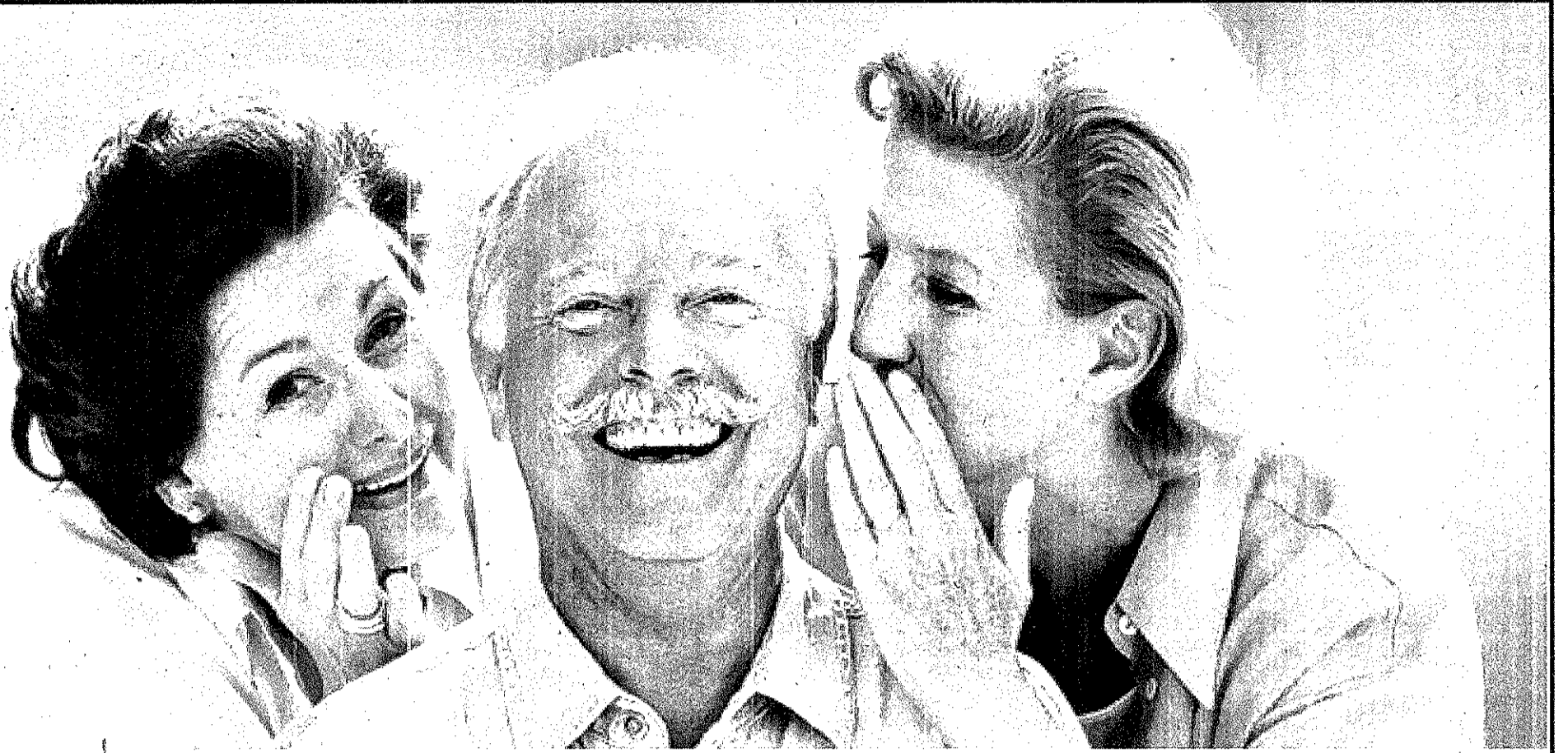
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BASEBALL

Knights win state championship

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

University Liggett's boys' baseball team won the Division 4 state championship last weekend, beating Merrill 5-1 in the title game at C.O. Brown Stadium in Battle Creek.

"It was a truly great season," head coach Dan Cimini said. "All the hard work, the pain, sweat and tears all came together today. Everything came together."

The last time Liggett won a state title was in 1979, beating Frankfurt 4-3.

Upset-minded Merrill, 18-12 overall, took a 1-0 lead with a run in the top of the first inning after a Phil Pierce and Dustin DeBeau single.

Senior Nate Weiss settled down, inducing a double-play to help the Knights get out of the inning giving up just the one run.

It was still a one-run game in the bottom of the sixth inning when the Knights scored their five runs.

Senior Dominic Jamett walked, leading off the inning, and sophomore Connor Fannon doubled him home with a close play at the plate.

"It was a bang-bang play at



PHOTO BY RENATO JAMETT

See TITLE, page 2C Members of Liggett's baseball team pose for the championship picture after beating Merrill 5-1 to win the Division 4 state crown.



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the plate, but Dominic was safe," Cimini said. "I think the guys were pressing a bit, but I knew we could get the runs we needed to win. We had some clutch hits in that inning."

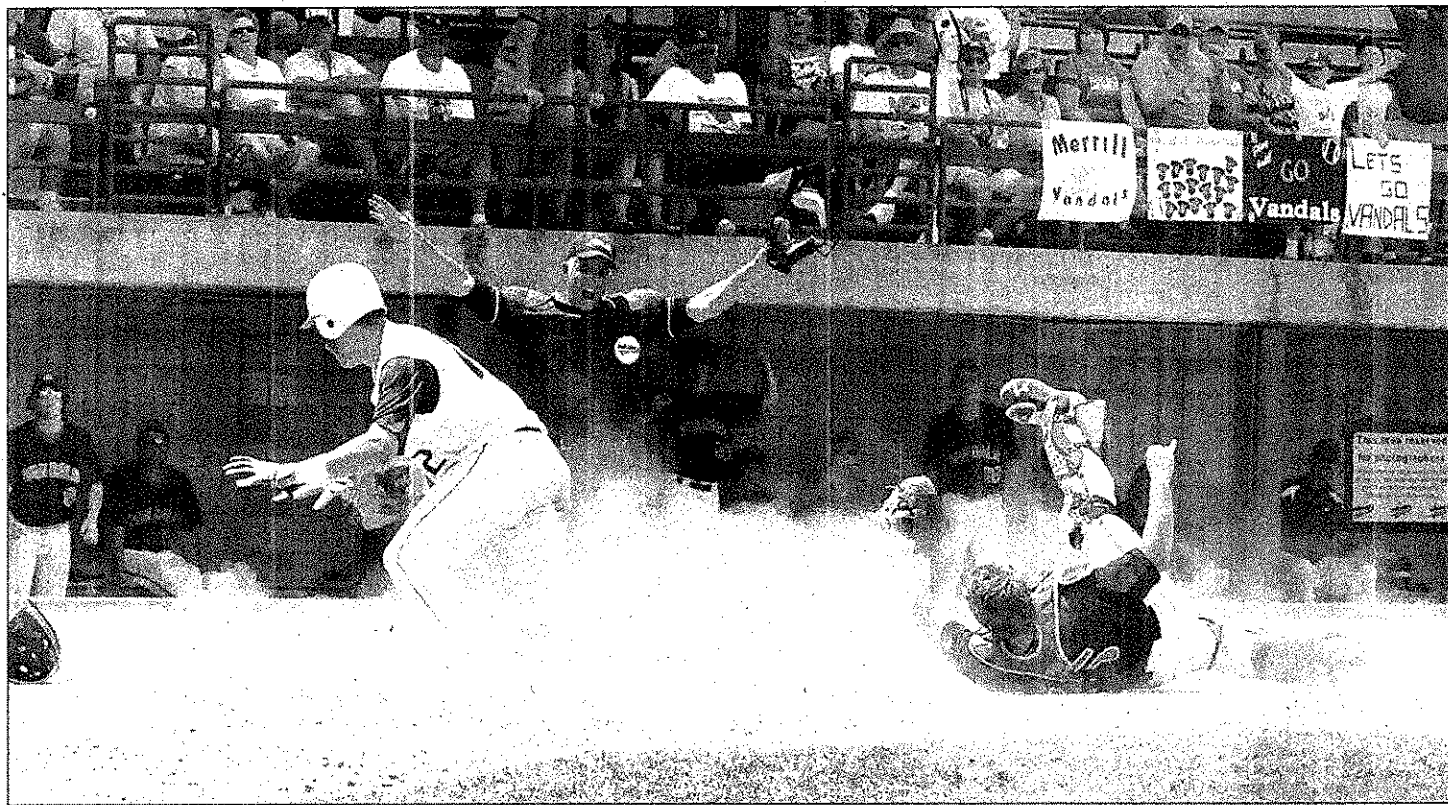
Sophomore Nate Gaggin had an RBI single, sophomore Kevin Allen had an RBI single and another run scored on an error.

Weiss came out in the top of the seventh inning and got Merrill out one-two-three. With one out left, Cimini's emotions got the best of him.

"I couldn't help it," he said. "These guys and some of the guys from years past were in the dugout and this was for all us who worked hard to get the championship."

The Knights players also gave Cimini a Gatorade shower following the mad celebration on the mound.

Fannon was 2-for-4 with a run and RBI, while Gaggin was 1-for-2 with a run, RBI and walk. Senior Carl Ghafari was 1-for-3 with a run and RBI and Weiss was 1-for-3 with a



Senior Dominic Jamett slides in safely with the tying run in the fifth inning of the Knights' title game against Merrill.

PHOTOS BY RENATO JAMETT

run and stolen base.

Allen was also 1-for-3, while Jamett was 0-for-1 with a run and three walks. Sophomore Mark Auk also had a hit and stolen base.

Liggett finished its championship season 30-4 overall. During the Knights' eight-game playoff run, they outscored the opposition 58-4

"We never lost to a Division 3 or Division 4 team," Cimini said. "Our only losses came to Divine Child, Grosse Pointe South and Dakota."

Liggett advanced to the championship game by using a four-run fifth inning to beat two-time defending title winner Beal City 5-1 in the semifinals.

"It was a battle of two good pitchers and two good teams," Cimini said. "It was a good game and we came through with a big fifth inning, combined with another great start from Alex and good defense."

The Knights scored a run in the bottom of the first, but Beal City tied with a run in the top of the second.

Junior Alex Daar and Beal City's Brandon Holsworth blanked the opposition until the bottom of the fifth inning when Jamett had a huge two-

run double to give the Knights a 3-1 advantage.

Daar and Gaggin followed with run-scoring hits to complete the scoring.

Daar did the rest on the mound, limiting the defending champs to only five hits in seven innings on the mound. He walked three and struck out nine to earn a win just three days after shutting down Petersburg-Summerfield.

Senior Joe Simon was 2-for-4 with two runs and a double, while Daar was 2-for-3 with

two RBIs and Gaggin was 2-for-3 with an RBI and a double.

Others with one hit were Auk, Jamett, Allen and Ghafari.

Freshman Patrick Broder pinch ran for Daar and promptly stole a base and scored a run.

In the quarterfinals, Daar was once again dominant, tossing a two-hitter as Liggett blanked Petersburg-Summerfield 9-0.

He struck out 12 and didn't give up his first hit until the fifth inning.

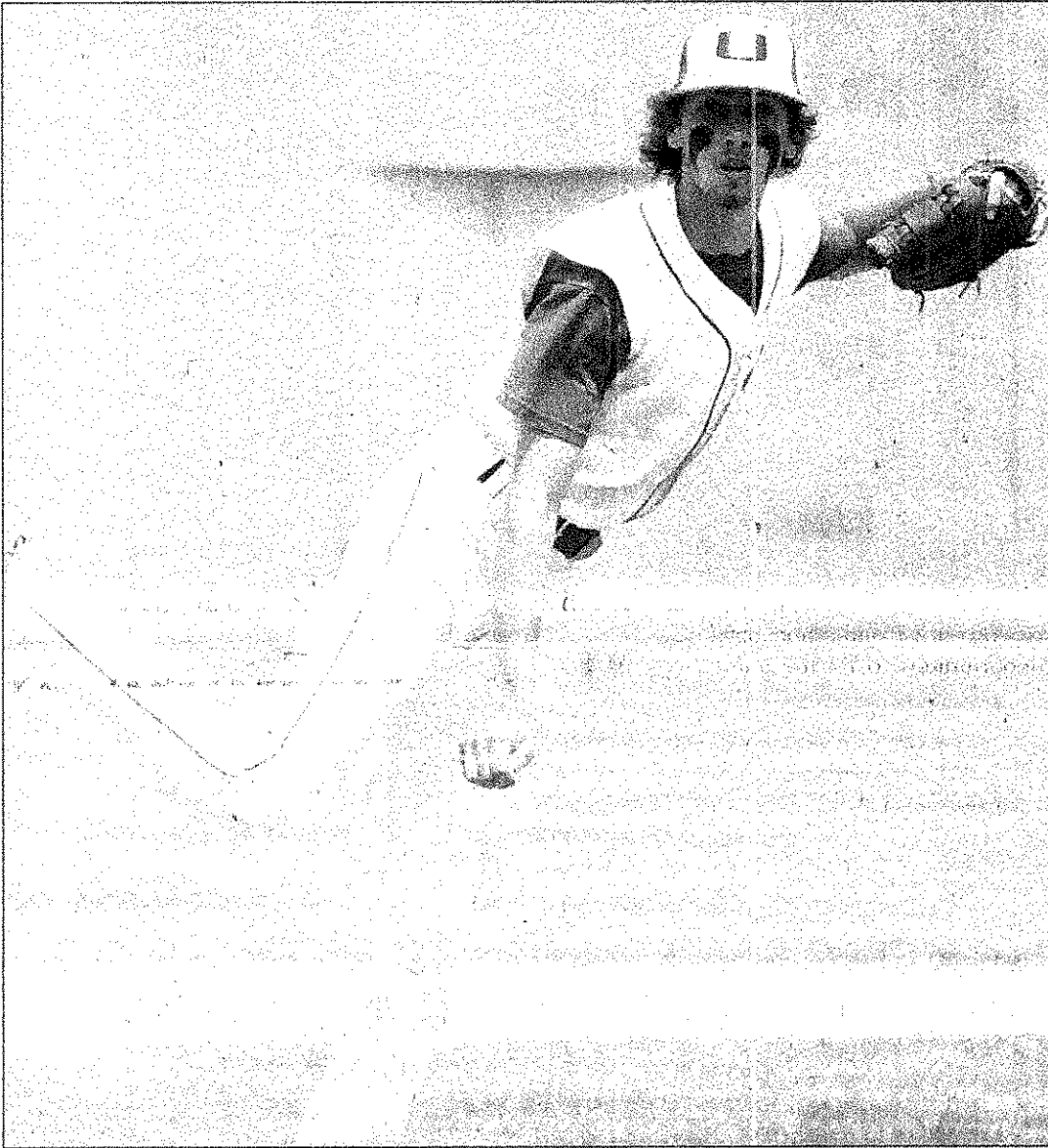
"He was in total command today and we helped him by playing some very good defense," Cimini said. "Those two mixed together are hard to beat."

The Knights scored in the first inning when Auk scored on a Daar single. He later scored on Gaggin's single, making it 2-0.

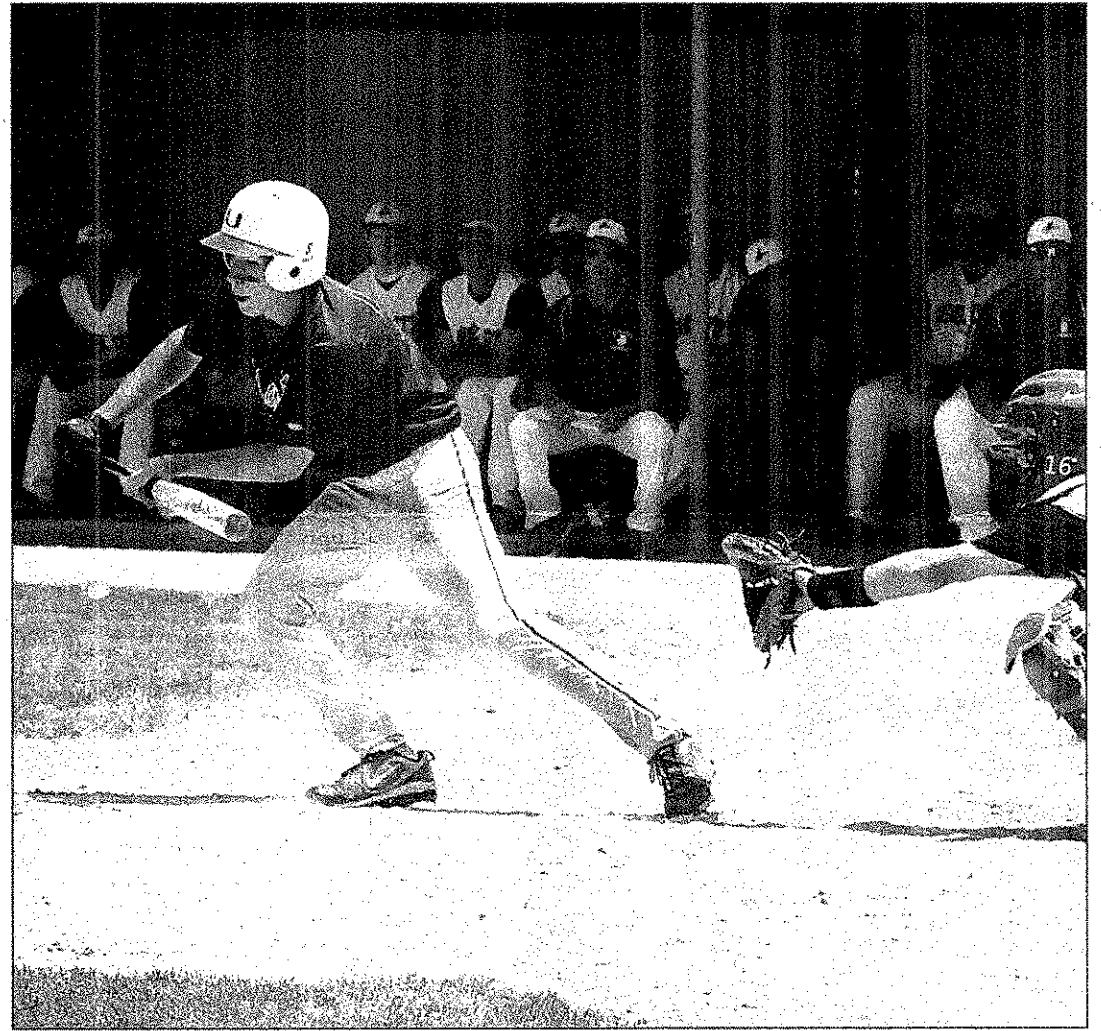
It was 3-0 in the fourth inning when Simon singled home a run. The Knights added three more runs in the fifth inning and put the game on ice with a three-run seventh inning.

"We left a few too many runners on base, but hey, a win is a win," Cimini said.

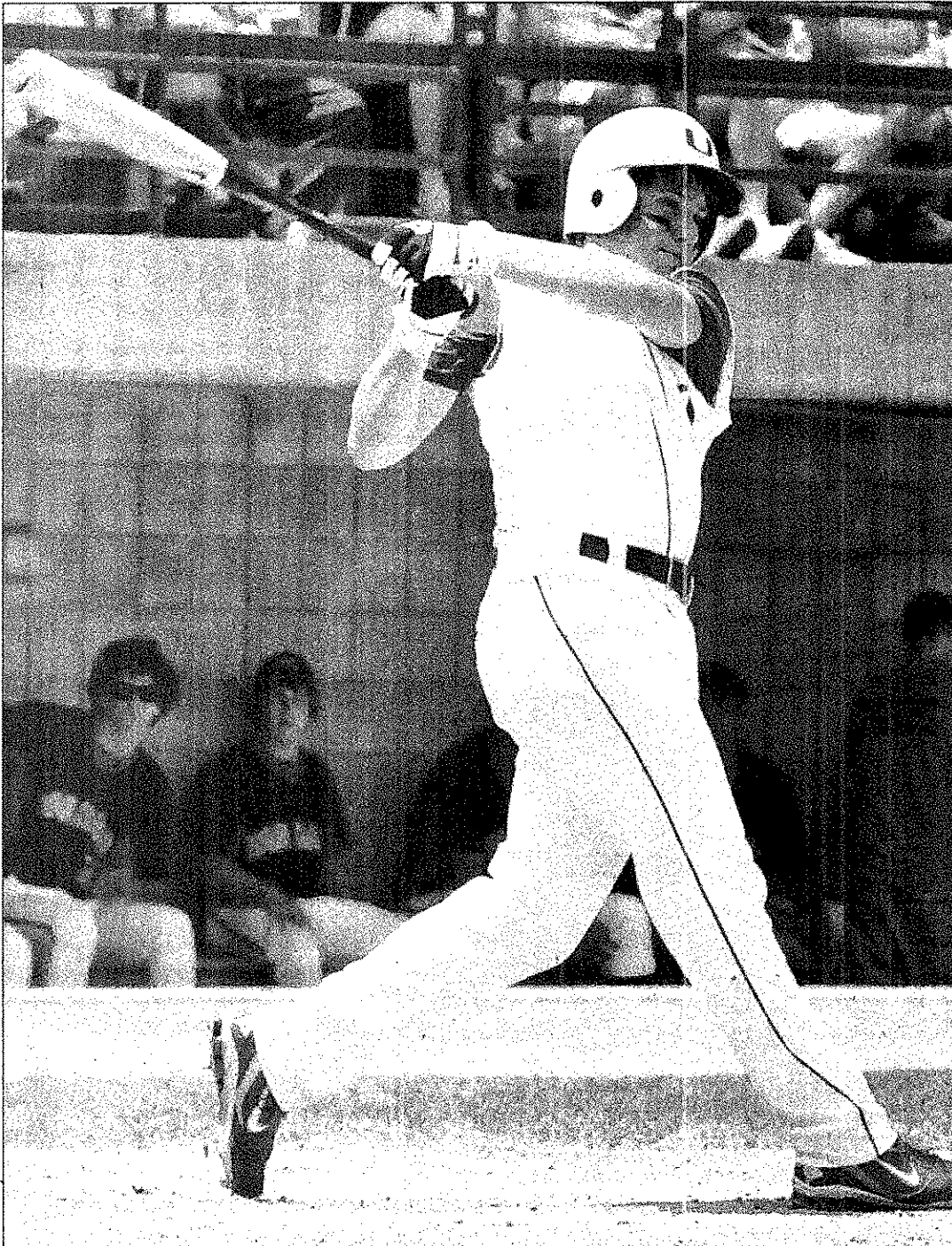
Simon was 3-for-5 with two RBIs and Daar was 3-for-4 with an RBI. Auk and Ghafari were each 2-for-4 and Jamett had a double, two runs scored, a stolen base, walked twice and hit a sacrifice fly.



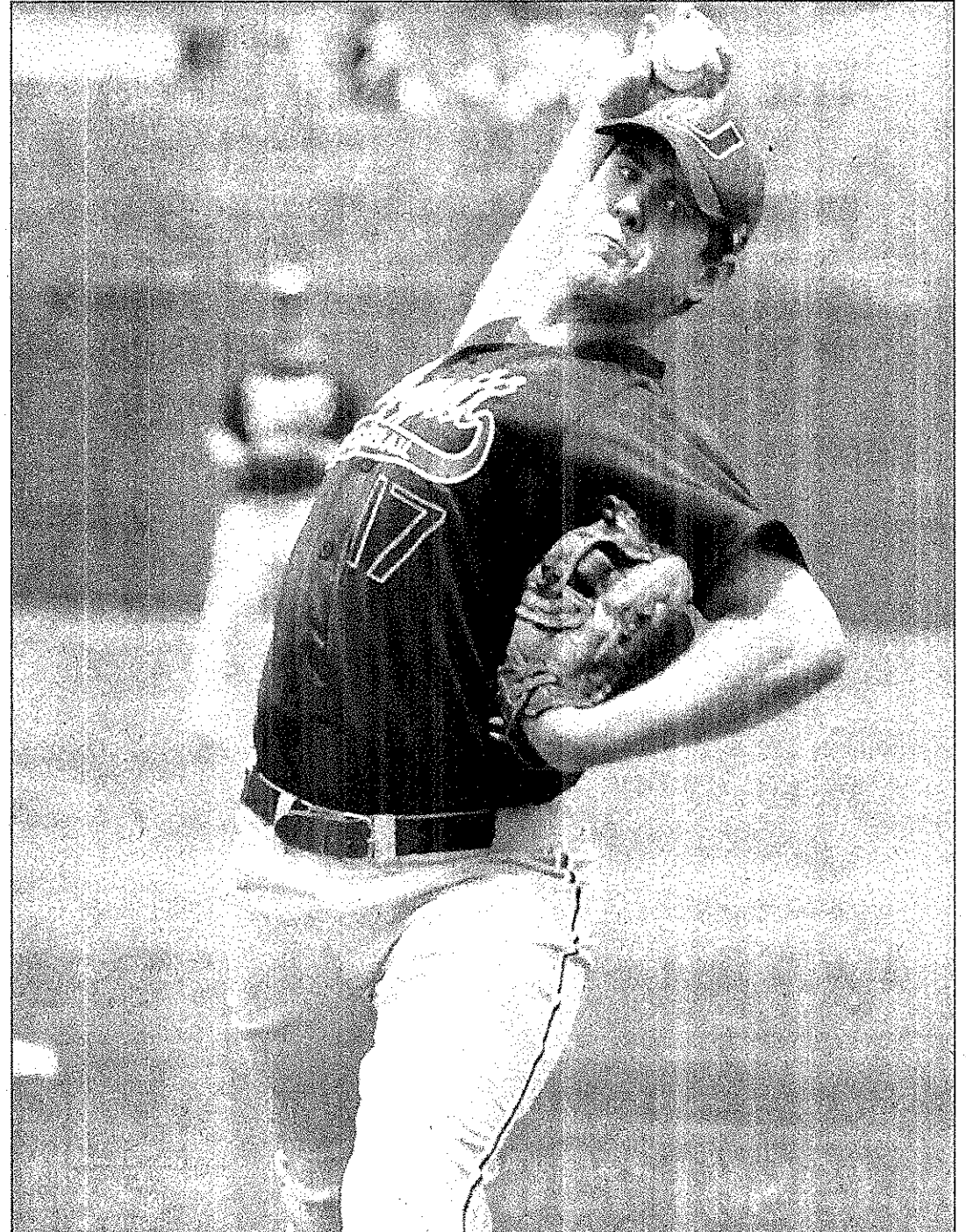
Senior Nate Weiss was the winning pitcher in the Knights' state championship victory.



Sophomore Mark Auk drops a bunt during the Knights' game against Merrill.



Sophomore Nate Gaggin ropes a single that scored sophomore Connor Fannon with what turned out to be the winning run against Merrill.



Junior Alex Daar pitched lights out to help the Knights beat Petersburg-Summerfield in the quarterfinals.

Soccer

GROSSE POINTE SOUTH

Blue Devils fall to Novi in state semi

By Justin Hicks
Special Writer

Novi gave up its first goal of the postseason to Grosse Pointe South in last week's Division 1 soccer state semifinal, but the lone goal wasn't enough for the Blue Devils to continue the season, falling 2-1. The Wildcats (21-0-2) outscored their opponents 27-0 in the four postseason games leading up to Wednesday - a stat that improved to 29-1 following the contest.

"They beat us because they jumped up 2-0," said South head coach Gene Harkins. "We knew that was a hard team to climb back against. We had the

chances, but unfortunately we didn't cash in on any after the first goal."

Sophomore midfielder Natalie Krygier kicked off the scoring in the first half for Novi, sending a rebound into the back of the net.

Less than five minutes later, the Wildcats had a chance to increase their lead and capitalized. Senior forward Nicki Caruso sent a corner kick into the box, finding senior Nikki Greenhalgh for the goal.

Grosse Pointe South (16-5-1) failed to hit the net in the first half, making senior goalkeeper Gabby Gauruder's job easy. Neither goalkeeper saw many shots, as both defenses played



PHOTOS BY BOB BRUCE

South senior Chelsea MacGriff put together a solid soccer career, helping the Blue Devils reach the state semifinals.

strong. "At halftime I told them we have to play a lot more aggressive," Harkins said. "We have to go for it, and if we score the next goal, we have a game on our hands. If they score the next goal, we're doomed."

The second half seemed like a completely different game, slanted in the opposite direction.

In the 45th minute, freshman forward Gretchen Dettlinger did something no other player did this postseason - redirect a corner kick past Gauruder.

The goal seemed to spark the Blue Devils and the wind showed useful, making it difficult for the Wildcat defense to clear the zone.

Approaching the 77th minute, the Blue Devils had one final opportunity to tie the game, but failed to score on the corner kick when senior Sarah

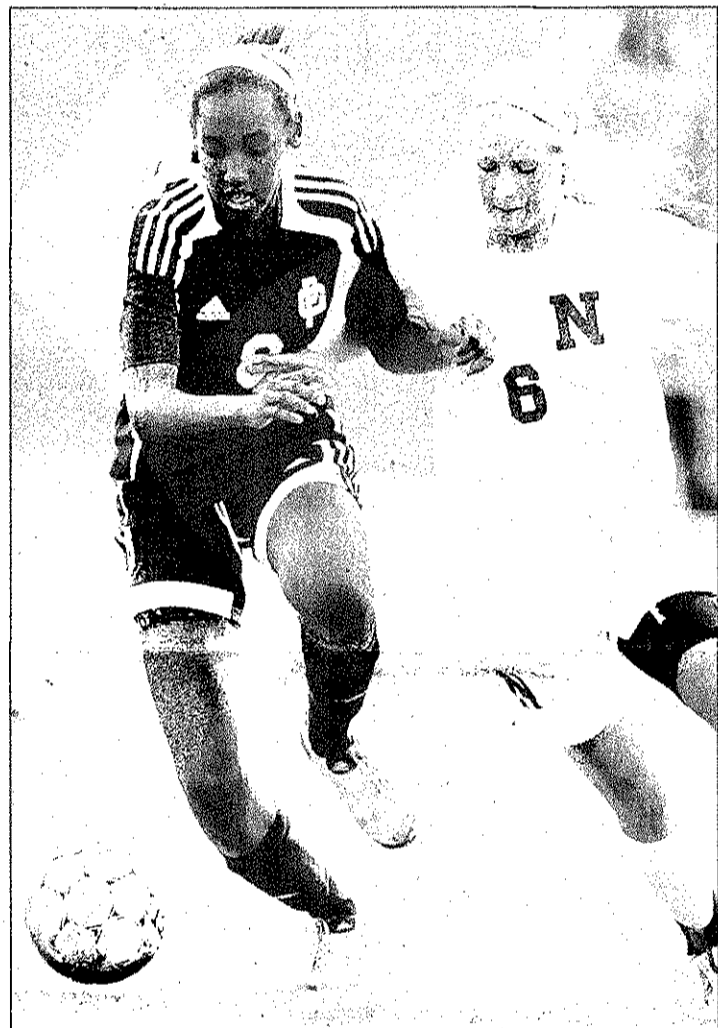
Ventimiglia sent a header over the net.

Ventimiglia was one of nine seniors to wear their Blue Devils jersey for the last time and Harkins said he was very pleased with how they went out.

"I thought the seniors did great," he said. "If you play Novi to a 2-1 game and have opportunities to tie the game up, you've got to be proud of that."

On the other side of the spectrum, the team's five freshmen have Harkins excited about the future.

"Five freshman, and all the team looks up to them," he said. "They're the nucleus of the team. Gretchen did really well; Dani (Manning) was very effective and put a lot of pressure on Novi. I'm happy with what we have coming up for sure."



Freshman Dani Manning, left, has a bright future ahead of her. She was a standout for the Blue Devils in her first year of varsity soccer.

Golf

GROSSE POINTE SOUTH

Hyde shoots 159 in finals

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

Grosse Pointe South's Will Hyde shot a two-day total 159 in last weekend's Division 1 state championship tournament at Katke-Cousins Golf Course at Oakland University.

He shot a 79 the opening day and 80 the second day. Among individuals competing, Hyde was eighth. North Farmington's Max Kollin shot a 144 (73, 71), which was one stroke ahead of Birmingham Seaholm's Francesco Ruffino (75, 70).

In the team standings, Grand Rapids Forest Hills Central won with a 593, just three strokes ahead of Davison with a 596.

The rest of the field included Pinckney with a 605; Birmingham Brother Rice with a 613; Muskegon Mona Shores with a 616; Detroit Catholic Central with a 617; Traverse City Central, Plymouth and Battle Creek Lakeview with a 633; Oxford with a 636; Warren DeLaSalle with a 644; Saline with a 646; Ann Arbor Huron with a 654; Troy with a 659; and Utica Ford with a 669.

DeWitt won the Division 2



Will Hyde

state title with a 586. Bloomfield Hills Cranbrook Kingswood was second with a 603, followed by Clio at 609, Tecumseh at 611 and Big Rapids at 615.

Jackson Lumen Christi was the Division 3 state champ, firing a 599. Grand Rapids South Christian was second with a 639, followed by Grosse Ile with a 641.

Auburn Hills Oakland Christian shot a 622 to win the Division 4 state championship. Rounding out the top three were Ann Arbor Greenhills and Saginaw Nouvel, shooting a 633 and 643, respectively.

Girls lacrosse

LIGGETT

Knights earn all-state honors

Several local players earned girls lacrosse post-season honors this spring.

University Liggett senior Nozomi Yamasaki, junior Abby Belcrest and senior Anne Sullivan earned Southeastern Michigan Lacrosse Association First Team honors, while sophomore Chandler Warren earned a spot on the second team.

Yamasaki also made the All-State Division 2 second team and Belcrest was on the all-state honorable mention list.

Other girls winning all-academic honors were Natalie Peracchio, Sullivan, Yamasaki, Belcrest, Anne Flick, Kim Batchelor and Katarina Goitz.

Belcrest and Warren will be the top two returning scorers for the Knights.

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Diamond gem

Grosse Pointe North senior Anthony Shaheen, seated second from right, will play college baseball at Kalazoo College next year. Joining the celebration at North were, standing from left, North junior varsity baseball coach Dick Borland and North varsity baseball coach Frank Sumbera; and seated from left, mother, Darcy Shaheen, sister, Elena Shaheen, and father, Joe Shaheen.

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Solid results in Ohio

Pierce Middle School student Alexis Kohut and University Liggett Middle School student Emma St. John helped Team Michigan 12U win the Toledo Tune-up Tournament the weekend of June 10. Team Michigan beat the Northwest Sliderz 15-1, the Ohio Wave 3-0, the Ohio Dragons 12-2, the Ohio Hurricanes 11-2, the Maumee Thunder 8-0, the SGS Magic Red 8-0 and Great Lakes Sharks 11-1. Kohut chipped in with some clutch hitting, while St. John hit a three-run homer in the first game and earned five wins on the mound. Pictured above are, standing from left, co-head coach Kory Hison, Corbin Hison, Lauren McLean, Sydney Jascoe, Shelby Mastrovito, Alexis Kohut, Jessica Friedland, assistant coach Gary Giardina and assistant coach Kevin Reese; kneeling from left, co-head coach Cindy Hison, Victoria Giardina, Julia Salisbury, Sydney Auito and Hailey Reese; and front row from left, Morgan Gardner and Emma St. John. Last weekend, the girls finished sixth out of 36 teams in the Lady Laser Invitational in Columbus, OH. Team Michigan is 40-8 this season.

FUSION VOLLEYBALL



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Bronze medalists

The 13U Club Fusion travel volleyball team, composed of girls attending Our Lady Star of the Sea grade school in Grosse Pointe Woods, earned a bronze medal in the recent state championships in Grand Rapids. The medal winners are, bottom row from left, Audrey Vaughn, Paige Francis and Kayla Gallant; middle row from left, Bella Gallant, Laurel Kreuter, Jillian Berndtson and Lauren Miller; and standing from left, Sydnie Allor, Lauren Lesha, Claire Flood and coach Jen Berndtson.

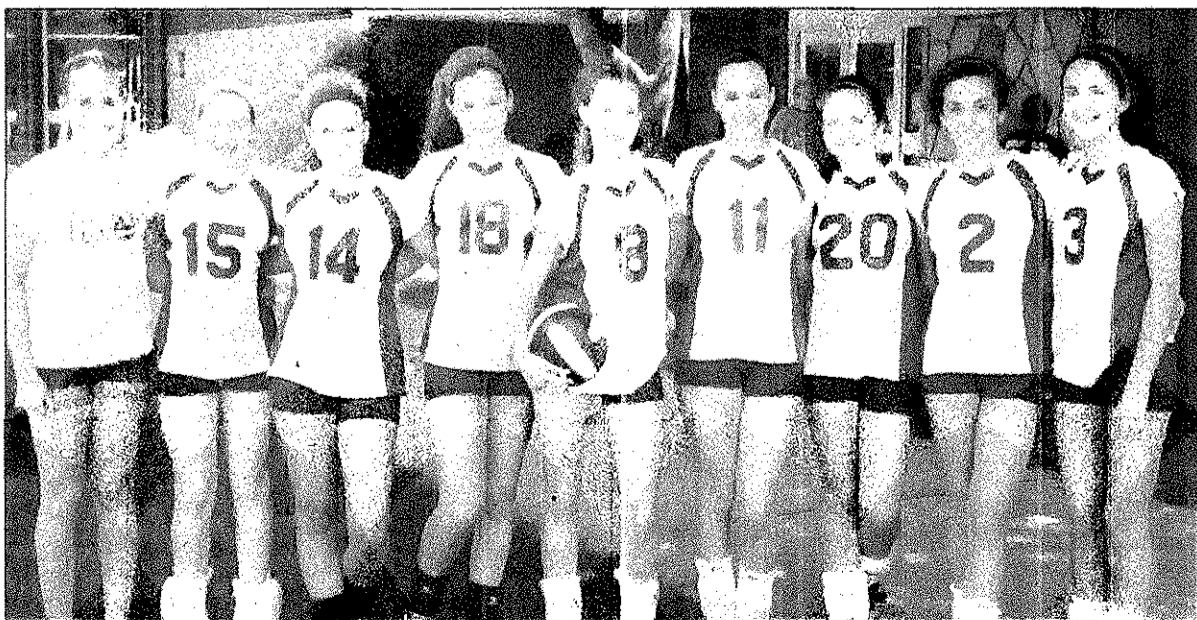


PHOTO COURTESY OF DAN SULLIVAN

Season a success

The father/daughter coaching duo of Dan Sullivan and Rachel Sullivan, guided the Team Fusion 14U volleyball team to two tournament championships and making the finals in another this season. In addition, the team finished third out of 32 squads in the recent state tournament held in Grand Rapids. Pictured from left are Rachel Sullivan, Shelby Yonkers, Molly Marcin, Olivia Wujek, Martine Maes, Katie Kish, Paige Hall, Carina Bertakis and Hannah Nihem.

TENNIS



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Top two

Tom Roberts, left, beat Ray Brudzynsy, right, in the title match of the 18th Roy Vorhees Jr. Senior Men's Tennis Tournament held the last week of May at Wimbledon Racquet Club.

FROM THE SPORTS DESK

Ohio State in all kinds of trouble

The Southern Methodist University football program was given the "Death Penalty" in 1987, cancelling its entire season. The NCAA handed this punishment down to the Mustangs when it was discovered players were being paid to play at SMU. Most people don't even know the Mustangs anymore.

That's because since receiving the "Death Penalty," the program has been a non-factor and is only recently recovering.

The Ohio State University, however, will still be a perennial powerhouse of the Big Ten regardless of the scandal in Columbus and the resignation that followed from head coach, Jim Tressel.

Of course, some will say in Tressel's defense, "Well, his violation is not nearly as serious as SMU's."

I would say they're right. Tressel's was much worse. He knew his players were trading autographs for tattoos and selling items given to them by the university, such as awards, trophies and championship rings.

These are the same awards, trophies and championship rings they earned on the football field in a completely honest and fair manner.

Wait a second; it turns out Tressel is also alleged to have knowingly used ineligible players during the 2010 season. Just so we're all on the same page, the Buckeyes used players who weren't supposed to be playing. The awards they received from those games were sold and they also used their autographs as capital to get tattoos.

Then the head coach, a man who is a huge role model to every one of his players, a man constantly in the spotlight — considering his high profile job — attempted to cover this up and lied about doing it.

So why is it "THE" Ohio State University only gave Tressel a two-game suspension and only after asking his punishment to match his players' did Tressel get a five-game suspension as well?

Chief among many reasons is the NCAA's approach to punishing this behavior is quite frankly, a joke. Too many times a coach has done something wrong and the university suffers while the individual carries on unscathed. Do Lane Kiffin and Pete Carroll ring a bell?

And now it certainly looks like that will happen again. Tressel's resignation means he doesn't have to serve a suspension. Meanwhile, the Buckeyes have four key players sitting out the first five games of the season.

The head of the class of this player suspension, quarterback Terrelle Pryor, decided to leave OSU and forgo his senior year of collegiate football.

If the NCAA wants to prove it's serious and ultimately bring an end to this behavior, it will have to punish offenders much more severely.

Maybe a punishment that actually prevents the same people from doing the same thing would do the trick. As if this topic isn't already complicated enough, there is also the debate whether these young men should receive money or compensation for playing sports.

Yes, they do receive a free education in some instances, but this doesn't amount to much, considering playing football at a Division 1 level is essentially a full-time job. Not many athletes can truly go through a full semester without missing classes for something football related.

There are also those who say the NCAA exploits players by making millions upon millions of dollars, yet the players see none of that money.

When one thinks of this, they return to the issue of the Ohio State players and ask themselves if they can really blame them for what they did.

After all these young men have expenses too, just like any other college student would and due to the fact they are almost completely under the control of the football team, they can't get a job to cover those expenses.

But the main topic is Tressel and the fact he knew these players were committing violations. Not only did he not report them, he hid it from the NCAA so his players could remain eligible.

Then he simply left the program. And don't think for a second there won't be dozens of high profile jobs open for Tressel whenever he decides to coach again.

Did I mention while this was happening, the Buckeyes were preparing for a Sugar Bowl showdown with SEC foe Arkansas? If that isn't enough to persuade those who don't believe the integrity of the game exists, then maybe the fact the Buckeyes went on to win that game is.

The NCAA, the Sugar Bowl, Ohio State, Jim Tressel and many others should be known as blatant cheaters. No one else can say otherwise because the proof has been exposed.

But in the end, I guess they did their job because, after all, it's all about the money, isn't it?

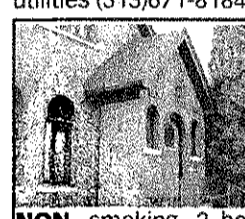
Ohio State opens its 2011 season with a noon kickoff at home Saturday, Sept. 3, against Akron, followed by another home game Saturday, Sept. 10, against Toledo.

— Mitch Gatzke
Special Writer

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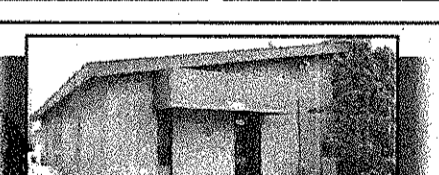
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