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FRIDAY, MAY 1

◆ The Grosse Pointe Farms Boat Club meets at 7 p.m. in the Farms Pier Park boathouse. Refreshments will be served at 6:30 p.m. For membership information, call Nadine Pendolino at (313) 882-8595.

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◆ The Grosse Pointe Hunt Club opens its doors to the public at 3:30 p.m. for its first Kentucky Derby Party.

SUNDAY, MAY 3

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◆ The 30th annual Grosse Pointe CROP Walk begins with a 1 p.m. registration at First English Evangelical Lutheran Church, 800 Vernier, Grosse Pointe Woods. The walk steps off at 1:30 p.m. There is a five-mile walk and a one-mile walk. Both start and end at the church. For more information, call (313) 884-5040.

◆ The ChariTea Bear's Tea Party is from 2:30 to 4 p.m. at

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Cuts hit public school teachers

By Amy Salvagno
Staff Writer

Pink slips are going out this week to teachers in the Grosse Pointe Public School System, an unwelcome remedy, officials say, to the district's \$5.4 million budget shortfall.

The layoffs involve the elimination of around 36 jobs and the reduction of another 37.5 full-time equivalent positions to part time. Trustees on the Grosse

Pointe Board of Education approved the action at the Monday, April 27 meeting.

"This is not a motion that anyone would make lightly or cold-heartedly," said a choked-up board president Alice Kosinski. "Each number represents a person with a family."

"I recognize quite a few names on this list. This is a really heartbreaking decision," said Judy Gafa, who then encouraged the community to find people to

move to the Pointes. "Let's get some young families back in here so we can get people their jobs back."

The list is being released now because teacher contracts require 60 days notice before the end of the school year.

According to Tom Harwood, assistant superintendent for human resources, the district has seen a decline of 400 students since the 2006-07 school year and projection numbers remain low for the fall. Enrollment represents 70 percent

of the district's funding stream.

"We believe this is the worst possible scenario. We will work between May 1 and the beginning of the school year and look at our ability to recall some of these reductions," he said.

The recall will be based on class schedule modifications at the secondary level and student enrollment across the district.

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Naturally elegant

The 42nd Grosse Pointe Academy Action Auction, co-chaired by Brian and Connie Demkowicz, left, and Kris and Debbie Minanov, takes place Wednesday, May 6 and Saturday, May 9 at the Lakeshore campus. See story, page 2A II.

GROSSE POINTE SHORES

City may fund property repairs via insurance

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

Because some homeowners during the bad economy might have a hard time making prompt repairs to their damaged property, Grosse Pointe Shores officials have put the city in a position to fund repairs itself.

Under the state's fire insurance withholding program, the Shores can escrow 25 percent of an insurance settlement for certain property losses.

The fire insurance maximum withholding amount is

\$7,681 through May 31.

"In today's housing situation, it's another tool to address situations," said Brian Vick, city manager. "(If) a (house) fire takes place, the city can receive funds and ensure repairs to the house are taken care of."

The program "gives municipalities the tools to ensure that homes damaged by fire, explosion, vandalism, mischief, wind, hail, riot or civil commotion are remedied in a timely manner," according to a memo Vick presented at this month's meeting of the city council.

A unanimous council passed

a resolution allowing insurance payments to be "withheld to ensure repair, replacement or removal of damaged structures."

"Are we being proactive or do we have any problems?" asked Councilman Ted Kedzierski.

"Not that I'm aware of," said Vick, who earlier in his career was assistant manager of the City of Grosse Pointe. "In the City, there was a situation where a house caught fire and the occupants were going through a divorce. The house sat in a particular situation for a significant amount of time."

Woods raises millage rates

By Kathy Ryan
Staff Writer

Department heads had a chance to speak, city administrators explained the process and city council members held a debate. In the end, there was a consensus of sorts directing the Grosse Pointe Woods treasurer to prepare the new fiscal

year budget based on an increase in the city's millage rate of 1.75 mills.

On May 18, the public will have a chance to discuss the budget at a hearing.

Meeting as the finance committee April 27, the Woods city council authorized city officials

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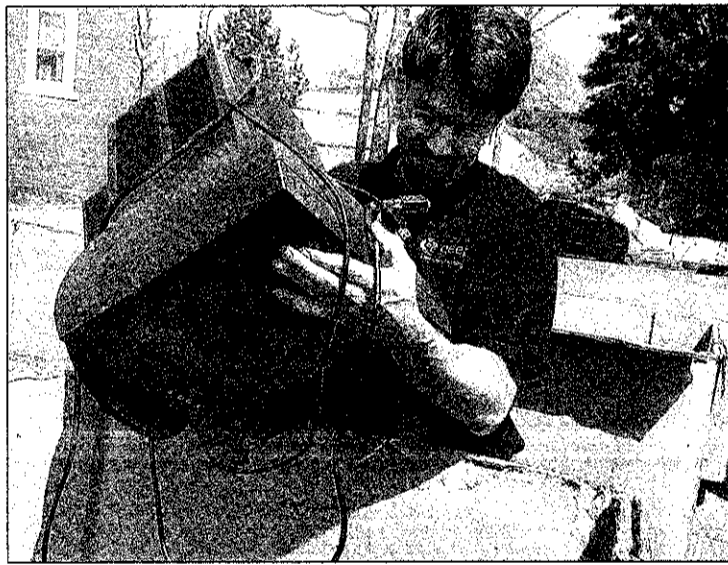


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Earth Day

LocalMotionGreen hosted its third annual Earth Day fair April 25. Participants had toys tested for toxic materials and watched interactive demonstrations. Doug Verkeyn adds a computer monitor to boxes filled with electronics. For more photos, turn to page 7A II.

POINTER OF INTEREST

'I was impressed that the Woods encouraged both residents and business owners to become involved in the foundation.'

Mark Fossee



Home: Grosse Pointe Shores
Age: 57

Family: Wife, Sandy; four children

Claim to fame: President of the newly formed Grosse Pointe Woods Improvement Foundation

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Yesterday's headlines

1959

50 years ago this week

◆ **HIGH SCHOOL ORCHESTRA WINS HONORS:** The newly reorganized Grosse Pointe High School Orchestra participated in the State Orchestra Competition Festivals and came away with the highest award possible in the State of Michigan, a first division "superior" rating.

◆ **DELAYED CALL LETS BURGLAR FLEE:** A Grosse Pointe Park woman returning to her home at night saw a man in an upstairs bedroom. She went to her neighbor's to use the phone and instead of calling police called her house to see if the man inside was her husband.

The burglar was seen leaving the house shortly thereafter. A police car was in the area and police speculate if the homeowner had called police immediately, they would have apprehended the intruder.

◆ **CLEAN-UP DRIVE STARTS FRIDAY:** Grosse Pointe's annual Clean-Up Campaign, sponsored by the Grosse Pointe Garden Club Council, gets under way Friday May 1. Success of the drive will depend on the cooperation of all residents. Everyone is asked to make special efforts to see that their own property is cleared of winter's debris and made as beautiful as possible.

1984

25 years ago this week

◆ **SUSPECT WINS EARLY RELEASE:** A 41-year-old Detroit man, recently released after serving two years of a life sentence, faces new charges in three cities in connection with a recent armed robbery in the City of Grosse Pointe.

The suspect allegedly held up the Active Realty Co. on

Mack near Notre Dame and took police on a car chase finally ending at the Blue Gables restaurant at 9 Mile and Harper in St. Clair Shores. The suspect and a St. Clair Shores police officer were shot.

◆ **UPSWING IN HOME SALES:** Local Realtors closed on \$20.1 in sales this January, February and March, a healthy increase over the \$15.5 million for the same period in 1983 and \$10.5 million in 1982, according to the Grosse Pointe Real Estate Exchange.

◆ **COURT BATTLE OVER OFFICE BUILDING:** It will be back to Circuit Court for Grosse Pointe Woods and the Milk River Inter-county Drain Board to decide whether a new office building will be constructed at the Milk River Drain. The city council denied the drain board a 31-foot variance to construct the new office building. The drain board said it will ask the circuit court to overturn the decision.

1999

10 years ago this week

◆ **MOROSS REPAVING BEGINS:** The repaving of Moross between Mack and I-94 began earlier this week, nearly a year after predicted. At least two lanes of Moross will be open at all times to allow minimal access to the hospital. It should take 55 work days to complete.

◆ **PARK APPROVES ST. AMBROSE CENTER PROJECT:** The Grosse Pointe Park City Council agreed to vacate Wayburn at Jefferson as part of an agreement to allow St. Ambrose to build a new parish gathering center. Plans call for the center to be built underground. The property at Wayburn and Jefferson is needed for parking.

◆ **WOMAN NEARLY HIT BY MOLOTOV COCKTAIL:** Two boys riding bicycles threw a lighted Molotov cocktail into an occupied employ-

ee break area outside Bon Secours Hospital. The flaming homemade weapon passed by a female employee's head before landing on the grass nearby, setting a small fire.

◆ **TRAVEL AGENT ARRESTED:** Florida authorities arrested a Grosse Pointe Woods-based travel agent last week. Woods police received numerous complaints about the travel agent accused of selling a number of travel packages to students. When students arrived at their destinations, they found reservations had not been made, effectively stranding the high schoolers hundreds of miles from home.

2004

Five years ago this week

◆ **WOODS-SHORES LITTLE LEAGUE CELEBRATES 50TH:** A 50-year celebration was matched with a \$50,000 donation honoring the Woods-Shores Little League. As the league prepares to celebrate its golden anniversary with its annual kick-off parade, John Matouk presented the largest bequest in the history of the organization in honor of his parents.

◆ **CYCLIST HIT:** An 18-year-old Grosse Pointe Woods man was ticketed after hitting a bicyclist at the intersection of Lakeshore and Oxford.

Police said the man failed to yield the right of way to the cyclist. The cyclist refused medical treatment.

◆ **FLIPS PICKUP:** A 19-year-old Grosse Pointe Shores man was not injured when his red pickup flipped on Lakeshore.

The driver lost control of his pickup on southbound Lakeshore, drove over the right curb, headed across the median, flipped and landed upright in oncoming lanes. It had been raining. Police said alcohol or drugs weren't involved.

— Karen Fontanive



FROM THE APRIL 26, 1984 ISSUE OF THE GROSSE POINTE NEWS

1984: Ouch!

And you thought you were depressed by Easter Sunday's cold, blustery weather. Unseasonably cold temperatures and winds gusting to 41 miles an hour worked loose a tree branch that crashed down on the roof of this 1980 Ford Fiesta and knocked down wires across Grosse Pointe. No one was injured in the incident on St. Clair Ave. near school board central offices.

Spring cleaning

Tom Joy, left, and Tom Baker of the Grosse Pointe Farms Public Works Department have been on Lakeshore near Windward Place during the past couple of weeks pumping sediment from a sanitary line. The work is routine, yet takes time. "This line is miles long," Joy said. "This section of pipe stretches about 640 feet."



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GROSSE POINTE SHORES

Water study reveals no clear answer

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

Engineers could trade their computers for crystal balls and still not know what future water rates will be in Grosse Pointe Shores.

"If I could guess the future, I'd be at the track," said James Burton, environmental engineering department manager for Hubbell, Roth & Clark, the Shores engineering consultants.

Shores officials charged Burton and his colleagues with looking 30 years into the future for the most cost-effective way for the city to buy drinking water.

Options include renewing a contract with Detroit, buying water indirectly from Detroit through Grosse Pointe Woods, or breaking away from Detroit altogether and joining the Grosse Pointe Farms water system. The study's 30-year timeframe coincides with

Detroit's minimum contract period.

"Over time, Detroit water and sewerage rates were extremely volatile," Burton said.

"Detroit is such a wild card," said Shores councilwoman Victoria Boyce. "It's an aging system. They're losing their revenue base. It makes me really uncomfortable to be making a 30-year projection based on what we've been doing with them."

Using the forecast, members of the Shores finance committee and top administrators will begin exploring scenarios and contracts with Detroit, Grosse Pointe Woods and Grosse Pointe Farms.

"We have so many things to look at, we need to sit down with all these entities," said Brian Vick, Shores city manager.

Engineers presented four scenarios last week to the city council. Each option predicted total project cost and annual

savings after 30 years of implementation. Three options included construction of a roughly \$1.7 million gallon storage tank.

"Water storage is making a lot of sense from a cost standpoint," said Thomas Biehl, HRC executive vice president. "If you put in water storage and become what is known as a max-day customer, rates come down. That tends to pay for itself over time."

Options were:

1. Continue buying water from Detroit, as the Shores has for decades, without building a water tank.

◆ Total cost \$29,792,048.

◆ No annual savings compared to now.

◆ Pro: No new capital expenditures for a tank.

◆ Con: Remaining dependent upon Detroit.

"You're dependent upon Detroit's rate methodology," Burton said. "The methodology is not in the contract. This

limits your authority to reduce rates."

2. Continue buying water from Detroit, yet construct a 300,000-gallon water storage tank for use during high demand.

◆ Total cost \$28,587,475.

◆ Annual savings of \$219,500 after 30 years.

◆ Pro: Lower wholesale water rates, yet retail rates could go up.

◆ Con: Capital and maintenance costs for the tank.

3. Partner with Grosse Pointe Woods, have each community build at least a 300,000-gallon tank, and buy water from Detroit through the Woods.

◆ Total cost \$26,409,136.

◆ Annual savings of \$350,250 after 30 years.

◆ Pro: Wholesale rates go down while remaining a customer, albeit indirectly, of Detroit.

◆ Con: The Shores buys water through the Woods, not

from Detroit directly.

"You cease to exist in Detroit's eyes," Burton said.

4. Build a 500,000-gallon tank and buy water from Grosse Pointe Farms.

◆ Total cost \$26,047,907.

◆ Annual savings of \$821,300 after 30 years.

◆ Pro: Lower wholesale rates.

◆ Con: Capital and maintenance costs.

"Instead of being subject to Detroit's capital improvement plan, you're subject to the Farms' capital improvement plan," Burton said.

Predictions were based on current water rates, anticipated rate changes based on past increases, capital costs, interest rates, water usage, anticipated contract terms demanded by prospective partners and more.

"We hoped when we started this exercise that one option would stand out more than the others by a wide margin," Biehl said. "Unfortunately, in the

Shores, it doesn't."

"It would have been great if the numbers would have been so obvious in one direction that it was a no-brainer," Vick said.

"Those numbers after 30 years are very close," Biehl said. "Basically, it's a personal preference of the community. Not only that, but you have to rely on assumptions that go out 30 years. Are those assumptions going to be valid when you get to the end of that term? That's the big guess."

In August 2008, the council decided the best location for a water storage tank would be behind the public works garage, itself behind City Hall. Construction wasn't approved, just the location.

"We need to get to the table," Vick said. "We have to look at all of the options."

Until a decision is made about where to buy water, the Shores can continue purchasing from Detroit even though its contract has expired.



Big Open House

More than 100 houses in the Grosse Pointes, Harper Woods and St. Clair Shores offered for sale by the 300 members of the Grosse Pointe Board of Realtors will be open from 2 to 4 p.m. Sunday, May 3. Encouraging people to look at houses in a wide price range are Realtors Jim Fikany, Beth Pressler, Sandy Nelson, Vicky Colwell, and Board of Realtors President George Smale. An address listing can be found on page 8 of Your Home.

Lincoln to visit Pointes, honest

Abraham Lincoln: Self-Made in America, a mobile museum that tells the story of Lincoln's life and accomplishments, opens at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday, May 1.

Afternoon Tea begins at 2 p.m. and Meet President & Mrs. Lincoln begins at 3:30 p.m.

The only exhibit of its type in the country, it uses a mixture of interactive elements, graphics, facsimile documents and artifacts showcased inside a 53-foot expandable trailer to commemorate the Lincoln Bicentennial. It will be on display during a day of program-

ming at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial.

"This is an extraordinary exhibit that we're pleased to share with our guests and the community," said Mark Weber, president of the memorial, located at 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms. "The opportunity to learn more about Lincoln, his life, and family by touring this museum and participating in the Afternoon Tea activities will enhance our understanding of his great contributions to our country."

The mobile exhibit examines Lincoln's life from his poor beginnings to his ascension to the presidency to his

assassination. Highlights include a visual recreation of Lincoln's 1861 Farewell Address from a train car in Springfield as he left for the White House and the award-winning "The Civil War in Four Minutes" video presentation.

The Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library & Museum in Springfield, IL, contracted St. Clair Shores-based MRA, Inc. to design and build the mobile museum, which has been touring the United States since it launched in April.

More than 121,000 visitors have toured the exhibit during its stops at the Democratic

and Republican conventions, inauguration festivities in Washington, D.C., many museums, state capitols and Detroit area schools.

"It's an honor for MRA to play a role in commemorating Abraham Lincoln's bicentennial and to share this remarkable museum with the community," said Harry Kurtz, president of MRA. "The amazing exhibit elements featured on the tour are testimony to the great leadership and vast contributions that Lincoln made to our country and are a must-see for Lincoln enthusiasts, students of all ages, and the general public."

CITY OF GROSSE POINTE

Loan payback less than 100%

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

It's a deal that would prick Shylock's heart.

The City of Grosse Pointe plans to borrow money it won't have to pay back in full.

The loan would come from the State Revolving Fund and pay for an \$800,000 upgrade to the Neff Road pumping station.

"Because of the recently passed federal stimulus bill, the state believes that approximately 23 percent of the principle borrowed will actually be forgiven," said Charles Kennedy III, city attorney. "So, even though we will functionally borrow the full \$800,000, we'll only have to pay 77 percent of it back."

Worse yet for merciless lenders who measure their principles in pounds of flesh, the loan would come at a discount interest rate of 2.5 percent payable over 20 years.

Kennedy called the rate less than "the city could borrow comparable funds for."

"These are probably the best financial terms anyone is go-

ing to get," he said, adding that the city has received tentative state approval.

Money will be used to improve the 80-year-old pump station on the corner of Neff and Waterloo. The station pumps sewer water to Detroit for treatment.

"Preliminary engineering work is under way," Kennedy said.

To borrow state money, the city must issue capital improvement bonds.

"It is somewhat unusual in that the bonds are not going to be sold on the open market," Kennedy said. "They are going to be sold to the state."

"It's kind of convoluted," added Peter Dame, city manager.

To provide a financial cushion in case the \$800,000 estimate is too low, city officials resolved to issue up to \$1 million in bonds.

"Only the amount necessary for the project as approved by the council will actually be borrowed," according to Kennedy.

The loan will be paid back with sewer and water revenue.

GROSSE POINTE SHORES

Park lesson fees are to be enacted

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

Residents are free to swim and play tennis at Osius Park, yet beginning this year they'll have to pay for lessons how to do so.

Even so, at rates approved last week, Grosse Pointe Shores officials expect to lose money on the service.

To offset most the cost of giving two-week lessons at the residents-only park, a \$30 per-student fee has been instituted for the coming season.

Last year, instructors at the park gave 224 swim lessons and 212 tennis lessons.

"It cost us \$16,000 to offer those lessons," said Brian Vick, city manager.

"We received no revenue based on that. Historically, the Shores has absorbed those fees through the general fund."

He expects this year's fees to generate revenue of about \$13,000, leaving a \$3,000 projected revenue gap.

"I'm not proposing that we try to capture the entire amount this year," Vick said. "I'm proposing that we try to capture some of it."

He said fees might be adjusted next year depending on enrollment.

"If people want fewer people in classes, the city would have to increase the fee to provide more classes because the instructor would be working more," Vick said.

"Who's to say the dollar amount couldn't be reduced if more people want

to participate?"

Vick said he hasn't received criticism about the fees.

He anticipates that fees will give students vested interest to attendance, rather than registering and not showing up.

"If somebody has to pay a user fee, they're more responsive," he said.

Even with the fee, Shores lessons are less expensive than any of the other Grosse Pointes.

Tennis and swimming lesson fees in the other communities are:

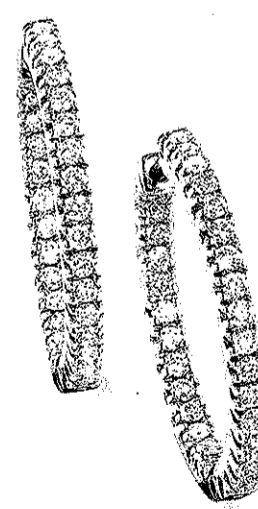
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◆ Farms: \$45,

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POINTER OF INTEREST

Grosse Pointe Woods is the latest of the Pointes to establish a charitable foundation. But how did a resident of the Shores end up as president?

Foundation president up for task

By Kathy Ryan
Staff Writer

The first thing people say to Mark Fossee when they hear he has been named president of the Grosse Pointe Woods Improvement Foundation is, "Congratulations." The second thing they say is, "Don't you live in the Shores?"

As a matter of fact, he does. But when the idea of a non-profit foundation was being discussed among Grosse Pointe Woods officials, they knew that it would be important to include both residents and business owners in the process.

"The success of any city depends on its ability to maintain quality businesses in a viable commercial district," Fossee said. "When Mayor (Robert) Novitke approached me last summer about joining the foundation board, the first thing that I told him was that I don't live in the Woods. But then he explained how the Woods wanted to include business owners as well, because the city wanted to make sure that Mack Avenue was represented and the foundation would also be working to enhance Mack Avenue."

Next thing he knew, he was president.

Fossee, who owns General Funding Corporation as well as the building it occupies at Mack and Norwood, is a lifelong Grosse Pointer, and remembers Mack when it was, in his words, "a bit of a hodgepodge."

But not anymore. "I think we have a good balance along Mack of restaurants, businesses and office buildings," he said. "Parking has always been a problem, but I think the city and its planning commission has done a good job of maintaining the

right image. And the work the city does on the islands, with the flowers and the plantings, it goes a long way in making the city an attractive place to live and do business."

'It didn't surprise me at all when the Woods was named the best affordable suburb in the state.'

Mark Fossee, president, Grosse Pointe Woods Improvement Foundation
Grosse Pointe Shores

Fossee was raised in Grosse Pointe Shores, attended Barnes and Brownell and was a member of the last graduating class from The High. He earned a degree in business from the University of Michigan, returned to Grosse Pointe, married Sandy, and went to law school at Wayne State University.

A lawyer and a Certified Public Accountant, he worked for several years at Price Waterhouse before establishing his own business, General Funding, in 1981, which specializes in leasing and financing industrial equipment.

Along with his sons, Brendan and Dane, he recently launched General Shredding, an on-site document destruction business.

"I can't tell you how proud I am to be in business with my two sons," he said. "Dane is vice president for operations and Brendan is vice president for sales and marketing. We're equal investors, and the company is growing." Fossee cites the huge demand for properly shredded documents by businesses such as law offices and accounting firms, but also recognizes that individuals have to properly destroy important documents. With that in mind, General Shredding offers shredding services for individuals from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. on the first Saturday of each month at its offices at 20259 Mack. It then donates a share of the proceeds to charity.

But the charity Fossee is focusing on now is the Grosse Pointe Woods Improvement Foundation.

"The Woods has so much to offer residents," Fossee said. "It didn't surprise me at all when the Woods was named the best affordable suburb in the state. All of the Pointes benefit from our strong schools and beautiful parks. Crime is low and our homes and businesses are well taken care of. The foundation will help enhance what we already have."

Fossee said he is proud of the board of directors that has been assembled to run the foundation. In addition to Fossee, board members include Peter Ahee, Matt Cullen, Kevin Hendrick, George Koueiter, Rob Nederhood, Mike Neme, Liz Rader, Edward Vermet and Mark Zmyslowski.

Novitke agrees with Fossee on the caliber of the board members.

"We have a very dedicated group, and Mark was an excellent choice as president," said Novitke. "Our city and our residents are all going to be very well served by this group of dedicated volunteers. I'm looking forward to the projects the foundation will be putting together."

"We have a good balance between residents and business owners," Fossee noted, adding the group is currently focusing on getting organized, establishing membership categories and making plans for a kick-off celebration sometime in June.

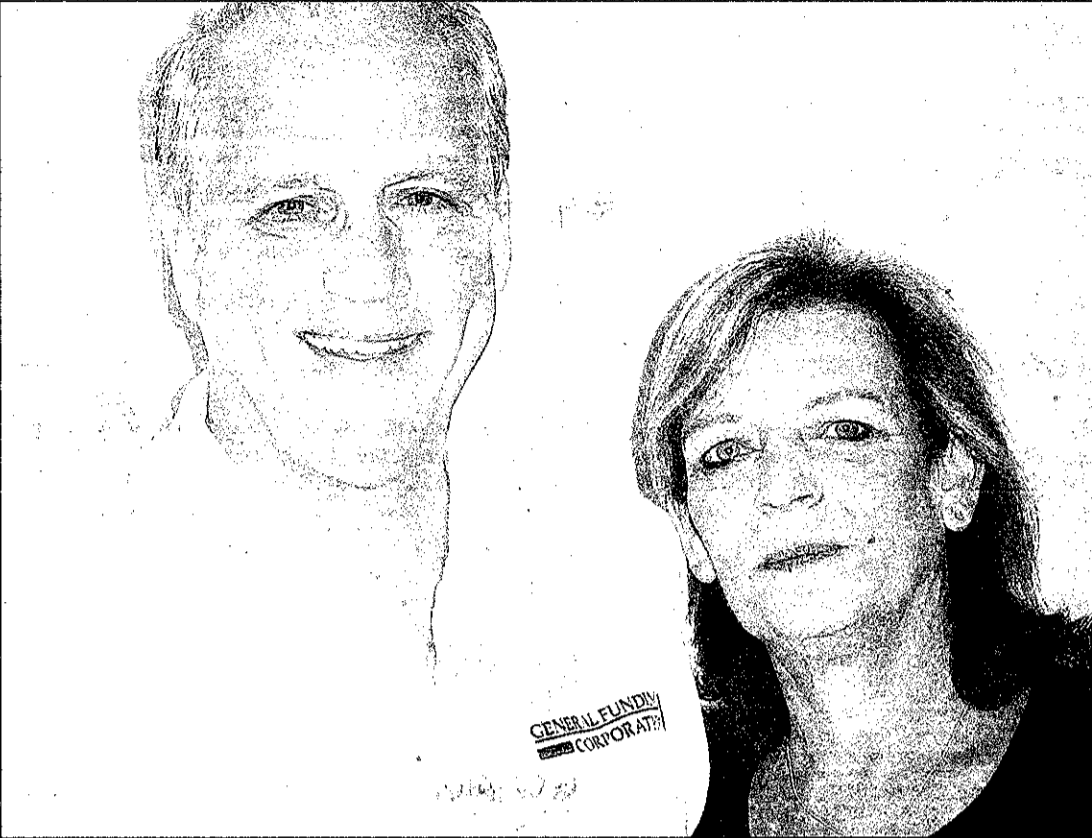


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Grosse Pointe Woods Improvement Foundation President Mark Fossee and his wife, Sandy.

egories and making plans for a kick-off celebration sometime in June.

"We have not identified any projects as of yet," he said. "But we all have ideas. My guess is that we will start with something small, then slowly take on bigger projects. We're aware of the economy right now and the pressure every homeowner and every business is feeling."

Fossee is no stranger to serving organizations. From 1996 to 2002 he was on the board of the Lochmoor Club, and for the past several years he has been involved with the Blue Water Golf Club, a group of friends from his high school days that plays weekly at Black River Country Club. Fossee is the current handicap

chairman. He also spends time on his 31-foot cruiser that he keeps docked at the Shores park.

The Woods foundation was established in November 2008, and is the latest among civic charitable foundations in the Grosse Pointes. All are 501(c)(3) foundations, with donations being tax deductible. Projects taken on by the other foundations include a community center at the Farms Pier Park, and a movie theater at the Park's Windmill Pointe Park.

"We're aware of what the other Pointes have done, and their foundation people have been extremely helpful," said Fossee. "Right now we're working on getting organized and setting up a website. Once

we have that up and going, we will begin soliciting donations."

Fossee said he and his committee welcome input from residents and business owners.

"The success of the Grosse Pointe Woods foundation depends entirely on the generosity of Woods residents and businesses," he said. "We're excited to finally offer a way for citizens and businesses to contribute to the betterment of Grosse Pointe Woods with their private funds, whether through one-time, annual or legacy donations."

"Contributing to the foundation is the best way to ensure that Grosse Pointe Woods remains the family-focused community that we all love, well into the future."

Reverse collection contributes to church's mission

By Ann L. Fouty
Features Editor

Taking money from a church collection plate on a Sunday is rare.

However, each Grosse Pointe Woods Presbyterian Church member withdrew an

envelope during Easter services.

Some 300 took an envelope out of the collection plate. They were on the honor system to donate the \$10 tucked inside.

The church's business administrator read about a

Florida church that did the reverse collection and passed the idea along to a church committee discussing ways to carry out the church's mission of discovering God's grace and joy today.

Leaving the church with more money than when they came, members discover the joy of giving, Rev. Jim Rizer said.

The \$3,500 pulled from a deficit budget could be viewed as hardship, but Rizer said he believes in a god of abundance.

"In light of the world of economics to tighten up, people need to be reminded of the joy

of giving," he said. "We support the nature of God's grace we don't deserve."

"Hopefully people will overcome the shock of taking something back out. It's (the reverse collection) an expression of grace and not something they expected or entitled to. This is grace — freedom from sin."

Stories about how that money has been donated are filtering back on postcards also inserted into the envelope.

Rizer said donations range from helping an organization handling abused horses to assisting the unemployed. Members have donated to local

cal charities and others took a more aggressive approach, pooling the family's money to buy groceries for Crossroads, a Detroit outreach agency. A 10th grader turned his money into 27 pounds of food for Crossroads.

One family pooled its money and sought matching donations from a local grocery store. The groceries were to be given to a family in need, one postcard said.

Church member Sue Mattingly of Grosse Pointe Woods said her 12-year-old son will give his money to a friend. The friend's parents are out of work and might en-

joy buying a pizza, Mattingly said her son related.

"This is so so cool and unexpected," she said. "I know where people are right now with the news about jobs and food."

Just a little bit can make a difference, Mattingly said.

One member related to Rizer receiving this money was similar to when her husband needed a kidney transplant and money was tight. She said an envelope of money would suddenly appear under the door or a forgotten rebate check came when it was needed.

"I can't wait to give this away," Rizer said the woman told him. "We do believe God will provide for his people and pass on their blessings."

Another story Mattingly related had members pooling their money to give to a single mother to use for child care.

There is no time limit on when the money has to be spent, but one church member indicated it will be soon. A waitress in a restaurant he frequents is pregnant and her child's father has left.

"She would never ask the church for money," Mattingly said. "He will do something nice for her."

According to Mattingly, two other children in the congregation will provide a meal to a family of five children whose parents are out of work.

Rizer's \$10 was given to Witnessing Ministries of Christ in India because, he said, this is "front line ministry," bringing the word of God to the "untouchables."

And the stories will continue, Rizer said. "We are trying to celebrate and hear the stories, intending to describe the joy and why the money is going where it's going."



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Bearing bears

Grosse Pointe Park Youth Officer Mike Narduzzi picked up two large bags of colorful teddy bears made by students, such as Jessica Garon and Amanda Semanco, who are part of the St. Joan of Arc exceptional needs program. Each bear wears a tag which reads: "Our prayers and thoughts go with these bears that they might bring comfort to children who are hurt or in need of a special little friend. A special thank you goes out to Officer Mike for watching over these bears until a special child in need adopts them." Det. David Loch of the Grosse Pointe Park public safety department helped coordinate the donation with St. Joan of Arc staff. "We're very thankful to the students for thinking of what some kids have to go through during a stressful situation. We're sure the children that receive these bears will be very appreciative." Making the stuffed animals was this year's service project for the students. Loch assured the students the gifts will give comfort to children who are scared, have been injured, traumatized or lost their possessions in a fire. For additional information, call St. Joan of Arc at (586) 772-1282.



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Dentist earns distinction

Dr. Theodore "Ted" Hadgis has earned the Fellow from LVI Global.

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He has an office at 20039 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods.

G.P. SHORES

Hazardous household waste collected

Household Hazardous Waste Day will be hosted by Grosse Pointe Shores from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, May 9, in the Osius Park parking lot.

"This is something we do every five years in conjunction with the other Grosse Pointes and Harper Woods except (Grosse Pointe) Woods," said Brett Smith, head of Shores public works.

Items accepted include but are not limited to:

- ◆ automotive fluids,
- ◆ batteries,
- ◆ bug sprays,
- ◆ computers,
- ◆ drain cleaners,
- ◆ fuels,
- ◆ fluorescent light bulbs,
- ◆ herbicides,
- ◆ insecticides,
- ◆ lighter fluid,
- ◆ oil-based paint,
- ◆ mercury-filled thermometers and thermostats,
- ◆ propane tanks,
- ◆ solvents,
- ◆ thinners and
- ◆ tires.

Items not accepted include but are not limited to:

- ◆ water-based/latex paint,
- ◆ ammunition,
- ◆ biohazard material,
- ◆ medical waste and
- ◆ explosives.

'Mamapalooza' at zoo May 2

A pre-Mother's Day concert for moms who rock is from 2 to 4 p.m. Saturday, May 2 at the Detroit Zoo's Main Picnic Grove.

Mamapalooza, featuring live performances by The Mydols, Cello Bella and Girls Night Out, is a family-friendly concert festival featuring mom musicians and vocalists. The performers appear at the zoo for the third year in celebration of Mother's Day.

The concert is free with regular zoo admission which is \$11 for adults 15 to 61, \$9 for senior citizens 62 and older and \$7 for children ages 2 to 14. Children under 2 are admitted free.

The Detroit Zoo is open daily 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. April through October and 9 a.m. May 1 through Labor Day with extended hours until 8 p.m. Wednesdays during July and August. For more information, call (248) 541-5717 or visit detroitzoo.org.

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INCREASE: Maintaining services

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to budget an increase in property taxes on homes and businesses as a way to offset a projected budget shortfall of nearly \$2 million brought about because of declining property values and assessments.

"We must look at raising the millage rate," said Al Dickinson, finance committee chair. "We can't keep going at this rate without significant cuts in city services. We are trying to make up for a loss in revenue. Our taxpayers will not see a significant increase."

Not only was the council looking at the 2009-10 fiscal year budget which goes into effect July 1, but they were attempting to project revenue and expenditures for the 2010-11 fiscal year as well. Based on comments from City Assessor Kathleen Paul, there is reason

to be concerned.

"I reduced taxes this year because of the sales prices," she told the council. "Many homeowners had a substantial reduction in their taxes, and from the sales that I have seen so far this year, there will be additional reductions next year. I'm seeing a few sales that are encouraging, but we're also seeing houses that are selling only for the assessed value. There will be a decrease next year for 80 to 90 percent of our homeowners."

Based on projections by City Treasurer Dee Ann Irby, a 1.75 mill increase will allow the city to recoup nearly \$2 million in lost revenue and return that money to the city's reserve funds, and allow the city to budget for the 2010-11 fiscal year without significant withdrawals from those reserve funds. The city's current millage rate is set at 12.9 mills.

"We talked about the reserve funds, and we have been cautiously spending some of our reserve money," said Councilman Joe Sucher. "But we have to stop taking

money from reserves in order to make the budget work. We're already down nearly \$4 million in reserves from 2005, and we can't allow those funds to go to zero."

With good reason, as those funds may be needed if matching fund grants or stimulus money becomes available, and the amount a city holds in reserves affects its bond rating should it go out for bonds for future construction projects. The city's bond advisor has said that the city should hold about 15 percent of the total budget, or approximately \$1.9 million in reserves.

The direction by council to develop a budget based on the increased millage came with several caveats, including a wage and hiring freeze for city employees, and the elimination of a 2 percent wage increase that had been slated to take effect July 1, 2009.

"Just so we're clear on this," said Mayor Robert Novitke, "there will be no new hires without finance and council approval, there will be posi-

tions lost through attrition, there will be no increase in expenditures, and we have discussed labor negotiations with our unions when their contracts expire next year. We have trimmed the budget dramatically. We have made all the cuts we can make without offsetting services."

Councilwoman Lisa Pinkos Howle disagreed.

"I still think we need to look at expenses before any millage increase is discussed," she said. "I want to see this on the ballot in November. People that I have been talking to said we can't raise the millage rate without a vote of the people."

"I understand it's an election year," Novitke replied,

"but the effect of putting this up to a vote would be to delay any millage increase until the 2010-11 fiscal year, and would not help us at all this year. We should all know how city taxes are collected."

Michael Makowski, the city's director of public safety and a resident of Grosse Pointe Woods, responded to Howle's comment directed to department heads as to why they can't squeeze more money out of their budgets.

"I'm an employee and a resident," he told the council. "I want the city to succeed this year and for the next 20 years. If you have to increase my taxes, then do it."

"We need to maintain our

city and its services. I applaud my colleagues for what they have done."

The council voted 5 to 1 to direct Irby to prepare the 2009-10 budget based on a 1.75 mill increase. Howle voted no, and Councilwoman Vicki Granger was absent.

"I had hoped this would have been a unanimous vote," said Novitke. "But we will go forward, and I believe this will be in the best interest of the city and allow us to maintain our city services."

The budget will be presented to council at its meeting Monday, May 4, and a public hearing will be held Monday, May 18.

LAYOFFS: Unfortunate reality

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Grosse Pointe Education Association President Ranae Beyerlein, a retired Grosse Pointe South High School chemistry teacher, said she didn't realize the extent of the layoffs until the board's budget meeting in March.

"This is the most they've laid off that I can remember in 18 years," she said. "I understand the board needs to be conservative, but we may lose good people in the process. It's been historically true in the past."

Teachers are let go based on seniority, so young educators are forced to find jobs in other districts — a loss to the Grosse

Pointe schools, Beyerlein said. During her career, Beyerlein said she was laid off three times, but was always called back.

"It is scary. Some have come forth and asked if they could freeze their salaries, and some are really in precarious situations because their spouses are already laid off," she said. "It doesn't just affect the teachers. The students are also upset, so that's a big issue."

Beyerlein noted that reactions to the news, while upsetting, have been supportive, from staff at one building dressing in black to those at another wearing pink.

She said it is often difficult for her to know how to handle the tension.

"It's hard because you hear a lot of sad stories. We choose education because we want to work with kids and because of the security and time with our

own families," she said. "We're filled with all these uncertainties ... it's really unsettling for people who picked this profession."

The following list includes eliminations and reductions in teaching assignments:

◆ K-5 regular education level: 26 teacher layoffs, 15 of whom are tenured.

◆ Specialty level, mostly in the elementary schools: Art, 3; vocal music, 5; library specialist, 3; Spanish, 2; physical education, 2; language arts, 1.

◆ Secondary level: English, 6; social studies, 1; science, 6; computer, 1; math, 2; industrial arts, 2; speech, 1; special education, 14.

"This is the horrific situation we're put in with the funding problems from the state," said trustee Brendan Walsh. "It is an unfortunate reality — cuts are going to hurt now and they're going to hurt for awhile."

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WEEK AHEAD:

SUNDAY, MAY 3

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Grosse Pointe Farms Pier Park, 350 Lakeshore. A child's ticket costs \$25 and includes refreshments and a 15-inch plush animal, costume and T-shirt. An adult ticket costs \$15. Each family is asked to bring a new teddy bear to donate to the local pediatric centers. For more information, call Jennie Silva at (313) 510-0134 or Cindy Banaszewski at (313) 469-9826. This is presented by The

Flower planting help needed

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

April showers should be over by the time volunteers can help plant spring flowers next month in Grosse Pointe Shores.

"We extend this invitation to anyone in the Shores who would like to help," said Mary Matuja, head of the city's beautification commission. "We welcome you with open arms. Bring your trowels and gloves."

Workers will convene at 9 a.m. Wednesday, May 20 at Osius Park, and Thursday, May 21 at City Hall. Volunteers can work as long as they wish.

"People can choose their day and hours," Matuja said. "Whatever they can do to help, we would be appreciative."

On tap are begonias, lipstick-colored impatiens and more.

"We'll have a mixture of other flowers in pots around city hall and the park," Matuja said.

Each May, a call goes out for volunteers to help commissioners plant flowers.

"About six people from the beautification commission have been planting flowers with employees, but there's been a cut in that," Matuja said.

She said budget restrictions have eliminated assigning the task to city employees.

"We need more help than ever," Matuja said. "We'd like to keep the city as beautiful as it has been. I wanted to give people the opportunity to volunteer."

Family Center's Circle of Friends and benefits The Family Center.

◆ The Grosse Pointe Board of Realtors hosts an open house from 2 to 4 p.m. at more than 100 homes in the Grosse Pointes, Harper Woods and St. Clair Shores. See Your Home for a complete listing.

◆ Grosse Pointe Theatre's production of "Miss Saigon" is presented at 2 p.m. at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms. Tickets are \$22. For more information, call (313) 881-4004.

◆ Grosse Pointe Woods City Council meets at 7:30 p.m. in city hall, 20025 Mack Plaza.

TUESDAY, MAY 5
◆ Van Elslander Cancer Center's registered dietitian Damien Buchkowski shares tips how to put enjoyment back into eating at 10:30 a.m. at the Center of Lifelong Learning for Active Adults in the Commons Room of St. Peter Parish House, 19851 Anita, Harper Woods. Freewill donations are accepted. For more information, call (313) 886-1770.

◆ The Grosse Pointe Chamber of Commerce Business After Hours, sponsored by Health Alliance Plan is at 5:30 p.m. at

Henry Ford Cottage, 159 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe Farms.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 6

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THURSDAY, MAY 7

◆ The 23rd Mayor's Prayer Breakfast begins at 7:30 a.m. at the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club. The featured speaker is Miss America 2003, Erika Harold. Tickets are \$15 and available at any of the Grosse Pointe city halls and the Harper Woods city hall.
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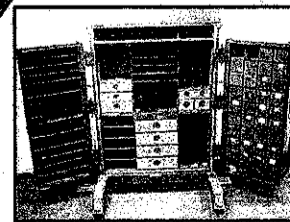
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GUEST EDITORIAL BY Bill Kalmar

Survivor: U.S. workplace

Since 2000, we have either been mesmerized, entertained, or in my case, irritated by a TV program called "Survivor." Contestants on this show are isolated in the wilderness and compete against each other for cash and other prizes. The program utilizes a progressive elimination gimmick, allowing the contestants to vote off a member until only one contestant remains and is thus crowned the sole survivor.

Some of the places where brave contestants vie to be the survivor are Fiji, Borneo, and Guatemala. It becomes a war of wills and strength, as some contestants are granted immunity for winning an event while others are jettisoned from the island by a vote of their peers.

If this sounds a bit like the current workplace in our nation, welcome to "Survivor: The American Workplace."

In our new workplace environment, people are "voted off" the payroll every week because of declining sales, relocation to cheaper producing nations, or an incompetent management team.

With a 12 percent unemployment rate in Michigan, the outlook continues to be grim for survival. Unabashedly, I attribute most of the problems to management — a senior management team without a clear understanding of the market, a team steeped in old habits without the ability to change and a team more concerned about protecting themselves than looking out for their staff.

On the other hand, there are numerous companies that are excelling in this new economic environment. Look no further than Fortune magazine's list of the "100 Best Companies To Work For" and "Most Admired Companies" and the list of Malcolm Baldrige National Quality Award recipients. The common ingredient is a strong management team.

My 30 years at a major Michigan bank followed by 10 years as the director of the Michigan Quality Council, a state award program patterned after the Malcolm Baldrige National Quality Award Program, gave me the unique opportunity to witness a wide array of management styles. Of course, during that time there were countless people who witnessed my management style or lack thereof. Now that I'm happily and enthusiastically retired, I can pause and look back on those years and compare my experiences with the current state of affairs in managing.

This will no doubt generate a lot of guffaws and critiques, but I'm convinced most downfalls at companies are the direct result of a faulty management system, including a flawed strategic plan. In many cases, there's no strategic plan, ergo, no measuring techniques, a lack of employee recognition and thus no way to stimulate and energize the staff.

You would think what with the glut of management books and articles, companies would be led by a group of learned, well-honed management teams. But that often isn't the case. If management books are best sellers and if people take at least a modicum of information from these "how to" treatises, then why do so many companies fail?

Perhaps it has nothing to do with the books and articles, but maybe these same management aids are just a bunch of hokum and nothing else.

A recent trip to my neighborhood book store revealed there are hundreds of books that beg to lure us into the world of management techniques. But how many of them are helpful and which ones are harmful remains the question.

Some of the titles just jump off the shelf and I suspect many of the techniques are of some value. Some of the titles probably provide more information than what is actually in the book. Many of us may just purchase the title and discover later that it contained nothing of value.

Here are some titles that caught my attention:

- ◆ "The Bald Truth — Secrets of Success From Locker Room to Board Room," Pocket, 2009. As you would expect, there's a picture of the author on the cover and he is bald. Don't know what his "secret" is but maybe it's how to score a three-point play while tossing paper into the boardroom basket. We all like sports analogies, as they relate to the workplace but how many of them are applicable is a mystery to me.
- ◆ "Team Building That Gets Results: Essential Plans and Activities for Creating Effective Teams," Sourcebooks Inc., 2007. This conjures up the idea that perhaps other team-building exercises weren't successful. I can personally attest to a gimmick called "The Grid" that we were once exposed to while I was in the corporate world. It was one week at an off-site location where we participated in analyzing, critiquing and destroying our fellow workers and those in other departments. It was brutal and accomplished nothing. After a week of determining whether we were equally focused on work and staff,

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Lakeshore property

To the Editor:

We have recently been informed the Grosse Pointe War Memorial will sell two parcels of land next to our home on Lakeshore.

The War Memorial will lose about \$10 million in the transaction. We warned them years ago this was the likely legal outcome based on case law from their previous purchase.

The Michigan Supreme Court upheld the legal rights of property owners to make sure restrictive covenants will be legally binding. This should be of great comfort to all homeowners in Michigan.

We were faced with a nightmare. After building our dream house on the water, suddenly we were going to wake up with a 20,000 square-foot monster condo right next door.

It's a pity they lost so much money that was donated to help the community. If the War Memorial was a public or private institution, heads would roll for this financial fiasco.

We believe that in order to restore the faith of the community, the War Memorial leadership will handle donated funds wisely and some public accounting for the actions the War Memorial leaders took in the purchase of 50 and 60 Lakeshore should occur. Specifically blatant conflict of interest between board members concerning legal representation and building rights occurred.

The leadership has to understand that as a nonprofit entity, they must have some accountability to the community at large.

We are thrilled to get new neighbors that will build a beautiful home on one of the

most precious parcels of land anywhere in America!

All Grosse Pointe homeowners will benefit from a new jewel on the lake!

DR. WILLIAM AND MRS. CAROL O'NEILL
Grosse Pointe Farms

Community education

To the Editor:

Recently it has come to my attention the Grosse Pointe Board of Education intends to eliminate its Department of Community Education.

No doubt this decision was dictated by the general downturn in the economy that all of us are experiencing now.

While it's understandable they should feel the need to cut back wherever they can, the wholesale excision of this program strikes me as neither warranted nor constructive.

For it's especially in times of unrest and distress that social programs like the one in question require our ongoing support. As they feed us, so we should feed them.

The reality is they're just as essential as road repairs, sewer maintenance and school millage. People can lose sight of the fact they were never meant to be money machines.

Paula Jarvis, manager of The Grosse Pointe schools' Department of Community Education, ironically came to her position when the program was in similar straits. Eventually, she got it back in the black.

I think we should trust her experience to make the necessary changes that will allow the balance of her offerings to continue as they are now. We all stand to benefit.

FREDERIC SIBLEY
Grosse Pointe Farms

PETA remembers Bea Arthur

To the Editor:

Bea Arthur had a truly golden heart and will be sorely missed by everyone at the People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals.

She joined our organization in 1987, when "The Golden Girls" did an anti-fur episode, and because of her unending compassion and tireless efforts to make the world a kinder place, she won multiple humanitarian awards.

Bea never missed a single chance to help stop animal suffering.

She placed ads in playbills calling for theater patrons to have a change of heart and donate their furs to PETA, encouraged people to boycott Kentucky Fried Chicken until it (allegedly) stops scalding chickens alive, and used her eminent voice to speak about the abuse of animals in laboratories, circuses, movies and on factory farms.

Her dying wish was for people to stop eating foie gras, which is cruelly made by force-feeding ducks and geese until their livers expand as much as 10 times their normal size.

We ask Bea's fans to please keep her kind-hearted spirit alive by opting for alternatives to foie gras and showing compassion for all animals.

For easy ways that you can help animals, visit PETA.org.

DAN MATHEWS
Senior Vice President
of Campaigns
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U.S. Intelligence Community

To the Editor:

After the 9/11 attack on our country, I am grateful for the U.S. Intelligence Community network for protecting us from another attack.

By "water boarding" three terrorists, we found out the terrorist were planning an attack in the Los Angeles area.

Thanks U.S. Intelligence Community for a job well done! War is hell.

MARGARET POTTER
Grosse Pointe Woods

Fellow countrymen tortured

To the Editor:

In response to our neighbor from Fraser's letter, "Prosecute for torture," April 23 Grosse Pointe News, and her outrage over the supposed torture inflicted upon the admitted extremist and terrorist, perhaps we should have a broader view on the term torture.

Having grown up in New York City and having lost both friends and family members to the cowardice acts of the people we were interrogating, I have a broader view of torture.

Torture is the sadness in my aunt's eyes as she looks into the vastness of the Atlantic Ocean where she once watched her youngest son, Paul, surf. He was an off-duty firefighter killed by the rubble as he attempted to save his countrymen from the fires.

Torture is hearing my classmate's mom reminisce of the laughter she and her best friend and only daughter shared planning family gatherings. Her daughter was incinerated while sitting at her desk on the 98th floor that Tuesday morning in September, 2001.

Torture is looking at the proud photograph my aunt Sissy has hanging in her foyer at her home. It is of her son and his grandfather upon his graduation from the U.S. Naval Academy. His dad missed that day because he died in a stairwell of the first tower at the World Trade Center in 2001.

These are just three of the 3,000 families that are tortured every day since Sept. 11, 2001.

Should we continue to attempt to defend our country and our loved one from irrational, angry and misguided enemies?

Isn't that one of the fundamental responsibilities of our government?

I know I would like to do what is necessary to spare my fellow countrymen the torture that has been inflicted on these innocent, kind and generous families.

GERALDINE LACOMBE
Grosse Pointe Farms

GUEST OPINION By Joseph G. Lehman

The government bubble

The best title for any book ever written may be "Extraordinary Popular Delusions and the Madness of Crowds." Charles Mackay's 1841 classic describes the growth and sudden collapse of some of history's most ruinous investment bubbles.

The recent credit and real estate bubble would fit neatly into Mackay's narrative. If he were writing today, he would no doubt note a new govern-

ment bubble our tax dollars are rapidly inflating.

This government bubble is President Barack Obama's so-called stimulus plan and all the appurtenances thereto. The rush to tax, borrow and spend our way out of this recession has a bubble-like feel to it.

Using round numbers, the stimulus is — so far — a trillion-dollar expansion of federal spending. Heritage Foundation economists estimate the 10-year cost at triple

that amount. That's on top of our current \$3 trillion annual federal budget which runs a nearly \$2 trillion deficit. Compared to our \$13 trillion gross domestic product, we're talking real money.

The stimulus is built on a Keynesian notion: The way out of a recession is for government to take from you the money you won't spend and spend it. This was tried most famously during the lengthy Great Depression. President Franklin D. Roosevelt's frus-

trated Treasury Secretary Henry Morgenthau said, "We are spending more than we have ever spent before, and it does not work."

Contrary to conventional wisdom taught in high schools, New Deal spending did not end, or even shorten, the Great Depression. It may have lengthened it, as Lawrence W. Reed has argued in the Mackinac Center for Public Policy's book, "Great

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I SAY By Ann L. Fouty

Following traffic ordinances imperative



Do you remember the weather on Halloween 2008? It was a gorgeous day. Mother Nature was treating us to a day of summer as fall wound down.

Being on the Hill, the Grosse Pointe News staff had stopped working to watch the Richard Elementary School children parade by in their Halloween

costumes. We remarked, as usual, how cute they were.

Not long after, the newsroom began to empty out. It was a Friday after all, and the weekend needed to begin. At 4:30 p.m., I turned my computer and the newsroom lights off. I, too, was looking forward to the weekend and a Friday night rendezvous with the neighbors.

As I pushed the outer office door open, I looked up to the blue sky, feeling the warm autumn sun on my face.

"What a great day for trick-or-treaters," I thought.

In my peripheral vision, I saw a bicyclist bearing down on me too fast. I didn't have time to re-

act. The elementary-aged boy didn't have time to react. He struck me full force. My last thought as I was collapsing was to not hit my head on the bricks. The boy and bike went another way.

I did hit my head. A fingernail and water bottle were broken. My purse was scuffed up but the ambulance was not called. There were no broken bones or blood spilled, just a mild concussion.

The bicyclist apologized profusely for striking my leg at full force.

With no ice in the office, a can of Pepsi went on my head and another on my left leg

which was quickly swelling from knee to toe, much to the amazement of my co-workers. After a final apology, the bicyclist quickly left.

All winter the inside of my left leg sported a hematoma the size of a grapefruit. My calf had no feeling and appeared to have been injected with steroids. I wore slacks all winter to cover a swollen leg which was purple from knee to toe. Today, that leg has a soft hematoma the size of my palm and is only slightly swollen and most of the purple bruising has dissipated.

The reason I sketched out my injuries is a reminder to bi-

cyclists pedestrians have the right of way, in the business district and on residential sidewalks.

According to Grosse Pointe Farms Public Safety Director Dan Jensen, "Bikes are allowed on the sidewalk. They must yield to pedestrians. When overtaking pedestrians, they must give an audible signal."

While I lament my lingering injuries, and remnants of that injury which will be permanent, I am glad one of our elderly customers was not injured. A number of our faithful readers and contributors were born pre-Baby Boom era. Should one of my favorite

ladies who brings in a club notice been injured, I would have been outraged. I would have called the police immediately.

The boy who escaped with a scraped arm having collided with me got off easy.

And that was my mistake. I should have called the Farms police and made a report. I didn't follow the rules either.

Jensen assured me measures are being taken to hopefully prevent more bike/pedestrian injuries by posting signs on the Hill this spring.

"Police will be on alert," he said of errant bicyclists, as well as joggers and those on roller blades.

STREETWISE By Renee Landuyt

What do you think is the best age and why?

If you have a question you would like asked, drop us a note at 96 Kercheval on The Hill in Grosse Pointe Farms, MI 48236 or email to editor@grossepointenews.com



"I think 7 years old is best because I get new things that I couldn't play with when I was 6 years old."

ROBIN LYNKEY
Grosse Pointe Park



"Fourteen years old would be a good age because you can baby-sit and you get to be a teenager."

CELESTA PAOLUCCI
Grosse Pointe Woods



"I think being 24 years old would be cool because I could watch scary movies and I would be taller than my grandma."

DREW ZELENAK
Grosse Pointe Woods



"I like the age I am because I get to play with my two sisters and it is fun to be a kid."

MOLLY WOODS
Macomb Township



"I think the best age is 9 years old because it is a cool age and you can do more at nine than you can at seven."

EMMA SMITH
Grosse Pointe Farms

FROM THE ARCHIVES Compiled by Suzy Berschback

G.P. Farms survey photo collection



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

During the late 1910s and early 1920s, Grosse Pointe Farms undertook a land survey documented in photographs. The photos are part of the Ignatius Backman Collection from the Farms city offices.

The collection was recently digitized for this exhibit.

As the collection reflects, by the 1910s, the advent of the car accelerated the development of Grosse Pointe. New inland roads like Oak (now Muir) attracted tradesmen, estate workers and village employees while streets like

Beverly lured businessmen and professionals.

Estate owners used inland portions of their property for subdivisions and developers replaced farmland with boulevards like Cloverly.

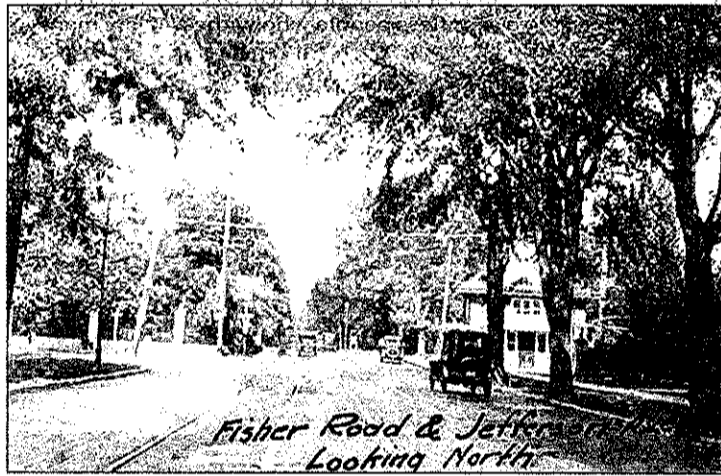
Regardless of location, new homes reflected diverse architectural styles including English Tudor, French Renaissance, Italianate, Georgian, Colonial and Arts and Crafts.

Although town marshals in 1911 were still rounding up stray cattle near the lake, by 1925 it was illegal for local farmers to sell fresh produce along the shore.

Increased population required enhanced services. Roads were paved and maintained by local contractors like Moran and Teetaert. Sewage and waste water pipes were installed. In 1905, the Peninsular Electric Light Company agreed to provide both street lights and drinking water for 10 years. By the midteens, agreements with Detroit and Highland Park further assured water safety.



By the 1910s, the advent of the car accelerated the development of the Grosse Pointes.



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all of us returned to the office and assumed our normal disjointed strategies.

◆ "Results That Last: Hardwiring Behaviors That Will Take Your Company to the Top," Wiley, 2007. Perhaps this was written by someone who read the previous book and decided that everyone likes results, but this author has devised a way to make them actually stick. We should have invited him to our "Grid Training" and then his title would be "Results That Last Until The Workshop Is Over."

◆ "Do It Right the Second Time: Benchmarking Best Practices in the Quality Change Process," Productivity Press, 1997. I hope we're getting closer to the second time. I can only imagine what the first time might have resulted in!

◆ "The One Minute Manager," Berkley Trade, 1983. This book by Kenneth Blanchard, Ph.D., has been on the best-selling list for years followed by "Who Moved My Cheese," G.P. Putnam's Sons, 1998, and a whole host of others designed to improve our management style. I'm sure some of my previous supervisors, and perhaps some of yours, read this book because they were able to manage for exactly one minute every other month.

◆ "Perfect Phrases for Managers and Supervisors: Hundreds of Ready-to-Use

Phrases for Any Management Situation," McGraw-Hill, 2004. This book has scripts for various workplace situations, because I suspect that most managers have difficulty being assertive, sympathetic, understanding, and knowledgeable. So this book provides the correct phraseology. Here's one of my favorites from the book spoken by a staff member to his or her boss: "If experience comes from mistakes, I just gained a huge amount of experience." How insightful. Why not just say, "I screwed up."

◆ "Perfect Phrases for Building a Strong Team: Hundreds of Ready-to-Use Phrases for Fostering Collaboration, Encouraging Communication, and Growing a Winning Team," McGraw-Hill, 2007. If the previous book didn't work, then here's one just for your team. My favorite from the book: "I am committed to your success." Now say that without laughing. How about just using a phrase from Green Bay Packer's coach, Vince Lombardi: "Winning isn't everything — it's the only thing."

◆ "E-Business 2.0: Roadmap for Success," Addison-Wesley Professional, 2000. Everyone takes a different road to get there. For me? I'll just use my OnStar system.

◆ "You Can't Order Change: Lessons from Jim McInerney's Turnaround at Boeing," Portfolio Hardcover, 2008. No need to read the book, because this premise is true. If changes are to be made in a company, the management team needs to explain why it's necessary and how it will have a positive effect on the employees and its customers. The inability to

demonstrate this means the change isn't necessary.

◆ "Change or Die: The Three Keys to Change at Work and in Life," Collins Business, 2007. Coming on the heels of the previous book, but by a different author is a title that really should be subtitled, "The Master of the Obvious."

◆ "Death by Meeting: A Leadership Fable...About Solving the Most Painful Problem in Business," Jossey-Bass, 2004. How true. I read recently many companies are conducting stand-up meetings, which obviously limits the time one is engaged in meaningless gatherings. Since retiring in 2003, I have yet to experience withdrawal pains from not being at a meeting.

My point in listing these books and obviously throwing some darts, is to illustrate that despite the number of "how-to" management books on the market, we continue to have failed companies and management teams that are clueless. What is the answer?

If you are a manager, supervisor, or company owner, your greatest source of input are your employees and customers. Meet with them on a regular basis. Determine their needs, wants and expectations and then make sure your strategic plan coincides with those expectations. This isn't brain surgery.

Another quote from Vince Lombardi is most appropriate here: "A leader must identify himself with the group, must back up the group, even at the risk of displeasing superiors. He must believe that the group wants from him a sense of approval. If this feeling prevails, production, discipline, morale

will be high, and in return, you can demand the cooperation to promote the goals of the company."

Management should benchmark their practices against other companies renowned in the workplace for having financial success and those that have reputations for low employee turnover.

Frankly, it isn't more complicated than that. Trying to implement some new philosophy or perhaps a whole new Zen method is a waste of time.

Why make it complicated? As an employee, if you are at a company that has a weak management team or if you find yourself in an environment where you can't be yourself, it's time to leave. Sure that sounds foolhardy, but why trek to work every day to a situation where you aren't appreciated and where you have to change your work style to mesh with some archaic work standards.

I found myself to be most successful when I was able to be myself. Trying to adapt to a culture where you have to make dramatic changes to your work style and your personality is like putting on a Halloween mask — you are someone else at work and then someone else at home and that isn't a comfortable situation. Move on.

David Letterman recently had a top-10 list of signs you work for a bad company. Two signs that stuck out were: "Only office perk is the free oxygen" and "Instead of raises, everyone is given raisins."

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

BUBBLE: Bursting destruction

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Myths of the Great Depression."

Although economists differ on Keynes's theories, they differ more on bubble theories. Bubbles defy precise definition. No theory satisfactorily explains why they grow. And since no one can predict how big they get or when they pop, bubbles are apparent only in hindsight. "Yep. That was a bubble."

But here's what we know. Bubbles are fed by people's desire to get something for nothing, or at least get a lot for a little. The run-ups can seem nonsensical to some, but people invest anyway, often motivated by emotion as much as an actual understanding of the underlying investment. Bubble pops can bring other investments down with them.

Bursting bubbles destroy wealth. The destruction is worse when the invested wealth comes from borrowed money. And it's worse yet when investments are forced, not voluntary.

Yet that describes the president's stimulus plan in many ways. Unprecedented sums urgently bet on questionable theories, hyped by emotionalism and urgency, paid for with money taken from current taxpayers and borrowed from future ones.

Most people who lost fortunes in historic bubbles invested their own money voluntarily. No one was forced to buy overpriced Dutch tulip bulbs in the 1630s or Pets.com stock in 2000. But we and future taxpayers are on the hook for the stimulus.

The burst of a market bubble, though painful, can be a necessary corrective. But what will it take to correct a government bubble? We must start by calling it what it is.

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

GROSSE POINTE SHORES

Emerald ash borer claims 41 trees

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

Tree crews with chain saws spent Earth Day on Lakeshore grooming the planet by plucking some of Mother Nature's gray hairs.

By the time Arbor Day concluded two days later, so had the crews. Freshly-cut ash tree stumps marked their passage.

Workers cut down, ground into chips and hauled away 41 dead, dying or disregarded ash trees in Grosse Pointe Shores.

The trees' gray, furrowed and in some places scaly bark shot-gunned full of 1/8-inch, D-shaped holes told the tale of invasive emerald ash borer infestation.

"It's no surprise. We knew it was coming," said Brett Marshall, head of the Grosse Pointe Shores tree board. "Five years ago, we had approximately 332 ash trees. As of today, we're down to 162."

Marshall, owner of a tree service, has spent four years voluntarily injecting his community's municipal ash trees with chemicals to stave off borer infestation.

No more. The cost has risen too high during a time of budget downturns. At between \$110 to \$150 per treatment, based on trunk diameter, it was costing the Shores more than \$6,100 per year to inject trees with an anti-borer chemical that empirical evidence has started showing may not be the elixir it was hoped.

"The city stopped injecting altogether this year," Marshall said. "It simply wasn't logical to do that defensive measure."

Instead, Wayne County deployed workers along Lakeshore, a county road, between Vernier and the Grosse Pointe Farms border, to remove infested and susceptible trees.

Emerald ash borers are an invasive species native to Southeast Asia. They jumped continents to western Wayne



PHOTOS BY BRAD LINDBERG

All it took was one, two, three cuts of a chain saw to bring down each of 41 ash trees on Lakeshore.

County at least 10 years ago, most likely burrowed inside a wooden packing crate of imported industrial parts.

The bugs, unchecked by their natural predators half a world away, have spread with the relentlessness of a G-man's dragnet. They've moved into almost every state and Canadian province in the Great Lakes basin and beyond from Virginia and Missouri. Most untreated trees die within four years of becoming infested.

Wayne County's efforts to remove the trees saved the city \$12,000, according to Brett Smith, head of Shores public works.

Unending battle

"Injections were just delaying the inevitable," Smith said. "We've had other trees where injections have been quite successful, but not on Lakeshore.

They've been deteriorating slowly for the last number of years."

"It got completely out of hand," Marshall said. "If injections were a silver bullet like we thought five or six years ago, I'm sure we would have continued it. But, even with injections, borers are killing ash trees."

Injections contained Imidacloprid. The insecticide's long-term efficacy against emerald ash borer is uncertain.

"Most studies are two or three-year studies at best, because emerald ash borer is so new to America," said Deborah McCullough, a Michigan State University professor of entomology and specialist in exotic insects.

McCullough has been researching ways to fight ash borers since shortly after the insect was identified in 2002 with the help of scientists from China



and Eastern Europe.

"There's some evidence that you can protect ash trees for as long as people have been treating and monitoring them, which in most cases is three or four years," McCullough said. "Whether you can protect them with Imidacloprid indefinitely, I don't know."

Another factor against continuing injections along Lakeshore was that many of the trees had been planted too close together.

At maturity, ash trees reach 50 to 60 feet tall. The branches of many specimens cut down last week had overlapped their neighbors or were about to.

"We weren't about to start injecting trees that were only 10

or 12 feet away from each other," Marshall said.

Not every injection is futile.

Some ash trees, prized for having dark green leaves in summer changing in fall to yellow, maroon and deep purple, are integral to the landscape. Others have the type of sentimental value expressed in an Earth Day poster by Halle Mogk, a fourth-grader at Maire Elementary School in Grosse Pointe Park:

*Trees give you life.
Life gives you happy times.
Happy times give you memories.
Memories are priceless.
That is why trees are so important.
Some people are very at-*

tached to their trees," Marshall said. "They'll go to any extent to try to save them. Many people are on the opposite page. They're looking at the cost of injections 10 or 20 years down the road and thinking they can use that money to plant numerous trees in its place. Almost every tree has to be treated on a case-by-case basis."

Ash trees lost on Lakeshore will be replaced with other species.

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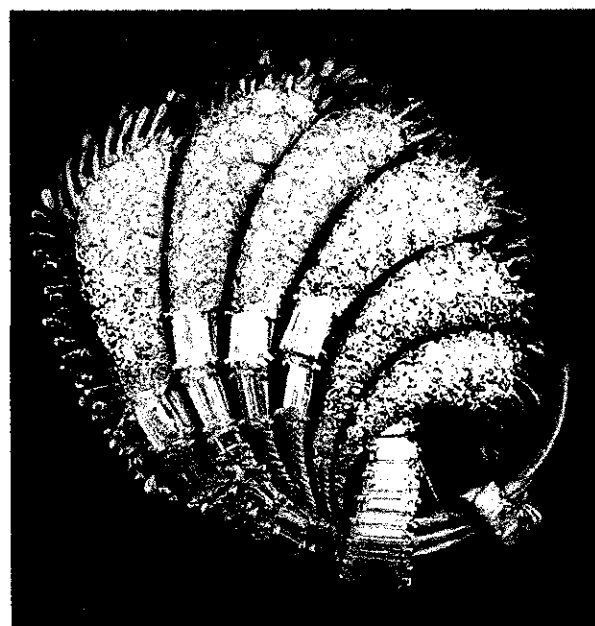
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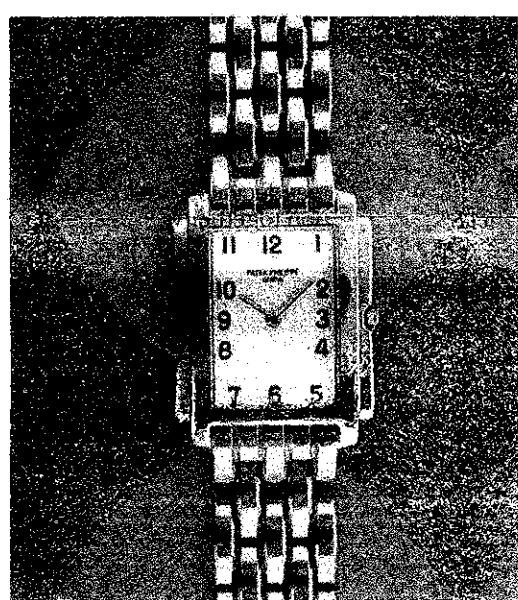
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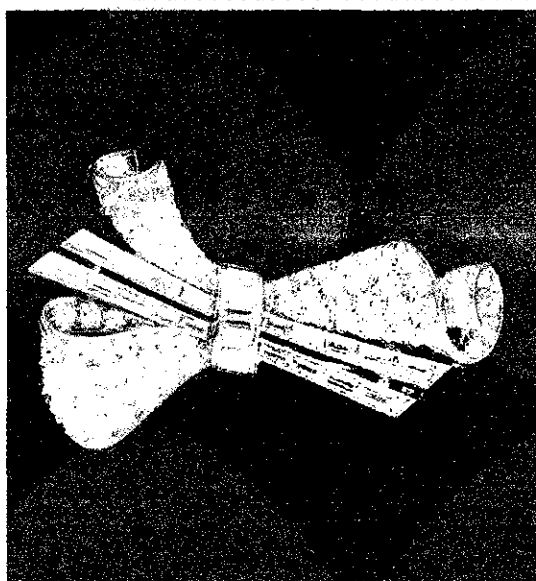
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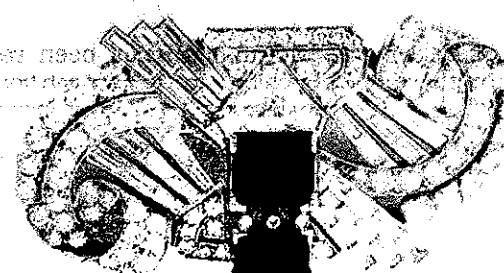
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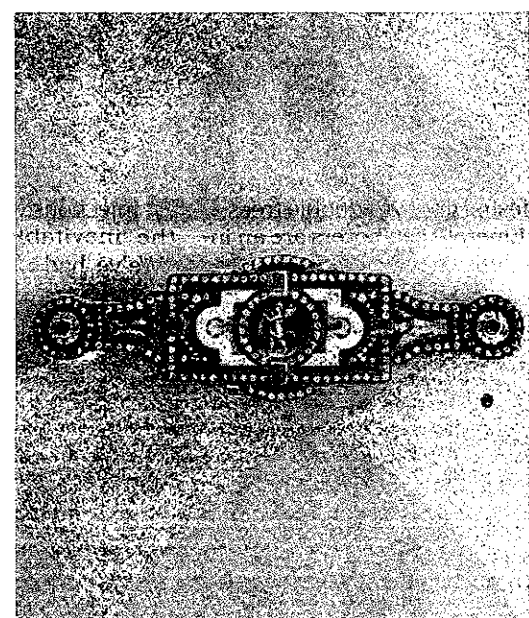
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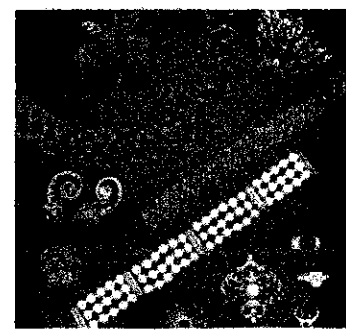
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Costume designer tells stories through silhouettes

By Amy Salvagno
Staff Writer

She illuminates tragedies, thrills and triumphs through flashes of color, stylish silhouettes and sometimes, even ruffled dresses and feathery hats.

As volunteer costume director extraordinaire for the Grosse Pointe South High School performing arts department, Ginger Keena-Hupp helps bring stories — and the characters behind them — to life as she puts thread to fabrics of every shade, contour and texture.

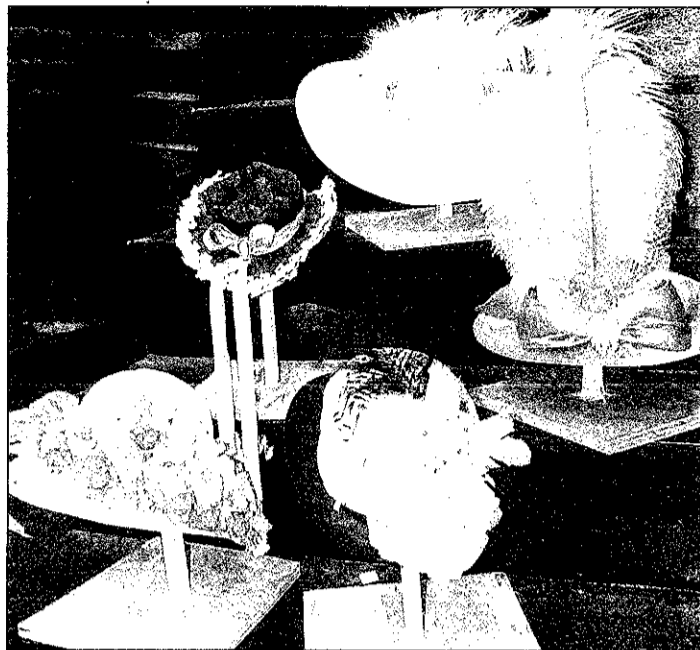
Over the years, she's recreated the dark, restless world of 19th century Paris; an enchanted castle with a gentle beauty and chatty kitchen utensils; and the tragic love between two teenagers wrapped up in rival gangs.

And for the 20-year revival this weekend of "Hello, Dolly," she's set a showy scene for the musical's brassy matchmaker and the romance between a few New York City couples.

For Keena-Hupp, a self-taught seamstress, the art she fell into as an 8-year-old — after watching a scene in "Phinneaus' Rainbow" with bright costumes of yellow and kelly green — has come to serve one main purpose.

"I started to think about what people use colors for, and I wanted to start telling the story, telling how the character changes," she said.

Keena-Hupp, whose parents were long involved in community theater, got her start making outfits for her puppets and dolls. In high school, she al-



tered dresses. And as she stepped away from the engineering department — where she initially thought she belonged — at the University of Michigan, she began to share her skills with the theater program.

Soon after, Keena-Hupp transferred to Wayne State University to study costume design, but quickly discovered her real passion, psychology, which coincidentally correlated with her approach to creating a character's wardrobe.

"I am really interested in what colors say about who they are, how they feel and what they show the world — and what they don't," she said.

The professional therapist, a City of Grosse Pointe resident, spent several seasons with the Grosse Pointe Theatre. Her favorite costumes were symbolically elaborate layers she made for "The Lion in Winter" and a

facade of opulence for "Dangerous Liaisons." Six years ago, she received a desperate phone call from a South student.

"He said they were taking this play ('She Loves Me') to competition and they were three weeks from it and didn't have any costumes."

Ever since, Keena-Hupp has held a pivotal role in the school's over-the-top productions. She's even been given her own costume loft inside the district's performing arts center, now overflowing with soft, feminine, corsets and dresses and striking suits for "Dolly," which in contrast to last year's "Les Miserables," is show-stoppingly silly.

With each new musical, Keena-Hupp pours over the script and its ensemble, and meets with the set designer to see if he has any particular palette in mind. She also re-



PHOTOS BY AMY SALVAGNO

Ginger Keena-Hupp has been volunteering her time to create lavish costumes for productions by the Grosse Pointe South High School performing arts department, including the feminine corsets and colorful suits for "Hello, Dolly," playing this weekend. Left: More than 120 hats were fashioned for the upcoming production by South's volunteer moms.

searches the time period and checks into the Grosse Pointe Theatre's costume collection to see if there's anything she can use. Then she figures out her budget and gets the ball rolling.

And all before the students are cast.

For "Les Miserables," she visited a resale shop and found skirts, camisoles and jackets — then dyed them all. And when she's needed to, she's rented ball gowns.

"A scene has to have a look, a certain feeling," she said. "I don't dabble. I go whole-hog."

Keena-Hupp has even enlisted the help of students willing to learn.

"I really love working with kids. They have more confidence. They don't know it's hard and so they'll try anything," she said. "They have that sense of a 'yes' and adults have gotten more into 'no.'"

Not that there is any absence of volunteer parents.

"I've had the opportunity to develop a really good group of talented people," she said.

For "Dolly," several moms have created more than 120 hats — for the girls, boys and to have in a few scenes.

As for the outfits, Keena-Hupp has custom-made 90 percent of them.

"I think the costumes are really going to create a spark. They're part of the entertain-

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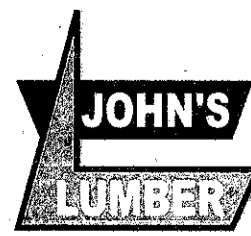
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Academy welcomes supporters, community for annual auction

By Amy Salvagno
Staff Writer

As co-chairs of the 42nd Grosse Pointe Academy Action Auction, Connie Demkowicz and Debbie Minanov have poured hours into learning the unique history of the annual two-evening event.

"We wanted to educate ourselves on how the auction had been done. We're going back to our roots," said Demkowicz, mother of five academy children whose husband, Brian, also co-chairs.

In that, the women decided to opt out of a traditional theme — in years' past, they've included "Building for Tomorrow," "Opening Doors" and "Set Sail for the Future" — and have chosen to highlight the event with natural tones, simple elegance and an image of the whimsical statue, Dandelion Daze, which has long leaned outside the doors of the Early School. Local artist Jane McFeely was commissioned to paint the new logo centered

around the youthful figure.

Friends, families, alumni and even those who merely drive by the Lakeshore campus are invited to attend Wednesday, May 6, and Saturday, May 9, to bid on 800 silent auction items and 30 live auction pieces, including a week's stay in Florence, Italy, a cooking class for six at a Tuscan farm, an exclusive Napa Valley wine tour, signature jewelry and home accents.

"We think of the academy as a community gem and it's important that we have both strong private and public schools to protect the economy," said Jennifer Parke, director of advancement. "The funds raised help support the overall academic program and scholarship funds."

"It is a really fun night and there are a lot of unique items," said Minanov, noting the golf outing with Detroit Red Wing Kirk Maltby and the sailboat adventure with local 2008 Olympian Carrie Howe.

Wednesday evening features

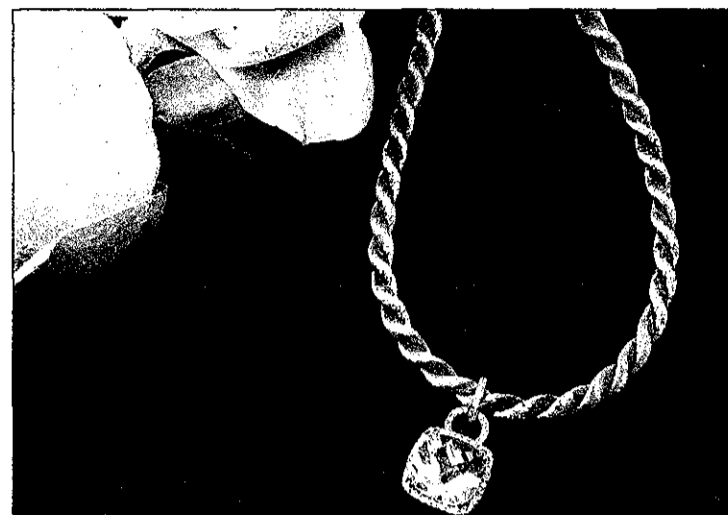


Some of the items at the Action Auction include needlepoint vases, above, a stay at the Island House on Mackinac Island, top right, and a lime quartz and diamond pendant, right.

a silent auction and a preview of Saturday with cocktails and a strolling buffet. Saturday evening includes a silent auction with hors d'oeuvres and a specialty wine bar, a seated dinner buffet, the almost live auction — items are no less than \$1,000 — and the anticipated

live auction, with Master of Ceremonies Paul W. Smith and auctioneers from the DuMouchelle family. Both will be held at the campus' elegantly-transformed Tracy Fieldhouse.

The select, often exclusive, array of items provide some-



thing for everyone, as the lowest starting bids range from \$35 to \$1,000. Absentee bidding is available.

Despite economic instability, both Demkowicz and Minanov say they are floored at the continued support of local businesses and community members.

"I was nervous the economy would affect us, but we are encouraged that people are still willing to give," said Minanov, mother of three academy children whose husband, Kris, also co-chairs.

More than 100 volunteers on 40 committees — from decorations to sponsorships to merchandise inventory — help make the event a success each year and begin planning in the summer months.

Though the two chairs tease that they look forward to May 10, they insist that the experience is both memorable and rewarding.

"It's good to have all those months come to fruition," Demkowicz said. "We're excited to put on the party."

Cost to attend both evenings is \$150 per person on or before May 1; for Wednesday only, the cost is \$75 per person.

For reservations and a catalog of items, call the auction office at (313) 886-1221, ext. 182.

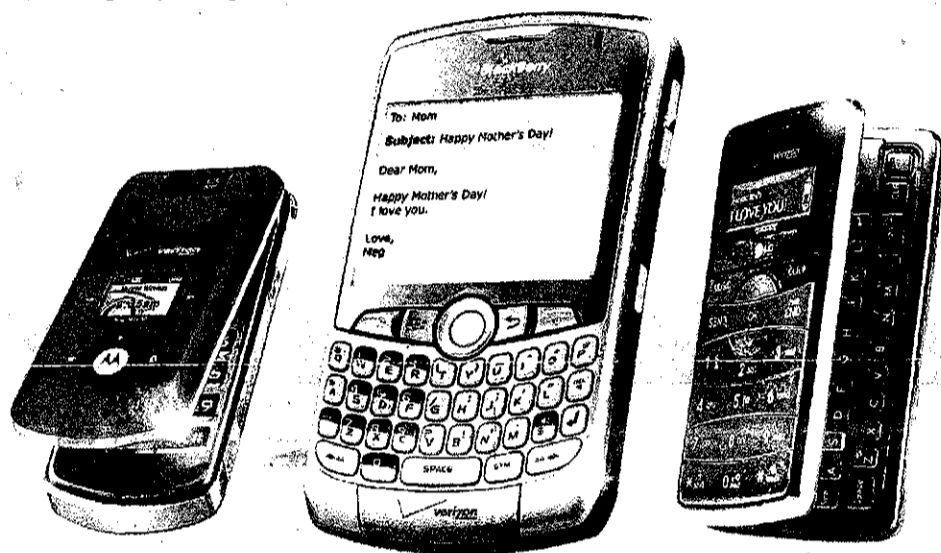
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All programs — May 6, May 13 and May 20 — begin with fruit, cheese and crackers, followed by an hour-long speaker presentation.

The symposium features: "Brain on! Simple, Effective Stress Reduction Tips" by Dr. Thomas J. Karas, founder and

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South students revive controversial Second Suburb

By Amy Salvagno
Staff Writer

Out of once-banned spaces they've pulled a name they hope to restore.

When eight Grosse Pointe South High School students take the stage Friday, May 8 at Hockeystown Café's City Theatre, they'll do so with a pocketful of silliness and satire not too unlike the Second Suburb comedy troupe of long ago.

But this time around, the student-run group is promising an evening of tactful humor and clever entertainment they hope can be brought back to the school's Grosse Pointe Farms campus.

The initial Second Suburb, formed nearly two decades ago and with partial funding and sponsorship from South, was labeled too controversial and eventually shut down by the school administration.

"I felt it was something South needed. It's a good outlet for students to have a great night out and it's a great way to express yourself in a manner you can't do at school," said senior Andrew Simon.

His older brother, a member of Second Suburb when it was last revived three years ago, urged him to get the group going again.

The one-night Detroit performance will be the first time the troupe has performed outside the community — and with its own funding.

For this reason, and the uncomfortable idea of approaching the administration, Simon says he sought a theater that would be sympathetic toward the show and offer a reasonable deal.

"Places around, like the Grosse Pointe War Memorial, had no interest in going against the school, so I started to look outside Grosse Pointe at theaters I knew students would be familiar with," he said.

And the underused, 430-seat theater in the back of the popu-

"It's a great tradition we should keep going. We worked really hard at putting something really great together."

— Pete Basile

lar Woodward Avenue restaurant proved the perfect place — and price. "The lady in charge loved our show's idea and gave us a great discount, and we loved that we would be able to perform at such a large venue," said Simon.

The eight members — Simon and fellow seniors Tesha Kondrat, Jon Manganello, Molly Miller and John Sullivan, and juniors Pete Basile, Charlie Magee, and Lara McCann-Moran — have little or no theatrical experience. But they do have quite the funny bone.

Along with pre-written material focusing on the high school and the Pointes community, Second Suburb will also be creating laughs through pokes

ing on which to keep.

"I'm excited. We had to inform a lot of people what it is, but once they understood it, they thought it was a great idea," said Sullivan. "It's been a good show, but we're bringing it back to be a successful show this year and in the future. Expect a lot of surprises."

"It will be great to show the administration it can be done tastefully and at South," Simon added.

So far, the group has sold 12 tickets to district teachers and a few to the Grosse Pointe Board of Education, including trustee Ahmed Ismail.

"Anytime we have students who are willing to take on the initiative to put something like this together, risking their own money for rentals and without the support

at pop culture and teenage issues and in improvisational skits.

"I thought performing comedy would be fun," said Basile, a self-proclaimed class clown who was encouraged to join. "It's a great tradition we should keep going. We worked really hard at putting something really great together."

The classmates have been meeting in Simon's basement for the past few months, bringing in sketches they've each come up with and decid-

of the school, I think we should support them," he said. "I like comedy and used to enjoy the shows that Second Suburb put on in the past ... and it's a cheap date night with my wife."

Ismail, who knows a few of the actors, said he believes it's good the group is being revived.

"I was dismayed that the administration banned the group and that they were not allowed to even rent a school facility to keep the group alive," he said.

"One of the best gifts we can give our students as educators is to send them out in the world being able to think on their feet. This kind of improv activity does that."

Tickets are \$5 and can be purchased online at second-suburb.com. City Theatre is located at 2301 Woodward Ave., next to the Fox Theatre.



PHOTOS BY RENEE LANDUYT

John Sullivan, Andrew Simon and Molly Miller, three of the eight members of the comedy troupe Second Suburb, rehearse for their upcoming show of improv and pre-written sketches. Here, the trio covers each other's mouths to keep from saying something silly. Left: They strike a pose.

DESIGNER: Costumes get colorful

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ment itself," she said. "And they're a great contrast — from a scene of black, white and gray and the next with chartreuse, lavender and yellow."

For Keena-Hupp, her favorite costumes are always the ones she's working on. A similar thought applies to why she remains involved, year after year.

"The kids are why I like being here. They are just an amazing depth of talent. Their energy level is great. They commit countless hours every single day," she said. "These

are consistently great shows."

She also enjoys working with the department's leaders — musical director Ellen Bowen, drama director Melissa Johnson-Smith, choreographer Andy Haines and technical director Dan Vicary.

"We have a really good team here. We can kind of get into each other's heads, but we respect each other's skill set and get out of each other's way."

"Ginger is a true joy to work with. She is creative, actually brilliantly creative, and sensitive to the 'team' approach of working with tech, drama, music and the choreographer," said Bowen. "I love working with her, and I believe she is having a great time working with our volunteer moms and the students. We are so very fortunate to have Ginger as our costume director."

'Dolly' plays this week

Grosse Pointe South High School presents "Hello, Dolly," Thursday, April 30 through Sunday, May 3, at the Grosse Pointe Performing Arts Center, 707 Vernier, Grosse Pointe Woods.

The classic musical returns to the district after a 20-year absence when musical director Ellen Bowen, choreographer Andy Haines and technical director Dan Vicary first teamed up.

The role of Cornelius will be double cast by Sean Buckley and Rob Montgomery. The part of Malloy will be double cast by Alex Papas and Lara McCann-Moran. The character of Dolly will be played by both Katie Gilbert and Nicole Pytel.

The musical, which features more than 100 performing arts students, is directed by Melissa Johnson-Smith and features dancing, singing and large chorus numbers.

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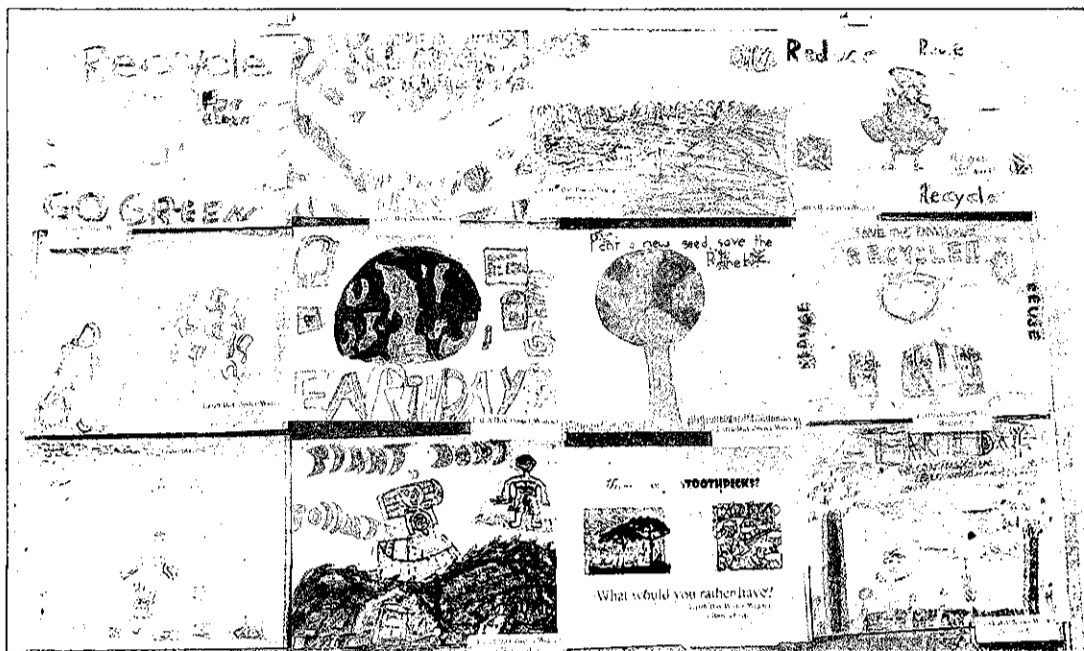
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Earth's emissaries

To celebrate Earth Day, Wednesday, April 22, Defer Elementary students participated in a poster contest, which also counted toward the school's requirements of becoming green-certified. Above: sitting in front of other winning entries, third-grader Ciari Ndocaj holds up her "Don't Pollute" poster, as first-grader Abby Zublick shows her "Help Animals" portrait and third-grader Chloe Kline presents her "Say No to Bags" sign. Below: Some of the contest entries hang in the hallway.



PIERCE: Team goes to DI Globals

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food's really good."

The National Dairy Council, which is sponsoring projectOutreach, is sharing the girls' report with schools across the country.

"This is a great group of girls. This is such a nice way for them to stay connected during the school year," said Allison Baker, parent manager. "We're so excited that we finally made it to Globals."

When they learned they were moving on, "We were pumped," said Baker.

"I always cry, but this time, I didn't. But I did scream," Smith recalls.

"This is our glory time," Ames added.

At Globals, the group will present its project, along with the play they created: each girl is a food — healthy or not — in the refrigerator trying to get a child to choose her. Only the wholesome ones prevail.

They'll also participate in a round table discussion and try to solve five community problems.

Globals winners bring home a very large trophy.

"I think we're going to have a really good time because we're so happy," said Geist.

"We're representing all the Grosse Pointe public schools and it's a good feeling," added Kelsey Baker.

Upcoming fundraisers include:

- DI cupcake sales each Thursday at the school, 15430 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe Park.

- On Saturday, May 2, parents and community adults can stop by Rustic Cabins between 8 and 10 p.m. for a 50/50 raffle and food with guest host John Smith.

- On Thursday, May 7, the team serves up treats from 4 to 8 p.m. at Coldstone Creamery in the Village. Coldstone is donating 30 percent of the profits to the group.

- On Saturday, May 9, the team hosts a bake sale from 9 a.m. to noon at Ace Hardware in the Village.

- On Friday, May 15, and Saturday, May 16, the girls host a DI garage sale at 1136 Balfour in the Park.

Those wanting to contribute

funds directly to the Destination ImagiNation Sensational Six can make a tax-deductible donation to the Grosse Pointe Foundation for Public Education and send the check to Pierce Middle School

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OBITUARIES

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

Deano Day

Deano Day, 70, died Friday, April 10, 2009, surrounded by his wife and children.

Born April 8, 1939, in Fertile, Minn., he was a Detroit country music disc jockey legend. Listeners tuned into "Uncle Deano" each morning as he answered the phone and talked to people about their lives. Jokes and stories mixed with the music, but the main attraction was the everyman host with the everyday callers. He was a four-time winner of Billboard magazine's Best Country Disc Jockey award and Country Music Association's DJ of the year.

Mr. Day enjoyed spending time with his family and friends and was sure to be found boating in Lake St. Clair or the Gulf of Mexico. He is remembered as a loving man and a friend to all.

Mr. Day is survived by his wife, Martha; children, Michelle (Peter) Gorton, Mitchell (Chantelle) Moen, Dean II (Lisa) Moen, Darcy Cybert, Michael, Kathryn, and Rachel Day and Max and grandchildren, Mitchell II, Nicole, Alexandra, Miles, Dean III, Tyler, Samantha, Malorie and Dakota.

A funeral service was held April 15 at Grosse Pointe Memorial Church in Grosse Pointe Farms.

Memorial donations may be made to the Disabled American Veterans, P.O. Box 14301, Cincinnati, OH 45250-0301.

Jeannette Spadafore

Jeannette "Beba" Spadafore, 80, of Scottsdale, Arizona, beloved wife of Tony for 56 wonderful years and cutest mom ever to Annette and Mary Jo, passed away Tuesday, April 21, 2009. She was born Nov. 16, 1928, in Granville, W. Va. and grew up in Hamtramck. She

and her husband settled in Grosse Pointe Woods, where they raised their two daughters.

Mrs. Spadafore retired from Cottage Hospital in 1986 and she and her husband moved to The Valley of the Sun where they enjoyed a relaxing and comfortable retirement.

Mrs. Spadafore is survived by her husband, Tony; daughters, Annette and Mary Jo; sister, Angie (Jim) Spadafore; brother-in-law Sal (Rita) Spadafore; sisters-in-law, Mary Stevens, Lucy Perry, and Jean Spadafore; grandchildren of her heart Matthew and Laura Anderson and many beautiful nieces, nephews, great-nieces and great-nephews.

Mrs. Spadafore's family will miss the ever-present sparkle in her eyes, the kindness she bestowed upon everyone she knew, and the famous cheese-cake that launched a million pounds.

A visitation and funeral Mass were held in Scottsdale.

Memorial donations may be made to the Alzheimer's Association, Desert Southwest Chapter, Central Arizona Regional Office, 1028 E. McDowell Road, Phoenix, AZ 85006.

Bruce Paul Bracken

Bruce Paul Bracken, 69, died peacefully Friday, April 24, 2009, in the arms of his beloved wife of 39 years, Judith (nee Tossy) Bracken, at his home in Traverse City.

Born and raised in Grosse Pointe, he was the son of the late Denis and Rosemary (nee King) Bracken and brother of James Bracken and the late Richard Bracken.

Mr. Bracken received his bachelor's and master's degrees from Xavier University and worked as a labor relations executive for Ford Motor Co., Clark Equipment Company, Simplicity Pattern Company and Simpson Plainwell Paper

Company.

A resident of Niles for 23 years, he moved to Houston in 2000 before retiring to Traverse City in late 2008.

Mr. Bracken enjoyed golfing, fishing on Drummond Island and volunteering with the Special Olympics. He was a devoted husband, father and grandfather who will always be remembered for his kind heart, gentle spirit and especially the joy he found in laughter and in making others laugh.

In addition to his wife, Mr. Bracken is survived by his sons, Raymond (Liz) Bracken of Grand Haven, Denis Bracken of Grand Rapids and Paul Bracken of San Antonio, Texas and daughters, Pamela (Jim) Bracken Devlin of Mendon, Mass., Lisa (Kevin) Bracken Klassen of Traverse City and Lynn (Jose) Bracken Wehnes of Madrid, Spain. He also will be missed by his 11 grandchildren and many close friends.

A memorial service was held April 28, at St. Michael's Lutheran Church in Traverse City.

Memorial contributions may be directed to American Diabetes Association, 30200 Telegraph, Suite 105, Bingham Farms, MI 48025 or the Cherryland Humane Society, 1750 Ahlberg Road, Traverse City, MI 49686.

Arrangements were handled by the Reynolds-Jonkhoff Funeral Home in Traverse City. Share a memory with the family at legacy.com/record-eagle/.

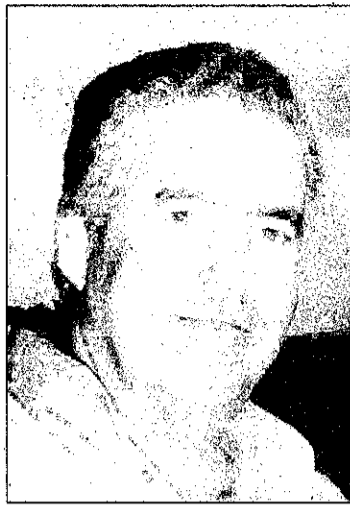
Casimir S. Rejent Jr.

Grosse Pointe Farms resident Casimir "Cas" S. Rejent Jr., 86, died Friday, March 6, 2009, in Atlanta, Ga. He was born Nov. 10, 1922, in Toledo, Ohio, to Casimir S. Rejent Sr. and Magdalane (nee Szymanowska) Rejent.

Mr. Rejent attended the University of Toledo and graduated from the University of



Jeannette Spadafore



Bruce Paul Bracken



Casimir S. Rejent Jr.



Millard Stevens



Stella M. Urso

Notre Dame in 1947 with a Bachelor of Science degree in mechanical engineering. He was a product engineer for TRW in Warren from 1951 to 1984.

He served in the U.S. Navy as an ensign on an LST in the Pacific Theater during World War II.

Mr. Rejent enjoyed tennis, golf, walking and reading. He also was devoted to and took care of his wife of 56 years during her long illness.

He was a member and past president of the Old Guard Association at TRW, the Notre Dame Club of Detroit, the LST Association and the Grosse Pointe War Memorial Senior Men's Club.

Mr. Rejent is survived by his daughters, Mary Elizabeth (Sparks) Moeller and Anne Therese Piatek; son, Casimir "Cass" S. Rejent III; grandchildren, Matthew Rejent, Katherine Moeller, Laura Moeller, Samantha Scholtz, George Scholtz and Bruce Piatek III and his sister, Dr. Marian Rejent.

He was predeceased by his wife, Mary Anne (nee Marcus) Rejent; parents; sister, Gertrude Extejt and his brother, Ronald Rejent.

A memorial Mass will be celebrated at noon, Monday, May 4, at St. Paul on the Lake Catholic Church, 157 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms.

Millard Stevens

Grosse Pointe Woods resident Millard Stevens, 82, died Friday, April 10, 2009, at St. John Hospital and Medical Center in Detroit.

Mr. Stevens was born Nov.

10, 1926, in Detroit to Steve and Helen. He graduated from Wayne University, now Wayne State University, in 1955. He served as a sergeant first class in the U.S. Army during World War II. He also served in the Army Reserves.

Mr. Stevens worked 37 years for General Motors, first in the main offices on Grand Boulevard in Detroit and later at the Tech Center in Warren. He began his employment with GM when it was setting up its computer department. He worked with magnetic tapes, punchcards and when computers filled entire rooms. He was still in contact with many of his friends from the automotive industry.

Mr. Stevens was fascinated with all things mechanical. He was interested in finance, current events, city council and the school board. He was an advocate for student computers in schools.

He also was interested in law enforcement. His late brother was in law enforcement and his nieces and nephews are all in law enforcement as public safety officers or attorneys. He was

a strong supporter of the local police.

Mr. Stevens was a member of Alpha Kappa Psi professional business fraternity, Beta Omicron Chapter at Wayne State University.

Mr. Stevens is survived by his sister, Carol Oleksinski; sister-in-law, Lucy Stevens; nieces and nephews, Jane Stevens, Jill (Phillip) Bush, Robert (Jackie) Stevens and James Oleksinski and great-niece and nephew, Samantha and Blake Stevens.

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

Funeral services were held April 14 at A.H. Peters Funeral Home in Grosse Pointe Woods with interment at Cadillac Memorial Cemetery in Clinton Township.

Memorial donations may be made to the Michigan Humane Society, 30300 Telegraph, Suite 220, Bingham Farms, MI 48025 or the Fraternal Order of Police, Grosse Pointe Woods Chapter, P.O. Box 36307, Grosse Pointe Farms, MI 48236.

Stella M. Urso

Grosse Pointe Shores resident Stella M. Urso, 88, died Thursday, April 23, 2009.

She was the daughter of Italian immigrants and the loving wife of the late Golden Glove boxing champion Patsy Urso. She was the loving mother of Antoinette Salvador, Lucy Zelenak, Sal and Tom. She adored her 11 grandchildren, nine great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandchild.

Mrs. Urso was dedicated to her family. Her family said that everyone who knew her, loved her. She loved to travel and meet new people. She was an excellent dancer and enjoyed going to parties. She had a warm, sincere outgoing personality that made a favorable and lasting impression on everyone she met.

Mrs. Urso was not only dedicated to her family, but also her career. She was Michigan National Bank's first woman vice president. She earned a degree from the American Institute of Banking and was on the board of directors for Citizens Committee of Physically Handicapped, Blind and Senior Citizens, Inc. and The Italian Cultural Center. She was a member of the Women's Economic Club, National Association of Bank Women Inc. and Quota International Inc.

Mrs. Urso received the 1981 commemorative award from Boys' Town of Italy. She also was heavily involved in fundraising for the March of Dimes and Juvenile Diabetes Foundation. She was recognized for promoting advancement of qualified women for educational, public and civic offices by serving as chairman for several Michigan chapter seminars.

She will be greatly missed by her loving family and friends.

A funeral Mass was celebrated April 28 at St. Peter's Catholic Church in Harper Woods.

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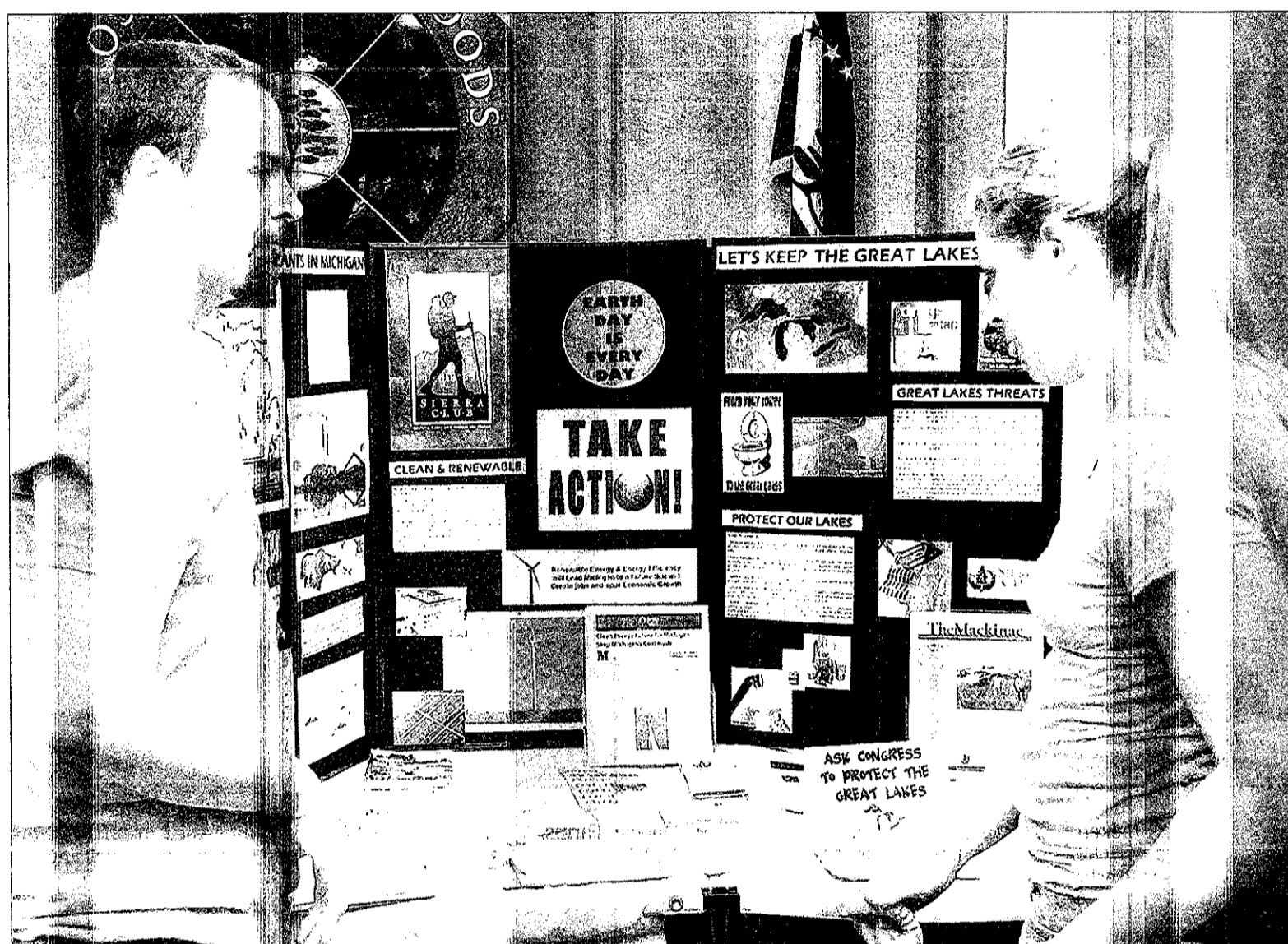


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LocalMotionGreen hosted its third annual Earth Day fair April 25. Participants had toys tested for toxic materials and watched interactive demonstrations. Angela Scott, owner of Sun River Naturals, talks to Suzie Vyletel about cosmetics and cleansing products made from all natural ingredients. Scott, right, gives Vyletel a sample of the shea butter lip scrub. Middle, LocalMotionGreen's education coordinator Melissa Cooper Sargent prepares a natural cleaning mixture during a green cleaning demonstration.



Will Kim took an old printer to the Earth Day event in Grosse Pointe Woods for recycling. Global Electric & Electronic Processing of Warren accepted desktops, servers, laptops, printers, LCD monitors, CRT monitors, keyboards, mice, speakers, calculators, radios, clocks, stereos, televisions, landline and cell phones, fax machines, scanners, computer wire, stereos, DVD players, MP3 players, microwaves and toasters for recycling.



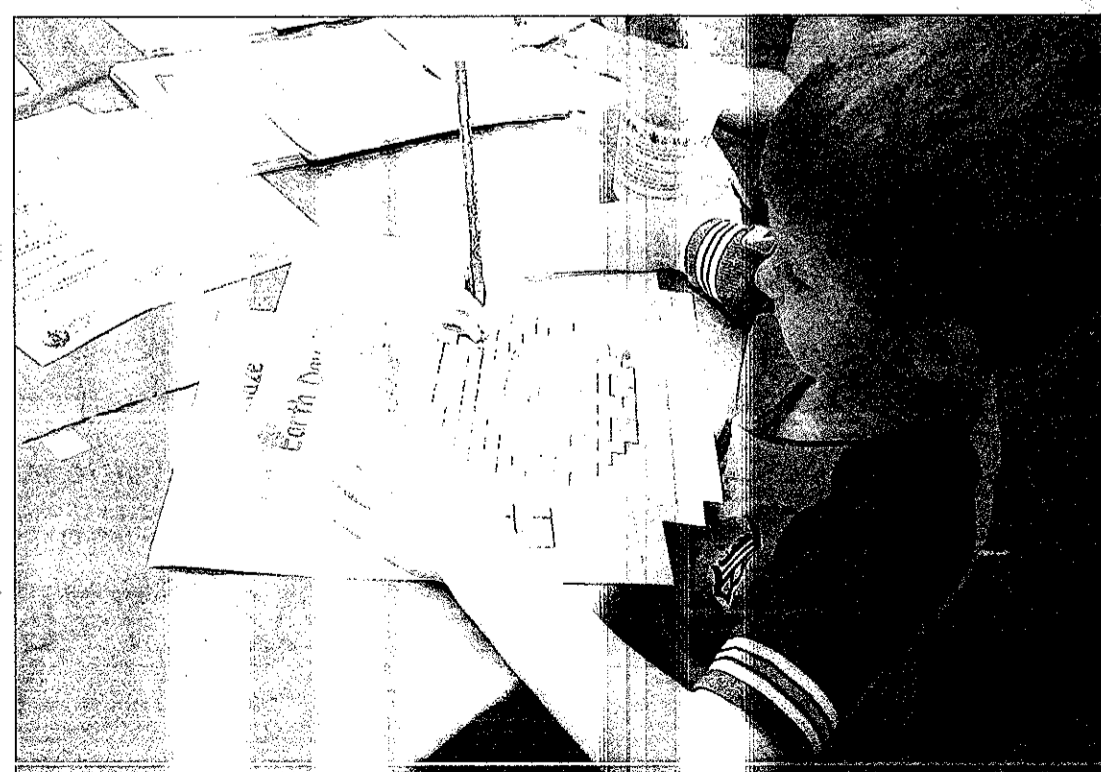
At the Sierra Club booth Don Hughes explains to Aimee Hall how pollution effects the Great Lakes and what can be done about it.

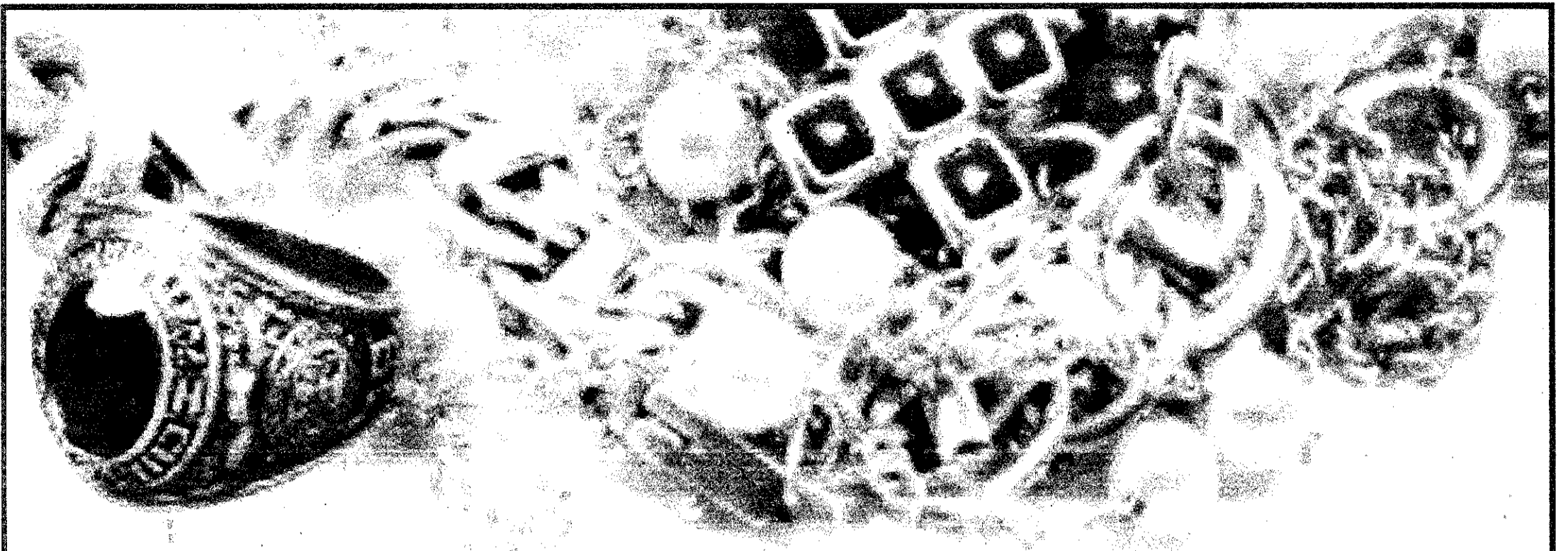


Above, Michael Reed of the Belle Isle Nature Zoo, explains to Megan Eisengruber the device he is holding could be lowered into the water to measure its clarity. At right, Emma, Ally and Matthew Edwards sit in an electric vehicle on display Saturday.



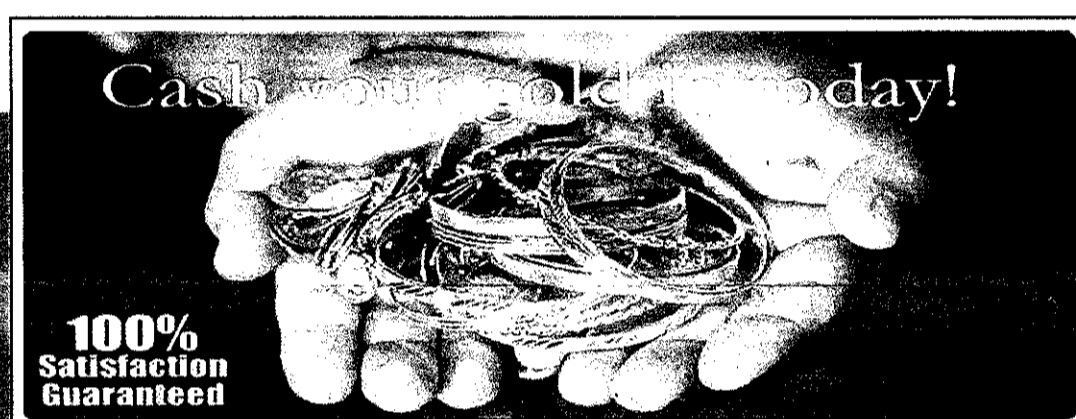
Above, Zoey Crossley pours dirt on top of the acorn she planted in a cup at the Greening of Detroit booth. Crossley can plant the black oak sapling. At right, Using a pencil made from recycled denim, Brenden Cooper works an Earth Day maze.





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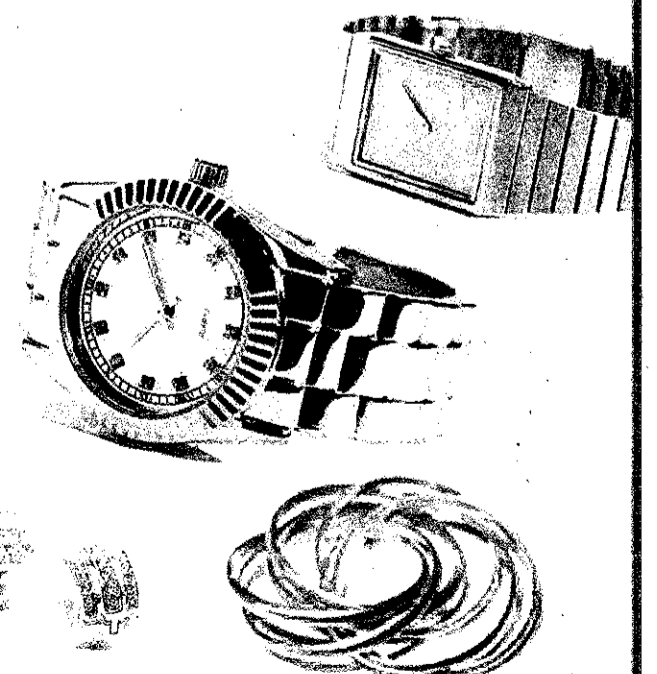
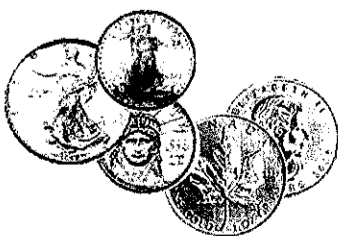
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AUTOS By Jenny King

Ford's Focus SES coupe and Toyota's Corolla LE sedan are fun to drive compacts. Both of these affordable compacts sport fresh styling for 2009.

Two 'compacts' for the road



While they are not aimed at exactly the same consumers, the Ford Focus SES and Toyota Corolla LE both are well-designed affordable compact vehicles that merit serious consideration by small-car intenders.

The 2009 Focus SES is a coupe that's truly fun to drive, yet modest in its fuel demands. Assembled in Wayne, the SES has a 2.0-liter dual overhead cam engine and, in the test car, a five-speed manual transmission. It's rated at 24 miles per gallon city and 35 mpg highway.

Standard equipment includes 17-inch wheels, power heated outside mirrors, air conditioning, a single CD player sound system with MP3 capability, side air bag curtains and remote keyless entry for a price of \$17,570.



Ford's Focus SES coupe for 2009 is a good, sporty drive when it has the five-speed manual transmission linked to the 2.0-liter four.

Options on the test car comprise antilock brakes and electronic stability control, \$745; and Ford's moon and tune package with power moonroof and six-CD system, \$1,270, minus a \$475 discount. Heated leather bucket seats up front tacked another \$810 to the final price of \$20,395, plus \$695 for delivery.

The Focus coupe is doubtlessly a pleasure to whip around town and country.

However, entry to the back seat requires two or more hands. The back of the front seat folds forward, though not by much, and the seat must be pulled toward the steering wheel to provide enough room for a person to climb in back.

The trunk, which can be opened with the remote keyless entry fob, was large enough to haul a weary vacuum and some carpet remnants to the local vacuum emporium



The Crawford Auto-Aviation Museum in Cleveland offers a historical background for the 2009 Toyota Corolla SE sedan.

for an evaluation.

The 2009 Corolla is a more sedate small sedan. But the Corolla LE, with its 1.8-liter, 132-horsepower four and four-speed automatic transmission, impressed friend Bette Kettelhut. She sat up front for an outing one evening, while her tall husband, Mel, climbed into the back immediately behind her and said he had pretty good leg room. Head room was tight.

The seating area behind the

driver's seat, which was pushed farther back, had some space for knees but almost none for ankles and feet.

Bette Kettelhut said she was very favorably impressed with the Corolla. And so were we, as we headed south and east one Saturday for a brief visit to the Crawford Auto-Aviation Museum in Cleveland's University Circle neighborhood. The Corolla has no trouble keeping up with traffic on the interstates, and is patient

and maneuverable in city situations.

For safety's sake, antilock brakes are standard on the Corolla. Stability control and traction control are available options. Six air bags are standard on all Corollas. They include front bags, front seat-mounted side air bags and front/rear curtain side air bags.

Corolla models are the base or standard, followed by the LE, an XLE, the S and the XRS grades.

The standard engine is a new 1.8-liter four, which can be matched with a five-speed manual or four-speed automatic. It comes in the base, LE, XLE and S models.

There are two settings for the basic "drive" in the automatic transmission. One provides overdrive and slower engine speeds for improved fuel economy. The second has higher engine revs and, presumably, greater fuel consumption. Sadly, this driver failed to notice that and likely spent much of the Detroit-Cleveland-Detroit excursion in the higher-revving, less efficient mode.

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TEST DRIVE By Greg Zyla

The 2009 Nissan Maxima 3.5 hits a home run with its new design, artistically standing out in a crowd for the better. This bold and beautiful 4-door sports car has 5-Star safety rating.

2009 Maxima 3.5 SV is truly a sports car



We recently drove Nissan's flagship model, the re-designed 2009 Maxima 3.5 SV — base price: \$31,990; price as tested: \$38,535.

Front drive Maxima comes in two trims, "S" and "SV," both of which are four-door, five-passenger models that share the same engine and transmission.

Outwardly, Maxima's swooping inward and outward hood and trunk panels somewhat mimic the high dollar sportscars we've come to love, yet can't afford to own. This design characteristic is by no means just for show, however, as Maxima truly is a great "sportscar sedan" in its own right.

Powered by a potent yet fuel friendly 10.6 to 1 compression 3.5-liter V-6, Maxima pumps out a solid 290 horsepower. This latter number is 35 more horses than last year, with torque coming in at 261 pound-feet at 4,400 rpm. The official EPA numbers are 19 city and 26 highway, both one mile per gallon better than last year and quite good for a car that offers so much muscle.

Power transfers to the wheels via a continuously variable automatic transmission with overdrive, and is the only transmission available. Don't be misled by this CVT, howev-

er, as a high tech design moves Maxima to 60 mph in less than six seconds. This is very fast, even when compared to V8 powered competitors.

Now in its seventh generation of success, Maxima blends a high performance driving suspension with a sedan format like no other we've driven to date. The result is a car aimed more at driving enthusiasts than strict, four-door sedan family movers. Thus, the ride is well on the firm side, yet in no way an uncomfortable experience. This means even if you have to drop your children off at school in the morning, you have a car capable of true performance characteristics when desired.

Nissan arrives at this crisp handling package by utilizing front and rear stabilizer bars, fully independent front and rear setups with MacPherson struts up front and multi-links out back. Engineering then adds a great set of four-wheel ABS disc brakes, electronic brakeforce distribution, vehicle dynamic control and a great traction control system that worked well in an early season snow squall we experienced while traveling.

Notably shorter than the generation it succeeds, Maxima for 2009 also sits lower and wider, allowing better chassis response and behavior in sharper corners. Add 18-inch standard V-rated tires mounted on beautiful alloy wheels, and you're set for a

great driving experience.

Of course, Nissan doesn't just care about performance at the cost of interior appointments. Maxima is top of the line everywhere, with leather appointed seats, all the powers, climate control, power moonroof, power front seats, 60/40 split fold down rear seat



allowing trunk access, tire pressure monitor, satin chrome appointments, tilt and telescopic wheel and a multi-function trip computer as standard fare.

Our tester came with the \$3,450 Premium Package, which adds 22 more items, among them Xenon headlights, premium leather, heated front seats, CVT paddle shifters, rear bucket seats with trunk pass-through, XM radio, Bluetooth, wood trim, iPod hook ups and more.



2009 Nissan Maxima 3.5 S

Other options included a rear spoiler for \$370 and a Premium Technology Package for \$1,850 that features navigation, color monitor, 9.3 Gig Music Box, XM Nav Traffic, and a 6 CD changer in place of the standard single CD.

Safety-wise, an advanced air bag setup with full front, rear and front side systems and full cabin curtains ensure the best of air bag offerings if an accident does occur. A vehicle immobilizer, security system, energy absorbing steering column, and specific body crumple zones assure that much of the impact is absorbed before it reaches a human body.

Important numbers include a wheelbase of 109.3 inches, 3,579 curb weight, 20 gallon fuel tank, 14.2 cubic-feet of cargo space, and 190.6 inches of length — 3.8-inches shorter than 2008.

We don't want to take the

credit for dubbing the 2009 Maxima a "four door sports car," because it's listed right on the window sticker. However, in the past, so called "four door sports cars" never really lived up to the billing. That's not so with 2009 Maxima 3.5 SV, thus we rate it a 9.0 on a scale of one to 10.

Yes, it really is a four-door sports car, children or not.

Likes: Power, new design, handling, EPA numbers, 0-60 in less than six seconds.

Dislikes: With rear bucket seats it's not the roomiest inside, price is getting higher and higher.

Greg Zyla is a syndicated au-

COMPACTS: Toyota Corolla LE

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The automatic transmission hesitates noticeably just above 30 mph between lower and high gears.

The 1.8-liter four is rated at an average 35 mpg on the highway, and 26 or 27 mpg average in the city, with the electronically controlled automatic edging out the manual as the more efficient.

The larger, more powerful 2.4-liter four comes only in the top-of-the-line Corolla XRS. It develops 158 horsepower and has fuel economy ratings of 22 mpg city average and 30 mpg highway average.

Our Toyota Corolla LE sedan had a suggested retail price of \$16,750 plus \$720 for delivery. Extras, which were added line by line and not in a package, included cruise control, \$250; a sound system with six-CD changer, \$240; and vehicle stability control/traction control, \$250. The last surely a bargain compared with the \$199 charge for carpeted floor mats and trunk mat.

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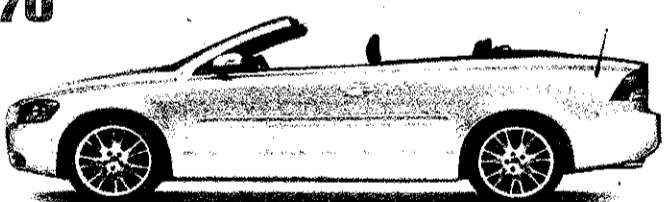
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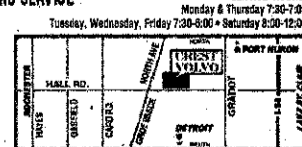
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TEST DRIVE By Greg Zyla

With room for six and ready for work or play, the 2009 Silverado 1500 4WD Crew Cab pickup delivers Chevy's great looks with a good dose of comfort and amenities.

2009 Silverado 1500 4WD Crew Cab



Management" system, relatively high 3.42 rear ratio and use of its 6-speed automatic transmission instead of the outdated 4-speed automatic that hooks to the smaller V8. Specifically, the engine runs economically on four cylinders while cruising on the highway in 6th gear overdrive, yet seamlessly kicks back to "full eight" for demanding duties, like hauling or passing. The 6-speed automatic comes standard with the 5.3 V8 as part of the Power Pack option.

Our Silverado featured an interior plus package for \$645 additional, adding 6-way power driver's seat,

This week, we're behind the wheel of Chevy's popular 2009 Silverado 1500 4WD Crew Cab pickup — base price: \$32,965; price as tested: \$39,010.

Silverado's exterior design centers on a bold front end featuring squared fenders, rounded headlamps and a center focused hood design flowing from a striking split grille with a large, gold, Chevy bowtie. This successful mix of muscle and sophistication is one of the truck's top selling points.

In addition to the great looks, we also compliment Chevy on Silverado's surprisingly good fuel economy. Listed at 14 city and 20 highway, this 5,348 pound full-size beast receives motivation from a \$1,780 Power Pack Plus option that adds a Vortec 5.3-liter, 315 horsepower V8 instead of the 295 horse 4.8-liter standard V8.

The engine is quick and surprisingly economical, and can run on either unleaded or 85 percent ethanol. I highly recommended this engine for this size truck, as the 4.8 V8 delivers just 18 on the highway.

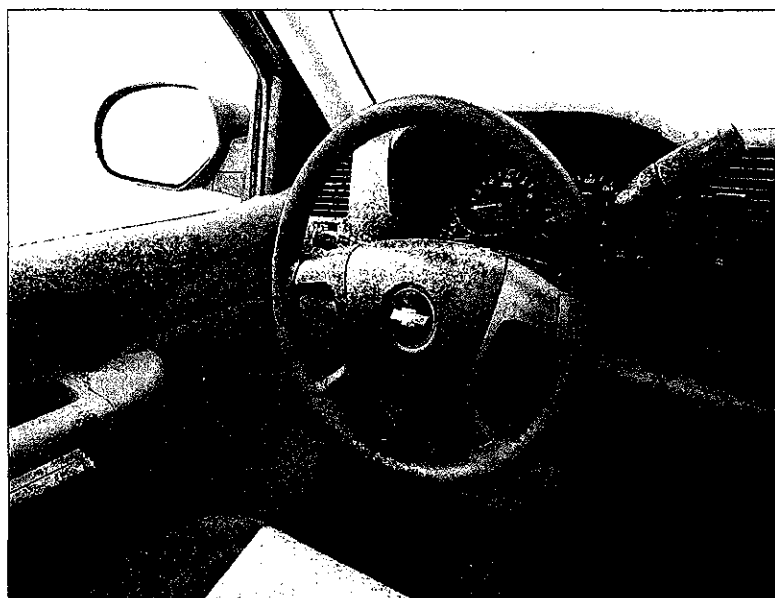
The secret of the 5.3's economy lies in GM's "Active Fuel

auto dual zone air, steering wheel radio controls, Bluetooth and other distinct trim. Rear seat room is good, as is entry, thanks to rear doors that open 170 degrees.

Silverado's highway driving comfort is noteworthy, yet in 4WD mode it can handle snow covered or muddy back roads with the best of them. This accomplishment is enhanced,



2009 Chevy Silverado 1500 4WD Crew Cab



thanks to a boxed frame design, advanced suspension components and a high capacity 4-wheel ABS with front disc and rear drums. We continually emphasize, however, operators be attentive that they are driving a large vehicle and not be lulled into a "car-like experience" trance, which modern day 4x4s can do.

In addition to the built-in protection Silverado offers, thanks to its more than 2.5-ton size, all expected safety items are intact, sans side curtain air bags. For this right, you'll have to spend an additional \$890 for a safety package that includes the side curtain head protection, and adds adjustable pedals, ultrasonic rear park assist and an electronic rear window defogger. We recommend this option, but feel side curtain air bags

should be standard.

Additional options that pushed the final price to \$39,010 include an \$825 exterior package, \$275 Off Road Suspension, \$295 18-inch machined aluminum wheels, \$215 off-road tires, \$250 power sliding rear window, \$200 trailer brake controller, \$195 cargo management system and \$975 for destination. Chevy then deducts \$500 for a power pack savings, resulting in the final price.

Important numbers include a wheelbase of 143.5-inches, 7,000 pound GVW, 26-gallon fuel tank, 9-inch ground clearance and a 10,500 pound maximum tow capacity.

Government safety ratings are excellent, with 5 Stars for front and side impacts, and 4 Stars for rollovers for both front and rear seats. Notable is a J. D. Power "Highest

Initial Quality" award along with numerous other media kudos.


A base Silverado 2WD V6 can sit in your driveway for \$19,375, so there's a Silverado available for practically everyone's wallet.

Chevy's 2009 Silverado receives an 8.5 on a scale of 1 to 10, and I recommend those shopping for a truck to give it a test drive. Additionally, the current prices are well below retail when all incentives/discounts are subtracted, so now is the time to buy.

Likes: Looks, interior, fuel mileage, flex fuel capable, multi-tasking at its best, 6-speed automatic.

Dislikes: Rear drum brakes; side curtain option; get rid of the 4-speed automatics altogether.

Greg Zyla is a syndicated auto columnist.



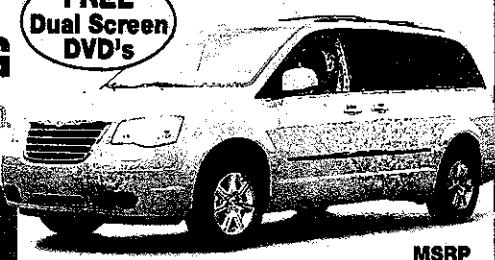


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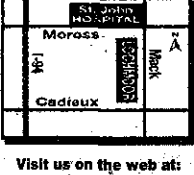
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GROSSE POINTE SHORES

News hound cracks crimes

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

A detective with a nose for news is mining the media for clues of crimes.

He's helped solve two cases using information found in newspaper and television reports.

"Police are in tune with the news," said Sgt. Dan Pullen, a Grosse Pointe Shores detective. "We're all in the same fight to solve crime."

Pullen in March used a Detroit Free Press article to help solve a burglary and purse snatching in Grosse Pointe Woods. Likewise, he cobbled information from WXYZ-TV Channel 7 and Associated Press accounts to help Utica police identify a female resident found dead and possibly murdered in Detroit.

Pullen's armchair ratiocination is in the tradition of literary consulting sleuths who connect from afar pieces of evidence unlinked by officers on

scene.

"How do you solve crimes? You read the papers, watch the news and put two and two together," Pullen said. "Most crimes occurring in one community occur in many communities and are caused by the same people. That's how you get leads on people."

His work on the purse snatching case earned him written commendation from Woods Public Safety Director Mike Makowski.

"Sgt. Pullen's sharp memory and dedication to law enforcement resulted in our department identifying the suspect for home invasion and larceny," Makowski wrote March 11. "This is not the first time that Sgt. Pullen has assisted our detective bureau without solicitation."

In the Utica investigation, Pullen realized that media reports of an unidentified blonde woman found dead and burning in an abandoned building in Detroit matched the descrip-

tion of a person reported missing in Utica.

Pullen put Utica authorities in touch with Detroit counterparts and the game was afoot. A Utica detective acknowledged that Pullen was right and thanked him in a March 30 message to Shores headquarters.

Pullen credited the work in the case to Shores Dispatcher Judy Chauvin, who had forwarded to Pullen the Utica missing person's report.

"I wouldn't have known about it if she hadn't given me the information," Pullen said. "The first means of solving crimes is the dispatcher. They're the ones taking the phone calls and who are at the teletype machine."

Chauvin, a dispatcher since 1994, said she had a gut feeling that the Utica report was something to be looked into.

"Every now and then something like that comes up and I'll print it off and we'll discuss it," she said.



PHOTO BY BRAD LINDBERG

Wash day

Hard-working fire trucks wouldn't be bright red and chrome for long without weekly washing. In Grosse Pointe Farms, Fire Specialist Larry Stocking gives the public safety department's ladder truck some weekend TLC.

Vernier repairs on tap

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

The wheels are still turning on getting federal stimulus money to pay for resurfacing part of lower Vernier.

"Plans and specifications are scheduled to be delivered to the Michigan Department of Transportation in Lansing for inspection," said Brett Smith, Grosse Pointe Shores public works director, last week.

Federal money would be received through Wayne County to tend Vernier from Lakeshore to the Grosse Pointe Woods city limits.

"Although it is coming slow, we are moving forward," Smith said.

Other stimulus money would pay to resurface a roughly 1.7-mile section of Lakeshore from Vernier to Moross in Grosse Pointe Farms.

Smith doesn't think funds will arrive in time for work to begin this year.

In other department news, Smith's crews are brushing off winter in preparation for spring.

"It's hard to believe that two weeks ago we were putting salt on the road," Smith said last week. "(Now), we have our attention focused on mowing grass beginning Thursday (April 23)."

Perennial garden beds on Lakeshore have been cut back in preparation for planting.

"We look forward to planting toward the end of next month," Smith said.

Another sign of spring is coming in the guise of increased sanitation loads.

"This is due to residents, I believe, starting their spring cleaning," Smith said. "The garden rubbish truck has been on the road since March 30."

Tea Party draws 1,700 people

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

Overall attendance at the anti-tax Tea Party totaled more than 1,700 people, according to one of the rally's dozen organizers, Terry Davis.

"That's the largest event I've seen in this community," said Davis, a Grosse Pointe Farms resident. "We were shocked."

The grand tally included people who came and went during the two-hour event, from 4 to 6 p.m. April 15 in the Grosse Pointe War Memorial parking lot, not just the couple of hundred who stayed from start to finish.

"People started coming

around 3 p.m.," said organizer John Stempfle of the City of Grosse Pointe. "It was steady until 5 p.m., then slowed a bit."

Organizers tracked attendance by the number of envelopes requested to mail President Barack Obama empty tea bags in protest of being Taxed Enough Already, the "Tea" in Tea Party.

One of those envelopes was mailed by Amy Cusenza of Grosse Pointe Shores. She said the rally wasn't a political protest.

"I didn't think there was participation by either party," Cusenza said. "People I talked to didn't identify themselves as Republican or Democrat. As far as I knew, I could have

been talking to people who were Obama voters or staunch Republicans."

Although Davis and Stempfle serve on their respective city councils, they helped organize the event as a tax protest, not on behalf of a political party.

"Certainly there were some conservative activists, but there was not a noticeable turnout of Republican activist," said Davis, a former President Ronald Reagan administration appointee.

"There was no political agenda," Cusenza said. "Politicians forget they work for us. They vote among themselves to pass things that aren't necessarily what we want."

Druggies fund stakeout car

By Brad Lindberg
Staff writer

Police have found a way to make crime pay.

They've used money forfeited by drug offenders to buy a pre-owned vehicle slated to be an undercover City of Grosse Pointe police car.

The car replaces a rundown 1993 Lexus that officers had been using for seven years on stakeouts.

"The Lexus has 118,000 miles on it and is requiring a lot of work," said James Fox, City public safety director. "It's not worth what it will cost to fix it."

Fox tapped the drug forfeiture fund of \$10,997 to buy a replacement.

"This money has come to the

department through drug forfeiture on any drug sellers or users that we could nab," he said. "So, it would be complements of them that we were able to get this vehicle."

The replacement vehicle is used, has 24,000 miles on it and tinted windows all the way around.

"Once the vehicle is purchased, we'll put the Lexus up for auction," Fox said. "Funds from that will go back into our forfeiture fund."

"I'm happy to get the Lexus disposed of because it's not an American car," said Councilman John Stevens.

"To be honest, it wasn't a very good undercover car," Fox said. "It stuck out like a sore thumb."



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Fundraiser at Ford House May 9 Park hours 'tweaked'

A garden party on the terrace at the Edsel and Eleanor Ford House will benefit Detroit-based World Medical Relief May 9.

Grosse Pointers are invited to wear their best hats and spring outfits and join the Big Hats and High Tea fundraiser from 1 to 4 p.m. at the Grosse Pointe Shores estate.

The event will feature high tea, champagne, a silent auction and boutique. Donors to the event include several Grosse Pointe residents and retailers, including: Rose Marchese of Hannah Bear Boutique and La Jolie Rose; A Chic Boutique; Jane McFeely, a local artist who specializes in commissioned oil paintings of local residences and their gardens; Woods Wholesale Wine and Starbucks.

Michigan hatmakers Gena Conti and Luke Song will be present at the event with creations for auction. Song made Aretha Franklin's hat she wore at President Barack Obama's inauguration.

"We have some beautiful items from Grosse Pointe that will be part of the auction," said Rita Montgomery Grezlik, president and CEO of World Medical Relief Inc.

Emcees for the night include WXYZ-TV Channel 7 news an-



PHOTO BY JOE WARNER

Josephine Jabara, left, director of community relations for World Medical Relief, Inc. in Detroit, talks with 21-year volunteer Dr. Lorraine Sievers as she sorts medical supplies for shipment. Dr. Sievers retired from Beaumont.

chor Diana Lewis and Mil Hurley, an advanced master gardener and host of Pointes of Horticulture at WMTV Channel 5 in Grosse Pointe.

World Medical Relief was established in 1953 to address the needs of Korean War orphans. Over the years, the organization has expanded its mission by providing medical aid to thousands of underserved people in Metro Detroit and in more than 130 developing nations worldwide.

In 2008, WMR shipped 47

containers with medical equipment and supplies around the world, and equipped 38 mission trips with medicines, small medical equipment, instruments, and medical supplies with a total value of \$18.4 million. Major donors include Beaumont, St. John and Henry Ford hospitals. Its prescription program dispensed more than 20,000 prescription drugs to low-income citizens in the tri-county area.

The prescription program, established in 1966 with the

help of United Way, helps low-income Michigan residents who don't have prescription insurance and who don't qualify for government assistance programs to get the medications they need. At \$8.30 per drug for a month's supply, prescriptions are delivered directly to homes or shelters.

World Medical Relief provides a variety of medical supplies for local nonprofit agencies that offer items to their clients in Metro Detroit. Items include dressings, bandages, liquid nutritional supplements, first aid kits, medicines and other related items. Home health care supplies are also available, as is the medical equipment program, which offers low-income clients canes, walkers, hospital beds, over-the-bed tables and more. Local clinics also receive help from World Medical Relief through donations of supplies and equipment. Hygiene kits, blankets and other items are given to Detroit area shelters.

Tickets for Big Hats and High Tea are \$45 and available by calling (313) 866-5333.

See next week's Grosse Pointe News for more information about World Medical Relief, Inc. and the support it receives from Grosse Pointe residents and businesses.

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

Park hours have been "tweaked" a little to save money, according to Jim Cooke, Grosse Pointes Shores parks and recreation director.

"As of now, the park is open weekdays from 7:30 a.m. to 8:30 p.m.," he said. "On weekends, we're open from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Park hours will increase to 24-hours starting May 17."

Despite a tight budget, Cooke expects a busy year at the residents-only lakeside park.

"We've booked a lot of parties already," he said. "All of our seasonal jobs — lifeguards, maintenance, gate — are full at this time."

A change in park pass procedures could be enacted this year.

Councilman Dan Schulte questioned why passes require residents to list their birth dates.

"Why not just list adult or child?" he asked Cooke at last week's council meeting.

"I don't see any reason why we can't, quite frankly," Cooke said. "We use (birth dates) to try to narrow down somebody using somebody else's park pass; you have a more recog-

nizable way to tell who's who." In other recreation news:

◆ The annual Arbor Day fun run is scheduled for Sunday, May 3 at 9 a.m.

"Flyers for the run were mailed with park pass applications," Cooke said. "We have a good response so far. A number of residents already signed up. There is a \$5 entry fee per person."

Runners get a T-shirt. Related activities include a birthday party for trees planted last year at the park.

◆ The harbor opened Wednesday, April 15.

"We have a few boats in already," Cooke said.

He said about 70 percent of wells are rented.

"We're ready to take anybody ready to come in," he said.

◆ The Sharks swim team kick-off was last weekend at Grosse Pointe North High School.

◆ The annual Easter Egg hunt April 4 drew more than 300 people.

"It was a chilly morning, but a nice day," Cooke said.

Activities included pony rides, a petting zoo and face painting.

"It was a good day for kids," Cooke said.

GROSSE POINTE SHORES

Cooper to hold office hours

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

Mayor Dr. James Cooper's just the facts, ma'am, way of conducting city council meetings rubbed some residents wrong earlier this month, so last week he did something about it.

"I've been thinking about how I can better address questions and concerns of residents besides these monthly council meetings," he said to a large audience attending the April 21 session. "I've decided to rearrange my schedule and make myself available for office hours."

The first session is scheduled for 8 a.m. Friday, May 15, in the second-floor conference room at city hall.

Cooper's decision makes him the only Grosse Pointe mayor to hold regular office hours for the purpose of meeting with residents.

"We'll see how that goes, how many people show up and go from there," Cooper said.

Residents wishing to meet with Cooper can sign up for a time slot at the village offices, online by linking to "Contact" at gposhoremi.gov or by calling city offices at (313) 881-6565.

Last week's council meeting was held in the gallery room of the Edsel & Eleanor Ford Estate rather than smaller council chambers at City Hall.

The larger venue was chosen in anticipation of high attendance following the recent reorganization of the village as a city and the council election in which two challengers won seats.

Cooper began the meeting by reminding about 60 people in the audience of a three-minute per person time limit

on public "comments, opinions, suggestions and statements."

"It is not to be used as a question and answer session or a cross examination opportunity," Cooper said. "As your mayor, it is my duty to run these meetings in an efficient, orderly manner. We have rules that have been in effect for many

years.

"Residents should feel comfortable expressing their opinion during the public comment session, without fear of any form of heckling, which may include cheering (or) booing. I understand these are emotional issues and difficult times for many of our residents.

"There is a newfound inter-

est in how we as a council conduct business. I am truly happy to see the new and renewed involvement. I ask everyone to be respectful of each other and act appropriately here tonight."

With that, he opened public comment on agenda items. No one stood to speak.

"I scared you all off, huh?" Cooper joked.



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Notice of Public Hearing

The City of Harper Woods will hold a public hearing on the proposed Harper Woods Sanitary Sewer Rehabilitation Project for the purpose of receiving comments from interested persons.

The hearing will be held at 7:30 p.m. on Monday, June 1, 2009 at the Harper Woods City Hall, 19617 Harper Avenue, Harper Woods, Michigan 48225.

The purpose of the proposed project is to make structural repairs to deteriorated sanitary sewer mains and manholes located within the road right-of-ways and easements, and to remove capacity restrictions due to mineral deposit buildup in the mains. Project construction will involve rehabilitating sections of deteriorated sanitary sewer mains by means of installing a cured-in-place pipe within the existing pipe or replacing sections of existing pipes with new pipes, and repairing sections of deteriorated manholes.

Impacts of the proposed project include extending the useful life of the sanitary sewer system, restoring the integrity of the sewer system and decreasing the potential for the structural deficiencies to result in collapse. Negative impacts are short-term increase in noise and air pollution due to construction operations. The estimated cost to users for the proposed project will be approximately \$3.6 Million and will be financed using a Clean Water Revolving Fund (SRF) Loan from the State of Michigan.

Copies of the plan detailing the proposed project will be available for inspection on Friday, April 24, 2009 at the City of Harper Woods Clerk's Office, 19617 Harper Avenue, Harper Woods, Michigan 48225.

Written comments should be sent to:

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City of Grosse Pointe Park, Michigan

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED 2009 CITY PROPERTY TAXES AND 2009/10 BUDGET

The City Council of the City of Grosse Pointe Park, Michigan will hold a Public Hearing at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, May 11, 2009, in the Council Chambers located at 15115 E. Jefferson on the proposed 2009 City tax levy and on the proposed 2009/10 City budget. Copies of the proposed budget are available for public inspection during regular business hours in the office of the City Clerk beginning May 1, 2009.

The property tax millage rate proposed to be levied to support the proposed budget will be a subject of this meeting.

Public comments, oral or written, are welcome at the public hearing on the proposed millage rate and the proposed city budget.

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PUBLIC SAFETY REPORTS

City of Grosse Pointe

Bubbly shoplifter

Three bottles of champagne worth a combined \$169 was shoplifted from Kroger in the Village at about 5:45 p.m. Tuesday, April 21.

The male suspect, described as 5-foot-9, 170 pounds, and having thin hair and a "scruffy" beard, is no stranger to the premises.

"(The manager said) the perpetrator is always in the store," said an investigating public safety officer.

The man reportedly stuffed the champagne under his black leather coat and exited without paying.

"(The manager) has an excellent photo of the perpetrator from (the store) camera system," said the officer.

Jeep stolen

A blue 2000 Jeep Cherokee was reported stolen sometime between 6:45 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. Saturday, April 25, from the middle portion of the upper deck parking lot of Beaumont Hospital Grosse Pointe.

Police will review hospital security videos in search of suspects.

Car keyed

Vandals damaged a 2007 Saturn parked overnight Thursday, April 23, in the 500 block of St. Clair. The paint was scratched and a tire punctured.

—Brad Lindberg

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

Grosse Pointe Farms

Hits tree

A damaged tree in the front yard of a house in 200 block of Kerby marks the spot where a drunken 29-year-old Detroit man is suspected of leaving the scene of a one-car accident.

An officer arrested the man as he walked away from his damaged, green 1997 Buick parked on Kercheval near Kerby.

"The passenger side front of the vehicle had a significant amount of damage," said the officer. "(A) witness at (the Kerby) address observed the vehicle backing out of the yard onto Kerby."

The man registered a .293 percent blood alcohol level, more than 3 1/2 times the state's legal limit.

Child neglect

A 29-year-old St. Clair Shores man being investigated for a traffic infraction was found to have 3.3 grams of marijuana in his pants pocket.

A patrolman pulled over the man at 9:51 p.m. Saturday, April 25, on Moross near the Mack Ave. alley, for operating a red 1987 Dodge Dakota with a loud exhaust.

The man was held for pickup by Macomb County authorities on an outstanding \$4,901 bond for child neglect.

Juvenile found

A 15-year-old girl listed as missing from her Detroit home was a passenger in a car operated by a 30-year-old Detroit man arrested at 2:06 a.m. Saturday, April 25, for drunken driving on eastbound Mack near Moross.

Police took the girl home to her mother. They took the man to jail for having a .165 blood alcohol level.

Window broken

At 9:10 p.m. Friday, April 24, two unknown juveniles were seen throwing bricks and breaking a window on the northeast side of Grosse Pointe South High School opposite Christ Church Grosse Pointe.

Old yeller

A 47-year-old Detroit man made things harder for himself when pulled over by police on Mack near Kerby at 6:32 p.m. Thursday, April 23, for operating a 1997 Dodge Intrepid with an expired license plate.

"The driver appeared agitated," said the officer involved.

"He was yelling at (me)."

Two officers arrived as backup and helped arrest the man for driving despite having five license suspensions, including one from the Farms.

Woman nabbed

A 25-year-old Grosse Pointe Park woman was arrested for drunken driving shortly after 2 a.m. Thursday, April 23.

She had pulled over her 2003 Toyota Corolla on Mack near East Warren to speak with police conducting a seemingly unrelated traffic investigation. She told officers the a man they were questioning had been following her.

"(I) detected the odor of intoxicants coming from her," said the officer.

She registered a .151 percent blood alcohol level.

Officers released the man, 36, with a warning to renew his plate.

Stolen purse found

A Harper Woods woman's purse containing a wallet, credit cards and a cellular telephone was stolen from her unlocked car parked at 6:18 p.m. in the post office parking lot on Mack near East Warren.

"A short while later, her husband received a phone call from a person using (her) phone who found the purse on Outer Drive (in Detroit)," a Farms public safety officer was told.

The caller was an older man. He arranged to meet the victim at the CVS Pharmacy parking lot on East Warren to return the purse.

The purse contained the woman's wallet, but not her credit cards or \$140 cash.

18 suspensions

A 35-year-old Detroit man was caught at 8:22 p.m. Tuesday, April 21, operating a maroon Ford Explorer on Mack near Fisher despite having 18 driving suspensions.

—Brad Lindberg

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

Grosse Pointe Park

Attempted theft

Sometime between 1 and 9 a.m. Tuesday, March 30, a 2008 Jeep Liberty parked on Yorkshire was entered and the

ignition was damaged, but the car couldn't be started.

Busted

Officers responded to an open house party late in the evening Wednesday, April 15, in the 1100 block of Three Mile. Three juveniles were issued violations for being in possession of alcohol and the party was closed down.

Arrested

Friday, April 17, officers stopped a 1989 Ford Thunderbird. Upon investigation the vehicle was determined stolen. A 20-year-old male and a 19-year-old female were arrested.

—Kathy Ryan

If you have any information about these or other crimes, call the Grosse Pointe Park public safety department, (313) 822-7400.

Grosse Pointe Shores

Hit and run

If a 22-year-old St. Clair Shores man hadn't returned to the neighborhood where he is suspected of driving over a No Parking sign, police would have had a harder time arresting him for leaving the scene of an accident.

A patrolman discovered the damaged sign and broken parts of a silver Jeep on Crestwood at about 4:30 a.m. Sunday, April 26.

The officer traced a fluid leak from the scene to Harper, where the trail was lost. On his way back to headquarters, the officer saw a silver Jeep Commander near Lakeshore and Crestwood.

"Part of the right front of the vehicle was missing," he said.

The driver registered a .12 percent blood alcohol level. He was arrested for drunken driving, hit and run, speeding and not having proof of insurance.

False alarm

Officers manning the city's two fire engines responded when a Colonial Road resident at 11:16 a.m. Friday, April 24 reported an odor of smoke in her house.

"Officers found a Duraflame log in the fireplace that had been lit the night before," said an officer.

Bonds herself out

At about 4:30 p.m. Wednesday, April 22, a patrolman on northbound Lakeshore pulled over a 28-year-old Detroit woman near Fontana for operating a black Chevrolet four-door with an expired license plate.

The woman was arrested because her driver's license was suspended and she had no ve-

hicle insurance. She posted \$400 bond two hours later and was released.

Laptop missing

A woman living in the 900 block of Ballantyne reported to police at about 8:30 p.m. Tuesday, April 21, that her Dell laptop computer had been taken off of her vehicle's front seat.

"The vehicle was parked in the driveway overnight and possibly unlocked," said a public safety officer.

The woman thinks the computer also could have been stolen while at her place of work in Southfield.

Teetering tree

Shortly after 7 p.m. Sunday, April 19, a DTE Energy operator told Shores police that a repair crew would be dispatched to the 500 block of Sheldon to handle a tree that a resident reported was leaning on power lines.

"If the tree should fall, it will take all of the power lines with it, causing a loss of electrical power in the area," said a public safety officer.

—Brad Lindberg

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

Grosse Pointe Woods

Driving drunk

A 40-year-old Grosse Pointe Woods resident was stopped at 2:30 a.m. Sunday, April 5, at Mack and Lancaster for disregarding the No Turn on Red sign at Mack and Vernier. Police conducted a Breathalyzer test which revealed the driver had a blood alcohol content of .19. She was taken into custody.

Just the tab

A 75-year-old driver cruising the town Saturday, April 18, was surprised to learn that the license plate on his car had expired in 2005, as he was certain the Secretary of State had just issued him a new plate. Woods police explained the state doesn't even issue blue license plates anymore. The old plate was confiscated, and the driver was released.

Bike found

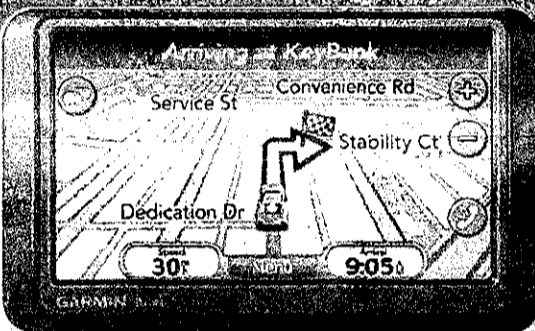
A Huffy mountain bike was found behind the Woods public safety building Saturday, April 18.

—Kathy Ryan

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City of Grosse Pointe Park, Michigan

NOTICE OF ADOPTION AND SUMMARY OF ORDINANCE NUMBER 197

On April 13, 2009 the City Council of the City of Grosse Pointe Park (the "City Council") enacted Ordinance No. 197 (the "Ordinance"), to become effective on May 7, 2009, which Ordinance provides for new or amended Sections 101 through 113 to Chapter 23, Article II, Division 5 of the City Code regarding the discharge of wastewater into wastewater collection and treatment systems.

This summary of the Ordinance is published pursuant to Michigan Compiled Laws Section 117.3(k). True copies of the full text of the Ordinance and any law, regulation, code, or other material adopted by reference in such Ordinance are available for inspection or photocopying at the Office of the City Clerk, City of Grosse Pointe Park, 15115 East Jefferson Avenue, Grosse Pointe Park, Michigan 48230.

G.P.N.: 4/30/2009

THE GROSSE POINTE PUBLIC SCHOOL SYSTEM

REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL NORTH HIGH SCHOOL EXTERIOR SECURITY SERVICES

THE GROSSE POINTE PUBLIC SCHOOL SYSTEM

The Board of Education of the Grosse Pointe Public School System, Wayne County, Michigan, will receive sealed proposals for the North High School Exterior Security Services.

Please contact Mary Fritz at 313-432-3087 for a copy of the request for proposal.

Sealed proposals will be due Thursday, May 21, 2009 at 12:00 noon at the Administration Building (room 215) of the Grosse Pointe Board of Education, 389 St. Clair Avenue, Grosse Pointe, Michigan 48230.

The School Board will not consider or accept any proposal received after the date and time specified for submission.

BOARD OF EDUCATION The Grosse Pointe Public School System Joan Dindoffer, Secretary

G.P.N.: 04/30/2009

City of Grosse Pointe Farms, Michigan

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING Proposed 2009-2010 City Budget

The City Council of the City of Grosse Pointe Farms will hold a Public Hearing at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, May 18, 2009 in the City Hall at 90 Kerby Road, on the proposed 2009-2010 City Budget. The property tax millage rate proposed to be levied to support the proposed budget will be a subject of the Public Hearing. The proposed Budget is on file in the Office of the Clerk for public inspection during regular office hours, 8:30 a.m. until 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.

The following is a summary of the proposed Budget:

GENERAL FUND ESTIMATED REQUIREMENTS	
Municipal Court	\$268,600
General Government	1,066,530
Public Safety	4,805,772
Public Service	520,750
Public Works	1,658,400
Parks & Recreation	1,357,209
Other Functions	1,912,314
Contingency	161,800
Transfer - Other Funds	834,620
Total	\$12,585,995

MEANS OF FINANCING	
Taxes	\$9,633,000
Licenses & Permits	286,000
State-Shared Revenue	809,500
Charges for Service	1,199,995
Fines/Forfeitures	288,500
Interest Income	150,000
Other Revenue	219,000
Total	\$12,585,995

Public comments, oral or written, are welcome at the Public Hearing on the proposed City Budget.

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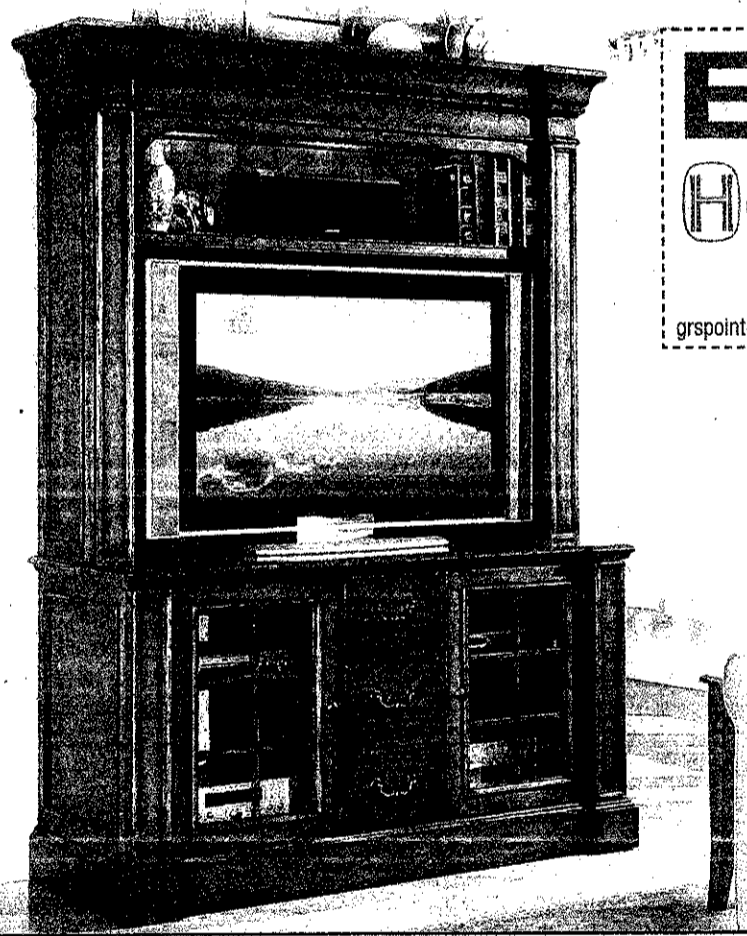
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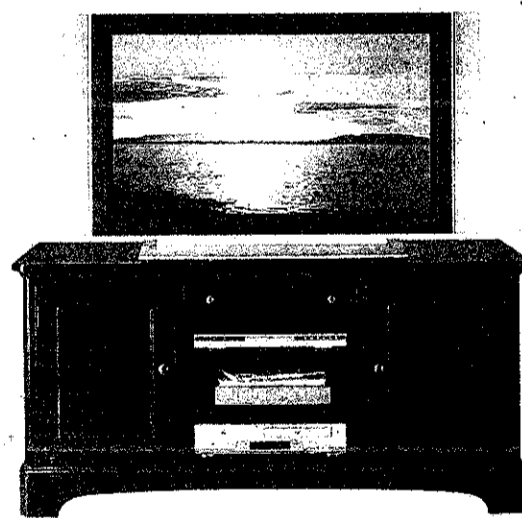
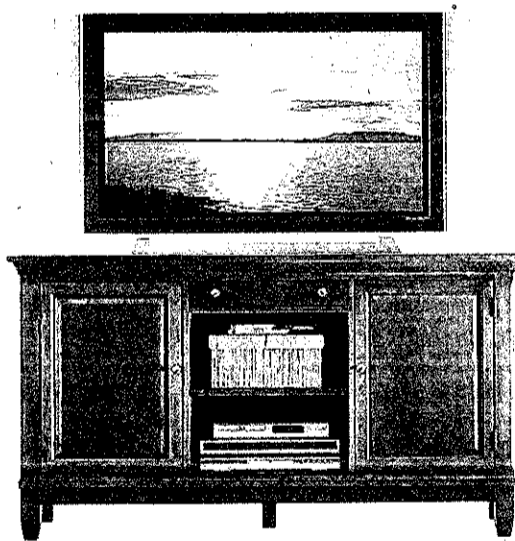
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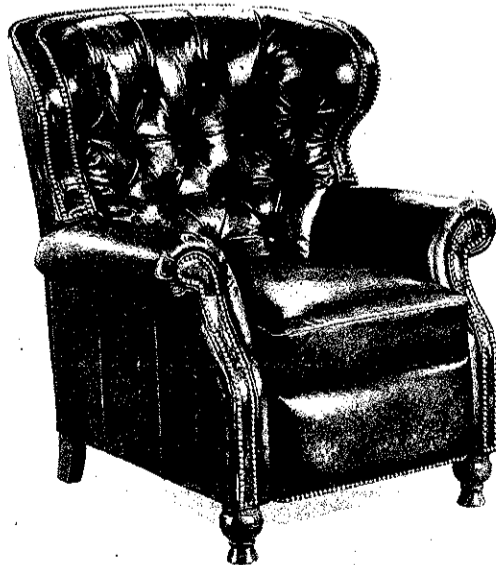
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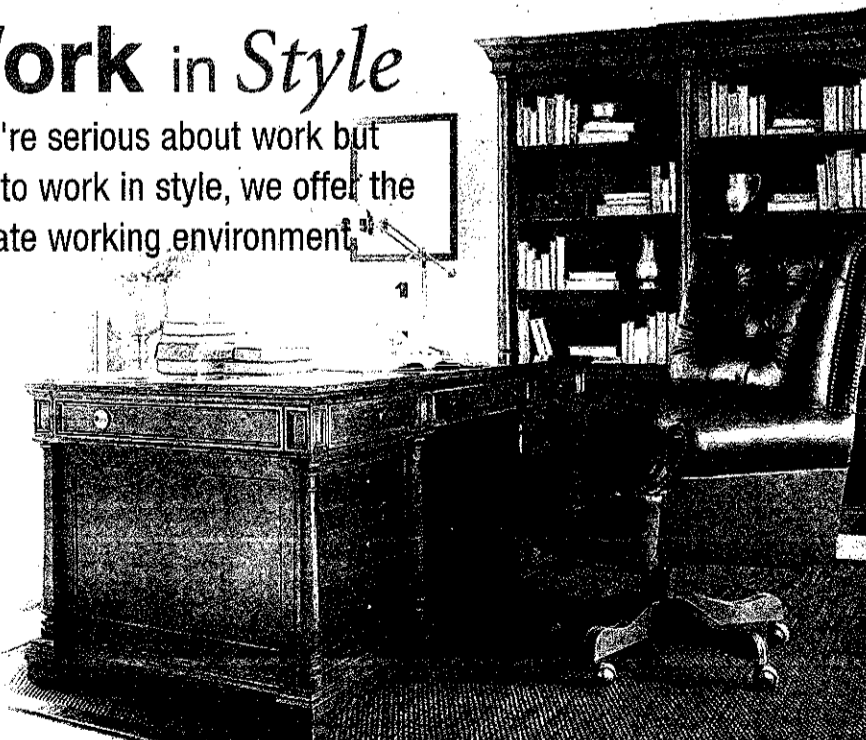
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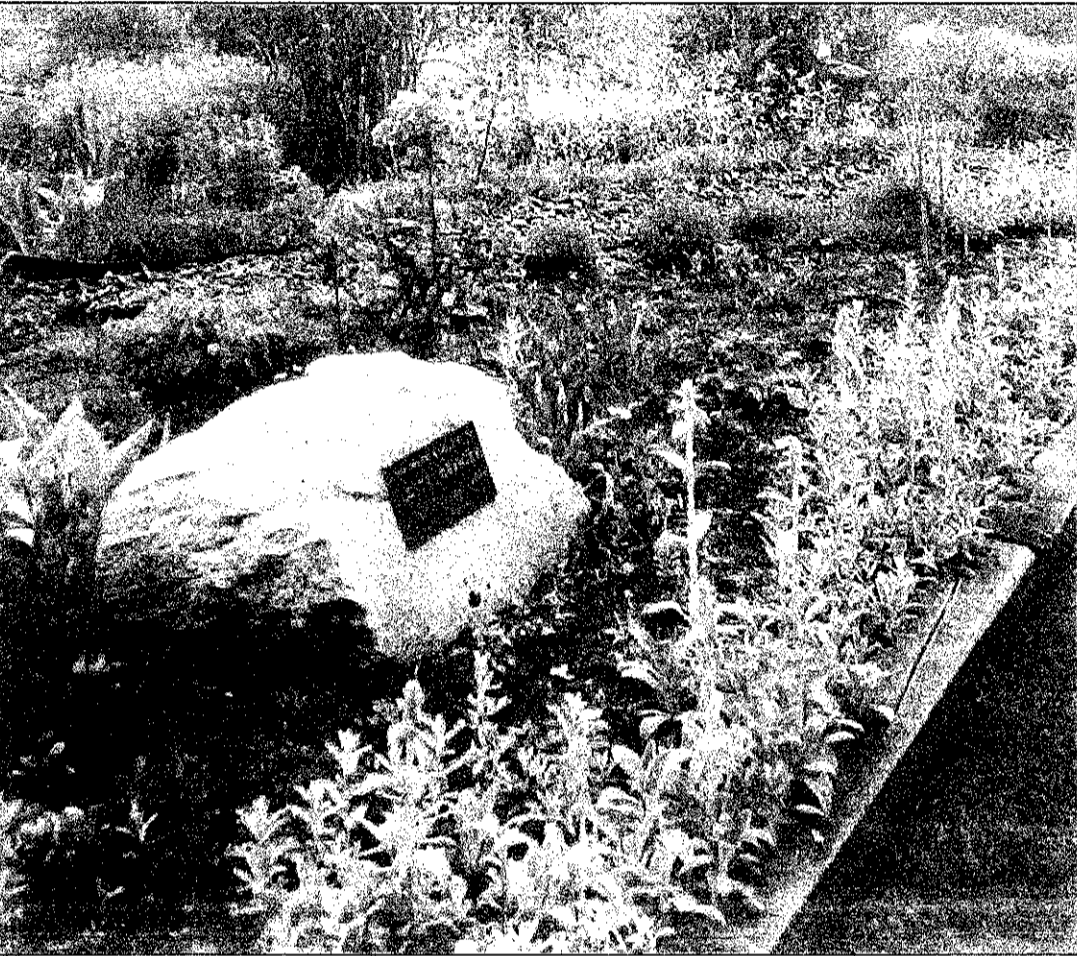
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The Herb Society of America, Grosse Pointe Unit is sharing its good news. The good news is the organization has been here 25 years. The other good news is herbs infuse the best memories.

Sharing knowledge



This is the after picture of the Grosse Pointe Academy. The first Lottie Crawley garden a year after the planting. This photo was taken in the spring.



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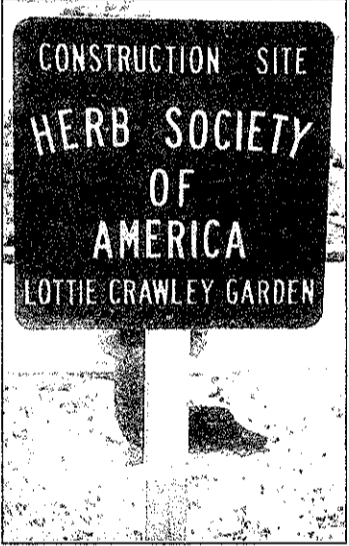
Above, Herb Society member Mae Spitzer begins work on the first herbal garden at the Grosse Pointe Academy. This is the before picture.

By Kathleen Peabody
Special Writer

The Herb Society of America, Grosse Pointe Unit this year celebrates 25 years of sharing good news about herbs with each other and the community.

What differentiates an herb from any other plant? According to Barbara Hayes, Grosse Pointe Woods resident and current chairwoman, "Everything about herbs involves the senses. Herbs reach into the part of the brain that remembers scents," she said. "Whether you know anything about plants or not, herbal scents engage you immediately."

It is fitting that the group began with a wreath which most often symbolizes continuing friendships and ongoing inter-



The sign makes the herb garden planting official.

ests. In this case, members share their love of herbs.

The story begins in 1980 with unit member Pat Cardellio who was in search of

a dried herbal wreath. Through her quest, she met up with Lottie Crawley, a member of the Herb Society of America.

As they spoke, Crawley mentioned her love of working with children. Luck had it that Cardellio's children attended Grosse Pointe Academy. The conversation led to a workshop on making potpourri with the students at the school.

As she wandered the academy grounds, Crawley suggested a certain plot of land would be perfect for an herb garden. With this in mind and starting small, Crawley began an herb study group. Later, the combination of academy parents, teachers and children gathered to plant the first herb garden.

This little herb garden, first sketched by Crawley on a piece of cardboard, grew to be part of the natural science program at the school.

By 1984, the herb study became its own unit of the Herb Society of America, a national organization founded in Boston in 1933.

Herb sales, field trips, workshops on propagation, growing herbs in a limited space, harvesting, drying and using herbs became some of the programs offered.

The original garden, designed, planted and maintained by the Grosse Pointe unit was moved to a different location on the campus. Once again, members raised funds to begin the new project, now known as the Lottie Crawley Garden.


Designed by member Molly Valade, it is in the shape of a Gothic window containing seven themed gardens including a Mary Garden, Kitchen Garden and Lemon Garden. Funds to purchase plants, a water connection and brick pavers were raised by members.

The Lottie Crawley Garden at the Grosse Pointe Academy was paved over for a parking lot a few years ago. Discussions continue for pos-



A plus of membership in the herb society are the foods which are prepared for each meeting. This was a fall spread of fruits and cookies filled with nuts and fruit preserves.

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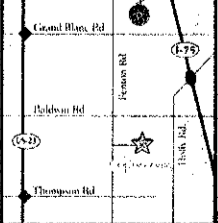
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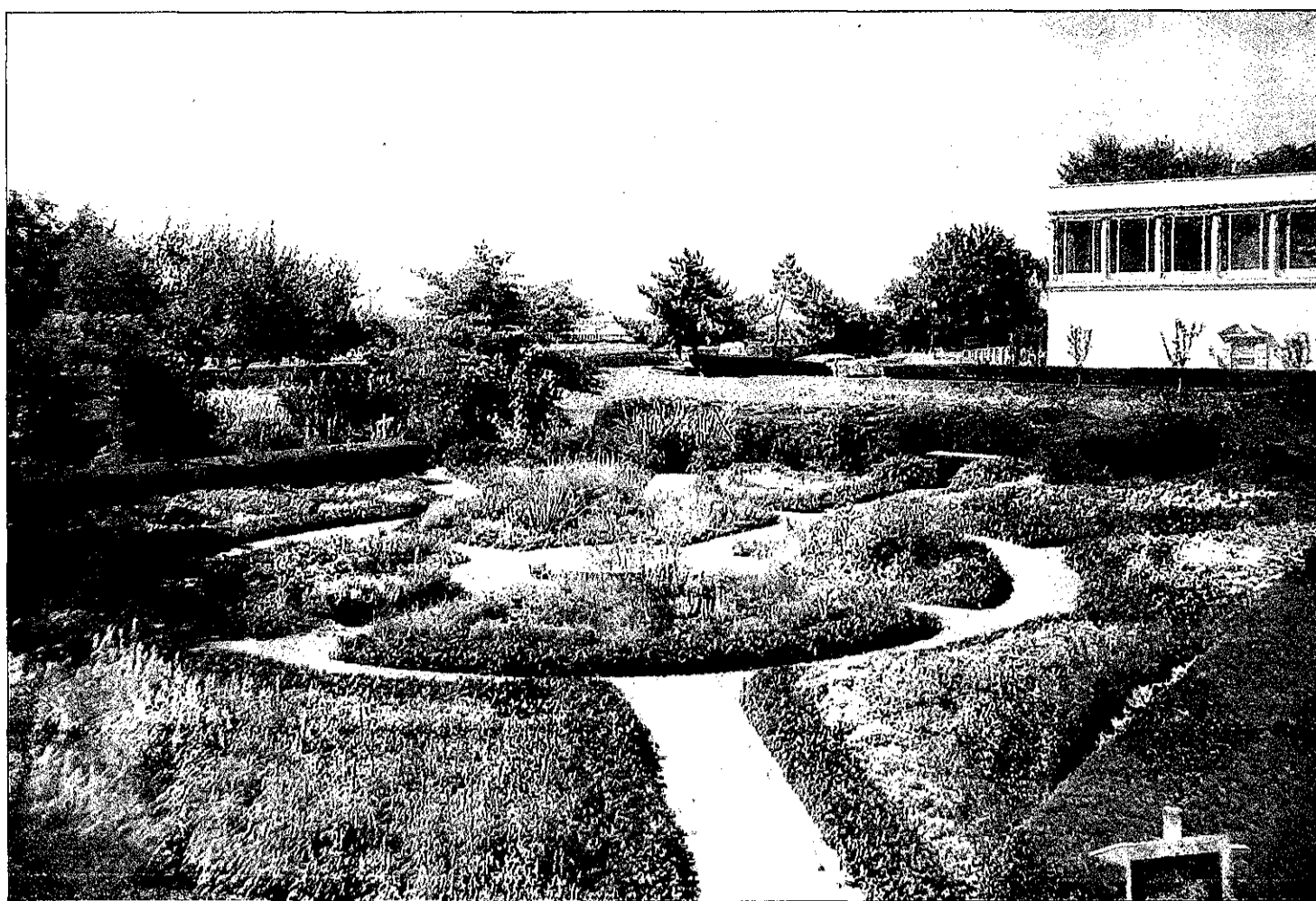


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The Herb Society Grosse Pointe Unit maintains the center gardens at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial.

HERBS: Growing improvements

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sibly another, smaller garden in the future. Today, the unit includes three founding members: Cardellio, Mae Spitzer and Peachy Rentenbach.

The group, now called the Grosse Pointe Unit, has also created along with the Grosse Pointe Garden Center at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial Trial Gardens and a Faerie Garden at the Childrens Home of Detroit designed by member Rosemary Bay.

Many unit members continue to share their knowledge of

herbs at their monthly meetings and with the community and local garden groups, community education groups and school children.

"For many of our members and guests, attending our meetings is an opportunity to educate yourself," said Barbara Hayes. "Even if you don't know what an herb is, we have so many members and speakers who share information and are so knowledgeable, that we all learn together."

On Saturday, May 9, the Herb Society of America, Grosse Pointe Unit celebrates its 25th anniversary with a community event featuring demonstrations on growing, harvesting and using herbs in cooking and decorating.

This years one-day plant

Herb Society of America, Grosse Pointe Unit Community Celebration

Presentations in the Garden Room, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

- ◆ 10 - 10:30 a.m., Propagating Herbs
- ◆ 10:30 - 11 a.m., Growing & Preserving Herbs
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- ◆ 11:30 a.m. - noon, Culinary Herbs, Butters, & Edible Flowers
- ◆ 11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.: Soup Sampling
- ◆ Noon - 12:30 p.m., Herbal Blends, Oils & Vinegars
- ◆ 12:30 - 1 p.m., Fiesta Chips, Dips, & Drinks
- ◆ 1 - 1:30 p.m., Using Herbs in the Home
- ◆ 1:30 - 2 p.m., All Things Lavender
- ◆ 2 - 2:30 p.m., Tea for Two... & More
- ◆ In the Herb Plant Sale Room, 8:30 a.m. - 4 p.m.
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sale offers a chance to learn more from members and purchase herbs

All events take place at the

Grosse Pointe Woods Community Center, 20025 Mack Avenue. Proceeds benefit community gardens.

A LA ANNIE By Annie Rouleau-Scheriff

Observe Cinco de Mayo



Next Tuesday is Cinco de Mayo (May 5th). I always look forward to a reason to cook Mexican influenced food.

This year, make black bean cakes with south of the border rice, finished with a sassy cole slaw. This recipe (adapted from Cuisine at Home) is broken up into three parts.

I made the black bean cakes the day before the rice and the slaw. Don't overwhelm yourself.

Black Bean Cakes

- 2 15-oz. cans black beans, rinsed and drained
- 2 egg whites
- 1/2 cup ground tortilla chips
- 1/2 cup diced red pepper
- 1/4 cup diced onion
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1 teaspoon ground coriander
- 1 teaspoon chili powder
- 2 to 3 tablespoons olive oil, for frying

Mash 1 cup of beans with the egg whites in a medium bowl. Add the remaining beans, tortilla crumbs, pepper, onion, salt, coriander and chili powder. Mix well and refrigerate for 10 minutes.

Heat olive oil in a large non-stick skillet over medium heat. Form the bean mixture into four large or six medium-sized patties.

Cook the cakes for about 4 to 5 minutes on each side, until heated throughout.

South of the Border Rice

- 3 tablespoons olive oil
- 2/3 cup chopped onion
- 2/3 cup chopped (or shredded) carrots
- 2/3 cup chopped celery
- 1 tablespoon minced garlic



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Observe Cinco de Mayo with Annie's Black bean cakes. It's sure to add a little spice to the day.

- 2 tablespoons tomato paste
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1 teaspoon ground cumin
- 1 tablespoon paprika
- pinch or two cayenne pepper
- 2 bay leaves
- 2 cups chicken broth (or water)
- 1 cup converted white rice

Heat oil in a medium sauce pan over medium heat. Add onion, carrots, celery, garlic, tomato paste, salt, cumin, paprika, cayenne and bay leaves. Sauté the mixture for 5 minutes.

Add the broth and bring to a boil.

Stir in the rice and lower to a simmer. Cover and cook for 20 minutes (or a bit longer), until

the rice has absorbed all of the liquid. Set aside for 5 minutes (covered) then fluff with a fork. Remove bay leaves and discard.

While the rice is cooking, prepare the slaw.

Sassy Cole Slaw

- 2/3 cup sour cream
- 1/2 cup chopped scallions
- 1/2 cup packed cilantro leaves
- 1 tablespoon chopped jalapeno pepper (seeds removed)
- 2 tablespoons lime juice salt to taste
- 3 cups shredded cabbage

In a food processor, puree the sour cream with scallions, cilantro, jalapeno and lime

juice.

Taste and season with salt. Toss the mixture with the shredded cabbage and chill until ready to serve.

Serve the black bean cakes alongside the rice and topped with the slaw. Individually each of these components are delicious, but when you bring them together, the flavor is wow.

The slaw adds a perfect juicy balance to the cakes and the rice lends just the right amount of kick.

Serves 4.

Experienced cooks can pull off my Cinco de Mayo dinner in just little more than an hour.

Happy 5th birthday to Maria Marguerite Caton!

AREA ACTIVITIES

Junior League of Detroit

The Junior League of Detroit hosts the Spring Stampede 5K Fun Run/Walk fundraiser Saturday, May 2 on Belle Isle.

The run begins at 10 a.m. and walk at 10:15 a.m. The start and finish lines are at the nature zoo.

Proceeds benefit the Children's Literacy Programs of the Junior League.

To register, visit jldetroit.org or call (313) 881-0040.

Jardinieres Garden Club

La Societe des Jardinieres Garden Club meets at 5 p.m. Saturday, May 2 at the home of Ralph and Sandy Magreta for a Kentucky Derby Party. Members are to wear their derby hats.

Hors d'oeuvres will be served.

Pettipointe Questers

Pettipointe Questers No. 243 host Linda Fraser Ruggles Mill No. 943 chapter member who will discuss antique posters at 11 a.m. Thursday, May 7 at Cook Schoolhouse.

Members are asked to bring their old postcards.

Anne Bleich is the hostess for the sandwich lunch meeting.

Mother's Day

The Grosse Pointe War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms, offers a Mother's Day brunch in two seatings, 11:30 a.m. and 1 p.m. Sunday, May 10.

The cost is \$22 or \$12 for children 10 years and under. The cost includes tax, gratuity and the Historic Preservation

fee. Make a reservation before 5 p.m. Thursday, May 7 by calling (313) 881-7511 or visit warmemorial.org.

Neighborhood Club

The Neighborhood Club, 17150 Waterloo, offers a Microsoft Word step-by-step class which runs two consecutive nights from 6 to 8 p.m. May 5 and 6 at the Neighborhood Club's computer center.

This computer class focuses on typing, editing and publishing documents.

Instructor George Guo teaches students keyboarding skills, editing techniques, formatting, inserting and manipulating photos and clip art and how to use tables, borders and shading.

The fee is \$49. Class size is limited to eight people.

Softball

The Neighborhood Club's Girls Softball League is open to girls in second through fifth grades. Teams have one game and one practice per week May 4 through June 5.

The fee is \$50 and space is limited.

For more information and to register, call (313) 885-4600.

Softball skills nights are offered free Monday, May 4 and 11 at Brownell Middle School for all league registrants.

Special children

A softball league for ages 12 through adult runs Tuesday and Thursday evenings June 2 through July 30 for young people with special needs. The fee is \$95 and registration deadline is Friday, May 1.

Home games are at Brownell Middle School.

An eight-week swimming class at Lochmoor Country Club is held in half hour ses-

sions between 6:30 and 8:30 p.m. Mondays beginning June 15.

The fee is \$105.

The summer program, Just Kids by Special Kids, Inc., is offered Monday and Wednesday afternoons June 15 through Aug. 5 in the Neighborhood Club's Nursery School.

The Bodman Computer Center in the Neighborhood Club hosts Special Kids, Inc.'s Fast ForWord reading and learning program by Scientific Learning beginning June 15. The class runs five days a week.

The eight-week class helps develop the cognitive skills required to read and learn through a computerized software program.

To register, call (313) 881-7575.

Registration for other Neighborhood Club activities can be done by calling (313) 885-4600, on line at neighborhoodclub.org or by visiting the facility on Waterloo in the City of Grosse Pointe.

Literacy center

The Dominican Literacy Centers offers a tutor training workshop Friday, May 1 and Saturday, May 2 at 9400 Courville, Detroit.

For more information, call (313) 882-4853.

Friends of Vision

Friends of Vision, a support group for the visually impaired and blind, meets from 10 to 11:30 a.m. Monday, May 4 and Wednesday, May 6 at the Detroit Institute of Ophthalmology, 15415 E. Jefferson, Grosse Pointe Park.

For more information, call Nancy Pilorget at (311) 824-4710, ext. 225.



Collecting for the troops

The La Societe des Jardiniers Garden Club collected items for U.S. troops during its meeting at Mary Lou Smith's house. They gathered drink mix packets, canned fruit, microwave popcorn, razors, shampoo, toothpaste, toothbrushes, lotion, wipes, over the counter medications, soap, antibiotic cream and cash. The supplies were sent to the Team Selfridge Family Relief Fund. Seated from left, Kathie Smith, Carol Nault, Mary Dennehy, Helena Thurber, Mary Lou Smith, Marel Thomas and Pat Hayes. Standing from left, Sharon Lutz, Cheryl Nelson, Phyllis Kerslake and Karen Kolp.

Jazz Forum

The Jazz Forum features Kate Patterson at 8 p.m. Wednesday, May 6, at the Grosse Pointe Unitarian Church, 17150 Maumee.

Only advanced \$13 tickets will be sold by calling (313) 961-1714 or (313) 885-0232.

Pro Musica Society

The Pro Musica Society of Detroit presents violinist Jennifer Frautschi at 8:30 p.m. Friday, May 8 at the Max M. Fisher Music Center, 3711 Woodward, Detroit.

Pianist John Blacklow will accompany Frautschi in works

by Stravinsky, Schumann, Vitali, Mozart and Ravel.

Reservations may be made by calling (313) 576-5005.

Herb sale

The Grosse Pointe Unit of Herb Society of America hosts the 2009 Annual Herb Plant Sale from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, May 9 at the Grosse Pointe Woods Municipal Building, 20025 Mack Plaza.

From 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., soup sampling from an upcoming herbal soup cookbook is available and from 10 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. community education presentations will be given in half hour increments. A variety of herbal topics will be cov-

ered. More than 40 varieties of herbal plants will be offered for sale.

For more information, call Barbara Hayes at (313) 881-1237.

NAMI

Members of the National Alliance for the Mentally Ill are selling the 2010 entertainment book for \$20. Delivery will be in August.

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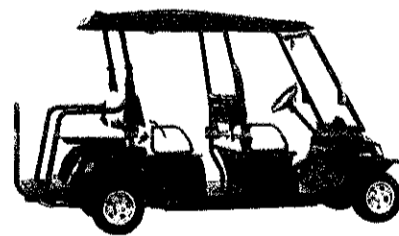
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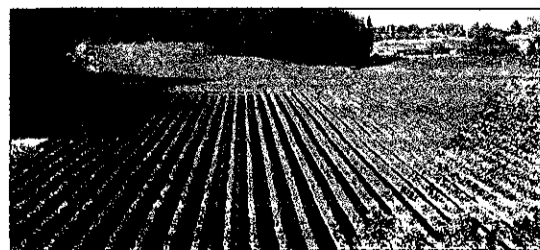
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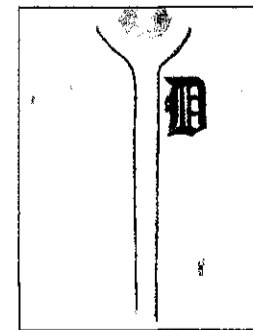
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A six-week low impact dance aerobics class begins the week of April 27 at First English Lutheran Church, 800 Vernier, Grosse Pointe Woods.

Sessions are held from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. Mondays and Wednesdays and 6:45 to 7:45 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays. The cost is \$65. Participants may attend as many classes as they want.

The class includes kick boxing, yoga, free weights, toning and flexibility.

For more information, call (313) 886-7534.

Ecumenical breakfast

The Grosse Pointe Ecumenical Men's Breakfast is from 7:15 to 8:15 a.m. Friday,

May 1 in the Grosse Pointe Memorial Church's Fellowship Hall, 16 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms.

The speaker is the Rev. David A. Rutter of St. Paul's Lutheran Church, St. Clair Shores.

For more information, call (313) 882-5330.

St. Paul

The General Motors Employees' Chorus performs at 7:30 p.m. Sunday, May 3, at St. Paul Lutheran Church, 375 Lothrop at Chalfonte, City of Grosse Pointe.

A freewill offering will be accepted. For more information, call (313) 881-6670.

Job loss

Every Monday from 7:30 to 9 a.m. the group, "Take Control," meets in the church assembly room of St. Paul's Catholic Church, 157 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms.

Participants visit Lawrence Tech Monday, May 4 for a panel discussion on job retraining, education and stimulus money availability.

The group provides support, networking opportunities and information to those in career transitions. Each week a speaker will address topics such as: job search techniques, networking strategies, resume writing tips, interviewing skills, ways to stay positive and current job skill needs.

For information or to volunteer, e-mail mebraytonlp@comcast.net or call (586) 321-0185.

St. Sabbas

The Russian Tea House serves lunch from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tuesday, May 5 at St. Sabbas Orthodox Monastery, 18745 Old Homestead, Harper Woods. The suggested dona-



Rummage sale

The Grosse Pointe United Methodist Church, 211 Moross, Grosse Pointe Farms, holds its annual Spring Rummage Sale from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, May 2. Items to be sold include adult and children's clothing, jewelry, boutique items, puzzles, toys, linens, housewares, small electrical appliances and sports equipment. For more information, call (313) 886-2363. Preparing for the sale are Jean Buhler, left, and Georgia Webber.

PASTOR'S CORNER By Rev. Ben Van Arragon

Where to look for hope

In a recent conversation a friend told me he's stopped watching, listening to, or reading the news. The reason for his boycott? Hope — or the absence thereof.

My friend concluded that taking in the news has done nothing to add value to his life. In fact, it is quite the opposite. It has created in him a sense of despair disproportionate with his actual circumstances.

I left the conversation thinking a lot about hope. Lately it has felt as though my hope has risen and fallen with every hiccup of the S&P 500. I have found myself longing for real, lasting hope.

This is not the first time in our nation's history we've encountered such hope-draining circumstances. Nor is ours the first nation to experience such a "hope deficit."

In the 6th century BCE, the people of the Middle-Eastern nation of Judah encountered their own crisis of hope. In 587, the entire nation was captured and carted off to Babylon.

In one fell swoop, the Judeans lost their political and economic independence. Everything

they'd relied on for security and comfort was gone. None of their familiar sources of hope remained.

During this time, the prophet Jeremiah delivered surprising news:

"...I know the plans I have for you," declares the lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future."

What could this possible mean to a people in such hopeless circumstances? For the Judeans, as well as for us, the message is this:

Hope doesn't lie in our circumstances. Hope doesn't lie in our affluence or health. Hope lies in less tangible things, namely, our most deeply held commitments and beliefs.

During this uncertain time we find hope in our faith that there's a god who will provide. We find hope in the care of family and friends. We find hope in the investment of ourselves in our communities and the care of others.

Hope is ours for the taking. We just need to look in the right places.

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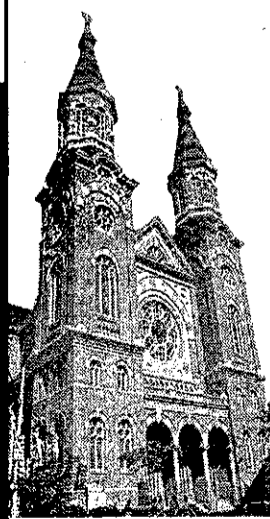
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FEATURES

ENGAGEMENTS

Brankovic - Marko

Peter and Shirley Brankovic of Grosse Pointe Park have announced the engagement of their daughter, Amanda Brankovic, to Joshua Marko, son of Maurice and Beverly VanWalleghem of New Baltimore. A June wedding is planned.

Brecht - Kuehn

Greg and Michelle Brecht of Grosse Pointe Farms have announced the engagement of their daughter, Celeste Brecht, to Blake Kuehn, son of Lary and Michele Kuehn of University Park, Texas. An April 2010 wedding is planned.

Brecht is a 1999 graduate of Grosse Pointe South High School. She earned a Bachelor of Arts, with honors, in 2002 from the University of Michigan and graduated cum laude from Southwestern Law School, Los Angeles, Calif. She is an attorney.

Kuehn graduated from Highland Park High School, Dallas, Texas in 1991 and earned a Bachelor of Science in business administration in 1995 from the University of Arizona. He is a digital marketing executive.

Carroll - Seng

Mr. and Mrs. John Carroll of

Grosse Pointe Park have announced the engagement of their daughter, Molly Elizabeth Carroll, to Brandon Seng, son of Jeff Seng of Manistee and the late Eva Seng. A May wedding is planned.

Carroll graduated from Michigan State University with a bachelor's degree in communicative sciences and disorders and is pursuing a master's degree in speech-language pathology at MSU.

Seng earned a bachelor's degree in organizational communication from MSU and attends Grand Valley State University pursuing a master's degree in public administration. He is with Michigan Nonprofit Association.

Cassetta - Abud

William and Karen Cassetta of the City of Grosse Pointe have announced the engagement of their daughter, Janice Cassetta, to Gary Abud Jr., son of Gary and Paulette Abud of Grosse Pointe Woods. An August wedding is planned.

Cassetta earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in education from Wayne State University, with a major in special education. She is a middle school special education teacher in Fountain Hills, Ariz.

Abud earned a Bachelor of Arts in philosophy from WSU and a Master of Arts in education from Saginaw Valley State University. He is a high school

physics and chemistry teacher in Fountain Hills.

Egnatios - Peace

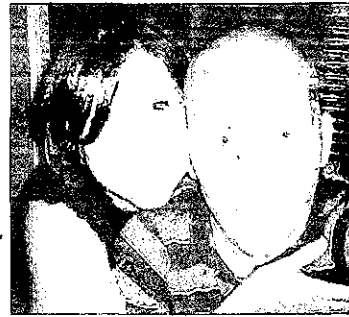
Patti Kelly Matthews and Christian Matthews III of Grosse Pointe Park have announced the engagement of their daughter, Noel Kelly Egnatios, to Breton August Peace, son of former California Sen. J. Stephen and Cheryl Peace of Rancho San Diego, Calif. A July wedding is planned.

Egnatios is a 2000 graduate of Grosse Pointe South High School. She earned dual degrees in psychology and political science from the University of Michigan honors program and a juris doctorate from U of M. She is an attorney specializing in intellectual property litigation at Cooley Godward Kronish LLP.

Peace earned dual degrees in philosophy and religious studies from Stanford University, a juris doctorate from U of M and was a Clarence Darrow Scholar at U of M Law School. He is an attorney specializing in project finance at Latham & Watkins LLP.

Gruner - Dallaire

Karen and Ron Merrick of Long Beach, Calif., have announced the engagement of their daughter, Laci Kathleen Gruner, to Robert Edmund



Amanada Brankovic and Joshua Marko



Janice Cassetta and Gary Abud Jr.

Dallaire Jr., son of Bob and Anne Dallaire of Grosse Pointe Woods. A May 2010 wedding is planned.

Gruner earned a Bachelor of Science degree from the University of California, Dominguez Hills and is a nurse with Harbor UCLA Medical Center.

Dallaire graduated from Grosse Pointe North High School and earned a Bachelor of Arts degree from Michigan State University. He is the owner of Gecko Hospitality Franchises.

Harrell - Hensley

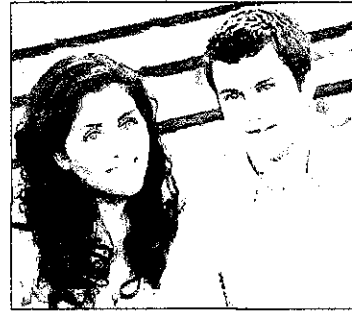
Jerry and Barb Harrell of Macomb Township, formerly of Grosse Pointe Woods, have announced the engagement of their daughter, Jessica Harrell,



Blake Kuehn and Celeste Brecht



Molly Elizabeth Carroll and Brandon Seng



Noel Kelly Egnatios and Breton August Peace



Robert Edmund Dallaire Jr. and Laci Kathleen Gruner

to Tim Hensley, son of Virgil and Joyce Hensley of Harrison Township.

An October wedding is planned.

Harrell earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in education from Michigan State University. She is the director of education with Sylvan Learning Center in Troy.

Hensley is pursuing a degree in physical therapy. He is a sales representative with Verizon Wireless and a professional power lifter, holding state, national and world records.



Jessica Harrell and Tim Hensley

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Howe-Kurap

Jano Howe of Christchurch, New Zealand, has announced the engagement of her daughter, Haseena Howe, to John Kurap, son of Michael and Kathleen Kurap of Grosse Pointe Farms. A May wedding is planned.

Howe has a background in business and real estate development and has worked internationally.

Kurap is a 1998 graduate of Grosse Pointe South High School and earned a Bachelor of Science degree in biology and psychology from the University of Michigan in 2002. He graduated from the American University of the Caribbean Medical School in April. He will attend Duke University Hospital to complete his residency in family medicine.

The two met in 2006 in Kenya where Kurap was doing medical relief work.

Miller graduated from Cornell University in 1999. He is a biomedical engineer for Pfizer.

Huetteman-Scott

John and Candace Huetteman of St. Clair Shores, formerly of Grosse Pointe Shores, have announced the engagement of their daughter, Kelly Huetteman, to Ryan Scott, son of Martin and Lynn Scott of Cleveland, Ohio. An October wedding is planned.

Huetteman earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in early childhood education from Michigan State University. She is a first grade teacher at Lake Forest Country Day School in Lake Forest, Ill.

Scott earned a Bachelor of Science degree in business management from Ashland University. He is a broker with CRC Insurance Services in Chicago, Ill.

School graduate, a 2005 University of Michigan graduate and a 2007 BGSU graduate. Thomas is a research assistant at the University of Colorado-Boulder and will pursue a Ph.D. in the fall.

Sanborn-Follis

Mrs. John Starr of Bloomfield Hills and Dr. John Sanborn of Birmingham have announced the engagement of their daughter, Hillary Anne Sanborn, to Michael Shea Follis, son of Mr. and Mrs. Daniel S. Follis of Grosse Pointe Farms. An October wedding is planned.

Sanborn graduated from Lahser High School and earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in psychology from the University of Michigan. She is an account executive with American Online in Chicago.

Follis is a Grosse Pointe South High School graduate and earned a Bachelor of Arts in history from U of M. He is an account executive with Pandora Internet Radio in Chicago.

Smale-Pohl

Kerry Smale of the City of Grosse Pointe and Dan Smale of Grosse Pointe Farms have announced the engagement of their daughter, Lindsay Smale, to Nicholas Pohl, son of Ann Mueller of Grosse Pointe Woods and Steve Pohl of Beal City. A May wedding is



John Kurap and Haseena Howe



Evan William Thomas and Jennifer Ann Ress

planned.

Smale is a 2005 graduate of Grosse Pointe North High School. She earned a psychology degree from Michigan State University in 2008.

Pohl graduated from Grosse Pointe North High School in 2004 and is a senior at the University of Michigan-Flint, majoring in business.

Winfield-Lorenger



Emily Lejuste Hudson and Keith Douglas Miller



Hillary Anne Sanborn and Michael Shea Follis

Dr. Raymond and Connie Winfield of Grosse Pointe Farms have announced the engagement of their daughter, Kirsten Rae Winfield, to Todd Mathew Lorenger, son of Mark Lorenger of the City of Grosse Pointe and the late Mary Jo Lorenger. An August wedding is planned.

Winfield is a 2001 graduate of Grosse Pointe South High School and a 2005 graduate of Hope College. She earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in communications and business management and is a sales executive with Getty Images in Chicago.

Lorenger is a 2001 graduate of Grosse Pointe South High School and a 2005 graduate of Indiana University. He earned a Bachelor of Science degree in public affairs and is a national



Ryan Scott and Kelly Huetteman



Nicholas Pohl and Lindsay Smale



Todd Mathew Lorenger and Kirsten Rae Winfield

accounts manager with C.H. Robinson Worldwide in Chicago.

'Crossing 8 Mile' has Shakespearian twist

"Crossing 8 Mile," an urban rendering of Shakespeare's comedic farce, "A Comedy of Errors," is being performed by the Mosaic Youth Theatre the weekends of May 8 and 15.

Performances take place at the Detroit Film Theatre inside the Detroit Institute of Arts, 5200 Woodward Ave., Detroit.

"Crossing 8 Mile," mixing traditional Commedia dell'Arte

Italian theater and hip-hop culture, is the tale of two sets of identical twins, separated as young boys by a volcanic eruption that creates an eight-mile-wide crater dividing their city.

Each set grows up in distinctly different circumstances; one set in a comfortable suburban setting and the other in the hard-scrabble city.

After one set of twins bravely treks across 8 Mile, hilarity ensues when they unknowingly reunite with the other. A fast-paced, witty romp of mistaken identity, "Crossing 8 Mile" interweaves classic slapstick comedy with shrewd commentary on suburban versus urban relations.

To purchase tickets for "Crossing 8 Mile," call (313) 833-4005 Wednesday through Sunday, or order online at mosaicdetroit.org. General admission tickets are \$20 and \$12 for students and seniors. Friday performances are \$10. Children under 5 are not permitted.

Show dates and times are 8 p.m. Friday, May 8, Saturday, May 9, Friday, May 15, Saturday, May 16; and 4 p.m. Sunday, May 10 and Sunday, May 17.

'Carmen' at Michigan Opera Theatre

Michigan Opera Theatre concludes its 2008-09 "Casualties of Love" season with "Carmen" by Georges Bizet's Carmen in six performances at the Detroit Opera House May 9-17.

An opera in three acts, "Carmen" is sung in French with English supertitle translations projected above the stage.

A tragic tale of passion and jealousy, "Carmen" is set in the streets of Seville, Spain in the post-World War II era. Carmen is a beautiful gypsy with a scorching temper whose beauty makes men irresistibly at-

tracted to her.

When an inexperienced soldier, Corporal Don José, comes along, he immediately falls in love with Carmen and their relationship leads to a tumultuous and disastrous turn of events. After the rejection of his former love, mutiny against his superior and a turn to a life of crime, he ultimately, out of jealousy, murders Carmen.

The cast includes mezzo-soprano Kate Aldrich (May 9, 13, 16) as Carmen; mezzo-soprano Kendall Gladen (May 10, 15, 17) as Carmen; tenor John Bellemere as Don José (May 9, 13, 16); and William Joyner in

the same role (May 10, 15, 17).

The role of Spanish toreador Escamillo will be performed by Homero Velho and Janinah Burnett sings the role of Micaela, the estranged fiancé of Don José.

Maestro Mark D. Flint conducts; stage director is Ron Daniels, costumes are designed by Constance Hoffman and sets designed by Riccardo Hernandez.

Tickets range in price from \$29 to \$121 and are available at the Detroit Opera House ticket office, 1526 Broadway, Detroit; by phone at (313) 237-7464; online at MichiganOpera.org.

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Love and heart health go hand in hand

Heart health is dependent on many factors and one may be surprising, love.

Researchers have found women reporting they feel loved and emotionally supported tend to have less severe coronary artery blockages than those who do not. This connection between feeling loved and being heart healthier was independent of other standard risk factors.

Studies in men revealed similar findings — coronary artery blockage is eased in those who feel loved. As far back as in 1965, an Alameda County, CA, study found that men and women who did not have love, support, and community ties were 1.9 to 3.1 times more likely to die prematurely.

Scientists at Yale University looked at coronary arteries of 119 men and women and found those who felt the most loved had substantially less blockage. Researchers discovered the quality of the relationships (in the sense of feeling loved and emotionally supported) was a more important predictor of the severity of coronary artery blockages than the number of that patient's personal relationships.

This finding was also independent of diet, smoking, exercise, cholesterol, genetics, and other risk factors.

A 1992 study of 1,400 heart patients at Duke University Medical Center demonstrated the importance of having a close confidant with whom you talk regularly. All 1,400 patients had blocked coronary arteries. After five years, those who were unmarried and without a confidant were three times more likely to have died than those who were married or who had a close confidant.

Someone to lean on

A recent study by researchers in Canada shows having a close relationship with a friend, lover, or relative, lowers the risk of further heart attacks by 50 percent. This was true, even after taking into account the severity of the first heart attack and other risk factors.

Researchers suggest people who do not have a close confidant may delay seeking treatment or be less likely to adhere to treatment after a heart event. This research involved 600 patients, average age 60, screened three to four days after having a heart attack and monitored for 12 months to assess their risk of a later heart attack. The study revealed that having a shoulder to lean on carries significant potential to help prevent a second heart attack — and maybe even a first

heart attack.

Most of the theories regarding why loving relationships are positive for heart health seem to indicate people who are married or in close, healthy relationships tend to be less likely to smoke, are more physically active and are more likely to have a well-developed social structure as well as lower levels of stress and anxiety. Additionally, people who are in loving relationships may experience neuro-hormonal changes that have positive effects on the body, including the cardiovascular system.

Conversely, studies have shown that negative relationships or those that involve conflict are associated with an increased risk for heart disease.

"Those in a negative relationship were 34 percent more likely to have a coronary event in 12 years of follow-up," says Roberto De Vogli, PhD, a researcher for a study published in the Archives of Internal Medicine in October 2007.

De Vogli's team asked 9,011 British civil servants in their mid-40s, to complete a questionnaire either between 1989 and 1990 or 1985 and 1988. They answered questions

about up to four of their close personal relationships, but mainly about their primary relationship. More than 64 percent listed a spouse as their primary relationship. Others were close personal friends.

During the follow-up period, heart disease was reported by 589 of the 8,499 respondents who finished the questionnaires. None of the 8,499 respondents had any history of heart disease at the start of the study. Those who had high negativity in their close relationships were 34 percent more likely to have a heart problem compared with those with more positive interactions and a low level of negativity. The increased risk dropped to 25 percent after taking into account other variables that could contribute to heart disease.

What's behind the bad relationship, bad heart link?

"It can activate emotional responses, including depression or hostility," in turn, boosting heart disease risk, De Vogli said. He also found the association between relationships and heart health was true for both men and women and for those in higher and lower socio-economic positions.

Another study, published in September 2007 in the Journal of Behavioral Medicine, showed negative discussions between a couple increase systolic blood pressure, heart rate and cardiac output.

"Anxiety and emotional stress are associated with an increase in adrenaline levels in the blood, which can increase blood pressure and possibly cause vessel spasm," says Erica Jones, MD, a cardiologist at the Iris Cantor Women's Health Center at Weill Cornell Medical College.

Jones says chronic anxiety and stress in a relationship will lead to depression and lack of motivation, including not taking the proper medication, exercising, eating healthy and sleeping well. All these factors can increase cardiovascular risk.

Can relationships lead to healthy hearts?

While lifestyle and genetics are important, a good relationship may help decrease risks. Previous studies have shown married people, in general, are less likely to develop heart disease. Support from loved ones

for those already living with heart disease is a vital part of heart recovery — not just in the immediate days and weeks after a heart event, but thereafter.

"As a cardiologist, I have been convinced for years that a bad relationship is associated with cardiac risk," says Jones.

Suggestions for improving relationships

Accept flaws and learn to cooperate and compromise. If this is an issue, consider speaking to a therapist or counselor about improving communication skills.

Ease stress. Significant stress is associated with an increase in cardiovascular risk and adds to relationship tension.

Exercise together. Exercise allows for quality time together. Try walking or riding bikes together.

Go out on dates. Being together for years doesn't mean that romantic time together is any less important than it was in the beginning.

Remain intimate for both the physical and emotional benefits. If there are sexual problems, consult a doctor for treatment options.

ASK THE EXPERTS By Sandy Meador

Buckle up to save the baby



Q. When our children are riding in the car, are we making sure they are buckled up correctly?

A. Even though experts stress the importance of child safety seats, the No. 1 killer in the United States for children ages 2-14 is car crashes.

Partners for Child Passenger Safety is a joint effort between State Farm Insurance and The Children's Hospital of Philadelphia. The partnership is dedicated to understanding how and why children are injured or killed in auto crashes. The organization began in 1997 and continues to be the largest study of its kind, having recently been expanded to include crashes in Texas.

One of its earliest findings is children ages 2 to 5 who use adult seat belts are 3.5 times

more likely to suffer significant injury than those correctly restrained in a child safety seat or belt-positioning booster seat. In 2004, PCPS data showed more than 61 percent of children ages 4 to 8 were not optimally restrained and were often using only a seat belt.

Seat belts are designed to fit adults, not children.

A belt-positioning booster seat, which is the next step after a child safety seat, gives children a lift so that a lap and shoulder belt fits them properly.

Besides emphasizing the need for the intermediate step of the belt-positioning booster seat, findings from the PCPS study show that boosters reduce the risk of injury for 4- to 7-year-olds by 59 percent compared to those using only adult safety belts.

Another recent discovery by PCPS researchers is children are 40 percent less likely to be injured in a crash if they are seated in the rear seat versus the front seat. This supports the recommendation of the

American Academy of Pediatrics that all children under age 13 should ride in the back seat.

The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration offers the following tips critical to helping ensure the safety of children riding in vehicles:

If the child is:

◆ A newborn up to at least 1-year-old and at least 20 pounds, use a rear-facing infant seat or rear-facing convertible seat.

Keep the child in the rear-facing seat until he or she has completely outgrown the seat.

Never place a rear-facing infant in the front seat with an airbag.

Follow the child safety seat and vehicle manufacturers' instructions on correct restraint use and installation.

◆ More than 1-year-old and more than 20 pounds, up to 40 pounds.

Use a forward-facing convertible seat or forward-facing combination seat with harness straps.

Keep the child in the forward-facing child safety seat

until he or she has completely outgrown it.

Follow the child safety seat and vehicle manufacturers' instructions on correct restraint use and installation.

◆ More than 40 pounds and up to at least age 8, unless 4-foot, 9-inches tall.

Use a belt-positioning booster seat with lap and shoulder seat belt.

Follow the child safety seat and vehicle manufacturers' instructions on correct restraint use and installation.

◆ Use a lap and shoulder safety belt.

◆ Follow vehicle manufacturers' instructions on correct restraint use.

For more information, visit statefarm.com/kidsafety.htm.

Sandy Meador has worked as a State Farm agent for 16 years. Contact her at (313) 343-5600 or at sandymeador.com.

E-mail questions to info@familycenterweb.org, or The Family Center, 20090 Morningside Dr., Grosse Pointe Woods, MI 48236.

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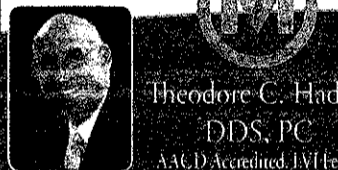
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Book spotlights dog's point of view on moving

By Ann L. Fouty
Features Editor

Anthony Michael Tocco Majewski of Grosse Pointe Woods knows what it's like to move.

His experiences of moving from Michigan to Illinois to Texas, New York and back to Michigan have ended up in a 24-page book. Rather than writing from his perspective, the children's book, titled "Dogs Move Too," is in the voice of a dog, Max, Majewski's 5-year-old, a fox yellow lab.

The book has recently been released in both hardcover and paperback with a portion of the proceeds benefitting Leader Dogs for the Blind in Rochester. It's illustrations

were provided by Majewski's wife, Julie.

Donations to the leader dog school are being made in his blind grandmother's memory.

"We understand the challenges of the blind," he said. "She had a black lab which did guide her, but wasn't a leader dog. This is how we will remember her."

Majewski moved from the Woods to Chicago when he was in fourth grade. That was followed by a move to Dallas, Long Island and back to Michigan in 1998.

He said the moves were necessitated by his father's job which was turning hospitals into health systems.

Majewski reminisced about how difficult it is to move, being uprooted; leaving friends

and schools behind. He said there was nothing to help him cope with the empty feelings.

"I was challenged, learning disabled," he said. "I have given up friends through constant relocation."

Told he would never be college material, Majewski graduated from Western Michigan University with honors, earning a degree in behavioral psychology.

At the age of 33, he is working on his master's in business administration at Walsh College and has become an author.

Though this is his first book, Majewski said he plans a follow-up book again with Max as the narrator.

"Dogs Move Too" can be found on amazon.com.

Nominees for cancer survivor award sought

Cancer survivors who exemplify compassion and devotion and go beyond to help other cancer survivors are being sought.

The Barbara Ann Karmanos Cancer Institute is accepting nominations for the Patricia Milner Sachs Heart of a Survivor Award. Nominations are due May 8. The award win-

ner and nominees will be recognized at the Karmanos Cancer Institute's Survivorship Celebration honoring cancer survivors June 18.

The award is named in honor of Patricia Milner Sachs, a former Karmanos employee who continued to help cancer survivors as she fought her own 11-year battle with

melanoma, which ended in June 2006. Nominations are open to all cancer survivors. Nomination forms should be typed or printed and e-mailed to simonss@karmanos.org or faxed to (313) 576-9285.

Forms are available at karmanos.org or by calling Shaalista Wilcox at (313) 576-9282.

SENIOR SCENE By Ruth Cain

Electronic games good for memory boost



I get irritated when I read about the good results on memory recall researchers get by using specially designed programs.

I keep wondering why they don't let the general public in on these so all seniors could advantage themselves.

At last, we know of one way a research study helped participating seniors improve their memory and certain other mental abilities. The video game, "Rise of Nations," requires players to use planning

and strategy to take over the world. The video is available at stores and on the web.

Another study indicates that simply expecting to remember things can help older people recall and recollect.

Additional research suggests including carbohydrates in your diet (grains, fruits, vegetables, nuts, seeds and milk products) and swearing off multitasking can improve memory as well.

There are also some promising research studies in early stages that offer hope in treating Alzheimer's disease. Note, however, that all of these are in early stages and need many more studies (perhaps requiring years and money!!!) before they are proven successful.

In a small study from New

York-Presbyterian Hospital/Weill Cornell Medical Center, scientists gave eight patients six months of an infusion of antibodies normally used to treat immune disorders.

Afterward, sufferers' disorientation and lack of engagement eased to levels of at least a year earlier. Eighteen months after treatment, 75 percent of patients still retained the mental acuity they had at the study's beginning. The researchers believe the antibodies help flush toxins from the brain. Hopes are it can be approved next year.

Another study at Northwestern University shows insulin protects the brain's memory, forming synapses and slows or halts

the memory loss of Alzheimer's disease.

By treating brain neurons with insulin and insulin-sensitizing drugs, Northwestern scientists were able to keep toxic beta amyloid proteins from binding to synapses, thereby enabling the brain to process information and store memories.

Other studies on the disease indicate anything that protects the heart and blood vessels, thereby facilitating blood flow to the brain, might help fend off Alzheimer's. That makes it important to adopt a heart-healthy lifestyle and to control cardiovascular risk factors.

Physical activity increases the maturation of nerve cells in the hippocampus, the area that's responsible for forming

new memories. One study measured brain size and cardiovascular fitness in 63 people with early Alzheimer's. Those who were more fit had greater volume in brain regions that are important for memory.

A test comparing 170 older people at risk for Alzheimer's were put into two groups: those who increased exercise and those who had only standard care. After six months, the exercisers showed improved cognitive function compared with the control group.

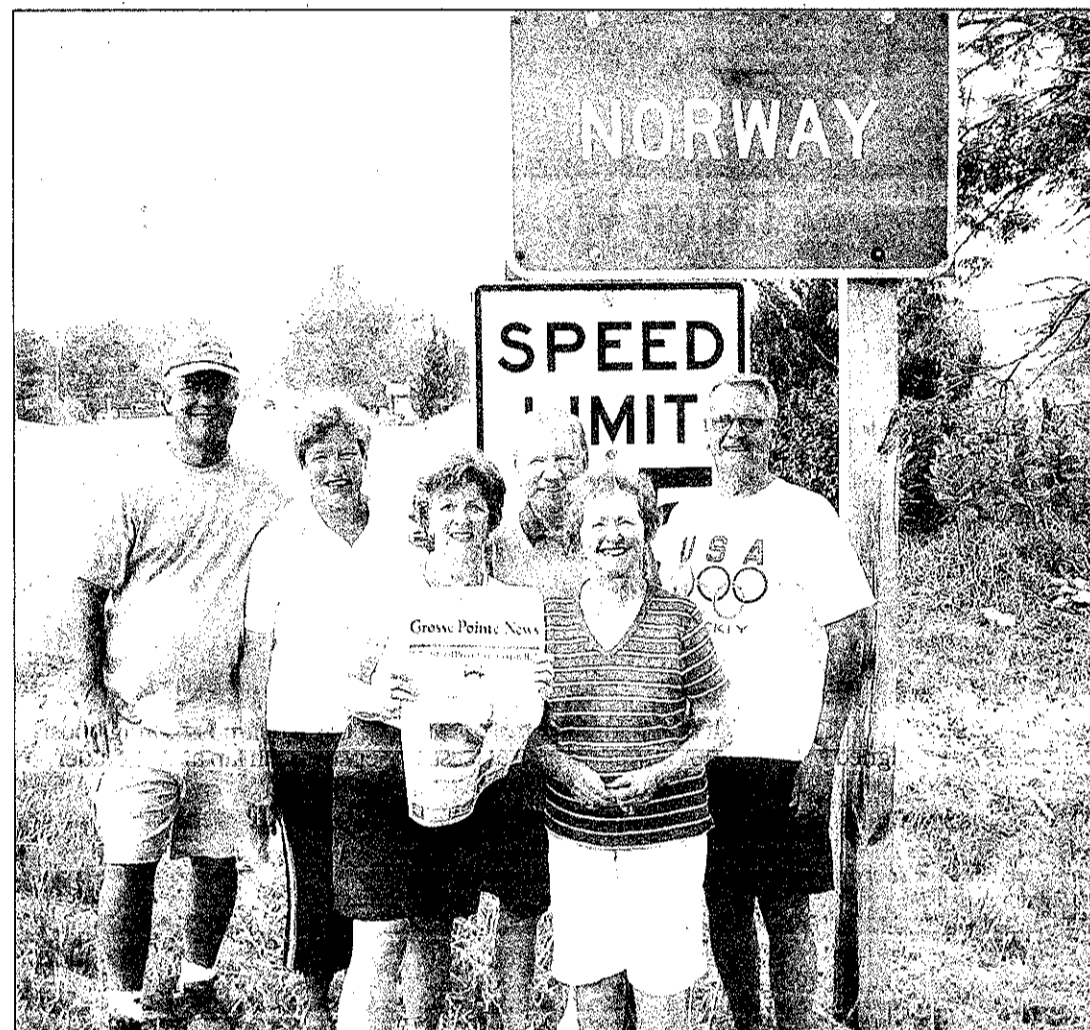
For those who look with pity on us memory-challenged seniors, there's some interesting news from a University of Virginia study that involved cognitive tests. About 2,000

healthy people between the ages of 18 and 60 were asked to solve puzzles, recall words and story details and spot patterns in an assortment of symbols.

Study author Timothy Salthouse concluded the age for peak mental performance is 22. By age 27, there was a marked decline in brain speed and puzzle-solving skills. Memory skills can keep pace for a longer time, remaining strong until around age 37 when they start going downhill.

Fortunately, says Salthouse, we do gain wisdom as we age with both our vocabulary and general storehouse of knowledge until at least age 60.

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The Norway readers

James and Sue Brewer of Grosse Pointe Woods, Norm and Marilyn Wolfe of Grosse Pointe Park and John and Dottie Holcomb of Grosse Pointe Woods share the reading of the Grosse Pointe News while vacationing at the Fox Creek Resort near Norway, Ill. When you travel, take along a copy of the Grosse Pointe News and have a photo taken of yourself in front of a local landmark. Send the picture, along with a few words to: The Grosse Pointe News Reader, 96 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe Farms, MI 48236; or e-mail to editor@grossepointenews.com. Your picture will appear in an upcoming issue.

Special events at SOC

The following is a list of special events taking place at Services for Older Citizens in May.

◆ The French Really Didn't Invent French Fries? Getting to Know France, 11:30 a.m. Monday, May 4. Intern Patrick Hessman shares his experiences touring France in a photographic presentation on the country's culture, geography, politics and general history.

◆ Provence and The Riviera, 11:30 a.m. Tuesday, May 5. Intern Hessman returns to share information about southeastern France and The Riviera.

◆ Mothers' Day Celebration, 11 a.m. Wednesday, May 6. A catered buffet luncheon by Blue Pointe Restaurant and DA3 consisting of beef tips with gravy, chicken breast with mushroom and cream sauce, country whipped potatoes, rice pilaf, mixed vegetables, peas, coleslaw and rolls can be had for \$12. Dessert is compliments of Wayne County Executive Robert Ficano. Entertainment is by vocalist, Katherine Lowell. Call (313) 882-9600 for reservations.

◆ All Things French Jeopardy, 11:30 a.m. Friday, May 8. It's Intern Hessman again, this time leading team play of a game where the topics are the French and France.

◆ Do you Remember Radio?, 11 a.m. Wednesday, May 13. The event begins with a salute to those having birthdays in May followed by a hot lunch while listening to Jack Benny radio episodes. A radio quiz with prizes follows.

◆ Dr. Tim Goes to Lansing, 11:30 a.m. Friday, May 15. State Rep. Tim Bledsoe, D-City of Grosse Pointe, reflects on his experiences as a modern-day political neophyte arriving in the Michigan legislature.

◆ National Senior Health and Fitness Day, 1:30 a.m. Wednesday, May 27. Aerobics instructor Carol Piper kicks off the event by explaining the importance of aerobic activity for both the body and brain.

Weather permitting, participants will join Piper for a walk. Next, instructor Joan Thornton discusses the benefits of stretching followed by a short seated stretching session. Lunch consisting of a salad bar, turkey chili and a

healthy dessert follows and the day concludes with a presentation by nutritionist Bernadine Scott of Park Pharmacy.

The cost is \$2.

Lunch and Learn

The following are topics for upcoming Lunch and Learn events at Services for Older Citizens.

◆ Dr. Gill, 11:30 a.m. Monday May 11. Dr. Matthew Gill answers health-related questions from the "Ask Dr. Gill" box and those from the audience.

◆ Macular Degeneration and other Visual Problems, 11:30 a.m. Wednesday, May 18. Dr. Lylas Mogk of Henry Ford Eye Care Services shares information on macular degeneration and other vision problems. A question and answer period follows.

◆ Building Mental Muscle Workshop, 11:30 a.m. Wednesday, May 20. Angela Palmieri — Arden Courts of Alzheimers Assisted Living leads an interactive workshop for those who want to keep their brain active and healthy. This class reviews how to keep one's mind active by performing mental exercises.



The Xi'an reader

Juliette Primeau Johnson of Excelsior, Minn., formerly of Grosse Pointe, took the Grosse Pointe News along when she visited Xi'an, China, the site of the Terracotta Army, discovered in 1974, made to guard the tomb of the first emperor of China, Qin Shi Huangdi. She was with her son, Ross, who is an exchange student at Shanghai University of Finance and Economics. Excavations contain more than 7,000 life-size figures of soldiers, archers and horses.

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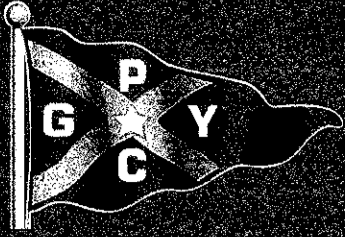
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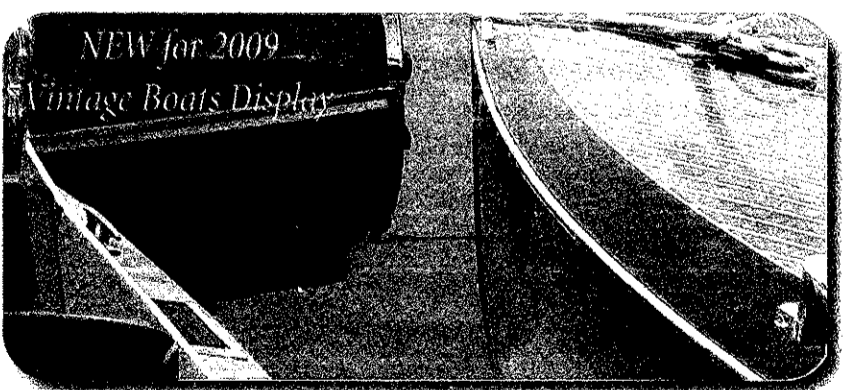
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UNIVERSITY LIGGETT SCHOOL

Celebrating 50 years of girls lacrosse

South gets best of ULS

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

This season University Liggett School is celebrating 50 years of girls' lacrosse.

In 1959, Grosse Pointe University School Athletic Director Muriel Brock and Maggie Houston of Kingswood School established the first two girls lacrosse teams.

The game, popular in Europe, wasn't on the radar here in Michigan until Brock and Houston created some interest.

Grosse Pointe Woods resident and Grosse Pointe University School teacher Romilly Stackpoole came into the picture in the early 1970s, coaching the newly created University Liggett School, which was a merger of Grosse Pointe University School and Liggett School.

"I played the game growing up in Ireland and I had the chance to coach lacrosse here at ULS with Muriel and Maggie," Stackpoole said. "It's a great sport and we had some powerhouse teams back in the day."

"We were the crème-de-la-crème of girls lacrosse because



The Grosse Pointe University School 1960 girls lacrosse team. The program dominated the sport for years, thanks to superior athletes and excellent coaching.

we had some of the best athletes playing it. Back then, girls played tennis in the fall and there wasn't soccer, so lacrosse was "the" sport to play here at Liggett."

In 1977, ULS was the co-champion of the inaugural Midwest School girls' Lacrosse Tournament, sharing the title with Worthington, Ohio. ULS was a power in the late 1970s

and early 80s.

"We played a couple of over-times and then finally settled on a tie," Stackpoole said. "After that, we created some new rules and really got the

game going, even though there were only four teams that had the sport here in Michigan."

Along with ULS and Kingswood (later became Cranbrook Kingswood), Bloomfield Hills Sacred Heart and Birmingham Detroit Country Day joined the Stackpoole-led Middle School interscholastic program in 1984.

Legendary head coach Pat Hayes of Sacred Heart joined the coaching sorority. She has been a strong advocate of girls' lacrosse during her years on the sidelines. Hayes recently retired from coaching at Country Day, but is still highly involved with the game.

"There were only the four of us, so we would travel every weekend and play some good teams in Ohio," Stackpoole said. "The teams we faced were also private schools and that created some very good competitive lacrosse games."

"The game sure has evolved in the last 20 years. The wooden sticks are gone and now the girls use aluminum and the number of teams is on the rise."

For all of her hard work to help girls lacrosse gain popularity (it officially became a sponsored sport of the Michigan High School Athletic Association in 2005), Stackpoole was inducted into the US Lacrosse Michigan Hall

of Fame, along with Brock and Jean Blievernicht.

Despite retiring from coaching several years ago at ULS, Stackpoole is now an official.

During the games she officiates, Stackpoole is still teaching the game to the high school players, explaining what they're doing right and wrong.

"I love every minute of lacrosse and I'm happy to be involved with its progress through officiating," Stackpoole said. "I hope the sport continues to grow in popularity."

Here and now

The current ULS girls lacrosse team was in action last weekend, hosting city rival Grosse Pointe South. Head coach Tamara Fobare and the ULS girls' lacrosse team lost 10-0.

It was the Lady Blue Devils' first win of the season and left the Knights 0-3.

"It was nice to come here and play a very good game from beginning to end," South head coach Lauren Germaine said.

Senior Molly Smith, junior Katherine Palms and junior Lindsey Thibodeau each scored two goals to lead the Blue Devils.

Other goal scorers were junior Melanie Parke, junior Torie Palfy, junior Tara Bolton and freshman Jennifer Ryan.

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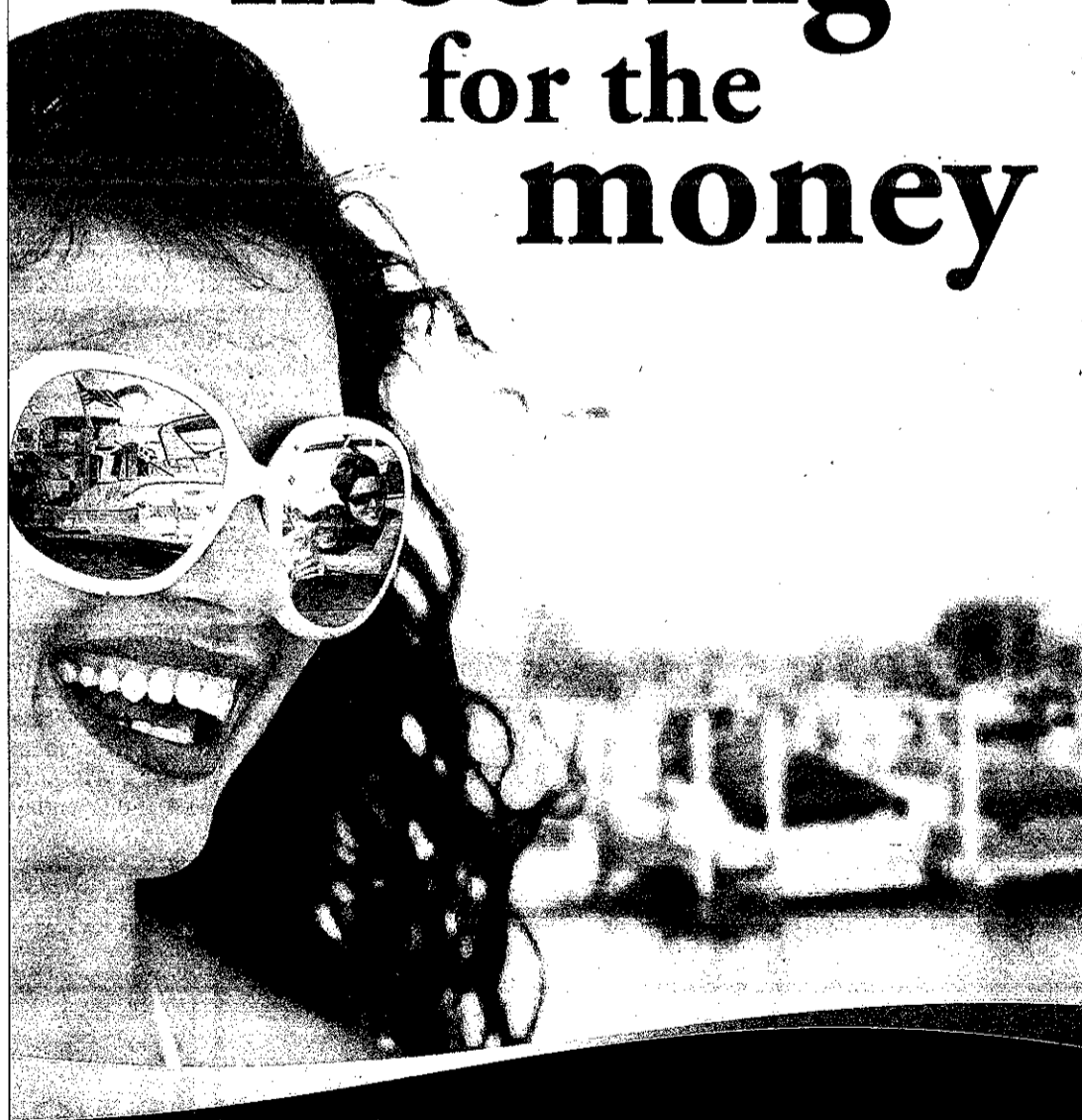
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GIRLS TENNIS

South beats North, wins dual meet title

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

Grosse Pointe South's girls' tennis team played a double-header Monday afternoon, beating Troy Athens 8-0 and rival Grosse Pointe North 9-0.

The win over the Norsemen gave the Blue Devils the Macomb Area Conference Red Division dual meet championship with a perfect 5-0 mark.

"The schedule has been so erratic with the rain outs and snow outs and practice time has been limited, but the girls put it together in the past week to win another dual meet championship," South head coach Mark Sobieralski said. "I'm proud of the girls, but still have a long way to go."

Senior Sarah VanWalleghem beat senior Ariana Conti 6-0, 6-0 at No. 1 singles and freshman Emma Hyde defeated senior Lauren Gilezan 6-4, 6-1 at No. 2 singles.

At No. 3 singles, junior Emily Lynch beat junior Kim Woods 6-1, 6-0 and junior E.A. Kennedy defeated senior Karen Huntsman 6-4, 6-0.

In the doubles matches, seniors Lizzie Hyde and Stephanie Skau beat seniors Claire Mulier and Stephanie Schucker 6-1, 7-6, at No. 1, while at No. 2 doubles, junior Carla Schmidt and sophomore Alana Dickson beat senior Amanda Josefiak and junior Emily Biegas 6-3, 6-1.

Juniors Diana Dodge and Katie Fox won in straight sets, beating seniors Stephanie Malouf and Mary Allemon 6-1, 6-3, at No. 3 doubles.

At No. 4 doubles, senior Jaclyn Royer and freshman Amelia Boccaccio defeated sophomore Maura Besser and freshman Holly Gilezan 6-1, 6-1.

The final doubles match



PHOTO BY DANA KAISER

Grosse Pointe South senior Sarah VanWalleghem is leading by example, using her experience to help the underclassmen learn how to win.

went to Carrie Lynch and Claire Brennan, who beat Kelsey Richards and Alyse Victor 6-0, 6-2.

"We took our lumps today, but our girls gave it their best shot," North head coach Matt Eszes said. "Despite the loss, our girls have played some pretty good tennis in the few matches we have been able to play due to the poor weather."

The Blue Devils also beat di-

vision foes Utica Eisenhower and Chippewa Valley by identical 9-0 scores, as well as St. Clair 8-1.

In the mix was an 8-0 victory over Troy Athens, who they will meet in a state regional tournament next month. Grosse Pointe South improved to 8-1 overall, while North is 1-1 in the Red Division and 1-2 overall.

South played in the Ann

Arbor Pioneer Invitational last weekend, finishing tied for second with Northville.

Pioneer won the invitational with 17 points, followed by Northville and South with 14, Novi with 13, Saline with 12, Clarkston with 11, Rochester with eight and Holly with five.

"The top seven finishers are ranked in the top 10 in the state," Sobieralski said. "It was a great tournament and our girls did pretty well."

North finished in second place in its invitational last weekend.

Farmington Hills Mercy won the invitational with 23 points, followed by North with 14, Warren Cousino with seven and Walled Lake Western with four.

"The Lady Norsemen competed well in all flights, picking up individual runner-up medals in seven of the eight flights," Eszes said. "Congratulations to the entire team for their outstanding play and for hosting such a successful and impressive tournament."

The Norsemen's first match was against state-ranked Mercy. They lost each of the eight flights, including seven in straight sets.

They bounced back to win six of eight flights against Cousino, led by Lauren Gilezan, who won 6-2, 6-1 at No. 2 singles.

Woods and Huntsman were just as impressive, winning 6-1, 6-1 and 6-0, 6-1 at No. 3 and No. 4 singles, respectively.

Mulier and Schucker won 6-4, 6-0 at No. 1 doubles and that was followed by Josefiak and Biegas winning a tough match, 7-5, 6-4, at No. 2 doubles.

The No. 3 doubles squad of Malouf and Allemon had to go three sets to win. They lost the first set, 6-2, but came back to

UNIVERSITY LIGGETT SCHOOL

Knights split

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

University Liggett School's girls' tennis team split its matches last week, losing 7-1 to Ann Arbor Greenhills and beating Monroe St. Mary Catholic Central 7-1.

"We had an off day against Greenhills, which we couldn't do against such a very good tennis team," head coach Cathy Hackenberger said. "There were a lot of sporting events going on at Greenhills that day and it was very loud."

"I think nerves got the best of our younger girls, but it is a learning experience that will make them better."

The Knights' lone win came from the No. 1 doubles team of junior Sophie Mair and sophomore Medea Shanidze, who took three sets to get the victory.

Hackenberger's squad rebounded to beat St. Mary's Catholic Central behind some fundamentally sound tennis.

"We had to work hard to beat a spirited St. Mary's squad," Hackenberger said. "They were a good team and it was nice to see our girls have some fun and dig deep to get the win. It's a nice confidence booster."

Senior Catherine Vatsis won at No. 1 singles, 6-2, 3-6, 6-1, in a match that took a couple of hours to complete.

Senior Claire Peracchio won 6-2, 6-0 at No. 2 singles and senior Kate Shannon was a 6-3, 6-2 winner at No. 3 singles.

Sophomore Nimet Williams lost 2-6, 4-6 at No. 4 doubles, but she nearly won the second set to send the match to a third set.

Mair and Shanidze won 6-1, 6-0 at No. 1 doubles and the No. 2 doubles squad of juniors Sarah Pollick and Jasmine Policherla won 6-2, 6-0.

The Knights' No. 3 doubles team of freshmen Emily Broder and Madeline Mair won 6-0, 6-0 and the No. 4 doubles tandem of sophomore Carolyn Charbonier and freshman Mary Nehra won 6-2, 3-6, 6-2 to complete the match.

The ULS tennis team is 2-1 overall.

win the next two, 6-3, 6-4.

The Norsemen's No. 4 doubles team of Bresser and Holly Gilezan also went three sets, winning 2-6, 6-2, 6-4.

Eszes' squad won all eight flights against Walled Lake Western with four matches going three sets.

Conti won 4-6, 7-5, 6-3 at No. 1 singles, while Lauren Gilezan won 6-3, 2-6, 7-5 at No. 2 sin-

gles.

Woods and Huntsman won 6-4, 6-1 and 6-3, 4-6, 4-3 (retired) at No. 3 and No. 4 singles, respectively.

In doubles matches, Mulier and Schucker won 6-2, 6-2 at No. 1; Josefiak and Biegas won 2-6, 6-3, 6-1 at No. 2; Malouf and Allemon won 6-0, 6-0 at No. 3; and Bresser and Holly Gilezan won 7-5, 6-3 at No. 4.

GIRLS SOCCER

Stander's 2 goals help North beat South

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

Senior Olivia Stander earned her All-State status last weekend, leading the Grosse Pointe North girls' soccer team to a hard fought 2-1 win over rival Grosse Pointe South.

"We had to shadow Stander and force the ball away from her, but she was still able to beat us even though I thought our girls played very well tonight," South head coach Gene Harkins said.

"We came in knowing we had to dig deep after playing a couple of tough losses brought us back to reality," North head coach Jen Nadeau said. "This was a nice win and this is just what we needed to get us going."

Neither team scored in an uneventful opening half. Both defenses played tough, limiting the number of shots on goal.

Senior Katherine Corden scored a little more than five minutes into the second half with junior Rae Sklarski drawing an assist.

That gave the host Blue Devils all of the momentum as they continued to carry the play.



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Grosse Pointe North senior Paula Kennedy looks for a teammate to pass to during the first half of the Norsemen's win over rival South.

Junior Sami Filippelli's perfectly placed kick was headed

into the net by Stander at the 21:32 mark, tying it 1-1. The ball raced past South senior goalkeeper Lauren Jacob.

Stander was in the middle of several players jockeying for position.

With only 7:11 left, Stander's second goal of the game turned out to be the game winner.

North senior goalkeeper Holly Spencer came up with a huge save with only 22 seconds left, diving to her left to get her fingertips on the ball that trickled just wide of the far post.

"The girls battled and battled," Nadeau said. "We played a better second half and found a way to win."

In other action, the Norsemen lost 2-1 to Auburn Hills Avondale and 6-1 to Utica Eisenhower. They also tied Sterling Heights Stevenson 0-0 Monday afternoon.

Against host Avondale, senior Sarah Hilu scored in the second half with



Grosse Pointe South senior Katherine Corden, No. 9, scored the Blue Devils' lone goal in a 2-1 loss to Grosse Pointe North.

freshman Sam Langer getting the assist.

"Our defense adjusted to the inclement weather and the grass pitch," Nadeau said. "It was a miserable night for soccer, but both teams had to play in the conditions."

In the Eisenhower game, Filippelli tallied to give the Norsemen a 1-0 lead. The Eagles scored six unanswered goals to win.

It was their first matchup since the Norsemen stunned

the Eagles with an overtime goal in last spring's state semifinal game.

Norsemen midfielders Nikki Capizzo, Filippelli and Kennedy dominated play against the Titans, according to Nadeau, and Spencer had to make only five saves.

The Blue Devils opened their Macomb Area Conference Red Division slate last week by blanking Utica Ford 3-0.

Senior Anna Schulte scored two goals and sophomore

Emily Flomm had the other to lead the Blue Devils. Senior Emma Brush had two assists.

The Blue Devils played division-leading Eisenhower Monday evening, losing 3-2 on a late goal.

Junior Rae Sklarski and sophomore Chelsea MacGriff scored.

Grosse Pointe North stands 1-1-1 in the MAC Red Division and 3-3-1 overall; Grosse Pointe South is 1-2 in the MAC Red and 2-3-5 overall.

UNIVERSITY LIGGETT SCHOOL

Soccer team finally plays

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

It's been several days since the University Liggett School girls' soccer team played a game.

Inclement weather has caused havoc with the schedule, but last weekend the Knights were able to host Lutheran Westland, winning 3-1.

"The girls started well and that fast start got us going," head coach David Dwaihy said. "We haven't much practice time since early March and it showed as we were a little slow today, but the girls played hard and won."

The Knights grabbed a 1-0 lead when sophomore Mariah Passalacqua scored and junior Paige Counsman's tally gave the home team a 2-0 advantage.

Natalie Peracchio scored the Knights' final goal as they improve to 1-0-1 in the Metro Conference and 1-0-2 overall.

Now, the Knights' schedule becomes a nightmare.

"We have to make up the games we missed, so the girls will get to play a lot of soccer the next few weeks," Dwaihy said. "We will be up to the challenge."

BOYS BASEBALL

Cok's pitching leads North past South

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

Josh Cok looked like New York Yankee Hall-of-Fame pitcher lefty fireballer Ron Guidry last week.

The senior lefthander used his 90-mph fastball to help Grosse Pointe North beat rival Grosse Pointe South 3-2 in the opening game of both teams' Macomb Area Conference Red Division slate.

"It's the first time in my varsity career I beat South and it feels great," Cok said. "I had plenty of help from the guys behind me."

Cok did plenty himself to win the game, striking out 11 Blue Devils, including junior Brad Remillet to end the game.

"This is a nice win for us since South beat us four times last season," North head coach Frank Sumbera said. "This is one of the best high school rivalries because it's two good teams battling in every game."

"We have been in every game we played this season, but a few mistakes cost us," South head coach Dan Griesbaum said.

Junior Bobby Peltz was just as effective as Cok. He had the Norsemen hitters off-balance most of the game.

Visiting North led 2-0 before the Blue Devils loaded the bases in the fifth inning. Junior Chris Shirar delivered a two-run single to tie the game.

Junior Leif Rodney made the final out after Shirar's hit, but the Blue Devils had regained the momentum.

Neither team scored in the sixth inning, but the Norsemen pushed across the winning run in the top of the seventh on senior Brett Reardon's bases-loaded single.

Cok struck out senior Will Ferrara to lead-off the bottom



Grosse Pointe South junior Bobby Peltz pitched a strong game, but unearned runs led to the defeat.

of the seventh and got senior John Hackett to ground out for the second out.

Junior Ryan Miller kept the inning alive with a single, but Cok got Remillet to whiff to end the game.

In other action last week, North edged Utica Ford 6-5 and Chippewa Valley 4-2. On Monday afternoon, the host Norsemen lost 11-4 to Utica Eisenhower in eight innings.

Reardon was 2-for-3 with two runs scored and three stolen bases against Chippewa Valley and junior Teddie Williams had a two-run single.

Junior Nate Lewis earned the win, striking out five in six innings pitched. Junior Josh Richardson earned a save, pitching the seventh inning.

Against Ford, Richardson was the winning pitcher and received offensive support from senior Aaron Cisco, who had an RBI single; senior Drew Tech, who had a two-run double; and junior Brandon

D'Agnese, who had a two-run single.

In the extra-inning loss, the host Norsemen had a golden opportunity to win the game in the bottom of the sixth inning, but they ran themselves into an inning-ending double play.

"We didn't play very well in that game and it cost us a win," Sumbera said.

South beat Utica 10-7 and lost 12-9 to Macomb Dakota and 8-5 to Sterling Heights Stevenson.

Against Utica, Hackett was 3-for-3 with a double and two runs scored, while Shirar and Rodney each had two hits and two RBIs. Junior Karl Brecht earned the victory in relief.

Against Dakota, the Blue Devils outthit their foe, but the Cougars used eight walks and two hits batsmen to pull out the division win.

Peltz had the big bat, going 4-for-4 with a double and two RBIs. Shirar, two RBIs, and Remillet each had two hits,

while junior Chuck Getz had a two-run triple.

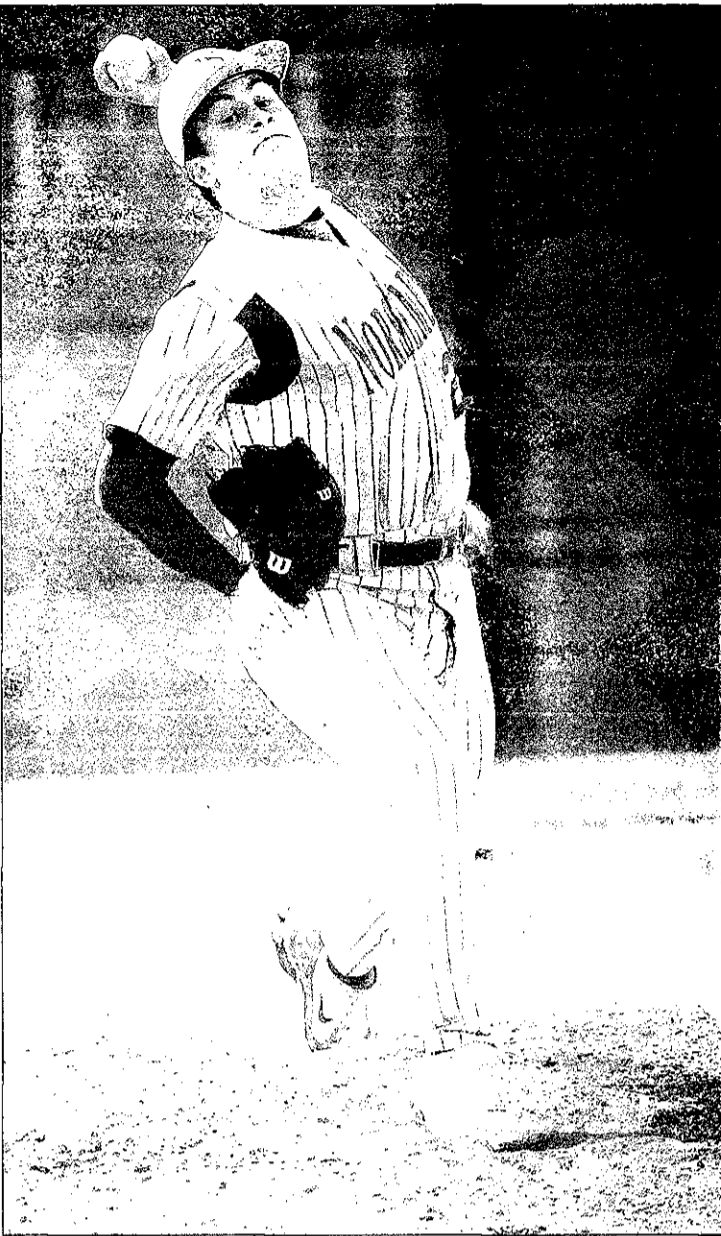
Last weekend, the Blue Devils hosted a tournament and finished second to Farmington.

In the first game, the Blue Devils managed only one hit in an 8-0 loss to Farmington, but they rebounded to win a wild affair against Fraser, 17-14.

They sent 17 hitters to the plate in the opening inning and scored 14 runs. However, Fraser battled back to tie it 14-14 before the Blue Devils scored three runs in the fifth inning to pull out the win.

Brecht earned another win in relief and helped himself, going 3-for-4 with three RBIs. Junior Pat Kennedy had two hits and three RBIs and senior Kelly O'Donnell-Daudlin had two hits and three RBIs.

In their final game, O'Donnell-Daudlin had the game-winning hit in the bottom of the sixth inning as the Blue Devils edged L'Anse



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Grosse Pointe North senior Josh Cok was dominant on the mound and beat Grosse Pointe South for the first time in his varsity career.

Creuse North 10-9.

Peltz had a two-run homer to lead the team. It was South's first homer of the season.

"We have played a lot of close games, but our pitchers need to throw more strikes because we're giving away too

many free bases," Griesbaum said. "The guys battle in every game and I think some of these close losses will turn into wins if we can throw strikes."

North stands 2-1 in the MAC Red Division and 7-6 overall; South is 5-11 overall and is 0-3 in the MAC Red Division.

BOYS LACROSSE

North, ULS get leg up against city rival South

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

Grosse Pointe North completed a regular season sweep of rival Grosse Pointe South last week, winning 12-2, improving to 6-0 overall.

"We were a little rusty after our layoff due to spring break and the bad weather," North head coach Dan Preston said. "However, South played us much tougher tonight than in our previous meeting. Their defense was better."

Despite the tougher defense,

the visiting Norsemen still scored in double figures, netting 3 goals in the opening period, two in the second, three in the third and four in the fourth quarter.

The Blue Devils tallied a goal in each of the final two quarters. Senior Lyle Baumgarten scored at the 10:54 mark of the third quarter and senior John Lovasco tallied at the 10:23 mark of the fourth period for the Blue Devils.

Norsemen senior Joe Youngblood opened the scoring with a goal midway

through the opening period with senior Ian LaValley getting the assist.

Only two seconds later, LaValley scored with senior Brandon Davenport drawing the assist.

LaValley's second goal of the game at the 4:02 mark of the first period gave the Norsemen a 3-0 advantage. Youngblood had the assist.

In the second quarter, Davenport and LaValley scored to make it a 5-0 halftime lead for the visitors. Senior Scott Brown had an assist on

LaValley's goal that came with only five seconds left in the half.

Davenport poured in two more goals in the third period with senior Jim Tocco tallying. Brown and Davenport had assists in that quarter.

In the final quarter, Brown scored twice with Davenport and LaValley also getting a goal to account for the final tally.

"It's tough to stop North, but we gave it our best shot," South head coach Don Wolford said. "We're making progress, which is encouraging with this young group of guys."

Both goalkeepers played well as North senior Nick Rochte and South sophomore Jeff Blazoff were in net.

The Blue Devils' level of play has improved since the lopsided 15-1 loss to North a few weeks ago.

They traveled to their other city rival, University Liggett School, Saturday, April 25, falling short 7-5.

"We have taken strides in the right direction," Wolford said. "We're working on a new offense that is showing positive signs. We had our chances today, but Liggett was a little better."

"This is a big win for us," ULS head coach John Bartoy said. "We were rusty since this was our first game in a couple of weeks, but overall I thought the guys did a nice job at both ends of the field."

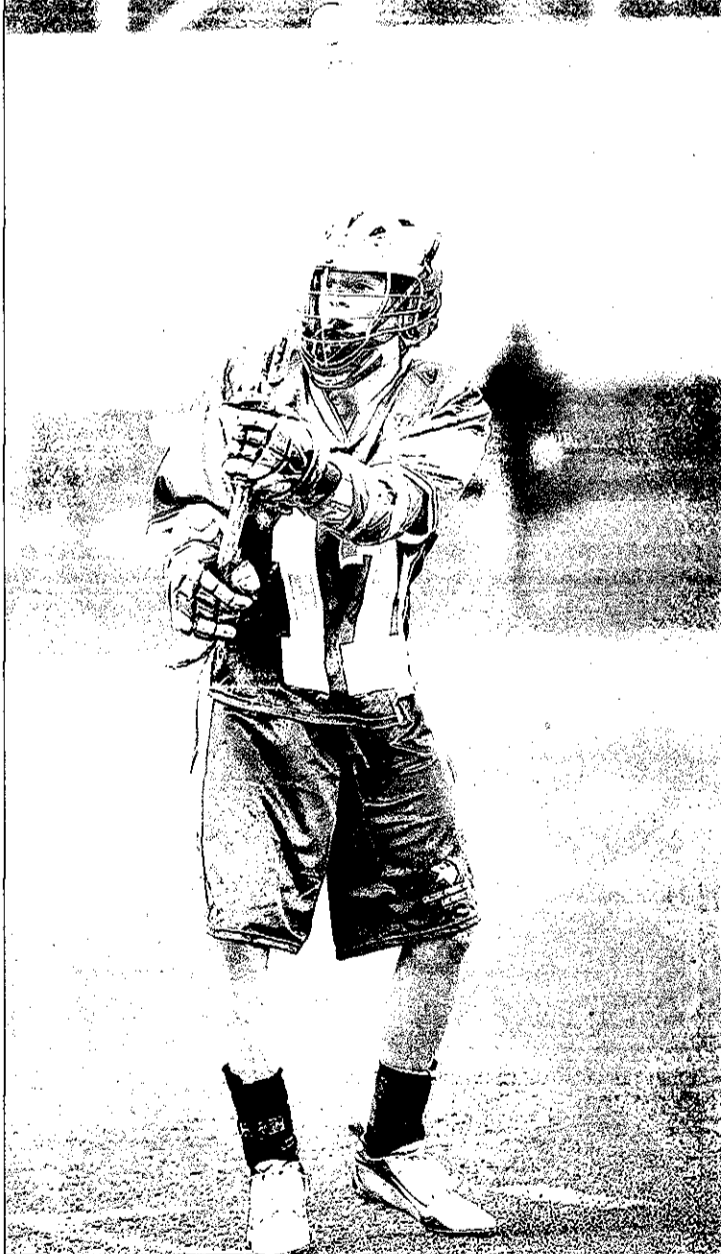
"I hope we can use this win as a momentum builder."

Blue Devil junior Jimmy Morris scored at the 9:00-minute mark of the first quarter to give the visitors a 1-0 lead.

Freshman David Gushee tied it at one with a goal at the 3:29 mark.

Junior Peter Nelson tallied at the 5:10 mark of the second quarter as the Blue Devils once again had a one-goal lead, 2-1.

Junior Dan Zukas again tied the game, scoring at the 3:57 mark and senior Jack Fisher



PHOTOS BY BOB BRUCE

Grosse Pointe North senior Brandon Davenport scored four goals to help the Norsemen beat South for a second time this season.

tallied with only two seconds left, giving the Knights a 3-2 halftime lead.

Morris tied the game 3-3 with a goal midway through the third period, but senior Mac Decker's goal nearly two minutes later made it a 4-3 game.

Nelson's second goal of the game tied the game for a fourth time heading into the fourth quarter.

Fisher gave the Knights a 5-4

lead with a goal at the 8:48 mark and Zukas gave them some breathing room, tallying at the 4:27 mark to make it 6-4, ULS.

Fisher's third goal of the game at the 2:32 mark was their final goal and South senior Chris Thomas concluded the scoring with a goal with 1:47 left in the game.

University Liggett School improved to 3-2, while Grosse Pointe South fell to 3-6.



Grosse Pointe South sophomore Nick Diehl, No. 35, tries to get in position to get a shot on goal during the first half of the Blue Devils' city battle with Grosse Pointe North.

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GIRLS LACROSSE

North beats South

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

History was made Monday evening when Grosse Pointe North's girls' lacrosse team beat city rival Grosse Pointe South.

The host Norsemen have been forever known as the Blue Devils' little sister until beating them 8-4.

"You don't get many better days than this," North head coach Bill Seaman said. "We really didn't have a game plan to beat South. We just had to make sure we scored more goals than them."

The Norsemen led 4-1 at the half, but the Blue Devils never let the game get out of hand.

"As a whole, it just wasn't them tonight," South head coach Lauren Germaine said. "We made too many mistakes and struggled throughout, which we couldn't do against a good team."

Junior Molly Youngblood scored five goals and senior Alexa Quinlan had three to lead the Norsemen.

"Beating South feels pretty good," Quinlan said walking off the field after the game. "It's a nice win for us."

The Blue Devils' scorers were junior Katherine Palms, senior Molly Smith, junior Lindsey Thibodeau and senior Christine Greiner.

Grosse Pointe North is 4-1



Grosse Pointe North senior Adriana Badalamenti, right, cruises into South's zone with Blue Devil Hayley Altshuler defending.

overall, while Grosse Pointe South is 1-5-1.

In other action last week, the Norsemen beat Flint Carman-Ainsworth 16-1 and lost 14-11 to Bloomfield Hills Cranbrook Kingswood.

The Blue Devils lost 13-4 to Birmingham Groves-Seaholm and tied Birmingham Detroit Country Day 13-13.

Against Groves-Seaholm, the Blue Devils fell behind 5-0 within the first 10 minutes of the opening half and never regained momentum.

Melanie Parke assisted on Katherine Palms' goal at the 12:51 mark to get the Blue Devils on the board.

In the second half, Molly

Smith scored twice, including one in which a Courtney Cholody shot clipped her stick to go in the net, and Palms tallied for the final offensive out-put.

The game against Country Day was the Blue Devils' first in two weeks. Despite playing with a little rust, Germaine's squad battled back to net a tie with one of the original girls lacrosse teams in the state.

They led 8-4 before falling behind 13-10. The Blue Devils scored three goals in the final coupe of minutes to preserve the tie.

Palms scored four goals and had five assists to lead the Blue Devils, while Hannah Doyle

and Molly Smith each had a hat trick.

"Goalie Ellie Farber played an exciting game," Germaine said. "She made some incredible saves."

Farber faced nearly 40 shots as the Yellowjackets continued to buzz the net with every rush up the field.

With the team trailing by three goals, Doyle scored twice with Palms netting assists on each, to help the Blue Devils cut the deficit to 13-12 with 1:31 left.

Lindsey Thibodeau stuffed home the tying goal with only 19 seconds remaining, thanks to nifty passing between herself and Doyle.

University Liggett School

BOYS BASEBALL

Knights suffer offensive slump

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

University Liggett School's boys' baseball team hit a bump in the road last week, losing two of four conference games.

The Knights got off to a booming start this season and rose to No. 1 in the Division IV rankings, but then lost 9-2 at Bloomfield Hills Cranbrook Kingswood, beat host Rochester Hills Lutheran Northwest 12-9, lost at home to Lutheran Westland 3-1 and beat visiting Livonia Clarenceville 4-0.

"We're not getting the key hits with runners on base in both of our losses," head coach Dan Cimini said. "We need someone to step up and be that guy in the lineup that will deliver at any moment."

The Knights led Cranbrook Kingswood 2-0 in the later stages of the game, but the Cranes used a combination of walks, errors and bloop hits to push across nine runs to win.

Senior Tommy Graves pitched well in his five innings of work. The Knights' two relief pitchers couldn't get the final six outs.

Cimini's squad had little trouble pounding out a win over Northwest, but then the bats went silent again in the rematch with Lutheran Westland.

The last time the teams met was last June in a Division IV regional championship game at Allen Park Inter-City Baptist

in which the Warriors upset the No. 1 Knights.

Once again the Warriors rode senior right-hander Austin Baglow to stymie the host Knights.

"We get up for Liggett since it is one of the best programs in Division IV and our conference," Lutheran Westland head coach Kevin Wade said. "This is a nice rivalry and we have a ton of respect for Dan and his program."

"This is definitely a big win for us."

"We had runners in scoring position a few times, but never got the big hit," Cimini said. "We need that big hit when we play these good teams."

The Knights grabbed a 1-0 lead in the bottom of the fifth inning when senior Jeremiah Manning hit a run-scoring double. However, sophomore Joe Simon hit into a 4-6-3 (second baseman) double play to end the bases-loaded one-out threat.

Sophomore Nate Weiss relieved Graves, who once again delivered five solid innings of shutout baseball.

Weiss got the first two outs rather quickly, but then the Warriors strung together a double and two walks, plus an error, to tie it 1-1.

In the top of the seventh, the Warriors used a two-out, two-run single to score what turned out to be the winning runs.

ULS stands 2-2 in the Metro Conference and 13-2 overall.



Grosse Pointe South's Katherine Palms, left, and Tori Palffy, center, go for a ground ball with University Liggett School's Haleigh Bolton in pursuit during the Blue Devils' win over the host Knights.

GOLF

Knights shoot lights out in wins

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

The University Liggett School golf team enjoyed one of its finest rounds in years last week, winning a tri-match against Ann Arbor Greenhills and Franklin Road Christian.

The Knights posted a 160, which was the lowest scores in quite some time, head coach Dan Sullivan said.

"We had a great day to golf and the kids posted some wonderful scores," Sullivan said. "It was nice to see everyone having fun on the golf course and winning both matches helps."

Senior Marc Hames led the Knights with a 38, followed by senior Kyle Keith with a 39, senior Clarke Dirksen with a 41 and senior Jake Goldberg with a 42.

Earlier in the week, the Knights endured horrendous rain that was coming down sideways at times, cold temperatures and windy conditions to lose 189-191 to Rochester Hills Lutheran Northwest.

"We had our chances to win, even though it was tough-going out on the course," Sullivan said. "Both teams had to play in the same conditions, so there really wasn't a home course advantage for Northwest."

ULS is 3-2 overall and 0-2 in

the Metro Conference.

The Knights are posting some of the best scores in recent memory.

The solid play should translate into the Knights' ability to finish well in the state district tournament and advance to the regionals.

The Knights play the district tournament the third weekend in May at Wyndgate Golf Club in Rochester Hills.

Their competitors are Allen Park Cabrini, Auburn Hills Oakland Christian, Birmingham Roeper, Detroit Marvin L. Winans Academy of Performing Arts, Marine City Cardinal Mooney, Memphis, Novi Franklin Road Christian, Rochester Hills Lutheran Northwest (host), Royal Oak Shrine, Southfield Christian, Warren Macomb Christian, Waterford Our Lady of the Lakes and West Bloomfield Frankel Jewish Academy.

"All of our golfers are turning in lower and lower scores, with the exception of that round played in the rain," Sullivan said. "Most of our players are seniors who have experience."

"We're excited, but we're not getting ahead of ourselves."

"We know it will take some low scores to advance to the regionals because there are some good teams competing against us in the district tournament."

GIRLS SOFTBALL

Knights fall shy

Junior Ashly Monicatti toed the mound for the first time in her University Liggett School softball career last week.

She struck out four and pitched a pretty good game, assistant coach Christine Tomey said.

Monicatti was the losing pitcher in a 10-2 decision against the visiting Lutheran Westland Warriors.

"Our defense was amazing behind Ashly," Tomey said. "The girls are making progress and it's nice to see the enthusiasm We're getting better and that is great to see."

The Knights dropped to 0-2 in the Metro Conference and 0-5 overall after losing 14-4 to Livonia Clarenceville Monday afternoon.

— By Bob St. John

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BOYS GOLF

North, South finally get out on the course

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

Grosse Pointe North and Grosse Pointe South's boys' golf team finally played some matches last week.

The Norsemen sloshed through a watery course to beat Utica Eisenhower 167-181 and added another Macomb Area Conference Red Division victory, beating Utica Ford 163-171.

"It was nice to get some matches under our belt after we have had so many rain and snow outs," North head coach

Brian Stackpoole said. "We're at a point now where we almost have to play these matches no matter what the weather conditions are outside."

In the Eisenhower match, junior Jonathan Freismuth led the way with a 41. Sophomore Christian Vervaeke, junior Kevin Zak and senior Robert Okonowski each posted a 42.

The Norsemen were led by senior Matt Jankowski, who shot a 38, in the win over Ford. Freismuth had 39, followed by Vervaeke with a 42 and Okonowski with a 42.

North is 2-0 in the MAC Red Division, while South remains without a league outcome, but did finish 13th in last week's East Lansing Invitational at Walnut Creek Golf Course.

The Blue Devils played the round in cold temperatures, rain and hail.

"It took us about six hours to play the round, but there wasn't lightning or tornadoes, so we had to play," South head coach Rob McIntyre said. "Our scores weren't the best, but everyone had to play in the poor weather conditions."

Junior Tom Pendency finished

12th with a 79. However, he was only a couple of strokes from finishing fourth.

Junior Evan Inger and freshman Frank Welscher each shot an 85, followed by sophomore Konrad Tech with an 86 and junior Matt Taflinger with an 87.

Both South and North competed in last weekend's Traverse City Central Tee-Off Invitational.

The Blue Devils shot a 326 the first day and a 329 the second round, while the Norsemen had a 324 and a 330.

On the first day, the Norsemen were paced by Okonowski's 74, followed by Freismuth's 81, Eric Sandmair's 83 and Vervaeke's 86.

Stackpoole watched Freismuth post a 79 to lead the team on the second day of competition. Okonowski had an 82, while Vervaeke had an 84 and Jankowski had an 85.

Junior James Brophy led the Blue Devils with a 75 on the first day, which was played in sunny conditions.

Taflinger had a team-leading 77 on day two, which was

a direct turnaround as the temperatures dropped from 56 to 41 degrees with a lot of rain.

"The tournament gave us, as a team, many opportunities for learning and growth," McIntyre said.

On Monday, North finished third in the annual Evans-Gill Tournament.

Port Huron Northern won with a 318, followed by Sterling Heights Stevenson with a 329 and North had a 330.

Okonowski shot a 78 to lead the Norsemen.

Girls softball

SOUTH AND NORTH



PHOTO BY DANA KAISER

Grosse Pointe Senior catcher Morgan Bedan tags out a L'Anse Creuse player trying to score. Bedan is leading the Blue Devils in hitting this season.

Ladies learn in tough tournament

By John McTaggart
Special Writer

Grosse Pointe North and Grosse Pointe South's girls' softball teams competed in last weekend's Macomb County Softball Classic Tournament.

The Blue Devils left the tournament without a victory, losing 8-3 to Anchor Bay, 9-0 to Garden City and 5-0 to Utica Ford. However, the results really don't matter to head coach Nicole Crane, nor should it to fans.

Instead, the squad left the tournament a better team, a more experienced team, and ready to compete for a Macomb Area Conference Gold title.

Currently the squad is 2-0 in the division.

"The results of these tournaments really aren't that important," Crane explained. "It gives us a lot of experience, lets us play back-to-back games, and we learn an awful lot about our team. That's what we take away from this tournament—a lot of knowledge."

South has a mix of youth and experience, but a total team effort is essential to success on the field, the coach said.

"We really need everybody giving it 100 percent every game," Crane said. "That's how it is for us. We've got to have contributions from everyone. It's a total team effort every game."

There are no superstars on the South roster.

"This is a very good group of girls who are improving every day," Crane said. "I can see it. We're building a program here

'It gives us a lot of experience, let's us play back-to-back games, and we learn a lot about our team.'

NICOLE CRANE,
South softball head coach

at South, and it's going to take some time, but this team is setting a great example with their work ethic and dedication to team."

Perhaps even more important than hitting, pitching and defense are the intangibles of the game. Leadership, work ethic and dedication are all tools the Blue Devils possess.

The coach has playing experience at the collegiate level and a rapport with the team that's evident before, during and after games.

"We (the coaching staff) are doing some teaching this season," Crane said. "And the team is learning and improving. We're not so concerned about what other teams are doing out there. Our focus is on what we're doing."

The Blue Devils are a solid team, according to Crane, and capable of making a run in the Gold.

"We think we can be competitive," Crane explained. "We've got some tough competition, but if we play as a team, we'll be competitive."

North lost 3-2 to Macomb Dakota and was defeated 2-0 by St. Clair in a Macomb Area Conference White Division game earlier in the week.

GROSSE POINTE SOUTH GIRLS

Blue Devils net decisive victories

Grosse Pointe South's girls' track and field team had another solid week of competition last week.

The Blue Devils beat Anchor Bay 103-34 and won the 12-team Stevenson Titan Relays Saturday, April 25.

Head coach Steve Zaranek's squad beat Macomb Area Conference powerhouses Utica Eisenhower and Macomb Dakota, along with parochial powers Warren Regina and Macomb Lutheran North, too.

Zaranek highlighted the team's performances, starting with the shuttle hurdle team of Veronica Schacht, Cara and Marissa Monforton and Alexis DeBrunner with a time of

1:09.2, which broke the 1989 school record for that event.

In that event, the Blue Devils had one sophomore and three freshmen competing.

The Blue Devils' 3,200-meter relay team of junior Katie Steen, freshman Carmen Engel, freshman Hannah Wheeler and freshman Kelly Langton won with a time of 10:15. They were a full 15 seconds ahead of the second-place team.

South's third win came in the 400-meter relay as freshman Caitlin Moore, Cara Monforton, Schacht and junior Amanda Ray posted a time of 52.1 seconds. It was their fastest time of the season

as the Blue Devils won the closest race of the event.

The Blue Devils had two second-place finishes.

The sprint medley relay team of the Monforton sisters, Ray and Steen broke the two-minute mark, which was the first time for South in eight years.

In addition, the mid-distance relay squad of junior Kathleen Nelson, Marissa Monforton, freshman Ali DeLoof and Engel also finished second.

The Blue Devils' shot put and discus teams placed second and included Chelsea Gilbert, Courtney Maynard, Allie Choma and Emily Jackman.

The pole vault team of Sydney Burke, Madi Kaiser and Harper Pizzimenti; the high jump team of Pilar Mackey, Sarah Youngblood and DeLoof; and the long jump team of Marissa Monforton, Youngblood and Steen each placed fourth.

Winning the 3,200-relay were Engel, Wheeler, Langton and Steen, and taking first in the 800-meter relay were Moore, DeLoof, Cara Monforton and Ray.

The 400-meter relay team won as Moore, Cara Monforton, Schacht and Ray took first, and the 1,600-meter relay squad of DeLoof, Nina Piccione, Pizzimenti and Nelson won.

GROSSE POINTE NORTH GIRLS

Ladies fall to Ike in division meet

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

For the first time in six years, the Grosse Pointe North girls' track and field team lost a division dual meet.

Utica Eisenhower accomplished the feat, beating the Norsemen 75-57 last week.

"We held our own against the larger Eisenhower team, but we were swept in a couple of events and those points

played a part in the loss," head coach Charles Buhagiar said. "Our girls battled throughout the meet and we had some nice finishes."

Leading the Norsemen was Kiyonna Jones, who won the shot put with a mark of 29-feet even and Ashla Taylor-Brown, who won the discus with a throw of 78-feet even.

Anitra Peoples won the 100-yard dash with a time of 13.2 and Haley Abessinio won the

400-yard dash with a time of 1:03.2.

The 3,200-yard and 1,600-yard relay teams of Camille Hamzey, Katie VanEgmond, Samantha Patterson and Micaela Liddane won to help the Norsemen inch closer in the final point total.

Last weekend, the Norsemen hosted the annual Grosse Pointe North Invitational and placed second with 53 points. Eastpointe

East Detroit won the meet with 54 points.

Jones had a throw of 32-feet-9-inches in the shot put to lead the way.

Other standouts were Abessinio in the long jump and two relays, as well as Hamzey, VanEgmond and Liddane.

Grosse Pointe North is 0-1 in the Macomb Area Conference Red Division and overall.

GROSSE POINTE NORTH BOYS

Norsemen enjoy division success

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

The Grosse Pointe North boys' track and field team earned its first win in the Macomb Area Conference Red Division last week, beating Utica Eisenhower 79-58.

"It was our first dual meet of the season and taking first, second and third in the 300-intermediate hurdles with Andrew C. Jamari Henderson and Maurice Hogan helped secure the victory in a very close

meet," head coach Frank Tymrack said.

Earning first-place finishes for the Norsemen were Nathan Strickland in the pole vault, Roland Day in the high jump, Paul Johnson in the 110-meter high hurdles, Matt VanEgmond in the mile and two mile, Andrew Charnesky in the 300-intermediate hurdles, Mark Balle in the 800-run and Paul Bramos in the 200-yard dash.

The 800-relay team of Henderson, Adam Devine, Charnesky and Bramos took first, as did the 400-relay squad of Henderson, Jeff Simon, Darius Wilcox and James Mason.

Last weekend, North won its annual invitational meet with 53 points. Roseville was second with 43 and Eastpointe East Detroit was third with 36.

The high jump relay team of Andrew Horne and Roland Day took first, as did the pole vault relay tandem of Strickland and Paul Chabot.

Paul Brucker and Jack Poole

won the shot put relay, while the distance medley relay foursome of VanEgmond, Chris Ciaravino, Hogan and Kyle Lacey earned a first-place medal.

The cross-country style mile relay team of VanEgmond, Lacey, Ciaravino and David Padalino won, as did the 4 X 200-relay team of Henderson, Devine, Charnesky and Bramos.

Grosse Pointe North is 1-0 in the MAC Red Division and overall.

GROSSE POINTE SOUTH BOYS

Harriers earn relay meet medals

The Grosse Pointe South boys' track team earned medals in two events and scored in two others in last weekend's Stevenson Titans Relays.

As a team, the Blue Devils finished seventh out of nine with 24 points.

The discus/shot put trio placed third in both events. Jon Roberts, Thom Stergiadis and Dan Scott totaled 328-feet in the discus and 120-feet-6-inches in the shot put.

Also placing fourth was the 3,200-meter relay team of Jack Davies, Dan Holley, Stephen Fox and Mike Bellovich with a

time of 8:32.

In last week's dual meet, the Blue Devils lost 78-59 to host Anchor Bay, dropping to 0-2 in the Macomb Area Conference White Division.

Roberts and Stergiadis scored the Blue Devils' first six points with throws of 120-feet-4-inches and 109-feet-6-inches, respectively.

Deanta Bryant placed second in the 100-yard dash with a time of 12.08 and went right to the long jump to take third with a mark of 16-feet-5-inches. Teammate Tim Roberts was third in the 100-yard dash with a time of 12.10.

The distance team won the 4 X 800-yard relay as Bellovich, Fox, Holley and Edwin Gay had a time of 9:13.4. Gay and Davies scored a one-two punch in the 1,600- and 3,200-yard runs. Gay's times were 4:40.9 and 10:14, while Davies' times were 4:44.3 and 10:27.

Struggling with rain and gusty winds, Eric Huebner was third in the high jump with a mark of 5-feet-4-inches and Chris Giancarlo was third in the 110-high hurdles with a time of 19.5.

The Blue Devils won the second relay event, the 4 X 100 when Anchor Bay's runners

had a bad exchange. Tim Rogers was the anchor for South and his teammates were Goodwyn, Makos and Bryant.

Bryant also won the 300-intermediate hurdles with a time of 46.1.

Steriadis won the shot put with a throw of 41-feet even and Roberts was inched out as his mark was 39-feet-4-inches.

Holley continued to dominate the 800-yard run, winning with a time of 2:13.4 and Fox was next at 2:19.

Davis Logan was second, clearing 9-feet even and Ethan Madison was third at 8-feet-6-inches in the pole vault.

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19158 & 19165 Malli-na. (North off Moross, East of 194). Multiple households. Saturday, Sunday, 9am-3pm. Items, household, fur-niture, baby, appli-ances, tools, vintage/ col-lectible!

MOVING sale- 1178 Audubon/ Kercheval.; Grosse Pointe Park. Antiques, bedroom set, kitchen table/ leaves, 4 chairs, living room fur-niture, household items, framed prints, collectors clocks, patio furniture. May 1; 4pm-8pm. May 2/ 3, noon-5pm

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409 GARAGE/YARD/ RUMMAGE SALE

2 family moving sale! Grosse Pointe Woods, 742 Sunningdale. Fri-day, 9am-5pm; Satur-day, 9am-3pm. Quality furniture (dining room set/ 8 chairs; desk/ hutch). Chairs, dinette set, dresser. Tons Le-gos! Lots boys toys. New Webkins. New trading cards. House-hold.

6 house block sale- St. Clair Shores, 22824 Avalon. Between 8 & 9 Mile, off Mack. Satur-day, May 2, 9am-5pm.

825 Harcourt. Friday, Saturday; 9am-2pm. Miscellaneous, antique furniture, leaded doors, beds.

Alexander Annual Street Sale
Eleven Mile/ Jefferson. St. Clair Shores May 2, 9am-5pm May 3, 12-5pm

CINDER fund garage sale. Friday, May 1; Saturday May 2; 8am-5pm. Doll collection, jazz CDs, lots, lots more. 19954 Wood-side, Harper Woods. (between Beaconsfield, 194)

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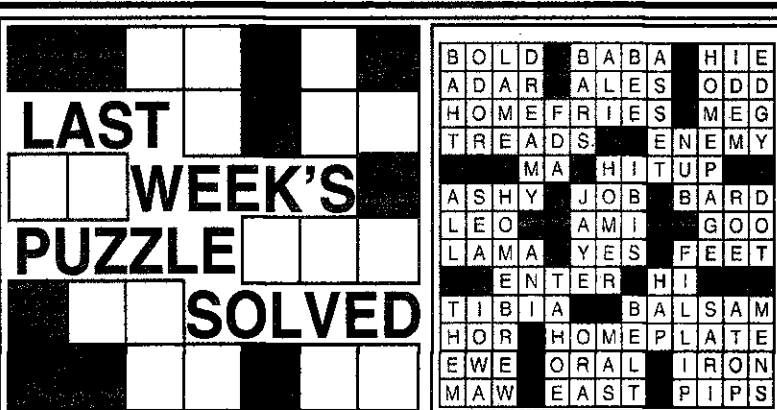
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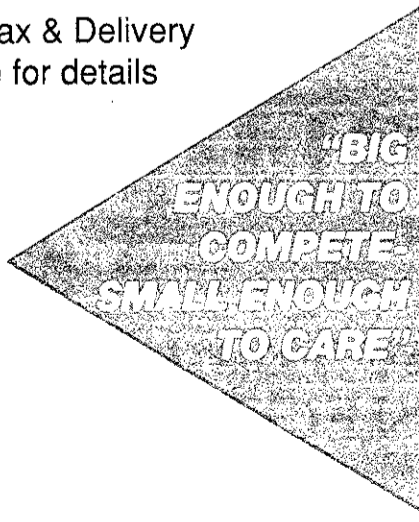
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