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**THURSDAY, JULY 23**

◆ Dina Winter discusses Mozart's Don Giovanni at 7 p.m. at the Michigan Opera Theatre's Detroit Opera House, 1526 Broadway. Tickets cost \$10.

**FRIDAY, JULY 24**

◆ All branch offices of the Secretary of State are closed as a mandatory state employee furlough day.  
◆ Baldock Mountain Ramblers play at 5:30 p.m. at the annual Village Sidewalk Sale and Street Festival.  
◆ Services for Older Citizens hosts "Dancing in the Streets" from 6 to 9 p.m. as part of the Village Sidewalk Sale and Street Festival. Take-2 provides the music.  
◆ The Village Sidewalk Sale and Street Festival is from noon to 9:30 p.m.

**SATURDAY, JULY 25**

◆ All SUPER!Centers of the Secretary of State are closed as a mandatory state employee furlough day.  
◆ The Village Sidewalk Sale and Street Festival is from noon to 6 p.m. Rain date is Saturday, Aug. 1.  
◆ The second annual WWII and Veterans' weekend is from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Veterans Memorial Park, 32400 Jefferson, St. Clair Shores. Admission is \$8 for adults and \$6 for seniors and students. For more information, visit veteransweekend.com.  
◆ Grosse Pointe Farms Boat Club hosts Family Fun Day beginning at noon and member barbecue at 4 p.m. in Pier Park. Bring a dish to pass for the barbecue. Volunteers are needed. For more information, call Susan Boehmer at (313) 885-2568.  
◆ Services for Older Citizens hosts "Dancing in the Streets" from noon to 3 p.m. as part of the Village Sidewalk Sales and Street Festival.  
◆ The Friends of Belle Isle Aquarium hosts "A Night at the Aquarium" from 6 to 11 p.m. The evening includes live music, a strolling supper, cash bar and silent auction. Funds raised will be used to restore and reopen the aquarium.

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## Vandals hit Liggett campus

### Neighbor provides info; police continue investigation

By Kathy Ryan  
Staff Writer

Vandals struck two buses and a building at University Liggett School last weekend.

Windows on two buses were smashed, and the athletic field house, located just yards from the buses at the Cook Road campus, was entered and heavily damaged.

According to the Grosse Pointe Woods police report, there was forced entry at the field house door on the north side of the building. Windows on both the north

See VANDALS, page 10A



Police believe children are responsible for thousands of dollars damage to the field house and buses at University Liggett School last weekend.

PHOTO BY KATHY RYAN

## Art Center exhibit



PHOTOS BY RENEE LANDUYT

The second annual Summer Impression Exhibition for children hosted by the Grosse Pointe Art Center was held Friday, July 17. Jurors were Dick Vogel and Linda Allen, both past presidents of the art center. Here, Fine Arts for Kids program instructor Hala Besmar hands the second place award in the 8 and under category to Maegan Daher. Bridget Gagnier and Abby Alcott were also winners. More photos, page 12A.



**GROSSE POINTE SHORES**

## Plan cites activities center

Public will have chance to weigh-in on final draft

By Brad Lindberg  
Staff Writer

A draft of the new master plan doesn't forecast many changes to the old one, at least in number.

The proposed document has been updated to "allow progressive development and enhancements," according to Mary Matuja, head of the Grosse Pointe Shores Planning Commission.

Recommendations include bicycle pathways and a municipal recreation facility.

"Although we appreciate the uniqueness of this village," Matuja said, "we need to encourage growth and development if we are not to become stagnant and irrelevant in years to come."

Commissioners also addressed lot coverage and setbacks.

"The master plan continues the villages' stance of maintaining the high quality of residential housing and community character," Matuja said. "It gives the ability to update some of the housing stock to more closely match today's housing expectations."

The draft was sent last month for review by neigh-

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**CITY OF GROSSE POINTE AND PARK**

## Parking curbed on Cadieux

### Majority of funding from grant that forbids change

By Brad Lindberg  
Staff Writer

State transportation officials have denied requests to restore parking on Cadieux. The decision means Cadieux residents can no longer park curbside, even when a current

\$400,000 resurfacing project from Jefferson to Kercheval concludes this summer.

Eighty percent of construction is being funded by a federal grant that forbids parking on roads as narrow as Cadieux.

The state's latest denial came in a July 14 letter to City and Grosse Pointe Park managers — Cadieux divides the cities — from Mark Harbison, an engineer with the Michigan Department of Transportation.

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**POINTER OF INTEREST**

*'I'm going to miss the children.'*

## Sharon Conroy



**Home:** Grosse Pointe Woods  
**Age:** 65  
**Claim to fame:** Taught kindergarten at St. Paul Catholic School for 34 years  
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Yesterday's headlines

1959

50 years ago this week

◆ **FARMS HALTS DDT SPRAYING:** The Grosse Pointe Farms City Council voted to abolish the usual second foliage spraying of the city's elm trees, apparently convinced an annual spring dormant spraying is sufficient to control the dreaded Dutch Elm beetle.

A local florist has advocated a single spraying of the elms and with something that doesn't contain DDT which he believes is harmful to birds.

◆ **NEIGHBORS OPPOSE CHURCH PLAN:** The subject of the proposed erection of a new church building by the Grosse Pointe Unitarian Church has brought some controversy and heated discussion before the City of Grosse Pointe City Council. The issue was left pending for further investigation.

◆ **FARMS POLICE RECORD BUSY FISCAL YEAR:** Parking meter violation fines accounted for \$2,818.50 of a total \$10,115.50 in fines collected by the Farms Violation Bureau during the July 1, 1958 to June 30, 1959 fiscal year. The police chief revealed 4,800 people paid 50-cent fines for over-time meter parking. Other fines collected included late fees for parking meter violations, other parking violations, moving violations and 116 dog ordinance violations.

1984

25 years ago this week

◆ **SOC AT FERRY:** The wide-ranging programs offered by Services for Older Citizens will finally gather under one roof next fall. The Grosse Pointe Public School System Board of Education agreed to make a suite of rooms at Ferry Elementary School available for SOC's



2004: TP support

Masses of houses strewn with toilet paper throughout the five Grosse Pointes can mean only one thing: It's time for the swim team finals. Each year, teams from each city gather at one park for an evening filled with competitive swimming. And, following tradition, the houses of those swimmers are draped in toilet paper the day before by their supportive coaches, like this one in the 300 block of McMillan in the Farms.

food and friendship, meals on wheels, minor home repair and senior citizen information hotline programs.

◆ **BUILDING PROTESTS:** Residents living on Somerset Road near the proposed Bon Secours Hospital and the Detroit Institute of Ophthalmology medical building are signing petitions objecting to the 12 foot height variance granted by the Grosse Pointe Park City Council.

◆ **TWO TEENS HIT BY CARS:** Two teenage bicyclists received minor injuries last week in Grosse Pointe Woods when they were hit by cars. A 16-year-old girl riding her bike on the sidewalk at the driveway of a gas station at

Mack and Lancaster was hit by a car exiting the gas station. A 15-year-old girl was hit on the sidewalk in front of the driveway of the Farmer Jack on Mack.

1999

10 years ago this week

◆ **BIRD'S EYE VIEW:** By participating in a Wayne County pilot program that uses Global Positioning System technology and aerial photography, Grosse Pointe Woods officials can create a computer data base, complete with pictures that map out exactly where houses, power lines,

sewer lines, telephone lines, catch basins and schools and businesses are located.

◆ **FENCE ORDINANCE VARIANCE REQUESTS:** A recent Grosse Pointe Woods ordinance restricting types of fences has more residents requesting variances to the ordinance. The ordinance restricts fences to 4-feet in height and to be only made of wood or metal chain link.

◆ **FORGETFUL FILL UP:** A Grosse Pointe Farms woman pulled into a service station on the Hill and tried to fill her vehicle with gasoline. Realizing the station was closed, she drove off without removing the gas nozzle from her car, ripping the hose from the gas pump.

2004

Five years ago this week

◆ **CITY WINS PARK TAX APPEAL:** A state court sided with the City of Grosse Pointe in what could become a precedent-setting decision about taxing residents-only municipal parks.

The Michigan Tax Tribunal ruled the park has a taxable value of \$4,065 — one dollar for every City resident based on recent census figures. The figure is far less than the \$1.8

million assessed a year ago by the Michigan Tax Commission.

◆ **NURSERY THEFTS:** Four hanging flower baskets containing white petunias were stolen from a nursery in the 17700 block of Mack in the City of Grosse Pointe. The baskets were worth a combined \$100.

◆ **DOG WOUNDED:** A dog playing in its Grosse Pointe Shores backyard was wounded by an unknown person and object. A veterinarian said the pet's right shoulder had been punctured by something the size of a pencil eraser.

— Karen Fontanive

Auto design expert to appear at Ford House

Phil Patton, automotive design writer for The New York Times speaks at 7 p.m. Thursday, July 23 at the Edsel & Eleanor Ford House.

He will discuss how streamlining served as design inspiration some of America's iconic automobiles, focusing on how aerodynamic principles evolved into an aesthetic that persists today.

Patton is the author of books and has been a contributing editor for ID Magazine, Esquire, Wired and Departures. He teaches the DCrit program at the School of Visual Arts and has been consulting curator for museum shows, including the Museum of Modern Arts exhibition, Different Roads: Automobiles for a New Century. Patton has also appeared on CBS Sunday



Phil Patton

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PRIDE OF THE POINTES

Navy Ensign **Daniel A. Reinhard**, son of Brigid A. and John H. Reinhard of Grosse Pointe Farms, graduated from the United States

Naval Academy in Annapolis, Md. and was commissioned to his current rank. He is a 2004 graduate of Grosse Pointe North High School.

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## THE GROSSE POINTS AND HARPER WOODS

# PAATS receives two new buses

By Brad Lindberg  
Staff Writer

Two new buses have been added to the fleet of an organization that helps area senior citizens and the handicapped maintain their mobility and independence.

The vehicles arrived last week at Pointe Area Assisted Transportation Service for use by Grosse Pointe and Harper Woods residents wanting rides anywhere within the eastside organization's service area, and often beyond.

"This allows seniors and disabled people to get out into the community and do things they need to do," said Sally Graham, executive director of PAATS.

The organization is headquartered in Harper Woods and serves residents of Harper Woods and the five Grosse Pointes. PAATS' transport area is bordered by Chalmers, Gratiot, 11 Mile and Lake St. Clair.

"We don't just take people to medical appointments," Graham said. "We take them to the grocery store and beauty salon. We work with Services for Older Citizens to take seniors to and from SOC for their food and friendship program."

SOC also arranges recreational trips to locations outside the normal service area. Destinations and activities have included the Detroit Institute of Arts, Detroit Symphony Orchestra concerts, the Detroit Library main branch, Cranbrook, bird watching and Detroit River cruises.

"We work with PAATS to go on one trip per week," said Sharon Maier, SOC executive director. "It keeps people's independence."

"SMART and PAATS have been part of our community for years," said Harper Woods Councilwoman Vivian

Sawicki. "Citizens would be much poorer without the service."

The new, 14-seat buses were acquired through SMART's Community Partnership Program.

"It means a quality of life to people who need it the most; reaching out to shut-ins and those who need services," said Wayne County Executive Robert Ficano.

"The Community Partnership Program enables communities to use their community credit dollars to pay only 5 percent of the buses," said Elizabeth Dryden, SMART director of external affairs.

She said the arrangements meant that communities paid about \$4,000 for each \$63,875 bus.

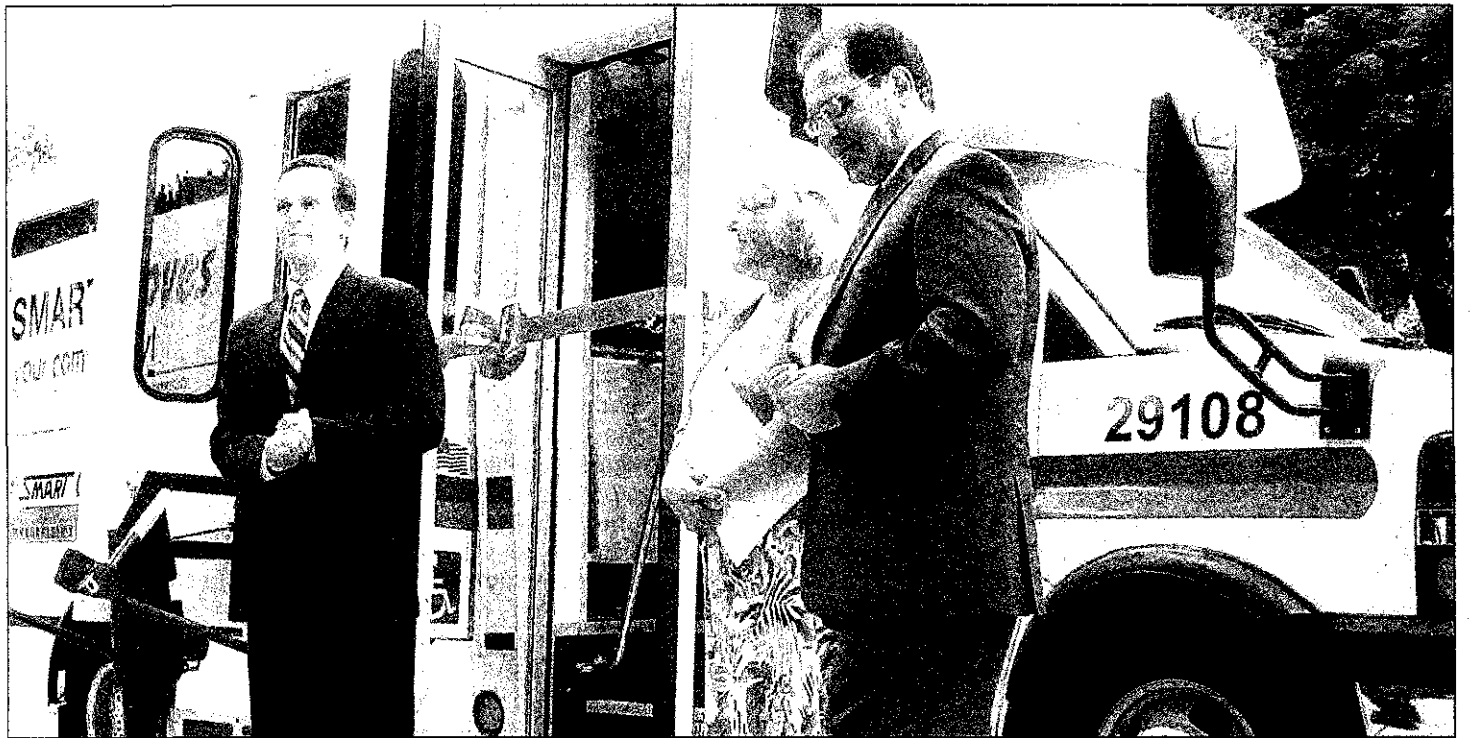
"This is a big deal for PAATS," said Matthew Tepper, PAATS board member and assistant Farms city manager. "PAATS is somewhat of a thankless job. SOC helps with senior services, but if seniors cannot get out and about, there's a lack of quality of life."

PAATS is sponsored by the six suburbs, block grants, the state transportation department and more. The organization has six SMART vehicles. Ridership last year neared 30,000, according to Dryden.

Without the transportation service, many seniors might have to leave their houses for assisted living.

"My neighbor used PAATS for years," said James Farquhar, mayor of Grosse Pointe Farms. "It was wonderful. She was losing her vision. She'd take it to the Detroit Institute of Ophthalmology, grocery store and hair dresser."

"It enriches the whole community," said Victoria Boyce, Grosse Pointe Shores council liaison. "It's important to keep our seniors in their homes and independent as well."



PHOTOS BY BRAD LINDBERG

Above, PAATS board member Matthew Tepper says a few words before Harper Woods Councilwoman Vivian Sawicki and Wayne County Executive Robert Ficano. At left, with the snip of a red ribbon Thursday, July 16, one of two new, 14-seat SMART buses officially joins the fleet at Pointe Area Assisted Transportation Service. Attending the ceremony are, from left, Beth Dryden, SMART director of external affairs; Matthew Tepper, PAATS board member and assistant Farms city manager; Farms Mayor James Farquhar; Sally Graham, executive director of PAATS; Grosse Pointe Shores Councilwoman Victoria Boyce, Wayne County Executive Robert Ficano and Harper Woods Councilwoman Vivian Sawicki.



FILE PHOTO  
Farms resident Madison Bonahoom, 9, fishes at last year's rodeo with her father, Jim.

## CITY OF GROSSE POINTE

## Village festival begins Friday

Kercheval in downtown City of Grosse Pointe closes during part of the next two days for the annual Village street festival and sale.

Merchants offer markdowns while providing food, fun and family entertainment. Events take place on Kercheval between Cadieux and Neff.

Times are noon to 9 p.m. Friday and 9:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Saturday. Rain date is Saturday, Aug. 1.

The Balduck Mountain Ramblers perform from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. Friday on the Kercheval stage near Cadieux.

Services for Older Citizens sponsors Dancing in the Streets from 6 to 9 p.m. Friday on the Festival Plaza at the corner of Kercheval and St. Clair. Face painting, balloons and more for children are offered at the same time.

Representatives from the Grosse Pointe Animal Adoption Society will be on hand from 5 to 8 p.m. Friday on Kercheval at Notre Dame.

A wide selection of food and refreshments are available both days.

## Fishing rodeo nets 61 years

By Brad Lindberg  
Staff Writer

Children will stampede to Pier Park next month for the 61st annual Grosse Pointe Farms-City Family Fishing Rodeo.

"We expect a record crowd again," said Dick Graves, organizer of the rodeo his late father helped found. "Last year, we had so many people — more than 1,100 — we had to make tickets out of little pieces of paper."

The rodeo is for Farms and City children.

This year's edition is Saturday, Aug. 8. Registration and breakfast is from 8 to 9 a.m., fishing from 9 to 10 a.m. Awards and lunch go to noon.

Breakfast consists of juice, coffee and doughnuts. Hotdogs, chips and pop comprise lunch.

"It's all free," Graves said. "The beauty of it is, they're done by noon. Parents love that because they still have the af-

ternoon go to a baseball game, play golf or watch a tournament on TV."

Little anglers compete for the biggest fish, first fish caught and so on. There are free raffles for children's bicycles and gifts for parents. Every child receives a prize and meal.

"They'll leave here with full stomachs and arms full of prizes, whether they catch anything or not," Graves said. "There's no junky prizes again

this year. We have toy trucks, 3-foot dolls, watersport things, soccer balls; a whole lot of stuff."

Graves has become a smart shopper when it comes to the fishing rodeo. He spends the year hunting for deals.

"We wouldn't be able to pull it off financially if I didn't," he said. "Besides being the biggest and oldest children's event in Grosse Pointe, we get great support."

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## POINTER OF INTEREST

**Sharon Conroy** has spent more than half her life at St. Paul Catholic School preparing 5-year-olds for their academic careers. Now she begins a new chapter in her life.

# After 40 years of teaching...

By Kathy Ryan  
Staff Writer

Sharon Conroy has spent the last 40 years influencing the lives of young children, making sure they were prepared for the challenges throughout their school years.

Now she's ready for a major change in her life as she retires. She leaves behind thousands of grateful students, but takes with her a lifetime of memories.

"I'm going to miss the children," she said simply, when asked what will probably be the biggest change in her life come fall.

A fixture at St. Paul Catholic school since 1969, Conroy began her tenure there as a third-grade teacher. She had just returned from a year in Japan, working as a teacher for the Department of Defense at a U.S. Naval Air Station in Iwa Kuni.

"It was a wonderful experience," she recalled. "It was a great opportunity to really see that part of the world. During vacations, we would travel throughout the Orient."

Conroy grew up in Detroit and attended St. Clare de Montefalco for grade school and Dominican High School. She graduated with a teaching degree from Michigan State University in 1965. She spent three years teaching at Lillibridge Elementary School in Detroit before heading to Japan.

When she came back to the states, she moved back to her

childhood home in Grosse Pointe Woods. A third-grade teaching position was open at St. Paul, where her brother, Jim, had just started teaching high school. She taught third grade for three years.

"St. Paul did not have a kindergarten then," she said. "But the administration determined that a kindergarten would help bring more children into the first-grade classes. I had always wanted to teach kindergarten, and was delighted to get the chance. I was given \$1,000 and was told 'go for it,' so I spent the summer going to garage sales and buying up books and games and classroom supplies."

That first year, there were only 14 students in a morning session, but it quickly went to a morning and afternoon session the next year. Conroy stayed on as the kindergarten teacher for 34 years.

Always the kindergarten teacher, Conroy recognized early on the importance of sharing information with other teachers. She was one of the founding members of the Archdiocese of Detroit Kindergarten Association.

"We started with 12 teachers, and at one time had 120 members," she said. "We are the only grade in Catholic schools that meets regularly. We hold workshops and host speakers. I'm really very proud of my work with the association."

She's also very proud of her tenure at St. Paul and the fine academic course St. Paul sets

for its students.

"I'm now teaching children of my former students," she said. "That's one of the things that is so special about St. Paul. 'Families stay, or even if after the children graduate from high school and college, they may move away for awhile, but they come back to Grosse Pointe to raise their children, and many return to St. Paul.'"

Needless to say, the children Conroy taught last school year are different from the children she started with 34 years ago.

"So many kindergarten students have already been in pre-school programs," she noted. "But that doesn't mean that kindergarten isn't important as their first introduction to school. There isn't the freedom that kids have in pre-school, it's more structured, and it's important. But that doesn't mean it's for every child, and for some a young five's program might be what they need."

"Kids today are exposed to so much more. Television has changed so much. When I began there was 'Sesame Street.' Now there are channels devoted to children, not to mention so many families having computers in the home."

But even with children exposed to so much more via television and computers, Conroy maintains that the best way to prepare a child for school is to read to them.

"The most important thing a parent can do is to read to their child," she said. "Give your



Sharon Conroy takes memories and some of her favorite gifts, including her rocking chair, with her as she retires as the kindergarten teacher at St. Paul Catholic School.

PHOTO BY  
KATHY RYAN

child a love of books, and they will have a love of learning."

She also urges parents to talk to their children, and to set a good example in areas of healthy living.

"There always seems to be a time when smoking is discussed, and I always have kids who talk about how their parents smoke. I have to tell them that it is a decision that their parents make."

Conroy adds with a laugh that smoking is just one of the things she heard about from her students.

"I tell my parents that I'll believe half of what I hear about home if they believe half of what they hear about school."

One story that Conroy's families have been hearing for many years is the story of the Gingerbread Man.

"That has always been one of my favorite lessons," Conroy said with obvious fondness. "The entire school joins in, looking for the runaway gingerbread man. Judy Herman, our cafeteria manag-

er, gets an Academy Award for her acting skills when she comes in, covered with flour, and announces that the gingerbread man we were making has escaped. Then the hunt is on, through classrooms and the office of our principal, Dr. Miller. When the hunt is over, we return to our classroom, disappointed that we can't find him, but there he is, thanks to a mom who sets him on a chair in the classroom."

It's such a special part of the kindergarten year that it was commemorated on a hand-painted book shelf that was presented to Conroy when she retired.

"It was supposed to stay in the classroom, in the reading corner, but I loved it so much, I brought it home."

It's also special to her former students, many of whom wrote about it for a memory book that was put together as a remembrance of her 40 years at St. Paul. Former students were contacted, and

asked to recall their favorite times as a student of Miss Conroy. The Gingerbread Man story was remembered by several.

"The book was quite remarkable," Conroy said. "So many former students, shared their favorite memories. I was really touched, and it is something I will always treasure."

And it is just one of the mementos Conroy took with her as she begins the next phase of her life in Wilmette, Ill., where she will be moving this fall. Her brother is chairman of the college department at New Trier High School, and she has bought a house next door to his. The two have long been traveling companions, and recently returned from a barge trip on the Mosel and Rhine rivers in Europe.

"I haven't really decided what I want to do," she said. "I do know that I won't be teaching, but I might do volunteer work at Kohls Children's Museum or at the local Catholic school. I'll probably take some classes, and I'll definitely be reading."

She might even bake a gingerbread man, just for old time's sake.

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Gene Reck, co-owner of Three Pines Studio in Cross Village.

# Imprints on life

*"If you have two loaves of bread, sell one and buy a lily."*  
Chinese proverb

Three Pines Studio in northern Michigan's Cross Village embodies the idea that life is more colorful and more enjoyable surrounded by works of art.

Food tastes better when surrounded by beautiful dinnerware, linens and decorations. A house's atmosphere changes when art is introduced into its rooms.

The gleaming wooden studio is filled entirely with local artists' creations, including the studio's owners – Gene Reck and Joann Condino, who grew up in Grosse Pointe Park.

Reck works in ceramics and Condino creates silk prints. Her latest collection is Textile Messaging: i silk, which runs through July 25.

"I'm enthralled with the iPhone. I'm fascinated with the shape, the form," she said from her well-lit studio. "I'm fascinated with how people gravitate to the shape and form."

The pattern and texture is translated onto shibori silk with an indigo dye process and a soy wax resistance.

At the back of the studio, opened in 2001, Reck has his work area. It's filled with ceramic fish dishes in various stages of completeness. It's ironic that Condino had worked in ceramics and now makes prints on silk and Reck is the one who creates fun and decorative ceramic pieces. For a combined 60 years, they worked at Wayne State University. Reck was a chemistry professor for 35 years and Condino worked in the marketing department for 25 years.

"Joann had been the artist," he explained. "She had to have a job and make money (turning away from art as her major source of income). She did the pottery in the basement. Now she doesn't do any pottery," he said.

As they attended various art fairs during their years in southeastern Michigan, Reck bypassed the ceramics. "Who wants to look at toothbrush holders?"

Today, his dishes, in the shape of fish, are in nature-inspired colors. The dishes are oven, microwave and dishwasher safe. Or they can hang on the wall, much like a trophy.

Most recently, Reck has taken to creating ceramic vessels of various sizes in subtle hues. His inspiration is historical ceiling tiles, tiles from businesses recently closed. The flower-filled vases dot the long front porch of the studio and sit in the garden at the back of the studio, which has highly-polished wooden floors.

How does one go from being a WSU chemistry professor to being an artist?

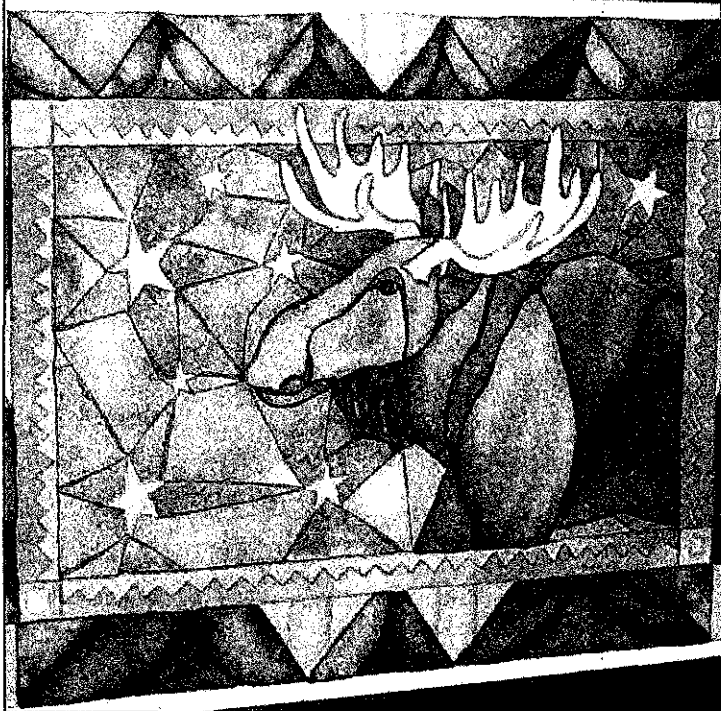
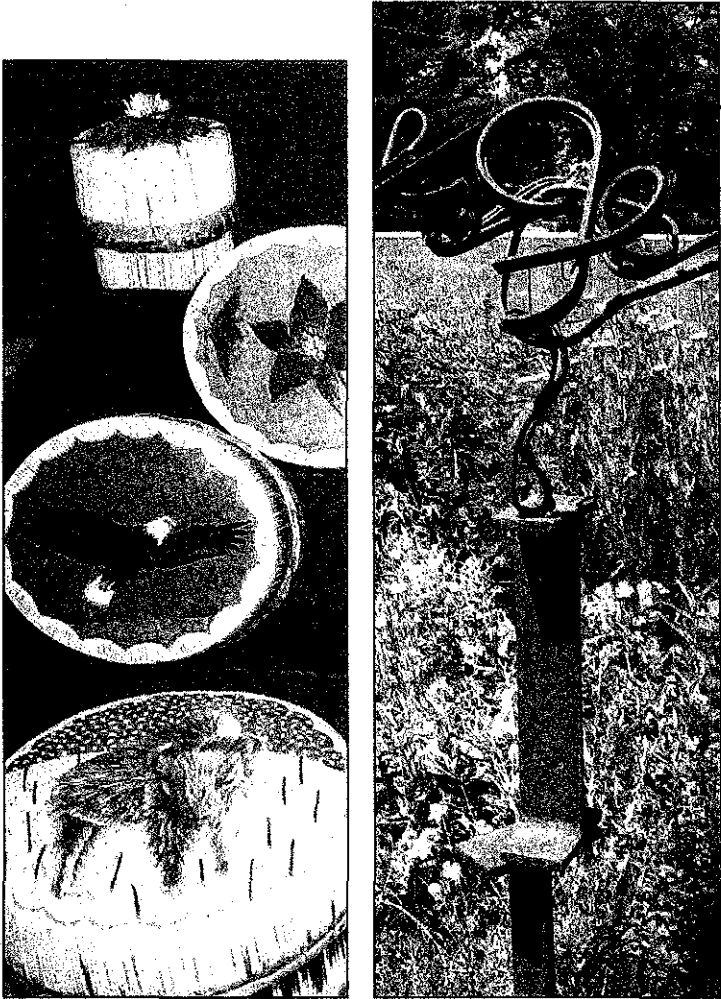
"The first step of science is observation, you observe and make inferences. As an artist, the first thing you do is observe," he said. The idea of one side of the brain being used for logic and the other for art does not bode well with him.

"The two sides of the brain (belief) is artificial. It's forced on us by the educational system...compartmentalize."

As a former teacher, he said, students should be taught to observe.

Chemistry and ceramics is not that far apart, he said. Chemistry is property of material. An artist must know the material. "It's simple," said Reck, who is also Cross Village Township supervisor.

The area was once inhabited by the Odawa or Ottawa people



Top left, Tom and Sally Paquin of Cross Village create highly-sought and intricately made quilt boxes. Top right, the lawn, the sculpture and beds of flowers greet the Three Pines Studio guest. Bottom, Starry Moose was painted by Dana Constand of Harbor Springs.

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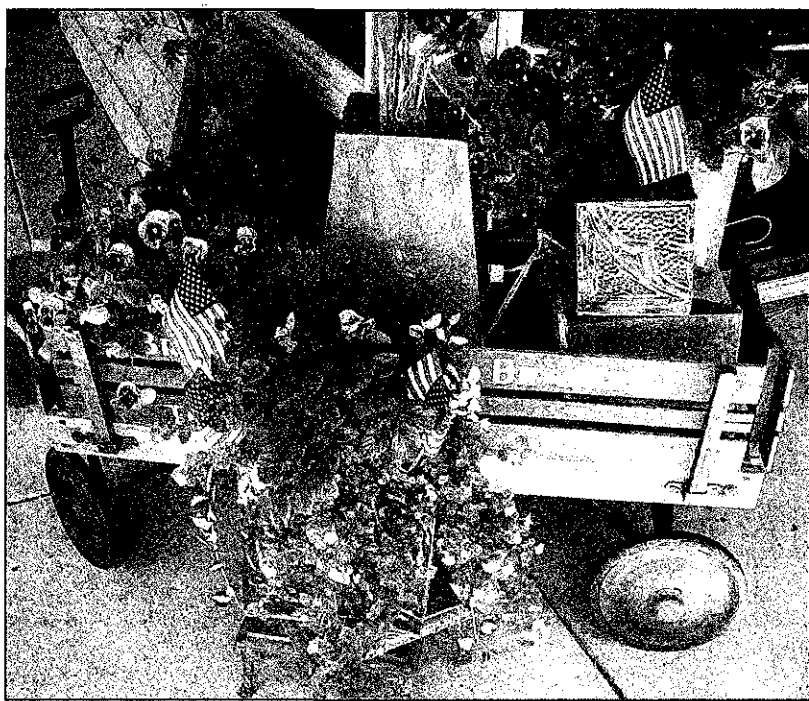
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An antique wooden wagon holds Gene Reck's vases, which reflect historical tile imprints. Center, wooden vessels of various sizes. Right, former Grosse Pointe Park resident Joann Condino's show, Textile Messaging: i silk, runs through July 25. All art is created by local artists.

**PHOTOS  
AND STORY  
BY  
ANN L. FOUTY  
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## ART: Three Pines is a stand out

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who collected maple syrup, fished and planted crops. Cross Village sits on a bluff overlooking Lake Michigan in Emmet County (Petoskey is the county seat) and it was here Reck and Condino chose as their retirement spot, building the studio to blend in the surrounding landscape — fully matured trees.

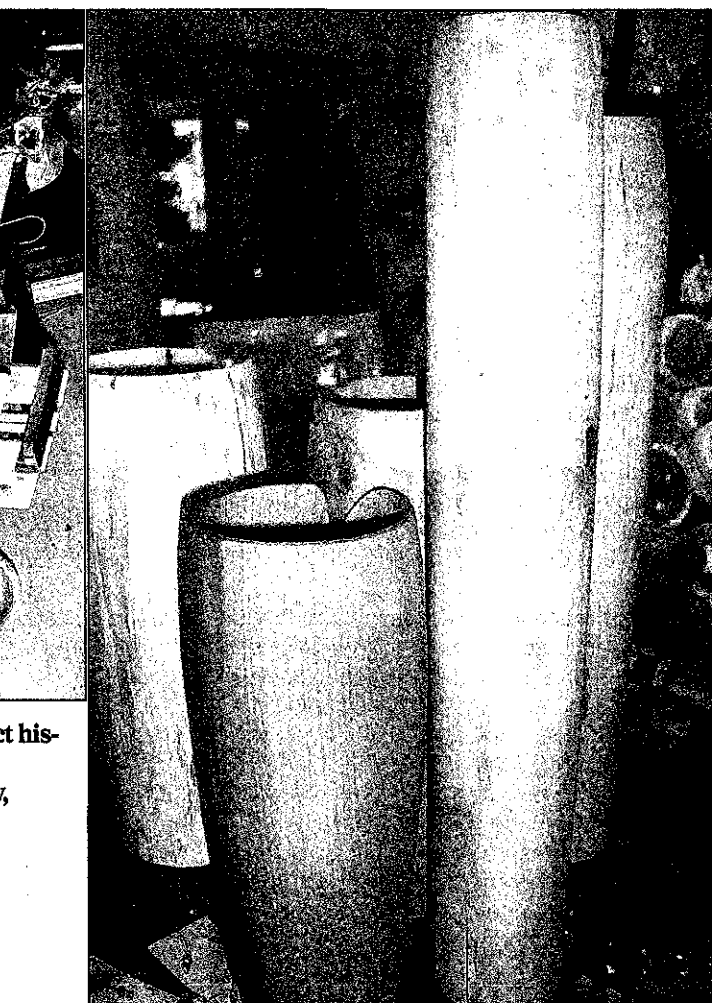
The studio has more than 60

artists whose works include ceramics, fiber, glass, jewelry, native art painting, photography and woodworking. Shows continue through summer and into the early fall.

Local artist Heidi Marshall will be part of the Les Femmes Pastel show Aug. 15 - 24. The opening reception is 2 to 7 p.m. Aug. 15.

Three Pines Studio, 5959 W. Levering, is open 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. May through October, but closed on Wednesdays and 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday through Monday, November through April.

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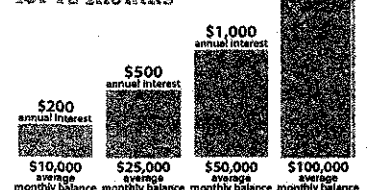
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Mandating residential sprinklers

Habitat for Humanity of Michigan is deeply concerned about a proposed new code requirement before the Michigan Department of Labor and Economic Growth that would force homeowners to buy and install fire sprinklers in newly constructed single-family houses and townhouses.

Habitat Michigan is not opposed to voluntary sprinklers. We support the right of any homeowner to choose to install a sprinkler system in their house. We do, however oppose a government mandate that compels installation of a fire sprinkler system into every newly constructed house.

Habitat for Humanity has built 3,500 houses in Michigan, providing 15,000 individuals with decent, affordable housing. Requiring sprinklers will add significant costs to new house construction. The Michigan Association of Home Builders estimates this would add \$4,000 to \$6,000 to the cost of construction for houses on municipal water and more than \$11,000 for houses on wells.

Compare that to the cost of adding hard-wired smoke alarms with a battery backup, which adds about \$200 to \$400 to the cost of construction.

More than 93 percent of fatal fires in Michigan since 2000 occurred in houses without working smoke alarms. The problem is not houses without sprinklers. The problem is houses without working smoke alarms. Installing and maintaining smoke alarms is a proven and cost effective way to reduce house fire fatalities

Mandating fire suppression sprinklers will reduce the number of houses Habitat can build and the number of low-income families we can serve. If sprinklers are mandated, they will require annual maintenance. Low-income homeowners would be disproportionately impacted by the system maintenance, service costs and annual inspection fees associated with sprinklers.

This proposed new code requirement is under discussion because fire sprinkler manufacturers were successful in getting it into the model International Residential Code. Now states must make the decision if homeowners should be forced to buy and install fire sprinklers in their new house. So far, every state that has taken up the issue has rejected this mandate.

It is important Michigan follow suit and say no to this expensive and unnecessary mandate. Mandating sprinkler systems will raise the cost of newly constructed houses and set a major barrier in the way of those facing the greatest challenges in affording a house, which would harm the mission of Habitat for Humanity and negatively impact hundreds of Michigan families who want to share the American dream of owning their own house.

Kenneth Bensen is CEO of Habitat for Humanity of Michigan, the state support organization for Michigan's 79 Habitat for Humanity affiliates.

GUEST OPINION By Don Flood

Stress isn't what it used to be

Everyone knows life keeps getting harder, but how much harder?

Thanks to psychiatrist Richard Rahe of Salem, Ore., co-creator of the Life Changes Stress Test, we now have an exact figure. Life, Rahe said, gets about 1.5 percent more difficult each year.

Wow, that's even worse than I thought. Off the top of my head, I probably would have said

During these blissful, carefree days, travelers didn't have to worry about remembering if they had left a 1-inch penknife in their pocket.

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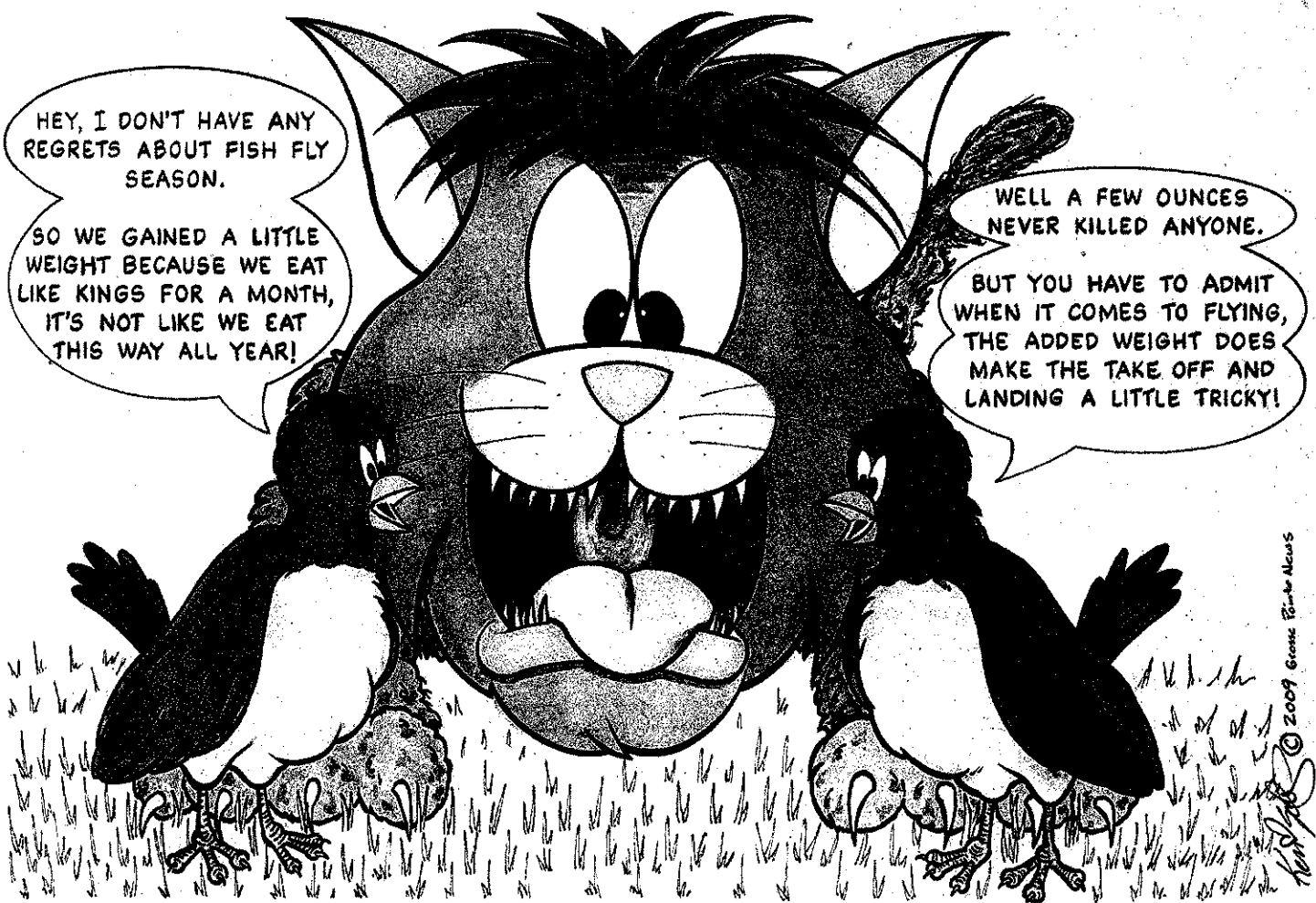
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Bike Decorating Contest a success

To the Editor:

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Our theme for the summer sidewalk sale is Summer Fun for the Kids on Mack and the contest is our feature attraction. We had more than 40 children participating this year.

Larry Joswiak of American Cycle & Fitness on Mack provided prizes in each of the age categories in addition to giving each of the entrants a bike air horn.

Peter Birkner of the Grosse Pointe News was our media sponsor, and our flier was published for two consecutive weeks.

Rebecca Zerilli of AAA (Mack office) popped corn throughout the event and also gave coloring books and crayons to the children.

Paul Stavalle, manager of the Kroger on Mack provided gift cards. Kristen Smale, manager of TCBY and her assistant gave out cups of yogurt and coupons for future purchases.

Our judges for the event included Grosse Pointe Woods Mayor Robert E. Novitke; Larry Joswiak, American Cycle; and Joyce Piasecki, owner of Joyce's Salon & Spa.

Dave Ogden, our DJ, pro-

vided music to entertain the children and their families.

A very special thank you to all the children and their families who came and supported our event. Please plan on joining us next year as we celebrate our fifth Bike Decorating Contest. We hope to have new attractions and many surprises.

ANGELO DICLEMENTE  
Grosse Pointe Business and Professional Association of Mack Avenue

Scholarships for music and arts

To the Editor:

While it was nice to see my picture in "School Spotlights, Earned awards," July 16 Grosse Pointe News, regarding my scholarship, I wish to make note of a correction on the article that accompanied the picture.

I was very honored to have auditioned and been awarded the Dr. Leonard Riccinto Music Scholarship at Grosse Pointe South.

I am using the scholarship money toward my upcoming college expenses and I am most appreciative of the generosity of the Riccinto family.

However, the bulk of my scholarship money was awarded directly from Grand Valley State University, which awarded me both the four-year Eitzen Voice Scholarship, a four-year Music Department Scholarship as well as academic scholarship money after my audition for the music department.

I was accepted and awarded four-year scholarships at several music schools and chose Grand Valley because they offered me not only a wonderful monetary scholarship, but also made it possible for me to pursue my dual interests in voice and cello in addition to my major in pre-med.

Many of my classmates receiving sports scholarships to attend colleges are highly publicized, I want other students to know that it is possible to receive scholarships for music and the arts as well.

GREGORY PAPAS  
City of Grosse Pointe

Supports GPW City Council

To the Editor:

In light of the current economy and resulting decrease in property values, it was a given that Grosse Pointe Woods was going to see less revenue this year, and most likely, for several years going forward.

My husband and I would like to applaud city council for taking the initiative to cut nearly \$800,000 in expenses from the city's budget, and also for approving the recent millage increase.

We moved here last year with our two young daughters after living the last several years in a loft in downtown Detroit. While it was important for us to stay close to the city and its cultural attractions, we chose Grosse Pointe Woods over other inner-ring suburbs for the outstanding schools and standard of living we have come to enjoy during the last year.

Thank you, city council, for recognizing how valuable our schools, libraries, park system, public safety and city services are to maintaining our community, attracting new residents and bringing young people back to the community to raise their own families after college.

My guess would be that if you hadn't approved the millage increase, the residents

spearheading and supporting recall efforts would be the first in line with complaints that their streets weren't being swept and their sidewalks weren't being plowed.

You have our support.  
ANGELA AND JASON  
GABRIDGE  
Grosse Pointe Woods

Support recall

To the Editor:

I admire Nancy Hames and her efforts to organize the recall of Arthur Bryant and Joseph Sucher from the Grosse Pointe Woods City Council.

It is not an easy decision to make. It requires a lot of time and effort, with no compensation.

Unlike the councilmen, who get paid very well to do their job, she — and those who help her — have to work hard to defend the taxpayers.

Anyone can do the council's job, if their only reaction is to raise taxes. That requires no special talent or skill.

Grosse Pointe Woods has some very exclusive property, but the owners have not been exempt from the effects of the bad economy. Small business owners, white-collar workers and professionals have been hit too.

There is no reason to believe that Grosse Pointe Woods is any different than any other municipality. They think they are justified in raising taxes instead of cutting spending.

Make no mistake, this is a tax increase no matter how the council may protest. The people of Grosse Pointe Woods should support the recall.

My father, James Njaim, worked for and retired from the Grosse Pointe News years ago. I think he would be horrified if you didn't throw your support behind the recall.

ROSE BOGAERT  
Chair  
Wayne County  
Taxpayers Association

GUEST OPINION By Bill Kalmar

My summer soliloquy



One of the advantages of retirement is just to lie down in my hammock, listen to the chirping of the birds or a colorful woodpecker tap away on a tree, watch squirrels scamper around the woods foraging for food, and reflect on some events of the day.

Here is what has been bubbling up in my cranium lately:

◆ Once again the American

League beat the National League in the All Star Game. And one of our own Detroit Tigers, Curtis Granderson, was instrumental in the win as he blasted a triple into left field and scored on a sacrifice fly which gave the American League a one run lead which held until the end of the game.

The American League now has home field advantage for the World Series which I think is wrong. Home field should be predicated on the best won/loss record just as in the other sports. And I think most fans agree.

◆ Are you as tired as I am of hearing we need to ratchet up our education process in order to be ready for the demands of

the 21st century. If we aren't ready now, we will never be ready!

Frankly, no one has explained the so-called "demands" other than we need to compete with China. In Michigan, with unemployment at 15 percent, getting ready for the 21st century evidently means we will be making windmills and solar panels. Heck, the Dutch in Holland, Mich., have been deploying windmills on their property for years and the Amish seem to do well without electricity. So in my mind we are already ready for the 21st century.

Now if we can just convince the youth of our nation to stay

in school and graduate, maybe they can learn how to build solar power for us!

◆ Looks like this is the final year for the Michigan State Fair which has been around since 1849. This event really needs to be transferred to the Lansing area so the entire population of the state can have easy access.

As it is now, the buildings at the fair are long past their life expectancy and it's time to put this relic to rest. And it's also time to modernize the exhibits. I really am not interested in the pigeon and rabbit exhibits or the butter sculptures. But please don't forget to

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I SAY By Amy Salvagno

# Home is where the Army sends you



**M**y 10-year high school reunion is right around the corner — and I am fighting a losing battle with the voice of reason. It tells me I should go: to catch up, reminisce, swap success stories and show off my spouse.

Yet I hesitate still. But let me explain.

Unlike this community, where children grow up, graduate, move out and move back with a family of their own, I didn't have a typical childhood.

I was born an Army brat on Fort Polk, a run-down military base in Louisiana. My saint of a mother recalls that the little hospital — actually, converted WWII barracks — was situated on stilts and lacked any luxury found in even the modest

of maternity wards. After I was born, she was moved to a room with eight other new mothers.

The women had to change their own linens, shower in a mildew-lined bathroom and, when hungry, walk to the end of a narrow hallway and into a tiny cafeteria. To visit me, mom had to shuffle to the other end of the hallway, around a boiler and into the nursery, then wheel me back to her bed.

Weeks later, my father revealed the icing on the cake: a cockroach family had also been there to welcome me to the world.

My family moved nine times, usually every two to three years and often into 1,200-square-foot living quarters. Growing up this way wasn't the easiest, as anyone can imagine, so my outlet became writing letters — that's snail mail, not e-mail. I took seriously my role as pen pal to various friends, some military brats themselves, and often wonder if that's what first shaped my love of writing and

*My family moved nine times, usually every two to three years and often into 1,200-square-foot living quarters.*

sharing stories.

From kindergarten through third-grade, I lived in a town just outside Ft. Bragg, N.C., and experienced the same milestones as other kids my age: losing teeth, learning to ride a bike and catching chicken pox, which I then passed onto my younger brother — who by the way was born in the comforts of St. John Hospital.

The only difference I could see was the way we welcomed my dad home from out-of-town trips. We'd head over to the base and watch tanks and other equipment parachute out of military planes, followed by soldiers. I don't understand the draw of throwing yourself into the open air thousands of feet above land. But at that age, I stared up in wonder, trying to find my dad, not worrying that his parachute wouldn't open or he'd fall

somewhere and we wouldn't find him. I thought he was so brave — and still do.

I spent fourth-, fifth- and sixth-grade on a military base in the Isthmus of Panama. When we arrived at our cul-de-sac-situated quarters, my mom was thrilled to find that this time, the cockroaches were welcoming her to their world. In an act of chivalry, my dad chased after one group with a blowtorch. And my brother and I stared in awe at what was our new backyard: a humidity-soaked, insect-flooded jungle dotted with pretty flowers from which different creatures, including sprinkler-sipping iguanas and colorful toucans, came crawling or flying out.

We watched Capuchin monkeys swing from tree to tree and looked out for slithering snakes. And every so often, military police would show up

at the end of our street to halt traffic and help a slow-moving three-toed sloth across that very busy road.

I spent my middle school years just outside Washington, D.C., and the first two years of high school in Fort Knox, Ky., only a few blocks from the Bullion Depository where the majority of U.S. gold is kept. My dad — who retired as a lieutenant colonel in October 2001 — was then assigned to the McNamara Federal Building in Detroit and in an interesting twist, I ended up at his alma mater for my junior and senior year.

Now that I'm older and don't have to worry about moving unless my husband and I want to, I realize I was pretty fortunate to have the childhood I did, even though I didn't grow up in the same house or have the same friends from elementary school. I have amazing memories and had one-of-a-kind opportunities.

But trust me, I didn't always see it this way. It was an uphill journey; never easy, but one I couldn't imagine not making.

I get chills when I hear the National Anthem. When we lived on military bases, the community would come to a halt at sunset to hear it played, along with "retreat." I'd usually hear the same as I waited for the school bus each morning, only "reveille" was the accompaniment.

I have unwavering respect and admiration for those in uniform who courageously decide to serve our country knowing the looming risks.

And I still stammer when people ask where I'm from: "Um, do you have an hour?"

So, back to that reunion ... it wasn't easy back then to start over once more with kids who shared construction paper, laughs and secrets on the playground and a lunchroom table in middle school. I didn't think I would be able to break into their lifetime of memories and find a place for myself. A part of me wonders how many people will take note of me if I go — or if I was just a teeny dot on their timeline.

I guess there's only one way to find out.

STREETWISE By Renee Landuyt

## What is the best advice your spouse or friend has given you?

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



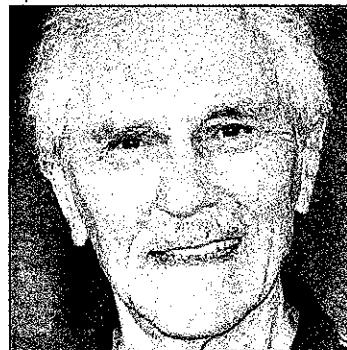
'My dad gave me the best advice; 'to thine own self be true' but I don't follow that often enough.'

DARRELL FINKEN  
Grosse Pointe Park



'My dad said, 'Don't take any wooden nickels' and my friend says, 'to always say thank you, I love you and I'm sorry.'

PEGGY KUDLA  
Grosse Pointe Park



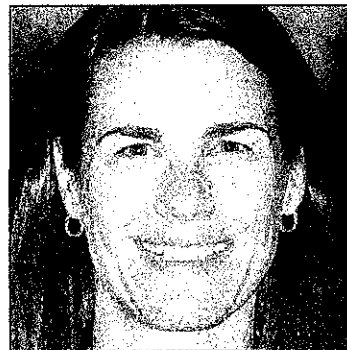
'A man who lived these words said to me, 'Your integrity is worth a million dollars.'

HUGH MONTPETIT  
Grosse Pointe Farms



'A wise teacher told me reality is the bottom line and people are entitled to the consequences of their behavior.'

MARYANN MONTPETIT  
Grosse Pointe Farms



'My mom says before getting upset to ask yourself, 'Will this matter in a hundred years from now?'

LAURIE READ  
Grosse Pointe Park

FROM THE ARCHIVES Compiled by Suzy Berschback

## Population: Growth or decline



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

**T**he census of 1860 affords the earliest reliable population figures. In that year, the Township of Grosse Pointe's population was 2,086. In 1870, there was a slight increase, bringing the population up to 2,230 people.

The census of 1880 shows 2,458 residents and continues the increase.

In 1890 Grosse Pointe passed the 3,000 mark with a population of 3,145. The first and only decline was in 1900, when the figure dropped to 2,933. However, this is easily accounted.

The Township of Gratiot was created in 1900 out of a portion of Grosse Pointe. This is the only plausible reason for the decline.

Despite that in 1903, 1917, 1918, and 1926, portions of Grosse Pointe were annexed to the city of Detroit, the population increased rapidly. The census for 1910, gives the population as being 3,579. In

1920, Grosse Pointe almost doubled this figure. That year's census was 6,068 people.

The 1930 census showed an enormous increase and brought the population up to 21,428 people.

Grosse Point Township is comprised of five municipalities: Grosse Pointe Village, Grosse Pointe Park, Grosse Pointe Farms, Grosse Pointe Shores, and Lochmoor Village.

Grosse Pointe Village had a population of 298 in 1890. In 1900, it increased to 343. The census in 1910 showed 830. In 1910, the population passed the 2,000 mark with a figure of 2,084. The 1930 census fig-

ure was 5,173.

Grosse Point Farms was incorporated in 1893 and the first census taken in 1900. In that year, there were 817 people in the Farms.

This figure increased to 862 in 1910.

The 1920 census shows a large increase with the population for that year being 1,649. This figure was more than doubled in 1930 when the census showed 3,533.

Grosse Pointe Park, incorporated in 1907, had a popu-

lation of 290 in 1910. In 1920, there was an enormous increase, bringing the population well over the 1,000 mark with 1,355.

The 1930 census shows an even greater increase. In that year, there were 11,174 people in Grosse Pointe Park.

Grosse Pointe Shores, the smallest of the municipalities, was incorporated in 1911. The first U.S. Census for that village was in 1920. In that year there were 519 residents and in 1930, the population in-

creased to 621.

The newest of the municipalities was Lochmoor Village, incorporated in 1926. The only population for that Village was in 1930 and showed 961 residents.

It is apparent from these figures that Grosse Pointe is a progressive community, growing by leaps and bounds. There has been a considerable growth since 1930 census figures. This will be evident in the coming census of 1940.

## SUMMER: Time for soliloquy

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transfer the elephant ear stand to Lansing!

◆ Have you read Michael Jackson's father wants to take Jackson's three children on tour and label them as the Jackson Three.

Talk about the height of impropriety. This guy has no shame! Wonder if he will have them don masks and parade them around for Halloween. Don't put it past this jerk!

◆ And speaking of jerks, how about the governor of South Carolina? Sanford informs us his love muffin in Argentina is his soul mate but he is "trying to fall back in love with his wife." Give me a break! Sanford should be thrown out of the governor's mansion and also thrown out of his house.

And if his wife reconciles with this prime example of moral turpitude, then she should join the circle of jerks too!

◆ Seems Bernard Madoff has been whisked off to jail for 150 years. If you look at the federal prison's list of inmates, you will discover his release date is Nov. 14, 2139 — just in time for Thanksgiving. Pass the mashed potatoes!

Wonder if Madoff will place Xs on the wall of his cell? That's a lot of Xs!

◆ Hopefully Green Bay Packer, New York Jets, Minnesota Vikings quarter-back Brett Favre will retire some day and be inducted into the Football Hall of Fame. In the meantime, I have grown weary of his antics and just wish he would stay in Wisconsin with the rest of the cheese heads!

◆ If you get an opportunity to travel to Muskegon, experience Michigan Adventure Park. It is closer and cheaper than any other amusement park. In addition, there are

loads of rides including the monster roller coaster Shivering Timbers. And the water park is first class.

◆ Has anyone figured out what Alaska Gov. Sarah Palin is up to? Maybe she is auditioning for vice president because our country has a history of laughable VPs — Dan Quayle and Joe Biden come to mind. Palin is obviously ready to assume the role of "national joke" and I say that from a lifetime of voting Republican.

Well, that's it for now. I'm still daydreaming in my hammock, but a swarm of mosquitoes has located me, the woodpecker is becoming annoying, and the squirrels have discovered my container of cashews so it's time to call it a day. In addition, a thunderstorm just surfaced giving us another power outage. Maybe windmills aren't such a bad idea after all!

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

## STRESS: Traveling is harder

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no more than 1.2 percent, maybe 1.3.

Rahe cites various reasons, among them the stress of modern transportation.

"If you look at travel today and compare it to the stress of traveling 30 years ago, can't you see it's increased?" Rahe recently asked in USA Today.

This is an excellent point, and the situation becomes even clearer when you look back more than 100 years. Readers may find this hard to believe, but in the 1800s, when many Americans began heading West, they didn't have to be concerned about bad airline food; airport delays were unheard of, and nobody had to pass through security checkpoints.

During these blissful, care-free days, travelers didn't have to worry about remembering if they had left a 1-inch penknife in their pocket.

Many people carried rifles, the better to fend off Indian

attacks.

Which, in turn, helped keep the children occupied. Back then, parents didn't feel the need to make sure each child had his own separate video screen to watch. True fact: Many covered wagons weren't equipped with even one video screen — because the threat of Indian attacks helped pass the time.

Scenario: "Now, children, if you look to your left you'll see some Indians setting there waiting to ambush us."

"Yes, mom, I already saw 'em. When are we going to get there?"

And while it's true 19th century pioneers on the early Interstate Highway System didn't have as many restaurants to choose from, they nevertheless enjoyed more interesting fare than today's bored and frustrated fast-food customers.

Travel in those days was stress-free, which got me to thinking about Excedrin, the great American stress reliever.

The company used to have a slogan that went, "Life got tougher, Excedrin got stronger." In light of the recent statistics, I wondered if Excedrin officials are making

it 1.5 percent stronger each year.

If not, we're facing a pain-reliever deficit of enormous proportions. Excedrin's TV ads used to show a man with a little hammer pounding away inside his head. At the time, Excedrin was still strong enough to make the hammer go away.

That may no longer be true. An article in the New England Journal of Medicine recently reported that X-rays are showing an alarming and growing number of patients with hammers inside their heads, ranging in size from a Q-tip to a full-sized carpenter's tool.

The article was written by TV's Dr. Gregory House, who, in a challenge to the medical establishment, prescribes Vicodin, and not Excedrin, as the best way to treat "interior cranial hammer disease."

House, who pops Vicodin as if it were candy, may be right, especially if the makers of Excedrin aren't increasing the dosage each year.

I'm getting a headache just thinking about it.

Don Flood is a humor columnist and former writer for King Features Syndicate.



GROSSE POINTE WOODS

# Christmas in July

### Council plows through proposed snow emergency ordinance issues

By Kathy Ryan  
Staff Writer

It's only July, but Grosse Pointe Woods officials are already thinking about winter.

A proposed ordinance would require residents to remove their cars from the streets during "declared" snow emergencies.

The ordinance would make it easier for city workers to plow streets after a heavy snowfall. Another section of the ordinance that would allow the city to tow cars parked on streets during the snow

emergencies came under fire from several city council members.

"We need to quantify what exactly determines a snow emergency," said Mayor Robert Novitke. "That would give residents some warning that they need to remove their car, and I would hope that we wouldn't remove a vehicle except under extreme circumstances."

Public Works Director Joe Ahee told the council that a snow emergency would only be declared following a major snow storm, defined as one that lasts more than eight hours with heavy accumulation.

"That kind of accumulation is hard to

remove when there are several cars parked on a street," he said. "You end up with cars that are plowed in. But we're really talking about an extraordinary snow fall."

The major concern to several council members was making sure residents were notified a snow emergency had been declared and attempts be made to locate the owner of a car before it is towed.

"What the ordinance will be reworked to read is that a car could be towed," said assistant city attorney Charles Berschback. "It will give the city the option if necessary."

A second reading of the proposed ordinance will be held at the Aug. 3 city council meeting.

## VANDALS: Neighbors on the watch

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and east side were broken and football jerseys which had been packed away were strewn about the equipment room. In addition, a television, VCR and a Nintendo gaming system were destroyed.

A golf club was found at the scene and was taken as evidence.

A neighbor reported to police he saw several young people on the field. He saw them

leave through a gate that opens on to Torrey Road, and they appeared to attend a party at a house on Torrey.

"It was definitely kids," said Woods Public Safety Director Michael Makowski. "Incidents like this seem to run in spurts, and we usually have a pretty good idea of who is responsible. Then the kids grow up or move, and things quiet down for a while, until a few new kids take their place. The detective bureau is investigating."

## PLAN: Recreation is key

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boring communities, school district officials and regional stakeholders.

"The state requires a 63-day period for the master plan to be reviewed by those entities," said Chris McCloud, of Community Management Planning, the city's consultant. "Once that period is over, we'll conduct a public hearing,

make changes based on the public hearing as well as comments that came back from those review agencies."

State law requires master plan updates.

"The master plan is a guide," McCloud said. "It's not meant to be a legislative (or) regulatory document. It's to set the route the community wants to take over the next five, 10 or 20 years."

## PARKING: Status won't change

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"To change the design to accommodate on-street parking without widening the road would place the project in violation of the Federal Aid requirements and, as such, would not be approved."

The letter referred to an Aug. 13, 2008, meeting with local municipal officials at which Harbison said he discussed the parking ban. The date is well before city officials notified, let alone consulted, homeowners, according to Cadieux homeowner and City resident Greg Jakub.

"The (City) council and manager did not inform us of the impact until procedural opportunities to protest this impairment in a timely fashion were already expired," said Jakub at Monday night's council meeting on behalf of his neighbors.

If another appeal is filed, it probably won't come from City officials.

"That letter was pretty final as far as MDOT's concerned," said City Mayor Dale Scrace. "We tried to get an unofficial appeal when the project was being designed. We tried again in writing after it was under way."

Jakub's group of nearly 30 Cadieux households blame the City, which planned and is managing the resurfacing, for on-street parking privileges being taken away without consultation or due process.

"We didn't have any opportunity to have a part in that process," Jakub said. "By doing that, (city officials) have taken away a right to our property (and) are devaluing our property."

"I understand the concerns

State officials said Cadieux — a two-lane, minor arterial with average daily traffic of 9,274 vehicles — was at least three feet too narrow to allow on-street parking. Parking had been allowed on the Park side.

of Cadieux residents, but the council didn't really have a choice," said Councilman John Stempfle. "In today's economy, accepting \$400,000 is a tremendous gift for the city. Without it, the road would have continued to deteriorate."

Council members accepted similar restrictions this week to get a \$320,000 federal grant to resurface part of St. Clair.

State officials said Cadieux — a two-lane, minor arterial with average daily traffic of 9,274 vehicles — was at least three feet too narrow to allow on-street parking. Parking had been allowed on the Park side.

"In order to continue parking on Cadieux, the cities would have to widen the road an additional three feet to accommodate parking on one side, or an additional eight feet to accommodate parking on both side," Harbison wrote.

"Widening the street would have caused the loss of many parkway trees, relocation of sidewalks, smaller green space and ADA issues regarding viewways," said Peter Dame, city manager. "The grant for this one project is three times more than the City has allocated for road repairs for all road projects this year, at a time of documented backlog of road repairs of approximately \$1 million."

## Here's Johnny

The Johnny Trudell Jazz Orchestra performs at a free 7 p.m. Thursday, July 30 concert on the The Village Festival Plaza in downtown City of Grosse Pointe. The swing orchestra is lead by legendary bandleader and trumpeter Trudell. This is a part of the St. John Hospital and Medical Center's 2009 Music on the Plaza Jazz Concert series.



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## WEEK AHEAD:

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### SUNDAY, JULY 26

◆ The second annual WWII and Veterans' weekend is from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Veterans Memorial Park, 32400 Jefferson, St. Clair Shores. Admission is \$8 for adults and \$6 for seniors and students. For more information, visit veteransweekend.com.

### MONDAY, JULY 27

◆ The Grosse Pointe Public Library Board of Trustees meets at 7 p.m. at the Ewald Branch Library, 15175 E. Jefferson, Grosse Pointe Park. For more information, visit gp.li.mi.us.

◆ The Grosse Pointe Board of Education meets at 8 p.m. in Grosse Pointe South High School's Wicking Library.

### TUESDAY, JULY 28

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

### WEDNESDAY, JULY 29

◆ Devin Scillian & Arizona So play at 7:30 p.m. at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial's Summer Music Festival. Admission is \$8. For more information, call (313) 881-7511.



# PUBLIC SAFETY REPORTS

## City of Grosse Pointe

### Way over limit

A 43-year-old City of Grosse Pointe woman denied drinking shortly before registering a blood alcohol level more than four times the state's legal limit.

During a drunken driving investigation at 8:21 p.m., Saturday, July 18, on Rivard near Charlevoix, the woman's blood contained .364 percent alcohol, according to the arresting officer.

Officers had been alerted to the woman as a possible drunken driver. A patrolman spotted her on eastbound Charlevoix weaving a light green 1996 Jeep Cherokee into oncoming traffic.

"I observed a female driver with a tan pit bull in (her) lap and jumping around the interior of the vehicle," said the officer.

### Denial

A 32-year-old Grosse Pointe Woods man apparently fell off the wagon and into the driver's seat of a black GMC Envoy before being arrested at 2:50 a.m., Saturday, July 18, for drunken driving.

An officer pulled the man over on St. Paul and asked if he'd been drinking.

"No," the man reportedly answered. "I have been sober for 80 days. I was an alcoholic."

He registered a .199 percent blood alcohol content and had an open bottle of wine in his vehicle.

### Boys with drugs

Two male teenagers in the Village were arrested for possession of marijuana and drug paraphernalia at 3 p.m. Thursday, July 16.

Police said a 14-year-old Grosse Pointe Farms resident had three baggies containing a

combined 1.3 grams of the drug. A 15-year-old City of Grosse Pointe resident had a pipe with marijuana residue, officers said.

The boys had been at a restaurant with another male teen who became ill and was taken by medics to St. John Hospital.

### Unlocked bike

A girl's unlocked, 24-inch Giant blue mountain bike was stolen between 11 and 11:45 a.m. Thursday, July 16, while parked unlocked in front of a house in the 800 block of Fisher.

### Pineapples picked

Two concrete pineapple statues worth a combined \$250 were stolen sometime between 4:30 p.m. Tuesday, July 14, and 7:30 p.m. the next day from in front of a store in the 17800 block of Mack.

—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

### No park pass

A clerk at the BP gasoline station at Mack and Moross called police at about 5 p.m. Saturday, July 18, regarding a suspected drunken driver, who a patrolman saw drive a white 1994 Mercury Cougar into the exit at Pier Park.

The 47-year-old male driver from Detroit was arrested for registering a .16 percent blood alcohol content. A male passenger from Detroit had a .13 percent blood alcohol level.

### Attempted theft

At 8 a.m. Friday, July 17, a

resident of the 400 block of Calvin discovered someone had entered her parked Plymouth Voyager and broke the ignition.

"Damage is consistent with an attempt to steal (the) vehicle," said a public safety officer.

### Bombed out

A 16-year-old Grosse Pointe Park male motorist was arrested on drug charges at 4:21 p.m. Thursday, July 16.

The arrest grew from an investigation of the teenager on Kercheval near McKinley throwing smoke bombs from a black 2005 Mazda station wagon.

Police searching the vehicle smelled the odor of burnt marijuana, found .8 grams of the drug, a pipe, marijuana cigarettes in a Marlboro box, a fake gun and a can of air freshener.

### Drunk on Mack

A 27-year-old Detroit man registered a .23 percent blood alcohol level and was arrested for drunken driving at 11:50 p.m., Tuesday, July 14, near East Warren and Mack.

### Burning suspicion

A Farms patrolman was stopped at a red light on Kercheval and Fisher at 12:03 a.m. Tuesday, July 14, when he smelled burning marijuana coming from a white 2002 Chevrolet Cavalier stopped in the adjacent lane.

Police arrested the Cavalier's driver, a 20-year-old Grosse Pointe Park man, for having 3.1 grams of the drug.

### House entered

Police are investigating a suspected burglary at 3 a.m. Monday, July 13, during which the perpetrator created a diversion to enter a house in the 300 block of Chalfonte.

A female resident was sleep-

ing with her bedroom window open when awakened by the doorbell. She got up, looked outside and didn't see anybody.

"When she returned to the bedroom, she found both (the) night stand drawers open and her closet door open," said a public safety officer. "Items from the night stand (were) on the floor."

She later discovered her cell phone was missing and the bedroom window screen was off its tracks.

—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

### Changed his mind?

Two garages on Lakepointe were targeted overnight Tuesday, July 14. Bicycles, weed trimmers and a lawn mower were removed, but all items were recovered by police when they were found dropped at Maryland and Vernor.

### Buy a lock

At 6 p.m. Friday, July 17, a blue ENVY cell phone was taken from an unlocked locker at Windmill Pointe Park.

### Garage theft

A Wen electric chain saw was taken from a Nottingham garage between Sunday, July 12 and Tuesday, July 14.

### Alert resident

A resident witnessed a leaf blower being removed from a landscaping truck at 12:30 p.m. Thursday, July 16 on Whittier

near Mack, and a license plate number was reported to police who found the vehicle and arrested two suspects.

### Bike theft

On Wednesday, July 15 at 5 p.m. a 20-inch Mongoose Rebel bike was taken from a playground on Kercheval. Police recovered the bike and detained one juvenile.

—Kathy Ryan  
If you have information on these or any other crimes, call the Grosse Pointe Park Police, (313) 822-7400.

## Grosse Pointe Shores

### Cars entered

◆ Nothing appeared missing from two cars entered and rummaged through while parked overnight Friday, July 17, on Fairford and in the 500 block of Ballantyne.

◆ An iPod and charging cord were reported taken out of a car parked on South Duval overnight Wednesday, July 15.

The vehicle's owner said the car had been "gone through" by persons unknown.

◆ Between noon and 7 p.m. Sunday, July 12, someone entered an unlocked vehicle parked on Oxford. Stolen items consisted of more than \$3,000 worth of digital cameras, related equipment and a Siruss Satellite radio.

Stolen items included Canon Rebel digital cameras.

—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

### Home invasion

A 95-year-old Stanhope resident was confronted and assaulted at 1 p.m. Sunday, July 19 by an assailant who entered

the house through an open bedroom window. The assailant forcibly removed a ring from her left hand, grabbed and jerked a necklace from around her neck and demanded to know where her purse was. Just as he was searching her purse, the woman's phone rang and the suspect fled through the same window he entered.

The woman suffered an injury to her hand, but declined medical treatment. Detectives continue to investigate.

### License suspended

A 35-year-old Detroit resident made a very costly illegal turn Saturday, July 18 at Mack and Fleetwood. When stopped by Woods police, his eyes appeared sleepy and watery, and there was a strong smell of intoxicants. He was unable to provide a valid driver's license, and gave police a false name.

When he finally admitted his real name, he was under arrest for driving while intoxicated, driving with a suspended license, providing false information, and carrying a concealed weapon, an ice pick police found in the front seat of the car.

### Under the influence

A 22-year-old Grosse Pointe Woods resident ran his SUV into a tree at Arthur and Allard at 12:20 p.m. Wednesday, July 15. He told police he had not had a drink since he was arrested for driving while intoxicated in Roseville in June. A blood alcohol test revealed a level of .11, and suspected drug paraphernalia was found in the car.

### Retail theft

Three cameras were taken from a retail store on Mack at 8:30 p.m. Tuesday, July 14. Two men in their 40s were believed responsible.

—Kathy Ryan  
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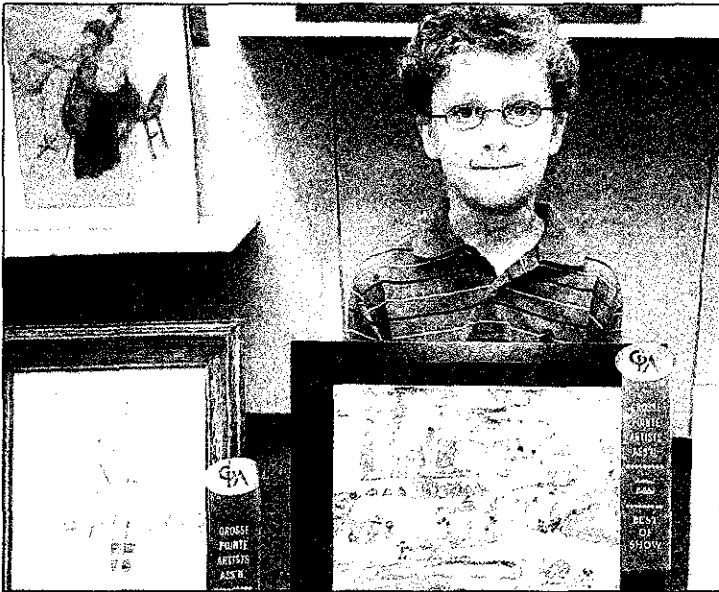


Summer art

Maren Proffit won second place in the 13 and under category with her mixed media painting, Undersea. To her left is third place winner Joshua Lewis with Lap Ahead.

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Christian Egan won "Best of Show" at the Second Annual Summer Impression Exhibition for children hosted by the Grosse Pointe Art Center. The theme highlighted a special place, activity or inspiration. Egan used beads and sequins to enhance his watercolor titled Hogwarts. Below, Fine Arts award winners, front row from left, Bridget Gagnier, Abby Alcott, Riley Lynch, Noah Richardson, Maegan Daher and Christian Egan; back row from left, instructor Hala Besmar, Joshua Lewis, Maren Proffit and Reed Boeckler and jurors Dick Vogel and Linda Allen.



CITY OF GROSSE POINTE

Repaving in fall

Work is being paid through stimulus dollars

By Brad Lindberg  
Staff Writer

Paul Weitzel has no intention of repaving \$326,559 of Uncle Sam's money to repave a two-block stretch of St. Clair. "This federal program will cover 100 percent of construction costs, unlike typical federally funded projects like Cadieux, which require the municipality to pay 20 percent of construction," said Weitzel, City of Grosse Pointe public service director. Resurfacing from Waterloo to Mack is being paid by stimulus dollars. Construction is scheduled for this fall. To comply with government-mandated design standards tied to accepting the grant, on-street parking will be eliminated on one block of St. Clair between Charlevoix and Mack. "This is similar to the Cadieux situa-

tion," said Councilman John Stempfle, referring to a federal grant used on that street resulting in elimination of on-street parking. "The government is mandating we eliminate one parking lane as a condition to receiving the funding. We say no and we don't get the \$326,000." "The other blocks of St. Clair already have parking only on one side to Maumee," Weitzel said. He doesn't think the change will have much impact on the neighborhood. "According to multiple parking surveys by (Public Safety) Chief (James) Fox, there are sufficient parking spaces on one side to accommodate the actual demand for on-street parking there, and not cause significant problems for residents of the block," Weitzel said. There will be room for 18 parking spaces, according to City Manager Peter Dame.

GROSSE POINTE FARMS

Camps start next month

Basketball skills are only part of life's lessons Grosse Pointe Farms youngsters will be tipped off to next month at Pier Park. "Kids should learn to be competitive at all ages," said Ray Trincia, a retired Pennsylvania school principal and coach who teaches youth basketball clinics at the park. "If children get behind, they can get lost because other kids are doing new things and getting ahead." One-week clinics are offered to Farms residents through the municipal recreation department in separate age brackets: ♦ For children ages 7 to 9, from 1 to 3 p.m. Aug. 3-7, with registration due Monday, July 27. ♦ For children ages 10 to 12, from 1 to 3 p.m. Aug. 10-14, with registration due Monday, Aug. 3. Lessons include ball handling, shooting

and playing competitive games. There will be contests for free throw shooting, ball handling and rope skipping. Registration is \$50 and includes a T-shirt, pizza party the last day of camp and a certificate of completion. Trincia teaches the sport's fundamentals to youngsters whether they aim to play competitive or recreational basketball. "This will carry over into students having fun and meeting other people," Trincia said. "It's another way of advancing themselves and learning social skills." Trincia also teaches youth volleyball clinics at the park for children ages 10 to 13. Classes are from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. Aug. 3-7. Registration is \$50 and due Monday, July 27. For more information, call the park office at (313) 343-2405. —Brad Lindberg

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## Summer improvements keep schools lively

By Amy Salvagno  
Staff Writer

Hallways, classrooms and auditoriums in schools across the district, usually quieted during the summer months, are now bustling with building improvements.

Aside from work on the anticipated multi-purpose space at Brownell Middle School, to be completed next summer, officials have also cleared the way for several important projects at both high schools.

At Grosse Pointe North High School, winters will be warmer and springtimes more sprightly, thanks to some needed improvements in the insulation department. Finances from the bond and sinking funds are providing the metal window replacement project: 158 existing metal siding windows and canopies on the first, second and third floors will be removed.

The 41-year-old windows will be replaced with those that are single hung, can pull open from the bottom and are energy efficient, according to Chris Fenton, assistant superintendent for business and support services.

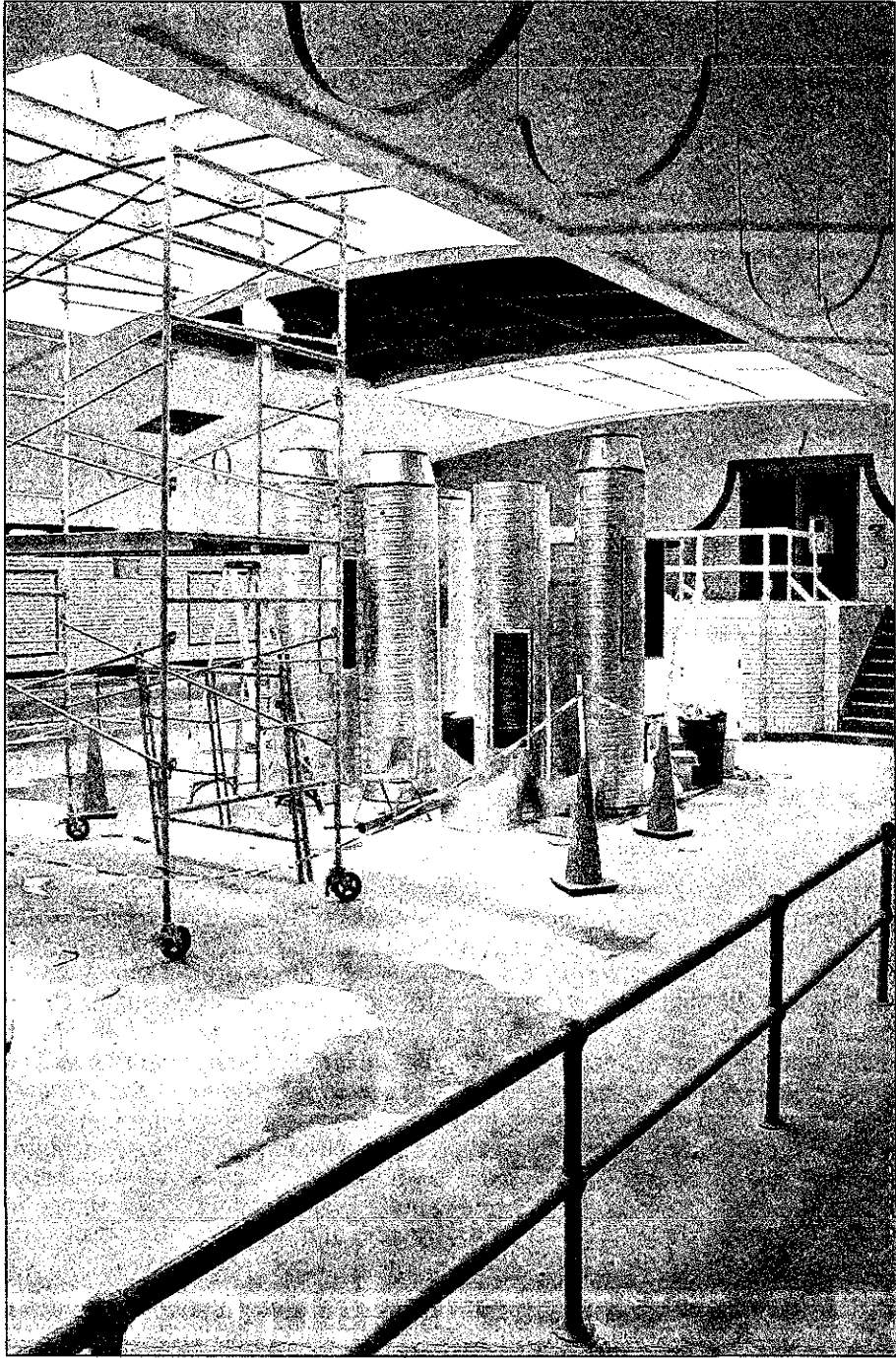
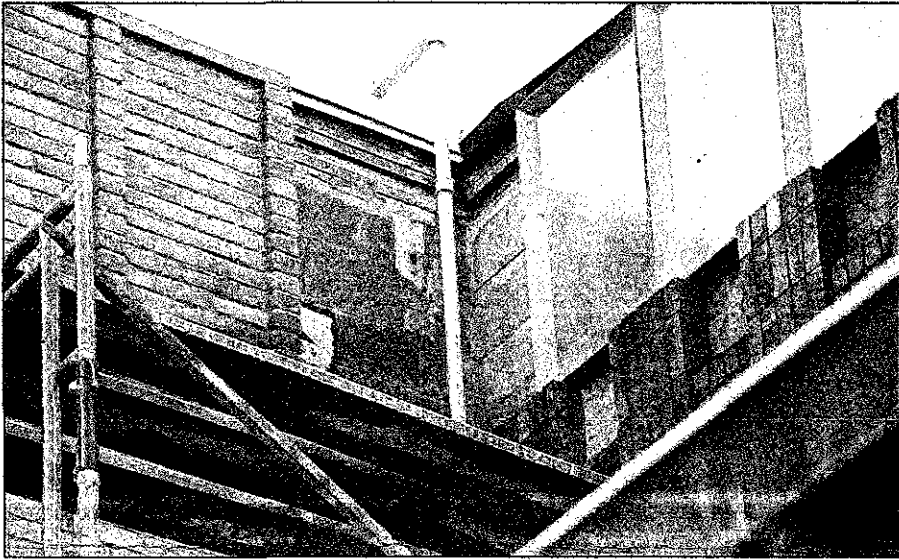
Also at North, new lockers are being installed on the first floor. Ceilings are receiving a remodel after asbestos abatement.

At Grosse Pointe South High School, construction crews are



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Above: Marcel Sanders, a construction worker with Barton Malow, pushes away water that leaked into the Grosse Pointe South old boys locker room — the site of a new multi-purpose room — during heavy downpours. Right: Also at South, work is under way to convert the old pool into a student commons. Below: At North High School, masonry crews prepare for new metal windows.



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# MME scores remain above state average

By Amy Salvagno  
Staff Writer

Following in the footsteps of their predecessors, Grosse Pointe students in the two-high school district soared well above state averages in all academic areas on the Michigan Merit Exam, proving they were up to the challenge of the 3-year-old test.

The MME replaced the Michigan Educational Assessment Program and was administered to 11th-graders this past spring.

At Grosse Pointe South, 74.4 percent of juniors met or exceeded state standards in writing, up from 71 percent in 2008, while 83.8 percent did so in reading and another 83 percent in science, both down slightly from last year. Seventy-six percent proved proficient in math, as did 95 percent in social studies, scores that also decreased slightly.

At Grosse Pointe North, 70.6 percent of juniors met or exceeded state standards in math, up from 68 percent last year. Students garnered a score of 76.9 percent in reading, 70 percent in science, 91.9

percent in social studies and 62.1 percent in writing, all which dipped slightly from 2008.

"The district's math scores are very encouraging," said Susan Allan, assistant superintendent for curriculum and instruction, adding that math was a focus area for curriculum review the last two years.

A great deal of emphasis was put on professional development and the selection and purchase of new textbooks and online support materials.

Allan said writing also remains a priority area for the district and additional assessments, such as the Northwest Evaluation Association and Grosse Pointe Writing Assessment, are used for more detailed analysis on individual student, classroom and school writing performance.

The ELA curriculum will be studied in the coming year under the regular review cycle, she added.

"Each year, a different set of kids are tested so there will always be some fluctuation. And each year, we have a two-fold goal on these tests: increase overall achievement while at

the same time, reduce the achievement gap between different segments of our student population," said Principal Al Diver. "It's always a work in progress."

For the first year of the test, the curriculum developed by the state for the MME had not been implemented. It was introduced to freshmen in the 2007-08 school year — the now incoming juniors who will take it next spring. Called the Michigan Merit Curriculum, it includes much higher standards. This year's test-takers are expected to be better prepared than previous classes because of the stronger curriculum.

For example, there are now four credits required in math, whereas before the requirement was two. And now, instead of pre-algebra and geometry, students must take algebra I, algebra 2, geometry and a math class senior year.

Principal Tim Bearden said school officials had two primary focuses leading up to the test: math and reducing the achievement gap between black and white students. He said North saw a nine-point

*"Each year, a different set of kids are tested so there will always be some fluctuation ... It's always a work in progress."*

— Al Diver  
Grosse Pointe South High School Principal

gain in the reading gap; a five-point gain in the writing gap; an 11-point gain in the English language arts gap; and a six-point gain in the math gap. The science gap remained the same after an 11-point gain the previous year, he added.

"Scores remain high, and we are well above the state average. We are encouraged greatly by the math gain where we have devoted a lot of resources and effort," Bearden said.

"Mostly we are encouraged that our efforts to close the achievement gap seem to be making slow, but sure progress in the right direction. Our achievement gap between economically disadvantaged

students and those who are not is not quite as great as the gap between African American students and white students, but is comparable."

Around 60 percent of students statewide met or exceeded standards in reading, while 52 percent did so in English language arts and another 55 percent proved proficient in science. The best scores statewide were in social studies, where 81 percent passed. Additionally, the percentage of juniors who scored at the proficient or advanced levels in writing improved from 41 percent in 2008 to 44 percent, and in math from 44 percent last year to 49 percent.

According to the Michigan Department of Education, outside of improvements in writing and math, scores for the remaining subjects over the past three years were virtually unchanged.

"This is good news for writing and math scores," said state Superintendent of Public Instruction Mike Flanagan, "but we still are not where we need to be overall, in getting all students to be

college-ready."

The exam is made up of three components: the WorkKeys job skills assessments in reading and math; state tests in math, science, social studies and persuasive writing; and the ACT college entrance examination.

A new test, Locating Information, was added to the mix this year. The addition allows students to qualify for the WorkKeys National Career Readiness Certificate, which verifies to employers in the U.S. that an individual has essential core employability skills in reading, math and locating information. The certificate is used for screening, promotions and training and development.

Students who achieve at the proficient or advanced level in reading, writing, math, social studies and science are eligible for the \$4,000 Michigan Promise Scholarship for post-secondary education. They will receive \$1,000 during their freshman and sophomore years of college and the remaining \$2,000 after successfully completing two years of college.

## Choir workshop returns

Middle and high school students can sign up for the third annual show choir/vocal jazz workshop.

"That's Entertainment," held Aug. 17-through Aug. 22.

The workshop, an intensive learning experience for performing arts students, is open to all resident and nonresident students in grades 6 to 12.

Middle school students attend in the morning and high school students in the afternoon.

The workshop is held at the Grosse Pointe Performing Arts Center, 707 Vernier, Grosse Pointe Woods, and culminates with two performances open to the public at 6 and 8 p.m. Saturday.

Students can sign up through Aug. 14.

Applications are available at [gpsouthchoir.org](http://gpsouthchoir.org).

For more information, call Barb Cole at (586) 979-4923, (586) 322-8501, or e-mail [Barbara.Cole@gpschools.org](mailto:Barbara.Cole@gpschools.org).

Staff includes Duane Davis, former vocal jazz director at Grand Rapids Community College and Western Michigan University; Andy Haines, choreographer and artistic director; Annette Layman, freelance choreographer; Ellen Bowen, Grosse Pointe South High School's choir director; and Heather Albrecht, middle school choir director and vocal clinician.



The Pointe Singers participate in last year's culminating workshop performance.

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## Audition for choir

Grosse Pointe Public School System students entering grades 4-12 can participate in the annual Summer Select Choir Aug. 10-14, which wraps up with two performances at the Grosse Pointe Performing Arts Center.

The workshop is open by audition to students who have been in choir and are enrolled in a choir class for the 2009-10 school year. This year's guest director is Paul Rardin, director of student choral activities at the University of Michigan.

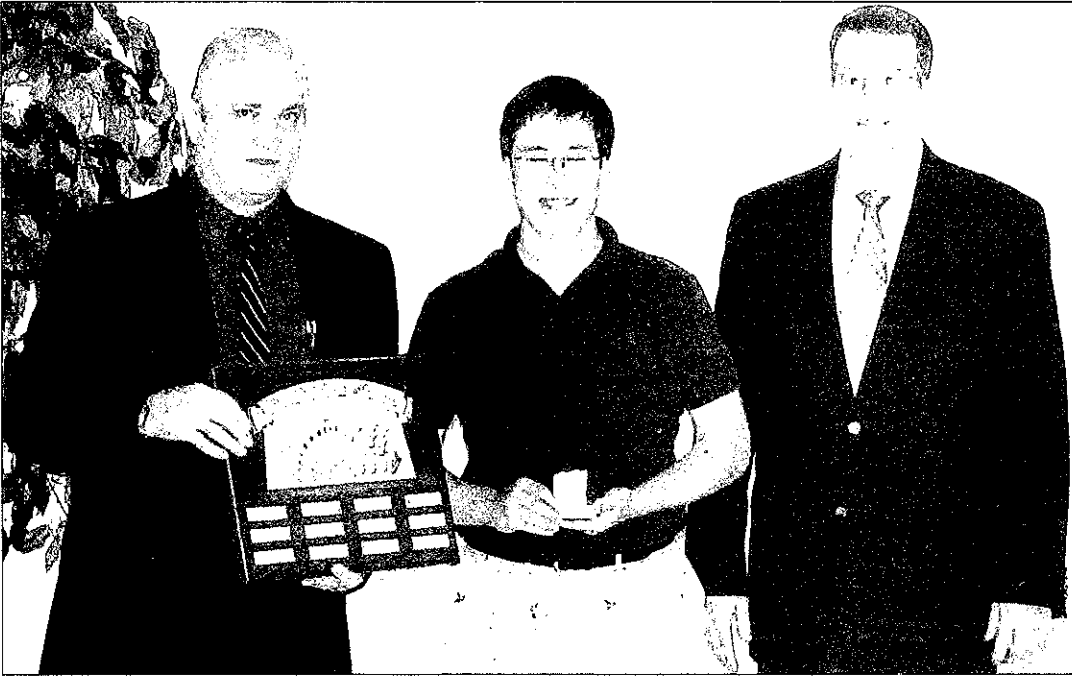
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SCHOOL SPOTLIGHTS

Instrumental honors

The top award winners from the Grosse Pointe North High School band and orchestra were honored at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial awards banquet. Left: Danielle Coderre earned the Booster Leadership award. Second at left: Krysta Schroeder and Sean Kelly each received the Exemplary Orchestra Member award. Third at left: Jamie Ding, Karen Huntsman and Ryan Mann each earned the Most Outstanding Senior award. Bottom left: Kevin Irving earned the National School Orchestra Award. Below: Sam Matthew earned the Jessica Solomon Award. Bottom right: Theodore Bratton and Laila Hamdan each received the Rotary Club Award. Not pictured: Brian Hart was given the Gail McCaig Award. The students are directed by David Cleveland.



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working to fill in the old swimming pool to create a new commons area where students can meet, study and host different activities, said Rich Van Gorder, manager of buildings and grounds. Some lunch items will also be for sale. Van Gorder said the carpeted commons will contain many of the original pool area designs, including skylights. Old photos of students and the school through the years will hang on tiled walls, and the tiles on the floor will be shaped to look like lanes in a pool. The old boys gym is also being turned into a multi-purpose room, Van Gorder added. The space can be used for a

number of activities, from band and play rehearsals to study groups and class debates. South's renovations are covered by the bond fund. The projects are to wrap up before the beginning of the new school year.



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## BUSINESS

## Company wins award for local directory

"The little Blue Book, Inc." has won a Pewter Award for its 2009 edition of the Grosse Pointe directory. It is published by Printing Impressions and Book Business magazines and co-sponsors of the annual Gold Ink Awards.

This year's winners were chosen from more than 1,000 entries. Winning pieces surpassed competitors based on print quality, technical difficulty and overall visual effect. This is the seventh Gold Ink Award for "the little Blue Book, Inc." since first entering in the 2001.

For 61 years "the little Blue Book" directory has been published in the Grosse Pointe area and has expanded to the St. Clair Shores and Rochester areas in the past two decades.



Jumps has moved upstairs to the first floor of 63 Kercheval on The Hill in Grosse Pointe Farms. The new look features many changes, including a full-service bar, while maintaining a family atmosphere.

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## The wait is over: Jumps opens with new style, full bar

The wait is over. Known for its homey, friendly service and homemade American cuisine, Jumps has re-opened on the hill.

Owner/chef Chad Stewart has completed his move into a larger, more scenic quarters.

"We've expanded the menu," said Stewart, "and we have a wine list and full bar, but we haven't forgotten our roots – or our customers' affection for our honest, fresh American food."

An affection, many say, that over the past 10 years has bestowed on Jumps something of a cult status.

"Jumps' new dinner menu," said Stewart, "will definitely showcase some much more elaborately conceived main entrees – some with an ethnic twist – than our clientele are used to. Entrees like braised Australian lamb shanks served on a sun dried tomato and chevre (cheese) risotto, butter glazed French beans, roasted mushrooms and a natural basil infused Jus Lie.

"But, you can still order such pure American Jumps favorites as our chicken Caesar salad and salmon cakes."

And, Stewart adds, you can still order three solid meals a day at Jumps.

Other new dinner items that give a taste of new Jumps spirit are the side dishes like the buffalo mozzarella Brulee, served

over baby spinach with roasted red onion petals, garlic crostons and a sun dried tomato emulsion.

"We call it American cuisine with imagination," Stewart said.

Joining the Jumps family and helping Stewart serve up the new – and old – Jumps dishes is chef Jake Abraham.

"Jake is an award-winning chef who comes to us from such celebrated metro-area restaurants as Seldom Blues, the Matt Prentice Restaurant Group and the Golden Mushroom," Stewart said. "And he's already made a major contribution to our new dinner menu planning."

Jumps' new location is on the first floor of the same building it used to occupy the basement. Two entrances lead into the artfully detailed room. A curved bar opens directly on to the gleaming new kitchen.

Another reassurance to stalwart Jumps fans: the new Jumps wait staff is supervised by Chad's wife, Mavelle.

"No matter who you are, you are our guests. That's what we're all about at Jumps," she said.

All good reasons for celebration. For both old and new Jumps clientele.

Jumps is located at 63 Kercheval, on The Hill, in Grosse Pointe Farms. Call (313) 882-9555.

## Business news

Allene (Lena) Carlile of Grosse Pointe Park earned a Master of Science degree in finance from Walsh College of Accountancy and Business Administration.

Carlile has three years experience in the financial services industry. She focuses on helping individuals and business owners with their financial goals and provides financial protection and investment products and services.

She earned a Master of Education degree from University of Toledo in 1995. Carlile is a member of the Grosse Pointe Park Foundation, National Association of Women Business Owners and the Junior League of Detroit.

### City of Grosse Pointe Woods, Michigan

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Council will be considering the following proposed ordinance for a second reading at its meeting scheduled for Monday, August 3, 2009, at 7:30 p.m. in the Council Room of the Municipal Building. The proposed ordinance is available for public inspection at the Municipal Building, 20025 Mack Plaza, between 8:30 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. The Council meeting is open to the public. All interested persons are invited to attend.

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 38, STREETS, SIDEWALKS AND OTHER PUBLIC PLACES BY ADDING ARTICLE VII, SECTIONS, 38-190 – 38-200 TO AUTHORIZE THE DECLARATION OF SNOW EMERGENCIES, TO PROVIDE PROCEDURES FOR DECLARATION AND ENFORCEMENT OF SUCH EMERGENCIES, AND TO PROVIDE PENALTIES.

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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.

## John Robert Dillaman

Grosse Pointe Farms resident John Robert Dillaman, 59, passed away Sunday, July 19, 2009.

He was born Dec. 3, 1949, in Shinnston, W. Va. to Earl and Mary Jo Dillaman. Some of his fondest memories were of his boyhood adventures in the woods and mountains around his family's country home.

The Dillaman family moved to the Grosse Pointe area in the late 1950s. Mr. Dillaman graduated in 1968 from Grosse Pointe High School and in 1973 from Michigan State University with a degree in finance.

During his career, he worked at Children's Hospital, Selectcare, and ultimately became vice president of finance at United Physicians PC.

In 1989, Mr. Dillaman met his soulmate, Nancy, while working at Selectcare. They married in 1991, uniting their respective families.

Mr. Dillaman was a master carpenter in his spare time. He used his skills to customize his Fisher Road home in which he lived for the last 30 years. He was fond of camping and instilled in his children a life-long respect and sense of awe for nature. As a child of the late sixties, Mr. Dillaman never lost his love for the music and sentiment of the era, remaining a man devoted to peace instead of the pursuits of war.

He was a member of Grace Community Church where he participated in My Father's Business, an organization that provides food and clothes for those less fortunate, and in several Bible studies groups.

Mr. Dillaman is survived by his wife, Nancy Dillaman; sons, Erik Dillaman and Jason Dillaman; daughter, Robyn (Jay) Radloff; stepdaughter, Kimberly (Rich) Drake; stepson David (Tanya) Nevitt; grandchildren, Luke and Maya Radloff, Austin, Jack and Ava Nevitt and Nick and Kaelyn Drake; his sister, Diane (Alan) Barber and his nephews, David (Jamie) Barber and Jonathon Barber.

A memorial service will be held at 2 p.m., Wednesday, July 29, at Grace Community Church, 21001 Moross, Detroit.

As per his request, Mr. Dillaman's final resting place will be in the West Virginia mountains.

## Bette Ann Hart

Berkley resident Bette Ann Hart, 68, died Sunday, July 19, 2009. She taught in the Detroit Public Schools for 25 years and at Detroit Waldorf School for 10 years.

She is survived by her beloved husband of 30 years, Robert; children, Christopher Sayers and Amanda Hart (finance Scott Franke); brother, retired United States Air Force Col. Algernon Storrs Warinner II (Joni); sister, Sally Warinner; stepson John R. (Debra) Hart and three stepgrandchildren.

Visitations will be held 2 to 4 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m. Thursday, July 23, at A.J. Desmond & Sons (Vasu, Rodgers & Connell Chapel), 32515 Woodward, Royal Oak. The funeral service will be held 10:30 a.m. Friday, July 24, at St. John's Episcopal Church, 2326 Woodward Ave., Detroit.

Memorial donations may be made to St. John's Episcopal Church Music Program, 50 E. Fisher Fwy., Detroit, MI 48201-3405 or the American Cancer Society, 18505 W. 12 Mile Road, Southfield, MI 48076.

Share memories with the family at DesmondFuneralHome.com.

## Linda J. Knuebel

Former Grosse Pointe Park resident Linda J. Knuebel, 61, passed away Tuesday, June 30, 2009, at Northwest Community Hospital, Rolling Meadows, Ill. She had been living in Pallantine, Ill.

Ms. Knuebel's family came to Grosse Pointe Park from Pittsburgh, Pa. when she was in junior high school. She graduated from Grosse Pointe High School in 1966 and attended Eastern Michigan University.

In 1968, Ms. Knuebel joined United Airlines, her only employer, on its tour sales desk. In 1978 she became a flight attendant, the position she held until retiring in August 2007.

She loved skiing, golfing, gardening and spending holidays with her sister and her family in Texas. She also enjoyed vacationing at her family cottage in Russell, Mass.

Ms. Knuebel is survived by her sister, Sandy, and brother-in-law, Carl Stickane and nephews, Scott (Ashlea) and Daniel. Her goal was to attend the wedding of Scott and Ashlea in Kansas June 13 which she achieved with the help of her best friend, Rae.

She was predeceased by her parents, Barbara Jeffery Knuebel and Donald Knuebel.

Memorial donations may be made to the American Breast Cancer Foundation, 1220B E. Joppa Road, Suite 332, Towson, MD 21286 or at abcf.org.

## Tom Rohr

Former Grosse Pointe resident Tom Rohr, 45, died of a heart attack Wednesday, July 8, 2009. He had been living in Oregon.

He was born in Detroit in 1964, raised in Grosse Pointe and graduated from Grosse Pointe South High School. He earned a bachelor's degree from the University of Michigan, apprenticed with John Glick at Plum Tree Pottery and earned a Master of Fine Arts in ceramics from Louisiana State University.

After teaching pottery and making pots in Montana, Columbia, Spain, Alaska, Calgary and Winnipeg, Mr. Rohr moved to Oregon in 2000 with his wife, Kathryn Finnerty. Together, they founded Pleasant Hill Pottery.

In 2004, he became a pottery instructor at Lane Community College. Mr. Rohr taught and mentored scores of young potters in the United States and Canada, and designed and built kilns in Michigan, Alaska, Winnipeg and Oregon.

Mr. Rohr's pots have been exhibited throughout North America, published in ceramics books and magazines and featured in the film, "The Go-Getter," for which he was a creative consultant.

In addition to being a ceramic artist and teacher, Mr. Rohr was a gourmet, gourmand, musicologist, sports aficionado, adventurer, master of ceremonies and bon vivant.

His family said his joy was contagious, his wit superlative, his hospitality bountiful and his spirit immeasurable. To meet Mr. Rohr was to know joy; to know him was to learn it.

Mr. Rohr is survived by his wife, Kathryn; mother, Ann; siblings, Margaret, Sarah, Matthew, Lisa and Martha; nephews and nieces, Casey, Claire, Mike, Laura, Stephanie, Dan, Teresa, Anna and Emma, father-in-law, Tom Finnerty; brother-in-law, David Finnerty; godchildren, Freya Tagseth and Ian Bruggeman and his hundreds of other colleagues, friends and relations.

He was predeceased by his sister, Mary and his father, Richard.

A funeral Mass was celebrated at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Eugene, Ore.

Memorial donations may be made to Food for Lane County at 770 Bailey Hill Road, Eugene, OR 97402 or foodfor-lanecounty.org or to Studio Potter Magazine, P.O. Box 352, Manchester, NH 03105 or at studiopotter.org.

## Irene A. Shannon

Longtime Grosse Pointe Woods resident Irene Shannon, 80, died Friday, July 17, 2009, at Beaumont Hospital, Royal Oak.

Mrs. Shannon was born Sept. 7, 1928, in Hamtramck. As a child her family moved to East Detroit and she graduated with honors from East Detroit High School. She was an executive secretary at several Detroit firms before marrying her husband, Gene, in 1951.

The couple built a home in Grosse Pointe Woods where they raised their four children. In 1978 the couple founded a fastener distributorship, Industrial Distributors, Inc.

Mrs. Shannon traveled extensively with her husband, children, and friends as members of the Nomads Travel Club.

An avid bridge player, she was a member of many bridge clubs. She enjoyed golf and was a member of both St. Clair Golf Club and Heritage Ridge Golf Club in Hobe Sound, Fla. where she entertained and spent many relaxing winters.

Mrs. Shannon was a talented seamstress and her family treasures the many items she created for each of them, including the bridesmaid dresses she sewed for each of her daughter's weddings. An avid gardener, her roses were famous among family, friends, and throughout the neighborhood.

Her family said Mrs. Shannon is irreplaceable in the hearts of her many friends and family members who remember her fondly for her integrity, thoughtfulness, and devotion to family traditions.

She is survived by her loving daughters, Karen White, Pamela (Salvatore) Lumetta, Valerie (Alan) Domzalski and grandchildren, Brian, Lawrence and Danielle Lumetta and A.J. and Alex Domzalski.

She was predeceased by her husband, Gene and son, Michael.

A funeral Mass was celebrated July 21 at St. Lucy Catholic Church, St. Clair Shores, with interment at White Chapel Cemetery in Troy.

Donations may be made to the Old Newsboys



John Robert Dillaman



Bette Ann Hart



Linda J. Knuebel

Goodfellows Fund of Detroit, 22206 Centennial, St. Clair Shores, MI 48081.

## Joyce Oetjens Wambold

Former longtime Grosse Pointe Farms resident Joyce Oetjens Wambold, 70, died Monday, June 29, 2009, after a courageous battle with cancer. She was a resident of Charleston, S.C. and Key Colony Beach, Fla.

She was born March 15, 1939, in Monroe to Emma Louise Oetjens and Carl Oetjens. She was a 1957 graduate of Edsel Ford High School in Dearborn and a 1961 graduate of the University of Michigan where she majored in interior design.

Mrs. Wambold was a mem-

ber of the American Society of Interior Designers, The Huguenot Society of South Carolina, Daughters of the American Revolution, the Garden Club of Charleston, the Harbour Club of Charleston, the Country Club of Detroit and the Marathon Yacht Club of Marathon, Fla.

She attended St. Michael's Episcopal Church in Charleston, S.C. and St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Key West, Fla. She enjoyed interior decorating, traveling and antiques.

Mrs. Wambold is survived by her husband, Eugene F. Wambold Jr.; daughter Krysten (Stephen Jr.) Swan of Charleston, S.C. and grandson, Aubrey Alexander Swan.

A funeral service was held July 1 at St. Michael's Episcopal Church in Charleston with entombment



Tom Rohr

in Magnolia Cemetery also in Charleston.

Memorial donations may be made to the American Cancer Society, 5900 Core Road, Suite 504, North Charleston, S.C. 29406.



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## Hunger fundraiser

Sarah Warnez, left of Grosse Pointe Woods, adds chocolate chips to a friend's ice cream sundae. Warnez invited friends to Lake Front Park for a fundraiser. The Grosse Pointe North junior provided the ice cream and asked friends to bring a topping and donate \$5 to The Hunger Project, a non-profit that uses donations to teach people in Third World countries to grow their own food. Warnez mentioned her interest to fellow North junior Minna Song who has helped Warnez with the project and suggested setting up information boxes and piggy banks to accept donations in area businesses. To date, Warnez has raised \$200.



## Reception

Dr. Richard Golden, left, events chairwoman Shirley Kennedy and Grosse Pointe Park Mayor Palmer T. Heenan announce the annual cocktail buffet reception hosted by the trustees of the Grosse Pointe Park Foundation from 7 to 9 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 13. Golden hosts the event at his house, 15530 Windmill Pointe. The cost is \$75 per person and \$125 for benefactors. The foundation's project is to build a new gatehouse at Patterson Park and a camera security system.

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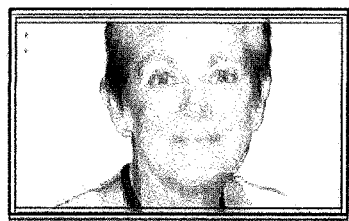




## 6A II | AUTOMOTIVE

AUTOS By Jenny King

# The automotive shows must go on



Car lovers — and yes, even casual admirers and the just-plain-curious — enjoy an abundance of automotive riches with the many Michigan shows and cruises each summer.

June's EyesOn Design and Motor Muster were followed July 10 by the annual Rolling Sculpture event on Ann Arbor's Main Street and its tributaries.

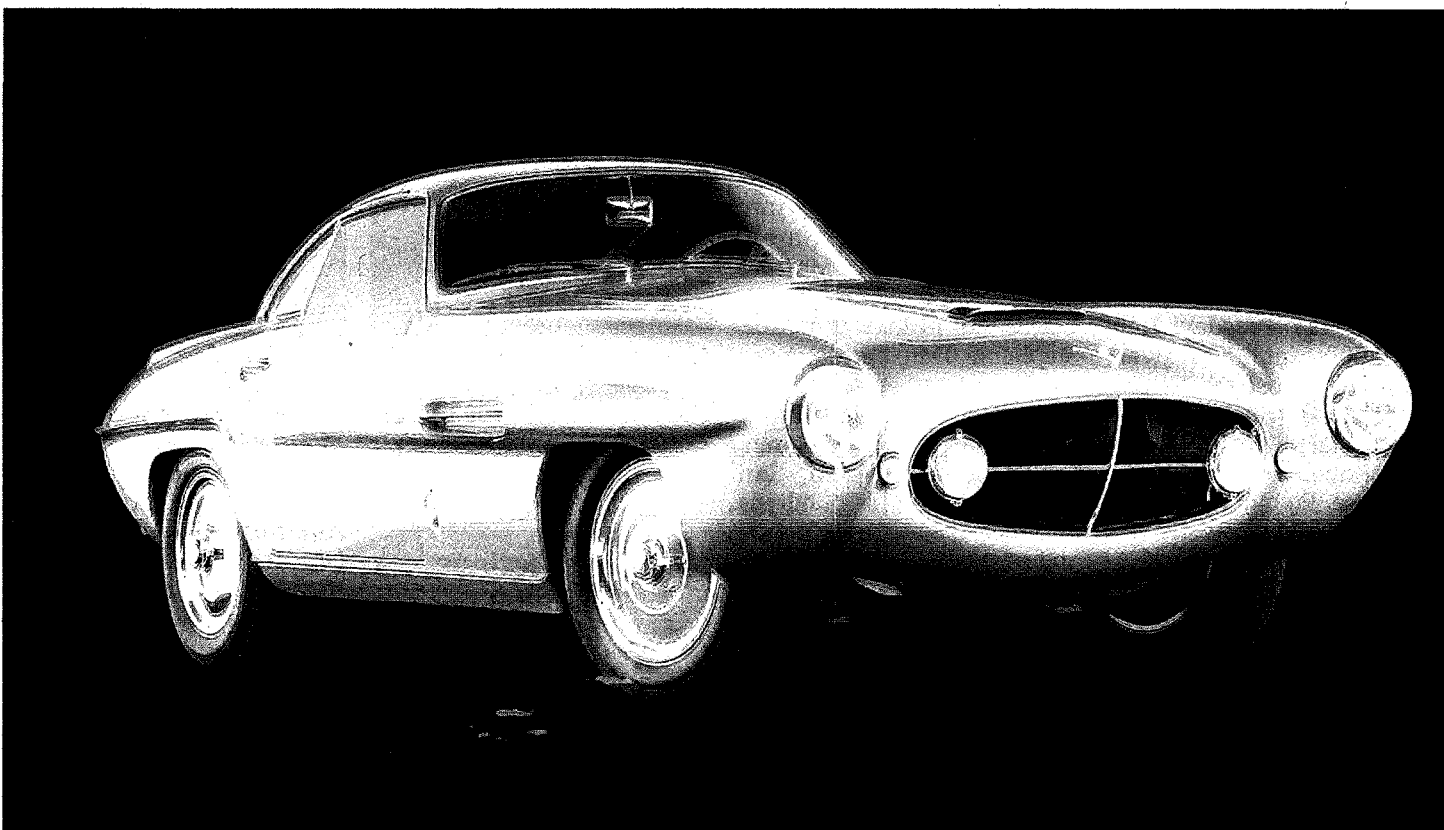
Ann Arborite Pat Macoska persuaded a couple of friends to help him convoy his small fleet to Rolling Sculpture. The architect and musician owns a 1979 Mini, a 1967 Citroen 2CV and a coral red 1958 Volkswagen. End-to-end, the Macoska collection occupied about two parallel parking places.

Automotive historian and author Sinclair Powell brought his 1929 Franklin Victoria Brougham and parked the stately, air-cooled sedan in the middle of the show on Main Street.

Powell, of Ann Arbor, said he has owned his car for more than 30 years and has driven it to its birthplace in Syracuse, N.Y., several times.

It has been 30 years since Rick Giezantner restored his spotless 1939 Chevrolet 3/4-ton stake truck. The Saline resident said he did much of it himself.

"This was a working truck up to 1974," said Giezantner. "It sat outside until I bought it in 1977. Everything on it is from 1939. The fact that it's a 3/4-ton truck with a stake bed



Described as "ultra rare," this 1953 Fiat 8V Ghia Supersonic will be at the 30th annual Concours d'Elegance at Meadow Brook Hall Aug. 2.

makes it very unusual. The only other one I'm aware of may be in California."

## Other Shows

A week after Rolling Sculpture, an Italian festival, complete with music, cars and lots of garlic, opened at Macomb Community College's south campus.

The Automotive Hall of Fame stages its fourth annual classic show, Fabulous Fins, from 9:30 to 3 p.m. Saturday, July 25, on the lawn behind the hall on Oakwood Blvd.

Hall of Fame president Jeff Leestma and his board purposely limit this event to 40 carefully selected vehicles. It's not overwhelming, though one might consider bringing personal padding in case you accidentally stumble against a chromed fin.

The Automotive Hall of

Fame has a wealth of information on the people, engineering and technology on which the auto industry was built. Although it's a museum about industry, the hall of fame is cleverly laid out so those who don't want to be automotive experts can casually stroll and enjoy themselves, learning as they go.

Admission to Fabulous Fins is \$5 and includes access to the Automotive Hall of Fame museum. Children under 12 are admitted free.

The 30th annual Concours d'Elegance at Meadow Brook Hall, an absolute "must" for anyone who enjoys exotic and ultra-expensive cars is Aug. 20.

They share the rolling grounds of the hall in Rochester Hills with more familiar cars and trucks, with original art, fashion and

guests who stage their own sartorial shows.

The show, a benefit for Meadow Brook Hall, opens at

10 a.m. Experience suggests a later arrival — perhaps mid-day — for those who don't care for the long lines of visitor cars just waiting to park.

The Concours celebrates Detroit this year, but also will feature a rare 1953 Fiat 8V Supersonic and the first North American visit of a 1934 Alfa Romeo 8C 2300. The performance car is a one-off alloy boat-tail speedster in unrestored condition.

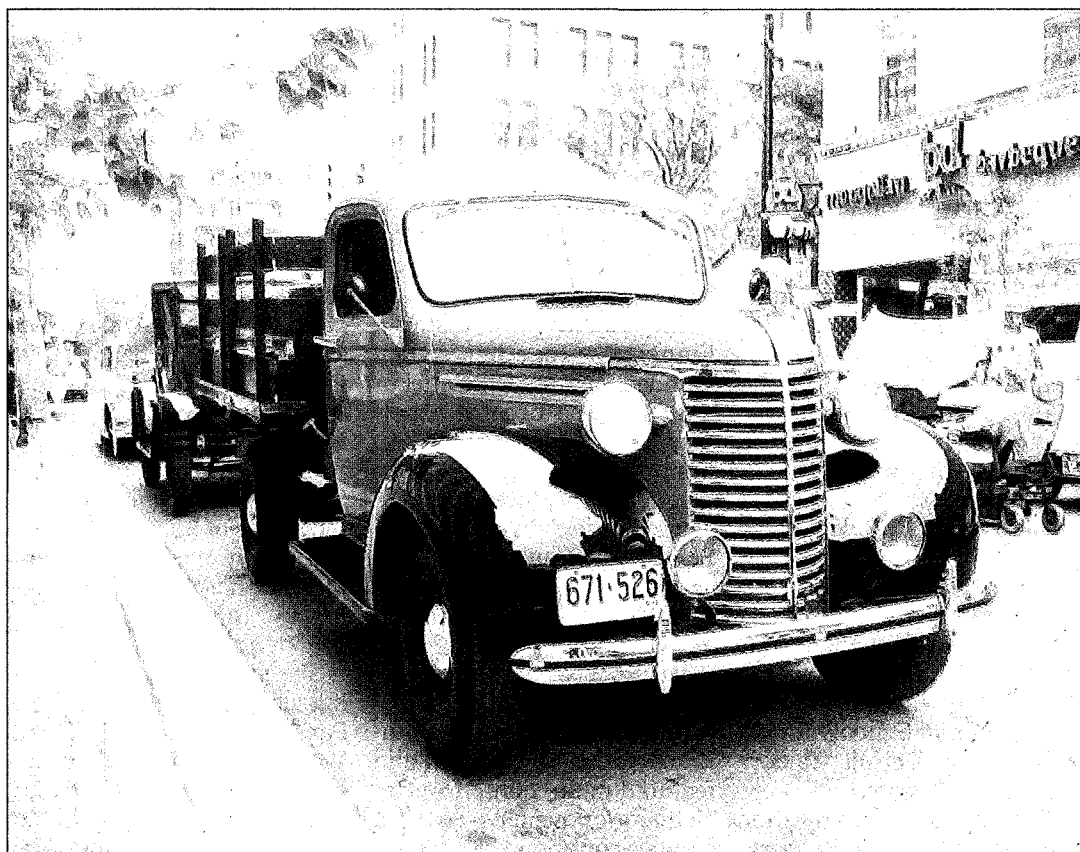
According to concours organizers, the Alfa Romeo 8C 2300 began life as a factory show car in 1934 before being imported to Britain by London Bentley dealer Jack Barclay in 1935.

Barclay ordered a new two-seat touring body designed and constructed for the race chassis. It remained in the U.K. where it was raced and then driven until its purchase last year by an American collector.

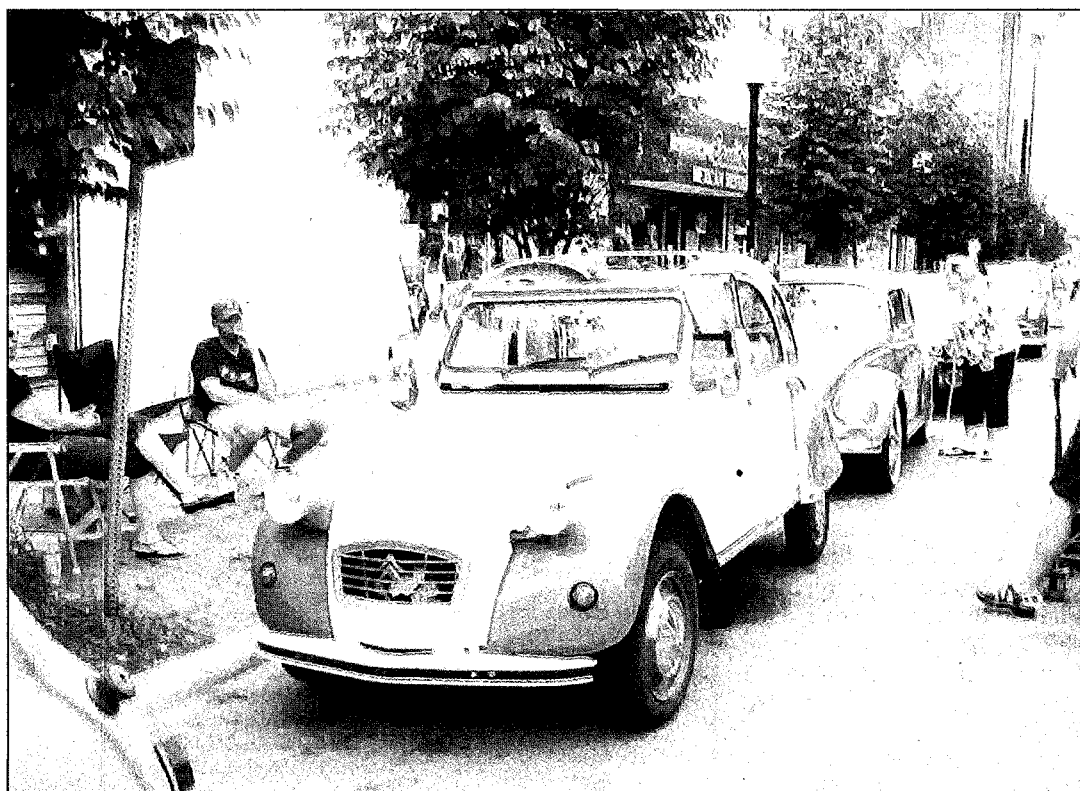
Tickets for the 2009 Meadow Brook Concours d'Elegance are available at [mbhconcours.org/tickets.htm](http://mbhconcours.org/tickets.htm).



A stately 1929 Franklin Victoria Brougham belonging to Sinclair Power of Ann Arbor took center stage on Main Street at Rolling Sculpture this year.



One of perhaps only two still around, a 1939 3/4-ton stake truck belonging to Rick Giezantner of Saline attracted a lot of attention at Rolling Sculpture in Ann Arbor earlier in July.



Ann Arbor architect Pat Macoska brought his 1967 Citroen 2CV to Rolling Sculpture.

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## TEST DRIVE By Greg Zyla

With a roomy interior and excellent fuel mileage, 2009 Scion XD is a Toyota-bred vehicle that is a strong competitor in the crowded sub compact market.

# Small car affordability found in Scion XD



**T**his week, we're driving the 2009 Scion XD, a 5-door, 5-passenger sub compact that is high on quality and versatility yet low on price — base price: \$15,350; price as tested: \$17,358.

Scions come in three distinct flavors, including a sporty 2-door coupe TC, youth market bred XB and family oriented XD.

XD comes in two versions, specifically automatic or manual transmission. The automatic is a 4-speed unit while the manual is a 5-speed that improves miles per gallon numbers by just one in each EPA category.

Hooked to a dual overhead cam 1.8-liter inline-4 engine that produces 128 horsepower, the 5-speed manual achieves 27 mpg city and 33 mpg highway, while the automatic with overdrive is standard and generates 26 city and 32 highway. Our tester came with the automatic, which costs \$700 more than the manual.

Outwardly, XD's shape is easy on the eyes, although it won't break any aerodynamic styling records with its cube design. Although not as boxy as the XB, the squared off XD blueprint allows excellent interior head and legroom, even in the back seat.

Inside, sport front bucket seats lead to a 60/40 split, fold flat sliding and reclining rear seat that allows numerous cargo formats for whatever shopping or sporting trip might come your way. We especially like the interior of the Scion, and feel other subcompacts should take note at how XD offers excellent interior surrounds in a small car.

Additionally, just because Scion XD is a low priced sub compact doesn't mean it is low on amenities. Upscale items are no-cost, and include air conditioning, cruise, rear defogger, power windows and locks with keyless entry, and a great sounding 160-watt Pioneer AM/FM/CD with eight speakers.



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## 2009 Scion XD

who purchase an XD can rest easy as 4-Star frontal, 5-Star side impact and 4-Star rollover government crash results will put your mind at ease, especially if your college student pulls away in one. Standard are 4-wheel anti lock brakes with ABS and electronic brake force distribution, all the air bags including seat mounted side and front and rear side curtain units, and even a first aid kit for good measure. Scion also adds at no additional cost,

halogen headlamps and power outside mirrors with LED safety "blind spot" turn indicators.

The suspension features MacPherson independent front and a torsion rear semi-independent rear setup. The rear brakes are old style drum units, which Scion should eliminate as 4-wheel discs are superior. The ride can be a bit bumpy on rough roads, but overall it's fine.

Options on our tester included a \$650 Vehicle Stability Control system (recommended), \$69 rear bumper upgrade, \$155 5-piece carpet floor mat set, \$65 cargo net and a \$449 Satellite Radio upgrade. This brought Scion's bottom line to \$17,358 with \$620 destination included.

Road manners are good, it's easy to park and XD also offers acceptable handling considering its tame suspension setup. The feel of the road through the steering wheel is a little light, but not bad for a subcompact that easily tops most of the others on the market.

Important numbers include a wheelbase of 96.9 inches, 11 cubic feet of expandable cargo space, 11.1 gallon fuel tank, and a 2,665 pound curb weight.

We like Scion XD very much, and rate it a strong 8.5 on a scale of 1 to 10.

Likes: Lots of standard features, interior roominess, fuel mileage, great return-on investment.

Dislikes: Worst speedometer/tachometer I've seen, outdated drum brakes.

Greg Zyla is a syndicated auto columnist.

## Motorcycles share road

As interest in motorcycling continues to grow among all demographics, riders are being advised to equip themselves with the proper training, gear and a motorcycle endorsement before taking to the streets.

"The streets are no place for unskilled, ill-prepared riders," said Secretary of State Terri Lynn Land. "Operating a motorcycle requires a combination of skills, experience, dexterity and control. Proper safety gear and choosing a motorcycle suited to you in size and power is critical to safe riding."

The number of licensed motorcyclists continues to grow each year. Comparing totals for May, the number of licensed riders increased from approximately 517,000 in 2008 to 533,000 in 2009, with women riders advancing from 54,000 to 57,000.

A motorcycle endorsement is required by law to ride on state roads. In 2008, approximately 37 percent of all motorcyclists involved in a crash did not have an endorsement.

Statistics for 2007-2008 indicate that while traffic fatalities decreased from 1,084 to 980, motorcycle deaths increased from 124 to 127.

All riders must take a knowledge test and successfully complete a safety class or a skills test with a third party testing organization before a motorcy-

cle endorsement is issued. A safety course is required for 16- and 17-year-olds as well as for adults who fail the rider skills test twice.

The Department of State administers Michigan's Motorcycle Safety Program. It oversees a network of 30 public and private training schools.

Thirty new training motorcycles have been secured this year for the public schools due to increased demand for classes.

Land is working with lawmakers to introduce legislation that will strengthen the program, including measures to:

- ◆ Provide greater consistency in the application of training standards.
- ◆ Require private providers to obtain a surety bond and liability insurance.
- ◆ Streamline the testing process by eliminating the need to take a written test at a Secretary of State office if the applicant has successfully completed a motorcycle safety course.

More than 30,000 residents are expected to attend motorcycle training or go through a third party skills test this year.

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DRIVEWAYS By Frank A. Aukofer

2009 Mitsubishi Lancer Ralliart

The 2009 Mitsubishi Lancer Ralliart may be the best 'tweener available. Here's the deal: Japan's Mitsubishi makes a whole bunch of Lancer sedans, ranging from the economy DE model, with a starting price of \$14,865, up to the track- and rally-bred Evolution, which will set you back nearly \$39,000.

The economy Lancers, while not exactly wimps, are compact family sedans with 152 horsepower four-cylinder engines. The priciest of these, mainly because of equipment and 168 horsepower, is the GTS.

On the other hand, there's the no-quarter Evolution, which really is more suited to a race track than the public roads. It sports a four-cylinder turbo engine that pumps out a raucous 300 horsepower.

The new Ralliart slots in between — hence the 'tweener appellation — the GTS and the Evolution, though it leans heavily toward the Evo.

Its turbocharged four-cylinder engine, with just two liters of displacement, sends 237 horsepower to all four wheels through a marvelous twin clutch automated manual transmission.

A twin clutch tranny, also found on some models of Audi, Nissan and Volkswagen, is two transmissions in a box. One handles first, third and fifth gears and the other contains second, fourth and sixth, with reverse off to the side.

Though it's a manual gearbox, there's no clutch pedal. If you choose, you can leave the shifter in the automatic slot and it shifts as slickly as any dedicated automatic transmission.

But if you want to shift manually, computer wizardry takes over, and the transmission pre-

2009 Mitsubishi Lancer Ralliart four-door sports sedan

Engine: 2-liter four-cylinder, turbo charged, 237 horsepower.  
Transmission: Six-speed twin-clutch automated manual.  
Overall length: 15 feet.  
Weight: 3,462 pounds.  
EPA city/highway fuel consumption: 17/25 miles per gallon.  
Base price, including destination charge: \$27,165.  
Base dealer cost: \$25,912.  
Price as tested: \$31,865.

selects the next gear. Regardless of whether your shift is up or down, the computer has made the prediction. When you nudge the console-mounted shifter or the steering column mounted shift paddles, the transmission is ready and snaps off the shift instantly and smoothly.

How it knows what to do is almost spooky, but delightful.

Many cars have paddle shifters these days, for both automatic and automated manual transmissions. Most of them are mounted on the steering wheel. They turn with the wheel and can be hard to find with your fingers as you spin and shuffle the wheel in tight turns.

But the Lancer's large paddles are in a fixed position on the steering column, so you always know where to find them.

What the Ralliart gives you is a high performance sports sedan that looks and feels a lot like the Evolution, which costs \$11,000 more. But the Ralliart is way more street-friendly.

Even at that, the Ralliart has a stiff suspension that can rattle the molars on rough roads. But that same system, along with the all-wheel drive, performance tires and precise



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The 2009 Mitsubishi Lancer Ralliart.

steering, delivers confident handling at high speeds on curving roads or autocross tracks.

Abetting the overall performance are settings for the transmission and the all-wheel drive. The former allows the driver to choose between a normal setting for shift points in the automatic mode and the sport setting, which holds higher engine revolutions before the transmission shifts to the next gear.

For the all-wheel drive, there are three settings: tarmac, for smooth pavement; gravel, for conditions with less traction, and snow, for slippery conditions.

The Ralliart has a starting price of \$27,265, which is for a fully equipped car. There are

only two main options: A navigation system at \$2,000 and a \$2,700 package that includes Recaro racing seats, a Rockford-Fosgate audio system, high-intensity headlights and Sirius satellite radio.

But because some of the extra equipment can be dealer installed, you can pick and choose. For example, unless you do a lot of hard rally-like driving, you might not want the Recaro seats, which are difficult to get in and out of. In that case, you could keep the standard seats and still order the other goodies.

No car is perfect, of course, and for all of its basic excitement, the Ralliart has some shortcomings — fortunately not related to its performance characteristics.

The speedometer and tachometer, with white on black markings, are buried in two dark holes, flanking an orange on black digital readout, all of which are difficult to see, particularly in bright sunlight.

The sun visors are short when moved to the side, and do not slide on their support rods, which means blocking sunlight from the side is problematic.

On the center stack, the audio and navigation controls have a multitude of features and readouts controlled only with buttons and touch locations on the screen. A few ergonomically friendly knobs would be welcome.

Out back, the trunk is shallow and small, only 10 cubic feet, and even smaller with the

giant subwoofer that comes with the upgraded sound system.

The steering wheel tilts, but does not telescope. Despite that, it's easy to find a comfortable driving position. Seats in front are supportive and the outboard positions in back are almost as comfortable, with plenty of head and knee room. The center rear seat, as in most cars, is nearly impossible.

None of the minor lapses, however, detract from the basic performance goodness of the Ralliart, for which there is little competition in the marketplace aside from the Subaru WRX.

Frank Aukofer is an automotive writer for Scripps Howard News Service.

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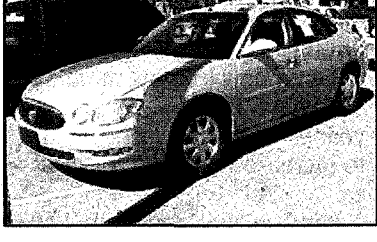
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Megan Amicucci, left, gives her favorite cousin, Charlotte Waldmeir, a big hug before their first day of preschool.

## Close cousins to take different paths



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Graduation night included a picture of Amicucci, left, and Waldmeir in the halls of University Liggett School.

### ULS grads look forward to new challenges at the University of Michigan, DePaul

By Bob St. John  
*Sports Editor*

University Liggett School graduates Megan Amicucci and Charlotte Waldmeir are as similar as they are opposite.

The 18-year-olds are cousins and have been attending school and playing sports together since the third grade.

The student-athletes are moving on to college in the fall. Grosse Pointe Woods' Amicucci is attending the University of Michigan, while Grosse Pointe Farms' Waldmeir is heading to DePaul University in Chicago.

"I like the city and the university is perfect for what I'm interested in — art," Waldmeir said. "This will be the first time I will be at a different school than Megan, but we can text all the time, so I really won't be that far away."

"I get to experience something new at U-M, which I'm excited to do," Amicucci said. "I won't be too far from my buddy, Charlotte, and we can visit any weekend we want, which is nice."

Each finished in the upper tier of ULS' 2009 graduating class with grades they're proud of.

Amicucci was president of the Athletic Council, while Waldmeir was a senior class officer.

For her academic accomplishments, Waldmeir received the Ruth Frank Award for her artwork, which will hang in the Head of School Joe Healey's office next school year.

This award is given for outstanding achievement and interest in art, ideally to be

combined for service to the school community.

The duo also earned athletic honors this spring as Amicucci was the girls varsity softball most valuable player and Waldmeir was the girls varsity soccer most valuable player.

Each also made All-Conference First Team in their respective spring sport.

In the fall, Amicucci was the starting setter for the volleyball squad, while Waldmeir starred on the field hockey team that made it to the state semifinals.

For her efforts, Waldmeir made All-State in field hockey and played an instrumental role in leading the Knights to one of their best seasons in the past decade.

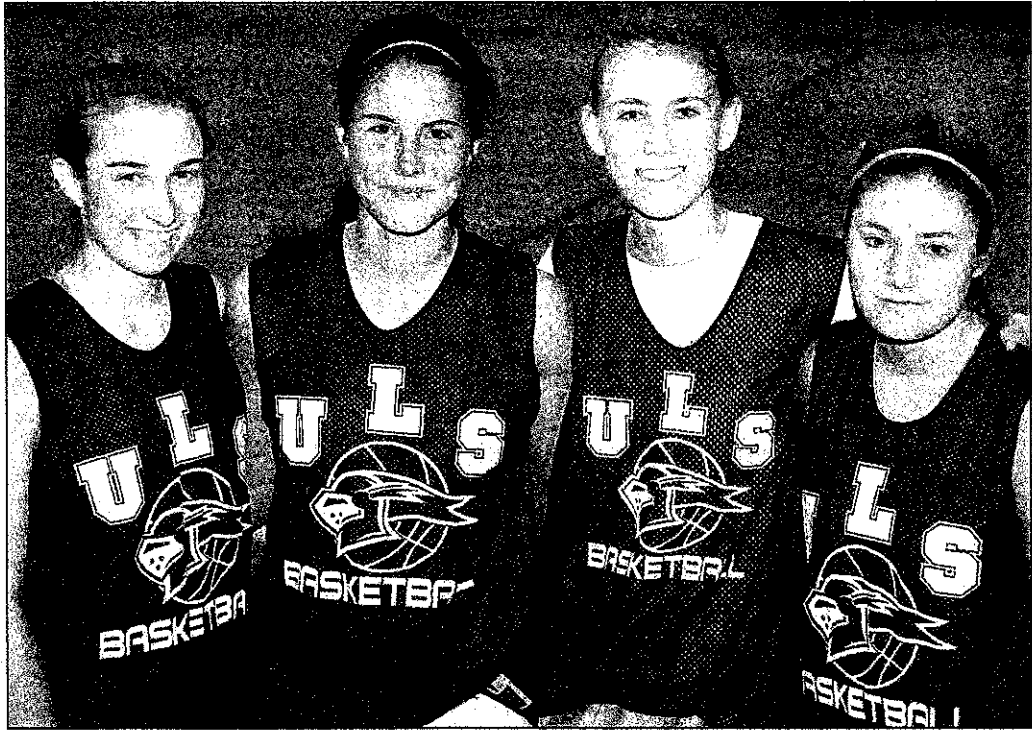
"I was a little surprised we had so much success because we lost so many seniors from last year's squad," Waldmeir said. "We had a great season and it was a moment in time and something I will never forget."

Waldmeir had other schools in mind, such as Providence and Corcoran College of Art & Design in Washington D.C.

"I liked Providence and Corcoran, but I chose DePaul because it is closer to home and it reminds of the Detroit area with all of the wonderful art throughout the city," Waldmeir said. "I want to pursue my passion for art and I can't wait to get going in the fall."

Waldmeir ended her high school career on a positive note, earning All-State Second Team honors for the Knights' girls' soccer team. Soccer is her favorite sport. She is currently playing for the Ann Arbor Football

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The only sport the two played as a teammates was basketball. They were two of four seniors named captain of this year's squad. Charlotte Waldmeir, second from left and Megan Amicucci is at far right.

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## CHALLENGES: Cousins look forward to the next chapter

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Club and her teammates include ULS 2008 graduate Rachel Goldberg and 2009 graduate Whitney Baubie. They had a solid season under first-year head coach David Dwaihy and she played her first three seasons of soccer for long-time head man David Backhurst. "I have been fortunate to play for some wonderful coaches at Liggett and coach Dwaihy made my final season a fun one," Waldmeir said. "I had a good season playing defense and we had a nice season as a team. It wasn't much fun losing in the districts in a shootout, but I know we played hard and had a great chance to win the game." Amicucci was accepted to more than a dozen universities, but also chose to stay closer to home. "I'm excited about this chapter in my life and hopefully I can continue playing sports at U-M, so I might try out for an intramural volleyball team," Amicucci said. "I had an opportunity to learn at a great school at Liggett and now I get to learn at a great college at U-M." The two have grown up together, cheer-leading on the same team for the Red Barons as grade school and middle school students, then on the basketball court for the Knights' high school squad. Amicucci was a point guard up until this season, while Waldmeir was a forward. Their play increased with the arrival of freshman star Madison Ristovski. Each saw their scoring averages increase and each provided a veteran spark



Cousins Charlotte Waldmeir, left, and Megan Amicucci have been inseparable since they were children.

to the squad that went from one win in 2007-08 to double digits this winter. "Playing basketball was a lot of fun this season and it was nice to contribute a little more," Amicucci said. "Madison helped us become better basketball players," Waldmeir said. "Her skills gave us better chances to score points and contribute more to the team." The duo will try to relax for the remainder of the summer, despite work schedules and soccer games. Both will be attending collegiate sporting events come fall and texting one another frequently about their first taste of college life.



## Former teacher receives award

Gertrude McSorley of Grosse Pointe Farms and her daughter, Trudy, who won the 2009 Athena Award.

Trudy McSorley, Siena Heights University Dean of Students and former area teacher, is the 2009 recipient of the Athena Award. The recognition was given to her by the Adrian Area Chamber of Commerce. She taught at St. Clare of Montefalco Catholic School in Grosse Pointe Park, St. Peter Catholic School in Harper Woods, St. Paul and St. Margaret's in St. Clair Shores and St. Philomena in Detroit. The award was presented in recognition of her community involvement and enrichment programs she created. During her 36 years of teaching, McSorley found theater as a way to expand classroom lessons, provide another style of learning for children and give bashful students self confidence. "It is exciting to me to empower students and give them success so they can take charge of their lives," she said. "That is so rewarding watching them get their wings and fly. I have worked with a lot of students to help them pursue their dreams, to help them find a voice." "Once they grow in confidence they articulate where before they were shy. Now they are successes." The nomination cited McSorley's willingness to give generously to young women and girls, whether by building self-esteem through the Siena theater program or her development of the Siena Leadership Program.

## St. John tops neurosciences list

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# Sunrise Rotary update

Valerie Moran is the new president of the Grosse Pointe Sunrise Rotary Club. She will coordinate the club's activities and projects of the club, which meets at 7 a.m. Tuesday at Lochmoor Country Club. Moran says her goals are improving the youth exchange program, membership and the girls-at-risk program. "Rotary's motto is service above self," she said. "As local leaders and volunteers, Rotarians are committed to improving their local and global communities through this year's theme, 'The Future of Rotary is in Your Hands.' Rotarians pride themselves on their ability to find community solutions to local and international needs. We try to make a positive difference in people's lives throughout our community and across the world."

Sunrise members welcomed the district's governor Neil McBeth, a member of Rotary Club of Essex, Ontario. He is responsible for 51 Rotary clubs in Essex County, Ontario and Wayne, Monroe and Lenawee counties in Michigan.

His goals include:

- ◆ Continuing efforts on water and sanitation, health and hunger and literacy initiatives. This includes a continued focus on "Basic Needs Projects" in communities and internationally. A major emphasis will be placed on Africa to help eliminate polio.
- ◆ Recruiting new members.
- ◆ Increasing Rotary's image.
- ◆ Encouraging fellowship.

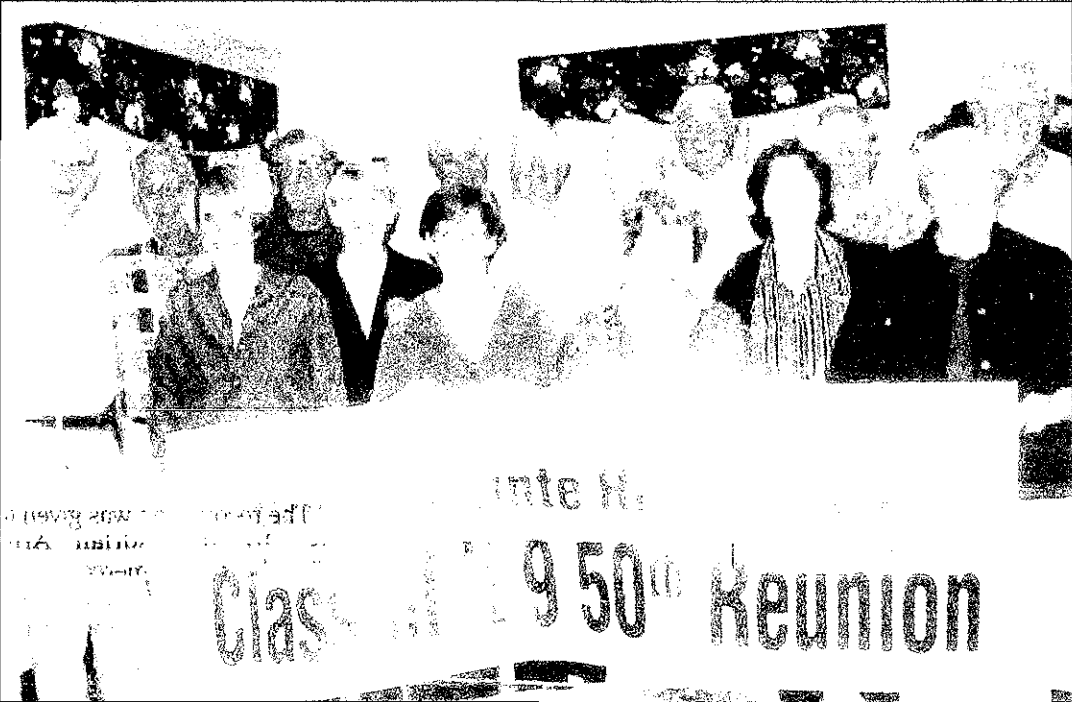
## T-shirt fun

As grand prize winner of the Grosse Pointe Sunrise Rotary T-shirt contest, 10-year-old Annelise Hofmann's design will be printed on 500 T-shirts for the 30th annual fun run Sept. 19. "The Fun Run is our major fundraiser," said Moran. "We wanted to get the community involved by having children design the shirt. They were told to make a drawing that included the lake, a sunrise and runners. We had many beautiful designs from children of all ages and it was difficult to pick just one winner."

The Fun Run is a 5K and 10K competitive run. For more information, call (800) 299-5007 or register at active.com and search for Grosse Pointe Run.



From left, Camp O' Fun supervisor and coordinator Cheryl Dorman, Sunrise Rotary President Valerie Moran, Annelise Hofmann and camp director Laura Whiteley.



# Class of 1959

Grosse Pointe High School Class of 1959 holds its 50th reunion Friday, Sept. 25 and Saturday, Sept. 26. The reunion committee, front row, Sharon (Georgi) Mertz, Stevie (Gregory) Miller, Mary (Johnstone) Steiner, Cindy (Shaw) Moran, Diane (Macalpine) Orth and Janice (Stoneking) McManus; back row, John Nicholson, Wayne Wallrich, Tom Teetaert, John Mertz, Craig Schley, John Thompson, Tom Asmus, Jon Hartz and Ken McMillin. For more information, call Sharon Mertz at (810) 326-1621 or via e-mail sharonmertz@aol.com.

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CHAPTER OF THE DAUGHTERS OF THE  
AMERICAN REVOLUTION

# Basket weaving

Andrea Egan Weyhing of Grosse Pointe Farms collected loblolly pine needles to fashion a 16 1/2-by-14 1/4 inch basket. The needles were stitched with waxed linen thread with a burlled cherry center set in Lucite. The basket won first place in the weaving and basketry category of the Michigan Daughters of the American Revolution American Heritage Craft contest; first place in the eight state East Central Division contest; and third in the national contest. Weyhing began making pine needle baskets more than a year ago and said she finds it an avenue to express her creativity using a traditional skill.



# NEW ARRIVALS

**Gianna Marie Rimanelli**  
Gina and Anthony Rimanelli of the City of Grosse Pointe are the parents of a daughter, Gianna Marie Rimanelli, born May 13, 2009. Maternal grandparents are Dr. and Mrs. John Colombo of Grosse Pointe Shores.

**Paul Kachig Howe**  
Wes and Gail Howe of Grosse Pointe Shores are the parents of a son, Paul Kachig Howe, born May 11, 2009. Grandparents are Dan and Lillian Kachadourian of Grosse Pointe Shores and Charles and Gweneth Howe of Grand Haven.

# AREA ACTIVITIES

## Broadway Onstage

"Lovers and Other Strangers" opens at 8 p.m. Friday, July 24 and Saturday, July 25 at Broadway Onstage, 21517 Kelly, Eastpointe. The play continues through Aug. 22. The play is five comedies seen through the eyes of a single family.

## Garden tour

The second annual Art and Garden Tour is 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, July 25. Local artist will display works in the gardens on tour:

- ◆ 1239 Brys, Grosse Pointe Woods
- ◆ 21160 Hunt Club, Harper Woods
- ◆ 20950 Lennon, Harper Woods
- ◆ 40 Lakeshore Lane, Grosse Pointe Shores
- ◆ 322 Mt. Vernon, Grosse Pointe Farms
- ◆ 386 Provencal, Grosse Pointe Farms

Master Gardeners and landscape experts will be on hand to answer questions. Tickets are \$10 and available at the Grosse Pointe Board of Realtors office, 710 Notre Dame or the day of the tour at any garden.

## Red Cross drive

The Grosse Pointe Community Blood Council holds an American Red Cross Blood Drive from 9 a.m. to 8:30 p.m. Thursday, July 30 at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms. Walk-ins are welcome after 10 a.m. For more information and an appointment, call (313) 884-5542. Bring a picture ID.

## DSO

Music director Leonard Slatkin kickoff Summer Nights with the Detroit Symphony Orchestra at Meadow Brook Music Festival at 8 p.m. Saturday, July 25. The evening's performance is



# Past presidents

Past presidents of the Grosse Pointe Senior Men's Club were recognized during a recent lunch. From left, Bob Waters, Jack E. Williams, Bill Lane, Edward Olsen, Rodger Sulad, George Moulton, Al Thomas, Joe Fromm, Dick Kay and George Arsenault. Each year the Men's Club recognizes Grosse Pointe North and South High School's honor students. Students recognized were: Mark Balle, Theodore Bratton, Ariana Conti, David Denison, Jamie Ding, Lauren Gilezan, Rebecca Gimpert, Sarah Hilu, Maurice Hogan, Breanna Holman, Maxwell Hunt, Karen Huntsman, Madeline Kent, Michael Kiriazis, Rachel Koresky, Ryan Mann, Samantha Matthew, Megan McCutcheon, Megan McLeod, Alexandra Mularoni, Samantha Patterson, Jennifer Rusch, Julia Santa Lucia, Benjamin Schneedecker, Paul Schreiber, Stephen VanBeek, Matthew VanEgmond, Colleen Victor, Kathryn Howard and Jenna Simon. South students honored were: Mary Biglin, Emma Brush, Rian Dawson, Kendall Effinger, William Ferrara, Jeanne Frisby-Zedan, Ivan Moshchuk, Chelsea Gilbert, Kyle Safran, Jane Harness, Elizabeth Hyde, Sarah Youngblood, Erin Krynski, Jasmyr Samaroo, Elizabeth Strachan, Abigail Meert and Christopher Clement.

## "Tchaikovsky Spectacular"

Gershwin music will be performed at 7:30 p.m., Sunday, July 26.

## Music on the Plaza

The Johnny Trudell Jazz Orchestra performs at 7 p.m. Thursday, July 30 on The Village Festival Plaza in the City of Grosse Pointe.

## Class of 1979

The Grosse Pointe South High School Class of 1979 has a reunion from 7 p.m. to midnight, Saturday, Aug. 8 at the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club. For information and to purchase tickets, visit GPS1979.com. Tickets are \$62.50 or \$67.50 after July 24. For ticket information, call (586) 771-6333.

## Reunion

Grosse High School's classes of 1945 through 1948 have a reunion Wednesday, Sept. 16, Thursday, Sept. 17 and Friday, Sept. 18. For more information, call (313) 881-7808.

## NAMI walk

The National Alliance on Mental Illness hosts an 11 a.m. walk Saturday, Sept. 26 at Belle Isle. To register, call Marti Bush at (313) 263-2370, or visit nami.org.

## Class 1969

The Bishop Gallagher Class of 1969 hosts a 40 year class reunion Oct. 17. For more information, visit BGHS69.com.

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SENIOR SCENE By Ruth Cain

# Rock concert — a booming experience



I recently went to a music event starring the Sun Messengers. It was a delightful balmy evening with children dancing and hundreds enjoying a free evening of good music.

When the group burst into "Got to Get You Into My Life," one of Earth, Wind and Fire's great songs, I was transported to another wonderful summer night several years ago.

My daughters took me for my birthday to DET Energy's offering of Earth, Wind and Fire, my favorite group of the era. Chicago was also on the bill.

After a good dinner, we settled into our seats waiting for dusk. When it did, powerful lights and fireworks lit up the evening. And the music began.

To say the sound was deafening does not properly describe the power of the music. Somehow it seemed to get inside my chest and I could feel the thumping of my heart permeating my whole body.

My gawd, I thought, I'm having a heart attack. There was no way anyone could have heard me, so I waited for what may happen. The music ended and I returned to my normal state. I asked my daughters what happened to me. They said that's what everybody experiences when a rock 'n roll concert begins.

The music descended there-

after to somewhat fewer decibels and the songs were wonderful. I had never seen Earth, Wind and Fire in person. I doubted they looked the same as they did that night, although I realized it was mostly new members in the group.

The leader was clad in satin and rhinestones and came onto the stage somersaulting and making great leaps into the air. I guess today you cannot simply sing and play, you also have to dance and keep moving.

There was a person on the stage whose role apparently was to energize the audience. He would frequently raise his right arm up and forward, sort of like a "Heil Hitler" salute. And the audience did the same.

At one point he said if we were happy to stand. Everybody stood. I had recently had surgery, felt somewhat rocky and didn't stand. A young woman in the row before me turned and said, "You're not standing." Then she noticed my gray hair and made a face as to say, "Oh, so sad." I felt like saying I was quite capable of standing but saw no reason and why I should. So there.

When Chicago came on, they wore short sleeved shirts and slacks. They sang all the old songs that made them popular and were a dramatic change from the earlier group.

The audience complained Chicago didn't offer any new material and were pretty boring.

That was my first experience at a rock 'n roll concert

— and undoubtedly my last — but I did enjoy the music.

## Jobs

I read a sad article recently about older people trying to get jobs. It referred mainly to those people in their 50s and 60s — whom I consider young — that have been laid off, partly due to their age and higher salaries.

They were advised to eliminate graduation or other dates pinpointing age from their resumes and to list just the last 10 years or so of experience.

They were also advised to let it be known they use Facebook and "Twitter" to show they are comfortable using the latest technology.

One woman had Botox to remove the worry line between her eyes. She believed it made her look younger and more rested. It probably did.

The big fear of many employees hiring older people is that applicants may be overqualified and will leave for a better job.

My feeling is that's a futile worry. Most of the higher-level managerial jobs and salaries these applicants had are not likely to come back in the near future and possibly never.

That's why changing careers and training for available jobs is wise.

Saving money, living within your means and valuing family and good relationships more than things may well be the wave of the future. Or we could revert back to the old ways, but I hope not.

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## Summer fun

Congresswoman Carolyn Cheeks Kilpatrick, D-Detroit, visited seniors at a "Summer Fun" afternoon tea June 30 at Services for Older Citizens. From left, are Kilpatrick and John and Theresa Urquhart. SOC hosts an ice cream social from 2:30 to 4 p.m. Tuesday, July 28. Michigan Diagnostic Services is providing the entertainment and ice cream. Call (313) 882-9600 for reservations.

## SOC activities in August

Several activities are planned at Services for Older Citizens in August.

**Identity Theft** — 11:30 a.m. Monday, Aug. 3. John Plona, station manager at Fox Creek United States Postal Service, discusses how to prevent identity theft, one of the fastest growing crimes in the United States. Learn proactive steps to prevent becoming a victim, the latest fraud schemes and how the USPS can serve the senior population most effectively.

**Pizza Lunch and Tuesday Afternoon at the Movies** — "My Big Fat Greek Wedding." 11 a.m. Tuesday, Aug. 4. Have salad, pizza and dessert and watch the movie. Tola is 30 and unmarried. Which means as a nice Greek girl — she's a failure. One day she sees the ultimate unattainable guy and realizes the only way her life will get better is if he gets away from her big, fat Greek family. The cost is \$5.

**Foot Solutions** — 11:30 a.m. Wednesday, Aug. 5. Dr. Lanny S. Foster, DPM, FACFAS dis-

cusses a variety of foot problems and how they can be remedied.

**"5 Wishes"** — 11:30 a.m. Monday, Aug. 10. Sandra Denam of the Visiting Nurses Association of Southeast Michigan, shares the "5 Wishes Booklet" that provides information on advanced care planning. The "5 Wishes" booklet outlines ways to control the situation when you are seriously ill.

**Habitat for Humanity "ReStores"** — 11:30 a.m. Monday, Aug. 17. Darren Aiello of Macomb County Habitat for Humanity discusses the mission of Habitat for Humanity's ReStores which provide a resource to purchase affordable, reusable materials for home improvements.

**Birthday Celebration** — 11:15 a.m. Wednesday, Aug. 19. Those having a birthday in August receive a piece of cake with a candle and are sung to in at least three different languages. In addition, a keepsake photo and lunch is on the house. The cost is \$2.

**"Pack your Bag" and How to Control your Blood Pressure** — 11:30 a.m.

Monday, Aug. 24. Everett Cronizer, a CVS Pharmacist, discusses the "Pack your Bag" program which begins with a presentation on high blood pressure, followed by a one-on-one consultation with a pharmacist to review prescription and non-prescription medications. Free samples and coupons are offered. Those bringing in their medications must make a reservation by calling (313) 882-9600.

**"So you think you can sing?"** Pizza and Karaoke Party — 11 a.m. Wednesday, Aug. 26. The event begins with pizza, salad and dessert, followed by karaoke led by Marty Micoli, a karaoke expert and entertainer. Call (313) 882-9600 for reservations. The cost is \$5.

**Ask Dr. Gill and Blood Pressure Check** — 11:30 a.m. Monday, Aug. 31. Dr. Matthew Gill takes blood pressures and answers medical questions in a group presentation.

ASK THE EXPERTS By Alfonso O'Neill, M.D.

## The ill effects of smoking



This is part one of a two-part series in response to questions from teenagers.

**Q.** "I see other kids in my high school class smoking. I have been to their homes and have seen their parents smoking and they all look very healthy to me. How bad can cigarette smoking be?"

**A.** Although there are no obvious outward effects when you see your friends and their parents smoking cigarettes, you should pay closer attention to the subtle signs, which often include cough, either for short or long periods of time. The longer you smoke, the more short of breath you become.

Some of the other early signs of smoking include: chronic si-

nus conditions, watery nose, runny eyes, and other allergic-like symptoms. You will also notice that the smokers have a very deep, almost hoarse voice. These are all irritant effects of cigarette smoke that might be seen in very early smokers.

So, just because you do not hear your friends and/or their parents have developed lung cancer or emphysema, these very subtle irritant effects of cigarette smoke can be seen if you pay closer attention.

**Q.** "I smoke socially and so I do not think that smoking is causing me any harm."

**A.** Usually, even if you are smoking socially, you are smoking in an area where there are other smokers. Smoke then begets more smoke, so not only do you get the ill effects of your own inhalation, but you are also inhaling the smoke of other smokers. You are inhaling unfiltered smoke, which after several hours of "enjoyment" can cause a tremendous amount of

harm, not only immediately, but over the long term.

If one were to smoke every weekend, once or twice a night, the days begin to add up very quickly and this type of exposure can certainly lead to chronic smoking-related diseases, such as chronic bronchitis and emphysema.

There is good evidence that children who grew up in homes where there are smokers have a much higher incidence of asthma and chronic bronchitis later in life.

Alfonso O'Neill, M.D. is board certified in pulmonary medicine and board eligible in critical care medicine. He has been in private practice for more than 20 years and is the senior physician in the practice of O'Neill, Greenberger, Wu & Dunn.

E-mail questions to [info@familycenterweb.org](mailto:info@familycenterweb.org). To volunteer or contribute, visit [familycenterweb.org](http://familycenterweb.org) or call (313) 432-3832.



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For more information about the National Accreditation Program for Breast Centers, visit [accreditedbreastcenters.org](http://accreditedbreastcenters.org).





Peter Cracchiolo and Peter J. Cracchiolo, the Philanthropic Services Award recipient.



Alex Lucido, the past president of the hospital's guild and Peter Ahee.



Ed Deeb, St. John Hospital and Medical Center Guild president and John C. Prost, the recipient of the Distinguished Service Award.



Guild President Ed Deeb and Charles E. Stumb Jr., who was given the Lifetime Achievement Award.

## Guild dinner honors four

St. John Hospital and Medical Center's Guild 49th annual fundraising dinner honored three men and one woman.

Honored event were:

- ◆ Peter J. Cracchiolo received the Philanthropic Services Award. He and his late wife supported and were active with St. John Hospital and the guild.
- ◆ Dr. Charlene Babcock Irvin received the Physician of

the Year Award.

- ◆ Charles E. Stumb Jr., a longtime member of the Guild and board member, was the recipient of the Lifetime Achievement Award.

- ◆ John C. Prost, longtime community activist, former councilman of Grosse Pointe Park and host of the John Prost show on WMTV5 received the guild's Distinguished Service Award.

Dinner chairmen were Paul Treder and Dan Roma.

Outgoing president Alex Lucido thanked the attendees for their years of support to the hospital and the guild.

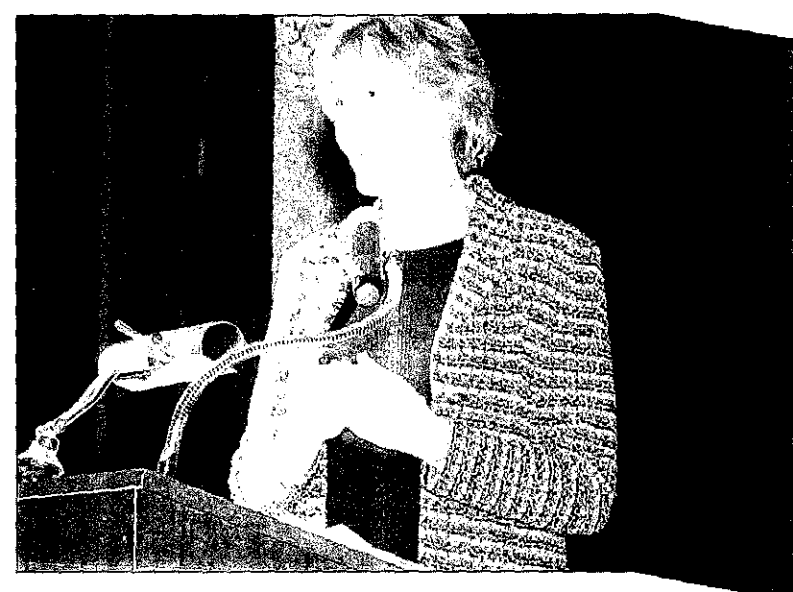
"I wish to thank the hospital for naming the newly renovated emergency room for the guild for all the support we have given over the years," he said.

At the guild's annual meet-

ing, Edward Deeb was elected treasurer.

president; Paul Mattes, vice president; John M. Adamo, secretary; and Paul Treder,

Dominic Paluzzi and Perry the guild's board.



St. John Hospital and Medical Center President Diane Radloff.

**X-TRA SPECIAL** By Mary Beth Langan and Theodore G. Coutilish

## Familiar faces ... but... who is Fragile X?

### Consider the many faces of Fragile X

Everyone has the Fragile X gene on our X chromosome and have a number of CGG repeats on that gene.

Some of us have the typical range of repeats on our X and some of us have 50 to 1,000-plus repeats.

Those repeats can affect us in many ways that may seem unrelated at first glance.

There are those that fall within the premutation carrier stage and may have symptoms that affect them daily or as they age.

There are those with the full mutation of Fragile X and said to be affected by Fragile X Syndrome.

But what does someone affected by the Fragile X gene look like?

Consider these possible faces of Fragile X:

- ◆ A 5-year-old boy with autism and social anxiety
- ◆ A 44-year-old woman with an autoimmune disorder such as lupus, multiple sclerosis or rheumatoid arthritis
- ◆ A 7-year-old girl with selective mutism and a math learning disability
- ◆ A 50-year-old woman with near-constant muscle pain
- ◆ A 4-year-old boy beginning to speak having severe sensory issues
- ◆ An 8-year-old boy with PDD-NOS and a very selective diet
- ◆ A 76-year-old man with Alzheimer's disease and weakness in his legs
- ◆ A 12-year-old boy with autism and a seizure disorder
- ◆ A 4-year-old girl with strabismus (an eye muscle issue)
- ◆ A 37-year-old post-menopausal woman struggling with anxiety
- ◆ An 80-year-old man with Parkinson's disease
- ◆ A 3-year-old girl who can only verbalize a few words
- ◆ A 40-year-old woman struggled with infertility for 10 years
- ◆ An 8-year-old boy with detailed obsessions, attention issues, not reading at grade level and wasn't toilet trained until age 4.

Mary Lee Shelton of New Mexico says, "to this day we are questioned by professionals outside the Fragile X world if we are sure our son has Fragile X."

"I just know there are more boys like our son! I think it was a lucky break that he was diagnosed correctly."

"His neurologist was stunned."

"Fragile X professionals aren't surprised by his diagnosis because they see so many persons who are affected all over the spectrum. But I think local doctors only see the severely

affected and miss many others that should have the blood test."

Many professionals still use the chromosome analysis to rule out Fragile X.

Our Andrew is a perfect example of why



that is not the most accurate test — he tested negative, yet positive under less expensive Fragile X tests.

We're happy we saw a geneticist who orders the Fragile X test when a diagnosis of autism is being considered.

At that point, we were saying "Fragile what?" as we knew nothing of the genetic disorder.

Shelton also shared, "the doctor who diagnosed our son told me he had a professor in medical school who told him when anyone had learning difficulties to always test them for Fragile X."

"He cited a case of a man who was in the army who was having some kind of problem and this professor had done the Fragile X test on him and it came back positive."

"Even he was shocked at this, but used it as an example to encourage more Fragile X testing."

Accurate diagnoses can help with accurate treatment and support.

For example, when better treatment for Fragile X Syndrome is found — an actual cure may even be in reach — your child will need an accurate diagnosis to have access to such information.

If a cure is found, relatives need to know they have it and not a misdiagnosis of Parkinson's or Alzheimer's disease.

We are one year away from 800 family members and professionals coming together in Dearborn for the 12th International Fragile X Conference July 21-25, 2010.

For that reason — among others — this is a great time to be tested.

The world's Fragile X gurus will be in your backyard next year presenting scientific and family-friendly sessions to help those affected by Fragile X-associated disorders.

As you can see, Fragile X has a number of possible physical and behavioral characteristics and we haven't even mentioned them all.

Do you see the faces of some of your family in the above list?

For more on Fragile X-associated disorders, including other possible characteristics due to the Fragile X gene and accurate testing information, visit [fragilex.org](http://fragilex.org).

Grosse Pointe residents Theodore G. Coutilish and Mary Beth Langan created this column to share experiences from their journey as parents of a child with Fragile X Syndrome. Send questions or comments to [mblangan@hotmail.com](mailto:mblangan@hotmail.com).

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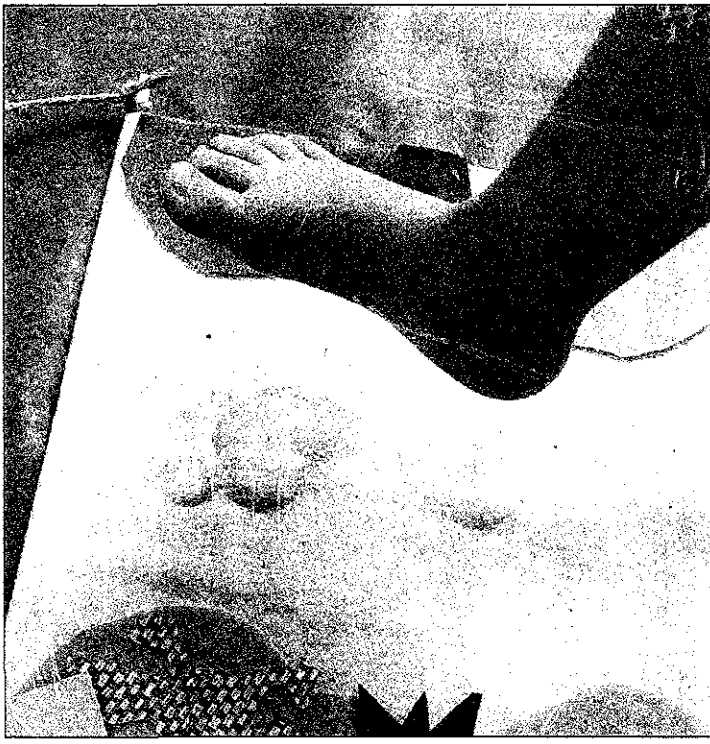
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## Kids camp

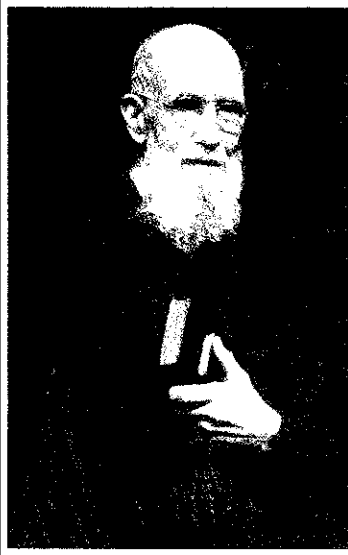
St. Ambrose Catholic Church in Grosse Pointe Park sponsored Son Rock Kids Camp where children listened to Bible stories, played games, sang songs, made crafts and learned lessons. More than 125 volunteers and students attended the week-long camp. Far right, Abby Billiu-Petro and Malik Brown fit a puzzle of a wolf. In this game, children learned to match animals to the tracks. Right, each child, including Max Patino, had a foot painted to step on a sheet of paper and had their feet washed as Jesus' feet were washed. The paper became a wall hanging for the children to take home to remind them to walk in Jesus' footsteps.



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## CHURCH ACTIVITIES

## St. Sabbas

The Russian Tea House serves lunch from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tuesday, July 28 at St. Sabbas Orthodox Monastery, 18745 Old Homestead, Harper Woods.

The suggested donation is \$20.

The Royal Eagle dining facility offers a full menu of food from around the world from 5 to 10 p.m. Thursday, July 23 and 30. For reservations, call (313) 521-1894.

## Meaningful Monday

St. Paul Evangelical

Lutheran Church, 375 Lothrop, Grosse Pointe Farms, hosts a picnic supper at 6 p.m., informal worship at 6:45 p.m. and hands-on service project at 7:15 p.m. Monday, July 27. For more information, call (313) 881-6670.

## Carillonneur concert

Tim Sleep, city carillonneur of the Millennium Carillon, Naperville, Ill., performs at 7:15 p.m. Tuesday, July 28 at Grosse Pointe Memorial Church, 16 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms. He was a band director



Tim Sleep

when the Naperville instrument was built and dedicated in 2000. After passing his ad-

vancement exam, he became a member of the Guild of Carillonneurs in North America.

Tours of the tower are given after the recital.

## Vacation Bible School

First United Methodist Church, 24036 Greater Mack, St. Clair Shores presents "Crocodile Dock" from 6:15 to 8:45 p.m. July 27 through 31. Registration begins at 6 p.m. Monday, July 27.

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Program for ages 3 through 2nd grade at  
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July 26- High School Mission Trip Presentation  
8:30 a.m. and 10:00 a.m. Worship

July 28- Tuesday Carillon Concert - 7:15 p.m.

Aug 02- New Member Class from 5-8:00 p.m.

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# Cool summer activities abound at DIA

Summer is a good time to check out the art, music and other offerings at the Detroit Institute of Arts, including the special exhibition, Action Reaction: Video Installations.

Programs are free with museum admission unless otherwise noted. For more information, call (313) 833-7900 or visit [dia.org](http://dia.org). For Detroit Film Theatre movie listings call (313) 833-4686, or visit [dia.org/dft/schedule.asp](http://dia.org/dft/schedule.asp).

Guided tours are offered at 1 p.m. Wednesdays and Thursdays; 1, 6 and 7:30 p.m. Fridays; and 1 and 3 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays. The Detroit City Chess Club practices from 5 to 9 p.m. Fridays. Lessons are offered from 5 to 7 p.m.

Drawing in the Galleries for all ages is available from 6 to 9 p.m. Fridays and noon to 4 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays.

Drop-in Workshop topics are: Simple Adornments, 6 to 9 p.m. Fridays; Bookarts: The Altered Book, noon to 4 p.m. Saturdays; and Tibetan Prayer Flags, noon to 4 p.m. Sundays.

Camp Days at the DIA for children 8 and older is offered Wednesday through Friday. Groups can explore the galleries followed by a hands-on art making activity in the DIA Studio. Choose clay, painting or printmaking projects. The fee is \$12 per student and includes museum admission and studio session. To register, e-mail [sdecorte@dia.org](mailto:sdecorte@dia.org) or call (313) 833-6448.

## Target Family Sunday, Aug. 2

Family Performance: "Mr. Seley" 2 p.m. Outgrown Raffi? Graduate to songs written and performed by Birmingham teacher Mr. Seley. Seley noticed not many songs are "just right" for his 3rd and 4th grade students, so he started writing songs for 7 to 12-year-olds. Learn songs from his new CD and sing along with old favorites.

## Friday Night, Aug. 7

Music: Dance Band featuring the Duncan Brothers at 7 and 8:30 p.m.

Dance Band, featuring Detroit's horn-masters Al and Darryl Duncan. The band explores the jazz/rock fusion of the 1970s, as played by Miles Davis, Earth Wind and Fire, and Weather Report, among others. Joining the Duncan brothers are Pat Doran, Michelle McKinney, Kendrick Perkins, Ron Otis and Al Turner.

## Saturday, Aug. 8

Class: Zig-Zag Photo Albums: 10 a.m. to noon for ages 5 and up and 2 to 4 p.m. for ages 9-12. Create a fun and colorful album for summer memories. Bring photographs, keepsakes, or other memorabilia. The fee is \$24 for members and \$28 for non-members. To register, e-mail [registration@dia.org](mailto:registration@dia.org) or call (313) 833-4249.

## Target Family Sunday, Aug. 9

Class: Re-discovering the Crayon for ages 5 and up from 10 a.m. to noon. Learn about the history of the waxed cray-

on and create three projects on paper, fabric and wood.

The fee is \$24 for members and \$28 for non-members. To register, e-mail [registration@dia.org](mailto:registration@dia.org) or call (313) 833-4249.

Family Performance: "Dragons, Dreams and Daring Deeds" 2 p.m. Using mime, puppetry, Irish drumming, improvisational acting and dialects, Roan Judd weaves tales based on oral tradition and the written word. His tales brim with heroic folks, wild beings and imaginative solutions to the problems.

Class: Clay: The Great Frame-Up! for ages 9-12 from 2 to 4 p.m. Use found objects to add texture to slabs of clay and make a frame for a photograph, drawing, or other work of art. The fee is \$24 for members and \$28 for non-members.

To register, e-mail [registration@dia.org](mailto:registration@dia.org) or call (313) 833-4249.

## Friday Night Live, Aug. 14

Music: Kathy Kosins with Spencer Barefield and Paul Keller at 7 and 8:30 p.m.

Critically acclaimed singer and award winning songwriter Kathy Kosins teams up with two of the top musicians on the Detroit/Ann Arbor jazz scene. Guitarist Spencer Barefield has toured and recorded with a wide range of jazz legends, including Oliver Lake, Roscoe Mitchell, and Andrew Cyrille. Bassist Paul Keller leads the Paul Keller Orchestra and is fresh off a performance for the Clinton Global Initiative with Diana Krall.

## Target Family Sunday, Aug. 16

Family Performance: "Dragons, Dreams and Daring Deeds" 2 p.m. See Aug. 9 for details.

## Friday Night, Aug. 21

Music: NorthStar Jazz Sextet at 7 and 8:30 p.m. The NorthStar Jazz Sextet, led by saxophonist Carl Cafagna, is one of Detroit's hottest jazz acts.

It employs a three-horn sextet format inspired by the T.S. Monk Sextet and Art Blakey's Jazz Messengers. The ensemble includes pianist/composer Scott Gwinnell, Dr. Scott Cowan on trumpet, saxophonist James Hughes, bassist Shannon Wade and drummer Scott Kretzer.

## Saturday, Aug. 22

Class: Photography: DIArmas for ages 9-12 at 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. Grab a camera

and take a photograph in the museum, print it and learn how to make a 3-D scene. The fee is \$36 for members and \$42 for nonmembers. To register, e-mail [registration@dia.org](mailto:registration@dia.org) or call (313) 833-4249.

## Target Family Sunday, Aug. 23

Storytelling: "Summer Breezes" at 2 p.m. Veteran storyteller Ivory D. Williams presents a humorous medley of summer tales that will tickle the funny bone and stir the emotions on a warm summer afternoon.

## Friday Night, Aug. 28

Music: Taslimah Bey's Ragtime Band at 7 and 8:30 p.m. Taslimah Bey's Ragtime Band performs music in the Ragtime tradition, featuring compositions by jazz legends Scott Joplin, Jelly Roll Morton and Fats Waller. Bey is a regular performer at jazz and ragtime festivals across the country, including Preservation Hall in New Orleans and the Scott Joplin Festival.

## Target Family Sunday, Aug. 30

Storytelling: "Summer Breezes" at 2 p.m. See Aug. 23 for details.

The DIA is open from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Wednesdays and Thursdays; 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. Fridays and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays. Admission is \$8 for adults, \$6 for ages 62-plus and \$4 for ages 6-17. DIA members are admitted free.

## Soupy Sales film series shown at historical museum

A Soupy Sales film series is planned for 1 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays through Aug. 30 at the Detroit Historical Museum.

Two episodes from his original television shows will be played and each screening is free with regular museum admission.

The summer film series pro-

vides a sampling of Sales' greatest TV hits, such as "The Singing Bug," "Sinatra Gets Pie-Eyed," and "Fang the Olympian." Each episode is about 30 minutes in length.

Sales' comic charm, lunchtime humor, and sophisticated evening productions made him Detroit's biggest television star during the 1950s

and early 1960s. The popularity of his two shows, "Lunch with Soupy Sales!" and "Soupy's On," contributed greatly to WXYZ-TV's early financial success.

"Lunch with Soupy Sales!" featured characters White Fang, Black Tooth and Pookie. Sales later achieved fame across the country in 1959 when his lunchtime program went national on the ABC Television Network.

The summer film series is in conjunction with the exhibit Detroit's Classic TV Personalities, which showcases seven Detroit television luminaries, including Bill Bonds, John Kelly and Marilyn Turner, Bill Kennedy, Emery King, Amyre Makupson and Sales.

Sales-related artifacts include the star's oversized bowtie, the original White Fang and Black Tooth puppets, studio photographs and other

memorabilia.

The Detroit Historical Museum, located at 5401 Woodward Ave. in Detroit's Cultural Center area, is open from 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Wednesday through Friday; 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday; and noon to 5 p.m. Sunday. Regular adult admission is \$6. Seniors 60-plus, college students with valid college ID, and youth ages 5-18 pay \$4. Admission for children ages four and under is free.

Parking in the museum's lot is \$4 at all times.

## Variety of concerts scheduled at zoo

The Wild Summer Nights concert series returns to the Detroit Zoo from 6:30 to 8 p.m. Wednesdays during July and August.

The concerts are free with regular zoo admission and participants can bring blankets, lawn chairs and picnic baskets. In addition, food, snacks, beer, wine and soft drinks are available for purchase.

The lineup is:

- ◆ July 29 — Jill Jack (folk)
- ◆ Aug. 5 — Candy Band (children's)
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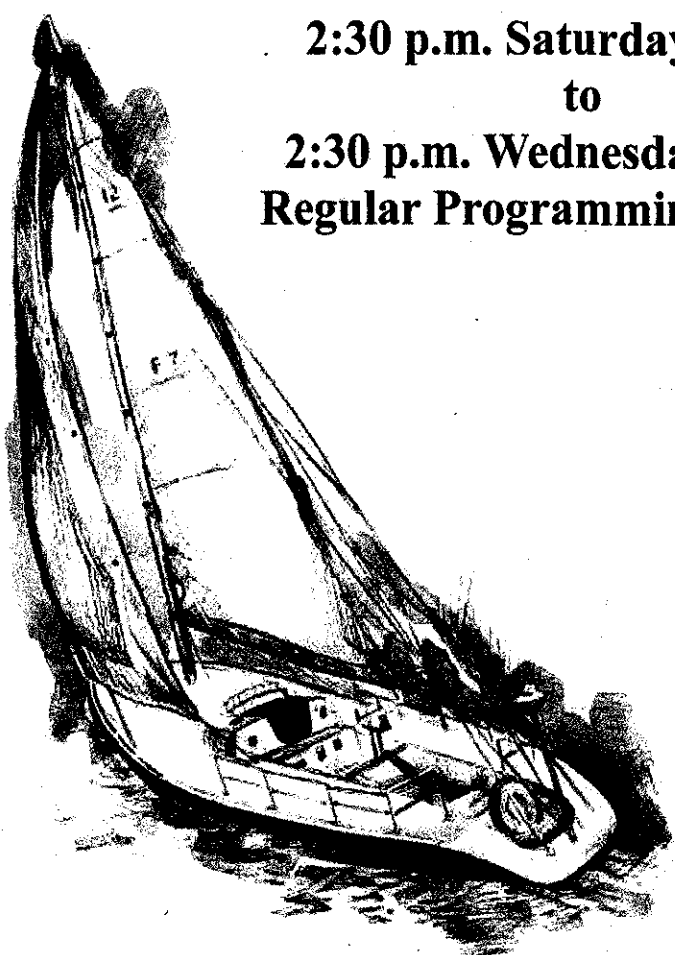
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## 8B | ENTERTAINMENT

A LA ANNIE By Annie Rouleau-Scheriff

## Cap off shrimp with grilled portabellas



Anyone who knows my pal Allan Sieger knows he doesn't like to share the spotlight. This week he has no choice as I have pulled one of his original creations from my archive of recipes.

Portobello A la Sieger brings together shrimp, artichokes and crumbled bleu cheese over a portobello mushroom cap. Yummy.

Usually prepared in the oven, I brought the ingredients outdoors and grilled the components before assembling them on the mushroom cap.

#### Grilled Portobello A la Sieger

4 large portobello mushroom caps, stems removed

1/4 cup balsamic vinaigrette dressing (or Italian)

8 extra large shrimp, peeled, deveined and butterflied (tail on)

1 15-oz. can whole artichoke

hearts, drained and cut in half

4 large garlic cloves, sliced lengthwise

1 to 2 tablespoons olive oil, divided

4 tablespoons crumbled bleu cheese

Place the mushrooms in a plastic bag with the vinaigrette and marinate for several hours or overnight.

Heat the grill to high heat (450 degrees or so). Place the artichoke halves and the garlic in a small bowl and gently toss with a bit of olive oil. Season lightly with salt and pepper and transfer to a grill-safe pan. Place the shrimp in the same bowl and toss with a bit of olive oil, salt and pepper.

Place the mushroom caps top side down and grill for 5 to 7 minutes or so. Flip the caps over then place the artichoke pan and the shrimp on the grill. Grill the shrimp for about 3 minutes then flip over. Allow the artichokes and the garlic to cook for about 6 minutes.



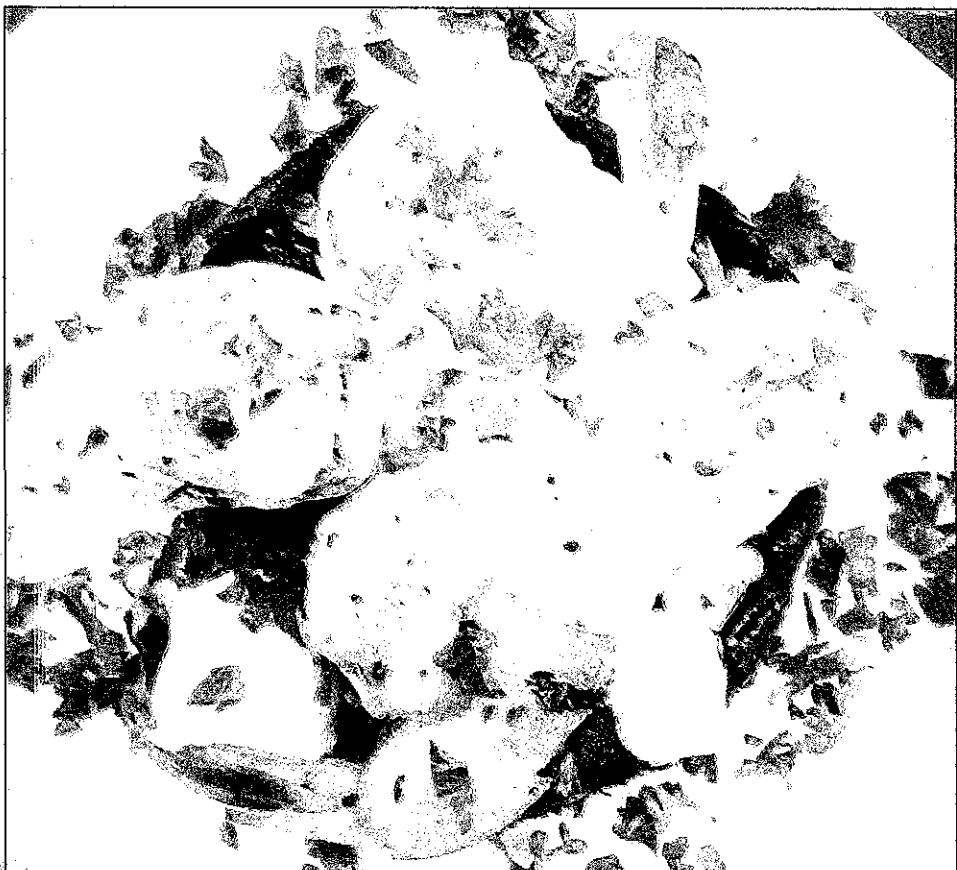
Remove all the components from the grill. Place the caps top side down on a grill-safe pan.

Arrange shrimp and the artichoke halves over the mushroom, tucking the grilled garlic wherever you can. Top each cap with a tablespoon of bleu cheese and place the pan on the grill.

Close the grill and cook until the cheese has melted, about 3 minutes.

Portobello A la Sieger can be an upscale appetizer or a snazzy entree paired with rice pilaf.

The shrimp, artichokes and garlic marry together perfectly. The bleu cheese gives this overstuffed mushroom cap a tangy finish.



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This recipe can be prepared either in the oven or on the grill. The grill heat should be at least 450 degrees. Place the artichoke halves and the garlic in a small bowl while the mushrooms and the shrimp are grilling.

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