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THURSDAY, AUG. 6

◆ Volunteers are invited to an 11 a.m. painting party at Services for Older Citizens, 17150 Waterloo, City of Grosse Pointe. Items painted will be sold during a fall silent auction. SOC is the beneficiary of the auction. For more information, call Mary Rose at (313) 882-9600.

◆ The Grosse Pointe Geeks accept internal and external hard drives, computer towers, mice, keyboards, laptops, scanners and printers from 5 to 9 p.m. in conjunction with the Music on the Plaza in City of Grosse Pointe. There is a \$10 fee. For more information, call (313) 885-2222 or visit gpgeek.com.

◆ The Rodney Whittaker Jazz Quartet plays the final free Music on the Plaza concert at 7 p.m. on The Village Festival Plaza, City of Grosse Pointe. Rain location is Maire Elementary School, 740 Cadieux.

FRIDAY, AUG. 7

◆ All Secretary of State branch offices and the Office of the Great Seal are closed due to a mandatory state employee furlough day. For more information, visit Michigan.gov/sos.

◆ The Detroit Artists Market Small Show free opening reception is from 6 to 9 p.m. at 4719 Woodward, Detroit. Music is provided by The Blackman. For more information, call (313) 832-8540.

SATURDAY, AUG. 8

◆ The Soroptimist annual garage sale is from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at 76 Cloverly, Grosse Pointe Farms.

◆ St. Clair Shores Waterfront Environmental Committee will clean entrance and exit ramps of I-94 at Nine, 10 and 11 Mile roads from 10 a.m. to noon. Meet at the northeast corner of the parking lot at 10 Mile. For more information, call (586) 774-8181.

SUNDAY, AUG. 9

◆ The Grosse Pointe Symphony Orchestra Strings present a free concert at 3 p.m. on the second level of the Van Elslander Pavilion. DSO violinists Joe Striplin and Greg Staples play a double Bach

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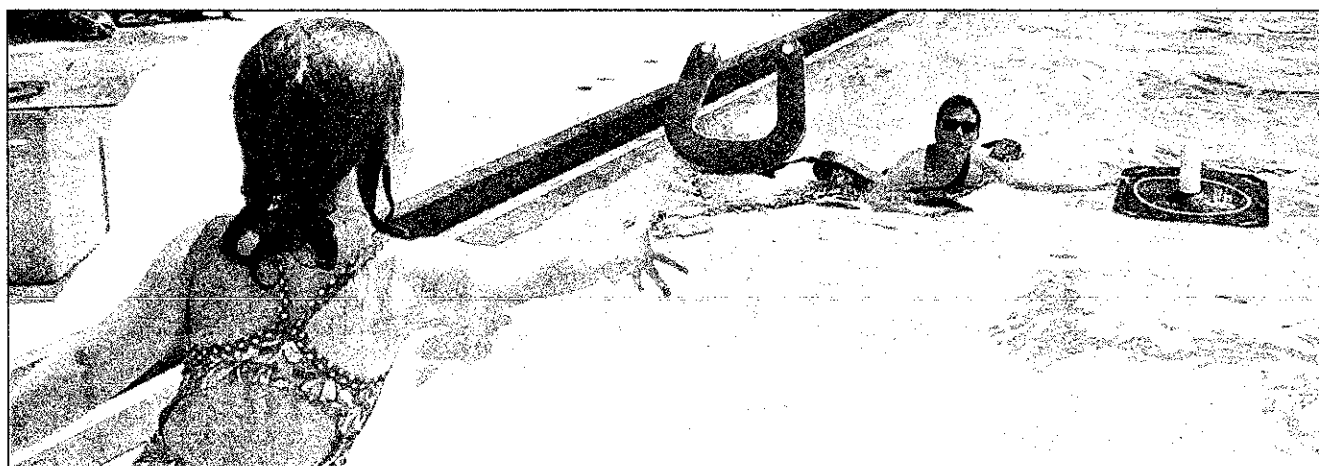


PHOTO BY RENEE LANDUYT

Six-year-old Caroline Stafford tosses a horseshoe hoping it will land on the floating ring.



PHOTO BY KATHY RYAN

Hot diggity dog. The main course at the Grosse Pointe Woods picnic was tended under the watchful eyes of Director of Public Works Joe Ahee, center, the director of the Department of Public Works, and his co-chefs, Mario Marinell, left, and Joe Shock.

Games people play

Woods turns on the fun under the sun

By Kathy Ryan
Staff Writer

There were blue skies, lemonade, hot dogs and pool games — a great day for a picnic.

Hundreds of Grosse Pointe Woods residents agreed as they gathered at Lake Front park for the city's annual family picnic.

While children participated in pool games and decorated the pool deck, their parents and grandparents, and in some cases, great grandparents, enjoyed lunch served up by city employees and elected officials.

"It's another great city picnic," said Councilwoman Vicki Granger, as she handed out potato chips. "It's perfect weather and just a perfect day. It seems to get bigger every year."

As Woods resident Geoff Diamond moved his family through the hot dog line, he agreed with Granger.

"It's a perfect day for families," he said. "We wouldn't miss this."

Overseeing the main course, hot dogs, was Public Service Director Joe Ahee, assisted by public service workers Joe Shock and Mario Marinello, all of whom volunteered their culinary

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GROSSE POINTE WOODS

Recall effort unsuccessful

Officials say they made right choice

By Kathy Ryan
Staff Writer

A recall effort launched against two members of the Grosse Pointe Woods City Council has failed.

Nancy Hames and her committee, Tapped out Taxpayers, failed to obtain the required

2,500 signatures on petitions to put the recall of councilmen Art Bryant and Joe Sucher on the November ballot. According to Hames, approximately 1,900 signatures were collected by the July 31 deadline.

She launched the recall campaign in reaction to votes by Bryant and Sucher in favor of a 1.75 millage hike to balance the city's 2009-2010 budget.

"Time was not in our favor," said Hames in a written statement, "and although we fell just short of the number of signatures we set out to secure, we also set out to warn the

mayor and the members of his machine they had better take a closer look at what the voters in this city want from their elected officials."

Recall target Bryant said Woods residents did tell their elected officials what they wanted.

"It's clear from the lack of signatures that the people realize our vote on the budget was in the best interest of our residents," he said.

Sucher echoed Bryant. "I'm glad that it is over," he said. "It was a major distraction."

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GROSSE POINTE FARMS AND CITY

Generosity keeps rodeo afloat

Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

Fish destined to be caught during this Saturday's rodeo have a lot of people to blame.

Without sponsors, the Grosse Pointe Farms and City Family Fishing Rodeo probably would be extinct, as are other major family-oriented celebrations from the community's past.

"All those old-time Grosse Pointe events are gone along the wayside, like the fireman's

field day," said Dick Graves of the Farms.

For Graves, the rodeo is more than a community tradition. His late father helped organize the event in 1948.

Heading into its 61st year starting 8 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 8, at Farms Pier Park, the rodeo for Farms and City residents age 17 and under shows no signs of getting away.

"We wouldn't be able to put it

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Successor named to school board

The Grosse Pointe Board of Education selected Karl Kratz to complete the five-month vacancy created by trustee Ahmed Ismail, who resigned citing medical issues.

The board interviewed six candidates July 27 and made its decision during a special meeting Monday, Aug. 3.

Kratz signed his oath of office Wednesday, Aug. 5 and will be sworn in during the 8 p.m. Monday, Aug. 24 meeting in Grosse Pointe South High School's Wicking Library.

Those who initially vied for the seat can try again in November when three seats will be available: two four-year positions and Ismail's remaining three-year term.

In the third round of voting, Kratz was elected on a five - one vote, having been nominated by Fred Minturn. John Steininger cast the descending ballot.

A former Grosse Pointe Shores councilman, Kratz is a private consultant and volunteers at Full Circle Upscale Resale.

Anthony Ambrogio and Tom Jakubiec were also nominated but failed to gather enough votes.

Also vying for the seat were George McMullen, Philip Osburn and Michelle Peabody.

— Amy Salvagno

POINTER OF INTEREST

'Success is determined by how hard you work.'

Tripp Kennedy



Home: Grosse Pointe Farms
Age: 19

Family: Father, DJ; mother, Barb; brother, Patrick

Claim to fame: Winner of American Guild of Organists Regional Competition for Young Organists in Region V

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Yesterday's headlines

1959

50 years ago this week

◆ **BOATING ACCIDENT:** One person drowned and five others rescued when their out-board motor boat was swamped by the wake of a larger boat about 300 feet off the dock of the Grosse Pointe Club.

◆ **SCHOOLS SURVEY NEEDS:** School Board President Robert F. Weber said a detailed survey of the entire Grosse Pointe Public School System's immediate and future needs for additional physical facilities has been in progress since mid winter. Some students have been moved to different schools and some schools are functioning with makeshift libraries and music rooms. Weber said "it is possible that the board will have to go to the voters of the district to ask for funds with which to build necessary additions to some of our buildings."

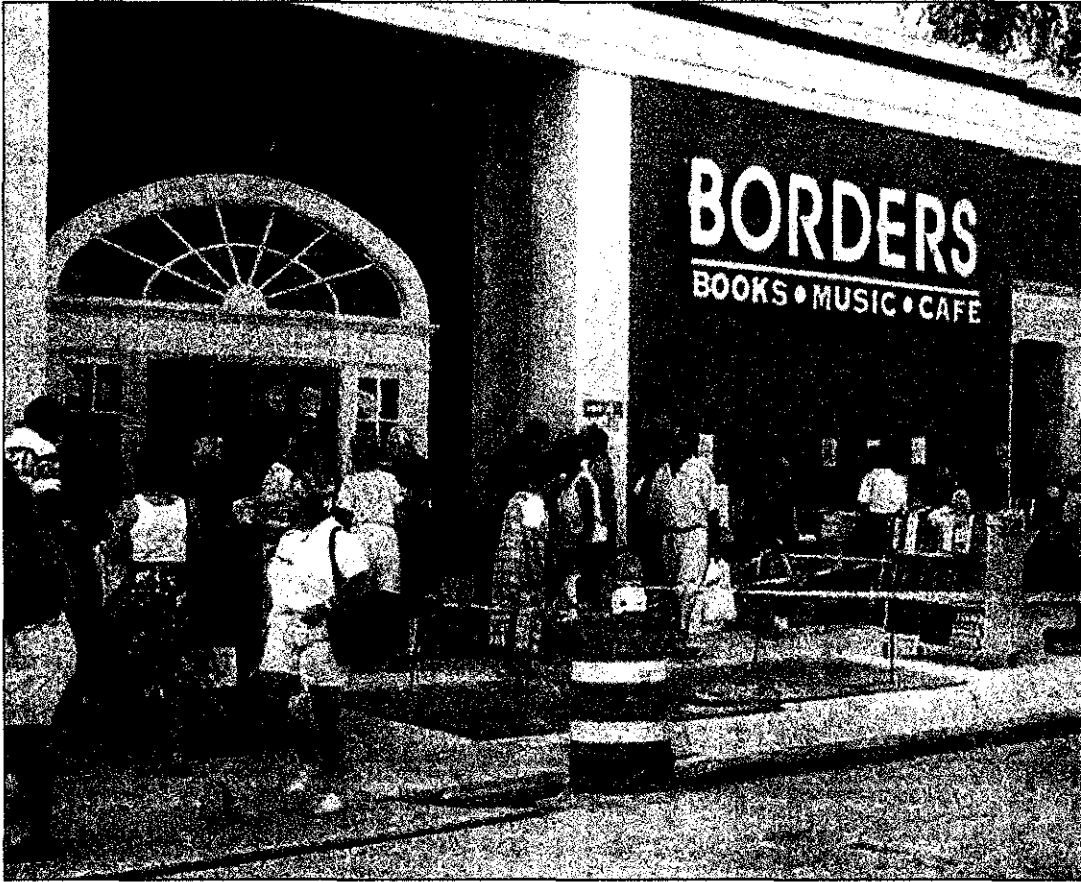
◆ **MOLESTER SET FREE:** A 23-year-old Grosse Pointe Park man, arrested by Park police on a charge of accosting two young girls, will go free because the parents refused to prosecute.

The man was questioned extensively at the time of his arrest and admitted attempting to accost near schools and other areas of the city.

1984

25 years ago this week

◆ **PARK MAN FACES FRAUD CHARGES:** A 58-year-old chiropractor from Grosse Pointe Park was indicted by a federal grand jury on 78 counts of mail fraud. The resident, along with three other chiropractors, one physician and five business executives, were charged with 102 counts of billing Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Michigan for more than \$10 million worth of unnecessary treatments.



FROM THE AUG. 5, 1999 ISSUE OF THE GROSSE POINTE NEWS

1999: Sidewalk-less sale

The City of Grosse Pointe closed off Kercheval in the Village so merchants could set up goods in the street during the annual sidewalk sale. Most of the sidewalks are in the midst of being renovated as part of the Village streetscape beautification project. Village merchants say that construction, hot weather and rain kept the crowds down.

◆ **PARK GETS LAND GIFT:** Grosse Pointe Park received a gift of three lots from Shelby Plaza Corp. The land, located on the southwest corner of Westchester and Jefferson Ave., is about 143 feet wide. Plans include landscaping approximately 25 feet of the property bordering Jefferson and subdividing the remaining land into two parcels zoned for single family housing.

◆ **WOODS ROBBERY:** An estimated \$30,000 worth of cash, jewelry and appliances were stolen during a break-in at a Deeplands Road house. The homeowner called Woods police to report the break-in after returning from a weekend trip. The thieves entered the

house by breaking a basement window on the house's east side and left through the mud room door on the west side.

1999

10 years ago this week

◆ **THIEF ATTEMPTS TO LIFT MONEY MACHINE:** A man, described by police as having the strength and physique of a sumo wrestler, tried to remove a money machine from a store in the Village shopping district.

The man was caught on security videos shattering the store's glass front door and en-

tering the building. Unable to dislodge the machine, he left the store and returned with a two-wheeled dolly. Once again, he was unsuccessful in removing the machine and left the store. City of Grosse Pointe police, notified by the store's alarm company, arrived but the would-be thief was gone.

◆ **LAKE LEVELS CONTINUING DOWN:** Officials are powerless to keep the waters of Lake St. Clair from receding below its long-term average. "It's a very natural thing," said an U.S. Army Corps of Engineers representative. The lake is about 22 inches below last year's level and is headed downward. Still, the lake is about 36 inches above the

record low set in 1934.

◆ **PARK STREET REPAIRS:** Street repairs finally will begin in Grosse Pointe Park. The city waited until August to begin repairs to enjoy a considerable savings offered by the contractor.

◆ **MOTORISTS FROM LAKE:** A 23-year employee of the Grosse Pointe Farms public works department saved an elderly couple from Lake St. Clair after their car was knocked into the lake by another motorist. Robert Kudla was edging grass along the Lakeshore curb line when he saw the couple's car hit by another vehicle. He quickly helped the man out of the car and carried the woman to shore.

◆ **CARS DAMAGED:** Twenty-three residents in Grosse Pointe Park woke to find their car windows damaged sometime during the early morning hours. Detectives believe a pellet gun was used to damage vehicle windows in various parts of the city.

— Karen Fontanive

1984

Five years ago this week

◆ **THIRSTY VOTERS OK MORE TAVERNS:** Grosse Pointe Woods voters passed a referendum to free up four Class C liquor/tavern licenses by a vote of 1,831 to 1,336. Who will get the licenses and how they will get them is yet to be determined.

◆ **FARMS WORKER SAVES**



Middle East reader



First Lt. Brandon D. Bush of Grosse Pointe Farms took along the Grosse Pointe News when he was deployed to the Middle East. When you travel, take along a copy of the Grosse Pointe News and have a photo taken of yourself in front of a local landmark. Send the picture, along with a few words to: The Grosse Pointe News Reader, 96 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe Farms, MI 48236; or e-mail to editor@grossepointenews.com. Your picture will appear in an upcoming issue.

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THE GROSSE POINTES AND HARPER WOODS

Fire apparatus sharing discussed

Tough times call for cooperation

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

When officers from the smallest Grosse Pointe public safety department last Friday helped its larger neighbor to the west put out an apartment fire, it kept one of its two pumper trucks in reserve at headquarters.

Such a cushion may not exist if tight budgets make the five Pointes and Harper Woods cut back on fire trucks.

"Over the last six months, we've met with SEMCOG (Southeast Michigan Council of Governments), all the Pointes and Harper Woods as far as sharing fire apparatus and any way we can trim the budget," said Stephen Poloni, Shores public safety director.

The six eastside suburbs already share police and fire equipment through mutual aid agreements. When a city faces a big emergency, such as last week's two-alarm fire on South Rosedale in Grosse Pointe Woods, sister cities cover each other's backs by lending extra manpower and equipment.

Tough economic times are ramping up that cooperative relationship in the direction of a shotgun wedding. A SEMCOG study done at the suburbs' request goes beyond mutual aid. The study recommends:

- ◆ greater cost savings by reducing the collective fleet's overcapacity,
- ◆ improved operational efficiency by increased sharing of remaining trucks and
- ◆ jointly buying new apparatus.

"Conceptually, it's a good idea to start thinking that way for a lot of different projects," said David Hiller, chief of public safety in Grosse Pointe

Park.

The five Pointes have three aerial or tower fire trucks and eight pumpers. Aerials are spaced roughly evenly throughout the area — one each in the Park, Farms and Woods.

In addition, the community has nine pumpers — two in the Park, City of Grosse Pointe, Shores and Woods; and one in the Farms.

The City and Shores don't have aerial trucks.

Hiller's doesn't think now's the time to fix a system that's not broken by dumping one of three aerials.

"Can we do it with two?" he said. "We can do anything we have to do. Right now, we don't need to do that. Ten years from now, we might decide we don't need one."

Lt. Jack Patterson, head of the Farms fire division, said SEMCOG erred by evaluating the combined suburbs as though they were a single city.

"They referenced the amount of trucks in comparably-sized cities without taking into account any of their mutual aid agreements," Patterson said. "For example, St. Clair Shores has a Macomb County-wide mutual aid agreement. While they only have five engines and one (aerial) truck, they can have quite a bit more equipment coming with a simple call on the radio. We don't have that luxury. We have the Grosse Pointes and Harper Woods. That's all that's coming. To start sacrificing pieces of equipment is kind of tough."

In the City of Grosse Pointe, where James Fox has risen from patrolman to detective and now to chief of public safety, he said there have been two fire trucks "forever." SEMCOG wants the City to have only one. "We want to keep one more ladder truck than they recommended," Fox said.

"We're going to try and reach some common sense, agreeable approach so everybody can be happy with the results," said City Manager Peter Dame.

"Everyone agrees to the same basic concept that we should be able to share equipment and save costs."

Fox won't get much argument from City Councilman John Stevens.

"I feel very supportive of our public safety department," Stevens said. "Preventive safety — our security — is critical. It's imperative that we do what they endorse because I know their recommendation is in the best interest of the community."

Harper Woods Mayor Kenneth Poynter has the overall picture in mind.

"If there ever was a time when we need to try to save money, it's now," he said. "But, we need to maintain the best services we can for the community."

For Patterson, it's not so much the quantity of trucks, but their pumping capacity.

"If everybody was running the latest and greatest trucks, you probably could get by with one (pumper) engine each in the City and Shores, an engine and a (tower truck) in each of the Park, Farms and Woods," he said. "That keeps three aerials."

A typical truck can pump 1,000 to 1,500 gallons of water per minute on a fire.

"That's not a lot in the grand scheme of things," Patterson said. "When you get a major fire with today's fire load — synthetics and plastics that give off poison gasses and burn like gasoline — it's a little different."

To drown big fires, multiple trucks are hooked into multiple hydrants, some spaced widely, to draw large amounts of water.

"You're going to need a lot of hose," Paterson said. "The average engine carries 1,000 feet of supply line. The average ladder truck carries 500 to 600 feet. At a fire on Tonnancour, I had 3,000 feet of hose out for supply because the water mains were designed way back when."



Windmill Pointe painting

William J. Giovan stands beside the Windmill Pointe painting by Scottish immigrant Robert Hopkin, born in 1832. The painting hangs in the Scarab Club in Detroit which was originally named the Hopkin Club after the painter. The painting's locale was the site of the 1712 battle between the Native American tribes aligned with the French and other tribes allied with the English. A century later, a French settler built on the site and gave it the name Windmill Pointe. According to legend, the windmill was destroyed by a storm. The painting is said to have been donated by George DuCharme.

GROSSE POINTE PARK

Nothing quiet about August

A handful of summertime family activities are planned in Grosse Pointe Park.

A family fun night begins at 6 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 6 at Patterson Park featuring musician Cliff Erickson, followed by a showing of the movie, "Happy Feet," under the stars. Smoky Joe's BBQ is offering up food for a fee and several merchants will be on hand with giveaways. The Patterson Park gates close to incoming traffic at 8 p.m.

From 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 15, the West

Park Farmer's Market Beer Taste Fest and Corn Roast returns.

Atwater Block Brewery provides free samples of specialty beers and the corn roast features Michigan corn served up with a variety of flavored salts, peppers and melted butter at no charge. Smoky Joe's BBQ is selling ribs and other taste treats.

Activities include a water slide and a dunk tank. An all-day pass for the water slide is \$2; the dunk tank costs \$1 for three balls.

Vendors will be selling fresh produce and the usual fare throughout the day.

For more information, contact market manager Jennifer Meldrum at (313) 822-2812, ext. 202.

THE GROSSE POINTES AND HARPER WOODS

Budget woes hit stolen car task force

Car thefts down due to ACTION

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

An undercover Wayne County sheriffs deputy assigned to the ACTION anti-car theft squad was pretending to buy fake auto insurance when her mark gave her an offer she had to refuse.

She'd played her role so well that the man selling bogus policies offered her a job.

"His business was so good, he needed someone to work weekends," said David Hiller, grant coordinator for the eastside task force.

"He was extremely surprised when she said she couldn't work for him because she was there to arrest him."

Budget constraints have forced the county to pull its four deputies from the eight-man ACTION, or Arresting Car Thieves in Our Neighborhoods.

The team continues at half strength to focus on the Grosse Pointes, Harper Woods and eastside Detroit, but also recovers vehicles stolen from outside the area.

Since being established to counter a spike in car thefts during 2002-03 in the Pointes and Harper Woods, such thefts in the area have gone down 25 to 30 percent, said Hiller, public safety director in Grosse Pointe Park.

ACTION's four remaining members are a Park public safety officer, a Harper Woods policeman and two employees of an insurance collections bureau.

Hiller doubts the team's manpower can be restored to full strength with officers from the Pointes.

"With budgets the way they are, everyone is a little tight," Hiller said. "Individual departments don't have manpower to dedicate just to a specific area."

"I'm going to try to meet with the new sheriff and see if he has any ideas. We've not given up."

ACTION members have recovered 310 stolen cars since October 2008, according to Hiller.

"The value of cars recovered exceeds \$1.5 million so far," he said.

"We've made over 75 arrests for a multitude of things, including car jacking, fraudulent titles and insurance fraud."

Many vehicles were recov-

'With budgets the way they are, everyone is a little tight. Individual departments don't have manpower to dedicate just to a specific area. ... We've not given up.'

DAVID HILLER,
Grant coordinator

ered within 48 hours of being stolen, which often meant they hadn't yet been striped.

"That's a tremendous savings to insurance agencies because the cars don't have as much damage," Hiller said.

Funding for the team runs through September, when \$333,000 from an Automobile Theft Prevention Authority state grant expires.

"We've already submitted a grant application for October, but that included the sheriffs department," Hiller said.

The grant is a 50 percent match for wages only.

"It is a major commitment from the department," Hiller said, referring to staffing a Park officer. "But, it's something we feel is necessary to have. It was a very effective unit."

Goal: sharing services

Emergency medical service could be consolidated in a mutual aid agreement among some of the Grosse Pointes and Harper Woods.

"We are looking at consolidation of EMS services amongst (Grosse Pointe) Farms, Harper Woods, Grosse Pointe Shores and Grosse Pointe Woods," said Stephen Poloni, Shores public safety director. "We're looking to see where we can share services and cut costs."

He said talks are in the initial stage. Goals are cost savings at the current level of service.

"Providing the same type of service — that's No. 1 consideration in this proposal," Poloni said. "I would expect that we may be going out for bid just to see what opportunities we have out there reducing costs."

— By Brad Lindberg

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At 19, **Tripp Kennedy** has found his passion — expressing himself through classical music via the pipe organ.

The key to his success is music

By Ann L. Fouty
Features Editor

In just three years of training, Dexter “Tripp” Kennedy of Grosse Pointe Farms brought home top honors from a regional music contest.

Not just any musical contest but competition on the organ, an intricate instrument with a multitude of keys, pedals, couplers and stops. Recently, the 19-year-old won the American Guild of Organists Regional Competition for Young Organists in Region V (Great Lakes).

Though Kennedy said he has played many instruments throughout his young life, he has been drawn to the piano and organ.

“I was always interested in the organ because of the variety of sounds that the instrument can produce.

“I began playing the organ while a student at the Grosse Pointe Academy for chapel ser-

vices,” he said. “I was entirely self taught then however, I began serious study in 2006.”

Kennedy began his love of the organ in high school with the Grosse Pointe South High School choir, he said.

“I was fortunate enough to play on the choir’s European tours to Austria in 2006 and Spain in 2008. I was also featured at the choir’s annual holiday concert,” Kennedy said.

The 2008 South graduate credits his father for instilling him with the gift of music.

“My dad played piano as a kid. My mom played a tiny bit,” he said. “I began playing the piano at age 6.”

He studied under Oakland University organ professor Fred DeHaven for two years until his 2008 enrollment at Oberlin Conservatory of Music to study with professor James David Christie.

“Fred DeHaven gave me a great introduction into the organ and organ literature. Fred



PHOTOS COURTESY OF TRIPP KENNEDY

Tripp Kennedy at the pipe organ. Below left, organ teacher Fred DeHaven and Tripp Kennedy.

DeHaven influenced my life in that he always was very positive and encouraging with my organ studies.

“He was the one that believed that I could attend a top tier music school as an organ major and I most likely wouldn’t have applied to these high level schools if he had not believed in me as he did.

“Mr. Christie has really taught me how to really incorporate finesse into my playing and how to really listen to my playing.”

Since he began studying, Kennedy has been the recipient of many honors, including first place in both the 2009 AGO Region V RCYO Quimby Competition and the Detroit chapter of the American Guild of Organists Scholarship competition in 2006.

In addition to his organ studies, Kennedy is also studying orchestral conducting with Bridget-Michaele Reischl.

This summer, Kennedy, who golfs in his leisure time, has

been delving into improvisation and continuo at the 2009 McGill Summer Organ Academy with Jan Overduin and Hank Knox, respectively.

Kennedy’s year began in New York City where, for the month of January, he worked as a sacred music intern at the Brick Presbyterian Church, assisting in all aspects of the church’s music ministry, he said.

His credits include performing recitals at Christ Church Cranbrook, Christ Church

Episcopal in Shaker Heights, Ohio, the College of Wooster, Oberlin College’s Finney Chapel, Trinity Lutheran Church in Cleveland and the Ypsilanti Pipe Organ Festival. He has also served as director of music at St. John Catholic Church in Lorain, Ohio and as organist at Grosse Pointe Congregational Church in the Farms.

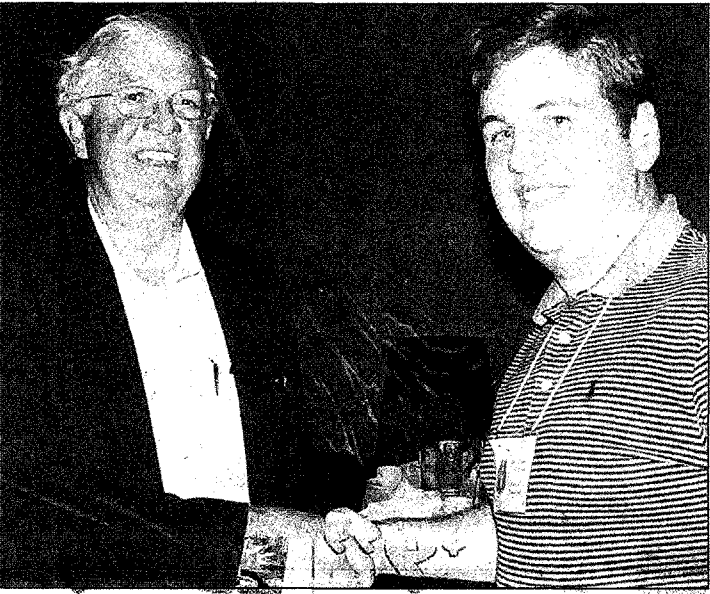
The Christ Church Cranbrook program included compositions by Bach, Brahms, Buxtehude, Franck and Demessieux.

It hasn’t been all climatic crescendos for Kennedy. He admits there have been flats.

“When a piece is not progressing as I’d like it to, there are various things I’ll do,” he said. “Sometimes I’ll just keep working on it and tell myself that eventually everything will come together. Other times I’ll put the piece away for a little bit just to get my mind off of it and then bring it back and begin working on it again.”

Other times, not favoring one composer over another, he said, “I simply listen to music to relax. I pretty much enjoy all styles and periods of classical music.”

With so many experiences in a few short years, Kennedy may very likely achieve his ultimate goal of becoming a renowned orchestral conductor by following his own advice: “You can achieve pretty much anything if you work hard enough.”



Equestrian jump show

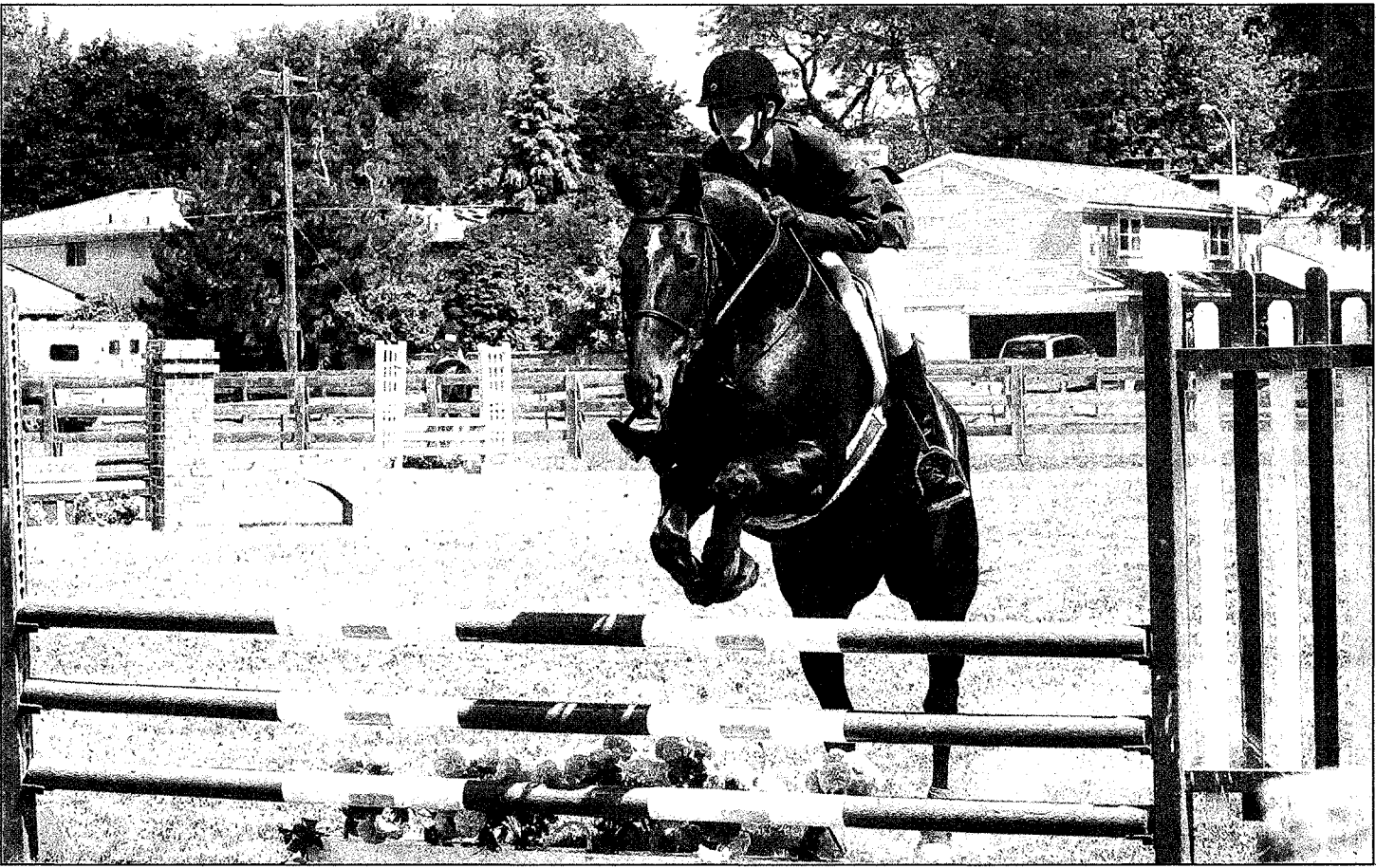


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Chris Reimel,
Director of Public Service

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City of **Grosse Pointe Park**, Michigan

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GROSSE POINTE WOODS

No spirits served at Mack Avenue Diner

Residents, city officials opposed license transfer

By Kathy Ryan
Staff Writer

Soda pop will be the strongest drink for the foreseeable future at the Mack Avenue Diner.

The Grosse Pointe Woods City Council turned down a request from owner Michael Mehr to transfer a Class C Liquor License from Grosse Pointe Farms to his restaur-

rant.

"We're very disappointed," Mehr said. "Many of the concerns expressed tonight were landlord issues, not issues with us."

Mehr told the council he has owned the diner for 11 years, and in the past few years, his business had declined significantly. He had hoped to stem the decline by offering beer and wine with meals.

"We have no intention of turning it into a bar," he explained. "We want to emphasize that we only plan on serving beer and wine. We will not inventory liquor or sell it. We

serve three meals a day, and we are open from 7 a.m. to 9 p.m. We will not be changing that."

Mehr introduced his architect, Jason Piroso of Sterling Heights, who described design changes for the building's interior and exterior to accommodate beer and wine coolers and bring the restrooms into compliance with the Americans With Disabilities Act.

But neighbors, who had circulated a letter and signed a petition in opposition to the license transfer, were not swayed.

"I have spoken to my neighbors and they all oppose a

liquor license," Rachelle Koester told the council. "We have many children in the area and the diner is in a direct line of where our children walk to school."

Dan Curis, who owns two restaurants on Mack, questioned why Mehr applied to transfer a liquor license from the Farms, when two Grosse Pointe Woods' licenses remain available.

"If we allow businesses to bring in licenses from other communities, how will this affect our quota," he asked. "Our residents voted on the number of licenses it wanted the city to offer and it's my understanding that two of those

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RACHELLE KOESTER,
Grosse Pointe Woods resident

are currently available."

It wasn't just residents who expressed opposition to the license transfer.

Farms city manager Shane Reeside in a letter to Woods city officials requested the transfer be denied. The li-

cense had previously been issued to the Vintage Bistro.

"Though it is my understanding that the city of Grosse Pointe Farms does not have jurisdiction regarding the transfer, the city is concerned that Grosse Pointe Farms is in jeopardy of losing the last remaining available liquor license in our community," Reeside said in the letter. "Furthermore, it is our understanding that Grosse Pointe Woods still has two available liquor licenses in escrow."

Council denied the request with a 7 to 0 vote.

"We're not sure what our next move will be," said Mehr. "We'll have to think about it."

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Rain garden helps Farms water quality

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

Lev Wood's rain garden at Pier Park has put him in solid with Mayor James Farquhar.

"It's residents like you who make our city a better place to live," Farquhar told Wood at this week's meeting of the Grosse Pointe Farms city council.

Wood attended the meeting to invite city officials, fellow Farms residents and everyone else to a Sept. 1 presentation on water quality by the Clinton River Watershed Council. Wood is a board member.

The free, one hour presentation is 7 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 1, at the Ewald Branch of the Grosse Pointe Public Library, next to Grosse Pointe Park municipal headquarters.

"It's focus is primarily on what residents can do to clean up water in their area," Wood said. "Things like planting a tree."

Or washing the family car on the lawn to keep soapy runoff from draining into catch basins and heading to the lake. Or building a rain garden to capture rain water than might otherwise drain away unused.

Wood's rain garden near the paddle tennis courts at Pier Park catches runoff for use by native plants. Rain that previously ran into nearby Lake St. Clair now is absorbed by the soil and recycled naturally through flora.

"It looks beautiful and is functional," Farquhar said. "It enhances our park."

Exhibit targets Belle Isle

Belle Isle: Soul of the City is now open at the Detroit Historical Museum.

This three-month exhibit celebrates the historical and environmental significance of Belle Isle and explores possibilities for the island's future.

Since its purchase as a park in 1879, Belle Isle has lighted the way for better urban living. This exhibit captures the island's 150 year history through photographs of its natural ecological features and historic preservation efforts and displays of island memorabilia.

This exhibit takes a close look at the island's maintenance and illustrates the careful steps needed to fulfill its potential as a model for urban living.

Generations of Detroiters have used Belle Isle for recreation, culture, scenic natural setting and unique heritage as a Frederick Law Olmsted showcase park. In the past decade, there has been much discussion about a master plan for the conservation of the park's historical and natural assets, the upkeep of its fragile ecosystem, and availability for community activities.

Visitors to the exhibit can learn many ways to participate and support Belle Isle activities and stewardship.

Belle Isle: Soul of the City is open through Sunday, Oct. 11 in the museum's Community Gallery. For more information, contact Friends of Belle Isle at (313) 331-7760, or visit fobi.org.

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.

Admission in July is free. Regular admission is \$6 for adults, seniors 60-plus, and college students with valid college ID. Those aged 5-18 pay \$4. Parking in the museum lot is \$4 at all times.

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Arcand and US Airways pilot Chesley Sullenberger

Air Force Academy graduate heads to Texas for training

Robert Arcand of Grosse Pointe Farms is in pilot training at Laughlin Air Force Base, Del Rio, Texas.

He earned a Bachelor of Science degree in behavior sciences this spring. His focus is human factors engineering.

Arcand escorted Capt. Chesley Sullenberger, the US Airways pilot who landed his plane on the Hudson River in New York, saving all passengers and staff. Both Arcand and Sullenberger graduated from Air Force Squad 18 — "The Night Riders."

An award and special mural was unveiled during Sullenberger's visit to the academy.

During his academy tenure, Arcand worked with Northrop Grumman Corporation on unconventional UAV control, was on the commandant's list seven of eight semesters, certified as an expert marksman with an M9 pistol and trained in general security strategy, recognized as an outstanding flight commander during combat survival training, part of the evasion and conduct after capture class and was squadron director of operations during his freshman year.

"I would not change a single decision I have made," he said. "I know that the experiences I have had the pleasure/terror of having here at the academy cannot be duplicated in a conventional college setting. I am truly grateful for the education and memories I have gained."

"The main thing that will propel me through life is the attitude I keep towards what is happening to me. This was taught to me by my awesome parents and only reinforced more at the academy."

The second lieutenant is a 2005 graduate of Grosse Pointe South High School and the son of Bob and Helena Arcand, who have been past presidents of The Air Force Parents Club and officers in the Grosse Pointe South Gridiron Club.



2nd Lt. Robert Arcand



PHOTO BY KATHY RYAN

Tear down

A house that had been vacant for more than a year was torn down in less than an hour Monday, Aug. 3. Located at the corner of Kensington and St. Paul, the developer who bought the vacant house at auction last fall plans to build a new house on the site once market conditions improve, he said.



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Sarah Hauler, currently a student in Bonn Germany, participated in the People to People Leadership Summit at Columbia University in New York. Hauler and her family are living in Germany and will return to Grosse Pointe Woods in 2010 when Hauler begins her senior year at Grosse Pointe North High School. She is the daughter of Lori and Steve Hauler of Grosse Pointe Woods.

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GUEST EDITORIAL

By Michael D. LaFaive and Michael J. Hicks

Statistics scream for change

New unemployment statistics are the latest in a seemingly endless series of reminders of Michigan's economic woes and policy miscalculations.

The state's unemployment rate leapt to 15.2 percent in June, the 40th consecutive month Michigan has had the highest unemployment rate in the nation.

To put things in even greater perspective, consider Puerto Rico's unemployment rate — 14.5 percent — is lower than Michigan's, the first time it has been lower than any state in the union since 1976, save for one month after Louisiana was blasted by hurricane Katrina.

Michigan's unemployment rate may be just one reason that — as of June 30 — mid-year migration data from United Van Lines indicates 70 percent of its Michigan-related moves involved people departing the Great Lakes State, up from 67.1

The bottom line underscored by our research is people tend to migrate to states with lower per-capita personal income taxes, greater labor market flexibility and more days of sunshine.

percent for 2008. No other state endured an outbound rate of even 60 percent.

A proven leading indicator presaging dismal census figures to come, this is yet more evidence that our state is depopulating as people vote with their feet.

This is also just the latest demonstration that enacting ever-larger numbers of discriminatory tax breaks and corporate welfare programs as a substitute for genuine business climate reforms is a doomed policy. Only bold, across-the-board initiatives — such as eliminating the Michigan Business Tax and replacing it with nothing — have any chance of staunching the flow of people, talent and investment dollars to other states.

There may be no better measure of relative quality of life and competitiveness than migration. United Van Lines is the largest mover of household goods in America, and has tracked the comings and goings of clients since 1977. Through rigorous statistical analysis, the Mackinac Center For Public Policy has found that UVL numbers correlate strongly with actual census data.

It won't surprise most people state unemployment rates and interstate migration are related. A high unemployment rate is an economy's way of telling residents something they probably already know, which is opportunities in the state are limited. A low rate in another state also sends a message: Potential rewards await those willing to make the financial and psychological commitment to up-stakes and seek greener pastures.

In 2008 and 2009, we created a statistical model designed to estimate the reasons people leave Michigan. We found for every 1 percentage point increase in Michigan's unemployment rate, 900 people depart the state in each succeeding year. Since 2000, the state's unemployment rate has leapt from 3.2 percent to 15.2 percent. Thus, going forward we can expect some 10,000 more departures each year than would have been the case otherwise.

This is just one factor that makes people leave. We also found for every 10 percent increase in per capita state and local personal taxes, 4,700 of our neighbors flee for friendlier tax climes in each succeeding year.

In 2007, our Legislature and governor increased state personal taxes by 11.5 percent, along with a 22 percent surcharge on state business taxes, which is also likely contributing to the current exodus.

The bottom line underscored by our research is people tend to migrate to states with lower per-capita personal income taxes, greater labor market flexibility and more days of sunshine. We can't change the weather, but other policy levers are within the grasp of policymakers.

The Mackinac Center is not alone in providing empirical evidence of a link between a freer economy and greater economic well-being. The Pacific Research Institute in California and the American Legislative Exchange Council recently published new indices of economic freedom, or "competitiveness," and found states with more open, market-friendly policy mixes enjoy more inbound migration. People really do vote with their feet.

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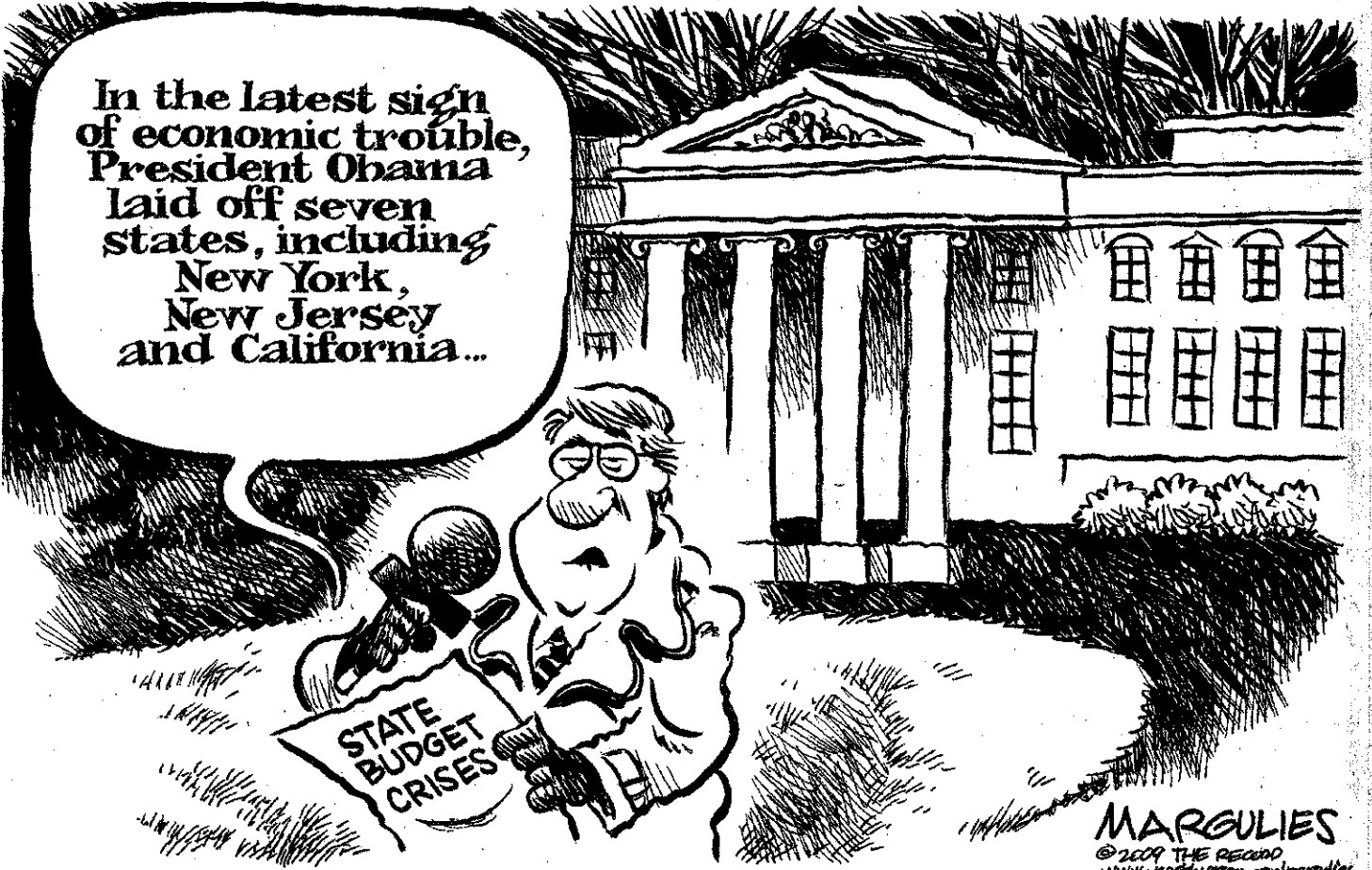


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NFL Hall of Fame

To the Editor:

It was nice to read about the tribute that will be paid by the NFL to Ralph Wilson Jr., a fine, model owner of professional football, "Wilson enshrined in NFL's Hall of Fame," July 30 Grosse Pointe News.

Most anytime we read about Mr. Wilson, there were comments regarding his respect for the players and the game.

I have always felt a tie with the Buffalo Bills because in the 1960s, I played drums in our Ithaca High School Marching Band and we performed at half-time for the 1964 AFL Championship Game between the Bills and San Diego

Chargers in Buffalo, which Buffalo won 20-7.

Little did I know I would some day live several blocks from the offices of the Buffalo Bills' owner and founder.

Congratulations to Mr. Wilson on his latest NFL tribute.

JACK LIANG
City of Grosse Pointe

Plane over Grosse Pointe Park

To the Editor:

I saw the plane too (Why are we targeted?) July 30 Grosse Pointe News, letter to the editor, it was a thrilling and spectacular sight.

I also saw one last year, but just briefly, during the Gold Cup races around noon.

This year I was ready. As soon as I heard it, I knew it was a military plane and I rushed out of my house over to the corner which has a low horizon across the trees looking toward the Detroit River.

I could hear it moving toward the west, then silence for a few seconds, it must have been miles away. Suddenly I heard it again, deep rolling thunder that just kept getting louder and louder, then some low sounds and a sustained roar that seemed to be in the same location.

I looked toward the river and it appeared between the trees, slowly climbing vertically through the misty blue sky.

It climbed and climbed, slowed to a roaring stop and then gracefully rolled over, diving. It again vanished in silence behind the trees of Grosse Pointe Park.

Silence.

I could then hear it traveling toward the west and turning north and becoming louder as it came my way. There it was

again, a beautiful and powerful silvery shape above the trees tearing through the sky in a sharp low turn, traveling at incredible speed.

It flew just over me, slightly west and climbing. For a brief second I could see straight into the tailpipes of its two engines; they were filled with white hot flame.

It dove and vanished behind the trees, I could hear it leaving and then — silence again.

I stood still and waited as I hoped to see it one more time. Suddenly, from the south it appeared, speeding along silently followed a second later by a boom. It sped on and vanished.

I would like to see that plane here everyday, so it could remind everyone the pilot is a special young American that has volunteered to spend years of his or her life to be schooled and trained to defend this great country and its Constitution.

Yes, that plane made noise and I enjoyed every second of it.

God bless that pilot.
DICK RUZZIN
Grosse Pointe Park

GUEST OPINION By Bill Kalmar

What's in a name?



Many of us, I suspect, either live on streets with magical names or have seen some idyllic names during our travels.

Seems most of the luxury home neighborhoods have street names that must have been chosen by a group of artists or poets.

Mockingbird Lane elicits a certain mystique, as does Deer Path Trail. To be in an elite category your street name has to end with Avenue, Court or maybe Ridge.

When we lived in Grosse Pointe we resided on University Place — across the road was Detroit and the street mysteriously became just University. That additional word (Place) just meant our taxes were higher, but the benefits to be accrued by living in the Pointes far outweighs any monetary encumbrance!

And of course there are always strange street names in the country. Believe it or not, a contest was held several years ago to discover the weirdest. Here are two that made the list:

Tater Peeler Road in Lebanon, TX — and the No. 1 on the list: Psycho Path in Traverse City, Mich.

We now reside on Orbit Drive in Lake Orion. Yes, it is a strange name but consider for a moment that the entire subdivision is named after the space program. As such, we have Armstrong Road, Lunar Court, Galaxy Way, Aldrin Avenue and

Mercury Drive to name a few.

We have heard all the comments about Orbit Drive when we are asked for our address: "How long have you been in Orbit?" "Do you live near space aliens?" And, "Do you know George Jetson?"

A friend of ours in Oxford has lived on a street with an unconventional, yet colorful name I wish we had — that is until a couple of months ago. For years the street had the name Absequeami Trail — the syllables almost roll off your tongue! Every time we passed by the street and saw the sign heralding the name we became even more jealous. Mary and I would recite it just for fun.

It is a wonderful name and has its traces back to the days when Indian tribes resided in the area. Then within the last month there was a dramatic change.

As we approached the street, I looked and instead of Absequeami Trail it read Absequeami Trail. Mary and I remarked to each other maybe we had misread it for years. A discussion with our friend revealed someone in the county had done some research — for whatever reason — and discovered it should in fact have a "g" in the name instead of a "q."

Why someone needed to research this what with everything else going on in the county is beside me. Our government in action, I guess.

You might think that subtle change from a q to a g would be meaningless — but it has created havoc. Imagine the confusion it creates with MapQuest and OnStar in their routing routine.

How about all the return address labels people have or the scores of friends and relatives that have for years sent mail to Absequeami Trail. The postal

service still delivers mail to the Absequeami addresses but has suggested to the homeowners they make the appropriate changes to their stationery and notify their creditors of the change.

In my opinion, sometimes just leaving well enough alone is the correct course of action.

On the other hand, maybe someone from our county could now research our street name. Maybe we shouldn't be part of the space program af-

ter all.

Perhaps with the addition of one letter and the change of another we could change Orbit Drive to Sorbet Drive. Now that's a refreshing name! And yes, it almost rolls off your tongue like Absequeami Trail. Or in the case of sorbet, refreshingly rolls down your throat!

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

GUEST OPINION By Freddy Groves

Redux 'bonus' is anything but

The Redux bonus for veterans, also called the Career Status bonus, that "bonus" is anything but. Those who accept it are in effect agreeing to lose hundreds of thousands of dollars in retirement pay over the course of their lifetime.

Here are a couple facts to consider:

◆ Taxes have to be paid on the bonus, so it's not the full \$30,000, unless you accept it while in a war zone.

◆ On the alternate High-3 plan, if you stay for 20 years, your retirement will be based on 50 percent of your highest three year's pay. On the Redux plan, after accepting the bonus and getting out at 20 years, you're locked in at 40 percent, with a one-time catch-up increase at age 62. If you retire at age 40, it's a long wait until age 62. Your cost of

living adjustments won't equal to those on the High-3 plan, either.

If you don't stay in as agreed, you'll have to pay back a share of that Redux bonus.

I'll leave it to others to verify the math, but it appears to make up for the amount lost over the years, you'd have to take your bonus and invest it at a 14 to 24 percent return, depending on rank and length of service. Is anybody getting that rate of interest nowadays?

Why are so many servicemen and women taking the Redux bonus, in spite of how much they'll lose? Bills to pay, most likely, and a bad economy with not too many potential jobs if they get out.

To check your own situation, search online for "Redux bonus retirement calculator" and plug in your numbers.

Freddy Groves is a writer for King Features Syndicate.

I SAY By Brad Lindberg

Ba-loom — boom



Today is the 64th anniversary of the second time an atomic bomb was used in war.

World War II U.S. Army Air Corps pilot Charles Sweeney went to his grave hoping there wouldn't be a third.

"As the man who commanded the last atomic mission, I pray that I retain that singular distinction," Sweeney wrote in his memoirs, "War's End."

Sweeney was 25 years old when on Aug. 9, 1945 he commanded a Boeing B-29 Superfortress nicknamed "Bockscar" that dropped an A-

bomb and destroyed Nagasaki, Japan. "Bockscar" is displayed at the National Museum of the U.S. Air Force in Dayton, OH.

Bill Cox of Grosse Pointe Farms worked on B-29s during the war. He helped maintain the aircraft's four, 18-cylinder, 2,200-horsepower turbocharged engines.

"When they started, they would belch: yrm yrmym, ba-loom — boom," Cox said. "The plane would sort of stagger. A huge cloud of smoke would come back. Once it got going, it was good."

A mock-up of the 10,000-pound plutonium weapon that killed 70,000 people in Nagasaki sits under "Bockscar's" right wing. So does a mock-up of the "Little Boy" A-bomb used Aug. 6, 1945 on Hiroshima.

"Those were big days," Cox

said. "B-29s did a good whack job on Japan. They had to give up."

Six days after Sweeney's mission, Japan surrendered.

"Bockscar" was normally commanded by Frederick Bock, of Greenville, Mich. A last minute switch of airplanes meant Sweeney and his crew manned Bock's B-29 to Nagasaki, while Bock accompanied as pilot of another bomber carrying scientific recording instruments, high-speed cameras and William Lawrence, reporter for the New York Times.

Lawrence's account of the mission appeared a month later in the paper's Sept. 9, 1945 edition:

"Does one feel any pity for or compassion for the poor devils about to die?"

Not when one thinks of Pearl Harbor and of the Death

March on Bataan."

A couple of years before Sweeney died in 2004 at age 84, he gave an interview about the A-bomb missions.

"A lot of my friends had been killed in Europe, guys to whom I was very close," Sweeney said. "My heart was broken for them, not to mention the Marines and other guys in the Pacific and elsewhere in the war. I thought to myself, what if we had a wand and could go like this — and stop the war?"

Sweeney said that when recruited into the A-bomb squadron, a security officer told him about work being done to develop a single bomb powerful enough to blow an entire enemy city into dust.

"I thought to myself," Sweeney said, "my goodness, this could be the magic wand."

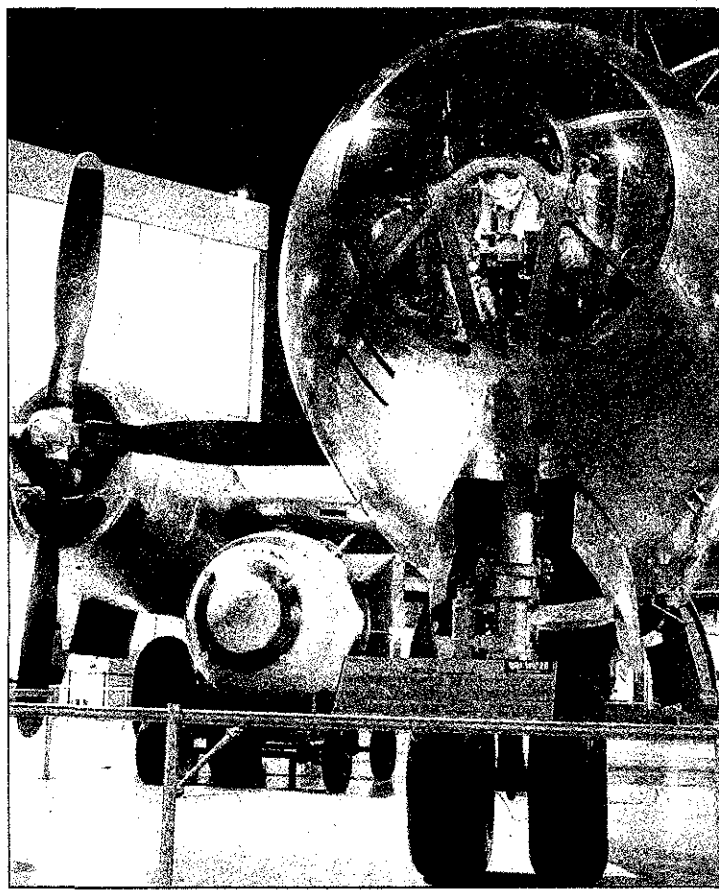


PHOTO BY BRAD LINDBERG

Bockscar.

STREETWISE By Renee Landuyt

How do you enjoy the dog days of summer?

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



'I go swimming!'
ASHLEY PALFFY
Grosse Pointe Park



'I've never met a drop of water I didn't like. I run through the sprinkler and along the fence when my neighbor waters his flowers.'
EMILY IRBY
Grosse Pointe Park



'I enjoy the dog days by hanging out on the couch and dancing when a cool breeze comes in the window.'
MAGGIE LOFFREDO
Grosse Pointe Park



'I like to find a sunny spot in the house and relax there while remaining incognito.'
SHANGHAI LOFFREDO
Grosse Pointe Park



'I make friends with the wildlife, play outside and nap indoors where it is cool (my family keeps it cold like a meat locker in here. Brr!).'
BELLA LOVELY
Grosse Pointe Park

FROM THE ARCHIVES Compiled by Suzy Berschback

A trip to town takes two days



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

Friend Palmer, a resident of early Detroit, relates stories of excursions in a two-horse wagon to Grosse Pointe and Milk River for apples, cider, potatoes and other farm products.

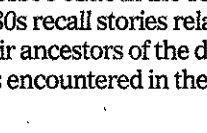
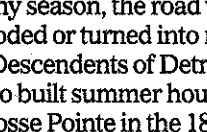
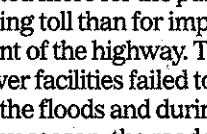
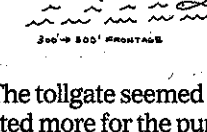
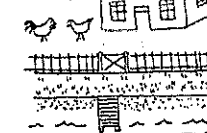
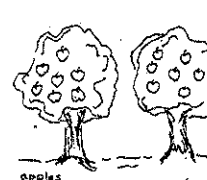
The trips took two or three days. Like most owners of the "Ribbon Farms," the Beaubiens were opposed to the extension of Jefferson Avenue eastward. But by 1836, it had reached the east line of the Dequindre Farm which at that time was owned by Judge Withersall.

The "Detroit and Grosse Pointe Road" was opened in 1851, a "Plank Road AT" having been passed by Congress in 1848, permitting. It was nine miles in length and had two toll gates. The first was located where Meldrum Avenue now intersects Jefferson and the second was near Van Dyke Avenue. A third toll gate located several miles further out was between the present streets, Maryland and Lakepointe avenues in Grosse Pointe.

For several years the plank roads were a comfort and a blessing; but after that, they were seldom in good repair. The tolls were collected regularly which were rated from the center of Detroit. The common charge for a one- or two-horse vehicle was one cent a mile. For each additional animal, the charge was three fourths of a cent; for every score of sheep or swine, the charge was half a cent a mile; for each score of cattle, two cents a mile.

If a person attempted to run the gate without paying, the penalty was a fine of \$25.

Early Grosse Pointe Ribbon Farm...



tempts to reach Detroit. The old road bed would sometimes be entirely inundated, especially at Fox and Conner's creeks. Travelers were sometimes compelled to abandon horse and carriage entirely.

When the flooded areas were reached, the services of an en-

terprising farm boy with a row boat could be relied upon to set one safely on the opposite side where the journey would be resumed by whatever conveyance was at hand.

Even at this later period, the river was very much preferred, as a steam-yacht called the

"Lilly" owned by a dozen or so Grosse Pointe families made daily trips to the city in the summer. In winter, the swift rides over the ice in sleighs were enjoyed. Farmers took to the ditches and drove to town on the ice rather than over the deeply rutted road.

The first regular lines of street omnibuses on Jefferson were started in 1843. The route was from the Michigan exchange out Jefferson to Hamtramck, covering parts of the same route as that subsequently taken by the first motor-bus line in July 1920.

CHANGE: Michigan's economy

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Michigan's economic woes are not a recent phenomenon. While depressing, a quick recap of the statistics behind Michigan's decline is instructive:

◆ Since 1995, when the state began "investing" more aggressively in economic development departments and programs, Michigan finished 50th among the 50 states in employment growth. Ours is the only state to lose jobs over that term.

◆ From 2002 through 2007 — roughly the period of America's last economic expansion — Michigan also experienced negative growth as measured by real state Gross Domestic Product — 1.7 percent.

◆ From 1999 through 2008, Michigan was the only state in the union to experience a negative state GDP growth rate. Also, 1999 happens to be the year the Michigan Economic Development Corp. was born — the latest incarnation of this state's "jobs" department.

◆ Michigan's per-capita personal income ranking also tumbled from 1999 through 2008, from 16th to 34th. Incomes in Michigan now average 11.2 percent below the national average, the lowest point ever since statistics began in the early years of the Great Depression.

Other important evidence drives home these statistical in-

dications that our current public policy mix is not just failing to remediate the effects of auto industry restructuring, but may be making the state's problems worse. An annual survey by CEO Magazine asks corporate leaders questions about the best and worst states in which to do business. For the past four years, Michigan has ranked as one of the five worst states. The magazine's summation included this note:

"Expressing the prevalent attitude among CEOs, one said, 'Michigan and California literally need to do a 180 if they are ever to become competitive again. California has huge advantages with its size, quality of work force, particularly in high tech, as well as the quality of life and climate advantages of the state. However, it is an absolute regulatory and tax disaster, as is Michigan.'"

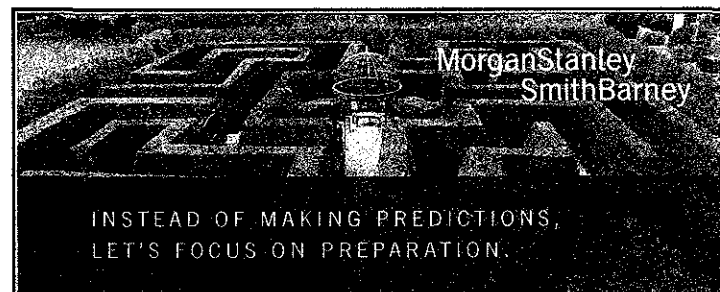
Such a verdict will not be reversed by our governor and legislators continuing their counterproductive meddling with a steady stream of new and expanded "economic development" programs intended to "create or retain" jobs, mostly administered through the Michigan Economic Development Corp. Increasingly, they are abandoning any pretense that these targeted incentives are part of a logical, systematic policy framework, and are instead catering to each politically influential "rent-seeker" who comes forward, without regard to the cost this imposes on "ordinary" job providers, and to the state's reputation as good place to do business. Is it no wonder, then, that the MEDC has become less transparent in

its reporting over the years? Data used to analyze economic development programs that were once easy to obtain are no longer.

Stating this more explicitly, to believe the MEDC has been successful, one must also believe Michigan's economy might be worse off had not a few hundred highly paid government bureaucrats redistrib-

uted taxpayer wealth from the many to a few. "It's a stretch" would be an understatement.

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PUBLIC SAFETY REPORTS

City of Grosse Pointe

3 times the limit

A 19-year-old Grosse Pointe Park woman with a .24 percent blood alcohol content was arrested for drunken driving at 2:53 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 1.

An officer spotted her operating a red 2009 Honda Civic without lights on westbound Jefferson.

Her blood alcohol level was three times the legal limit. She admitted drinking two glasses of wine.

Van stolen

There are no suspects in the theft between 5 a.m. Monday, July 27 and 5:30 a.m. Wednesday, July 29, of a green 1996 Plymouth Voyager parked behind apartments in the 17500 block of Mack.

Known to police

An arrest for drunken driving ended a 17-year-old Grosse Pointe Park man's unlicensed jaunt in his parent's Pontiac G6 at 3:40 a.m. Sunday, July 26.

An officer who said he's had "prior contacts" with the suspect reported him driving westbound on Mack in the

eastbound lanes near Notre Dame.

"(The driver said) he never got a driver's license, that his parents own the vehicle and they do not know he has the car," said the arresting officer. "(He) has a \$2,000 misdemeanor warrant out of Grosse Pointe Park."

Officers searching the car found an empty vodka bottle. The driver registered a .202 percent blood alcohol level. A 17-year-old male passenger from Grosse Pointe Woods was cited for being a minor in possession of alcohol.

— 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

Four stooges

Shortly after noon Sunday, Aug. 2, three giggly males arrived at Farms headquarters to post \$500 bail for their 26-year-old male friend from Detroit who had been arrested the night before for drunken driving and drug possession.

"He just wasn't thinking," one of them explained to a dis-

patcher.

Roughly 12 hours earlier, an officer investigated the man for driving a 1991 Dodge Dakota without headlights on Mack near Kerby. The driver, who police said has a record of drunken driving, was arrested for having a .16 percent blood alcohol level, possessing 1.8 grams of marijuana and giving a false name (his brother's) to police.

Car entered

A garage door opener was reported stolen out of an unlocked Subaru parked overnight Thursday, July 30, in the 200 block of McMillan.

2nd offense

Police want to confiscate a 1990 Chevrolet Cavalier owned by a 26-year-old Warren man arrested last week for a second drunken driving offense.

At 1:53 a.m. Wednesday, July 29, a patrolman spotted the man weaving the car on eastbound Mack near Kerby. The driver reportedly made "an aggressive lane change into the right lane directly in front of (my) scout (car)," said the officer.

The driver registered a .248 percent blood alcohol content.

Open door policy

A blue Schwinn mountain bike was reportedly stolen sometime between July 20 and 26 while parked in a garage in the 200 block of Touraine.

"The garage door is frequently open," the victim told police.

Missing pearls

Jewelry valued at nearly \$5,000 was reported stolen last week from a residence on Warner Place.

The victim said missing items include pearls, an engagement ring and earrings.

Home invasion

A computer and golfing equipment were stolen between 8 and 8:30 a.m. Sunday, July 26, from a house in the 400 block of Cloverly.

Missing items include a Dell Inspiron laptop computer, an Xbox and \$12 cash.

Golf items include a set of Jr. Ping clubs, a Wilson bag containing 25 six irons and another Wilson bag containing 12 wedges.

— 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

Bike thefts

Between Monday, July 27 and Tuesday, July 28, a brown Mongoose bike was taken from the rear yard of a house on Lakepointe.

A blue Mongoose mountain bike was taken from a yard on Wayburn Sunday, Aug. 2.

At 2 p.m. Tuesday, July 28 officers noticed a youth riding a bike while pulling a second bike. Police said the second bike had just been stolen from in front of a store on Charlevoix. The rider was detained.

Home invasion

A house in the 15000 block of St. Paul was entered through a front door Sunday, Aug. 2, and cash and a television were taken.

Attempted car theft

A window was broken on a 2001 Plymouth Neon parked in the 1200 block of Three Mile Drive Saturday, Aug. 1. The ignition was damaged and the car did not start.

Party time

Police investigating a party in an unoccupied house on Harvard at 10 p.m. Wednesday, July 29, took six youths into

custody for possessing alcohol. They were released to their parents.

— Kathy Ryan

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

Grosse Pointe Shores

Fire put out

Four Grosse Pointe Shores public safety officers lent mutual aid to Grosse Pointe Woods counterparts to fight a fire at about 4:30 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 1, in the 500 block of South Rosedale.

"Upon arrival, heavy smoke and flames were observed from the second floor bedroom," said a Shores officer. "(The Woods) requested assistance with suppression and ventilation. Sergeant (Scott) Rohr and PSO (Tony) Spina along with Woods personnel were able to extinguish the fire shortly after entry."

Hit and run

A female motorist living on Clairview was warned last week about leaving the scene of an accident involving herself and a 39-year-old female bicyclist from Grosse Pointe Woods.

The cyclist reported being hit at Lakeshore and Stratton. Police traced the suspected vehicle's license plate to a 2002 Ford Windstar operated by the suspect.

Car chase

Police from Grosse Pointe Shores and two other agencies last week helped catch a 27-year-old Detroit man fleeing officers in a blue 2005 Saturn.

The man eventually served himself up to authorities by losing control of his car and running off the road in front of the Harper Woods fire department.

At 10:36 p.m. Tuesday, July 28, a Shores officer first tried to pull the man over for speeding and weaving the Saturn on westbound Vernier. Pursuit soon involved Grosse Pointe Woods and Harper Woods police as the man sped onto the southbound Harper service drive, onto Poupard Elementary School property, onto westbound I-94 to the Allard exit near where the crash occurred.

"The (man) was apprehended near the Harper Woods library," said a Shores officer.

The man was driving a car owned by a 35-year-old Detroit woman.

"She stated he took the vehicle without her permission," police said.

The suspect was on probation and turned over to Wayne County authorities.

— 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

House egged

A resident on South Renaud heard two loud "thumps," at 10:30 p.m. Thursday, July 30, and found graffiti had been spray painted on her garage doors and her house was hit with eggs. Police continue to investigate.

Sweepstake scam

A Lee Court resident notified police at 7 p.m. Tuesday, July 28, that she had received a call from someone claiming to be a representative of a magazine sweepstakes program notifying her she had won a prize.

The caller wanted to deliver it to her house and was calling to verify the address. The resident told police she did not enter the contest and was concerned the caller appeared to know her personal information. Police agreed to provide extra patrols around her house and reminded residents to not give out personal information.

— Kathy Ryan

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RODEO: Fish should be afraid

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on if it weren't for sponsors," Graves said. "It's always been that way. The free prizes, food and all that are made possible by people donating and advertising in the program. A lot of people donate anonymously. Many of our sponsors remember being at the rodeo when they were kids."

He said a lot of people tell him the rodeo is the highlight of their summer.

"I like hearing that," Graves said. "We want to keep this alive."

The schedule, rain or shine, is:

◆ 8 to 9 a.m.: Registration and free doughnuts, juice and coffee. Show park passes to the gate guard.

◆ 9 to 10 a.m.: Fishing rodeo off the main pier. Register to fish at the pavilion.

◆ 10 a.m. Free hot dogs,

chips and pop for everyone.

◆ 10:30 a.m. Presentation of awards for first fish caught, biggest fish and more. Fish must be alive to qualify. Free prizes for all participants. Drawings of free prizes for parents.

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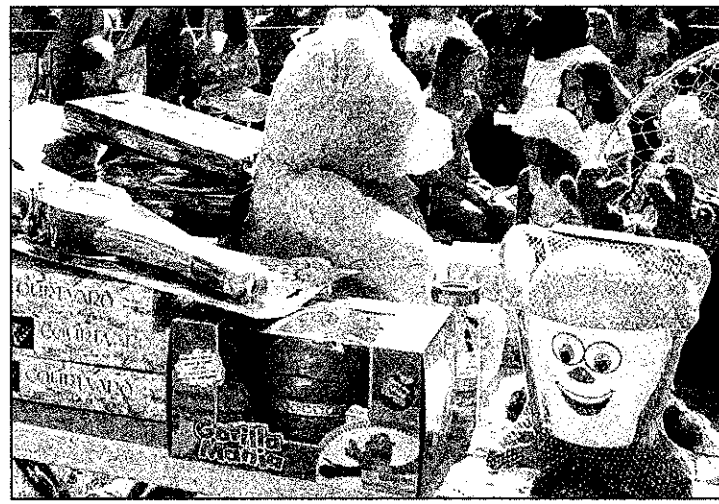
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FILE PHOTO

Everyone gets a prize at the 61st annual Grosse Pointe Farms and City Family Fishing Rodeo, for Farms and City youth ages 17 and under this Saturday, Aug. 8, at Farms Pier Park.

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The Beil Family,
The Lsebat & Besmar
Family,
The Nuccilli Family,
Mark Sanford Family,

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WEEK AHEAD:

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concerto and works by Handel and Grieg. For more information, call orchestra manager Laurie Strachan at (313) 402-9398.

MONDAY, AUG. 10

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

WEDNESDAY, AUG. 12

◆ A Senior Fun Day is from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Wayne County Community College District campus, 19305 Vernier, Harper Woods. For more information and to make a reservation, call Services for Older Citizens at (313) 882-9660.

◆ Darrin Hagel is the featured musician at 7:30 p.m. at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial Summer Music Festival. Grounds open at 6 p.m.

Admission is \$8 for adults and one child 10 and under is admitted free with each paid adult admission. For more information, call (313) 881-7511.

◆ The Pointes Area Youth Orchestra holds auditions for the 2009/10 season. Elementary and middle school students with at least one year of musical education in violin, viola, cello or bass may audition. For an audition time and place, call (313) 417-3925.

RECALL: What do voters want?

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tion, but it reconfirms my belief that we made the right decision."

Judi Zimmer, a 35-year Woods resident, expressed displeasure with the recall effort.

"I received two petitions in the mail," she said. "There were no signatures on the letter that came with it, and I felt all credibility went out the window when people who pushed for the recall would not identify themselves. My husband and I raised three children in Grosse Pointe Woods and we have probably used every service the city offers."

"My advice to those who want to cut taxes and cut city services is to get out and walk around this city and see all the things they get."

The four other council members who voted in favor of the millage increase are up for reelection this November and not targeted in the recall.

Hames said she will not be seeking a council seat in November.

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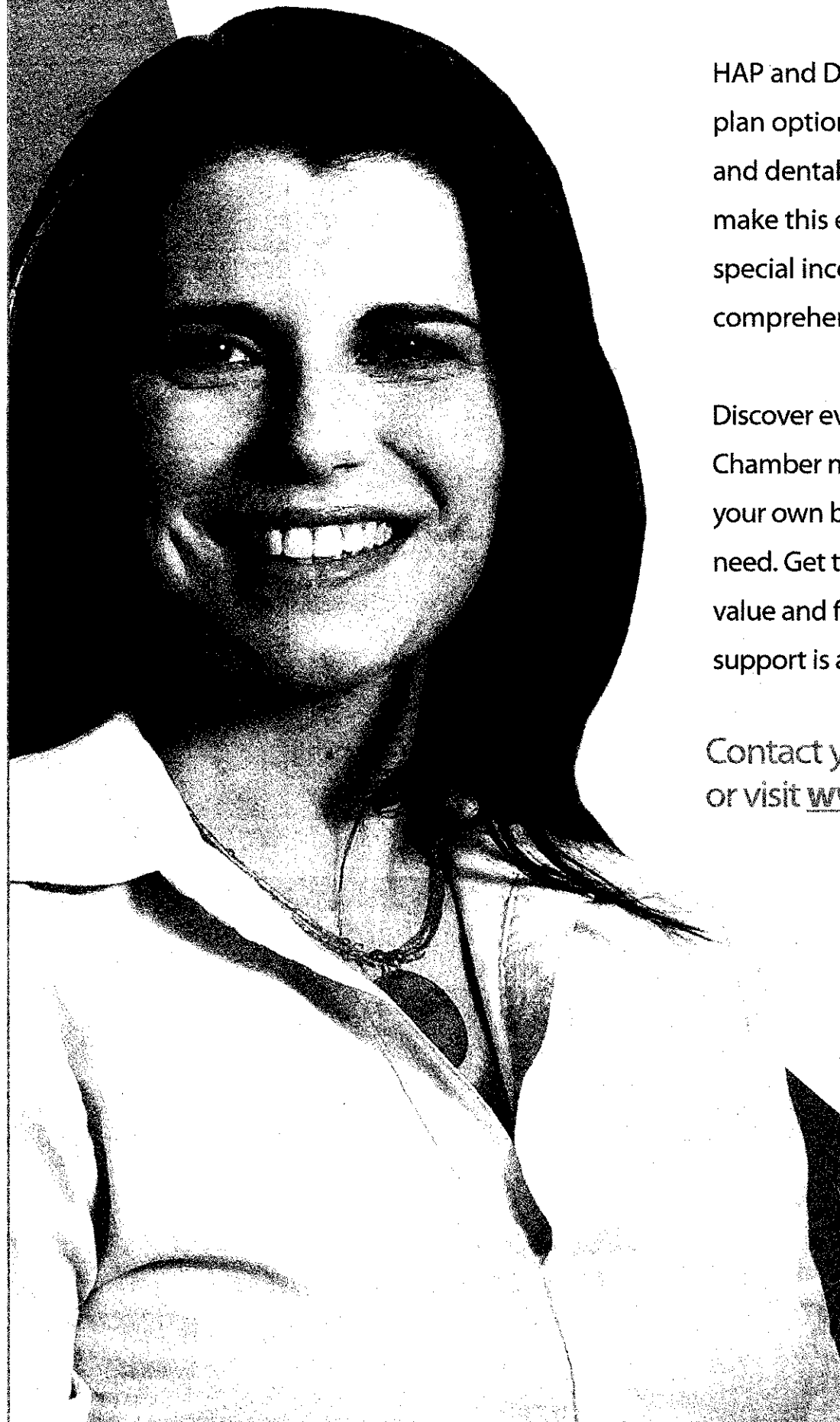


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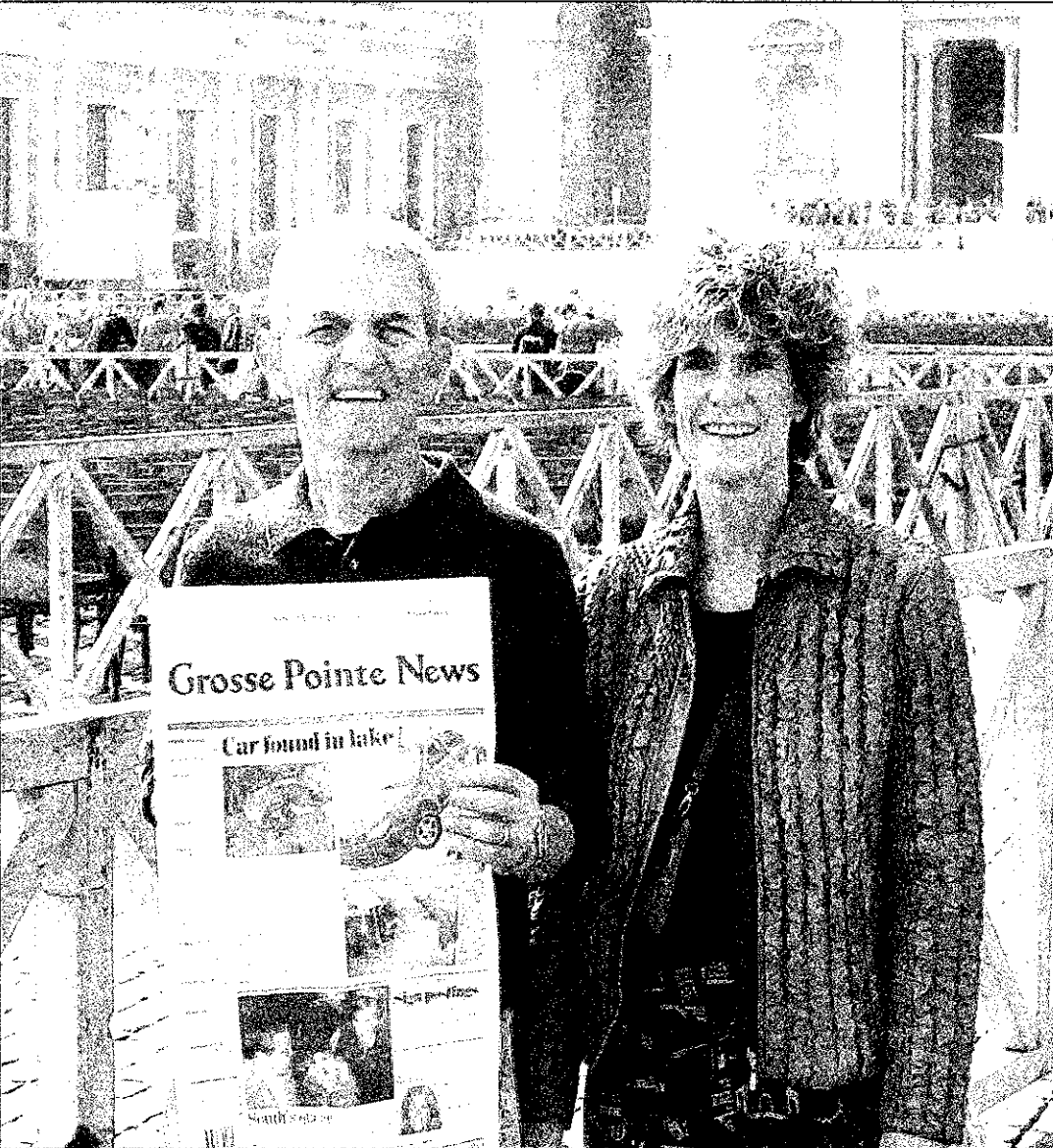
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Phil and Martha Hage of Grosse Pointe Woods vacationed in Italy, stopping in St. Peters Square to read the Grosse Pointe News.



The Spain readers

Maureen and Jack McHugh of Grosse Pointe Woods stopped to read the Grosse Pointe News in front of a Roman aqueduct in Segovia, Spain. When you travel, take along a copy of the Grosse Pointe News and have a photo taken of yourself in front of a local landmark. Send the picture, along with a few words to: The Grosse Pointe News Reader, 96 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe Farms, MI 48236; or e-mail to editor@grossepointenews.com. Your picture will appear in an upcoming issue.

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Adventure unites students

Earth science comes to life

By Amy Salvagno
Staff Writer

It's not your typical field trip destination: layered rocks, cliffs, hills and valleys carved out of red earth that host spectacular views and one-of-a-kind adventures.

But it's one a group of students, teachers and chaperones took this summer for a science lesson that topped anything they could take away from a textbook:

Led by Grosse Pointe South High School teacher Lisa Bouda and Grosse Pointe North High School teacher Ardis Herrold, 14 honors Earth science students — three from South and 11 from North — flew to Arizona for five days in June for an experience they'll likely never forget.

Bouda and Herrold arranged the trip to provide an up-close learning opportunity for the select group of students.

"We want to bring Earth science to life, to show them the best way to learn is not out of the book, but right in front of them," said Bouda.

The travelers began their trip with a stroll around Las Vegas and then a look at the Hoover Dam. They took in attractions in Flagstaff and a raft ride on the Colorado River. They geared up for rock climbing and hiking in the Grand Canyon, trekked through Sedona on mountain bikes and made a stop at nearby Slide Rock State Park for a ride down the natural water slide.

Bouda said the tour guide pointed out several

interesting features, including different fault lines and rock layers.

"I hope they realize geology is all around them and the scale of how the Earth changes is changing all the time," she said.

Before heading home, the group also toured the Lowell Observatory and climbed into the dark, chilly Lava Rock Tube for the 1.5-mile cave tour.

Bouda said she thinks the students most enjoyed biking, walking by the Las Vegas fountains and the rocky raft ride.

"From the Arizona trip, I learned that each place is different in its own way. You can always see those pictures of the Grand Canyon, but to actually hike down into it was an adventure," said North student Tim Pokladek. "I would say my favorite parts of the trip would have to be exploring the lava tube, mountain biking, and of course, hiking the trail of the Grand Canyon."

"I learned that Arizona is slowly sinking into the ground," mused South's Spencer Sully. "I really liked the cave even though we didn't spend too much time in it. I can now appreciate the Grand Canyon because no matter how many pictures you see, you will never get as much out of it if you actually see it with your own two eyes."

Bouda says she hopes the trip can become an annual experience.

Pokladek agrees.

"I think it would be a worthwhile, fun and adventurous trip for anyone that decides to go," he said. "Who knows, they may even change the schedule a little bit or go to other places."

Students Peter Mourelatos, Jake Boyle and Max Gawley trekked through Sedona on mountain bikes.



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To really understand learning, you have to look at it in its first forms. On a sunny day in early September, four-year-olds are huddled at the great expanse of glass that separates their work room from a garden. The adult observer looks but sees little to explain such focus. It takes a while to notice the spider at the edge of the window.

In this classroom, students, even as young as four, can decide what they want to know. They discussed with their teacher what they wanted to investigate. Each child offered an idea — elephants, airplanes and many more — but after discovering the spider and thinking it out, this group elected to study spiders.

For a month this little league of learners followed the antics and work of the spiders. They cut out photos and looked at slides, short films and picture books. They learned that spiders are not insects, that they don't have mouths for chewing, that they have eight eyes. All this



abstract learning became real while they monitored the wonderful spider web on that windowsill. Over the weeks, the spiders, a group of them, as it turned out, knotted the web and attached it to dozens of tiny clusters of what looked like cotton balls. The children knew from their research that something amazing would happen if they were patient. And on one glorious October morning the tiny sacks burst open and a splurge of spider offspring emerged. Clapping and laughter, delight, joy. The joy of discovery.

It really is a moment like no other — to learn and really

know something creates pure joy. This little vignette clarifies the whole purpose of learning at Liggett. To think, to imagine, to ask questions, to collaborate, share and discuss, to investigate, to experiment and try out ideas, and to have the patience and care to follow all these paths to the point of finding the answer and EUREKA! This is what learning is for, the moment of understanding, of grasping an idea and making it your own, the experience of joy in learning.

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Smoke-free restaurants recognized as part of live well local movement

Five smoke-free businesses in the Grosse Pointes were recognized for participating in a district-wide effort encouraging businesses to become smoke-free.

"I want to thank all of these businesses for their vision and foresight in being smoke-free," said State Rep. Tim Bledsoe, D-City of Grosse Pointe, who along with the Grosse Pointe Chamber of Commerce made the announcement. "I will continue to fight aggressively to ban this known carcinogen from all public venues in Michigan. Michigan citizens, and workers in restaurants, bars, and casinos are entitled to safe, smoke-free workplaces."

Grosse Pointe Chamber of Commerce Board Chairman Ed Russell joined Bledsoe in recognizing the owners of:

- ◆ Jumps Restaurant in Grosse Pointe Farms,
- ◆ Dirty Dog Jazz Café in Grosse Pointe Farms,
- ◆ City Kitchen in the City of Grosse Pointe
- ◆ Burger Pointe in the City of Grosse Pointe and
- ◆ Big Boy's in Grosse Pointe Woods.

The chamber has been working with a variety of Grosse Pointe groups to encourage local businesses to ban smoking in their establishments. All smoke-free restaurants will be receiving certificates recognizing their smoke-free status.

"The chamber board of directors has approved a public policy to encourage a healthy lifestyle and has supported that policy by creating a Live Well Committee," Russell said. "Recognizing these businesses is vital to the committee's mission."

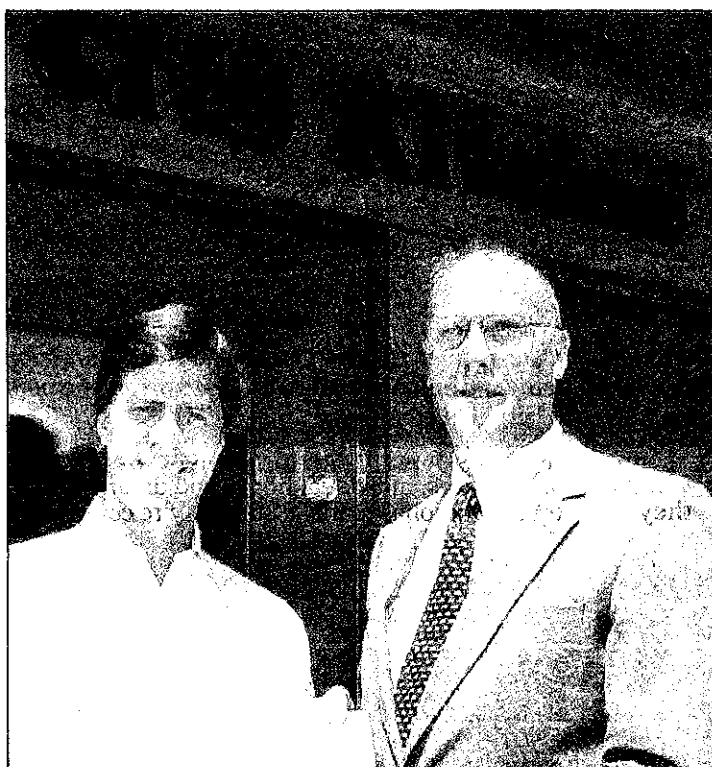
According to official estimates, secondhand smoke causes between 2,000 and 2,500 deaths in Michigan each year and costs the state an estimated \$438 million a year in lost worker productivity and added health care costs.



Big Boy owner Dan Curis, State Rep. Tim Bledsoe and chamber board chairman Ed Russell.



Jumps owners Mavelle and Chad Stewart.



At right, Bledsoe, Dirty Dog chef Andre Neimanis and Russell.

At left, City Kitchen owner Chick Taylor and Bledsoe.



Bledsoe, Burger Pointe owner Mark Seeley and Russell.

Help the block party

The Grosse Pointe Village Association is seeking volunteers for the third annual Grosse Pointe's Greatest Block Party in the Village, City of Grosse Pointe, Saturday, Sept. 12, and Sunday, Sept. 13.

The block party features Taste of Grosse Pointe; Art on the Block; the Block Party Stage with continuous entertainment; Kids on the Block; a Pooch Parade and family fun. More than 50 volunteers are needed for assignments, including beverage tent servers, block party ambassadors, security monitors and general cleanup duties. Volunteers will be asked to work three-to-four-hour shifts.

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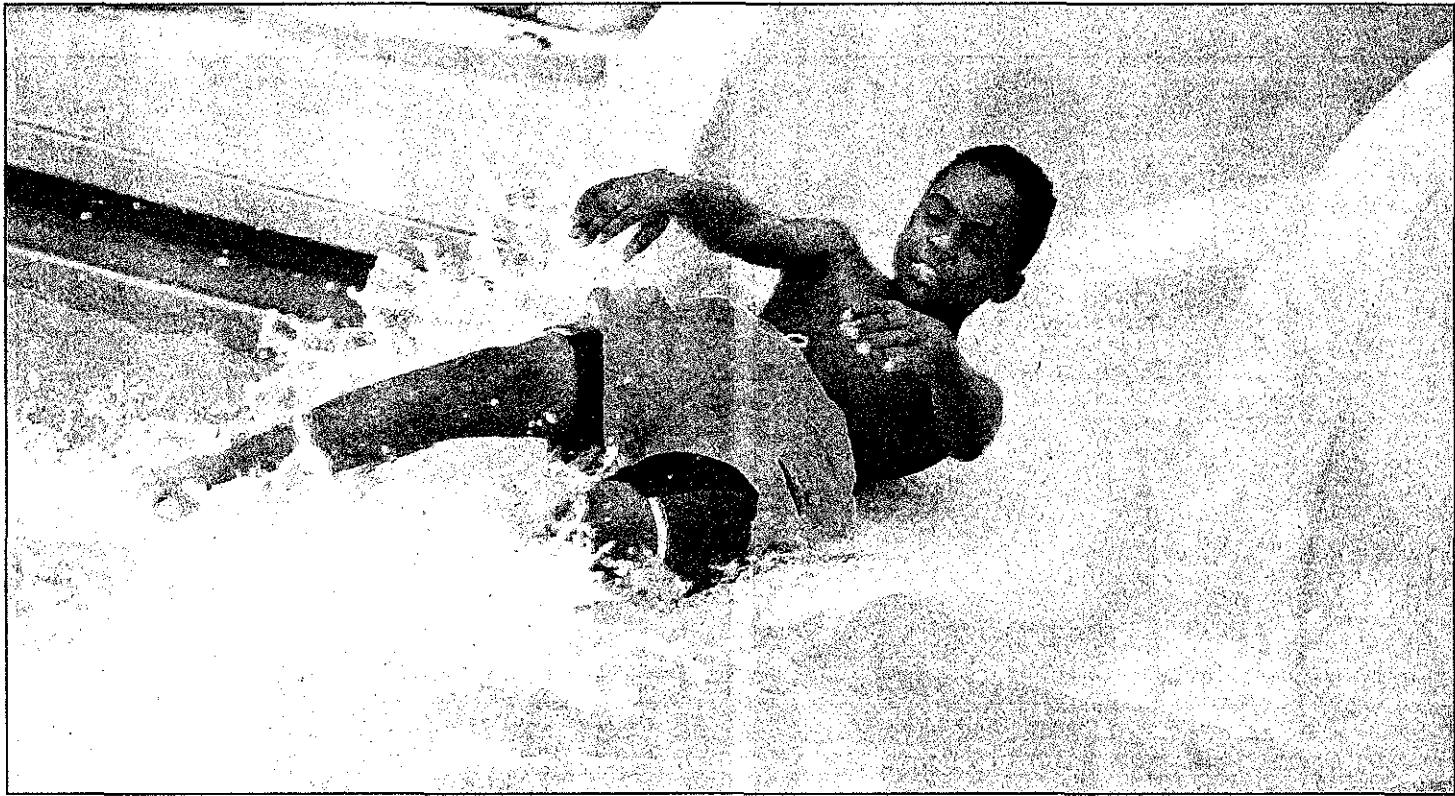
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Left, Jordin Fowler comes to the end of his ride down the slide with a mighty splash. Above, this young man was so tired from playing with the beach balls lifeguards tossed into the pool, he had to take a break.



PHOTO BY KATHY RYAN

One of the newest Woods residents was one-month-old Caden Hilton. He was accompanied by his parents, Levi and Arika, and 2-year-old brother, Jackson.



Dirk Drieborg, 9, uses chalk to draw Darth Maul, a villainous character from Star Wars. Below, Maria Clavino and Analisa Guido raced across the pool on a flotation device and made it, despite laughing all the way.



GAMES: A great day for a picnic

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services. "I'm not sure how many hot dogs we've cooked up today," said Ahee, "but it's safe to say there have been a whole lot of

'em." And though he may have been too young to enjoy the hot dogs, Caden Hilton may have been the youngest guest who enjoyed the day. The one-month-old came along with his brother, Jackson, 2, and his parents, Levi and Arika. "We have lived in the Woods for two years, but this is our first picnic," said Levi Hilton. "It's awesome. We have really enjoyed it."

Even though it was far from being their first picnic, it didn't stop Margaret and Angelo Jamerino, 48-year residents, from enjoying the annual event along with friends Shirley and Bill Bedard, who have lived in the Woods for 51 years. "We come every year," said Margaret Jamerino. "We enjoy seeing all the young families and watching the kids. It's always a great day."

City of Grosse Pointe Farms, Michigan

SUMMARY OF THE MINUTES AUGUST 3, 2009

The Meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. beginning with the Pledge of Allegiance. Present on Roll Call: Mayor Farquhar; Councilmembers, Joseph, Roby, Davis, III, Theros, Leonard and Waldmeir. Absent Were: None. Also Present: Messrs. Burgess, City Attorney; Reeside, City Manager; Tepper, Assistant City Manager; Jensen, Director Public Safety; Pamela J. Baker, Exec. Assistant/Deputy City Clerk. Mayor Farquhar Presided at the Meeting.

The Minutes of the Regular Meeting held on July 13, 2009, were approved as submitted. The Council approved the South East Michigan Regional Energy Office Participation. The Council approved the Comcast Uniform Franchise & Settlement Agreement. The Council approved the Metro Act Application – ATC Outdoor DAS, LLC. The following Reports were received by the Council and ordered placed on file:

- Twelve Month Financial Report 2009
- Investment Report – April 2009

Upon proper motion made, supported and carried, the Meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

THE NEXT REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL WILL BE HELD ON MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 2009 AT 7:00 P.M. IN THE CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 90 KERBY ROAD, GROSSE POINTE FARMS, MICHIGAN 48236. THE MEETING IS PUBLIC. INTERESTED PROPERTY OWNERS AND RESIDENTS OF THE CITY ARE INVITED TO ATTEND. YOU MAY ALSO VIEW THE AGENDA AND MINUTES ON THE CITY'S WEBSITE: www.ci.grosse-pointe-farms.mi.us/

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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 Thomas Albrecht

City of Grosse Pointe resident John Thomas Albrecht, 64, died Monday, July 27, 2009, at Karmanos Cancer Center in Detroit.

He was born April 19, 1945, in Ann Arbor to Mary and Harry Albrecht. He graduated from the college of engineering at the University of Michigan in 1967 and from the university's Rackham Graduate School in 1969.

Mr. Albrecht retired from Morgan Stanley where he was a senior vice president and financial officer.

This followed a career with Citibank of New York where he served as an international banking executive in New York, Japan, the Philippines, Guam and Saudi Arabia. He returned to Michigan after 10 years to work for Manufacturers National Bank in Detroit.

Mr. Albrecht had many interests. He enjoyed fishing on Lake St. Clair and on the beach at Marco Island, Fla., working in his garden, and feeding the birds and watching them from his kitchen window. A consummate host, he took great pleasure in entertaining his many friends.

Mr. Albrecht enjoyed photographing places he traveled and the people he loved. While living overseas, he loved to take his family through Southeast Asia, Africa and Europe.

But most of all, he especially delighted in spending time with his grandchildren.

He was a past member of the Detroit Club, Detroit-Economic Club, Memorial Church Men's Ecumenical Breakfast, Tokyo American Club and American Club of Saudi Arabia.

Mr. Albrecht is survived by his wife, Roberta "Robin," daughters, Amy (James) Hermon, Gretchen (Stephen) Pilon and Heather; son, John; grandchildren, Hadley, Benjamin and Samuel Hermon, Stephen Jackson and Heather and Megan Pilon; mother, Mary and sister, Sharon (Tom) Gutow.

He was predeceased by his father, Harry.

A memorial service will be held at 4 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 11, at Christ Church Grosse Pointe, 61 Grosse Pointe Blvd., Grosse Pointe Farms. Interment will follow in the church's columbarium.

Memorial donations may be made to Christ Church Grosse Pointe, 61 Grosse Pointe Blvd., Grosse Pointe Farms, MI 48236 or Karmanos Cancer Center, 4100 John R, Detroit, MI 48201-2013.

Elizabeth Ann Gibson

Elizabeth Ann "Betty Ann" Gibson, 87, died Saturday, July 25, 2009, at the Charter House in Rochester, Minn.

Born Elizabeth Ann Doyle May 6, 1922, in Cheyenne, Wyo., she married George Gibson June 14, 1947, in Detroit.

She was a medical researcher for Parke-Davis Pharmaceuticals; but subsequently and more importantly, she was a wonderful homemaker, wife, mother, grandmother and great-grandmother.

She is survived by her husband, George; son, Michael (Christine) Doyle Gibson of Bloomfield Hills; daughters, Anne Marie (Howard) Gilbert of New Haven, Conn. and Lisa Marie (Bruce A. East) Gibson of Paris, France; nine grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

She was predeceased by her parents, Leo and Cecilia Doyle and daughter, Celia Marie Wilson.

A funeral Mass was celebrated July 29 at St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church in

Rochester, Minn., with the Rev. Monsignor Gerald A. Mahon officiating. Burial followed shortly after in Holy Sepulchre Cemetery in Southfield.

Memorial donations may be made to St. Bonaventure Monastery, 1740 Mount Elliott, Detroit, MI 48207.

Arrangements were handled by Macken Funeral Home in Rochester, Minn.

William E. Hawkins

Life-long Grosse Pointe resident William E. Hawkins, 87, passed away Friday, July 31, 2009, while residing at Glenmont Nursing Home in Hilliard, Ohio.

He was born Jan. 24, 1922, in Detroit to William E. and Grace Hawkins. He was a veteran of World War II and graduated from Grosse Pointe High School in 1940 and Alma College in 1947.

Mr. Hawkins owned his own firm, W.E. Hawkins Co., where he was a manufacturer's representative for electrical supplies. He retired several years ago.

He loved traveling with his wife when they belonged to The Nomads travel club and was often seen riding his motorcycle around Grosse Pointe with his little dog fastened on the front.

He was a lifetime member of the Grosse Pointe Senior Men's Club and an active member of Sixth Church of Christ Scientist, Detroit.

Mr. Hawkins is survived by his loving wife, Jean, to whom he was happily married 58 years; son, Gordon and daughter-in-law, Debbie; daughter, Susan Ellithorpe and son-in-law, Gerald; four grandchildren and his niece, Cathy Chappie. He also is survived by his loving dog, Buddy.

He was predeceased by his sister, Shirley Bolhuis.

A private memorial service was held.

Memorial donations may be made to Glenmont Nursing Home, 4599 Avery Rd. Hilliard, OH 43026.

Caroline McNerney McKee

Grosse Pointe Farms resident Caroline McNerney McKee, 82, passed away Wednesday, July 29, 2009.

Born Eula Caroline McNerney in Toledo, Ohio, she graduated from Smith College in Northampton, Mass. in 1949. She then pursued careers in advertising, modeling and real estate.

Mrs. McKee received a Master of Education and Human Services from the University of Detroit in 1971. She was a teacher for the Grosse Pointe Public School System. Her techniques for teaching foreign language were derived from the experience she had teaching the deaf to speak. Her innovative methods became the basis for a Time Magazine article.

As a young woman, she was an equestrian and an avid golfer. She also traveled the country as a professional figure skater with the ice show "Holiday on Ice" before marrying Bradshaw McKee.

Always staying active and energetic with a positive outlook, one of her great loves

was skiing with her grandchildren, which she enjoyed as recently as this past winter. A spirited sportswoman until her death, she swam daily and water skied into her 70s.

Mrs. McKee was active in the Junior League of Detroit, the Women's District Golf Association of Detroit and the Smith College Club of Detroit. She was a longtime parishioner of St. Paul on the Lake Catholic Church and a volunteer at the Capuchin Monastery.

Mrs. McKee is survived by her sons, John, Max and Patrick (Patty); daughter, Marie (Mike) Benson; grandchildren, Michael (Ashley) Benson, Mary Benson, and Annie, Janie and Gracie McKee; brothers, Peter McNerney and James McNerney and sister, Mary Gunther.

She was predeceased by her husband, Bradshaw McKee and her parents, John and Eula McNerney.

A funeral Mass was celebrated Aug. 4 at St. Paul on the Lake in Grosse Pointe Farms.

Memorial donations may be made to St. Joseph's Institute for the Deaf, 1809 Clarkson Road, St. Louis, MO 63017 or the LST 393 Preservation Association, 560 Mart Street, Muskegon, MI 49440.

Louise Ruth Schaaf

Former Grosse Pointe resident Louise Ruth Schaaf, 91, passed away Monday, July 20, 2009 in Leesburg, Fla.

Born Aug. 3, 1917, in Muskegon, she was a longtime resident of Grosse Pointe where she and her husband, Philip, raised their family before retiring to Leesburg in 1998.

Mrs. Schaaf was a bookkeeper and an accountant beginning her career with Montgomery Ward as its youngest credit manager. She later worked as an executive secretary in the Penobscot Building in Detroit and as an accountant at a number of other businesses. She attended college in Muskegon.

She was an avid bridge player and a member of two bridge groups while in Michigan: the St. Clair Ladies Afternoon Bridge Group and the Towne Club that met monthly at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial. She also joined regular bridge and card groups when she moved to Florida.

Mrs. Schaaf enjoyed golf and bowling and played in leagues both in Michigan and Florida including the LPGL, Let's Play Golf Ladies, league.

Her family said she was a loving wife, mother and doting grandmother who took great joy in following her grandchildren's latest achievements.

Mrs. Schaaf is survived by her daughter, Leanne (Jag) Jagtiani of New York, N.Y. and grandchildren, Jayden and Jacalyn Jagtiani of New York, N.Y. and Daniel and Cara Jagtiani of London, England.

She was predeceased by Philip, her husband of 49 years, and her five brothers and sisters. She also was predeceased by her infant son, David Rex.

A memorial service was held July 27 at Lake Square Presbyterian Church in Leesburg. Interment is at



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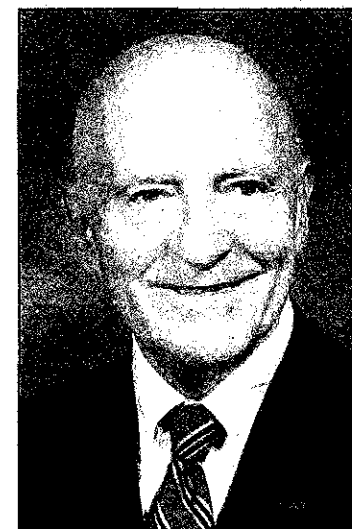
William E. Hawkins



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Louise Ruth Schaaf



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Florida National Cemetery in Bushnell, Fla. alongside her husband.

Mrs. Schaaf dreamed of living in New York and watching her beloved grandchildren at play. The family will be purchasing a bench in Central Park dedicated to Mrs. Schaaf to help fulfill this dream. Memorial donations may be made to the Central Park Conservancy, c/o Leanne Jagtiani, 7 West 96th Street No. 10A, New York, NY 10025. All donations are tax deductible.

William T. Swartz

Grosse Pointe Farms resident William T. "Bill" Swartz passed away Sunday, Aug. 2, 2009, after a lengthy battle with pulmonary fibrosis and cancer. He was nearly 73 years old.

Before he retired, Mr. Swartz worked for Coldwell Banker as a real estate broker and spent many years working for Giffels as an instrument and controls engineer.

His family said fishing and boating enthusiast, "Buckeye," reader, friend, practical joker, father, grandpa and husband are just a few words to describe him.

Mr. Swartz is survived by his wife of 30 years, Nancy Swartz, a Grosse Pointe Public School System teacher; daughter, Susan; son, William and his wife, Elizabeth and their children, Will and Owen and Jonathan Morgan-Swartz and his wife, Carla and their daughter, Emma.

A memorial service will be held at noon, Saturday, Aug. 8, at St. James Lutheran Church, 170 McMillan Road, Grosse Pointe Farms.

Memorial donations may be made to the St. James Church Building Fund, 170 McMillan Road, Grosse Pointe Farms, MI 48236 or to Pulmonary Fibrosis Research at the University of Michigan Hospital, 301 E. Liberty Suite 400, Ann Arbor, MI 48104.

Minert N. Thompson

Former Grosse Pointe resident Minert N. "Tommy" Thompson Jr., died Friday, July 31, 2009, after a lengthy illness.

Born July 10, 1919, in Syracuse, N.Y., he grew up in New Jersey. He lived in the Grosse Pointes for most of his adult life, and recently lived in

St. Clair Shores.

Mr. Thompson is survived by his beloved wife, Betty Shahly Thompson; children, Dr. Jeffrey N. (Laura) Thompson and Karen R. (Jay) Jeffrey; sisters, Orma Austin and Joan Herman; grandchildren, Keith and Rachel Thompson and Jason Jeffrey; two stepchildren and several stepgrandchildren.

He was predeceased by his first wife, Crete Woodard Thompson and son, Minert N. Thompson III.

Mr. Thompson attended Bates College in Lewiston, Maine, prior to being called to active duty in the United States Marine Corps during World War II, where he served on Okinawa and Peleliu. He then attended Harvard Business School, graduating in 1947.

Mr. Thompson again saw active duty in Korea. During the Vietnam War, he was commanding officer of a reserve battalion, the 1st Bn, 24th Marines. He retired with the rank of colonel.

His entire civilian career was with Mutual Benefit Life Insurance Company, where he was regional manager for group sales. He founded the Crete Corp.

Mr. Thompson was a member of the Grosse Pointe War Memorial's Veterans Club and Senior Men's Club, Grosse Pointe Yacht Club and the University Club. Additionally, he was a member and past commander of American Legion Post No. 372 and a member and past president of the Grosse Pointe Rotary Club.

Services were held Aug. 4 at Grosse Pointe Memorial Church.

Memorial donations may be

made to the Grosse Pointe Rotary Foundation, P.O. Box 36366, Grosse Pointe Farms, MI 48236 or to a charity of the donor's choice.

Funeral arrangements were handled by Chas. Verheyden Funeral Home in Grosse Pointe Park.

Anne MacDonald Unti

Anne MacDonald Unti, 90, died Saturday, July 25, 2009, of natural causes at her Grosse Pointe Shores home.

She was a member of Our Lady Star of the Sea Catholic Church, the Grosse Pointe War Memorial and the former Women's City Club of Detroit, where she swam and played bridge for many years.

She was deeply loved by her family and friends and will always be remembered in their hearts.

Mrs. MacDonald Unti is survived by her daughter, Anne Marie (Michael); sons, Urban Alexander (Ellen) and William Gallagher (Margaret) MacDonald; eight grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

The family extends its appreciation to Mrs. MacDonald Unti's devoted caregiver, Carmencita Matugas, who looked after her with such kindness and love in her final years.

There will be a private memorial service.

Memorial donations may be made to Seasons Hospice, 27355 John R, Madison Heights, MI 48071.

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Philip Black graduated from the Eli Broad College of Business of Michigan State University. He is the founder and past president of MSU's chapter of Future Business Leaders of America and is a logistics executive with Target. The Grosse Pointe South High School graduate is the son of James and Maj-Britt Black of the City of Grosse Pointe.

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Matt Ebright of Grosse Pointe Park graduated cum laude from Taylor University

spring 2009 and will be attending Wayne State University School of Medicine in the fall. He is graduate of Grosse Pointe South High School.

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Justin Paul Di Rezze graduated summa cum laude from the University of Detroit Mercy spring 2009 and will be attending Wayne State University School of Medicine in the fall. He is the son of Anthony and Sandra Di Rezze of Grosse Pointe Shores.

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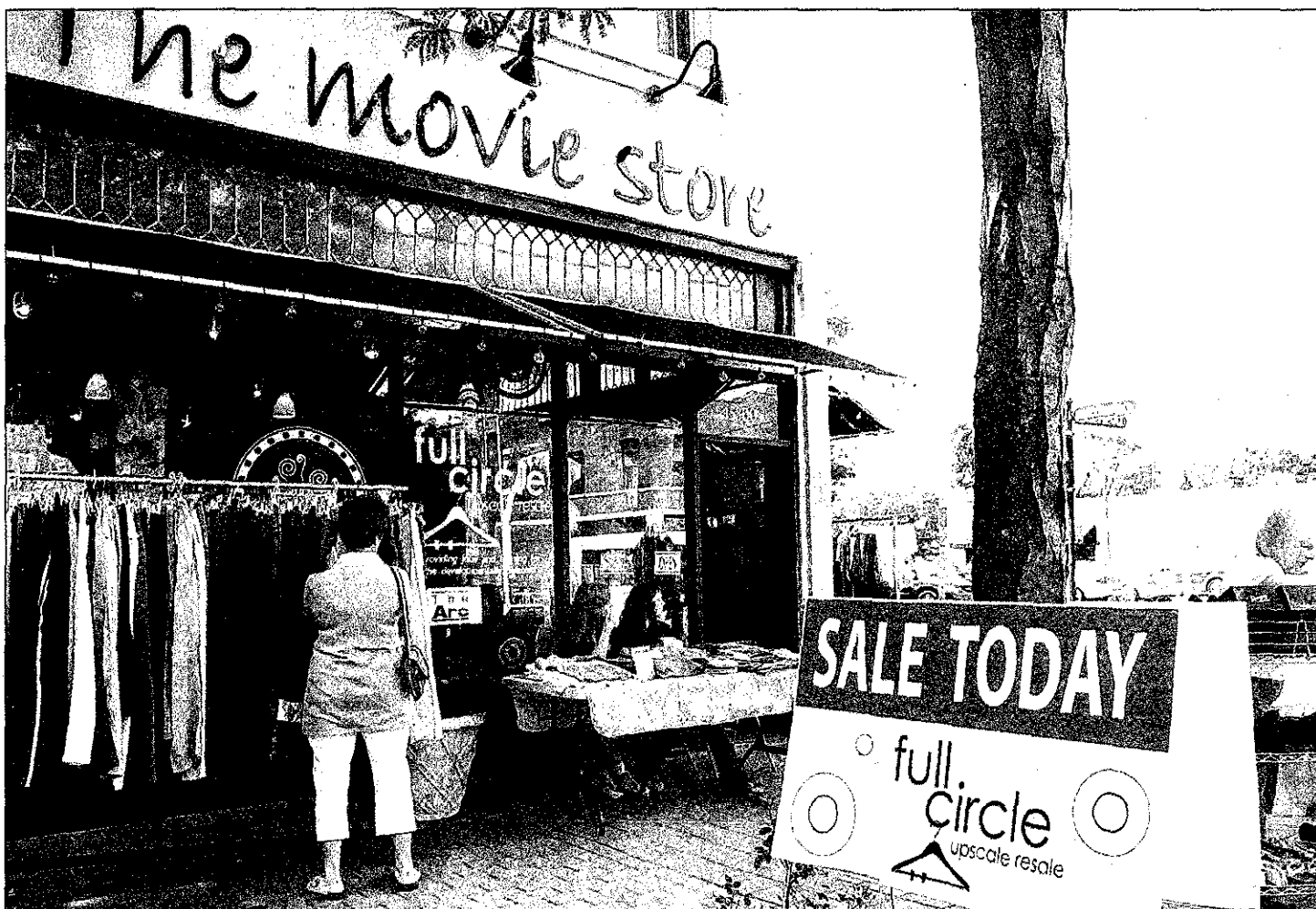


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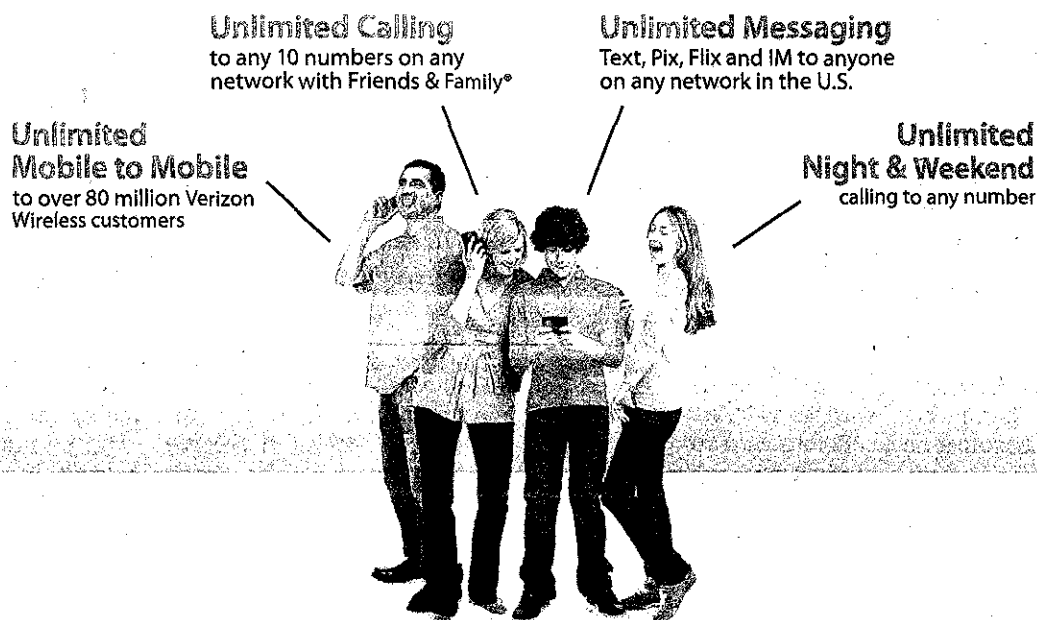
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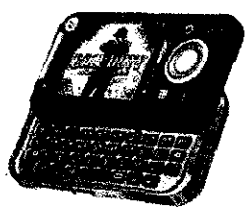
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Good sports

World Tournament of Historic Base Ball at Greenfield Village

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

Anyone familiar with the screwball logic of baseball nicknames can guess that Ernie "Tiny" Ritterhaus is the biggest player on the Lah-De-Dahs. He's 6-foot-7, 260 pounds.

Ritterhaus and the Lah-De-Dahs hope to repeat this weekend as champions of the World Tournament of Historic Base Ball.

Base ball? Two words? That's how they spelled it in 1867, the era celebrated when 16 teams from the Midwest compete Saturday and Sunday, Aug. 8 and 9, at Greenfield Village in Dearborn, the Lah-De-Dahs' home field.

The top team after a combined total 28 games wins the Championship Cup. The team winning the fewest matches gets a bag of peanuts. Thus is continued a tradition begun two

years after the Civil War when Detroit hosted the first world tournament.

"We expect a strong field this year," said Ritterhaus, crediting his opponents as expected of a gentleman of the day. "We'll give it our best."

Base ball of the mid-1800s was different than baseball today. Pitchers, called hurlers, pitched underhand and threw the ball where batters, or strikers, wanted it. Bats, called willows, were smaller but longer. Balls (called variously an apple, pill, horsehide or onion) were larger and heavier.

The main difference lay in players' deportment. A model player is described in "Haney's Base Ball Book of Reference for 1867," which governs the tournament and games played at the village every weekend through Aug. 23:

"The principal rule of action of our model base ball player is, to comport himself like a gentleman His highest aim is to characterize every contest in which he may be engaged, with conduct that will mark it as much as a trial as to which party excels in the moral attributes of the game, as it is one that decides any question of



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Tiny Ritterhaus about to uncork a long one for the Lah-De-Dahs.

physical superiority."

Most members of the Lah-De-Dahs are volunteers in their 20s and 30s. Ritterhaus, a computer businessman from Troy, is a self-described "young 53."

Players, Ritterhaus said, "play the game as it was meant to be played, for fun, recreation and (patting his stomach) exercise."

Players play barehanded. In the 1860s, gloves weren't manly. Gloves were for muffins and milk boys.

"The ball jams our fingers quite often," Ritterhaus said. "It's part of the game."

Because vintage base ball is a gentlemanly sport, it is improper for a hurler to intentionally strike out a striker. So, too, bunting is a no-no.

"An out-and-out bunt would be considered very ungentlemanly," said Dan "Boomba" Valascho, 64, a player, or ballist, for the Nationals, another vintage team based at Greenfield scheduled to compete for the

Championship Cup. "That player would be fined by his captain (manager) for that kind of behavior."

Gentlemen always play by the rules.

"Three weeks ago I was playing first base and did the hidden ball trick," said Valascho, retired from Ford Motor Co. and living on Grosse Ile. "I tagged out the runner, but the umpire was looking the other way. So,

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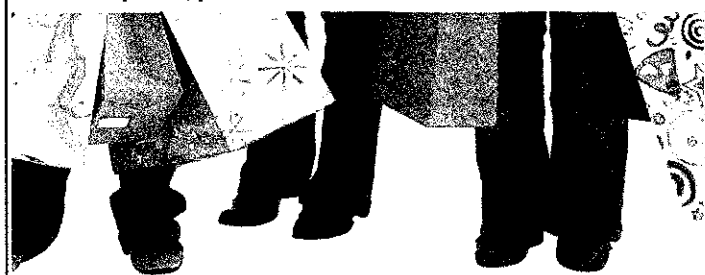
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Sounding America's pastime

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

If an onion hit over the railroad tracks in right field isn't worthy of the "Home Run Gallop," nothing is. Except maybe the "Baseball Polka."

The dotted rhythms of both songs are almost surely to be played above cheers when the Dodworth Saxhorn Band gives syncopated accompaniment to vintage-1867 baseball matches at Greenfield Village. (An onion is 1867 lingo for a base ball.)

Band members play brass instruments made during the mid-1800s and perform arrangements from the same era to round-out the games' up-tempo vibe.

"The musical style back then was a lot of two-steps and waltzes," said Ron Jimison, a band member from Grosse Pointe Park and retired AT&T network engineer. "The rhythm is very pointed. It comes from mostly European folk music."

Jimison plays the soprano saxhorn, one of a family of brass instruments designed by Adolph Sax, of saxophone fame. Saxhorns are coordinated like a choir, with soprano, alto, tenor and base voices.

The band, based in Ann Arbor, has played at the White House and worked with Ken Burns on his PBS baseball documentary.

Jimison is a musical equivalent of baseball's utility player. He plays bagpipes, performs with jazz groups and big bands, but gets a kick out of trumpeting America's musical heritage under shade trees on the third baseline during old-time games at Greenfield.

"It's a joy to play music that's historically accurate," Jimison said.

"A lot of pieces we play are dance pieces and polkas," added bandmate David Uhrig



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Ron Jimison, right, of Grosse Pointe Park and Laura Molnar play period pieces with the Dodworth Saxhorn Band during vintage baseball games at Greenfield Village.

of Chesterfield Township. "We have tunes we try to fit in when things happen. When the train goes by, we play the 'Railroad Song' or 'Casey Jones.'"

Uhrig, is band director at Marine City High School and plays Bb coronet saxhorn with Dodworth.

"We're kind of a recreating a community band that would have performed during the Civil War period," he said.

"Most wind instruments of this era, especially brass, would have been of military origin," said Laura Molnar, baritone saxhorn player and Flushing High School band director.

"That's why our bells point backwards. We would have been in front of the troops as they marched from place to place."

BASE BALL: Huzzahs for great sports

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I stopped the game and said to the umpire, 'Would you ask the gentleman on first base if he was safe getting back to the bag?' The runner said, 'On my honor, I have to admit he had the ball and tagged me.'"

Ritterhaus did likewise in last year's championship game against the Saginaw Old Golds.

According to the Old Gold's website, their "Riverman" Dost was called out at first base until basetender Ritterhaus alerted the umpire to being pulled off the rag-stuffed bag and not making the play.

"The umpire didn't see it," Ritterhaus said. "I was compelled to say, 'I'm sorry, sir. I hate to overrule you, but I pulled my foot and the runner is safe.'"

Huzzahs, the era's version of hurrah, came from the Saginaw team and fans of both teams, called cranks, sitting

Early base ball lingo

- Aces: runs
- Apple, pill, horsehide, onion: the ball
- Behind: catcher
- Bowler, hurler, thrower, feeder: pitcher
- Cranks: fans
- Daisy cutter, bug bruiser, grass killer and ant killer: grounder
- Dead: put out
- Dish: home plate
- Duff, Muff: an error
- Garden: outfield
- Ginger: determination
- Hand out: player out
- Leg it: run hard
- The line: batter's box. The umpire calls the striker to the line.
- Show a little ginger: play harder or play smarter
- Stinger: a hard hit ball
- Three hands out: side retired, teams must switch sides
- Willow: the bat

under shade trees along the sidelines.

Hip, hip, huzzahs also greet the Greenfield Village steam locomotive and passengers making rounds every half hour or so along tracks in right field. Players pause, face the train, raise their hats and huzzah.

The Dodworth Saxhorn Band, an all-brass group providing interludes of period songs on period instruments, breaks into tune; often "I've Been Working on the Railroad" or "Casey Jones," but possibly the "Battle Hymn of the Republic" or "Goober Peas."

The locomotive engineer sounds his whistle. Passengers wave. Cranks huzzah. Everyone huzzahs except visiting ballists with the Fulton Mules, from southern Ohio.

"Their town lost its steamboat business to the railroads," Valascho said. "When we play them and a train comes by, they spit on the ground and turn their backs to the train. It's hilarious."

Fulton isn't in this year's tournament.

For modern cranks, old-time rules can be quaint or quirky.

Batted balls that land in fair territory and then roll foul remain in play. Foul balls caught on one bounce make an out.

Valascho remembers when a striker popped a foul onion into a popcorn cart.

"The third basemen ran over and took the ball out of the popcorn, held it up and said, 'You're out,'" Valascho said. "It never hit the ground twice. It was in the popcorn maker."

Games of the World Tournament of Historic Base Ball at Greenfield Village, 20900 Oakwood Blvd., Dearborn are all day Saturday, Aug. 8, with the last match at 4:30 p.m.; and Sunday, Aug. 9, with the championship game at 2:30 p.m. Admission to all games is included with each day's admission to Greenfield Village, which is \$22 for adults, \$21 for seniors, \$16 for youth age 6 to 12, and free for children under 5. See hfmvg.org for more information, or call (313) 982-6001.

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- 8:30 pm Senior Men's Club
- 9:00 pm Art & Design
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AREA ACTIVITIES

Edsel & Eleanor Ford House

"Streamline Synergies: The Automotive Give-and-Take of 1930s Industrial Design" is the topic of a free 7 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 6 lecture at the Edsel & Eleanor Ford House, 1100 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Shores.

Automotive author, historian and Mount Clemens resident Terry V. Boyce uses period advertising and contemporary images to explore how streamlined automotive forms and motifs drew from and were reflected by other popular mass-produced products from the 1930s and early 1940s.

Boyce has written about cars for more than four decades and is a former editor of "Old Cars Weekly."

DSO

The Detroit Symphony Orchestra, the Detroit RiverFront Conservancy and the Detroit Institute of Arts bring music, art and summer fun from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 8 to the RiverFront.

DIA

A Funk-Karaoke Contest begins at 8:30 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 8 at the Detroit Institute of

Arts prior to the Detroit Film Theatre movie, "Soul Power."

Contestants are asked to perform soul or funk songs and the winner receives a pass for two for the film theater's fall season. For more information, call (313) 833-3237.

Bowling fundraiser

A bowling fundraiser to benefit St. Vincent DePaul Store begins at 6 p.m. Friday, Aug. 14 at Harbor Lanes, 25419 Jefferson, St. Clair Shores. Bowling begins at 7 p.m.

The cost is \$30 and includes bowling, shoe rental and pizza. For more information, call (313) 499-4838.

Proceeds will be used to pay for repairs to the St. Vincent DePaul Store on Kercheval.

Cornerstone School

Cornerstone Schools hosts the fourth annual Be a Tiger for Kids event at Comerica Park Tuesday, Aug. 18.

Festivities begin at 4:30 p.m. at the Rock-N-Roar tailgate party at Ford Field. A variety of food, entertainment, face painting, balloons and games are provided.

The Cornerstone Honors Choir performs the Star Spangled Banner before the

7:05 p.m. game.

Tickets range from \$15 to \$250.

For more information, call (800) 434-0951 or visit cornerstoneschools.org.

Classes of 1945, 1946, 1947 and 1948

Grosse Pointe High School classes of 1945 through 1948 hold a reunion over four days in September. A cocktail reception is on Wednesday, Sept. 16; dinner on Thursday, Sept. 17; brunch and dinner, Friday, Sept. 18; and a tour of Grosse Pointe South High School and natatorium Saturday, Sept. 19.

For more information, call (313) 881-7808.

Driver's sight

Thirty-two leading authorities will discuss the relationship between vision and the safe operation of a motorized vehicle during a conference sponsored by The Detroit Institute of Ophthalmology.

Called The Eye and The Auto, the conference takes place Sept. 16-18 at the General Motors Research & Development Auditorium on the GM Tech Center Campus in Warren.

Questions to be addressed include:



Bridge Club

The Pointer Bridge Club members celebrated their 36th season July 23 with lunch and bridge at the Little Club. The next season begins in September at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial. For more information, call (313) 881-8566. Committee members are, from left, Evelyn Bogan, Sandy Kabbush, Reggie Lesinski and Mary Volaric.

◆ To make driving safer, how can one compensate for visual challenges?

◆ Can collision warning systems, "limited" licenses, bioptic telescopes, night driving systems and other interventions or countermeasures help both those with normal sight and visually challenged persons maintain safe driving skills and save lives?

◆ What types of visual problems make any real difference to driving?

The keynote speaker is Michael Merzenich, a well-known investigator on neuroplasticity of the central nervous system.

Larry Burns, retiring vice president of research at GM and his successor, Alan Taub, will address the audience.

Both are experts on collaborative research between the

auto industry and academia.

Pershing High reunion

The Pershing High School June 1959 graduating class is having its 50th class reunion Saturday, Sept. 19. Reservations, visit josie-figurski@webtv.net or call Dori Winkoff-Bock at (586) 752-7973.

Rotary seeks group study volunteers

Rotarians from District 6400 seek professionals between the ages of 25 to 40 to take part in the Group Study Exchange program of The Rotary Foundation.

Team members selected to participate in this goodwill/friendship tour will visit Ghana and Burkina Faso April 3 through May 2 to focus on types of water management programs.

Candidates must be employed in fields related to water treatment, water conservation, water sanitation, public health/water standards, hydrology, civil engineering and the like.

The program joins teams of professionals who exchange visits between paired areas in different countries. During the four to six week exchange,

team members study the host country's institutions and ways of life, observe their own vocations as practiced abroad, develop personal and professional relationships, and exchange ideas. Team members can be from corporations, small businesses, community organizations, medical and educational facilities, government offices and non-profit agencies.

The exchange program promotes community and goodwill on an international level through person-to-person contact. While abroad, team members stay with Rotarians, offering them the opportunity to interact with their professional counterparts. They will also give presentations to Rotary clubs and other groups about their home country.

The Rotary Foundation pro-

vides a round-trip air ticket and local Rotarians in the host country provide meals, lodging and group travel in their district. Team members pay only for personal and incidental expenses.

This exchange program is designed to enhance the careers of young professionals in an increasingly global workplace by creating networking opportunities and life-long friendships.

Team member applicants must live or be employed in Rotary District 6400 which encompasses Wayne, Monroe and Lenawee counties.

For an application, contact a local Rotary club or visit: rotary.org/en/serviceandfellowship/fellowship/GroupStudyexchange/Pages/default. Application deadline is Sept. 15.

CLUB NEWS

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SENIOR SCENE By Ruth Cain

Aging — a great subject of interest



We've been hearing more about aging and its impact on the United States and the world from a survey released by the Pew Research Center and the U.S. Census report, "An Aging World: 2008."

The survey involved almost 3,000 adults and dealt with perceptions of what is considered old. More than half of those queried under the age of 30 reported "old" as beginning at age 60. Middle-aged respondents said it was closer to 70.

Those ages 65 and older said "old" is not until 75.

But among those ages 65 to 74, just 21 percent said they feel old. Among those 75 and older, only 35 percent said they feel old.

Overall, 60 percent of those age, 65 and older say they feel younger than their age. Almost half of those age 50 and older said they feel at least 10 years younger. Of those ages 65 to 74, one-third said they feel 10 to 19 years younger.

Apparently as we get older, living is more in the future and we just aren't there yet. This is especially true of many Baby Boomers who have, in large part, been exercising and watching their diets for years and simply don't look or be-

lieve they're old.

In the U.S., some 39 million Americans — 13 percent of the population — are 65 and older. That's tripled from 4 percent in 1900. In two years, the oldest of the 76 million Baby Boomers will turn 65. By 2050, according to Pew Research projections, about one in five Americans will be more than 65 and about 5 percent will be ages 85 and older, up from 2 percent at present.

The survey also states those age 65 and older did not report experiencing the perceived downsides of aging — memory loss, illness, inability to drive or an end to sexual activity, issues younger respondents believed happen when folks get older.

On the other hand, the perceived benefits of growing old-

er (more time with family, leisure, travel, hobbies or volunteer work) are fewer than older age groups thought.

As for what age respondents would like to live, the average was 89. Almost 10 percent said they would like to live into their 90s, and 8 percent said they would want to live past 100.

The U.S. Census Bureau projects by 2019, there will be more people 65 and older than children under 5 in the world. Last year, the older than 65 population on Earth was 506 million. In 30 years, it will be 1.3 billion.

The number of centenarians has already jumped from an estimated few thousand in 1950 to more than 340,000 worldwide, with the highest

concentrations in the U.S. and Japan. That number is projected to grow by more than 20 times by 2050, making it the fastest growing age segment.

Those are really scary figures. Individuals, governments, non-government agencies and businesses large and small better plan for a different world.

There simply won't be enough younger people to support the growing population of the aging. The once firm age of 65 to begin collecting retirement, pensions, Medicare and Social Security won't work anymore.

Japan, with its low-fat staple of fish and rice, will have the most centenarians in 2050 and is preparing for the future. Its thriving robotics industry will

make caring for the aging easier and cheaper.

This latest recession tells us people have to master more than one skill or talent to prepare for established industries fading out.

We'll need more doctors, hospitals and institutions, as many elderly may not be able to live independently.

Our educational institutions will have to change and be more affordable.

Our financial planning as we age will undergo a sharp change. One Baby Boomer told her financial planner, "My parents are 86 and 87 and they're going strong, my dad drives all over the place, so I plan on living to at least 96."

Contact Cain at ruthcain@comcast.net

ASK THE EXPERTS By David Benson

Teaching teens about budgeting



Now that my teenager has his first job, how do I teach budgeting and saving skills?

A teenager's first job can be very exciting and stressful to both the parents and teenager. Managing the teenager's excitement and spending habits are essential to financial development and success.

Teenagers have many visions of things they'd like to purchase, but teaching budgeting and saving skills will provide "financial intelligence."

The process of creating a budget can provide guidelines for your teen regarding saving and spending money. Allowance or earnings provide the basis for the dollar amount of the budget. Budgets can allow some flexibility, but essentially, expenses should not exceed the teenager's available funds.

The budget period can be for any length of time, but should correlate with the frequency of the teenager's receipt of money. For example, if the teen receives a weekly allowance, the budget period may be weekly. If a teen receives his/her pay every other week, the budget

period should correspond accordingly.

Older teenagers may prefer to budget monthly. Together, parents and their teen can discuss a realistic budget period that works out best for the teenager.

Parents can assist their teenager in determining his/her desired and expected fixed and variable expenses. Fixed expenses often include cell phone bills, transportation expenses, donations to charity and savings.

Placing money away for savings each budget period is very important. Teenagers should not view the idea of savings as the amount of money left over after spending. Examples of variable expenses are: games, entertainment, gifts, clothes, books, sports and special events. These expenses are not necessarily included in each budget period.

With good intentions, some parents may tell their teen how much money they think they should save or spend. However, if the parent makes such decisions instead of the teen, this takes away from the purpose of the youth setting up his own budget and ultimately learning how to establish sound money management skills.

Periodically, the budget should be revised as the teenager's allowance or earnings increase. As time goes by, certainly the youth's goals and expenses will be different. For

example, if the teenager wishes to buy a car or go away on a special trip, he or she needs to plan long-term savings strategies.

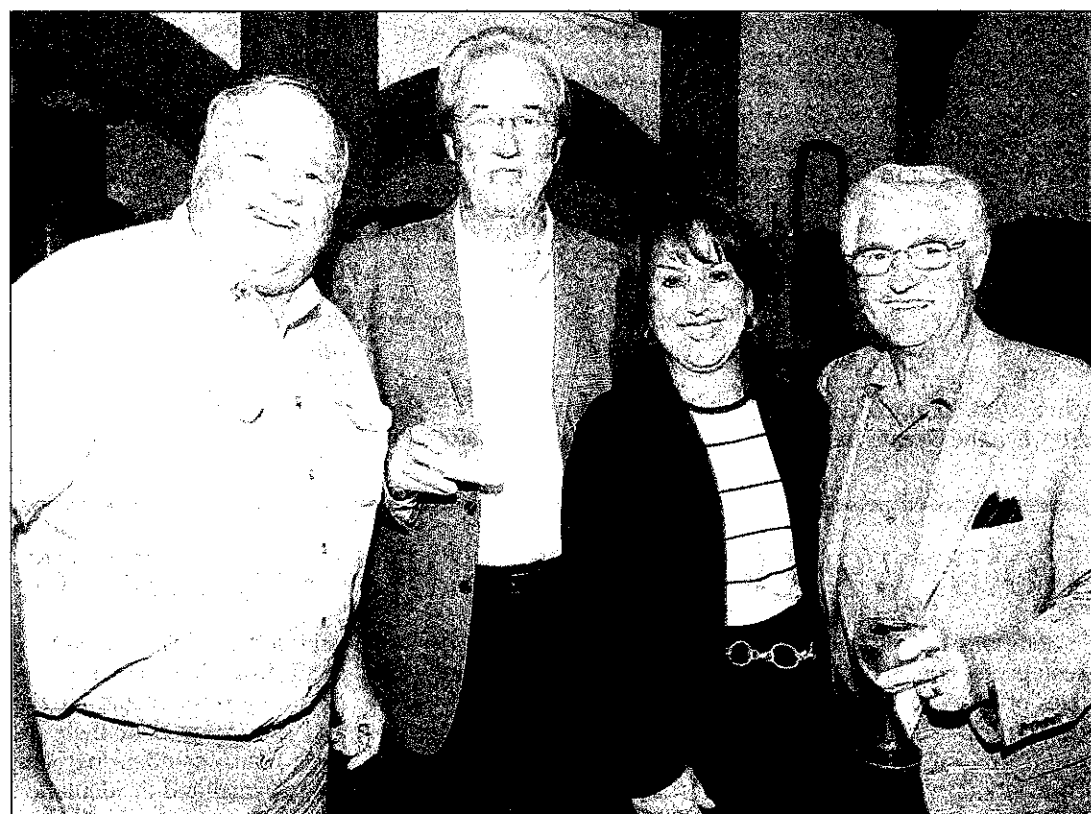
Both long- and short-term saving and spending change as the teenager matures. These changes need to be addressed as he or she makes necessary revisions to the budget.

This same strategy may be used for younger children who receive allowances for completing chores.

Benson, MSW, LMSW, ACSW is a licensed clinical therapist with more than 15 years experience with a private practice in Grosse Pointe Farms. He works part time at Henry Ford Cottage Hospital's Psychiatric Unit and is a member of The Family Center's Association of Professionals. He can be contacted at EastShore Counseling Services (313) 447-5779 or via e-mail at Info@DavidBensonTherapy.com.

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St. John Guild treasurer John Adamo; golf outing co-vice chairman Don Mattes; Debbie Condino, vice president of St. John Hospital and Medical Center; and golf outing co-vice chairman Ben Capp.

St. John Medical Staff/Guild golf outing

The fourth annual St. John Medical Staff/Guild Golf outing begins at 8 a.m. Monday, Sept. 21 at Lochmoor Club in Grosse Pointe Woods.

Proceeds benefit St. John Hospital and Medical Center by enhancing patient care services.

Edward W. Schervish, M.D. of Grosse Pointe Shores is chairman of the event. Benjamin W. Capp of Grosse Pointe Farms and Donald A.

Mattes of Grosse Pointe Shores are the vice chairmen.

A barbecue lunch is served at 11 a.m. and golfers hit the links at 1 p.m.

Contests include closest to the pin, the longest drive, straightest drive, skins and hole-in-one. Hole-in-one prizes include a vehicle lease from Meade Lexus of Lakeside and a Rolex watch. An all-expense paid trip to compete in the 2009 Lexus Championships for

National Charity Championship is offered.

After golf, an open premium bar is available and a sit-down steak dinner is served at 7:30 p.m. There are opportunities to win a set of clubs and a 50/50 raffle. The cost is \$300 for dinner and golf; the dinner cost is \$100. Tee sponsorships are \$200.

For reservations or more information, call Kathy Taranto at (313) 343-3674.

S.A.Y. to benefit from golf tournament

Free Press columnist Mitch Albom, Mercedes-Benz of St. Clair Shores and Cooper-Standard Automotive have teamed up for a charity golf tournament at the Detroit Golf Club Monday, Aug. 24.

The event benefits S.A.Y. Detroit, founded by Albom to help the homeless, and Wayne State University College of Nursing.

Registration begins at 8 a.m. The North course features

the competitive stroke play format where the top two players posting the lowest gross and the lowest net scores win all-expense paid trips to compete in the Mercedes-Benz Championship, hosted at the Kapalua Resort in Maui, Hawaii. The South course features the scramble format.


The entry fee includes a round of golf, breakfast, lunch, admission to the awards reception as well as an assortment of player gifts. The fun scramble costs \$250 and the competitive stroke play fee is \$325.

Registration deadline is Monday, Aug. 17.

Other features are a hole-in-one competition with the prize of a 2010 Mercedes-Benz GLK; the longest drive competition with the prize of Nike luggage and an assortment of Nike prizes; and gifts for all golfers.

During the past five years, Mercedes-Benz of St. Clair Shores and Cooper-Standard have raised more than \$400,000 for S.A.Y.

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Screenings identify potential cardiovascular conditions such as blocked arteries and irregular heart rhythm, abdominal aortic aneurysms and hardening of the arteries in the legs — a strong predictor of heart disease.

A bone density screening to assess osteoporosis risk is also offered and is appropriate for both men and women.

Packages start at \$139 and all five screenings take 60 to 90 minutes to complete.

For more information or to schedule an appointment, call 1-800-697-9721 or visit lifelinescreening.com.

Preregistration is required.

Author re-works the 23rd Psalm

Many recite the 23rd Psalm; "The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want," daily and some perhaps only in times of trouble.

For Patricia McClafflin Booher, secondary teacher and author of "Reflections of a Wyoming Shepherd on the 23rd Psalm," it illuminated her path and gave her the faith that carries her through life.

Growing up in a Wyoming farming community in the shadows of the Great Rocky Mountains, Booher developed a deep appreciation for nature. That early experience, she said, solidified her faith in a higher power and especially in the shepherd found in the 23rd Psalm.

Years later, she would summon that belief in the shepherd during a near fatal car accident with a snow plow.

Booher said she recited the 23rd Psalm over and over just before her car began spinning out of control and prayed God would send angels to protect her. She credits the shepherd for coming to her aid and giving her comfort and assurance.

She said she was moved to write about the 23rd Psalm when the childhood stories relating to it came to mind with a sense of urgency along with her memories as a shepherd girl.

But "Reflections of a Wyoming Shepherd on the 23rd Psalm" is not a book of theology. "Rather," said Booher, "it illustrates that the 23rd Psalm is universal; it reaches across generations and nationalities. It is global."

With chapter titles from the psalm, Booher said her book is a collection of stories, life experiences, Bible passages, poems and photographs that emphasize family resiliency, courage, faith and integrity. It is the 23rd Psalm for today's reader, she added.

The book explores such themes as:

- ◆ Faith: Why it is important
- ◆ How the 23rd Psalm can bring comfort in uncertain times
- ◆ Leadership based on Godly principles
- ◆ Personal values: The importance of having a strong character
- ◆ Family: The importance of building strong families.

"We are living in a time of great change," Booher said, adding "The 23rd Psalm will help us return to a sense of family — faith in God — because he cares about the affairs of man."

"Reflections of a Wyoming Shepherd on the 23rd Psalm" is available at AuthorHouse.com and Amazon.com.

CHURCH ACTIVITIES

Be Greek For A Day

Experience Greece at the Assumption Greek Orthodox Church's GreekFest from Aug. 20-23.

Greek culture, dancing, music, children's games and rides, a marketplace with Greek gifts, jewelry and homemade Greek food, pastries and taverna are featured.

Festival highlights include:

- ◆ Opening ceremony with community dignitaries at 6 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 20.
- ◆ Children's activities and games, a children's tent and rides on the grounds.
- ◆ Live entertainment provided by popular Greek bands and DJs and Greek dance lessons.
- ◆ See costumes from many regions of Greece when the Assumption Greek Dance Group performs.
- ◆ Shop the market for Greek artifacts, icons, statues, jewelry and art.
- ◆ Eat and drink in the taverna, featuring gyros, spinach pie, roast lamb, shish kebabs and chicken kebabs.
- ◆ The coffee café offers Greek pastries and Greek coffee.
- ◆ Play bingo.
- ◆ View a cultural exhibit of Greek brides and weddings from the 1920's-40's.
- ◆ Purchase a raffle ticket. First prize is \$2,500, second prize is \$1,000, and third prize is \$500.

Festival times are from 6 p.m. to 11 p.m., Thursday, Aug. 20; 11 a.m. to 11 p.m., Friday, Aug. 21; 11 a.m. to

midnight, Saturday, Aug. 22; and 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 23 with a raffle drawing at 8:30 p.m.

Admission to the festival is \$2 and children 12 and under are admitted free.

Proceeds benefit programs for the Assumption Greek Orthodox Church and Cultural Center and the Assumption Nursery School.

For more information, call Assumption Greek Orthodox Church at (586) 779-6111 or visit goassumption.org.

Assumption is located in the communities of St. Clair Shores and Grosse Pointe Woods at 21800 Marter.

St. Sabbas

The Russian Tea House serves lunch from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 11 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, Aug. 6 and 13.

For reservations, call (313) 521-1894.

Take Control

A career networking group, Take Control, meets at 7:30 a.m. Monday, Aug. 10 in St. Paul on the Lake Catholic Church assembly room, 175 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms.

Group coordinators are Mary Ellen Brayton and Dan O'Connell. For more information about the group, visit stpaultakecontrol@yahoo.com

PASTOR'S CORNER By Rev. Gerald Spice

A living legacy

As a young boy in Iowa, he felt called to the ministry of the church. But this was the time of the Great Depression and he was needed to help his family. Fast forward to the 1940s and 1950s. The young boy is now an executive with Investors Diversified Services. His name was Alfred Munderloh.

Munderloh never forgot his desire to become a pastor. As a successful businessman, he was in a position to help support future pastors.

In 1959, Munderloh stopped by the pastor's office at St. James Lutheran Church and chatted with The Rev. George E. Kurz about his desire to financially support candidates for the Lutheran ministry.

In the first year, grants were awarded to 23 college and seminary students. A unique feature of the grants is they were (and still are) "challenge grants." The idea of a "challenge grant" came from Munderloh's experience at IDS where he challenged his salespeople to recruit others to the company. Therefore, each grant recipient is asked to recruit another person to the parish ministry.

During those early years, Munderloh added to his gift. Following his death in the 1970s, assets were given to the Munderloh Foundation to fund the endowment in perpetuity.

Today the vision and generosity of Munderloh lives on. The Munderloh Foundation this year celebrates its 50th anniversary and continues to support students at four Lutheran seminaries. The foundation's board, comprised mostly of members of St. James Lutheran Church, determines who receives grants.

Thus far, Munderloh Foundation has awarded more than \$5 million in financial aid to seminarians.

The words of 1 Maccabees come to mind when remembering Munderloh. "Remember the deeds of the ancestors, which they did in their generations; and you will receive great honor and an everlasting name." The legacy of Alfred Munderloh lives on.

The Rev. Gerald A. Spice is minister at St. James Lutheran Church in Grosse Pointe Farms

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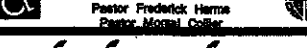
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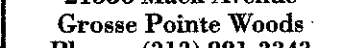
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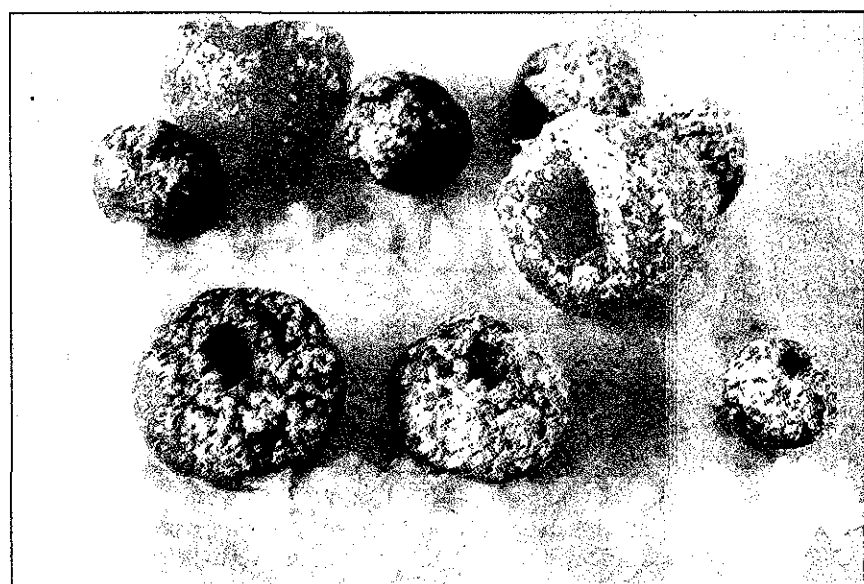
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A LA ANNIE By Annie Rouleau-Scheriff

Use citrus in tiramisu for refreshing flavor



Lemon Citrus Tiramisu

PHOTO BY VIRGINIA O. MCCOY

Tiramisu is a favorite of mine. This week I'm preparing the Italian specialty with citrus instead of coffee and cocoa.

The result is a lemon studded light and airy dessert with a flavor punch from lemongello (an Italian lemon liqueur). Traditional lady fingers are replaced with pound cake in this easy, elegant tiramisu.

Lemon Citrus Tiramisu

2 8-oz. containers mascarpone cheese
 3/4 cup sugar
 3/4 cup grated lemon zest (3 large lemons), plus more for garnish
 1/2 cup fresh lemon juice
 2 cups heavy cream



2 10- to 11-oz. pound cakes, sliced into 1/2 inch slices
 1/2 cup lemongello
 fresh berries for garnish

lemon cream mixture over the cake layer.

Arrange remaining sliced pound cake over the cream layer and brush with remaining lemongello. Spread the remaining lemon cream over the pound cake slices, covering them completely.

Cover and chill overnight in the refrigerator.

To serve, top the tiramisu with fresh berries and grated lemon zest. For special occasions, plate the tiramisu and dust with powdered sugar.

I found mascarpone cheese at Trader Joe's and lemongello liqueur at Alger's.

Lemon lovers will go crazy for this creamy, luscious meal topper that screams summer.

This recipe yields 12 servings.

In a large bowl, beat together mascarpone cheese with sugar, lemon zest and lemon juice until well blended. Add the heavy cream, one cup at a time while continuing to beat the mixture until slightly stiff peaks form. (The texture should be thick and creamy.)

Arrange one of the sliced pound cakes in the bottom of a 10-by-10 inch dish (or similar size). Generously brush the cake slices with 1/4 cup of the lemongello. Spread half of the

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TENNIS

Sobieralski: ‘national coach of the year’

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

Mark Sobieralski has climbed the mountaintop.

The head coach of Grosse Pointe South's girls' tennis team recently found out he was named National High School Athletic Coaches Association National Coach of the Year.

"I was shocked to win this award," Sobieralski said. "There were some outstanding candidates up for this honor who I think had better credentials than myself, but somehow I won."

"It's quite an honor and I'm excited to be in some exclusive company here in the state of Michigan."

Sobieralski joins other Michigan coaches to win this honor, including Bob Wood of University Liggett School, Tom Pullen of Ann Arbor Pioneer and Stephanie Prychitko of Grosse Pointe South.

The wheels started turning after Sobieralski guided the Blue Devils to the 2008 Division 1 state championship. It was South's 10th state crown.

Sobieralski nearly missed his claim to fame.

He returned home from his duties at Lochmoor Club and nearly walked into the house when a small package sitting

on his porch caught his eye.

"I couldn't imagine what I received in the mail and the last guess I would have was the national coach of the year honor," Sobieralski said. "I opened it and saw a couple of plaques, but didn't think twice about what it could be."

"It finally hit me when I saw the ring that was included and then it all came together."

"I couldn't believe I had earned this award."

Sobieralski's honor was just as nice as what gratitude he has received from coaching.

"Last year's team was ranked No. 1 and the consensus pick to win the title," he said. "Most of our girls cruised in their championship matches."

"This past season was different because he had new faces and girls who moved around the lineup from the 2008 title squad."

"The girls really worked hard and were rewarded with a third-place finish at the state finals. It was nice to watch the girls improve throughout the season and end it on such a wonderful note."

"It has definitely been a great couple of years for our tennis program here at South and my personal achievement. I couldn't have won this award if it wasn't for my players putting in the hard work in practice and in their matches."

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Grosse Pointe South

Varsity Tennis

Coaches - Mark Sobieralski and Paul VanWalleghem

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Mark Sobieralski was the head coach of Grosse Pointe South's 2008 Division 1 state championship team. For that, he earned National Coach of the Year honors.

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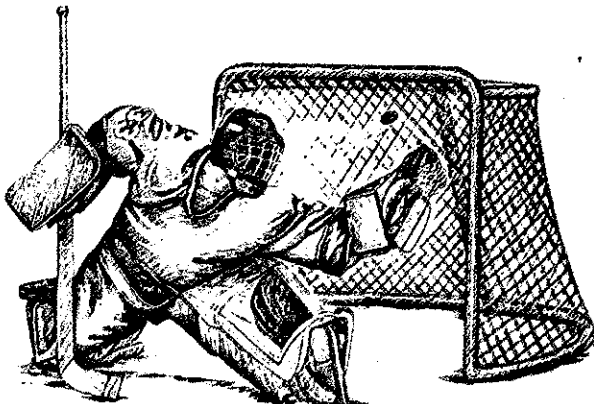
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SWIMMING: Farms edges Park for title

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2. Farms' Michelle Champane, 38.95; 3. Park's Lindsey Phillips, 39.01; 4. Farms' Sarah Blake, 39.68.

Event No. 39, boys 8 & under 25-meter butterfly: 1. Park's Riley Francis, 22.54; 2. City's Dylan Mico, 24.11; 3. SCS' Chaz Lumpkin, 24.20; 4. Woods' Brendan Bergeron, 25.25.

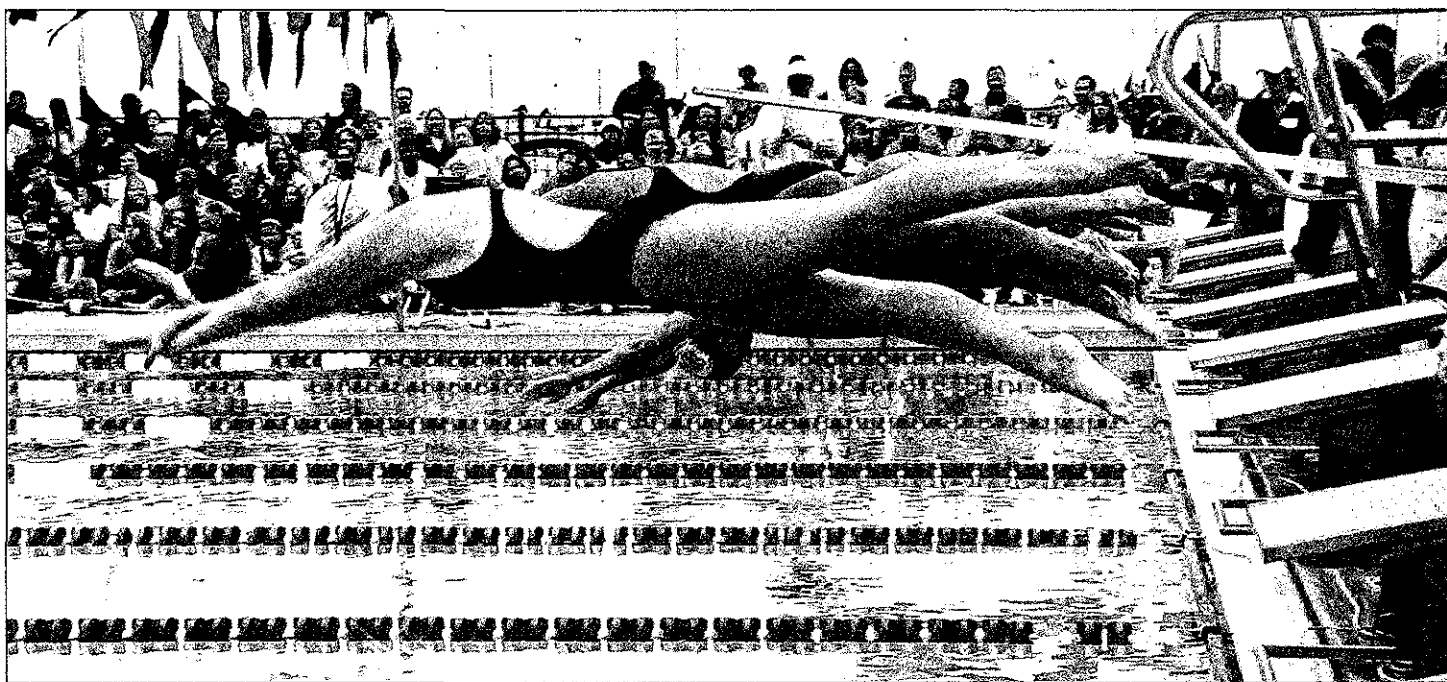
Event No. 40, girls 8 & under 25-meter butterfly: 1. City's Sarah Chauvel, 20.21; 2. Woods' Clarice Fisher, 21.77; 3. Farms' Caroline Turner, 23.19; 4. Park's Allison Vern, 24.24.

Event No. 41, boys 10 & under 25-meter butterfly: 1. Farms' Griffin Brooks, 16.54; 2. Park's Camron Francis, 17.53; 3. Woods' Daniel Leone, 19.29; 4. Park's Morgan Clevenger, 19.37.

Event No. 42, girls 10 & under 25-meter butterfly: 1. SCS' Madison Thurber, 17.36; 2. Farms' Madison Berg, 17.50; 3. Park's Sarah Simmet, 17.75; 4. City's Hailey Murphy, 18.60.

Event No. 43, boys 12 & under 50-meter butterfly: 1. City's Patrick Jackson, 30.08; 2. Park's Devlin Francis, 30.69; 3. City's Wilson Livingston, 40.19; 4. SCS' Blake Emerick, 40.37.

Event No. 44, girls 12 & under 50-meter butterfly: 1.



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Girls dive into the pool for the start of the 25-meter freestyle.

Farms' Jennifer Maiorana, 33.72; 2. Park's Kaelyn Mocer, 34.61; 3. Farms' Amy Krausmann, 36.42; 4. Woods' Molly Marcin, 39.76.

Event No. 45, boys 14 & under 50-meter butterfly: 1. Woods' Matthew Leone, 31.71; 2. Park's Ben Moss, 32.84; 3. SCS' Emmanuel Jianis, 32.89; 4. Shores' Patrick Lane, 32.90.

Event No. 46, girls 14 & under 50-meter butterfly: 1. Farms' Anne Crowley, 31.99; 2. Park's Jessie Kaminski, 33.14; 3. City's Laurel Johnson, 33.89; 4. Park's Erin Belanger, 35.11.

Event No. 47, boys 17 & under 50-meter butterfly: 1. Park's Joe Hessburg, 27.59; 2. City's Wayne Brackett, 27.81; 3. Farms' Michael Crowley,

28.26; 4. Park's Craig Campbell, 28.32.

Event No. 48, girls 17 & under 50-meter butterfly: 1. Park's Jackie Stevens, 31.25; 2. Park's Carrie Condino, 34.16; 3. SCS' Erin Holtz, 34.21; 4. Farms' Brooke Champane, 34.71.

Event No. 49, boys 12 & under 200-meter freestyle relay: 1. Farms' George Daley, Jimmy Fildes, Craig Engel and Jared Dempsey, 2:24.05; 2. City's Mikey Bernard, Brendan Cauvel, William Poplawski and Tyler Leggat, 2:26.93; 3. Woods' Christopher Bahr, John Leone, Bobby McGovern and Daniel Dezeery, 2:32.64; 4. Shores' Steven Lesha, Nathan Lutz, Paul Sidhu and Alex

Owens, 2:37.10.

Event No. 50, girls 12 & under 200-meter freestyle relay: 1. Farms' Claire Young, Alexis Veerderbar, Cassandra Morse and Amy Krausmann, 2:06.80; 2. Woods' Madison Gafa, Gaby Burchett, Catherine Schneider and Maddy Bessert, 2:13.53; 3. Park's Amanda Wang, Madelyn Fabry, Emily Mlynarek and Caroline Hall, 2:21.39; 4. City's Molly Walsh, Abby Carrier, Grace Perri and Meghan Morgan, 2:24.97.

Event No. 51, boys 8 & under 100-meter freestyle relay: 1. Park's Sean Miller, Jeevan Telang, Griffin Clevenger and Riley Francis, 1:21.09; 2. Farms' Henry Combs, Justin deCoster, Nicolas Knuth and Peyton Nugent, 1:24.14; 3. City's Cam Mallegg, John Hurley, John Poplawski and Dylan Mico, 1:24.40; 4. Shores' Garrett Schreck, Christopher Mourad, Connor Albrecht and Matthew Lesha, 1:31.24.

Event No. 52, girls 8 & under 100-meter freestyle relay: 1. City's Lindsay Dyament, Sarah Ashkar, Paisley MacKay and Sarah Cauvel, 1:23.12; 2. Farms' Rose Williamson, Alice Williamson, Kristin Williamson and Elaine Chase, 1:25.51; 3. Woods' Julia Ayrault, Madeline Mills, Kate Bessert and Clarice Fisher, 1:26.76; 4. Shores' Bridget Lessnau, Kate Weaver, Jacqueline Stahl Brophy and Nicole Rivera, 1:30.58.

Event No. 53, boys 10 & under 100-meter freestyle relay: 1. Farms' Ethan Briggs, William Kay, Jamey Daley and Jack Froelich, 1:09.29; 2. City's Logan Mico, Oliver Livingston, Brendan Labadie and Connor Mallegg, 1:11.04; 3. Woods' Daniel Leone, Brian Wenz, Sam Stafford and Ryan Reveley, 1:13.01; 4. Park's Morgan Clevenger, Liam

Conlan, Clark Frick and Camron Francis, 1:13.05.

Event No. 54, girls 10 & under 100-meter freestyle relay: 1. Farms' Gabrielle deCoster, Kathryn Williamson, Kaitlin Malley and Madison Berg, 1:09.65; 2. Woods' Lora Dobbs, Grace Addy, Meghan Bessert and Sydney Allor, 1:12.12; 3.

Park's Claire Hubbell, Roslyn Vern, Kathleen Vern and Sarah Simmet, 1:12.26; 4. Shores' Angelina Cavaliere, Caroline Weaver, Katie Lesha and Lilly Cusumano, 1:12.90.

Event No. 55, boys 200-meter freestyle 57 years relay: 1. Park's Roby Boggs, Ben Schneider, Devlin Francis and Craig Campbell, 1:46.95; 2. City's Patrick Jackson, Jack Martin, Jake Murphy and Sam Effinger, 1:52.55; 3. Woods' Matthew Dezeery, Matthew Leone, Eric Kuhn and Alexander Fly, 1:54.25; 4. Farms' Michael Crowley, Griffin Brooks, Jack Chase and Chris Brownell, 1:56.24.

Event No. 56, girls 200-meter 57 years relay: 1. Park's Jessie Kaminski, Lily Boggs, Erin Belanger and Linsey Phillips, 2:00.57; 2. Farms' Ellen Neveux, Jennifer Maiorana, Allyson O'Connell and Michelle Champane, 2:00.90; 3. City's Laurel Johnson, Claire DeBoer, Becky Weiland and Caroline Wilkinson, 2:02.96; 4. Woods' Megan Bergeron, Katelyn Kohler, Emily Turnbull and Devon McKinley, 2:03.23.

Thanks to Ben Semmler for providing the results.



Grosse Pointe Shores Mayor James Cooper, puts a first-place medal around the neck of Matthew Lesha, the winner of the boys 8 & under 25-meter backstroke.



May Krausmann competes in the 50-meter butterfly. She placed third.

BASEBALL

RedHawks tryouts

The Grosse Pointe RedHawks Baseball Club, founded by Mark Riashi and Jim Saros in 2002 to provide talented 13- and 14-year-old boys the opportunity to compete on high competitive levels, is having tryouts in August for the 2010 season.

Tryouts for the U13 team are Sunday, Aug. 9, and Sunday, Aug. 16, at Elworthy Field in the City of Grosse Pointe.

Registration begins at 2 p.m. and the event will last until about 4:30 p.m. each day. Players must be 13 years old or younger as of April 30, 2010.

The team will be managed by John Clem, who has experience managing and coaching at the Little League and Little League All-Star levels.

For further information, call Clem at (586) 557-6547 or send an e-mail to

jclem@wowway.com or contact Pete Mogk, the 13U team's bench coach, at (313) 510-3349 or pmogk@huron-capital.com.

Tryouts for the U14 team are Aug. 12, from 6 to 8:30 p.m. at Elworthy Field.

Registration begins at 6 p.m.

Players must be 14 years old or younger as of April 30, 2010.

The team, managed by Ken Kish and coached by Mark Riashi, finished 31-15 in 2009, won a USSSA Memorial Weekend tournament, qualified for prestigious USSSA and Triple Crown World Series tournaments and finished third in the 2009 CABA National Championship as a U13 team.

For more information, call Ken Kish at (313) 770-7195 or send an e-mail to amyand-ken@comcast.net.

BASEBALL

Redbirds tryouts

The Grosse Pointe Redbirds 15U baseball organization will hold tryouts at 10 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 8, and Sunday, Aug. 9, at Grosse Pointe South High School.

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All-state

Grosse Pointe South had a trio of All-State tennis players this year. They were 2009 graduates, from left, Stephanie Skau, Lizzie Hyde and Sarah VanWalleghem, who were voted team captains before the season began. The all-staters helped the Blue Devils win another Macomb Area Conference Red Division dual meet and tournament title, along with a regional crown. They placed third in the state finals.

BASEBALL

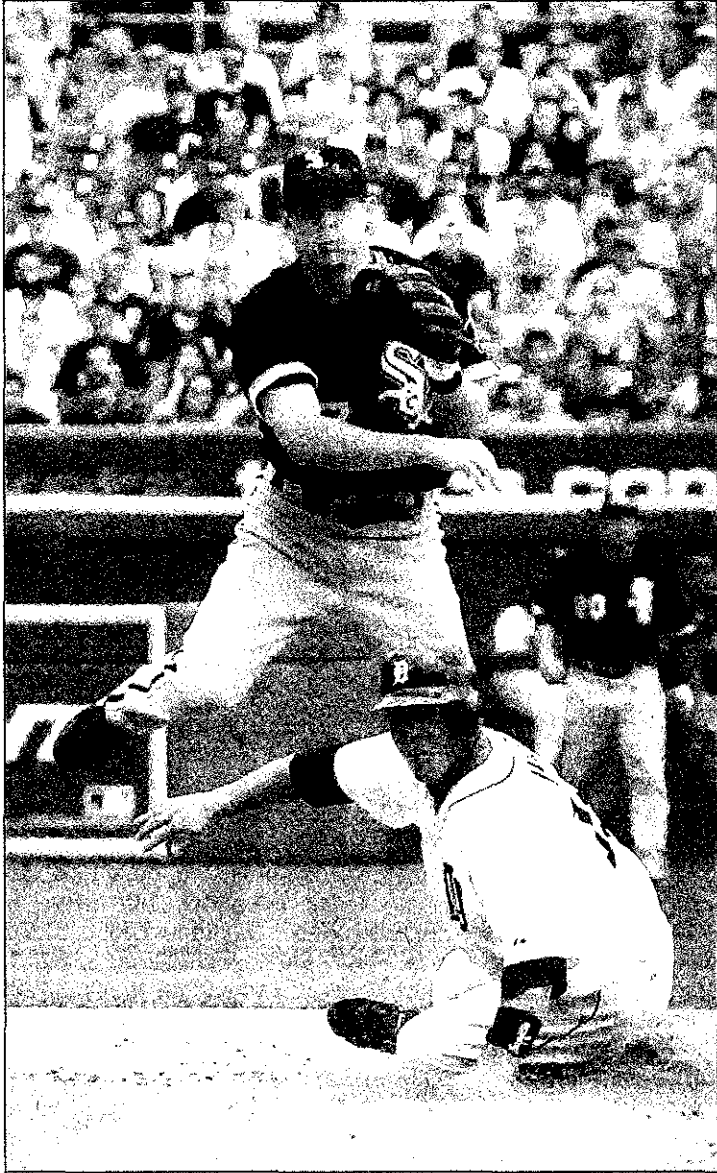


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Hometown hero

Grosse Pointe South graduate Chris Getz has been sizzling of late as the Chicago White Sox's starting second baseman. In his first full season with the Major League Baseball's White Sox, Getz is hitting .271 with 79 hits, 43 runs, 17 doubles, four triples, two home runs, 26 RBIs, 110 total bases and 17 stolen bases. He has a .326 on-base percentage and a .378 slugging percentage. As of Monday, Aug. 3, the White Sox stand in second place in the American League Central Division, just 1 1/2 games behind the hometown Detroit Tigers. Getz played in front of family and friends the weekend of July 24-26. Getz was the Blue Devils' second baseman on the 2001 state championship team that beat Grand Ledge 2-1.

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BASEBALL



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Avengers on the map

The Grosse Pointe Avengers 13U baseball team is comprised of 13-year-olds from Grosse Pointe Park, Woods-Shores and Farms Little League squads. They competed in the Macomb Area Baseball Federation and finished in second place with a record of 16-4 to earn a bid to the state championship, along with 15 other teams from around the state. This is the inaugural year for the league and the team. For more information, visit Avengersbaseball.org. Pictured above are, front row from left, Jack Strachan, Murray Sales, Jacob Zacharias, Jimmy Lehman, Drew Cornwall, John Maxey and Ryan Armbruster; and back row from left, manager Brian Kruger, Pat Jackman, Danny Paglia, Billy Schaber, Josh Gray, Anthony Simon, Ryan Regener, Coach Chris Cornwall and coach Dan Lehman. Coach George Strachan is not pictured.

GOLF

South golf outing a hit

The 13th annual Grosse Pointe South Boys Hockey Golf Outing was a successful event, in spite of a rainy start.

The Shield family won with Bill, Mickey, Tenley and Tim, home on leave from the U.S. Naval Academy and member of the Navy golf team, leading the way.

Tim and his brother Trey

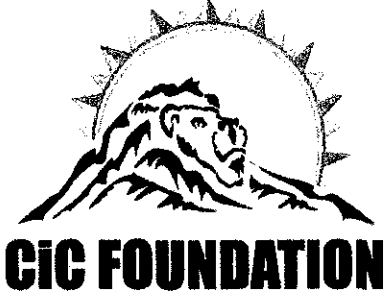
both played four years for South Hockey.

The Shield parents, Bill and Mickey, are former For 'Em Booster Club presidents and Tim scored the overtime goal in 2007 state title against Mona Shores to clinch their first state championship.

Placing second were newcomers to the South Hockey

event — the Marentette family, Patty, Thomas II and Thomas III.

After tying for second place, Patty won a putting contest to win second place. Thomas III won the longest drive contest against formidable competition.



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CLINTON Township. 16550 Sarjay (off Garfield, North of 17). Friday-Saturday, 9am-5pm. Furniture, household. 586-228-9090. Pictures: actionestate.com

GROSSE Pointe Woods, 742 Sunningdale. Friday, 9am-4pm. Saturday, 9am-1pm. 4 family sale. Furniture, household items, Webkinz/ coded.

MACOMB, 48133 East Farah. (off Garfield, South of 22). Friday-Sunday 9am-5pm. Furniture, barware, 586-228-9090. Pictures: actionestate.com

MOVING sale, Grosse Pointe Farms, 320 Lothrop. August 14-15, 9am-4pm. Tools, yard equipment, dock ladders, tandem bike, linens, 60's baby buggy, many household items.

SATURDAY, 10:00am-4pm. Sunday, 1-5pm. 1300 East Lafayette. Unit 2506, Detroit. (1 1/2 blocks East of I375/ East Lafayette). Furniture, art, jewelry, clothing, linens, stemware, plates, sofa, brass items, desk chair, bookshelves, small appliances, picture frames, queen sleigh headboard/ frame. Cash only. No early arrivals.

ST. Clair Shores, 22455/ 22461 Rio Vista (10 1/2/ Jefferson). Thursday-Saturday, 9-4. Antiques, jewelry, guitar, PA, rugs, art, mirrors, boat, pool table, holiday. Great sale!

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1565 Ford Court, Grosse Pointe Woods. Friday-Sunday; 9am-5pm.

19968 Roscommon, Harper Woods. 8/7-8/8; 9am-3pm. Baby, maternity, household, furniture. See craigslist post for more items.

21120 Beaufait (between Mack/ Harper). Household goods, tools, home decor, jewelry, bikes, collectibles & more. August 6-8; 10am-5pm.

425 Lincoln. Saturday, 8am-Noon. Garden accessories, Cuisinart, small TV, books, more.

557 Saddle Lane. Friday, Saturday, 8am-3pm. College dorm and back to school items, bedding, books, bikes, designer homecoming dresses and clothes, housewares & more.

571 Rivard, Grosse Pointe (corner of Kercheval). Thursday, Friday, Saturday, 9:00am-2pm.

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GROSSE Pointe Woods, 1712 Roslyn. August 7-8, 9am-5pm. Household, kitchen goods, loose leaf binders, jewelry, holiday stuff, purses, small appliances, miscellaneous.

GROSSE Pointe Woods, 20125 Wedgewood/ Fairford. Friday, Saturday, 9am-4pm. Antiques, furniture, toys, household, miscellaneous.

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MOVING sale- 375 Ridgmont, Grosse Pointe Farms. August 7-8; 9AM-5PM. Some antique furniture, miscellaneous items, new twin beds.

SOROPTIMIST annual garage sale, Saturday, August 8, 9am-2pm. 76 Cloverly, Grosse Pointe Farms. Proceeds support scholarships for women.

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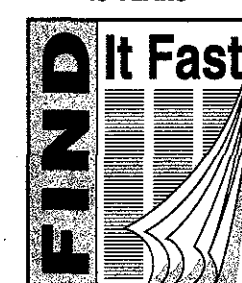
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Shop local means community success

Ann L. Fouty
Special writer

Shop local is more than a slogan.

In today's economy, it means the success of a community.

Driving a few minutes to pick up a train or doll at the Village Toy Shop in the City or selecting a pair of earrings at Edmund T. Ahee Jewelers in the Woods seems the logical choice rather than driving 30 minutes to the mall, where service is not as personal.

"We usually know the people helping us and that makes it more fun."

Spending money with merchants from Eight Mile to Alter is money which will be funneled right back in

the Grosse Pointes and to supports charities close the hearts of merchants.

"Residents should never forget store owners invest in our community make it better," says Mary Huebner, Grosse Pointe Chamber of Commerce President. "I see how much our locally owned stores do. It's the local stores who donate services for fashion show, hair and beauty tips, massages and more. Restaurant owners donated food and gift certificates."

"The local store owners care about who is investing in our neighborhood while national chains make decisions based on share owner value," she says.

Merchants are organizing Music on the Plaza, Winter Fest, Mack Avenue Days, trick-or-treating, parades, the Greatest Block Party, sidewalk sales and more to keep the Pointes a family-oriented, desirable place to live, Huebner says.

Owner of Wild Birds Unlimited Rosann Kovalick says through her

customers she is able to donate to environmental causes.

"We are proud to support Metro Beach with feeders and seed; the Environmental Interpretation Center at U of M Dearborn with feeder donations and seed at cost and Whitefish Point Bird Observatory with donations of feeders and seed. All of this would not be possible without the support of the community," she says.

Huebner reminds Grosse Pointers that business owners' taxes support city services. Salaries paid to the employees are returned to the community.

As Kovalick points out, her employees live in the Grosse Pointes, St. Clair Shores and Madison Heights.

The sales associate who makes up a basket of goodies at Special Favors or the one who wraps up the shirt and tie at Brooks Brothers clothiers is generally someone with whom the customer is acquainted.

"We usually know the people helping us and that makes it more fun," Huebner says.

Combining friendly customer service, convenience and comparable prices, shopping local is a win-win for the Grosse Pointes.



Local shoppers go loco with the selection at the Village Toy Company.

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Q. How Prevalent is snoring?

Eighty-seven million Americans snore. Forty million Americans are chronic sufferers of sleep disorders. Only ten percent have been treated or diagnosed.

Q. What causes snoring?

Snoring occurs when the airway through which you breathe becomes partially blocked, this can happen when your tongue falls back as you sleep. As the size of the airway passages decreases, throat vibrations begin and snoring ensues. In many cases, this is minor and your body continues to get adequate amounts of oxygen, causing little or no harm.

Q. Is snoring a sign of a health problem?

While often harmless, snoring could also be a sign of OSA. In fact, forty percent of snorers have been shown to have OSA. Most sleep apnea sufferers snore between bouts of apnea, or oxygen interruption.

Q. What is obstructive sleep apnea?

Sleep apnea is a common disorder in which you have one or more pauses in breathing or shallow breaths while you sleep. OSA sufferers have a rough night, and don't even know that it's happening to them. In any given night, these apnea events (when a patient stops breathing) can occur more than thirty times an hour! These individuals awake exhausted each morning, as they have been fighting for oxygen all night.

Q. Is there a cure for sleep apnea?

Unfortunately, there is not yet a cure for sleep apnea, but there are treatments. The type of treatment for sleep apnea depends on the severity of the disorder as assessed by a sleep apnea specialist. The goal of the treatment is to keep the airway open during sleep, leading to improved sleep, better oxygenation and enhanced daytime alertness.

Q. How is appropriate treatment determined?

First, the patient should undergo a sleep study to determine the extent of any sleep apnea. Depending on the results, the recommended treatment will vary. A CPAP machine is often indicated in moderate to severe cases, this is the gold standard of care. An oral appliance (Airway Orthotic) is usually indicated if the OSA is slight, or if the snoring is not a part of OSA at all. The custom oral appliance may also benefit those individuals that cannot tolerate a CPAP machine. There are also surgical options, and patients are encouraged to seek advice from their physician for these.



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Spotlight on Grosse Pointe's finer dogs: Mama & Boris



Pointers, likely more so than others, will remember the 2007 Christmas saga of a young mother and her pup, befriended in Baghdad by Army Sgt. Peter Neesley. Peter relocated Mama, who was less than a year old, and her 4 month old pup from war ravaged urban Iraqi streets to the outskirts of a military camp and into a red, white, and blue dog house he built for them. Sgt. Neesley, with the encouragement and support of fellow soldiers, cared for Mama and Boris, sharing trials and tribulations of his wards with his sister, Carey, and nephew, Patrick (age 10), back home in Grosse Pointe Farms. Stories told through cell phone, email and pictures created a special familial bond between Peter, Carey, and Patrick, around the two innocent dogs.

Tragically, the extended human-canine family lost Peter to a non-combat environment death on Christmas Day. In addition to the loss of Peter, Carey and Patrick now faced a very unknown future for Mama and Boris; yet, they knew they would have to do everything possible to bring their dogs home.

And so began the successful 4 week campaign to get Mama and Boris out of Baghdad and into the loving arms of Carey and Patrick. With the help of friends, corporations, elected officials, animal welfare groups, and many in the media, they became united on February 8, 2008.

At first, Carey's plans were simply to love Mama and Boris, potty train them, and let them settle in to their new life. Celebrity dog trainers and pet industry representatives offered advice and encouragement as the media hailed a real victory to come out of this war.

But gradually Carey and Patrick began to realize that the dogs were not adjusting well. Initially, Carey thought that Mama was growling around the food dish because of her hungry feral past. Too, who wouldn't excuse a mother for protecting her new home and only surviving offspring from unknown outsiders? Next, Mama began going after the family's two

middle-aged Golden Retrievers. Soon, Boris joined in on the bullying and was quickly surpassing his mother's aggressive behavior.

Carey went back to the people and groups that had initially offered advice. Recommendations to address the now well-established aggressive behavior included: clicker training, a positive reinforcement strategy; low protein dog food; an electric fence system to keep them contained; and psychotropic drugs. An animal communicator weighed in saying that Mama and Boris told her that they were being labeled as foreigners and terrorists by the dogs here in this country. She recommended that they wear American Flag bandanas and encouraged Carey to explain to the Golden Retrievers that Mama and Boris had come as peace envoys. Carey knew she needed something more exacting.

No stranger to a challenge and driven by the continued desire to keep this family together Carey was again on a mission to find help for her brother's canine refugees. A referral from Grosse Pointe Park veterinarian, Nancy Pillsbury, led to James F. Lessenberry, owner of Animal Learning Systems.

An extensive evaluation of Mama and Boris led Lessenberry to conclude that the dogs' ill mannered and dangerous behavior arose from a complex intersection of genetic predispositions and asocial environmental experiences. Ironically, Lessenberry explained that the problems were just as likely to have occurred had the dogs been born right here.

Lessenberry found Mama to be a very dominant female as biologically "wired" to protect her valued resources (food and family) as she is "wired" to be first to respond to a threat to her status in the group. On top of that, Mama did not process emotions in a normal manner. To Mama, everything she experienced was bigger than life. "Combine these traits with an animal that has sustained protracted threats to her safety and status and you have a learned problem," said Lessenberry. Since she was just a puppy herself (barely 18 months old) maturity was certain to intensify the seriousness of her ill behavior.

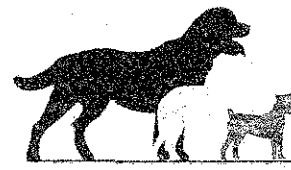
Boris, 9 months old then, is what Lessenberry called, "not the sharpest tool in the shed." Sweet, less emotional than his mother, Boris didn't think for himself, instead relying almost completely on his mother for guidance on how to behave towards other dogs. As bad a role model as Mama was, she at

least picked her battles. Separated from Mama, Boris was terrified of animals, attacking indiscriminately. He would grow to be a big powerful dog and was fast learning how to wield an aggressive attitude.

Treatment was extensive. Mama and Boris lived with Lessenberry and his staff for several weeks learning to trust their caregivers to keep them safe, instead of worrying about defending themselves or each other. They learned to be

happy and safe independent of each other. They also learned a whole vocabulary of words to control their attitude and behavior. They learned to play with other dogs, ignore cats and wildlife, and to love people.

One year after being treated by Lessenberry and his staff at Animal Learning Systems, Carey reports that Mama and Boris are delightful companions, well adjusted and deserving of being in the spotlight.



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"Small Spaces, Big Design"

By Sally Schuman
Special Writer

"Don't move, improve!" is Closet Connection owner, Christine Wurms' favorite saying. She has been improving homes and businesses in the Grosse Pointe area with creative organizational designs and installation for over 20 years.

Located at 20427 Mack Avenue in the Woods, "Our main goal is to make our customers lives easier and to make their homes or businesses function as well as possible," said Christine. "The average person spends 30 to 45 minutes a day looking for things. That's a huge amount of wasted time."

There is no limit to the creative ways any space can be organized. Christine's designs are, "as individual as a person's lifestyle is." For example, Closet Connection recently designed and installed an entertainment and storage area in a customer's basement freeing up needed living space. These customers had recently had a baby and were unable to move to a larger home. "They needed us to make them fit their home," said Wurm.

Space under stairs is another area that Closet Connections can create beautiful and functional storage. By installing step-down drawer units that pull out for accessibility, this unused, or unorganized space can become convenient and highly functional.

"We are doing a lot of garage 'make overs' right now. With summer, people are using their garages more and wanting the space to work for them. We can organize garages from floor to ceiling," explained Christine. And speaking of floor to ceiling, here's another clever space creating idea; closet space can be at least doubled by utilizing pull down rods in ten-foot high closets.

Moms going back to work have been ripe customers for Closet Connections. "When a mom goes back to work she needs the kids to be as organized as possible. A child's closet needs to be 'child friendly' so they can be responsible for their own things. This saves the 'Mom where is it' stuff," Christine knowingly informed.

A walk in closet can be situated so as to free

up bedroom space, leaving room for a seating area and transforming a bedroom into a quiet, clutter-free retreat. "We've even turned a lot of bedrooms into walk in closets," said Christine. Situations like a house with limited closet space, or after grown children have moved out, or someone is combining two households, all are perfect examples where this space creating idea has worked. "Oh my goodness, this has made a huge difference to my life" that's what I want to hear," declared Christine.

Homes are not the only recipients of Closet Connections expertise; Denyse & Company, The Knotted Needle and Girlie Girl, all Grosse Pointe businesses, are some of the commercial customers that Wurm has

designed and professionally installed for.

From start to finish, most jobs will be completed in about a two to three week turn around time. Closet Connections has a staff of professional and experienced installers that complete each job, insuring quality and customer satisfaction.

Beauty in the creative details is what prompted Christine to incorporate "Creeker Craft Pottery" into her Mack Avenue showroom. Owned by artisans Celeste Skalne and Jane Barden, Creeker Craft Pottery is individually crafted, custom-made stoneware creations, including dinnerware, drawer pulls and children's specialty items. These pieces are the perfect complimentary touches to Closet Connections organizational designs, or can stand all on their own to accessorize any decor. A beautiful assortment of their artistry is on display and for sale in the Closet Connection showroom. If you don't see just exactly what you'd like, don't worry; special orders are their "specialty." Their motto: "If you can imagine it - We will make it," so you can let your imagination go wild!

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"Climbing The Hill To The Top Dining Destination"

By Sally Schuman,
Special Writer

For Gretchen Meeuws, General Manager of the Hill Seafood & Chop House, it has been a steady climb to the top - a climb she has enjoyed every day for the last eight years.

"When I started at the Hill about eight years ago, I was in nursing school, I was raising a family and I was working here part time as a server on days," tells Meeuws. Having a full plate was no problem for Meeuws, who graduated nursing school with a promising career in front of her. "I could have gone into nursing," said Meeuws, "but I wanted to stay here. I love what I do here!"

During her eight years at The Hill, she left for about a year, came back as the operations manager and then two years ago became general manager. With 25 years experience in the restaurant business, working for both corporate owned and privately owned restaurants, she knew the business like any professional. Most days you will find her opening the door, greeting and seating guests and training the servers in the front of the house, but she is equally comfortable putting on a dish jacket and washing dishes if need be. "That's why I've been successful at what I do," said Meeuws.

Meeuws reminisces, "This building has been a restaurant longer than I have been alive! The customers that remember it as '123' can tell you all the history." Nine years ago the restaurant at 123 Kercheval became The Hill Seafood & Chop House. "Dining at the Hill is like that of a country club," explained Meeuws, "so our service has to be of the highest quality for fine dining."

Meeuws motto? "I learned years ago at a hotel seminar that

"people want what they want. You have to be in tune to detail. We have so many regulars here, we know them by name, we know their families. When it is in our power to get them what they want, we go the extra mile to supply those special things for our customers."

Every ingredient at The Hill

"I could have gone into nursing, but I wanted to stay here."

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Gretchen Meeuws,
General Manager of
The Hill Seafood
& Chop House.

reflects this high standard for detail that ensures the customer a wonderful dining experience, whether they come for business,



Gretchen Meeuws, General Manager, and Michael W. Connery, Executive Chef, above. Kitchen Staff, below.



relaxation or just a fun evening out. Exemplifying this are the recent renovations that were finished in February of 2008 by Ron

Rae of Ron & Roman, renowned for his restaurant designs. This feat was accomplished with minimum inconvenience to their customers, as the work was done in the evenings and on weekends; the restaurant being closed for only one week. The results are elegant and stunning, bringing out the natural beauty and features of the building.

Complementing the main dining room is the lower level private dining room, which can accommodate up to 60 guests, or guests can dine "al fresco" on the recently expanded outdoor patio. "This year our patio has much more curb appeal. It's an asset to the ambiance of The Hill," said Meeuws. "Each of the restaurants on 'the Hill' comes from a different angle. This is great marketing for the Grosse Pointes and is exciting for us because we have our own niche here."

The private dining room was also recently updated and is perfect for small dinners, like birthdays, rehearsal dinners or showers. Audio visual equipment and a flat screen TV make the room perfect for sporting events, like football or hockey games. The full crystal chandeliers add grace and beauty.

Dining guests know well the high quality food and service found at The Hill. The classic American fare is prepared with the finest and freshest ingredients and features a variety of meat and seafood choices that include: Block Island Swordfish, Prime Center-cut Colorado Lamb, Oven-roasted Iowan Pork Tenderloin, USDA Graded Prime Western Beef New York Strip Steaks and more. The Hill also offers extensive lunch, dessert and wine menus.

"Everything is made from scratch," said Meeuws, "If your food is presented with a parmesan tower, then someone has put cheese on the tray, melted it and sculpted it right here for your dining pleas-

ure." One of The Hill's exclusive menu items is their Bleu Cheese Pizza. "People come here just for that," relayed Meeuws proudly. "We also have menu options that are healthy. Extremely popular is our light dining menu that is like 'small plates.'"

All of the fabulous dining fare is overseen and prepared by Chef Michael Connery, who has been with The Hill since they opened. "He is one of the threads that have kept the consistent excellence at The Hill," Meeuws said. "He oversees the freshness of our products and selects the weekly features." These features are more "cutting edge" and add spice to the traditional menu items. "You and I and grandma and six year old Teddy can all come in together and each of us will find food to suit our

taste," said Meeuws of the diversity of their menu.

Chef Michael's philosophy? "There is no 'I' in team," he stated emphatically. "And you are only as good as your last meal. I surround myself with up and coming, strong, passionate culinary people who get excited about food." And of the features he serves, "They're spur of the moment. It's what is fresh coming in that day. I like to do them a little more bold and exciting and the plate sets with fun sauces and in season fruits and vegetables."

When asked what his favorite dish to prepare is, Chef Michael said, "It's whatever I'm in the mood to cook - that's what I enjoy the most. I love fresh food. I get excited when I unpack my Foley's order and see what has come in

that day."

With such passion and commitment from the front of the house to the back - inside and out - upstairs or down - it is easy to see why everything at The Hill is as good as the first day they opened and will continue to be so. The Hill is open for lunch Monday through Friday from 11:30am until 3:00pm. Dinner is served Monday through Thursday from 5:00pm until 10:00pm and Friday and Saturday from 5:00pm until 11:00pm for your dining pleasure.

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Old finds and new friends

By Sally Schuman
Special Writer

Maybe once in a lifetime you stumble onto something so rare and so beautiful that it feels like it can't quite be real. I am not talking about the beautiful antiques that you will find at LaBelle Antiques, Etc. - I am talking about the heart of this establishment. I've not only experienced this myself, but I found the sentiment echoed over and over as I talked to customers that were browsing the graceful displays.

Each one had a different story to tell and each one expressed the same discovery - you come to LaBelle's and you find an old friend and a family.

The heart of the store is found in the heart of its owner - proprietress, Dawn LaBelle-Kaake. Surrounded by family, real life and those of us she has just included, Dawn can be found daily, hustling and bustling around her store - like a mother hen happily tending to her daily business. But she always takes the time to stop and talk, share a smile or a hug, and maybe even a story, or the pictures from her latest trip to Europe. Have a tear? She has a Kleenex and a shoulder, and a beautiful melon settee to curl up in - it's waiting just for you. "We're like a family here - that's the goal," says Dawn.

LaBelle Antiques Etc. is home to approximately 27 antique vendors, each with their own specialty and area of expertise. Together, Dawn and her 'family' of vendors have transformed the 4,000 square foot store, located at 24861 Harper Avenue in St. Clair Shores, into an antique lovers delight. Each vignette displays its own unique mixture of antique furniture, china, jewelry, glassware, linens, sports

memorabilia, ephemera and more, giving the shopper the feeling of walking from home to home. With all the familiar items of yester-years gone by, it gives the shopper a feeling of 'coming home.'

"This is my happy place," said customer Sylvia. "I come here when I'm having a bad day and I feel better. I discovered the store while I was on sick leave, and now, my house is full!" Another customer shared, "I come to see what Donna's wearing!" (Donna is Dawn's real life sister, who dresses in splashes of vintage attire with all the eccentricity of a wealthy dowager.) "I feel sooooo welcomed here," she continued, "it's such a special place. This is really not LaBelle's - it's Dawn's place. My friends will come to me and say, 'When are we going to Dawn's?'"

Diane, a long time customer, told her story, "I told Dawn that I needed hankies for my daughters wedding shower, and out came bins of hankies! The wedding shower was a ladies tea at the Edsel Ford House, so we went through Dawn's hats also. My daughter wore the pink hat and gloves and said she felt like a princess."

When asked what it is that brings people to LaBelle Antiques Etc., Dawn said, "My customers are shopping for every day things they can use in their homes - things that remind them of their history. They are drawn to their past. And they find it - affordably. The store is important because it makes people happy, special, because it brings out the kid in everybody. And when you're a kid, things are good. I'm the luckiest girl in the world to be doing this!"

For your enjoyment, the store is open Tuesday-Friday 11-6 and Saturday from 10-3; closed Sunday and Monday.



Center For Healthy Living & Longevity

"Cutting Edge World Class Medicine Brought Home To The Pointes"

By Sally Schuman, Special Writer

For the last 11 years, Dr. Pamela Smith, M.D., MPH has been touting the message of metabolic and anti-aging medicine with the tireless passion of a prophet. A message she will also be teaching in a masters program at the University of Southern Florida School of Medicine beginning this fall.

Born as an outgrowth of Functional Medicine, Metabolic and Anti-aging Medicine combines anti-aging medicine with biochemistry and is the newest and fastest growing specialty worldwide. Where as Contemporary Medicine compartmentalizes the body into specialties, Functional Medicine looks at the whole person - physical, mental, emotional and spiritual - seeing the systems of the body as linked in a web-like fashion. Metabolic and Anti-Aging Medicine hones in on this "web" and looks at how all these underlying ingredients combine to effect the metabolism, and therefore, the aging process in the overall health of the person.

"This is great for the Grosse Pointe community; they now have something new and world class right on their doorstep." Dr. Pamela Smith M.D., MPH, Center For Healthy Living and Longevity.

Dr. Smith has been practicing medicine for over 30 years. Prior to branching into this specialty, she was an emergency room physician at the Detroit Medical Center for 20 years. A life long Grosse Pointer and the product of a Grosse Pointe School System education, Dr. Smith praised the schools saying, "I view the Grosse Pointe schools as excellent. Because of the education I received there, I was able to skip my first year of college." She also added, "You can't have doctors without good teachers!" She attended college at Wayne State University, a medical college in Tennessee and received a Masters in Public Health from the Medical College of Wisconsin.

Her journey into anti-aging medicine was born out of a sleeping problem in her early 40's. After consulting 11 different doctors and a psychiatrist, no one had an answer for her. "Then, by chance I attended an anti-aging conference. I heard about the loss of progesterone effecting sleep habits. I had had my tubes tied, a birth-control method in which a woman's fallopian tubes are blocked or tied off. So when I went home, I tested myself for progesterone and found I had none." This led her to study the effect of hormones.

Her study resulted in this specialty and the formation of, "The Fellowship in Anti-Aging, Regenerative and Functional Medicine", the only fellowship in this field in the US, with

1500 members' worldwide. Along with being the Director of the fellowship, Dr. Smith became a member of the American Academy of Anti-Aging Physicians and is the director of the master's program in Metabolic and Nutritional Medicine at the University of Southern Florida. She practices her specialty at "The Center For Healthy Living and Longevity", which she owns and directs. The Center currently has three locations, with its Grosse Pointe Farms office located at 114 Kercheval "on the Hill" and other locations in Ann Arbor and Bloomfield Hills. Of all this she says, "It is nice to see medicine come of age. This is great for the Grosse Pointe community; they now have something new and world class right on their doorstep."

For a new patient, the first order of business at the Center for Healthy Living is a thorough medical history. Because functional medicine is patient centered, the doctor spends about one hour with them, gathering all the necessary, highly detailed information. Based upon this history the doctor will order specific tests. Testing is another way in which metabolic and anti-aging medicine differs from conventional medicine. Challenge tests are used instead of diagnostic tests. This testing looks at the biochemistry of a patient through "saliva tests" that are exclusive to this specialty. These tests are able to look at the hormones in the whole body, not just in the blood. They also show a broader range of time, as opposed to blood tests, that show only the current picture. With all the information gathered the doctor is then able to institute a course of action to restore the health of the patient. Treatment is highly individualized.

"For example," explained Dr. Smith, "let's take female depression. Traditionally the patient would be given an antidepressant. We look at the underlying problem; it could be low thyroid, it could be weight related, it could be hormones. We then fix the reason why and the depression is resolved. Traditional blood tests look at two to three levels, when there are really seven levels and they would miss the low thyroid because of that."

"We are also the only field that looks at amino acids, and we measure cortisol levels for stress," Dr. Smith further explained. "Hormones are like a web or a symphony - they have to play in tune. If they do not, people don't function as good as they can and things like memory, cholesterol, blood pressure, blood sugar, weight in the middle, thyroid and immune systems suffer. It's all related."

"For instance, it is little known that men lose bone (not just women) and are candidates for hormone replacement when they enter andropause - or male menopause. We want to educate the patient. They are not aware of the available science," continued Dr. Smith.

"Another way in which we differ, is in diabe-

tes, for example; traditional medicine waits until after someone gets diabetes and then treats them with medication - we can now know 10 years before they get it and possibly prevent it," said Dr. Smith. She further explained that a study was done called the "Genomen Project," which showed that disease is only 20% inheritance (family genetics) and 80% environment (the circumstances we put our bodies in.) So by seeing a predisposition and changing the patients' lifestyle, disease can be avoided, or at the very least, delayed, resulting in greater health and longevity for the person.

Metabolic and Anti-Aging medicine is also the only specialty that looks at the nutritional depletion that is caused by medications. They can measure 30 different vitamin levels in the body through their testing. Because of this, they have a large and effective cancer practice. They also are successful in treating obesity, fibromyalgia and auto immune diseases like lupus, MS and Parkinson's disease; they can lower cholesterol without medication and treat anxiety and depression, to name just a few.

Dr. Smith speaks around the world on this and has authored four books, the fifth to be released this month. The titles include: "What You Must Know About Women's Hormones", "HRT: The Answers", "Vitamins Hype Or Hope", "Demystifying Weight Loss" and her fifth book, "What You Must Know About Vitamins, Minerals, Herbs and More."

It was during one of her speaking engagements that she piqued the interest of Dr. Heather Annatoyn Dickson, M.D., now her associate at The Center For Healthy Living at the Grosse Pointe Farms location. Dr. Dickson's background was in family medicine, which she practiced at Providence Hospital as a faculty member in the Family Medicine Program from 1982-2000.

About 2000 she took a sabbatical to be the primary caregiver for a family member who was ill. When she was just about ready to go back, she happened to hear Dr. Smith, who was the keynote speaker at an engagement in Arizona. She began to research what she heard and was soon training and then practicing with Dr. Smith.

"With anti-aging medicine there are things we can do to promote health and try to slow down the aging process, perhaps extending the life span of a person," said Dr. Dickson. "My personal goal is to help my patients live as healthy as they can, as long as they can and shorten the period of decline."

"We used to think your genes, were your genes, were your genes and that is just what it was," continued Dr. Dickson. "But the evidence shows there is a lot you can do with your lifestyle. Things like, how you deal with stress, relationships, diet, activity level, spirituality, your entire lifestyle has a lot to do with how

you express your genetic potential. With functional medicine we address all of that."

Dr. Dickson especially likes to help her patients with nutrition. "Most medical schools do not require nutrition classes (so this is not always focused on.) I treat many people with diabetes, high blood pressure, people who just 'don't feel well.' Conditions like chronic fatigue, fibromyalgia and headaches, most traditional primary care physicians have found challenging because training in traditional medicine doesn't offer many solutions. (With functional medicine) we now have more avenues to help patients feel better. I like having a different way of looking at illness and potentially a different way for the patient to have wellness."

Dr. Dickson's hope for the future is that it will bring a greater collaboration with primary care physicians. "There's a lot of room that's not been explored to work with primary care physicians. Our skills are complimentary," said Dr. Dickson.

"My personal goal is to help my patients live as healthy as they can, as long as they can."

Dr. Heather Annatoyn Dickson, M.D.

"The masters program (that Dr. Smith teaches) gives more validity and exposure to this type of medicine," said Dr. Dickson. "It takes a long time to filter down to the local level. (But,) as more doctors are practicing this, more insurance companies are covering it and the labs are looking at ways to work with the insurance companies." Currently, about 95% of insurance companies are covering approximately 80% of the cost of the testing required.

"We would love to see more children coming through our door that have been diagnosed with ADD, ADHD and autism," continued Dr. Dickson. "We have therapies to offer not found in a more traditional setting. These may be complimentary to their current treatment." She concludes, "Very little works for absolutely everybody, but with our range of treatments we can help most people. A healthy lifestyle helps everybody."

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Marina becomes family fun destination

By Sally Schuman
Special Writer

Michael Litt and Jim Cummins, owners of the New Kean's Marina, are visionaries who see their strategic link to international waterways from their position on the Detroit River as clear sailing into the future – and they can clearly see where they are going!

When the partners, best friends for 43 years, bought Kean's in January of 2008, they had a plan that within four years they would turn Kean's into a resort-like, family fun destination, complete with motto: "Kean's is for kids of all ages!" Eventually they would like to be known "all over the world and become a destination marina," said Litt who is the "mouthpiece" for the operation.

Litt, who has been married for 10 years to Linda Jo and has two children, Michael (9) and Mason (6), has learned what it takes to accomplish his vision from travels with his family. "We asked ourselves, what makes us vacation in an Orlando resort?"

It's clean, there's beautiful music, flowers, fun – we know what families want," continued Litt. "I want people to come through the gates and get away. We're not just a marina, not just a boat yard – we're a family fun place." He has already begun the changes to accomplish his goal.

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**Michael Litt,
Co-Owner and
Harbor Master,
Kean's Marina.**

The marina, built by the Kean family in 1931, had been "fabulously maintained over the years," said Litt. "I see us as caretakers of the property; it is an amazing property with great potential."

With 360 boat wells Kean's has availability for boat storage, as well as being a popular spot for transient boaters wanting to stay the night. "We draw crowds of transient boaters who come to catch a concert or go to the casinos, or other events," said Litt, "And we have a limo shuttle service that bridges downtown with all the local marinas." Kean's is now accepting 2009/2010 winter storage and well applications, Litt suggested, "people should contact us soon because we fill up our inside storage by September."

In perfect position for viewing the hydroplane races, Kean's found they were full up that weekend – something that "hasn't happened in 20 years," exclaimed Litt with excitement.

A VIP Charity event was also held during the races. Included on their summer calendar of events have been a deliciously successful charity Chili Cook Off and Craft Show, a July 4th Family Picnic and a Venetian Night. Upcoming festivities include JB Kean Day Family Picnic and festivities for the Labor Day weekend.

Kean's also features "The Shops at Kean's." We rent the shops out to the tenants. They are an amazing ensemble and a crazy group of highly talented people," boasted Litt. The shops include: "Ship Shape Yacht Care," "Len's Marine Service and Gas Dock," "St. Clair Yacht Sales" and "Lake Shore Boat Top."

"We are drawing people from everywhere because we are family friendly and we're a great guys," Litt jokes. "I don't see us as 'in competition' with the other the yacht clubs and marinas, I see us as another choice. Some of the many reasons people are discovering Kean's are the different picnic areas and children's playscape – all of it "clean, clean, clean," reports Litt.

They offer tent and area rentals within the marina also, "some of the zones we rent currently have waiting lists," added Litt. Future plans include a bed & breakfast, boutique and hotel.

An integral part of the future plans for Kean's and another thing Litt is proud of is his Marina Manager, April Keszo, who comes to Kean's with a Commercial Recreation degree from

Michigan State. Keszo worked at a marina for nine years and "was the first recipient of the Michigan Boating Association Scholarship Award," boasted Litt, "She is great!"

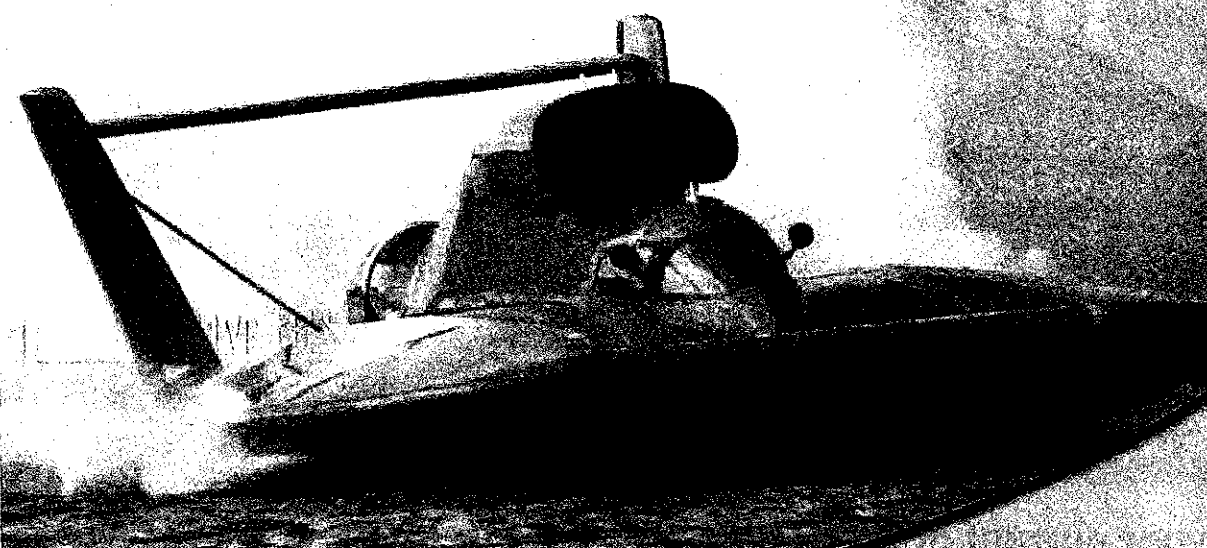
With his eyes on sailing into future plans for Kean's, Litt has dropped anchor and isn't going anywhere. "Having grown up in the area, I've come back after being gone for 10 years. I am

a lifelong boater and I am working four miles from my home on Three Mile – I love it here! I love the Grosse Pointe community," said Litt, "it's like living in a resort town."

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"Dorian Boyland Hits Homerun with New Nissan Dealership"

By Sally Schuman, Special Writer

Dorian Boyland, former Pittsburgh Pirates first baseman and '79 World Series Champ, hit a homerun when he expanded his Boyland Auto Group into Michigan, with the addition of Boyland Nissan, slightly over one year ago.

Boyland Nissan, located at 23651 Hall Road in the city of Macomb, is his second Nissan dealership, joining ranks with Acura, Dodge, Ford, Honda, Hyundai, Infiniti and Mercedes Benz in the Boyland Auto Group. Boyland Auto Group is the 80th largest dealer group in the country.

Why add a Nissan dealership? "Nissan has always been the risk taker of the big three (Toyota, Honda and Nissan)," said new General Manager, Joe Kern. "Our 3.5 six cylinder engine has been voted 'Best Engine Made' for 15 years in a row. Our body styles are ultra modern and considered risk-taking designs that have proven to be well received by the public. They are incredibly fuel efficient and are among the top in their class for dependability and reliability. Our clientele range from 18 years old to 118!"

Ninety percent of all Nissans are built here in the United States, utilizing thousands of Michigan based suppliers. A seventeen year Michigan resident, the Nissan Technical Center of North America, located in Farmington Hills, more than doubled its Michigan employees when Nissan chose that location for its \$38.8 million dollar expansion in 2002. "Nissan is in the midst of a significant business revival, based primarily on new products," said Fred Standish, Nissan spokesman. "There is a host of new products coming worldwide, so we need capabilities and capacity and facilities to support the development of these new products," he said, in speaking of the Farmington Hills Tech Center, as quoted at the time the expansion was announced.

Following the Boyland Auto Group standard, Boyland Nissan holds the needs of each individual customer as their paramount concern. They believe in doing whatever it takes to meet and exceed the high expectations of their customers each and every time they visit. For this reason, Boyland recruited General Manager, Joe Kern, who had a nine year proven track record of suc-

cessful customer satisfaction.

General Sales Manager, Paul Hastings, who oversees the open sales floor that incorporates both new and pre-loved vehicles, welcomed Kern to the General Manager position. Regarding Kern, he said, "He's been in the business a very long time and he knows what it takes to keep customers coming back. (He knows how) to run a successful dealership."

He brings to the table a fun atmosphere for the customers when they are buying a car."

In all, eight employees followed Kern to Boyland Nissan, bringing a cohesive stability, organization and strong Nissan knowledge to the dealership.

One area this strength is being shown is in their 18 bay service department. Kern brought in Service Manager Tim Voss to insure customer satisfaction. Kern exemplified Master Technician, Dave Bedenko, a 25-year veteran, stating, "He is one of Nissans most recognized techs, not only in Michigan, but in the Midwest Region. We have people calling from Chicago and as far as Texas to ask our technicians questions."

Also included in the staff are Sales and Floor Manager Keith Giuliani, Finance and Insurance Manager Tim Jenny,

Special Finance Manager John Green, Parts Manager Michael Daley and Office Manager Tammy Bennett. All have been hand picked to insure the high standard of customer care held by Kern.

Add to this, Boyland Nissans' nine acre facility with a state of the art show room

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- Paul Hastings, General Sales Manager, Boyland Nissan speaking of new General Manager, Joe Kern

sporting comfortable leather arm chairs, a big screen TV in the spacious waiting room, a diverse and knowledgeable sales staff, along with a family friendly atmosphere and you can see that Dorian Boyland has scored another

big success.

With 14 different models, the flagship of the Nissan line is the Maxima, which has been redesigned for 2009 as a four door sports car with over 270 HP. On its heels, boasting the title of #1 selling Nissan and voted "Best Looking Sedan" three years in a row, is the Altima. It was also voted #1 car above and below \$25,000 by Consumer reports, with a comfortable price ranging from \$19,000 to \$33,000. "I drove an Altima from Michigan to Florida and back," said Hastings, "and only spent \$200 in gasoline!"

In its third year is the Nissan Versa that starts at an amazing \$9995 "fully equipped, not stripped." It comes in both

a sedan and a hatchback version and is rated at 36 MPG, "But customers tell me that they are getting 40 plus miles to the gallon," said Hastings.

Newest in their premiere line of automobiles is the Nissan Cube, starting at \$14,900. With one-of-a kind styling and accessories, this little beeper is just plain cool! A five passenger ride with 58 cubic feet of storage room, one of the Cubes more unusual accessories are the colorful LED's that change the passengers' mood by cycling through 20 different shades of light with the turn of a knob. Also with a peaceful mood in mind, is the rain drop inspired ripple effect that is themed throughout the vehicles interior design. "You would think the Cube would attract a younger buyer, but it has more appeal with customers in the 40 plus age bracket," said General Sales Manager Hastings. "I think it affects people that are stressed out to kick back, have some fun and relax."

Boyland Nissan also offers a full line of leases starting at only \$129 a month. "Our leasing business is huge," said Hastings. "It comprises 60-70% of our business. He explained that the resale value of Nissans has remained high and so the maker hasn't been affected by the leasing crunch. "We've stayed strong in the leasing portion of our portfolio when other manufacturers have fallen off."

Recently Kern held the "1st Annual Nissan Import Car Show." Vendors were on site with all proceeds going to the Knights of Columbus, a major supporter of local and national charities. Kern is carrying out the Boyland tradition of community involvement as he made this event free to the general public as well as the invitees. Hundreds of prizes were given out, including car care kits, Nissan apparel, stadium cushions, hats, towels and coffee mugs.

With a winning tradition backing them and a compass set on community involvement and customer satisfaction, the team at Boyland Nissan is a sure winner. They are open for business Monday and Thursday from 9am until 9pm; Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday from 9am until 6pm and Saturday from 10am until 4pm. You can call the sales department at 866-928-7001 and the service department at 586-421-0100, or visit the website at www.boylandnissan.com



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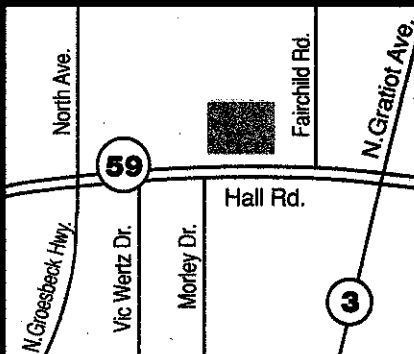
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By Sally Schuman
Special Writer

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Coco decided to ‘lay down on the job’ as Louis proudly showed off his bright and spacious establishment located at 21300 Harper Avenue just north of Old Eight Mile in St Clair Shores. He opened on July 1st to great response from the public.

“Here we treat your pet like it was our own. I hired qualified, caring employees and I am providing my services at reasonable rates.”

In the parlor you will find self-serve ‘bath tubs’ that are waist high making it easy to give your pooch its ‘bubble bath’ with ramps or stairs to make it easy for them to climb in. There are also lower, larger tubs for large breed dogs. Many amenities are included in the “self wash” price; they supply eight different shampoos, all hypo-allergenic and tear free, including a whitening shampoo for white haired dogs, oatmeal and medicated conditioners for dry skin, colognes, ear



wash and ear wipes, brushes and combs, towels and chamois, blow dryers and aprons to help you stay dry. All baths are given with filtered water (without minerals) to promote a healthier, shinier coat and the temperature is set at 85degrees (not too hot, not too cold.) And the best part? They clean up all the mess!! Bring in your dirty dog and leave with a clean, happy pooch – no muss, no fuss. Self serve washes run from \$12 to \$20, so you can affordably wash your best friend as often as you like.

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Bank with its' heart in the community

By Sally Schuman
Special Writer

Community Central Bank is the “proud community bank.” Proud to be an important part of this community and proud of the top-notch technological banking products they offer.

With Grosse Pointe branches located in the heart of “the Hill” at 121 Kercheval and in the Woods at 21110 Mack Avenue, they are positioned to support local businesses, non-profit organizations, families, churches and schools.

“As a community focused organization, we believe in supporting our community partners,” relays President and CEO, Dave Widlak. “Active community involvement is an integral part of our purpose.

All our employees from senior management to the newest hires are encouraged to be actively involved with local charitable organizations.”

A focus they clearly displayed with the creation of their “Volunteer Opportunities” booklet, a list of charitable organizations that are their customers. Knowing that the current economic climate is making it hard for the public to maintain their past level of financial support, causing these worthy organizations to struggle to satisfy the flood of requests they receive, this booklet defines the mission of each charity along with the volunteer opportunities available. In this way they gave the community another avenue to continue to support the local charities and helped sustain the communities uniqueness. Audrey Olzem, Marketing Specialist tells, “We have received great response from this and it truly is a good way to give back.”

Community Central Banks one-on-one personalized service delivers banking, mortgage, trust, investment and retirement service on a first name basis. Their banking products are

designed to make life easier for their customer, both now and in the future.

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Dave Widlak,
President and CEO

One of the newer features offered to businesses is “Merchant Capture,” a remote capture program that allows a business to make deposits, at their leisure, from their own office. As daily checks are received at the business they can be scanned and sent electronically to Community Central Bank. Besides saving time, other benefits of “Merchant Capture” are the improving of funds availability, reducing fraud and the reduction of posting errors.

Community Central Bank customer Steve Najar, of Fresh Farms Market in Grosse Pointe Farms, gave praise both as a community member and a business owner, “We have a philosophy that we believe in - that if we don't take care of our customers, someone else will. I can tell you that Community Central Bank has the same philosophy. They give exceptional customer service to our business, our families and our community.”

One of the ways Community Central Bank says “Thank you for being a customer,” is with their annual customer appreciation days. On Friday, August 14th from 11am until 2pm they will be treating customers to lunch at the Grosse Pointe Woods location. On the menu will be National Coney Dogs, Better Made Chips and Faygo Pop.

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“Trusted ‘To Do List’ Pros”

By Sally Schuman, Special Writer

“Elderly woman ‘taken’ by handyman service” – you’ve heard this headline in the evening news many times. For Keith Paul, this real life event became the catalyst for taking matters into his own hands.

In 1996 when his wife's grandmother was ‘taken’ by an unscrupulous fraud, Paul fought back and began a home improvement referral service. “We had so many calls that we couldn't keep up! So we ended up hiring a handy man to meet some of the need,” said Paul. That was the beginning of HandyPro Handyman Services, Inc., ‘your trusted handy man.’

“We do ‘to do lists,’” said Paul. “There's not much we don't do, though we focus on the smaller jobs that most contractors don't want to do. The convenience is that you don't have to call separate people. You make one call only and you have it all done.” All of HandyPros employees are licensed, insured and bonded, hand selected to be personable, professional and trustworthy. This includes licensed electricians, plumbers and HVAC specialists.

“The credibility factor is one thing that the industry is lacking and that's what HandyPro offers – the trust factor,” said Paul. “Handyman service is very personal. It's personal when someone comes into your home. You want the trust factor.”

One of the major differences between HandyPro and similar companies is their free estimate and price guarantee. “Most companies charge a dollar per hour amount from the time they arrive at your door. They'll give you an approximate time frame, but it's an open ticket, and it usually takes longer than they estimate. So you don't know how much a job is going to end up costing you,” explained Paul. “With HandyPro, you get a price up front – you can decide to hire us or not. The estimate is free and the price is guaranteed.”

All these ingredients quickly added up to success for the fledgling company and Paul began franchising in 2003, with a franchise that services northwest Wayne County,

southern Oakland County and Ann Arbor. About one year ago Paul met with John Lynch and Greg Longe, co-founders and managing partners of AFS, a company that partners with smaller franchisors to help them grow nationally and internationally. Three months ago they were in business together, HandyPro coming under the corporate umbrella of AFS.

Lynch, a life time Grosse Pointer who currently lives in the Park with his wife and nine children, brought the expertise needed to further develop HandyPro. “We at AFS are a franchisor with multiple franchise concepts. A whole different skill set is needed to grow and support a franchise company, and we bring that. That's our niche,” said Lynch.

Lynch also brought to the table childhood friend, Scott Brady. Brady, a Grosse Pointe North graduate, had recently moved back to Grosse Pointe from the Carolinas. Partnering together with John and Keith, he launched another HandyPro franchise, expanding the company into Macomb County and the Grosse Pointes. “I was a textile manufacturer's rep and needed to reinvent myself. So I networked with John, and became a partner and owner/operator of the newest Handy Pro franchise,” said Brady. “At a point where most people are leaving Michigan to find jobs, I came back to Michigan to work!”

HandyPro has been listed with the Better Business Bureau since its inception in 1996. “We have never had a complaint,” said Paul, “something we are very proud of, especially in this industry.” One reason for that, in addition to the honest, professional workmanship, is the fact that HandyPro prides themselves on cleaning up any materials, during and after a job is finished, leaving your home clean and in order.

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"String Beads! – It's Who They Are and What They Do"

By Sally Schuman, Special Writer

Tuesday through Saturday you can follow the "Stringers" as they travel their favorite path to String Beads!, located at 1835 Fleetwood Drive in Grosse Pointe Woods.

From its inception in 1985, String Beads! has always been a "customer driven business," says owner Lisa Hammerlee. It started with Lisa being the customer. With broken bracelet in hand, she traveled out to a west side store and then learned how to repair her piece. Six months later she opened her own bead store – now the only bead store on the east side.

"When I started, I was simply going to sell beads to people, but soon the customers wanted me to repair their jewelry, as many people didn't have the time or the inclination – so I began to repair jewelry. Then people began asking me to teach classes. I listened to them and began doing that. This was not just my idea or brainchild, this is truly a business born of the community," relayed Hammerlee.

"50% of our customers are stringers who are making jewelry and 50% of our customers are either looking for a unique piece of jewelry or want a custom piece made for them," said Julie Kaleel, salesperson.

String Beads! is known for their semi-precious stone beads, fresh water natural pearls, sterling silver and hand blown glass beads. "We're known for a better bead. We're not the beads that you'll go into Michael's or JoAnn's to buy," relayed class instructor Terry Henson.

The biggest seller in the store is "Trollbeads", a collectible bead system for necklaces and bracelets, made in Denmark. The store carries three varieties of the beads, with prices starting at \$23 for the silver Trollbeads, glass Trollbeads start at \$25 and their specialty beads range from \$70 and up. Adding to the variations, different chains and clasps are available to choose from. "We keep a card on file for our Trollbead customers with their 'wish list,'" said Kaleel. "The husbands love it! All they have to do is come in and look at the list and they have the perfect gift for their wives."

Custom-ordered jewelry is another area in which String Beads! shines. With the customers help, the talented staff will help design jewelry that reflects the person's lifestyle and tastes. Their one-of-a-kind jewelry can be created for special occasions, such as weddings, formal affairs, or something to match a special outfit. They can also create Mother's Day bracelets and children's jewelry. All of this is done with the customer's budget in mind, making String Beads! custom pieces affordable.

Repair of your favorite piece or redesign of an outdated piece is all part of the expertise at String Beads! Fees for these services are also very reasonable and turn around time is generally within two weeks. Jewelry can be taken into the store or mailed in, for your convenience. As Hammerlee states on her website, "Jewelry breaking can be an 'explosive' event and you may end up sending us a

bag of beads. Don't fret if you don't recall the pattern – we can either follow a sketch of the pattern or the remaining beads on the stringing material. Rest assured, we are talented with restringing and design is truly our passion."

String Beads! employees have all come out of their loyal customer base. Class instructor, Terry Henson was no exception. "Terry started like everybody else who's ever worked here. First they were customers, then they became friends and then employees," said Hammerlee. This gives the store a unique pool of expertise born of shared experience. Hammerlee was the class instructor until five years ago when Henson was brought on board.

Henson, who brings with her 40 years of experience, teaches classes on Wednesdays from 11am-1 pm and Thursdays from 5:30pm to 7:30pm. These classes are taught "as a workshop, rather than teaching one discipline per class." Classes consist of six students or less so they can receive individual attention. Advance registration is required, as classes are on a first come, first serve basis and fill up quickly.

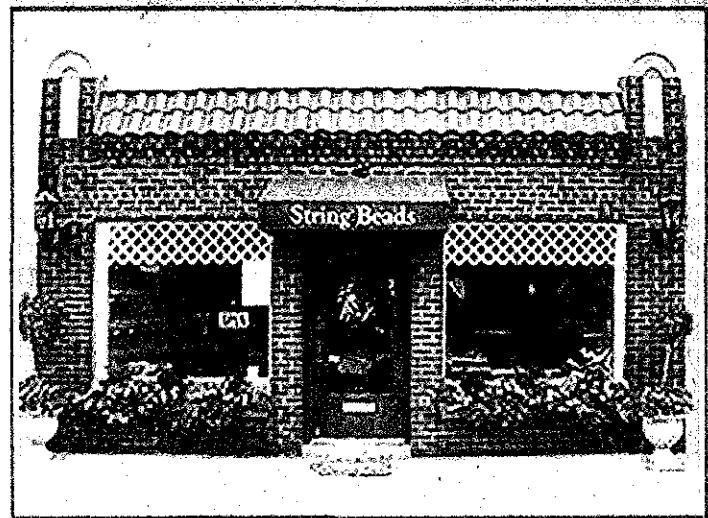
Hand knotting pearls, wire wrapping and chain mail are a small example of students learn. These classes accommodate first-time beginners through advanced students, but all are taught their craft at a professional level. "They utilize my skills and pick my brain. They come here to learn and they have all the materials they need," explains Henson. The cost is \$20 per class for the instruction fee and beaders are given 10% off any materials purchased during class time.

Most of their students have been coming for many years, but new beaders come in all the time. "We are addicted to beads!" said Gini, a five year customer. "I like it because of the camaraderie. They work with you, they have everything right here and can even order anything (else) you need. This is a very talented group of people," she relayed. Being amongst the class feels much like a group of friends that have come together to share experience and laughter for an evening outing!

String Beads! runs two annual sales per year; their Anniversary Sale each April and a Christmas Sale where everything is 25% off. They also have a featured special each month.

Having celebrated her 24th year in business, Hammerlee has done it all; she has raised her two children, Kathryn and William in the store, (along with their two dogs Tiger and Mitsy), been sole-proprietor, stringer, salesperson, instructor and artisan. She is enjoying the friends and the fruits of her labor. Who would have thought all this would come from a broken bracelet! Life is good at String Beads!

String Beads! is open Tuesday, Wednesday and Fridays from 10 am -5pm; Thursdays from 10am-7pm and Saturdays from 10am-4pm. You can call the store for information at (313) 882-8989 or visit their beautiful website at www.string-beads.com



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World class luxury salon and day spa

By Sally Schuman
Special Writer

At Edwin Paul Salon and Edwin Paul Day Spa you will experience "two different sides of the same coin," says owner Edwin Paul. And that coin is solid gold.

Nothing about the elegant and upbeat salon is common place; everything is a cut above and well beyond the realm of ordinary. From the high class interior and atmosphere, to the excellence of the highly educated professional staff, to the exclusivity of their product lines – you know you've stepped into a singular experience.

"So many things we do are unique to the industry," begins Edwin Paul. "Everything is done professionally. We are the only salon in the state that requires our employees to put in 4,000 hours of assistant training. They train from the bottom up, which means cleaning, social skills, service, and of course – hair," said Paul. "At the end they are tested, they have earned their chair and they begin their career. We draw people who want to grow and develop."

Another element that sets them apart from the rest is the use of double-shifting. "We are open 80 hours per week, so we run two shifts per day – that keeps productivity strong," explained Paul. The salon employs 35 people, 28 of which are stylists. Also unique to the salon is the use of eight different price levels for all of their services. Stylists graduate into a higher level by achieving 90% productivity for six months straight. What that means to their customers is not only the highest standard of service, but there is never a need to pay more than is comfortable for you.

A convenient option on their classy and easy to use website is online booking of appointments. "With so many people traveling, our online booking makes it very convenient to book appointments while out of town, or at any time of day that fits into a client's schedule," said Paul. It also takes a lot of pressure off the phones and eliminates people being put on hold.

This development allows the front desk staff to give better service and attention to the clients at the salon. Currently about 40% of the appointments are booked

online.

Edwin Paul also carries two professional product lines. The first is his own premier line of styling products. Beginning with hairspray, developed in L.A., Paul continued on with a chemist to build an entire line of premium styling products. "Eye appeal and fragrance is huge," said Paul. "The line was so successful we ended up sending it all over. It has grown into something I never anticipated!" The salon also carries the very exclusive L'Oreal "Kerestace" line of products. "You must generate a certain number of dollars per square foot to even be considered for this line. It took six months to get permission to sell it," Paul proudly reported. Edwin Paul Salon is currently number two in the state for product sales with L'Oreal, with the number one salon being twice their size. Quite a feather in the cap of this distinguished salon.

Turning the coin to the more classical and calming side of their services, we enter the tranquilizing warmth of the Edwin Paul Day Spa. As with the salon, the five massage therapists serving you are "extremely experienced and talented," says Paul. The therapists are skilled in various styles, some with medical backgrounds.

"The client has the ability to customize the atmosphere to suit their individual taste," said Paul. "All our tables are heated, we use quality, high thread-count linens and our rooms are sound proof – the music you choose is the only music you will hear."

Of the utmost priority for Paul is the level of cleanliness at the Spa. Paul relayed, "I have a cleaning list with 30 bullet points. The 31st bullet point? Start over! Even the shine of the brass on the front door is part of the experience."

And lastly, Paul finished, "My favorite thing is to encourage the client to contact me should they have any problem. I want you to have great service!"

Edwin Paul Salon is open Monday-Friday from 8:30am until 10pm and Saturday from 8am until 4pm. The salon number is 313-885-9001. The Day Spa is open Monday-Friday from 9am until 8pm and Saturday from 9am until 4pm. You can reach the spa by calling 313-885-9002. You may also visit the website at www.edwinpaul.com.

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The meat department includes beef, poultry, pork and seafood all ready for your recipes. A large selection of meats prepped and ready to cook.

More than 60 salads and sides, made fresh daily by four on-site chefs, are available for your choosing to complement whatever is being served.

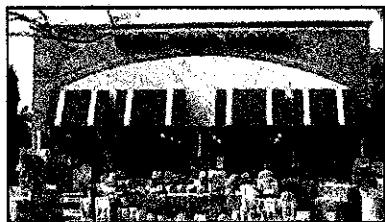
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A Wink can make you smile

By Sally Schuman
Special Writer

Nestled in a cul de sac of posh professional offices, past the circular garden and through the threshold of suite B, you will discover Wink - well worth the meander to those in pursuit of personalized beauty and style.

Wink is a one chair, full line nail spa and boutique that specializes in one thing - you! You are the only client when you are at Wink. "I want you to feel very much pampered," says owner Jean Alter-Johnson.

Having been in the beauty industry in the Grosse Pointe area for 25 years, Johnson didn't want the hustle and bustle atmosphere of the full service salons, but wanted to create her own special niche.

Her philosophy? Come in, sit and relax, she will personalize the atmosphere to suit you and your needs, each time you visit.

Whether you want the Internet to multitask while getting your manicure and pedicure, or you enjoy the heating pad she keeps for those stressed out shoulder muscles, you can have it, while she expertly pampers you hand and foot.

Accompanying the nail station, in the intimacy of the main room, is the "boutique", displaying unique handbags, shoes and jewelry.

"Boutique implies that we are expensive," says Johnson. "We look expensive, but everything is very reasonable, everything (in the boutique) is under \$100. These pieces are not investment purchases; they are just a lot of fun. Get a manicure and a pedicure and walk out with a new handbag for the evening." After your manicure, in a separate, private room, you will delight to find a state of the art pedicure chair, with a whirlpool tub for your feet and a built in massage - just made for luxurious relaxation.

Given all this, it comes as no surprise that Wink was voted "Best in Detroit" by Hour Magazine for manicures and pedicures. "We are going to try to keep our first place status," said Johnson, who has some exciting additions forthcoming. "Soon I will be offering private parties in our space and I will be introducing more 'made in Michigan' products that support local businesses. We need to help make Michigan's economy stronger - especially here in Grosse Pointe."

"Wink" - the name goes along with the size of the shop. A "wink" makes people smile. A "wink" can mean so many things. "The name fit the space - the space fit the name," concluded Johnson, "A 'wink' is unexpected."



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Nature lovers flock to Wild Birds Unlimited

With birds singing in the background, video of birds throughout the store and the availability of a fresh cup of "bird-friendly coffee" as you browse, the Wild Birds Unlimited Nature Shop in Grosse Pointe Woods offers a pleasant shopping experience every time.

Wild Birds Unlimited (WBU) prides itself on carrying the freshest bird food on the market and expert advice on which food to offer to attract the birds you want. Each staff member is a Certified Bird Feeding Specialist®, so they can assist you with selecting the proper bird food and bird feeder to entice the birds you want to attract to your yard. From goldfinches to cardinals, the staff will guide you to make the right choices, calling upon more than 60 years of combined experience feeding the birds in this area.

The seed blends at WBU are no-waste blends that are made of 100% edible seed, exclusively formulated for the feeding preferences of local birds. No cereal fillers are used - just fresh, high-quality seed the birds will love. With no shells to clean up, the Michigan No-Mess Blend continues to be the best seller at WBU.

"In spring and summer, when the blackbirds are so numerous in the area, many of our customers will switch to using safflower," says Rosann Kovalcik, owner of the Grosse Pointe Woods WBU. "Though cardinals, house finches, chickadees and many other birds will readily eat safflower, it has a bitter taste that is unpalatable to blackbirds and squirrels. So many customers use it year round because of squirrels."

Kovalcik acknowledges that there are challenges with the local squirrel population. "Weighted feeders, like our Eliminator and Fundamentals, are some of our best sellers," Kovalcik says. "The weighted system shuts off the seed ports, denying access to squirrels."

The seed cylinders offered at WBU are another problem solver. Available in Cardinal Fare, Cranberry Fare and pure Safflower, these cylinders are ideal for birds with sturdy beaks that are able to pry the seeds from their molded form. Chickadees and downy woodpeckers chisel away the seeds one at a time.

"House sparrows and pigeons, of which we have an abundance, are not as successful with seed cylinders," said Kovalcik. "Also, birds will stay longer because they have to work harder to feed, and watching them longer is always a benefit for customers." Specialty feeders like the Dinner Bell are perfect for cylinders. The Dinner Bell catches all of the seed shells and helps keep the feeding area clean.

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blends or Nyjer® (thistle). These feeders feature removable bases that make cleaning a breeze. These private label feeders are made in the United States and have a lifetime guarantee.

"I'm proud that most of the products in this store are American made and always have been," added Kovalcik. "I believe that when you consider price, you should also consider quality and service. When I buy from these chosen suppliers, I know that I am getting good quality and service which I am able to pass along to my customers."

"Proper placement of the feeding station within the yard is important," Kovalcik said. "You want to enjoy the birds up close, yet keep the squirrels out. We can show you how easy it is to accomplish a squirrel proof feeding station with our Advanced Pole System (APS) hardware." The exclusive, patented APS is comprised of interchangeable hardware pieces that combine to create a system to suit customers' needs whether they are hanging feeders from a deck or want a free-standing pole system.

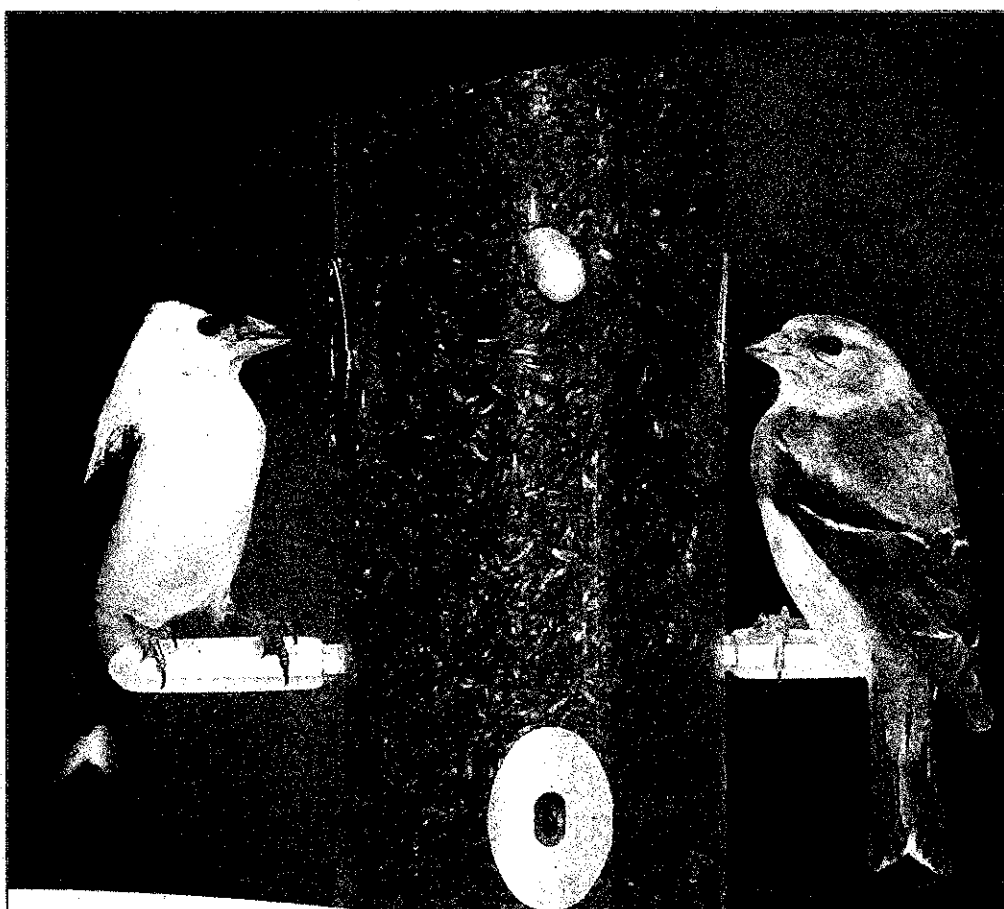
More than a bird food and feeder store, Wild Birds Unlimited carries a variety of other products that help customers enjoy birds and nature, including bird houses, bird baths and water accessories and garden accents such as flags, wind chimes, specialty planters and ceramic mushrooms.

For the past fifteen years Kovalcik has led Bird Walks at the Edsel & Eleanor Ford House, inspiring people to take in the beauty of the local birds and tallying almost 200 species of birds. Wild Birds Unlimited carries field guides, bird song guides, binoculars and nature related books.

Wild Birds Unlimited also offers a variety of environmentally friendly gift items, including soy candles from companies based in Michigan and Iowa. The bird-friendly coffee is grown in the shade as opposed to the sun, saving habitat for migrants birds as well as being fair trade and organic. Zulugrass jewelry strands are constructed by the Maasai women of Kenya using local grass that is sustainably harvested and strung on elastic with crystal beads. This project supports the women directly. Save Your World personal care products are made with organic rainforest ingredients, with each purchase helping preserve 200,000 acres of rain forest in South America.

Kovalcik believes that personal attention to each customer's needs distinguishes Wild Birds Unlimited from the "big box" stores.

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"Restaurant Compared to 'Cheers' But It's Really 'All in the Family'"

By Sally Schuman, Special Writer

Being restaurateurs is 'in the blood' for the Curis family, as Dan Curis, owner of Champs Rotisserie & Spirits and the Grosse Pointe Woods Big Boy relays.

Prominently displayed in both of his restaurants is a picture of Dan's father, George Curis, who taught his son everything he knew about the restaurant business. "My dad used to work for Fontana Brothers (a vending machine company) and he would fill the cigarette machines at the Big Boy, he even ran Fontana Brothers for awhile. So when Big Boys began franchising in the early 60's my father became one of the first franchise owners in the state of Michigan." At one point, Curis' father increased his franchise to 14 locations, one of those being the Big Boys located at 20710 Mack Avenue in Grosse Pointe Woods, which was originally built for Johnny Elias.

In 1978, Dan had earned his degree in law enforcement but decided to take over his father's restaurant, "Big Boys", in Grosse Pointe Woods - and he has been running it ever since. His father instilled in him at an early age the importance of treating his employees with respect. Those same values are what creates the family atmosphere, and sets Curis' restaurants apart from the rest. "My dad always told me to be a good boss," something Curis took to heart. "My employees have been with me a long time. People want to do a good job and be a good employee," Curis stated.

Curis met Jim Champion, then owner of

Champs Rotisserie & Spirits, through running the Big Boys. Being a long time Grosse Pointer, Curis and his family believe in supporting the local merchants and dining out at the area restaurants. Curis, a frequent guest, was very familiar with Champs and the staff. He recounted, "We enjoyed the food and the service." He told Champion, "If you ever decide to sell, I want to buy this place," a business deal that was sealed with a gentleman's handshake as Champs changed hands on October 24th 2007.

Keeping the quality of the restaurant and the staff intact were very important points to Champion, whose employees had been with him a long time. Curis didn't change the menu, kept the atmosphere and kept the 'family' of employees - all promises included in the handshake.

Curis sang the praises of these long time employees, stating "They took me under their wing and helped me as the 'new guy.' They taught me about their restaurant - and it was their restaurant. It still works for us that way and they haven't fired me yet!"

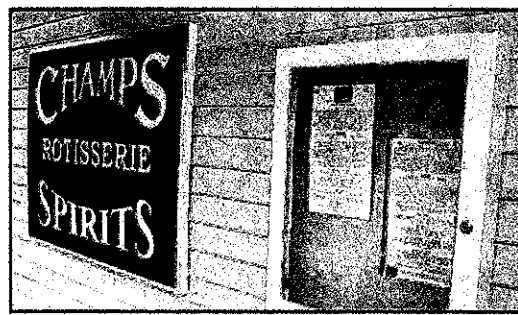
Saving the best for last, Curis expounded on how he couldn't do anything without his real life family; "Ann has been my rock and my support base," said Curis proudly, "She is a tremendous help to me. We've been married 25 years." His son Dan Jr. (20) works for him full time and goes

to Wayne State; his 17 year old twin boys, Robert and Richard work for him at the Big Boy; both are seniors at Grosse Pointe North; his daughter Katie (21) is a senior at Western Michigan University. Dan also recognized his mother, Amelia Curis, as being the backbone of the entire Curis family.

Champs began as a true rotisserie serving ribs and chicken. The first owner, prior to Champion, used to close the restaurant area for three months in the winter. Only carry out would be available during that time. For this reason, to this day, Champs has a tremendous carry out business that Curis says is "unmatchable."

Over the years, the menu developed and expanded to its current day selection, including steaks, fish, chops, sandwiches, salads, soups, a children's menu - and of course, their famous rotisserie ribs and chicken. All meals include a loaf of their delicious home made garlic bread and there is a full bar to accompany your meal selection. Every day you will find different items that are on special with the average price for a dinner, complete with salad and potato, regularly priced about \$15. "We are on the low end for a Mack Avenue restaurant," said Curis. He also boasts the only two non-smoking restaurants on Mack Avenue (including the patio.)

Inside you will find a warm and inviting



atmosphere complete with a fireplace that adds to the ambience. Outside you will find, "the best patio on Mack Avenue," as Curis fondly puts it. "No matter how long you sit out there (on the patio) you encounter someone you know walking down the sidewalk. We've been referred to as 'Cheers' - you always know somebody." Curis says, all in all, his restaurant is "very cozy" and he's right!

"We still run coupons because the people look forward to them. We understand what's happening out there, but we haven't brought the quality down to make up for the price. That's what keeps us going," said Curis.

The hours have been kept the same also, because as Champion told him, "they are at the perfect time limits," something Curis agrees with. You will find Champs open Monday - Thursday from 4 pm until 10 pm; Friday and Saturday from 4 pm until 11 pm and Sunday 3 pm until 10 pm. Carry outs can be ordered or any questions answered about their catering service by calling 313-886-7755

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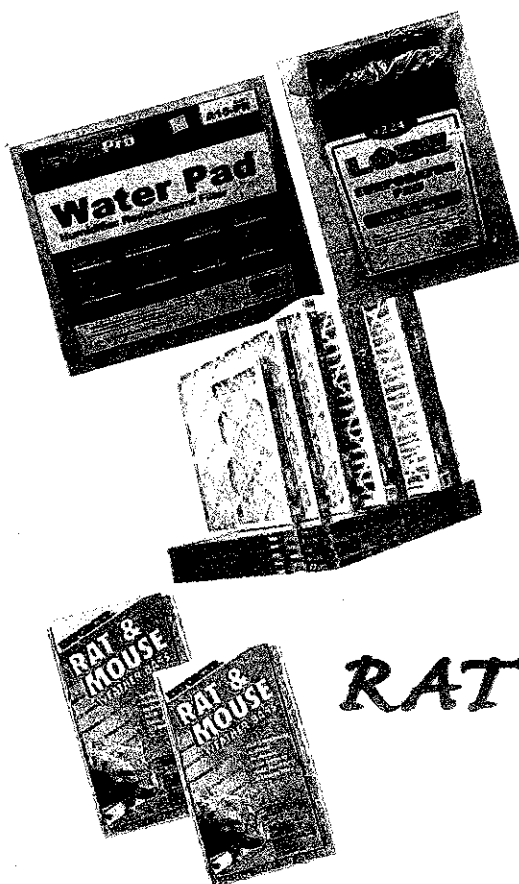
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"Life Means Growth, Change and Going Green for Auto Group"

By Sally Schuman,
Special Writer

Recently, life has involved a lot of growth and change for Gus and Gina Russo, owners of the reinvented Lochmoor Automotive Group. For over 30 years the familiar building at 18165 Mack Avenue has been a Chrysler staple in the community, a long time friend and a trusted service standard, something the Russo family has been proud of and grateful for.

Under this broadened umbrella they can be depended on to sell quality pre-owned vehicles, to service all makes and models of cars - including your Chrysler, Dodge and Jeeps - and to provide collision repairs of

the highest standard; all usual fare for Lochmoor. Their Quick Lube department has also moved into this location, with Brian and Justin ready to get you in and out quickly.

Lochmoor and the Russo family have a long-standing relationship with the Grosse Pointes and with their employees. "We have never turned down an opportunity to support the Grosse Pointe community," said Gina proudly. "Most of our employees have been here at least 20 years,

right alongside my father and I. That generates the feeling of family with our employees and our customers."

During this transition they have all pulled together to stay strong for one another and for the needs of the

community. Unique to wheels, we can serve it!" For customer convenience, non-Chrysler and after market extended warranty work can also be accepted at the Russo. "His office is service department. Our mechanics are all state certified and are very well versed in all makes and models."

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on and be available to help."

Gina. "We have all the tools and equipment to service all cars, including foreign models."

They service all makes and models in their body shop too. Lochmoor is one of a select few locations

that are direct repair facilities for the major insurance companies. That means the insurance companies trust them to do a good job. "The customer brings their car here and we electronically send a picture and an estimate to their insurance company. There is no insurance adjuster necessary. This expedites the repair and streamlines the process for the customer. The car gets done quicker and our customers are happy," Russo explained.

The quality pre-owned automobiles customers have come to expect on the Lochmoor lot remains the same, but the department has now been expanded. All these cars go through a 100-point safety inspection, which includes checking for

leaks, checking fluid levels and a thorough brake inspection. Many of these cars have remaining factory warranties. For those that do not, Lochmoor gives each customer a three-month or three thousand mile warranty - meaning all cars sold at Lochmoor have a warranty. For those wishing to purchase an extended warranty, Lochmoor offers their customers two companies to choose from.

But this is not all that is new at Lochmoor Auto Group.

Lochmoor goes green with two new additions! Lochmoor is excited to announce their new Vespa franchise. Vespa (Italian for wasp) is known for its great scooters in all price ranges (\$1800-\$7000.) These scooters get exceptional fuel economy from 50-70 mpg. That means less money out of your pocket, because about \$8 fills them up! These are the most technologically advanced, eco-friendly scooters that go 40-100 miles per hour. Lochmoor will be offering safety and training classes to familiarize their customers with scooter driving.

The second exciting addition, debuting this fall, is the addition of their new Mahindra franchise. Mahindra makes only clean burning diesel vehicles, all of them averaging 40 miles to the gallon. These cars are top rated in the industry for safety and are built to last. Included in this line are pickup trucks, four door SUV's and two door SUV's. All the Mahindra models are moderately priced from \$15,000 to \$25,000. Lochmoor Auto Group is proud to become a Mahindra franchise. You can watch a CNBC interview with Gus Russo and a journalist from India regarding this on the Lochmoor website.

Lochmoors' hours of operation are Monday from 7:30am until 7:00pm, Tuesday through Friday from 7:30am until 6:00pm and Saturday from 8:00am until 3pm. You can visit the website for more exciting details and information at www.lochmoor.com or call them at (313) 886-3000.

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**Produced by the Grosse Pointe News
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Matching People and Houses with Imagination...for Generations!

For eight decades of hard work and commitment the name of Higbie Maxon Agney has been synonymous with the topic of real estate in Grosse Pointe. Although there have been many changes in the business, the fundamental aspects have remained the same. In the midst of the communication and information revolution, we still take pride in the personal touch.

Focusing on his roots in the Grosse Pointes and Detroit, the founder, Hugo Higbie, always made his business an integral part of the community. He started his career after graduating from Williams College in 1948, selling Grosse Pointe real estate to Detroit residents from Sweeney and Moore's downtown office in the Penobscot building. He remained with them until founding Higbie Realty in 1967, and five years later he acquired Maxon Brothers, moving to the building at 83 Kercheval where they remain today. Maxon's valued client base dating back to 1929, and Higbie's gentle nature and assiduous enthusiasm, combined to redefine a standard for Grosse Pointe real estate that has continued to the present. In joining the two companies, the new firm acquired the extensive Maxon archives of residential properties that they have added to over the years, making their current historical files the most complete in the area.

Over the years, the firm prospered, and its reputation for integrity and client confidentiality grew. The classic vertical red and black logo became an expected sight when high end properties around the Grosse Pointes were marketed. In February of 2000, Mr. Higbie announced his formal partnership with his then manager Kay Agney and Higbie

Maxon Agney, Inc. was formed. It was a perfect match, and the acknowledged status of this company for its involvement in high end properties persists. Because the firm was on such a solid footing, in 2006 Mr. Higbie opted to turn full ownership over to Ms. Agney, who now serves as sole Broker Owner of Higbie Maxon Agney. Not being a man to even contemplate retirement, however, Mr. Higbie remains as one of HMA's most zealous sales associates. In 2009, the company welcomed the addition of the team from Andrus Sotheby's International Realty, making the firm's presence in the Grosse Pointes even stronger.

Instead of expanding into franchise markets, Kay Agney still chooses to concentrate on sustaining business ethics based on customer care and community service. Real estate is more than a business; it provides an opportunity to support the quality of life Grosse Pointe represents to its residents. She realizes the importance of national and international exposure, and is proud that Higbie Maxon Agney has been designated as the Exclusive Regent for the Grosse Pointes by Who's Who in

Luxury Real Estate, an elite network comprised of the finest and most experienced professional brokers in the luxury real estate industry. Statistics show that the LuxuryRealEstate.com website alone averages almost 100,000 hits daily. Understanding that the most effective marketing has shifted to

electronic media, the company has a presence on more than forty real estate websites, and utilizes all of the latest techniques and equipment to service our clients.

Kay Agney, an involved broker who has also served as President of the Grosse Pointe Board of Realtors, and on many community and charity boards, encourages all of her associates to be active in local organizations. According to Kay, "Our resolution is to stay ahead of the ever-changing real estate world without compromising the traditional values our clients have come to expect from us. We are high tech and high touch, a true 21st century organization."

At HMA, there is an understanding that Grosse Pointe isn't just a place, it's a way of life. They are proud to be a part of a community of individuals

who understand the importance of a superior public school system, value excellent city services, and have a deep and abiding appreciation for the natural beauty of our lake and parks. Most of the sales associates are involved in many organizations throughout the community, as well as being active in the Grosse Pointe Board of Realtors. Every Board committee has had an HMA associate on it over the years. Hugo Higbie served as a founder, and they are proud that since its inception in 1985, there has always been an HMA associate serving on the Board of Directors. Seven HMA associates have served as Directors and officers of the Board, with four serving as Board President. At Higbie Maxon Agney, associates appreciate the importance of "giving back."

Their motto has always been: *Matching People and Houses...with Imagination!* According to Ms. Agney, "Most of our business comes from referrals from satisfied clients. Our sales associates are very committed to providing the kind of service that guarantees successful real estate transactions. As part of our vision, we take pride in providing expert guidance so our clients can satisfy their lifestyle needs. Grosse Pointe is a small community with people who expect confidentiality in their transactions; we pride ourselves in providing that confidentiality. Our agents are committed to the community, giving their time and talents to many community and charitable organizations."

As an integral part of the Grosse Pointes since 1929, they have truly expanded their motto to say *Matching People and Houses with Imagination...for Generations!*



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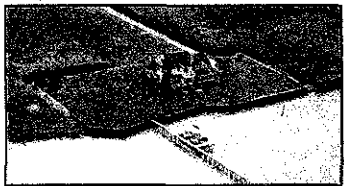
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"Dylan's celebrates the neighborhood we're part of"

John Montgomery loves coming to work. As co-owner of Dylan's Raw Bar & Grille in Grosse Pointe Park, he admits the days can be long, but the rewards of a neighborhood restaurant and entertainment hotspot far outweigh the challenge for sleep on some nights.

"It's just everything I dreamed of, only a whole lot more," said Montgomery, who agreed to partner with Rocco Cinqueranelli when he bought the restaurant just more than two years ago. Montgomery spent years at the original Tom's Oyster Bar previously at that site. When the owner sold, Montgomery and Cinqueranelli saw the opportunity to make some changes and enjoy a challenge.

The name Dylan's is a tribute to musical legend Bob - who hasn't visited the restaurant, but was invited after a show in Sterling Heights soon after the opening. There was hope, but he couldn't fit it in his schedule.

"Really, Montgomery said, "we agreed on the name because it's short, simple, sounds good and it's easy to remember."

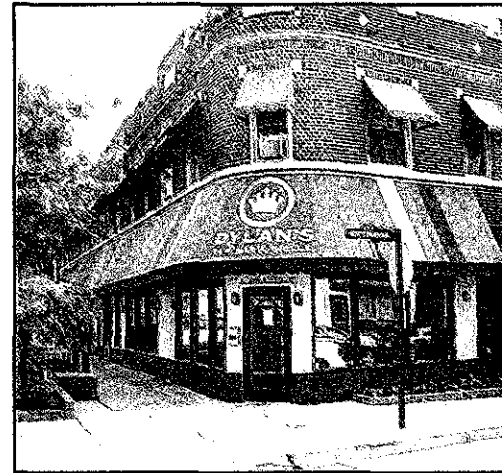
And Dylan's is easy to remember because it's known throughout Metro Detroit for the music, the food, and the atmosphere.

"This is a neighborhood place," Montgomery said. "It's comfortable. It's a piano bar seven nights a week. We have other acts here - just some great music. And we have great food in a fun setting. It celebrates music and sports in one area. It celebrates the neighborhood we're a part of."

The wine list includes dozens of customer favorites at a very reasonable price. The food runs the gamut from

fresh seafood, steaks, ribs, pasta and a solid page of sushi options to salads and sandwiches. Fried bites and hot and cold bites, also known as small plates, number in the dozens, including calamari vera cruz, triple garlic shrimp stuffed portabella mushrooms, oysters Rockefeller and Dylan's crab cakes. Entrees range from frog legs, Michigan lake perch and jambalaya to BBQ baby back ribs, broiled Lake Superior whitefish and New York strip steak.

"The food here is great," Montgomery said. "It's priced very reasonably. We have specials all the time and it's a blast."



Dylan's Raw Bar & Grille seats approximately 100 people, with a couple dining areas anchored by a bar in two of the rooms. A private banquet area seats 53 and is often host to club and business meetings.

Customers can expect great food, service and entertainment.

"The people here, many of them have been here well beyond the two years we've owned it," Montgomery said. "Every night we get to meet new people. We see people we know and our regulars are not just friends, they're like family. It's cliché, but it's true. Our staff and customers enjoy being here."

Dylan's is family friendly and takeout is available. Those who dine in enjoy valet parking. Dylan's Raw Bar & Grille is located at 15402 Mack Ave. Hours are 5 p.m. to 2 a.m. (kitchen closes at 11 p.m.) Monday through Thursday; 5 p.m. to 2 a.m. (kitchen closes at midnight) Friday and Saturday; and 5 p.m. to 2 a.m. (kitchen closes at 10 p.m.) Sunday. For more information, call (313) 884-6030 or visit dylansrawbar.com.

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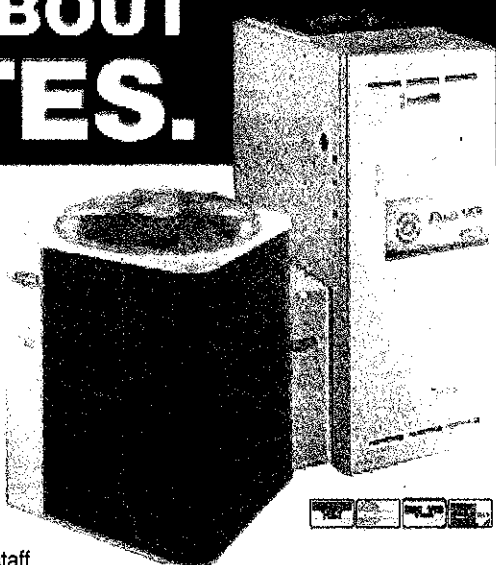
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"The Smallest Job is No Pane Here"

By Sally Schuman, Special Writer

For 15 years, Michael O'Brien, owner of Pointes Glass, worked as a technician for IXL Glass, formerly located at 19807 Mack Avenue in Grosse Pointe Woods, so moving his own business to this location in May felt like coming home - complete with family.

"After many years of working for others in the business, I started my own mobile glass company in 2002," said O'Brien. "I was waiting for the right area for a permanent location - I never thought it would be here!"

Behind the desk or on the phone, you will find his sister and office manager, Jan; brother Chris is around the shop helping out and even Dad and Mom, Patrick and Joan O'Brien, pitched in, planting the flowers out front. "I want to bring the business back to what it used to be - a family owned and operated 'anything glass' neighborhood glass repair shop," O'Brien declares.

Even though the shop is full of vehicles and large shower doors and windows, there is the feel of the small community minded business, as O'Brien does simple cuts and small repairs at no charge for his neighborhood customers who walk in. "I am trying to bring it back to community - I want the little stuff along with all the rest," said O'Brien.

"We repair anything that has to do with auto glass, including the rolling up and down function, regulators and motors, leaks, chips ... I specialize in older vehicles," O'Brien said proudly. When asked if he worked on vintage cars, O'Brien replied, "Yes! I once put a windshield in a '55 Chevy. It was a little nerve wracking, but it was fun!"

"But, we're not just auto glass, we do mirrors, tabletops, shower doors (even the new frameless

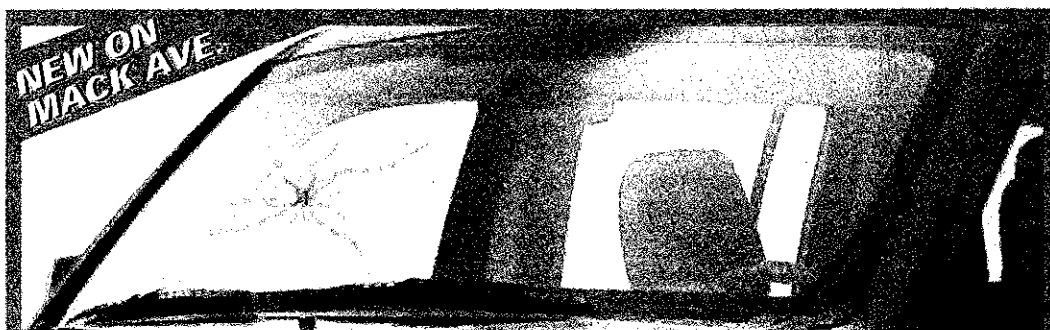
Euro doors), we replace fogged window units, anything glass," O'Brien lists. "There is no job that we would consider 'too small.' We've done glass shelves and even replaced one piece of glass in a lantern." New to Pointes Glass are the additions of auto detailing and a hand car wash. Just like all the other services they offer, these will be personal and professional with the "neighborly" touch.

One thing is obvious about O'Brien, he loves his work and he knows his business, as was observed by a Grosse Pointe customer while having a windshield chip repaired. As he worked, O'Brien was educating his customer about the process. "I've had windshield chips repaired before, but no one ever took the time to tell me how it worked," said the customer, whose young son was intently watching the details. With most insurance, these chip repairs are free to the customer.

"We still have mobile glass repair along with free estimates and free delivery," O'Brien informed. "And we welcome commercial business also. We recently mirrored Pointe Fitness."

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Dr. Rodriguez helps patients blend their inner and outer self

By Bob St. John
Staff Writer

Compassion, dedication, and commitment are three words that define Dr. Daniela Rodriguez.

The Grosse Pointe Shores resident was born and raised in the Metro Detroit area.

She received her BA from the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor, and earned both her Master's Degree in Clinical Physiology and Medical Degree from the University of Health Sciences at Chicago Medical School. She graduated at the top of her class and was inducted into the Alpha Honor Society. She was also nominated for the Women Surgeons Outstanding Resident Award.

"I have always had a passion of becoming a surgeon since I was a child," Rodriguez said.

Rodriguez's father is a vascular surgeon, while her sisters are an ophthalmologist and dentist.

She began her intensive plastic surgical training in

the five-year integrated plastic surgery program at the prestigious Montefiore Medical Center in New York City.

Her clinical research won awards at the New York Regional Plastic Surgery Meeting at the New York Academy of Medicine, The New York Society for the Surgery of the Hand, the National Senior Residents Conference at Brown University in Providence, RI, and the American Society of Peripheral Nerve Meeting in San Diego.

Rodriguez has been published in the American Society of Plastic Surgery Journal and the Journal of Reconstructive Microsurgery.

Patients of all ages feel at ease when they are seen by Dr. Rodriguez. She listens to the patient, formulates a game plan and executes it with precision.

"I perform surgery on men and women who are seeking facial and body cosmetic surgery, as well as children and senior citizens who may need to

have a reconstructive procedure," Rodriguez said.

If a woman chooses to have reconstructive surgery after a mastectomy, Dr. Rodriguez is ready to help and "make the patient feel good about their outer, as well as inner self."

In addition, cosmetic surgery, such as facelifts and eyelifts for facial rejuvenation and liposuction and breast enhancement for body resculpting, are popular procedures.

Some of the non-surgical facial rejuvenation procedures Rodriguez performs are facial injectables done in the office such as Restylane, a dermal filler that restores volume and fullness to the skin to correct moderate to severe facial wrinkles and folds and Botox Cosmetic, in which low doses of Botox are injected that temporarily improves the appearance of moderate to severe frown lines in people aged 18 to 80.

"My patients are comfortable coming into my office and discussing their concerns about their appearance with me," Rodriguez said. "I am here to help, and that is what I have spent a lot of years in school and several years of training to do to the best of my ability. I truly believe in 'enhancing the natural you' and as a result, all my surgery is very natural looking."

She is certified by the American Board of Plastic Surgery; is a

member of the American Society of Plastic Surgeons; and the American Medical Association and Michigan State Medical Society.

Dr. Rodriguez performs all facial and body cosmetic procedures, as well as reconstructive surgery. She has staff privileges at Beaumont Grosse Pointe Hospital, Henry Ford

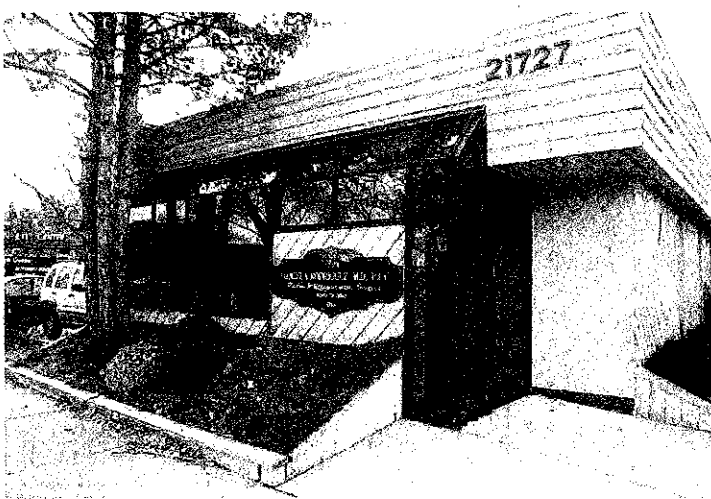
Cottage Hospital, St. John Hospital & Medical Center and Lapeer Regional Hospital.

In addition to being one of Metro Detroit area's talented and respected surgeons, she can also speak fluent French and Spanish.

"I have had the opportunity to speak French with a patient who is waiting to

have surgery, and it really puts the patient at ease, communicating in their fluent language when the stress level is high," Rodriguez said.

Dr. Rodriguez can be reached at (586) 777-7260, and her office is located at 21727 Mack Avenue, which is between 8 and 9 Mile roads, in St. Clair Shores.



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Growing up in the Pointes and owning other businesses in the community, Judson and Weldon understand the importance of a fair and competitive business.

"Our services are for everybody," Weldon said. "It's an affordable way to protect your family, home and business. People who deal with us, know us. We will do what is best for the customer every time."

They also understand the importance of giving back to the community that has given them so much. Not only do they freely educate all clients and non-clients the same, they also offer safety tips for pro-

tecting lives, homes, businesses and personal items in a regular column in the Grosse Pointe News.

"We protect everything that's important," Judson said.

This includes one client who drove away from her home with something accidentally left on the stove. A fire started, the alarm activated and signaled a fire. Their monitoring department immediately sent help and the house was spared major damage due to quick response. Another client had a sump pump failure. Sensors triggered the alarm and the owner was contacted, sparing the house from flood damage.

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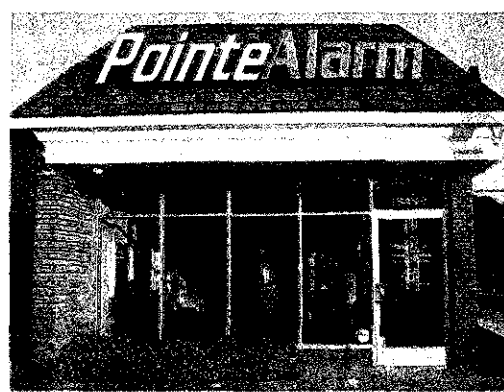
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Caring dental technology and excellence with the emphasis on family

By Sally Schumann
Special Writer

Dr. Paul Van Walleghem's main goal is to save patients teeth for life. But he knows that fear is a big deterrent to people seeing their dentist regularly. "All patients have a certain amount of fear. You need to take care of it with comfort and warmth to ease their mind," said the doctor, who is known for prescribing warmth in liberal doses.

He is also a big advocate of continuing education, devoting over 1000 hours to continuing his education and maintaining an excellent level of skill in new procedures. On the cutting edge of dental technology are dental implants. "They have become 'the' standard of dental care," said Dr. Van Walleghem.

"Though implants have been around for 40 years, the new forms are easier to place and more dependable," said the doctor. "The success rate is much higher. We have a ninety-seven percent success rate that these new implants will last the rest of a patient's life." The doctor explained that this is mostly due to

the use of titanium in the root form. "Titanium can't decay. In older people, they can tend to have dry mouth or take medications, the titanium holds up to this." The titanium is shaped like the tooth root, surgically implanted and an abutment and lastly a crown are added to it. Generally this procedure can take from four to six months, but with new advancements, some are able to be done within one day.

But most important? "Patients want to know how much you care before they want to know how much you know," concluded Dr. Van Walleghem.

For Dr. Patrick G. Latcham the answer for healthy gums and good oral health is dependent on a proper diagnosis. "Diagnosis is extremely important," said the doctor. "With our full digital X-Ray system we can better diagnose gum disease as well as other oral health problems." Dr. Latcham explained. The new technology used at Pointe Family Dentistry enhances the diagnosis so it can be caught early on.

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Paul S. Van Walleghem DDS, FAGD

Dr. Paul Van Walleghem DDS, FAGD has been practicing on the east side of Metro Detroit since 1986.

Dr. Van Walleghem is known for his professional approach, attention to detail, and warm and caring manner. He graduated from University of Wisconsin-Madison and graduating from Northwestern University Dental School in 1986 with honors.

Dr. Van Walleghem is committed to continuing education, to attain his Fellowship in the Academy of General Dentistry in 1999, he completed 500 hours of continuing education in all phases of dentistry. Since then he has completed 300 hours, concentrating on full-mouth dentistry, TMJ treatment and orthodontics.

On a more personal note, Dr. Van Walleghem enjoys spending time with his beautiful wife of 15 years and their two beautiful children. He also enjoys sports and contributes to his church and community.

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Patrick G. Latcham DDS, FAGD

Dr. Latcham has been practicing dentistry in Grosse Pointe since 1981. His special interests include implant dentistry, esthetics, and TMJ treatment.

Dr. Latcham has extensive training in the use of the laser for periodontal treatments and the one day crown Cerec system.

A graduate of the University of Detroit High School, Dr. Latcham attended Xavier University in Cincinnati Ohio before attending the University of Detroit Dental School where he received his Doctorate in Dental Surgery (DDS). He earned a prestigious Fellowship Award in the Academy of General Dentistry (FAGD), acquired through his demonstrated commitment to continuing education and excellence.

Since 1995, Dr. Latcham has chosen to demonstrate this commitment by writing evaluative research reports for Clinical Research Associates which is the premiere dental research facility in the world. These reports have been distributed to thousands of dentists throughout the world.

With such a busy career, how does Dr. Latcham maintain balance in his life? For one, Linda, his cherished wife since 1982. Together they enjoy activities like skiing, water sports, sailing, hockey, and biking with their four terrific sons. Commitment to family, community, and patients is part of what makes Pointe Family Dentistry great!

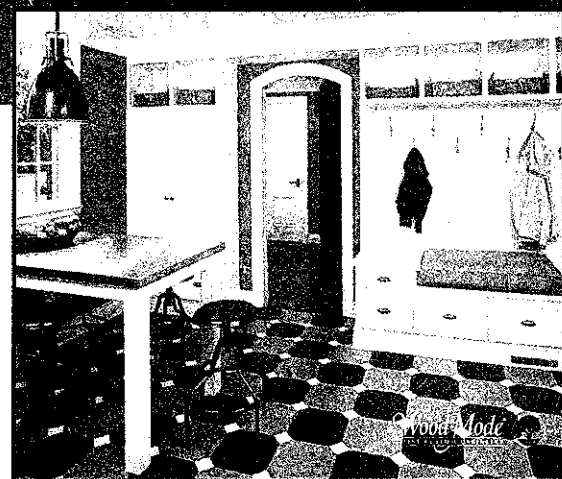
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Gum disease, or periodontal disease as it is called, is a bacterial infection in your gums. New research has shown that there is a link between periodontal disease and heart disease, strokes as well as other illnesses. The doctor further cited that 50% of all American adults have some degree of periodontal disease, sometime in their lifetime. Over time, this degenerates into bone disease.

"All of our hygienists take extensive continuing education in periodontal disease," the doctor continued. "Patients are given an annual periodontal exam that includes an extensive tooth by tooth examination, in which 12-18 measurements are taken for each tooth." If periodontal disease is found, and depending on the severity of a problem, Dr. Latcham has a variety of treatments. The first is periodontal scaling and root planing. Performed by a hygienist, this involves a deep, meticulous cleaning and smoothing of the root surfaces, allowing the gums to heal to the roots. If a greater level of disease is found, a Laser Assisted Procedure is used as an alternative to traditional painful periodontal surgery. With the use of this laser tool, neither scalpel nor stitches are required. The painless application of this laser sterilizes the periodontal pockets killing the bacteria in the pocket. This procedure makes gum treatments more suc-

cessful, sparing the patient from more extensive surgical procedures.

Many patients are also referred to Pointe Family Dentistry suffering from headaches that emulate from their jaw. Most people know this as TMJ (temporomandibular joint.) "More technically correct is TMD," said Dr. Latcham. "The big word refers to the joint and the 'd' stands for dysfunction. We have relieved many patients from chronic, debilitating headaches with simple treatments," reported the doctor. Dr. Latcham has extensive training in the disorder and treatment of TMD.

Many other advanced procedures are available at Pointe Family Dentistry, including the Cerec 3 System, which mills crowns in office while the patient waits. Another advantage to this system is the use of porcelain in the crowns, instead of gold or silver. Porcelain is much more life-like making restorations more beautiful and effective.

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Grosse Pointes only female Orthodontist

By Sally Schumann
Special Writer

Dr. Jennifer K. Mertz DDS, MS, combines a head full of knowledge with a heart full of compassion whether she is working in her office on Mack Avenue, or at Providence Hospital's Craniofacial team, or in a foreign country volunteering with Operation Smile.

"I went into orthodontics because I enjoy the long term relationships with my patients. You get to see a lot of kids grow up" said Dr. Mertz. "I love what I do! I see all ages of patients, from infants with cleft lips or cleft palates to 70 year old orthodontic patients!"

Her volunteer work has teamed her with some of the most renowned doctors in the field of craniofacial plastic surgery - experience and knowledge that she takes back to her practice at Pointe Orthodontics. "I've been trained with the most current technology as well as traditional orthodontic mechanics, giving me a whole 'bag of tricks," said Dr. Mertz with a smile.

New technology in orthodontics has had many benefits to patients as well. "Digital x-rays mean less radiation for the patient," explained Dr. Mertz. "I use technologically advanced braces on my patients - braces that are self-ligating. These braces have a trap door that holds the wire, making them more efficient," continued Dr. Mertz. "This keeps the work advancing because they don't have to have the little ties changed every few weeks."

Mini implants have also aided orthodontics. "Mini implants are new in the realm of orthodontics. I use them to help with tooth movement, sometimes alleviating the need for headgear," said Dr. Mertz. "This makes it much easier for the patient because they don't have to worry about remembering to wear their headgear or rubber bands."

Spending a significant amount of time with her patients helps take away some of the concerns and builds a relationship between patient and doctor. "I do my own consultations," said Dr. Mertz. "I am really involved with my patients and their parents. I spend quality time, encouraging them to ask questions and

making sure they understand the benefits of their orthodontic treatment. They understand they play an important role in their treatment. It is a team effort, and I need their help to create that million dollar smile."

"I have an absolute love for my profession, each day brings a new and exciting challenge," finished Dr. Mertz, "from the creativity of working with cleft patients, raising the standard of their lives, to being able to bring excellence in oral health and aesthetics to my orthodontic patients, who wouldn't want to go to work?" Located at 18342 Mack Avenue in Grosse Pointe Farms, Pointe Orthodontics has convenient hours, including early morning and evening appointments. Call 313-881-2480 to make your appointment.

Jennifer K. Mertz, DDS, FAGD

Dr. Mertz joined Pointe Orthodontics in 2008, after completing her orthodontics residency at University of Detroit Mercy.



A Grosse Pointe native and graduate of South High School, Dr. Mertz

did her undergraduate work in biology at the University of Michigan and continued in Ann Arbor at U of M's School of Dentistry. Orthodontics drew her because of the potential it offered for balancing the practice of medicine with building long-lasting relationships with her patients and involvement in the community. Her specialty is the treatment of cleft lip and palate deformities.

Dr. Mertz has demonstrated her expertise on a global level through Operation Smile, a charity that devotes itself to treating children born with cleft lips, cleft palates and other facial deformities. She has served Operation Smile twice as part of a 50-person team that included plastic surgeons and anesthesiologists as well as orthodontists: two weeks in Nukuru, Kenya, in October 2006, and Cebu, the Philippines, in February 2009. She also donates time and services on a monthly basis to Providence Hospital's Craniofacial and Cleft Palate Diagnostic Clinic, where she works primarily with infants.

How does Dr. Mertz spend her time away from the office and volunteer work? She enjoys photography, travel, and, as a member of the Grosse Pointe Hunt Club, horseback riding. She and her husband, Jeff, another Grosse Pointe native, share their home with a dog and two cats.

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New Pet Resort a Haven for Small Dogs

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"Doing it right" meant incorporating features that are small-dog friendly, such as specially cushioned floors to protect their small joints, and guest rooms with seamless wall-to-flooring characteristics that provide easy, sanitary cleanup.

Enter Lil' Dogs Resort and you may feel like you've just walked into a, well, resort. The staff – which includes daughters Jacqueline and Caroline – is warm and friendly, and gave us a tour that began

with the Toy Breeds Suite, with custom condos that give each overnight canine guest his own secure space.

The other side of the resort is a haven for small dogs, with deluxe beach suites, orthopedic Kuranda beds and special epoxy-coated flooring and walls. The spacious communal play area features wall-to-wall rubber flooring and a full-size wall mural reminiscent of every dog's favorite place – the park. Resort activities include outdoor jaunts where guests can roll in the grass or frolic with other guests in a lively game of fetch.

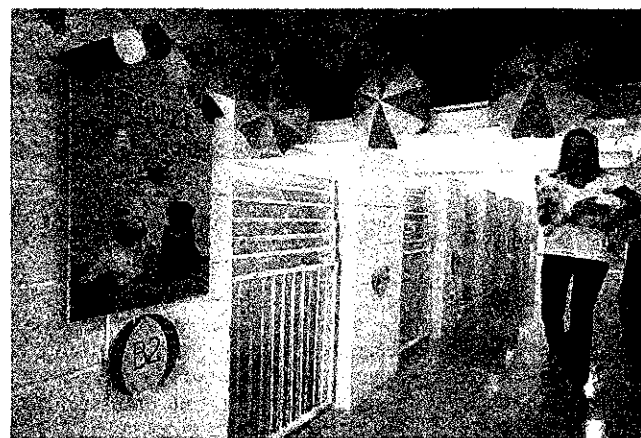
Lil' Dogs Resort will serve up whatever their owners bring in. For an additional fee, they'll even cook food-to-order, like chicken and rice. "We have a different philosophy from just about every other pet-care facility," said Carrie. "Most places want you to bring your pet's bedding and they'll take care of the food. We do the opposite." The reason, she explained, was again centered on the health and well being of her small guests. "We provide bedding that we wash daily. And by bring-

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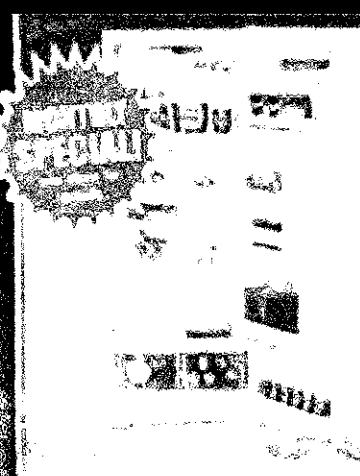
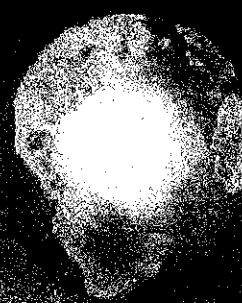
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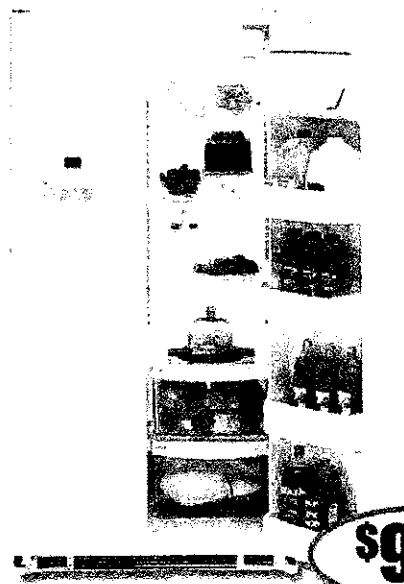
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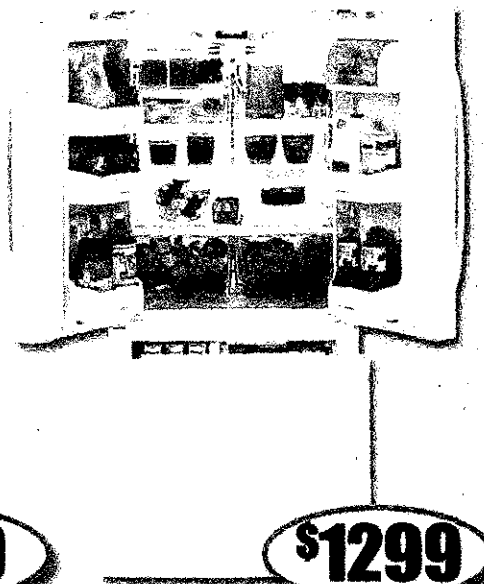
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Torrice opened his business June 1 on Mack in Grosse Pointe Woods. The Grosse Pointe North graduate has three agents on staff with more than 40 years combined experience. His financial background – a Michigan State business graduate and a former stockbroker – fit right in with the products and services offered through Allstate.

Auto, home, life, condominium, renter, business, flood, boat and motorcycle insurance are available, along with annuities, life insurance and IRAs on the financial side. Torrice is proud to be back in his hometown.

"This a great community," he said. "I felt comfortable here and I know many of my customers. Becoming an Allstate agent was a natural with the financial products we offer."

In this difficult economy, Torrice said bad decisions to cut costs on coverage could cause problems if the insurance is needed.

"Every case is different," he said. "We look at the needs of the customer and make decisions based on what's best for them. There are ways to save money and protect yourself at the same time."

Torrice said Allstate offers several discounts, including for multiple policies and new cars. Claim-free bonuses are also paid to Allstate customers.

"Many times we find a way to save a customer money, sometimes up to 20

percent," Torrice said. "I enjoy this because I can help people. When you can give someone the proper coverage at a lower price and they're confident in it, it's worth it."

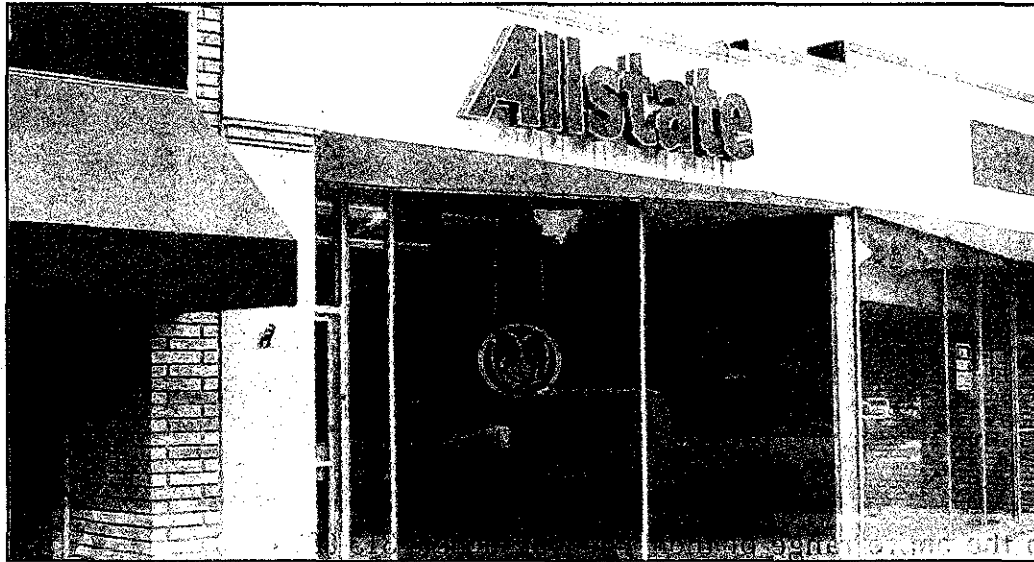
It's important to have insurance coverage checked to make sure it's more than adequate in an emergency. Many are underinsured and those gaps could cost thousands in the end.

"Too many times, there are shortcuts offered that hurt you if something happens," Torrice said. "We'll give good advice and good service with a name you can trust. Some overlook Allstate as just an insurance company. We can take a look at the financial needs as well."

Another feature with Allstate is the online services offered. More information is available on all of the products from Allstate, and a vast array of planning tools are available for questions about autos, credit cards, home finance, budgeting, saving, college, life insurance and retirement planning. Online quotes and status reports for claims are also available at allstateagencies.com/jefftorrice/welcome.

"We offer a lot of services and it's why I'm proud to be with Allstate," Torrice said. "Our experience will help protect everything that's important."

Allstate is located at 19603 Mack Ave. For more information, call (313) 881-0200. Hours are 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Thursday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday and anytime by appointment.



"Neighborhood Fruit Market Celebrates 55th Anniversary"

By Sally Schuman, Special Writer

Anniversaries are times to reminisce about the past and look toward the future, and that's just what Pete Vitale, co-owner of Pete & Franks Fruit Ranch did. "My dad, Pete senior, was in the fish and poultry business back in '53. At that time the bulk of the business was done between Thursday and Saturday. He wanted to do something more 'all week long,' so he switched to produce. People shopped all week long for produce," said Vitale.

His father's first location was on Whittier between Harper and Kelly. The store moved to the current location at 18592 E. Nine Mile in Eastpointe in 1960 because it was "the new upcoming area," Vitale said. For three years they ran both stores before leasing the Whittier location. Until 1964 they were known as "Pete & Franks Nursery," selling nursery items in the spring through July and switching to produce through Christmas, when they would close and reopen again in March. With the name change in 1964 to Pete and Franks Fruit Ranch came other big changes:

- 1976 they began the deli counter
- 1984 saw the addition of a meat counter
- 1990 an in-house bakery
- 1995 the wine department was added

"We have a very, excellent selection of wine (no beer.) You can get a good bottle of wine for under \$20 and we stick to that. These are affordable wines from all over the world," said Vitale.

Pete & Franks still carries fresh cut flowers and potted and hanging plants and have made a tremendous amount of fruit baskets over the years. Vitale

said, "Now the big thing is catering 'at home' parties. People want party trays like our cheese and cracker assortment, veggie and fruit trays, deli meat and cheese trays and cookie platters. We can completely cater an entire party with our selection of trays."

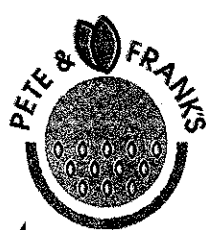
Pete & Franks carries a full food line including meats, produce and deli. At their meat counter you will find fresh lamb, veal, home made sausage and Italian sausage and shish kabobs made fresh each day. "Lamb is becoming very big in the area," said Vitale.

"Right now we use as much local produce as is available," continued Vitale. "Wherever local produce is available, I shop the farmers market first, and then I am forced to the produce terminal. I always have to shop quality. Not even price – but quality. My customers are once a week shoppers. If she can't eat all 12 of her oranges, she's disappointed. Because I bring in the fresh stuff, when the customer buys a dozen oranges, the last one tastes as good as the first. If it doesn't, then I didn't do my job."

"Because of the high turn over, we can get it from farm to your table without warehousing it. We can do 'fresh' better than the big stores," explained Vitale. "We have nothing in the store that people can't find at Kroger. Why do people make a special stop here? Because we have A#1 fresh product, the prices are right, the store is clean and the staff is friendly and accommodating. This is why we will survive the next 55 years."

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"Their Family Tradition Becomes Your Family Salon"

By Sally Schuman, Special Writer

Maier & Werner Salon was born from a family of hairdressers and have become the hairdressers for generations of families to come.

In 1952 Werner Koehler, father of current owner Juergen Koehler, partnered with hairdresser Joseph Maier to form Maier & Werner Salons. Along with his wife, also a hairdresser born of hairdresser parents, Werner ran the Fisher Road location, one of three salons at the time. Juergen was 26 when he went to work for his father and 25 years ago became owner of the one remaining Maier & Werner salon, now located at 17904 Mack Avenue in Grosse Pointe City.

Juergen has been a hairdresser all his life. Having studied in Germany, France and California, he brought a cosmopolitan flavor with him when he came back home to work in his father's salon in Grosse Pointe. "Learning and working in other countries gave me a larger world view of hairdressing," said Koehler. "They have a different system of training over there. You apprentice for three years as opposed to nine months to a year over here."

"I have rapport with the clients here, I've seen the generations growing up," said Koehler. "We service the entire spectrum of the family - child, to parent, to grandparent." Maier & Werner has stylists that cater to each age group, so that everyone in the family can find what they want. They have a full staff of stylists, manicurists and massage therapists catering to the entire range of their client's

needs. "Having been here since the 60's it's like a family situation, but we get new people all the time. New blood is important to any business."

Maier & Werner welcomes new clients with a 10% discount off all their services. Bringing in the new "helps us be more creative and up to date," tells Koehler. "There are always new product lines and new ideas, so the stylists go to classes and seminars on a regular basis. Walk-ins are always welcome."

Amidst relaxing hues of moss and cream, the full service salon includes seven stylist chairs and a nail station. There are private rooms for facials and skin care, massage and pedicures. There is also a private salon room for those requiring it. Pedicures are more in demand for the summer season with more toes exposed and clients are finding the salons whirlpool pedicure chairs very relaxing. For those wanting more luxurious finger-

nails, "We carry 'Gelousy' nails," informed Koehler. "They are a specialty product that are like the acrylic nails, but much kinder. They have no offensive odor and can even last longer." They also carry Paul Mitchell, Wella and Redken products at the salon.

Maier & Werner has free private parking spaces for their clients along with a large municipal lot for additional parking. They are open Monday and Wednesday from 9am-7pm, Tuesday and Thursday through Saturday from 9am-4:30pm. You can call the salon to make your appointment at 313-882-6240.

"We service the entire spectrum of the family - child, to parent, to grandparent."

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Motivation and Education That Can Last a Lifetime

By Sally Schuman, Special Writer

Mary Ann Uznis PT, wanted to ensure that the outstanding reputation she had established in the field of physical therapy would continue on at the business that still bears her name. That is why, when she retired, she passed the baton to Bill Dwight PT, a professional she had known for 20 years. The transition between the two became Uznis-Dwight Physical Therapy, still located at 18101 E. Warren in the Moross and Mack area.

In March of 2008, this office became the 19th in the community of freestanding clinics owned by Dwight. Uznis' office became part of the larger family of Dwight Orthopedic

Rehabilitation centers located in Southeast Michigan. "Mary Ann and I had the same philosophy of patient care. Great effort was made to keep all existing professional staff and to add the right staff to make up

for the vacancy Mary Ann left at retirement," said Dwight. "We are very committed to keeping the patient to staff ratio."

"Our philosophy is a unique form of care that relies heavily on patient participation both during and in the follow up time at home, with exercise and life style change," explained Dwight. "This will maintain long term results for the patient. Our primary goal is to motivate the patient to do things they wouldn't normally do on their own."

How do they accomplish this goal? One of the biggest ingredients is their experienced staff. Most of them have well over 20 years experience. "We see a patient two to three times a week, for four to six weeks in a row. During that period of time we develop an understanding of the patient, their tolerance, what excites them to participate and their level of motivation. We work with them as an individual to create a long term effect on their health," relayed Dwight. "We try to educate them to the changes they can make well beyond their discharge."



Unlike most physical therapy offices, Uznis-Dwight actually de-emphasizes the use of machines. Of more importance is the work the therapist does one-on-one with the patient. They work on things like posture and technique. "The program is customized to the patient's injury," said Dwight. "We help them to overcome the limitation the injury has left. Our care is designed to establish a home program they can follow up with."

"People need to understand that even good physical therapy is inconvenient," said Dwight. "Asking a patient to show up three times a week - they have to feel it is worth it." Making the patient care convenient, accommodating patient schedules,

offering appropriate levels of staffing and accepting their insurances are all of this is part of providing excellence in care to their patients. Uznis-Dwight Physical Therapy accepts all insurance plans to best serve their

patients needs.

Of utmost importance to Dwight is that patients understand that not all physical therapy offices are the same. "We live and die on our reputation," declared Dwight. "Patients have a choice, like when they get a prescription, they can choose which pharmacy they want to take it to." Dwight advised that patients do some homework, get referrals from a doctor, and talk to family members to get a recommendation. "Find out where the best services are," said Dwight. "Our sole focus is on getting them better and educating them against re-injury. The patient's choice and selection of a physical therapy office can make the difference in how fast and how well they recover." Dwight added that, "approximately 35-40%

of our patients are referred by other patients or family members," a percentage that is high in this field.

For more information on Uznis-Dwight Physical Therapy you can visit the website at www.dwightortho.com. The office can be contacted by calling (313) 881-5678.

WHAT'S IN A NAME?

A reputation. For 29 years, Uznis Physical Therapy has been building a reputation in the east side communities of Detroit, the Grosse Pointes, St. Clair Shores and beyond. In March 2008, we became Uznis-Dwight Physical Therapy, with all the advantages of being part of the Dwight Orthopedic Rehabilitation Company, with 19 therapist-owned clinics in Michigan and a solid reputation for quality patient care.

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Terme Day Spa has been providing hair waxing for 7 years. "We offer eyebrow arching to full Brazilian waxing for women - but our fastest growing services are eyebrow arches and back waxing for men." Training and experience are the key to any successful waxing service," says Jane who has recently welcomed two new estheticians; Megan Matthews and Peggy Bowman.

Terme Day Spa specializes in therapeutic massage by incorporating deep tissue, sports, pregnancy, reflexology, hot rocks massage and Swedish relaxation massage techniques to fit each individual's needs. A therapeutic massage can increase circulation, which helps to detoxify the body and, at the same time, activates your immune system - lessening your risk of disease. Massage therapy is a preventative therapy as well as a healing modality. Some staff members have special expertise, which include Shiatsu, Thai, and cranial sacral techniques. The staff strives to keep you in good health.

Terme Day Spa offers couples massage, where two people enjoy massage in the same room at the same time. Couples massage gift certificates are especially popular for shower, bridal or anniversary gifts. Terme Day Spa offers relaxation parties, which are great for bridal parties. "These parties have become very popular with the bride and her wedding party to enjoy a day of relaxation in the midst of stressful wedding planning. Some brides have chosen to have a spa party on rehearsal day so the wedding party can get their manicures, pedicures, scrubs, wraps or sunless tan treatments just before the big day." The spa parties have also become popular with business owners who want to treat their staff. It makes a great thank you gift. Terme will provide spa parties in house or do off site massage at local business.



The relaxing private setting at Terme Day Spa is especially appealing to men, who may feel uncomfortable at other types of salons. "Men love to receive massage, gentlemen's pedicures and manicures, in a relaxed setting that doesn't have the drama and odors of a salon," says Jane. Many women will make an appointment for their boyfriend or husband to have a massage or facial. "Most men fall asleep when receiving services at our spa," says Jane.

Herbal body wraps, sea salt and sugar scrubs are fantastic, rejuvenating body treatments for exfoliating and moisturizing the skin. The sunless tan treatment is a great alternative for threatening UV rays or dye machines. These services are all performed in rooms that have a shower - so you never leave your private sanctuary.

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The spa has recently added a new service to their broad menu - Xtreme Lashes - now being applied which eliminates the use of mascara. These lashes are semi-permanent, water-resistant and individually applied. Xtreme Lashes lengthen and thicken and can give the appearance of a mini facelift for older women.

Jane Miller (the proprietor) is a certified massage therapist and licensed esthetician. Both Jane and Paula Miller (her daughter) have been doing massage therapy for 12 years. Even though Paula has since become a registered nurse she continues to promote health and well being through massage at Terme Day Spa. Jane and her staff would like to thank their loyal clientele for their continued support during the last seven years.

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"Oakmont Senior Communities Offer Full Spectrum of Care Beautifully"

By Sally Schuman, Special Writer

Recently, Oakmont Senior Communities has been polishing the jewel in their crown - the newly renovated Oakmont Manor, located at 41255 Pond View Drive in Sterling Heights.

With all the pride of a new parent, Assistant Director, Rosetta Schwanke, showed off the greatly expanded and elegantly furnished retirement community for independent seniors, 55 and older. Boasting such new amenities as a beautiful formal dining room with a grand piano, a full service commercial grade kitchen, a theater with real theater seating and wall sconces, two different lounges, one complete with a bar, and many beautiful gathering areas that include an outdoor veranda with Japanese landscaping, to name just a few - this luxurious "city within a city" was designed for the active senior to enjoy.

"Most seniors are resistant to move, they've lived in their homes for a long time," relayed Director of Operations, Adam Kalaydjian. "99.9% of everyone who comes to live here, after a couple of weeks, say they wish they had done it sooner!"

Beginning with the staff, the goal at Oakmont is to offer the perfect blend of care, comfort and elegance to their residents. Oakmont Manor is designed to meet the needs of the active senior who is in good physical shape and just desiring light assistance. "Our staff plays a huge role in the enjoyment of our residents," said Schwanke, a sentiment magnified by Kalaydjian, who added, "Boredom is a terrible thing for a senior. They need activity and stimulation. We want people to enjoy those years they've worked hard for all their life."

With that in mind, Oakmont offers daily on-site activities, such as casino nights, wine & cheese parties and computer classes. "We are big on activities at all our locations," said Kalaydjian. They also provide transportation in a chauffeur-driven van, a beauty salon, an arts & crafts room, a prayer room and many community areas where seniors can gather with friends, both indoor and out. Comfort and safety are also provided for, with multiple elevators, a high tech camera security system for all entrances along with secured buzz-in entry system, emergency pull cords in every apartment (bedroom and bathroom) and a 24-hour Emergency Call System.

"Care" is the biggest word for the long time staff members. "We are very service oriented," said Kalaydjian, "we view our business as hospitality. Ninety percent of our residents' lives are in this building. This

is their home and our staff always remembers that."

Good friendships are formed between the residents in the community and with the staff. "Our staff knows the residents and their family members by name. A bond is created and they can depend on this office," said Schwanke. "The relationship between residents and staff is a huge reason why our residents continue to live here. We don't have residents that move to other facilities."

These relationships are something Oakmont knows are important. They help preserve them by providing for a continuum of care as the resident ages and needs more interaction with staff members and services. "We have provided a campus-like setting that includes Oakmont Sterling on the same property. Because of this, our residents can continue to live within the community. Oakmont Sterling offers a step-up in care that includes all meals and house-keeping. As our residents needs grow, they can move over to Oakmont Sterling and not loose the friends they've made or any of the activities they enjoy together," explained Kalaydjian.

Oakmont Manor offers 147 spacious one and two bedroom apartment homes. All of the apartments have been part of the recent updating. Oakmont

also provides guest suites for out of town visitors or prospective residents who want to "try it out" for one week. Guests may also stay with the residents in their apartment should they choose. Pricing for the apartments is very attractive, starting at \$1695 per month for a one bedroom and \$1895 a month for a two bedroom. "Comparable apartments and services in other communities are around \$2500-\$3000," Kalaydjian relayed. Pricing includes a continental breakfast Monday-Saturday, Sunday Brunch, dinner on Monday, Wednesday and Fridays, gas and electricity. A commercial laundry is provided for the residents' convenience. Additional amenities are available as an up charge.

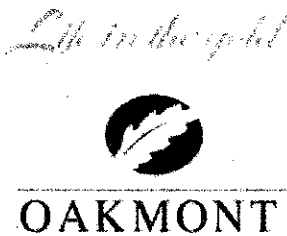
A Grand Re-Opening is scheduled at Oakmont Manor right around the 1st of September. "I am sure some champagne will be had," said Kalaydjian playfully. "The public is invited to come and see the community," welcomed Kalaydjian. Tours can be scheduled by calling 888-318-5987.

Oakmont Communities has other locations that provide varying levels of services. Additional locations are: Oakmont Parkway located at 36725 Utica Road in Clinton Township; Oakmont Livonia at 14265 Middlebelt Road in Livonia and Oakmont Northville at 42000 Seven Mile Road in Northville.



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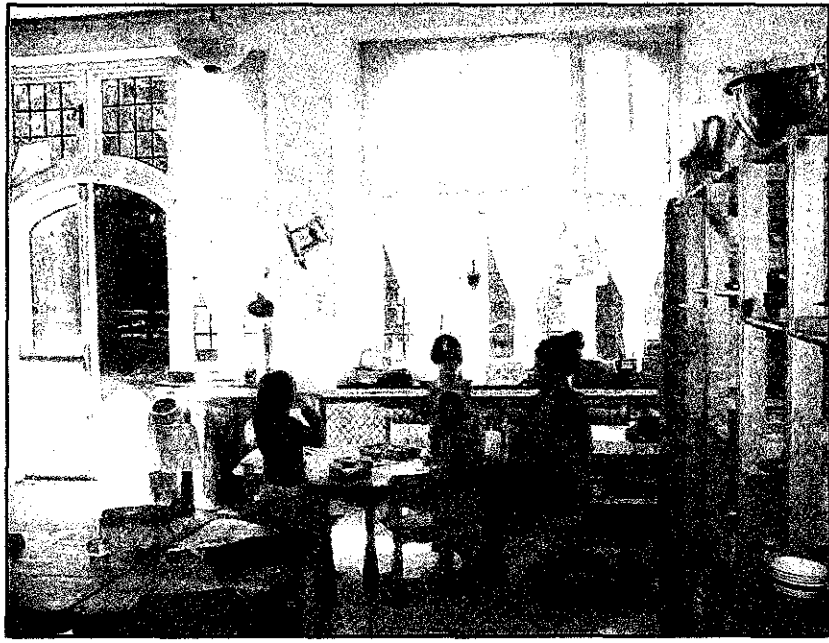
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"We really value the human relationship and what that brings to the child."

**Melanie Reiser,
Outreach Director,
Detroit Waldorf School.**

able, of themselves, to impart purpose and direction to their lives," Rudolf Steiner. Detroit Waldorf School, located at 2555 Burns Avenue, is one of the first 10 Waldorf Schools in North America, opening in 1966 with the full support of the Indian Village community. The campus was designed by architect Albert Kahn, who was known for his use of natural light and large spaces and was built for former tenant, Liggett Schools. When founders Rudy and Amelia Wilhelm and Eric and Dina Winter (of Grosse Pointe) decided to open a Waldorf school in this area, the campus was the perfect choice.

Along with their "Parent & Tot" program for toddlers and their Children's Center Nursery and

Kindergarten, at Detroit Waldorf School, classes go from first through eighth grades and the school grows with the child. The teacher loops with the children for multiple years, sometimes through the eight elementary years. "We value the human relationship and what that brings to the child," said Melanie Reiser, former teacher and now Outreach Director at the school. "Teachers develop a bond with their students individually and as a group."

This year they are transitioning to combined classes of 1st and 2nd, 3rd and 4th, 5th and 6th and 7th and 8th grade, with four "Class Teachers" teaching the core academics of math, language, arts, social studies and science, while also teaching music classes consisting of singing and recorder. Each child, throughout their studies, creates their own textbooks, integrating academics with art. These student-created textbooks are truly amazing documentations of the child's progressive knowledge throughout the year.

Each child also has seven "Subject Teachers" who teach the children foreign language, handwork (knitting, sewing and crocheting) art (drawing, model-

ing and painting), gym, Eurhythm (movement classes) and music (violin and orchestra.)

"Detroit Waldorf School's impulse is to create a cultural renewal by bringing forth each child's potential so they can bring their gift to society," said Reiser. One way this translates is into community activities. These activities are family oriented and open to the community without cost. Family Fun Nights for parents and children include, Double-Dutch jump rope lessons taught by the 7th and 8th graders and their coach, Bike Riding Safety classes, Game Night, Knitting classes and Self-Defense or Safety classes.

The school also performs a monthly community service. They recently partnered with Greening of Detroit at Romanski Park to work on a community garden.

Detroit Waldorf School also holds fundraisers that involve the community. Examples of these charitable events are their "Casting Off Party" where knitters will work together to knit squares that will be made into blankets and then donated to Children's Hospital in Detroit. At their Spring Auction "Detroit Soup International" local restaurants will provide soup as part of the dinner, attendees will vote on the

best soups and part of the proceeds will go to Gleaners Food Bank, who will be a partner in the event. "We are trying to live this cultural renewal and be active members of the community through these programs," explained Reiser.

At Detroit Waldorf School, "we want to develop a child's intellectual abilities, but also healthy social and emotional ability, artistic capacity and physical well-being," said Reiser. Detroit Waldorf School is currently enrolling for the 2009-2010 school year. You can visit the website at www.detroitwaldorf.org or call the school at 313-822-0300.

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Dirty Dog Jazz Café offers private dining, meeting room

Food, spirits and all that jazz – it's more than that at the Dirty Dog Jazz Café.

A vision developed by owner and lifelong Grosse Pointe Gretchen Carhartt Valade to bring some of the best jazz musicians in the world to The Hill has been a lot of hard work and a lot of fun for those involved.

General Manager Willie Jones said the first word that comes to mind is "joy."

"As much as I love jazz, this is as good as it gets," Jones said. "It's a perfect marriage of upscale dining and quality live entertainment in an intimate setting."

The Dirty Dog Jazz Café opened in February 2008 at 97 Kercheval in Grosse Pointe Farms. Valade formed Mack Avenue Records, a jazz record label in 1997. Her support through a generous endowment helped keep the Detroit International Jazz Festival alive. The festival is the weekend before Labor Day that showcases the best jazz musicians in Detroit and beyond.

"She cares so much about the music and the musicians," Jones said of Valade. "Her attention to detail is amazing and she gets what she wants. She has challenged us to be the best."

Along with the 65-seat dining and performing area, the Dirty Dog Jazz Café just opened a 25-seat private dining area. The room, at 93 Kercheval next door to the cafe, is available for special events or meetings. A state-of-the-art audio and visual system allows the special guests to view a performance in the next room on a 65-inch television. Wireless Internet and computer connections allow the room to adapt to a meeting area, again utilizing the TV for presentations from a laptop.

Not an ordinary board room, the same tasteful, old English pub look of wood moldings, oak beams and beautiful lighting found in the main dining area doesn't miss a beat in the private room.

Both rooms enjoy what Jones describes as a "four-star American bistro featuring steaks, seafood and a lot of southern flare," prepared by Chef Andre Neimanis.

The lunch menu has several salads, sandwiches and entrees available. Dinner options include soups, greens, tapas of tiger tear beef, smoked salmon camembert and tuna tartare, and entrees including prime bone in filet, BBQ salmon filet, Colorado lamb chops and sea bass to name a few.

"Our attention to culinary detail and service is what people tell us they enjoy," Jones said. "Grosse Pointe has such a gem sitting right here in the community. I think the food and entertainment is amazing. If I were to start a restaurant, it



would be this right here. She gets it and I'm impressed with her dedication."

While take-out is available and lunch is served 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tuesday through Friday, the true Dirty Dog Jazz Café experience is in the evenings, Wednesday through Saturday.

On Wednesday and Thursday nights, there are two seatings. The first is 6 to 8 p.m. and the second is 8 to 10 p.m. The band plays for an hour during each dinner seating.

On Friday and Saturday, three seatings for dinner are 6 to 8 p.m., 8:30 to 10:30 p.m. and 11 p.m. to 1 a.m.

After the performances, band members mingle with guests and then enjoy dinner in a private green room.

"Musicians love being here," Jones said. "It's fun for them too."

Reservations for performances are highly recommended. Jones said many great local performers are featured, along with national names occasionally. Stanley Jordan celebrated the one-year anniversary with performances at the club.

"This is beyond what I thought it would be," Jones said. "The club is so much fun and the new room just adds to the excitement."

For reservations for the Dirty Dog Jazz Café, or the private room, call (313) 882-5299. For more information, visit dirtydogjazz.com.



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"There's Never Been a Better Time to Buy a Furnace – Or a Better Company to Buy It From"

By Sally Schuman, Special Writer

"Dad had four things you do business by," said now owner of Flame Furnace, Gary Marowske, "Show up on time, Do what you say you will, Charge a fair price and If you screw up – fix it!" After sixty years in business, Flame Furnace is still doing business that way.

The accolades and honors that Flame Furnace holds within the industry reads like the "who's who" list of heating and cooling. "In 2008 we took home the Bryant Medal of Excellence Award," said Marowske. That award goes to only 15 Bryant dealers nationwide each year. "We have been eligible three times and we've won it three times." Flame is also one of the top five Bryant dealers in the country for both sales and service excellence. "At NATE.org they list companies within a certain zip code and how many techs they have that are certified. Most companies have one or two – we have 35," reported Marowske. And the list goes on and on.

Why is this important to you? The vision at Flame is to "exceed yesterday's accomplishments and embrace tomorrow's challenges." "How many furnaces does a person buy in their lifetime," asked Marowske. "For most people it is the second largest purchase they'll make in their life. They need to be assured of the company they hire." Flame is the largest Bryant dealer in Michigan and guarantees in writing 100% customer satisfaction.

"The public gets confused about guarantees when they buy a heating and cooling system," explained Marowske. "Manufacturers don't warranty the furnace or air conditioning units; all equipment and labor is covered by the installer. We offer a

10 year parts and labor guarantee in writing – most other companies doing installations won't even be in business in 10 years."

"Taking permits is a big area," continued Marowske, "most companies don't take them. Last year we spent \$186,000 on permit fees. The permit process protects the customer." Marowske explained that when a permit is pulled the city oversees the work; a company must comply with the codes or risk fines and jail.

"With the newer furnaces and AC, the National Electric Code says you have to run a new electrical circuit from the panel to the furnace and you can't use the same wire. We have journeyman and master electricians on staff doing the work." Marowske cited that this is an expense that many other installers aren't willing to incur and most will not run new electrical circuits and wiring. Educating the customer is only one of the ways Flame "goes beyond selling, servicing and installing" as part of their mission statement reads.

Flame has approximately 65 employees and all field techs that go out to homes are given 12 months to pass NATE testing and become certified. "We have a 1600 square foot training room that's ultra modern," said Marowske. "We employ professional educators from December through May to teach classes, along with the outside classes our techs are required to take. Training is very important in today's industry with all the high tech equipment out there. It is critical to have a trained

person putting them in." Marowske added that two of his staff members are HVAC instructors at the community college. Personal grooming policies and keeping job sites clean are strictly adhered to by their employees. In January of '08, Flame was named the #1 HVAC contractor to work for in the Midwest by "Heating & Air Conditioning News." Marowske commented, "We treat our staff like family. We show them

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– Gary Marowske,
owner Flame Furnace

respect and take into consideration and work with their schedules. Our average employee has been with us 18-20 years."

New to Flame is a new location and a name change. Roseville Heating and Cooling recently merged with Flame, adding a Fraser store to their current locations in Warren and Riverview. Their newer name reflects their expansion into all types of electrical contracting. They are now known as "Flame Heating, Cooling and Electrical."

One of the hot new items Flame is installing are natural gas backup generators. "Right now, installing these generators is about 20% of our business," said Marowske. These generators are about the size of an air conditioning unit and are hooked up to a home's natural gas supply. If the home loses power the generator comes on. "The unit exercises itself automatically once a week," said Marowske. "Most electrical contractors will have someone else hook up the gas. We're one of the few companies that actually make it a regular part of our installation service."

"There has never been a better

time to buy a furnace," declared Marowske. During the month of August Flame is matching federal stimulus money on the qualifying Bryant Evolution System. Benefits are:

- Manufacturers Rebates
- Federal stimulus
- Because of the position of the economy pricing has never before been lower
- August is a great time for fast service and installation because the season is coming to an end

It's also a great time to think about a furnace tune up for safety and efficiency before the fall. Flame is running a special in the month of August; get a furnace or AC tune up for only \$89.95 (regular \$129.95.) Flame also has their "Gold Maintenance Program." For only \$19.95 a month Flame will automatically come out twice a year, once to check your furnace and once to check your AC. Members also get preferential service on all emergencies, discounts on filters and humidifier pads or any other products that need to be changed periodically, and a "no trip charge" on any service calls in between, irregardless of the day (this is a \$98 savings by itself!), making any day a good day to call Flame Furnace, Cooling and Electrical.

You can call the Flame customer service call center at 888-234-2340 where there are dispatchers on staff all the time. Monday-Friday from 6:30am-8pm and Saturday from 7:30am-3pm you will get a live person while the techs are on duty. There is no extra charge for late evening or Saturday service calls. Flame invites you to visit their extensive website at www.flamefurnace.com

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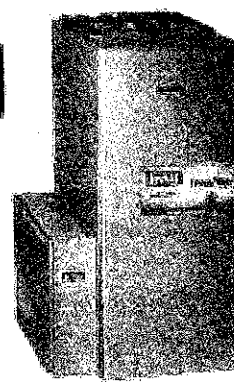
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