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THURSDAY, MARCH 18

◆ Pat Hopper discusses networking tool LinkedIn at 5 p.m. at Northern Trust Bank, 120 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe Farms. This event is sponsored by the Grosse Pointe Chamber of Commerce.

FRIDAY, MARCH 19

◆ Grosse Pointe Art Center's exhibit, "Green Show," preview party is from 6:30 to 9 p.m. at the gallery, 16900 Kercheval, City of Grosse Pointe.

SATURDAY, MARCH 20

◆ The Grosse Pointe Board of REALTOR's free Home & Garden Expo is from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms. Landscapers and home improvement companies will be on hand. For more information, visit gpbr.com or call (313) 882-8000, ext. 11.

MONDAY, MARCH 22

◆ Grosse Pointe Park City Council meets at 7 p.m. in council chambers, 15115 E. Jefferson.
◆ Grosse Pointe Board of Education meets at 8 p.m. at Grosse Pointe North High School, 707 Vernier, Grosse Pointe Woods.
◆ Grosse Pointe Public Library Board meets at 7 p.m. at the Ewald Branch, 15175 E. Jefferson, Grosse Pointe Park. An agenda is available on the library website gp.lib.mi.us.

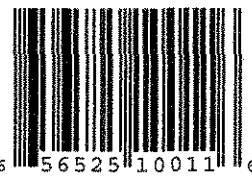
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◆ Preschool story time is from 1 to 1:30 p.m. at the Grosse Pointe Public Library, Woods Branch, 20680 Mack. For more information, call Pat McClary at (313) 343-2072, ext. 205.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 24

◆ Jennifer Arnold discusses "Potty Progress: Behavioral Strategies for Toilet Training and Bed Wetting" from 6:30 to 8 p.m. in the Connelly Auditorium, Beaumont Hospital, Grosse Pointe, 468 Cadieux, City of Grosse Pointe. Call (313) 432-3832 for reservations. The event is free.
◆ Toddler story time is from 10:30 to 10:50 a.m. at the Grosse Pointe Public Library, Woods Branch, 20680 Mack.

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PHOTO BY BRAD LINDBERG

Detectives Mike McCarthy, driving, and Rich Rosati search for housebreakers.

CRUISING for CRIMINALS

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

It's 12:55 p.m. Thursday, March 11.

We're in an unmarked police car cruising the Pointes looking for housebreakers.

Grosse Pointe Farms detective Mike McCarthy is driving. His boss, head detective Lt. Richard

Rosati, is in the passenger seat.

They're out to get a four-man crew of teenage burglars in a late-model green Jeep Cherokee. The crew is suspected of two home invasions in the Farms and one attempt in the Park during the last eight days.

"They're hitting between 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.," McCarthy said.

McCarthy turned from Grosse

Pointe Boulevard onto Handy. Burglars broke into a house on the first block of Handy between 9:45 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. Monday, March 8. They stole two flat-screen televisions and a laptop computer.

A week ago in the 200 block of Charlevoix, a resident returning home unwittingly interrupted a

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Kroger closed for demolition

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

Dale Scrace didn't dash to Kroger in the Village Saturday for a nostalgic, last-minute buying spree before the store closed for demolition.

"Our cupboards were stocked," said Scrace, mayor of the City of Grosse Pointe.

When they're bare again, Scrace and other customers of the grocery store on Kercheval in the heart of the city will have to seek another source.

Kroger closed Saturday in preparation for the 70-year-old building's raising, redesign and reconstruction.

"They've broken construction into two phases — demolition and shoring the basement, and then the building on top," Scrace said.

Construction is expected to start in April. Demolition bids are due this week, according to Paul Weitzel, city public service director.

"The building has already been abated of hazardous materials," Weitzel said. "It could be three weeks before you see any true demo."

"They have to take fixtures and food out," Scrace said. "Then, they'll put up safety barriers."

Store officials in December said the bad economy forced them to scale down plans to construct a two-level store and attached parking garage.

Lowered ambitions call for replacing the one-story 20,000-square-foot building with a slightly larger, ground-level structure.

In related news, city officials met with Kroger counterparts to revamp the forthcoming store's proposed ground-floor window design. The initial design featured windows blocked by interior shelves.

"They came with four proposals," Scrace said. "We came up with a fifth one."

The fifth one was approved this week. "You'll be able to look in the store," Scrace said.

11 vie for Shores council seats

Eleven Grosse Pointe Shores residents have answered the call to fill two vacated seats on the city council.

The candidates applied to fill openings created by the Feb. 16 resignations of Councilmen Dr. Brian Hunt and Fred Minturn.

At the time, Mayor Dr. James Cooper requested residents interested in completing the councilmen's terms to submit applications in time for consideration at this month's council meeting, Tuesday, March 16.

The meeting occurred after the Grosse Pointe News deadline.

Both open terms run to November 2011.

The two councilmen resigned before their

The March 16 meeting was after the GPN deadline. See grossepointenews.com for updates and next week's paper for full details.

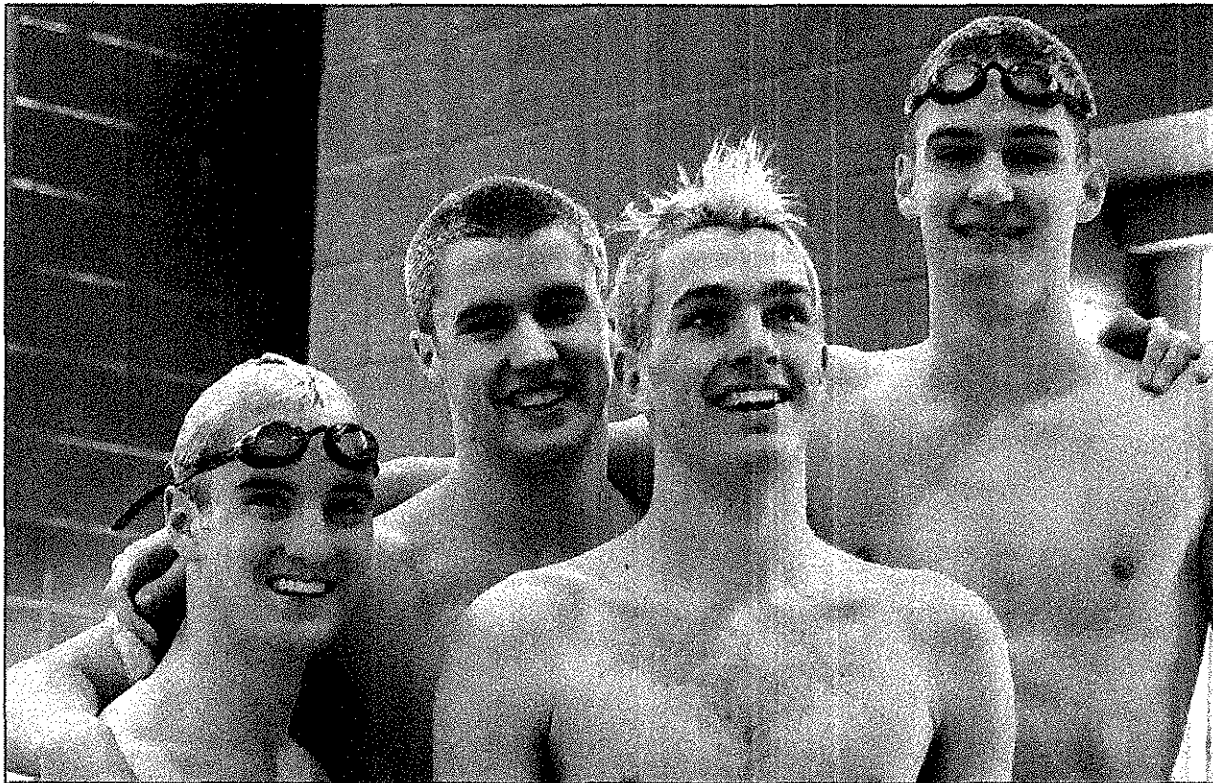


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State champions

Grosse Pointe South's 200-yard freestyle relay team of, from left, Craig Campbell, Joe Hessburg, Cam Johnson and Matt Mandel, shown after swimming in the MAC Red Division meet, won the event at the Division 2 state finals. They also earned All-State First team honors. For the complete story, see page 2C.

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The shape of things to come in the Pointes

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

Butch Wardwell is taking an all-for-one approach to the future of the five Grosse Pointes.

"We have more to gain and nothing to lose by working and planning together," said Wardwell, a board member of the Grosse Pointe Chamber of Commerce and resident of Grosse Pointe Farms.

The chamber is preparing a community-wide survey to gauge how residents of all the Pointes envision the communities' collective path.

Some 3,000 six-page surveys are scheduled to be distributed proportionally April 12 throughout the cities.

"There will be a second mailing in early May," Wardwell

said. "We expect a 25 to 40 percent response. We will continue to work until we get a significant sample so we can assure it is statistically significant."

Results will help frame a strategic plan for how the communities can work together, pool talent and share resources to more efficiently meet residents' wants and needs.

Municipal teamwork is considered paramount to maintain services during times of declining property values, declining property tax revenues and costs that will escalate unless city operations are restructured.

"It is clear to us there are many opportunities to save," Wardwell said. "Our major objective is to find ways cities can work together to save money. Put that in the bank."

The chamber survey will be more encompassing than one completed recently in the City of Grosse Pointe, which was the basis of another survey being distributed in Grosse Pointe Shores.

"It will cross over all Grosse Pointes," Wardwell said. "We

will have questions regarding the public school system, library system and the chamber of commerce. After we get the results, work starts doing a strategic plan."

Goals

A committee consisting of the Pointes' mayors, city managers, some chamber members and a strategic planner provided at no charge by the Southeast Michigan Council of Governments — a \$30,000 savings, Wardwell said — will analyze survey results to determine five to seven key objectives.

The survey, which Wardwell said the chamber is funding, will be written with the assistance of Cobalt Community Research. Cobalt, located in Lansing, is a nonprofit organization specializing in helping local governments measure citizen satisfaction.

Survey goals are likely to include, according to Wardwell:

◆ The Grosse Pointes working cooperatively on shared issues while keeping distinct the personalities and operation of

each individual Grosse Pointe community.

◆ Saving money by cooperating with the use of public infrastructures and services.

◆ Working together and pooling resources to give the Pointes' more clout in county, state and national government.

◆ Attracting partnerships with groups that have special knowledge and resources on such subjects as housing, economic development, recreation and hotels.

◆ Make joint purchases.

"The plan must be endorsed by the steering committee and all Grosse Pointe councils," Wardwell said. "Most actions and recommendations would require council approval."

The strategic plan will essentially update a Pointe-wide future study done 17 years ago.

The study recommended 29 specific goals for the Pointes and 230 initiatives, including establishment of a chamber of commerce, Wardwell said.

"Of the 230 initiatives, I would say 65 were accomplished," he said. "The rest were not. Of the rest, at least

two-thirds were no longer relevant."

Because the upcoming survey will be distributed proportional to population, more will be sent to large Pointes, such as the Woods, compared to small ones like the City and Shores.

Results will be compiled community-wide, plus for each of the five individual cities.

"We will be able to take a look at how the Grosse Pointes compare to other cities in southeastern Michigan as well as Michigan," Wardwell said.

City of Grosse Pointe Councilmen John Stevens and Chris Walsh want the survey to include the cost of implementing service recommendations.

Walsh, for instance, pointed out that residents are likely to oppose combining public safety departments.

Yet, if the option were listed in tandem with projected cost savings, consolidation might be more appealing.

"Eventually, that's where all these conversations lead — at what point do you make the trade-off for cost for service?"

Walsh said. "That a tough thing in a survey to get to."

"We're going to get the best information we can," Wardwell said. "We're going to get the best and smartest people we can and try to determine exactly what the residents are saying to us."

Grosse Pointe Farms officials are learning from the City survey — and plan to learn from the Shores survey — which services residents generally value and those they can do without.

"The results of surveys in neighboring communities are being used as a tool to help them with next fiscal year's budget," said Shane Reeside, Farms city manager. "We're going to glean information from the chamber survey that encompasses the Farms and will be used more as a longer-term strategic planning tool."

Residents can complete the chamber survey on-line, Wardwell said.

On-line results will be placed in a separate pool so they won't bias results from the mailed survey.

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Soup kitchen for pets

By Ann L. Fouty
Features Editor

There are soup kitchens which feed hungry families, families who have fallen on hard times.

What about the hungry families' dogs and cats? Who feeds them?

Gabe's Gang Pet Soup Kitchen of St. Clair Shores is the answer.

Since its inception in January, the soup kitchen has served more than 2,000 meals to dogs and cats from Romeo to Grosse Pointe Woods.

Gabe's founder and animal lover John McTaggart of St. Clair Shores and his volunteers, Holly Hardy of Roseville, Mike McTaggart of Mount Clemens and Kristal Morang of

Eastpointe, deliver hundreds of pounds of dog and cat food on the weekends.

"I got the idea from a neighbor who had to surrender his dog. He worked for an auto supplier," McTaggart said.

The car industry fell apart and the man found it difficult to feed his children, let alone provide for his dog. The family pet was given up.

These pets are part of the family, McTaggart said, so he felt the need to keep them in their homes.

He said he believes families need to stay together.

"It's difficult enough to go through tough times financially," McTaggart

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Through Gabe's Gang Pet Soup Kitchen, John McTaggart can purchase and deliver dog and cat food to keep pets with their families.

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Husband & wife B&E team faces charges

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

A three-time convicted felon arrested last week for burglarizing a house on Roland Court had nice things to say about himself at his arraignment in Grosse Pointe Farms Municipal Court:

♦ "I'm not a flight risk whatsoever."

♦ "When I get in trouble, I deal with what's happening to me."

♦ "I've never, ever missed a court date."

So testified defendant Jeffrey Gabriel Rahhal, 30, of St. Clair Shores.

Judge Matthew Rumora didn't buy it.

Rumora on Wednesday, March 10, imposed a \$75,000 cash bond on Rahhal, an ex-convict charged with home invasion and being a habitual criminal. If guilty, he faces life in prison.

The judge also set \$75,000 cash bond for Rahhal's wife, 29-year-old Faith Ann Morton, of Royal Oak. She reportedly lives with her husband at his mother's house in St. Clair Shores. Morton, also a three-time felon and former prison inmate, was arraigned on the same charges as her husband and is subject to the same life sentence.

Rumora entered not guilty pleas on their behalf.

The pair was sent to the

Wayne County Jail to await their preliminary hearings in Farms court Wednesday, March 17. The hearings fell after the Grosse Pointe News deadline.

Both suspects were arrested a few minutes after 5 p.m. Tuesday, March 9 — Rahhal for breaking into a house in the 400 block of Roland Court; Morton for driving him to the scene, dropping him off and waiting to drive him away.

No one was home at the time.

The alleged burglar-husband and wheelman-wife have a combined six felony convictions and 8 1/2 years in prison, police said.

He's been convicted once for cocaine possession and twice for home invasion, all in April 2003.

She's been convicted of home invasion three times, twice in 2006, and once in 2007.

He's served 3 1/2 years in prison, he told Rumora. She served five years and is on parole in Pontiac, police said.

They've both been out of jail since October, according to state Department of Corrections records.

"I've spoken with (Morton's) parole agent," said Farms Detective Rick Good, in charge of the investigation. "(The agent) was extremely happy that Miss Morton was taken in to custody because they sus-

pect her of an additional home invasion."

Zone defense

The arrests on Roland Court, a dead end off Bournemouthe near Chalfonte, were a joint effort between residents and police.

At 5:01 p.m., police responded to a resident's report of a "burned out" car on the block from which a man wearing a gray sweatshirt got out and walked to the rear of a house.

"The vehicle (a primer-painted Chevrolet Lumina) was parked at an angle that blocked all vehicle traffic from entering or exiting Roland Court," said Edward Wierszewski, the first officer on the scene.

"I was just parking it," Morton reportedly told Wierszewski, adding that she'd just dropped off her husband at an unknown friend's house down the block.

A resident told the second officer to arrive, PSO Keith Colombo, the house where the man had walked.

"(I) walked to the rear of the (house) and through a picture window observed the suspect kneeling down in the dining room rummaging through drawers of a cabinet," Colombo reported.

The man wore a gray hooded sweatshirt. He had white and pink striped socks on his hands.

Colombo yelled at the man to stay put, then called headquarters to report a burglary in progress.

The man ran upstairs. Seven more officers arrived, including Good and Lt. Rich Rosati, head detective. Some officers surrounded the house while others forced their way in through the back door. Two officers arrested Morton.

The man, upstairs, ran from window to window, breaking at least one, trying to find an escape route.

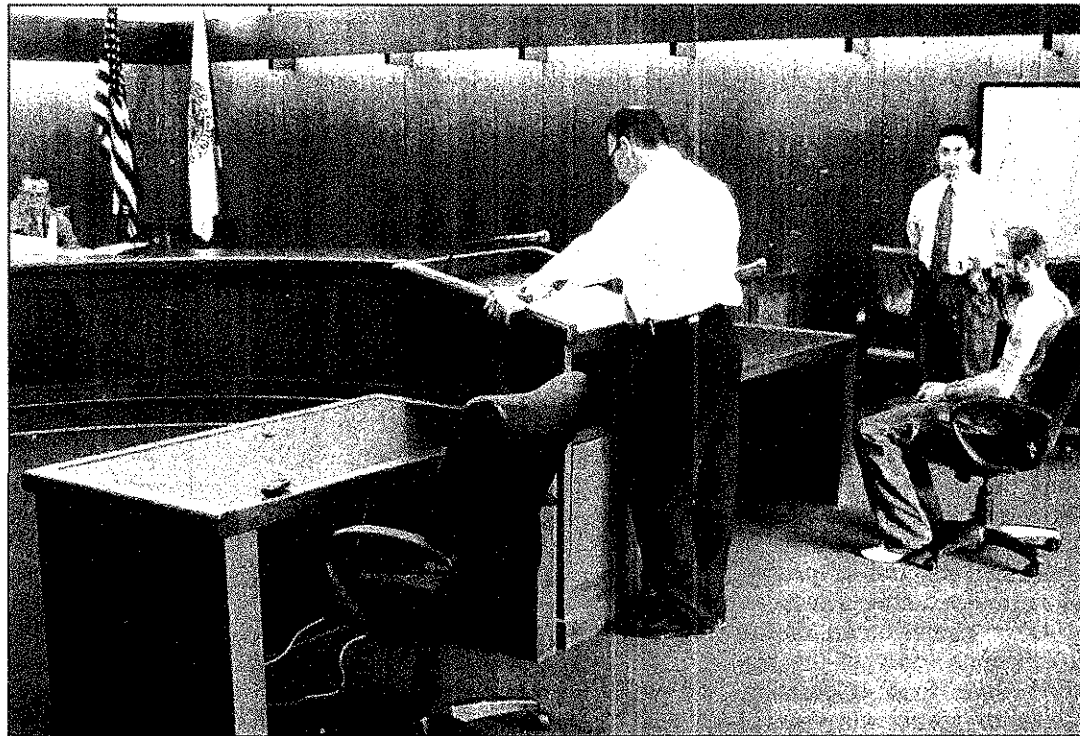
"He looked out a couple of windows and was thinking about jumping," Good said. "But, he said at every window he went to, he saw a police officer."

"It's a zone defense," Rosati said. "If you stay in your zone, you'll get our man."

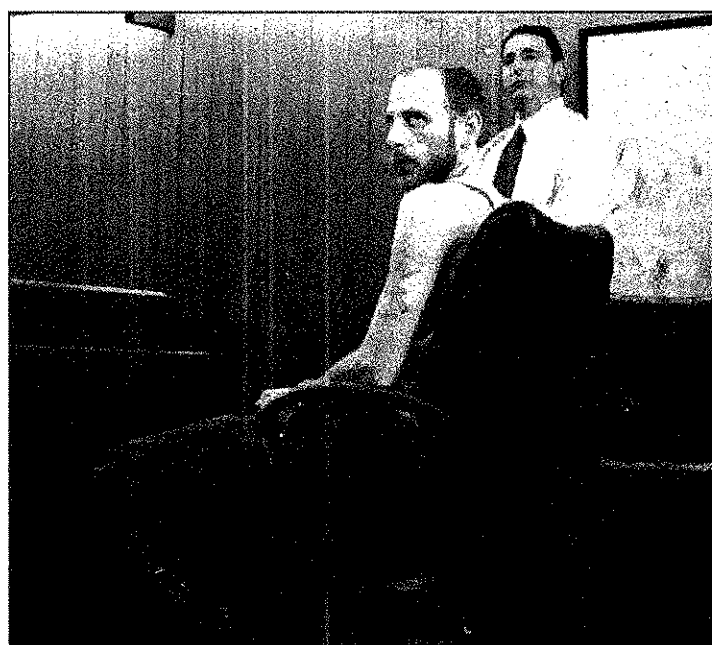
Officers searching the house heard footsteps coming from the attic.

"(I) observed Rahhal curled in the fetal position laying in the attic insulation," said Officer Antonino Trupiano. "Rahhal had attempted to hide behind several boxes and an unfinished wall."

"(Rahhal) was still wearing the white socks with pink stripes on both hands when he



Above, Farms Detective Rick Good addresses Municipal Judge Matthew Rumora as Lt. Rich Rosati and defendant Jeffrey Rahhal listen. At right, Rahhal and Rosati during the arraignment.



PHOTOS BY BRAD LINDBERG

Faith Morton of Royal Oak, was arraigned with her husband in Grosse Pointe Farms Municipal Court. Lt. Rich Rosati stands to her right. Morton has been convicted of home invasion three times.

was taken out of the home," Colombo said.

Officers learned Rahhal got the socks from the house.

Good, who teaches a class in law enforcement interviewing techniques at Macomb Community College, and Rosati questioned Rahhal and Morton.

Rundown

Police combined the results of interrogations, court statements and a subsequent investigation to present the following scenario:

Rahhal, a heroin addict, and Morton have been living at his mother's house in St. Clair Shores.

Rahhal "kind of" works," he said. "Well, I work every once in a while, just here and there."

"I spoke to Rahhal's mother," Good told Rumora. "She indicated they were no longer living at that house, nor were they welcome due to his heroin addiction."

"We were going to move to my dad's house in Southfield," Rahhal told Rumora.

Rahhal had been obtaining money by pawning things at an eastside Detroit pawn shop, police said. Items included a laptop computer, iPod and his mother's jewelry.

"He indicated it was not for the drugs," Good said. "It was for their day-to-day living, for food and so on."

"They said they even pawned their wedding rings," Rosati said.

Pawn shop receipts show Rahhal's activity increased sharply this month.

"There was one in January, two or three in February, then, March 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6," Rosati said. "He's been there every day with jewelry, laptops and all that. I called his mother. She seemed to be pretty straight up. She said it is her stuff."

Having run out of things to steal from his mother and pawn as his, Rosati said, Rahhal and his wife packed suitcases in the Lumina, which belonged to one of their parents, and set out to commit a burglary.

"He (Rahhal) was very truthful indicating how he got in the house, his intentions and so on," Good said. "He went up to the house and rang the doorbell. No answer, he figured nobody was home. There was forced entry through the rear sliding door."

Morton reportedly said she didn't know her husband intended to commit a home invasion.

"However," Rosati said, "with her criminal history and being on parole, its very difficult to believe that she had no knowledge of what he was doing."

Rosati feels the arrest intercepted a string of crimes.

"I usually don't get lucky catching someone on the start of a home invasion binge, but it appears that may be the case," he said.

During interrogation, Rahhal reportedly told Rosati, "You can take a lot of things away from me, including my freedom. But, you can't take away my character."

Rosati answered, "Look, you were caught red-handed."

New policies at Pier Park

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

New rules at Pier Park limit each Grosse Pointe Farms household to two reservations annually for the picnic area, shelter or gazebo.

Limits apply to any combination of the three facilities.

"It makes sure that everybody has an opportunity to use the facility, and for it not to be

monopolized," said Dick Huhn, park director. "It gives some control over these larger, busy days at the park, too."

Each picnic reservation is limited to 60 people.

Daily picnic reservations are limited to a total of 125 persons at one time. The total applies to all picnic reservations combined.

"There were concerns to limit the size of groups," Huhn

said.

"It reduces the overall number of guests allowed into the park for group picnics," said Shane Reeside, city manager. "But, by having a group picnic, you will no longer have individual punches for those reserve dates."

The rules provide for more individual picnics rather than a couple of large ones that could dominate the grounds.

"We can theoretically have more small groups, but still limit the overall number," Reeside said.

Shelter reservations require a group of at least 10 people but no more than 60. Half of the shelters can be reserved for groups numbering up to 30 people.

Also, from Memorial Day through the end of the public school year, picnic permits won't be issued to schools located outside of the Farms.

Farms residents are eligible for park passes that have a total of 10 non-resident guest privileges at the park each year.

Exceptions include:
♦ "For residents with guests, they can bring two non-residents guest in any one day without using a park pass

punch," Huhn said. "Any additional one on that day would have to use a park pass punch."

♦ No guest punches on park passes will be charged for picnic, shelter or gazebo reservations.

♦ Residents with boats moored at the park can admit guests without pass punches. The number of boating guests are limited to the capacity of the boat.

♦ No guest punches are needed for non-resident guests under 8 years old.

All non-resident guests must be accompanied by a Farms resident throughout the guest's visit to the park.

One adult chaperone is required for every five children under age 12.

The new rules are simpler than before.

"Under the old method, there were so many stipulations about how many guests were allowed depending on the event, day of the week, percentage of guests were residents and how many were non-residents," Reeside said.

He said revised policies will be easier for residents to understand and for the staff to administer.

Treating their own

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

In-house treatments of ash trees are projected to start paying off after one year.

Grosse Pointe Farms is buying Arborjet's injection system to save money in the fight against emerald ash borer.

Arborjet makes TREE-age, an insecticide shown to defeat tree-killing borers. Tests show injections are effective for at least two years, with indica-

tions for at least three.


The Farms has about 600 city-owned ash trees.

"We're only going to do one-third of the trees each year, which is just under 200 per year," said Terry Brennan, public service director.

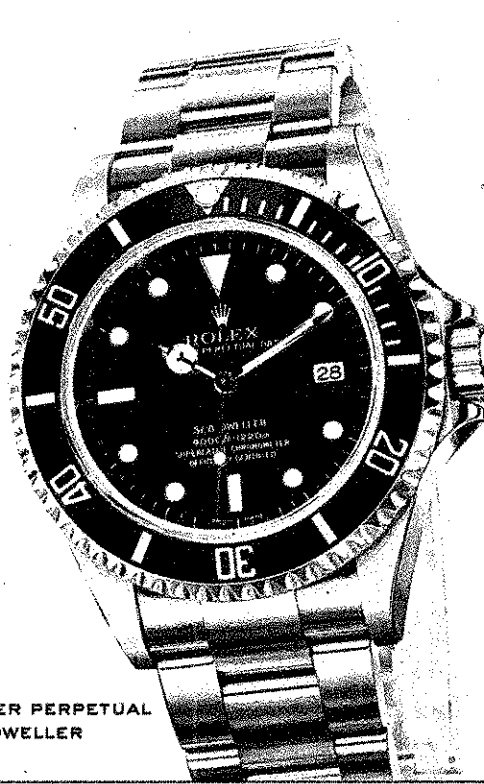
A Farms employee has been trained how to apply TREE-age, which is limited to professional use.

Savings the first year will be


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POINTER OF INTEREST

Let the parties begin. **Diane Zedan** hopes to generate enthusiasm and funds for the 100th anniversary of one of Grosse Pointe's gems: the Alger House.

Funding for the next century

By Kathy Ryan
Staff Writer

It was a job 100 years in the making, but for longtime Grosse Pointer Diane Zedan, it's another she can add to an extensive resume of professional and volunteer activities.

As co-chairwoman of the 100th anniversary of the historic Alger House celebration, Zedan brings not only years of experience, but a deep commitment to both the Grosse Pointe War Memorial and the Grosse Pointes. Linda Lloyd also serves as co-chairwoman.

"Our community has so many jewels," Zedan said. "Our city services and our parks are unsurpassed. Then we have so many special places, like the War Memorial and the (Edsel and Eleanor) Ford estate. These are wonderful locations that we need to support and to make sure they will always be available."

The Alger House, the main building in the complex that collectively makes up the Grosse Pointe War Memorial, was built in 1910 by Frederick Alger Jr., a founder of the Packard Motor Company. Named "The Moorings," it was the Alger family home for many years before it was donated to The Detroit Institute of Arts, which returned the estate to the family in 1948. In 1949, it was donated to the community as a memorial to military veterans from Grosse Pointe.

"We're going to continue that commitment to veterans," Zedan said. "Proceeds from



City of Grosse Pointe resident Diane Zedan, co-chair of the 100th anniversary celebration of the Alger House.

the 100th anniversary celebration will go toward preservation of the Alger House and a scholarship fund for Grosse Pointe residents currently serving in the military. As we all know, college is very expensive, and when these young people return from serving our country, we want to be able to help them if they want to return to school."

Zedan, Lloyd and 25 committee members have two events planned, a gala event, "Come Fly With Me" Saturday, April 17, and a community celebration Sunday, May 23.

"The gala event will feature the Alger House being trans-

formed into what it looked like when the Alger family lived there," she said. "There will be a dinner dance, and our guests of honor

or will be Mr. and Mrs. Alger, along with Henry Ford and the Wright Brothers, thanks to actors from the Grosse Pointe Theatre."

Big band tunes will be provided by the Rhythm Society Band and the Satin Dolls following dinner in the ballroom.

Tickets for the event begin at \$100, while the community celebration is free.

Zedan, 52, is no stranger to 100th anniversary celebrations. While serving as the seasonal pool director at Neff Park for the City of Grosse Pointe, she was actively involved in the Community Day celebration that marked the milestone.

Proceeds from the 100th anniversary celebration will go toward preservation of the Alger House and a scholarship fund for Grosse Pointe residents currently serving in the military.

DIANE ZEDAN,
City of Grosse Pointe

Even though she is no longer with the city, Zedan remains active in swimming programs in Grosse Pointe. Just ask any life-guard who works at any of the municipal parks or private clubs in the area; just

about everyone will tell you that they were trained by Zedan.

"It has been a lot of fun for me to work with so many young people for all these years," she said. "We have quality guards in this community and I have to say it's been a lot of fun for me to work with so many young people through the years."

Zedan teaches basic life-guard training and water safety instruction classes. She also donates her time for lifeguard training and CPR certification. She conducts in-service training for guards every May throughout the Pointes.

In addition, she teaches swimming and directs the special needs swim program and serves as a coach for Special Olympics.

She also was the announcer for the Lakefront Swimming Association swim meets and Grosse Pointe South High School swim meets.

When not in the pool, Zedan serves as director of special ed-

ucation for the River Rouge school district. She previously served in that capacity for the Romeo Community Schools and taught special education classes for several years in the Grosse Pointe Public School System.

Zedan has now added "empty nester," to her resume, as her daughter, Jeanne Frisby-Zedan, 18, is completing her first year of college at Loyola University in Chicago. Zedan and her husband, David Frisby, live in the City.

"My daughter is gone and it's the loneliest place in the world," she said.

Zedan grew up in Grosse Pointe, attending Kerby and Brownell before graduating from Grosse Pointe South in 1975. She received her undergraduate degree from Marygrove College, and holds graduate degrees from Eastern Michigan University and Wayne State University.

While the Alger House an-

niversary is Zedan's main focus for the next few weeks, she continues as treasurer and board member for the ARC Grosse Pointe/Harper Woods and is active with the Grosse Pointe South Boosters Club. On Sundays, Zedan sings in the choir at St. Philomena Catholic Church.

Not that she will get much rest between now and April 17.

"We are looking forward to community groups joining in the celebration, especially the community day in May," she said. "We have many young men and women from Grosse Pointe that are serving in the military and they need our support. The invitations are out, and we hope everyone comes. It will be great fun. This is going to be a great way to kick off spring."

Call the Grosse Pointe War Memorial for additional information and tickets at (313) 881-7511 or visit warmemorial.org.



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The Alger House entrance at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial.

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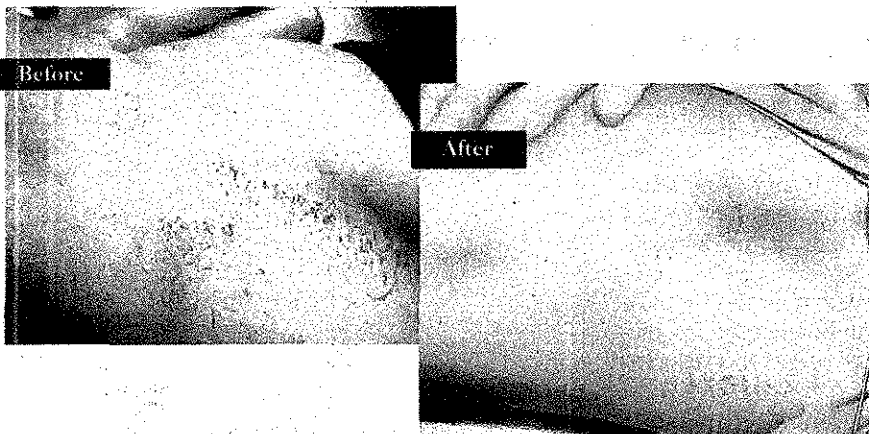
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SOUP: Service is sign of times

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Those requesting a month's supply of food are the elderly and the unemployed, those on extended lay off or those whose hours have been cut from an overtime of 60 hours to 24 hours, McTaggart said.

"It is sad in a way. It's the

sign of the times," he said. "It makes me feel needed, but it is tragic."

In addition to food, in one case, Gabe's Gang was able to supply medication for a diabetic dog.

With two small grants, a cost break from a Lansing dog food distributor, individual donations and a little of McTaggart's own money, he buys dry food, fills up his car's trunk and makes the delivery from Gabe's Gang.

The soup kitchen is named after one of three dachshunds owned by McTaggart. Gabe and his "siblings," Gracie and Toby, follow in the paw prints of Lily, who McTaggart rescued in 2005. She had been in a puppy breeding mill, according to McTaggart.

"Someone left her on the

side of the road in a box, I-696. She was in terrible shape. She was 14 years old. The vet fixed her up as best as possible. All her teeth had rotted out. Her tongue hung from the side of her mouth. She died in 2006," he said.

A foundation was set up in her name, Lily's Love Foundation. Gabe's Gang Pet Soup Kitchen is an arm of that 501 (c) (3) foundation. Two other parts of the foundation are collecting pet beds and blankets and awarding grants for life saving procedures for pets.

McTaggart said the best way to help feed dogs and cats is with a monetary donation.

"We also take old blankets and dog beds," he said.

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COUNCIL:

Shores residents look for appointment to two open seats

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names appeared on a May 4 recall ballot along with Cooper, Councilwoman Victoria Boyce and Councilman Robert Graziani.

Recall supporters targeted office-holders for supporting a 1-mill property tax increase soon after the former village was reorganized as a city.

The council applicants, their professional backgrounds, community involvement and reasons for applying — as submitted in their application packets — are, in alphabetical order:

◆ Alan H. Broad, no age given, a 23-year resident of the Shores.

Broad is an attorney with offices in Grosse Pointe Woods.

He was president of the L'Anse Cruise Public Schools Board of Education and assistant Michigan attorney general from 1974 to 1985.

Reason for applying: "To bring competence, legal experience and fiscal stability to the council."

◆ Vito P. Cusenza, 79, a Shores resident for 42 years.

Cusenza is a real estate broker. He has a law degree, is an army veteran, worked as a chemist for Ford Motor Co. and was a shift superintendent for DuPont.

Cusenza's community involvement includes but is not limited to being Grand Knight of the Knights of Columbus at Our Lady Star of the Sea, president of the Villagers Dance Club and former member of the University of Detroit Mercy national alumni board.

Reason for applying: "I want to help the city to prudently manage our resources during the difficult times we are living in today."

◆ David J. Galbenski, 40, a 7-year Shores resident.

Galbenski is president and CEO of Lumen Legal, a legal staffing and consulting company in Royal Oak.

Galbenski is a member of the Wayne State University Law School Board of Visitors and during 2005-2006 was president of the Law Alumni Association.

Reason for applying: "I am seeking appointment to the city council to utilize my busi-

ness, legal and leadership skills to benefit the village of Grosse Pointe Shores and all of its residents. I will make sound decisions grounded in representing the best interests of all citizens of our city. Such decisions will focus on implementing fiscally responsible policies while maintaining the outstanding quality of life we enjoy in the city."

◆ Brian J. Geraghty, 64, a 23-year Shores resident.

Geraghty retired after 42 years as an engineer with Ford Motor Co. He consults part-time for Geraghty Technical LLC.

Geraghty was elected to the Shores charter commission in 2008. He has served on the municipal harbor committee since 2006 and has been its chairman since 2009. He also belongs to the Grosse Pointe Shores Foundation.

Reason for applying: "I have served as an elected official in Grosse Pointe Shores (charter commission) and also bring many years of management experience to the position. I wish to serve on the council to move our city forward."

◆ Bryan Lane, 55, a Shores resident for 18 years.

Lane is vice president of private banking at Comerica Bank in Grosse Pointe Woods.

Lane's community involvement includes being a board member of the American Cancer Society and a coach for Grosse Pointe Woods-Shores Little League.

Reason for applying: "I feel that my educational background and work experience will be of benefit to Grosse Pointe Shores at a time when appropriate financial decisions will have to be made. Everyone has an opinion, and we need to be well prepared to evaluate and address them. Also, my in-

volvement in bank loan committees should prove useful in terms of team building among fellow council members and in terms of understanding the importance of reaching consensus toward making good decisions."

◆ Janice Pemberton, 62, a Shores resident for more than 25 years.

Pemberton is president of National Education Consultants.

She has served on the Shores board of review for 12 years and was a candidate in the recent city council election.

Reason for applying: "My desire to serve this community is strong. I am dedicated to doing my best at providing cost-effective solutions to problem areas within the city's government. The problems we face are great and the future solutions to them are going to take the most creative, disciplined and dedicated people that we can place on our city council."

◆ Joseph Pugel, 40, a 17-year Shores resident

Pugel is an emergency medical technician at Hart Medical in Detroit.

Reason for applying: "Dedication (and a) willingness to help and cooperate."

◆ William Raffoul, 53, a Shores resident for nearly 15 years.

Raffoul owns Food Services Inc., an operator of restaurants, plus property in downtown Detroit.

He is on the board of directors of Children's Charity, is a former president of the Lochmoor Club and member of the St John Hospital Guild board.

Reason for applying: "I feel I have good leadership skills. I have great respect for people who volunteer their time and can help bring this community

back together. As an owner of several businesses, I have knowledge of fiscal responsibility."

◆ Dr. Raymond Rahi, 51, a Shores resident for 18 1/2 years.

Rahi is president of Eastpointe Radiologists and a practicing physician.

His community involvement includes memberships in the Our Lady Star of the Sea Usher Club and the Henry Ford Macomb Ambassador's Club.

Reason for applying: "I believe my experience in administering a large medical P.C. gives me a unique perspective in addressing complex financial and interpersonal matters — especially conflict resolution. I believe I could help in the process of uniting the community as we address difficult issues in the days ahead."

◆ Richard E. Russell, a Shores resident for more than 22 years (1961 to 1981 and since 2008).

Russell is president of Russell Homes in Grosse Pointe Farms.

He belonged to the Grosse Pointe Rotary Club from 1985 to 2004, and is a former board member of the Grosse Pointe Farms-City Little League.

Reason for applying: "My interests lie in (real property) asset management and improvement. I have 32 years of expe-

rience in the field of new construction, historic preservation of residential and commercial buildings and hands-on knowledge with utility projects, such as water, sewer main and roadway installation and replacement. This perspective would allow me to interact with the city engineer and city administration in the planning and budgeting of capital projects necessary for the improvement of the Village of Grosse Pointe Shores."

◆ Mark S. Zmyslowski, 54, a Shores resident for 20 years.

As executive vice president of Radar Industries, Zmyslowski is responsible for sales, engineering and quality functions.

His involvement in the community includes being former president of the Grosse Pointe Rotary Club. He also belongs to the Shores Improvement Foundation.

Reason for applying: "I feel my extensive experience in the automotive supply community gives me a unique background in managing both the human and financial side of stressful environment. I can use this experience to help navigate our city through its current difficult situation. We have one of the best cities in Michigan and I want an opportunity to keep its great and rich tradition intact."

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CRUISING: Unmarked patrols

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burglary. Police think that as the woman opened her garage door, the thieves ran out a back door to a man waiting nearby in a green Jeep. The resident found a large-screen TV in the basement had been unplugged, ready to be taken.

"They're targeting big electronics," McCarthy said. "Its kind of hard to walk out the front door of a home during daytime with a 40-inch flat screen TV without being noticed."

"One victim's property turned up in Dearborn an hour after the incident," McCarthy said.

The officers returned to the boulevard and headed to the S Lot of Grosse Pointe South High School.

At least one suspect is a student.

"He wasn't in school the day of the attempted home invasion (March 4) on Bishop at Jefferson in the Park," Rosati said. "They rang (the homeowner's) doorbell at about 12:30 in the afternoon."

The resident opened the door and the suspects gave a lame reason for ringing, then went away.

"A home invader will ring a

doorbell to see if anybody's home," McCarthy said. "If someone answers, they'll come up with an excuse that they're looking for so-and-so or whatever."

"If you answer the door and someone comes up with a silly excuse for knocking, you know that's a B&E man," Rosati said.

In the mystery section of bookstores, burglars mainly work at night. On newsstands, they target victims during the day.

"At night, you're almost certain to find a resident at home," Rosati said. "Burglars can act more naturally during the day, like they belong somewhere."

Police want the public to call them about suspicious activity. It doesn't have to be just about four teens in a green Jeep Cherokee.

A resident's tip last week stopped the burglary of a house on Roland Court, police said. Police arrested a husband and wife with six felony convictions between them, five for home invasion.

"If the tip turns out to be nothing, so what," Rosati said.

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Purse snatching

A woman fought to keep her \$500 Coach purse, but lost it to a man police arrested at about 4:30 p.m. Saturday, March 13.

The alleged theft occurred at Kroger on Kercheval in the Village.

The woman told police she was shopping in the frozen-food section when, behind her back, the man stole her purse out of a grocery cart.

"She stated a shopper yelled that the man just stole her purse," said Officer Joseph Adams.

The woman chased the man out the front door to a waiting 1996 green Chrysler Voyager occupied by a male driver and passenger.

When the woman opened the vehicle's door, the alleged thief in the passenger seat yelled to the driver, "Pull off. Pull off," the woman told police.

"The (woman) tried to hold onto the door, but they began to drag her and she let go," Adams said.

Officers located the van at Lakewood and Mack in Detroit. Police arrested the alleged thief, 49, and driver, 70, both of Detroit. The third man has not been caught nor the purse recovered.

Attic fire

A two-alarm attic fire the morning of Thursday, March 11, on St. Clair was traced to an electrical problem.

It was the third fire this year in the City of Grosse Pointe, according to James Fox, public safety director.

A woman living at the residence, located near the Village

parking structure, reported the fire at about 9:30 a.m.

"She heard a loud explosion in her attic and saw smoke coming down the stairway," Fox said. "She called the fire department and got out of the house."

Grosse Pointe Park officers answered the second alarm.

"Officers got water on the fire right away," Fox said. "It did little damage. We were able to determine that it was caused by wires in the attic."

Finds cocaine

During a traffic investigation at 12:33 p.m. Friday, March 12, police arrested a 24-year-old Center Line man for possession of 10 grams of cocaine.

He'd been riding in a vehicle driven by a 22-year-old Detroit man who was pulled over for almost hitting another vehicle while crossing Mack at Neff.

—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

Detroit sweep

A 48-year-old Georgia woman refused to take a Breathalyzer during a drunken driving investigation at 12:10 a.m. Saturday, March 13, on Chalfonte near Calvin.

An officer had pulled the woman over for straddling lanes on Mack, then turning right Detroit-sweep style, cutting across the path of a vehicle to her right, onto southbound Moross. She then reportedly didn't stop at a red light while turning right onto Chalfonte.

The woman was taken to an area hospital for her blood to be drawn for testing for alcohol content.

Police said they found a cup of wine in the car's driver compartment.

Handy B&E

Burglars broke into a house in the first block of Handy between 9:45 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. Monday, March 8, and stole two televisions and a laptop computer.

No one was home at the time.

Entry was made by kicking in the side door. A neighbor saw the damaged door and thought workmen were on site.

"Unknown persons ransacked the entire residence, took (items) and fled through the rear door," said an officer.

Stolen were a \$1,000 Vizio 42-inch flat-screen TV, \$500 20-inch flat-screen TV of unrecorded model and an \$800 laptop.

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

Grosse Pointe Shores

Liquid lunch

Police received an anonymous tip at about 12:30 p.m. Friday, March 12, regarding a drunken woman driving a red 1994 Honda erratically on southbound Lakeshore near Vernier.

An officer intercepted the woman in the 800 block of Lakeshore.

The woman smelled of intoxicants, denied drinking

then admitted drinking and registered a .26 percent blood alcohol level, said the arresting officer.

No license

At 11:30 a.m. Wednesday March 10, police pulled over a 17-year-old Eastpointe man for driving a silver-colored 1999 Pontiac 50 mph on southbound Lakeshore.

Officers arrested the man because he didn't have a license.

—Brad Lindberg

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

TREATING: City steps up efforts

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a wash, Brennan said.

"The second year, we save a little over \$10,000," he added. "The third year, we'll save over \$20,000. After that, we'll save a little over \$20,000 per year annually."

The budget projection includes the costs of buying the injection equipment, the chemical and inflationary costs for the chemical.

"I didn't even annualize the equipment costs over three years because I wanted to get that out of the way in one year," Brennan said.

"We've been very active in treating our trees for disease from the beginning of Dutch elm disease and, more recently, ash trees because of emer-

ald ash borer," said Shane Reeside, city manager. "Our staff has become pretty educated about the borer and have been vigilant in watching our trees."

Most anti-borer products need to be applied each year.

TREE-age's multi-year efficacy made it an attractive investment.

"That will reduce the cost of administering injections," Reeside said of the multi-year effectiveness. "There was a similar case with our elm trees. Initially, we had to treat elms on an annual basis. Through more effective treatment, that was extended to three years. We hope to get multi years out of an injection."



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OUR VIEW

Take time to answer questions

We've had a taste of spring, but next week the four-letter snow word is predicted again. On the crummy weather days during this transition, a quick item sent to your mailbox needs attention.

On March 15, the U.S. Census Bureau sent a questionnaire you only see every 10 years. It's important every resident is counted because it's documented each resident is worth approximately \$1,000 per year in federal funding. That's \$10,000 per person during the life of this Census.

Kelly Vreeken and Mary Huebner, the 2010 Census representatives for Grosse Pointe provided answers to some common questions regarding the Census.

Who has access to the information I send?
Title 13 of the U.S. Code protects the confidentiality of all information. The U.S. Census Bureau is legally and morally obligated to protect privacy and confidentiality.

Why should I fill out the questionnaire? It is critically important to fund the schools, all levels of government, distribution of more than \$300 billion in federal funds and even more in state funds, planning for hospitals, nursing homes, clinics and the location of other health services, designing public safety strategies and much more.

What if I lose my questionnaire? Go to the Be Counted site, the Grosse Pointe Public Library Ewald Branch, 15175 Jefferson Ave., Grosse Pointe Park.

How do I avoid having a Census worker showing up at my house? If you and your neighbors send your questionnaire by April 1, no U.S. Census worker will come to your door.

What if I need help filling out my questionnaire or have questions? If you have any questions about filling out the questionnaire, confidentiality and why it's important for the community, go to the Census Information Center at 90 Kerby in Grosse Pointe Farms from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. March 19, 24, 26 and 31; 1 to 4 p.m. March 22, 23, 29 and 30; 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. April 1, 7, 9, 14, 15, and 19; and 1 to 4 p.m. April 5, 6, 12 and 13.

It's in your hands - take the time to be counted.

The next good item coming to a mailbox near you soon is a Grosse Pointe Chamber of Commerce six-page survey highlighted on page 2A of this week's paper.

The survey will be distributed to 3,000 homes proportionally in the Pointes April 12. More will be mailed in early May.

Butch Wardwell, a chamber board member, said they expect a 25 to 40 percent response.

Judging by the strong response of a recent survey in the City of Grosse Pointe, those numbers could be right on for the chamber's questionnaire.

Important issues will be addressed, including how communities can save money by forming partnerships in certain areas.

Read more about the survey and make sure you take the time to fill it out and send it back.

Critical issues are being discussed by leaders. The voice of the residents should lead the way.

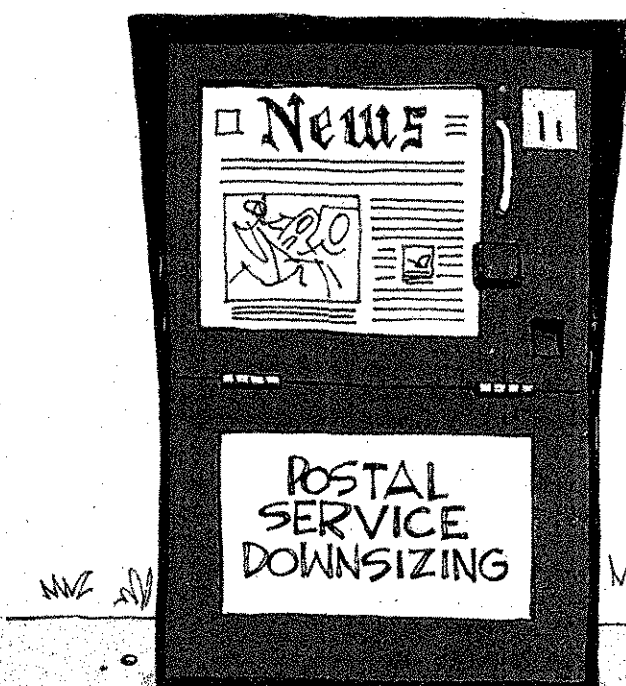
Finally, another important event takes place at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial Saturday, March 20. The Grosse Pointe Board of Realtors presents its 23rd annual Home & Garden Expo from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

There is free parking and free admission. More than 70 local businesses will offer information and demonstrations of dozens of home improvement options. And it comes at the best time, the first day of spring.

Repairs and upgrades help keep the values of all homes in the Pointes stronger, especially in tough economic times.

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LETTERS

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First responsibility

To the Editor:

Wayne County certified a May 4 recall election for five of Grosse Pointe Shores seven-member council, including the mayor.

Two of the five recall candidates resigned effective Feb. 17. Even though there is no real urgency to fill those two seats, the mayor ordered that replacements be appointed on or before the March 16 council meeting.

Under the circumstances, this rush to appoint new council members is disturbing. With the majority vote for appointments coming from council members who are themselves slated for recall, this is like letting the fox decide who guards the hen house.

Due to the unique fact 60 percent of the remaining council members are facing a recall, replacements — who will serve until November 2011 — should be chosen by special public election.

Realizing a request for a special election would be rebuffed, I recommended that new appointments at least be subject to unanimous council approval. This would help provide balance and build accord within the council.

The immediate response to this idea by the mayor and council members targeted for recall was ridicule and rejection, as can be seen on the meeting's video recording.

As a council member, my first responsibility is to the residents of Grosse Pointe Shores. Last week I suggested Grosse Pointe Shores interview all candidates in an open session prior to our making any appointments. Councilman Ted Kedzierski seconded that request.

Our city manager — with the apparent approval of our mayor and remaining council members — discarded the idea, suggesting that any further discussion on the matter be withheld until the March council meeting, which, of course is too late. Prior to the March council meeting there has been no open discussion on the process of selecting two appointees from 11 applicants.

Considering Grosse Pointe Shores' unsavory history of bringing first-term council members aboard via appointment rather than election, there has never been a more appropriate time to insist upon a higher standard.

I would like to think Grosse Pointe Shores would follow a process that best serves the interest of the entire community instead of one individual. But based on my experience with

this council I fear the decision will be more autocratic than democratic.

For those reasons I am not in favor of a tainted selection process that only seems to further perpetuate a form of government that is clearly not in the best interest of the community.

DAN SCHULTE
Grosse Pointe Shores
City Councilman

G.P. Shores management

To the Editor:

A recent letter (March 11 Grosse Pointe News) to the editor, extolling alleged "recall benefits" in Grosse Pointe Shores would have your readers believe the recallers are nothing short of brilliant, civic-minded miracle workers.

The writer, a former unsuccessful candidate for the Grosse Pointe Shores City Council, is now trying to credit the recallers with accomplishments ranging from more transparency in government to supposedly shocking revelations about how our community has been managed for the past several decades.

If our management has really been that bad, why has our community been given a AA-plus bond rating? Apparently Wall Street disagrees with the letter writer's characterization of our management and is confident our Village is and will continue to be able to meet its financial obligations.

Also, where have these purportedly civic-minded cohorts been while these shenanigans were not occurring? We do know that several of them were also involved in the failed campaign of the so-called "Clean Slate" a decade ago.

Much of what we're seeing today is just a rehash of the same "throw it up and see what sticks" used in the past.

Then, the group threw out allegations of pervasive mismanagement relating to local elections. It turned out the bulk of the conduct they complained of was actually management of the voter rolls so as to comply with federal election laws.

Now, some of the same individuals are capitalizing on adverse regional economic conditions to again create a perception of chronic mismanagement. These tactics are unfair to our well-meaning volunteer elected officials and their families, along with our dedicated city employees.

Moreover, the legal expenses incurred by our Village over 10 years of defending against litigation and other costly initiatives by some of these individuals, have and continue to cost a

bundle at a time when declining property values are squeezing local government budgets throughout southeast Michigan.

The Clean Slate was soundly defeated 10 years ago when the residents spoke at the polls. I am hopeful this latest misguided initiative will meet the same fate.

In the meantime, our community will continue to be viewed as a contentious bunch that is riddled with paranoia and dysfunction.

LINDA SOMERS WALTON
Grosse Pointe Shores

Shores council seats

To the Editor:

I am a city councilman for the Village of Grosse Pointe Shores. As most citizens know, a recall election has been approved by Wayne County for some sitting council.

At the Feb. 16 council meeting, two of the six council members unexpectedly resigned. A vacancy was declared and candidates for the two open seats were invited to apply.

At that meeting, Councilman Dan Schulte suggested the council unanimously agree on the appointments.

Last Friday evening, I learned 11 candidates had submitted applications. Several of the applications were from persons I had never met.

In my council package the agenda indicated the replacements would be decided by council majority as stated in the charter.

Is this the right way to replace one-third of the council?

This is particularly of concern since there is a recall election scheduled in early May and the majority of the council, including the mayor, is subject to the recall election.

These council seats belong to the people of Grosse Pointe Shores. I serve at the pleasure of the residents. Shouldn't the citizens of Grosse Pointe Shores be involved and allowed to vote in the selection process?

Certainly these are difficult economic times. In my campaign for one of the council seats, I promised that if elected, the government would be open and transparent. The city government should represent the will of the people.

Therefore I cannot countenance the selection based on a simple majority of the city council members subject to recall. I believe there is a better way to replace the two council seats who serve until November, 2011.

I had sent an e-mail last Monday to the city leaders suggesting a preliminary meeting of the candidates with the residents invited to ask questions in advance of the actual meeting to vote on the appointments. Councilman Dan Schulte had also previously made a similar request. The answer to this inquiry was it would be discussed at the next council meeting — the meeting at which time the vote would be held.

Currently, the city is divided. We need to heal the city.

We have tough work ahead of us as we deal with the budget and the upcoming budget should be the first order of business.

I am honored to represent the people of Grosse Pointe Shores. In my opinion, selecting the replacements without including the votes of the people of Grosse Pointe Shores in the selection process will lead to further division and conflict.

TED KEDZIERSKI
Grosse Pointe Shores
City Councilman

Get the facts

To the Editor:

The effort to push for a recall of the mayor of Grosse Pointe Shores and targeted members of our city council, simply for carrying out their duly appointed responsibilities, is wrong.

I commend the March 11 Grosse Pointe News editorial, "It's time to work together in the Pointes" along with your closing statement: "The answer won't be found in recalls and lawsuits. It's a new world."

The Shores recall action, unprecedented in the history of all the Grosse Pointes, offers no solutions, no effort at reconciliation and ultimately, no benefit for the residents of our historically well-run community.

Those with grievances, whether or not at all justifiable, already have ample representation on the council and their complaints, related to a modest millage increase last year, have certainly been heard as well as widely reported in the paper and repeated letters to the editor of the Grosse Pointe News for several months now.

I urge my fellow residents to get the facts and speak out against this misguided, unfortunate action. I also urge those involved in promoting this recall so aggressively, to reconsider your actions and be sensitive to the potential for long-term damage to the true spirit of involvement and pride in our community that we have always shared.

The basic principles of acting with justice, treating our fellow citizens with mercy and exchanging any self-serving motives with humility could go a very long way toward restoration.

Perhaps through a sincere effort to find solutions and seek reconciliation, a constructive path can be found to mend fences. God reminds us that much is required of everyone who has been given so much, and we are certainly those people.

Together, let's resume our long-standing history and reputation of neighborly friendships and community participation, for the good of all our residents and perhaps the entire region.

JOHN SR. AND
MARLENE BOLL
Grosse Pointe Shores

Kindergarten

To the Editor:

At the Feb. 22 Grosse Pointe Board of Education meeting, the board approved "All Day

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I SAY By Bob St. John

Spring is Tigers baseball at Comerica



Thank you for reminding me that spring fever is here with the start of the 2010 Detroit Tigers' exhibition season.

The Tigers start the season Monday, April 5, in Kansas City against 2009 American League Cy Young winner, Zack Greinke.

Justin Verlander will take the mound for the Tigers in what should be a fantastic opening day matchup.

Sports fans in the area need the Tigers since the other winter teams, the Pistons and Red Wings, have struggled to play consistent on the field and fill the stands.

The feckless Pistons stink and will be in the draft lottery in a matter of a week or so when they're mathematically eliminated from the National Basketball Association playoff chase.

The Wings have tasted a little more success on the ice, but the success hasn't been as profound as in the past decade.

Tons of injuries have hurt the Wings and has left the team in a heated chase for one of the final playoff spots in the National Hockey League Western Conference.

However, less than stellar fan support has left both the Pistons and Red Wings in the dust.

Thank goodness the Tigers are warming up in Florida. The warm spring days at Comerica Park hold optimism for all of us.

What will the 2010 Tigers' season hold? Let's take a look at how the team shakes out under Manager Jim Leyland.

Who can forget last fall's disastrous final week of the regular season. The Tigers had a four game lead on Minnesota, but faded and eventually tied the Twins after the 162-game slate ended.

They played a one-game playoff game and the Twins went on to win in extra innings. Disappointing, but that is in the past and the new team is taking shape.

As of Sunday, March 14, here is the Tigers' probable lineup. Austin Jackson in centerfield and hitting lead-off, followed by left fielder Johnny Damon, right fielder Magglio Ordonez, first baseman Miguel Cabrera, designated hitter Carlos Guillen, third baseman Brandon Inge, second baseman Scott Sizemore, catcher Gerald Laird and shortstop Adam Everett.

Verlander is the ace of the pitching staff that includes Rick Porcello, Max Scherzer, Jeremy Bonderman and Nate Robertson. Jose Valverde is the closer.

The bullpen includes Joel Zumaya, Ryan Perry and Bobby Seay among a host of others.

Detroit came out of nowhere last summer to lead the Central Division for most of the season.

This time around, the Chicago White Sox and Minnesota Twins are the picks to battle for the division crown.

Kansas City is improved, but will not win the title and Cleveland is rebuilding and should finish in the basement.

The team that nobody can



PHOTO BY RENATO JAMETT

Justin Verlander is the Tigers' ace and a big reason the team nearly made the playoffs last year. He has to repeat last year's performance if the team is to contend again in 2010.

predict is the Tigers. Can the offense score enough runs with rookies Jackson and Sizemore in the lineup and can the pitching staff stay strong with Bonderman and Robertson returning from seri-

ous injuries? Personally, I pick the Tigers to finish third in the division with a .500 record, 81-81. The White Sox win the Central with a 92-70 mark, followed by Minnesota at 90-72.

The Tigers stay in the race until early August before fading, but at least the hometown team provides enough fireworks for us to enjoy a summer downtown at Comerica Park.

STREETWISE By Renee Landuyt

If you had \$200 what would you buy?

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



'An 8GB iPod Touch and then I'd buy music with any money left over.'
ADAM WEINKAUFF
Grosse Pointe Woods



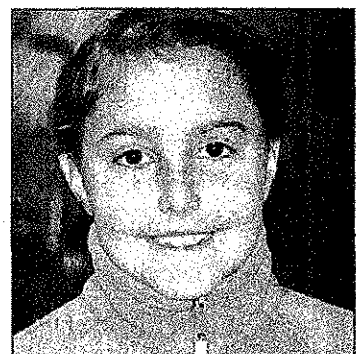
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Grosse Pointe Woods



'I would adopt a dog from a rescue place and buy dog food with the rest of the money.'
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Grosse Pointe Shores



'I would buy a cell phone and clothes.'
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Grosse Pointe Woods



'I would adopt a dog and make a donation to Leader Dogs for the Blind.'
ALLISON BLAINE
Grosse Pointe Woods

FROM THE ARCHIVES Compiled by Suzy Berschback

Selections from G.P. on Lake Sainte Claire



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

By Silas Farmer, 1886

The residences and their occupants

"The new and pretty cottage of Henry Russel adjoins Mr. Newland's residence, and is called 'Weeane.'"



Henry Russel

"Mr. Russel is attorney for the Michigan Central Railway, an evidence that he is one of the brightest and most talented young lawyers of Detroit. The arduous duties of his profession do not prevent him from being foremost in every scheme calculated to add to the social pleasures of the colony. He married Nellie Hogarth Muir, a daughter of W. K. Muir. They have two children, Christine Muir and Anna Davenport.

"Passing the Catholic church and the Convent of the Sacred Heart, which are elsewhere described, we come to Rest Cottage, the residence of Dr. Morse Stewart, who divides with few the honor of being at the head of the medical profession in Detroit.

"The doctor and his family are to be classed among the

old residents at the Pointe, but of late they have leased their residence. Mrs. Stewart's maiden name was Isabella Graham Bethune Duffield. She is the daughter of Rev. George Duffield who, previous to his decease, was one of the best known Presbyterian clergymen of the west. Mrs. Stewart has rare conversational gifts, and is prominent and successful in many philanthropic enterprises.

"Separated from the Stewart place by the Moran Road, is the Grant Farm more recently known as the George Moran Farm. This farm is noted as embracing the first 'cleared' land in Grosse Pointe. It originally extended from the present Catholic church property to the grounds of G. V. N. Lothrop. It had a frontage of nine arpents (French acres), and contained about 400 acres. It was first cultivated by Commodore Alexander Grant, a British naval officer, in command of several men-of-war when this part of the country was in English possession.

"Aspiring to found a seigneury similar to the old French claims on the St. Lawrence, he selected this tract of land, and during the winter, when the lakes were frozen, he employed his sailors and soldiers in clearing off the forest trees. Soon after acquiring the title, he erected a large manor-house, known in its day as 'Grant's Castle.' It was built of hewn oaken timbers taken from the surrounding forest.

"These were neatly dovetailed at the corners, and the interstices between the logs carefully filled with plaster. It was about 160 feet long, two stories in height, and surrounded on all sides by huge two-story verandas or 'galleries,' as the French termed

them, and, in shape, resembled a great barrack. The commodore may, on this showing, be justly termed the founder of Grosse Pointe, and, to make proper explanation here, might result in his being confounded a hundred years hence, with one Ulysses, who, when a young lieutenant, resided for a time in Detroit, and who, it is authoritatively said, enjoyed the French pony racing, and appreciated the fine flavor of the liqueur de pêche as much as did the old commodore.

"The commodore was one of the Clan Grant of Glenmoriston, Invernesshire, and entered the navy of his majesty, George II, at an early age, but left the service in 1757 and joined a Highland regiment, raised for the army of Gen. Amherst, which army reached Lake Champlain in 1759, en route to capture Canada from the French.

"The general, requiring officers for his fleet on the lake, commissioned Lt. Grant as the commander of a sloop of 16 guns. The operations of the combined forces under Amherst having secured the conquest of Canada, Grant was sent to Lakes Ontario and Erie. In 1774, he married Therese, daughter of Charles Barthe, of Detroit. The family are descended from Theophile Barthe (armoror to the King) who was married at Montreal in 1718 to Charlotte Alavoine. Adelaide Askin, wife of Col. Elijah Brush and mother of Hon. Edmund A. Brush, was of the same family, through her mother, Marie Archange Barthe. The Barthe family are also connected with the Godfroys, Navarres, the Descomptes Labadies (ancestors of Mrs. Richard Storrs Willis, of Detroit), and many others equally well-known.



Cottage of Henry Russel.

"At the time of Grant's marriage, Detroit and vicinity were part of Canada, and from his castle at the Pointe, he used to distribute British bounties and pensions to the savage allies of King George. The great chief Tecumseh and others of his tribe were frequent visitors at 'Grant's Castle.' The commodore was called to the executive council in 1805, and administered the government of Upper Canada.

"He was a man of commanding presence, a good officer, and a general favorite. In a letter to his brother at York (now Toronto), written in 1811, he says, 'My duty where my naval command requires me, is at such a distance, that I cannot travel in the winter, but I come down at my ease in summer to take some sittings in council.

"A gentleman who has served his country for 50 years requires some indulgence, and my superiors allow it to me."

"He died (in) Grosse Pointe in 1813, leaving 11 daughters and one son, a British officer who resided (in) Brockville, Canada. Of the descendants of the daughters, some reside in Canada, and others have gone to the old country. Among the former are the families of the Wrights, Robinsons, Dicksons, Woods, Duffs, Wilkinsons, Millers, Jacobs, and Richardsons. Of the Barthe family, an older sister of Mrs. Grant married John Askin, from whom spring the Essex County family of the name,



Moran house

daughters of whom became mothers of the Hamiltons, Richardsons, Merediths, McKees, Pattersons, Brushes, and Ronalds.

"Another sister of Mrs. Grant married Maj. Mercer of the Royal Artillery, one of whose daughters has achieved some literary fame and is still living in England.

"The Grants also had an adopted child, a boy who had been taken prisoner by the Indians, but was rescued from an untimely fate through Mrs. Grant's interposition. This boy, called John Grant, was given a farm of 300 acres, a short distance above the first settlement. This farm is now owned by T. P. Hall. The old

Grant houses on both farms, were recently demolished.

"George Moran, who succeeded to the Grant farm, died in 1882. He settled here at an early day, and was a noted character of old Grosse Pointe. As a raconteur he was a decided success, and many of his humorous stories are still related. On Indian fights and all the startling events of the mystic past, he was considered an authority.

"At his death he had disposed of a large portion of his farm, but several of his children still retain portions of the ancestral homestead. His oldest son, Richard Moran, resides on the rear of the farm, and is well-versed in the history of the Pointe. Another son, Charles G. Moran, owns the cottage on the front of the farm next to the Moran Road. The latter was the first president of Grosse Pointe village, and is now one of the auditors of Wayne county. He married a daughter of Richard Conner, Louis and James are two other sons of George Moran."

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LETTERS: Grosse Pointe schools

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Kindergarten" for students, with a half-day component to be determined at a later date.

Due to budgetary concerns, the state of Michigan tabled the issue of mandatory ADK indefinitely. Absent any new communication from the school board to the contrary, parents assumed the status quo for the 2010-2011 school year when planning their child's preschool schedule.

Despite the approval of ADK by the board in February, board members did not agree on the specifics regarding the half-day component of the program.

In response to this incomplete plan offered by the board,

and on behalf of the numerous parents who continue to prefer a half-day experience for their children and the multitude of Grosse Pointe taxpayers who want half-day kindergarten to continue to be offered in our unique community, we propose the following:

◆ **Maintain at least one section of half-day kindergarten to be run in its present, successful format at each home school.**

Why should the board opt to maintain the separate half-day format?

◆ **Financially advantageous:** half-day kindergarten students receive the same per-pupil amount from the state of Michigan as ADK students. Thus, it is financially advantageous for the district to maintain as many half-day programs as possible.

◆ **Adequate space:** Most schools in the district have adequate room to provide a separate half-day kindergarten section.

tion.

◆ **Prevent loss of students:** Many kindergarten parents are put-off by attempts by the district to force all students into ADK, and have already begun the process of enrollment in half-day programs in private/parochial schools.

◆ **Accommodation of all students:** Using only a second, flawed survey to garner input from the community, the district chose to ignore a previous district-commissioned survey with more than half of all respondents indicating a preference to keep half-day kindergarten with an extended day kindergarten option, as has been the norm in Grosse Pointe for 30 years.

Please consider speaking at the 8 p.m. Monday, March 22 board meeting at Grosse Pointe North High School and ask the board to maintain at least one half-day class in its present format at each school.

NICOLE BOUTROUS
Kerby Elementary Parent

Maintain school quality

To the Editor:

As a former Grosse Pointe Public School System student and current Grosse Pointe resident and parent, I was very disappointed to read the article, "GPPSS struggles to ink teacher contracts," March 11 Grosse Pointe News.

I graduated from Grosse Pointe South High School in 2003 and am extremely grateful to the Grosse Pointe schools teachers for providing me with an excellent education.

I was very ill for most of my childhood years, missing more than half of my freshman and sophomore years of high school. I have no doubt without the tireless dedication of GPPSS teachers, I would not be where I am today. They frequently went the extra mile,

staying after school so I could make up tests and making sure I understood all of the material.

Their dedication and talent helped prepare me for college, where I earned a full scholarship and graduated with a 4.0 grade point average. I often wonder where I would have ended up had I not had the fortune of such a high quality education.

Last year, I bought a house in Grosse Pointe so my two children will be able to have the same opportunities I had. High quality teachers lead to high quality schools. High quality schools increase property values.

Providing a competitive compensation package to retain the exceptional teachers in the GPPSS is the best way to ensure Grosse Pointe property values do not continue their decline and our children have the education they deserve.

I fully support the GPPSS teachers in their contract negotiations. I hope the school officials do not underestimate the importance of a competitive compensation package to attract and retain top teachers.

We need the best teachers to maintain the quality of our school system as well as our property values.

Tough economic times call for tough choices, but I hope the school officials are wise enough to recognize the importance of the GPPSS teachers and how much the Grosse Pointe residents value them.

JULIE (O'KEEFE) MOE
Grosse Pointe

Art department

To the Editor:

As a graduate of Grosse Pointe South High School in 1999, I found your article, "Art on Display, Exhibit showcases broad talent" March 11 Grosse Pointe News, to warm my heart a little.

I am one of the "more than 200 South alumni have gone on to careers in art-related fields." Some of the best memories from my high school career were created during the hours I spent in the art department.

Two teachers who have now retired, Jack Summers and Gene Pluhar, were my biggest influences for my becoming an art teacher.

I currently work at U-32 in Montpelier, Vt., teaching photography and drawing to high school students.

I often think of my experience at South while teaching and I sometimes show images I made in my photography classes to my students.

In my second year teaching, I have thought about incorporating ideas from the artfest at South into our school. The award ceremony, for example, was very validating to both myself and my parents, who had committed to supporting me through art school.

I must commend everyone in South's art department for being an inspiration to so many students throughout the years.

I hope to now do the same for students here in Vermont. I do support the Raiders at U-32 but I think there will always be a little Blue Devil in me.

AMY KOENIGBAUER
Montpelier, VT

Enjoyed musical

To the Editor:

Congratulations to the students who performed in the play, "Into the Woods," this past weekend at University Liggett School.

A lot of hard work I'm sure went into it as it was a great performance by all of the students.

My husband and I thoroughly enjoyed it.

GAIL AND CHARLES
ERIKSEN
St. Clair Shores

Some questions

To the Editor:

I wish to correct some inaccuracies of statements made by the writer of the letter "Terrorism," published in the March 11 Grosse Pointe News.

The letter writer stated Janet Napolitano was distributing lots of money into radiation detectors and bomb-sniffing dogs and wondering "where are the bomb-sniffing dogs" in Detroit?

I wish to inform the letter writer there are bomb-sniffing dogs in Detroit terminals. The dogs were busy sniffing the passengers and luggage as I entered the international terminal. Also, on Dec. 20, 2009, I was required to go through the full scale radiation scanner before I was able to board the plane. So, letter writer, we already have this equipment in Detroit, while other terminals may not have this.

I was also surprised to read the letter writer's statement, "He'll be tried in court here-and no doubt be released so he can sue us and go on another bombing spree."

It is interesting to note the letter writer already knows the outcome of such a trial and that Abdulmutallab will not serve time, nor will he be required to leave the country.

I wonder where the letter writer gets her information?

MARION MC CARTHY
Harper Woods

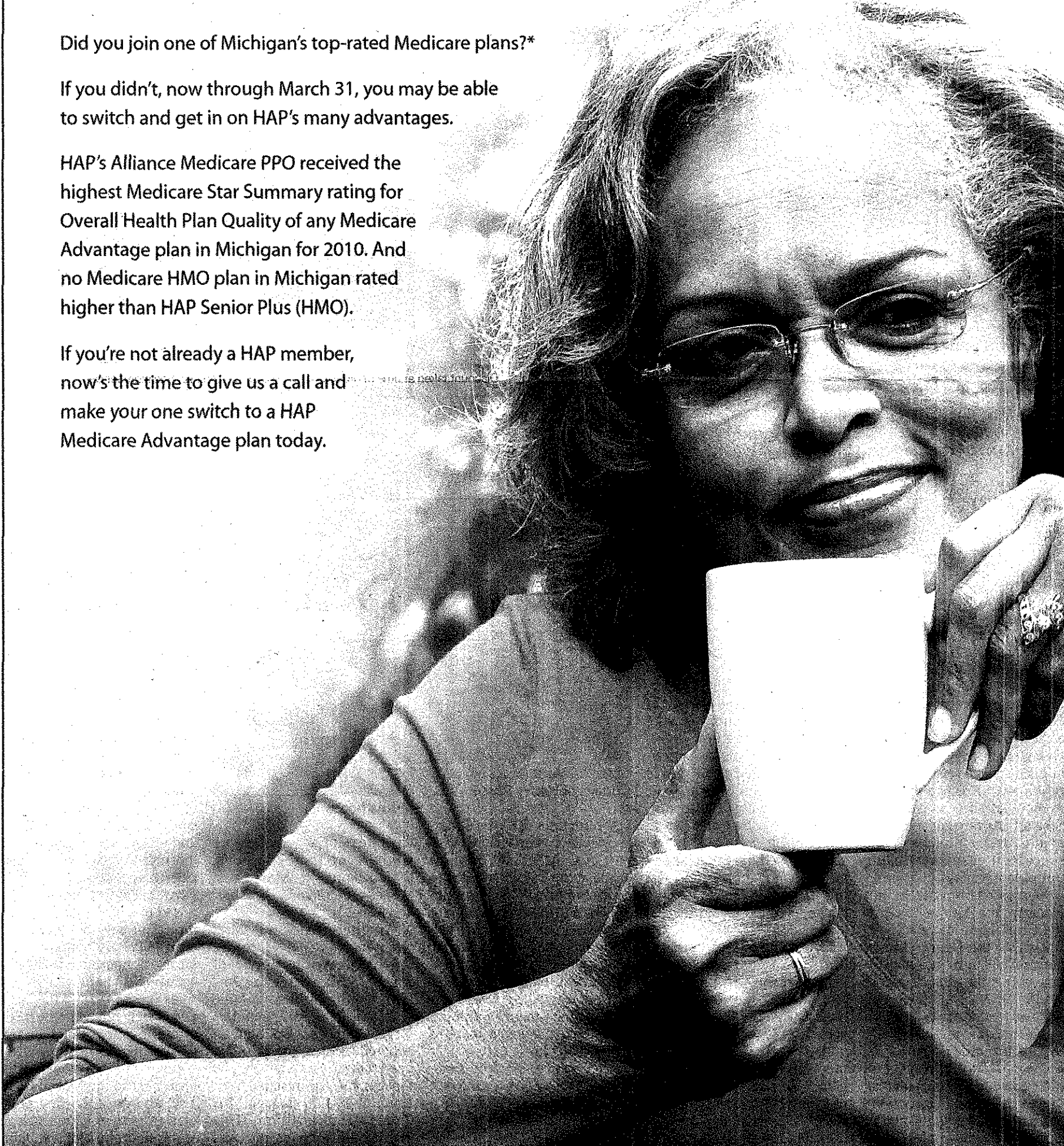
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Officers receive awards

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

Seventeen Grosse Pointe Farms public safety officers were presented a combined nine commendations during an award ceremony this month at city hall.

In addition, a staff assistant at Grosse Pointe South High School won a community service award for saving a student from drowning in the new swimming pool.

Also honored was John Parnell, commander of the city's civilian volunteer emergency support unit.

Officers Antonino Trupiano and Roger Wierszewski each won three awards.

Sgt. John Bruno, Detective Michael McCarthy and officers Timothy Harris and Vincent Finn each won two.

Dan Jensen, director of public safety, presided over the award ceremony.

The breakdown is:

◆ Community service

For rescuing a drowning student at Grosse Pointe South High School.

Jesse Bordato, a staff assistant during a special education class in the swimming pool, Dec. 11, 2009 rescued a student who went under water and appeared to be suffering a medical emergency.

Bordato dove into the pool, pulled out the student and began administering CPR.

"After three chest compressions, the child began to regain normal breathing," Jensen said.

Treatment followed at an area hospital.

"The child made a full recovery," Jensen said. "Mr. Bordato is to be commended for his quick thinking and decisive actions in preventing a child from drowning and is a true asset to his profession and the community."

◆ Director's Unit Award for Outstanding Achievement

Lt. Jack Patterson, Detective Michael McCarthy and Emergency Support Unit Commander John Parnell

"Since 1993, under the coordination of Patterson, McCarthy and Parnell, the unit performed with dedication and enthusiasm in countless activities and emergency details," Jensen said. "The professionalism exhibited by all the members of the unit during both enjoyable and difficult times is truly exemplary."

◆ Commendation

PSOs Antonino Trupiano and PSO Roger Wierszewski For helping catch armed men in Detroit who had been accused of carjacking in Harper Woods June 30, 2009.

"Routinely the first to arrive on high-priority runs, officers Wierszewski and Trupiano exhibited the discipline, self-restraint and courage necessary to pursue armed suspects," Jensen said.

◆ Lifesaving and Unit Award

Sgt. John Bruno; PSOs Geoffrey McQueen, Antonino Trupiano, John Walko and Roger Wierszewski; and Dispatcher Amanda Martin

For saving the life of an infant, who had stopped breathing, Aug. 3, 2009.

"Due to the officers' expert use of their training and the skillful manner in which they carried out their duty, an infant life was saved," Jensen said.

◆ Citation

PSO Matthew Hurner

For recovering stolen property in Detroit May 20, 2009.

"It is important to acknowledge this type of unyielding perseverance as meritorious," Jensen said. "But, for Officer Hurner, this kind of dedication is part of his everyday work ethic."

◆ Citation

PSOs Vincent Finn and Timothy Harris

For tracking down and arresting a man in the possession of a stolen vehicle who, along with a couple of other men, appeared to be casing the area of Calvin near Mack at 3:15 a.m. Nov. 11, 2009.

"The combination of alertness and swift action resulted in the arrest of three felons and the recovery of property without incident," Jensen said.

"Another veteran performance from two of our youngest officers."

◆ Citation

PSOs James Corbett, Vincent Finn, Timothy Harris, Wesley Kipke and Jason Newberg

For thwarting four men from stealing a car shortly after mid-

night Sept. 1, 2009 on Colonial Court.

"These officers have proven themselves well chosen and well train, each displaying their own individual level of tenacity patience and teamwork," Jensen said.

◆ Citation

Lt. Richard Rosati, head of

the detective bureau, and

Detective Michael McCarthy

For capping an eight-week investigation, starting in September 2009, with the capture of career criminals, with records for drugs to attempted murder, for passing bad checks at a bank on the Hill.

"The dedication and perseverance exhibited by detectives McCarthy and Lt. Rosati led to the arrest and conviction of three habitual felons that were preying on our local busi-

nesses," Jensen said.

◆ Citation

Sgt. John Bruno

For the Jan. 5, 2009 capture of a man and woman for shoplifting on the Hill.

"Sgt. Bruno's diligent awareness and skillful control of the situation underscores his position as a leader who sets the standard by example," Jensen said.

◆ Director's Merit Award for Outstanding Achievement

Fire Inspector and Officer

James McMahon

McMahon has been fire inspector since 2004.

"Jim has been the main liaison to all new business owners and has maintained a friendly, professional disposition while asking for necessary corrections to be made as dictated by state requirements," Jensen said.

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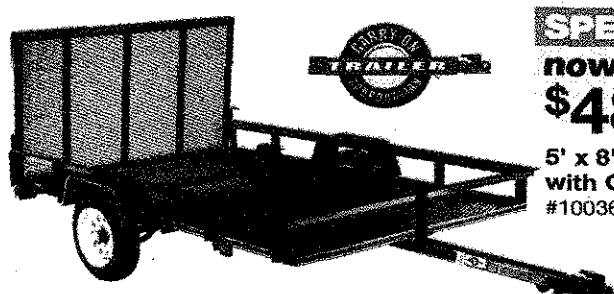
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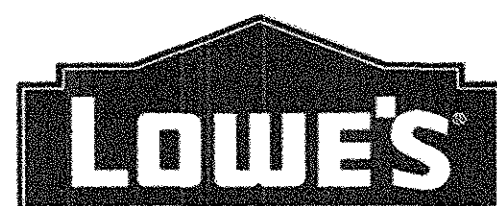
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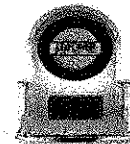


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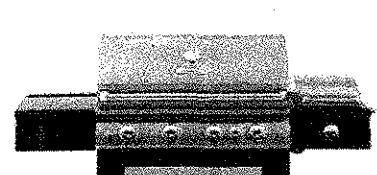
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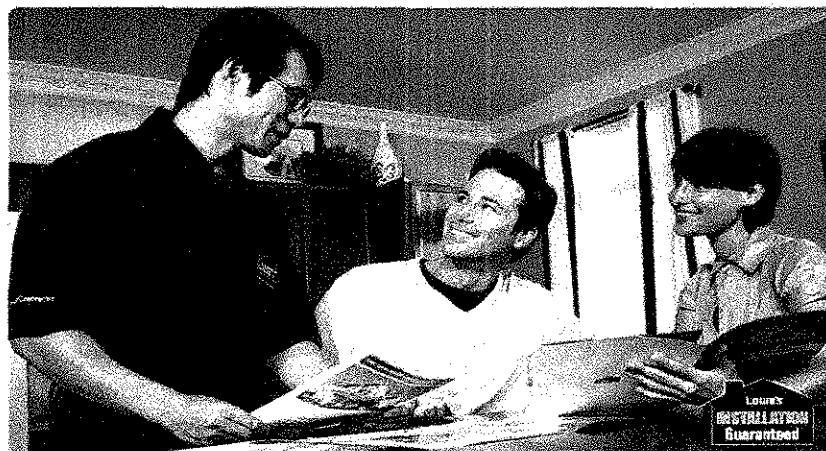
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Grosse Pointe Board of REALTORS®

2010 HOME & GARDEN EXPO



★ SATURDAY, MARCH 20 ★

The Grosse Pointe Board of REALTORS® will showcase their commitment to Grosse Pointe at the 23rd Annual Home & Garden Expo. The event will be held from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial Saturday, March 20.

The free event will feature some 70 exhibitors specializing in every aspect related to your home. Experts include painters, remodelers, home inspectors, florists, landscapers, roofers and more.

They will be happy to offer ideas and tips for home improvements you might have in mind this spring.

"The economy, the way it is, has people living in their homes longer than they counted on," said Grosse Pointe Board of REALTORS® President Lewis Gazoul. "Homeowners have to repaint, put new carpeting in, a new roof, water heaters. It's never-ending, but it's worth the investment. This show is the perfect place for ideas and the help homeowners need."

Gazoul said improvements made to homes will help them sell faster.

"The nicest homes are the ones selling for the most money," he said. "To maximize your property value, it is essential that you maintain your property. By doing so, you will help keep pace with the newer generation

The Grosse Pointe Board of REALTORS® will hold its 23rd annual Home & Garden Expo from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. March 20, at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial. The event is free. Parking is free.



of buyers who gravitate toward homes with recent updates and renovations."

The Grosse Pointe Board of REALTORS® is celebrating its 25th anniversary of service to the Grosse Pointe community. It also fosters networking of its members on a professional basis.

"We are focused on the education of our members and making sure that residents in the community are aware of issues that affect one of their largest investments - their property," said Gazoul.

The Grosse Pointe Board of REALTORS® follow a Code of Ethics established by the National Association of REALTORS® in 1913, which insists its members uphold the professional standards of the industry.

The board also recently hosted the 3rd Annual "The State of Real Estate in Grosse Pointe" forum, covering such issues as assessment

appeals, trends, incentives, sold statistics, short sales and foreclosures. The event was free and open to the public. An informational brochure and worksheets were distributed. Questions raised by citizens anxious to learn more about the process were raised as well.

The Home & Garden Expo typically draws more than 1,000 people every year, said Bobbi Sexton, chief executive officer of the board. Not only does it get vendors together with the community, the Expo offers door prizes, drawings, demonstrations, handouts and much more. This year, sponsors include Adlhoch & Associates, Bank of America Home Loans, Bolton-Johnston Associates, Century 21 Town & Country, Healthy Homes, Johnstone & Johnstone, and Sine & Monaghan GMAC.

The Expo is just one of several community involvement projects the Grosse Pointe Board of REALTORS® is engaged in this year. The 3rd annual Art & Garden Tour will showcase local artisans and gardens, and is scheduled for

Saturday, July 24. Cheryl Gauss, a past president of the board, is serving as chairperson for both events this year.

The board also supports the community with its annual Easter Basket Drive (12 area families in need are given baskets with Easter dinner and other goodies provided by members) and the annual Toys for Tots Drive which is held around Christmas each year.

"We serve the community on a daily basis," Sexton said.

"When we started this show 23 years ago, we had no idea how big it would become. Many of our vendors come back year after year because of the outstanding turn out of serious shopper attendees, the mix of service providers and, of course, the location - one of our community gems, the Grosse Pointe War Memorial. This event draws people not only from the Pointes, but from the entire metro Detroit area. It is a lot of work for the Grosse Pointe Board of Realtor® members who plan and work the show, but it's also a lot of fun!"

Cheryl Gauss,
Grosse Pointe Board of Realtors®
2010 Home & Garden Expo Chair



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Ancient Egypt rocks in Brownell production

By Amy Salvagno
Staff Writer

It's a story of forgiveness and grace, of vivid dreams that foretell the future, of the bonds of family.

Brownell Middle School presents the Andrew Lloyd Webber and Tim Rice whimsical comedy, "Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat," at 7 p.m. Thursday, March 25, and Friday, March 26, at Parcels Middle School auditorium, 20600 Mack Ave., Grosse Pointe Woods.

The 88-member cast performs the lighthearted spin off the Biblical tale, drenched in vibrant costumes and catchy tunes, including parodies of French ballads, Elvis-inspired rock 'n' roll, western, swing, reggae and disco.

"We love the music," said producer and seventh- and eighth-grade English teacher Tamera Duffield. "We always choose a musical rather than a play to involve as many kids as possible with big musical numbers."

"There are some incredible voices. People will be surprised and astounded at how they sound because for middle school, they (audiences) don't expect them to perform at the caliber they do," added Susan Dempsey, Duffield's counterpart and director of the show.

The two have worked together



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Brownell Middle School performs the whimsical "Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat." Above: Joseph's father, Jacob, played by Paul Wenger, center, and his 10 other sons: front row, from left, Brendan Clune, Eric Addy, Nathan Turner, Marty Brown and Evan Jeup. Back row, from left, Wilson Livingston, Eric Posada, Jack Warren, David Gilbert and Frankie Thams. Right: Eighth-grader Isaac Picuch plays Joseph, the young dreamer.

for 20 years and say they've learned what it takes to put on a show of this magnitude — and have past performances, including "The Wiz" and "Annie," to prove it.

Usually, the pair borrows costumes from the closets of the Grosse Pointe Theatre and Grosse Pointe South High School. This year, it was more appropriate to look to local

churches.

For the past 10 years, they have saved what little profit they make from each show to one day make a large donation to the new multipurpose room, currently being built. "Joseph" will likely be the last show Brownell performs off-campus.

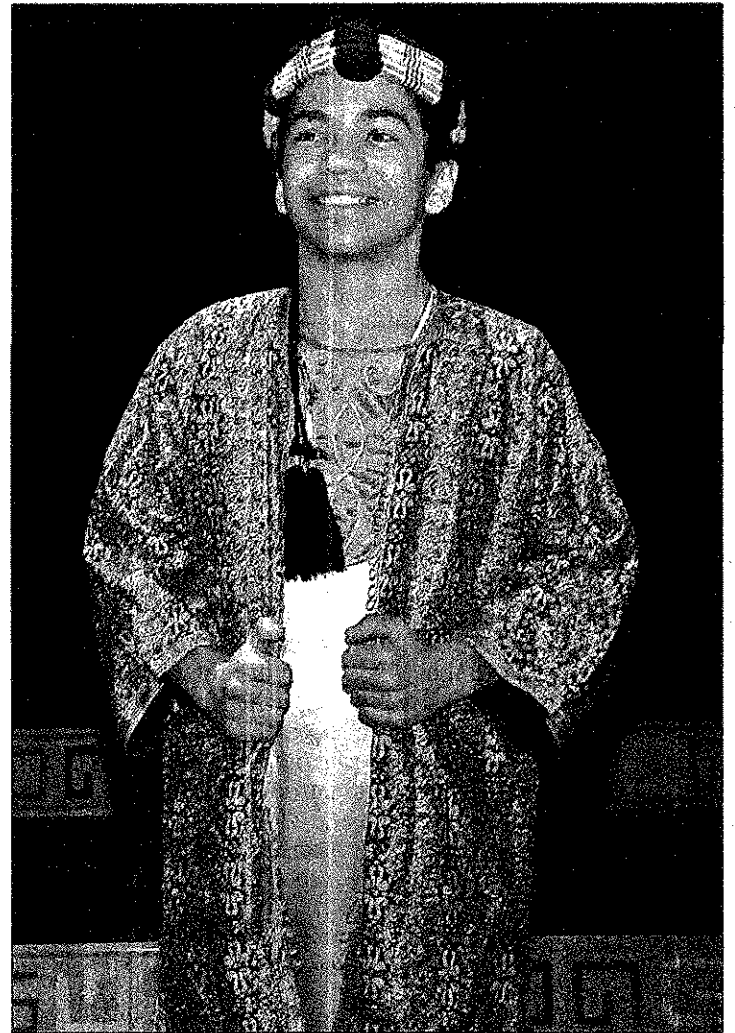
Dempsey and Duffield, along with vocal music teacher Carolyn Gross, prepare for a

year, but from December to March, tack on an additional 20 hours each week for the after-school undertaking.

"I don't think people realize how much you do out of the classroom," Dempsey said.

"It's something we all love that much. Some days, it doesn't seem like work," Duffield added.

Often, they have the young



actors to thank for that. Around rehearsal, students are enthusiastic about their roles, the upbeat songs and the eclectic cast of characters.

Eighth-grader Isaac Picuch landed his first lead role.

"I like Joseph because he tries to be a good person. He forgives his brothers and tries

to be friendly," said Picuch, admitting he's always enjoyed singing. Fortunately, his part isn't void of songs.

Jackie Chylinski, one of three narrators, says acting is her passion.

"I thought this would be a

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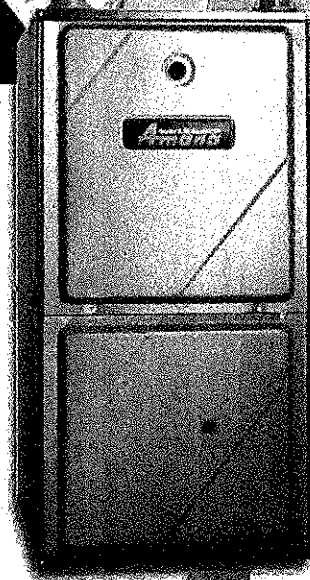
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Choir shares songs on international stage

By Amy Salvagno
Staff Writer

Along picturesque streets, filled with unique customs, smells and scenes, they discovered a world of memories.

Grosse Pointe South High School choir students, fresh off an eight-day trip to Greece, got an up-close lesson in culture, a front-row view of history and a few long-distance friendships.

More than 66 students, along with parents, chaperones, school staff and members of South's jazz band, toured Athens and Crete Feb. 12-20, spreading song and dance across a variety of venues, sharing an art not cultivated in either country.

Every two years, the choir travels to a different country as Ambassadors of Friendship. During the Greece trip, students performed as part of the cultural series at the University of Crete, sang and marched in the City of Athens Carnival Parade — where they were the center-stage opening act — and entertained the audience at the Rethymon Stadium in Crete at the invitation of the mayor.

The show choir also participated in recitals in Athens at a public performing arts school, a private school and at the Mikis Theodorakis Theatre as part of a fundraising concert for the Special Needs Vocational Training Center.

Choir director Ellen Bowen says it's important to plan performances that introduce the choir directly to the local culture and allow them to interact with their peers there. Many have reconnected through the choir's Facebook page, leaving messages of appreciation.

"You were something more than just fantastic. You were excellent," wrote one choir fan.



Grosse Pointe South choir students showed off their vocal and dance talent during an eight-day trip to Greece, performing at venues in Athens and Crete and taking time for some sight-seeing. Left: The choirs entertain audiences unaccustomed to the art of song and dance. Below: The group of 66 students enjoy the ancient landscape during some free time. Bottom: Students perform "Thriller" during a visit to the Rethymon Stadium in Crete at the invitation of the mayor.

PHOTOS PROVIDED BY GROSSE POINTE SOUTH CHOIR

"The show was the best ever. Please visit us for one more show."

Nikos Karampelas, of Menidi, Greece, said, "You were just amazing. Your show was the best. Please visit us again."

Several South students say they were humbled by the praise.

"It was fulfilling, as a performer, to see how people really appreciate it," said junior Halimah Nurullah. "It does something for you."

"People were thanking us for sharing our free time," said senior Brad Menchl.

When they weren't performing, students spent time shopping, sight-seeing and sharing new experiences.

Menchl said he enjoyed spending free time with friends half-way around the world.

"I learned I need to travel more," said Caleb Webb, of his first overseas choir trip. The sophomore added he needs more stamps on his passport because his aspirations of a music theater career will require trips abroad.

Nurullah was fascinated by the history that surrounded the group.

"There was such rich culture, and contemporary build-

ings mixed in with ruins," she recalled.

"Our time was fulfilling," said senior Alexis Mabry. "I took in every moment and feel I got the most out of the experience."

The choir prepared for only a few weeks new songs and choreography they would perform in Greece. And they had quite the medley: '80s favorites, including "Thriller," "Mama Mia,"

"Tuxedo Junction," selections from "Hair," "42nd Street" and "West Side Story," a western tune; and even a few ballads.

To raise funds for the trip, some students hosted a 120-family garage sale, put on a benefit concert, sold wrapping paper, collected returnables and offered holiday caroling.

"We are truly proud of each and every one of our students, chaperones and administrators," said Bowen. "Everyone went through a remarkable amount of effort to make this experience a reality. It was definitely an opportunity that will positively impact those involved for the rest of their lives."

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Teacher of the Week

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

Here, students celebrate their favorite teacher.

This week, it's **Grosse Pointe South High School English teacher Nicholas Provenzano**.

He was nominated by seniors Michele Miller and Gavan O'Connor.

Said Miller: "He is a young teacher who embraces all kinds of new technology, both in and outside his classroom. He started a new class at South, Pictorial Literature, which is totally unlike any class offered here. He is always thinking outside the box. Mr. P deserves to be recognized for his outstanding achievements and creativity."

Said O'Connor: "Mr. Provenzano is one of the most entertaining and engaging teachers I have ever had. He seems to have a much better understanding of his students than most and is able to help and counsel when needed. He also has an odd affinity for quiche."

Years at the Grosse Pointe Farms school: 7

Previous work: I've been at South since I did my student teaching here back in 2002.

Why did you become a teacher?

To change the world, one student at a time.

What do you enjoy about teaching?

I enjoy seeing the 'light bulb' moments. Those moments when a student understands a concept for the first time. There is nothing like it in the world.

How do you feel about being nominated?

I feel very honored to be nominated. I teach with some amazing teachers in Grosse Pointe and they are all worthy of nomination.

Words of wisdom or encouragement for high school students?

Here is a quote I hang in my room. It's from Theodore Roosevelt: 'It is not the critic who counts; nor the man who points out how the strong man stumbles, or where the doer of deeds could have done them better. The credit belongs to the man who is actually in the

arena, whose face is marred by dust and sweat and blood, who strives valiantly; who errs and comes short again and again; because there is not effort without error and shortcomings; but who does actually strive to do the deed; who knows the great enthusiasm, the great devotion, who spends himself in a worthy cause, who at the best knows in the end the triumph of high achievement and who at the worst, if he fails, at least he fails while daring greatly.

So that his place shall never be with those cold and timid souls who know neither victory nor defeat.'

—Amy Salvagno

Nicholas Provenzano stands in front of a mural in his classroom painted by a Grosse Pointe South art student.

PHOTO BY RENEE LANDUYT



Give your teacher something better than a shiny red apple.

Nominate him or her for an upcoming Teacher of the Week. Students in grades K-12 can submit the name of their favorite teacher, along with a few reasons why your teacher is outstanding. Submissions should include the teacher's name, current school and grade they teach, along with the nominating student's name and contact information.

Call or e-mail the information to Amy Salvagno at (313) 343-5592 or asalvagno@grossepointenews.com.

City of **Grosse Pointe Woods**, Michigan

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Lisa Kay Hathaway, MMC
City Clerk

City of **Grosse Pointe Woods**, Michigan

NOTICE OF REVIEW OF THE 2010 ASSESSMENT ROLL: Notice is hereby given the Board of Review of the City of Grosse Pointe Woods, Wayne County, Michigan, will be in session in the Community Center of the Municipal Building, 20025 Mack Plaza, Grosse Pointe Woods, Michigan, on

TUESDAY, MARCH 9, 2010
TUESDAY, MARCH 23, 2010

from 9:00 a.m. to noon, 1:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m., and 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. EST, for reviewing the 2010 Assessment Roll. All persons considering themselves aggrieved by their assessment, or who have any questions or comments, may make an appointment to appeal before the Board of Review by contacting the Tax Department (phone 313 343-2440 Ext. 215). Resident taxpayers must appear in person or send an agent to appeal their assessment.

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City of **Grosse Pointe Farms**, Michigan

BOARD OF REVIEW

Meetings for the purpose of reviewing the 2010 Assessment Roll for the City of Grosse Pointe Farms, Wayne County, Michigan, will be held by the Board of Review on:

TUESDAY, MARCH 9, 2010
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and
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TUESDAY, MARCH 16, 2010
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MONDAY, MARCH 22, 2010
From 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
and
1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

at City Hall, 90 Kerby Road, Grosse Pointe Farms, Michigan 48236.

Hearings will be scheduled by appointment. Please contact City of Grosse Pointe Farms at (313) 640-1618. You may also petition the Board in writing through the mail if you cannot make the hearing dates. These letters HAVE TO BE IN THE OFFICE BY FRIDAY, MARCH 19th.

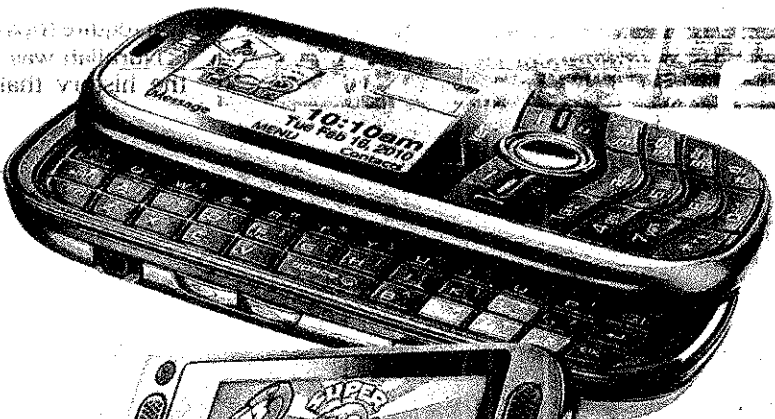
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4A II | SCHOOLS



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Learning to be green

Local Motion Education Coordinator Melissa Sargent recently visited Defer Elementary School to teach children about plastics recycling. She explained what the number represents on the bottom of a plastic bottle or container and how it can be used, and shared a rhyme to remember what those numbers mean: 1 for once only; if you can, use 2, 4, 5 again; 7, 6, 3, let them be. Students shared their suggestions on how to reduce and reuse items during the interactive presentation.



PHOTO BY RENEE LANDUYT

Animal lovers

The Kerby Elementary School student council tackled a new kind of project in February: Animals abandoned or dropped off at shelters by people who can no longer afford to take care of them. Children held a collection drive for animal shelters in Wayne and Oakland counties, seeking canned food, toys, blankets, newspapers, towels and brushes. Kathryn Leonard, Hadley Hermon and Connor Brannagan, three of four student council members who organized the drive, show some of the boxes ready to be delivered. Student council advisors are Pamela Cronovich and Jennifer Corbett. Not pictured is Joey Veneri.



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very exciting opportunity," said
the eighth-grader, who tells the
story through word and song.

Marty Brown, who plays
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brothers, says he fell in love
with acting after his older sister
introduced him to the art.

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said the eighth-grader, who
gets a solo with "Benjamin
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a contemporary energy.

"Everything is exciting and
colorful," said Piecuch.

Dempsey and Duffield say
the show is one everyone will
enjoy.

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quite astounding. To see al-
most 100 kids actually working
in a synchronized way — what
the audience will see is a very
polished show," Duffield said.
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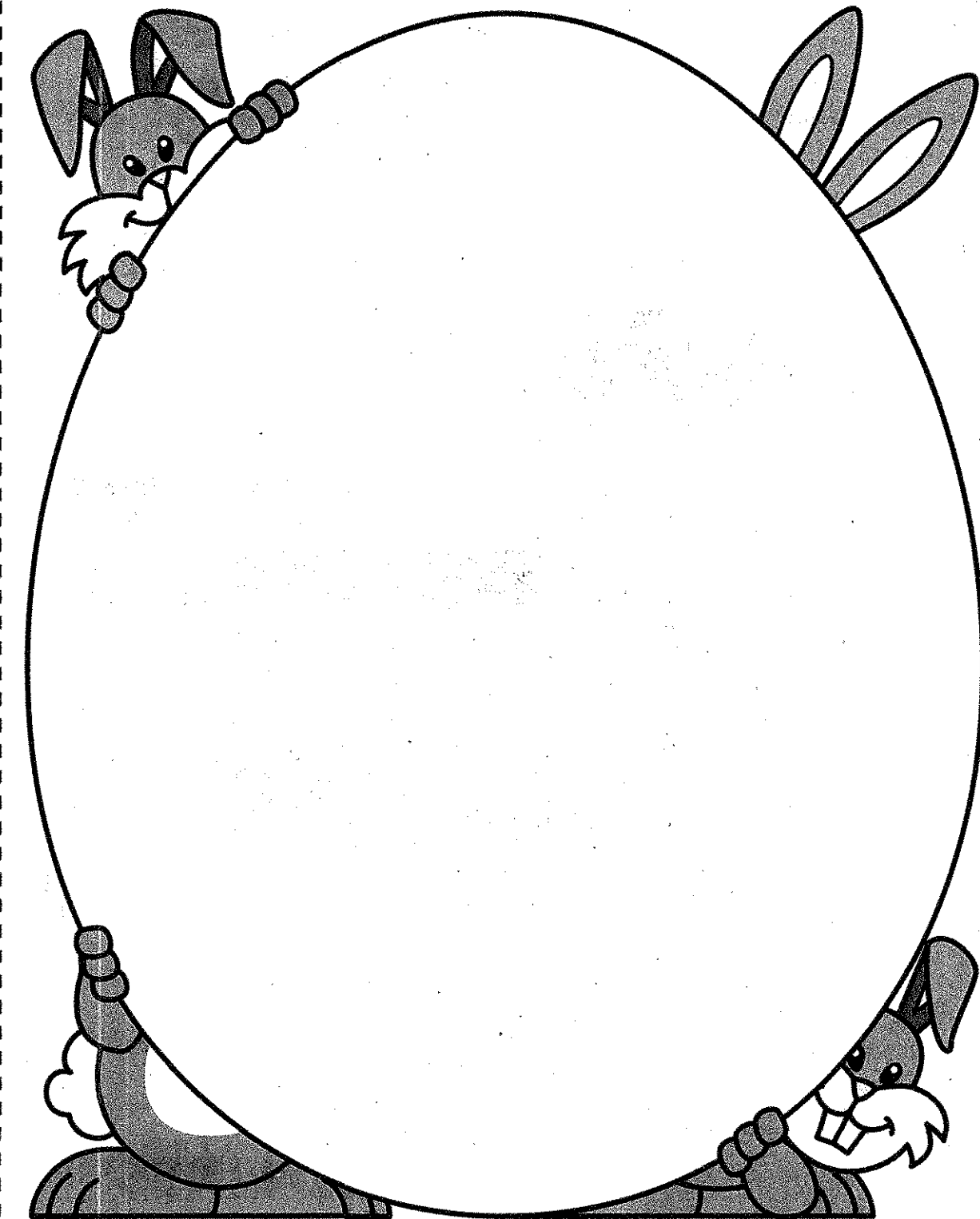
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6A II | AUTOMOTIVE

AUTOS By Jenny King

MKT: New look for luxury crossovers



In its resurgence in the marketplace, Lincoln has introduced a six- or seven-passenger luxury crossover that adds a brand-new face to the brand's lineup.

There's no doubt the Lincoln MKT is a luxury car. That shouts from its stately appearance: From the grille to the large and wide-opening doors to the unusual and prominent rear-end design and mile-deep exterior colors.

Available in front-wheel or all-wheel drive, the Lincoln says the low-slung MKT complements the smaller, boxier five-passenger MKX crossover.

For a technology-loaded vehicle, the MKT offers a surprisingly uncomplicated instrument panel. It is one that even the tech-challenged can comprehend and use — at least at a basic-functions level — without too much owner's manual consultation. They say men are reluctant to ask for driving directions. We say almost everyone is reluctant to study the thick owner's manual that lies patiently in the glove box.

The test vehicle, a 2010 Lincoln MKT with all-wheel drive and Ford Motor Company's 3.5-liter V-6 EcoBoost engine, included an "Elite" package, voice-activated navigation system and intriguing detail map, a power Panoramic Vista Roof and acoustic side door glass.

Twenty-inch polished-aluminum wheels and parking assist were listed as options.

In the mood for numbers?



The 2010 Lincoln MKT offers a sumptuous palette of exterior colors. The test car was finished in cinnamon clear-coat metallic. Red candy, steel blue and varieties of white, black, silver and gold are other choices.



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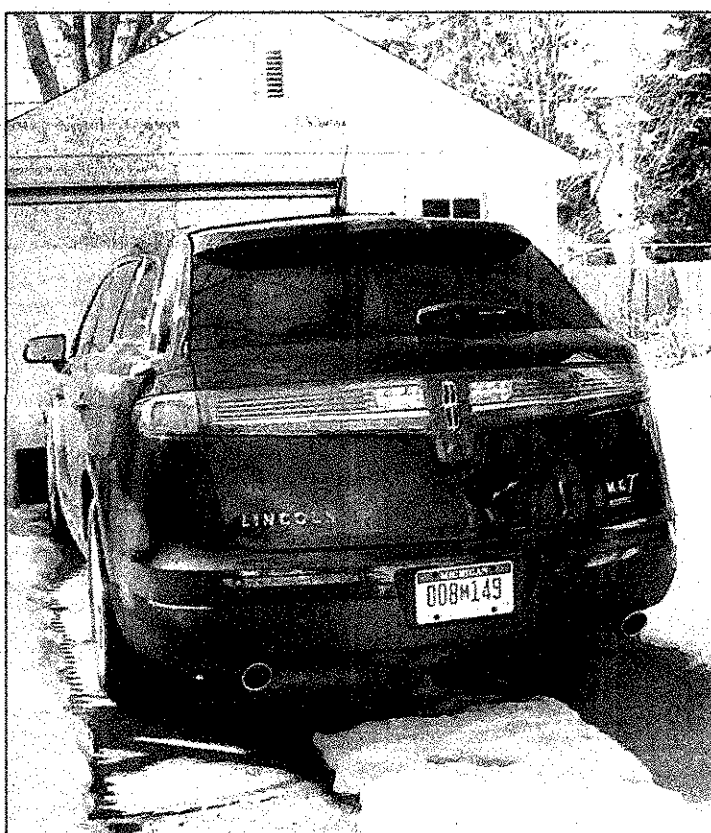
The price of options on the 2010 Lincoln MKT totaled \$4,595. Elite package was \$4,000, active park assist was \$595. Prices run from \$44,200 for the model with front-wheel drive and the 3.7-liter V-6 powerplant to \$49,200 for one with all-wheel drive and the 3.5-liter twin-turbocharged V-6 EcoBoost.

The larger V-6 develops 268 horsepower on regular — 87 octane or above — fuel while the smaller EcoBoost V-6 cranks out an astonishing 355 horsepower. Lincoln suggests premium fuel for the latter engine for better performance.

As one might imagine, this 207-inches-long crossover is not for the buyer seeking great fuel economy. The 3.7-liter V-6 with front drive is rated at 17 miles per gallon city and 23 miles per gallon highway. Add all-wheel drive and those numbers slip to 16 city and 22 highway.

The 3.5-liter EcoBoost engine with all-wheel drive also is 16 city and 22 highway.

This engine presently is available only on an all-wheel



There just a hint of boattail in the rear door design of the 2010 Lincoln MKT.

drive MKT. Should anyone ask, both engines are from Ford plants in

Ohio: Lima for the larger V-6, because the new unit holds 340 hp. See MKT, page 9A II



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TEST DRIVE By Greg Zyla

Audi is the first manufacturer to sell 100 percent of its gasoline engine equipped cars with FSI direct injection technology in 2010, developed at Le Mans and the American Le Mans Series with its R8 FSI prototype racecars.

2010 Audi S5 quattro Cabriolet



We recently drove the 2010 Audi S5 quattro Cabriolet, which replaces last year's S4 model — base price: \$58,250; price as tested: \$69,625.

Our tester came with a supercharged 3.0-liter V6 engine and a 7-speed automatic "s tronic" transmission, so I knew right from the start it would be a fun week of driving. These are not options, as every S5 Cabriolet comes with these features.

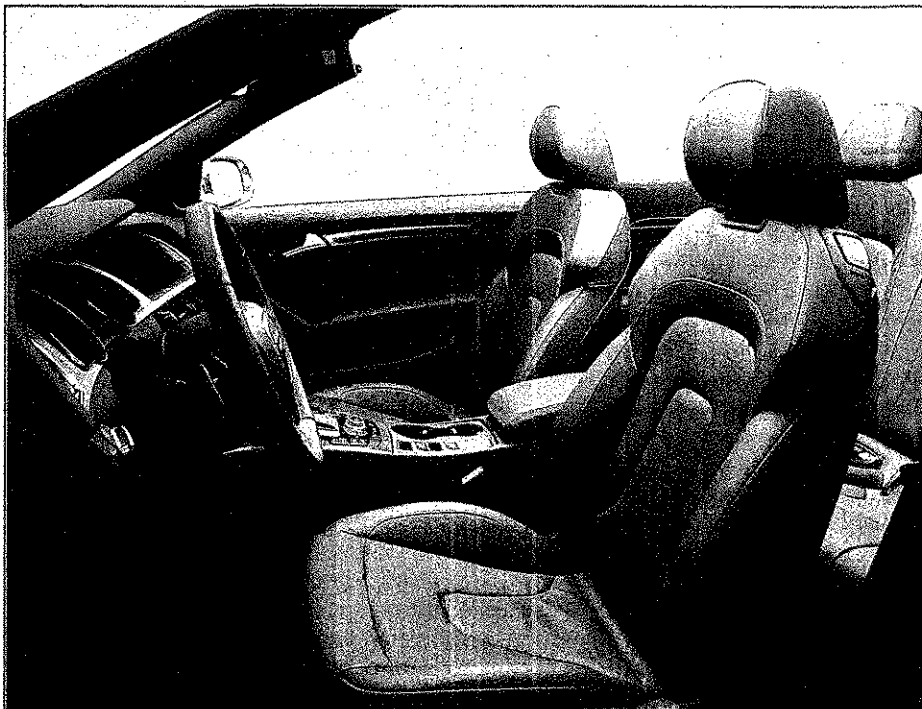
The "quattro" wording is Audi's calling card for permanent all-wheel drive system with rear torque bias. Quattro equipped Audis have become the norm on numerous American and worldwide motorsport venues. Coupled to the 333-horsepower supercharged engine, it quickly became one car I won't soon forget. This car begs to be driven, and it got a pretty good workout both in normal highway driving and on a private closed course opportunity that came my way.

Instead of explaining all the bells and whistles that come standard with the S5, I'm going to zero in on the performance and handling attributes.

Acceleration is very good, as the supercharged 6-cylinder



2010 Audi S5 quattro Cabriolet



plants you firmly in the seat and will go zero to 60 mph in 5.1 seconds. Then, S5 keeps accelerating in strong fashion to its 7,000 redline, where each shift to a higher gear results in a subwoofer type sound from the tuned exhaust.

Overall, be it acceleration, cornering, or going through a bit of mud or snow even with performance tires, this Audi performed brilliantly. Notable is S5's computer controlled transmission and engine adapts to your driving style. Specifically, if you are pushing S5 through a series of tight turns where downshifting and up shifting are necessary under braking or full throttle, the S5's computer deals out firm, quick up and down shifts from the paddles on the left and

right of the steering wheel. If you are just cruising away from a stoplight on the city streets, the transmission is much softer in its shifting patterns to oblige a tamer version of driving.

The S5 and sibling S5 coupe are not cars for the "normal everyday driver," as 100 to 120 mph comes quickly. The fast Audis have a reputation on the European race circuits where top German-engineered cars compete. Audi, not surprisingly, shines in this type of environment.

The engine's smooth and sizable torque band comes, thanks to the supercharger, dual overhead cam specs, aforementioned FSI direct injection and well developed cylinder heads. Standard with

the S5 are four wheel ABS enhanced disc brakes with wipers, brake assist, electronic stabilization and 19-inch high performance tires on 5-spoke alloy wheels.

To turn S5 into the performer I note above, a \$3,995 Audi Drive Select for S Models option really beefs up the suspension and driver enhancements. You'll receive high-tech adaptive suspension damping, dynamic steering, sports rear differential and drive select control. The driver select control is responsible for the engine throttle mapping, and is a benchmark for the industry.

The end result is a quick accelerating and decelerating road hugger that gives a firm ride. Granted, S5 Cabriolet is

not inexpensive, but this option transforms the S models into the handler and performer I would want in my driveway, so count me in on this option.

A second option is a \$5,700 Prestige Model Interior, with Bang & Olufsen sound system, keyless start/stop, navigation, auto dimming mirrors and memory for driver seat and exterior mirrors. On this option, I'd pass and pocket the \$5,700.

The final option is a \$900 driver assist package with backup camera and rear sensors. This brings the final retail price to \$69,625 with \$825 for delivery included.

As for the convertible top, which opens in just 15 seconds, due to cold winter

weather, we were unable to enjoy the open space Cabriolet offers. All safety features are in place, although convertibles do not offer curtain side air bags for obvious reason.

Important numbers include a wheelbase of 108.3 inches, 16.9 gallon fuel tank (premium), 4,310 pound curb weight, 10.2 cubic-feet of cargo space, and 17 city and 26 highway EPA fuel mileage estimates.

Audi S5 Cabriolet is a great car. I'd love to drive the Coupe version.

Likes: Handling, power, looks, build quality, interior. Dislikes: City EPA very suspect, a bit heavy, pricey interior option.

Greg Zyla is a syndicated auto columnist.

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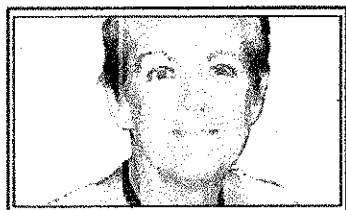
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AUTOS By Jenny King

Mazda gives a choice of engines in the 2010 CX-7 — economized with a fuel-friendly 2.5L or satisfy a need for more power with a turbocharged 2.3L.

Mazda CX-7 redefines comfort, value



We've been testing a number of affordably-priced vehicles lately and we are impressed.

Some have been on the wee side of compact. Others, such as the Mazda CX-7 crossover, have been larger in overall dimensions and have upgraded equipment levels.

Without exception, all speak well for the new-car choices available to today's consumers. Safety features abound; fuel economy numbers run from acceptable to great; performance is good; and pricing is very, very competitive.

Mazda describes its five-passenger Mazda CX-7 for 2010 as "sporty" and "dynamic." It looks like a practical, five-passenger, family-oriented crossover vehicle to us — not really sporty or dynamic, but certainly comfortable, capable and a great value for the money.

The test CX-7, with an elaborate set of buttons on the instrument panel and about \$3,000 in options, had a sticker price of \$26,190. That included a \$750 delivery charge. The CX-7 is assembled in Hiroshima, Japan.

The test CX-7 Sport had a large, 2.5-liter four-cylinder engine mated to a five-speed automatic transmission. This 161 horsepower engine is also available in Mazda6 and Mazda3 models and is new for the CX-7 in 2010. Its fuel economy ratings comprise an aver-

age 20 miles per gallon in city driving and 28 miles per gallon on the highway.

It was a pleasure to watch the RPMs on the tachometer slip back into the low 2,000 range once the car reached highway cruising speeds.

Mazda says this drivetrain combination (2.5-liter four with five-speed automatic) is available on the SV and Sport models only, and only with front-wheel-drive.

CX-7 buyers can opt for a 2.3-liter turbo engine with direct injection spark ignition that develops a whopping 244 horsepower.

The DISI engine uses its own aluminum block-and-head construction, Mazda says. The design includes a specific forged crankshaft and connecting rods for durability. A large air-to-air intercooler and direct fuel injection cools the temperature inside the cylinders, Mazda says, and allows use of a relatively high compression ratio (9.5:1) without knocking or pinging.

Mazda likes to point out, unlike other high-performance turbo-charged engines, CX-7's turbo engine is tuned to run on regular fuel.

A six-speed sport automatic transmission provides full manual (paddle) control for drivers who like to shift for themselves. Herein is the origin of the "sporty" description.

The DISI turbo engine can be matched with the standard front-wheel drive or with Mazda's Active Torque-Split all-wheel drive.

Here's a model rundown with base prices for the 2010 CX-7: SV with 2.5-liter starts at \$21,550; Sport with 2.5-liter



The Mazda CX-7 crossover for 2010 offers a 2.5-liter four-cylinder engine or a 2.3-liter turbo-charged four. The five-passenger vehicle can be ordered with front or all-wheel drive. There are buttons everywhere on the CX-7 Sport instrument panel and steering wheel.

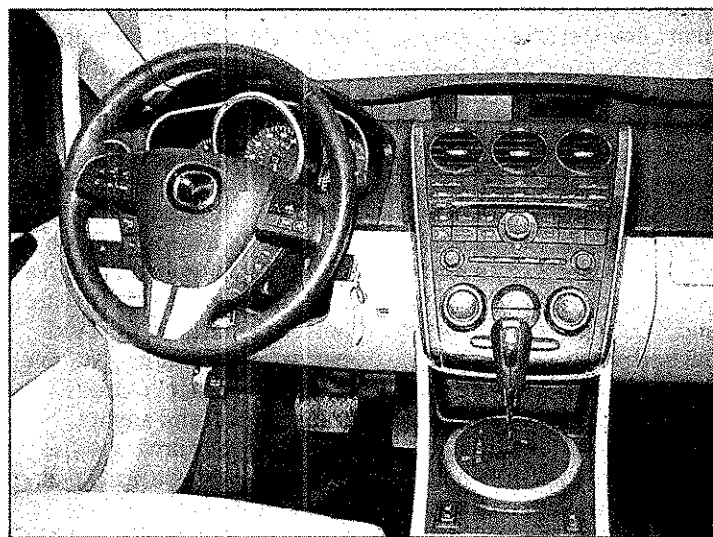
starts at \$22,340; Touring with 2.3-liter starts at \$25,800; Grand Touring with 2.3-liter starts at \$31,185. These are all with front-wheel drive.

All-wheel drive models include Touring with 2.3-liter starting at \$27,500 and Grand Touring with 2.3-liter starting at \$32,885.

We give the CX-7 Sport high marks for its lower noise, vibration and harshness levels. Mazda claims it has been able to reduce wind noise as well in the crossover vehicle. Thicker materials, reinforcements and spot weld bonds in specific ar-

reas contribute to an increase in the 2010 CX-7's torsional rigidity, Mazda says. Thicker insulation in both the engine compartment and cabin add up to a quieter interior space.

Dynamic stability control, traction control and antilock brakes were included in the test car's \$22,340 base price. So were power windows and door locks, air conditioning, Bluetooth connectivity, a small multi-information display panel and front side-impact air bags. We're surprised there was no air curtain, a safety feature that is becoming wide-



spread and often is standard or at least available on "lesser" vehicles.

Optional equipment for this 2010 Mazda CX-7 ran the

gamut from a \$50 cargo net to a \$1,750 convenience package. The latter comprised heated

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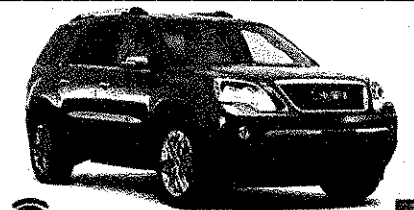
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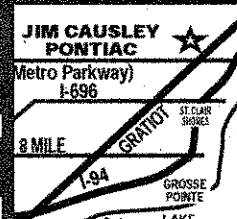
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MKT: Luxurious crossover

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and Cleveland for the 3.5-liter EcoBoost. The MKT itself is assembled in Oakville, Ontario.

Lincoln reports its two-speed fuel pump and Aggressive Deceleration Fuel Shut-Off, combined with a six-speed automatic transmission, are pluses in the fuel economy column.

More numbers? The front-drive MKT weighs in at 4,680 pounds, while all-wheel-drive models run from 4,857 to 4,924, depending on engine choice.

By way of comparison, the MKT's 207-inch overall length compared with 202 inches for the Cadillac Escalade — without extended body. The Lincoln wheelbase of 117.9 inches compares with 116 inches on that Cadillac SUV.

The 2010 Buick Enclave crossover has a 119-inch wheelbase, is 201.5 inches in overall length and 79 inches wide.

We like the Lincoln stats that indicated vehicle width at 85.7 inches with the sideview mirrors and 79.9 inches with them folded — we trust not because they were removed by a close encounter with a parking structure pillar or mirrors on a parked vehicle.

Put the Buick and the Lincoln on the scales and they are evenly matched, each weighing about 4,700 and 4,900 pounds, depending on drive systems.

Tech talk

Active Park Assist is available on the Lincoln MKT. It uses sensors on the front and rear of the vehicle, working in conjunction with Electric Power Assist Steering, to guide the vehicle into a parallel-parking space. Lincoln says one activates the system

by pressing an instrument panel button, which enables the ultrasonic sensors to measure and identify a feasible parallel-parking space — which is better than many of us can boast.

The system prompts the driver to accept assistance to park the vehicle. When it gets the equivalent of a "yes," the steering system takes over and steers the car into the parking space hands-free. The driver still shifts the transmission and operates the gas and brake pedals.

A visual and/or audible driver interface advises the driver as to the proximity of other cars, objects and people, and provides instructions. Lincoln says the steering is all done automatically, but the driver remains responsible for safe parking and can interrupt the system by grasping the steering wheel.

Adaptive cruise control allows the vehicle's speed to be set and maintained without using the accelerator pedal. The radar-based system also can monitor the vehicle in front — up to 600 feet — and adjust the speed to help keep it a safe distance behind the lead vehicle, Lincoln says.

With Ford's Rain-Sensing wipers, an infrared beam "reads" the surface of the glass and sends information to a sensor mounted in the windshield shade band. Even wiper speed is automatically adjusted to meet conditions.

Electric Power Assist Steering with what Lincoln calls pull-drift compensation helps the driver compensate for pulling and drifting when there are strong crosswinds or a crowned road surface, for example.

MKT luxury crossover is not for everyone. The third-row seats, soft and inviting as they are, do not offer enough headroom for an average-size adult who wants to sit up straight. The sloping roofline that gives the MKT a stand-out profile serves to short-change third-row passengers, who also will find very little room for legs

and feet.

We loved the huge, double Panoramic Vista Roofs, but found that opening the power-assisted one (in front) on a seductive, warm March afternoon created so much noise the radio was inaudible. Those wonderful glass areas now in vogue give delightful spaciousness to the car's interior. There are power-assisted sunshades to keep everyone cool, should the need arise.

The fold-and-tumble second-row seat allows passengers to reach the two-person third row but was obstinate and not easy to flip. Perhaps it had not even been used. And, of course, it's important that the seat be securely latched in place when serving as a seat. But it's not a one-handed process.

Lincoln says power fold-and-tumble second-row seats, with heating, cooling and power-assisted lumbar adjustment, are available. A rear console-mounted five-quart-capacity refrigerator is available in the MKT with six-passenger seating configuration. The auto maker does not say who is responsible for cleaning the fridge.

Call it user incompetence: we just could not get the outside mirrors to remain in position, in spite of adjusting them and the driver's seat time and again and pushing what we thought was the "memory" button.

Tinted windows for second- and rear-seat passengers plus massive "B" pillars and headrests impeded visibility. One truly needed those outside mirrors in order to safely change lanes and to assist when backing up to cover areas not in the scope of the rear-camera system.

For even more performance-driving feel, Lincoln MKT also offers a 3.5-liter twin-turbocharged EcoBoost V-6. This engine provides the power of a normally aspirated V-8 with V-6 fuel economy. This advanced engine delivers a class-leading 355 horsepower at 5,700 RPM, while gener-

ating 350 pound-feet of torque from 1,500 through 5,250 RPM. This advanced engine will deliver projected fuel economy of at least 16 city and at least 22 highway.

EcoBoost is a global Ford strategy to deliver the power customers want, combined with the fuel economy they need.

Combining gasoline direct injection with twin turbochargers and a smaller-displacement engine, EcoBoost can match the power output of larger, naturally aspirated engines while yielding torque and fuel economy gains.

Pressurized direct injection enables a higher compression ratio, while twin turbochargers work in tandem to reduce lag associated with earlier turbocharged engines. Even with

additional horsepower, fuel economy is optimized by an increased compression ratio — enabled by a charge cooling air — and sophisticated knock controls.

Lincoln MKT is equipped with a six-speed SelectShift Automatic transmission. This advanced gearbox offers the driver a choice between fully automatic operation and manual control.

In addition, paddle shifters are integrated into the steering wheel spokes. Intuitive to operate, a squeeze back on either paddle delivers an up-shift, while a gentle push forward on either paddle induces a "matched-rev" downshift.

This capability makes the Lincoln MKT driving experience sporty, yet smooth. Unlike other competitive

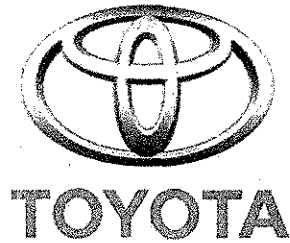
transmissions, SelectShift won't "second guess" the driver with an override shift. With SelectShift, manual control is truly manually controlled.

All-wheel drive is optional in the Lincoln MKT with the standard 3.7-liter V-6. The AWD option enhances the vehicle's capability in a variety of weather conditions. The sophisticated AWD system is fully automatic, using an advanced array of internal electromechanical clutches to efficiently distribute torque between front and rear wheels as needed.

AWD is standard in the Lincoln MKT with the EcoBoost 3.5-liter V-6.

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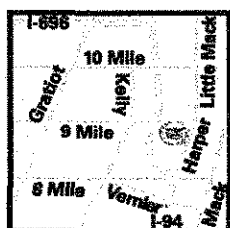
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Best bets in affordable autos

Buyers looking for affordable vehicles will find this model year has a promising variety of autos in all sizes.

U.S. News & World Report offers its summary of rides — from large SUVs to subcompacts — that are affordable and reliable.

Their numbers are compiled from the reports of analysts and editors from leading automotive reviews and ratings, as well as test drive results.

Here are the top picks from each category:

Minivans

Those seeking out a family-mobile won't want to look much further than the top contender, Honda Odyssey. A long list of luxurious standards edges out the Odyssey over strong contenders Toyota

Sienna and Kia Sedona, which tied for second.

Critics argue the Sedona offers the best value for economy-minded individuals, but the Odyssey and Sienna offer more of the bells and whistles buyers desire.

Compact cars

Affordability in a small package is what most of these models are all about. They'll offer a peppy ride and a fuel-efficient way of getting around. This makes them ideal for students, first-time buyers or eco-activists.

The Honda Fit and Honda Civic are best bets for compact cars, offering style, innovation and an excellent price tag. Those looking beyond the Honda make should consider the Hyundai Elantra.

Midsize cars

It's possible to get a little luxury even in well-priced mid-sized models. The Ford Fusion and close cousin Mercury Milan offer roomy interiors without the high price tag.

The Fusion is the 2010 Motor Trend Car of the Year, and the hybrid model is garnering rave reviews. Looking for the best fuel efficiency? Seek out the Toyota Prius, which offers the best. And with its 2008 redesign, the Chevy Malibu rounds out the top spots in this class.

Large cars

If you desire a sedan with a little more passenger and storage room, these models priced generally less than \$35,000 are worth investigating. The new Ford Taurus is a major con-

tender with style and electronics not seen in similar class vehicles. The Toyota Avalon and Chrysler 300 were close behind for power and reliability.

Compact crossovers/SUVs

The recently redesigned Honda CR-V leads the way for affordable small SUVs. Great fuel economy and safety ratings for its class make it a favorite.

The visually appealing GMC Terrain is quickly garnering good reviews in this class. It shares the same mechanical platform as the Chevrolet Equinox. The Toyota RAV4 was still selling strong 10 years after its introduction.

Midsize crossovers/SUVs

The Buick Enclave screams luxury without the price tag of



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Critics rank the Chevy Traverse as one of the top picks for mid-size SUV or crossover.

some of its luxury competitors. With stylish appointments and classy exterior, it has become a fan favorite. Close behind is Chevrolet's Traverse, which is turning out to be a super minivan alternative, according to reviewers. It seats up to eight and the interior can be manipulated for plenty of storage. Distinctly designed, the

Lincoln MKT blends the best of sedan with SUV. Plus, it offers V-8 type power with the fuel efficiency of a V-6.

Large crossovers/SUVs

Those who still desire a large ride with plenty of towing and storage capability should look to the Toyota Sequoia, Mazda CX-9 or Chevrolet Tahoe.

CX-7:
2010 Mazda Crossover

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front seats, a power moonroof with interior shade (for a full moon?), a rearview camera with a color readout, power driver's seat and automatic climate control.

We absolutely loved the front seats, and not just because they were heated — only one choice there: off or on. These cloth-covered chaises were among the most comfortable we've encountered.

Sad to say this was not the case for those choosing, or being assigned to, the rear seat. Leg and foot room is poor for those passengers, and the seat itself none too comfortable. This is another surprise for a vehicle that could appeal to

buyers looking for family-friendly transportation.

We also found the center-mounted instrumentation, with a huge bank of small black buttons identified by tiny white letters, overwhelming. Climate controls below it offered far fewer choices than the buttons for an elaborate sound system. We would send this design staff back to their rooms to tidy and simplify the instrument panel.

Wheel sizes for the 2010 Mazda CX-7 include 17-inch, 18-inch and all-new 19-inch alloys, depending on trim level.

There are two types of multi-information display screens available: A 3.5-inch monochrome dot matrix screen or a bright, high-resolution 4.1-inch color screen, which is standard on Grand Touring models and available as an option on Sport and Touring models.


If you have a taste for added luxury and/or convenience and few extra dollars to invest, you

might consider CX-7 Grand Touring models. These offer front seats with a three-position memory function for the driver's seat and a four-way power adjustable passenger's seat, Mazda says.

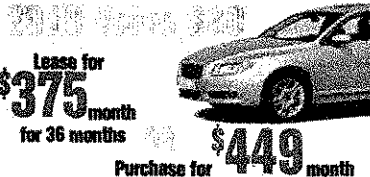
A Blind Spot Monitoring System, similar to the one found on the Mazda6 and CX-9, is now available to help the driver avoid blind spots when changing lanes or merging with traffic. At 20 mph or more, radar sensors monitor an area that extends on each side of the vehicle. When a vehicle or other object enters the detection area, a warning lamp in the door mirror on the relevant side comes on to alert the driver. If the driver should then switch on the turn signal, the system will emit a warning sound and flash the lamp, according to Mazda.

Jenny King is an automotive writer who lives in the City of Grosse Pointe.


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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.

Theodore W. Angott

Former Grosse Pointe resident Theodore W. Angott, 90, died Wednesday, March 10, 2010, at Port Huron Hospital. He was a resident of Fort Gratiot.

Mr. Angott was born in Detroit to Pietro and Elizabeth Angott, the youngest of five boys. He graduated from Southeastern High School in Detroit and served in the U.S. Naval Reserves during World War II. He was discharged in February 1946.

In 1952, he married June Lillian Sarvis. They lived in Grosse Pointe for many years before retiring to Michigan's Thumb area.

Automobiles were Mr. Angott's livelihood and passion. He owned his first car at age 15. His first job in the automobile business was at Rund Motors on Grand River in Detroit. He began there in the 1940s and retired from automotive sales in the 1980s after many successful years at O'Leary Cadillac in Grosse Pointe, Seymour Cadillac in Detroit and Rinke Cadillac in Warren.

During the course of his lifetime, Mr. Angott owned more than 135 cars. He still had a valid driver's license at the time of his death, even though he "hung up the keys" last summer. Over the years, his collection included everything from an MG Roadster to Cadillacs and various sports cars.

Trophies for winning classic car competitions were displayed proudly in his home.

Besides his family, Mr. Angott's other passion was the water. For several years he served as the 9th Central District Public Affairs Officer of the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary. Safe boating was his platform and he helped promote it for many years in the Grosse Pointes and St. Clair Shores.

In 1985, he served as Harbor Master at the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club. It was a proud moment for Mr. Angott and his daughter, Candice, when she sounded the horn on Advantage, the NA-40 sailboat on which she was crewing, as it came back from the Port Huron to Mackinac Race. Mr. Angott hoisted the bridge and they were safely back home.

Every summer Mr. Angott and his family took road trips to northern Michigan to visit Mackinac Island or toured the eastern U.S. seaboard. The family always visited lighthouses and Mr. Angott had a collection of lighthouse replicas in his residence.

Even though Mr. Angott didn't have any sons, he served as a Boy Scout troop leader while his wife, June, headed up a Girl Scout troop. He also served as PTA president at Trombly Elementary School.

Mr. Angott is survived by his

daughter, Candice C. Angotti.

He was predeceased by his wife, June Lillian Angott; daughter, Theodora Gerlach and brothers, Samuel, Thomas, Arthur and Peter.

Visitation will be from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Saturday, March 20, at Chas. Verheyden Funeral Home, 16300 Mack, Grosse Pointe Park, until the time of the funeral service at 12:30 p.m.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to St. Bonaventure Monastery, 1740 Mount Elliott, Detroit, MI 48207.

Share a memory at verheyden.org.

Joseph L. Gaspar

City of Grosse Pointe resident Joseph L. Gaspar passed away Wednesday, March 10, 2010, after a brief illness.

Born Jan. 26, 1928, in Detroit, Mr. Gaspar was a dedicated husband and father. He treasured life's finest offerings including travel, gardening and spending time on the beach, sharing time with friends and, most of all, being with his family.

Mr. Gaspar graduated from Wayne State University in 1952 after serving in the U.S. Army Air Forces. After graduation, he launched a business career in the apparel industry, including nearly 40 years with the Palm Beach Company, a men's clothing manufacturer.

Following his retirement, he worked part time at the City of Grosse Pointe Neff Park allowing him the opportunity to greet city residents and their children which he truly enjoyed. He was active in many community activities and was a member of the Grosse Pointe Senior Men's Club, the Grosse Pointe Boat Club and the Nomads.

Mr. Gaspar is survived by his son, Gregg (Maryjane) and daughter, Kyle.

He was predeceased by his loving wife of 50 years, Rosemary, in March 2003.

His family and friends will remember Mr. Gaspar for his dapper style, strong sense of humor and his thoughtfulness. He was a true gentleman who set high standards for himself and his family.

A memorial gathering will begin at 11:30 a.m. Friday, March 19, at St. Paul on the Lake Catholic Church, 157 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms, followed by a funeral Mass at noon.

Donations may be made to the City of Grosse Pointe Foundation, 17147 Maumee Ave., Grosse Pointe, MI 48230; Grosse Pointe War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms, MI 48236; or St. Paul on the Lake Catholic Church, 157 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms, MI 48236.

Milton A. Meininger

Milton A. Meininger, 90, died Monday, Sept. 21, 2009, at St. John Hospital and Medical Center in Detroit. He was a 59-year resident of Grosse Pointe Woods.

He was born July 5, 1919, to Harold and Lorraine (nee Drulard) Meininger. On his father's side he was descended from German immigrants who arrived in what was then known as Grosse Pointe Township in the 1840s, where they farmed for more than 100 years and were members of St. Paul on the Lake Catholic Church. He was a 1937 graduate of St. Bernard High School in Detroit, where he was the senior class president.

Mr. Meininger was a World War II combat veteran of the Rhineland Campaign in the European Theater of Operations.

The last 15 years of his career were spent at the Chrysler Engine Plant on Mound Road. He retired in 1999 from that plant at the age of 80.

Mr. Meininger was a member of the Senior Men's Club of Grosse Pointe and enjoyed many luncheons at Services for Older Citizens at the Neighborhood Club.

He loved his family, friends and a good game of tennis.

Mr. Meininger is survived by his children, Dr. Milton (Joy) Meininger Jr., Dr. James (Sharon) Meininger, Judith (Mario) Cudini and Diane (John Gillett) Meininger; grandsons, Steven (Laura) Meininger, Thomas Meininger and Robert Cudini and sisters, Aileen Meininger and Henrietta Kryskalla. He is also survived by dozens of loving nieces and nephews.

He was predeceased by his beloved wife, Elva (nee Sanders); his sister, Ethel Bonneville and brother, Harold Meininger.

A private burial service has been held.

Memorial donations may be made to Capuchin Soup Kitchen, 1820 Mount Elliott, Detroit, MI 48207.

William R. McBride

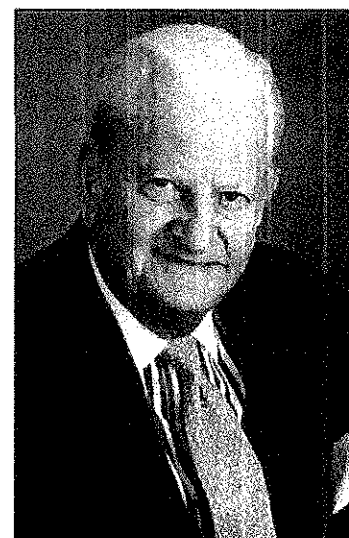
William R. McBride, 74, of Ortonville died Wednesday, March 10, 2010.

He was born May 17, 1935, in Detroit and graduated from the University of Colorado in Boulder, Colo., with a degree in mechanical engineering and where he was a member of the gymnastics team.

He worked at Ebbert Engineering in Troy until the 1970s and joined his family business as a third generation family member. The business was established in 1910 as Russell Hardware Company with locations in Bloomfield Hills and Harbor Springs.



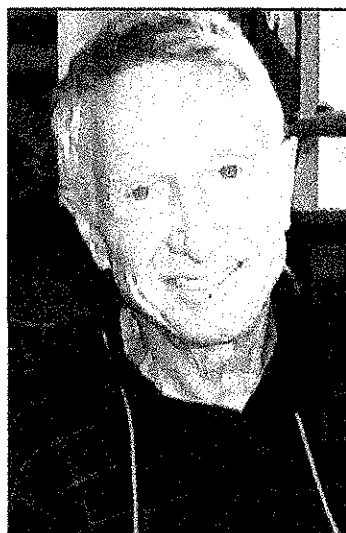
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Lois Proctor Mack



John A. Ryan

Mr. McBride loved flying. He restored and owned several airplanes presently housed at his property in Ortonville.

He loved animals, especially his German shepherd, "Winnie." He was an avid snowboarder at Harbor Springs.

Mr. McBride is survived by his wife, Judith Schaffer, whom he married Oct. 14, 1988; children, Lincoln J. (Claire Pairaud) McBride of Belmont, Calif., Jane (Mark Wilson) McBride of Royal Oak, Morgan S. McBride of Ortonville and Mackenzie A. McBride of Ortonville; grandchildren, Clare, Henry, Max and Leo and his brother, Jack (Linda) McBride of Maui, Hawaii.

A memorial service was held March 14.

Memorial donations may be made to Michael J. Fox Foundation for Parkinson's Research, Church Street Station, P.O. Box 780, New York, NY 10008-0780; Grand Traverse Conservancy, 3860 N. Long Lake Road, Suite D, Traverse City, MI 49684; or the Michigan Humane Society, 30300 Telegraph, Suite 220, Bingham Farms, MI 48025-4507.

Arrangements were handled by Wm. Sullivan and Son Funeral Home in Utica.

Lois Proctor Mack

Lois Proctor Mack died peacefully at home Sunday, March 14, 2010, surrounded by her family. A resident of Grosse Pointe Farms, she was 93.

Mrs. Mack was born Sept. 8, 1916, in Lexington, Mass., to Eleanor and John Proctor. She graduated from Vesper George School of Art in Boston with a

degree in fashion design.

As an artist, she was recognized for her watercolors and studied with Eliot O'Hara, among others. She painted for many years in Ogunquit, Maine.

She moved to Detroit in 1952 with her husband, Wilber Hadley "Deke" Mack and daughters. The family spent summers in Ogunquit.

Since moving to Detroit, Mrs. Mack was involved with in the community. She was past president of the Sophie Wright Settlement House, corporation member of the Merrill-Palmer Institute, past president of the Understudies of Wayne State University's Hilberry Theater, past president of the Grosse Pointe Farm and Garden Club, trustee emeritus of the Detroit Institute of Arts and past president of the Detroit Institute of Arts Women's Committee.

She was active in Maine as a past board member of the Barn Gallery and a former trustee of the Ogunquit Museum of American Art.

Mrs. Mack was predeceased by her husband, Deke.

She is survived by her daughters, Marcia (Ron Laramie) Macdonald of Cape Neddick, Maine, Hadley French of Grosse Pointe Farms and Meredith (Bradford) Elvidge of Grosse Pointe Farms and her grandson, Henry Welling French Jr.

Private family services will be held in Grosse Pointe Farms and Ogunquit.

Memorial donations may be made to Christ Church Grosse Pointe, 61 Grosse Pointe Blvd., Grosse Pointe Farms, MI 48236 or St. Peter's By-The-Sea, c/o Alan Haesche, Treasurer,

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Arrangements were handled by the Wm. R. Hamilton Co. of Mount Clemens.

John A. Ryan

Grosse Pointe Park resident John A. Ryan Ph.D., 64, died Saturday, March 13, 2010, at St. John Hospital and Medical Center in Detroit.

Dr. Ryan was a clinical psychologist in private practice in St. Clair Shores. He had previously been on staff at Henry Ford Hospital.

A veteran of the U.S. Army, he earned his Ph.D. from the University of Detroit, as well as his bachelor's and master's degrees.

Dr. Ryan was a member of the Grosse Pointe Hunt Club and the Michigan Psychological Association.

He enjoyed tennis and had sailed in several Mackinac races.

Dr. Ryan is survived by his wife, Kathleen DeGalan Ryan; daughters, Maureen (Jerry) Harper and Kate (Scott) Johnson; son, Michael (Katrin); four grandchildren and sisters, Mary Agnes Ryan IHM and Frances Ryan IHM.

He was predeceased by his son, Patrick.

Burial will be private. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to a college fund for his granddaughter, Kalie Pettet-Ryan, in care of the John Ryan Memorial Fund, Flagstar Bank, 16821 Kercheval Ave., Grosse Pointe, MI 48230.

Friends are invited to share a memory from 6 to 9 p.m. Friday, March 19, at the Grosse Pointe Hunt Club, 655 Cook Road, Grosse Pointe Woods.

City of Grosse Pointe Farms, Michigan

SUMMARY OF THE MINUTES MARCH 8, 2010

The Meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. beginning with the Public Safety Honor Guard Procession followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Present on Roll Call: Mayor Farquhar; Councilmembers, Joseph, Davis, III, Theros, Leonard & Waldmeir.

Absent Were: Councilman Roby.

Also Present: Messrs. Burgess, City Attorney; Reeside, City Manager; Tepper, Assistant City Manager; Huhn, Director of Parks & Recreation; Jensen, Director Public Safety; Hutchins, Deputy Director of Public Safety; Rumora, Municipal Judge and Pamela Baker, Exec. Assistant/Deputy City Clerk.

Mayor Farquhar Presided at the Meeting.

Mayor Farquhar recognized the passing of Councilman Douglas F. Roby, Jr. and called for a Moment of Silence in his honor.

The Department of Public Safety issued their Citizen & Department Merit Awards.

The Minutes of the Regular Meeting held on February 8, 2010, were approved as submitted.

The Council approved the following from the Consent Agenda:

- 24" Sanitary Sewer Repair for 157 Lake Shore Road.

The Council adopted the three (3) Parks & Recreation Rules & Procedures in principle, further authorizing the Administration to make the appropriate changes, as discussed.

The Council received the following Reports and ordered them placed on file:

- Investment Report – November 2009
- Public Safety Report for the month of February 2010

Upon proper motion made, supported and carried, the Meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

THE NEXT REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL WILL BE HELD ON MONDAY, April 12, 2010 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.grossepointefarms.org

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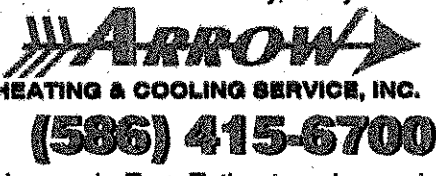
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4-5B HEALTH | 6B CHURCHES | 7-8B ENTERTAINMENT

Emerald ash borers have been clearing the landscape and not in a good way. With the destruction of trees, sunshine filters into areas usually in the dark, thus creating a new dilemma for entomologists.

Gray skies for ash



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By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

Thank goodness you're not a giant swallowtail butterfly caterpillar.

The caterpillar is a small example of larger changes being imposed on the forest by invasive emerald ash borers.

The caterpillars host on prickly-ash, a large shrub and member of the citrus family.

"Prickly-ash produces defensive compounds in leaves that become much more toxic when exposed to sunlight than in shade," said Dan Herms, associate chairman of The Ohio State University department of entomology.

Herms is studying how emerald ash borers are transforming forests in Southeast Michigan.

"We get unprecedented removal of ash trees that create gaps in the forest canopy where light comes through," Herms said. "We have graduate students studying how changes in the light environment affect the quality of prickly-ash as a food source for the swallowtail butterfly caterpillars."

There also are less ground beetles where ash have died.

"We don't know exactly why," Herms said. "But, ground beetles require very specific environmental conditions. So, they've been used extensively as bioindicators. They're kind of a beacon of disturbance."

Invasives enter

One thing leads to another when something starts monkeying with Mother Nature.

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BUGS: Environment changes

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The borer invasion is "interesting, but demoralizing," Herms said. "Invasive plants will benefit from the presence of the invasive borer."

The death of tens of millions of forest ash trees in southeast Michigan has created gaps in the natural canopy.

"Where the forest floor was shaded, now there's all these light gaps," Herms said. "One thing we're really concerned about is the spread of invasive exotic shrubs — honeysuckle, multiflora rose, buckthorn and autumn olive."

Before the borer arrived in western Wayne County at least 10 years ago from its native Southeast Asia, the invasive plant species Herms mentioned were present in forests, but restricted mainly to sunnier areas at the edge.

Although their seeds were spread by birds, seeds deposited in shady parts of the forest interior didn't grow well. Now, the emerald ash borer has shown them the light.

"They become established," Herms said. "These plants can hopscotch their way from the edge of the forest through these gaps and permeate the entire forest. Then, they suppress the regeneration and growth of more desirable native plants. That's something we're starting to see."

No one knows yet if the death of ash trees is good or bad.

"We don't know yet the long-term consequences of ash trees being suddenly lost and other species not able to grow," said Inez Ibanez, assistant professor in the University of Michigan school of natural resources and environment. "It could be bad if there is no natural regeneration and species that are going to take over are not natural to the place. Right now, it is a little early for us know how things are going to turn. But, we don't think it's a good thing, because the natural system is not adapted to that kind of disturbance."

Ibanez's specialties are plant ecology, climate change and invasive species. She pointed out that forests are inherently dynamic, especially on a piece-meal basis, such as when storms topple trees and break limbs here and there.

"Something comes along and creates a gap in the forest and, suddenly, there's an opening and there's more light," Ibanez said. "The environment has changed. A species that couldn't grow in the shade is now able to grow where a tree goes down."

Emerald ash borers, however, are impacting Michigan forests on a larger scale. The bug has fanned out to 12 states and two Canadian provinces.

"Ash trees in natural settings are usually associated with riparian areas, areas with very high water tables," Ibanez said. "Ash trees work as water pumps. They absorb water through their roots. Then, that water is evaporated through

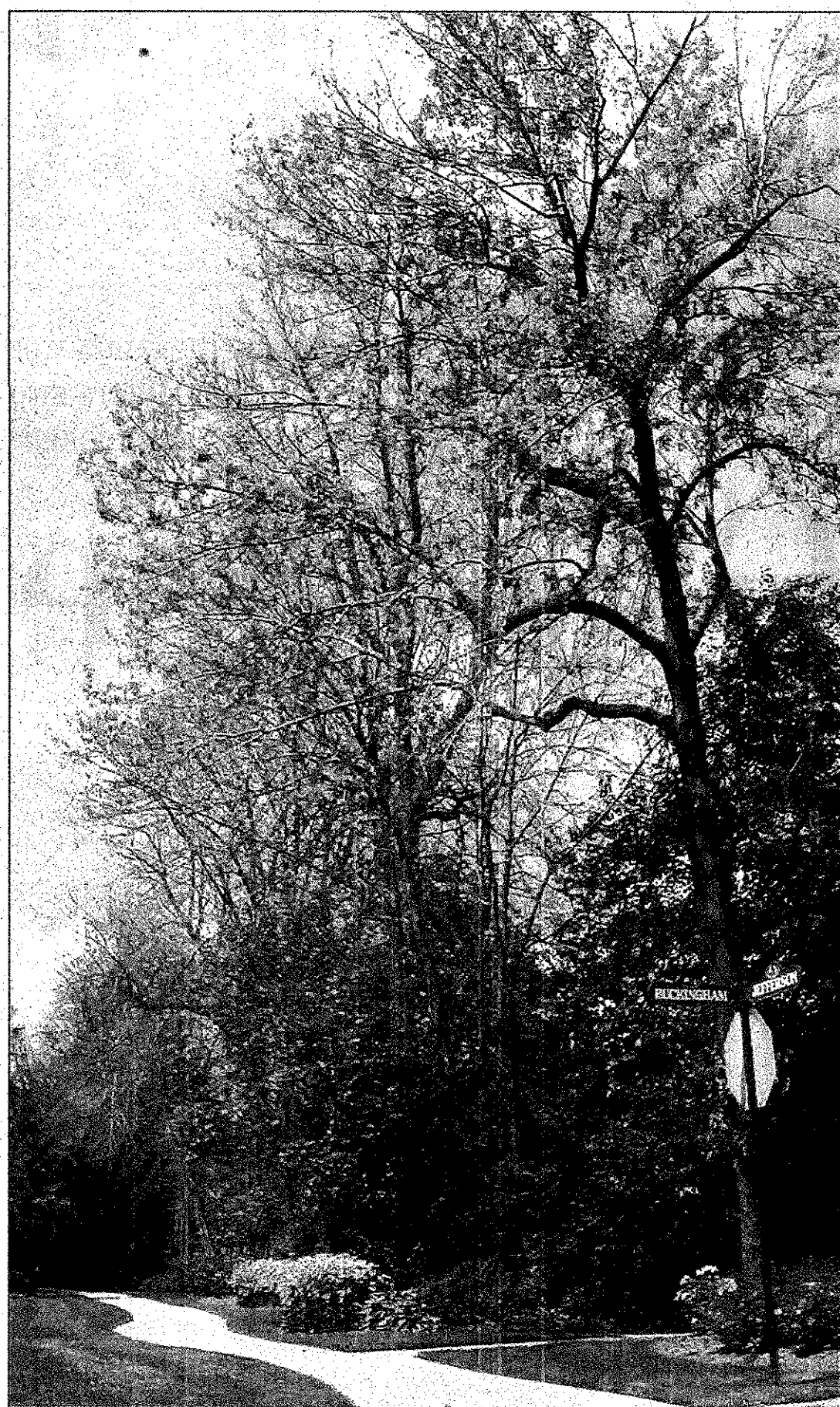


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Pointers may remember the 75 ash killed on Jefferson near Buckingham in Grosse Pointe Park.

their leaves. So, what's happening now with emerald ash borer and the death of many ash trees is that water pump is not working anymore. The water table is going up."

That reduces oxygen in the soil.

"Many species are not adapted to deal with that," Ibanez said. "The effect of emerald ash borer is not only having an effect on ash trees, it's having an effect on other species that are not able to grow in that riparian area because now the water table is higher."

"Ash trees are fast-growing trees, and fast-growing trees hold more water," said Brian Colter, Grosse Pointe Park city forester who discovered emerald ash borer in the Pointes in August 2002 ("Ash trees to go way of elms," Grosse Pointe News, Aug. 29, 2002). "They're really heavy when alive because they hold so much water."

Michigan parks

Herms began his research in 2004, not too long after emerald ash borer was discovered in June 2002 in western Wayne County.

His team established plots in

forests of metroparks and state recreation areas around the periphery of Wayne County. Some areas are under the jurisdiction of the Huron-Clinton Metro Parks. Others are administered by the Michigan Department of Natural Resources and Environment.

"Our objective is to determine the impact of emerald ash borer and ash mortality on the ecology of the forest," Herms said.

The team has determined that regeneration of ash, or reproduction of ash, has terminated.

"Almost all mature trees are dead," Herms said. "The only ash left are what we call an orphaned cohort of small seedlings that range from 12 inches tall up to 1 inch in diameter. Each year, once they get to about 1 inch in diameter, some of those get big enough to be colonized by emerald ash borer."

Less than 1/2 percent of large ash trees are still alive, researchers found.

"We're interested if the they're just lucky or naturally resistant," Herms said.

As work continued, Herms

noticed that many ash trees fall over shortly after death.

"We found that about half of them snap up to three or five feet off the ground," he said. "The other half uproot. We're seeing this unprecedented rate of trees uprooting all at once, uniformly distributed through the forest."

All sorts of little pits have been created where ash toppled.

"These pits create a really different environment on the forest floor," Herms said. "They accumulate water, leaves and organic matter. Different plants germinate and grow in these pits than on level land immediately next to them."

Further-reaching affects could impact salamanders and other amphibians.

"We're getting interested in what effect is all of this pit formation going to have on the trajectory of the forests succession," Herms said. "I'm sure that 20 years from now, evidence of the pits will be gone. But, I think wherever these pits are will create a different kind of forest community than the immediately adjacent land."

Grosse Pointe Theatre seeks directors for Purdon Studio

Play directors are needed for the 2010-11 season of the Purdon Studio Theatre, a performance arm of Grosse Pointe Theatre.

Among the venues for the theater is the Activities Center at the Edsel & Eleanor Ford House in Grosse Pointe Shores.

The theater presents plays offering adult audiences non-

traditional theater in a "black box" setting, a large room in which seating and staging can vary from show to show.

"This is an excellent opportunity for directors to offer works that explore human nature or delve into subject matter that may not be included in the regular Grosse Pointe Theatre season," said Dale Pegg, the theater's committee

chairman.

Those interested can submit proposals by Thursday, April 15 to the PST Committee. Applicants do not have to be members of Grosse Pointe Theatre to apply. The position is unpaid and membership in Grosse Pointe Theatre is required. All production costs including royalties, costumes, sets, lighting,

etc. are paid by Grosse Pointe Theatre.

Applicants must submit:

- a copy of the proposed play; (No original scripts. only published plays will be considered)

- a concise paragraph conveying the director's concept of the show

- resume of the director's theater experience, and

- a tentative budget, broadly outlining anticipated expenses.

For more information, contact Grosse Pointe Theatre:

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Bagpiper Kris Hunt of Port Huron is the featured musician.

Adult tickets cost \$20, \$18, for seniors and for those aged 8 to 21, \$10. For more information, call (313) 882-0118 or visit dcc@detroitconcertchoir.org.

Poets Follies

Poets Follies offers a reading and discussion by poets Jennifer K. Sweeney and Chad Sweeney from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m., Thursday, March 18, at the Grosse Pointe Public Library, Ewald Branch, 15175 E. Jefferson, Grosse Pointe Park.

St. Joan of Arc

St. Joan of Arc Catholic School, 22415 Overlake, St. Clair Shores, hold a computer and small electronics community recycling event from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, March 20, at the school.

Proceeds from a \$5 donation benefit the school's Living Roof project.

Items accepted are: desktop PCs, workstations, notebooks, laptops, tablet PCs, CRTs and LCD monitors, inkjet and laser jet printers, speakers, keyboards, mice, scanners, CDs, DVDs, hard and floppy drives, audio and video equipment, film and digital cameras, projection equipment, stereo receivers, cell phones, toasters, irons, telephones and televisions 32 inches or less. Used batteries should be bagged.

Chamber Music

The Grosse Pointe Chamber Music holds a concert at 2:30 p.m., Sunday, March 21, in the Crystal Ballroom of the Grosse Pointe War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms. Music by Haydn, Beethoven, Debussy and Milhaud will be performed.

Tickets cost \$12. Those under 18 are admitted free.

For more information, call (313) 771-4387 or visit gpchambermusi@yahoo.com

AAUW

The American Association of University Women, Grosse Pointe branch, observes Women's History Month at 7 p.m. Wednesday, March 24, at the Grosse Pointe Public Library, Ewald Branch, 15175 E. Jefferson, Grosse Pointe Park.

Featured speaker Kara

Moss, president of the American Civil Liberties Union, discusses women's civil rights issues and community involvement.

The public is invited to the free event.

Mayor's for Meals

The mayors from the five Grosse Pointes host a Mayors for Meals day at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday, March 24, at Services for Older Citizens, 17150 Waterloo, City of Grosse Pointe.

The event is to increase public awareness, recruit volunteers and increase donations for the Meals-on-Wheels program.

The Women's Connection

The Women's Connection of Grosse Pointe meets Thursday, March 25, at the Lochmoor Club, Grosse Pointe Woods.

Dinner is served at 6:30 p.m. and the program is from 7:45 to 9 p.m. In recognition of Women's History Month, Lynette Brown discusses women's suffrage and will appear in costume.

She holds journalism and math degrees from Wayne State University and Michigan State University.

The cost is \$27 for members and \$29 for non-members.



Past presidents

The Grosse Pointe Woman's Club honored its past presidents during the February meeting. The club was established in 1950 and has had 38 presidents, 10 of which are active in the club. From left, Marilyn Richardson (2007-09), Fran Ahee (1991-92), Ann Gerow (1985-87), Jean Buhler (1997-99), Mary Ann Schwartz (1992-93) and Joyce Cook (1979-81). Not pictured, Janet McConkey (1990-91), Patricia Wilson (1993-95), Maryhelen Feighner (1995-97), Betty Knop (1991-2001), Beverly Pack (2001-03), and Pamela Zimmer (2003-07,10).

For more information, call Marcia Pikielek at (313) 884-4201 or Nancy Neat at (313) 882-1855.

Eastside Parkinson Support

The Eastside Parkinson Support Group meets at 1:30 p.m. Thursday, March 25, at St. Michael's Church, 20475 Sunningdale, Grosse Pointe Woods.

Mental health therapist Rochelle Goud discusses doc-

tor's appointments and how to make them work for the patient.

For more information, call Jane Farrelly at (313) 886-4356.

Friends of Grosse Pointe Library

The Friends of the Grosse Pointe Public Library host John Whittier-Ferguson of the University of Michigan who discusses "New Adam, New Eve, New World: D.H. Lawrence's 'The Rainbow and Modern Life'" at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, March 25, in Wicking Library, Grosse Pointe South High School, 11 Grosse Pointe Blvd., Grosse Pointe Farms.

Admission is \$10. It is free for Friends members, students and teachers.

Whittier-Ferguson is associate professor of English Language and Literature.

For more information, call (313) 343-2074, ext. 6. or visit

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Palmer Woods music

Middle Eastern music is played at 8 p.m. Saturday, March 27, at Palmer Woods Music in Homes.

Lebanese-born flutist Nadim Diaikan and oud player Abdu Karim Bader perform.

Tickets cost \$35. For more information and location, visit palmerwoods.org.

Grosse Pointe Rotary

The Rotary Club of Grosse Pointe meets from noon to 1:30 p.m., Monday, March 29, at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms.

The interim director of the University of Michigan Museum of Art, Ray Silverman, is guest speaker.

Soroptimist award six scholarships

Scholarships and service awards have been presented to six women by the Soroptimist International of Grosse Pointe.

The \$6,750 in scholarships help assist women in continuing their education.

The \$2,000 Women's Opportunity Award was given to Roseville resident Michelle Barber, a single mother of three attending Baker College to obtain an associate's degree in human services.

The intern at Macomb Rotating Emergency Shelter Team and Turning Point has set her goal to become a grief therapist for people suffering from mental illness.

In memory of Soroptimist Sue Neilson, the organization presented a second Women's Opportunity Award of \$1,000 to Tammie Summerville of Warren.

This Baker College student and single mother is pursuing a bachelor's degree in teaching. She is an AmeriCorps volunteer at a Detroit elementary school, tutoring second graders in literacy issues.

The Violet Richardson Award of \$500 was given to Simone Arora, of Grosse Pointe Park, a Grosse Pointe South High School junior. She volunteers at the Detroit Coalition on Temporary Shelter, serves on the National Environmental Board and is on student council.

Arora plans to become a pediatrician. She donated \$250 of her award to COTS.

The winner of the Virginia Wagner Educational Grant of \$2,000 is Tiffany Tewes of the City of Grosse Pointe. Returning to Baker College in her 40s, Tewes is pursuing a nurse anesthetist degree.

Her interest in the medical field stems from her grandparents. Her grandfather built a small hospital in rural Michigan and her grandmother raised money for equipment.

The second winner of the same award in the amount of \$500 is Rebecca Wilson, of Detroit, a student at University of



PHOTO BY RENEE LANDUYT

Soroptimist award winners, seated from left, Simone Arora of Grosse Pointe Park and Mary Fodell of the City of Grosse Pointe; standing, from left, Michelle Barber of Roseville, Rebecca Wilson of Detroit, Tammie Summerville of Warren and Tiffany Tewes of the City of Grosse Pointe.

Michigan Dearborn working toward a Bachelor of Arts degree in Hispanic studies.

The winner of the \$500 Ruby Award "For Women Helping Women" is Mary Fodell, of the City of Grosse Pointe

founder of Full Circle Upscale Resale Shop. The store's mission is to foster a sense of self worth and independence in special needs young adults by providing them with opportunities to function in a retail environment.

What's happening

"Music of The Night," Friday, March 26 — Doors open at 6:15 p.m., dinner is served at 6:30 p.m. and the music starts at 8 p.m. The price is \$36.

Build a garden trellis, 7 to 9 p.m. Tuesday, March 23, and Tuesday, April 27 — The technique of bending willow is taught by Lee Uhliaruk. The fee is \$27 and materials fee is \$28.

Pruning, 12:30 to 2:30 p.m., Saturday, March 27 — Mil Hurley teaches students the art of pruning flowering and shade trees, shrubs, vines and perennials. Students should bring sharpened hand pruners

and loppers. Dress appropriately for this outdoor class. The fee is \$27.

Find your dream job and work from home, 10 to 11:30 a.m., Thursday, March 25 and 6:30 to 8 p.m., Monday, April 19 — Sheila Edwards and Ana Marie Sabbaugh teach how to conduct an effective online job search and find companies with job opportunities, avoid job scams and how to understand tax ramifications of telecommuting. The fee is \$27 and \$15 for materials.

"Detroit Then & Now," from 7 to 8:30 p.m. Wednesday, March 31, and from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.,

Wednesday, April 21 —

Take a virtual tour with Linda Yellin and Rob Leider who detail the recent changes at Brush Park, Harmonie Park and the Eastern Market. The two discuss the revitalized areas such as Campus Martius, the River Walk and the Book Cadillac Hotel. Each guest receives an area map and brochures.

The fee is \$22 with a \$3 materials fee.

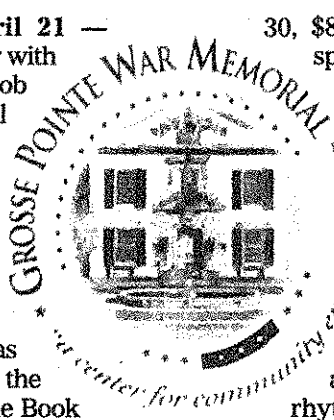
Ukulele 101, 6 to 7:30 p.m., Tuesdays, March 30 through May 11 — Taught by Philip Lloyd, the cost is \$75 and \$25 for materials. If paid by March

30, \$80 and \$25 respectively.

Lloyd teaches tuning, holding the instrument and how to play chords and strum using chord box drawings and simple rhythm strums.

Students need a soprano nylon string GCEA ukulele and an electronic chromatic tuner.

To register for any of the aforementioned classes, call (313) 881-7511. The War Memorial is located at 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms. Parking is lighted and free.



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SENIOR SCENE By Ruth Cain

Some good news, some bad



There is some good news about recessions. The good news is they can help us all live a little longer.

Researchers found Americans were actually healthier during the Great Depression than immediately before and after. Mortality rates fell and life expectancy rose, as they did also during the recessions of 1921 and 1938.

During poor economic times, people drink and eat less, sleep more, suffer fewer accidents and consequently live longer. During bad times people also bond more closely, said the author of the study, suggesting social support could have a protective effect on health.

Unfortunately, our current recession is causing hard times for teenagers.

A recent study of high school and college students, built on data from psychological surveys in use since 1938, found anxiety, depression, and other mental health issues are far more prevalent among youth today than during the Great Depression.

Researchers analyzed tens of thousands of responses to common psychological surveys which asked students if they felt sad, dissatisfied, worried, isolated or otherwise

mentally troubled. On average, five times as many students in 2007 reported signs of mental illness than did those in 1938.

Increases in depression and hypomania — a mixture of anxiety and an unrealistic, manic form of optimism — were particularly acute.

Researchers speculate that modern society's emphasis on wealth and external appearances places enormous pressure on young adults, who grow up believing success is being rich, skinny and "hot."

"We have become a culture that focuses more on material things and less on relationships," psychologist and lead author Jean Twenge notes.

Other researchers suggest overprotective parenting, which keeps children from developing independence and coping skills, and even a lack of sleep contribute to the pandemic of mental illness.

The new study helps quantify a trend many mental health experts and school officials have observed anecdotally. Twenge says, however, "The next question is: What do we do about it?"

With the beginning of millions of baby boomers reaching 65 years of age, it may be necessary to advance the age considered when suing for age discrimination.

Eighty-five-year-old Mildred Block spent decades working at Mets games serving beer, with the last 20 spent at a profitable stand near right field. At the end of the last season, management shifted her to another stand and hired someone else to take over her stand.

Block filed an age discrimination suit against her employer, but the judge threw her suit out because her replacement was a 75-year-old man.

Block said she could earn \$40 a day at the old stand, but earnings were a pittance at her new stand.

In court papers for the suit, the stadium owners said they made the change because patrons were objecting to the long lines at Block's stand. Block contends that the lines were the fault of her decades younger partner, saying she couldn't give customers change any faster than he could pour the beer.

This may be the only age discrimination suit where a 85-year-old was complaining about a 75-year-old replacement.

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This advice is for the males. Swedish researchers looking at more than 1.5 million men and women between the ages of 30 and 59 found a woman's educational status was more important to her husband's mortality risk than his own level of education.

Educated (presumably "smarter") women might make better dietary and other lifestyle choices for their partners and themselves, the researchers suggested.

Reach Cain at ruthcain@comcast.net

Easter tea at SOC

Services for Older Citizens host an Easter Tea from 2:30 to 4 p.m., Tuesday, March 30, at the center, 17150 Waterloo, City of Grosse Pointe.

"The Satin Dolls" sing songs from the '40s and '50s. The event includes raffles, an Easter craft and music by the German intern.

For reservations, call (313) 882-9600. Cost is \$5.



Practicing tea time, from left, Cindy Banaszewski, ChariTea Bear cochairwoman and son, Michael, with friends. In back, Lisa Domas, Sarafina Melhem, Lizzie Franklin and Sophia Puzzouli.

ChariTea 'comfort bears' to benefit Haiti orphanages

Children have an opportunity to attend the second annual ChariTea Bear's Tea Party with parents, grandparents or aunts and uncles — and send "comfort bears" to Haiti orphanages.

The tea is from 2 to 4 p.m., Sunday, May 16, at the Grosse Pointe Farms Pier Park community center.

Tea, hot chocolate or juice and finger foods are served. Children can stuff and dress a 15-inch teddy bear or other plush animal and take part in games and entertainment.

Each family is asked to bring one new small "comfort bear" to be sent to Haitian orphanages through Hands Together. The organization is establishing schools, orphanages, nutrition and feeding programs, medical clinics and sustainable-development projects through partnerships with local leaders and communities.

Comfort bears for Haitian orphans may be dropped off during school hours at The Family Center office at Barnes School, 20090 Morningside, Grosse Pointe Woods.

The cost for the event is \$25 for children and \$20 for adults and includes one 15-inch plush bear or animal, costume and T-shirt per child. Registration deadline is May 7. The event is limited to 120 participants.

Presented by the Circle of Friends of The Family Center of Grosse Pointe & Harper Woods, the charity tea party is co-sponsored by Health Alliance Plan, Henry Ford Medical Center-Grosse Pointe, Barnes Early Childhood Center, Rotary Club of Grosse Pointe and Friends of ChariTea Bear.

For more information or to obtain a registration form, call The Family Center at (313) 432-3832 or visit familycenterweb.org.

ASK THE EXPERTS By Dana M. Alpern, Ph.D.

Early childhood play is important



Q. Why is playing so important in early childhood?

A. Play is an essential component of growth and development for young children — enhancing their physical, cognitive, emotional and social skills.

Though playfulness appears to be second nature for most children, play is actually highly complex and one of the earliest means by which we explore our environment and engage with others.

March 2009 report published by the Alliance for Childhood, a nonprofit part-

nership of educators, health professionals and other advocates for children, identifies 12 key types of play, each of which helps children develop skills and promote growth.

They are large motor; small motor, which develops dexterity; mastery, which involves repetitive actions such as tying shoes; rule-based, which encourages children to create their own rules and adapt them to group play; construction, which requires motor coordination and imagination; make-believe play; symbolic, which involves the transformation of an everyday object into a toy or game; language play, which includes songs, stories, and dramatic play; playing with the arts, which promotes creativity; sensory play, using materials with different textures, sounds, and smells; rough-and-tumble play, which helps children learn to be assertive but not aggressive; and risk-taking play, in which children learn to master challenges.

Q. Should young children have time to play in school?

A. Yes. We have all heard the adage, "all work and no play make Jack a dull boy," and current developmental research proves this to be true. Children who "work hard at play often excel in literacy and mathematics."

They are also better adjusted socially and emotionally, display greater creativity and intellectual curiosity, have stronger communication skills and show greater initiative.

Q. What is a healthy balance between academic instruction and playtime in an early education classroom?

A. In the last decade, many early education programs have increasingly focused on a narrow range of literacy and math skills geared toward meeting rigorous state guidelines and proficiency on standardized tests. Many students in kindergarten spend up to six

times as much time on those skills and testing or test prep as they do in free play or "choice time." Many educational psychologists do not see this as a "healthy balance" and instead recommend classrooms richer in child-initiated play, along with teacher-guided learning that includes project-based experiential activities.

Alpern is the lower school psychologist at University Liggett School. She can be reached at dalpern@uls.org or (313) 884-4444.

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CHURCH EVENTS

St. Ambrose

St. Ambrose hosts a Lenten buffet from 5 to 9 p.m., Friday, March 19, at the Ark, 15020 Hampton, Grosse Pointe Park. Adult tickets cost \$15, seniors, \$12 and children, \$10.

Ecumenical Men's breakfast

The Grosse Pointe Ecumenical Men's Breakfast is from 7:15 to 8:15 a.m. Friday, March, 19, in the Fellowship Hall of Grosse Pointe Memorial Church, 16 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms. The speaker is the Rev. Matthew T. Dent, associate minister of Christ the King Lutheran Church. For more information, call (313) 882-5330.

Battle of the Bands

A Battle of the Bands is from 7 to 11:30 p.m. Friday, March 19, at the Grosse Pointe Congregational Church, 240 Chalfonte, Grosse Pointe Farms.

Scheduled to perform are: Hangman's Platform, The Rads, Big City Static, The Kickbacks, Jimmy Champagne and Skeen. A cash prize is to be awarded.

Food is available.

Admission is \$5.

St. Paul on the Lake

St. Paul on the Lake Catholic Church, 157 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms, hosts a Lenten day of reflection from 8:15 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, March 20. The topic is "Arrested by Merch, Caught in the Healing Glance of Jesus."

For more information, call (313) 885-8769.

Christ the King

Christ the King Church, 20800 Grand River, Detroit, hosts the Detroit Writers Guild and a free book signing honoring "Paradise Valley Days" from 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m., Sunday, March 21. Selected poets will read from the book.

First English

The First English Evangelical Lutheran Church, 800 Vernier, Grosse Pointe Woods, hosts the Belle Valley Community Band at 4 p.m. Sunday, March 21. The 40-piece band was founded in 1989. Adult tickets cost \$8 and students, \$5.

For more information, call (313) 884-5040.

FONTBONNE AUXILIARY



Casino Night

Fontbonne Auxiliary of St. John Hospital and Medical Center hosts its second Girls Night Out "Casino Night" Wednesday, April 28, at the Lakeland Event and Banquet Centre, 26211 Harper, St. Clair Shores. The event includes a charity casino, raffle, door prizes and food. For more information, call (313) 343-3675 or visit raegan.movinski@stjohn.org. Event committee members are, standing from left, Elaine Malcoun of Grosse Pointe Shores, Phyllis DeMars of Grosse Pointe Shores, Adel Amerman of Grosse Pointe Farms, Kelly Oliver of Grosse Pointe Park, Mary Ellen Dakmak of Grosse Pointe Shores, Sister Jacquie Wetherholt of Eastpointe, Sally Cytracki of Grosse Pointe Farms, JoAnn Miller of St. Clair Shores, Debra McCarty of Harrison Township, Peggy Davis of Grosse Pointe Farms and Bernie Staricco of the City of Grosse Pointe; sitting from left, Amy Danna of Grosse Pointe Shores, Liz Bsharah of the City of Grosse Pointe, Aspa Raptis of Grosse Pointe Woods and Patricia Stumb of the City of Grosse Pointe. Also on the committee but not pictured are, Jean L. Azar of Grosse Pointe Shores, Tara Blake of the City of Grosse Pointe, Sharon Burke of Grosse Pointe Farms, Patricia Connelly of Harrison Township, Patricia Cosgrove of Grosse Pointe Woods, Katie Cosgrove of Grosse Pointe Woods, Mary Ghanem of Grosse Pointe Shores, Patricia Giftos of Grosse Pointe Shores, Barbara Glass of Detroit, Wendy Koster Relich of Grosse Pointe Farms, Alicia Krall of Grosse Pointe Farms, Roselee Latiff of the City of Grosse Pointe, Victoria Liggett of Grosse Pointe Shores, Andrea Soave Provenzano of Grosse Pointe Farms, Debra Van Elslander of Grosse Pointe Shores, Carolyn Wagner of Grosse Pointe Park, Nawal Zayat of Grosse Pointe Shores and Marsha Zingas of Grosse Pointe Farms.

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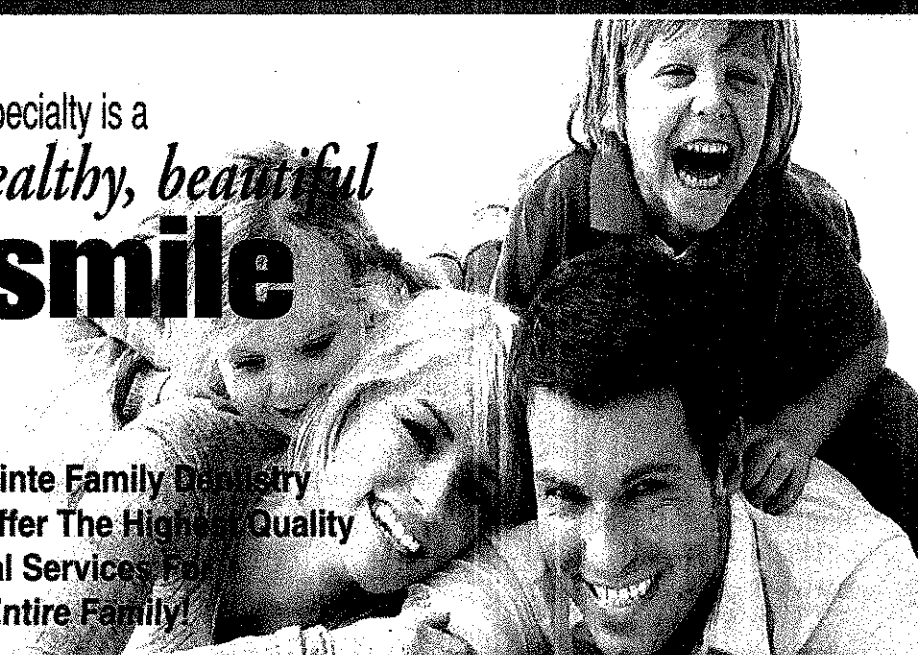
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St. Paul's

St. Paul's Lutheran Church, 22915 Greater Mack, St. Clair Shores, hosts the Detroit Lutheran Singers at 3:30 p.m. Sunday, March 21. Adult tickets cost \$10 and \$7 for seniors and students.

For more information, call (586) 777-0215.

Eastside Take
Control

The Eastside Take Control ecumenical career networking group meets from 7 to 9:30

p.m. Monday, March 22, at Christ Church, 61 Grosse Pointe Blvd., Grosse Pointe Farms. The topic is applying for federal jobs and maneuvering USAJOBS.gov. Matt Paquette is the speaker. Bring laptops.

The group also meets from 7:30 to 8:30 a.m. Monday, March 29, at Grosse Pointe Memorial Church, 16 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms. The topic is "Being held accountable for results — a guide to accountability support groups and how they can help."

For more information, call Pamela Hartmann at (313) 882-5330.

St. Michael's

St. Michael's Episcopal Church, 20475 Sunningdale

Park, Grosse Pointe Woods, hosts the showing of the PBS Frontline video "From Jesus to Christ" from 6:45 to 8 p.m. Wednesday, March 24. The Rev. Marianna Gronek leads the discussion, stemming from the video, about the origins of Christianity.

For more information, call (313) 884-4820.

Mariners' Church

Mariners' Church of Detroit, 170 E. Jefferson, Detroit, offers organ and vocal music from Bach, Schubert, Faure, Poulenc, Hadley and Casals for the Feast of the Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary at 12:35 p.m. Thursday, March 25.

Musicians performing are Kevin J. Bylsma, Kenneth J. Sweetman, Emily E. Benner,

Jane S. Rodgers and Varvara G. Buren.

For more information, call (313) 259-2206.

Point of Relevance

Linda Harvey, president of Mission America, speaks at 7

p.m. Thursday, March 25, at Point of Relevance, meeting at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms.

Her topic is "Homosexuality: Is the Debate Really Over?" Her topics include activism and growth in the gay power lobby, major so-

cial issues of same sex marriage, hate crimes and public school access, the impact of religion and homosexuality on the American public debate and managing public health issues.

For more information, call (313) 670-8405.

The event is free.

PASTOR'S CORNER By Roger Skully

Remembrance of promises

The springtime of the year is here. It is time for the holiday of Passover; Easter for our Christian neighbors. As most know, the "Last Supper" of Jesus was the Passover meal. The holiday has ancient origins and is mentioned in the Bible as a pilgrimage festival when one is supposed to go to the temple, in Jerusalem, to partake of the offerings there. There are a series of sacrifices offered — traditionally a lamb and the eating of unleavened bread, or matzo.

Since the temple is no longer in existence, other foods are substituted for those that were sacrificed, so lamb is not eaten. There is a remembrance of it in the form of a roasted shank bone placed on the Seder plate which recalls the ancient Pesach sacrifice.

Also on this symbolic plate is a roasted egg, reminding us of free-will sacrifices offered by the pilgrims to Jerusalem. And of course, the egg is a symbol of life; it is not eaten. Greens, bitter herbs and haroset, a combination of apples, nuts, cinnamon and wine, are included to remind us of the mortar used by the Hebrew slaves to build pharaoh's buildings.

We drink four cups of wine in remembrance of the promises made by God to his people when he delivered them out of Egypt.

Actually, Passover is a mixture of two holi-

days. One is a shepherd's sacrifice of a young lamb. The other is an agrarian holiday in which the first grains are brought and offered to insure a good harvest. We know this because, if you read the book of Exodus carefully, one finds the Hebrews are celebrating Passover before they leave Egypt. The legend is they left in such a hurry the bread did not have time to rise, but that doesn't quite explain the ritual of the unleavened bread adequately. My more Orthodox friends would differ with this explanation. However, I think a literal reading of scripture misses the beauty of the message it intends to give. One might say I read more myth into it, but appreciate this holiday on many levels.

Remember, myth is truth, but perhaps not literal in all the details.

It is a time of new life, a turning of seasons, a journey from slavery to freedom, and a promise from God that he is involved in our lives in a very significant way. We are instructed to teach this to our children, to imbue them with a love of life and human dignity. This year, Passover begins March 30.

We pray that next year, all men will celebrate this time of the year in freedom and peace. Amen.

Roger Skully is President, Grosse Pointe Ministerial Association.

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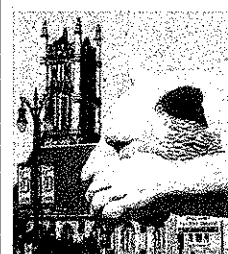
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◆ **GPHS WINS STATE SWIM TITLE:** One tenth of one second may not seem to be of much consequence, but to the Grosse Pointe Blue Devil swimming team it was the most important thing in the world last Saturday in the University of Michigan swimming pool.

It was that tenth of a second that set the stage for Blue Devil co-captain Lauren Bowler to beat Birmingham's anchorman in the final 200-yard freestyle relay event and win the State title.

◆ **THIEF FALLS THROUGH ICE:** A man twice fell through the ice on Lake St. Clair as he tried to evade arrest by Park police.

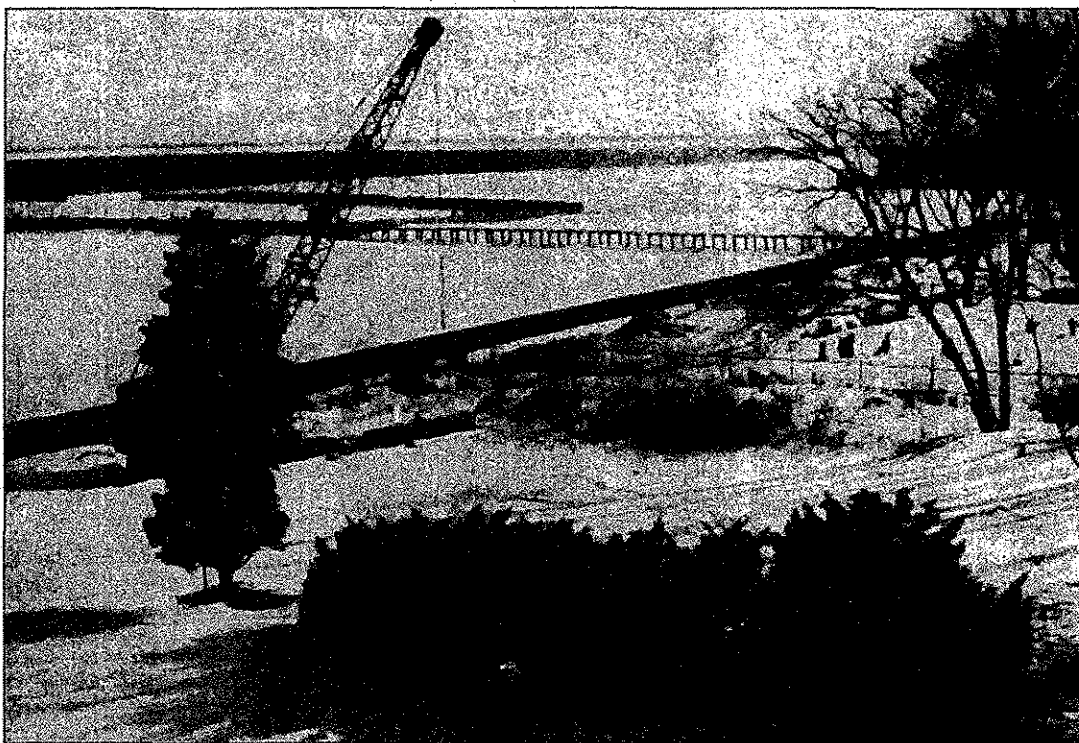
Park authorities received a call about 2:30 a.m. from a Windmill Pointe Drive homeowner stating someone was trying to break into his house.

Police arrived at the scene and played the spotlights of their scout cars around the area. They saw a man running east toward Korte. The officers followed the man's footprints to the lake and saw him about three-quarters of a mile out on the ice, still running. They saw him crash through the ice, then pull himself out. The officers shouted an order to the man to come to them. The command was ignored.

One of the officers drew his service revolver and fired a warning shot into the air and the startled man fell through the ice a second time. After pulling himself out again, he walked toward the police officers and surrendered.

◆ **DENTIST HURT IN EXPLOSION:** A Grosse Pointe Shores dentist suffered first and second degree burns about the face and arms in an explosion at his office on Mack in Grosse Pointe Woods.

The burns resulted from a fire that followed the blast which Woods authorities believe was brought about by accumulated gas. The explo-



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sion ruined the interior and exterior of the building owned by the dentist.

1985

25 years ago this week

◆ **FARMS DELAYS PARK DECISION:** The Farms City Council decided to postpone construction of a new entrance to Pier Park until later in the season when it is certain of public support for the \$130,000 project.

◆ **BUMP AND RUN:** A Grosse Pointe Park woman reported to Farms police she was robbed of \$5,000 in jewelry after leaving the War Memorial. The woman said she walked to her car which was parked on McKinley Road. As she was driving on McKinley, her vehicle was bumped from behind by what she thought was a postal vehicle.

She left her car, thinking she would be meeting with a postman, when the suspect jumped from his vehicle and knocked her down.

Six gold bracelets, a diamond dinner ring and a gold watch were stolen.

2000

10 years ago this week

◆ **PUBLIC WORKS CONTRACT APPROVED:** The Grosse Pointe Farms City Council approved a new contract with the city's public works employees — almost two years after the last contract expired.

The contract calls for a 3 percent wage increase a year for three years. Employees had been working without a contract since 1998, so they will receive the appropriate pay increases retroactively.

◆ **RACCOON ROUSTED:** A homeowner in Grosse Pointe Woods called police upon finding a live raccoon in the fireplace.

An officer said the raccoon would probably go away if confronted with a rag soaked in ammonia. If not, call an exterminator.

◆ **FARMS GETS HEAVY EQUIPMENT:** The Grosse Pointe Farms City Council approved spending more than \$150,000 to purchase a new rubbish packer, a 4X4 pickup truck and a loader. While the

purchases sound like a lot of money, the Farms is replacing equipment that has been in constant use since the 1980s, explained the Farms director of public service.

2005

Five years ago this week

◆ **NEW PARKING PLANNED IN PARK:** Spring is in the air as Grosse Pointe Park gets under way to construct a new municipal parking lot.

Demolition will begin on two multi-family residential units on Lakepointe and Beaconsfield adjacent to the south Kercheval alley within the next two or three weeks. Construction of a new 60-spot municipal parking lot is ex-

pected to take place on those parcels shortly thereafter and is expected to be completed for the opening of the West Park Market in early May.

◆ **PARK PETS COULD BE LIMITED:** If a council member gets his way, there may be limited opportunities to rain cats and dogs in Grosse Pointe Park. Councilman James Robson has asked the council's ordinance committee to con-

sider an ordinance that would limit the number of pets residents can keep in their homes.

◆ **MINOR IN POSSESSION:** A 15-year-old Grosse Pointe Woods boy was arrested for possession of alcohol after a Woods public safety officer spotted him drinking and carrying a case of beer while walking down Stanhope.

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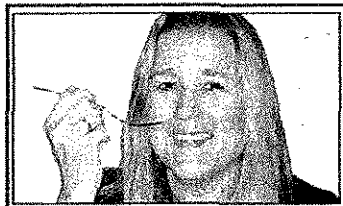
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A LA ANNIE By Annie Rouleau-Scheriff

Homemade ranch dressing is the best



Ranch dressing has become a second ketchup in the world of condiments, finding it's way on burgers and fries and the ever-popular veggie platter.

Many companies produce ranch dressing, however it was Hidden Valley (an actual ranch in California) that brought the creamy buttermilk salad dressing into the limelight. And here it still sits.

Recipes for ranch dressing

date back more than 100 years. With the help of my niece, Maria, I made some homemade ranch dressing adapted from one created in 1987. Besides the fresh taste, I like the thinner consistency of the dressing, allowing a drizzle over your salad rather than a dowsing of a thicker ranch that has also become quite popular.

Ranch Dressing

2 cups mayonnaise
1 teaspoon onion salt
1 teaspoon dried chives
1 teaspoon dried parsley
1/2 teaspoon garlic powder
1/4 teaspoon salt
1/4 teaspoon white pepper
2 pinches dried oregano
2 cups buttermilk

In a large bowl, combine the

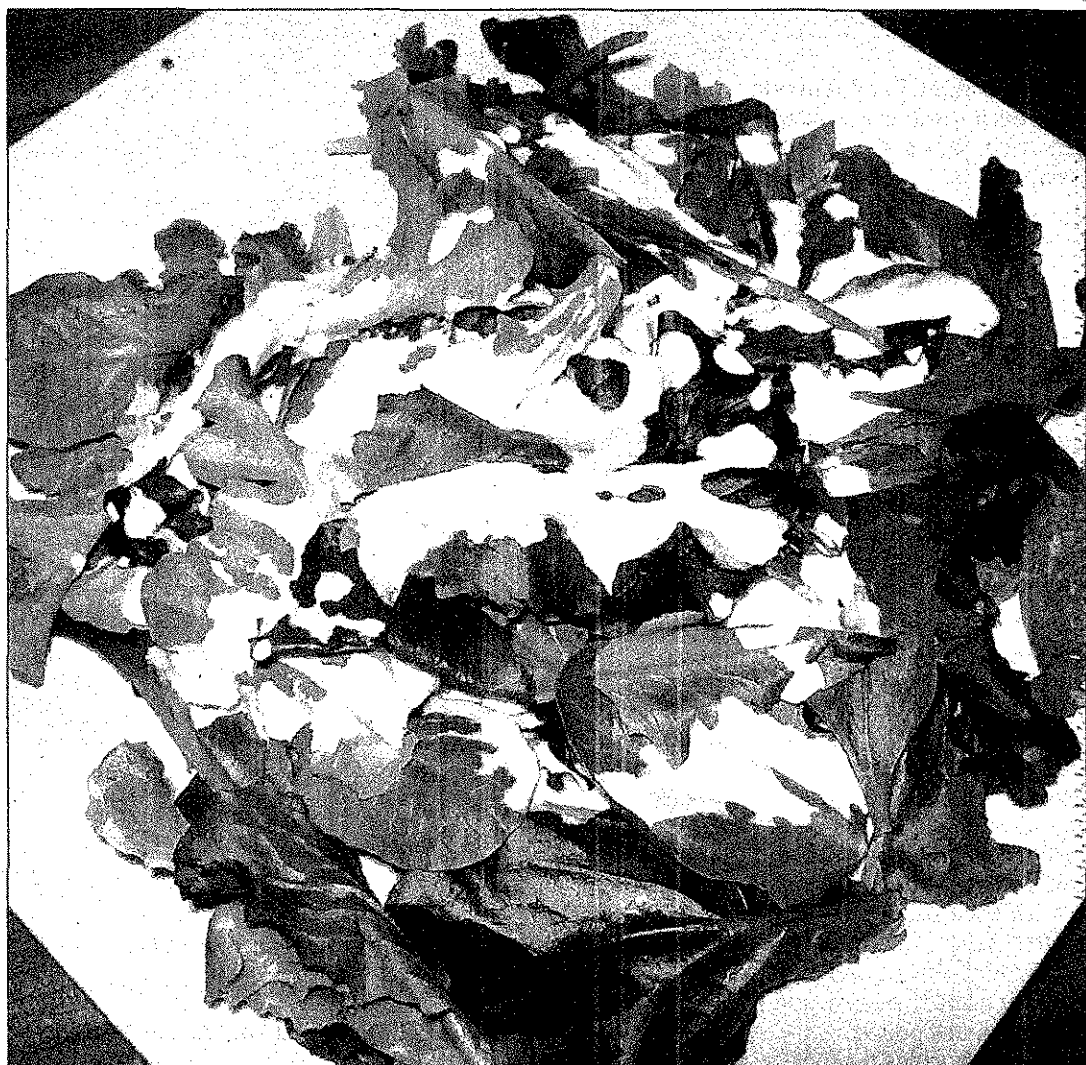
mayonnaise with the onion salt, chives, parsley, garlic powder, salt, white pepper and oregano. Beat together with a mixer on low for a minute or so. Increase the speed a bit and slowly add the buttermilk, beating until the mixture becomes very smooth, about 2 minutes. Transfer to an airtight container and chill overnight before serving.

Drizzle homemade ranch dressing over mixed greens or serve alongside fresh vegetables.

Maria's favorite is a side of ranch with cooked broccoli. Yummy.

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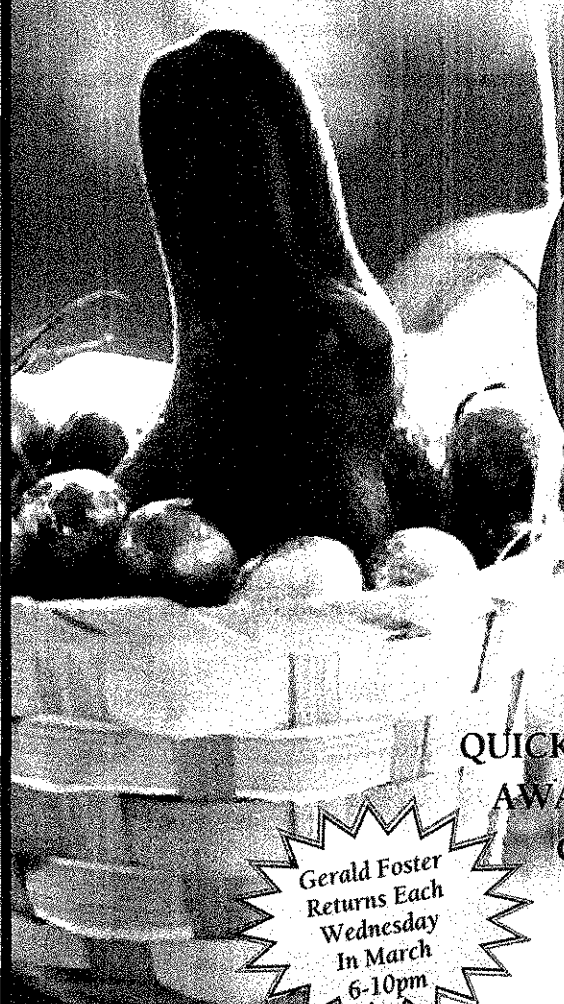
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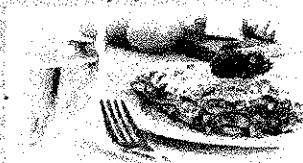
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GIRLS BASKETBALL

North dominates en route to regional title

By John McTaggart
Special Writer

As the final seconds ticked off the clock, Grosse Pointe North girls' basketball fans stood up and clapped.

The crowd that had gathered at L'Anse Creuse High School March 11 applauded the teams 52-40 winning effort in the regional final of the state tournament that evening.

The victory added another trophy to the showcase and another accolade to a program that has been nothing short of stellar during the past few years – including a 2008 Class A state championship.

Still, this crown may have meant more to head coach Gary Bennett than other post-season titles.

"I'm so proud of this team," Bennett said. "I mean, this isn't the same group from last year or 2008, really. It's just not the same team. I think that makes this accomplishment something really special. I never would've thought it would be possible for this team to accomplish all they've accomplished. They set a school record with 24 wins in a row. They're on their way to the state quarterfinals. It's remarkable. We really didn't have any experience on the team except for Ariel (Braker) and Michaela (Liddane) this year. It's really a remarkable thing



Seniors Christine Bedway, left, and Ariel Braker embrace after winning a third straight regional championship.

this team has done."

Regardless of what happened to the squad against Detroit Renaissance in the quarterfinals March 16, as of press time, results of the contest were not available. This year's group left an indelible mark on the long and storied history of the program.

"The mark of a great team is to get it done when the opportunity presents itself," Bennett said. "That opportunity presented itself to us tonight, and this team got it done. Every team has its own level it can get to. I just never would thought this team would get to

this level. It's amazing, and I'm so very proud of this team." They worked so hard."

Despite trailing by two points, 11-9, after the opening quarter, North rallied to close the half, outscoring Macomb Area Conference Red foe Dakota High School by 14 in the second quarter, and taking a 28-16 lead into the break.

The spark for North was undoubtedly senior standout Ariel Braker.

Braker was simply too much for Dakota to handle on the glass and the Cougars were also left without an answer for her offensively.



PHOTOS BY DANA KAISER

Grosse Pointe North senior Kamille Hamzey, right, drives to the basket during the Norsemen's regional title victory over Macomb Dakota.

The Notre Dame-bound forward finished with a game-high 24 points and 12 rebounds.

"As far as I'm concerned,

she's Miss Basketball," Dakota head coach Phil McCune said. "She's just an incredible player."

Although Braker was cer-

tainly instrumental in North's success, the play of junior Liddane was crucial.

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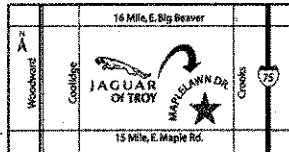
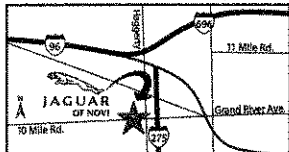
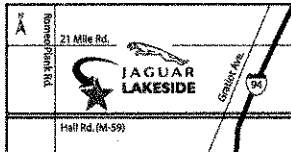
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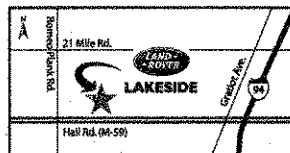


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Boys swimming

NORTH & SOUTH

South takes second in state finals

North finished strong

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

Grosse Pointe South's boys' swimming and diving team had its best-ever finish at the state finals last weekend.

Head coach Eric Gunderson and the Blue Devils placed second with 248.5 points in the Division 2 championship meet at Oakland University.

Birmingham Groves won the title with 331 points and Grosse Pointe North finished 13th with 47 points.

"We wanted to take home a top three finish and earn a team trophy," Gunderson said. "To take second is fantastic and this was truly a team effort. Everyone we had in the meet did a great job, swimming some fast times and pushing to do their best."

Gunderson was able to bask in the glory, along with his state championship swimmers, who earned all-state honors in several events, including the 200-yard freestyle relay team of junior Craig Campbell, junior Cam Johnson, senior Joe Hessburg and senior Matt Mandel, who won the gold medal with a time of 1:25.05.

This time was a school record and only .34 from a state record.

The top eight in each event earned all-state first team honors.

The Blue Devils' 400-yard freestyle relay squad of Campbell, senior Mike Shook, Hessburg and Mandel had an all-state third-place finish with a time of 3:10.08, and the 200-yard medley relay foursome of Shook, sophomore Cam Laney, Hessburg and Johnson earned all-state with a sixth-place time of 1:38.22.

Other all-state performances were turned in by Campbell, third in the 200-yard freestyle with a time of 1:42.58 and Shook, sixth at 1:44.58.

Hessburg was seventh in the 50-yard freestyle with a time of 22.02 and senior Kyle Eschenburg was eighth in diving with 357.65 points.

Mandel had a solid meet, too, taking home a fourth-place medal in the 100-yard freestyle with a time of 46.66 and Campbell was eighth at 47.18.

In the 500-yard freestyle, Shook was fourth with a time of 4:41.41 and North sophomore Justin Rakowicz was sixth with a time of 4:46.63 to earn all-state accolades.

The final three all-state performances were turned in by Laney, South sophomore Luke Hessburg and North sophomore Christian Mellos in the 100-yard breaststroke. Laney



PHOTO BY BOB CAMPBELL

The Grosse Pointe South coaches and swimmers celebrate after winning the second-place trophy. Team members are, first row from left, Cam Laney, Michael Shook, Luke Hessburg, Joe Hessburg, Ryan Graham, Craig Campbell, Mac Day, Kyle Eschenburg and Pete Basile; second row from left, Roby Boggs, Matt Schmidt, Sam Effinger and Daniel Fisher; and back row, head coach Eric Gunderson, Matt Mandel hoisting the trophy, assistant coach Ryan Wheaton and assistant coach John Fodell. Not pictured are assistant coaches Chad Hepner and Bill Thompson.

was fourth with a time of 59.04, while Hessburg placed sixth at 1:00.37 and Mellos was eighth at 1:00.81.

"Grosse Pointe North completed its 2010 season with its best finish in many years," North head coach Mike O'Connor said. "For the first time in 10 years, the Norsemen were able to achieve all-state status in swimming (Mellos)."

In that same event, South junior Roby Boggs was 10th with a time of 1:01.71 and he was ninth in the 200-yard individual medley with a time of 2:00.32.

North's 200-yard medley relay team of senior Robert Tripp, Mellos, junior Zack Hanna and senior Matt Peyser placed 10th with a time of 1:42.71 and Rakowicz was 20th in the 200-freestyle with a time of 1:48.12.

In the 200-IM, Mellos was 17th and South junior Ryan Graham was 24th with times of 2:03.07 and 2:04.69, respectively, while Johnson was ninth in the 50-freestyle with a time of 21.98.

North sophomore James McNelis continued his solid finish, placing ninth in diving with 356.10 points and South senior Matt Schmidt was 12th

in the 500-freestyle with a time of 4:51.90.

The Norsemen's 200-freestyle relay team of senior Tommy Milne, sophomore Peter Shea, Peyser and Rakowicz was 24th with a time of 1:33.59 and in the 100-yard backstroke, Tripp and Schmidt placed 19th and 22nd with times of 56.77 and 57.14, respectively.

The final top finish of the finals was turned in by the Norsemen's 400-freestyle relay team of Tripp, Peyser, Rakowicz and Mellos with a 17th-place time of 3:23.05.

South's other state finalists were Daniel Fisher in diving, along with relay alternates Mac Day, Sam Effinger and Pete Basile.

The rest of the teams placing between South and North in the standings were Holland with 229 points, Birmingham Seaholm with 201.5, Midland Dow with 189, Dexter with 149, Battle Creek Lakeview with 145, Northview with 99, Walled Lake Northern with 78, Jenison with 70 and Rochester Stoney Creek with 58.

North Farmington tied with North with 47 points, one ahead of both Berkley and Hudsonville.



Diver Kyle Eschenburg earned all-state honors, thanks to determination and coaching of Chad Hepner, right.

Gymnastics

GROSSE POINTE UNITED



PHOTO BY DANA KAISER

Rock solid

Grosse Pointe United's Lauren Krieger and Madi Kaiser earned all-state honors in last weekend's Division 2 gymnastics state championship meet at Rockford. Krieger tied for fifth on the balance beam with a score of 9.375 and Kaiser took eighth in the same event with a score of 9.100. Emma Abessinio and Heather Koresky tied for 27th in the uneven parallel bars with a score of 8.175 and on the floor exercise, Abessinio was 17th at 8.925 and Aubryn Samaroo was 32nd at 8.525. This was the first time in program history the team had five competitors in the state finals. Head coach Cathy Hubmeier watched her gymnasts put together one of its best seasons in years and the best during her tenure. Pictured, from left, are the five state finalists, junior Heather Koresky, senior Lauren Krieger, sophomore Madi Kaiser, freshman Emma Abessinio and freshman Aubryn Samaroo.

Girls hockey

LIGGETT, NORTH & SOUTH

South drops state title game in 20T

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

Grosse Pointe South's girls' hockey team's bid to win a third straight state championship was denied.

Bloomfield Hills Cranbrook Kingswood's Sydney Sakwa scored with 1:12 left in double-overtime, sending the favored Blue Devils home with a 2-1 loss.

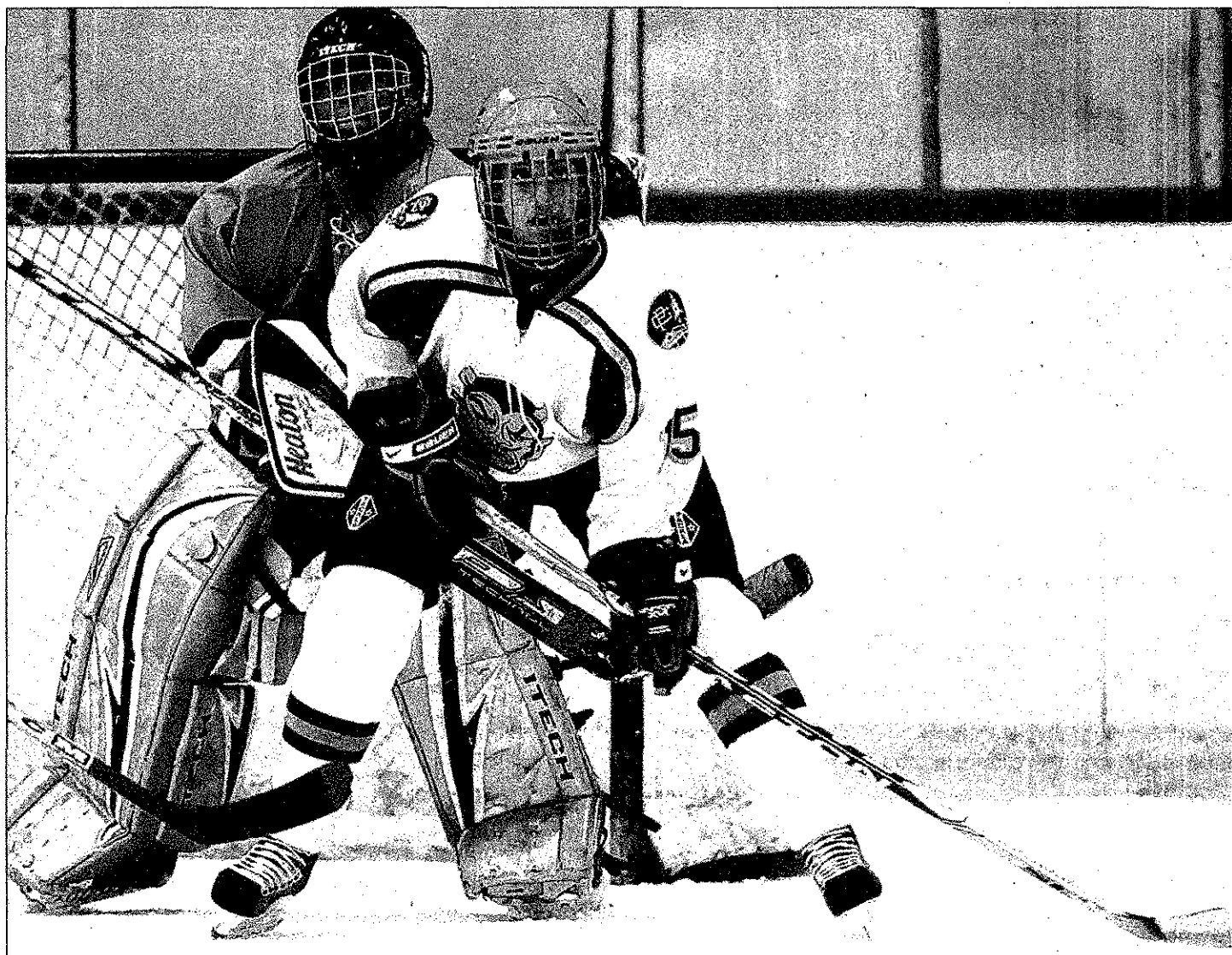
Sakwa's harmless shot found a way by senior goalie Maggie Miller, who was screened on the play and didn't see the puck until it was too late.

She got a piece of the puck, but it had enough steam to elude her glove and fall behind the goal line.

"(Colleen) Jacoby was the difference in the game," head coach Bill Fox said. "She played well and we bit ourselves a couple of times that cost us. We outplayed them for the most part, but they won the game."

The Blue Devils beat Ann Arbor in the state finals in 2008 and 2009 and this season it brought a 21-0 record into the championship game against a Crane team it beat twice during the regular season.

They did everything in their power to win the game, outshooting the Cranes 51-21, but



Grosse Pointe South's Elizabeth Clem, No. 15, had a solid state tournament, but the Blue Devils road to a third straight title was blocked by Bloomfield Hills Cranbrook Kingswood.

scoring at the 7:18 mark, Clair Boyle at 5:59 and Julia Solecki at 5:42.

Gianino and Sklarski assisted in the first goal, while senior Jessica Snella and sophomore Cara Monforton assisted the second tally and the third was unassisted.

Sophomore Claire Boyle and senior Julia Solecki scored power play goals early in the third period, while Solecki and Gianino rounded out the scoring in the final 3:19 of the third period.

Solecki's third goal came while the Blue Devils had two people in the penalty box.

With the loss, Liggett ended the season 10-13 overall.

Owczarski loses all-state forward Paige Counsman, plus fellow seniors Liz Smith and Morgan Ellis.

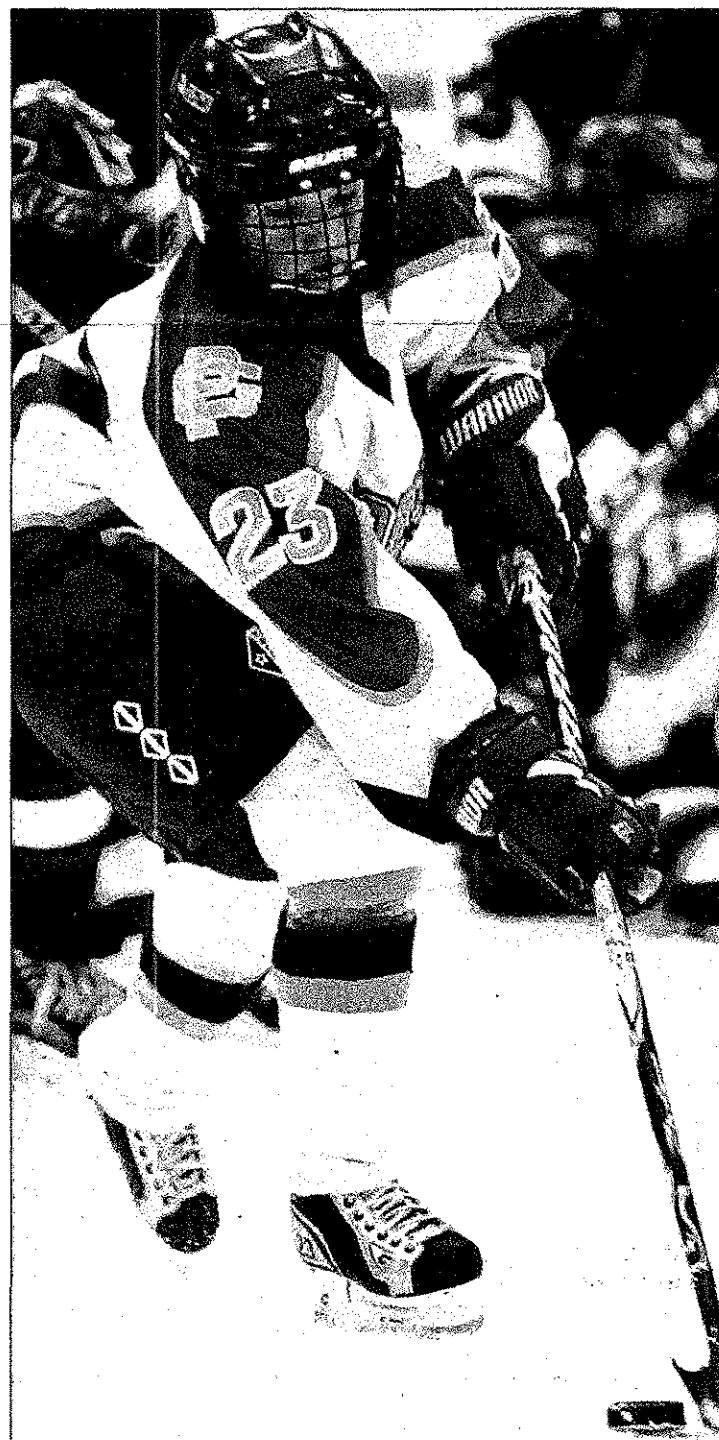
Returning players include Bolton, who should earn a post-season honor this year.

In the quarterfinals, South shutout Livonia Ladywood 6-0; North beat Northville 4-2; and Liggett defeated Ann Arbor 4-1 as Counsman had two goals and two assists.

Bolton and junior Keegin Fisher also scored for the Knights.

For the Norsemen, sophomore Jennifer Cusmano, junior Kailey Sickmiller, freshman Julia Henderson and

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Freshman Bryn Moody, above, played well, but the Norsemen lost 3-0 to eventual state champ Bloomfield Hills Cranbrook Kingswood in a semifinal game. Pictured right, Liggett senior Paige Counsman, No. 5, scored twice in the Knights' quarterfinal win over Ann Arbor. She ended her high school hockey career with a loss to Grosse Pointe South in the semifinals.

Sakwa played the heroine and Jacoby was the most valuable player.

"I knew my goaltender would keep us in the game," Cranbrook Kingswood head coach Terry Brooks said. "We're a well-conditioned team and it showed tonight. We wouldn't quit and beat a great team."

The Blue Devils were seven seconds from losing in regulation play, but senior Ana Harris tied it with a slapshot from 10 feet away. Fellow seniors Rae Sklarski and Shannon Gianino assisted on the goal that came with 7.1 seconds left.

Fox's squad outshot the Cranes 13-7 in the first overtime and 6-5 in the second.

Grosse Pointe South finished the season 21-1 and Cranbrook Kingswood was 19-3.

South advanced to the title game with an 8-1 win over Liggett in the first semifinal played, but Grosse Pointe North wasn't as fortunate, losing 3-0 to Cranbrook Kingswood.

The Norsemen dominated the game from a statistical standpoint, outshooting the Cranes 22-12, but couldn't get a puck past Colleen Jacoby.

The Cranes scored a goal in each period, adding the final tally on the power play with 13:35 left.

North head coach Scott Dockett and the Norsemen were seeking its first win over the Cranes this season after losing the two regular season games in overtime.

Grosse Pointe North finished its season 14-8 overall.

Dockett has his entire roster returning next season, includ-



ing seniors-to-be Megan Bergeron, Taylor Moody and Meghan Williams.

As for South, it trailed Liggett 1-0 on a goal by sophomore Haleigh Bolton at the 7:53 mark of the opening period.

Liggett head coach Laura Owczarski had the Knights flying around the ice, taking charge of a game they entered as underdogs.

The shot were 6-6 after the

opening period and the Knights held an 8-6 lead in shots early in the second period before the Blue Devils' light went on.

Marissa Monforton flew down the right side of the ice and fired a shot that went top shelf, tying it 1-1 at the 9:36 mark of the second period.

"Marissa's goal was the spark we needed," Fox said. "The girls were nervous before the game and during that first

period, but once Monforton scored, the girls got a lot of confidence."

In a span of 90 seconds midway through the second period, the Blue Devils exploded for three goals with Ana Harris

freshman Bryn Moody scored.

The Blue Devils had six different goal scorers against Ladywood with Elizabeth Clem, Gianino, Snella, Sklarski, Solecki and Bailey McColl scoring.

BASEBALL

South to host baseball clinic

Grosse Pointe South hosts a spring baseball clinic from 9 a.m. to noon Saturday, March 27, in the main gymnasium.

It is for children in second through eighth grades and players will be grouped according to age. Coaches may attend for free.

Campers will learn skills in hitting, pitching, infield, outfield and catching and the cost is \$50. Instruction is provided by South coaches and players.

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Brochures are available at gpsouthbaseball.com, as well as the Neighborhood Club and the Grosse Pointe Farms/City and Grosse Pointe Park Little League websites.

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Figure skating

GROSSE POINTE UNITED



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Style points

The Grosse Pointe United figure skating team finished its season with grandeur, taking second at the district competition to earn a spot in the state championship round March 28 in Midland. This is the second year in a row the Level A team qualified for the finals. The Dearborn United team finished in first and Dearborn Divine Child was third. Grosse Pointe's Level B squad took fifth place, earning a first place for field moves, and Level C finished seventh, earning a medal with a third place for jumps. Head coach Shelly Rosinski said she is very proud of all the girls as they competed with style and outstanding sportsmanship. Pictured above, from left, are Team A members Lara Willmarth, Kimberly Morawski, head coach Shelly Rosinski, Tessa Hedges, Minna Song, Paige Pringle and Miranda Caruso. Jade Lun is not pictured.

Men's ice hockey

GROSSE POINTE



PHOTO COURTESY OF TIM LENHARD

Hockey champs

The Grosse Pointers Lenhard Financial Bulls banded together to win the St. Clair Shores Senior Men's League at Civic Arena Sunday, Feb. 28. The champs are, front row from left, Tim Kimmel, Tim Lenhard and Craig Lenhard; middle row from left, Jim Ryszewski, Matt Dennis, goalie Mike Shea, Andy Denbaas and Larry O'Keefe; and back row from left, Mike Hackett, Brian Francis and Jason Bessert.

Soccer

TOPS



Good news

Scott McNamara, top row fourth from left, is a special education major at Wayne State University who has been named co-director of the Grosse Pointe Soccer Association's Tops program. McNamara has been involved with Autism research and the Tops program, which is for children ages 3 to 12 with physical or mental disabilities. "Tops is a door that can be opened for children who need extra attention and socialization," McNamara said. "It's fun and it helps their self-esteem." Tops runs from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. Saturdays at Barnes from April 24 to June 12. Registration is open at grossepointesoccer.org.

GPSSA



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Indoor champs

The GPSA U9 Salvo '01 Green boys soccer team defeated Waza FC 5-4 in the National Indoor U9 Boys Division championship game March 7 at Total Soccer in Novi. It is the first time a GPSA team has won a national tournament at the U9 level. Pictured above are, front row from left, Griffin Clevenger, Drew Clutterbuck, Sean Ellis, Jimmy Giftos, Joe Smigelski and Ethan Goldstein; and back row from left, Joseph Paglino, Matthew Moran, Scott Rosati, Dionisis Kefalonitis, coach Francesco Cilano, Karl Fets, Brady McCarron and Govind Suresh.

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Basketball
LIGGETT

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Nice season
Liggett's boys' basketball team finished with 17 wins this season, which was the most the program had in some time. Freshman Eric Ewing, with ball, played his part to help the Knights, earning a significant role off head coach Sidney Johnson's bench. He will play a larger role next season with the graduation of leading scorer Mark Ghafari and fellow starter, Joey Shannon.

Girls basketball

NORTH:
It's three
in a row

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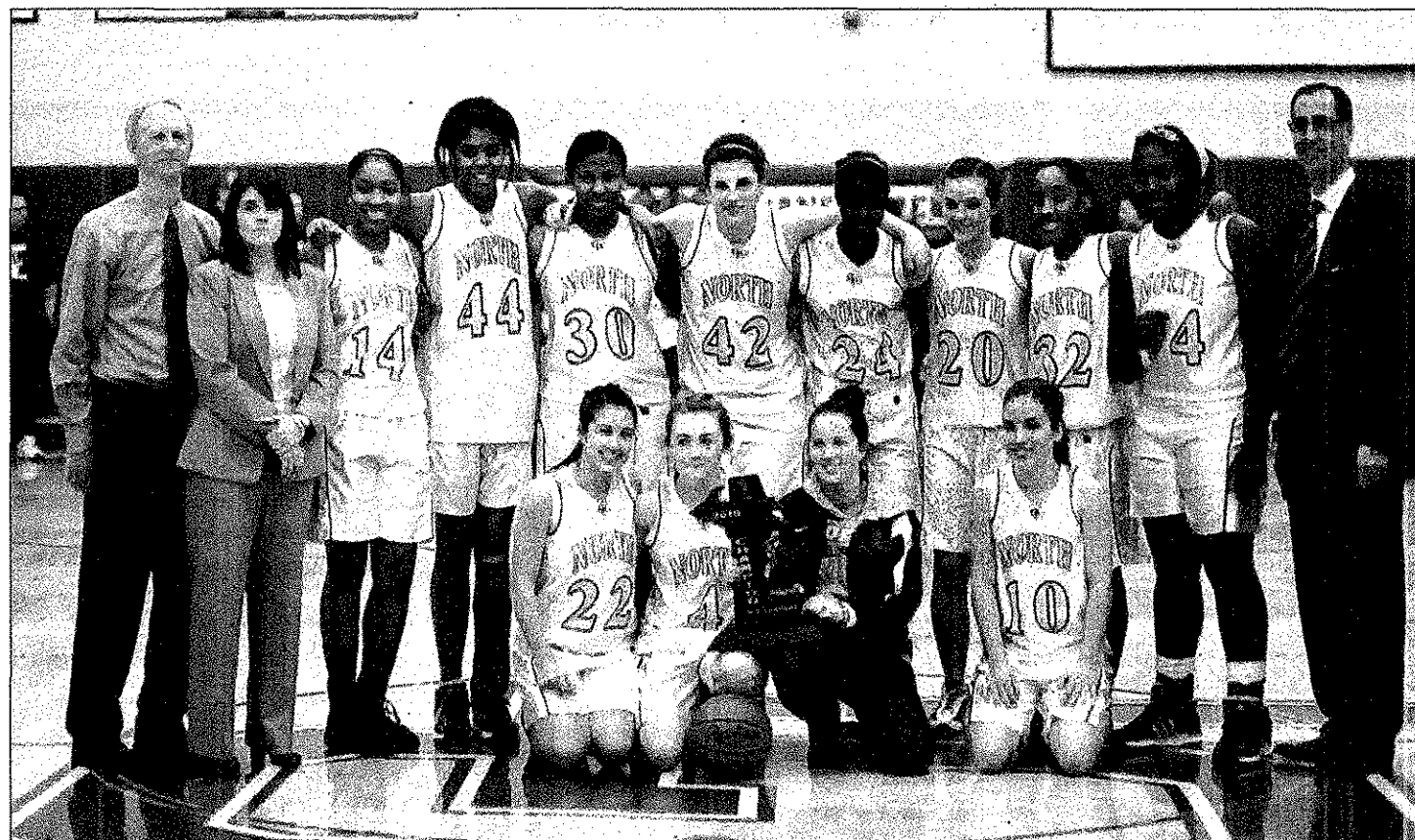
"Micaela answered the bell for us tonight," Bennett said of his senior guard.

Liddane poured in 10 points, nine of which came in the pivotal third quarter.

North's pressure disrupted Dakota in the second half, forcing the team into turnover after turnover. The defensive effort pushed the Lady Norsemen lead to 21 points, 45-24, at the end of the quarter.

North's defense is indicative of how the whole squad works — where the sum is greater than the total of the parts.

"Look, we're not a great basketball team. We know this about ourselves," Bennett said. "But we play as a team, and we're not afraid to play hard and work hard every day. When you do that, when you really come together as a team like this team has, and you work hard as a team, then you can do great things. I think this



Grosse Pointe North's girls' basketball team and coaches earned a third straight Class A regional championship, beating Macomb Dakota in the title game.

team proved that this year."

North had an easy time winning its 23rd straight game, 57-37, over Sterling Heights in the

first regional game.

"We had a lot of energy tonight," Bennett said. "We played well and played together.

We played with a purpose."

It was tied 6-6 at one point midway through the first quarter. Then the Norsemen caught

lightning in a bottle and ran off 12 of the next 14 points to lead 18-8.

In the first few minutes of

the second quarter, the Norsemen put a lot of space between itself and the Stallions, using a powerful pressure defense to force turnovers and get easy transition baskets.

At the half, the Norsemen nearly tripled the Stallions' point total as the score was 35-12.

Braker had as many rebounds as the Stallions had point and the visitors had more turnovers than points.

At one point in the third quarter, the Norsemen led 48-12 before the girls let off the gas pedal.

The Stallions finished with 27 turnovers.

Braker finished with another double-double, netting 18 points and 19 rebounds. She also had five blocked shots and several assists.

Womack added 16 points, followed by Liddane with eight points and a handful of assists, including a pretty tough pass that led to a layup.

The Norsemen blocked eight shots.

Grosse Pointe North improved to 24-1 overall.

Sports Editor Bob St. John contributed to this story.

LIGGETT

Knights
come
up short

By Bob St. John

Sports Editor

Liggett's girls' basketball team played a regional championship game last week that might be the catalyst for great things to come.

The Knights lost 42-38 in double-overtime to Detroit Allen Academy, ranked in the top in Class C.

The game had all of the drama of a state championship game, but in the end, the Knights' youthful exuberance came to the forefront in the defeat.

"Our girls played hard and were ready for this test, but in the end we came up a little short," head coach Wayne Gigante said. "We played with three freshman, a sophomore and only one senior against a very good basketball team.

"I'm proud of the girls. This was a small step for us and I think everyone took notice that Liggett is here."

The Knights jumped out to a 17-5 lead without leading scorer Madison Ristovski scoring a single point.

Allen Academy closed the gap to 25-23 at the half, but grabbed a 31-27 lead early in the third quarter.

"The girls wouldn't let them increase the lead and I give our girls a lot of credit for that," Gigante said. "This was a great high school basketball game."

It was tied 33-33 at the end of regulation and 36-36 after the first overtime.

Allen hit a couple of big baskets in the second overtime to send the Knights home with the tough defeat.

Sophomore Madison Ristovski led the way with 12 points in the low-scoring affair. Senior Hannah Baird joined freshmen Haleight Ristovski, Julia DeRoo and Ariana



Sophomore Madison Ristovski was held to 12 points in the Knights' tough double-overtime loss to Detroit Allen Academy.

Castillo in the starting lineup that nearly toppled one of the favorites to win the Class C state title.

In the regional semifinal, Liggett blasted host Riverview Gabriel Richard 63-37.

"I thought we played very well," Gigante said. "We pressured the ball a lot and got some easy baskets. Defensively, we really played well and the girls are starting to understand the little things which has resulted in some nice playoff wins."

The Knights jumped all over the home team, leading 35-19

at the half. After keeping a comfortable lead throughout the third quarter, the Knights were able to cruise to the finish line.

Madison Ristovski had nearly as many points as the entire Gabriel Richard squad, scoring 31, while Baird had 13 and DeRoo had 11. Haleigh Ristovski didn't score much, netting only seven points, but she grabbed 15 rebounds and was a defensive standout, according to Gigante.

Liggett finished its first season under Gigante 21-3 overall.

Figure skating

GROSSE POINTE SOUTH

Hedges heads to worlds

Tessa Hedges, a Grosse Pointe South junior, recently competed in Minneapolis, MN, at the synchronized skating nationals with her team, The Crystallettes.

The senior level team came in second place, which qualifies it to skate at the synchro-

nized skating world championships. Only the top two teams in the USA will skate at the competition.

There will be 19 countries represented at the competition held April 9 to 10 in Colorado Springs, CO.

Hedges has skated 10 years

with various synchronized skating teams. She joined the Dearborn Crystallette senior team this season after skating three years at the junior level with the Ann Arbor Hockettes.

She was a member of the 2007 National Junior Champion Hockette team.

Boys basketball

LIGGETT

Knights drop title tilt

By Bob St. John

Sports Editor

Liggett's boys' basketball team played in its first district championship game in some time last weekend.

Playing the underdog role, the Knights faced Detroit City at Harper Woods Chandler Park Academy.

"They're taller than us and athletic, but we have been able to beat that type of competition the past few weeks," head coach Sidney Johnson said. "We have solid senior leadership and we're confident we can win."

The Knights played well, but ended the season with a 67-64 loss, leaving the team with a 17-6 overall record.

"The game went down to the final possession and we played toe-to-toe with one of the top teams in Class C," Johnson said. "Our guys realize they can play with any team when they play together. The future

looks bright because our younger guys got a chance to play in some big games.

"Our seniors played their hearts out and this was a good experience for the program."

The Knights had a six-point lead, but City made the plays down the stretch to pull out the victory.

Senior Mark Ghafari had 33 points in his final high school game and freshman Eric Ewing added 14.

Liggett advanced with a 60-57 victory over Michigan Collegiate. They held a three-point halftime lead and were able to get several key baskets, rebounds and steals down the stretch to win.

"Each team took turns with the lead and it didn't look good when Joey Shannon fouled out with about three minutes left in the game," Johnson said. "KeVaughn (Jackson) stepped in and provided some solid rebounds and steals to help us."

GROSSE POINTE SOUTH

South
falls to
Finney

By John McTaggart

Special Writer

After an ousting of cross-town rival Grosse Pointe North to open the district round of the state tournament, Grosse Pointe South squared off against Detroit Finney March 10 with a trip to the final on the line.

After all the dust settled, however, the Blue Devils fell to Finney, 68-55, ending both a run at a district championship and the 2009-2010 campaign.

"We just didn't make enough shots," head coach Jim Twigg said. "We didn't make enough and they made everything they looked at. I think if we could've made a few more shots early on, it would've been a different story."

Finney was spectacular from the floor against South, particularly from behind the three-point arc, shooting better than 50 percent in the contest.

The hot shooting helped Finney build a nine-point lead early in the fourth quarter. This forced South to pressure and trap the ball more than they like to do, Twigg said.

"That's really not our game,"



Junior Brandon Barkley shoots for two points in the Blue Devils' district semifinal loss to Detroit Finney.

the coach said. "But in that situation, because we were down, we had to do it. That's just not something we want to do. It's just not who we are defensively."

Despite the pressure and trapping, Finney was simply too much.

"It's disappointing, sure," Twigg explained. "But there isn't much we can do about it now. I'm really proud of this team though, really proud."

Twigg's pride is undoubtedly shared amongst the program's supporters, who loyally watched the team battled through a very difficult early-season schedule.

"Our schedule was tough in the beginning of the season," the coach admitted. "And we

lost some really tough games, some really close games, and I was worried about how that was going to effect the team. But, they bounced back and responded very well."

After a rough start, the Blue Devils were razor-sharp in the second half of the season, putting together an 8-game winning streak in the process and wrapping up the season 11-11 overall and 7-5 in the very competitive Macomb Area Conference White.

"We had a great group of guys this season," Twigg said. "And great leadership, especially from Jarvis (Wise). I think this really helped. I have to give a lot of the credit to Jarvis and the leadership on the team."

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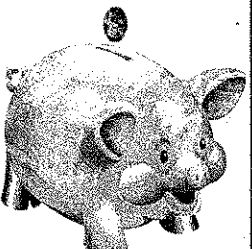
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