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THURSDAY, AUG. 5

◆ The Dave Bennett Jazz Quartet performs at the St. John Hospital and Medical Center 2010 Music on the Plaza Jazz Concert series at 7 p.m. on the Village Festival Plaza at the corner of Kercheval and St. Clair, City of Grosse Pointe. The event is free.

SATURDAY, AUG. 7

◆ West Park Farmers Market is from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Kercheval between Lakepointe and Beaconsfield.

SUNDAY, AUG. 8

◆ Grosse Pointe Symphony Orchestra holds a free concert at 3 p.m. in the lower level of the Moross Market Cafe, next to St. John Hospital and Medical Center, 22101 Moross, Detroit. The concert features symphony string players and soloists from the Detroit Symphony Orchestra. Free parking is available in the north lot.

◆ A free concert for Grosse Pointe Farms residents begins at 4:30 p.m. at Pier Park, Lakeshore at the foot of Moross.

MONDAY, AUG. 9

◆ Wayne County Commissioner Tim Killeen, D-Detroit, hosts "Chat with the Commish" from 9 to 10 a.m. at the Grosse Pointe Woods city hall, 20025 Mack Plaza.

◆ Children, ages five years and up, can make a craft at 2 p.m. at the Grosse Pointe Woods Public Library, Woods branch, 20680 Mack. To register, visit gp.lib.mi.us.

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

◆ Grosse Pointe Farms city council meets at 7 p.m. in council chambers, 90 Kerby.

WEDNESDAY, AUG. 11

◆ Darrin Hagel performs at 7:30 p.m. at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms, at the Summer Music Festival. Adult admission is \$8. For more information, call (313) 881-7511.

◆ The Christian rock band "Reilly" performs a free concert at 6:30 p.m. at the Grosse Pointe Woods Presbyterian Church, 19950 Mack.

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It's the angry mayor vs. the nerd

Primary offers surprises locally, statewide

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

Let the race begin.

The primary election Tuesday, Aug. 3, weeded out hopefuls for the top candidates in each party to compete head-to-head into the general election Nov. 2.

A partial tally consisting of results from the City of Grosse Pointe, Grosse Pointe Shores and Grosse Pointe Woods indicated strong trends in favor of incumbent

state Rep. Timothy Bledsoe, D-City.

Early results indicated Bledsoe will head into the November election against first-time Republican challenger Janice DuMouchelle.

In all three Grosse Pointes from which poll results were received before the Grosse Pointe News went to press after midnight, Bledsoe skunked his closest primary opponent, Charles F. Kimbrough of Detroit, 2,070 to 132.

DuMouchelle, of the City, led fellow first-time GOP candidate Charles "Terry" Davis III, a Farms councilman, 2,212 to 1,571.

As for the Congressional race, incum-

bent Carolyn Cheeks Kilpatrick, D-Detroit, can cross the Grosse Pointe off her Christmas list. She doesn't owe them anything, at least as of results totaled at midnight.

Democrat voters in the three reporting Pointes supported challenger state Sen. Hansen Clarke of Detroit 1,926 to 191 over Kilpatrick.

John Broad, a Farms resident vying for Kilpatrick's seat, led her by 95 votes.

The winner faces Republican John Hauler of the Woods.

In the gubernatorial primary,

More results

The Grosse Pointe News extended its press deadline for Tuesday's primary election. At press time, results were available for Grosse Pointe Shores, the City of Grosse Pointe and Grosse Pointe Woods. Find up-to-date election results at grossepointenews.com and full coverage in next week's issue.

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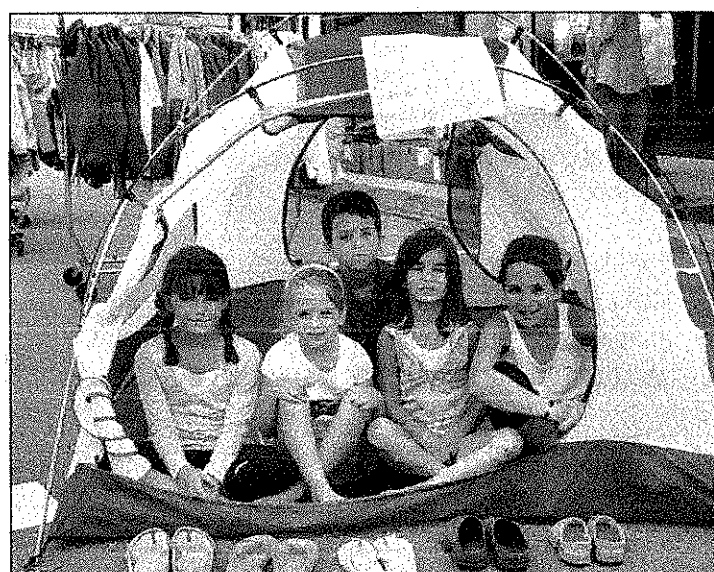


Fair fun

Family-oriented activities and marked-down merchandise drew a healthy crowd last week to the annual Village Sidewalk Sale and Street Festival in downtown City of Grosse Pointe. At right, Hannah Bainbridge of Grosse Pointe Woods checks out a pair of wings at the sidewalk sale. Below right, Nicole Sceglia of Grosse Pointe Farms and Elle McEvoy of Grosse Pointe Woods peek through a rack of clothing.



PHOTOS BY RENEE LANDUYT



Maya Petropoulos, Ella McCarthy, Keelin McCarthy, Alexa Petropoulos and Noah Petropoulos explore a tent outside of Moosejaw. They obey the sign, "Come on in but please take off your shoes." The Petropoulos's are from Grosse Pointe Park. The McCarthy's are Woods residents.



Arrest in park thefts

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

A Grosse Pointe Farms man's pass to residents-only Pier Park has been confiscated because he lent it to a Detroit relative, who along with another non-resident, were arrested last week for burgling lockers in the women's bathhouse.

Both women are suspected in a series of locker thefts that have been nagging police for weeks.

"We believe they've been committing larcenies throughout the summer," said Farms Detective Mike McCarthy. "They were using a resident's park pass with the resident's permission. The resident, a relative of one of the woman, indicated he was knowingly lending the pass to the suspects."

Park passes have the following rules printed on the back: "Use of this park pass by anyone other than the person in which the pass was issued, or misconduct, will result in confiscation."

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Family questions procedures

By Kathy Ryan

Staff Writer

As new security procedures are being put in place at Lake Front Park, the family of an indecent exposure victim expressed their dismay to city council about how the incident was handled by park personnel.

According to St. Clair Shores police, around 3 p.m. Thursday, July 22, a 7-year-old boy was confronted by an adult male exposing himself in a park locker room. The man then stood behind the boy as he was using the urinal and urinated on the boy's shoulder.

The boy told his grandmother who was waiting for him outside. The suspect exited the locker room at the same time and the grandmother confronted him, but the man

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Touching the past

By Ann L. Fouty
Features Editor

Technology and innovation were Edsel Ford's special interest. Thus the introduction last week of an iPhone and iPad app and interactive tour of the Edsel and Eleanor Ford House grounds and house would undoubtedly have pleased him.

According to Kathleen Mullins, president of the Edsel and Eleanor Ford House, Ford took advantage of technology, incorporating it into the cars he designed and his house on Gaulker Point.

Those can be seen when visitors use the 21st century technology app.

Edsel Ford II provides the introduction. He talks about how the family created memories at the Grosse Pointe Shores house where they played tennis, swam in the pool, ate dinner and watched the changing of the seasons.

Edsel Ford II invites guests to create their own memories on the banks of Lake St. Clair.

Whether the visitor is walking to each of the 20 tour segment sites or sitting on a bench looking at the view, it becomes a journey, Mullins said.

The app features 60 minutes of video content, an original soundtrack and never-before-seen archival footage of the Ford family, much of it shot by Edsel Ford.

There are images of William Clay and Benson Ford playing



PHOTOS BY ANN FOUTY

Edsel and Eleanor Ford House President Kathleen Mullins explains the new iPad app and interactive tour.

tennis; Eleanor and Edsel Ford ice skating on the lagoon; and Eleanor Ford relaxing by the pool while her children jump into the blue water.

Landscape architect Jens Jensen convinced the family to discard the indoor pool design for an outdoor pool which became a favorite place for the family, Mullins said.

Touring the grounds holding the iPad, visitors can see and hear the four children splashing in the pool and the radio in the background providing a Detroit Tigers baseball score.

Standing on the edge of the lagoon, where ducks and muskrats paddle, the visitor learns how Jensen incorporated rocks and native plants in landscaping.

Instead of a serpentine style rose garden, the app says

Eleanor Ford suggested the eight spokes of the garden and used forget-me-nots beside the multitude of rose bushes.

While standing at the edge of the rose garden and comparing it to the design as shown on the app, the visitor is drawn into the history of the house and grounds.

This is how to experience the grounds, to explore them on your own or with a guided tour, said Chris Shires, director of interpretation and programs at the house.

It was Shires who suggested the app idea. The Ford House is the only museum to have such an interactive tour and provides a better understanding of the entire Ford house and grounds.

"It's unlike any museum tour I've seen," Mullins said. "It literally allows visitors to enter the story by providing access to personal movies of the family. It's very personal and sometimes deeply emotional. Visitors will be able to connect with this iconic family in a whole new way."

Shires explained how visitors may not relate to the Fords' lifestyle, but can see the family was like many families enjoying each other's company, as seen in the home movies on the app.

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Landscape designer Jens Jensen believed rocks and stones told a story, so he incorporated them into his design of the lagoon.

PRIMARY: Real work ahead for candidates

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Republican businessman Rick Snyder of Ann Arbor, declared the early winner in statewide results, was besting his closest rival Pete Hoekstra 1,795 to 1,052 locally.

On the Democrat side, state House Speaker Andy Dillon lead Lansing Mayor Virg Bernero. Bernero at the time had been declared winner statewide.

Bledsoe spent election night at home watching "Mad Men" on television.

"We've been working hard for weeks and weeks in a door-to-door campaign," he said. "I feel pretty good about the primary. We've always been gearing up for the big race in November. We'll be at it again tomorrow and carry through to Election Day."

Chamber survey mirrors cities'

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

Rear-yard rubbish collection sticks out in a survey of Grosse Pointe households as a municipal service most residents can do without.

Second on the list of taxpayer-funded services that most respondents picked for elimination is making the community pedestrian and bicycle friendly.

The survey, commissioned by the Grosse Pointe Chamber of Commerce, reflects in many ways results of less formal household surveys conducted recently by the City of Grosse Pointe and Grosse Pointe Shores.

The chamber survey also shows high levels of support for collaborative efforts between cities to provide public safety.

"This mirrors the City survey exactly," said City Manager Peter Dame. "Similarly, backyard rubbish pickup was the lowest priority in both surveys, as was support for recreational service user fees."

The percentage of respondents supporting combined public safety services with another community totaled:

- ◆ firefighting, just under 50 percent;
- ◆ emergency medical service, more than 45 percent and
- ◆ general crime control, more than 40 percent.

"There's not a lot of surprises in there," said Shores Manager Brian Vick, in negotiations to consolidate public safety dispatching services.

Vick and other Grosse Pointe administrators are seeking ways to cut municipal expenses in line with reduced property tax and state shared revenues.

The Shores city council last month appointed a 12-member blue ribbon committee of resident volunteers to think outside the box for money-saving ideas.

"This document (the chamber survey) will be useful to the blue ribbon committee as they are charged with their task," Vick said.

The Shores in-house survey this spring mimicked one by the City conducted last winter. The City also led the way last year with an ad-hoc citizens task force to suggest ways of saving money.

The chamber survey, labeled a "citizen engagement study," was conducted March through May by the non-profit Cobalt Community Research firm.

Cobalt sampled 3,441 residents drawn from voter registration records. Some 1,166 residents responded, a rate of 34 percent.

The margin of error is plus or minus 3.2 percent of raw data.

Surveys by the City and Shores consisted of questionnaires sent to households. Residents were asked to rate:

- ◆ the importance of municipal services,
- ◆ which services could be cut to save money,
- ◆ areas where revenue could be produced, such as increased taxes and user fees for recreation services, and
- ◆ areas in which cities

could cooperate, share or combine services to save money.

Respondents of the chamber survey evaluated the quality of life in Grosse Pointe against that provided by the state, in the Midwest and nationally.

Approval rates ranged from a low of 64 percent for property taxes to a high of 90 percent for fire and emergency services.

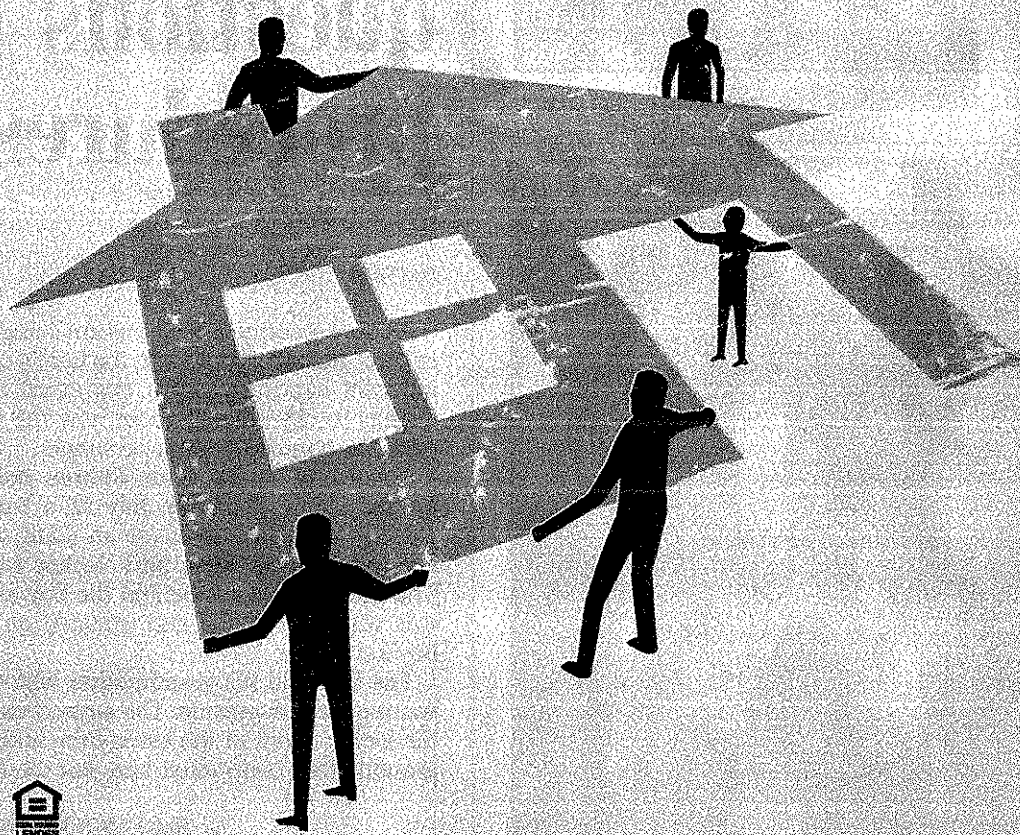
Other services and approval ratings, in percentages, were:

- ◆ community health care, 89,
- ◆ utility services, 88,
- ◆ police, 88,
- ◆ library, 87,
- ◆ parks and recreation, 87,
- ◆ public schools, 84,
- ◆ local government, 80,
- ◆ transportation, 77,
- ◆ community events, 70,
- ◆ shopping opportunities, 65 and
- ◆ economic health, 65.

"I don't think there were any major surprises with the outcome of the chamber's survey, but it is nice to hear affirmation of the high level of satisfaction with the schools, library and city services," said Farms City Manager Shane Reeside. "The survey will be a useful tool in determining where the Grosse Pointes focuses its energy and recourses in the future."

Dame added, "We are pleased that all of the Grosse Pointes far exceed municipalities scored throughout the state and country. To me, the chamber survey was validation of the City survey. It reinforced the same ideas City residents had already expressed."

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THUNDER OVER MICHIGAN AIR SHOW

The highs and lows of flight

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

Fighter pilot Ross Dickinson slips the surly bonds of Earth every chance he gets.

"When flying the F-16, my favorite thing was going straight up," said Dickinson, a lieutenant colonel in the Michigan Air National Guard.

He remembers testing an F-16 borrowed from another unit.

"By departure, I was doing 450 mph and accelerating," Dickinson said. "I pulled the stick back, going pure, straight up."

The airspeed indicator didn't hesitate. In seconds he cleared 15,000 feet. On his way.

"That is one of the freedoms you get flying a fighter — going fast and watching the planet walk away from you," said Dickinson. "When flying a fighter, you don't think about your bills or the stresses of life back home. You don't think about anything except flying."

Dickinson is in the 107th Fighter Squadron at Selfridge Air National Guard Base in Harrison Township.

In the days following 9/11, he patrolled the skies over Detroit. A few years ago he flew combat missions in Iraq.

"It's what I do," he said.

The squadron's motto is "mors hostibus," Latin for "Death to the enemy."

"On your first combat mission, there's a lot of anxiety," Dickinson said. "You know you're good. You know you've been trained well. You know you're in some of the best equipment America has to offer. After the first couple flights, you build confidence in yourself and just do your job."

Six F-16 Fighting Falcons are scheduled to be at the Yankee Air Museum's Thunder Over Michigan air show this weekend at Willow Run Airport in Ypsilanti.

Two Air Force pilots based in South Carolina will show off the Falcon's power and agility.

Also on the bill are two F/A-18F Super Hornets from a Navy demonstration team in Virginia.

"When they do their high-speed pass, they're as close to punching the sound barrier as possible without blowing out every car window in the neighborhood," said Paul LaMarre, former F-18 pilot.

LaMarre now manages maritime affairs for the port of Toledo and is executive director of the freighter Willis B. Boyer Museum Ship.

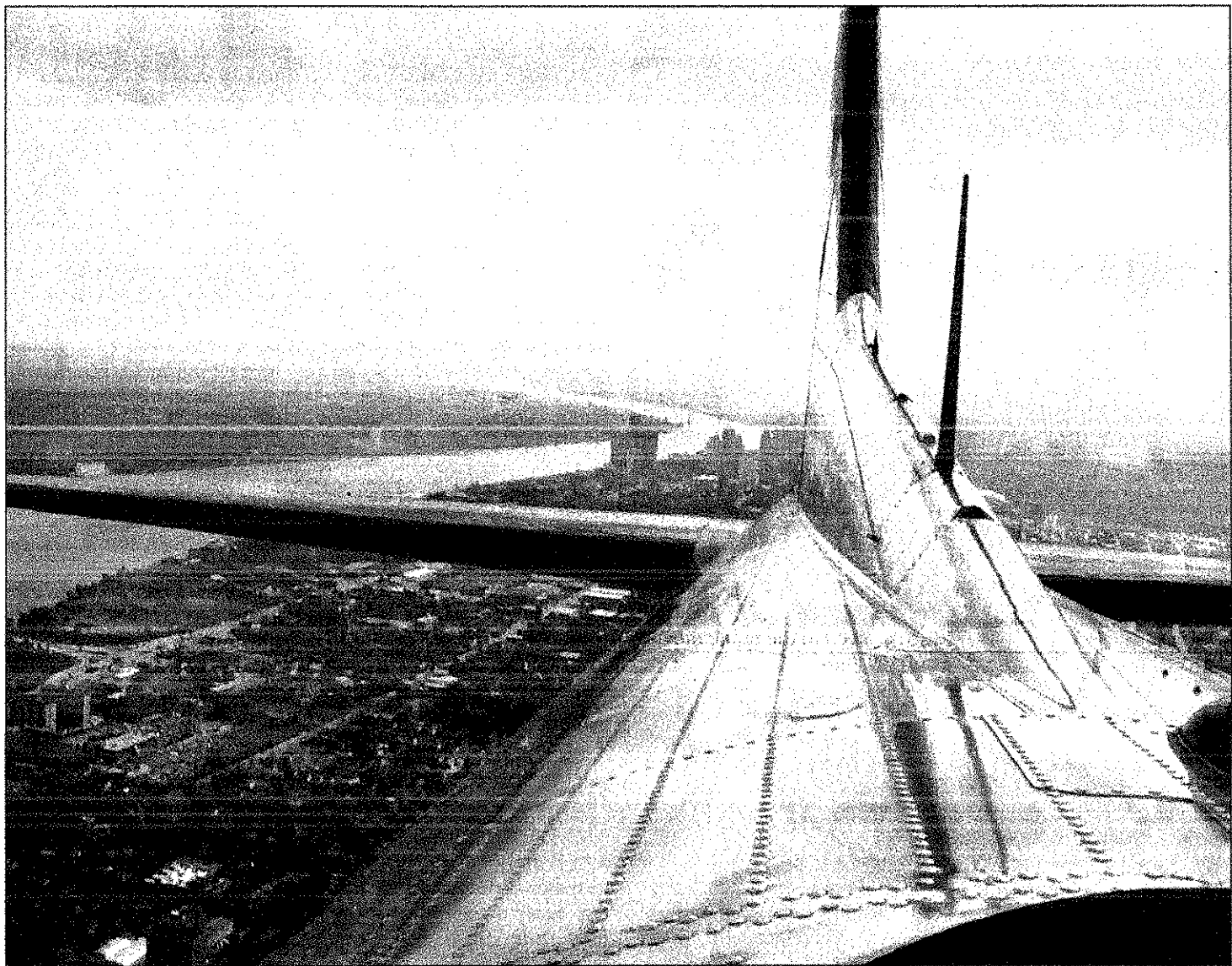
"Pilots flying with demo teams are the best in overall ability to pilot the aircraft to the verge of its limits," he said.

Dickinson flew F-16s for 19 years. About two years ago, the 107th switched from the high-flying fighters to subsonic, ground-pounding A-10 Thunderbolt II attack aircraft.

Two A-10s from Selfridge will be at the show on static display.

"The A-10's specialty is close-air support, operating low to the ground, supporting forces fighting in close proximity to one another, sometimes hand-to-hand," Dickinson said.

Thunderbolts, nicknamed



PHOTOS BY BRAD LINDBERG

From top to bottom, a U.S. Navy F-18 Hornet makes a high-speed pass over the Detroit Gold Cup race course. Above the Detroit River, left, in the Yankee Air Museum's B-17 "Yankee Lady."

The A-10 Thunderbolt II is built around a 30 mm canon. At bottom, the Michigan Air National Guard flew F-16 Falcons until switching to A-10s a couple of years ago.

erates in a high-G regime.

"We regularly took six-to-nine-G turns with the F-16," Dickinson said. "In the A-10, we're normally pulling four to five Gs."

Fighter pilots routinely break the sound barrier.

"Two times the speed of sound," Dickinson corrected. "In the F-16, the only thing that indicates you're going greater than the speed of sound is the airspeed indicator makes a quick jump as it transitions the Mach. Then, it's nice and smooth again. The airplane doesn't buffet at all."

"All the noise people hear down below is very far behind you," LaMarre said.

Warthogs, are built around a 30 mm Gatling gun for strafing enemy armor.

Thunderbolts carry heavier bomb loads than a B-17 bomber, yet are among the

most maneuverable aircraft in the arsenal.

"The A-10 can turn on a dime, do a pylon turn and within a matter of seconds put the gun on something," Dickinson

said.

The gun can fire 1,800 rounds per minute, although Dickinson said trigger bursts mainly last one to three seconds. During that time, the gun

can shoot 90 rounds.

A titanium shell around the cockpit protects the pilot from enemy fire.

"If you hit it with your fist, it's like an iron beam on a building," Dickinson said. "You clunk on that, it's not going to move. The A-10 is basically a bulldozer with wings."

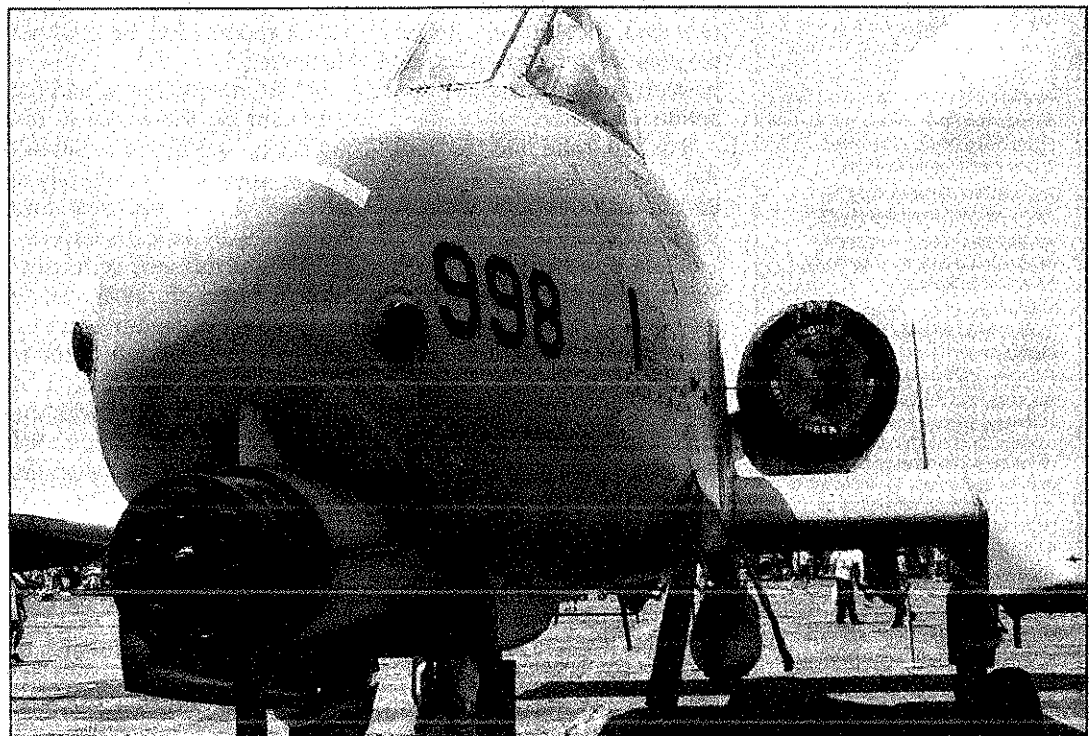
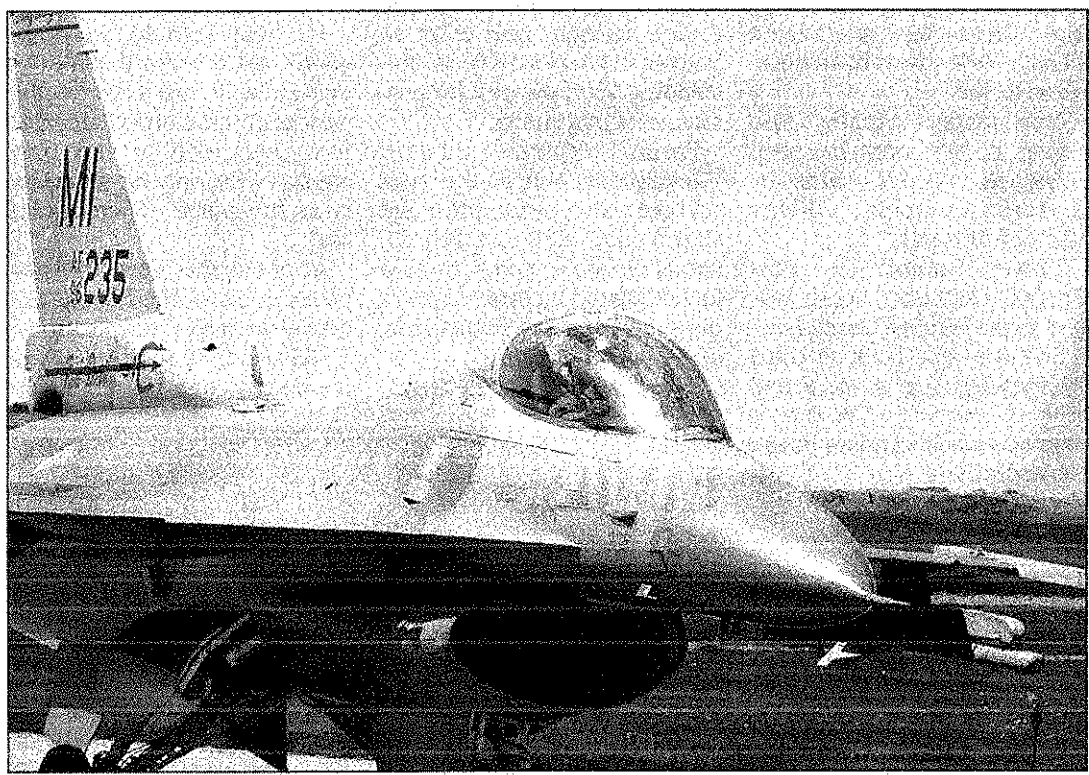
The F-16 is more demanding physically to fly because it op-

A flock of Fortresses

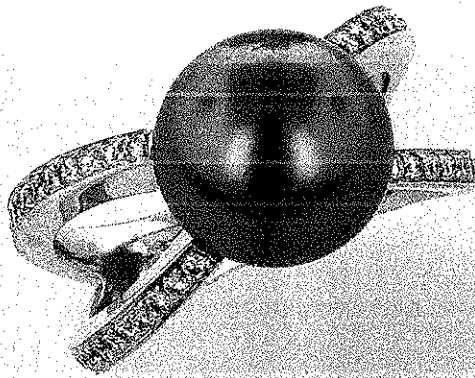
This year's Thunder Over Michigan promises the largest gathering of Boeing B-17 Flying Fortresses in the world.

Eight of 12 B-17s flying in the United States have pledged to appear. Most will perform flying demonstrations, includ-

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POINTER OF INTEREST

Hardwood floors, from start to finish

By Kathy Ryan
Staff Writer

Paul Marshall holds himself up as living proof that money does grow on trees. As the owner of Marshall Construction, Inc., the Grosse Pointe Park resident always knew he loved working with wood. But he has taken that skill to a whole new level by harvesting and drying the very wood he uses in his work. "I'm pretty much self-taught in the logging business," he said with a laugh. But he was also dead serious when he decided to harvest wood from property he owned in Lewiston. "The property had been in my family for several years," he said. "I bought out my brothers and sisters with the idea of milling some timber from the 220 acres." Where a lesser man would have bought an ax, Marshall bought a portable sawmill.

"I searched several models and ended up with a hydraulic LT 40 Woodmiser. What I liked about it is one person can handle and cut up a 36-inch, 20-foot long log and the hydraulics can handle up to 4,000 pounds." Marshall cuts the timber and air dries it before delivering it to an Amish community near Mio, where it is kiln-dried and run through molders, forming three-quarter inch tongue and groove flooring. Marshall then sorts it; cuts out defects, like knot holes; grades it and brings it to Grosse Pointe for use as hardwood flooring. "At this time, we're harvesting mostly red oak and leaving the white oak because the acorns from white oak are highly desirable to deer, elk and turkeys," he noted. "We also only cut in winter, when the tree is dormant. I do selective cutting or green harvesting of unhealthy or diseased trees. For a healthy forest, over-mature woods need thinning for remaining trees to flourish and for new growth."

In harvesting and cutting his own wood, Marshall is following in some pretty good lumberjack boots. "The area around Lewiston was a major part of Michigan's lumbering history from the late 1800s into the 1900s," he said. He has studied the area extensively and has found remnants of the lumbering business on his own land. According to Marshall, there are logging trails running throughout the area, leading to and from lakes and rivers, as water was the main way to move lumber during that era. Many of those trails are now submerged and Marshall comes across lumber in creeks and small lakes. "We've unearthed several artifacts from the logging roads, including double-bladed ax heads, various handles, large logging cables, a 26-foot rail-



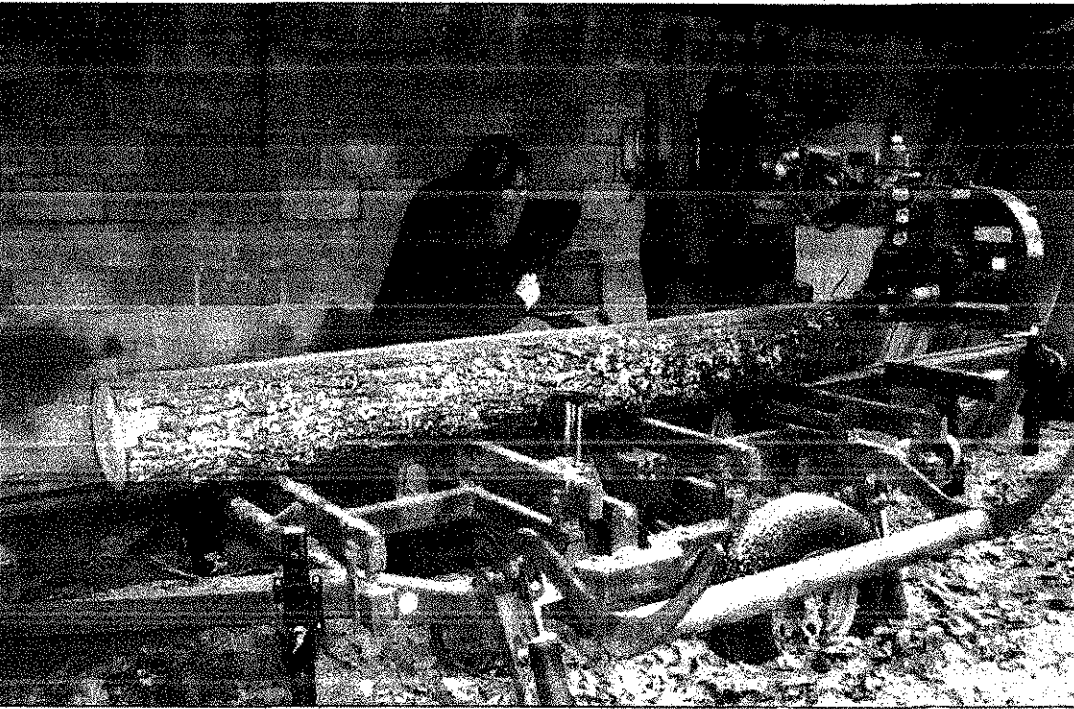
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Paul Marshall at Gee Lake with reclaimed pine logs.

road tie and supposedly remnants of a logging camp at Gee Lake," he said. Marshall also finds logs he said have been submerged for more than a century, explaining while lumber was moved via rivers and streams, about 10 percent was lost and rests on river and lake bottoms. "If those logs were kept completely under water, the wood is as good as the day they were cut in the 1880s and far superior to any lumber grown in the 20th century due to the colder climate and slower growing seasons," Marshall said. "We're not sure what to do with some of these pine logs, but it's really cool that the last person to touch those logs was 125 years ago." Marshall enjoys the sense of history gained from his land in Lewiston, yet he has history in Grosse Pointe as well. Marshall graduated from

"The High" in 1975 and went on to Ferris State University, graduating with a degree in building construction technology. He and his wife, Susan, moved to San Antonio, Texas where he worked for a commercial flooring company as project manager. "After three years, we wanted to come back to Michigan to be with family and it was where we wanted to raise our children," he said of Julianne, 25 and Jimmy, 22. The entire family is involved in the "logging" business. A typical harvest consists of about 4,000 board feet, which takes about two weekends of work. Marshall estimates he spends about 100 hours per year transforming trees to floors. The rest of the year is spent installing and refinishing them. "I've seen an increase in demand for hardwood flooring," he said. "There is a definite cost benefit to hardwood floors, as it truly is the last floor you'll ever have to put in."

Marshall said just about any tree that produces leaves can be used for hardwood flooring, including oak, maple and pine, but oak is the standard for the industry. With a durable finish, a hardwood floor will not have to be refinished for 10 to 15 years. "I've always known, from a very early age, that I wanted to be self-employed," he said. "After moving back from Texas and starting Marshall Construction, I knew I enjoyed working with wood. I did general carpentry, decking and wood flooring. As the wood floors became more popular, that really became my calling." From start to finish, so to speak.



Paul Marshall prepares wood before sending it to the Amish for kiln drying.

PAST: Ford House has an app

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"It's one thing to walk through the house to absorb the history," Shires said. "At the same time it's hard to relate. But you can relate to swimming with Dad." Some 75 percent of the \$75,000 project was paid for with two grants from the MotorCities National Heritage Area and the Community Foundation for Southeast Michigan Arts & Culture Challenge grant program. "This mobile app puts the visitor in the driver's seat," said

Rob Pyles, creative director at Audissey Media, who worked with Shires on the app. "This technology is a sort of liberation from the traditional, passive museum experience. It's really about you — what do you want to explore? I think Edsel would have thought it was the perfect way to share his home with visitors. This positions the Ford House as a real leader in the field." Visitors may use an iPod Touch from the Ford House or download the free app from iTunes. Smartphones can access the tour as a web app from the phone.

PARK: Two arrested after items stolen from lockers

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Although the resident allegedly facilitated the thefts, police doubt he sanctioned them. "We do not believe the resident was involved in the larcenies," McCarthy said. Police arrested both women Tuesday, July 27, for stealing items worth a combined \$1,610 that three Grosse Pointe teenage girls stored in an unsecured locker. One suspect, Ashley Ann Culver, 22, of Warren, has been arraigned on felony charges by Farms Municipal Judge Matthew Rumora. Culver, unable to post \$10,000 cash-only bond, was sent to the Wayne County Jail. She was due back in court Wednesday, Aug. 4, for a preliminary hearing. The date is after this week's Grosse Pointe News deadline.

"A high bond was requested to make sure she appeared in our court on the next scheduled date," McCarthy said. "She indicated she was going to return to Tennessee, where three of her four children live." A second suspect, 18, lives in Detroit. She's the Farms resident's niece. She was arrested but hasn't been arraigned in the Farms. Police turned her over to Warren authorities on an outstanding \$500 warrant for possession of marijuana. Farms Officer Edward Wierszewski was at the park on bike patrol when informed shortly after 4:30 p.m. July 27, someone stole items from a locker shared by three 15-year-old girls from the Farms, City and Woods. Two people at the park sus-

pected the Detroit woman, by then having left the park and standing on Moross near the water plant. "The persons stated they observed (her) attempt to take items a day prior from the park," Wierszewski reported. The suspects had arrived at the park in a 1994 GMC station wagon driven by a 22-year-old Warren man. "(I) was told by (a) gate guard that the van involved in this incident has been at the park each time other larcenies have occurred in the past weeks — the only days the van is at the park," Wierszewski said. At about this time, the suspect's uncle — the Farms resident — arrived at the park. "(He said) he received a telephone call from his niece stat-

ing she was stranded at the park and the persons she arrived with had just stolen items from a locker," Wierszewski said. The uncle said his niece and the Warren man "were sitting by a tree when Culver appeared from the changing room with a bag that did not belong to her," Wierszewski said. The Farms man reportedly arranged for the van operator to return stolen possessions to the Farms man's house for forwarding to police. Recovered items included three bags or purses, clothing, two cellular telephones, an iPod, two digital cameras, perfume and \$45 cash. Still missing are a cellular telephone, pair of shorts and \$55 cash.

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FAMILY: New procedures coming to park

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walked away. The boy's mother, who wishes not to be identified, told the council the boy's grandmother reported the incident to employees in the pool office and pointed out the suspect, but no action was taken. "He had gone into the pool," the mother said. "The person had not left the park, yet nothing was done." While stressing they understand new procedures are being put in place, family members told the city council at Monday's meeting they are not happy with how the incident was handled by the park director. The incident was not reported to police until 24 hours later, and only after the family insisted the police be notified. Because Lake Front Park is located in St. Clair Shores, it has jurisdiction in the case. "I was offended by the way

we were treated by the park director," the mother told the council. "And when I asked her for the name of her supervisor, she wouldn't give me his name. We got no satisfaction from her at all. There wasn't even an incident report filed. She did not do her job." While city officials would not comment on the incident, citing the on-going police investigation, they did say the city is reviewing its policies and working with park employees. "We take this very seriously," said director of public safety and acting city administrator, Al Fincham. "We are already looking at overall security and we are in daily contact with the St. Clair Shores police. We have had training sessions with staff." Joe Ahee, director of public works and responsible for the park, said steps have been taken to improve both security and response to incidents at the park. "We have addressed this is-

sue with park staff," he said. "We continue to work with the staff to make sure they know what kinds of things should be reported to police." He declined comment on the accusations against the pool director. Both Ahee and Fincham said the city is investigating adding a family restroom, but are uncertain whether the work could begin before the pool closes in September. In the meantime, they are working on temporary solutions, including informing residents a lifeguard is available to accompany small children into restrooms. Despite the way the incident was handled, the boy's family told city officials they enjoy the park and added their son is handling the incident well. "I still feel safe at the park, and we enjoy the park," said his mother. "But we don't feel the pool director did her job and that needs to be addressed."

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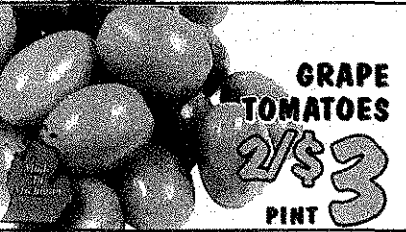
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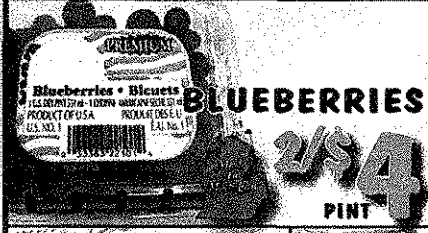
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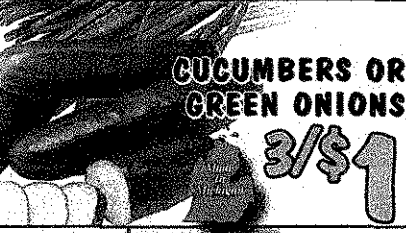
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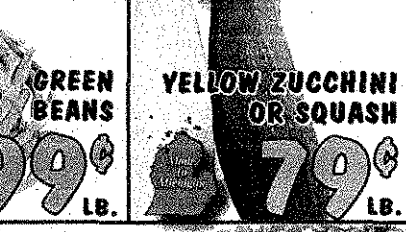
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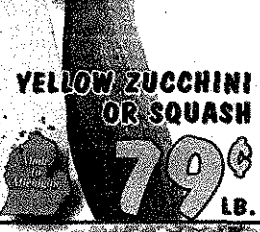
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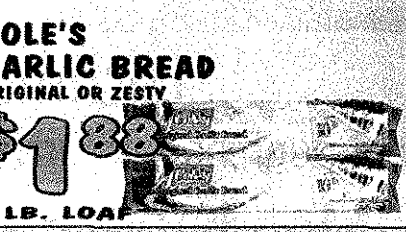
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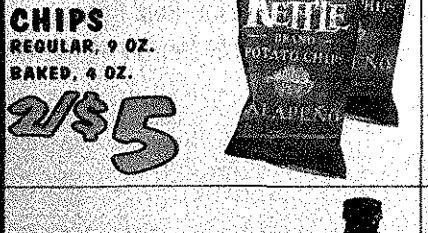
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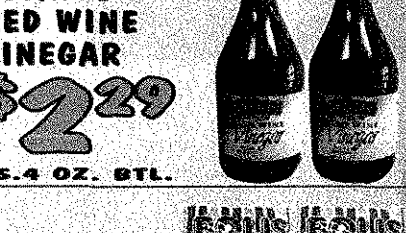
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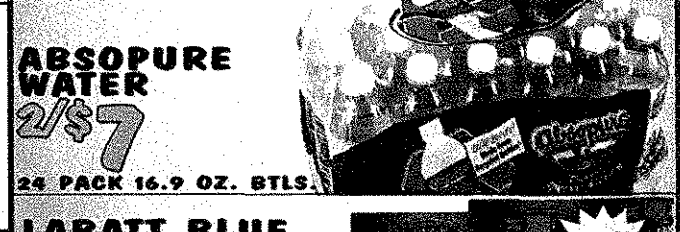
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Me262: Warbirds this weekend

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not taking any shortcuts to get it done."

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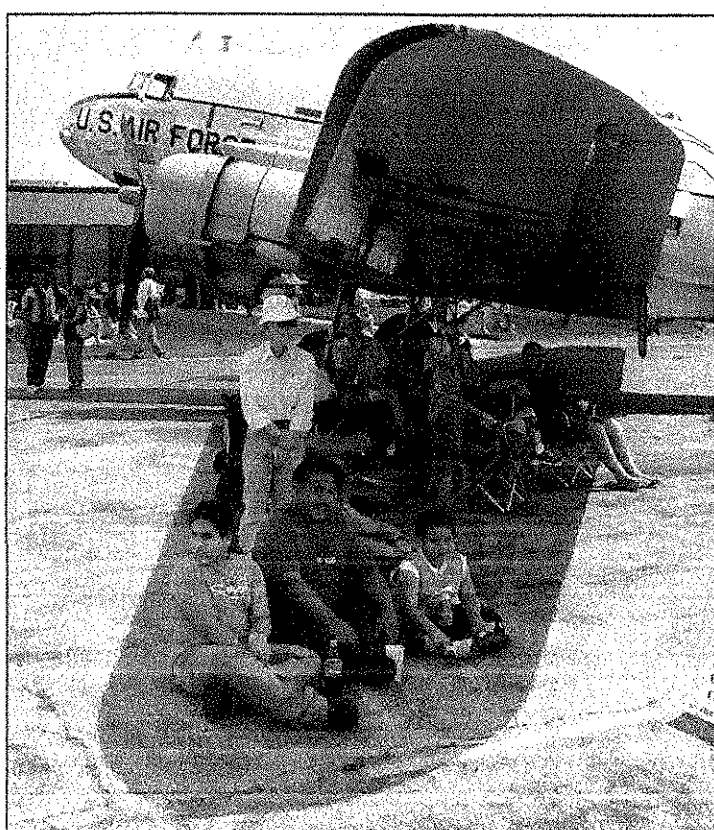
"Our objective is to restore these aircraft to flying condition and fly them around the country for people to look at," Miles said. "Our pilots tour seven days a week for 10 months of the year. We take the aircraft to about 110 cities."

Collings' Me262 is a two-seat replica of the single-seat fighter.

In 1942, the rest of the world was battling with propeller planes when German pilots began testing jet-powered Me262s.

The 262's influence on aeronautic design extends to contemporary aircraft with turbines slung under swept-back wings.

Production of the jet fighter exceeded 1,400. The number is paltry compared to United States aircraft output. A Ford Motor Co. factory at Willow Run contributed to the manufacture of more than 18,000



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The Collings Foundation's B-24, top, taxis for takeoff at Willow Run Airport. Bottom, a C-47 wing provides shade.

four-engine B-24 Liberator bombers during the war.

The foundation's B-24 "Witchcraft" will be at the show.

"Ours is the only fully combat-configured B-24 left," Miles said.

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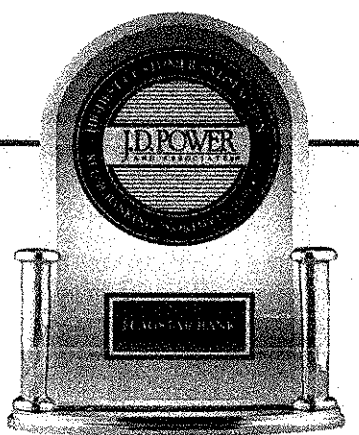
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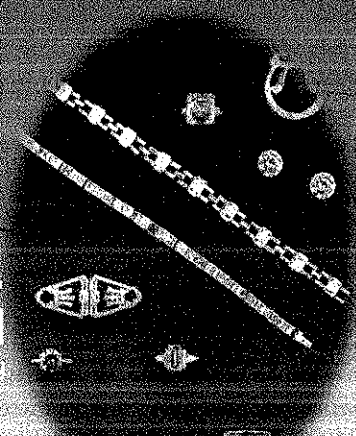
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GUEST OPINION By Ken Braun

Three unpaid parking tickets? No license!

Motorist with three or more unpaid parking tickets need to pay attention to what state politicians are doing with legislation that cleared the Michigan House and stalled in the Senate.
House Bill 4726, sponsored by Rep. Roy Schmidt, D-Grand Rapids, calls for the Secretary of State to deny driver license renewal to any motorist with as few as three unpaid parking tickets. The bill cleared the Michigan House last October 68-37. But June 30, when brought up for final passage in the Senate, the chamber overwhelmingly rejected it 14-23.
A motion to reconsider was adopted, allowing the Senate to try again at a later date.
Under current law, a local court may refer a motorist with six or more unpaid parking violations to the Michigan Secretary of State. Once alerted, the SOS can't issue a driver license renewal until the person has paid all outstanding parking ticket balances and late fees, in addition to a \$45 "driver license clearance fee." The Schmidt bill reduces this threshold to three unpaid tickets.
The real issue appears to be money for municipal governments.
Albert C. Mooney, Grand Rapids city treasurer, submitted supportive testimony regarding the bill to the House committee that first reviewed it in October 2009. Noting the city at that time had more than \$3.5 million in uncollected parking fines, Mooney predicted the bill would boost collections by as much as \$500,000 the first year and provide more than \$250,000 in additional collections for each subsequent year.
Summarizing the bill's intent, Mooney stated at the outset that, "The proposal is very straight forward — the bill helps cash-strapped local units by using existing technology to collect parking fines."
James C. Walker, representing the National Motorists Association, submitted testimony expressing his group's opposition to the proposal. Most pointedly, he asserted the bill would be an expansion of the "punitive regulations" that came with the so-called "driver responsibility fees" imposed by the Legislature in 2003.
"The responsibility fees are a very poor law which led to thousands and thousands of unlicensed and uninsured drivers in the state of Michigan," wrote Walker. "Parking tickets

Refusing to renew a person's driver's license for non-payment of three parking tickets can have a very negative effect on public safety.'

JAMES C. WALKER,
National Motorists Association

have no relationship to driving safety."
According to Walker, demanding otherwise safe drivers pay parking tickets as a precondition for license renewal will result in many impoverished motorists choosing to drive without a valid license. His group believes the current policy of cutting off renewals after six unpaid parking tickets is already "bad law."
"Refusing to renew a person's driver's license for non-payment of three parking tickets can have a very negative effect on public safety," he said.
Unlicensed drivers hitting the roads appears to be exactly what has happened due to the driver responsibility fees. Many lawmakers are ready to admit creating the fees was an error. In June of this year, the Michigan Senate began taking testimony on a bill aimed at repealing some of the bad driver fees.
"They are excessive and punitive," said Michigan Sen. Cameron Brown, R-Fawn River Twp., to the Gongwer News Service. "They were among the worst decisions our class of lawmakers have voted on and enacted into law."
Brown, who voted in favor of the fees, is now sponsoring a bill to repeal \$45 million in annual driver responsibility fees.
Berrien County Circuit Court Judge Charles LaSata, also a former lawmaker who voted in favor of the fees, testified to a senate committee defendants in his court were willfully

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Ford House and DSO celebrated history and music

To the Editor:
On behalf of the Edsel & Eleanor Ford House and the Detroit Symphony Orchestra, we extend our most heartfelt thanks to the Grosse Pointe community for so enthusiastically embracing "DSO at Ford House" July 9 and 10.
The two evenings were a celebration of music and history. More than 5,000 people gathered lakeside at Ford House to listen to music performed by Detroit's world class orchestra, to relax on the shores of Lake St. Clair and enjoy a terrific light show as the house changed colors throughout the performance and as the evening ended with fireworks over the lake.
The event's success is due to the support of many organizations and individuals.
First, we extend our deepest gratitude to the sponsors who believed in our two organizations and offered their help so we could bring this experience to the Grosse Pointe community: Community Foundation for

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A special thank you goes to the host committee which shared its recommendations to ensure we delivered a memorable VIP experience. We thank the many individual donors who chose to help support the performances.
We offer our strong appreciation and gratitude to the members of the orchestra who provided two dynamic evenings of musical expertise. With Ward Stare as conductor, and Dave Bennett as guest performer — these talented individuals brought Ford House to life as music filled the air!
A very sincere thank you goes to the talented staff of the DSO and Ford House. They took the vision of "DSO at Ford House" and made it happen!
We also thank the fine groups who performed "Random Acts of Music" for the guests before the concerts began: Kevin Irving, 16

Strings Quartet, Michigan Arts League Jazz Trio and Mosaic Youth Singers.
Activities were made available by: Marshall Music, The Mary Pickford Institute for Film Education, Grosse Pointe Art Center and Arts and Scraps.
And, a great thank you goes to every one of the 5,000 individuals who came to Ford House on Friday or Saturday evening to enjoy "DSO at Ford House" — your excitement, passion and love for the culture and history of our region warmed our hearts!
Thank you for making July 9 and 10 memorable and historic evenings for Grosse Pointe — we will never forget the experience and all of the individuals who made it happen!
KATHLEEN MULLINS
President, Edsel & Eleanor Ford House
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Thanks for safe festival days
To the editor:
On behalf of the Grosse Pointe Village Association, I want to express my sincere gratitude to the City of Grosse Pointe Department of Public Safety for the tremendous assistance they provided us at last weekend's Village Sidewalk Sale & Street Festival.
In addition to keeping everyone safe and secure, they pro-

vided invaluable logistical help with street closures, traffic management and vendor placement.
Lt. Eddie Tujaka was an absolute pleasure to work with and everyone on the force was kind and helpful over the two days of the festival. At one point, we were experiencing difficulties getting power for the Friday night entertainment and a young officer (I regret that I didn't get his name) took it upon himself to get a ladder, go up the pole, reset the breaker and solve the problem. These are truly public servants and we could not have staged this event without their kind assistance.
And while I'm thanking people, a big thank you to Sharon, Deanna and everyone at Services for Older Citizens for providing kids activities, balloons and the Friday night entertainment on the east end of The Village.
Thanks also to the Grosse Pointe Animal Adoption Society for being on hand Friday evening and to the Grosse Pointe Historical Society for participating all weekend with their exhibitor tent at Kercheval and St. Clair.
It is an honor to serve and be a part of this wonderful community with our Village, Downtown Grosse Pointe events. We hope to see you all again at Grosse Pointe's Greatest Block Party coming up next month!
JOHN DENOMME
Manager, Marketing & Promotions
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GUEST OPINION By Rich Lowry

Vindicators of the Declaration

The vinegary historian Walter McDougall wrote the following of the nation's founding document, "Decades later the Declaration of Independence was canonized as American scripture, but in 1776 it was generally read once — in army camps, taverns and village greens — cheered, and forgotten."
Its fate might have been to be forgotten forevermore, if it weren't for George Washington and his Continental Army. When our great adventure in liberty still seemed an impossible risk, they were the embodiment and vindicators of the Declaration.
Our nation was born on the shoulders of an army whose exertions and principled patriotism gave the famous parchment its life.
The Army joined together

well-mannered Virginians, quarrelsome Yankees and backcountry riflemen in an incubator of the nation. It was on the Army that independence would stand or fall, and Gen. Washington's strategic imperative was always to preserve the Army to preserve the nation.
He knew if he kept the Army alive, eventually the British would tire. And keep it alive he did, though sometimes by the barest of margins. After the war, Washington marveled "such a force as Great Britain has employed for eight years in this country could be baffled in their plan of subjugating it, by numbers infinitely less, composed of men oftentimes half starved, always in rags, without pay."
A revolution always faces at least two threats — from its outright enemies and from its friends, who often betray it and seize power for themselves.
As important as any of Washington's military suc-

cesses was the example he set in dealing with the Continental Congress and deferring to civil authority.
As the French author Chevalier de Chastellux said during the Revolution, "This is the seventh year that he has commanded the army and he has obeyed Congress: more need not be said."
When at the end of the war, a colonel sent Washington a letter suggesting he become king, Washington wrote back a stern rebuke. The brilliant Washington biographer Richard Brookhiser notes Washington asked for written confirmation from his aides that his reply had been sent, the only time he made such a request during the war.
Of course, when the war ended, he resigned his command and returned to Mount Vernon. Upon hearing the news, an astonished King George III said, "If he does that, he will be the greatest man in the world."
Before he did, Washington had a last instance of drama

with his Army. Camped in Newburgh, N.Y., at the end of the war in 1783, the Army grew restive because Congress was tardy in paying it. Insurrection was in the air.
In a tense meeting with his officers, Washington told them that in rejecting rebellion, "You will give one more distinguished proof of unexampled patriotism and patient virtue, rising superior to the pressure of the most complicated sufferings; And you will, by the dignity of your conduct, afford occasion of posterity to say, when speaking of the glorious example you have exhibited to mankind, had this day been wanting, 'the world had never seen the last stage of perfection to which human nature is capable of attaining.'"
The day wasn't wanting, nor were the men in arms who vindicated the Declaration.
Rich Lowry is editor of the National Review and a writer for King Features Syndicate.

I SAY By Karen Fontanive

All roads end in love — always



While driving late one night recently, I looked to my passenger, my sleeping 17-year-old "boy," and was reminded of the children's book, "Love You Forever," by Robert Munsch. The story begins with a mother singing to her sleeping baby, "I'll love you forever,

I'll like you for always, as long as I'm living, my baby you'll be."

This mantra is repeated throughout the book as the child and mother reach different milestones in life, ultimately ending with the son holding his baby singing the same words.

The reason we were driving and why this book came to mind was a life milestone — or closing in on one. We were "college shopping."

Back in my day, you thought what you wanted to do for the rest of your life and picked the college that was strongest in that program. Growing up in

a family of limited means, out-of-state schools weren't even considered. I never set foot on a college campus until my first day of school.

Fast forward 30-plus years and it's all changed. You visit schools to see what campus you like best with the programs you want most. And you look all over because there are financial deals to be found.

Our family checked out a few colleges over Easter and earlier this summer, but a couple of weeks ago it was just me and my son visiting Ohio schools.

This was the most time I've

spent with my son in a single stretch since he was 12. Much has changed in those five years, most notably the omnipresent ear buds and cell phone.

Loquacious is one word that never will be used to describe my son. Therefore, many of my hours of driving were left listening to the radio (thank goodness for Sirius XM and the Bruce Springsteen channel!) while my son listened to his iPod and texted multiple friends. Isn't it interesting that a man of few spoken words, sure seems to have a lot of them to text!

My son is considerate and

does speak when spoken to, so we had some insightful conversations about college and what he's looking for, what he thinks he'd like to study, what he liked and didn't like about these campuses, his work, his approaching senior year in high school.

There were the fun conversations, too, about the vagaries of rural roads — speed limits change from 55 to 25 to 55 within 300 yards — the voracity of Ohio police and the up-until-now little-shared-fact that three of the four speeding tickets I have received in my life were courtesy of Ohio police.

There were those quiet times however, when I was one with the road and my thoughts. Where has the time gone?

And that's why, when I saw him asleep in the passenger seat, I thought of that book. His baby-smooth face is now covered in stubble; arms and legs, sinewy and hirsute. When did I last hear that dulcet choir-boy voice?

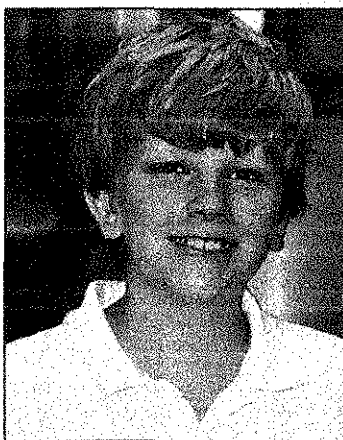
He'll soon be flying the coop or leaving the nest or whatever cliché one uses. I will have absolutely no idea what he is doing day in or day out.

Yet as long as I'm living, my baby he'll be.

STREETWISE By Renee Landuyt

If you were invisible where would you go?

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



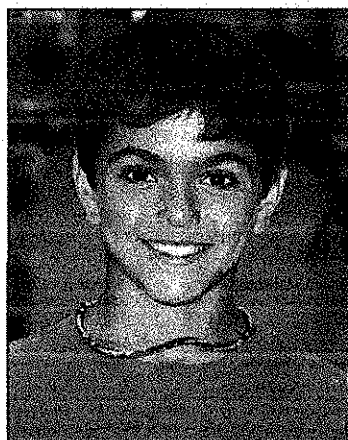
'To the top of the Statue of Liberty and look out the crown.'

NICHOLAS STEVENSON
Grosse Pointe Woods



"On a plane to California to a fashion design school."

LILLY REINHARD
Grosse Pointe Woods



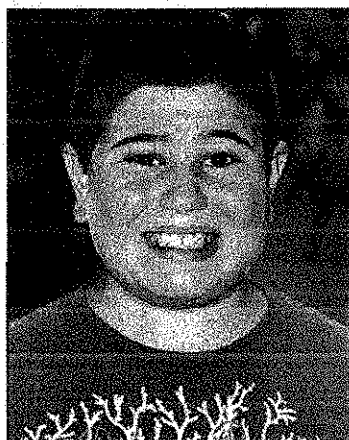
'To Paris and visit the Eiffel Tower every day.'

JIMMY MAZZOLA
Grosse Pointe Shores



'I'd sneak into my older sister's room and look at her stuff. She has cool stuff.'

EMMA TOMPKINS
Grosse Pointe Woods



'To Mount Everest in Nepal, the Statue of Liberty in New York and Mount Rushmore in South Dakota.'

CHRISTIAN PERRINO
Grosse Pointe Farms

GUEST OPINION By Bill Kalmar

Please, keep those pantyhose on!



The current economic uncertainty has many of us seeking ways to cut back on expenses and streamline our lifestyle.

Using grocery discount coupons or looking for those "buy one — get one free" meal tickets have become commonplace.

Restaurants have recognized the changes in dining habits and have established reduced pricing on various menu items. And those of us who are seniors can always take advantage of special buying days for us oldsters, such as senior discounts.

A recent issue of AARP Bulletin lists "99 Great Ways To Save" which, even though the publication is for seniors, many of the suggestions are applicable to all.

I have to admit many of the ideas are laughable, but I say that from my politically incorrect, sarcastic, bombastic approach to life. As such, permit me to list just some of the "great ways to save" while I add my comments:

◆ Lower your thermostat — I think we can agree on this, but the suggestion goes on to state we should "place pans of water near heating outlets" since the air will retain heat better. My question is: How do we convince Rover each room has not become his personal oasis? And tripping over the pans in the middle of the night will make for an awakening experience!

◆ Save on a flush — place bottles of water in the toilet tank to offset the amount of liquid when flushing. Wonder if this is really a good use of my Perrier. To conserve water, how about just using the neighbor's bathroom?

◆ Get a rain barrel — use this to water your lawn or wash your car. Maybe this is the water I should use in my commode tank. Though transporting the barrel into my house could be a problem.

◆ Get group airfares — travel with a group of 10 or more and the airlines will grant a travel discount. Sometimes traveling with that many family members can be brutal. How about just rounding up 10 strangers at the airport. That way if you have a disagreement during the flight, you will never see them again anyway!

◆ Shower quickly and save — 15-minute showers are out since on average it will cost \$310 a year in water usage. Save \$100 by taking five-minute showers. But if I use rainwater and shower with my new 10 friends from the airport, I can save much more money since I can charge them a fee. The whole experience will provide much more fun. Though everyone has to

bring his or her own rubber ducky.

◆ Rent that extra room — and the American Association of Retired Persons suggests renting out your garage for \$150 a month will increase your cash flow. Only wish I had been made aware of this when my brother-in-law visited last month!

◆ Get dental work from supervised students at dental school — sure! While growing up, I remember getting haircuts from trainees at Tonsorial School for 25 cents. I still have the scars on my ears! I can grow new hair, but not new teeth. I think I will pass on this idea.

◆ Bring your own drugs to the hospital for your operation — that assumes you have a planned operation. But what about unexpected rushes to the emergency room. Guess I should always carry a supply of drugs in my man purse for just such an occurrence. I'm sure when I'm stopped by the police they will understand!

And understandably, most hospitals frown on this practice. How else would they be able to charge \$5 for each aspirin!

◆ Free treatment is available if you qualify for a medical study — this is a wonderful way to have your anal leakage or diaper rash treated; malades us seniors have a market on!

◆ Try haggling over the price of a hearing aid — chances are you won't be able to hear the sales pitch of the representative anyway, so just use your index finger to communicate!

◆ To save money, only wear pantyhose when absolutely necessary — that suggestion is from former Secretary of State Madeleine Albright. I don't know about you, but me being the politically incorrect person I am, I do not want to see Albright sans nylons. Let's all pitch in and buy her pantyhose so we can avoid that scene.

Yikes!

◆ Go barefoot more — that

way, you will buy fewer shoes. And then how about secretly removing paper slippers from the hospital after your anal leakage and diaper rash treatment!

◆ Attend stage plays for free by volunteering as an usher — just make sure you wear shoes and panty hose.

◆ Harrison Ford said: "Went to the movies with Calista — bought one adult and one senior citizen ticket and saved \$6." Guess they thought Calista was his daughter! Wonder if they watched one of his "Indiana Jones" flicks? Calista, being the youngster of the duo probably opted for "Toy Story 3."

◆ Remove unneeded items from your trunk to reduce weight and save on fuel — this should be heeded by the Mafia to let them know reducing the number of bodies in the trunk to just one bullet-riddled corpse will be a real cost saving!

◆ Keep condiment packages from restaurants — why buy

your own mustard and ketchup when you can just pocket the packets from the various carry-out restaurants? Or on the other hand, why not take the table and chairs with you also. And if possible, shower in the employees' locker room to really save money!

◆ Make all your children wear white socks — that way you always have spares if there are holes or someone loses one. Wonder if this works with undergarments too? Then everyone in the household would then have to wear tighty whities.

So there you have it. Some ways to save money from AARP. Well, it's time for my monthly shower. To save money, Mary and I are showering together with the rainwater we collected.

But I'm still not comfortable wearing her white undergarments!

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

LICENSE: Unfair and inappropriate law

Continued from page 8A

driving without licenses — and without insurance — deliberately risking additional fines. He suspects drivers can not afford the added financial burden of the fees, but still need to get to work and go on with their lives.

Oakland County Clerk Ruth Johnson is a former member of the Michigan House who voted against the driver responsibility fees. She found them "unfair," "bad law" and motivated purely by state government's desire to "find a pocket to get into."

Walker, of the National Motorists Association, offered better alternatives for cities

that wish to recover their delinquent parking ticket revenue.

"Towing the vehicle or increasing the late payment fees are fine," he said. "But refusing to renew a driver's license is not appropriate."

Regarding the unlicensed drivers already prowling Michigan's roads, he noted "We do not need to add even one more."

Ken Braun is director of MichiganTransparency.org and "Show Michigan the Money," the Mackinac Center of Public Policy's projects on government transparency.

GUEST OPINION By Russ Harding

Electric avenue

Americans are optimistic by nature, until they have become worried about the direction the country is headed and what that means for our children's future.

Nowhere is our national optimism more apparent than in quest for perpetual motion through the electrification of the automobile.

Quoting from an article that appeared in the Detroit Free Press:

"Companies are searching for a billion-dollar breakthrough in battery design. General Dynamics is working on a zinc-air cell battery. Ford is actively interested in a sodium-

sulfur cell. Gulton Industries and General Motors are tinkering with lithium — nickel and lithium — chlorine. Westinghouse is in the act. The Edison Electric Institute is all charged up. All the activity is bound to pay off probably within the next five years — in the production of an electric car that would meet minimum design requirements."

The article was written by James Kilpatrick and appeared in the July 24, 1967, edition of the Detroit Free Press. Today, we are still being told auto electrification is the future.

Don't count out the internal combustion engine. The Organization of the Petroleum Exporting Countries oil embar-

gos and \$4-per-gallon gasoline did not sink it, neither will wishful thinking from environmental groups nor political meddling from Congress.

I asked a senior engineer from General Motors about the future of the electric car. His terse reply was, "Not very bright unless we can reinvent the periodic chart. The limitation of batteries has proven to be tough to overcome. Batteries store limited amounts of energy and degrade over time."

Government officials and automakers are extolling the virtues of electric vehicles. But they will not determine their success; the consumer will.

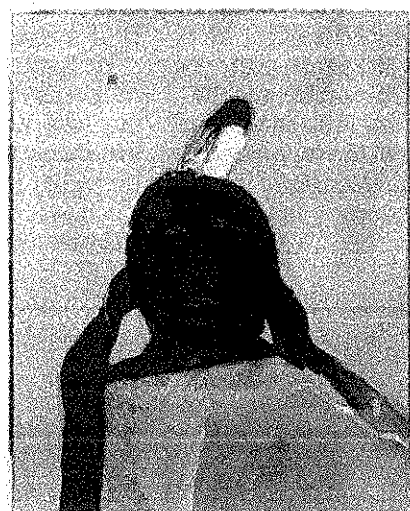
I am placing my bet on the internal combustion engine.

Russ Harding is the director of the Mackinac Center for Public Policy's Property Rights Network.

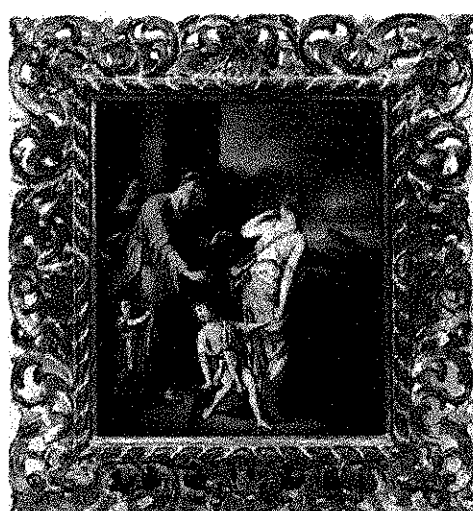
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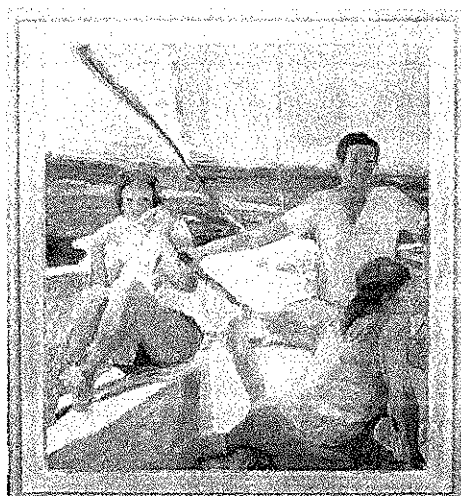
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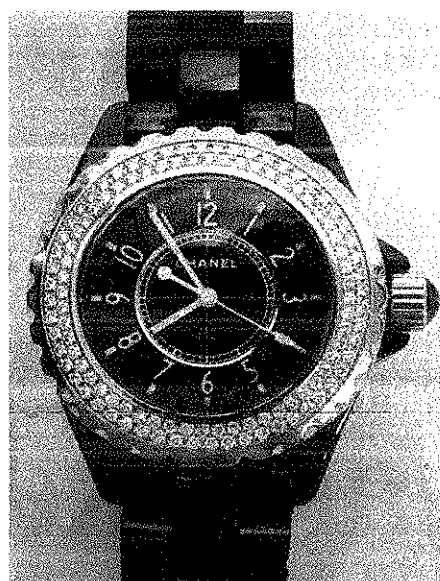
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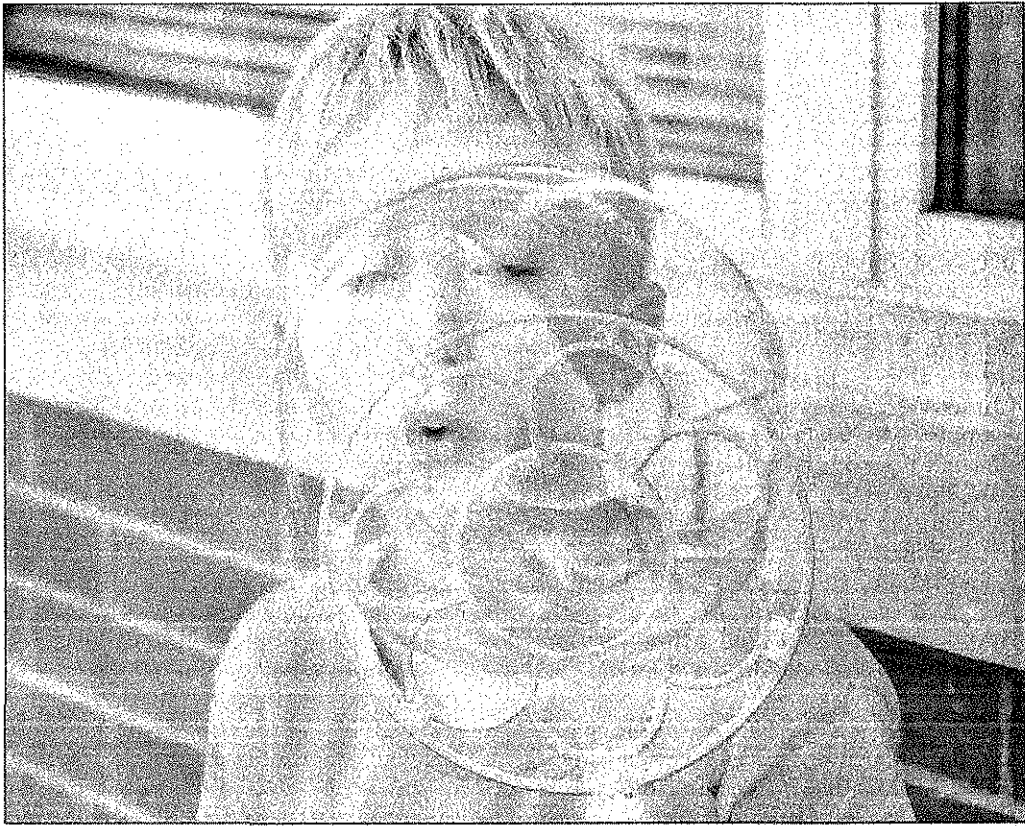


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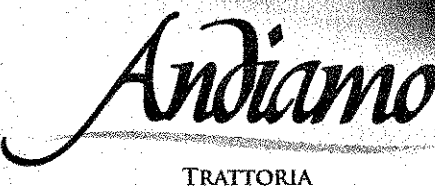
Fun for all

PHOTOS BY RENEE LANDUYT

There's magic and make-believe at the Grosse Pointe school district's summer program, Camp O' Fun, along with games, crafts and outdoor adventures. Above: Campmates Carla Voight of Grosse Pointe Farms and Cassidy Gontko of Grosse Pointe Park create their names using fuse beads, which once ironed serve as jewelry pieces or artwork. Top right: Ian Czerkis of Grosse Pointe Woods found that of all the wands he tried, this one created the best and biggest bubbles. Right: Isabelle Wauzyniak of Harper Woods and Sophia Fowler of the Park play princesses with fancy dresses, fairy wings and horses.



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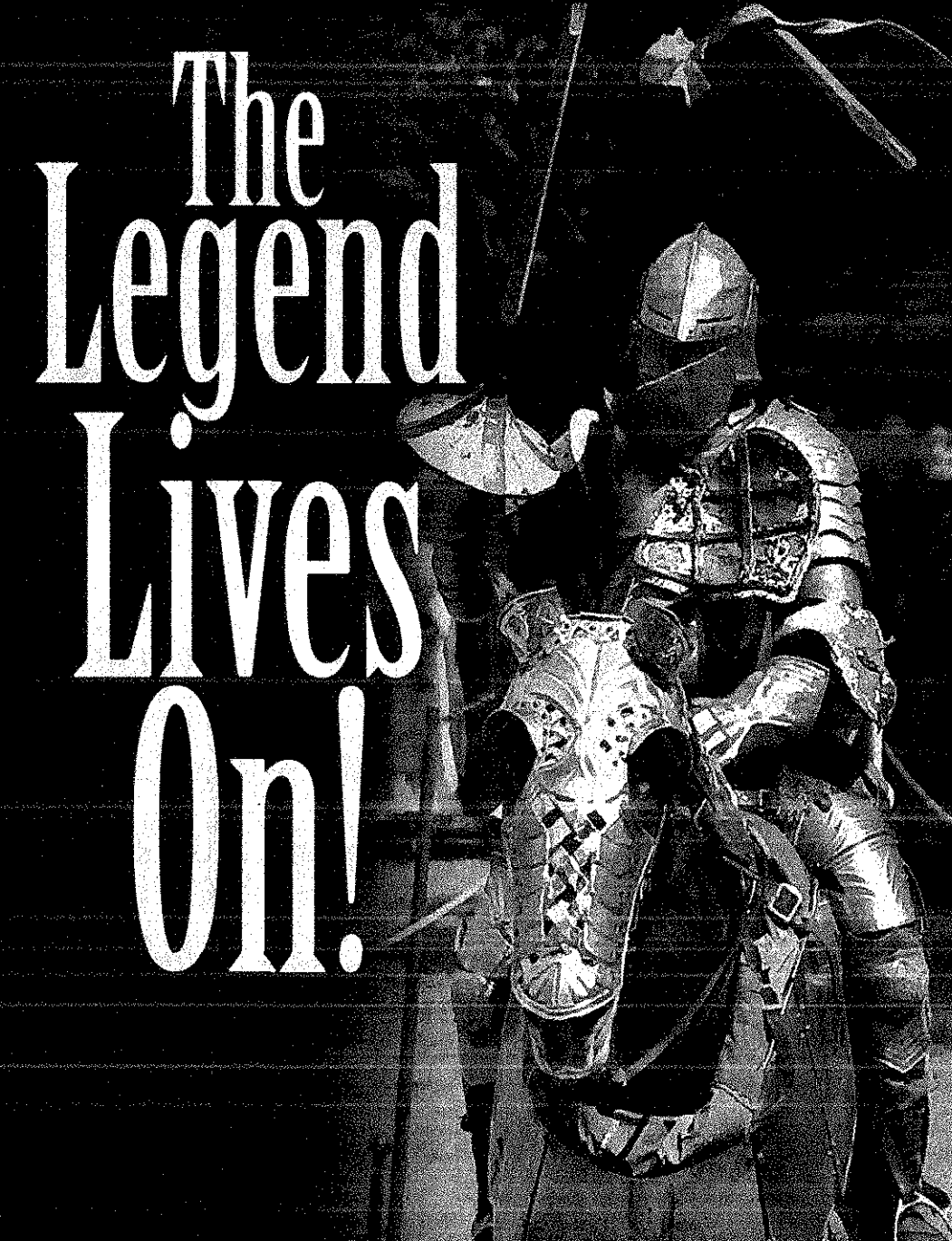


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A teacher's one-of-a-kind trip

Russian study tour was 'surreal,' purposeful

By Amy Salvagno
Staff Writer

Halfway around the world sits a Russia few stateside could comprehend.

But it's one Bridget Cooley, Grosse Pointe North High School world history teacher, encountered during a four-week tour of the centuries-old country.

Cooley spent the first half of her summer vacation abroad, thanks to the Fulbright-Hays program through the U.S. Department of Education. The department awarded a grant to the University of Michigan's Center for Russian, East European and Eurasian Studies for the project, "Understanding Contemporary Russia."

Cooley was selected as one of 13 elementary through high school teachers from nine states who, upon return from the trip, were required to create curriculum units about Russia to use in their classrooms and share with colleagues.

To prepare, she studied the Russian alphabet and read a lot of prep material. Additionally, CREES held a three-day pre-departure workshop for the teacher-participants.

The group was given opportunities to learn about modern-day Russia through visits to schools, businesses, museums, churches and markets, as well as from lectures at universities.

The 10-year district educator said her focus during the trip came from a question she often hears from students: What is Russia now?

"I think it's a very complex question. People don't realize how young Russia is now, politically, economically, socially. It's 20 years old ... it jumped into capitalism so quickly," she said.

Cooley understood before her trip, and even now, that there are many preconceived ideas about the country.

"It's interesting to discuss it with colleagues and see what their conceptions are," she said.

Compare that to conversations she had with Russian citizens, including her three-week host family that lives in Krasnodar, an 800,000-resident city in southern Russia.

"I experienced their daily life and listened as they talked about their challenges and the hopes they have," she said.

Her adoptive family lives in a small three-room apartment on a Soviet-era street.

"The old Russia was outside, but it was the new country inside," Cooley said. "It was eye-opening — people live in much less space there."

The couple, already parents to two daughters in their early 20s, made their house guest feel like one of their own.

"I was very spoiled. I wasn't allowed to touch a dish," Cooley recalled. "I felt like their daughter."

Her days in the city began at 9 a.m. with either a Russian language class or a lecture on anything from economics and ecology to literature and politics.

"They were trying to get us to hear the intellectual pieces from professors, but they also had us interact with other students and teachers to understand what their educational experiences are like," Cooley said.

After daily lunches prepared just for the group, they headed out for afternoon excursions, such as visits to an orphanage, a Byzantine-style church and a well-known children's camp, and even time to relax on the Azov Sea beach.

For their last week in the country, the group moved into dorms at the Russian State University for the Humanities in Moscow.

For Cooley, the capital city was what she most anticipated.

"I never imagined myself being there. It was the highlight of the trip, to see the Kremlin, St. Basil's Cathedral and stand in Red Square — it was so fabulous and so surreal. It was a great travel experience," she said.

The week in Moscow was dotted with lectures, but incorporated several sight-seeing adventures.

Cooley said she was most impressed with the city's metro system.

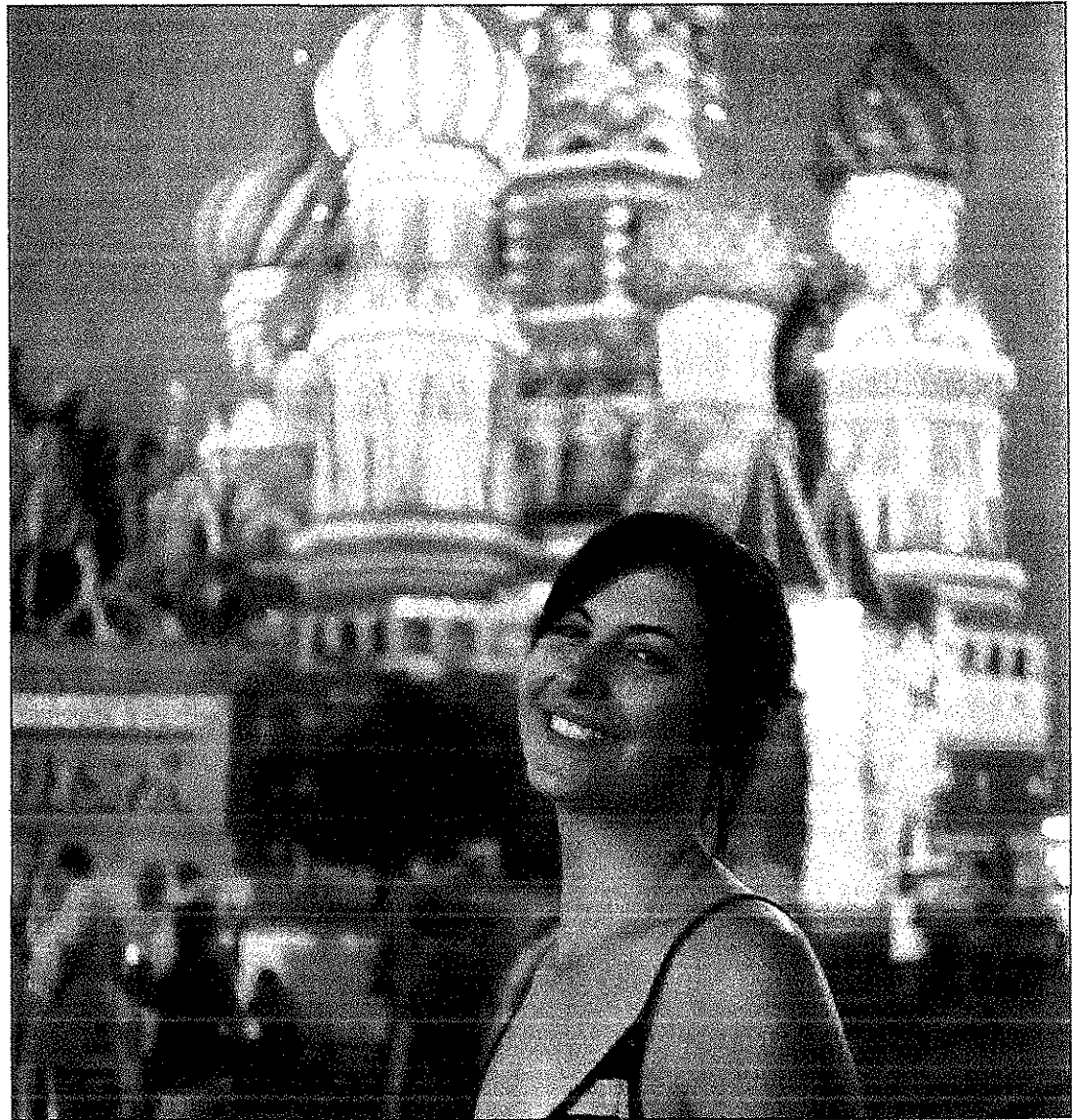
"It was just unbelievable. Each station is filled with incredible works of art. It just blew me away."

Cooley also enjoyed sitting in a more laid-back setting with Moscow natives as they revealed their perspectives to the curious tourists.

"We'd have great discussions of how they see our country, our differences and even how similar we are," she said, noting how much more Americans laugh and smile than Russians. "It was one of the great experiences."

In a place so foreign, Cooley said she was grateful for the relationships developed among her U.S. colleagues.

"It was great to have those connections. We



Grosse Pointe North world history teacher Bridget Cooley spent four weeks on an educational excursion in Russia with 13 other teachers from across the country. Top: A highlight of the trip was Cooley's stay in Moscow, where she saw St. Basil's Cathedral, among many attractions. Above: In the city of Krasnodar, Cooley and her group visited with children at an orphanage.

became very close," she said. "I think some of us will be friends for life."

Cooley has until next summer to submit the required curriculum, and won't be introducing the unit on Russia to her class until the end of the school year.

She is, however, making a presentation with a teacher from Cranbrook Schools about the experience to the Michigan Council for the Social Studies in Kalamazoo in November.

"I have time to digest and analyze and rethink some of the experiences I had," she said. "It's the best opportunity I've had."

Board seat opening

Any registered voter interested in applying for an open 4-year Grosse Pointe Board of Education trustee term must do so by 4 p.m., Tuesday, Aug. 10, with the City of Grosse Pointe Park clerk, 15115 East Jefferson Ave.

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AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 50, ZONING OF THE CITY OF GROSSE POINTE WOODS CODE: ARTICLE III DISTRICT REGULATIONS, DIVISION 6 C.F. COMMUNITY FACILITIES DISTRICT BY ADDING SECTION 50-340 SPECIAL LAND USES, TO ALLOW A CONTINUING CARE RETIREMENT COMMUNITY (CCRC) AS A SPECIAL LAND USE SUBJECT TO SPECIFIC LOT AND BUILDING REGULATIONS

The hearing is scheduled for Tuesday, August 24, 2010 at 7:30 p.m. in the Council Room of the Municipal Building. Agenda documents are available for inspection at the City Clerk's Office, 20025 Mack Plaza, between 8:30 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. All interested persons are invited to attend and will be given opportunity for public comment. The public may appear in person or be represented by counsel. Written comments will be received in the City Clerk's office, up to the close of business preceding the hearing. A group spokesperson is encouraged on agenda items concerning organized groups. Individuals with disabilities requiring auxiliary aids or services at the meeting should contact the Grosse Pointe Woods Clerk's Office at 313 343-2440 seven days prior to the meeting.

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Lisa Kay Hathaway, MMC
City Clerk

PUBLIC SAFETY REPORTS

City of Grosse Pointe

Unsecured

A patrolman on Mack near Rivard cited a 29-year-old female driver from Detroit at 8:30 p.m. Tuesday, July 27, for not securing child passengers in safety seats or seat belts.

"(I) observed three children under 4 years old to be either sitting on laps of other children or standing on floorboards of rear seats," said the officer.

The woman was cited and turned over to Chesterfield Township police on an outstanding warrant for shoplifting. She also was wanted in Grosse Pointe Farms for a traffic offense.

The children were released to a relative.

Kitchen fire

Three public safety officers doused a kitchen fire at 12:24 a.m. Monday, July 26, at a house in the 200 block of Neff.

Officers reported "flames and smoke confined to the dishwasher."

They unhooked the appliance, placed it in the backyard, taped off applicable electrical wires in the kitchen and shut off the water.

—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

Drunken driving

A traffic stop at 12:52 a.m. Sunday, Aug. 1, for speeding on eastbound Chalfonte near Bournemouth resulted in the drunken driving arrest of an 18-year-old Grosse Pointe Park man.

He reportedly admitted drinking and registered a .12 percent blood alcohol content.

VW promo bike taken

A \$500, purple Trek bicycle with a Volkswagen logo on the frame was stolen between 4 and 10:45 p.m. Saturday, July 21, off a rack in an attached garage in the 200 block of Stephens.

"The bike was a promotional bike from Volkswagen," the owner reportedly told police.

The garage door had been left open.

Police believe the thief left behind a black and tan Huff Ocala bicycle with a flat front tire. The abandoned bike was taken to headquarters to be dusted for fingerprints.

Solicitors

A 35-year-old man from North Carolina and a 28-year-old woman from Texas were cited at 7:51 p.m. Saturday, July 31, for soliciting door-to-door on Mapleton.

The woman was wanted in Ann Arbor for the same offense.

Buzzed on bike

A 50-year-old St. Clair Shores man was arrested for drunken driving at 8:07 p.m. Thursday, July 29, for refusing to take a Breathalyzer test during a field sobriety investigation.

"I will fail the test," the man reportedly told the investigating officer.

He'd been pulled over on southbound Moross south of Mack for weaving a Schwinn motorized bicycle.

Officers arrested him for suspicion of drunken driving. They took him to a hospital, where his blood was drawn for testing of alcohol content.

Police also found a crack pipe in one of his pockets and cited him for possession of narcotics paraphernalia.

It was the man's third drunk-en driving arrest.

Burglary

Blood on the smashed front door window of the Lame Gamer store in the 18200 block of Mack showed where a thief broke in during the night of Wednesday, July 28-29.

More blood stains were inside the store on tabletops and a light switch.

Stolen items included a flat-screen television and an undetermined number of game consoles and Airsoft guns.

Evidence indicated the thief broke the window with a piece of cement curbing and a metal baseball bat.

Sierra stolen

A 1993 GMC Sierra, parked unlocked with keys inside in front of a house in the 400 block of Colonial Court, was stolen at about 1 p.m. Wednesday, July 28.

The vehicle's owner, a Hazel Park woman, was working behind the house.

Dine & dash

A 23-year-old Detroit man reportedly didn't pay his \$25.10 bill the evening of Monday, July 26, at Irish Coffee, 18666 Mack.

"(He) sat at the table closest to the front door and ordered a shrimp dinner, salad with French dressing and a lemonade," an employee told police.

When presented another shrimp dinner to go, the man reportedly ran out of the restaurant.

Police caught him a few minutes later walking in the alley behind Mack near Moross.

Go granny, go

A patrolman on Mack near Hillcrest arrested a 70-year-old Detroit woman at 5:08 p.m. Sunday, July 26, for not wearing a seat belt while driving.

"(She) tucked (the seat belt) under her arm in an attempt to make it appear the seat belt was being worn," said the officer.

The woman gave the officer

a false name, he said. Investigation showed the woman to be wanted in the Farms for driving on a suspended license.

A 20-year-old male passenger gave the officer a fake birth date, the officer said.

—Brad Lindberg

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

Grosse Pointe Park

Home Invasion

A housekeeper coming to work the morning of Monday, July 26, discovered the front door kicked in at a house in the 1000 block of Devonshire. The homeowner is compiling a list of missing items.

Larceny

A blue men's mountain bike was stolen from a locked garage in the 1400 block of Nottingham overnight Sunday, July 25. There was also an attempted entry into another garage on Nottingham the same night. Nothing was taken.

Attempted UDAA

A 2001 Chrysler Town and Country parked in the 1100 block of Nottingham overnight Tuesday, July 27, was entered and the ignition damaged, but the car would not start.

Fire's out

A Coleman fire pit, valued at \$260, was taken sometime between July 26 and July 28 from the backyard of a house on Beaconsfield.

Who needs enemies?

A resident of Maryland invited a friend over Friday, July 30. Shortly after the friend left, the resident noticed his PlayStation was missing.

—Kathy Ryan

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

Grosse Pointe Shores

Drifts off

An admitted user of marijuana and Klonopin, a muscle relaxant, was arrested at 8:05 a.m. Thursday, July 29, for operating a motor vehicle under the influence of drugs, according to police.

A patrolman pulled over the man for weaving a 2001 Buick on Lakeshore near Stratton, hitting the curb and flattening a front left tire.

"(He) was instructed to sit on the curb," said the arresting officer. "He would drift off to sleep in mid sentence."

Cars entered

Three unlocked vehicles parked overnight Tuesday, July 27, on Hampton were entered and ransacked.

Drunken driver

Police said a 20-year-old Clinton Township man they arrested at 2:02 a.m. Saturday, July 24, for drunken driving on Lakeshore was wanted on four outstanding warrants, including one in Hazel Park for disorderly conduct.

Three other warrants were for driving infractions in Detroit and Macomb County.

The man registered a .22 percent blood alcohol level, police said.

—Brad Lindberg

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

Grosse Pointe Woods

DWI

A 42-year-old St. Clair Shores woman was taken into custody at 1:05 a.m. Sunday, Aug. 1, and charged with driving while intoxicated.

The woman hit three traffic signs on Mack Avenue and drove her white Chevrolet

Trailblazer over several islands along Mack, causing significant damage to the vehicle and city property before coming to a halt in bushes at Mack and Hampton.

After being taken into custody, she made threats against the arresting officer and his family, as well as hospital personnel.

Home invasion

A homeowner on Raymond found the side door of her house broken into when she returned at noon Wednesday, July 28. Jewelry, cash and a computer were taken.

The homeowner reported seeing an unfamiliar blue Cadillac in the area and someone identifying themselves as a DTE employee had come to her door earlier. A check with DTE revealed the utility did not have any calls to the area that day. Police continue to investigate.

Money missing

A Canterbury Road resident hid cash in his house earlier this year, but when he went to get it recently, it was missing. He reported a utility company worker was recently in the house in the area where the money was hidden. He reported the incident to the utility company.

—Kathy Ryan

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Gary Anders

Grosse Pointe Park resident Gary Anders, 55, died unexpectedly Monday, July 26, 2010, at his parents' home in Roseville.

He was born Sept. 3, 1954, in Detroit to Dolores and Stanley Anders and graduated from Orchard Lake St. Mary's Prep. He earned his bachelor's degree from Wayne State University and was a certified public accountant.

Mr. Anders was employed at Multimatic Inc. in Livonia. Previously, he worked as an accountant at various automotive engineering companies.

He was also co-owner of Ariel's Enchanted Garden florist in Eastpointe with his longtime partner, Mark Dikowski. The couple recently purchased a home in Grosse Pointe Park, which they were refurbishing.

Mr. Anders loved his job. He enjoyed traveling, making several trips annually to Disney World and Disneyland. He recently returned from a 16-day Disney Mediterranean cruise. He was a food aficionado and appreciated sampling everything from fine cuisine to regional specialties.

In addition to Mr. Dikowski, Mr. Anders is survived by his parents and his brother, Duane.

He was predeceased by his sister, Janice.

Mr. Anders will be greatly missed by family and friends, as well as his three dogs, Isabella, Aurora and Tiger Lily.

A funeral Mass was celebrated July 31 at St. Hyacinth Roman Catholic Church in Detroit.

Memorial donations may be made to The American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, ASPCA, P.O. Box 96929, Washington, D.C. 20090-6929 or at aspcanet.org.

Douglas James Baker

Douglas James Baker, 64, died Tuesday, July 27, 2010. He lived in Harrison Township.

He was born Oct. 8, 1945, in Dearborn and attended Eastern Michigan University where he was a star basketball player and outstanding athlete.

After school, Mr. Baker entered the financial services business and became a certified life underwriter, chartered financial consultant and a licensed insurance counselor. Prior to joining the Baker Financial Group as chief executive officer, he was a vice president at JP Morgan. He was the Financial Estate Planning Counsel Metro Detroit president from 2007 to 2008.

Mr. Baker was an avid sportsman. He enjoyed boat-

ing, golfing, tennis and life with his many friends and family members. He was an accomplished sailor and raconteur with 49 Mackinac races behind him, well beyond "Old Goat" status.

He was past commodore of the Detroit Yacht Club, past treasurer of Bayview Yacht Club and an active member of the Detroit Athletic Club, Bayview Yacht Club, Birchwood Farms Golf and Country Club, and the Past Commodore's Club.

Mr. Baker is survived by his beloved wife, Anne Donnelly Baker; brother, Donald (Helen) Baker; sister, Mary Lynn Baker-Hunter; niece and nephews, Bridget (Randy Borchardt) Baker, D. Gregory (Julie) Baker and Brien Baker and grand nieces and nephews, Joshua Borchardt, Sarah Borchardt, Connor Baker, Maximilian Baker and Devon Baker.

A memorial service was held Aug. 3 at Most Holy Trinity Catholic Church in Detroit.

Donations may be made to the American Diabetes Association, 30200 Telegraph Rd., Suite 105, Bingham Farms, MI 48025 or to the VanElslander Cancer Center, 19229 Mack Ave., Grosse Pointe Woods, MI 48236.

Express condolences or share a memory at verheyden.org.

Rosemary Heenan Durant

Rosemary H. Durant died at her home Thursday, July 29, 2010.

She was born March 8, 1915, in Detroit to Earl I. and Bernice (nee Palmer) Heenan and graduated from Miss Newman's School in 1932 and from The Madeira School in 1933. Madeira taught her to: "Function in disaster, finish in style," as she told her children and grandchildren.

With her Madeira class, she attended Franklin D. Roosevelt's first inauguration. She graduated from Vassar College in 1937 with a degree in child study.

Mrs. Durant was a wife and mother known for her quiet elegance, gentleness and kindness.

She married Richard Durant (who proposed on their second date, although she did not accept until three years later) in July, 1945. They were married 62 years until his death in 2008. Together they raised four children: Richard, Jr., Peter, Clark, and Eugénie. For all her married life, Mrs. Durant created and maintained a safe and loving home for her family. She was happiest when her whole family could be together — whether around the dinner table, in the backyard, or on

vacation.

Mrs. Durant was a volunteer for the Sophie Wright Settlement House in Detroit. She served in various capacities as an officer and the chairwoman of the board. For years she made casseroles and took them to friends when a death or hardship in their family occurred.

Mrs. Durant took an active role in the International Bible Study Fellowship program and maintained a little handwritten black book of Bible verses she loved. She also served as a deaconess in her church.

She started her active participation in Republican party politics by walking the 14th Congressional District in 1950 and 1952 with her husband when he ran for U.S. Congress. Over many years she distributed literature, made phone calls, hosted teas, attended meetings, and encouraged others, all while smoothing any ruffled feathers.

Mrs. Durant enjoyed needlepoint, sewing and gardening. She was a member of the Grosse Pointe Farm and Garden Club since 1948 and served a term as its president.

After her first grandchild was born more than 30 years ago, she drove 140 miles at night to sit with her in intensive care. "Mama Rose" rejoiced in the birth and life of each grandchild. After her youngest great-grandchild was born last year, she started Skype-ing with him every week.

Mrs. Durant is survived by her four children; two daughters-in-law, Suzanne and Susan, seven grandchildren, Hope, Maggie, T. Clark, Kate, John, Page and Anne and three great-grandchildren, Susan, Caroline and Grey.

A celebration of life service will be held at 4 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 30, at Knox Presbyterian Church, 25700 Crocker Blvd., Harrison Township.

Memorial contributions may be made to Cornerstone Schools, 6861 E. Nevada, Detroit, MI 48234; or Knox Presbyterian Church Missionary Fund, 25700 Crocker Blvd., Harrison Twp., MI 48045.

Barbara de Henning McLean

City of Grosse Pointe resident Barbara de Henning McLean, 84, passed away peacefully in her sleep after a long illness Friday, July 30, 2010, at ShorePointe Nursing Center in St. Clair Shores.

Born Sept. 20, 1925, in Detroit to Catherine Courtney Ludwig and Henry Ludwig, Mrs. McLean was a self-employed certified gemologist, jewelry designer, appraiser and antique dealer. She was an expert needle pointer, designing



Gary Anders



Douglas James Baker



Rosemary Heenan Durant



Barbara de Henning McLean



Ruth Moore



Marilyn S. Rizzo

and creating magnificent silk pettipointe wall hangings, rugs and pillows. She traveled extensively in Europe and enjoyed a good mystery novel.

Mrs. McLean is survived by her daughter, Renee de Henning Rogers; grandchildren, Dawn Rogers (Bobby) Mitchell, Tanya Naumenko (Michael) Bartoszewicz and Nicholas Naumenko and great-grandchildren, Bobby, Makenzie and Michael Mitchell and Chase and Matthew Bartoszewicz.

She was predeceased by her first husband, Baron Serge de Henning; second husband, Roland McLean; daughter, Claire de Henning Naumenko; sisters, Bette Salasnek and Mary Lou Fenner and brother, George Ludwig.

Funeral services are private. Memorial donations may be made to the Grosse Pointe Animal Adoption Society, 18519 Mack Ave., Detroit, MI 48236-3224 or at gpaas.org.

Ruth Moore

Grosse Pointe Farms resident Ruth Moore, 90, passed away Saturday, July 31, 2010, after a lengthy illness.

Born June 27, 1920, in Columbus, Ohio, she was the wife of the late Dwight Moore; mother of Richard (Betsy) Moore of Fairfield Glades, Tenn., Sandra (Edward) Barry of Clarkston and Helen (Bob) VanDyke of Gulf Shores, Ala. She also is survived by six grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

Mrs. Moore was an active member of the Grosse Pointe Woods Presbyterian Church. She was a wonderful artist and her biggest regret in aging was that she could no longer drive her car.

A memorial service will be held this fall at Grosse Pointe Woods Presbyterian Church.

Memorial donations may be made to the Alzheimer's Association Greater Michigan Chapter, 20300 Civic Center, Suite 100, Southfield, MI 48076 or Grosse Pointe Woods Presbyterian Church, 19950 Mack Ave., Grosse Pointe Woods, MI 48236.

Express condolences or share a memory at cremationmichigan.com.

Marilyn S. Rizzo

Marilyn S. Rizzo, 76, died at home Saturday, July 31, 2010, after a long illness.

Born May 2, 1934, in Detroit, she is survived by her husband of 50 years, Paul Rizzo and

children, Paul (Kathleen), Mike (Jane), Jayne (Michael) Reardon, Theresa (John) Brooks and Laura (Jonathan) Burleigh and grandchildren, Jillian, Brian, Kayla, Jessica, Regina, Margaret, Daniel, Allison, Joseph, Andrew, Claire, Anne, Sophia, Liam and Donovan.

She was a beloved wife, mother, grandmother, sister, and friend. After an early career as a clinical nurse, Mrs. Rizzo later became business manager for her husband's surgical practice. She was active in St. Paul on the Lake Catholic Church and particularly enjoyed singing with the choir and sharing her faith through the children's liturgy.

PRIDE OF THE POINTES

Jenna Shier was named to the Dean's List at Michigan State University for the spring 2010 semester. She is a 2009 graduate of Grosse Pointe North High School and the daughter of Steve and Diane Shier of Grosse Pointe Woods.

James Hutchinson earned a bachelor's degree in political science from Kalamazoo College in spring 2010. The University Liggett School graduate is the son of Mike and Dee Hutchinson of Grosse Pointe Farms.

Katherine Maeve Wyman graduated from Harvard Law School in spring 2010. The 2003 graduate of Grosse Pointe South High School and 2007 graduate of Yale University is the daughter of Bruce and Janet Wyman of Grosse Pointe Park.

Timothy H. Mulheron of Grosse Pointe Park earned a Bachelor of Fine Arts from Northern Michigan University

in May 2010.

Benjamin F. Vandelinder of Grosse Pointe Park earned a Bachelor of Fine Arts from Northern Michigan University in May 2010.

Katharine A. Rygwelski of the City of Grosse Pointe earned a Bachelor of Social Work from Northern Michigan University in May 2010.

Charles Holton Warren of Grosse Pointe received the Elbridge Sibley Prize at Bowdoin College. It is awarded to a senior majoring in sociology or anthropology with the highest mid-year general scholastic average.

Mark Balle was named to the Dean's List for the spring 2010 semester at Albion College. He is the son of Mark and Pamela Balle of Grosse Pointe Shores and a graduate of Grosse Pointe North High School.



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Officers awarded

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

It's been an all-star year for public safety officers in Grosse Pointe Shores.

Ten employees plus the department director have been honored for meritorious service during the first half of the year.

Actions included life saving, preventing a suicide, catching an armed robber and helping a sister Grosse Pointe extinguish a series of garage fires.

Director Stephen Poloni announced the awards last week. He commended eight officers and one dispatcher for "the fine work they've done over the previous six months."

Life saving

Five officers, Poloni and dispatcher Judy Chauvin received lifesaving awards for actions April 6.

Chauvin kept her head answering a panicky call about a medical emergency.

"Chauvin was successful in her attempts to reestablish contact with the caller and learned the emergency was a drug overdose and the patient was not breathing," Poloni said.

Officer James Tassie, Douglas Fraser, Sgt. Daniel Pullen, David Younk, Lt. James Demeulenaere and Poloni responded to the caller's house.

"(They) found a (male) patient who was ashen and not breathing on the basement floor," Poloni said.

Officers did their ABCs: They established the patient's airway, got him breathing and made sure of his blood circulation.

"He was having problems breathing," said Pullen, crediting senior paramedics Tassie and Fraser for their leadership. "Once you establish an airway, you try to figure out the cause of the problem."

Officers administered medicine to revive the patient who had taken heroin, they said.

"It was a collective effort," Pullen said. "It happened at the right time when there were a lot of people here: three paramedics plus three or four emergency medical technicians. Something like that gets very hectic. It really helped to have extra manpower."

"This is an example of a true team effort in providing the best that public safety officers," Poloni said.

Suicide prevention

Officer David Kwiatkowski earned a certificate of merit for actions Dec. 2, 2009, involving a teenage girl attempting suicide.

"Kwiatkowski found a female in her teens who had self-inflicted cuts and expressed to (him) that she wanted to commit suicide," Poloni said. "(Kwiatkowski) was able to stabilize the situation in a calm and professional manner and gain the trust of the individual. As a result, the person did seek medical treatment as recommended by Officer Kwiatkowski."

Armed robber

Officer Tony Spina received a department citation for capturing an armed robber at 2 a.m. March 15.

Spina was patrolling the Shores when he learned of an armed robbery at a service station on 11 Mile and Mack in neighboring St. Clair Shores.

En route up Lakeshore into St. Clair Shores to lend as assistance or block the suspects escape into the Pointes, Spina noticed a suspicious pickup truck parked rear-first with its engine running beside the 7-11 store.

"In 10 years, I'd never seen a car parked at the side of the store with its engine running," Spina said. "I had a sense that something wasn't right."

He turned around, pulled into the store parking lot and saw an unknown female and the clerk acting nervous. Spina learned the female had just robbed the store. The parked pickup was her getaway vehicle.

"Before backup arrived, he made the arrest," Poloni said. "The subject later confessed to armed robbery and was convicted."

Fire

Officers Josh Lundin and David Empsen received certificates of merit for firefighting.

On May 11, they and officers from Grosse Pointe Farms and Park lent mutual aid to the City in fighting a series of garage fires.

Downed power lines had ignited five garages on one block, forcing a four-alarm response.

"Lundin and Empsen were asked by the incident commander to initiate an attack on the fourth garage," Poloni said.

They put out the fire and ventilated the structure.

"Although this may be seen by many as just doing their job," Poloni said, "these officers represented this department with the highest standard and are to be commended for their efforts during this critical incident."

Mazda CX-9 offers style

By Jenny King

There are lots of things to consider when looking for a new vehicle:

Who will be driving it? How will it be used? How many features do you want? How many can you comfortably afford? Is it a gas miser or a gas guzzler? Do you really need all-wheel or four-wheel drive? What about front drive versus rear drive?

The expanding market segment devoted to "crossover" SUVs — utility vehicles with decided passenger car looks, amenities and handling — tries to bridge the gap between usefulness and stylishness.

The 2010 Mazda CX-9 claims to have narrowed or even eliminated that gap. The Japanese-built crossover is likely among the best-looking seven passenger vehicles of its kind. And while its two-person third row is not practical for most, when folded away it opens a huge area for stuff.

The test CX-9 was loaded with almost everything available for Mazda's largest family vehicle. So the price — \$39,115 — was not too surprising. This was a Grand Touring model with all-wheel drive. That alone would run \$34,000. A navigation system tacked on \$1,600; a package with moonroof, satellite radio and an upgraded 10-speaker audio system added more than \$2,200. The power-operated rear hatch was \$400; and delivery was \$750.

Early on, we discovered the power rear hatch had a mind of its own and did not stop closing when a human arm was in its path. Don't try to retrieve anything from the cargo area once the door is on its way down. We did not test to see if an object — human or inanimate — would keep it from opening when the button on the fob was depressed.

A family member who recently purchased a Toyota Highlander with third-row seating said she had tested a Mazda CX-9 and thought it lacked power. She also praises the air conditioning outlets that keep second and third-

row passengers comfortable in the heat of the southwest.

Another family member opted for a Nissan Murano, finding the CX-9 pricey.

CX-9 is offered in three trim levels: Sport, Touring and Grand Touring. All models include air conditioning, power windows, power door locks with remote keyless entry, trip computer, cruise control, six air bags, Bluetooth phone capability and a choice of black or beige interior hues.

Mazda's 273-horsepower 3.7-liter V-6 is the standard engine. It comes with a six-speed automatic transmission and the driver can see which gear the vehicle is running in: The number appears in the center of the instrument panel just above the steering column.

Fuel economy ratings for the CX-9 with all-wheel drive are an average 15 miles per gallon city and 21 highway.

The CX-9 starts at \$28,805 for a front-drive Sport model. Its standard equipment includes 18-inch aluminum wheels and tires, halogen headlamps, Bluetooth hands-free phone capability and cloth upholstery. Mazda has made power front seat adjusters optional on the Sport.

The Touring model adds leather seat trim and power front-seat adjusters. The Grand Touring edition struts its stuff on 20-inch aluminum wheels; it also features bright exterior door handles, rain-sensing wipers, an anti-theft alarm system and exterior mirrors with turn indicators. A Blind Spot Monitoring system shows a tiny icon in the corners of the outside mirrors when someone is passing on either side; it sometimes beeps, as well, apparently if you and another vehicle are a certain distance apart.

The Grand Touring uses a keyless start system: If the car senses the fob, it will start when the brake pedal is depressed and a knob is turned on the steering wheel. That knob is exactly where you would ordinarily stick in an old-fashioned ignition key.

We still think the fob is too easy to leave behind or lose in the car, whereas an old-fashioned key is removed from the steering wheel and pocketed.

We are not sure why Mazda and its competitors insist on third-row seating. The two spots in the CX-9 were suitable for large teddy bears and small children. Access to the third row is not easy and if the second-row seats are pushed back into place, there is no legroom for the third row. There was, however, pretty good storage space behind the third row when it was up.

Mazda reports new features for 2010 CX-9 include a redesigned climate control system for rear seating areas (it is operated from the instrument panel); an available new 4.3-inch, full color LCD display audio system that allows intuitive operation of AM/FM radio, MP3-capable CD changer, SIRIUS satellite radio, an auxiliary input jack, hands-free phone, and iPod connectivity, and serves as a back-up camera display.

Mazda says the back-up monitor system has been improved for this model year and is equipped with a wide-angle camera to improve the field of vision, allowing for a wider view of objects or people that may be behind the vehicle.

A factory towing package and a rear-seat entertainment system are other CX-9 options. The rear-seat entertainment system is packaged with the upgraded BOSE audio system and includes a 115-volt AC power outlet. Navigation is available as a stand-alone option on Grand Touring models. It includes a DVD-based navigation system plus the back-up monitor.

It took us several minutes to figure out the CD player. It functions by touching the information screen. At a certain prompting, the screen swings out revealing the slot for CD insert and retrieval.

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

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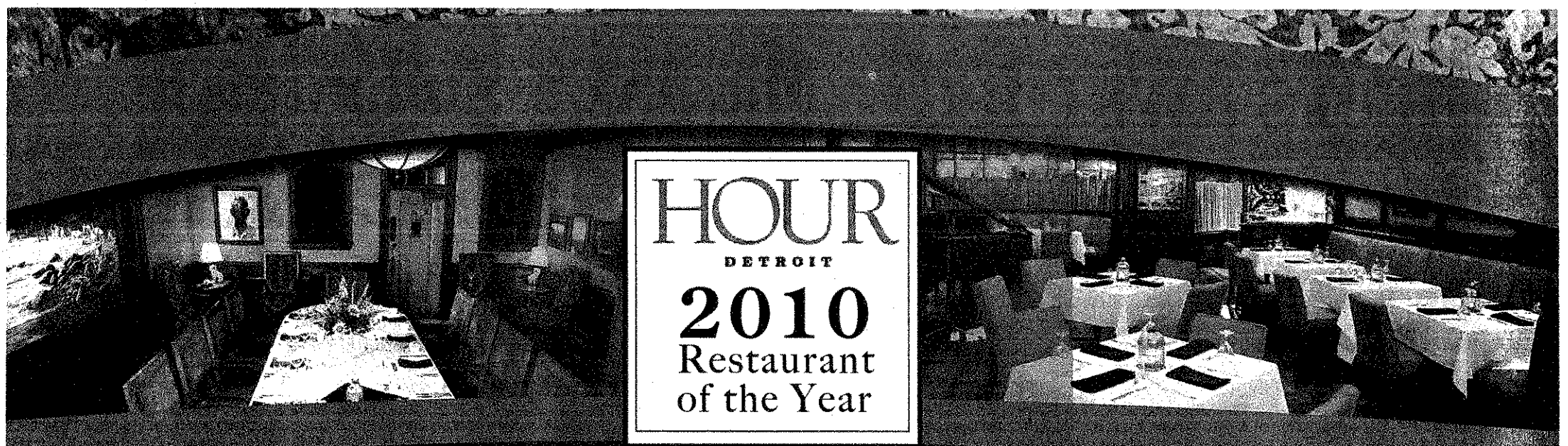
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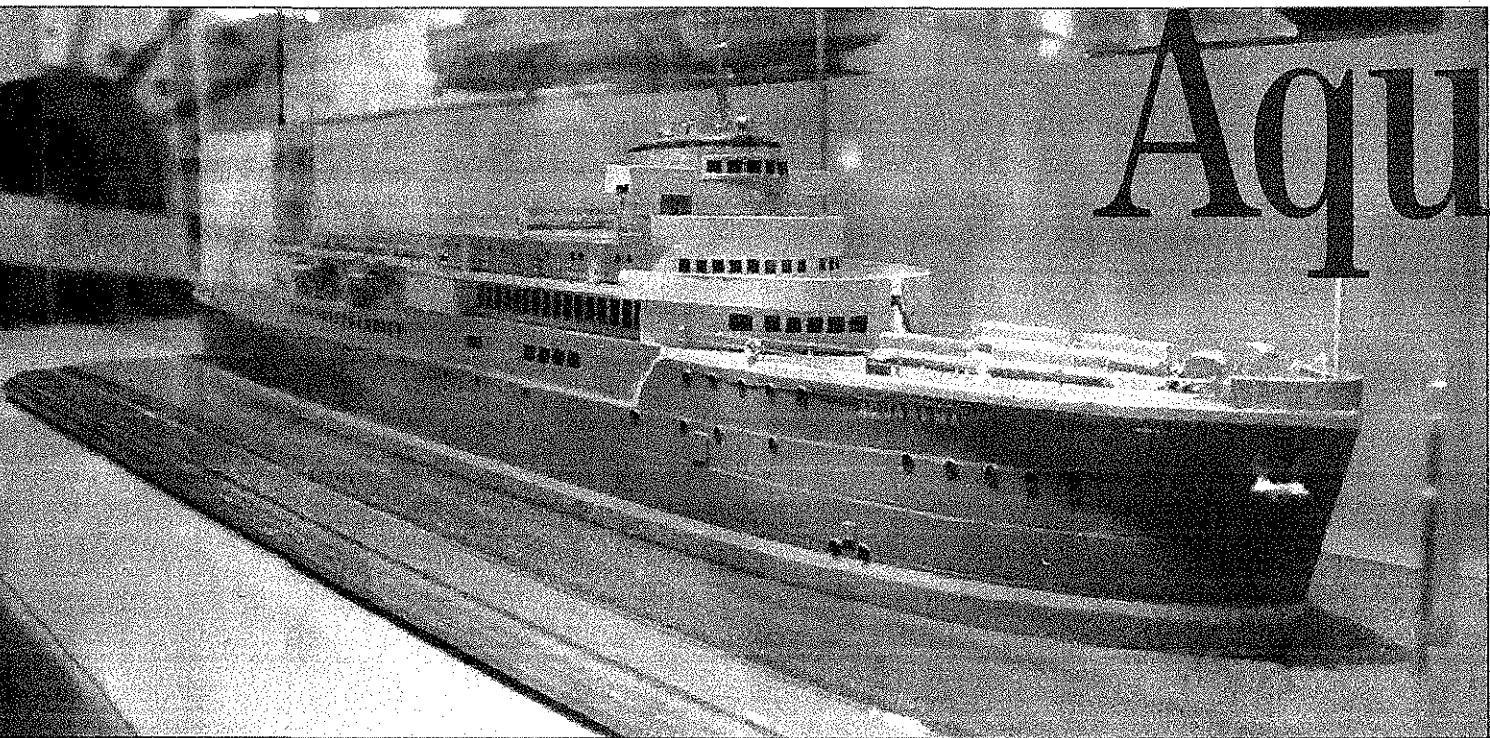
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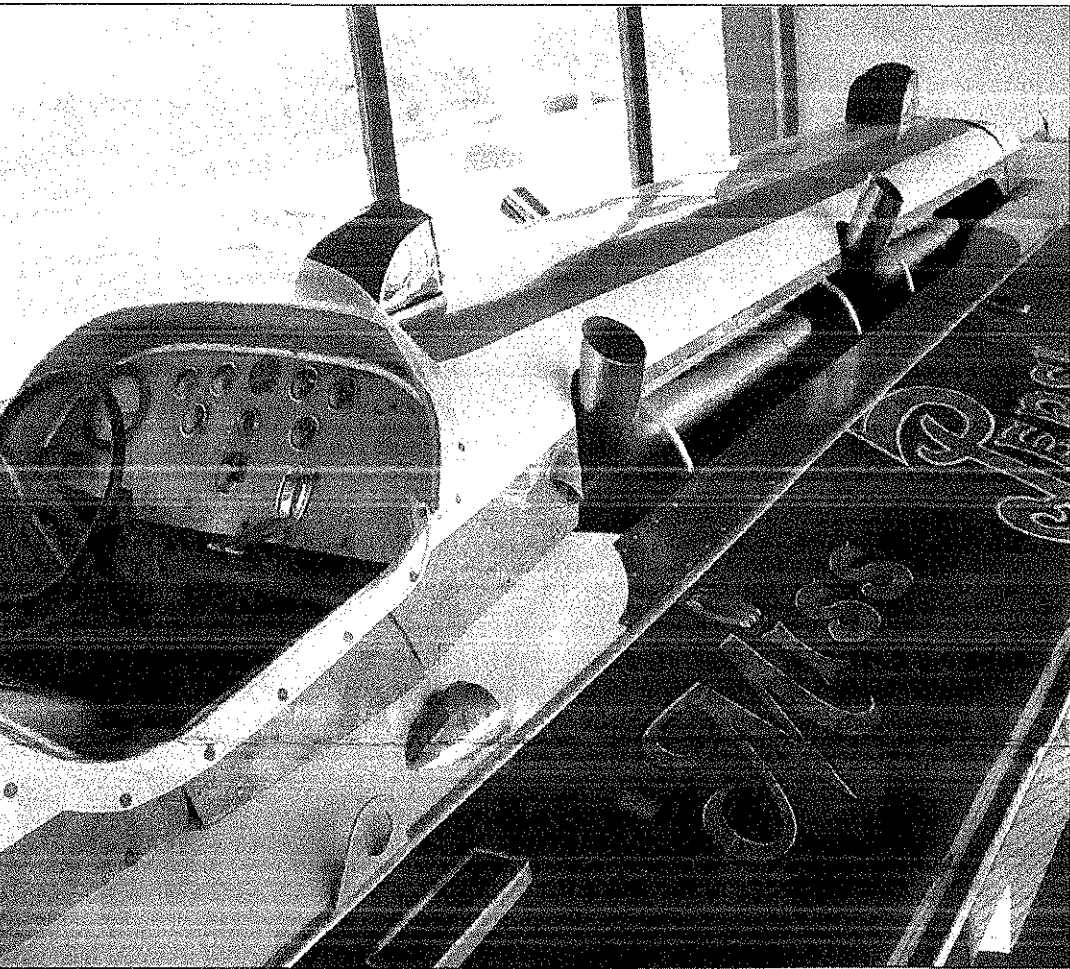
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Left, SS Aquarama.

Below, right, SS William Clay Ford, a 647-foot freighter, sailed the Great Lakes from 1952 to 1987. It's pilot house faces the Detroit River at Dossin.

Below left, Miss Pepsi, the first hydroplane to go 100 mph, has a building all its own at Dossin.

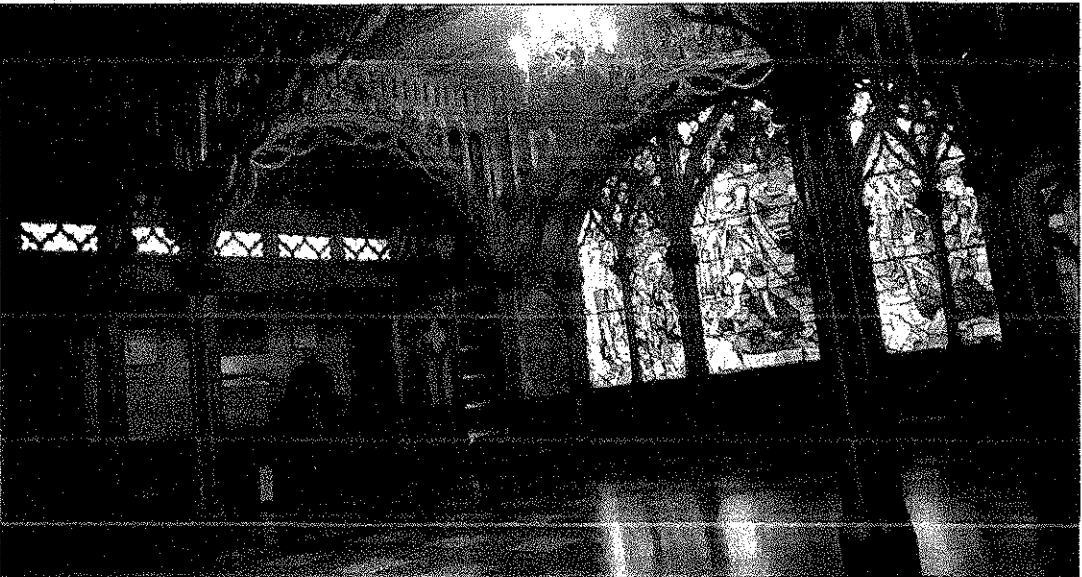


PHOTOS BY BRAD LINDBERG

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

Nearly two generations have passed since passenger ships linked Great Lakes ports. One of the most recognizable liners of the post-World War II era was a renovated U.S. Navy troop ship, the SS Aquarama. At 520 feet, Aquarama could ferry 2,500 passengers and 170 automobiles at up to 22 mph. "Our company used to operate the Aquarama," said Patrick McKee of Grosse Pointe Farms. "We operated it from Detroit to Cleveland from 1956 to 1962." Trips took less than six hours. Features aboard the nine-deck ship consisted of four restaurants, four bars, two movie theaters, two dance floors, baby-sitting services and a crew of nearly 200. "It never made money," McKee said. McKee's family business, Sand Products Co., spent \$8 million and two years during the early 1950s converting the ocean-going vessel into a Great Lakes liner. Most distinct among its modernized features was the bridge located forward inside a false funnel atop a streamlined, stepped-back superstructure. The real funnel, located near the fantail, directed diesel exhaust away from passengers on deck in lounge chairs, playing shuffleboard or leaning against the railing taking in the view. Aquarama's silhouette mixed art deco with retro, space-age streamlining of the Buck Rogers variety. "My dad did a lot of design on that boat in the 1950s," McKee said. "He said it was what he thought the future would be like."

Aquarama has been away from the lakes since 1995. New owners that year ended her roughly half-decade lay-up in a slip downriver of the Ambassador Bridge in Windsor, Ontario. A tugboat hauled her to Buffalo for conversion into a floating casino. When plans fell through, hopes of returning the ship to past glory ended in 2007 with a final tow to a Turkish scrap yard. Ships are high-maintenance affairs. During those years tied up in Windsor, paint on Aquarama's hull faded. Rust streaked her superstructure. Vandals sneaked on board. They broke windows and left graffiti behind. McKee looked at a scale model of the ship in the company boardroom. The model's vibrant turquoise hull contrasted with the real vessel's dull appearance during its deteriorating years. "If you saw the beautiful way it was," McKee said. "People think it was a robin's egg color. But, it had faded. It hadn't been painted since 1960 or so. It was a really vibrant turquoise." A model of Aquarama is at Dossin Great Lakes Museum on Belle Isle. The opulence of Great Lakes passenger service is represented just inside the front door. The entrance leads to the Gothic Room, the restored gentlemen's smoking lounge of the City of Detroit III sidewheel steamer, launched in 1911 and scrapped in 1956. The ship's route included the Detroit-to-Cleveland run of Aquarama. Admission to the Dossin Great Lakes Museum is free during 2010, its 50th anniversary year, due to support by presenting sponsor Masco Corp. Hours are 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday and Sunday. For more information, call (313) 833-5538 or visit detroithistorical.org.



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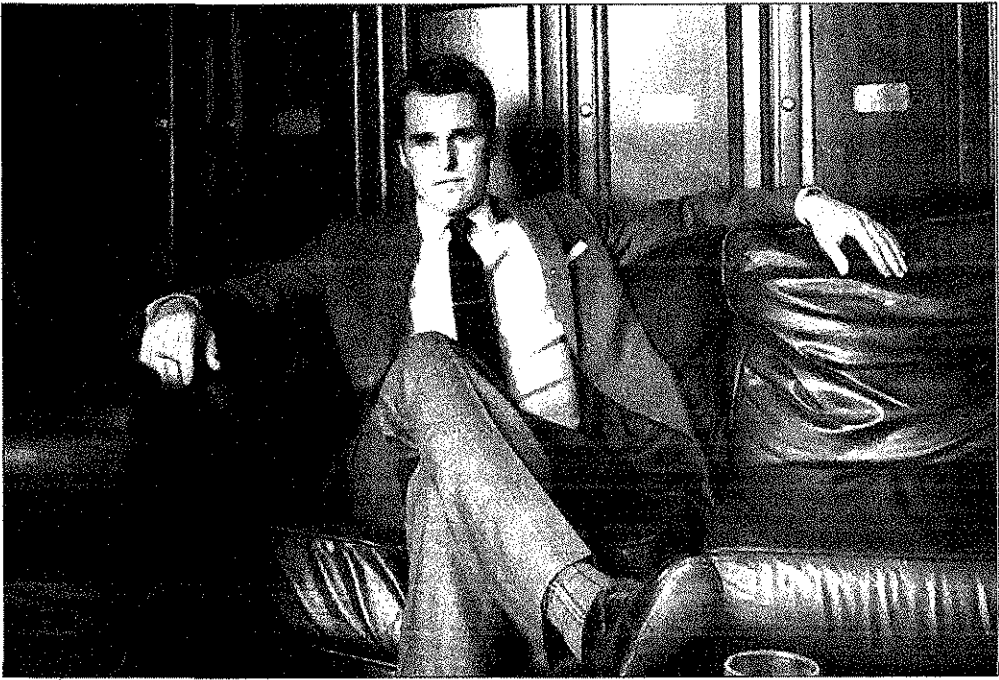


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Casting call

Rick Stepanski, 27, of Grosse Pointe Park, requests on-line votes to earn a walk-on role in the AMC TV show, "Mad Men." Stepanski graduated from Grosse Pointe South High School in 2000 and earned an engineering degree from Wayne State University. He is the visual coordinator for Brooks Brothers and models for a local talent agency. To vote for Stepanski visit madmencastingcall.amctv.com, page 76. Voting ends Sept. 17.

Yesterday's Headlines

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

1960

50 years ago this week

♦ **EXTENSIVE DAMAGE REPORTED IN WAKE OF ROVING HOODS:** More than a dozen Grosse Pointe families experienced malicious destruction of their homes and personal property late Monday night and early Tuesday morning, July 25 and 26.

Police stations were barraged with complaints Tuesday morning when residents discovered windows broken and articles stolen or destroyed.

♦ **WOODS PAVE PLAN PROTESTED:** More than 60 residents of Hampton and Roslyn roads attended the Woods Council meeting Monday night to protest against a street repair cost program that is under consideration.

The residents are opposing the council over a proposal by the Streets and Highways Committee which recommended that where pavement has become in such a state of disrepair as would require the complete replacing of pavement, drainage, drainage structure, concrete curbs, side drives of an established uniform width and grading and reseeding between the sidewalk and curb, the cost of such improvement shall be borne in the following manner: 70 percent of the cost be chargeable to the abutting property owners benefitting by the improvement and 30 percent of the cost be chargeable to the City-at-large.

Hampton and Roslyn roads are the first streets in the Woods ever to require complete rebuilding. Therefore the policy established in rebuilding these roads will set a precedent.

♦ **WOODS KILLS APARTMENT HOUSE PLAN:** Permission to build a four-story, 110-unit cooperative building at Mack and Vernier was refused at a special meeting of the Grosse Pointe Woods Planning Commission.

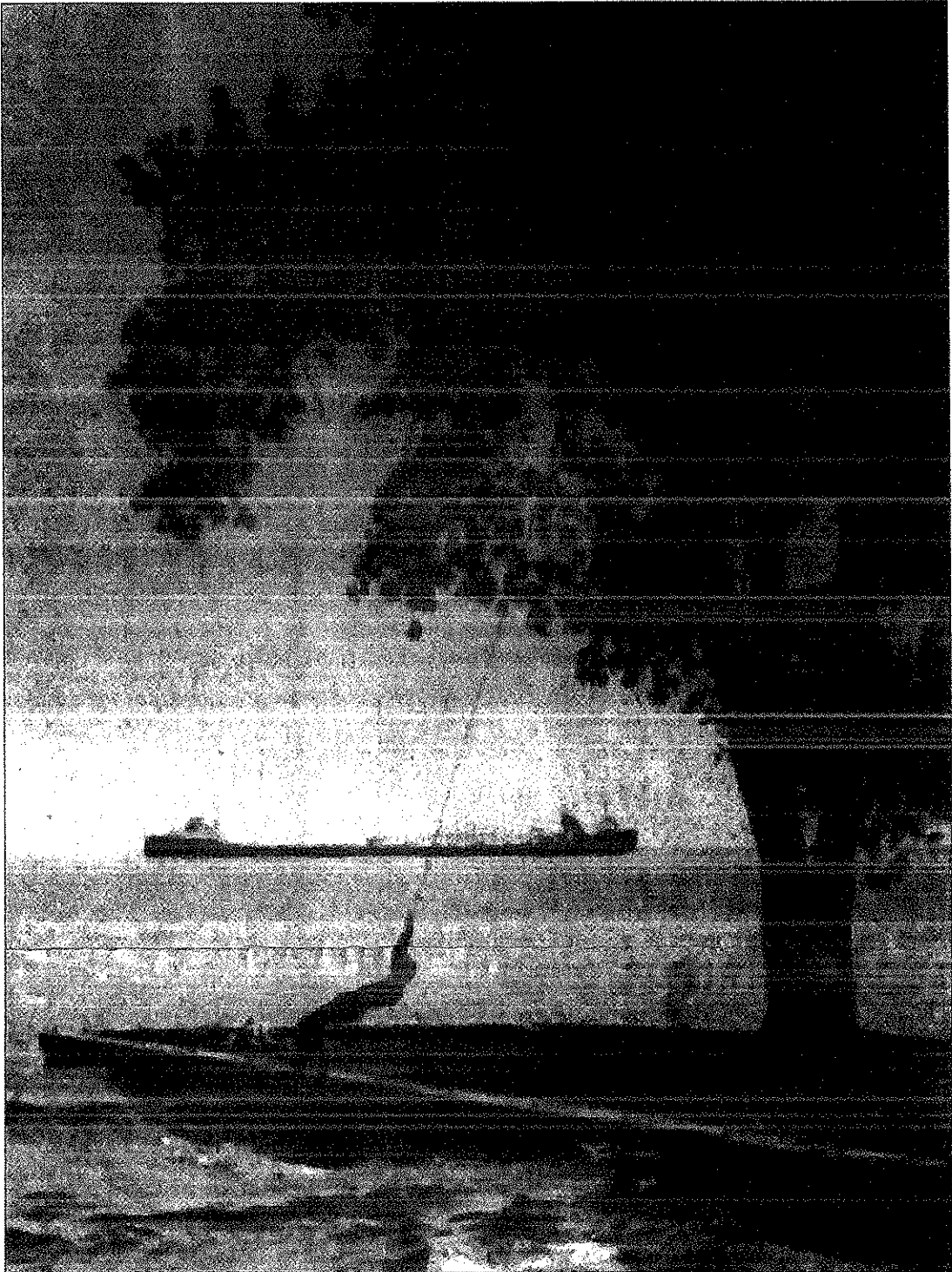
A large number of residents, the majority against any change in the existing zoning laws which would allow such a structure, were on hand. The city officials, fearing the arguments might get out of hand, ordered two police officers to stand by to preserve order. No violence occurred, but the discussions were heated.

1985

25 years ago this week

♦ **DUTCH ELM DISEASE LOSSES UP:** The season isn't over yet, but it appears Dutch elm disease will claim more trees in Grosse Pointe this year than last. In two of three communities that have tallied losses so far, significantly more trees succumbed this year to DED.

♦ **POINTES REPORT DECLINE IN BOAT THEFTS:** Local police departments are crediting increased public awareness of crime prevention measures for the general decline in boat thefts and vandal-



FROM THE AUG. 8, 1985 ISSUE OF THE GROSSE POINTE NEWS

1985: Summertime swinger

It's summertime, and the swingin' is easy. At least that's the opinion of Walter Konrad, 16, and his buddy Bill Vanderwyngaard, 17, who enjoyed the cool water of Lake St. Clair. Our swingers launched their belly smackers from a little peninsula of land that juts out into the lake near the foot of Harbor Hill Road in the Farms. With a little extra push, and a little more imagination, it looks like they could swing onto the deck of that ore carrier passing by.

ism at Grosse Pointe's city parks and marinas.

2000

10 years ago this week

♦ **PURSE SNATCHER:** Loss prevention officers at a store in the 20400 block of Mack reviewed videotapes to learn what happened to a customer's missing purse.

Tapes showed a white-haired elderly woman apparently sneaking the victim's purse into a shopping cart over which she placed a newspaper. Woods police knew the 74-year-old suspect and went to her home in Grosse Pointe Farms.

The woman denied taking the purse, which the victim said contained \$1,035 in cash and valuables, including eight \$100 bills and a Timex watch.

Upon further questioning, police said the suspect retrieved the stolen purse and \$800 from the kitchen. Officers took her to the police station, booked her and drove her home.

♦ **WOODS-SHORES BASE-**

BALL CROWNS: The Grosse Pointe Woods-Shores 13-year-old all-star team won the state Babe Ruth League championship for that age group. A combination of strong pitching and solid defense carried the Grosse Pointe Woods-Shores 15-year-old Babe Ruth League all-star team to the state championship. Both teams head to Ohio for regional play.

2005

Five years ago this week

♦ **MAN CITED FOR UNDERAGE PARTY:** A 55-year-old male homeowner in Grosse Pointe Shores has been cited for an open house party attended by minors.

The man's 16-year-old son was one of only three youths caught when officers pulled up to the property.

About eight people standing in front of the house ran away. Officers caught two of them, both age 17, in the back yard, where police also found a beer bong and a cooler containing beer on ice.

The man's son registered a

.23 percent blood alcohol level and was cited for alcohol consumption, police said.

♦ **RACCOON CAPER:** It's not like finding a severed horse's head in your bed, but a 24-year-old City of Grosse Pointe woman wonders if two unknown men were trying to send a message by dumping a dead raccoon on the hood of her white Toyota.

The victim told police she had seen a dark colored car drive by twice and slow down. The third time they drove by, they left a black trash bag on the hood. The fourth time, they emptied the bag onto the car, leaving a dead raccoon.

The victim believes one of the suspects is the friend of her former boyfriend.

♦ **DASH AWAY ALL:** Santa's little helpers are working so hard you'd think Christmas was in August.

They're busy building a float so Mr. and Mrs. Claus can arrive in style when thousands of Pointers line Kercheval to watch the Grosse Pointe Santa Claus Parade the day after Thanksgiving.

—Compiled by Karen Fontanive

Blanketed With Love wraps up smiles

By Ann L. Fouty
Features Editor

With a snip of the scissors and the twist of fleece strips, seniors at Services for Older Citizens made a cover for a pillow.

Under the directions of Grosse Pointe Farms residents Sarah and Maggie Blake, seniors learned how to make no-sew pillows last week.

The two sisters, along with their friend, Veronica Battersby, of Farmington Hills, are part of Blanketed With Love. The non-profit organization makes no-sew fleece blankets for homeless shelters, the sick and elderly. This was the first class in pillow-making the sisters taught, Blake said.

"We've done a lot of practice pillows," she said just before the free class.

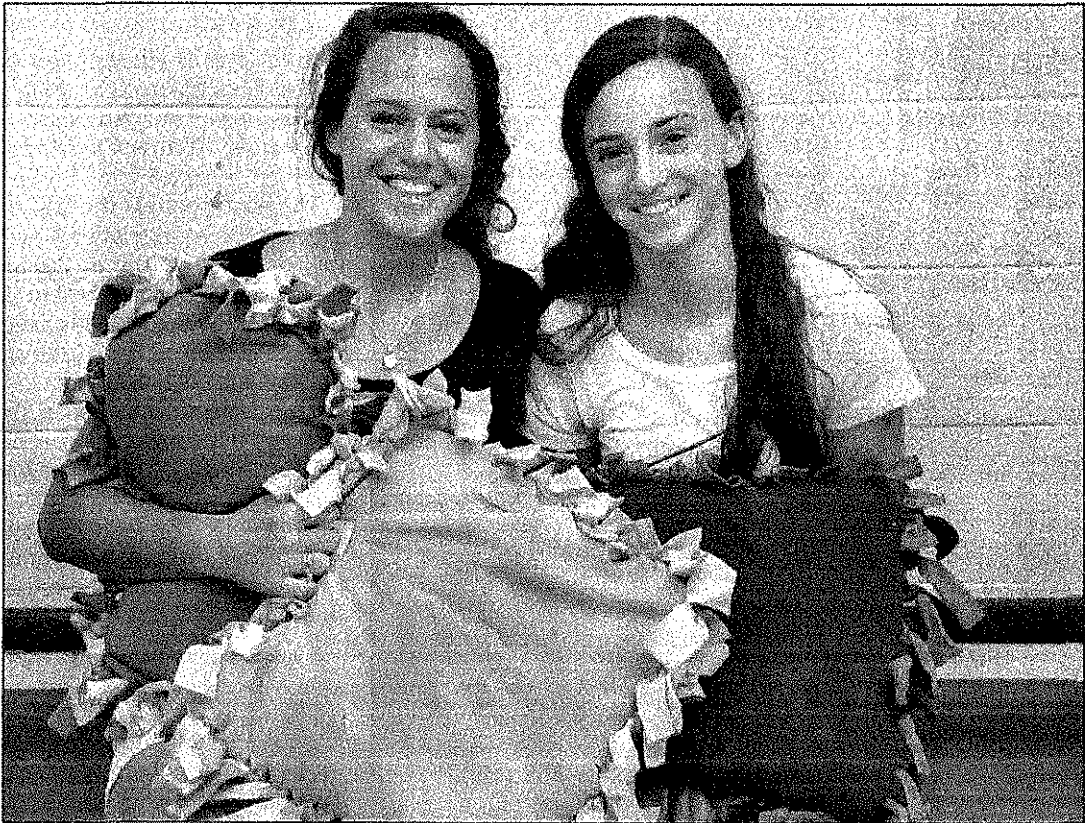
Seniors were asked to bring a pillow form to be covered by fleece material in bright solids or patterns.

Material, or money to buy material, was donated by family members, friends, the Junior League of Detroit, Grosse Pointe Rotary and St. Paul on the Lake Catholic Church Outreach Committee.

Normally, the sisters are busy making blankets for such organizations as the Detroit Rescue Mission, Compassion Pregnancy, SOC, St. Patrick Senior Center in Detroit or Pregnancy Aid.

Since its inception in 2008, Blanketed With Love has made more than 500 blankets, Blake said.

That number will grow as the organization partners this fall with Sweet Dreamzzz, an inner city program that provides bedtime essentials and



PHOTOS BY RENEE LANDUYT

Above, Maggie Black, left, shows Grace Hauvaere, of Grosse Pointe Park, how to fill the leopard-print fleece pillow, lay it out and secure the edges.

Left, Sarah, left, and Maggie Blake, of Grosse Pointe Farms, are surrounded by the pillows the seniors made in the no-sew fleece pillow class at Services for Older Citizens. Left, below, Marie Monark, left, and Maggie McBrien, right, help Willie Chaney, of Harper Woods, finish her pillow.



sleep education for at-risk children.

"The program teaches good sleep habits," Blake said.

The Blakes and Battersby plan to make 450 blankets for a Detroit elementary public school. Each child is to be provided with a "sleep kit" that includes a blanket, stuffed animal and toothbrush. Blanketed With Love was given a grant from the Junior League of Detroit for this project.

This is the second time the Blakes and Battersby have partnered with Sweet Dreamzzz. The first was providing blankets for children of a local day camp.

"They couldn't believe it was their blanket," Blake said. "One little girl asked if she had to share it."

Blake explained the young-

ster didn't have to return the blanket at the end of the day and she didn't have to share it with her siblings.

Knowing she had made the girl happy, Blake said, it made her just as euphoric.

Their project, Blake said, has brought quite a few smiles to recipients. It began with seeing family members' faces light up at the gift of a blanket. They were told how cherished the blankets became.

"It's hard work to make them but when we deliver the blanket, the elderly people are so happy. It is so rewarding and wonderful. It's just amazing. Every time they see the blanket, they smile," she said.

"We want to make a difference. Those who don't smile, we want to make them smile," Blake said.

AREA ACTIVITIES

Sailing Singles Club

The Sailing Singles Club meets from 5 to 8 p.m. Friday, Aug. 6, at Fishbone's Rhythm Kitchen, 23722 Jefferson, St. Clair Shores.

For more information, call (586) 630-3854 or visit SailingSinglesClub.com.

Mom-to-Mom

The Grosse Pointe War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms, hosts a Mom-to-Mom Sale, Saturday, Aug. 7.

Admission is \$2 for those arriving between 9 and 10 a.m.; and \$1 from 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Guests should bring small bills to pay admission. No strollers are allowed.

Class of 1980

The Grosse Pointe South High School Class of 1980 hosts its 30th class reunion Saturday, Aug. 7, at the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club.

Dinner is served at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$60 and available at the door.

For more information, call Jim McCuish at (313) 885-0709 or e-mail jsmcuish@comcast.net.

Visit the class's website gps1980.info. A Facebook page, Grosse Pointe South Class 80, is also available.

Sunrise Rotary

The Grosse Pointe Sunrise Rotary meets at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 10, at The Hill Seafood & Chop House, 123 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe Farms.

Detroit Artists Market

The Detroit Artists Market hosts its second silent auction, "That DAM Box Show

2," from 6 to 9 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 10, at the gallery, 4719 Woodward, Detroit.

Gallery visitors can meet artists and view and bid on artworks created from 16mm film reel shipping boxes. All proceeds benefit DAM programs.

For more information, call (313) 832-8540 or visit detroitartistmarket.org.

Vision Quest 2010

The Macomb Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped sponsors a vendor fair from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 12, at the Wayne State University Macomb Education Center, 16480 Hall, Clinton Township.

On hand are the latest technological equipment for those with vision impairments; Macomb County Interfaith Volunteer Caregivers; a SMART representative; Macomb County Senior Services; and a Lions Club member.

Class of 1960

The Southeastern Class of 1960 holds its 50th class reunion from 6 p.m. to midnight Saturday, Sept. 11, at the Assumption Greek Orthodox Church, 21800 Marter, St. Clair Shores.

Tickets cost \$65 and the reservation deadline is Sunday, Aug. 15.

For the event time and to make reservations, call Anne Roy Billiu at (313) 824-2337 or visit charliebravo@talkamerica.net.

Class of 1985

Grosse Pointe South High School Class of 1985 holds its 25th reunion from 7 p.m. to midnight Saturday, Sept. 4, at the Atwater Brewery, 237

Joseph Campau, Detroit.

The cost for the open bar, strolling dinner, band and valet is \$50.

Reservations must be in by Sunday, Aug. 15, by contacting Gerry Finazzo, 831 Bedford, Grosse Pointe Park, MI 48230; or by calling Finazzo at (313) 822-4930.

Grief recovery

St. John Hospital and Medical Center's Van Elslander Cancer Center offers a nine-week grief recovery course from 6 to 8 p.m., Sept. 15 - Nov. 17. Classes meet in the third floor conference room of the cancer center, 19229 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods.

For more information or to register, call Rebecca Palen at (313) 647-3000.

AAUW

The Grosse Pointe branch of the American Association of University Women holds its 48th annual used book sale Sept. 15 - 18, at the Grosse Pointe Woods Community Center, 20025 Mack Plaza.

In addition to a wide assortment of paperbacks, hard cover, fiction, nonfiction and large print books, CDs, DVDs and videos are available.

The hours are 10 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, Sept. 15-17; and 9:30 to noon Saturday, Sept. 18.

All items are marked down to half price Friday, and Saturday morning features an \$8 a bag sale.

Southeastern High

The Southeastern High School Classes of 1930-60 host a multi-class luncheon reunion at noon Thursday, Sept. 23.

The event is open to all Southeastern High School alumni who graduated at least

50 years ago.

For more information, location and reservations, call (586) 778-6525 or (586) 772-2611 or e-mail skardas@sbcglobal.net.

War Memorial

Grosse Pointe War Memorial offerings:

American Girl Camp, 1 to 4 p.m. Aug. 9 - 13 — Girls, ages 7-9, bring their American girl dolls and learn lessons about building character and deal with girl friendship issues using the movie "Chrissa Stands Strong." Camp includes matching girl/doll crafts, role playing and fitness activities of yoga and hip hop. Bring snack, reusable water bottle and wear tennis shoes.

The instructor is provided by Girls Empowered.

Registration is required by Friday, Aug. 6. The cost is \$153.

Green Screen Adventures, 1 to 3:30 p.m. Aug. 16 - 20 — Filmmakers, ages 9-12, can climb Mount Everest, swim the depths of the ocean, or battle dinosaurs using a green screen and special photo-editing techniques.

Experiment with photos and drawing software to set the scene.

The instructor is provided by Computer Explorers. Registration is required by Friday, Aug. 13. The cost is \$198.

Sibling Teasing and Bullying Family Workshop, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 19 — This Girls Empowered program for siblings ages 6-14 helps children understand the impact of everyday meanness, how they can make different choices in treating one another and in handling various situations.

Parents participate in their own workshop and learn how to manage sibling conflict and make a family contract.

The cost is \$48 for two siblings and parents, \$16 for each additional child.

Grosse Pointe Public Library

Children's Halloween cos-

tumes can be dropped off at the Ewald, Central and Grosse Pointe Woods branches of the Grosse Pointe Public Library during normal business hours through Sept. 30.

The Friends of the Grosse Pointe Public Library are asking for donations of gently used Halloween costumes, sizes infant to teen.

Donation boxes are located at each library branch.

Costumes and accessories are sold from 10 a.m. to noon, Saturday, Oct. 2, during the annual Friends of the Library Halloween Costume Sale at the Grosse Pointe Woods Library branch in the program room. The Woods branch is located at 20680 Mack at Vernier.

Members of The Friends

are admitted to the sale at 9:45 a.m.

Most costumes are \$5.

The library's Teen Advisory Board decorates mini pumpkins during the event.

Costume sale proceeds benefit The Friends' programs.

The Friends sponsor its annual Trick or Read table from 3:30 to 4:45 p.m. Friday, Oct. 29.

Members distribute books for children, preschool through preteen, in the Grosse Pointe Village shopping district on Kercheval during the annual costume parade.

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White Christmas Ball planning under way



Planners of the annual St. John's Fontbonne Auxiliary White Christmas ball, are in back, from left, Patricia Cosgrove, Kelly Oliver, Sharon Burke, Lauren Clune, Christine Drummy, Mary Ellen Dakmak, Lisa Vallee-Smith and Linda Trevillian. Second row, from left, Elaine Malcoun and Nawal Zayat. Third row from left, Jo Ann Miller and Joan Gehrke. In the back row, from left, Patricia Stumb, Cindy Merry, Mary Lamparter, Georgianna Simon SSJ, Terry Tenaglia, Peggy Davis, Aspa Raphtis, Victoria Liggett, Patricia Ostosh, Debra McCarty, Barbara Glass, Mado Lie, Diane Sedan and Patricia Connelly. Also on the planning committee but not pictured are Wendy Relich, Debra Condino, Victoria Young, Carolyn Wagner, Patricia Giftos, Marie De Luca, Bettejean Ahee, Mary Ghanem, Amy Danna, Paula Schreck, Jenna Young, Bonnie Jobe, Phyllis Howard, Gloria Clark, Mary Ann VanElslander, Jean Azar and Adel Amerman.

The creation of a pediatric burn/tub room at St. John Hospital and Medical Center in Detroit benefits from St. John's Fontbonne Auxiliary's December White Christmas Ball.

The burn room is the first in the area for young patients and their families on the east side. A special monitoring system is to be installed to provide conscious sedation for children undergoing burn dressing.

The project was chosen by Jo Ann Miller, past president of Fontbonne and event chair for this year's ball.

Now in its 57th year, the ball is both the Fontbonne's signature event and its major fundraising activity.

A formal event kickoff was June 15. Host Victoria Liggett was joined by members of the planning committee including current Fontbonne president Aspa Raphtis, Miller and honorary chairwoman Joan Gehrke.

Dr. Marc Cullen provided a presentation on the burn facility.

The ball is set for Friday, Dec. 10, at the Henry Hotel in Dearborn and its theme is "A Michigan Winter Wonderland."

Tickets cost \$300 and are available in October.

For more information, call the Fontbonne office at (313) 343-3675 or visit stjohnfontbonne.org.



From left, Aspa Raphtis, Fontbonne president; Victoria Liggett, luncheon hostess; and Jo Ann Miller, White Christmas Ball chairwoman.

ASK THE EXPERTS By Ted Kasper

Accountability at home



Editor's note: This is Part I of a two part series.

Q. I have been told to hold my 10-year-old son accountable. What does that mean exactly?

A. When we talk about accountability and our children, the question might be restated: How do you make sure your son accounts for his actions? In other words, how will your son take responsibility for his behavior after the fact? Also, how can you help him think about that responsibility before he behaves inappropriately?

As parents, we are also teachers and coaches and want to promote a system of responsibility and accountability. That means each member of your family is responsible for their own actions and behaviors, including how they choose to respond in stressful or frustrating situations. Without accountability in place, children blame others for their actions, refuse to follow rules they find unfair and find ways to justify their behavior. When you have created a culture of accountability, your child will know that no matter who started it or whatever happened first, everyone is responsible for their own behavior, and everyone has to follow the house rules.

Blaming someone else doesn't change the rules. There are four elements to creating a cul-

ture of accountability. I will address two of the pieces to the "holding-your-child-accountable puzzle" in part 1; the last two pieces will be covered in part 2.

Be clear about expectations and set clear limits: If you have a rule of no name-calling, here's how to set clear expectations and limits around it: Tell your child, "In this house, we don't call people names. It doesn't matter if someone makes you really angry or if they started it. Each person is responsible for following the rules. If you call someone else a name, remember, it doesn't matter who started it, you will lose some of your game time today."

Children will often shift the focus to someone, or something, else. If this happens, you can say, "It sounds like your blaming your brother for the

fact you called him names."

Be clear about the rules and what each person can expect to happen if they choose not to follow the rules. Post the rules on the refrigerator as a reminder.

Talk to your child and help them figure out how to follow the rules: It isn't enough to simply say, "don't do that." Help them problem-solve. It doesn't matter if they think the expectations are fair or not, they simply need to take responsibility for meeting them.

Part 2 addresses the final two pieces.

Kasper is a licensed social worker and is employed by Macomb County Community Mental Health as training coordinator. In his private practice, he works with children and families.

The Family Center, a 501 (c) 3, non-profit organization, serves the community's centralized hub for information, resources and referral for families and professionals. To view more Ask The Experts articles, visit familycenterweb.org. E-mail questions to info@familycenterweb.org. To volunteer or contribute, visit familycenterweb.org or call (313) 432-3832.

St. John earns distinction

Blue Cross recognizes performance level

St. John Hospital has been named as a Blue Distinction Center for knee and hip replacement and spine surgery by Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Michigan and the Blue Care Network.

"To be recognized by Blue Cross and Blue Shield speaks to the dedication our doctors, nurses and staff brings to the job every day to ensure that our patients receive the highest quality and most compassionate care," said Dr. Patricia Maryland, president and CEO of St. John Providence Health System.

The hospital offers comprehensive spine surgery and knee and hip replacement services.

"Our Blue Distinction program recognizes hospitals that demonstrate higher levels of performance in providing better care for patients," said Thomas Simmer, M.D., BCB-SM senior vice president and

chief medical officer.

To be designated as a Blue Distinction Center the following criteria were evaluated.

- ◆ Established acute care inpatient facility, including intensive care, emergency care, and a full range of patient support services with full accreditation by a CMS-deemed national accreditation organization

- ◆ Experience and training of program surgeons, including case volume

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- ◆ Shared decision-making and preoperative patient education.

More information on selection criteria is available on bcbs.com.


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Path to ministry took a side-step

By Ann L. Fouty
Features Editor

The Rev. Mark Hamilton knew where his career path would lead since he was in middle school, but it wasn't a straight line to seminary and priesthood.

A native of Springfield, Ky., Hamilton took a side-step before entering seminary and ultimately arriving at St. Paul on the Lake Catholic Church in Grosse Pointe Farms as its associate pastor.

"My vocation was there since seventh-grade," he said. "At the end of college, I was engaged. I got cold feet so entered the Peace Corps."

After graduation from Western Kentucky University, the Peace Corps assigned him to the Philippines in 1988. Due to unrest in the country, Hamilton was pulled out.

He said he had the right motivation because he likened the Peace Corps to seminary without God.

Thus, seminary was the next step. Hamilton undertook two years of theological work, was ordained at the

Archdiocese in Louisville in 1994 and spent another year in ecumenical studies.

"Louisville is a great ecumenical environment," with Catholics, Presbyterians and Baptists. It was part of the rhythm of life," he said.

Hamilton was sent to Rome to study dogmatic theology, earning a doctorate in 2003. He headed the Sacred Heart Seminary in Detroit from 2003-09, teaching both undergraduate and graduate level classes. And his affection for Michigan began.

On July 1, he moved into St. Paul's rectory to begin as the associate pastor with duties of presenting the sacraments, visiting the sick and presiding over funerals and weddings. He said he will also be working in the church's school, St. Paul Catholic School.

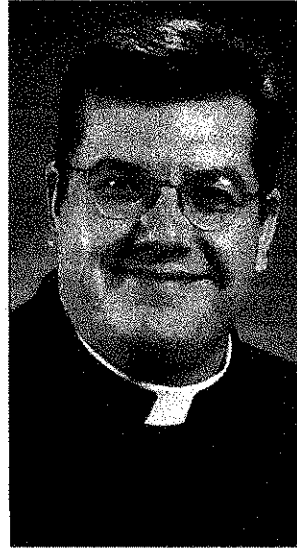
"It's nice to be an associate," he said. "It's refreshing for me getting to know the people, their goodness, their charity. People are really all the same, looking for God, looking for answers."

He is also tackling a personal project, learning the game of golf. He said it's a way for people to get to know

him outside the church and thus make himself more approachable.

"It's a way for people to get to know you. Those barriers of separation (between) the clergy and laity have been pushed aside (on the golf course). It helps people to understand. A priest has to be approachable; if not then he's an ineffective priest."

"A priest needs to be involved. I'm excited to be here. I love being a priest," he said.



The Rev. Mark Hamilton

PASTOR'S CORNER By Michelle Basner-Ketepa

Engineered of soft and sturdy parts

But he said to me, 'My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness.' Therefore I will boast all the more gladly about my weaknesses, so that Christ's power may rest on me." (2 Corinthians 12:9)

Have you ever looked at your hands? When you think about it, they are really marvelous pieces of engineering. God created our hands to be versatile, nimble. We can do all kinds of things because of the way our hands are made.

Our hands, however, have some interesting flaws. While there are some very strong and sturdy parts to our hands —

like the knuckles, there are also some very vulnerable points. It doesn't take much to injure a hand. Just pinch the soft and fleshy part located between your fingers and you know it doesn't take a lot of force to cause pain — but again that is part of the beauty of the design.

I was at camp with a group of students a couple weeks ago.

The camp tradition for prayer encouraged us to think about our hands. When we prayed as a group, we would hold hands so that our fingers were interlaced with the person next to us.

The knuckles of one hand cover the softer parts of the hand of our neighbor.

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This "interdigitation" served as a reminder that while there are parts of our hands and our lives that are soft and vulnerable, those vulnerabilities are easily covered when we turn to our neighbor and join hands. And what's more, when we pray, we turn to God with our weaknesses and ask God to help us.

How might the world be different if we acknowledged the weaknesses of our neighbor — not to exploit their deficiencies, but to dovetail our strengths in such a way we could all be stronger together?

God created us to live in community. While our temptation is to do every-

thing on our own, God knew we would need help. That is why we don't each live in our own little vacuum.

God's vision for creation includes unity, compassion and love.

May God give us the courage to expose our vulnerabilities. And, even more, may God give us the grace to lend strength to our neighbor in times of need, so that we might see a little piece of God's kingdom here on Earth.

Basner-Ketepa currently serves as minister of faith formation at St. Paul Lutheran Church in Grosse Pointe Farms. She has been in professional lay-ministry since 1998.

CHURCH EVENTS

Take Control

East-Side Take Control: Ecumenical Career Network Group meets from 7:30 to 8:30 a.m. Monday, Aug. 9, at St. Paul on the Lake Catholic Church, 157 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms. Speaker Tip Quilter discusses the topic, "Selling Yourself." For more information, contact Susan Bristol at susanbristol.soc@comcast.net.

The Wellness Group of Take Control meets from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. Wednesday, Aug. 11, at First Christian Reformed Church, 1444 Maryland, Grosse Pointe Park.

The Rev. Ben VanArragon leads the therapy group to process the emotional aspect of job loss. For more information, call VanArragon at (313) 824-3511.

St. Paul Lutheran

The quilting group, "Pieces Be With You," meets from 7 to 9 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 10, at St. Paul Lutheran Church, 375 Lothrop, Grosse Pointe Farms.

For more information, call Nadine Hunt at (313) 821-2166.

Grace United

Friday Ladies' Night Out Bible Study begins at 6 p.m. Friday, Aug. 13, with supper at Grace United Church of Christ, 1175 Lakepointe, Grosse Pointe Park.

The study, "Me, Myself and Lies," deals with destructive, unrealistic, self-talk. Jennifer Rothschild teaches attendees how to practice godly and biblical soul-talk.

For more information, call Kristen Amato at (586) 498-6829.

High Seas Expedition is the theme of the Vacation Bible School from 9:30 a.m. to noon Aug. 16-20 at the church.

To register, call the Rev. Margo Allen at (586) 775-8784.

The new Youth Center's grand opening is from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 21.

Solanus Casey Center

The Solanus Casey Center hosts

its seventh annual golf outing, Saturday, Aug. 14, at Fern Hill Country Club, 17600 Clinton River Road, Clinton Township.

The shotgun start is at 9 a.m., followed by lunch. Cart, 18 holes of golf and lunch costs \$100; lunch only is \$50.

For tickets, call (313) 579-2100, ext. 153.

Proceeds benefit the Solanus Casey Center.

First English Lutheran Church

The First English Lutheran Church's Laughter and Inspiration Players hold children's auditions from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 22, for a production of "Annie." Adult auditions begin at 7:30 p.m. The auditions are in the church, 800 Vernier, Grosse Pointe Woods.

The musical is performed Nov. 12, 13 and 14.

For more information, call the church's coordinator of music, Robert Foster, at (313) 884-5040.

Regular worship service times begin Sept. 12 with the annual Rally Day.

The first service is at 8:15 a.m.; contemporary worship service with communion is at 9:30 a.m.; and the 11 a.m. service is the traditional worship with holy communion twice a month. Children's Sunday school is at 9:30 a.m. Adult Sunday school is 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. beginning Sept. 19 with "The Parables of Jesus."

Thursday morning Bible study, conducted by Schmidt, is from 9:30 to 11 a.m., beginning Sept. 15. This year's theme is "A Year Through the Bible." The pastor gives an overview of the entire Bible and includes background information.

St. Margaret

Crafters are needed to participate in St. Margaret of Scotland Catholic Church's annual arts and crafts show from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 6.

For more information and to reserve a space, call Carol Nikonchuk at (586) 296-2745. The church is located at 21201 13 Mile, St. Clair Shores.



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STATE OF THE ARTS By Alex Suczek

‘Jacques Brel’ opens doors to new audiences



With “Jacques Brel Is Alive and Well and Living in Paris,” in its repertoire, Stratford Shakespeare Festival appeals to existing fans and opens the door for a new audience.

Sadly, it recalls the career of an artist whose life was all too short. Happily, it confirms the undying appeal of his songs.

Out of the milieu of Parisian cabaret songs, dominated by French performers who helped define the “chanson” tradition, there arose in the early 1950s a young Belgian to fill their shoes and redefine the art. That was Jacques Brel who came to Paris at age 23 to serve his apprenticeship as a cabaret entertainer.

As the fabled French performers faded from the scene, the young Belgian was winning a growing following for his own particular brand of lyric-driven songs about love, death and the trials of life.

Beautiful or ugly, loving or cruel, sweet or bitter, the verity of Brel’s songs stir alternately laughter, tears or wistful personal recognition in his listeners. He soon had his own cadre of admirers crowding

cabarets and theaters to see him and buying his recordings. His songs were performed by popular artists around the world and translated into many languages. Many adopted by other entertainers became worldwide hits even among audiences who did not know Brel by name.

Out of that has been created this musical revue. The truth is wherever it is revived; it draws appreciative audiences, both old and new, confirming Brel is indeed still alive and well.

The revival at Stratford this summer is another example of the festival’s imaginative and adventuresome programming and succeeds in creating a new opportunity to enjoy Brel’s artistry. Led by Brent Carver, an ensemble of four singers and four instrumentalists bring Brel back to life with verve and imagination. The instrumental arrangements enhance the moods of the songs and the singers give realistic expression to the stories of the lyrics. The revue, in fact, creates a panorama of life in all its gritty diversity.

One song calls for a lover’s return. Another expresses the sadness of solitude. Early recollections evoke childhood memories.

Past love is revived with deep longing; disillusionment with images of sailors on leave in Amsterdam.

There is an amusing burlesque performance of a bullfighter while the reality of

mankind facing death is posed as a grim reminder. The anguished lover’s pleas not to be abandoned rings out like a cry in the night.

Most of the songs are sung in excellent English translations. A few are in French and one in Flemish, both languages of Brel’s native Belgium. And since the settings are designed to facilitate the telling of the stories, the words come across.

The most direct and effective performances, probably the most resembling Brel’s own style, are by Carver

whose polish and control give the fullest impact to the scenes described in the lyrics. But the more dramatically acted of Jewelle Blackman, Mike Nadajewski and Nathalie Nadon provide a welcome animation and variety that helps draw in listeners less familiar with Brel’s songs and style.

The effects are enhanced by the quartet of musicians occasionally getting involved in the action along with playing the arrangements led by conductor Laura Burton at the piano and celeste.

The other three leave the

bandstand and join the singers on stage from time to time, lending versatile variety and interest to the performance with a combination of instruments: Anna Atkinson on violin and accordion, George Meanwell on cello and guitar, and Luc Michaud on bass.

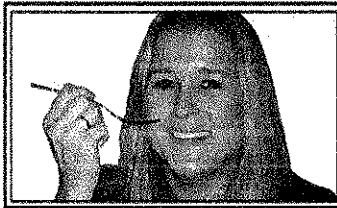
Nadajewski dramatizes one song and provides comic relief as the bullfighter executing passes in the ring. Nadon renders a heartfelt “Don’t Leave Me” listed in French as “Ne me quitte pas.” And Blackman intones a memorable “Carousel.”

It is not enough to single out a sampling of the touching and entertaining songs. The overall significance of this revue is its effectiveness at recapturing for longtime Brel fans the nostalgia and enabling new fans to discover the remarkable depth of Brel’s artistry.

Jacques Brel is alive and living in repertory at Stratford’s Tom Patterson Theatre through Sept. 25. For tickets, accommodations and further information, visit stratford-shakespearefestival.com or call 800-567-1600.

A LA ANNIE By Annie Rouleau-Scheriff

Annie’s recipe is presto with pesto



This week’s recipe for garden fresh pesto goes out to all who have labored over herb gardens this summer.

Sitting on a bumper crop of basil, I decided to make a batch of pesto, staying close to the basics that make this no-cook green sauce special. Besides tossing this flavorful sauce with just cooked pasta, you can enjoy pesto smeared on a sandwich or as a dip for vegetables.

Garden Fresh Pesto

- 1/2 cup roughly chopped walnuts
- 8 cloves garlic, roughly chopped
- 1 tablespoon coarse salt
- 6 cups packed fresh basil

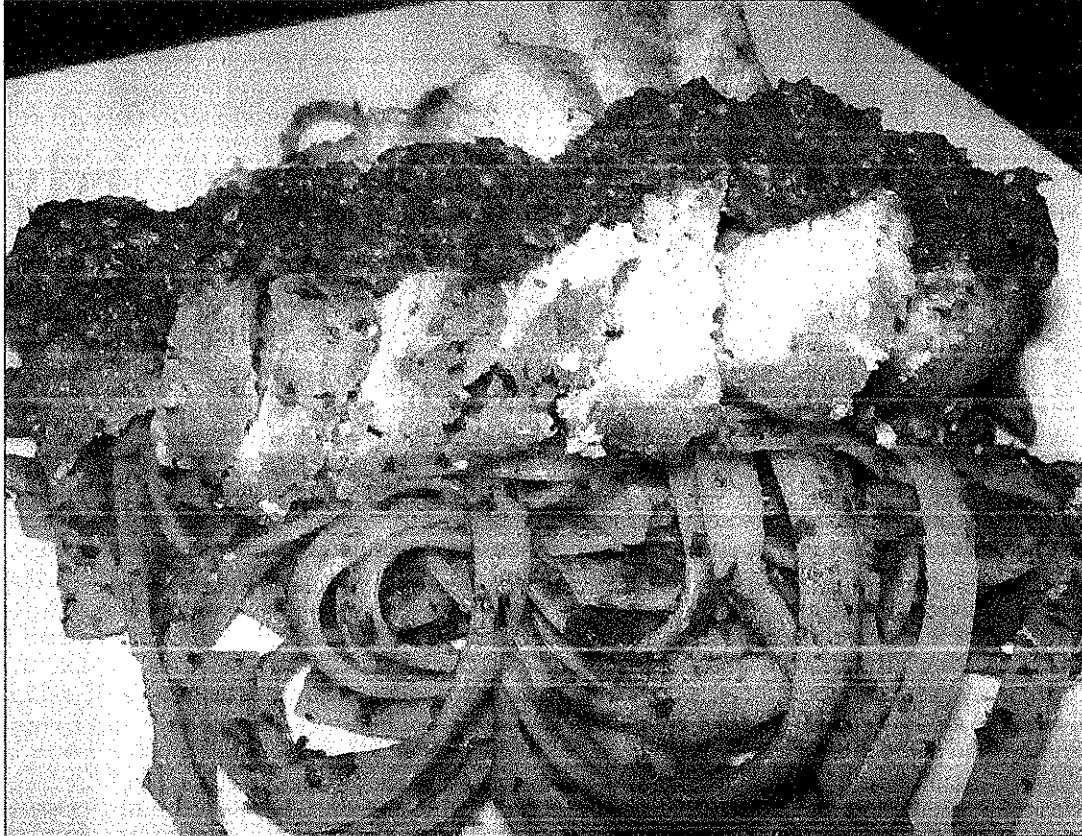


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A bumper crop of basil was turned into pesto to serve with pasta, as a sandwich spread or as a dip.

leaves

- 1 cup extra virgin olive oil
- 1/4 cup grated Parmesan cheese

Place the walnuts, garlic and salt in a food processor and process to a paste. Add about 2 cups of basil

leaves and pulse with 1/3 cup of olive oil. Repeat two more times with the remaining basil leaves and olive oil. Scrape down the sides of the food processor bowl and process until smooth. Transfer to a bowl and stir in the Parmesan cheese.

If tossing the pesto with cooked pasta, you’ll want to toss in a bit more olive oil. Otherwise, enjoy this garlic infused basil spread with vegetables, fish or chicken from the grill. Freeze extra pesto for the days of summer gone by.

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GROSSE POINTE NORTH

Abessinio's college choice, Mississippi State

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

Grosse Pointe North graduate Haley Absessinio put together a solid high school career.

She was a standout in the classroom and on the track.

The 18-year-old Grosse Pointe Woods resident takes flight for the next chapter of her life an amazing 847 miles away - Starkville, Miss. - home of the Mississippi State University Bulldogs.

She earned an academic scholarship to attend the Southeast Conference school and is anxious to start the trek.

"I'm excited to go to a great college that is close to several family members," Absessinio said. "It might be far away from my immediate family, but my mom's cousins live in Jackson and have a home in Starkville, so they're a quick drive into Starkville.

"They will keep a close eye on me and if I need anything, they're only a short drive away."

Absessinio will feel right at home at MSU. That part of the country enjoys seasonal changes and she said the fall is beautiful.

"My college career starts at a great time of the year, fall," Absessinio said. "It's beautiful in Starkville and the campus is fantastic. I can't wait to get down to Mississippi State."



Haley Absessinio

She said she will rush a sorority and become involved in the many activities MSU offers its students.

"I will have an opportunity to explore a lot of activities to keep me busy," Absessinio said. "I'm going to get a great education and have a lot of fun meeting new friends from around the country, including my roommate who is from Memphis."

According to the MSU website, it is a comprehensive, doctoral-degree-granting university offering a diverse and capable student body a wide range of opportunities and challenges for learning and growth; and to the state and its people in every region, a variety of expert services.



PHOTO BY DANA KAISER

Grosse Pointe North's Haley Absessinio, far left, ended her high school track career by making it to the state finals for a fourth straight spring.

MSU is designated as a doctoral/extensive institution by the Carnegie Foundation for the character and spirit, born of its Mississippi heritage and "the vision and loyal perseverance" of those colleges of the Southern Association of

Colleges and Schools to award baccalaureate, master's, specialist and doctoral degrees.

For historians, the university began as The Agricultural and Mechanical College of the State of Mississippi, one of the national Land-Grant Colleges established after Congress

passed the Morrill Act in 1862. It was created by the Mississippi Legislature Feb. 28, 1878, to fulfill the mission of offering training in "agriculture, horticulture and the mechanical arts, the website states.

Absessinio leaves for Starkville the first weekend of

August and has a few weeks to adjust to being on her own before classes start.

She will get her first taste of major college football the first week of school when MSU hosts Memphis at 7 p.m.

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GROSSE POINTE SOUTH




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All for hockey

The Grosse Pointe South Boys varsity hockey team hosted its 14th annual golf outing Saturday, July 24. Coaches, players, parents, alumni players and friends of the program turned out for another successful day of golf, friendship, reunion and fun. The weather was threatening, but cooperated. The occasional midst of rain was more refreshing than annoying. The Welsher foursome and head coach Jamie Bufalino's team finished in a tie that was settled by a putting contest on the 18th green. Geoffrey Welsher made his putt in two strokes, beating Bufalino to win the event. The winning team was composed of, from left, Frank Lucido, Curt Mumaw, Geoffrey Welsher and Geoff Welsher.

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GOLF

Money raised helps kids attend game

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

Lochmoor Club was the place to be last week when it hosted the annual Little



Grosse Pointe Shores resident Fred Minturn tees off during the event.

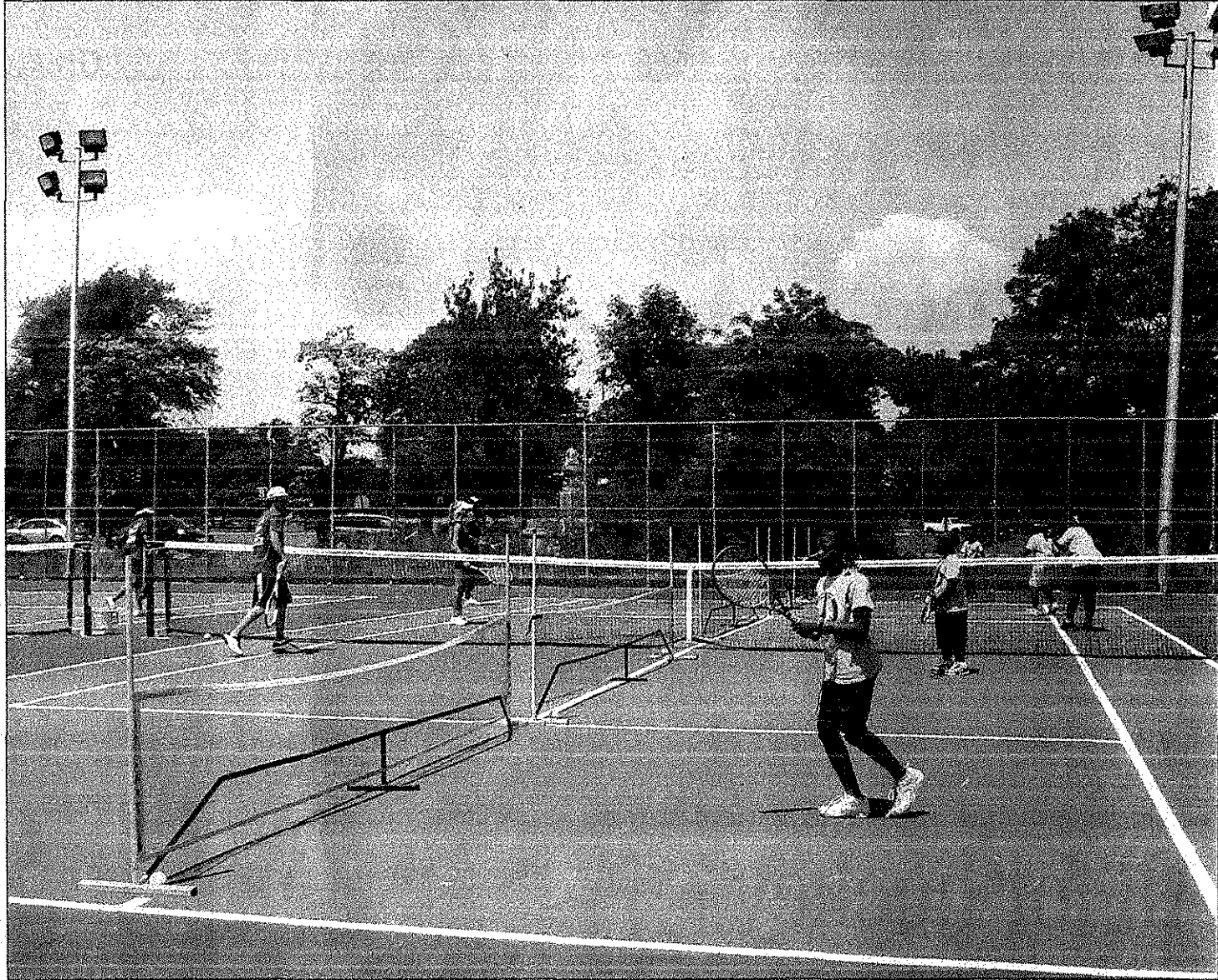
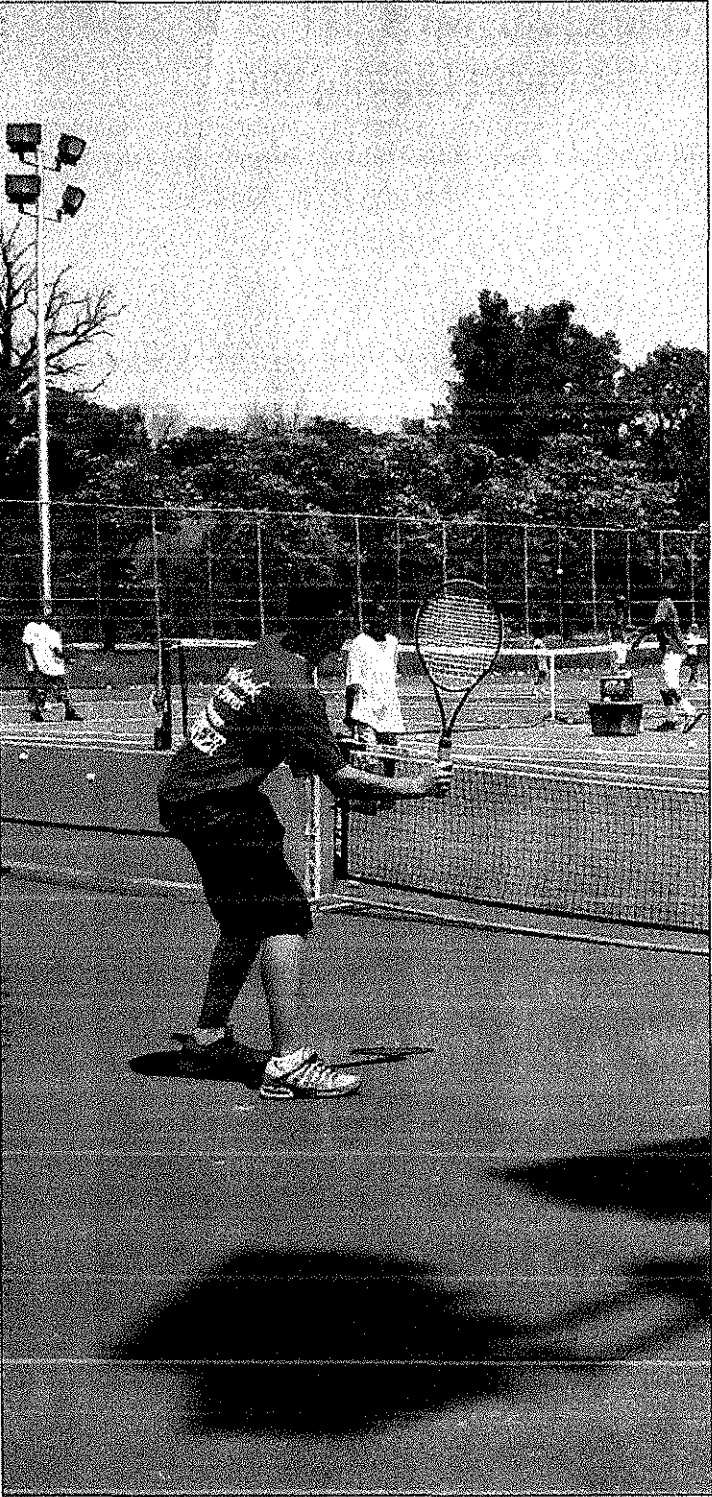
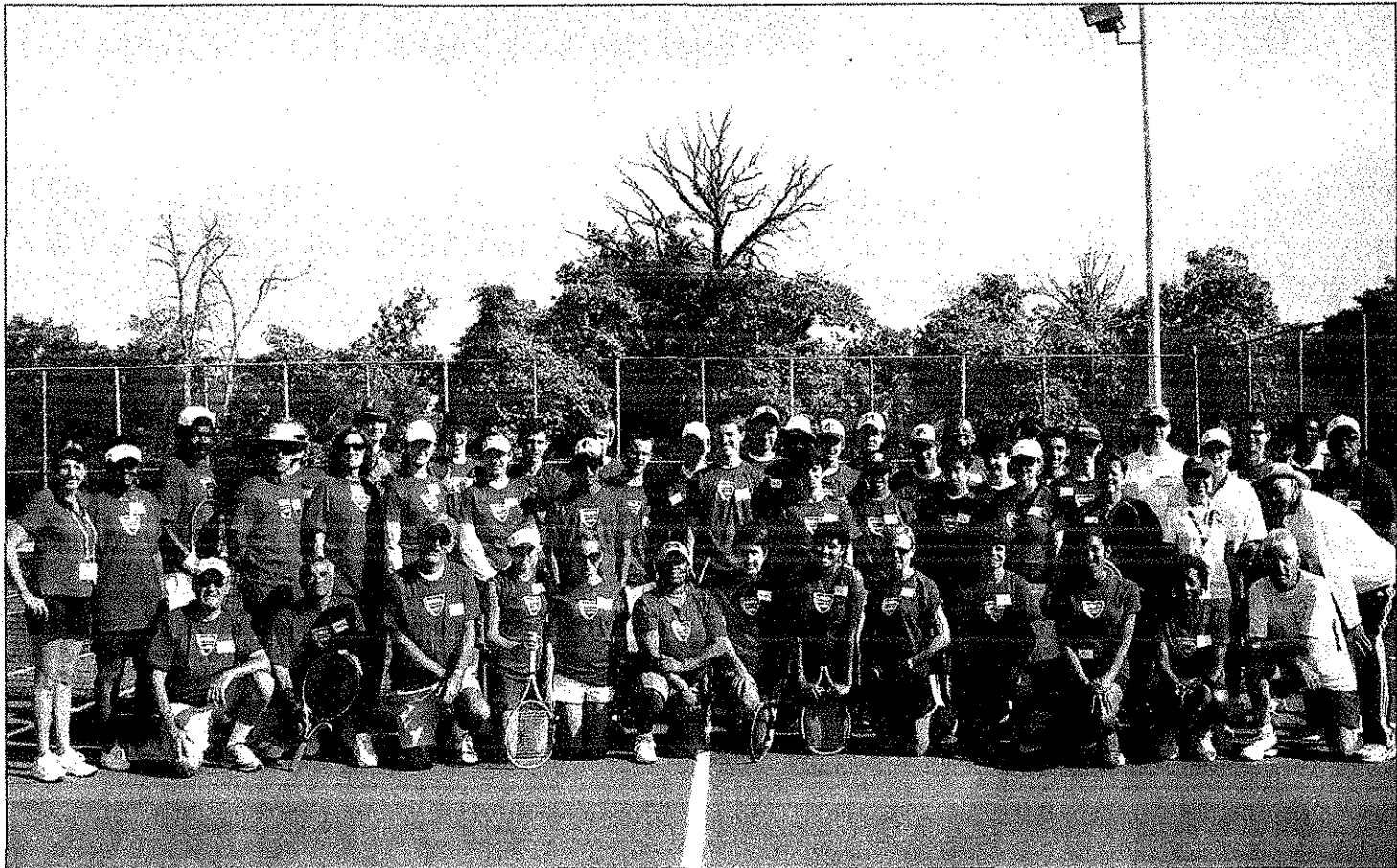
Caesars Pizza Bowl Golf Scramble. There were 150 golfers on the course during the 1 p.m. shotgun start. The weather was perfect with temperatures in the high 70s and lower humidity. "It was perfect," said Grosse Pointe Park resident and Vice President of Marketing for the Pizza Bowl, Greg Hacias. "It was a spectacular day. The golfer helped raise enough money to send 3,000 kids to our bowl game, which was our goal. "In addition, Lochmoor Club rolled out the red carpet for us like it was the Super Bowl. They did a wonderful job." There was a silent and live auction, as well as a dinner reception that included legendary college football coaches Lloyd Carr of the University of Michigan, George Perles of Michigan State University and Barry Alvarez of the University of Wisconsin. "Grosse Pointers have their finger prints all over this bowl game," Hacias said. "They really come out and support this great game of football in our backyard at Ford Field." This year's Little Caesar's Pizza Bowl is Sunday, Dec. 26, and aired on ESPN.



PHOTOS BY RENEE LANDUYT

Major college football movers and shakers, standing from left, Ken Hoffman, executive director of the Little Caesar's Pizza Bowl, and Greg Hacias, Grosse Pointe Park resident and vice president of marketing for the bowl game; and seated from left, former U-M football head coach Lloyd Carr, former Michigan State University football head coach George Perles, and former University of Wisconsin football head coach Barry Alvarez, helped bring 150 golfers to enjoy the event held at Lochmoor Club.

TENNIS



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Lending a hand

More than two dozen Grosse Pointe South former and current tennis players gave a helping hand Wednesday, July 14, on Belle Isle for the annual Metro Detroit Youth Day. The students taught tennis to 1,000 kids during the day as more than 10,000 children participated in the event that included other athletic activities. The Blue Devil tennis players teamed with United States Tennis Association to teach tennis to promote positive relations in Metro Detroit and encourage kids to reach their goals.

BASEBALL

Farms-City 12s wins 4th straight district crown

The Grosse Pointe Farms-City 12-year-olds finished another dominating run through the District No. 6 All-Star Tournament.

The Farms-City team beat rival Grosse Pointe Park 6-3 in the championship game at Defer Field.

The win gave the all-star team its fourth consecutive District No. 6 Championship and allowed it to remain unbeaten in four years of district play with a perfect 25-0 record.

"This is a special group and I'm very proud of the boys for what they've accomplished these past four years," said Farms-City manager Brian Demkowicz. "They've worked incredibly hard to get to this point and we are now focused on competing at the state tournament and hopefully beyond."

Farms-City began the district tournament by beating Grosse Pointe Woods-Shores and then proceeded to run the table, beating Lac St. Clair, Shelby, Detroit PAL, Harper Woods, Grosse Pointe Woods-Shores in the semifinal and Grosse Pointe Park in the final.

The Farms-City boys were strong defensively, allowing an average of only three runs per game. The team was also strong at the plate, outscoring its opponents by an average of 10 runs per game, compiling a .550 batting average and .625 on-base percentage during the



PHOTO COURTESY OF BRIAN DEMKOWICZ

The Grosse Pointe Farms-City 12-year-olds won a District No. 6 championship, making it four years in a row. Kneeling from left are Joey Ellis, Andy Jakub, Jared Demkowicz, Reis Becker, Matt Barry and Austin McMahan; standing from left, Ryan McWood, Jacob Montague, Jack Steinhauer, Tyler Leggatt, Matt Gushee, Will Poplawski and Justin McMann; and back row from left, coach Art McWood, coach Andy Montague and manager Brian Demkowicz.

tournament.

In the championship game against Grosse Pointe Park, Farms-City controlled the game from the beginning, jumping out to an early 2-0 lead.

Farms-City added another

run in the fifth inning before the Park managed to tie the game at 3-3 after a two-run homer.

Unfazed, Farms-City finally broke it open for good with three runs in the top of the sixth inning as Justin

McMann, Tyler Leggatt, Will Poplawski, Andy Jakub and Matt Barry came through with clutch hits, including a two-run triple by Jakub.

In the bottom of the sixth, Farms-City pitcher Matt Gushee closed out the game

with three consecutive strikeouts.

Gushee kept the Park batters off balance all day, striking out eight and allowing only four hits.

Farms-City provided strong run support, pounding 12 hits on the day with RBIs by Jared Demkowicz, Jakub, Barry and Gushee.

Defensively, strong performances were turned in by Joey Ellis, McMahan, Reis Becker, Austin McWood, Jacob Montague and Jack Steinhauer, limiting the Park's scoring opportunities.

"This was a full team effort, with every player making significant contributions," Demkowicz said.

Farms-City is also coached by Andy Montague and Art McWood.

In the state tournament in Gaylord, the team finished 3-1.

They won their pool with a 3-0 mark, beating Ash Carleton 5-2 as Leggatt and Poplawski hit solo homers in the third inning to tie it, 2-2. Demkowicz had two big hits and McWoods produced another run-scoring hit in the win.

Farms-City blasted Cheboygan 14-5 with Ellis, Demkowicz, McWood, Gushee, Montague and Becker each collecting multiple hits in the team's 14-hit attack.

Next came a 16-1 win over

Mattawan as Jakub started the game with a home run and hit another in the third inning. He had two more hits to finish 4-for-5. McMahan had a two-run home run and a single, and Demkowicz pounded out two homers and two singles. Barry and Becker also had two singles in the victory.

In the finals against White Lake, the Farms-City squad fell behind 4-0 before McMann blasted a grand slam in the third inning to tie it, 4-4.

White Lake scratched home the winning run thanks to two walks and a wild pitch.

"We certainly had our chances, but just weren't able to capitalize at the plate," Demkowicz said. "My hat is off to the White Lake kids. They made some outstanding defensive plays."

One play came in the fourth inning when a White Lake outfielder jumped up to grab a long fly ball hit by Jakub. The player crashed into the wall, but held on for an out, robbing Jakub of a homer.

"When I look back on the last four years, going 25-0 and winning four consecutive district titles, making it to the state finals three years in a row, I am extremely proud of what the boys have accomplished."

"They had an incredible run and have been great ambassadors for our league. The players, parents and coaches will have lifetime memories"

BASEBALL

Farms-City beats Woods-Shores' 11s

Pitchers Bobby Weiland of the GP Farms-City Little League faced off against Stevie Kent of the GP Woods-Shores in the District 6 11- and 12-year-olds local championship game, and it was a dandy of a game.

Griffin Murray of Farms-City opened the game with a bunt single, the first of his three hits, and was moved to third on a double by catcher Mac Cimmarrusti.

Jared Dempsey followed with a three-run blast to dead center. Chris Lizza singled in the second inning for the Farms-City and moved to third on a double by Murray. However, Kent pitched out of trouble, as he would throughout the remainder of the game, holding the Farms to just three runs in six innings.

Grosse Pointe Woods-Shore's bats came alive in the fourth when catcher Alex

Hugenin doubled and was singled home.

But it was the defense of shortstop Brennan Ifkovits and outfielders A.J. Stevenson and Evan Jeup that saved the day for the Farms-City.

With Woods-Shores trailing 3-1 in the fifth, Stevenson made a spectacular grab on a sinking line drive and doubled the Woods-Shores runner up at third base.

On the very next play, Hugenin seemingly scored the runner from second on a base hit to centerfield, but Jeup threw a perfect strike to Cimmarrusti at the plate, who tagged out the runner and ended the inning.

Stevenson outdid himself in the sixth, catching an over-the-shoulder smash to right field that ended the Woods-Shores final threat and notched the District title for Weiland and the Farms-City squad.



PHOTO COURTESY OF TRACEY WADE

The Grosse Pointe Farms-City district champions are, front row from left, Mac Cimmarrusti and Jared Dempsey; second row from left, Chris Lizza, Ryan Keating, George Daley, Brennan Ifkovits, Griffin Murray and Luke Davey; and back row from left, co-manager Mike Lizza, Michael Calcaterra, A.J. Stevenson, Bobby Weiland, Evan Jeup, coach Tony Cimmarrusti, Jake Jones and co-manager Mark Davey.

BASEBALL

Park 10s earn district title

The Grosse Pointe Park 10-year-olds district team beat Grosse Pointe Woods-Shores 6-5 in an exciting championship game that saw the lead change four times.

In the end, the Park's Mike Lanzon game-winning hit scored Ryan Sullivan in the sixth inning.

This marks the second year in a row the Park team has captured a District No. 6 title, also beating the Woods-Shores in its final at-bat.

The Woods-Shores scored runs in the first and third innings on runs by Dirk Drieborg batted in by Ryan Cullen and Pete Ciaravino.

The Park scored three in the third on hits by Jacob Hinkle, Davis Graham, Lanzon and Jacob Bolton.

Ciaravino belted a triple in fifth to put the Woods-Shores ahead, but once again the Park answered with two runs in the bottom of the fifth when Julian Harrell and Grant Lux crossed home

"This marks the second year in a row the Park team has captured a District No. 6 title, also beating the Woods-Shores in its final at-bat."

plate.

Anthony George scored for the visitors in the top of sixth inning to tie the score before the Park won the game with the late-inning dramatics.

Both sides pitched well with Hinkle and William Muawad combining for the Park win, while Seth Adams, Mike Gassen and Ryan Cullen pitched for the Woods-Shores.

Joey Naporano of the Park made two diving catches at second base in the first and second innings to stop rallies.

The Park team played in the state tournament in Kalamazoo last week.



PHOTO COURTESY OF LIZ NAPORANO

The Grosse Pointe Park's District No. 6 champions in the 9- and 10-year-old division are, back row from left, coach Larry Bsahara, manager Dean Graham and coach Joe Hinkle; middle row from left, Jacob Bolton, Mike Lanzon, Cam Sparkman, Julian Harrell and Grant Lux; and kneeling from left, William Muawad, Ryan Sullivan, Davis Graham, Jacob Hinkle, Joey Naporano, Ferg Roby, Nick Bsahara and Logan MacLean.

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SOFTBALL



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National champs

University Liggett student Emma St. John, standing fourth from right, pitched a one-hit shutout to help Team Michigan beat the Loudoun Storm 8-0 in the 2010 Pony 10U National Championship last month in Wilmington, Del. She also hit a three-run homer in the first inning to get the offense going. Team Michigan was a perfect 8-0 in the national championship tournament and ended the season 70-4 (.946 winning percentage) overall. Each of the 11 girls provided key hits and defensive gems in the eight games. It was a “team” victory. Pictured above celebrating the national championship are, standing from right, co-head coach Cindy Hison, Julia Salisbury, assistant coach Tod Roth, Victoria Giardina, Sydney Auito, St. John, Tara Bieniewicz, Corbin Hison and co-head coach Kory Hison; and kneeling from left, Aleah Marra, Savannah Slayton, Piper Roth, Jenna Crowe and Jessica Friedland.

BASEBALL



PHOTO COURTESY OF JOHN MURPHY

Diamond kings

The Bees won the Grosse Pointe Farms-City Baseball A playoff championship this summer. After dropping its first game in the play-offs, the Bees won seven straight to claim the title. Standing from left are coach Atanas Ilitch, Nick Marchi, Ryan Buszka, coach Eric Maes, Andrew Rossow, Zeke Maes, Ryan Murphy, coach Tom Scupholm, coach John Doerer and Dominic Dulac; and seated from left are Christopher Scupholm, Patrick Ilitch, William White, James Doerer, Christian Buhl, Tommy Hessburg and Jack Fauster.

BASEBALL

Corbet no-hits Royal Oak Shrine

Corbet Conroy of Grosse Pointe Park recently threw a no-hitter for the 16U Grosse Pointe JayHawks baseball team. The Jayhawks are comprised of Grosse Pointe South and Grosse Pointe North sophomores and juniors. This year, in addition to playing an outstanding tournament schedule in the greater Detroit area, the JayHawks competed in the inaugural season of the Corpus Christi League in Metro Detroit. The Corpus Christi League is a wooden bat league that has incorporated Christian ethics and values into the rigors of competition on the diamond. Each league game begins with a prayer at home plate and the coaches and players are continually challenged to compete in a Christ-like fashion. Conroy completed his no-hitter in league play against Royal

Oak Shrine. He had a perfect game through five innings, but walked the lead-off hitter to open the sixth. While it's every pitcher's dream to complete a perfect game, Corbet wasn't overly disappointed with the outcome. The JayHawks defense played great all day and Corbet completed the shut-out and no-hitter in fine fashion, earning the win. During the high school season, Corbet is a utility infielder on the South varsity team. He has also been a three-year standout on South's varsity basketball team. Corbet is the son of John and Suzanne Conroy. The Grosse Pointe Jayhawks are managed by Dennis Clow and coached by Ken Kish, Phil Laciura and Tony Cimmarrusti. They finished the summer season with a 15-8 record in league and tournament play.

— Tony Cimmarrusti

BASEBALL

Redbird and Redhawk tryouts

Tryouts for the Grosse Pointe Redbird 15U team start at noon Sunday, Aug. 8, and Sunday, Aug. 15, at the Grosse Pointe South baseball diamond. Interested players should plan on attending both sessions, bring water, come in baseball attire and bring appropriate equipment to play. For further questions, e-mail coach Jonathan Zalenski at jzalens@oakland.edu. Also Sunday, Aug. 8, the Grosse Pointe Redhawks Baseball Club will be conducting an open tryout for one of its 2011 13U baseball teams. The tryout will be held at Elworthy Field in the City of Grosse Pointe. Registration is from noon to 3 p.m. Eligible players must be no older than 13 years old on April 30, 2011. The manager of this team is Mark Schneider and any questions should be directed to him at mschneider@thebarringtonagency.com or (313) 303-6663. The RedHawks are one of Grosse Pointe's oldest federation teams, having been founded in 2003 by Mark Riashi and Jim Saros. They compete in the Macomb Area Baseball Federation league and further information about the league and team can be found at mabf.com. In 2010, the RedHawks' 13U team won the "A" league championship with a 25-3 record, was runner-up in the State of Michigan AABC championship tournament and competed in the AABC national World Series in Battle Creek.

SOCCER

Register for GPSA teams

Online registration for Grosse Pointe Soccer Association fall 2010 season is open for House, Metro and Travel divisions. House Program for U05 thru U10 Players The House Program is open to all Grosse Pointe residents and surrounding communities. The program is designed around fun and skill development. All teams are co-educational and volunteer coached. Playing time is divided equally among all players. Metro Program for U12 thru U14 Players is designed to allow older kids to experience competition against neighboring communities. All teams are also co-educational and volunteer coached. Games played in the Grosse Pointes, Harper Woods, St. Clair Shores, Fraser and Roseville. Travel Program for U8 thru U18 players is a major sporting commitment. Travel teams are not “in-house” status, but are effectively community “select” teams that compete against the best players from other communities. Fees and schedule information are: House U05 thru U08 is \$80 per player and U09/U10 is \$100; Metro U12 & U14 is \$115 with a \$25 late registration fee after Aug. 30. Games played on weekends beginning Sept. 18 and ending Oct. 31. Teams may practice during the week. Travel U08-U10 is \$125 plus \$50 indoor training facility fee per season and the U11-U14 is \$125 plus \$100 indoor training facility fee per season. The U15-U18 is \$125 per season with a \$25 late registration fee or a \$50 late registration fee after Aug. 16. The MSPSP season runs Aug. 28 thru Oct. 24 and the MYSL season runs Sep. 4 thru Nov. 4. Due to the size of GPSA program, special requests cannot be honored. Complete registration is found online. Go to the “Registration” tab to get started.

ABESSINIO: North grad heads south

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Saturday, Sept. 4, in the 55,082-seat Davis Wade Stadium at Scott Field.

“That is going to be one interesting day,” Abessinio said. “I can’t imagine the atmosphere at the college, but I’m sure it will be something I will enjoy.”

She will also try intramural sports at MSU, such as badminton and soccer.

Aside from the social aspects of college life, Abessinio is ready to tackle her curriculum, which is aimed at her majors, psychology and nutrition, and minor in Spanish.

“I’m not too worried about getting good grades because I studied hard at North and I will continue that work ethic,” Abessinio said.

She finished her high school career with a 3.93 grade point average and scored a 32 on her ACT.

“For now, my major is psychology, but it might change,” Abessinio said. “I have time to make up my mind, but at the moment I’m sticking with the double-major.”

She is a top-notch athlete, earning a spot in the Division I track and field state championship meet each of the four years she ran track at North under long-time head coach Charles Buhagiar.

She is also in the record books, setting school records as part of two relay teams.

“Coach Buhagiar was tough, but he was a great coach,” Abessinio said. “I loved to play soccer growing up and I ran track, but coach Buhagiar is the reason why I decided to quit soccer and focus on track.”

She competed in the 400-meter dash with a career-best time of 59.9 and the 200-meter dash with a career-best 26.3. She was also a member of the 1,600- and 800-relay teams throughout a majority of the four years she ran varsity.

She also competed in the long jump early in her career. Her career-best mark is 15-feet, 11-inches.

Abessinio contributes her solid work ethic to spending summers at the Culver Summer camps in Indiana.

Culver is a military-style high school that uses discipline through every aspect of the culture.

“I like the discipline and it really prepared me when it came to focusing on getting good grades and doing my best on the track,” Abessinio said.

She has also honed in her healthy lifestyle by dedicating herself to eating the best possible foods.

She gets her athleticism from both her parents. Her mother, Holly, was a gymnast, and father, Rocco, a baseball player and cross-country runner.

Her older brother, Austin, played football and sails, while her younger sister, Emma, runs track at North and will be a sophomore.

She will spend the final couple of weeks babysitting and packing for her first semester of college at Mississippi State.

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1058 Maryland, Grosse Pointe Park. August 6 & 7; 8am- 4pm. Lots of stuff.

1094 Roslyn, Grosse Pointe Woods. Furni- ture, decorations, household items, cloth- ing. Priced to go! Satur- day, 9am- 3pm.

1240 Yorkshire. Friday, August 6, 8am- 2pm. Step2 playhouse, toys, double strollers, crib, baby/ toddler clothes, and more!

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