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FRIDAY, JULY 1

◆ The Detroit Symphony Orchestra performs at Greenfield Village, 20900 Oakwood Blvd., Dearborn, at 6 p.m. in the 19th annual Salute to America.

SATURDAY, JULY 2

◆ West Park Farmers Market is open from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the corner of Kercheval, Lakepointe and Beaconsfield, Grosse Pointe Park.

◆ Emergency sirens test at 1 p.m.

◆ Grosse Pointe Woods Community Center closed.

◆ The Detroit Symphony Orchestra performs at Greenfield Village, 20900 Oakwood Blvd., Dearborn, at 6 p.m. in the 19th annual Salute to America.

SUNDAY, JULY 3

◆ Grosse Pointe Woods Community Center closed.
◆ Grosse Pointe Public libraries closed.

MONDAY, JULY 4

Happy birthday U.S.A.

◆ Federal offices closed.

◆ State offices closed.

◆ County offices closed.

◆ Local municipal offices closed.

TUESDAY, JULY 5

◆ Last day to register to vote in the Aug. 2 primary.

◆ Grosse Pointe Woods City Hall closed.

◆ Grosse Pointe Community Center closed.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 6

◆ Stewart Francke and His Band perform from 6:30 to 8 p.m. in the Detroit Zoo's main picnic grove. The zoo is located at 8450 W. 10 Mile, Royal Oak.

THURSDAY, JULY 7

◆ The Sun Messengers performs a free concert at 7 p.m. on the Village Festival Plaza, Kercheval at St. Clair, City of Grosse Pointe.

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Windsurfing off Patterson Park in Grosse Pointe Park.

Windsurfing becomes popular on Lake St. Clair

By Justin Hicks
Special Writer

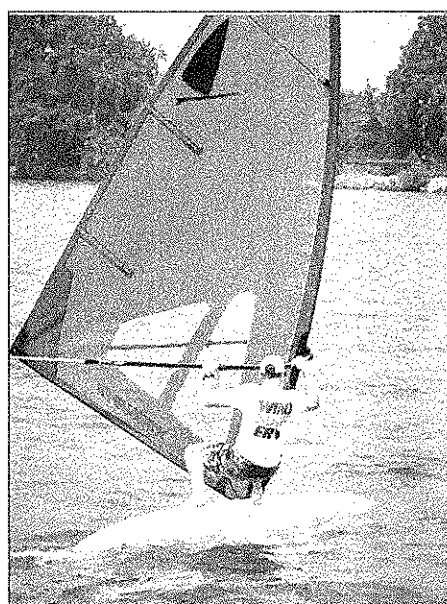
Sailors, kayakers and Jet Skiers are common on Lake St. Clair, but there's another sport growing in popularity that still manages to slide under the radar: windsurfing.

The nearly 50-year-old sport com-

bines the dynamics of sailing with the balance needed for surfing, while creating an entirely unique experience.

"In light wind it's like sailing, but you're standing up," said Nat Siddall, an avid windsurfer from Chelsea. "In strong wind it's like water skiing, ex-

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A House divided

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

Lansing Republicans this week carried the vote to split the Grosse Pointes into separate state House of Representative districts, diluting the one-time suburban GOP stronghold into a pair of conservative backwaters.

"I'm in shock," said Timothy Bledsoe, D-City of Grosse Pointe, in a telephone interview minutes after the decision.

If approved by the state Senate and signed by the governor, which is anticipated, the current House District 1 containing the five Grosse Pointes, Harper Woods and part of eastside Detroit will be divided in two.

Under measures passed in Lansing late Tuesday, June 28, by a 65-42 vote, the new District 1 consists of Grosse Pointe Shores, Woods, Harper Woods and a neighboring part of Detroit.

District 2 now includes Grosse Pointe Farms, City, Park and part of Detroit.

"Both districts are majority Detroit districts," Bledsoe said. "It will be hard for any Grosse Pointer to win election in either of those districts."

Bledsoe opposed the measure, which he said passed mainly upon party lines.

"I wanted to vote 'Hell no,' but I could only vote 'No,'" he said in a statement.

"We're being disenfranchised," said former Republican state Rep. Edward Gaffney of the Farms.

Gaffney and others interviewed spoke prior to the vote. They all criticized what at the time was a redistrict-

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City cries fowl as Pemberton pets ruffle feathers

By Kathy Ryan
Staff Writer

The chickens may always come home to roost, but home can no longer be Grosse Pointe Park.

A Pemberton Road couple asked the city council permission to keep the four chickens they have been raising since last fall. Citing an ordinance that bans any animal not considered a household pet, the council denied the request.

"Our chickens are kept in a garden shed that is locked at night," Louise Thomas told the council. "During the day they are kept in an enclosed area. They are tame and quiet. Other than clucking to announce when one has laid an egg, they don't make any noise." According to Thomas, two of the chickens produce an egg a

day. The four birds are all hens and include one Rhode Island red and three white leghorns.

In a letter to council last week, Thomas and her husband, Al, named several cities in Michigan, including Ann Arbor, East Lansing and Traverse City that permit chickens within city limits.

Councilman Dan Grano supported the Thomas' request for an ordinance review.

"Community gardens and organic living are the wave of the future," he said. "I believe we should study it. I knew the chickens were there, but I just didn't want to deal with it, but now I think it needs further study."

Thomas explained that they bought four chicks last fall at Eastern Market and raised

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Grosse Pointe Park officials stuck to an ordinance that says chickens don't belong in the city. Al and Louise Thomas asked the city to reconsider.

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Pointer rocks Stars & Stripes July 1

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

There's not much room for egos in a four-man rock band. "If you want to get stuff done, you can't have that," said Derek Jendza, lead singer of Artificial Agent.

Artificial Agent plays songs from its debut compact disc, "Love Won't Strangle Me," 7:45 to 8:30 p.m. Friday, July 1, at the Stars & Stripes Festival in downtown Mount Clemens. The show is free.

Artificial Agent opens for Ace Frehely on the Budweiser National Stage, behind the Emerald Theatre.

"It's a dream come true," said Jendza, of Grosse Pointe Park.

Frehely is the original lead guitar player for Kiss, one of Jendza's main musical influences along with Motley Crue.

"I can't wait," Jendza said. "It's huge."

The shine of teaming with big-name acts never dulls.

Jendza has warmed up for Vince Neil of Motley Crew, David Lee Roth, Twisted Sister, Ratt and the original Dokken.

"Vince Neil was great, really nice," Jendza said. "I've heard reports of him not being nice, but he was great to me. Dee Snider (of Twisted Sister) was

really cool."

Since forming Artificial Agent last summer with his brother, Bradley, on bass, and two musicians from metro Detroit, the band has impressed fellow rockers.

"We warmed up with Steel Panther at the Royal Oak Music Theatre," Jendza said. "It was jam-packed."

The next show was with Neil.

"Steel Panther came around again and asked for us," Jendza said. "Critical Bill asked us to perform with them. They'd seen us with Steel Panther. We keep getting lucky with a lot of big gigs."

The Jendza brothers played during the 1990s in a self-named group before going solo on side trips.

Upon reforming with new bandmates, the brothers picked up where they left off with guitar-based rock 'n' roll.

Artificial Agent's disc has 11 original tracks.

"We're not reinventing the wheel," Jendza said. "But, we want to make the best record we could."

The disc is sold on amazon.com, iTunes, Napster and Rhapsody. Most of the songs are up-tempo.

"I want listeners to escape their normal lives and have the songs be a release — fun rock 'n' roll," Jendza said.

"We have a few softer songs, too."

Bradley Jendza works in the creative department of an advertising agency. He is formerly of the Park and now lives in Ferndale.

Artificial Agent also consists of Mike Elgert, of Sterling Heights, on lead guitar. Karl Crafton, of Clinton Township, plays drums.

Each member contributes.

"As a team, we let the other guy do what he has to do," Jendza said. "We make it work."

The Stars & Stripes festival runs July 1-4.

Concerts are scheduled each night on four stages. Festival and concert admission is free.



Artificial Agent is, from left; Bradley Jendza on bass; Karl Crafton on drums; Derek Jendza, of Grosse Pointe Park, on vocals; and Mike Elgert on lead guitar.

VIP concerts tickets cost \$25 through ticketmaster.com. Fireworks are at dusk.

The Budweiser National Stage lineup Friday, July 1, is:

◆ Ace Frehely, 10:30 to 11:45 p.m.,
◆ Ty Stone 9 to 10 p.m.,

◆ Artificial Agent, 7:45 to 8:30 p.m.,

◆ Brandon Calhoon, 6:30 to 7:15 p.m.

◆ Doop & Inside Outlaws, 5 to 6 p.m.

◆ Nathan Schock, 4 to 4:45 p.m.



Bike decorating

The annual children's bike decorating contest begins at 6 p.m. Thursday, July 14, on the Grosse Pointe Woods municipal complex front lawn. The event is sponsored by the Grosse Pointe Business & Professional Association of Mack Avenue in conjunction with the July 13 - 16 summer sidewalk sales. For more information, call (313) 884-9400. Rob Gray and Michelle May of American Cycle & Fitness award prizes, such as bicycle helmets, horns and water bottles, to winners of the contest.

Park deal didn't work

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

Michele Eickhorst no longer cuts a regular wake between two neighboring lakeside parks.

She's stopped splitting her duties between the parks as the prototypical administrator shared by cities trying to cut costs.

Eickhorst is the Grosse Pointe Farms recreation and aquatics coordinator. A mother of two, she began working at Pier Park more than a decade ago as a teenage lifeguard.

Last summer, she was tapped to take part in a new kind of municipal asset management.

Unlike existing cooperative agreements among the Pointes for the purchase of such things as road salt, and beyond the public safety mutual aid agreement whereby agencies back up each other upon request, and still unlike the forthcoming merger of public safety dispatch centers, Eickhorst was consolidated between two cities.

She was named part-time director of Grosse Pointe Shores Osius Park.

She remained a Farms employee, yet replaced a full-time Shores director who retired before the job was eliminated to cut payroll and related costs.

The Shores paid the Farms for Eickhorst's services at the same rate the Farms compensated her.

She worked within the unofficial context of a trial run. Municipal officials looked to the arrangement as a bellwether of expanding shared municipal cooperation into the daily duties of administrative personnel.

"There was a serious service-model change from a full-time director to trying to share a body with the Farms," said Brian Vick, Shores city manager.

It didn't work.

Representatives of both cities said it was the arrangement that came up short, not Eickhorst.

"I was very pleased with the job Michele was doing," Vick said.

"We wanted to make Michele available in the Shores 15 hours per week," said Shane Reeside, Farms city manager. "As a practical matter, it was difficult for Michele to meet all the Shores' needs in that limited time period. She



PHOTO BY BRAD LINDBERG

Michele Eickhorst is back at Pier Park as recreation and aquatics coordinator.

was putting in more than 15 hours in the Shores."

Tugged from two directions at once, Eickhorst, a marathon runner, was stretched too thin.

"She was needed at our park at the same time," Reeside added. "It was generating a lot of overtime. We want to eliminate overtime."

Eickhorst is back full-time this summer at Pier Park. She was poolside last Friday monitoring lifeguards and looking forward to a competitive season with the Barracudas municipal swim team.

"We have close to 200 members this year," she said.

"Michele is continuing to do certification of lifeguards in the Shores," Reeside said. "We have offered the Shores any technical assistance we can, if needed. But, the arrangement of Michele working there part-time is not going to happen this summer."

Vick looked in-house this summer to select John Fodell as part-time director of Osius Park.

Fodell, a veteran park employee and swim coach, ap-

plied last year for the directorship.

He was an All-American swimmer at Albion College and has a master's degree in adapted physical education.

"I wanted to see a little more management experience, aside from being the coach," Vick said.

Fodell proved himself by picking up a few pool manager shifts.

"Everything's in place to make it a success," Vick said of the new arrangement.


"There is no cost increase."

Fodell began participating at Osius Park as a 5-year-old member of the Sharks swim team. He became a lifeguard and has coached the team for 11 years.

"I think we're going to be a strong team this year," Fodell said. "I'm happy with the talent we have."

He wants his swimmers to have a good time and learn the benefits of working together.

"We're going to have a lot of fun and give some teams runs for their money," he said.



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Beaumont outing July 18

The Beaumont Foundation hosts the Grosse Pointe Golf Classic Monday, July 18, at the Country Club of Detroit, 220 Country Club, Grosse Pointe Farms. Lunch begins at 11:30 a.m. and the shotgun start is at 1 p.m. After-golf festivities include a strolling dinner, awards, entertainment and an auction. Organizing the fundraiser, are back row from left, Todd Felks, of South Lyon; John Danaher, of St. Clair Shores; -middle row from left, Dan French, of Grosse Pointe Farms; Don Ulrich, of the City of Grosse Pointe; Bill Brownscombe, D.D.S., of the City of Grosse Pointe; golf committee co-chairman J.C. Collins, of the City of Grosse Pointe; David Cornillie, of Grosse Pointe Farms; and golf committee co-chairman G. John Stevens, of the City of Grosse Pointe; and front row, Mary Ghanem, of Grosse Pointe Shores; JoEllen Ulrich, of the City of Grosse Pointe; and Jackie Moon, of Grosse Pointe Farms. Not pictured are, John Donnelly, of Grosse Pointe Farms; Rob Ermanni, of Grosse Pointe Park; H. Richard Fruehauf, of Grosse Pointe Farms; Peter Kellett, of the City of Grosse Pointe; Roger McNeill, M.D., of Grosse Pointe Shores; Mark McPherson, of Rochester Hills; Tom Mertz, M.D., of Grosse Pointe Farms; Mary Beth Ryan, of the City of Grosse Pointe; Marilyn Schneider, of Grosse Pointe Shores; Joe Tolari, of Grosse Pointe Farms; and Chris Walsh, of the City of Grosse Pointe. The golf classic proceeds benefit cardiovascular medicine at Beaumont Hospital, Grosse Pointe.

Foundation shows boats at Neff

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

One of the community's most active behind-the-scenes backers is launching its annual fundraiser with a boat show.

The display of wood-hulled runabouts and cruisers later this summer is intended to draw more people to the City of Grosse Pointe Foundation party at Neff Park.

"We're trying to be noticed more," said Joe Jennings, foundation president and former City councilman.

The privately-funded foundation pays for community enhancements outside the purview of taxes.

"We've supported the Paint the Windows contest, Christmas decorations and city signs at Cadieux and Fisher," Jennings said.

Additional foundation projects include decorative street signs, Kressbach Place in the Village, the arched entrance and decorative fence at Elworthy Field, Neff Park entrance building and a contribution to construction of the

clock arch over Kercheval.

This is the first year a boat show accents the party from 6 to 9 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 4. Tax-deductible tickets cost \$75.

"We're going to have about 10 boats the first time to see how it flies," Jennings said. "Mostly mahogany boats, Hacker Crafts and Chris Crafts."

Some will be in the water, others on trailers. It could become a tradition. "I'm trying to get something started in our town," Jennings said.

Attendance isn't limited to foundation members, although buying an admission ticket qualifies as foundation membership dues.

"If anybody is interested, we're happy to have them come," Jennings said.

About 95 people attended last year's picnic.

"This year, we're expecting quite a bit more," Jennings said. "It should be a nice setting. The whole idea is a nice cocktail party."

Neff Park is below Jefferson at Lakeland.

Lakeside fireworks Saturday

Saturday, July 2

Fireworks reflect off the water this Saturday night when Grosse Pointe Farms shoots off its annual show on the shores of Lake St. Clair.

The show traditionally starts around 9:45 p.m. and draws thousands of watchers along Lakeshore.

"It's our biggest event of the year at the park," said Dick Huhn, Farms park director.

Popular viewing spots are near the launching point on a manmade peninsula off Harbor Hill.

Some viewers set up lawn chairs along the mile-long waterfront. Others gather on blankets on the front lawns of St. Paul Catholic Church and the Grosse Pointe Academy.

Many Farms residents watch the show from Pier Park, site of the annual July 4th weekend regatta, a project of the Grosse Pointe Farms Boat Club.

The regatta is a collaboration between the club and city.

The rundown is:

Thursday, June 30

The four-day celebration of United States independence sets sail at 7 p.m. Thursday, June 30, with a sailboat race.

The start-finish line is just off the pier.

Friday, July 1

Activities continue with Children's Art in the Park at 6:30 p.m. Children receive supplies to create sidewalk art. Ribbons are awarded for first through third place.

The weekend rundown is:

◆ 10 a.m.: Decorated bicycle parade in the parking lot by the community center building. This year's themes are favorite sport or sports team. Contestants are divided into age groups: 3 and 4, 5 through 7, and 8 through 11. Detroit Tigers mascot, Paws, attends and is available for pictures.

◆ 11:30 a.m.: Pie eating contest at the picnic pavilion. No registration needed.

◆ 12:30 p.m.: Inflatable boat races. Teams of two children or one adult paired with a child race inflatable dinghies off the beach. Register by noon at the front information tent by the shuffle board courts.

◆ 1 to 4 p.m.: Face painting is offered on the grass between the snack house and community center building next to the marina.

◆ 2:30 p.m.: Yellow duckies race. More than 300 rubber duckies, individually numbered, are dumped into the lake at the beach. For \$3 for one ticket, or \$5 for two, contestants pick a number and see which duckies win, place and show. Buy tickets at the information tent near the shuffle board courts.

◆ 3:30 p.m.: Sand castle contest on the beach. Register by 3:15 p.m. Judging is at 4 p.m. There are two categories — families and children-only.

◆ 3:30 to 5 p.m.: Picnic table decorating contest. Tables are judged on their creativity and patriotic

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DSO tickets available

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

Tickets are available for the Detroit Symphony Orchestra pops concert next week in celebration of Grosse Pointe Shores' centennial.

The concert, 8:30 p.m. Friday, July 8, at the Edsel & Eleanor Ford House, 1100 Lakeshore, is followed at about 10 p.m. by fireworks.

The concert is part of the

Shores 100th anniversary weekend, July 8-10.

Letters detailing festivities have been mailed to every Shores household.

"Everyone should have received their centennial letter of scheduled events," said Mayor James Cooper.

Concert tickets had been sold out.

"Response to our Friday Detroit Symphony Concert

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Perch derby

The annual Grosse Pointe Woods' Jack Boni Family Perch Derby brought fishermen of all ages to the banks of Lake St. Clair June 18. They cast lines from the dock and boats with an eye toward winning a trophy. Top right, Collin Cantrell took home the children's trophy for the biggest perch; Stephanie Westrick caught the most fish from the dock; and Frank and Kate Spellman, of Dublin, Ireland, won for the biggest fish caught from the dock. The Spellmans are visiting their uncle who lives in Grosse Pointe Woods. Right, in the adult category, Mick and Charlie Myslinski took home third place; second place went to Ted and Kris Barthel; and first place winners were Alex and Ron Williams.



Caroline Stafford threw her line out in hope of catching a big one.

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Hannah and Haley Meier have set the standard for running national times in track and cross-country during their first two years of high school at Grosse Pointe South.

Meier sisters enjoy winning as a team

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

Grosse Pointe South sophomores Hannah and Haley Meier have set the standards in their first two years of running cross-country and track.

In fact, Hannah Meier recently earned the prestigious 2010-11 Gatorade Michigan Track & Field Athlete of the Year honor. She is the first winner in South history.

Another notable winner is Kalamazoo-native and New York Yankees shortstop Derek Jeter.

Hannah established two state records at this year's Division 1 championship meet, running a 4:42 in the 1,600-meter run (the old record was 4:45 set in 1985) and a 2:07 in the 800-meter run, breaking her own record set as a freshman at 2:08.

"To set records was a challenge because it took a lot of grueling distance, speed and core workouts," Hannah said. "In the end, it was all worth it and the other competitors really helped me get down to the times I wanted to set."

"Even though the pain may be unbearable at times, I believed that I could do this and there is always another level that I could push myself to achieve."

Haley joined Hannah in playing pivotal roles in leading the Blue Devils to the state championship.

"It means so much to me to be on such a great team due to all of the dedication, the support and love that is shared between our teammates and coaches," Haley said. "My sister and I are so grateful to be on the Grosse Pointe South track and field team because everyone is there for one another. We run our hearts out for the team because we know they'll do the same for us. We are all very close, like a family."

In addition, Hannah set five school records in the 200-, 400-, 800-, 1,600- and 3,200-meter runs and is a member of two school-record relay teams. Haley is also on those relays.

In the national indoor meet in February, Hannah won the mile against 30 of the top milers in the nation and in the recent national outdoor meet, she placed second against the

top 16 milers in the country.

She earned All-American Honors for both indoor and outdoor track, plus All-State accolades this spring in four events and in a total of seven events during her two seasons on the team.

Hannah earned All-State Honors in both cross-country seasons, too, and was named Macomb Area Conference Most Valuable Athlete both years on the team.

In two track seasons, she has never lost an event in dual meets, invitationals or state regional competitions.

"Being on the team is unbelievable," Hannah said. "I am so lucky to have so many supportive teammates and five excellent coaches that encourage me through thick and thin."

"My team is so very proud of our girls that competed at the state championship and how we managed to win the whole thing," Hannah continued. "All of us are like family, and each and every one of us understands how it feels when we endure the same pain race after race, and how we know that the team support will pull us through."

"The cheering, high-fives and good-jobs helps a lot because we have somebody to enjoy the experience together."

"Hannah Meier is, without a doubt, the most versatile track athlete in the state and one of the very elite high school runners in the country," South cross-country and track head coach Steve Zaranek said. "Hannah has the range to compete with anyone from the 200 dash all the way up to the 3,200 run. Very, very few athletes have this ability at any level."

Haley ran under the 1985 all-time state record in the 1,600-meter run, but settled for second place behind her sister and placed fourth in the national outdoor mile, also earning All-American Honors.

She earned All-State honors in four events this spring and All-State in six events during her first two track seasons.

She is also an All-State cross-country runner.

"What is most impressive about Hannah and Haley is how they give to their team," Zaranek said. "They are ab-



PHOTO COURTESY OF STEVE ZARANEK

The Meier twins, Haley, left, and Hannah, dedicate themselves to being the best they can be in the classroom and on the athletic field.

olutely there for their teammates and the support they give — and receive — is genuine and from the heart."

Both get the job done in the classroom. Hannah has a 4.0 grade point average and Haley is at 3.8. In addition, they are members of the All-State Academic Team.

"Hannah and Haley are unselfish and humble," Zaranek said. "They never seek recognition for their incredible accomplishments. They have absolute purpose in what they do each day...to work hard, to set high standards in both practices and competitions, and to focus on meeting those standards."

"As a team, we do not set goals that involve winning or achieving personal records. We set goals that allow for these opportunities to exist. Hannah and Haley thrive on contributing to our team. They are two of many on our team who understand success is something achieved together and enjoyed together."

"My sister and I look forward to our junior and senior years of track and cross-country to see the new competition and to continue to improve our times," Haley said.

The duo will continue to train this summer to prepare for the cross-country season in August.

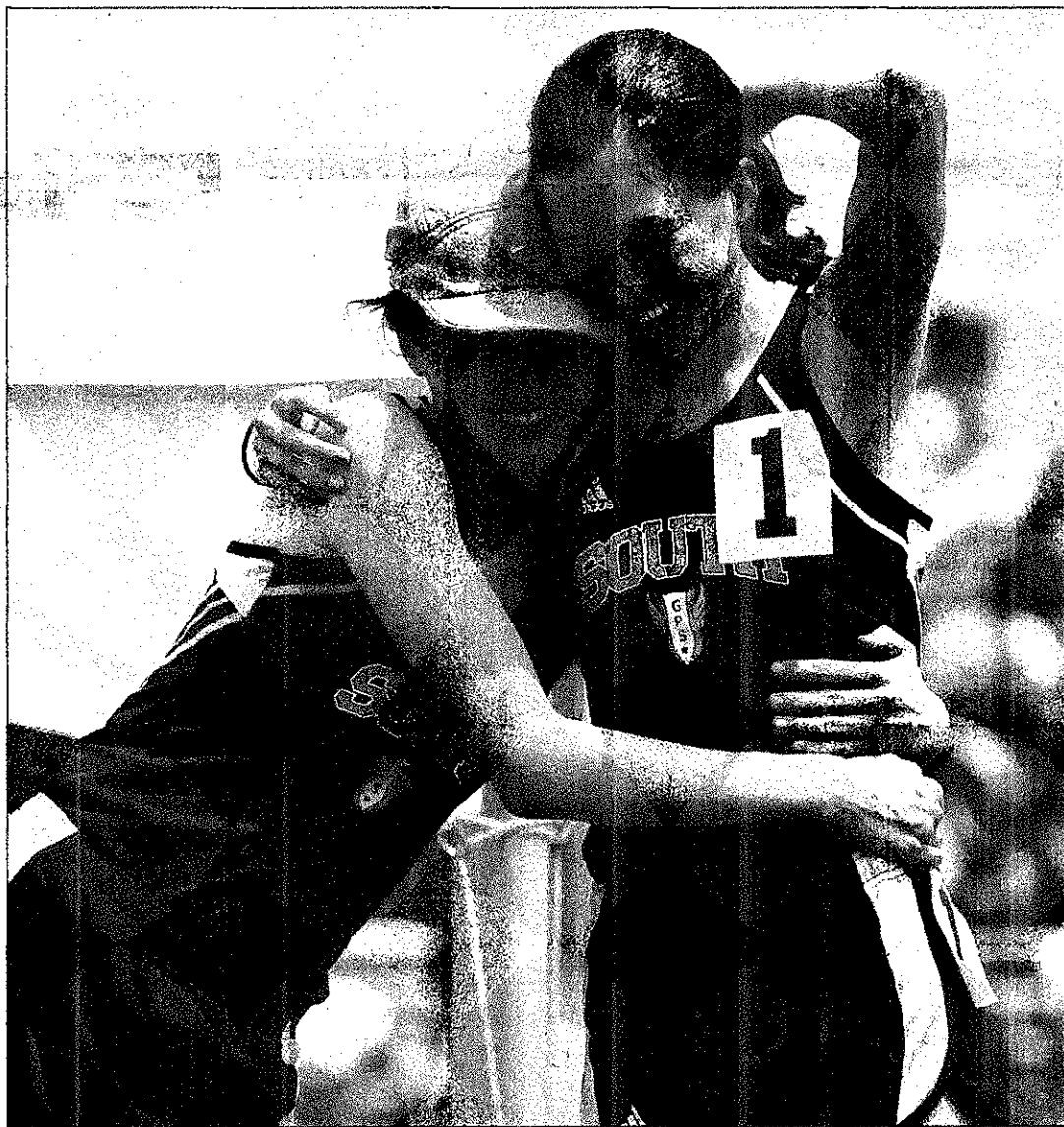
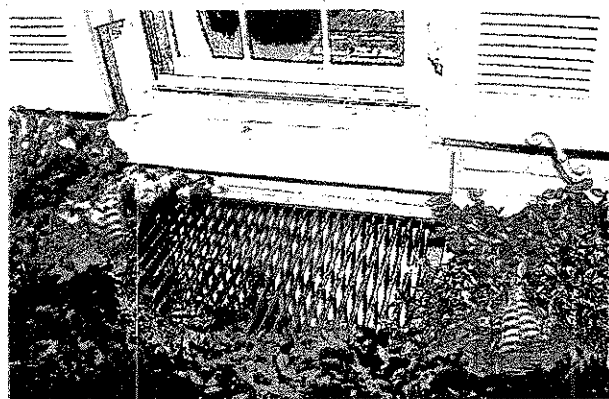


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During the Division 1 track and field state finals, Haley, left, and Hannah Meier share a moment of success after finishing an event.

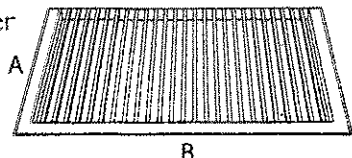
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has been overwhelming," said Shores Mayor James Cooper. "All the allotted tickets have been sold. Not to worry — those planning on attending the performance can still purchase tickets."

General admission tickets cost \$25 for adults and \$15 for children. Children age 4 and under are admitted free.

Tickets are sold at city hall second-floor offices, 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday, until gone.

Admission includes parking on the grass across Lakeshore from the Ford House and lawn seats for the concert and fireworks. Attendees can bring a chair or blanket.

Centennial celebrations Saturday, July 9, include an ice cream social and dedication of Schroeder Field House, next to

the baseball field in Schroeder Park.

Events Sunday, July 10, include a parade at noon on Lakeshore from the Ford House to Osius Park.

"We have a full line-up for our parade," Cooper said.

Celebrations after the parade include, but are not limited to, a splash party, boat show, tours of the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club, military vehicle exhibition and a veterans's ceremony.

"I'm pleased to announce that Vice Wing Commander Lt. Col. Philip Sheridan of Selfridge Air National Guard Base will be presiding at our veterans' ceremony," Cooper said. "If you're a veteran and have not been contacted by our veteran coordinator, please call the (Shores) administrative office. We don't want to miss anyone."

A comprehensive schedule of events appears in next week's Grosse Pointe News.

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theme. Register at the registration table in the community center.

◆ 4:30 to 5 p.m.: Pie baking contest. Register pies at the information table. Take pies to the pavilion by 4:30 p.m.

◆ 4:30 to 5 p.m.: Children's games near the gazebo.

◆ 6 p.m.: Awards ceremony on the stage near the community center building. Winners' names are announced.

◆ 7 p.m. to dusk: Concert. The band, Soul Provider, returns this year on the stage near the community center.

◆ 6 to 8 p.m.: Glow stick and novelty sale throughout the park.

◆ Dusk: Fireworks.

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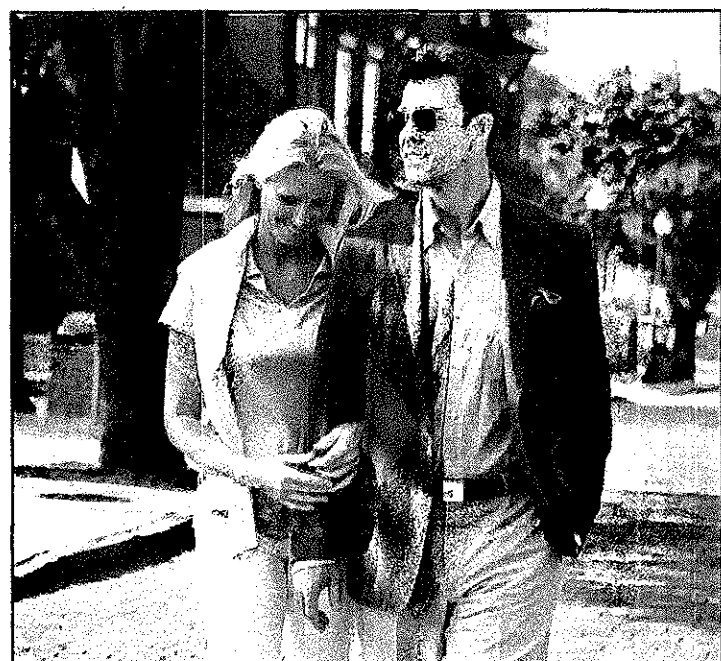
◆ 1 p.m.: Pet parade. Trophies are awarded for most patriotic pet, best pet trick and the most exotic pet. Pets must be contained and have current immunizations. Meet by the tennis courts. No registration needed.

◆ 2 p.m.: Regatta rendezvous. Boaters and kayakers meet on the lake north of the pier for casual fun and snacks. This event depends on the weather.

The Farms boat club is nearly 60 years old. The regatta is its only fundraiser. Four levels of regatta sponsorship are bronze, \$50; silver, \$100; gold, \$150 and platinum, \$250.

For more information about the club, contact Cyndee Harrison at (313) 410-2343, via e-mail at cyndeeharrison@att.net or visit grossepointefarmsboatclub.com.

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LAKE: Take to the water with a windsurfing lesson

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cept you're providing your own power; it's a pretty unique sport."

The Grosse Pointe Windsurfing Club held its 12th annual Grosse Pointe Windsailing Regatta Saturday, June 18, where 13 windsurfers came together from Michigan and Canada to compete.

One racer was Ted Schweitzer, son of Diane and Hoyle Schweitzer, who assisted Jim Drake in the creation and expansion of the sport in the 60s.

"My dad was a surfer and Jim was a sailor and they decided to combine the sports," Schweitzer said. "(Hoyle) and my mom traveled around and introduced the sport to the world."

The design of the equipment used back when the sport first took off has been modified in recent years, adjusting the board and sail to make it easier to use.

Schweitzer said windsurfing has changed since the high performance aspect captured

people's imaginations, but some people still use the original style board and sail.

Windsurfing equipment varies depending on the person and how they intend to use it. The size of the board and sail vary with the wind speed and the body type of the rider, and whether racing is planned.

"There is something for everyone," Siddall said. "The only prerequisite is that you have to know how to swim. Beyond that, anyone can do it and even if you're super athletic, you still have to learn how to do it; it's not easy."

Nicknamed the "poor man's sailboat," windsurfing can be cheap or expensive.

"One race outfit new would cost a little over \$2,000, but there's a lot of used gear floating around for you to get started for about \$300," Siddall said. "Once you get hooked, there's a different board that's perfect for every condition."

Siddall competed in the hybrid class Saturday, and finished with the top spot in the regatta (65 points), placing first in three of the five races.

Regatta scoring is done by a point system, giving each competitor a point for starting and a point for finishing, on top of points for each opponent who finished behind them.

Mark Murray finished third in the overall fleet and first in the limited 8.5 class (49 points), and Schweitzer finished fourth in the fleet (52 points) and first in the formula class.

While most of the competitors were middle-aged, 14-year-old Artem Lavrynenko Jr. kept up with the group, coming in first in the regatta's first race. He finished ninth in the fleet and fourth in the limited 8.5 class.

"I don't even remember when I started," said Lavrynenko Jr., who traveled from Toronto with his father for the event. "We compete every Wednesday at our club and then occasionally we have regattas like this one."

Getting Started

Grosse Pointe Park's Lauren Turner, who has windsurfed for 30 years, takes pride in her

teaching ability.

She picked up on the sport while living in Mexico, and made a deal with a friend who spent his vacation time teaching people to windsurf.

The arrangement: Turner's friend would teach her the sport and sell her his equipment, and in return she would allow him to use a board and sail whenever he desired.

"I lived down there, so I set up my little business in my mother-in-law's hotel," Turner said. "Windsurfing is a fun thing to do in the summer and for families who are looking to do things together."

Turner has been giving lessons at Patterson Park in Grosse Pointe Park for five years and guarantees students results.

"I want them to be able to go out and come back, and I'll take anybody as long as they really want to," she said. "Ten-12 years old is a good age to start, but I'll take anybody from 10-80."

For more information or to talk to Turner, call Patterson Park at (313) 822-2812.

HOUSE: Bledsoe says voice of Pointes won't be the same in Lansing

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ing proposal.

Gaffney is the last — and some Republicans fear the final — member of the Grand Old Party to speak for the Pointes in District 1 of Michigan's lower chamber.

"Grosse Pointe has traditionally been Republican," said Jenny Nolan, chair of the Eastside Republican Club. "I don't see how that could happen in either of the two districts they're putting us in."

District 1 for years consisted of the five Pointes, Harper Woods and a portion of east-side Detroit.

The state-wide redistricting proposal was in the hands of Republican legislators, the majority party in the House and Senate. Districts are being redrawn in response to population changes confirmed in the

2010 Census.

Bledsoe held out hope the Pointes could remain intact.

"It could be amended in the Senate," he said of the House plan.

Bipartisan opposition

Although the idea came from state Republicans, criticism crosses party lines.

"Splitting the Grosse Pointes is not good government," said Gary Bresnehan, president of the Grosse Pointe Democratic Club and a Farms resident. "Good government means the Grosse Pointes and Harper Woods stay together in one district."

Yet, the split may benefit Democrats by thinning out the Pointes' Republican majority.

"I'm thinking about it as good government before partisanship," Bresnehan said. "I want to see the best district for our area. Whether Democrat or Republican, I want good government first."

"Breaking the Pointes in half is tragic for this region," said the Pointes' freshman state Sen. Bert Johnson, D-Highland Park. "The five Pointes, Harper Woods and small section of Detroit have built a cohesive unit such that people are moving together politically."

Although cities within the district face different challenges, they have enough in common to warrant joint representation, Johnson added.

"You've seen the Republicans put forth a plan that does not work for people," Johnson said. "That's who is going to pay the price if these (proposed district) maps stick: people duly electing peers in their community they know will legislate to the best of their ability."

There's also the matter of the Pointe public school system, which overlaps into part of Harper Woods.

"There's nothing more important in Grosse Pointe than our schools," Bledsoe said. "To take the five Grosse Pointes and Harper Woods and divide them three and three dramatically dilutes the voice of our local schools in Lansing."

New wave

Gaffney served three consecutive, two-year terms in the House before stepping down due to term limits.

His old seat has been filled the last two terms by Bledsoe, a moderate Democrat on leave from teaching political science at Wayne State University.

Bledsoe is the Pointes' first Democrat voice in the House. His elections came without gaining an overall majority vote in the Pointes.

Yet, his Pointe totals were high enough to reach office with landslide wins in heavily Democrat Harper Woods and Detroit.

If the Pointes' majority of Republican voters is spread over two districts, the likelihood of reclaiming Gaffney's seat gets even tougher.

"I think I'll be the last Republican to represent the Grosse Pointes," Gaffney said.

Whether that's the case, Bledsoe hopes it's not due to redistricting.

"There isn't much justification for any kind of dramatic change of boundaries on the 1st House District," Bledsoe said. "I don't want it to happen."

If redistricting reflects population change, then District 1 doesn't rate much tweaking.

"My House district lost 4 percent population from 2000 to 2010," Bledsoe said. "All you need to preserve the district intact would be to add a few hundred residents of Detroit. It would continue to be a very competitive district between Democrats and Republicans that would unite all of the Grosse Pointes and Harper Woods."

Some Detroit districts lost 20 percent population.

"Clearly, those districts would require drastic boundary changes," Bledsoe said.

Strength in numbers

The political party in power gets to redraw district lines.

When Republicans creamed Democrats in the last statewide election, they didn't run to the last opponent standing and ask advice on legislative reapportionment.

"This is the most partisan process out there," Bledsoe said.

Gaffney thinks Michigan Republican lawmakers are more interested in strengthening the party than protecting a marginal majority in the Pointes.

"They look at the whole state," Gaffney said. "They protect their majority in the caucus. They're looking at maintaining Republican control in the House."

Some local GOP voices contend their party's absence from the helm of District 1 during the last two terms put the Pointes out of the picture.

"It may be that our representative isn't a Republican and, therefore, wasn't in the meetings," Nolan said. "We got ignored."

"It may have been different if I'd been the elected Republican representative of District 1," said Mary Treder Lang of the Farms.

Lang lost to Bledsoe in 2008. She remains active on the Michigan Republican Party policy committee.

"We're going to have two different House representatives," she said. "It's absurd. It's not fair to us as a community."

Gaffney's predecessor, Andrew Richner, R-Grosse Pointe Park, served during the

1990 reapportionment. Richner tried to shift the Pointes into House and Congressional districts consisting of St. Clair Shores and other Macomb County communities.

The attempt couldn't pierce a general reluctance in Lansing to draw districts across county lines.

Lang thinks now's the time to try again. She'd like the Pointes teamed with St. Clair Shores.

"It's a group with similar philosophies and beliefs," Lang said. "With Gov. (Rick) Snyder's initiatives to consolidate services and streamline functions in local government, why not keep the Pointes together and working together?"

Bledsoe said Democrats are being kept out of reapportionment meetings.

"It's being run by the majority party," he said. "I would like to be able to have input in this process."

"It's ridiculous not allowing Democrats into the room, or people who elect us into the room to make a difference," Johnson added. "So, next week, expect us (in the Senate) to scrap it out and make these districts make sense."

Rep. Pete Lund, R-Shelby Township, chairman of the House Redistricting and Elections Committee, was unavailable for comment.

Rough draft

The Pointes aren't alone.

Maps of proposed districts showed West Bloomfield split in two. Farmington Hills is separated from Farmington. Bloomfield Hills is out of the congressional seat containing Bloomfield Township.

The process is fluid. Maps issued last week were superseded by updated maps released late Monday, June 27.

"No one really knows what that final map is going to look like, but I don't think District 1 is going to look like (it did) in the initial map," Bledsoe said.

Despite the casual rule against districts crossing county lines, the Pointes face being put in a congressional seat stretching into central Oakland County.

The district extends from the shores of Lake St. Clair, west along a strip of northern Detroit beyond the Macomb County line, then north 90 degrees into Oakland County and encompassing Pontiac.

"Putting Grosse Pointe with Pontiac?" said Nolan. "What is that? Talk about crossing a county. That's crossing a couple of counties. If they're going to cross counties, put Grosse Pointe with St. Clair Shores."

"Gerrymandering is out of control as it relates to our congressional map," Johnson said.

The legislature has until Nov. 1 to adopt a redistricting plan.

Croquet — a summer 'gentleman's game' of skill

By Justin Hicks
Special Writer

This summer, the Edsel & Eleanor Ford House hosts its first croquet club, allowing people of different skill levels to form friendships while playing a game they love.

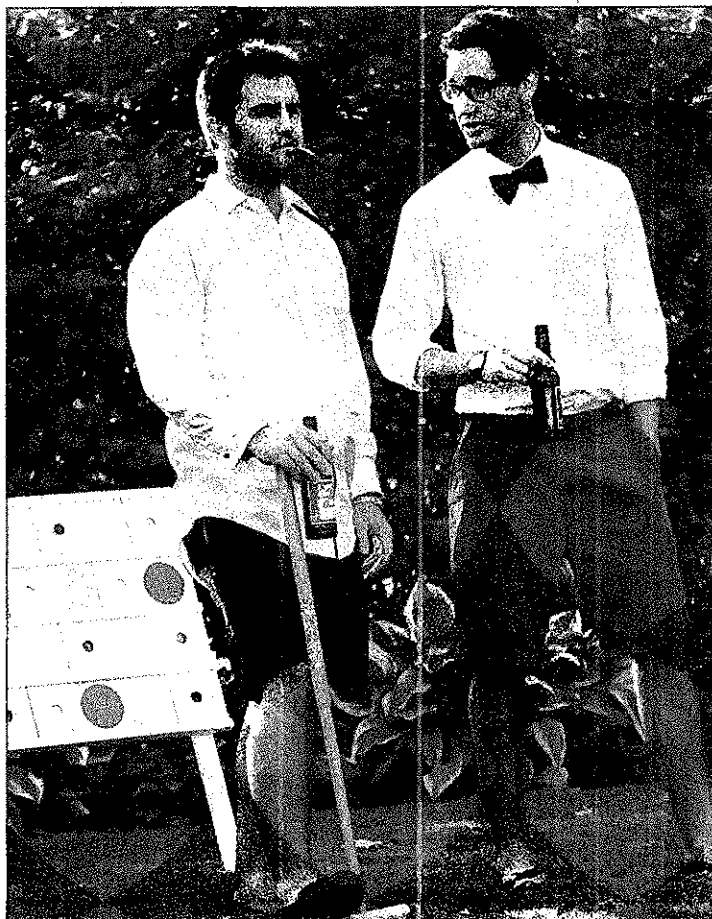
The club, made up of six teams of six players each, debuted June 1 and meets every Wednesday for six weeks.

"I've always wanted to do a croquet event at the places I've worked, but there's never been the right place," said Bernadette Banko, director of development at the Edsel & Eleanor Ford House. "When I came to the Ford House two years ago, I thought 'this is the perfect site to do the croquet event.'"

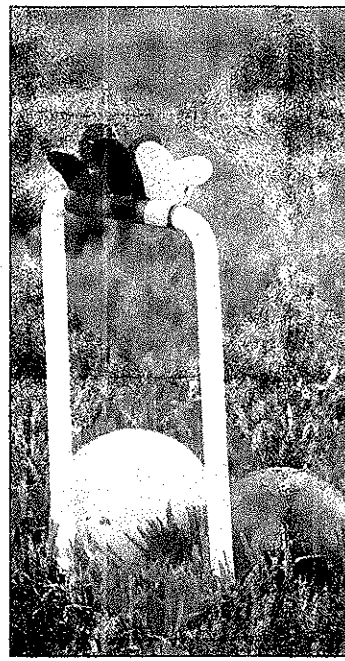
Banko gathered information on the sport and began registration, though its popularity at first was scarce. An ad caught the eye of only one croquet enthusiast.

Luckily, that one person was Pat Vintevoghel, of Grosse Pointe Shores.

Vintevoghel managed a croquet club at the old Omni



Ryan Stephens, of Grosse Pointe Farms, left and Scott Dyle, of Grosse Pointe Woods, are two of the youngest players. Bernadette Banko called croquet "a gentlemen's game."



PHOTOS BY JUSTIN HICKS

Two croquet balls set just outside a wicket. A normal playing surface is comparable to a putting green in golf, but players adjusted their game in the longer grass.

Hotel for about 15 years before it was transformed into Roberts Riverwalk Hotel and Residence in Detroit.

"I was the only one that answered her (Banko's) ad and I had an e-mail list from our old group and when she e-mailed them, people were anxious," Vintevoghel said.

Banko had to turn people away when she reached the maximum number of teams, but suggested they check back on a possible second session in July.

The game of croquet is a team sport in which each player tries to hit their colored ball through multiple arches — known as wickets — to gain points.

As an experienced croquet player, Mark Vondrak compared the game's strategy to golf and pool.

"It's a little golf and a little

pool with the angles and sending one ball into another," he said. "The game changes with every shot, and you think it's just a backyard sport, but it can become war."

There are multiple variations of the sport, but the club is set around the six-wicket professional game.

Vintevoghel suggested the pro style was the best fit for such a big group, and points out more strategy is needed for the game the pros play, as opposed to backyard croquet. With the pro style comes different equipment, which Roberts Riverwalk Hotel donated to the group.

"Robert's Riverwalk Hotel were very kind for their donation," Vintevoghel said. "It would have kind of been an expensive deal to get all these mallets, so we were very lucky."

The group of competitors range in age, background and game experience, but the atmosphere was an open learn-

ing environment at the first meeting Wednesday, June 1.

"This was my first time playing, said Marjorie Miller-Mayer, of St. Clair Shores. "I volunteer at the Ford House, which is how I heard about the club and it sounded like an interesting place to meet people."

"I learned from some of the experienced players, which really helped."

"Some (players) are seasoned and had their own mallets and some only played the backyard game and this is new to them," Banko said. "We tried to balance the teams with seasoned people and new players."

The cost to sign up a team was \$300 — or \$50 to be placed on a team. One stipulation was players must be a member of the Ford House or become a member.

All proceeds from the club benefit education programs and community outreach at the Ford House.

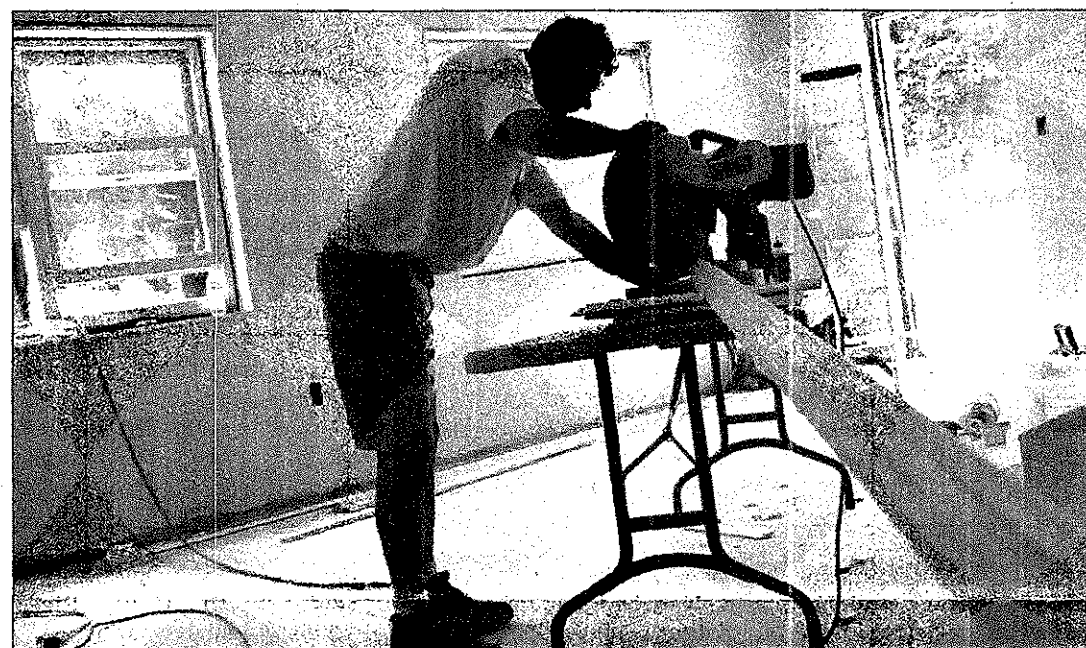


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1 1/2 weeks to go

Mike Calliea of A-Frame Construction spends Sunday, June 26, installing crown molding inside Schroeder Field House, behind Grosse Pointe Shores city hall. The privately funded building is a project of the Shores Improvement Foundation. Dedication ceremonies are scheduled from 3 to 5 p.m. Saturday, July 9, as part of the Shores centennial weekend, July 8-10. The field house complements sports and ice skating facilities at Schroeder Park and will be used as a team meeting room, gathering space and winter warming shelter. Construction is funded by donations from the improvement foundation, Eleanor V. Schroeder, Grosse Pointe Woods-Shores Little League, Grosse Pointe Soccer Association, Famous Maintenance, Marshall Landscaping and many residents.

FEATHERS: Council sticks to ordinance on pets in city

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them in their basement until early spring when they moved them to the garden shed in their backyard. The chickens are a joint project between the Thomas' and their grandchildren, who live directly behind them. All was quiet until a few weeks ago when a city worker knocked at the door to tell them the chickens had to go.

"Apparently someone had complained," Thomas said. "We had hosted a party and invited all the neighbors and none of them expressed any opposition at that time."

The council also denied their request to amend the city's ordinance.

"The ordinance is clear," said Councilman Bob Denner. "There is a process, and amending an ordinance does not happen during a city council meeting. It takes months. But the current ordinance is fairly clear and it would be difficult to pass a change based on a single circumstance."

Councilman Dan Clark agreed with Denner.

"Our current ordinance draws the line on what animals can be kept as pets," he said. "What you're doing is excluded. All of us recognize the value of what you're doing, but there is a downside and we have to protect the interests of the entire community. I'm certainly not suggesting you've done anything wrong."

The council members agreed it was best to follow the guidelines of the ordinance.

"This is where it's not fun to be a council person," James

Robson told the couple. "The grandfather in me wants to support what you want, but where will it lead? I apologize, but I cannot support you."

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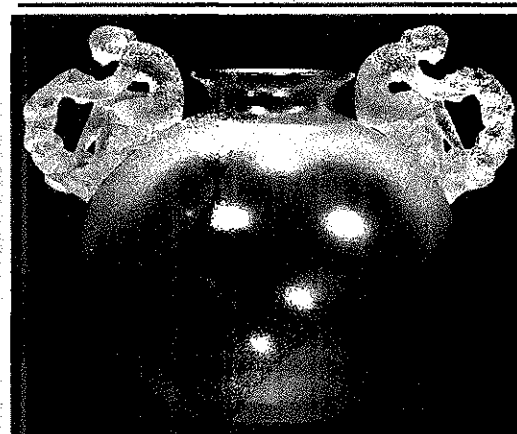
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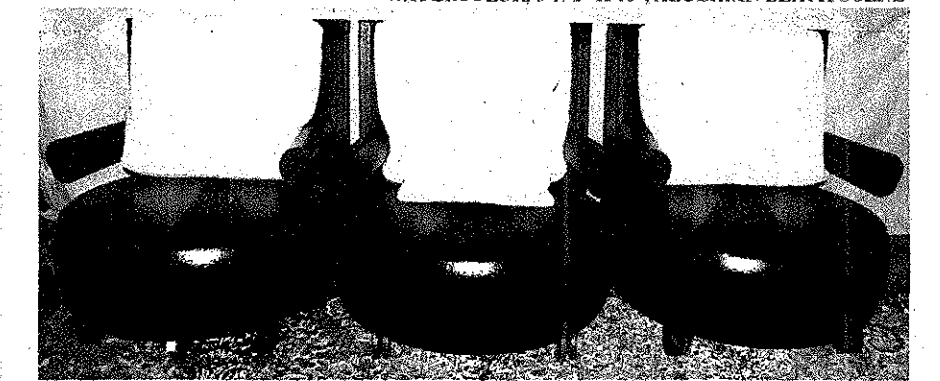
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GUEST OPINION By Rich Lowry

Our Founders, the realists

As a nation, we were extraordinarily blessed in our revolutionaries. It wasn't just that they were brave and determined. So were the avatars of revolution throughout the 20th century who wrecked nations and people. No, what makes them so wondrously distinct is they also were just and wise, grounded and always in a clear-eyed view of human nature.

"There is a degree of depravity in mankind," James Madison wrote in *The Federalist Papers*, "which requires a certain degree of circumspection and distrust." When revolutionaries talk of depravity, it is often to brand their class or ethnic enemies for destruction. Gas chambers, prison camps and killing fields inevitably follow.

The depravity of which our founders spoke was different. It ran through the hearts of all men, themselves included. It tempered their expectations of what they could, and what they should attempt to achieve. No secular millennium, no perfectly harmonious republic — because, as Madison wrote, "the latent causes of faction are sown in the nature of man."

"Enthusiasm there certainly was — a revolution is impossible without enthusiasm," Irving Kristol writes of 1776, "but this enthusiasm was tempered by doubt, introspection, anxiety, skepticism. This may strike us as a very strange state of mind in which to make a revolution; and yet it is evidently the right state of mind for making a successful revolution."

How did the founders come to know man as they did? They had broad, practical experience that exposed them to humanity in its glory and its folly: as lawyers, military officers and — especially important — legislators. Some knew hardship. Try, like Alexander Hamilton, making your way as a penniless, orphaned bastard from the West Indies and see if you don't pick up a few hard-boiled lessons about how the world works.

They read widely, knew the classics and soaked up history. John Adams studied and wrote a book about the French civil wars of the 16th century, concluding of human affairs: "Reason holds the helm, but passions are the gales." Madison undertook a yearlong study of the history of republics and confederacies prior to the writing of the Constitution.

Believing "experience is the oracle of truth," he endeavored to learn from this long, unrelieved record of failure.

The founders didn't let their view of reality get obscured by abstruse theories or sunny abstractions of the sort that perverted the French Revolution. No philosophers need apply. Instead, a residual Calvinism tinged their world view. They admired the "country" tradition in England, characterized by a deep distrust of the crown and support for republican reforms to preserve English liberties. In this tradition, the late historian, Martin Malia, writes, "men were neither rational nor naturally good," and "human government therefore invariably tended toward corruption and despotism."

In keeping with their lively view of human fallibility, our revolutionaries set about circumscribing government to limit its abuse. The Constitution wasn't quite a "miracle." It was assuredly the work of men — not just supremely talented statesmen and political thinkers, but some of the best social scientists the world has ever known.

A victory for America

The Russians have a proverb, "God hurries not, but misses not." In the case of Osama bin Laden, we may have been in a hurry, but still had to wait 10 long years since the day he crushed and incinerated thousands on our soil.

It's hard to know what the condign punishment is for such a savage act of mass murder. Getting shot in the head by U.S. forces who descend on your compound in an operation of ruthless efficiency and then jettison your corpse into the sea has to be close to the mark, though. As President Barack Obama said, simply and unassailably, "Justice has been done."

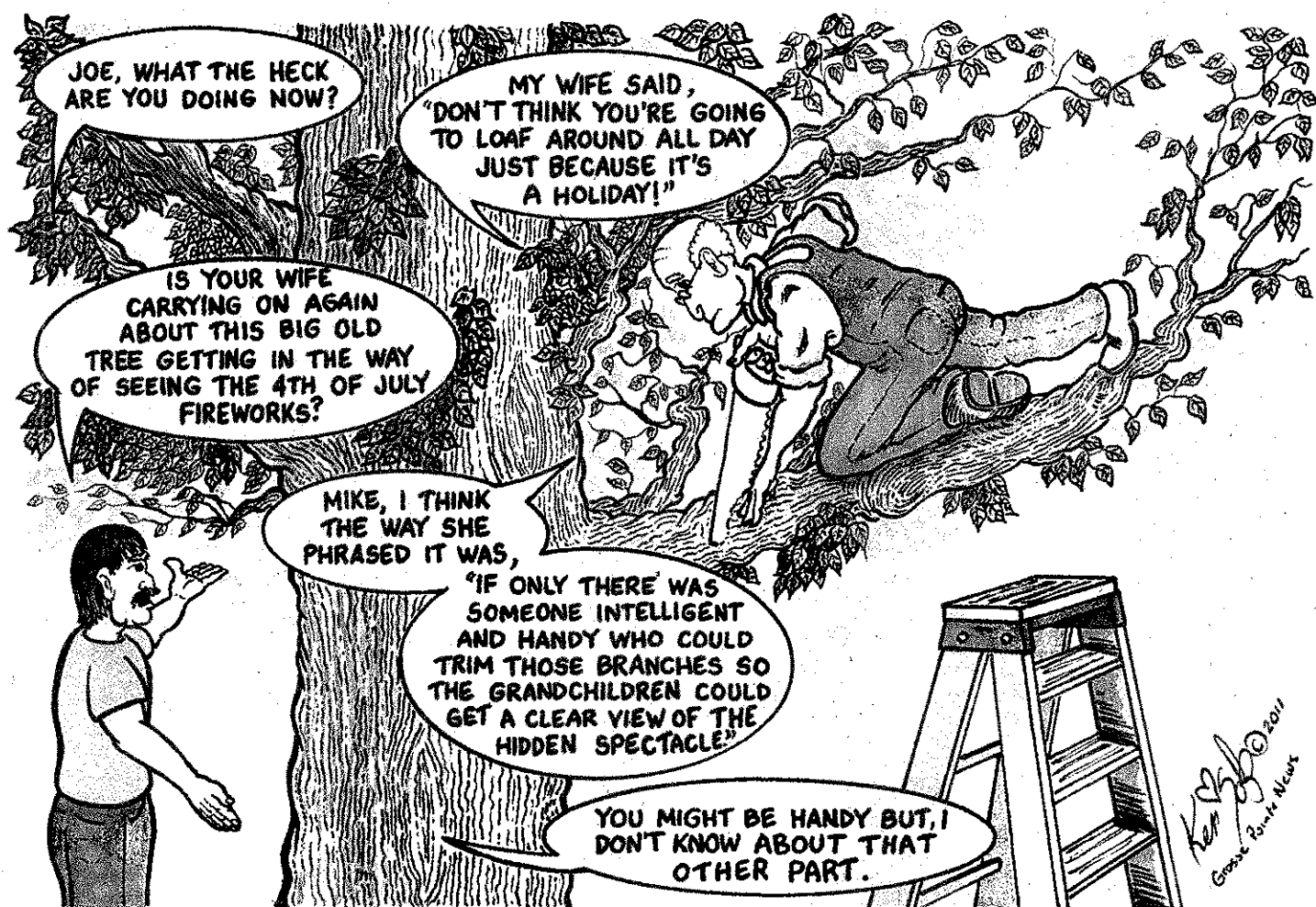
For all his medieval obscurantism, bin Laden represented a quite contemporary anti-Americanism. He turned up the intensity of critiques of America as a predatory empire popular in precincts of the left. "It wants to occupy our countries," bin Laden said when he first declared war on us, "steal our resources, impose agents on us to rule us and then wants us to agree to all this." He continued, "Wherever we look, we find the U.S. as the leader of terrorism and crime in the world."

The raid against his compound had all the hallmarks of an American operation. Even when pursuing our most infamous enemy, we took every care to know we were attacking the right house containing the right people. For us, innocent life means something. Bin Laden's comrades were reportedly cowards to the end, using a woman as a human shield.

If bin Laden truly believed we'd curl up in a fetal position after Sept. 11, or we'd ever stop hunting him, he profoundly mis-

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'Scarlet Pimpernel'

To the Editor:

My family — myself, hus-

band, parents and two teenage children — recently attended Grosse Pointe Theatre's production of "The Scarlet

Pimpernel."

We had seen the Broadway production several years ago and it was one of our favorites. So, while searching for a birthday gift for my parents, I found the Grosse Pointe News' website.

We are from Cadillac, about three and one-half hours north. I was a little hesitant to buy tickets for a community production so far away, but took the chance.

Wow, we were absolutely blown away by the quality of the production and the amazing acting and voice talents of the cast.

We enjoyed our evening tremendously. And even though we didn't get home until 2:30 a.m., we felt it was worth the trip a thousand times over.

The actor who played Chauvelin — what a voice — rivaled anyone we have seen in Broadway productions, with the actress playing Marguerite a close 2nd.

Hats off to Grosse Pointe Theatre! We will be sure to be back for more productions. Thank you for such a pleasurable evening.

KATHY KOHLER
Cadillac

GUEST OPINION By Sharon Guynup

Dirtying the waters

Republicans in Congress are aggressively attacking the Clean Water Act — a landmark 1970 law created the year after Ohio's horrifically polluted Cuyahoga River spontaneously burst into flame.

Ironically, these attacks — coupled with assaults on other federal laws protecting water resources — are being championed by Ohio freshman Rep. Bob Gibbs (R), a hog farmer-turned-Congressman who heads a key water subcommittee.

In March, Gibbs and the GOP-led House fast-tracked legislation allowing pesticide spraying over waterways without Clean Water Act permits — despite strong evidence of growing pesticide concentrations in United States waters.

Then Gibbs gathered 170 House signatures on a letter to President Barack Obama bucking reinstated U.S. waterway protections severely cut under the Bush administration. Gibbs also opposes Environmental Protection Agency efforts to clean up the Chesapeake Bay and Florida's waters.

His argument? Money. "When we're making some money," Gibbs says, "we could focus on maybe improving waterways."

True, protecting our drinking water, coastlines, lakes and rivers does cost money. But so do hospitalizations for e-coli and cancer and cognitive damage to children from mercury. Likewise, as we learned from Great Lakes dead zones and the Exxon Valdez and BP Deepwater spills, environmental remediation costs far more than prevention.

Despite that, the GOP's war against water regulation, led by Gibbs, continues to escalate. Republicans are drafting legislation that will increase sewage in public waters by granting wastewater treatment utilities "flexibility" in meeting Clean Water Act guidelines. And, Kentucky Rep. Edward Whitfield is leading a fight to delay new EPA rules limiting more than 80 toxins emitted by

the nation's 400-plus coal-burning power plants. These poisons create acid rain that leaves lakes devoid of life and loads waterways with mercury and other pollutants.

In hearings last May, coal-friendly House members and industry representatives testified against EPA mountaintop removal policy, rules that grant permits only after evaluating the impact of toxic mining waste dumped into waterways. They labeled the permitting process "an assault on Appalachian jobs." Not one scientist, health expert or local citizen was invited to testify.

In last February's budget fight, House lawmakers slashed critical EPA programs, threatening the drinking water of 117 million people and endangering thousands of waterways and wetlands. The League of Conservation Voters dubbed this "the most anti-environmental piece of legislation in recent memory."

However, another bill could have more disastrous, long-lasting impacts. Under the guise of cost-cutting, Sen. Richard Burr, R-N.C., has intro-

duced legislation merging the Department of Energy and the EPA into the Department of Energy and Environment. Such a move would absorb the cash-strapped regulatory agency into an agency that assists and advocates for big oil and coal — leaving no one guarding the henhouse, with dire consequences for U.S. drinking water and fisheries.

This anti-environment agenda, disguised as fiscal responsibility, is both payback to corporate supporters and a political statement. "Protection of the environment is now a partisan battleground," said Rep. Henry Waxman, D-Calif. "I've never been in a Congress where there was such an overwhelming disconnect between science and public policy."

It wasn't always so. It was a Republican president, Richard Nixon, who signed the Clean Water Act and created the EPA to halt rampant pollution and protect public health.

President Gerald Ford signed the Safe Drinking Water Act and Toxic Substances Control Act. For decades, water protection had wide, bipartisan sup-

port.

Even with these protections, a 2010 EPA report on America's water quality is dire: "Despite our best efforts and many local successes, our aquatic ecosystems are declining nationwide. The rate at which new waters are being listed for water quality impairments exceeds the pace at which restored waters are removed from the list." Roughly one-third of our lakes, wetlands and estuaries are polluted; 315 contaminants have been found in U.S. tap water, including lead, chromium-6, pesticides and rocket fuel.

A new Pew Poll finds 71 percent of Americans believe "this country should do whatever it takes to protect the environment."

I'm counting on Congress and Obama to do just that — by putting a stop to the relentless attacks on America's waters.

Sharon Guynup has been published in *The New York Times Syndicate*, *Scientific American*, *Popular Science*, *The Boston Globe* and *nationalgeographic.com*.

GUEST OPINION By Lesley Russell

Mind the gap

Ensuring a wide array of health care professionals working where they are most needed is a key element in health care reform.

Without more diverse and well-distributed groups of primary care doctors and specialists, nurses, dentists and other assistants and technicians, there can be no real reforms. But partisan budget fights in Congress are hindering efforts to tackle national workforce planning, and ignore the need to assess and address issues such as the shortage of primary care doctors, the regional maldistribution of health professionals, the overspecialization of physicians and the

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need for a diverse and culturally competent workforce.

These health care workforce gaps are real and growing. They must be addressed regardless of the reforms being implemented. America's 5 million health care professionals labor every day to care for their patients and they directly influence the cost and quality of health care through their diagnoses, orders, prescriptions,

treatment and preventive services.

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I SAY By Kathy Ryan

Silence is beeping golden



There used to be a time when the people who bought the machines were actually smarter than the machines they bought. That doesn't seem to be the case anymore.

I already wrote about the robotic vacuum we dubbed Mr. French that patrols the floors at Casa Ryan. It drove Abbey, the resident St. Bernard, to long for some of the brandy her ancestors carried to avalanche victims, just to calm her nerves.

You would think after all

this time she'd realize Mr. French is not out to get her, just the piles of hair she leaves behind wherever she goes.

But now I can't help but think Abbey is relishing the fact some other newly acquired appliances in the Ryan household are driving her owner to drink.

It all started with a new dishwasher, and the night I was awakened by what sounded like a truck backing up in my kitchen.

You know, that "beep, beep, beep" sound a truck makes when it goes into reverse — as if no one could see the rear end of a semi headed at them?

So with "beep, beep, beep" resonating from my kitchen, I climbed out of bed to see what all the noise was about, hopping against hope it was a truck from Pottery Barn dropping off a whole house full of new

furniture. It wasn't.

It was my new dishwasher, which I had turned on for the first time just before I had gone to bed. Apparently the annoying beeps were alerting me to the fact it was done with the dishes, as if I wouldn't have been smart enough to figure that out the next morning when I found my way into the kitchen and the machine was not running.

I yanked the door open, and the beeping stopped. Well, at least until I closed the door and the beeping started again. I yanked the door open and realized there was an on/off switch, which had to be set to off to stop the beeping.

Clearly, this was going to be a problem, as I oftentimes will turn on the dishwasher before I go to bed, which was one of the reasons why I bought one that was advertised as very

quiet.

Now, keep in mind, it's not so quiet that I can't hear it when it's running, in spite of what the designers and sales people say. I may be old, but I'm not deaf.

So, the next morning I dug out the owner's manual for the dumb thing and went about trying to find out how to turn off the annoying beeps. I finally found it, on page 18, under the "Cycle Completion Signal." Silly me, I poured over several pages looking for "annoying beep."

Unfortunately, the directions to turn off the "Cycle Completion Signal" were so unbelievably complicated that after the fifth try, I gave up. But with the owner's manual still in hand, on page 25, I found the phone number for customer service. I dialed, then proceeded to work my

way through a series of more annoying beeps until I finally reached Jack, at least that's what he said his name was.

Anyway, after an exchange of those annoying pleasantries, as when Jack said, "May I call you Kathy?" ... to which I responded, "Not until you solve my problem, Jack" — we got down to business.

I started by saying, "Can you please help me turn off ... " That's as far as I got, when he said, "Are you standing by the dishwasher? Open the door, press the ..."

He knew exactly what I was going to ask before I even asked it and walked me through a very simple solution to turning off the annoying beeps.

"This wasn't your first rodeo, was it, Jack?" I asked. He just laughed, and said, "well, no," and about 90 per-

cent of the calls he receives on a daily basis involve the annoying beep and how to turn it off.

I am not a rocket scientist, nor am I a dishwasher designer, but wouldn't it seem if that many people were calling about the annoying beeps, the dishwasher would be designed without it?

I pursued that thought with Jack and he said the company maintains its dishwasher so quiet, it needs the annoying beeps or people would never know when the washing was complete.

Well, how about just one annoying beep to indicate it's done, not an endless stream of annoying beeps until someone actually opens the dishwasher and turns it off, I inquired.

"Well, then I might be out of a job," Jack commented. Beep this, Jack.

STREETWISE By Renee Landuyt

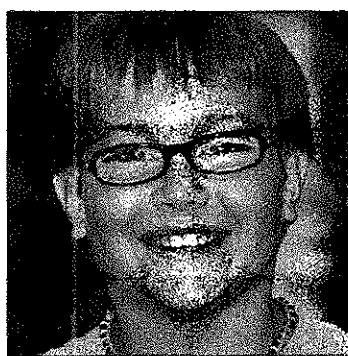
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'Swimming and playing outside with my friends.'

STEPHANIE SCHAEFER
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'Basketball because it is good exercise and you burn calories.'

NICHOLAS MARCHIORI
Grosse Pointe Woods



'I like to play baseball with my friends because we have a good time together.'

BILLY STEIGELMAN
Grosse Pointe Woods



'I like to play sports, ride a Jet Ski and skateboard on a rip stick.'

WALID KORKMAZ
Grosse Pointe Woods



'In the summer I like to rollerblade, go to the park and picnic.'

NICOLE MCCORMICK
Grosse Pointe Woods

GUEST OPINION By Paul Kersey

Does the NLRB expect ignored strikes?

The National Labor Relations Board's operations are designed to look to outsiders as if they were judicial in nature.

There's a prosecutor of sorts, the general counsel and the board's decisions read like judicial opinions. But in reality, the NLRB operates in a twilight zone — members are generally representatives of the two main political parties with the majority chosen from the president's party and the majority bloc can be relied on to reward its friends and punish its adversaries.

With a Democratic administration in Washington, expect the unions to get all the close calls. And even the ones that shouldn't be close.

This could easily backfire, with new companies afraid to locate in heavily unionized states such as Michigan, knowing the law will make it harder for them to expand elsewhere.

At the end of March, the general counsel brought up a complaint against aircraft manufacturer Boeing for its decision to open up a new assembly line for its 787 "Dreamliner" in North Charleston, SC. The original line at Boeing's Puget Sound plant in the state of Washington remains open, but that line has been shut down by two lengthy strikes called by the International Association of Machinists over the last six years. Boeing is hedging its bets by setting up a second line for the popular aircraft at a non-union shop in a state with right-to-work protections for employees. The complaint alleges that Boeing's actions constituted illegal discrimination against union workers.

On the surface the prosecution has a case. It's fairly clear labor relations were a factor in Boeing's decision to set up shop in South Carolina. The NLRB is supposed to prevent

The National Labor Relations Act is vague about what companies and unions are actually allowed to do.

employers from discriminating against employees who engage in "protected activities," such as joining unions and going on strike.

But to say Boeing cannot take notice of troubled labor relations at Puget Sound as it makes plans to build more airplanes, is to say Boeing must make itself more vulnerable to a strike, and arguably punishes the South Carolina workers for their apparent preference to remain non-union. Boeing's South Carolina workers have the right to refrain from unionizing, too, and the NLRB is supposed to protect their rights as well.

It doesn't help matters everyone is dealing with a statute, the National Labor Relations Act, that is vague about what

companies and unions are actually allowed to do. Unionized workers in Puget Sound still have steady jobs, but there will be less work for them, fewer jobs and less overtime, than there might have been. Is this discrimination? As Robert Verbruggen points out in a recent article at National Review, the general counsel's complaint against Boeing "comes out of left field," but it's still in line with "the murky words of the law itself," leaving Boeing subject to the caprices of a politicized labor board.

The IAM's wisdom has been dubious, especially from the workers' perspective. The 2005 strike lasted 28 days. The 2008 strike lasted eight weeks, and according to The New York Times, workers missed out on

\$7,000 in base pay. The Seattle Times accounts of the strike are vague as to whether or not workers benefited much from the walkout. For its part, Boeing likely lost \$2 billion on account of the strike.

If the National Labor Relations Board opts to punish Boeing for setting up shop in South Carolina, the likely result will be that employers are hamstrung by radicalized union officials, while union officials will be in a position to call strikes with near impunity, giving little regard to benefits for workers or damage to employers.

There are those who argue the ultimate purpose of this whole NLRB effort is to put the

right-to-work movement and less unionized states at a disadvantage by preventing companies from creating new jobs in those states.

The most likely result is everyone loses. If there's one thing a struggling American economy does not need, it's the further empowerment of radical union officials and the disruption of more strikes.

Congress should be looking for ways to rein in the National Labor Relations Board and ensure employers are free to protect themselves from strikes called by radical union officials.

Paul Kersey is director of labor policy at the Mackinac Center for Public Policy.

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needs. That is certainly already true for those Americans who live in medically underserved areas.

There must be a national effort to ensure appropriate education and training of up-and-coming health care professionals. Why? Because experts across the political spectrum recognize health care services need to be more focused on prevention, the better management of chronic conditions and a multidisciplinary team approach to delivering integrated physical and behavioral care.

All these reasons are why the Affordable Care Act creat-

ed a National Health Care Workforce Commission. It takes more than a decade to train a doctor, which is why the commission is charged with looking at the national needs out into the future, as much as 25 years ahead. This expert body will:

- ◆ Serve as a national resource for Congress, the president, and states and localities.
- ◆ Communicate and coordinate with federal departments.
- ◆ Develop and commission evaluations of education and training activities.
- ◆ Identify barriers to improved coordination at the federal, state and local levels, and recommend ways to address them.
- ◆ Encourage innovations that address population needs and changing technologies.

The 15 members of the commission were appointed by the Government Accountability Office in September 2010. The

first report was due in April. But they have not been able to undertake any activities — not even to convene, converse or hire staff — because the money needed to do this has not been appropriated.

At issue here is \$3 billion for important planning and oversight work that used to enjoy bipartisan support. This is a trivial sum compared to the federal funding provided for health care workforce development, which currently amounts to \$12 billion per year through Medicare and Medicaid and \$530 million through the Health Resources and Services Administration. Now it is held hostage to conservative demands over the budget and their disdain for health care reforms.

Having voted to repeal the entire Affordable Care Act, the Republican-led House majority is now pushing to include in the budget a requirement that

no taxpayer dollars will be directed to fund the new law.

The House repeal efforts would also abolish or defund other key strategies for addressing impending health workforce shortages such as scholarship programs for medical students to train in primary care and work in underserved areas, and financial incentives for these primary care providers.

A National Health Care Workforce Commission can ensure our nation's investment in the education and distribution of health professionals is a public good, of the highest quality and accountable for better performance on clear and measurable outcomes.

It's time for lawmakers to support this critical work.

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judged our national character. Our manhunt for him was relentless and meticulous, building rather than winding down over the years, as we slowly put together the pieces to track down his courier and then him.

The effort stretched across two administrations, with both George W. Bush and Obama making contributions. The much-reviled interrogation program at Guantanamo Bay turned up crucial information, and to his credit, Obama ordered a risky, honest-to-goodness raid of bin Laden's compound for the sake of definitiveness.

President Bush eventually regretted saying he wanted bin Laden "dead or alive." In the relief and joy at the terror mastermind's dispatch, though, it seemed Bush had gotten American sentiment about right. There's enough Jacksonianism left in this country that we can relish some old-fashioned score-settling. As one jubilant handmade sign said outside the White House, "Osama bin gotten."

We'll learn more about what the Pakistanis knew, but it's suggestive bin Laden's conspicuously secure, \$1 million compound was so close to a prestigious Pakistani military academy and we hit it without a heads up to the Pakistan government. If we'll go after bin Laden without Pakistan's permission, why not the Quetta headquarters of the Taliban that is fighting an active war against us across the border in Afghanistan?

A superpower should be stalwart with its friends and dangerous to its enemies. We have failed both ends of that test recently. For now, at least, we've again proven ourself dangerous to our enemy, indeed.

Rich Lowry is editor of the National Review.

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Academy head of school retires

The Grosse Pointe Academy Board of Trustees recognized Head of School Phil Demartini for his service to the school at a reception June 7. Demartini announced his departure from the school in October. He was head of school from 2001-2011. The board presidents who served during Demartini's tenure presented him with a plaque commemorating his service. From left, Michael Fisher, Pat West, Demartini, current president Chuck Becker and Bret Wacker.

Board trims search to three

By A.J. Hakim
Staff Writer

Three candidates remain in the search for the next Grosse Pointe Public School System superintendent.

One semifinalist withdrew and another underwhelmed in his interview with the board of education.

All three finalists — Michael (Jon) Dean, Tom Harwood and Richard Machesky — hold similar positions and share connections with the district.

Dean, assistant superintendent for human resources in Birmingham Public Schools, resides in Grosse Pointe Woods and has two children at Ferry Elementary School.

Machesky, assistant superintendent for secondary instruction in the Troy School District, left his residence in Grosse Pointe seven years ago when hired at Saginaw Valley University. His two youngest children attended Kerby Elementary School.

Harwood is assistant superintendent for human resources and labor relations for Grosse Pointe schools.

Dean advanced on a 5-2 vote, Machesky 7-0 and Harwood 4-3.

The fourth semifinalist, Paul Long, of the Pennsbury School District in Fallsington, Penn., failed to impress board members during his interview and wasn't considered for a vote.

The fifth candidate, Vincent Cotter, of the Colonial School District in Plymouth Meeting, Penn., withdrew prior to his inter-

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Board approves 2011-2012 budget

By A.J. Hakim
Staff Writer

In meeting the June 30 deadline, the Grosse Pointe schools board of education approved Monday a budget for the 2011-2012 school year, tie-barring it to two proposals involving re-

ductions to staff and small increases in class size.

Despite the approval, the board intends to discuss further options to limit the impact of reductions.

The proposals, accounting for \$2.2 million, coincide with the district's desire to maintain

a \$10 million (10 percent) fund equity.

Board treasurer Brendan Walsh acknowledged the fundamental question surrounding all public schools regarding budgets: "Will you try to reduce staff and other expenses in the face of cost increases

and shrinking revenue, or acknowledge your district requires current staff levels to deliver programs the community prefers, thus, adjusting staff unit costs?"

In the budget's current state, without adding either proposal, the fund equity is anticipat-

ed to drop to \$7.8 million from its current \$13.7 million balance.

The \$5.9 million difference is the result of a \$4.3 million reduction to balance the budget and \$1.6 million in retirement incentives.

Under current contract agreements, all staff must take a pay cut to make up for the shortage in the fund equity balance.

That is, unless the board includes each proposal as a means to balance the budget, down \$2 million from last year. The decrease is due to a 46-student drop in blended enrollment, \$300 less per pupil in the state foundation allowance and a 3.8 percent increase in retirement rates.

Proposal 1 encompasses

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Franchett named principal of Maire

By A.J. Hakim
Staff Writer

Upon hearing the news, Sonja Franchett and her husband celebrated with dinner at their favorite restaurant and shared a dance afterward on the playground outside Maire Elementary School.

The school to which, earlier that day, she was selected as new principal, replacing Kathleen Satut, who recently announced her retirement after 11 years as principal.

Franchett was a third-grade teacher at Trombly Elementary School prior to her promotion.

"(Tom) Harwood called me

at school and told me," Franchett said via e-mail. "He told me to tell (my husband) to take me out for a nice dinner that night. So, we did just that."

Franchett moved to Grosse Pointe from Minnesota in 1986 to be with her future husband, who took a job as an engineer at General Motors.

Her husband, Mark, moved to Grosse Pointe a year earlier and lived with a college roommate.

"Naturally, I decided to live here, also, when I arrived a year later," Franchett said. "We both loved the beauty of the area and Lake St. Clair. Hearing the freighters at night

was so amazing."

Upon her arrival, she applied to districts across Metropolitan Detroit and was hired at Monteith Elementary School.

And so began her more than 20 years teaching in the district.

During her tenure at Grosse Pointe public schools, Franchett taught multiple grade levels (first through fifth grade) at five of the nine elementary schools, including one year at Maire. She also raised two children, sending them to Maire, Defer Elementary School, Pierce Middle School and Grosse Pointe South.

She recently participated in the Galileo Leadership Consortium of Southeastern Michigan, a teacher leadership program held at Oakland University.

A new cadre of four to five teachers is selected to join the bi-annual program, which consists of about 100 participants across Southeast Michigan.

In conjunction with Galileo, Oakland University offers an educational specialist degree program that Franchett pursued.

"It was literally life-changing, as we examined all aspects of leadership concerning educational issues, how

'change systems' work within schools and our own personal leadership styles," Franchett said of the leadership consortium.

"The participants are all dynamic, inspirational, creative and problem-solving, so there is great energy within the program."

Franchett and her family also spent two years in Germany while her husband worked for Opel Car Company in Russelsheim. While there, Franchett was a parent volunteer and substitute teacher for the Wiesbaden International School.

Her children also attended the school.

"It was an amazing experience for all of us," Franchett said.

"One that we still talk about."

Franchett has a bachelor's degree in elementary education from the University of Minnesota and a master's degree in curriculum and instruction from the University of St. Thomas in Minnesota.

"Overall, I am quite excited about this new job and look forward to meeting all the students, parents and teachers," Franchett said.

"Maire is an excellent school and there are lots of amazing opportunities ahead for all of us."

Finalists: reception, second interviews scheduled July 11,12

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view due to an illness in the family.

During the interviews, conducted individually over a two-day period, the board asked each candidate 18 questions regarding interest in the position; relationships with board members, staff, teachers and the community; challenges encountered; a candidate's role in improvements in his district; and his stance on all aspects of education.

The candidates each spoke of a 90-day entry plan, outlining the importance of the first 90 days of becoming superintendent.

Dean focused on three goals — engage (building relation-

ships), learn (understanding the Grosse Pointe system) and advocate (serve as the chief spokesman of the district) — regarding his three-prong approach to a successful system that includes dynamics, collaboration and transparency.

"I thought Mr. Dean was very well-spoken," board trustee Tom Jakubiec said.

"I was impressed with his opening that really brought his message forward. And I was encouraged to hear more about the 21st Century learning initiative he spoke of and his perspective on relationships and the 'how' part of teaching."

Harwood's approach involved eight steps — defining reality, respect and honor traditions, establish collaborative re-

lationships, enhance community relationships and partnerships, construct instructional practices that provide learning through the eyes and minds of students, providing a shared vision, core values and motivation for stakeholders, encouraging conversation about instruction and continuous communication.

"I was very interested in what he said," board trustee Cynthia Pangborn said. "I was unaware of the depth and experience that he's had prior to coming to our school system."

Machesky emphasized developing, nurturing and sustaining relationships, as well as community involvement and maintaining visibility within the community.

While developing Troy's recent budget, he said he held several focus groups and forums to include the community in the discussions.

He also spoke of his involvement in increasing student access to honors, accelerated and advanced placement courses as a means of preparing a wider base of college-ready students.

"I think Dr. Machesky was very well-spoken and was very energetic and portrayed self motivation that will do well for him in whatever capacity he's voted in," Jakubiec said.

"He's a person I'd like to learn more about, more specifics about what he's done, the kinds of agreements he's made and the organizational involvement outside the district."

A second set of interviews is scheduled for 7 p.m. July 11 and 12 at Grosse Pointe South's auditorium. Each session is preceded by a community reception at 6 p.m. in South's student commons to enable candidates to interact with the public in an informal setting.

St. Paul kindergarten, eighth grade graduate

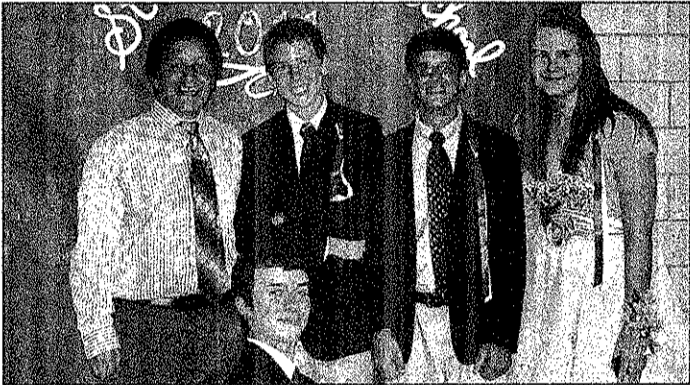


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Top, St. Paul on the Lake Catholic School held its eighth-grade graduation and honors ceremony Mass June 6. Erin Voci received the Principal's Award and Jack Kuchta, the Red and Ann Browning Spirit Award. Graduates received red and white ribbons at the ceremony, a tradition in Catholic schools. From left, Max Gamero, Jack Kuchta, Robert Gazall, Emily Zink and G.R. Dulac.

Above, the next morning, kindergarten graduation was in the school gymnasium. Front row, from left, Carlos Abundis III, Reid Bierkle and Olivia Boyer display their diplomas.

Budget: 'We aren't going to be able to cut our way out.'

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'cuts to classroom assistants (5), secretarial staff (4), technology staff (1), custodial staff (1.5), curriculum specialists (1.6) and non-mandated special education assistants (4), resulting in a \$1 million savings.

Proposal 2 includes further reductions to the elementary resource center (2 teachers); rejecting the proposed change in elementary scheduling (2.2 teachers); not addressing enrollment at designated "hot spots" at Defer, Ferry, Maire and Richard elementary schools and Parcels Middle School; eliminating two all-day kindergarten sections (2 teachers); and reducing section options, in so doing, raising class sizes in high school (4 teachers).

Such reductions save the district \$1.2 million.

"We aren't going to be able to cut our way out of this," board

president John Steininger said. "The use of fund equity in our current financial situation is clearly warranted. It remains only for the amount to be determined. But given (the government's) long-term goal and objective of bringing contractual costs, statewide, back into line, we must assume there will be more manipulation and more pressure brought upon local districts to implement and comply with future and often Draconian-style cuts.

"To utilize a large percentage of our fund equity, built up over decades, would, in my opinion, be foolish and present an unbearable burden on our staff in two years. That would be unsustainable by our staff."

Other highlights from the board meeting:

- According to the human resources department, Parcels

Middle School principal Mark Mulholland announced his retirement after the first semester of the 2011-2012 school year.

- Trombly Elementary School third-grade teacher Sonja Franchett was named principal at Maire Elementary School. (See related story, page 2A II)
- By a 4-2 vote, the board defeated a motion to institute a Head Start program at Poupard Elementary School.
- The board approved bids to renovate Grosse Pointe North's (Bernco, Inc., \$87,900) and

South's life skills rooms (Diversified Construction, \$100,645) and South's hot water repairs (Denny's Heating and Cooling, \$120,320).

- The board tabled a motion to approve a contract with EduStaff to construct a more favorable contract.
- Approval of a revamped elementary scheduling is pending as a result of current budget issues.

The schedule calls for additional staffing to account for turning Spanish into a year-round, four-day-a-week class.

City of **Grosse Pointe Farms**, Michigan

HOLIDAY RUBBISH COLLECTION

There will be no residential collection on Monday, July 4, 2011. All residential rubbish will be one day late.

Friday's residential rubbish routes will be collected on Saturday, July 9, 2011.

Tuesday's and Friday's Commercial Rubbish routes are on schedule.

Thank You,
G.P.N.: 6/30/2011 **DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS**

City of **Grosse Pointe Woods**, Michigan

CITY COUNCIL NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the City Council of the City of Grosse Pointe Woods will hold a public hearing under the provisions of Michigan Compiled Laws, Sections 125.3101 through 125.3702 as amended, to consider the following:

An application for site plan review and special land use submitted by University Liggett School for renovations to the Cook Road Campus at 1045 Cook Road. The current exterior footprint of the existing buildings will not change, except for a minor connection to the existing Ford Gym. The property is located in the Community Facilities Zoning District.

The hearing is scheduled for Monday, July 18, 2011 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.

Lisa Kay Hathaway, MMC
City Clerk
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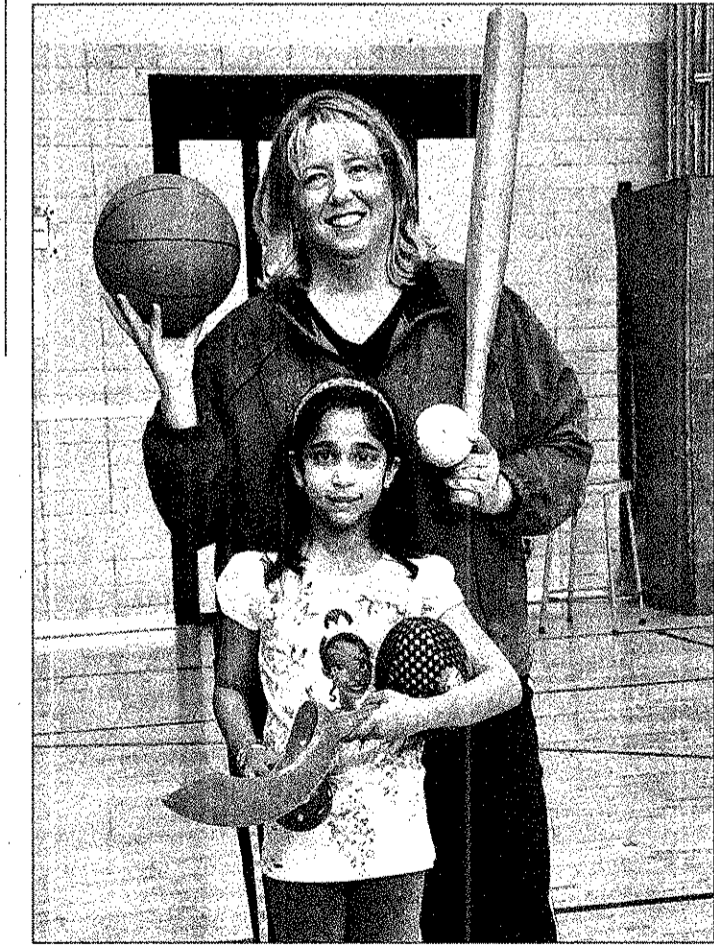


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Ferry Elementary School physical education teacher Nicol Brumme with second-grader, Meena Pandrangi, who nominated her.

City of **Grosse Pointe Woods**, Michigan

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Council will be considering the following proposed ordinance for adoption at its meeting scheduled for Monday, July 11, 2011, at 7:30 p.m. in the Council Room of the Municipal Building. The proposed ordinance is available for public inspection at the Municipal Building, 20025 Mack Plaza, between 8:30 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. The above Council meeting is open to the public. All interested persons are invited to attend.

An Ordinance amending Chapter 2, Administration, Article IV Employee Benefits, by adding new sections 2-326 through 2-350 to provide for the establishment of a retiree health care benefits plan and trust.

Lisa K. Hathaway, MMC
City Clerk
G.P.N.: 06/30/2011

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

This week, it's Ferry Elementary School physical education teacher Nicol Brumme.

She was nominated by second-grader Meena Pandrangi: "The reason I am nominating Nicol Brumme is because she is a great physical education teacher. She gives us great exercising tips, but not just for me and my class, the whole school. Nicol Brumme gives all of us great exercising tips.

"She even makes an ice cream out of tennis balls and tennis ball cans. You can be with three friends and be in line together, have the same T-shirt and someone can be an assistant with her. She is the greatest P.E. teacher ever."

Years at the Grosse Pointe Woods school: I have taught elementary physical education at Ferry for the last 17 years.

Previous work: I have taught in Grosse Pointe for 20 years. I started right out of college. I worked my first three years in the middle schools (Parcells, Brownell and Pierce), teaching health and physical education. I have also been a traveling P.E. teacher throughout my 20 years at many of the elementary schools, including Ferry, Mason, Poupard, Kerby, Maire and Trombly.

Why did you become a teacher: Many reasons drove me to become a teacher. First, I could not see myself at a desk working. Secondly, I loved babysitting and working with younger children. Thirdly, I worked with chil-

dren with disabilities while going to Michigan State University in my free time. Lastly, I worked at a sporting goods store throughout high school and college summers.

If you wrap all those career opportunities into one, it makes a great recipe for a physical education teacher.

What do you enjoy most about teaching: Teaching is very rewarding because you can see the happiness every-day in your students' eyes. Most everyone loves P.E. Parents say, 'the day children have P.E. is the day they do not have a problem getting their kids up for school.'

I have fun all day long with my students. My job is the greatest.

What is your favorite activity for students: My favorite activity is teaching my Reindeer Games unit. It is the most special time of the year (Christmas), and the children are so excited to be a part of a reindeer team and do different activities that are based around winter sports and Christmas-themed activities. Imagine, in the gym we have: snowfort building, snowball throwing at icicle targets, speed skating, bob sledding, elf express sleigh rides, Christmas shopping, "How the Grinch Stole Christmas" activities and many more.

How do you feel about being nominated: I was very proud to be nominated by Meena Pandrangi. It's quite an honor being a 'specials teacher,' not a regular classroom teacher. It was very humbling to think Meena saw me as a positive role model for my students.

—A.J. Hakim

OBITUARIES

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

Jacqueline Brown Caskey

City of Grosse Pointe resident Jacqueline Brown Caskey, 86, died peacefully Saturday, June 25, 2011, at her home.

She was born March 7, 1925, in New Haven, Conn. to Madeline Sayward Crossely Brown and Kendrick Benjamin Brown. She and her family moved to the Grosse Pointe area in her early teens.

She attended Grosse Pointe High School and graduated with an associates degree from Bradford Junior College in Haverhill, Mass. She was married in 1945 in New York City to Joseph Walter Caskey, who predeceased his wife in March 1999.

Jackie, as she was known by family and friends alike, was an avid golfer and bridge player. She enjoyed bowling at the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club, as well as the Country Club of Detroit. She enthusiastically attended performances of the Grosse Pointe Theatre, the Fisher Theatre, as well as the Detroit Opera Company.

As a devoted volunteer in the metro Detroit area for more than 40 years, Mrs. Caskey was not only a past president of the Detroit Junior League, she assisted in the presentation of and participated in the Junior League's follies with her husband and many friends.

In addition to the Junior League, Mrs. Caskey served as president of Sigma Gamma Association and was active in Ibex, Libri, Grosse Pointe Garden Club as well as a member of Christ Church Grosse Pointe and the Country Club of Detroit.

Mrs. Caskey is survived by her sister, Beverly Brown (Willard) Kerr of Walloon Lake; her daughter, Cynthia Nichols (Philip) Sawyer of North Hills, Calif.; son, Joel Reynolds (Janet) Caskey of Auburn Hills; grandchildren, Catherine McLeod Caskey (Eric) Fox of Grand Rapids, Elizabeth Reynolds Caskey of Denver, Emily Nichols Caskey of Battle Creek and Matthew Alan Sawyer and Kimberly Anne Sawyer of North Hills and great-granddaughter, Makenzie Elizabeth Fox.

A celebration of her life will be held at a future date at Christ Church Grosse Pointe.

Louise Langdon Brown

Louise May Langdon "Sally" Brown, 94, passed away Friday, April 22, 2011, in Sarasota, Fla.

She grew up on a farm in central Michigan. The rural sense of community and religious values learned there fostered in her a passion for social service, for assisting in the continuing development of a healthy and diverse society for everyone, regardless of race, creed, sexual orientation or economic class.

She found in her husband of 47 years, the late Andrew W. L. Brown, an ideal soul mate in her ongoing commitment to social justice and equal opportunity. She worked intermittently throughout their marriage, making sure to devote some years to the early lives of each of her four children.

Mrs. Brown was employed by the Merrill-Palmer Institute for 17 years and then the Neighborhood Services Organization in the Brewster Douglass Comprehensive Services Project. In 1972, she became the first director of the Detroit/Wayne County Child Care Coordinating Council. She lectured on child care at the University of Michigan with a joint appointment in the School of Social Work and the College of Education. She served as the director of the Council on Early Childhood at Wayne State University for 10 years. It was during those years she founded the Neighborhood Family

Resource Centers. She retired from this position, but was asked to return to WSU to become the first director of the Skillman Center for Children.

Mrs. Brown was also a founder of the Grosse Pointe Human Relations Council and first president of the Committee for Open Housing, working to end housing discrimination in Detroit.

Mrs. Brown served as president of the Grosse Pointe Unitarian Church. She sponsored an early effort to dramatize the needs of single parents and their children at a national conference. She won a contract and administered a two-year Michigan Department of Social Services statewide day-care training project, training 40 percent of the state's day-care providers. With American cultural anthropologist Margaret Mead, she organized a symposium for city of Detroit department heads.

In 1968, along with others including Coretta Scott King, Mrs. Brown received the Women of Conscience Award from the National Council of Women. The Detroit City Council offered a testimonial resolution in 1976 for her service on behalf of children and families. In 1979, she received the Child Advocate Award of the International Year of the Child. In 1988, she was inducted into the Michigan Women's Hall of Fame.

In addition to her four children, Cameron, Heather, Douglas and Grant, Mrs. Brown is survived by her sister, Dorothy Langdon Yates; 12 grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

A memorial service will be held at 3 p.m. Thursday, July 28, at the Grosse Pointe Unitarian Church, 17150 Maumee Ave., Grosse Pointe. Burial will follow in Hubbardston at 2 p.m. July 29. Contact Douglas Brown at (989) 981-6879 for more information.

Donations may be made to Wayne State University with the statement Early Childhood Centers on the memo line of the check and sent to Anna Miller, 243 Education, Wayne State University, Detroit MI 48202.

Sylvia Landuyt

Grosse Pointe Park resident Sylvia Landuyt, 76, passed away Wednesday, June 22, 2011.

She leaves behind family and friends who will deeply miss her.

She is survived by her husband, Richard to whom she was married 58 years; her six children, Rick (Andrea) Landuyt, Renee Landuyt, Shelley Wagner, Sue (John) Glover, Dave (Helen) Landuyt and Steven (Michael) Landuyt; three brothers; nine grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

Mrs. Landuyt attended Wayne State University where she studied behavioral science and art. She was an accomplished artist, winning first place for her sculpture at the Grosse Pointe Art Center and was a children's book author.

She was politically active throughout her life. In the 1960s, she was an active member of Another Mother for Peace and Focus Hope, marched for civil rights in downtown Detroit, was invited to the inauguration of John F. Kennedy, traveled down south with her family during the summer to teach Bible school and was a Democratic campaign manager in the 1970s. She could be found actively campaigning for local candidates as well.

Mrs. Landuyt's involvement extended to her religion and church. She was actively involved in the DeColores Ministries, as well as prison ministries, taught catechism at St. Ambrose Catholic Church, was in a leadership role with Christian Family Movement and was a member of the

Daughters of the King for many years.

She was involved with the St. Ambrose players and produced "Godspell" along with other productions. She owned her own diet counseling business and was a Grosse Pointe Realtor for many years.

Mrs. Landuyt was a 31-year breast cancer survivor and when first diagnosed, she lived a macrobiotic lifestyle and used visualization to help her heal.

A funeral Mass was celebrated June 27 at St. Ambrose Catholic Church.

Donations may be made to Beaumont Hospice and sent to Beaumont Foundation, P.O. Box 5802, Troy, MI 48007.

Jacqueline Dieckmann

Grosse Pointe Farms resident Jacqueline Dieckmann, 66, died Thursday, June 23, 2011.

She was the beloved wife of Paul; dear mother of Jeannette (Paul) VanPutten, Cynthia (Mervin) Gillenkirk-Steanhouse and Michael; dear stepmother of Melissa Dieckmann and Erica Lapham. She also is survived by six grandchildren. She was the dear sister of Marjorie Espy, William Wismer and Elizabeth Wismer.

A memorial service will be held at a later date.

Donations may be made to the American Diabetes Association at diabetes.org or to The Henry Ford and Greenfield Village Museum at thehenryford.org.

Thomas Miller

Life-long Grosse Pointe resident and Detroit automotive and trucking industry executive Thomas Miller, 72, died Sunday, June 26, 2011, at his Grosse Pointe Park home. He was an alumnus of Grosse Pointe University School, class of 1957, and The University of Michigan.

During his 50-year business career, Mr. Miller was a district manager for Ford Motor Co.; dealer/principal of Fernwood Dodge; vice president of marketing for E & L Transport/Transco Inc.; and vice president of customer service for Nu Car Carriers Inc. More recently, he was an owner-partner of Vehicle Logistics Solutions LLC, prior to the sale of his interest in the company and retirement in 2006.

Mr. Miller was a past president of the Michigan Automobile Dealers Association and a board member of the Michigan Independent Automobile Dealers Association. He sat on the University Liggett School alumni board until his death and for many years was a director of Goodwill Industries of Greater Detroit. He also was a board member with the U.S. Selective Service System for this region.

Mr. Miller was a member of the Detroit Athletic Club, the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club and the Sigma Alpha Eta fraternity, and a life member of Christ Church Grosse Pointe, where as a child he was a choir boy.

At his leisure, Mr. Miller enjoyed entertaining his family and friends, vacationing in Northern Michigan and Florida, boating, traveling, ocean cruises, restoring classic cars, collecting automotive and Americana memorabilia and reading.

Mr. Miller is survived by his loving wife of 36 years, Barbara; daughter, Laura Thornton; sons, Andrew (Laura) and Timothy; nephews, Garry, Mark, Trent and Todd Brooks; five grandchildren, three great-grandchildren, many beloved cousins and many wonderful friends.

Visitation will be held from 3 to 8 p.m. Thursday, June 30, at Verheyden Funeral Home, 16300 Mack Ave., Grosse Pointe Park.



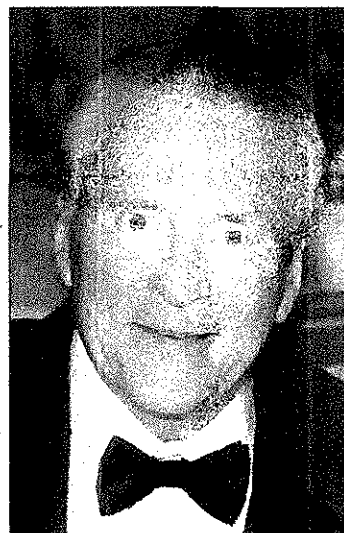
Jacqueline Brown Caskey



Louise Langdon Brown



Sylvia Landuyt



Thomas Miller



Gwen M. Ohman



Lori Michelle Sklarski

A funeral service will be held at 1 p.m. Friday, July 1, at Christ Church Grosse Pointe, 61 Grosse Pointe Blvd., Grosse Pointe Farms.

Donations may be made to Junior Group of Goodwill at goodwilletroit.org or Hospice of Michigan at hom.org.

Gwen M. Ohman

Longtime Grosse Pointe Woods resident Gwedolyn M. "Gwen" Ohman died at home Saturday, June 11, 2011, following a joyous 90th birthday celebration with extended family and friends at the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club, Friday, June 10.

Born June 10, 1921, in Moline, Ill., to Swedish and Norwegian immigrants, Erik Henning Gustafson and Mildred Hansen Gustafson, Mrs. Ohman considered herself a native Detroit, since she moved to Detroit before her first birthday.

She graduated from Southeastern High School in 1939, attended Wayne State University for two years before transferring to Augustana College in Rock Island, Ill., where she earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in psychology in 1943. She returned home to teach kindergarten, then auditorium at Columbus school in Detroit. While at Columbus, she and her co-auditorium teacher wrote, choreographed, developed costumes and produced a play commemorating Detroit's 250th birthday, including every child from kindergarten through eighth grade.

She married Carl Peter Ohman Oct. 21, 1950, in Joliet, Ill., and moved into a new home in Grosse Pointe Woods in May 1951, designed and built by her architectural engineer husband, where she lived the remainder of her life. She left full-time teaching to raise

her family, but continued to substitute teach throughout Detroit.

Active in church and community, Mrs. Ohman served as president of Priscilla Circle, chair of numerous Swedish Lucia pageants and mother-daughter banquets and treasurer of the Women's Guild for more than 30 years at Immanuel Lutheran Church on Detroit's east side.

In her later years, she was a member of Amity and Hope Circle and served on the Evangelism committee at First English Lutheran Church in Grosse Pointe Woods. Mrs. Ohman also served on the PTA, volunteered for Meals on Wheels and at Grosse Pointe North High School's Learning Resource Center.

She enjoyed 70-plus year friendships with women she met in intermediate, high school and college, forming Pi Delta Chi Sorority. Her sorority traveled together throughout their 20s, later enjoying dinner and cards with husbands at each other's homes every month.

A member of Crescent Sail Yacht Club since 1975, she also loved her "Crescent Girls," serving as co-chairwoman of the Regatta Cocktail Party, then co-chairwoman of the Regatta Luncheon for more than 30 years.

She was the loving and devoted mother of Diann Gwen Ohman of Grosse Pointe Woods. She was predeceased by her infant son, David Carl (Diann's twin), who died a day after birth in October 1955; and husband, Carl Peter, who died in December 2003.

A memorial service was held June 16 at First English Lutheran Church in Grosse Pointe Woods.

Donations may be made to First English Lutheran Church Building Fund, 800 Vernier, Grosse Pointe Woods, MI

48236; Lutheran Social Services of Michigan at lssm.org or Michigan Humane Society at michiganhumane.org.

Lori Michelle Sklarski

City of Grosse Pointe resident Lori Michelle Sklarski, 47, died Sunday, June 26, 2011.

Born Nov. 11, 1963, in Toronto, Ontario, Canada, to Elizabeth and Harry Collins, she graduated from Sterling Heights High School and attended Oakland University.

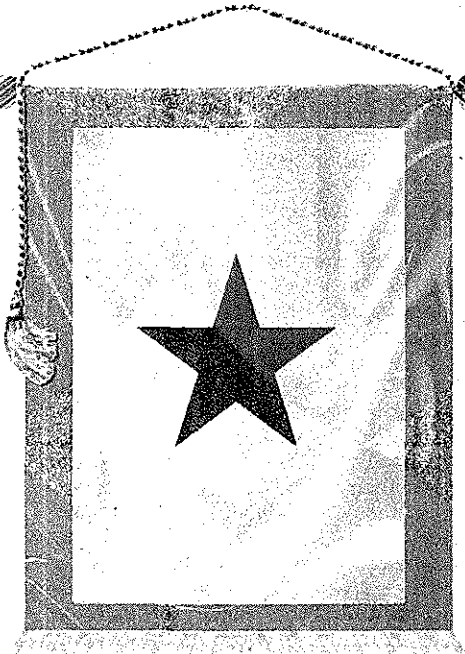
Mrs. Sklarski is survived by her loving husband, Michael; children, Lauren, Keith, Brad and Megan; parents, Elizabeth and Harry Collins; sister, Katherine (Robert) Lauro and mother- and father-in-law, Patricia and Louis Sklarski.

She also is survived by her sisters-in-law, Joann (Kirk) Gibson, Kathy (Jerry) Freismuth and Sandy (Dave) Rozema; brother-in-law, John (Kristie) Sklarski and nieces and nephews, Gerald, Jon and Garrett Freismuth, Kirk Robert, Kevin and Cam Gibson, Robert, John, Steve and Mark Lauro, Caley, Erin and Olivia Rozema, Jack, Rachel and Sam Sklarski and Colleen Wiedbush.

A funeral Mass will be celebrated at 10 a.m. Thursday, June 30, at St. Joan of Arc Catholic Church, 21620 Greater Mack, St. Clair Shores. Visitation begins at 9 a.m. in the church gathering area.

Donations may be made to the Lori Sklarski Memorial Fund (providing scholarship opportunities to Grosse Pointe South High School baseball student-athletes), 15135 Charlevoix, Grosse Pointe Park, MI 48230.

Express condolences or share a memory at verheyden.org.



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PUBLIC SAFETY REPORTS

City of Grosse Pointe

Rushed to hospital

Medics took an unconscious, 23-year-old man to Beaumont Hospital Grosse Pointe late afternoon Saturday, June 25. Officers said the man wasn't breathing when called at 5:10 p.m. to his residence in the 700 block of Neff. "I entered (the) victim's bedroom (and) observed (him) on the floor," said an officer. "CPR was being performed by (his mother), who advised me she was a nurse." Officers found a can of Dust Destroyer in the room. They gave it to hospital personnel at their request.

Car break-ins

At least two vehicles, both unlocked, were reported broken into while parked in residential neighborhoods during the night of Saturday, June 25: ♦ In the 800 block of Lakeland, thieves took the radio out of a 1996 Honda Accord. ♦ In the 600 block of Rivard, thieves stole sunglasses and a small bag of coins from a 2009 Honda parked in a driveway.

Nyuk nyuk

It plays out like a Three Stooges skit. A man spills a can of paint on a residential sidewalk. He doesn't wipe it up. He doesn't wash it off. A woman walking her dog later that evening slips on the paint and falls. Her dog, leashed, is dragged down with her. Both get smeared with paint. The woman calls police from her car, getting paint on it, too.



Crowd control

It might not have the same panache as a Harley, but the customized golf cart is the newest thing in crowd control. The cart and four officers were on loan from St. Clair Shores to Grosse Pointe Woods to help with the fireworks crowd on Sunday night. "We really appreciated the help we received from all neighboring departments," said Woods Public Safety Director Andrew Pazuchowski. "But this was the first time St. Clair Shores has participated. I think it shows a new spirit of cooperation between agencies. We really appreciate their support." Accompanying the souped-up golf cart from left, St. Clair Shores police officers Tony Rich, Dave Burmeister, Joe Chomiak and Gary Sems. Officers from all Grosse Pointes assisted with crowd control, and the fireworks went off without incident.

The incident happened during the evening of Friday, June 24, in the 600 block of northbound Notre Dame. An officer found a can of Zinsser Pro Choice paint next to a nearby house and contacted the 38-year-old male tenant. "(He said) he was running late and never had time to clean the spill," said Officer Christopher Cotzias. "Almost the entire east sidewalk on Notre Dame has been effected by the paint spill."

Cotzias called for officers in a fire truck to spray the sidewalk clean. The tenant is in trouble for blocking a sidewalk.

18 suspensions

During a traffic investigation on eastbound Kercheval and Fisher at 2:16 p.m. Tuesday, June 21, police arrested a 24-year-old Detroit man for violating 18 driving suspensions. He'd been pulled over for a license plate infraction on his red 1993 Mercury Grand Marquis. The man's operator's license expired in 2008, police said. He was wanted on four traffic warrants in Detroit and Warren totaling \$2,600, they added. — 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

Car thefts

Two unlocked vehicles were stolen last week in neighborhoods north of Ridge: ♦ A silver-colored 2011 Chevrolet Equinox worth \$35,000, was stolen while parked during the night of Thursday, June 23, in the 400 block of Touraine. Within 70 minutes of the theft being reported at 8:15 a.m. Sunday, June 26, police found the Equinox damaged and abandoned in the driveway of an unoccupied house in the 4800 block of Farmbrook. The location, just south of East Warren, is less than 1/2 mile from the victim's residence. "(She) stated she regularly leaves the vehicle unlocked and the keys in the vehicle," said a public safety officer. ♦ A silver-colored, 2005 Dodge Caravan was stolen while parked overnight Saturday, June 25, in the driveway of a house in the 200 block of Stephens. The vehicle contained a wallet, credit cards, softball gear and prescription drugs, police said.

Car break-ins

Thieves had their way with unlocked vehicles during the night of Saturday, June 25: ♦ A red iPod mini inscribed "Happy Father's Day" was taken from a car parked in the 300 block of Touraine. ♦ Coins were taken from a car parked in the 200 block of Stephens, a few doors away from where an unlocked van was stolen the same night.

Wallet recovered

At about 9:30 a.m. Friday, June 24, officers recovering a stolen car in the 4800 block of Farmbrook on Detroit's east-side also recovered a wallet traced to a separate car theft earlier this year in the 400 block of Belanger. A woman living on Farmbrook said she found the wallet, containing \$10 cash and eight credit cards, in her backyard.

Boy in bushes

Charges are pending against a 15-year-old Farms boy found at 11:30 p.m. Monday, June 20, hiding in bushes at the northwest corner of Ridge and Cloverly. The youth's backpack contained marijuana in a tennis ball and plastic bag, according to a patrolman. The boy reportedly told po-

lice he'd been at a party on Cloverly.

Girl in bushes

A 15-year-old Farms girl registered a .135 percent blood alcohol level during an investigation shortly before 10 p.m. Monday, June 20, in the 200 block of Cloverly. The location is near where police later that night found a male teenager, in possession of marijuana, hiding in bushes. "I observed (her) hiding on the ground near a rear fence," said an officer. Police released the girl to her mother.

Bicycle stolen

An unlocked 24-inch Giant mountain bike with Bontrager tires was stolen between 9:30 a.m. and 3:15 p.m. Monday, June 20, off the front porch of a house in the 400 block of Country Club Lane. The bike is black and worth \$150, according to its owner. — Brad Lindberg If you have any information about these or other crimes, call the Grosse Pointe Farms public safety department at (313) 885-2100.

Grosse Pointe Shores

Wrong way drunk

A 27-year-old Roseville man was caught at 2:23 a.m. Thursday, June 23, driving a 2008 Cadillac CTS southbound in the northbound lanes of Lakeshore. The man registered a .127 percent blood alcohol level and was arrested for drunken driving.

Hit and run

A woman living on Hampton admitted running into a parked GMC 2500 during the morning of Thursday, June 23, and leaving the scene. The woman, 78, backed into the vehicle while exiting her driveway, police said. "(She) did not stop to report the accident, fearing she may miss her appointment," said a public safety officer. The GMC is owned by a Grosse Pointe Woods man.

Fire alarm

Officers manning two fire engines responded at 2:16 p.m. Tuesday, June 21, to what turned out to be a false fire alarm in the 900 block of Lakeshore.

Broken gas line

A tree fell behind a house in the 500 block of Sheldon, breaking a natural gas line fueling a barbecue grill. Shortly before 7:30 p.m. Monday, June 20, public safety officers shut off the leaking gas supply. — 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

Write your ticket

At 2 a.m. Friday, June 24, St. Clair Shores police notified Grosse Pointe Woods Public Safety they had an 18-year-old Woods resident in custody, along with his 13-year-old brother. A routine search found both suspects had four blank citations from the Woods department in their possession. It appears the citations were taken from a bike patrol officer. Police continue to investigate.

High roller?

A routine traffic stop at 10 p.m. Wednesday, June 22, turned up not only an unlicensed driver but several small bags of suspected marijuana and \$1,200 in cash. The 31-year-old driver was taken into

custody and his car was confiscated.

Rough ending

A Vernier Road resident maintained she was in the process of breaking up with her live-in boyfriend when she loaned him her car the morning of Tuesday, June 21. He was to pick her up from work at 5 p.m. When he didn't show up, she got another ride home and found that he had not only taken her car, but several items from her house as well. Police continue to investigate.

Tipsy painter

Police were called to Hawthorne and Goethe at 8 p.m. Tuesday, June 21, on a report of an intoxicated individual. Police found a 31-year-old Mount Clemens man visibly intoxicated, disoriented and in possession of several pieces of jewelry he said he found in the trash. He was transported to a local hospital. At about the same time, a Hawthorne Road resident reported that several items were missing from her jewelry box and she suspected a painter who had been in her house that day. Police said the intoxicated man was the painter. When police attempted to question him at the hospital, they were told it could be a while, as his blood alcohol level was .30 percent and he was being held for a psychiatric evaluation. — Kathy Ryan If you have information on these or any crimes, call Grosse Pointe Woods police at (313) 343-2400.

Grosse Pointe Park

Tampering

A resident of the 15000 block of Windmill Pointe saw two males sitting in his parked car at 4 a.m. Wednesday, June 22. He called police and confronted the two, who fled on foot. Police located a 13-year old River Rouge resident hiding in a vehicle a few blocks away. He was taken into custody. The second suspect wasn't found.

MDP

Two incidents of someone scratching the letter X on cars parked in the 500 block of Barrington were reported on two separate nights, Saturday, June 25 and Sunday, June 26. Police continue to investigate.

Attempted bike theft

A 14-year-old Detroit resident was taken into custody at 9:30 p.m. Tuesday, June 21, after he attempted to steal a bicycle in the 15000 block of Kercheval. A witness saw the suspect push the bike owners to the ground and called police. The subject fled on foot but was found by responding officers. He has been charged with attempted robbery.

Fleeing and eluding

A resident in the 1000 block of Bedford called police at 4:30 a.m. Tuesday, June 21, to report a possible car theft in progress. Responding officers observed the driver of a car flee the scene without headlights. The car sped up and struck a parked car. The driver fled on foot. Police said the suspect was stealing car tires and rims. The investigation continues.

Watercraft assist

A 48-year-old Redford Township resident requested assistance when his 18-foot Bass boat started taking on water. He was able to reach a break wall in the 15400 block of Windmill Pointe where he secured the boat until repairs could be made.

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

City of Grosse Pointe Woods, Michigan

NOTICE OF REVIEW: Notice is hereby given the Board of Review of the City of Grosse Pointe Woods, Wayne County, Michigan, will be in session in the Lake Room of the Municipal Building, 20025 Mack Plaza, Grosse Pointe Woods, Michigan, on:

Tuesday, July 19, 2011

from 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. Pursuant to MCL 211.53.b, the Board of Review convenes on the Tuesday after the third Monday in July for the purpose of correcting assessments resulting from a clerical error or a mutual mistake of fact, late filed Principal Residence Exemptions, and 2011 Poverty Exemption Applications. Petitions will be accepted until, Thursday, July 14, 2011 at the City Hall.

Ginger Soles
City Assessor

G.P.N.: 6/30/2011

CITY OF HARPER WOODS
WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN
SYNOPSIS: REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
JUNE 20, 2011

The regular City Council meeting was called to order by Mayor Kenneth A. Poynter at 7:30 P.M. ROLL CALL: All Councilpersons were present except Councilwoman Vivian Sawicki.

MOTIONS PASSED

- 1) To excuse Councilperson Vivian M. Sawicki from tonight's meeting because of a prior commitment.
- 2) To receive, approve and file the minutes of the regular City Council meeting held June 6, 2011 and furthermore receive and file the minutes of the Board of Trustees Employees Retirement System meeting held June 6, 2011.
- 3) To remove item CM 06-51-11 Ordinance No. 2011-01 - An Ordinance Requiring Handbill Distributors to Obtain a License and to Register with the Police Department from Tabled and Pending Items and Place under Old Business 1.
- 4) To receive and file the Management Report on the contracting of Police and Fire Services for the City of Harper Woods as submitted by the City Manager. (Attachment #4)
- 5) To add to the agenda an amendment to the Resolution adopted at the June 6, 2011 meeting (CM 06-56-11) regarding Ambulance Service Proposals.
- 6) That the agenda of the regular City Council meeting having been acted upon, the meeting is hereby adjourned at 8:34 p.m.

RESOLUTION PASSED

- 1) To approve the following items on the Consent Agenda: (1) Approve the Accounts Payable listing for Check Numbers 94502 through 94618 in the amount of \$551,907.28 as submitted by the City Manager and Finance Director, and further, authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to sign the listing. (2) To receive and file for the audit, the 1st quarter financial statement. (3) Approve payment to Plante & Moran in the amount of \$7,270.00 for the professional services performed in conjunction with the 2010 audit. (4) Approve payment to Nu Appearance Maintenance, Inc. in the amount of \$10,210.00 for contractual lawn cutting and weed maintenance in various areas of the City, including the Community Center, DPW, City Hall, the parks and various residential homes that were not in compliance with the City's ordinance.
- 2) To Place for Second Reading and Adoption Ordinance No. 2011-01 entitled "An Ordinance Requiring Handbill Distributors to Obtain a License and to Register with the Police Department; Providing for Exceptions and Days and Hours for Distribution and Penalties for Violations" and further to direct the City Clerk to publish a notice of this in accordance with City Charter requirements. (Attachment #1)
- 3) To approve payment to Wayne County in the amount of \$175,377.75 for the operation and maintenance of the Milk River Drain for the third quarter of FY2011.
- 4) That the request to transfer ownership of 2011 Class C Licensed business with Dance-Entertainment Permit, located at 19520 Kelly, Harper Woods, MI 48225 Wayne County, from Craig Wedgle Enterprises, Inc. to HFTFA, Inc. be considered for approval. (Attachment #2)
- 5) To Place for First Reading and Adoption Ordinance No. 2011-02 entitled "An Ordinance Confirming Creation of the City of Harper Woods Planning Commission" and due to the technical restraints enabling state legislation that this ordinance have immediate effect and further to direct the City Clerk to publish a notice of this in accordance with City Charter requirements. (Attachment #3)
- 6) To confirm the City Manager's appointment of Laura L. Stowell as City Treasurer for the City of Harper Woods in accordance with Section 4.5 of the City Charter.
- 7) To approve payment to C & L Enterprises, Inc. in the amount of \$9,071.93 for Progress Payment No. 2 on the 2010 ADA Ramp Replacement Project, #180-126.
- 8) To direct the City Manager to have ready for the July 11 City Council meeting a presentation to Council on private ambulance services, including presentations from interested private ambulance companies that would provide an overview of their services.

Kenneth A. Poynter, Mayor
Published: GPN, June 30, 2011

Mickey D. Todd, City Clerk

AUTOS By Jenny King

EyesOn Design names winning vehicles

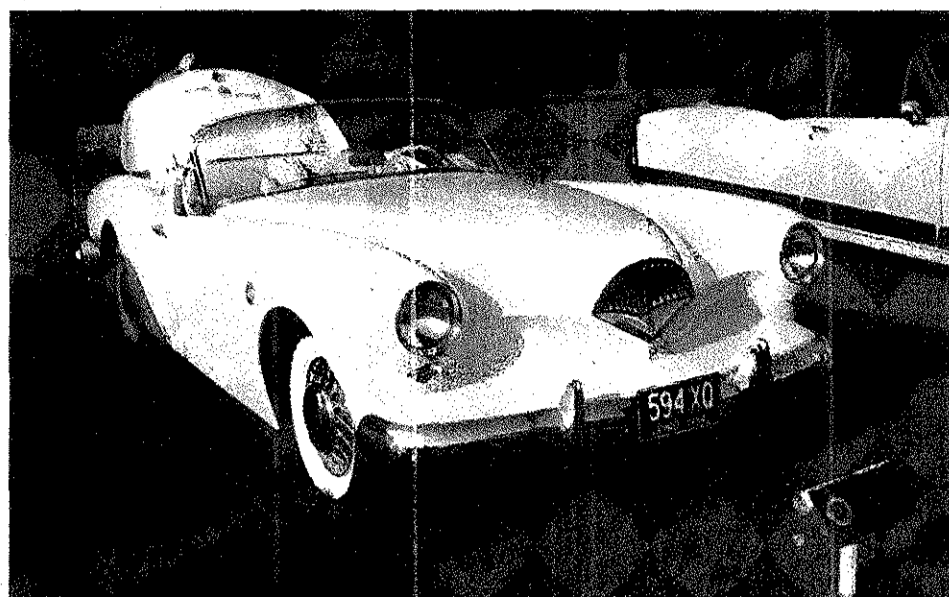


The 2011 EyesOn Design at the Edsel & Eleanor Ford House featured its best weather ever and, arguably, the finest field of cars in the more than 20 years of the annual Father's Day show.

This year's design categories were inventive and attracted interesting, important and often unfamiliar cars. They included dealer-built super cars, extreme makeovers, products from smaller companies padlocked in the 1950s and 1960s and jaw-dropping exotics from the Ken Lingenfelter Collection in Brighton.

EyesOn Design raises money for vision research and education through the Detroit Institute of Ophthalmology in Grosse Pointe Park.

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



With its sliding disappearing doors, a 1954 Kaiser Darrin Roadster, top, left, owned by Jeff Snook of Bowling Green, Ohio, took a prize in the "Independents: Kaiser-Frazer-Willys" category. Visitors to EyesOnDesign 2011 were gently forewarned of the annual fishfly scourge and reminded the delicate insects are harmless.

Tom Clary, of Alton, Mo., won first among the "Dealer-Built Super Cars" with his 1969 Chevy Yenko 427 Camaro, middle row, left.

Who could resist automotive legend Bob Lutz's elegant 1952 Aston Martin DB2 Vantage? It was first among the "British Sports Cars," middle row, right. This 1953 Studebaker Commander Regal Starliner Hardtop, above, not only had the longest name of the 200-plus entries, it won the "Independents: Studebaker-Packard" category. The owner is Brian Butler of Bloomfield Hills.

"Evolution of the Tuner Car" category winner was a 1988 Chrysler Conquest Tsi, right, owned by John Lazorack III, of Royal Oak.



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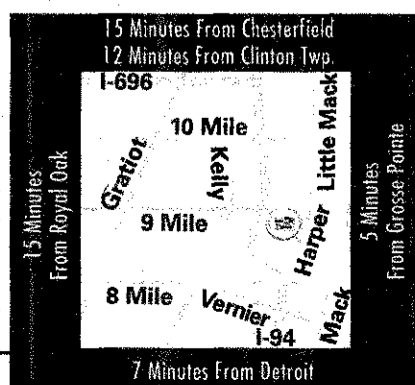
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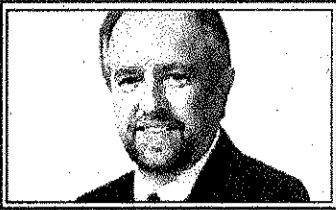
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TEST DRIVE By Greg Zyla

2011 Dodge Challenger SE



This week, we're driving the 2011 Dodge Challenger SE V6, an entry level model from Dodge that costs thousands less than its Hemi siblings — base price \$24,670; price as tested: \$25,690.

New for 2011 is Dodge's Pentastar 3.6 liter V6 that puts out 55 more horsepower than 2010's 3.5 liter engine and gets way better fuel mileage.

There are also five distinct Challengers to choose from for 2011, versus three last year. Included are SE, Rallye, RT, RT Plus, RT Classic and SRT8 392 Hemi.

Our 2011 Challenger SE tester came with a base price of \$24,670, which is nearly \$2,000 more than the 2010 we tested last year.

However, several former higher cost options, such as 18-inch tires and alloy wheels, are now standard as is the all-new 10.2 to 1 compression 3.6 Pentastar V6 engine.

The only option on our tester was Sirius Satellite with a one year subscription for \$195.

With destination, the final tally came in at \$25,690, which is nearly \$3,000 less than the "more equipped" SE we drove at the end of 2009.

If you are thinking top line, the new 392 Hemi 6.1 liter SRT8 version starts at \$43,555.

As the owner of a 1972 Challenger 383 R/T clone, I can attest to the new Challenger's road worthiness and more powerful engine.



2011 Dodge Challenger SE

The 1970 to 1974 Challengers rode more like Conestoga wagons compared to today's modern marvel.

And when it came to taking turns, none of the Pony cars from 1964 to 1974 handled well at all. Still, when it came to straight line performance, any Challenger with a 383-440 or 426 Hemi big block, or the mighty small block Trans Am model, were more than a handful.

Still, the new 2011 3.6 liter V6 runs as fast as my "ol' 383," and comes with a standard 5-speed "Auto Stick" automatic.

The engine delivers 18 city and 27 highway EPA fuel mileage with 305 horses and 268 pound-feet of torque.

My 1972 Challenger delivered about eight miles per gallon. As for acceleration, expect zero to 60 mph in seven seconds or less.

Outwardly, Challenger's long hood and short rear deck keep the retro style intact. It still looks like the Challenger from the early 1970s, however, the new Challenger isn't a true hardtop, as a hidden pillar between the front and rear windows helps Challenger's

structural integrity.

Challenger's rear drive mechanicals may not be the best in a snowy area, but you'll know you're driving the latest in fully independent suspension and road gripping ability when you head into a curve on a dry road.

I remember in the 1950s and 1960s when snowstorms hit, my dad had his snow tires on or chains attached in the worst of times and no one complained.

Today, studded snow tires make cars, such as the Challenger, much easier to drive in snow. Visit michigan.gov/msp/0,1607,7-123-1586_27094-73839--,00.html for state laws.

Inside, Challenger features the retro four circular instrumentation gauges, a center console and nice shifter. Passengers will enjoy many comforts, a great sounding 130 watt stereo/CD system, power 6-way driver seat, cup holders and many other amenities.

The split 60/40 "into the trunk" rear seat is a nice touch, although if tall passengers sit up front, don't expect much legroom in back.

All expected safety features are standard, including front

and side-curtain air bags that result in 5-star government

crash ratings in front and side impact tests. Also notable are standard 4-wheel ABS disc brakes, traction control and electric stability control.

Important numbers include a wheelbase of 116 inches, 3,834 pound curb weight, 16.2 cubic feet of cargo space and an 19.1 gallon fuel tank.

We like Dodge Challenger very much, and recommend a test drive.

Likes: Retro looks, fuel mileage, good power, suspension.

Dislikes: Pillar blind spot, no rear seat access on driver's side.

Greg Zyla is a syndicated automotive columnist.



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Ford Ka

Marketed in Europe, Ford Motor Co. describes the new Ka as funky, friendly and fantastic to drive and has set another new standard for small cars. Its dynamic, cheeky exterior styling makes a bold statement and is available in bold colors. It's sporty and responsive, with a choice of refined engines making it highly economical.



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Cadillac CTS-V Black Diamond

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TEST DRIVE By Greg Zyla

2011 Acura TSX Wagon Tech



We recently drove Acura's all-new 2011 TSX Wagon, delivered with a "Tech Package" as standard equipment — base price: \$34,610 price as tested: \$35,470.

The package adds several thousand dollars to the price, as a non-Tech TSX with automatic transmission starts at \$30,960.

I'm not a big fan of technology packages anymore, especially now that Smart phones, Garmins and hand-held tablets can do your navigation at a fraction of the price. Notable, too, is Acura's actual lack of true high technology, as listed under the "tech" additions are a power tailgate and a 10-speaker stereo surround sound. I'm not sure why these would be included in a tech package, as most manufacturers list these as regular upgrades. Additionally, Acura TSX doesn't have a push button start.

One thing I do like is Acura's ability to call a station wagon a wagon, as the TSX is a member of the 5-passenger wagon clan. It can provide up to 60.5 cubic feet of cargo space, something that comes in handy for trips to the home improvement center.

As for the TSX wagon's overall statement, a \$35,000 bottom line is, in my opinion, way out of line for what the consumer receives. After driving numerous well equipped cars and wagons for way less money, it's hard to point con-

sumers in the direction of an Acura showroom to drive one of these new TSX wagons.

Powered by a 201-horse 2.4-liter 4-cylinder engine, TSX's powerplant connects to a 5-speed automatic transmission. Since Acura is one of the Japanese "big three" luxury brands along with Lexus and Infiniti, wouldn't a 6-speed automatic be in line instead of the now-dated 5-speed automatic? Not only would the 6-speed add to the tech package, it improves highway fuel mileage, thanks to the extra gear.

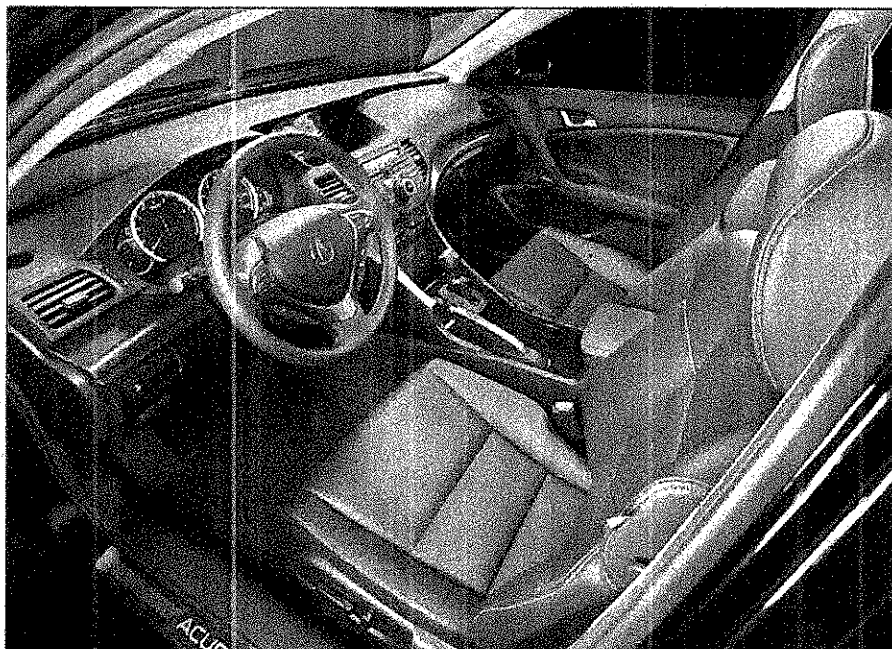
On the road, you'll find front-drive Acura a fine handler, thanks to a four wheel independent suspension. However, if you need all-wheel drive, TSX does not offer it.

The interior is nice, with the usual Acura luxury wood appointments and secure feeling. The leather seats are well done, XM satellite, MP3 and USB interface come with the stereo system and both front seats are power. Heated front seats are nice, but heated rear seats would be even nicer for the price. Homelink and Bluetooth are also standard, as are a cargo cover, climate control and all the powers.

TSX's exterior is more "plain Jane" than one expects from Acura, although in no way unattractive. A power moonroof is standard as are 17-inch tires on alloy wheels.



2011 Acura TSX Sport Wagon



I'm wondering how this car would look with 18-inchers on a really nice set of chrome alloys. It could well set off an exterior in need of some aesthetic tuning. I do like the Xenon headlamps, as they light the road up at night almost like it's daytime.

A notable positive is seating comfort both front and rear, although that fifth adult in the back seat will be cramped.

The four cylinder is quite peppy, yet has a thirst for fuel I feel undercuts the EPA numbers of 22 city and 30 highway.

The aforementioned tech package features a voice

recognition navigation system, rear view camera, AcuraLink Communication with real time weather and traffic info, the surround sound 10-speaker AM/FM/CD/DVD/CD/DTS and Dolby Pro Logic setup, GPS linked dual zone climate control and the power tailgate. Important numbers include a wheelbase of 106.5 inches, 18.5 gallon fuel tank and a 3,623 pound curb weight.

On the safety side, Acura is known for top class offerings, with all the air bags and mechanicals such as 4-wheel ABS, vehicle stability assist,

electronic brakeforce, brake assist and more.

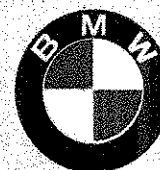
In summary, the only way the TSX wagon will be a winner is if parent Honda rebadges it as a Honda and sells it for \$25,000.

Likes: Seats, comfort, suspension, safety, peppy engine.

Dislikes: Technology package, no AWD, transmission, value for dollar spent.

Greg Zyla is a syndicated auto columnist.

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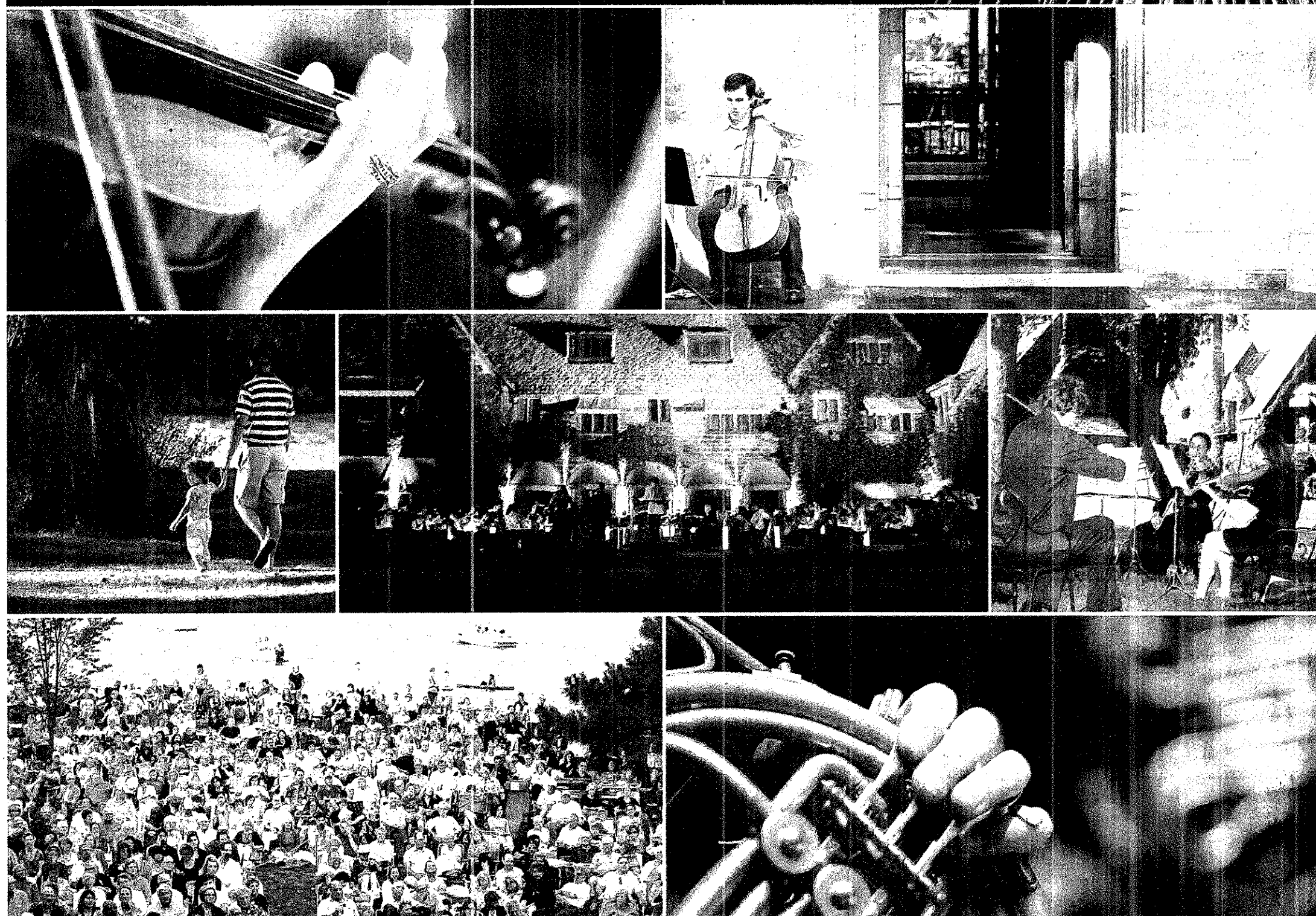
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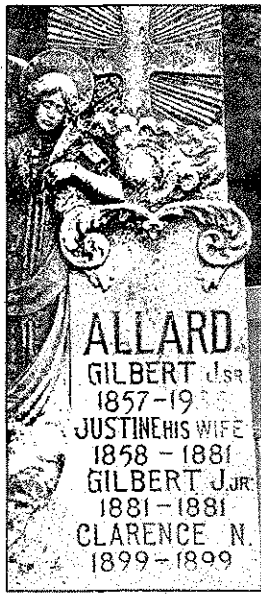
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Yes, there's SOMETHING to do!

1. Buy a Grosse Pointe News to read.



5. Walk through a cemetery and find the oldest grave.



6. Take a walk or jog along Lakeshore.
7. Have a barbecue with neighbors.
8. Savor fresh lemonade at an outdoor cafe.

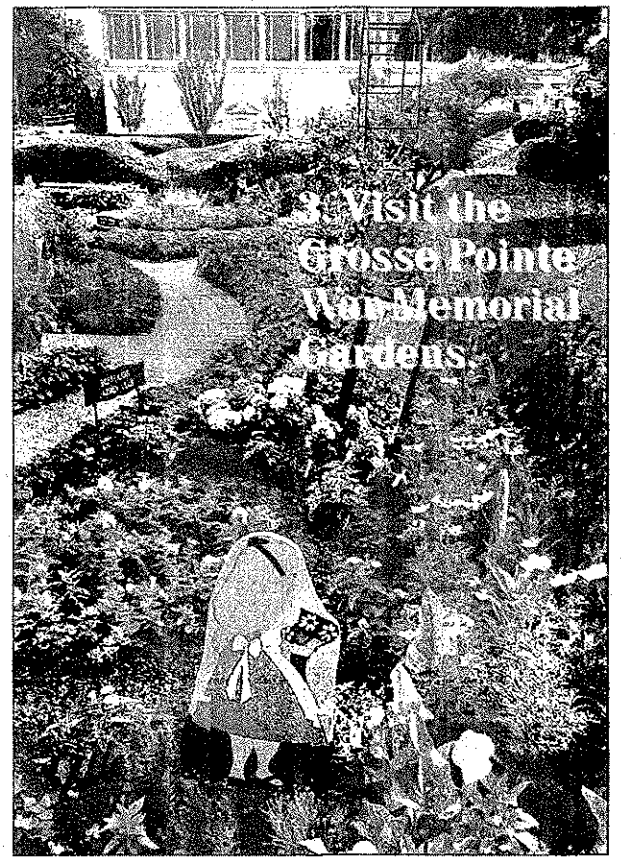


9. Watch a Little League game.

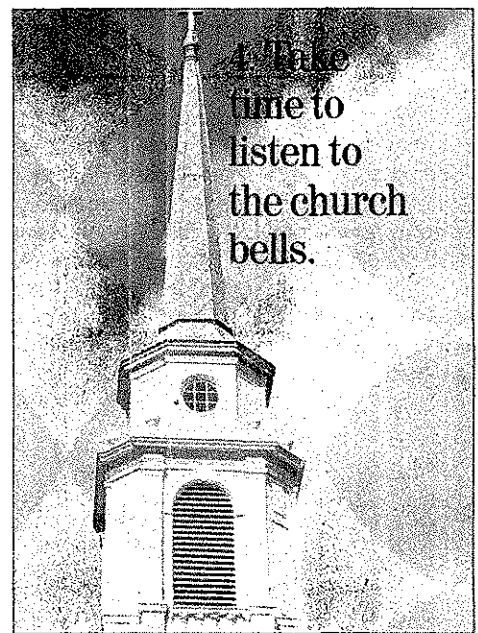
There's nothing to do!
The children are eloquent when complaining.
There's nothing to do?
Here are 31 activities to help fill July's 31 long lazy days.



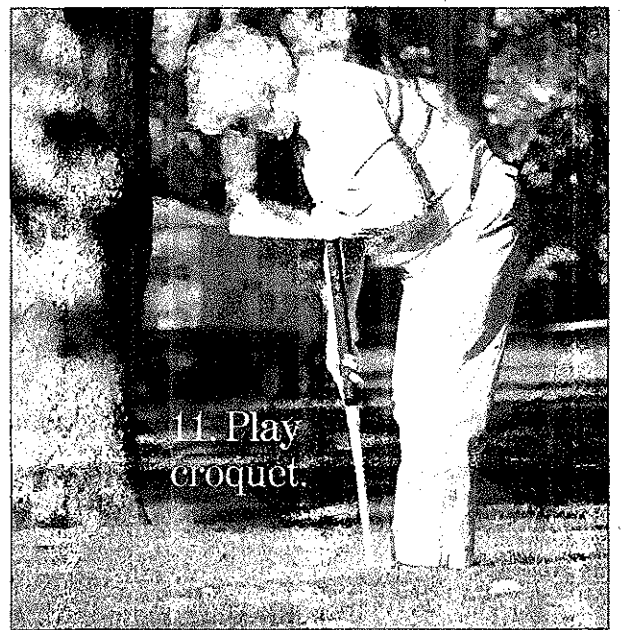
10. Go Rollerblading, roller skating or skateboarding.



3. Visit the Grosse Pointe War Memorial Gardens.



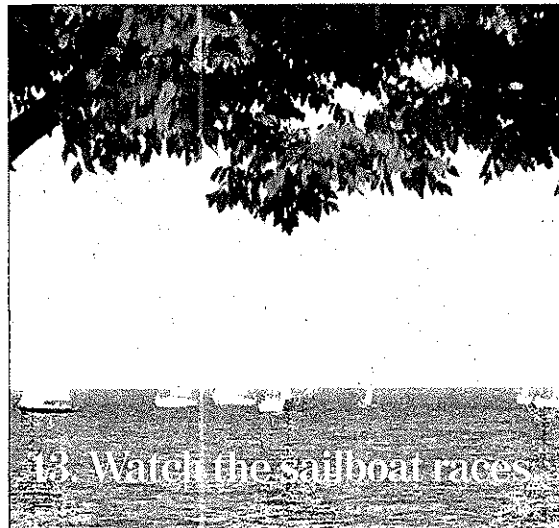
4. Take time to listen to the church bells.



11. Play croquet.

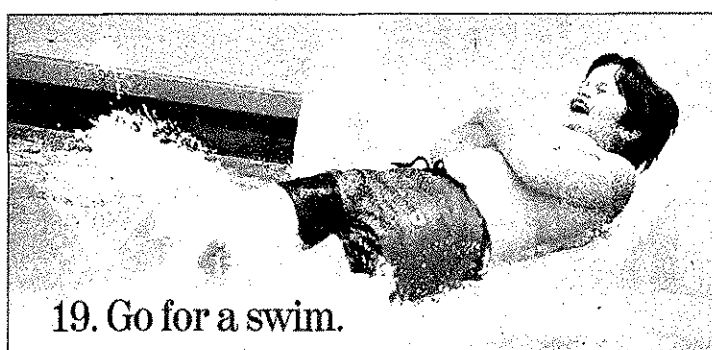


12. Visit the library and check out a summer read.

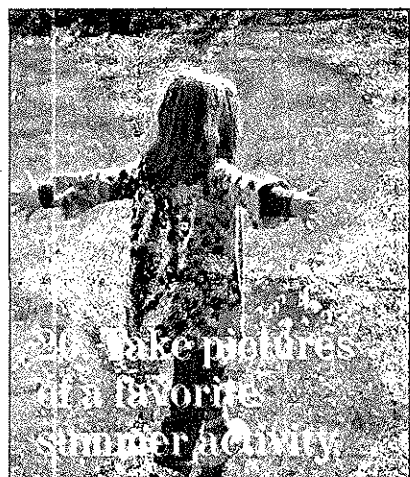


13. Watch the sailboat races.

17. Make the garage sale circuit.
18. Visit the West Park Farmers Market.



19. Go for a swim.



20. Take pictures of a favorite summer activity.

21. Visit the Provencal-Weir House.
22. Watch the movie, "Gran Torino."



24. Shop local and take in the Village and Mack sidewalk sales.

14. Wash the family vehicle.



15. Stroll through the Edsel & Eleanor Ford House grounds.

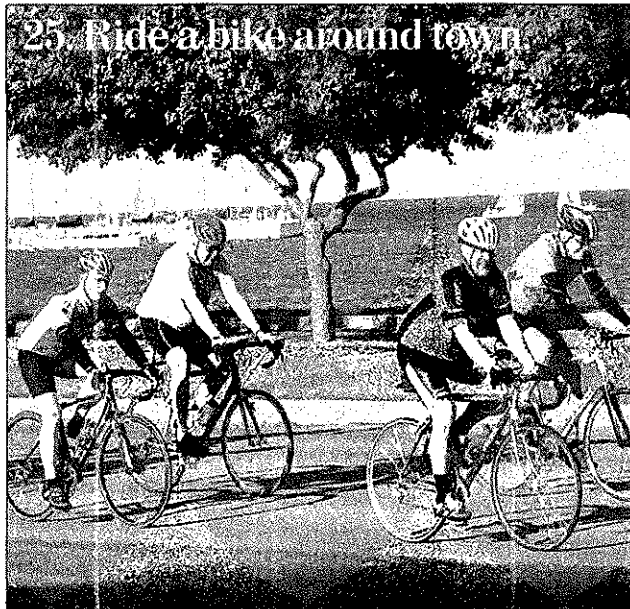


16. Take in a free Thursday evening concert in the Village.

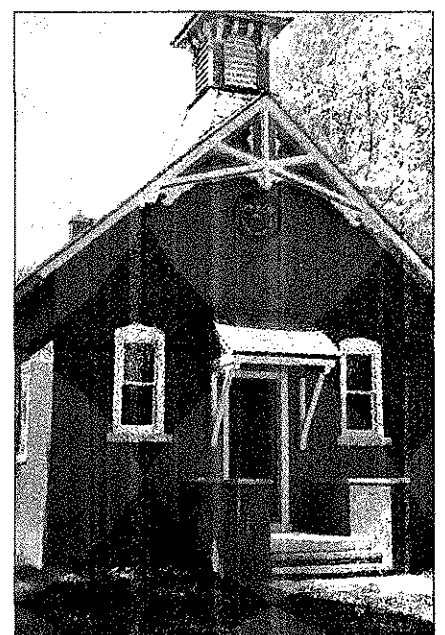
23. Cheer on your favorite swim team.



25. Ride a bike around town.



26. Take a tour of the Grosse Pointe Art Center.
27. Have a water balloon fight.
28. Sample a new gelato flavor.
29. Visit the Cook School House.
30. Count the lake freighters passing by.
31. Get up early and watch the sun rise.



Ideas from Features Editor Ann L. Fouty.
Photos by Renee Landuyt, Justin Hicks and from the GPN photo files.
Send a picture of your favorite Grosse Pointe activity to: afouty@grossepointenews.com.

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Yesterday's Headlines

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

1961

50 years ago this week

♦ FATAL SHOOTING IN

PARK HOME BEING INVESTIGATED: Park police will make a recommendation for approval or denial of a warrant charging the son of a prominent Park family with murder.

The 30-year-old man fatally shot another 30-year-old Park resident who illegally entered his home. A window was found shattered in a large sun-room on the ground floor of the house.

♦ **WOODS WOMAN CRITICALLY BURNED AS CLOTHING IGNITES:** A 72-year-old Woods woman is in critical condition suffering from second and third degree burns over 80 percent of her body.

A neighbor called police when she saw smoke coming through a partly opened window of the woman's house. Police found the woman in a state of shock and rushed her to the hospital. She was able to tell them that she was preparing breakfast for herself and was reaching into a cupboard over an electric stove when the heat ignited her night clothing. Panic stricken, she ran into the bathroom and two bedrooms, where burning clothes dropped and ignited scatter rugs and bedding.

1986

25 years ago this week

♦ FIVE TEENS CHARGED

WITH BREAKING, ENTERING: Five South High School June graduates are being charged with breaking and entering in a June 17 attempted theft of computer hardware from the high school.

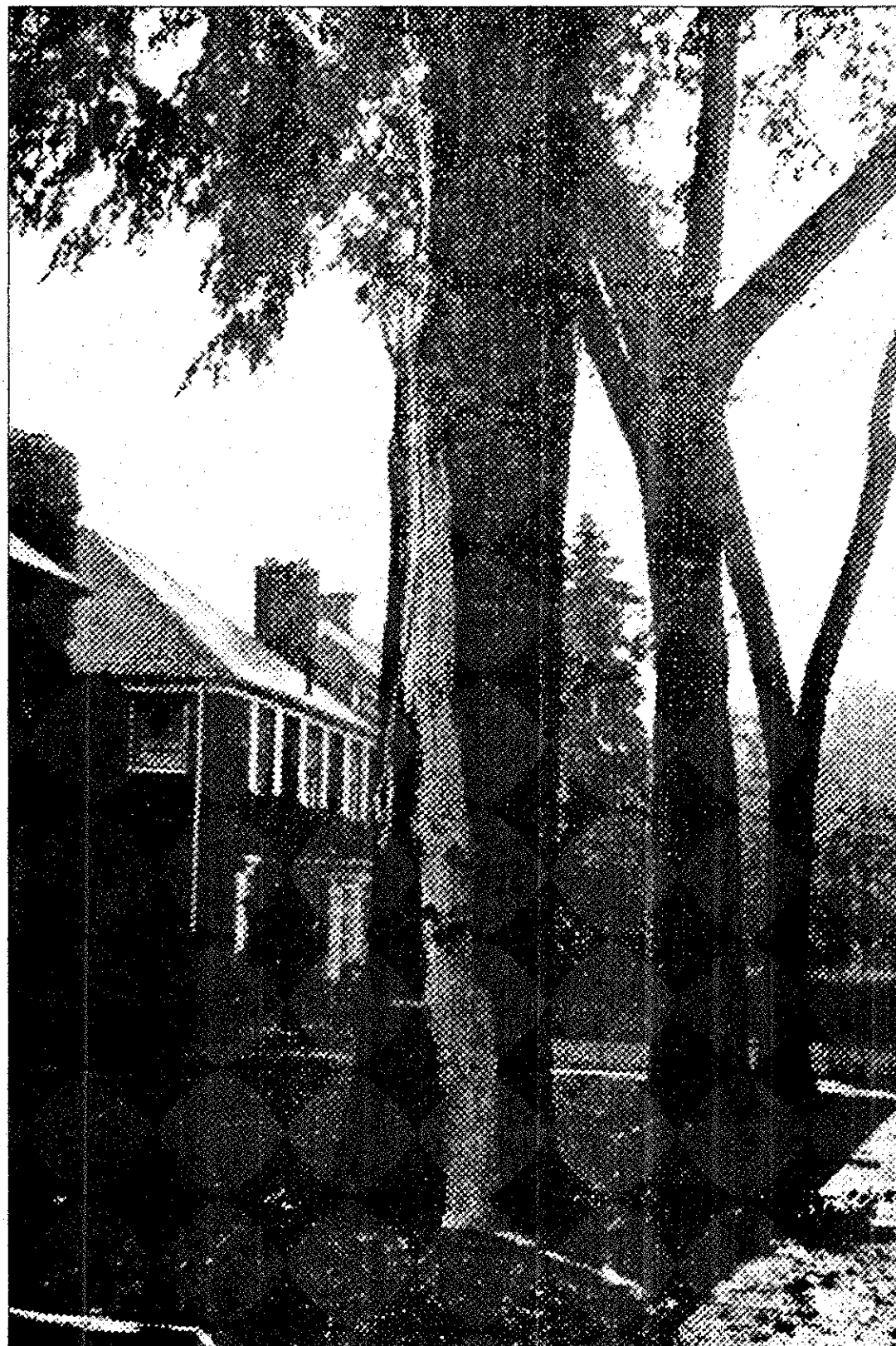
The teens are charged with entering South High School and removing 16 pieces of computer hardware: four monitors, four disk drives, two keyboards, a printer, printer paper and assorted cords and connections.

♦ SCHOOL DISTRICT MAY

CRACK DOWN ON SKIPPING: Grosse Pointe's public high schools will get tougher with students who skip classes if the Board of Education approves a new set of attendance regulations proposed by the principals at the two schools.

♦ **8-YEAR-OLD BOY ALMOST DROWNS:** Tragedy was narrowly averted when an 8-year-old Grosse Pointe Woods resident nearly drowned in the pool at Lake Front Park.

Lifeguard Kerry Baker was told by a swimmer that there was a boy in trouble in the pool. Baker hit the emergency button on the lifeguard chair and dove into the pool to rescue the submerged boy and brought him to the side of the



FROM THE JUNE 26, 1986 ISSUE OF THE GROSSE POINTE NEWS

1986: Lightning strikes

Residents in the 1100 block of Harvard got a shock when Mother Nature threw a tantrum directly at this 65-foot plus poplar tree. Lightning tore an eight-inch strip of bark from the top limbs to the trunk, scattering debris for 100 feet in all directions.

pool where pool supervisor Diane Zedan began mouth-to-mouth resuscitation.

The boy was taken to St. John Hospital, reportedly in good condition.

2001

10 years ago this week

♦ **LIBRARY PLANS GROW BIGGER:** Future plans for the Grosse Pointe Public Library may be bigger than expected.

A district-wide programming assessment commissioned by the Grosse Pointe Library Board shows the usage and service needs of the district library system is 84,000-square-feet. That amount is 18,000-square-feet more than projected when a needs assessment was done in 1988.

♦ **WOODS ACTIVITIES BUILDING GETS WIRED:** Surveillance cameras will be

installed throughout the public areas of the year-round activities building at Lake Front Park.

Grosse Pointe Woods officials approved the project for security reasons.

♦ **G.P. PARK LOOKS TO OFFSET MEDICAL COSTS:** Municipal staffing levels could be cut to make room for increased medical costs in Grosse Pointe Park.

The move was being considered as administrators planned next year's budget without raising the millage rate.

2006

Five years ago this week

♦ **BOAT CHANNEL DREDGING HITS SNAG:** The much-needed dredging of the boat channel at Lake Front Park has run aground.

Grosse Pointe Woods Parks

and Recreation Director Melissa Sharp is waiting to hear if the canal can be dredged. She is awaiting approval from the Army Corps of Engineers.

♦ **BARK PARK A SUCCESS:** Donations have reached about \$1,500 to help pay for fencing around the new bark park dog park behind Village Hall in Grosse Pointe Shores.

♦ **REPEATED THEFTS OF PLANTS AND FLOWERS:** Criminals targeting a garden supply store in the 17700 block of Mack got away three times last week stealing a combined \$1,595 worth of plants, hanging baskets, flats of flowers and a \$225 weeping cherry tree.

Security videos show men parking in an alley behind the business in a different vehicle each night. The men would quickly load flora and drive away.

—Compiled by Karen Fontanive

Outstanding

Trustees

Crossroads of Michigan elected four new members to its board of trustees.

They are: Myrna Burroughs, of Southfield; J. Theorode Everingham, of Grosse Pointe Park; The Honorable Marsha Nettles, of Detroit; and Michael Stapleton, of Grosse Pointe Park.

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Published

Emily Ortenburger, of Grosse Pointe Park, had her artwork published in an international magazine in a spread on "Digital Artist."

She graduated from Grosse Pointe South High School and Macomb Community College as a graphic design artist.

Maria Rodriguez of Grosse Pointe illustrated the children's book "Belly Button Love," written by Clarkston resident Kelly Hagen.

Rodriguez has a Bachelor of Business Administration degree in art and marketing.

Musician

Former Grosse Pointe Farms resident Hadley Kennary is releasing her self-titled debut CD. A resident of Winnetka, Ill., she is the daughter of Gay and Jim Kennary, and the granddaughter of Jean Kennary and Lauren and Ben Chapman, all of Grosse Pointe.

Kennary attended both Grosse Pointe Academy and Brownell Middle School.

She began playing guitar at age 10 and writing songs at 14. Kennary has been performing in the Chicago area for a year and posting videos and songs on MySpace and YouTube. Wuli Records, an independent record label in Chicago, has recorded her songs.

Kennary will attend Berklee College of Music in Boston in the fall.

Editor's note: The column highlights Grosse Pointe residents who are outstanding in their professions and achievements. E-mail information afouty@grossepointenews.com. Pictures can accompany the information and also should be e-mailed in



Hadley Kennary

jpg form. Use of the picture is upon the discretion of the editor. The column runs as space permits.

AREA ACTIVITIES

The Lake House

The Lake House, a resource for those touched by cancer, holds free orientations at 1 p.m. Wednesday, July 6, and 5:15 p.m. Thursday, June 30 and July 7.

The facility is located at 26701 Little Mack, St. Clair Shores.

For more information, call (586) 777-7761.

Sunrise Rotary

The Sunrise Rotary Club meets at 7 a.m. Tuesday, July 5, at The Hill Seafood & Chop House, 123 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe Farms.

Music on the Plaza

The Metro Jazz Voices perform a free concert at 7 p.m., Thursday, June 30, on the Village Plaza, on the corner of Kercheval and St. Clair in the City of Grosse Pointe.

In case of rain, the concert is at Maire Elementary School, 740 Cadieux.

Ford House

The Detroit Symphony Orchestra performs at 8:30 p.m. Friday, July 8, and Saturday, July 9, at the Edsel & Eleanor Ford House, 1100 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Shores. Grounds open at 6 p.m. Fireworks begin at 10 p.m.

Friday night's concert features pop music and Saturday's is classical music.

Adult advanced tickets cost \$20 and children pay \$12; at the gate, the cost for an adult ticket is \$25 and children pay \$15. Preferred tickets for Saturday's concert cost \$50 and the price includes on-site parking with a shuttle to the concert area and reserved seating with chairs available. For tickets, visit dso.org or call the box office at (313) 576-5111.

The rain date is Sunday, July 10.

The grounds are open for

guests to walk. Picnics are allowed; food and beverages are available for purchase; guests are prohibited from bringing alcoholic beverages.

Triathlon

The Shores-Pointes Adventure Triathlon is Saturday, July 16, at Blossom Heath Park, St. Clair Shores.

Participants kayak 2.1 miles on Lake St. Clair; bike 13.4 miles on Lakeshore; and run 3.1 miles on Jefferson.

Individuals pay \$65; a relay team pays \$135; an individual participating in a duathlon pays \$65; those in the 5K run/walk pay \$25; and on race day, the cost is \$30. To reserve a kayak, the cost is \$35.

To register, visit raceservices.com.

Twilight Gathering

Melissa Cragg hosts the 5 to 7:30 p.m. Thursday, July 14, Twilight Gathering at 22 Balfour, Grosse Pointe Park.

Admission is \$100 and tickets can be purchased at womenscaringprogram.org.

Proceeds benefit the Women's Caring Program's Childcare Commitment, to provide child care and early childhood education for low-income working families across the state.

Rainy Day

Artists' works created during June at the Rainy Day Art & Framing Co., 20507 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods, are for sale through July 28.

Proceeds benefit Art Road which provides art activity classes, supplies and an instructor to Detroit elementary schools. The classes are both single day and multi-day sessions and introduces children to the work of artists, provide historical perspective and create art projects.

An artists' reception is from 6 to 8 p.m. Thursday, July 28.



Anniversary

The Pointe Garden Club celebrated its 70th anniversary May 25 with a lunch at the Country Club of Detroit. Bonnie Delsener, the outgoing president, passed the gavel to incoming president Gale Merrill.

What's happening

Tap into the flavors of Belgium and enjoy a spirited show in two of the many programs and events in the days ahead at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial. To register for events and for more information about the programs at the community resource, call (313) 881-7511.

Coming programs include:

Belgian Beer Experience — 7 to 9 p.m. Thursday, June 30. The class explores famous beer styles of Belgium, such as Strong Golden Ales, Wild Fermented Lambics, brews by Trappist Monks and more. Sommelier Anthony Minne leads the program, which is not a tasting. The cost is \$28.

Bye Bye Birdie (School Edition) — 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Thursday, July 7. After getting the news he's been drafted, a rock-n-roll star visits a small town for his "farewell" performance and to give his biggest fan a kiss. The musical comedy is performed by the War Memorial's Summer Musical Theatre Camp students. Adult tickets cost \$9 for adults and students and seniors pay \$6.

Strengthen and Stretch Yourself Healthy — 8:45 to 9:45 a.m. July 12 - Aug. 16. A few minutes a day with cardio warm-up, strength training and stretching exercises helps people of all ages stay active

and keep fit. The program is led by Tammy Meier. The cost is \$41 for five classes. No class on July 26. The cost is \$46 and can be paid on the first day of class.

Zumba Fitness — 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. Tuesdays, July 12 - Aug. 16. Get in shape through music and dancing, led by Julia LaTorre. The cost is \$60 for six weeks or pay \$65 on the day the class starts.

Ballroom: Advanced — 8:15 to 9:15 p.m. Tuesdays, July 12 - Aug. 16. Instructors Dennis and Geri Maxwell cover classic American, Latin and international styles of ballroom dance. The cost is \$96 for six weeks. It

costs \$101 on the first day of class.

Abrikadabra! — Monday - Friday, July 11 - 15. Explore the world of magic and magicians in these programs for boys and girls, ages 5-7 who meet from 10 a.m. to noon and 1 to 3 p.m. for those aged 8-11, led by an instructor from Abrakadoodle. The cost is \$128 for five classes plus \$35 materials fee payable at time of registration.

Fun-Gineering! — 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. Monday - Friday, July 11 - 15. Explore, investigate and solve problems while learning about the building blocks of engineering — simple machines. Led by an instructor from Computer Explorers, the program is for those ages 6-8. Advanced registration is required by Friday, July 8. The cost is \$168 for five classes.



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Children from the 2010 classes show the snake gourds they painted. For more ribbon farm photos visit gphistorical.org.

Children learn about Grosse Pointe's ribbon farms

The third annual Ribbon Farm Days features three two-week summer sessions for children between the ages of 6 and 11 at the Provencal-Weir House.

Sessions are from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays. Each session features arts and crafts, baking, vintage games and storytelling. Children must bring a bag lunch.

Session II: July 5, 7, 12 and 14

Children sew moccasins, make cinnamon peach crisp with fresh Michigan peaches and real whipped cream, do a buffalo hide painting, make

fresh limeade and learn about the Fox Indian Battle at Windmill Pointe in Grosse Pointe Park.

Session III: July 19, 21, 26 and 28

Participants dip beeswax candles, make blueberry crisp from scratch with Michigan blueberries, trim a quill pen with which to write, make dye for ink, prepare fresh pink lemonade and learn what school and life was like for pioneer children in the 1800s.

Session IV: Aug. 2, 4, 9 and 11

Activities include dying yarn using berries, herbs and other

items from nature; making fresh cherry cobbler with Michigan-grown cherries; weaving with the dyed yarn; painting a snake gourd; making fresh pink lemonade and learning the history of the Grosse Pointe's ribbon farms.

Members pay \$160 and non-members, \$180.

If children sign up for two sessions, the second session costs \$135 for members and non-members pay \$155. An additional discount is offered if children enroll in all three sessions. For information, call Izzy at (313) 884-7010.

The Provencal-Weir House is at 381 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe Farms.

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12:00 pm Economic Club of Detroit
1:00 pm The Soc Show
1:30 pm Great Lakes Log
2:00 pm The John Prost Show
2:30 pm Legal Insider
3:00 pm Things to Do at the War Memorial
3:30 pm Art & Design
4:00 pm Vitality Plus (Tone)
4:30 pm Musical Storytime
5:00 pm In a Heartbeat
5:30 pm The Soc Show
6:00 pm Legal Insider
7:00 pm Vitality Plus (Step/Kick Boxing)
7:30 pm Things to Do at the War Memorial
8:00 pm In a Heartbeat
8:30 pm Senior Men's Club
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PASTOR'S CORNER By Kent Commer

Heaven still controversial

For centuries before — and probably for centuries to come — there's nothing like the subjects of God and heaven to promote controversy. A group of atheists in New York City are protesting a street sign in Brooklyn dedicated to seven firefighters who perished in the 9/11 terrorist attack. The street was renamed "Seven in Heaven Way." Protesters said the word "heaven" not only offends their sensibilities but violates the concept of separation of church and state (myfoxny.com).

Renowned physicist Stephen Hawking similarly dismisses the existence of God and the concept of heaven as an eventual future, citing it as "a fairy story" for people afraid of death (guardian.co.uk).

Such pronouncements need not trouble those who trust in God and his everlasting provision for all creation. In a noted speech to the Athenians on Mars Hill a couple thousand years ago, the Apostle Paul declared God unto the believing and unbelieving Greeks who erected an altar dedicated "to the unknown god." Paul professed the true God was not a mysterious and unknowable deity, but a spiritual presence to be known, for "in him we live, and move, and have our being." (Acts 17)

Likewise, the Bible's Gospel of Matthew relates Jesus spoke many times of heaven and his references imply heaven is a present gift, such as when he said, "the kingdom of heaven is within you" and "at hand." Jesus metaphorically compared the kingdom of heaven to a mustard seed that starts small but grows into a large tree providing shelter; to leaven which is hid in three measures of meal that eventually transforms into bread; and to a fishing net cast into the sea and gathers all sorts of things that need to be sorted and divided between good and bad.

I like what Joan Taylor wrote in her June 21, 2011, article in The Christian Science Monitor, where she says heaven is not a "hereafter ... (but) a here now. A present, palpable reality that each one of us can experience. Real heaven is not a place (to believe in or not believe in), but the divine, continuous activity of God, mind, in consciousness. The demand is to see the universe and its rules as subordinate to divine law — and then live out from that premise, as Christ Jesus did. This is an invitation to live a life full of faith, love, healing and heaven. Right now. And that's no fairy tale."

Kent Commer belongs to the local Christian Science congregation.

CHURCH EVENTS

Congregational Church Mission Presentation

The Outreach Committee of Grosse Pointe Congregational Church, 240 Chalfonte, Grosse Pointe Farms, sponsors a mission presentation at 2 p.m., Thursday, July 7, in the church lounge.

David Maurer and his wife, Vivian, disciple Chinese children and provide a biblical foundation for them to draw upon.

The couple teaches 6-10 students and meet with them three hours every week-day for a year.

They are seeking partnerships with churches, small groups and individuals for financial and prayer support. All income comes through these partnerships.

Hymn sing

An old-fashioned hymn sing in celebration of God and country is at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, July 12, at the church.

The evening features the Musical Miller family, of Grosse Pointe Park, with selections of organ, brass, and flute music interspersed with hymn favorites.

A reception follows in the church lounge. The evening is hosted by the Women's Fellowship of Grosse Pointe Congregational Church.



Carillon recital

Phyllis Webb and Carol Bosché perform a concert of patriotic music at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, July 5, at the Grosse Pointe Memorial Church, 16 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms. Webb is the senior carillonneur at the church. Bosché is also a carillonneur and studied music at Ottawa University in Kansas. A television screen is provided for those seated outdoors. Following the performance, the carillon tower is open. Admission is free, donations are accepted.



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SonSurf Beach Bash

Preston Bucci and Colin Hexter grab a towel and run to the opposite end of the recreation area, fill it with beach items and run back to unload them during the St. Ambrose Catholic Church vacation Bible school last week. Volunteers made a 5-foot tall sand castle and the children painted it. From left, Melvina Lubanski, volunteers Katherine Kuhnlein and Bianca Garcia and student Charlie Auld.

The completed sand castle is on the altar.

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ASK THE EXPERTS By David M. Benson

Cell phone for children depends on many issues



Q When should a child/teen be allowed a cell phone?

A As a therapist, this question is commonly asked by parents of children all ages.

Technology has certainly changed since the days we as parents grew up. "Back in the day," it was not uncommon to see people driving holding a

large cellular phone with a long cord connected to the cigarette lighter outlet.

Nowadays, some cars have "hands free" capabilities, in which one does not even have to touch their paper-thin "phone."

Technology has changed so much and so fast that most parents cannot keep up. In fact, it is not uncommon for children to be more knowledgeable about computers, smart phones and other electronic gadgets.

Cell phones are not what they used to be. Nowadays, they have Internet access,

movies, games, instant messaging, texting and many other features. Is this all necessary?

At what age should a child/teen obtain one of these devices? The answer may not be that simple. The following is a list of criteria many parents use to determine if their child/teen "needs" or deserves a phone.

◆ **Maturity:** How mature is your child/teen?

◆ **Trust:** Can your child/teen be trusted to use the phone within the limits of the cell phone plan?

◆ **Responsibility:** Can your child/teen be responsible to not

text and drive or use the phone during school, church or other events when it is inappropriate? Has your child/teen demonstrated responsibility at school and at home?

◆ **Convenience:** Many parents provide their child/teen cell phones for their own convenience. Cell phones make it easier to keep track of our children's whereabouts, as well as constant updates to plans changing, etc.

◆ **Safety:** Cell phones are also helpful in case of an emergency and make it much easier to contact police, medical care, or any other situation where

the child/teen could be in danger.

I have also found in my practice many parents who do not fully trust their child/teen use the "tracking device." This program tracks where the person/phone is within a few feet.

Parents that are comfortable and confident with their child/teen's level of maturity and responsibility should feel at ease in providing their child with a cell phone.

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Grosse Pointe Farms. Contact him at EastShore Counseling Services (313) 447-5779, e-mail Info@DavidBensonTherapy.com or visit DavidBensonTherapy.com.

The Family Center, a 501C3, non-profit organization, serves as the community's 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.

Karmanos wins excellence award

The Barbara Ann Karmanos Cancer Institute was given the 2010 Award of Excellence in the specialty hospitals category by Health Care Weekly Review.

For the fourth consecutive year, the review has recognized Michigan's health care institutions in four categories: full service hospitals; specialty hospitals; nursing/medical schools; and excellent administrators. The awards are sponsored by the Michigan State Medical Society.

"We're extremely pleased to win this prestigious award from Health Care Weekly Review," said Dr. Gerold Bepler, president and CEO of Karmanos. "People in metro Detroit have many options when it comes to receiving cancer care. Karmanos strives to be the preeminent center for the best cancer care in the region, as well as one of the top cancer centers in the nation. This award is a wonderful acknowledgement of our efforts."

Karmanos has a specialized medical team that only treat cancer.

He added, "Each year, Karmanos cares for nearly 6,000 new patients looking for hope in what is arguably the scariest time of their lives. Each patient not only meets with a team of cancer-fighting medical professionals, they benefit from the ground breaking cancer research at Karmanos."

Reasons that distinguish Karmanos include:

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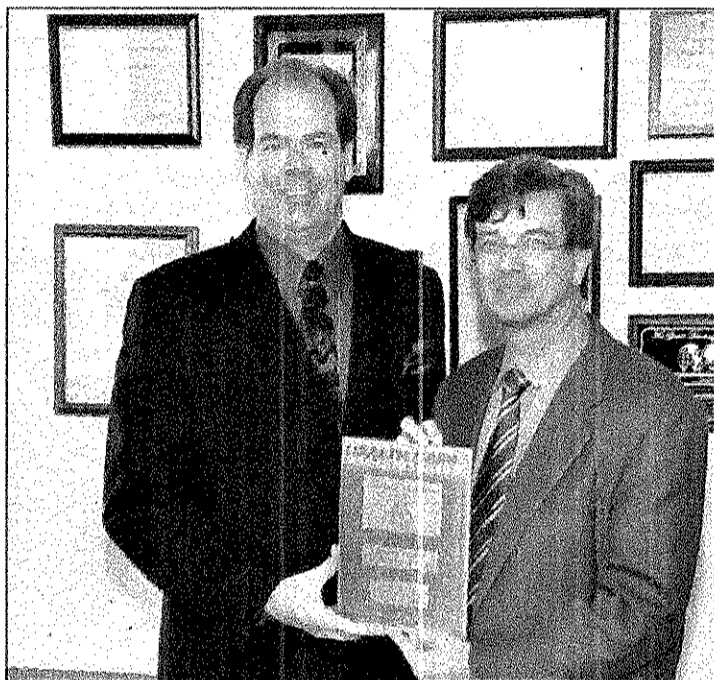


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From left, Mark Spiess, publisher of Health Care Weekly Review, presents the Award of Excellence to Gerold Bepler, M.D. and president and CEO of the Karmanos Cancer Institute.

centers in the United States and is the only Michigan hospital solely dedicated to fighting cancer.

◆ Karmanos has been ranked most preferred hospital for cancer care in southeast Michigan for four consecutive years, according to the National Research Corporation.

Patients who come to Karmanos have access to 100 cancer-fighting therapies.

◆ Karmanos' Phase I Clinical Trials Program is one of 14 NCI-funded Phase I programs in the U. S. and Canada and the only program in Michigan.

◆ Karmanos researchers formed the Southeast Michigan Partners Against Cancer, between the Karmanos Cancer Institute, the Josephine Ford Cancer Center at Henry Ford Health System, and Wayne State University School of Medicine.

◆ Patients have options to fighting cancer, including traditional chemotherapy and radiation therapies, immunotherapy, cryotherapy, microwave ablation, the minimally-invasive da Vinci Surgical Si System and photon radiotherapy.

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SENIOR SCENE By Ruth Cain

Snoozing great for the brain



If you're getting sufficient sleep at night, a nap is not necessary. But if you are getting less than the seven or eight hours most adults need, a short nap may improve health as well as enhanced physical and mental performance.

This good news comes from Sat Bir Singh Khalsa, a neuroscientist and researcher in the Division of Sleep Medicine at Boston's Brigham and Women's Hospital.

But there are caveats. If you have chronic insomnia, napping may reduce sleep drive and interfere with sleep at night, making insomnia worse.

Napping might also lower the quality of nighttime sleep for those who get sufficient sleep, or those with a reduced need for sleep, such as older adults.

There's also "unhealthy napping." If you take naps longer than a half hour, it can lead to "sleep inertia," a slowing of activity in the brain's decision-making prefrontal cortex,

characterized by impaired alertness, grogginess and a decline in motor performance.

This sleep hangover may last for a brief time—15 minutes or so—or hours, depending on how long and deep the sleep.

A recent study suggests a brief nap can lower blood pressure in those who've experienced stressful events.

"That makes sense," said Khalsa. "Even a brief period of sleep can help reduce the irritability, tension, emotional reactivity and increased blood pressure that are associated with lack of sleep and exposure to stress."

A study by NASA several years ago showed pilots that took an in-flight nap for 26 minutes or so enhanced their performance by 34 percent and overall alertness by 54 percent.

A recent Harvard study found both insufficient night sleeping and naps of an hour or more are associated with a greater risk for diabetes.

Some frequent nighttime awakenings are caused by sleep apnea or restless legs syndrome. Mental disorders, such as depression or anxiety, also may interfere with sleep.

Khalsa urges those whose nighttime sleep is interrupted due to mental or physical dis-

orders to seek professional help.

I found this information in the Mind Mood & Memory newsletter that also recommends an effective way to achieve maximum alertness after a brief sleep:

Find a quiet place to lie down or recline comfortably. Drink a cup of coffee or a caffeinated soda and immediately close your eyes and relax into a snooze. Nap for 15 to 20 minutes or so—the time it takes for caffeine to be absorbed and begin to banish sleepiness.

Go back to your regular activities. You should experience renewed vigor and alertness from the double benefits of caffeine and a restorative nap.

I just celebrated a birthday—a states-wide event. One son came from Oregon, another from Utah, a daughter from Colorado and another from Illinois.

A son came from Lansing and more daughters from Ann Arbor and Grosse Pointe. Three of my grandchildren were also here. Another grandson is in Afghanistan and a granddaughter is taking a six-week course in Rome.

It was a grand occasion.

Reach Cain at ruthcain@comcast.net

Healing arts center offers classes

The Valade Healing Arts Center, 192299 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods, classes for July and August include aura photography and reiki.

Aura photography — 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., Saturday, July 30. The aura is an energy field radiating through and around all living things. Participants are provided with a color aura photo and chakras. A 20-minute appointment costs \$30; half-hour appointments cost \$45.

Reiki I class — 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Saturday, July 16. Reiki is an ancient, Japanese, hands-on healing method. Students learn the history of reiki, basic hand positions and ways to use it. Minimum class size is five and may be subject to cancellation. The cost is \$135.

Reiki II class — 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Saturday, July 30. Learn the technique for distance healing and furthering mental, spiritual and emotional healing processes. Minimum class size is five and is subject to cancellation. The cost is \$195.

Yoga retreat — 9 a.m. to noon Saturday, Aug.

27. This is a silent retreat combining meditation and visualization. It consists of gentle Hatha yoga poses. Bring a yoga mat, blanket, small pillow and bottled water. The last day to register is Thursday, Aug. 25, and costs \$55. Minimum class size is five and may be subject to cancellation.

Tai chi — 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. Tuesdays, July 12 - Aug. 16. Learn to relax, improve flexibility, respiratory and cardiac status through gentle movements and breathing techniques. Especially helpful to seniors or to those who would like to improve balance. Students study the International 24 form. Melissa Zwicker is the instructor.

The cost is \$70 for six weeks. Minimum class size is five.

To register for the yoga retreat, call St. John Health Connect at (866) 501-3627.

To register for reiki I or reiki II classes or aura photography, or for more information, call the Valade Healing Arts Center at (313) 647-3320.

Sunscreen application a must

Get your sunscreen ready — summer is here.

The American Cancer Society, along with the National Council on Skin Cancer Prevention, encourages the use of sunscreen with an SPF 15 or higher, wearing clothing that limits the amount of skin exposed, covering the head with a hat and wearing sunglasses to protect eyes and the skin around them.

Stay out of the sun during peak times, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. — and remember a nice tan is

never worth risking your life, experts say.

According to the American Cancer Society, many of the more than two million cases of skin cancer diagnosed annually could have been prevented by protection from the sun's rays and avoiding indoor tanning.

Melanoma is a type of skin cancer that can be deadly. Look for any suspicious or unusual moles using the American Cancer Society's ABCD rule:

Asymmetry — one half of the

mole does not match the other.

Border — edges of the mole are irregular (blurred, ragged).

Color — color is not uniform and may have patches of pink, red, white or black.

Diameter — melanoma moles are usually larger than 1/4 inch, but this is not always the case.

If a suspicious mole is found, talk to a doctor. Nothing increases cancer survival rates more than early detection — and nothing lowers cancer rates more than prevention.

The American College of Emergency Physicians is arming caregivers with information they need when taking an elderly parent for emergency care.

"Emotions may be high, so prepare now for the possibility you will have to take your parent to the emergency room down the road," said Dr. Nick Jouriles, president of ACEP.

"It's extremely helpful for emergency physicians to have medical history information about their patients. Knowing the medications they are taking, their allergies, their medical conditions, can save lives."

The nation's emergency physicians offer the following tips:

◆ **Medical history form:** Visit emergencycareforyou.org.

For a form to be completed, possibly with assistance from the parent's primary care physician. On the form, list medications being taken, allergies and past and current medical conditions.

Bring to the emergency department and give to the emergency physician.

◆ **Bring reading materials:** Have a book, magazine, or newspaper to read while waiting for results or to see a physician. It will make the time pass more quickly and help reduce stress.

◆ **Anticipate admission:** Bring a change of clothes and some personal items in case admission is necessary. Leave

them in the car.

◆ **Know physician contacts:** Write down the names and phone numbers of the parent's doctors, why they are being seen and for how long they have been seen.

Give it to the doctor or nurse in the emergency department.

If traveling, have copies of the most recent doctor summary and a copy of an EKG if it is abnormal.

◆ **Convey parent's state of mind:** If the parent seems confused, explain to the physician what "normal" behavior is like. Make sure the parent is included in the conversation and try to ensure the parent understands.

◆ **Consider living wills:** If a condition is life-threatening, one needs to know what the plan will be and the parent's wishes.

◆ **Report on recent surgeries:** Keep track of surgeries, especially ones involving implanted devices such as hip replacements, or pace makers.

◆ **Simplify insurance information:** Have a single sheet of paper with insurance and identification information.

◆ **Resist downplaying:** Realize that elderly patients often will talk down their symptoms to doctors or nurses and only tell it like it is to family members.

Be ready to fill in the additional information if necessary.

◆ **Be patient:** Realize the more the complaints, the longer it takes. Be patient with the physician and the parent.

For more information about elderly emergency care, visit emergencycareforyou.org.

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ENGAGEMENTS

Brach - Fisher

John and Cindy Brach, of Brighton, have announced the engagement of their daughter, Jamie Elizabeth Brach, to Andrew Muckerman Fisher, son of Alfred and Barbara Joseph Fisher III, of Grosse Pointe Farms.

A September wedding is planned.

Brown - Berschback

Jeff and Debbie Brown, of Beavercreek, Ohio, have announced the engagement of their daughter, Casey Brown, to Brian Berschback, son of Rick and Mary Berschback, of Grosse Pointe Park. A September wedding is planned.

Brown earned a Bachelor of Materials Science Engineering degree from The Ohio State University and a Master of Materials Engineering degree from University of Dayton. She is a research engineer.

Berschback earned a Bachelor of Business Administration degree from the University of Michigan and a master's degree in accounting from Walsh College.

He is a marketing consultant.

Dold - Thiel

Douglas and Elaine Dold, of Grosse Pointe Park, have announced the engagement of their daughter, Lisa Holbrook Dold, to Stephen Louis Thiel, son of Charles and Nancy Thiel, of the City of Grosse Pointe. A September wedding is planned.

Dold earned a Bachelor of Science degree in biopsychology from the University of Michigan and works in chemotherapy research for phase I clinical trials.

Thiel has started Holiday Heating and BC Umbrella Corporation, a real estate holding company.

Grady - Martusiewicz

Dr. and Mrs. Kevin Grady, of Grosse Pointe Farms, have announced the engagement of their daughter, Courtney Grady, to Alexander Martusiewicz, son of Mr. and Dr. Zbigniew Martusiewicz, of Troy. A June 2012 wedding is planned.

Grady is a 2004 Grosse Pointe South High School graduate and a 2008 graduate of the University of Michigan. She is a fourth-year dental student at U of M and is to graduate in May, with plans to open a private practice.

Martusiewicz graduated from Troy High School in 2004 and is a 2008 U of M graduate. He is a fourth-year medical student at the U of M and is to graduate in May. Martusiewicz plans to pursue an orthopedic surgery career.

LaGrasso - Laskowski

Joe and Cheri LaGrasso, of Grosse Pointe Shores, have announced the engagement of their daughter, Lindsay LaGrasso, to Justin Laskowski, son of John and Julie Laskowski, of Bay City. A September wedding is planned.

LaGrasso earned a Bachelor of Fine Arts degree from Central Michigan University. She is an account assistant with Springthrough in Grand Rapids.

Laskowski earned a Bachelor of Arts degree from Michigan State University and is the territory sales manager with Model First Aid and Safety Training.

Reynolds - Scarfone

Donald Reynolds and Dona DeSantis-Reynolds, of Grosse Pointe Woods, have announced the engagement of their daughter, Anne Marie Reynolds, to Andrew Scarfone, son of Richard and Mary Scarfone, of Grosse Pointe

Shores. A July wedding is planned.

Reynolds graduated from Michigan State University, earning a Bachelor of Science degree in family and consumer sciences. She is a high school teacher.

Scarfone earned a Bachelor of Science degree from MSU and a juris doctorate degree from the University of Detroit Mercy. He is an attorney.

Roy - Garner

Rex and Tammy Roy, of Grosse Pointe Farms, have announced the engagement of their daughter, Emma Roy, to Ross Garner, son of Jeff and Rebecca Garner of Lafayette, Calif. A November wedding is planned.

Roy earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in elementary education from Wheaton College.

Garner earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in business and communications from Wheaton College.

Schrage - Hilliard

Julie Schrage, of St. Clair Shores, formerly of Grosse Pointe Farms, has announced the engagement of her daughter, Kelly O'Donnell Schrage, to Eric Patrick Hilliard, son of Diane Hilliard-Faulker, of Lancaster, Ohio. Schrage is the daughter of the late James Schrage. Hilliard is the son of the late Gary Hilliard.

An October wedding is planned.

Schrage graduated from the University of South Carolina in 2008 with a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration with a double major in marketing and management. She is a client manager with Parrish & Gwinn in Columbia, S.C.

Hilliard is a 2007 graduate of University of South Carolina with a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration with a double major in marketing and fi-



Andrew Muckerman Fisher and Jamie Elizabeth Brach



Brian Berschback and Casey Brown



Stephen Louis Thiel and Lisa Holbrook Dold



Courtney Grady and Alexander Martusiewicz



Justin Laskowski and Lindsay LaGrasso



Andrew Scarfone and Anne Marie Reynolds



Ross Garner and Emma Roy



Eric Patrick Hilliard and Kelly O'Donnell Schrage



Joshua D. Brown and Amanda White

nance. He is a commercial lender with BB&T in Columbia, S.C.

White - Brown

Stephen and Christine White, of Mercer, Pa., have announced the engagement of

their daughter, Amanda White, to Joshua D. Brown, son of Sidonie D. Brown, of Grosse Pointe Farms, and David G. Brown, of Warren. An August wedding is planned.

White earned a Bachelor of Science in Nursing degree from Edinboro University of Pennsylvania.

Brown graduated from Grosse Pointe North High School in 1994. He graduated from Full Sail University in Florida and the Academy of Arts University in San Francisco.

He is an audio producer in Lieberman Productions, San Francisco.

WEDDINGS

Calvopiña - Cushing

Daniela Marcela Velasco Calvopiña, daughter of Marcelo Velasco and Maria de Lourdes Calvopiña, of Quito, Ecuador, married Ralph Richard Cushing, son of Ralph and Barbara Cushing, of the City of Grosse Pointe, May 14, 2011, in the Catedral de El Señor Iglesia Episcopal del Ecuador.

The Rev. Christopher Morck officiated at the ceremony which was followed by a reception at the Circulo Militar in Quito.

The bride wore a strapless champagne peau de soie gown with ruching on the skirt, ending in a chapel length train. She wore a fingertip veil and carried a bouquet of red roses.

Natalia Gabriela Velasco Calvopiña, of Quito, served as her sister's maid of honor. She wore a dark red floor length chiffon gown and carried a white rose bouquet.

Todd Cushing of Merrimac, Mass., was his brother's best man.

The ring bearer was Martin Isaac de la Cadena, the bride's friend.

The scripture and prayer readers were the groom's mother; the bride's brother, Oscar Marcelo Velasco Calvopiña, of Quito; the groom's aunt, Lenora Cushing, of Quincy, Mass.; and the bride's friends, Salome Castro and Lorena Jacome, of Quito.

The bride earned a Bachelor of Science degree from Pontificia Universidad Catolica Del Ecuador and is a medical technician at SOLCA Oncological Hospital, Quito.

The groom earned a



Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Richard Cushing

Bachelor of Arts degree from Western Michigan University and is an English-as-second-language instructor at Centro De Education Continua, Quito.

The couple live in Quito. Special guests at the wedding were the groom's sister and brother, Laurel Cushing, of Minneapolis, and Brian Cushing, of Grand Rapids; and the groom's uncle, Dick Unzelman, of Florissant, Colo.

Gompers - Clancy

Carole Ann Gompers, daughter of James S. and Esther V. Gompers, of Grosse Pointe Shores, married Michael Joseph Clancy, son of James and Barbara Clancy, of Grosse Pointe Shores, May 28, 2011, at the Grosse Pointe Woods Presbyterian Church.

The Rev. James Rizer officiated at the 5 p.m. ceremony, which was followed by a reception at the Grosse Pointe



Mr. and Mrs. Michael Joseph Clancy

Yacht Club.

The bride wore an ivory silk Paula Varsalona gown with a jewel-encrusted waistband. She carried a bouquet of cream vendella roses, peonies, lisianthus and freesia.

The bride's sister, Nancy L. McEnroe, of Grosse Pointe Shores, and the bride's best friend, Catherine A. Grace, of West Bloomfield, were the co-matrons of honor.

Taylor Clancy, the groom's daughter, of Grosse Pointe Woods, was junior bridesmaid.

Attendants wore navy blue floor-length gowns by Jules Joyner Designs and carried bouquets of roses, peonies and hydrangeas.

Brendan Clancy, of Grosse Pointe Woods, served as his father's best man.

James Clancy Jr., of Oakland Township, was his brother's groomsman.

The bride's mother wore a multi-tiered lavender jacketed floor length Andrianna Papell gown and had a cream rose wrist corsage.

The groom's mother wore a gold knit St. John cowl neck top over a black silk evening skirt. She also had a cream rose wrist corsage.



Mr. and Mrs. Christian T. Flaherty

The bride graduated from Grosse Pointe North High School, earned a Bachelor of Science degree in business administration from Wayne State University and a Master of Business Administration from the University of Detroit. She works with Ford Motor Company in product development.

The groom graduated from Romeo High School and earned a bachelor's degree from Ferris State University. He works with Chrysler Corporation.

The couple lives in Grosse Pointe Woods.

Voris - Flaherty

Brooke L. Voris, daughter of Donald and Delma Voris, of Buffalo Grove, Ill., married Christian T. Flaherty, son of Richard Flaherty, of Sterling Heights, and Linda Flaherty, of Grosse Pointe Woods, May 7, 2011, in Guanacaste, Costa Rica.

A justice of the peace officiated at the ceremony, which was followed by a beachside sunset reception and concluded with a fireworks display.

The bride wore a fitted antique white silk crepe de chine gown with lace cap sleeves and a cutout back. The dress had a pintucked bodice and ended with a fishtail hemline. She carried a bouquet of white orchids and calla lilies and white and peach roses. She also carried her mother's rosary.

Bobby Wine, of Antioch, Ill., served as his aunt's ring bearer.

The bride earned a Bachelor of Science degree from Carroll College and is an interior designer.

The groom earned a Juris Doctorate degree in 2004 from Wayne State University and is an account manager for West, a Thomas Reuters business.

The couple resides in Chicago.

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WEDDINGS

Loy - Brenner

Maureen Loy and Neal Brenner were married Aug. 28, 2010, on the terrace of the Grosse Pointe Academy in Grosse Pointe Farms.

The bride is the daughter of Dennis and Anne Loy, of Grosse Pointe Farms. The groom is the son of Irwin and Laura Brenner of Cresskill, N.J.

Brother Thomas Lackey, FSC, the bride's uncle, and Alfredo Unione, the groom's uncle, officiated at the ceremony, which was followed by a lakeside reception at the academy.

Bridesmaids were Natalie Adewunmi of Ypsilanti; Sarah Jelinek, of Warren; Julie Turner, of Denver; and the groom's sister, Sarah Barrs, of New York.

Groomsmen were Andrew Moran of Tenafly, N.J.; Kevin Brogan, of Cresskill; Brian Hoving, of Portland, Ore.; and the bride's brother, Peter Loy, of Conshohocken, Pa.

Zachary Loy, of Columbus, Ohio, the bride's cousin, was ring bearer.

The bride is a 2000 Regina High School graduate. She earned a bachelor's degree in 2004 and a master's degree in 2006 in engineering from the University of Michigan. She graduated from the University



Mr. and Mrs. Neal Brenner

of Chicago Law School in 2010 and practices intellectual property litigation at the law firm of Fish and Richardson in Boston.

The groom graduated from Cresskill High School in 1999. He earned a bachelor's degree in 2003 in electrical engineering and computer science from Massachusetts Institute of Technology and a master's degree in business administration from the Booth School of Business at the University of Chicago in 2010. He is the director of engineering at XL Hybrids, Inc. in Somerville, Mass.

The couple honeymooned on Maui and Kauai, Hawaii. They live in Cambridge, Mass.



Mr. and Mrs. Patrick Joseph Keane

Wooderson - Keane

Natalie Ellen Wooderson, daughter of Thomas and Laurie Wooderson, of Northville, married Patrick Joseph Keane, son of Anne Keane Boyle, of the City of Grosse Pointe, stepson of Francis J. Boyle, of the City of Grosse Pointe and son of the late Joseph P. Keane.

The Rev. Lynn C. Sanders performed the Feb. 12, 2011, ceremony at St. Bartholomew's Church in New York, which was followed by a reception at the Waldorf Astoria Hotel.

The bride wore an ivory lace Pronovias gown and carried a bouquet of ivory roses.

The bride's sister, Emily Wooderson, of Northville, served as maid of honor.

Attendants were the bride's friends, Laurel Roberts, of Birmingham, Ala.; Kara Gittins, of Royal Oak; Caroline Streppa, of Atlanta; Kelly Ziemski, of Minneapolis; and Sarah Martini, of Los Angeles.

They wore floor length black dresses and carried bouquets similar to the bride's.

Dr. Christopher Keane, of Los Angeles, served as his brother's best man.

Groomsmen and ushers were the groom's brothers, John Keane, of Grand Rapids and Peter Keane, of Orlando,

Fla.; and the groom's friends, Jeff Huntington, of Atlanta; Bill Gough, of Grosse Pointe Farms; Jim West, of Chicago; Alex Shire of New York; Peter Megler, of San Francisco; and the bride's brother, Tom Wooderson, of Northville.

The bride's mother wore a chocolate brown, floor length taffeta gown.

The groom's mother chose a waltz-length pink chiffon dress.

Readings were done by the groom's sister, Martha Green, of Chicago, and the bride's cousin, John May, of Berkley.

The organist was Paolo Bordignon.

The bride earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in communication, from Michigan State University and is an event planner for Auerbach Grayson & Company.

The groom earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in communication from MSU and is executive director of corporate events at Morgan Stanley.

The couple honeymooned in Cabo San Lucas, Mexico, and Half Moon Bay, Calif. They live in New York City.

How to honor America

Many cities and towns across the nation have scaled back or canceled longstanding Fourth of July traditions due to stretched budgets.

However, when faced with challenges impacting an entire community, Americans have shown time and again a passion for supporting their towns — and honoring the country.

With July 4th fast approaching, Americans have the opportunity to show community spirit. Whether it's bringing back patriotic parades, volunteering at schools and places of worship, or honoring the men and women who protect, there are many ways to help.

Here are some ideas how to honor America this July 4th:

◆ Box it. A timeless way to show patriotism is to support the troops. Organize a care package drive and send local service men and women things they miss from home. Teach children about the contributions of America's veterans and ways to thank them by visiting va.gov/kids.

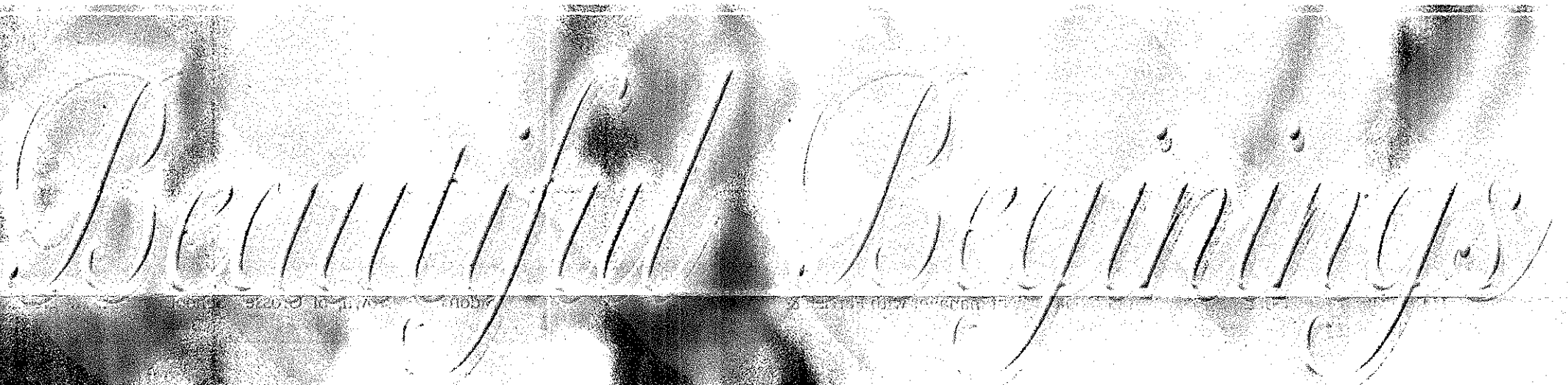
◆ Participate in democracy. Local govern-

ment officials need to hear from residents to address regional issues effectively. Join or start a community group, such as a neighborhood watch, or attend a town hall meeting. Write an op-ed to the local newspaper offering ideas to make a positive impact on the community.

◆ Visit a national landmark. The country is filled with local landmarks, from war memorials to state parks. Visiting one this summer is a great way to teach the family about American history and ecology in a fun, memorable way.

◆ Broaden your horizons. America's strength comes from diversity. Honor that tradition by learning about people that share the country. From museums that celebrate Native American culture to multicultural dining, almost every town has something. Try introducing yourself to your long time neighbor whose name you never learned.

Spread the word by using social media tools, such as Facebook and Twitter, to recruit others to a cause and build a sense of community.



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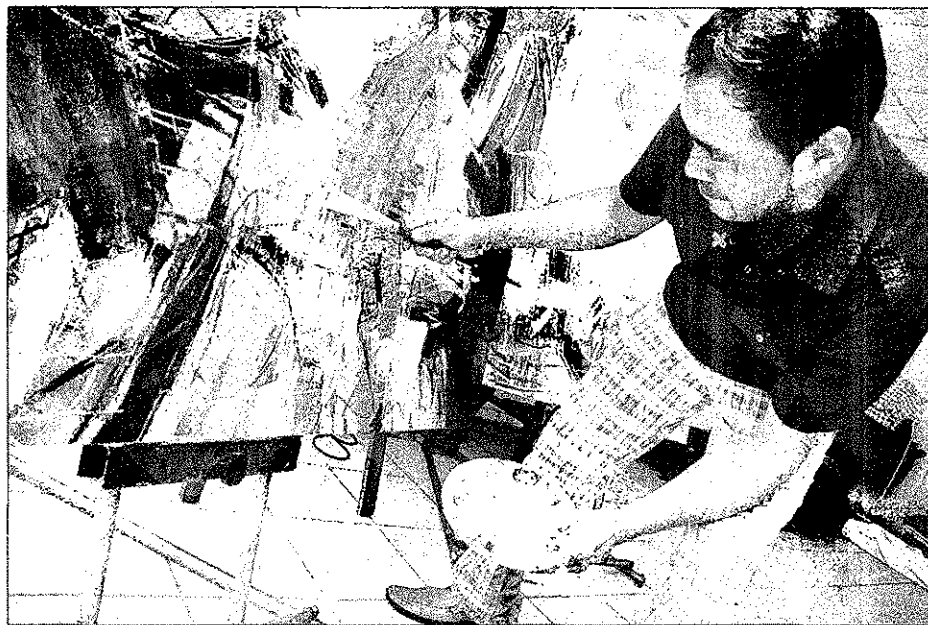
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Grosse Pointe Art Center



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Finishing touches

Peruvian painter Juan Carlos touched up two of his works at the Grosse Pointe Park house of Mariela Griffor before putting them on exhibit at the Grosse Pointe Art Center, where seven of his paintings hang. Carlos said his passion is painting and needs to create on a daily basis. He attended the University of Peru for five years and studied in Brazil.

Words rule at art center

Words ruled at the Grosse Pointe Art Center Friday, June 10, at the opening of "Word Play."

The show celebrates the merging of artistic expression and language. Each piece incorporates letters, words or phrases, or was inspired by a literary work. Carole Harris, a Michigan fiber artist, juried the event.

Best in Show went to Larry Zdeb, of Troy, for his mixed media box, "Popular Leaders." The piece featured old newspaper articles about several big band leaders, wire and reclaimed wood illuminated with small electric lights. Zdeb also won Honorable Mention for his large encaustic and mixed media piece, "Emotions."

The artist said the piece was to convey "mixed" emotions, having combined old piano pieces, molds, reclaimed wood, house paint and a picture of Gene Autry.

Amy Wolfe took home second place for her clay and mixed media piece, "Real Men."

Third place went to Michael Calligan, of Grosse Pointe Farms, for his acrylic painting, "Stand Up."

Honorable mentions went to Mary Aro, of Grosse Pointe Park, for her pencil drawing, "Radiation;" Lorelei R. Blyatt, of Detroit, for her digital print, "Conversation #1;" and Gail Sina, of Rochester, for her embroidery/calligraphy piece, "Needles & Nibs."

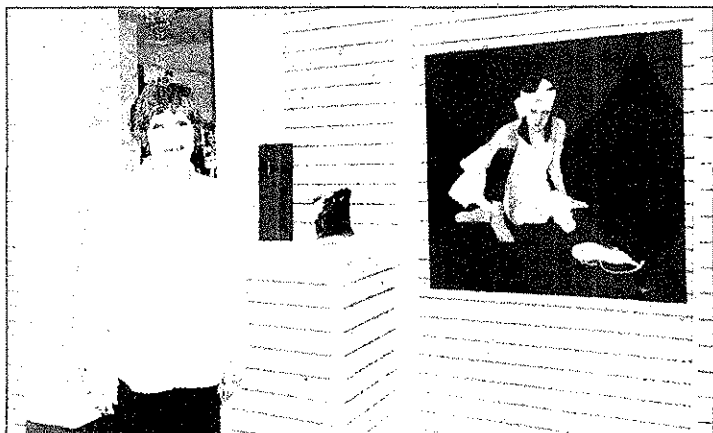
The show is a mix of mediums, including photography, encaustic, pastels, sculpture, wood block prints, embroidery, handmade paper, calligraphy, pottery, collage and book making.

Also opening June 10 are "Best of Show Winners of 2010" and "Circus."

Each Best in Show winner from last year displayed recent work. Lin Viglione, the winner of the 2010 "Pottery, Prints and Photography" show, displayed a painting and two pottery pieces, one revealing a hand emerging from a ceramic block. She said it represents escape.

The circus show is a multi-media collection of work with a big top theme. All three shows run through July 9.

The art center is open noon to 6 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday at 16900 Kercheval, City of Grosse Pointe.



Lin Viglione, of Sterling Heights, displays a painting and two pottery pieces at the Grosse Pointe Art Center.



Mary Aro, of Grosse Pointe Park, earned honorable mention with her pencil drawing. She is with Amy DeBrunner, of Grosse Pointe Park.

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CULTURAL SCENE

DAM Underwear Show," runs through July 16, at 4719 Woodward, Detroit. Co-curators Gary Eleinko and Jack O. Summers created the exhibit with 33 artists presenting two- and three-dimensional artworks including fiber, jewelry, adornments, photography, painting and sculpture.

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



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Detroit Artists Market's "Unmentionables: The Underwear Show."

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Detroit Zoo

The Detroit Zoo gets even wilder on Wednesdays during July and August with its annual Wild Summer Nights concert series.

Concerts are in the Main Picnic Grove from 6:30 to 8 p.m. July 6 through Aug. 31, and are free with regular zoo admission.

Admission prices are reduced to \$5 after 5 p.m. Wednesdays in July and

August; members are admitted free. The animal habitats and Dinosauria remain open until 8 p.m.

Wild Summer Nights features a variety of live music from local bands, including children's, pop, folk, rock and jazz.

Guests can bring blankets, lawn chairs and picnic baskets. Food, snacks, beer, wine and soft drinks are available for purchase from zoo concessions.

Concert schedule:

- ◆ July 6 — Stewart Francke and His Band (rock and soul)
- ◆ July 13 — Mr. Seley and the Troublemakers (children's)
- ◆ July 20 — Jody Raffoul
- ◆ July 27 — Grievous Angel
- ◆ Aug. 3 — Candy Band
- ◆ Aug. 10 — Jill Jack
- ◆ Aug. 17 — Sun Messengers

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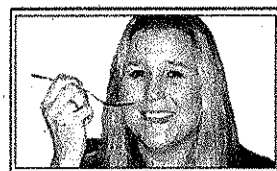
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A LA ANNIE By Annie Rouleau-Scheriff

Orzo salad pairs with barbecue



Next Monday is the 4th of July. At my house, food is more important than fireworks. This year, I'm dishing out an orzo pasta salad that pairs with whatever you have coming off the grill. My choice is chicken and shrimp topped with grilled scallions. I brought together my favorite flavors of the Mediterranean and tossed them with a simple lemon vinaigrette.

Cook the orzo a day in advance and you'll have time to enjoy the holiday with everyone else.

Mediterranean Orzo Pasta Salad

1 lb. orzo pasta, cooked and chilled
1 - 14 oz. can chick peas, drained and rinsed
2 cups chopped, seedless baby cucumber
1 1/2 cups halved cherry tomatoes (or other tomato)
1 cup pitted Kalamata olives, halved
1 1/2 cups crumbled feta cheese
1 cup chopped red onion
3/4 cup chopped fresh parsley
1/2 cup chopped fresh oregano
 Place chilled orzo in a large bowl and give it a good toss to break up orzo. (I like to toss

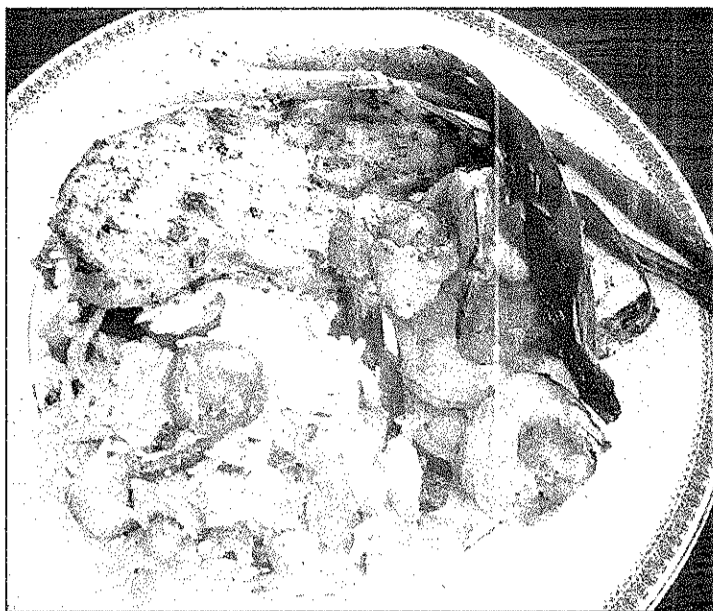


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Pair Mediterranean Orzo Pasta Salad with whatever comes off the grill this weekend.

in a drizzle or two of olive oil. Beginning with chick peas, add ingredients one at a time, tossing gently, yet thoroughly, after each addition.

In a small jar with a fitted lid, combine 1 cup olive oil, 2/3 cup fresh lemon juice and 3/4 teaspoon salt.

Secure lid and shake well. Just before serving, pour dressing over orzo and give salad a final toss.

This salad screams fresh. Really.

Orzo pasta is delicate and must be handled properly just after cooking.

Place drained (just cooked) orzo in a large bowl and drizzle with a bit of olive oil. Toss orzo every so often as it cools to room temperature. Once orzo has cooled, cover tightly and store in refrigerator.

CULTURAL: Listen to music

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◆ Aug. 24 — Straight Ahead (jazz)

◆ Aug. 31 — The Verve Pipe (children's)

Animals receive enrichment as well at 6 and 7 p.m. It includes the introduction of novel and sometimes un-

predictable elements such as objects, sounds, scents or other stimuli giving animals the opportunity to express choice and control in their environments and to make decisions, express individuality and behave in species-

typical ways.

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For more information, call (248) 541-5717 or visit detroitzoo.org.

STATE OF THE ARTS By Alex Suczek

Illumination of truth

The play, "Grapes of Wrath," presented at Stratford this summer is a stage adaptation of a great American novel by John Steinbeck.

The novel made waves describing the 1930s displacement and exploitation of Oklahoma sharecroppers made homeless by economic collapse and natural disaster. But even as a bleak chapter in recent American history, the play conveys an inspiring portrayal of human struggle to maintain identity and personal dignity, and to survive in an uncharitable world. The performance comes across as a deeply moving modern tragedy of classic proportions.

Evicted from their farm by drought and mortgage foreclosure, the Joad family sells what they can, raises cash to buy an old truck and heads for rumored jobs in the orchards and crop lands of California. As Ma, Janet Wright is the pillar supporting the spirits of the whole clan, sustaining faith and hope that a good life awaits them out west. She fills the role with stoic strength, holding back emotion and employing a quiet authority to hold her family together in its difficult migration.

The extended family draws on the strength of her resolve. As Pa, Victor Ertmanis, is troubled and unsure, but fulfills the leadership of his wife. As son, Tom, Evan Bulling is a compelling figure. Out of prison on parole, he comes home to a family just preparing to hit the road and shows the restless impulsiveness that got him in jail. It puts him at risk in facing a society hostile to migrants seeking to start a new life. Tom's frustration at not finding opportunity to help his family live decently is as palpable as the grim experience of any ambitious youth unable to find work in tough times.

As daughter, Rose of Sharon, Chilina Kennedy brings a particular poignancy to the scene. She desperately hangs on to the

promises of her determinedly optimistic husband to find a job, go to school and provide a home quickly for their expected child.

There is humor, too, in the naive expectations of all of them exemplified most colorfully by Ian Clark as Grandpa in his childlike dream of filling a tub with grapes and bathing in the juice as he presses them with his body. Meanwhile, a thoughtful perspective is provided by Tom McCamus as the fallen preacher, Jim Casey. Opportunistically joining the family, he brings a convincing earthiness to the clan.

Even Route 66, which they follow west through mountains and desert, takes on identity. Each stop along the way is a vignette of the challenges and difficulties to be encountered. Locals threaten to call the sheriff to drive campers off their land, demand exorbitant charges for food and shelter or vilify them with derogative names like Oakies, Reds and Vagrants. New friends meet along the way and share their hopes and fears. Worst of all, they encounter migrants returning from the west with reports of true conditions there.

Ingenious production features enliven and accelerate the story. When the parched and unwashed travelers finally reach a river, it opens up in the stage floor and partially stripped, many jump in for a riotous splash party that briefly breaks their stress. And as a continuing device, a trio of folk singers provide a very effective running commentary in song with narrative lyrics that tie together the



flow of the story.

It is a joyous moment when the assembled cast on stage exclaims their enthusiasm on

first sighting the green croplands and groves of their destination. But the moment quickly fades as they encounter the labor contractors and sheriff posses that herd them into Hoovervilles and arrest outspoken leaders to prevent organization of the workers.

Resentful of the unfairness of it all, son Tom is again moved to action and follows his impulses to try to help the migrant workers win fair wages. That, too, threatens his safety.

Meanwhile, Rose of Sharon's baby is born in a boxcar used as temporary shelter on a plantation where they are supposed to find work. A remarkable staged thunderstorm with real rain dramatizes the birth. This brings the play to its conclusion in a scene that Steinbeck's first publisher, and the producer who turned the novel into a movie, both refused to include. It is restored in the play and referred to by playwright Frank Galati as The Pieta.

When first published in the 1930s, the book was the target of violent denunciation as an untrue denial of the American dream. But as a journalist, Steinbeck, who covered the dustbowl displacement, felt compelled to tell the truth of the system's shameful failure. In short order, the novel won the National Book Award and a Pulitzer Prize in 1940.

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