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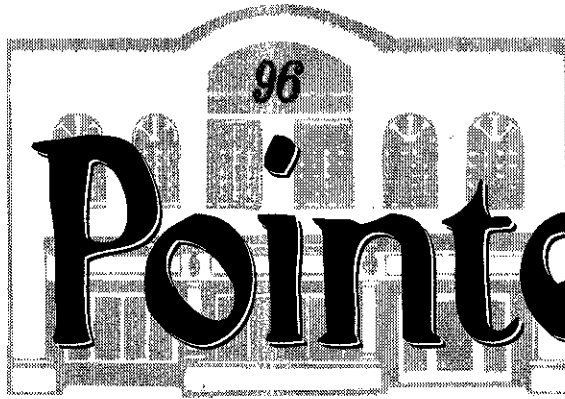
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♦ The Grosse Pointe Community Blood Council will hold an American Red Cross Blood Drive from 9 a.m. to 8:30 p.m. at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms. There is a critical blood shortage this summer. Baby-sitting will be available upon request and walk-ins are welcome. For information and to make an appointment, call (313) 884-5542.
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 ♦ Shahida Nurullah and Good Company performs at the 2006 St. John Hospital and Medical Center Music on The Plaza concert series beginning at 7 p.m. The concert is free and takes place on the Festival Plaza at Kercheval and St. Clair in The Village.

FRIDAY, JULY 21

♦ Bon Secours Nursing Care Center holds its Christmas in July sidewalk sale today and Saturday, July 22, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at 26001 Jefferson, St. Clair Shores. Save 20 percent off items in the gift shop.

MONDAY, JULY 24

♦ The Grosse Pointe Public Library Board of Trustees meets at 7 p.m. at the Woods branch library, 20680 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods.

TUESDAY, JULY 25

♦ Services for Older Citizens hosts a Memoirs of Summer afternoon tea from 3 to 4:15 p.m. at the Neighborhood Club, 17150 Waterloo, City of Grosse Pointe. There is no charge, but donations are welcomed. For information, call (313) 882-9600.
 ♦ AAA Michigan sponsors a Safety Day from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at its Grosse Pointe branch, 19299 Mack. The public can take advantage of vehicle etchings, windshield chip repair and child safety seat inspections.
 ♦ Grosse Pointe Senior Men's Club hosts a talk by radio and television personality Bob Hynes at its meeting starting at 11:15 a.m. at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore.

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CITY OF GROSSE POINTE

Guilty on all counts

Son of City woman found guilty of plotting murder of family bookkeeper

By Brad Lindberg
 Staff Writer

We no longer need to say "alleged" when describing murderer Joseph Michael Marasco. A Wayne County jury saw to that Monday morning with guilty verdicts in his trial for

premeditated homicide of Barbara Ann Iske.

When the jury foreman announced the findings a few minutes after 11:30 a.m. on July 17, Marasco, wearing a Navy blue blazer and sitting in the defendant's chair, bowed his head slightly and shook it

slowly side to side a few barely-perceptible degrees.

He either mouthed or said so softly he couldn't be heard from 10 feet away, "No."

Marasco, 51, will be sentenced to mandatory life in prison without parole on Aug. 3 — the same day his victim

would have celebrated her 59th birthday if he hadn't paid two cut-rate criminals \$3,400 to execute her on June 14, 2005, in the driveway of his mother's house at 21 Dodge Place, a private street in the City of Grosse Pointe.

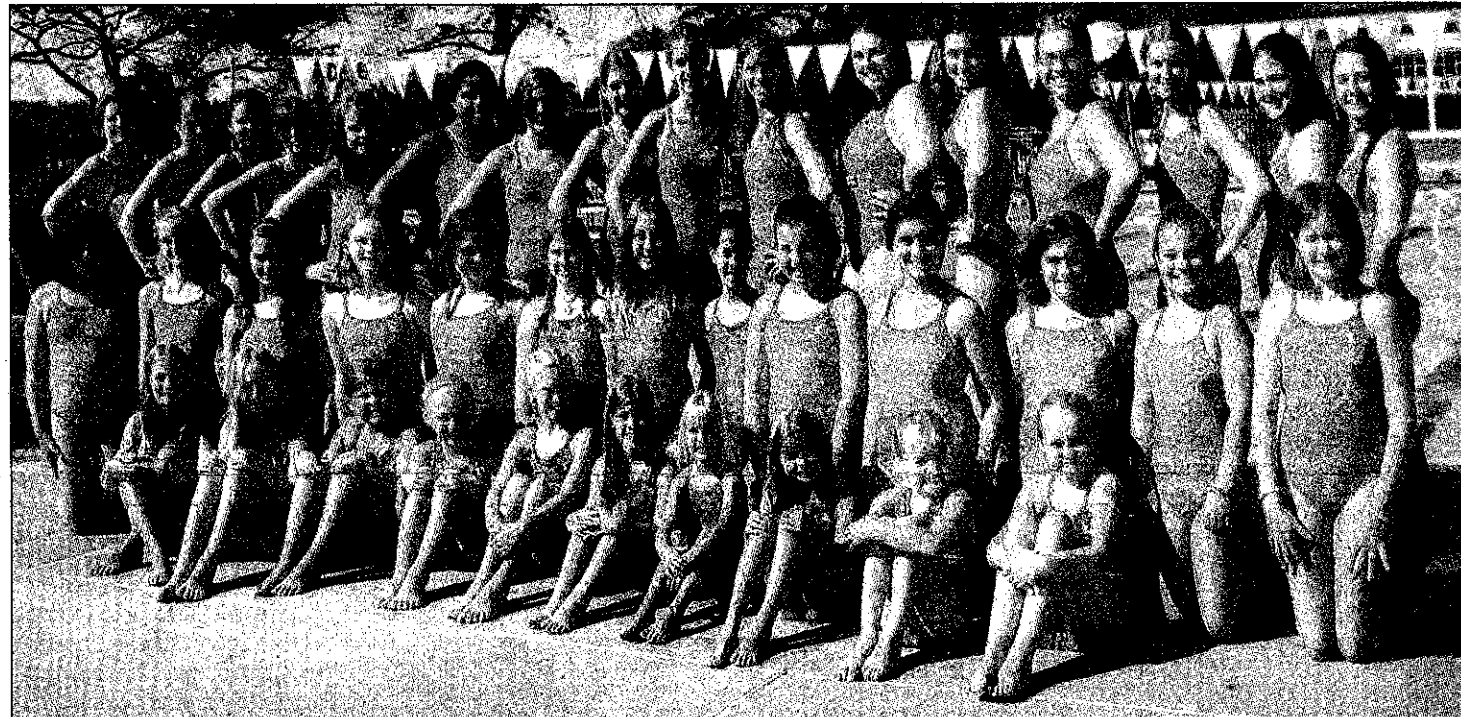
Marasco lived with his elder-

ly and wheelchair-bound mother.

Eight of Iske's relatives and friends awaited the verdict in the courtroom of Circuit Judge Gregory D. Bill.

Hearing guilty, they coa-

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Synchronized swimmers

The Synchronized Swim Show "Around the World" will be held at 6 p.m. Sunday, July 30, at Grosse Pointe Farms Pier Park. The rain date is Monday, July 31. The Boogiemer concert begins at 4:30 p.m. at the pavilion.

GROSSE POINTE BOARD OF EDUCATION

Brendan Walsh elected president

2 senior trustees cast 'No' votes

By Ann L. Fouty
 Staff Writer

Brendan Walsh will take the reins as president of the Grosse Pointe Board of Education.

Elected during the Thursday, July 13, organizational meeting, Walsh's appointment was approved on a five-two vote. Joan Dindoffer and Ahmed Ismail dissented.

Trustee Alice Kosinski presented a slate of officers for the board to consider, which had been compiled by a committee she headed. The remainder of

the slate was approved unanimously and with no other nominations from the floor.

Kosinski will hold the vice president's position, Ismail the secretary's spot and Fred Minturn will be the board's treasurer.

"I am honored and humbled," Walsh said of his election to the one-year president's

position. He said he would take the position on with "vigor and enthusiasm. I look forward to digging in over the next few weeks."

He continued to say that during coming weeks his priorities will be setting agendas and goals for the board and the

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GROSSE POINTE CITY

Condos won't develop

Kercheval Place scales back plans

By Brad Lindberg
 Staff Writer

Condominiums have been cut out of Kercheval Place, the former Jacobson's store.

The Jacobson's building became vacant in 2002 when the department store chain went bankrupt.

Initial plans by the building's new owner, Cullan F. Meathe of Grosse Pointe Farms and founder of Metro Cars, included expanding the two-story structure to four stories. The top two levels were to be designed for condominiums.

The first proposal for what would become Kercheval Place came months ago and hinged on upwards of \$10 million in city assistance to replace the municipal parking deck. The 33-year-old deck was built behind Jacobson's to accommodate the once-vibrant block-long department store that anchored activity in the Village shopping district.

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POINTER OF INTEREST

'I went out to visit the school, and I fell in love with it the second I arrived.'

Julie Zaranek

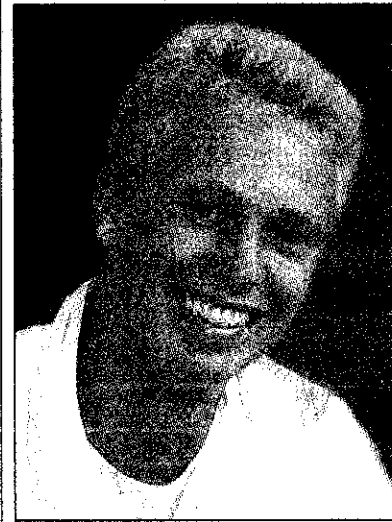
Home: Grosse Pointe Farms

Age: 18

Family: Father, Richard; mother, Pat; sisters, Hillary and Megan

Claim to fame: Track star

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Danny Pogue

Memorial swim-a-thon

The first annual Danny Pogue Memorial Swim-a-thon takes place at 8 a.m., Sunday, July 23, at the Grosse Pointe Hunt Club, 655 Cook, Grosse Pointe Woods. The event is open to all swimmers for a donation of \$10. The proceeds benefit the Daniel Arthur Pogue Memorial Scholarship Fund. Contributions may be made at the event or mailed to the fund at the Grosse Pointe Board of Education, 389 St. Clair, Grosse Pointe, MI 48230.

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Yesterday's headlines

1956

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LAKEFRONT LAND HEARING: The councils of the Woods and St. Clair Shores will hold a joint special public hearing on the matter of the submerged land portion of the Woods' lakefront park on July 30, at 7:30 p.m., at the St. Clair Shores municipal hall.

The Woods council completed its regular meeting in almost record time on Monday, July 16, to attend a public hearing in St. Clair Shores at 9 p.m.

The Woods is seeking approval to the rights on the fill-in land which extends beyond the shoreline, without which the Michigan Conservation Department will not grant title.

BROADCASTS SUSPENDED: All regular radio and television programs will go off the air for 15 minutes on July 20, coast-to-coast, to permit the Federal Civil Defense Administration to test the emergency broadcasting of essential information during a simulated mass nuclear attack.

FCDA announced on June 14 details of the first nationwide daytime CONELRAD drill. It was implemented by a directive to the radio and television broadcast industry by the Federal Communications Commission.

BALLPLAYERS VISIT VEITS: A group of players from the Grosse Pointe Woods-Shores Babe Ruth League visited the Veterans Hospital in Dearborn recently to learn about paraplegics.

The league will play a championship game at the Grosse Pointe University School at 5:30 p.m. Wednesday, July 25, to benefit paraplegics.

MONETARY REWARD: Any father would be understandably distraught over the death of his son. But the circumstances around the fatal shooting of 17-year-old Todd Poole on June 21 have his father and police perplexed by the second and most mysterious homicide in Grosse Pointe Woods' 30-year-history.

"Up until this happened he was a typical boy," said Albert Poole talking about his son in a desperate voice that betrayed his emotionless, 67-year-old face. "He had a girlfriend and a passion for his car. The way this happened is just not normal."

The boy's father is offering a \$1,000 reward to anyone who can provide accurate information about where his boy was during the four hours before the shooting.

GANDELLOT RE-ELECTED: At its annual organizational meeting Monday night, the board of education reelected president Jon Gandelot to a second term and welcomed Grosse Pointe's new superintendent of schools into office.

Attorney Gandelot, a board member since 1978, has served as the board's treasurer and vice-president. Serving as vice-president over the seven-member board in the 1981-82 school year will be trustee Ronald Dalby, who failed to capture the presidential post from Gandelot after he was nominated by Trustee Joan Hanpeter.

KERCHEVAL CONSTRUCTION APPROVED: The Park council Monday approved the third — and final — stage of construction work in a federal revitalization program for its Kercheval Avenue shopping strip.

The council unanimously approved a \$65,500 contract with Morrison Construction of Trenton, to complete work to the east end of the business district. Added were items earlier deleted because of budget overruns and delay of two proposals to study further improvements.

1996

10 years ago this week

FLUSHING THE FARMS: Two down, three to go.

The city of Grosse Pointe Farms will resume its water main flushing program from Monday, July 22, to Friday, July 26, when zone 3 is targeted.

Zone 3 is roughly between Charlevoix and Beaupre from Fisher to Moross (including Hamilton, Moross Place, Earl Court and the block of Hillcrest off Kercheval) and the blocks between Kercheval and Grosse Pointe Boulevard between Fisher and Touraine (including Fair Acres, Kerby Court, Scripps and Evans).

STOLEN LAWN SIGNS: An Eastpointe man was arrested by police on the morning of July 12 after he was chased from Grosse Pointe Woods to New Baltimore by the candidate whose lawn sign he had just stolen.

Republican candidate for the Michigan House of Representatives' First District, Sue Radulovich, said she had noticed her lawn signs seemed to be disappearing in Grosse Pointe. She estimates 70 signs were stolen over a period of a few days.

GIANT FAMILY REUNION: Every Fourth of July weekend, the Rashid family gets together for a family reunion.

That is not so different from millions of other families across the country.

What is unusual is the size of this group. The Rashids have had family reunions of 600 or more. It is said to be one of the largest family reunions in the country.



1996: Summer Stock

Grosse Pointe high school students participating in the Grosse Pointe Summer Stock program rehearsed last week for their July 25-27 performance of "She Loves Me" at the Grosse Pointe Community Performing Arts Center at North High in Grosse Pointe Woods. All performances of Jerry Bock and Sheldon Harnick's 1963 musical start at 8 p.m. The musical captures the story of entangled antagonistic relationships that bloom into romances. Summer stock is directed by Michael Babel. Tickets are \$12 for adults; \$8 for students and seniors. Call (313) 885-6131 for more information.

FIRE HAUNTS WATCHMAN: He says he's not a hero.

"I just want to be a plain, gentle old man."

Ray Neal, 69, the night watchman at the Grosse Pointe Hunt Club, saved five horses the night the old barn burned down. There wasn't time to save more. Nineteen died, and it haunts him.

"Have you never tried to do something you couldn't accomplish? That's what I did. I tried to get them horses out."

KOOL AID FUNDRAISER:

Two 11-year-old girls who like horses have raised \$10.06 for the Grosse Pointe Hunt Club Memorial Horse Fund. They earned the money last Friday operating a sidewalk refreshment stand in the Farms.

In the slightly askew handwriting of a pair of preteens, Catherine Adamo and Maria Dasaro wrote to the club:

"We don't belong to the Hunt Club, but we heard about the sad news so we wanted to help."

— Elizabeth Swanson

1981

25 years ago this week

2001

5 years ago this week

CITY OF GROSSE POINTE

Lot 2 on front burner

Remember the poster of a kitten hanging from a tree limb by its forepaws: "Hang in

there, baby."

The same spirits exists in three developers waiting to learn who'll be chosen to develop a block-long parking lot in the City of Grosse Pointe.

Three developers have hung on for nearly a year waiting to see which will win a bid to transform a Village parking lot into a four-story landmark.

"It's been quite a lengthy process," said Mayor Dale Scrace.

Within months of bids being submitted last fall, personnel changes at City Hall plus efforts to address longer-standing issues delayed analyzing the proposals.

Last week, new City Manager Peter Dame announced the parking lot was back in gear.

Dame, hired last winter due in part to his successful dealings with developers as deputy village manager of Oak Park, Ill., outlined the equivalent of an administrative Trip Tik routing the bid selection process toward resolution.

Developers will be allowed

to refresh their proposals with new ideas, including changes suggested by city officials.

"(This will) give everybody a chance to give a best and final offer," Dame said.

Bidders last year accepted a city invitation to construct a multi-story, mixed-use structure on what is now a block-long metered municipal parking lot north of Kercheval between Notre Dame and St. Clair.

Applicants were instructed to provide first-floor retail space, second-floor office space, up to two levels of condominiums, and parking space to handle resulting traffic demands.

City officials will spell out to bidders whether updated plans can involve street closures and the development extending to municipal parking Lot 3, located north of Kercheval behind Ace Hardware.

Last year an unrelated proposal to close Notre Dame to accommodate parents dropping off and picking up students at Maire Elementary School set off critics comprised of village merchants and nearby homeowners.

"It met some heavy opposition from pretty much everyone," said Councilmember Jean Weipert, a supporter of the drop-off idea.

A proposal came recently that would make it easier to develop Lot 3.

Representatives of the Neighborhood Club offered to exchange a portion of club property adjacent to Lot 3 for vacant city land located on St. Clair between Kercheval and Waterloo. The land had been occupied by two houses.

"I'm in favor of that," said Councilman John Stempfle.

Councilman John Stevens rated the swap "exciting."

He said, "It looks like a new direction in the development of Lot 2."

City officials will evaluate revised bids within a framework of public comment.

"You need to have input of the community," Dame said.

Dame and municipal planners will report findings to the council, where more public comment is to be solicited before a choice is made.

— Brad Lindberg

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CITY OF GROSSE POINTE

Trader Joe's promised for Village

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

There's been some reshuffling of the retail deck being dealt to the Village.

Trader Joe's is in. Fresh Market is out. The news from owners of Kercheval Place pleased Jean Weipert, a City of Grosse Pointe council member. "I think people would be pleased to have a Trader Joe's," Weipert said.

Mayor Dale Scrace called Trader Joe's a "destination retail grocer."

Trader Joe's is a specialty grocery store heavy on imported products with five locations in Michigan. Fresh Market serves the same niche but has no Michigan locations.

Owners of Kercheval Place have told city officials Trader Joe's is scheduled to occupy more than one-third of retail space allocated to the ground floor of the block-long former Jacobson's building on Kercheval.

Trader Joe's 13,400-square-foot store in the Village would occupy space at the back of the building where Jacobson's dealt jewelry, women's shoes and clothing.

Patrons will enter the grocery store through a rear entrance. The arrangement allows retail shops facing Kercheval, including such apparel companies as Jos. A.

Bank and Coldwater Creek.

Coldwater Creek plans to occupy space where the Jacobson's mens store used to be at Notre Dame. Jos A. Bank would be on the opposite corner at St. Clair.

"We have retail frontage where it should be — on Kercheval," said Mayor Dale Scrace.

Both Jos. A. Bank and Coldwater Creek have submitted building permit requests to the city.

"The city is expeditiously reviewing those," said Peter Dame, city manager. "The general contractor is ready to start work next week."

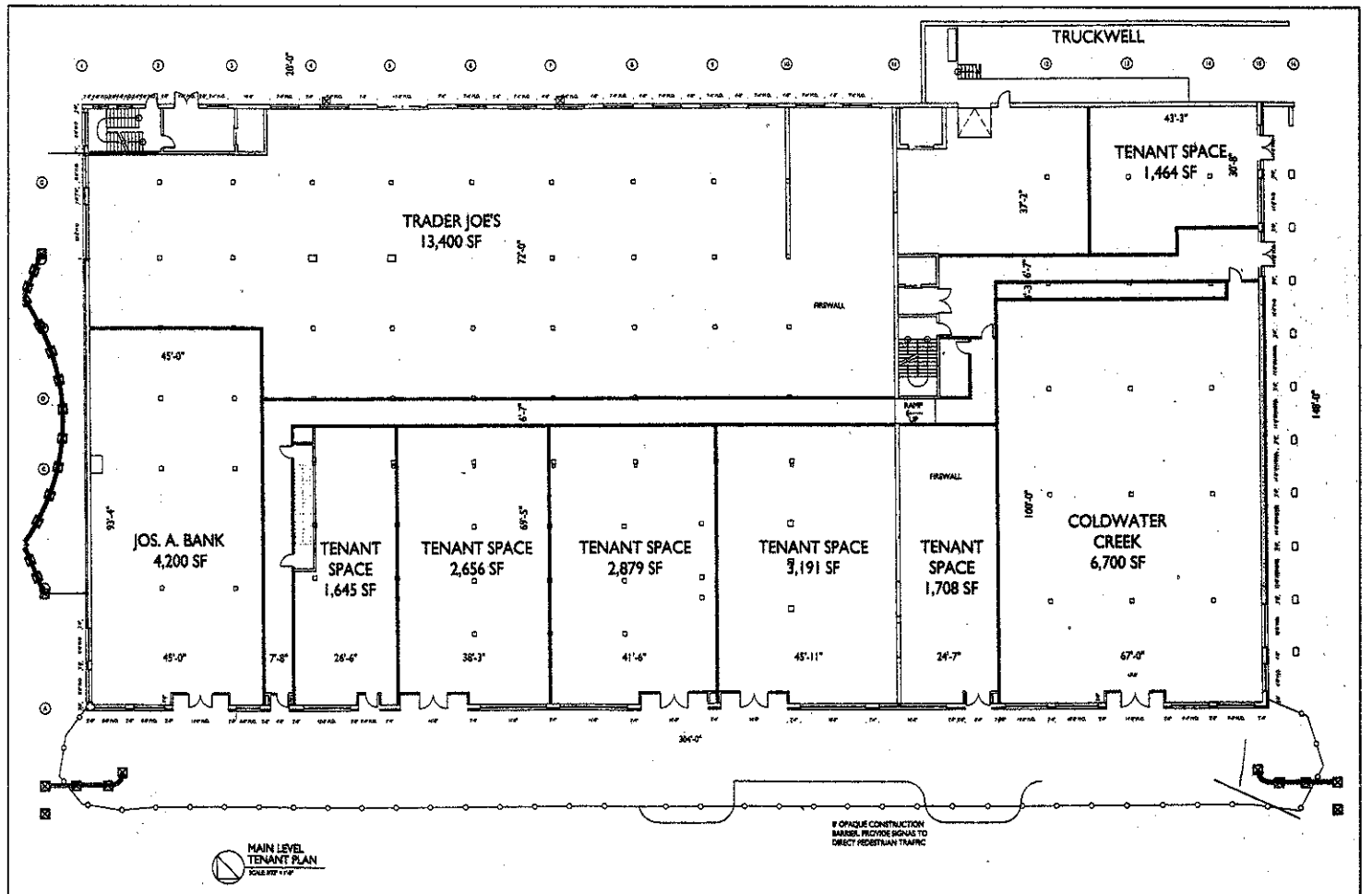
Dame said it would take about 90 days to outfit retail space for the two companies.

"I have no problem moving forward with this plan," Scrace said.

Kercheval Place's owner wants the city to replace the parking deck behind the building. Estimates including demolition, reconstruction, engineering costs and contingencies, total just over \$3 million.

City officials won't move forward on the parking deck proposal until developers prove incoming retailers have signed leases or letters of intent.

The second floor of Kercheval Place, owned by Cullan F. Meathe of Grosse Pointe Farms, will be outfitted as office space.



Above is the new proposed floorplan for Kercheval Place, the former Jacobson's building. Coldwater Creek and Jos. A. Bank clothiers are slated to go in at the Notre Dame and St. Clair entrances, respectively, while Trader Joe's is said to be interested in the rear of store, provided a new \$3 million parking deck, below, is built at City expense to accommodate the specialty grocer.

CITY OF GROSSE POINTE

Study proposes higher Village parking rates

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

Metered parking lots in the Village might be put out to pasture.

According to the draft of a parking study, almost everyone involved with the six-square-block Village commercial district in downtown City of Grosse Pointe would be better off if metered parking lots were replaced by an automatic gate system.

"Many business owners believe the advantages of a gated system outweigh the disadvantages," said Bill Surma of Carl Walker Parking Associates. City officials retained the Kalamazoo-based parking engineering firm to inventory and forecast current and future Village parking needs.

Criteria for analysis included forecasting parking demand based on development projects that are:

- ◆ under way, such as Kercheval Place,
- ◆ been approved, such as Sunrise Development condominiums or
- ◆ pending, such as three bidders competing to develop municipal parking Lot 2 and possibly part of Lot 3.

An inventory of Village parking capacity lists 1,462 available spaces, including the 294-space municipal deck that might be replaced.

"Currently there is a surplus of over 500 spaces in the Village parking system," Surma said.

He forecast a need for only 1,294 to 1,374 spaces, which he said would cushion peak usage.

Higher parking rates

Analysis was capped with a revised parking rate structure designed to keep the parking system solvent without costing so much it drives customers away.

"Many communities delay raising rates until a large increase is required," he said. "A better strategy is a series of smaller increases rather than a single large increase."

Surma recommended Village parking rates creep up across the board in two-tier fashion.

A phase one increase would be tied to replacement of the municipal parking structure behind the former Jacobson's building, currently being renovated as a retail and office building called Kercheval Place.

"The second phase should coincide with a proposed change to the operating scenario (installing gates and removing meters) for other municipal surface lots," Surma said.

He proposed the following rate increases:

- ◆ two-hour metered spaces, currently costing 35 cents per hour, would be raised to 50 cents per hour;
- ◆ two-hour spaces costing 25 cents per hour should be raised to 35 cents per hour;
- ◆ monthly rates of \$30 should go up to \$40 in phase one and to \$45 in phase two;
- ◆ hourly rates in the parking structure should be 50 cents and
- ◆ on-street meter rates currently costing 50 cents per hour should be raised to 75 cents per hour.

Gated lots rather than metered spaces would make it easier for shoppers to patronize the Village, according to Surma. Gated systems let shoppers browse from store to store or enjoy leisurely meals at restaurants without fussing about expired meters and parking tickets.

With meters, Surma said, "people have to run out and fund the meter."

He recommended installation of a 24-hour-per-day automatic "pay-on-foot" gated system for a new parking structure.

Patrons of the parking structure would be issued a stamped card from an automatic dispenser.

Before returning to the vehicle, the patron inserts the card to a pay station and pays the calculated fee by cash or credit card.

The patron is given about a 15-minute grace period to drive to the exit. The stamped card is inserted into a verifier which raises the exit gate.

CONDOS: 225-space deck sought

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Meathe's scaled-down proposal still relies on multi-million dollar municipal help to replace the parking garage.

"We have to make sure it makes sense financially," said Mayor Dale Scrace.

Before making commitments, Scrace wants Meathe's group to prove that their list of retailers and other tenants are committed to leasing space at Kercheval Place.

"Emphatically tell the developer we need a letter of intent immediately," Scrace said.

On July 7, the Kercheval Place development team gave city officials a five-page packet of schematics for a two-story, 225-space parking deck.

The proposed deck is entirely above ground. As such, it would be less expensive to build compared with Meathe's earlier hope for a larger deck featuring a basement level reserved for condo residents.

Meanwhile, a municipal parking study is being conducted to determine parking rates resulting from construction of a new structure.

The parking study is being conducted by Carl Walker Parking Associates of Kalamazoo in conjunction with the city's commercial planning consultants McKenna Associates.

A preliminary draft of the study shows that a 220-space parking deck would be large enough to handle future demand in the Village. The forecast includes commercial activ-

ity at a non-residential Kercheval Place.

"This proposed change significantly reduces the prospective construction cost of a new public garage from an estimated \$5.1 million to \$2.75 million," according to Peter Dame, city manager.

With the addition of architectural, engineering and contingency fees, the deck is projected to cost \$3,005,667, or \$13,299 per parking space.

"The proposal calls for the city to pay the entire cost of the garage," Dame said. "A major issue for further study is how to finance this structure. We can't do it with parking (revenue) alone."

In a July 6 memo to the mayor and council, Dame wrote, "It is likely the city would have to issue bonds to finance city public garage improvement costs."

According to the parking study, a 300-space parking deck would generate about \$138,000 in annual revenue leaving an excess of \$6,000 to go toward parking system expenses and debt service costs. A 220-space deck would generate \$117,600 annually, leaving \$13,200 to pay for costs.

A city-commissioned structural analysis of the existing structure estimated it needs \$800,000 to \$1.1 million in repairs.

Dame agreed with developers that the existing deck needs modernization.

"The existing garage would not meet my criteria for a parking-friendly environment," Dame said. "We would be looking at ways to fund the parking garage."

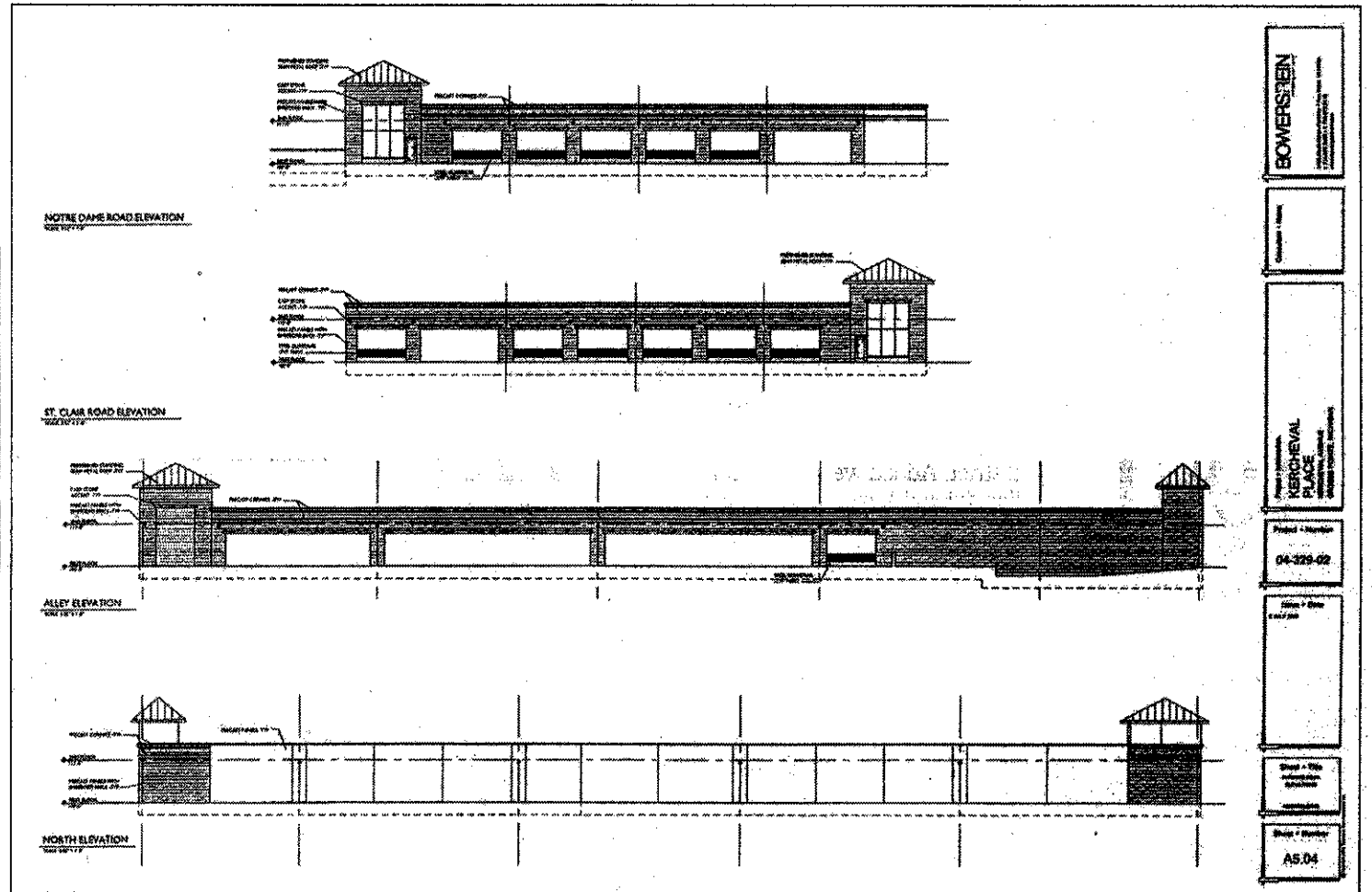
"The developer is asking us to take the risk of building a garage," said Councilman John Stevens, who opposes using taxes to provide parking for a

private project.

Councilman Chris Walsh was disappointed by the elimination of condominiums. He and the rest of the council are eager to expand commercial capacity in the Village, plus

add a residential component to increase the district's overall vibrancy.

If building a garage for Kercheval Place would result in higher taxes, Walsh said he'll wave the idea "bye-bye."



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POINTER OF INTEREST

Julie Zaranek will be off to Montana at the end of August to pursue a college degree at the University of Montana. She also plans to run track and compete on a triathlon team while in college.

South grad heads to University of Montana

By Bob St. John
Sports Writer

Grosse Pointe South 2006 graduate Julie Zaranek is headed for the mountains of Montana to earn her college degree.

The 18-year-old Zaranek is following in the footsteps of older sister Hilary, who is a senior at the University of Montana. The college is home to 13,352 students.

Rolling Stone magazine called the University of Montana the most scenic campus in America, and Outside Magazine said it is among the top 10 colleges nationally for combining academic quality and outdoor recreation.

"I went out to visit the school and I fell in love with it the second I arrived," Zaranek said. "The campus is beautiful, as is the surrounding area. I made my mind up instantly."

Before she packs up and takes up residence in Missoula, Mont., Zaranek will enjoy a summer of recreation.

She deserves it since her four years of high school were filled with tough hours of study, as well as long hours of either practicing for a sports team or playing in an athletic event for the Lady Blue Devils.

Zaranek participated on South's girls basketball team throughout her four years and last fall she earned the Blue Devil of the Year award. She scored a career-high 24 points in her final regular season game.

"I liked playing basketball, but track is my favorite sport," Zaranek said. "I wanted to do my best this season."

She made the Division I state finals in the 300-meter hurdles, posting a time of 50.33 in the preliminaries.



FILE PHOTO

Julie Zaranek, second from the right, has put together an impressive high school resume, which she anticipates will translate into a successful academic and athletic portfolio at the University of Montana.

Chidimma Uche of Ann Arbor Pioneer won the gold medal with a time of 43.80.

"My goal this winter was to make the state finals again in the hurdles," she said. "I made it last year, but I didn't perform so well in the finals because it was a new experience for me."

Zaranek's track and field career at South included helping the Lady Blue Devils capture

their ninth league title in the past 10 years after she, along with Sam Mackenzie, Ali Morawski and Christine Nelson, won the 1,600-meter relay against Chippewa Valley.

"Track is what I love," she said. "The 300 hurdles is my best event. I'm happy to make it back to the finals. It's nice to represent my high school in the finals, competing against

the best runner the state has to offer."

She ran CYO track in grade school and began her illustrious hurdles career her freshman year at South.

During her freshman season, she tripped running over a hurdle and fell to the ground, breaking her jaw.

"Julie was hurt, so we took her to the hospital," Zaranek's

mother Pat said. "I can't believe it, but she was back on the track the next week, competing in a league meet."

She double-dipped in the fall, competing on the Lady Blue Devils' cross-country team while playing basketball.

"I wanted to run cross-country for one year and this was my year," she said. "I ran for my uncle (Steve Zaranek is

the head cross-country and track coach), which was fun for me."

Zaranek, who attended the Grosse Pointe Academy from preschool through the eighth grade, leaves for Montana toward the end of August, preparing for her first day of classes Monday, Aug. 28. Her first college semester ends with final examinations Monday, Dec. 11, through Friday, Dec. 15.

In the meantime, she is a lifeguard at Windmill Pointe Park.

"I love swimming and the water; so being a lifeguard is a natural job for me," she said. "It's a good experience for me."

She said it will be sad to leave her family behind when she sets sail for Montana, but she understands the importance of her decision to get the best education she can.

During her first couple of years in the classroom, she will get her prerequisites out of the way before embarking on a major in business, sports medicine or physical therapy.

She also said she is interested in competing on Montana's triathlon team.

"My sister is on the triathlon team; so I decided to give it a shot," Zaranek said. "I enjoy biking, swimming and running; so here we go."

The university also offers intramural basketball if Zaranek gets the urge to get back onto the basketball court, as well as wall climbing, biking and hiking.

"It's some of the most beautiful areas of the country," she said. "I am anxious to go to Montana, but first I want to enjoy my summer, hang out with my friends and make a little money."

Woods' north quadrant experiences loss of power

By Bob St. John
Staff Writer

For the 18th time in almost five years, Dan Curis' Big Boy

restaurant has lost power.

At approximately 11:20 p.m., Monday, July 17, the power in the city's north quadrant between Vernier and Marter went

out, leaving residents and business owners in the dark.

"We have been told by Detroit Edison that the power outage was due to the high

winds and not the rain," Woods City Manager Mark Wollenweber said.

"I'm still without power," Curis said during the late

morning hours the following day. "My customers are getting mad because we don't have any power. I called DTE and they said the problem would be

fixed at first early in the morning and now the time has been pushed back to 1 p.m. What is going on?"

The same quadrant had several brownouts last summer, which prompted Edison crews to address the problem.

"I don't think the wind and rain was so severe that we would lose power," Curis said. "This problem has to be fixed the right way because this is getting old."

Edison officials promised residents in this area this would not happen during a town meeting last September.

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G.P. PARK

Couple gets fence approval

By Bob St. John
Staff Writer

After a lengthy discussion, members of Grosse Pointe Park's Zoning Board of Appeals unanimously approved a variance for Erin and Victor Savinov.

The Savinovs live in the 900 block of Lakepointe and want to erect a 6-foot fence along their north property line.

To get permission for the fence, the couple had to receive approval from adjacent neighbors.

The neighbors weren't in favor of the variance, but the Zoning Board of Appeals, after reviewing a site plan, approved the measure.

The zoning ordinance prohibits erecting a fence along the side yard without the written consent of the adjoining property owner.

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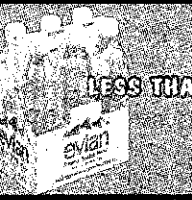


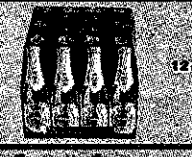





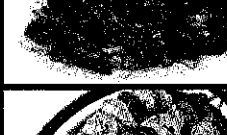



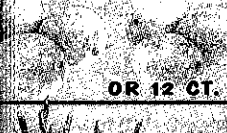














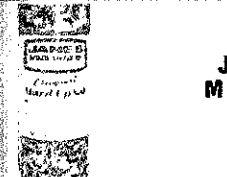





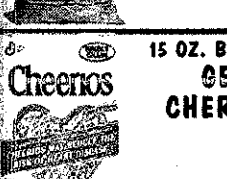


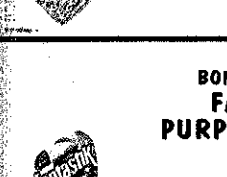


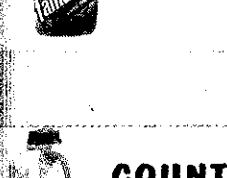










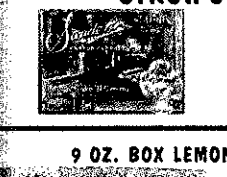






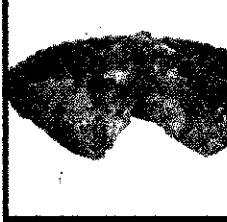
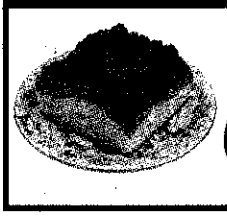
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PUBLIC SAFETY REPORTS

City of Grosse Pointe

Fishing gear taken off boat

Fish are applauding thieves who stole rods and reels stored on a boat moored at Neff Park between June 24 and Friday, July 7.

City of Grosse Pointe police said the stolen gear was worth a combined \$551.

Items included two Ugly Stick rods, two Okuma reels, a box of sinkers, a landing net and related items.

Money gone from district office

Nearly \$580 has been reported missing from a filing cabinet at school district offices in the 300 block of St. Clair.

Shortly before the discovery

on Thursday, July 13 at 3:17 p.m., an administrator needed assistance opening the locked cabinet.

"It appeared someone had jammed something into the lock," said City of Grosse Pointe police.

Boy identifies his stolen bike

A 14-year-old Detroit male was caught last week riding a \$200 bicycle stolen from a 12-year-old Grosse Pointe Park boy.

On Wednesday, July 12, at 5:13 p.m., the bike was stolen while parked in front of a store in the 16800 block of Kercheval in the City of Grosse Pointe.

Park police found the suspect about 30 minutes later riding the bike on Mack. The bicycle's owner identified the property as his.

Thief takes unlocked bicycle

On Wednesday, July 12, between 3:30 and 4 p.m., an unlocked 26-inch Mongoose bicycle worth \$100 was stolen while parked unattended in front of a store in the 17100 block of Kercheval in the City of Grosse Pointe.

The bike belonged to a 16-year-old Grosse Pointe Farms male.

Runs light, arrested for drinking

A 51-year-old St. Clair Shores woman under investigation last weekend for running a red light at eastbound Jefferson and Fisher was arrested for drunken driving.

City of Grosse Pointe police pulled over the woman's 2005 Jeep Grand Cherokee at 12:02

a.m. Sunday, July 16.

Officers found two half-empty bottles of brandy in the vehicle. Police said a glass in the center console contained a brown liquid.

The driver reportedly refused to let officers administer a breath test to determine her blood alcohol level.

Caravan window smashed

The owner of a 1997 Dodge Caravan discovered the vehicle broken into while parked in a carport overnight Monday, July 10 in the 16900 block of St. Paul in the City of Grosse Pointe.

The van's right-side passenger window had been broken out. Police discovered pry marks near the door lock.

"I observed additional pry marks on the molding of the window that was broken out," said a Grosse Pointe Farms patrolman.

—Brad Lindberg

Grosse Pointe Farms

Man mumbles through alcohol test

A 26-year-old Grosse Pointe Woods man was arrested for drunken driving in Grosse Pointe Farms on Sunday, July 16, at 2:16 a.m.

"He admitted to drinking beer and believed the time to be near midnight," police said. "When he spoke (he) would

mumble."

Officers said the man had a .18 percent blood alcohol level. Police said the man was wanted in Detroit for drunken driving.

Man is way over alcohol limit

On Saturday, July 15, at 11:53 p.m., Grosse Pointe Farms police arrested a 24-year-old Harrison Township man for drunken driving.

A patrolman said the man had been drifting a 2002 Ford Taurus between lanes on eastbound Lakeshore near Provencal.

The man registered a .24 percent blood alcohol level, or three times the legal limit.

Theft suspects break down

On Friday, July 14, at about 11:30 p.m., Grosse Pointe Farms police caught a quartet of shaky customers with 30 stolen solar lawn lights in a silver 2004 Nissan pickup truck operated by a 17-year-old Farms male.

Police had been alerted to watch for the vehicle in connection with a theft of lights in the 200 block of Lothrop. A pa-

trolman stopped the pickup truck on school district property on Charlevoix.

An officer asked the driver who owned the lights.

"He began to shake and stated, 'I don't know,'" police said. "(He) and (three) other occupants of the truck began to cry. (The driver) vomited due to nervousness."

Passengers consisted of one 16-year-old Farms male and two 14-year-old Park males. Police said no alcohol was involved.

Drunken driver speeds 46 mph

A 24-year-old Pontiac man registered a .166 percent blood alcohol level last weekend during a drunken driving investigation in Grosse Pointe Farms.

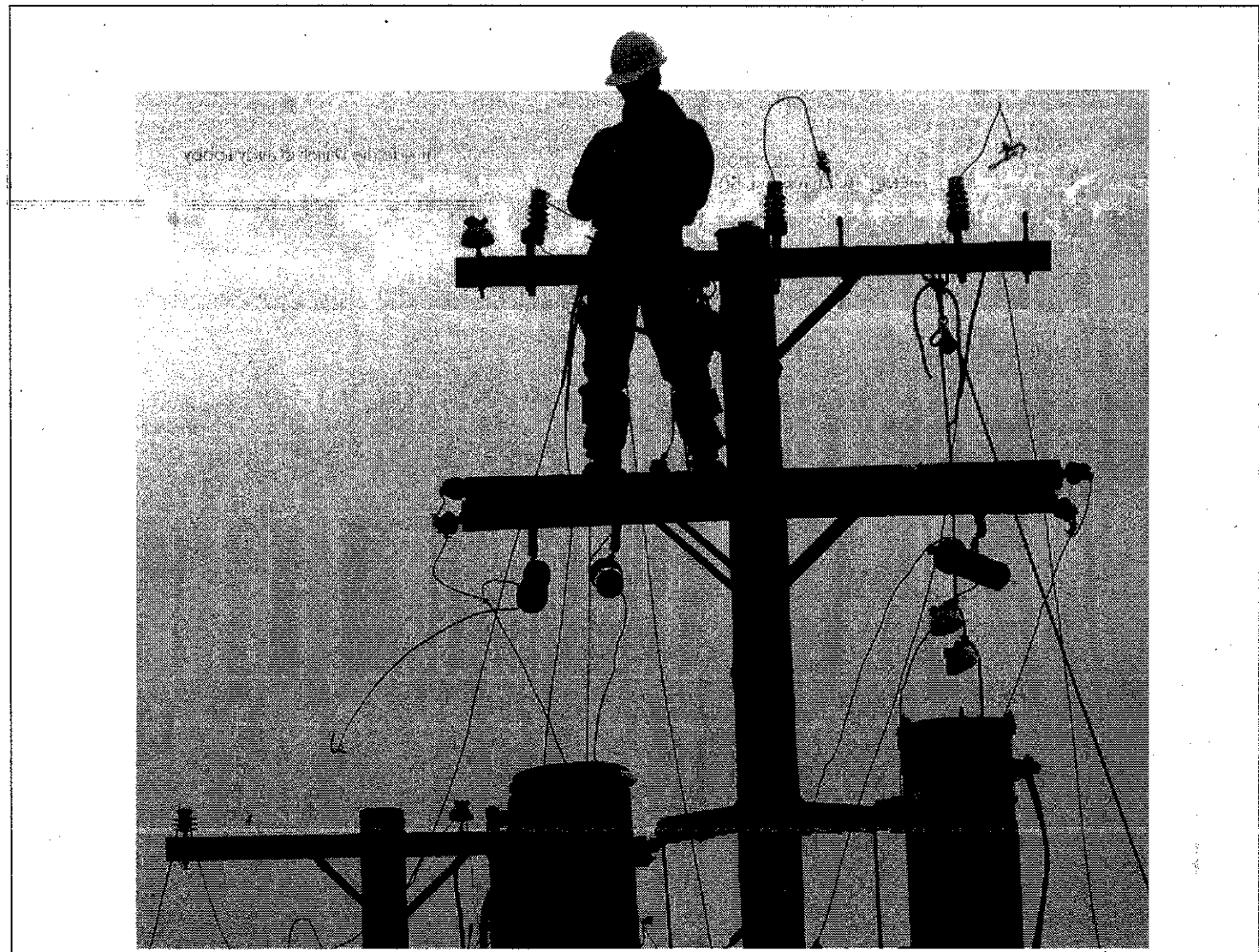
On Saturday, July 15, at 1:20 a.m., an officer stopped the man for speeding 46 mph on Moross near Mack.

Police impounded the driver's 2004 Pontiac Grand Prix.

Police recover stolen car

Grosse Pointe Farms police

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GROSSE POINTE SHORES

Osius lunch program a winner

By Brad Lindberg

Staff Writer

Recreation activities this summer at Osius Park have started in high gear.

"We have everything going right now — water aerobics, tennis, tennis lessons," said Jim Cooke, Grosse Pointe Shores park director. "All our programs are well attended. We're having a great start to summer."

Just like last year, picnic tables are in high demand.

"If you are planning a big picnic, you might want to make reservations," Cooke said.

Among new programs for 2006, the Picnic in the Park program is proving as popular as hoped. "This is a program we worked out with Mary Fodel over the winter," Cooke said. "Mary recently retired from teaching and was anxious to find something to keep her busy, so we put her to work. Mary does a great job."

Every Tuesday and Thursday residents reserve a \$5 lunch from a menu posted at the park. Separate a la carte items are \$1 each.

A menu last week had a Mexican theme, including tacos, nachos and cheese. Dessert options included strawberries and chocolate.

Fodel is managing the lunch program in conjunction with arts and crafts activities on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons.

"We had the first one today," Cooke said Tuesday, June 20. "We had over 80 people for lunch and about the same for arts and crafts. It's taken off really well. Hopefully it will continue that way through the summer."

Forthcoming activities include an Aug. 16 one-day bus trip to the Stratford Festival's production of "South Pacific."

Work continues on plans to renovate the marina.

"The joint (construction) application between the Shores and (Grosse Pointe) Yacht Club has been sent to the (Michigan) Department of Environmental Quality and U.S. Army Corps of Engineers," said Mike Kenyon, village manager. "As of last Friday (June 16) they received it. We'll await word from them on their review."

Meanwhile, two park employees have been hired to maintain the municipal harbor.

"They'll be working hard on a daily basis cleaning, painting and other maintenance work," Cooke said. "We're going to keep these young people busy every day to maintain the harbor as well as we can."

GROSSE POINTE SHORES

Inspections in future?

A new ordinance is being considered in Grosse Pointe Shores to require residential property to be inspected upon changing ownership.

"Although I am not aware of any groundswell of opinion that such an ordinance is needed in the village, the council has the authority to pass such an ordinance," said Mark McInerney, village attorney.

Home inspections are required in the other Pointes to obtain a certificate of occupancy.

"Grosse Pointe Shores has

never felt the need to have such an ordinance, perhaps believing that persons who can pay what it costs to purchase a home in this community do not need assistance from the village to protect themselves, either before or after the sale," McInerney said.

He added, "I suspect for many, if not most, home sales in the village, the prospective buyer has a home inspection done so that problems are known before the sale is completed."

—Brad Lindberg

**SAFETY:
Rounding up
bad guys**

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saw a stolen 2003 BMW being driven on Mack near Kerby on Thursday, July 13, at 4:58 p.m.

Officers stopped the vehicle on East Warren near Bluehill and arrested its 43-year-old male driver from Detroit.

Police said the car had been stolen in Southfield.

**Ipod taken from
unlocked locker**

A 14-year-old male from Grosse Pointe Farms last week reported the theft of his Apple Mini Ipod from an unlocked locker in the Pier Park bathhouse.

The victim said the crime occurred between 2 and 5 p.m. Thursday, July 13.

**License suspended
seven times**

A 27-year-old man from Baltimore with seven driver license suspensions was arrested for operating a vehicle illegally in Grosse Pointe Farms on Thursday, July 13, at 2:07 a.m.

A patrolman had noticed the vehicle weaving along northbound Moross approaching Chalfonte. Officers released the car to a passenger.

**Thief takes
unlocked Trek**

Sometime between noon and 2 p.m. on Tuesday, July 11, someone stole an unlocked Trek bicycle parked at a middle school on Chalfonte in Grosse Pointe Farms.

The 12-year-old male victim from the Farms said the silver and blue bike had a rack on the back.

**Alcohol suspect
seeks court hearing**

On Monday, July 10, at 12:24 a.m., a 63-year-old Detroit man, pulled over for driving erratically in the area of Mack and Moross in Grosse Pointe Farms, refused to be administered a breath test to determine blood alcohol content.

"No, I'll see you in court," the man reportedly told officers.

Officers obtained a search warrant for the man's blood to be tested at a Farms hospital. Police impounded his 1996 Chrysler Sebring.

**Burglars take
money and jewelry**

Losses total at least \$8,000 in the break-in of a house on the first block of Lakeshore in Grosse Pointe Farms.

"The front door appeared to be kicked in," police said. "Molding was broken off and laying on the entranceway floor."

The homeowner said the crime occurred between the evening of Saturday, June 30, and 8 p.m. Sunday, July 9. Burglars ransacked bedrooms and stole a closet safe containing money and jewelry.

**Police stop two
snoopy teens**

On Sunday, July 9, at 5:48 p.m., Grosse Pointe Farms and Woods police investigated two Detroit males ages 15 and 16 reported walking up the driveway of a house in the area of Roland.

Officers were suspicious because of break-ins in the area.

"They said they had just moved to the area and were checking out the new neighborhood," police said.

Officers photographed the suspects at the scene. A witness reported seeing the teenagers being dropped off in the area by a man driving a newer model Cadillac.

—Brad Lindberg

Grosse Pointe Park

Fire run

On Saturday, July 15, at 6:51 p.m., engine No. 1 responded to downed wires in the rear yard of a home in the 1300 block of Buckingham.

Neighbors and Detroit Edison were notified. No fire was detected.

Bike stolen

On Monday, July 10, a 23-inch silver MTX mountain bike was stolen from in front of a home on a street in the northbound Wayburn/Charlevoix area.

Lawnmower taken

Between Tuesday, July 11, and Thursday, July 13, a locked MTD Yardman lawnmower was stolen from the garage of a home in the 1300 block of Wayburn.

Stolen money

On Friday, July 14, at 4:47 p.m., an employee of a restaurant in the 15000 block of

Mack reported approximately \$402 in cash was removed from the register.

The suspect is a woman in her early 50s.

Cell phone gone

On Friday, July 14, at 3:58 p.m., an unknown brand cellular phone and \$37 in cash were taken from an unlocked locker in the men's locker room at Windmill Pointe Park.

Taurus stolen

On Thursday, July 13, between 12:45 and 2:40 p.m., a Ford Taurus was stolen from the street in front of a home in the 800 block of Grand Marais.

Recovered vehicle

On Saturday, July 15, Grosse Pointe Park officers initiated a traffic stop, but the vehicle fled into Detroit.

It was eventually found abandoned at Kensington and Cornwall and registered as stolen out of Harper Woods.

—Bob St. John

Grosse Pointe Shores

**Police try to seize
pickup truck**

Grosse Pointe Shores police have started seizure proceedings for a 2006 Dodge Durango owned by a 44-year-old St. Clair Shores man arrested for drunken driving.

On Saturday, July 15, at 12:48 a.m., officers pulled over the man for weaving his vehicle on northbound Lakeshore from Renaud. The man refused to let his breath be tested for alcohol. Officers countered by obtaining a search warrant for his blood to be tested at an eastside hospital.

"This the (man's) third arrest within 10 years and second arrest by this department in six months for operating (a motor vehicle) while impaired," police said.

**Speeding drunk
wanted on felony**

On Friday, July 14, at 9:23 p.m., Grosse Pointe Shores police arrested a 26-year-old Hamtramck man for drunken driving. He'd been operating a 1993 Mercury 55 mph on southbound Lakeshore.

"There were two empty beer bottles in the rear directly behind the driver," police said.

The man reportedly registered a .13 percent blood alcohol level.

Shores officers released the man to state police on an unspecified felony warrant issued in Howell.

**Man with pistols
wants lawyer**

Grosse Pointe Shores police said a 32-year-old Sterling Heights man asked for a lawyer when arrested on weapons charges at 3:26 p.m. Friday, July 14.

An officer had been investigating the man for parking a 2002 Jaguar across the sidewalk in the driveway of an unoccupied house in the 700 block of Lakeshore. The man reportedly explained he was thinking of buying the house.

Police found a .45 caliber Glock semiautomatic pistol in the truck of the Jaguar, which was registered to his brother.

"(The man) said (the gun) was his brother's," police said.

When a second semiautomatic was found in the glove box, officers took the man into custody.

"(He) did not want to write out a statement until he speaks with his attorney," police said.

The man posted \$200 bond and was released the next morning.

**Driving fast, nailed
for alcohol**

On Monday, July 10, at 1:35 a.m., a 20-year-old Grosse Pointe Park man was arrested for drunken driving in Grosse Pointe Shores.

Police said the man had been speeding his 1997 Dodge 63 mph on northbound Lakeshore near Colonial.

**Driver is 'all over'
Lakeshore**

On Sunday, July 9, shortly after 8:30 p.m., an unknown caller alerted Grosse Pointe Shores police to a green 1994 Cadillac being driven "all over" southbound Lakeshore.

An officer stopped car in the 500 block of Lakeshore and arrested its driver, a 50-year-old

Grosse Pointe Park man.

Police said the man admitted to drinking before driving but refused to have his blood alcohol measured by a Breathalyzer. The man was taken to a nearby hospital for his blood to be drawn and tested for alcohol.

—Brad Lindberg

Grosse Pointe Woods

Story changed

On Friday, July 14, at 9:44 p.m., Grosse Pointe Woods police stopped a 28-year-old Detroit man after observing a busted tail light on his 1997 Honda Civic.

He told the officer he was recently in an accident, which broke the light. A LEIN (Law Enforcement Information Network) check revealed the man's driver license was suspended out of Grosse Pointe Park.

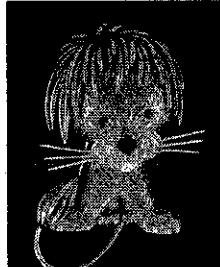
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EDITORIAL

A scaled-down Jacobson's plan

This fall will be Grosse Pointe Farms entrepreneur Cullan Meathe's second wedding anniversary and two years since he announced his purchase of the former Jacobson's building in The Village commercial district of the City of Grosse Pointe.

We know this not because we are intimate with Mr. Meathe's personal life, but rather we recall he returned calls two years ago from reporter Brad Lindberg to confirm the news. Mr. Meathe was in Europe on his honeymoon.

The announcement — the Jacobson's purchase, not the wedding, though that, too, was no doubt a joyous occasion — was greeted with jubilee and optimism by the mayor and Village merchants, and for good reason.

Jacobson's, wistfully thought of today as the former "anchor" for The Village, had been closed for more than two years at the time due to bankruptcy. Folks were tired of looking at a vacant building in the heart of The Village, and they feared what it represented. As Mr. Meathe was fond of saying, it was a "monument to failure."

That is, perhaps, a little harsh. Jacobson's was a successful store in its day. It was a fixture in many Pointers' lives and remains a fond memory for many. Times change. People pass away, and so do businesses. Nothing lasts forever.

A year ago, Mr. Meathe announced he was actually going to buy the building. Apparently the earlier reports of his purchase were premature.

Renamed Kercheval Place, the former Jacobson's site, combined with the city-owned parking deck, was to become a mixed-use retail-office-condominium development. The city was asked to contribute some \$10 million toward a new parking deck to make Kercheval Place happen.

Wisely, the council rejected the plan as too costly and risky to City of Grosse Pointe taxpayers.

Since being turned down, Mr. Meathe and his associates have presented smaller, more realistic plans. However, they all have one thing in common: City investment.

Now the Kercheval Place developers want the city to spend \$3 million to tear down the existing parking deck and build a new, two-story garage to accommodate one prospective tenant: Trader Joe's.

Other proposed tenants of the building include Coldwater Creek women clothiers at the Notre Dame entrance and Jos. A. Bank Clothiers at the St. Clair corner. Some half-dozen unspecified retailers would front Kercheval, while the Trader Joe's would occupy the rear of the building.

The specialty grocer requires a new, flatter, cart-friendly parking structure, according to the developers. Councilman John Stevens, who has built parking garages, disagrees and believes the existing deck can be modified to meet the grocer's needs.

New City Manager Pete Dame believes building a new parking deck "is an appropriate role that the City has assumed for The Village," such as it did for Jacobson's 33 years ago when it built the existing parking garage.

Mr. Dame, new to the City, is probably not aware that Jacobson's at the time also promised to subsidize the deck, something the current developers have not offered to do.

According to the City manager, there are no minimum parking requirements for business owners in The Village. Consequently, it is up to the City to provide parking, Mr. Dame maintains.

Mr. Dame correctly points out a major issue remaining is how to finance the structure. The developers, Mr. Meathe et al, have stated they will not put a dime into a parking structure. Also, the city manager acknowledges parking revenues will not pay for the cost of the parking garage.

This talk about a parking deck comes on the heels of a just-completed parking study of The Village. The study, conducted by Carl Walker Parking Associates, concludes The Village has an excess of 500 parking spaces.

Yet despite the overabundance of parking, the consultants recommend gradually increasing parking rates throughout The Village. The study also assumes the old parking deck will be torn down. Why? According to Mr. Dame, "The existing garage would not meet my criteria for a parking-friendly environment."

We are not sure we agree with that sentiment, but we do agree with Mr. Dame that financing needs to be worked out at no cost to taxpayers. Also, the City, as far as we know, has yet to receive the financial bona fides of Mr. Meathe and his partners.

As Mr. Dame wrote in a memo to council, the City needs to obtain "the economic pro forma and background data necessary to more fully evaluate this scenario."

A long-term, signed lease from Trader Joe's would also not be amiss.

PHIL HANDS



LETTERS

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Thanks for successful regatta

To the Editor:
 Thanks to local media coverage, the tremendous support of sponsors, planning and implementation by many willing volunteers, the Grosse Pointe Farms Boat Club's 2006 Regatta was a tremendous success.

This event was held in conjunction with the city's sponsored fireworks display and a concert by Soul Provider.

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The staff of the Grosse Pointe Farms Department of Parks and Recreation never fail

in their dedication to ensuring that everyone in attendance has fun while staying safe.

It was immensely gratifying to be a part of the revival of this historic club and I look forward to many future events which enhance the lives of those of us who are so fortunate to live and play in Grosse Pointe Farms.

CHRIS HARRISON
 Vice Commodore
 Grosse Pointe Farms
 Boat Club

Economic illiteracy runs rampant

To the Editor:
 Property taxes are getting out of control in the Pointes. If taxes continue rising, the Pointes will be populated in a short time by the very rich and lottery winners.

Current thinking among the political class seems to be that inflation can continue indefinitely without doing harm. Inflation is just another tax.

Economic illiteracy is so rampant that 87 percent of the people in a recent poll felt that a rise in the minimum wage was a great idea. If this were true, let us raise the minimum to \$50 an hour.

I strongly recommend that basic economics be taught in the seventh grade and continue through high school. Freedom can only be maintained through knowledge.

I would also like to see more articles in the local news about what causes wealth and the causes of poverty. Even the staff of the News might be surprised.

CHARLES LAPO
 Grosse Pointe Woods

OFFERING FROM THE LOFT

Best things in life are spontaneous

Aren't the best moments almost always unplanned? For the first time in many months, we were fortunate to have all of our children and grandchildren in town at the same time for a few brief days. This happens rarely as there are conflicting schedules as the grandchildren grow older and camping and sporting events have been planned for many months.

The weather cooperated, and the parks, clubs and pools had maximum use from our gang. During the course of a six-day visit, there were picnics, birthday parties, swim meets, tennis matches and good visits with relatives and old friends. The grandparents had a field day with trips to the movies, dinners in and out, golf outings and our constant companion, laughter.

The children are close

enough in age that there are no obvious barriers, and they truly enjoy each other. On the sleepovers, giggling could be heard into the wee hours. What a wonderful noise that is to these ears.

The highlight of the visit for this grandmother, and I suspect our daughters, was a spontaneous evening of music. After the fathers had crept to their slumber, our two daughters and I were left with the four grandchildren in our small sunroom. The kids were all giggling and catching up on each other's news, and the girls, 10 and 13, discovered they were both obsessed with the musical "Wicked." They each had memorized every line of the show.

As the older girls chatted and the young boys wrestled on the floor, we became aware of melodies in the background. The granddaughters had assumed the roles of the good

and bad witches, and some amazing sounds were emanating from their throats. What was so amazing to us was the fact that they were so in-sync.

We had known that the 13-year-old had a lovely voice, but the angelic clear tones of her cousin were a total surprise. The results of the blended voices sounded as if they had rehearsed together for months. If you have seen the musical "Wicked," you know how rapid the dialogue and shifting of keys are. These gals were like pros and never missed a line or note. Goose bumps appeared on our flesh and tears ran from the eyes of mesmerized adults.

As parents are aware, brothers are usually intolerant of their sisters. Another miracle was watching the boys urging their sisters to sing specific songs from their individual repertoires. We basked in this unexpected serenade for more

than an hour. The crowning glory was when one grandchild began to sing the national anthem, and the other joined in to harmonize. I have never heard the "Star Spangled Banner" in harmony, and it was spectacularly beautiful.

So many of us hesitate to follow through on family or class reunions. We wait until the occasion is necessitated by funerals or harried wedding weekends and thereby squander precious opportunities to reconnect leisurely. Making the extra effort to attend these functions has never disappointed me.

Each year we become more appreciative of our family and friends and treasure these special relationships. After sharing these past few days with those we cherish we are ever mindful of the blessings, importance and brevity of our times together.

VIEWPOINT ON PUBLIC ISSUES By Lawrence W. Reed

Character makes the difference

It's mid-summer and graduations at our high schools and colleges are done. If this year was like most others, graduates were told a hundred different ways that "you are the future."

I recently took a different approach by starting a commencement address with these words: "I want to talk to you about one thing that is more important than all the good grades you've earned, more important than all the degrees you'll accumulate, and indeed, more important than all the knowledge you'll ever absorb in your lifetimes. It's something over which every responsible, thinking adult has total, personal control and yet mil-

lions of people every year sacrifice it for very little. It will not only define and shape your future, it will put both a concrete floor under it and an iron ceiling over it. It's what the world will remember you for more than probably anything else. It's not your looks, it's not your talents, it's not your ethnicity and ultimately, it may not even be anything you ever say. I'm talking about your character."

Twenty years ago, school officials in Conyers, Ga., discovered that one of their basketball players who had played 45 seconds in the first of the school's five post-season games had actually been scholastically ineligible. They returned the state champi-

onship trophy the team had just won a few weeks before. If they had simply kept quiet, probably no one else would have ever known about it and they could have retained the trophy.

The team and the town, dejected though they were, rallied behind the school's decision. The coach said, "We didn't know he was ineligible at the time... but you've got to do what's honest and right and what the rules say. I told my team that people forget the scores of the games; they don't ever forget what you're made of."

In the minds of most, it didn't matter that the championship title was forfeited. The coach

and the team were still champions — in more ways than one.

Character is what the coach and the players in Conyers possessed. People like me who have never met them will be telling that story for a long, long time. People who do know them surely must admire and look up to them with great pride and respect.

A deficit of character is revealed every time somebody knows the right thing to do, but neither defends it nor does it because it might result in discomfort or inconvenience.

When a person spurns his conscience and fails to do what he knows is right, he subtracts

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Barthel's 'Outdrive Buddy' a boater's savior

By Bob St. John
Staff Writer

It just takes one thought to get the wheels turning.

That is what Grosse Pointe Farms resident Dave Barthel, 34, had when he created a new product called the Outdrive Buddy.

"I have always been an avid boater and last year when I was putting my boat in storage for the winter, I was thinking of something I could do to protect my outdrive," Barthel said.

Outdrives are an expensive item, costing thousands of dollars.

However, boaters across the nation usually just throw a garbage bag secured with duct tape around them to protect them during the off-season.

"There had to be a better

way of protecting such an investment than with a garbage bag and duct tape," Barthel said. "So, I came up with the Outdrive Buddy."

"The Outdrive Buddy is economical, durable, secure and self-draining," Barthel said. "It is made of a waterproof vinyl that remains pliable in 40-be-low weather, plus it will not blow off in the wind, rain or snow."

In addition, if any water or condensation enters the Outdrive Buddy, it will escape via the screen mesh at the bottom of the cover.

Barthel spent several hours spanning the list of patents, but did not see one for this type of product.

He made some inquiries to manufacturers and now one year later, the Outdrive Buddy

is on the market and selling like hotcakes.

"I was getting maybe three or four hits on my Web site (www.outdrivebuddy.com) in the early going," he said. "Once I was able to get the site onto Google, the number of hits I get are between 300 and 400 a day. It's nice to see the hard work is paying off."

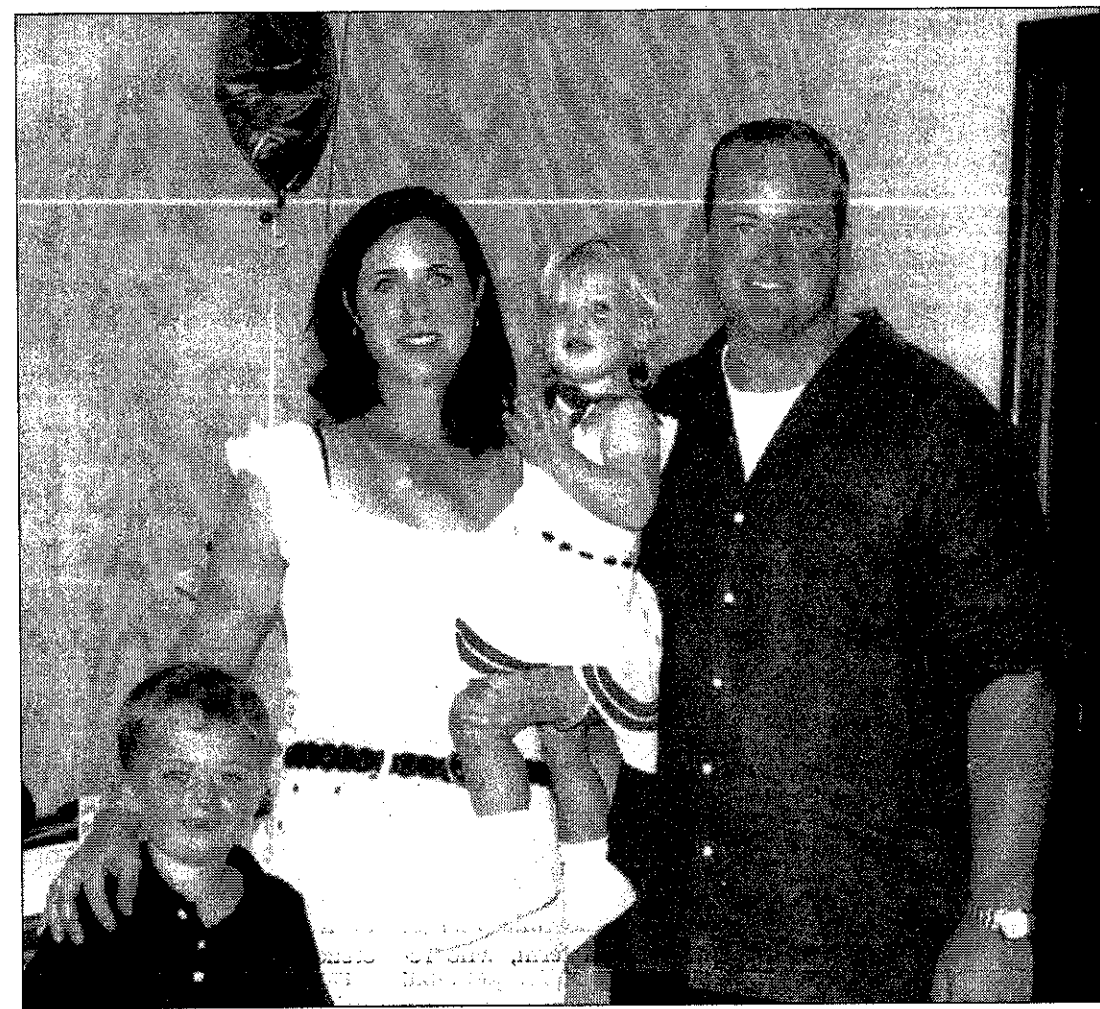
The Outdrive Buddy, which sells for \$39.99, protects outdrives from acid rain, snow, ice, bugs and rodents that can damage or even destroy a boat engine sitting idle through the winter months.

It fits Mercruiser Outdrives, Volvo Penta Outdrives, DuoProp Drives, OMC Sterndrives and virtually every other make and model.

Barthel had his Outdrive Buddy for public viewing at



The Outdrive Buddy, above, is a cover for a boat's outdrive, which is one key component to a boater. If it rusts during an off-season, chances are a boater will have to spend a lot of money to have it fixed.



David Barthel, right, and his family: wife Jennifer; son Connor; and daughter Lauren, take time out of their busy schedules to enjoy family time.

the Detroit Boat Show in February and plans to sell it at the Metro Beach Boat Show this fall.

"I have sold a lot of Outdrive Buddys in this area, but recently I am getting orders from customers in the warmer states, such as Texas, California and Florida," Barthel said. "These people don't want to get salt dust on their outdrives; so now they're buying my product to protect their outdrives."

For Barthel, boating has been a way of life since his childhood days growing up in Grosse Pointe Woods and fishing on Lake St. Clair with his

family.

"I have been around the lake my entire life," Barthel said.

He has shared his love of the lake with his wife, Jennifer; son, Connor; and daughter, Lauren.

"My kids love the water, but it has taken my wife a while to get used to the boat," Barthel said. "It's nice to have my wife and kids on the boat relaxing or fishing. It's great family time."

When Barthel isn't handling Outdrive Buddy orders, he works full-time with ITC as a business development director.

"I have been with ITC for 11 years and feel very comfort-

able with my position," he said.

"I find time to balance this job, spending quality time with my family and working with Outdrive Buddy."

He earned a Bachelor of Arts degree from Central Michigan University and graduated from Warren DeLaSalle High School in 1990.

His roots take him back to Our Lady Star of the Sea School.

"I think it's great that my son attends the same grade school I did," Barthel said. "It's a great school and my wife and I feel strong about the solid education both of our children will get at that school."

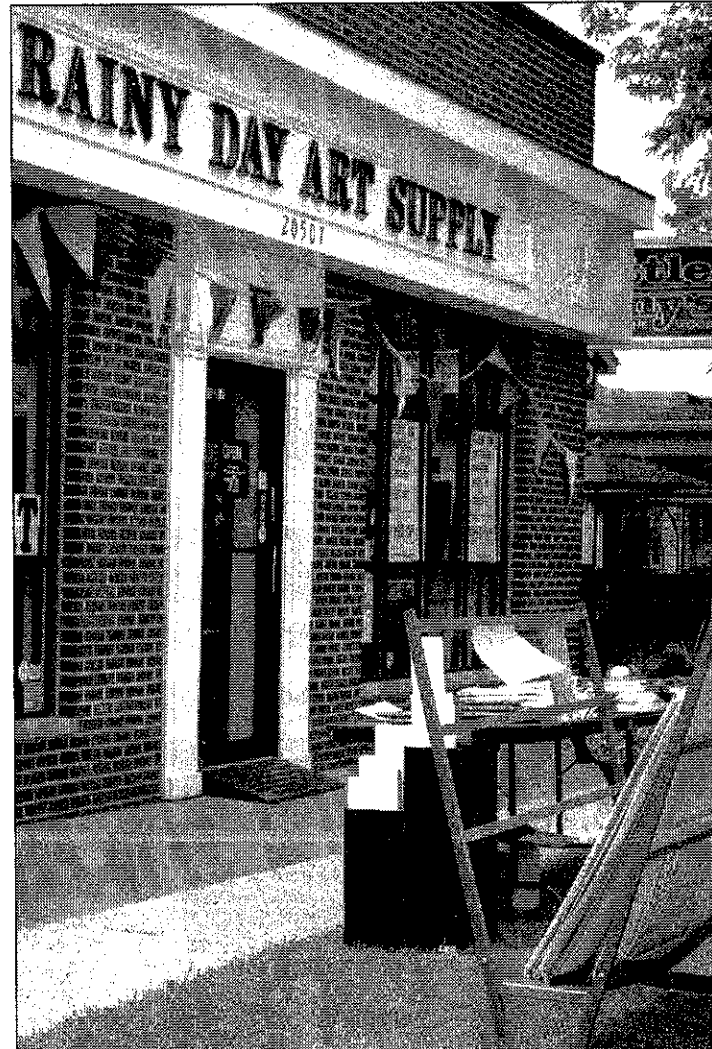


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On sale

The Grosse Pointe Business and Professional Association of Mack Avenue hosted a sidewalk sale last weekend.

Temperatures in the mid to upper 90s and high humidity deterred shoppers from strolling up and down Mack looking for a bargain or two. However, the sale wasn't a washout as businesses did get some customer interest, including above, when Devota Johnson, background, and her mother, Beau Taylor, visited The Dried Flower and owner Angelo DiClemente, right. Below, Rainy Day Art Supply and many other businesses along Mack displayed some of its items for shoppers to view and purchase.



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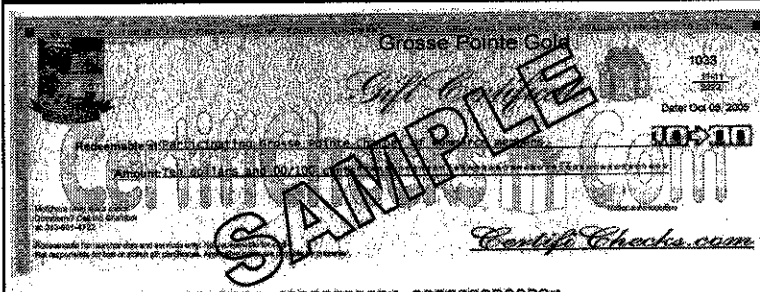
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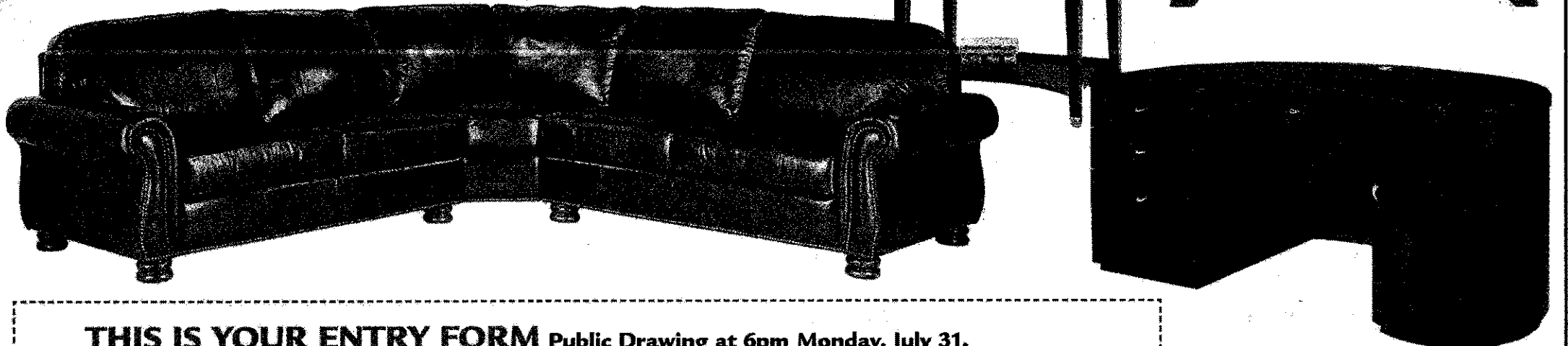
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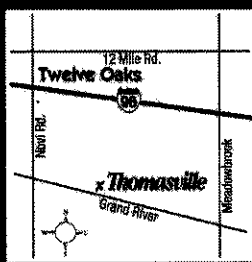
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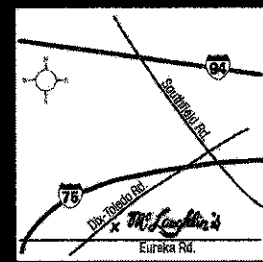
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Farms future astronaut shoots for Mars

By Ann L. Fouty
Staff Writer

Spencer Mitchell is by-passing the moon and shooting for Mars.

With plans to become an astronaut, the Brownell seventh-grader has completed Level 1 of the Smithsonian Institute-affiliated Future Astronaut Training Program at the Kansas Cosmosphere and Space Center in Hutchinson, Kan.

"Everything was cool," said the 13-year-old who was wearing a gray T-shirt with the camp's red and blue insignia.

According to his mother, Jennifer, her son has always been interested and wanted to attend the Alabama space camp. With a little research, the Grosse Pointe Farms family discovered this smaller Kansas camp where 32 other teens were as excited about outer space as he.

"It was also more fun-oriented," she said.

Flying alone to Kansas and staying in a nearby community college campus setting, Mitchell saw the Apollo 13 command module, the Redstone, which launched the first two Mercury missions, and the Titan rocket which, he said, launched Gemini.

He experienced the feeling of lift-off with 2.5 g-forces in the centrifuge and described it as "interesting."

Mitchell learned how to control body movement with the multi-axis trainer in which he

was turned left, right, up and down in a spinning motion.

During the week, campers train on simulators related to both manned and unmanned space flight. Using the manned maneuvering unit, they experience the delicate art of space walking. Campers also launch rockets, practice solar observation techniques, and performed stress testing, GPS activities, and rescue ball exercises.

Directing a lunar rover mission much like the Mars Sojourner, they guide a computer-controlled rover around rocks and craters while picking up samples to return to "Earth."

But the height of the camp was Mitchell being chosen as the pilot for his four-man mission, flying their own space shuttle mission aboard the Cosmosphere's state-of-the-art space shuttle simulator, the Falcon III.

"We were a failure because the payload didn't launch. It was damaged during launch," he said.

That hasn't diminished his enthusiasm because he intends on attending camp in June 2007 for Level 2.

The future astronaut training camp was developed by Cosmosphere staff and is an intense week-long program. It incorporates actual astronaut training with briefings on subjects ranging from how the body reacts to space flight to

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Spencer Mitchell said it was pretty cool wearing an astronaut's space suit. He attended the Future Astronaut Training Program at the Kansas Cosmosphere and Space Center in Hutchinson, Kan.

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Honor society grows

Twenty-four middle school students were inducted into the Grosse Pointe Academy Chapter of the National Junior Honor Society (NJHS).

Membership in this society is one of the highest honors that can be awarded to a middle school student.

Chapters in more than 5,000 middle schools across the nation strive to give practical meaning to the goals of scholarship, leadership, service, citizenship and character.

The selection of the following students was based on those five characteristics.

Sixth-graders selected were Emmy Boccaccio, Rebecca Broderick, Henry Brophy, Somers Brush, Kendall Dixon, Alexa Fisher, Samantha Fitzpatrick, Anne Flick, Alex Parker, Elizabeth Penman, Grace Rentschler, Robert Stanley, Susie Stefani, Samantha Sternad and Kelton Verble.

Seventh-graders inducted into NJHS included Mia Jefferson, Jess Martinelli, Madeline Miriani, Rachel

Ochylski, Julia Rose O'Hara, Evan Schwartz, Emily Spica and Mitch Vermet.

Kat FitzGerald was the eighth-grader inducted.

These middle school students join the Academy's current NJHS members Will Basse, Taylor Bell, Andrew Broderick, Ian Flick, Laura Flowers, Allie Fowler, Charles Getz, Libby Krueger, Michael Leahy, Imani Mixon, Chanel Geter, Adam Smith, Matthew Stanley, John Stockmann, Lindsey Thibodeau, Gigi Wells, Sarah Whitaker and Emily Williams.



Lauding Eton orators

Thirteen Eton Academy students who live in 11 different cities, including Cullin McGraw, a fourth-grader from Grosse Pointe Woods, presented speeches in May during the Birmingham Optimist Club's "Annual Oratorical Event for Speech and/or Hearing Impaired Students."

His topic was "My Future is Bright."

The student speakers are representative of the 180 students who travel from cities across southeastern Michigan each day to attend Eton

Academy in Birmingham.

He joined a dozen of his fellow classmates and two teachers at the annual Birmingham event.

Eton is Michigan's only accredited school for first through 12th grade students of average or above average academic abilities with learning challenges such as AD/HD, dyslexia, dysgraphia, and processing deficiencies.

Booster scholarship

Brendan Howe, Mackenzie Whims, Julie Zaranek and David DeBoer were awarded the 2006 Grosse Pointe South Athletic Booster Scholarship at the Mothers' Club of Grosse Pointe South Scholarship Awards Night on May 10. To qualify for consideration, varsity athletes must be active in Varsity Club, the student arm of the Athletic Booster Club, and contribute to Varsity Club community service projects. In addition to the scholarships, the students' names are engraved in a double brick paver, which will be placed in the Blue Devil Plaza. The new-size brick is part of the athletic boosters' "Grounded in Tradition" fundraising project. The paver project is open to honor any community member. For more information about the pavers, call John Cackowski at (313) 885-9446.

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The above vehicles can be viewed 1/2 hour prior to the auction, at Woods Towing. Payment by cash or certified check only. Cars listed may be pulled released prior to the auction by the Harper Woods Police Department.

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Sgt. Dennis Root,
Traffic Safety Section



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Honors band

Grosse Pointe Public Schools recently had its All-District Honors Band and Orchestra Concert in which about 250 students in the instrumental elementary school and middle school band and orchestra programs performed. Orchestra director, Joseph Bauer, is shown conducting the middle school honors orchestra. He retired this year after teaching 34 years in public school music — 32 years with the Grosse Pointe Schools.

City of Grosse Pointe Farms, Michigan

SUMMARY OF THE MINUTES JULY 10, 2006

The Meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m., beginning with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Present on Roll Call: Mayor James C. Farquhar, Jr., Councilmembers Douglas F. Roby, Jr., Peter W. Waldmeir, Therese M. Joseph, Joseph T. Leonard, Charles S. Terry Davis III Louis Theros.

Those Absent Were: None.

Also Present: Messrs. Burgess, City Attorney; Reeside, City Manager; Tepper, Assistant City Manager; Modzinski, City Controller; Brennan, Director of Public Service; Jensen, Director of Public Safety.

Mayor Farquhar presided at the Meeting.

The Council approved the Minutes of the Regular Meeting held June 5, 2006.

The Council, acting as a Zoning Board of Appeals, approved the Minutes of the Public Hearing held May 15, 2006; adjourned the appeal of Elena Ford/Joel Rippilone of 248 Provencal Road, to August 14, 2006 at 7 p.m.

The Council adjourned the Preliminary Site Plan Review for 190 Ridge to Monday, August 14, 2006 at 7 p.m. at the appellant's request.

The Council confirmed the appointment of Matthew J. Tepper as City Clerk, effective July 1, 2006.

The Council approved the proposed water and sewer rates for fiscal year 2007, as presented.

The Council approved the following from the consent agenda:

- The low bid of Pifer for the purchase of one Cushman for the DPW.
- The low bid of Bob Thibodeau Ford for the purchase of one Ford 4x4 F350 Cab and Chassis.
- The low bid of Equipment Technologies for the purchase of one Aerial Bucket Truck for the DPW.
- The low bid of Schiech Commercial Contracting Corporation for roof replacement at the Water/Filtration/Pump Station.

The Council approved the Non-Corporate Resolution/Account Agreement with ADP Clearing & Outsourcing Services, Inc., authorizing John Modzinski and/or Shane Reeside to execute trades with ADP.

Upon proper motion made, supported and carried, the Meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

THE NEXT REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL WILL BE HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 90 KERBY ROAD, GROSSE POINTE FARMS, MICHIGAN 48236, ON MONDAY, AUG 14, 2006 AT 7:00 P.M. THE MEETING IS PUBLIC. INTERESTED PROPERTY-OWNERS AND RESIDENTS ARE INVITED TO ATTEND. RESIDENTS MAY ALSO VIEW THE AGENDA AND MINUTES ON THE CITY'S WEBSITE: WWW.CI.GROSSE-POINTE-FARMS.MI.US/

JAMES C. FARQUHAR, JR.
MAYOR
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MATTHEW J. TEPPER
CITY CLERK

Astronaut: Mitchell sees beyond stars

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principles of rocketry. Mitchell and his fellow campers received up-to-date human space flight news. According to Mitchell, the rockets will soon replace the space capsules now used.

Future astronauts also learn about the history of the space

program in the Cosmosphere's Hall of Space Museum, which houses one of the largest space artifact collections in the world. The museum features the actual Apollo 13 command module Odyssey and the largest collection of Russian space artifacts outside of Moscow. Campers also use the Cosmosphere's planetarium and IMAX® Dome Theater throughout the week.

NOTICE OF ABSENT VOTER'S BALLOT FOR THE PRIMARY ELECTION TUESDAY, AUGUST 8, 2006

Registered qualified electors in the City of Grosse Pointe Park, Grosse Pointe, Grosse Pointe Farms, Grosse Pointe Woods, Township of Grosse Pointe-Wayne County and Lake Township-Macomb County, who expect to be absent from the city or township or who are confined to home or hospital by illness or disability or are 60 years of age or more, may now apply for absent voter's ballots. NO SUCH REGULAR APPLICATIONS CAN BE ACCEPTED AFTER 2:00 P.M. ON SATURDAY, AUGUST 5, 2006. Applications can be made prior to such time at the Municipal Offices.

The offices of the City Clerks of Grosse Pointe Farms, Grosse Pointe Park, Grosse Pointe, Grosse Pointe Woods, Township of Grosse Pointe and Lake Township will be open during normal business hours Monday thru Friday of each week. All offices will be open on Saturday, August 5, 2006 from 9:00 until 2:00 p.m. for absent voter's ballot. HOWEVER, ANYONE WISHING TO VOTE BY ABSENTEE BALLOT MAY DO SO IN THE CITY OFFICE ON MONDAY, August 7, 2006 UNTIL 4:00 P.M.

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Brownell Middle School seventh-grader Spencer Mitchell learned how to operate a manned maneuver unit during his week at the astronaut training program.

16A | AUTOMOTIVE

AUTOS By Jenny King

The 2007 Honda Fit is designed to take the subcompact market into new territory with its highly refined and ultra-adaptable functionality, sporty driving demeanor and high levels of standard safety equipment.

Honda Fit: mighty little beast of burden



Open wide, we said. And it did. And in went a spade, a 40-pound bag of top soil, a bag of cedar mulch, three perennials and a couple of plastic bags with items like new sheets and a mega-container of laundry detergent. Had the cash not run out, the car would have held lots more.

The rear storage area of the tiny Honda Fit had way more room than expected. And the four passenger doors gave entry to a comfortable, practical and economical vehicle.

This diminutive import with its dainty appearance is something of an optical illusion. It holds five passengers and offers 21 cubic feet of cargo space behind the split folding rear seat. Honda says this is only slightly less than the rear cargo space in its small boxy truck, the Element.

One of the reasons the Fit boasts lots of interior room is the location of the fuel tank: it sits toward the middle of the vehicle rather than hogging space in the rear, according to Honda. This allows the cargo floor in the rear to be a bit lower — something you notice as soon as you do your "open wide" trick with the rear liftgate.

A very special colleague, Wayne State University communications instructor Ganga Vadkavir, expressed her sur-

prise as she climbed aboard for a brief ride.

"It's really big," she said. "I'd like one of these, although my husband works for Ford and I love my Mountaineer with its GPS navigation system. I have a poor sense of direction."

The 2007 Fit bowed in the United States this past April. Marketed in Japan as the Jazz, it has a 1.5-liter, 16-valve, 4-cylinder engine that cranks out 109 HP and can be hooked to a five-speed automatic or five-speed manual transmission.

Honda says its Variable Valve Timing and Lift Electronic Control (VTEC) helps make the engine more fuel-efficient at lower speeds while providing adequate performance at high engine speeds. The fuel economy ratings of 33 miles per gallon city and 38 mpg highway attest to that.

Fit's electronic power steering system also contributes to higher fuel economy since engine power is not needed to operate a hydraulic system, Honda says.

The company does not mention fuel saved looking for parking spaces, which, for this subcompact, are almost everywhere.

On early excursions, we thought we might be intimidated by the large vehicles that rule our roads. But driving out north Woodward on a Sunday morning, we soon were passing or following the likes of a couple of MINI Coopers, a five-door Kia Rio, several Ford Focuses and a Mazda Protege 5. We didn't feel so undersized anymore. In fact, driving behind the cute blue-and-white MINI, we looked and felt big.

Or at least big enough.

As for its underpinnings, Honda provides the Fit with a suspension that combines front MacPherson struts with a rear torsion beam with trailing arm configuration. The compact front suspension and rear torsion beam were designed to allow for a large passenger cabin with a low floor to maximize the cargo carrying capacity, Honda says.

The subcompact wagon has great safety features. Dual-stage, dual-threshold front air bags, dual front side air bags and side-curtain air bags are standard equipment on all Fit models. A knee bolster provides additional protection for front-seat passengers.

Standard active safety equipment includes anti-lock braking system with ventilated discs in the front and drums in the back, and electronic brake distribution.

Fourteen-inch wheels are standard on the base model; the Sport model features 15-inchers, and 16-inch wheels are available as a dealer-installed option.

The Fit Sport model has steering wheel-mounted paddle shifter controls with the automatic transmission. The Sport package includes an underbody kit, rear roofline spoiler, fog lights, security system with keyless remote entry, cruise control and the larger 15-inch aluminum-alloy wheels.

Fit Sport also features an upgraded sound system with six speakers, MP3/WMA playback capability, a five-mode equalizer and an auxiliary audio jack for input from a portable mu-



The subcompact 2007 Honda Fit has an aptitude for carrying people and their gear.

sic player.

Fit comes with standard air conditioning, power windows, power mirrors, power door locks and a two-tone interior.

With its modest pricing starting at under \$14,000, Honda hopes the 2007 Fit will capture the interests and car payments of younger buyers interested in accessories. Some 30 accessories are available from dealers, including Honda Apple, iPod, and Music Link. The Honda iPod Music Link allows the user's iPod (sold separately) to interact with the audio system and charge the iPod's battery.

Outside, the Fit can be customized with Honda equipment including sport exhaust,



PHOTO BY WIECK

2007 Honda Fit Sport.

chrome exhaust tip finisher, rear bumper accents and a sport mesh grille.

Fit prices start at \$13,850 for the base model with five-speed manual; an automatic trans-

mission adds about \$800 to that price. Fit Sport with an automatic starts at \$15,970.

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TEST DRIVE By Greg Zyla

Elegance comes standard on the 2006 Chrysler 300C, a multi-award winner equipped with a 5.7-liter Hemi. The Chrysler 300's striking high beltline and dramatic design is the creation of a classic today.

The elegant 2006 Chrysler 300C AWD



His race cars conquered the action, winning 52 times in the two-year span. The 1956 Chrysler 300B also began the "Letter series," which continued until the 1965 300L. It returned for model year 1999 with a FWD version, and then in 2005, the 300 returned to rear wheel drive (RWD) platform and won Motor Trend's Car Of The Year award. To commemorate the return to RWD with a Hemi V-8, this edition of the series was named the 300C, after the groundbreaking 1957 car.

Today, consumers accept, and more so readily expect, Chrysler 300's striking design. Some bystanders said our tester had a Bentley motif, while others pointed to a bit of "gangsta" in its final statement. Somewhere in between these two design statements lies Chrysler's secret to success. Although the 300 does indeed have a sophisticated stance, its "gangsta" comments stem from its powerful Hemi engine, huge grille, 18-inch aluminum wheels and "chopped" roofline. The result is a menacing, although most impressive, guise that trumpets individuality.

Chrysler then merges this striking exterior with a stylish cabin loaded with amenities. Notable standard features include a Boston Acoustics six-speaker sound system with 276-watt digital amplifier with door trim badges, dual exhaust with bright tips, hi-tech power rearview mirrors, performance in 1955 and again in 1956 thanks to a Carl Kiekhafer, head of the Mercury outboard motor company in Wisconsin.

cent bezel on center console, projector halogen headlamps, rain-sensitive wipers, tortoise shell-style interior accents, radio presets, and movable steering column and pedals. More? Yes, but we don't have the space.

The 2006 lineup includes Chrysler 300, Chrysler 300 Touring and the Hemi-powered Chrysler 300C. Our tester came with the available all-wheel drive (AWD), something we highly recommend for those living in colder climates.

Perhaps the best news for those on a tighter budget is the fact that the base 300, which looks just as good, features a 2.7-liter V-6 engine mated to a four-speed automatic transmission that is priced in the \$26,000 range, so ask your dealer if so inclined.

Our 300C, however, came with the company's legendary 5.7-liter Hemi engine mated to a five-speed automatic transmission. The engine features "cylinder deactivation" for better highway MPG numbers, literally cutting off four cylinders when cruising occurs. As for performance, with 345 horsepower under the hood and all eight cylinders lit, our 300C went from zero to 60 mph in just 6.2 seconds according to our watch timer, yet still delivers an amazing 17 city and 24 highway EPA numbers.

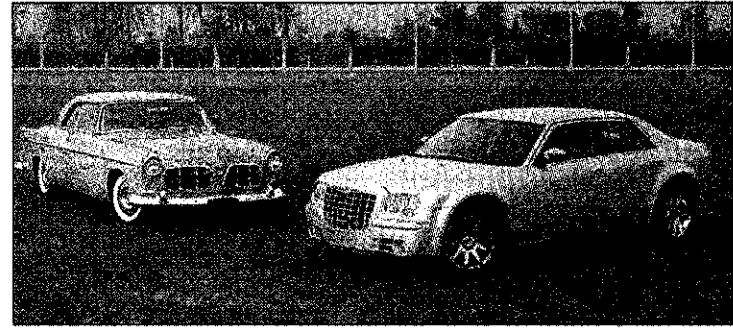
The all-wheel-drive technology is a Mercedes-Benz derivative and provides outstanding cornering balance under all driving conditions. The system is continuously driven through all four wheels, and when combined with standard electronic

stability, fully independent suspension and all-speed traction control, the 300C offers superior performance in virtually all highway situations.

Important numbers include a wheelbase of 120.0, 19-gallon 89-octane fuel tank, 15.6 cubic feet of cargo space and a curb weight of 4,273 pounds.

This is a great car, and deserves the 9.5 rating on a scale of one to 10 we give it.

Greg Zyla is a syndicated automotive columnist.



1955 Chrysler 300 Sport Coupe and 2006 Chrysler 300C sit side-by-side in honor of the car's legendary history of performance and luxury.

We test drove the 2006 Chrysler 300C All Wheel Drive (AWD), and I'll tell you right away it's the best car I've driven in the under \$40,000 category — base price: \$34,850; price as tested: \$39,115.

The "300" line by Chrysler isn't actually a "new" idea by any means. Its roots date back to 1955, when the 300 was the hot ticket in town. The first 300 was the fastest four-seat production car in the world and a major manufacturer statement in performance and luxury.

During its first year of production, the 1955 Chrysler 300 dominated the Flying Mile Beach Speed Weeks competition averaging 127.58 mph. The moniker "Chrysler 300" came from the fact that the 300 was the first mass-produced American car with a 300-horsepower engine, thanks to the legendary Hemi V-8. It then combined power with style thanks to noted designer Virgil Exner, known for his "forward look" designs.

Following the speed trials, the Chrysler 300 dominated the NASCAR championships in 1955 and again in 1956 thanks to a Carl Kiekhafer, head of the Mercury outboard motor company in Wisconsin.

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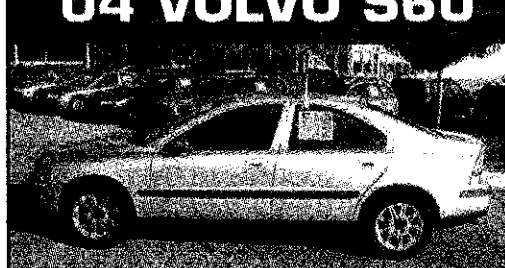

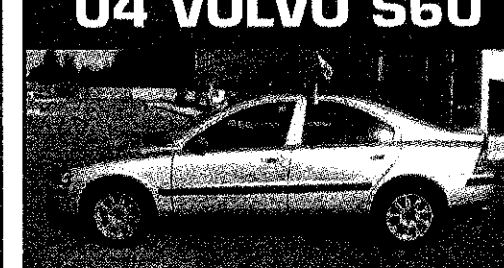
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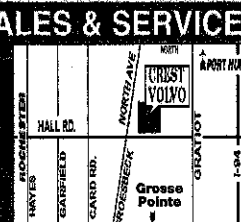
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OBITUARIES

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

Helen A. Adams

Helen A. Adams, 97, of Grosse Pointe Woods, died Wednesday, July 12, 2006.

She was born April 17, 1909 in Frostburg, Md.

She was involved with many activities throughout her lifetime starting with becoming a den mother for the Cub Scouts and later a leader with her group of 20 Campfire Girls in the 1940s.

After raising her children, she took a job at Reeds Department Stores where she became manager and, eventually, manager of all three department stores.

When she succeeded in the retail business, she searched for new interests and joined the Progressive Artists Club, as well as the Lakeside Palette Club where she learned to paint and became an accomplished artist. She was president for many years of the Lakeside Palette Club and was involved in the judged art exhibits around the area.

She taught beginners the art of painting and drawing, and her art classes were always full. She also worked in mosaics and enjoyed sampling other fine arts.

She was very musical. When she turned 60, she joined the Go-Go Grannies, and soon

formed her own band called The Standard Five. The group played at art festivals, Eastland Mall and nursing homes, etc. Their success was attributed to Mrs. Adams, who was called "the Happy Booker," since she made all the contacts and arrangements for the band.

As the years passed, the band eventually dissolved, but Mrs. Adams was not ready to leave the musical world. Even though she was in her 80s, she formed the Ache and Pain duo with her son, Richard. They dispensed musical medicine, and brought joy and mischief to all who experienced their music and the fun they produced.

When Mrs. Adams reached her 90s, she entered a nursing home where she became known as "Happy Helen" due to her optimistic and joyful attitude toward life. She set a wonderful example for all who knew her and will be greatly missed by all who knew her.

She left a legacy of a family who loved her dearly and will try to remember all she taught them.

She is survived by her children, Richard (Vera) Adams, Shirley (Sam) Curcuru, and Susan (David) Pfaff; her 14 grandchildren, David, Michael and Sam Curcuru, Joyce Taubitz, Karen Sorgeloos, Eric Adams, Mary Jo McGovern, Vickie Earnest, Laura Uryga, Michael and Paul Hammerly, and Emily, Adam and John Pfaff; her 21 great-grandchildren; and her nine great-great-grandchildren.

She was predeceased by her husband, Clarence Adams, and daughter, Nancy (John) Hammerly.

A memorial Mass was celebrated Wednesday, July 19, at St. Joan of Arc Catholic

Church where she was an active member since 1952.

Jeffery Wessels Barry

Former Grosse Pointe Farms resident Jeffery Wessels Barry, 67, died Saturday, July 8, 2006, in Wilmington, N.C., after a long illness.

He was born Aug. 17, 1938, in Detroit to Aaron Wessels Barry and Irma Marie Barry. He earned a Bachelor of Arts degree from Albion College and a juris doctor degree from the University of Michigan Law School in 1963.

Mr. Barry served as the president of Walsh College in Troy for 21 years. In 1991, the college named him president emeritus of Walsh College and conferred upon him an honorary doctor of laws degree.

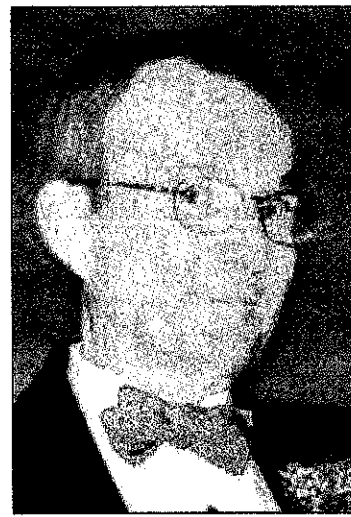
Mr. Walsh is survived by his wife of 44 years, Jane Mohler Barry; his children, Lydia R.B. (Stephen) Kelley of Winnetka, Ill., and Jeffery W. (Mindy) Barry Jr. of McLean, Va.; his three grandchildren, Andrew and Patrick Kelley, and Hayden Barry; his brother, John C. Barry; his sister, Mary Phillips Saieed; and his sister-in-law, Alice M. DeLana.

His family will receive guests on Friday, Aug. 4, from 4 to 6 p.m., at Walsh College in Troy.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Jeffery W. Barry Endowed Scholarship Fund, c/o Walsh College, 3838 Livernois Rd., Troy, MI 48007-7006, or Lower Cape Fear Hospice and Life Care Center, 725-A Wellington Ave., Wilmington, NC 28401.



Helen A. Adams



Jeffery Wessels Barry



Mary Twomey Bigham



Irene Blatchford



Cynthia M. Ferra



Thomas G. Gallagher

Mary Twomey Bigham

Former Grosse Pointe Farms resident Mary Twomey Bigham, 91, died Saturday, July 8, 2006, at Bon Secours Nursing Center in St. Clair Shores.

She was born on Nov. 9, 1914, in Detroit to the late John and the late Elizabeth Twomey.

Mrs. Bigham and her husband, Earl Bigham, were married for 68 years prior to his death in January 2005. They lived for 53 years in Grosse Pointe Farms where they raised their five children.

Mrs. Bigham worked for many years as a secretary at St. Paul School in Grosse Pointe Farms. In her spare time, between working and raising a family, she was able to pursue her interests in reading, sewing and baking.

Her son, Timothy, wrote, "Emma" as she was affectionately known, was a devoted wife of 68 years. Her five children were the center of her life, along with her faith. She will always be remembered for her beautiful smile and loving, cheerful manner. She was always proud of her Irish heritage and the outpouring of love at her funeral was a true testament of what a loving woman she was and of the long, wonderful life she lived."

She is survived by her daughter, Barbara (Charles) Luther; her sons, Robert (Mary), William (Maureen) and Timothy (Deborah) Bigham; her daughter-in-law, Nancy Bigham; her 13 grandchildren; and her 13 great-

grandchildren.

She was predeceased by her husband, Earl R. Bigham; her son, James Bigham; and her siblings, William, Bess, Joseph, Robert and James. She was the last living member of the Twomey clan.

A funeral Mass was celebrated on Wednesday, July 12, at St. Paul Catholic Church in Grosse Pointe Farms. Interment is at St. Paul Columbarium.

Memorial contributions may be made to The Mercy Home for Boys and Girls, 11410 West Jackson Blvd., Chicago, IL 60607.

Irene Blatchford

Irene Gayek Blatchford died Thursday, July 13, 2006.

She was born in Chicago on May 20, 1915. Her family moved to the Detroit area when she was a child. She attended Detroit's Northeastern High School where she met Richard Blatchford. They married after completing high school and celebrated their 50th anniversary in 1984. Mr. Blatchford died in 1988.

Mrs. Blatchford had a very successful career in banking. She retired as assistant vice president of the Bank of the Commonwealth.

After her retirement in 1980, she kept busy by joining many community organizations. She belonged to the Theatre Arts Club of Detroit. She enjoyed every facet of the theater, especially acting and directing. She served on the board of the Theatre Arts for several years and served as president from

1995-1998.

Mrs. Blatchford belonged to another theater group, Cercle Dramatique, for which she played a number of important roles. She was the hostess, president, treasurer and an active participant in the plays performed by the group.

She belonged to the Grosse Pointe Garden Club, the Grosse Pointe Symphony and she was a docent for the Grosse Pointe War Memorial.

Mrs. Blatchford enjoyed traveling, especially visiting London and Poland. She found some distant relatives in Poland and traveled there several times. She also hosted these relatives, showing them around the United States.

Her favorite stateside vacations were on the steamships traveling up and down the Mississippi River. Nothing pleased her more than sitting on the veranda of the Mississippi Queen with a book in hand and the drum of the paddle wheel lulling her as the boat cruised down the river.

She is survived by her nieces, Chris (Bob) Kuhn, Dr. Alexandra Gayek, Ann Gayek, and Barbara (Roger) Brouckaert; and her nephews, Richard (Mary) Gayek and Peter (Alison) Gayek.

She was predeceased by her husband, Richard Blatchford; and brothers, Joseph, Bill and Henry.

A memorial service will be held at a later date.

Cynthia M. Ferra

Cynthia M. Ferra, 53, of Warren, died Tuesday, July 11, 2006.

She was born Aug. 22, 1952, in Detroit to Blanche Tyll and Clarence Doris. She was a dedicated home caregiver in the Grosse Pointes for 25 years.

Mrs. Ferra's interests included gardening. She enjoyed spending time with her family, especially her children and grandchildren.

She is survived by her husband, Thomas Ferra; her daughters, Michele (Kyle) and Lisa (Tom); her son, Thomas; her grandchildren, Zachary, Jacob, Andrea, Emily and Kailee; her sister, Pat (Floyd) Brennan; and her brother, Gerald (Karen) Doris.

A private memorial service was held.

Thomas G. Gallagher

Thomas G. Gallagher, 65, of Grosse Pointe Farms, died Sunday, June 18, 2006, after a long illness.

He was born April 29, 1941, to the late Marion and the late Thomas J. Gallagher in Detroit.

Mr. Gallagher attended Howe Military Academy for seven years and graduated

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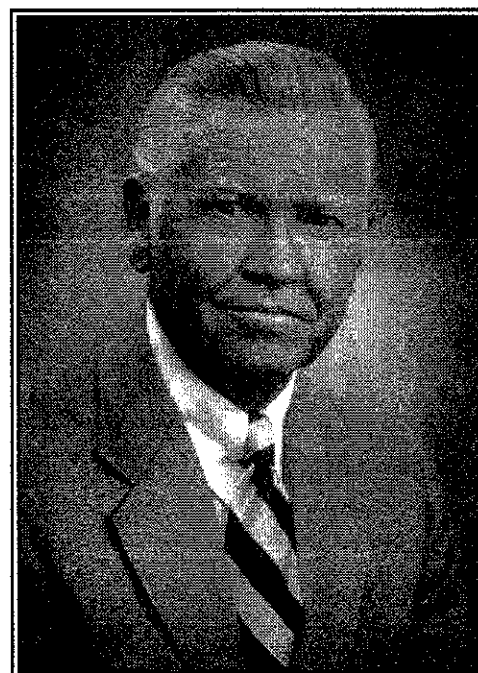
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G.P. library backs Sunningdale repairs

By Beth Quinn
Staff Writer

The trustees of the Grosse Pointe Public Library voted 5-2 at its June meeting to make a contribution of \$50,000 to the City of Grosse Pointe Woods for the reconstruction and widening of Sunningdale Drive. The money will come out of the library's operating budget.

Woods city manager Mark Wollenweber said the Tiseo Contracting Co. will make the improvements for an estimat-

ed \$450,000. The reconstruction on Sunningdale will be between Parcels Middle School and St. Michael's Episcopal Church. The widening will allow for two lanes of traffic and create 30 additional parking spaces.

Work begins after a waterline is installed and is expected to be completed before school starts in September.

Prior to taking a vote, three library board members voiced concern about funding improvements to a municipality's infrastructure.

Shores trustee Laura Bartell stated the board should spend taxpayers' money on improving the library, not paving the streets of Grosse Pointe Woods.

"We have made a massive contribution already," she said. "We have no legal obligation to contribute more."

She is referring to the \$114,000 the library spent improving Woods streets adjacent to the new Grosse Pointe Public Library.

"We have already put in money to make a beautiful

new turn lane, new entrance to Sunningdale and a new drop off for the school," Bartell said.

At-large Trustee Ed Frederickson said he would like to negotiate with the Woods for services to the library in exchange for the \$50,000. He cited traffic problems that occur around the library at 3 p.m. when Parcels students are leaving for the day.

Woods trustee David Bergeron referred to the parking agreement the library forged with the City of

Grosse Pointe Park for the Ewald branch library.

In March 2005, the library board approved the expenditure of \$200,000 to pay for one-third of the cost for a new municipal parking lot near the Park's city hall. The library acquired 47 additional parking spaces plus lawn cutting, snow plowing, shrub trimming, recycling and rubbish collection services by the Park.

"We did give a substantial amount of money, but in return we did receive a substantial amount of spaces plus maintenance," Bergeron said.

Bergeron, board treasurer, expressed concern that the \$50,000 was coming out of the

library's operational budget as opposed to the bond money raised for the construction of the new Woods library.

"Unfortunately, the timing of this is pretty bad," Bergeron said. "If they had approached us prior to ground breaking, it could have been paid with bond dollars. I don't feel comfortable expending operational dollars on this."

Wollenweber recently said the Woods is willing to address the library's concerns.

"The city and the residents appreciate the contribution the library has made," Wollenweber said. "We will be looking into the issues that were brought up."

OBITUARIES

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from Austin High School in 1960. He attended the University of Detroit and the College for Creative Studies.

He joined the U.S. Army in 1963 and represented the Army Rangers in the Honor Guard for three years while stationed in Arlington, Va.

Mr. Gallagher was an account supervisor for BBDO Advertising Co., Young & Rubican International, and vice president at William Esty Inc. He taught advertising and marketing for many years at Macomb Community College.

He was a Grosse Pointe Farms Little League and Babe Ruth coach for many years.

He is survived by his wife, Christine Gallagher; two children, Bernadette "Bunny" (Todd) Platt and Brian (Jennifer) Gallagher; four granddaughters, Claire, Avery and Lauren Platt, and Caroline Gallagher; aunt, Jane Beran; and cousins, Owen Kennedy and Helen Inglis.

A private family memorial service was held.



Ruth Lydia Palmer

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Ruth Lydia Palmer, 89, died Sunday, July 16, 2006.

She had a 30-year career with the Detroit Board of Education.

Ms. Palmer was a member of Jefferson Avenue Presbyterian Church since 1936, a year after becoming active in the youth fellowship club. She proudly served as one of the first three women elders in the church from 1971 until 1977 when she retired from the session. She taught Sunday school, was president

of the women's guild, and chaired the memorial committee, sewing and knitting groups.

She was a proud member of the PEO Sisterhood.

She is survived by many nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

A memorial service will be held at 10 a.m., Thursday, July 27, at the Jefferson Avenue Presbyterian Church, 8625 E. Jefferson, Detroit.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Jefferson Avenue Presbyterian Church.

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Karl E. Plaun

Karl E. Plaun, 80, of Clawson died Thursday, July 13, 2006.

While his family was originally from Sweden, Mr. Plaun was born in Seattle, Wash. He was a retired engineer from Ford Motor Co., and enjoyed playing bridge at the Detroit Boat Club.

He is survived by his brother, Hugo, of Sweden; and his niece and nephews.

There will be a memorial gathering at 4 p.m. until the time of the memorial service at 7 p.m., on Thursday, July 20, at

Chas. Verheyden Funeral Home Inc., 16300 Mack, Grosse Pointe Park. Inurnment will be in Sweden.

Geraldine Ruth Porch

Geraldine "Gerry" Ruth (nee Newton) Porch, 74, of St. Clair Shores, died Thursday, July 6, 2006, at Bon Secours Hospital after a short illness.

She was a 1948 graduate of Grosse Pointe High School. Following graduation, Mrs. Porch spent much of her time raising her children and caring for any stray animals that luckily found their way to her doorstep.

She donated much of her time to the Lakeshore Village board of directors in St. Clair Shores where she resided for over 50 years.

Mrs. Porch is survived by her two sons, Robert J. (Pamela) Beatty Jr. and Matthew J. (Lillian) Beatty; and her grandchildren, David, Patrick Jeffery and Leanna.

She was predeceased by her husband, Eugene Porch.

A memorial Mass will be celebrated at 11 a.m., on Friday, July 28, at St. Lucy Catholic Church Chapel, 23401 Jefferson, St. Clair Shores.

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11:49 p.m., a 22-year-old Detroit woman was stopped for having a broken tail light. She was unable to provide the officer with a driver license,

registration or proof of insurance. A LEIN check revealed she had a suspended license and two outstanding warrants out of Warren (\$2,000 bond for failure to appear in court) and Detroit (\$124 bond for a traffic violation). She was arrested. The woman posted a \$100 bond and was turned over to a Warren police officer, who picked her up on a warrant issued in that city.

Property damaged

On Monday, July 10, at 9 p.m., a 34-year-old Grosse Pointe Woods woman living in the 1800 block of Prestwick reported an unknown person damaged her garage door. She told an officer she closed the garage door at 9 p.m. the previous night and found it damaged at 7 a.m. the morning of July 10. The woman also told police she saw an unknown man rummaging through her

Wrong plate

On Tuesday, July 11, a 35-year-old Detroit man was stopped at Harper and Lochmoor because the license plate of his 1986 Dodge pickup was registered to a 1989 Ford pickup, according to a LEIN check. The LEIN check also reported the man had a suspended license and had an outstanding

warrant out of Warren for failure to appear in court on drug charges. A 41-year-old Detroit man was a passenger in the vehicle. A LEIN check revealed he had an outstanding warrant for parole violation. Both men were arrested.

What happened?

On Tuesday, July 11, at 11 a.m., a 22-year-old Grosse Pointe Woods man living in the

2000 block of Beaufait reported a 19-year-old Grosse Pointe Woods man approached him as he was standing on the sidewalk and punched him repeatedly in the face, leaving swelling and abrasions. An officer asked the man what happened, but the man's response was muffled and incoherent. He asked to be taken to a local hospital where he refused treatment and then asked to be taken home. Back home, the man refused to answer all of the officer's questions. Other officers located the suspect driving 42 mph down Bournemouth. He was stopped and asked if he recently hit a man, to which he replied, "Yes because he called me certain names." The 19-year-old was arrested for assault as officers pieced together what exactly happened between the two men.

—Bob St. John

G. P. WOODS **Woods picnic Aug. 5**

The Grosse Pointe Woods annual city picnic is Saturday, Aug. 5, starting at noon at Lake Front Park. Food, music and games are part of the festivities. At full dark, an outdoor family movie will be played with popcorn provided. Bring chairs, blankets and refreshments. Families can camp out at the park for an overnight stay that includes a pancake breakfast Sunday, Aug. 6, starting at 8 a.m. Call (313) 343-2470 between July 25 and Aug. 4 to register for the camp out.

July lake levels

The following lake levels as of July 14 are offered by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers: Water levels on lakes Superior, Michigan and Huron are 5, 2 and 2 inches, respectively, below the levels of a year ago. Lake St. Clair is at last year's level, while lakes Erie and Ontario are 1 to 2 inches above 2005 levels. Lake Superior's water level continues to rise and is expected to be 1 inch higher next month. Lakes Michigan and Huron are near their seasonal peak and will remain steady, while lakes St. Clair, Erie and Ontario are forecasted to fall 1 to 4 inches over the next month. Over the next few months, all of the Great Lakes are predicted to remain at or approach water levels similar to 2005. The Lake Superior outflow through the St. Marys River into Lake Huron is expected to be near average in July. Flows in the St. Clair and Detroit rivers are expected to be below average during July. Flows in the Niagara and St. Lawrence rivers are expected to be near and below average, respectively, in July. Alerts: Users of the Great Lakes should keep informed of current conditions before undertaking any activities that could be affected by changing water levels. Mariners should utilize navigation charts and refer to current water level readings.

Swim show

Go "Around the World" during the Grosse Pointe Farms Synchronized Swim Show on Sunday, July 30, at 6 p.m. The rain date is Monday, July 31, at 6 p.m. A concert by the Boogiemen starts at the pavilion at 4:30 p.m.

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Just as an increasing amount of the United States population is being diagnosed with the eye disease, **macular degeneration**, the FDA has approved a drug that could possibly hinder its debilitating growth.

Getting the (clear) picture

By Elizabeth Swanson
Special Writer

When Ruth Fry, 84, of Jackson, went to her routine ophthalmology appointment in February 2004, she was diagnosed with macular degeneration, an eye disease that deteriorates central vision.

"I didn't have any symptoms (yet), because I went for my regular checkup to see if my prescription needed to be changed," Fry said. "And the doctor found that I had (macular degeneration). I didn't know what it was — I didn't have a clue."

While juvenile macular degeneration affects infants and children, it's inherited and extremely rare, as opposed to age-related macular degeneration, which affects 15 million people in the United States, usually ages 55 and older.

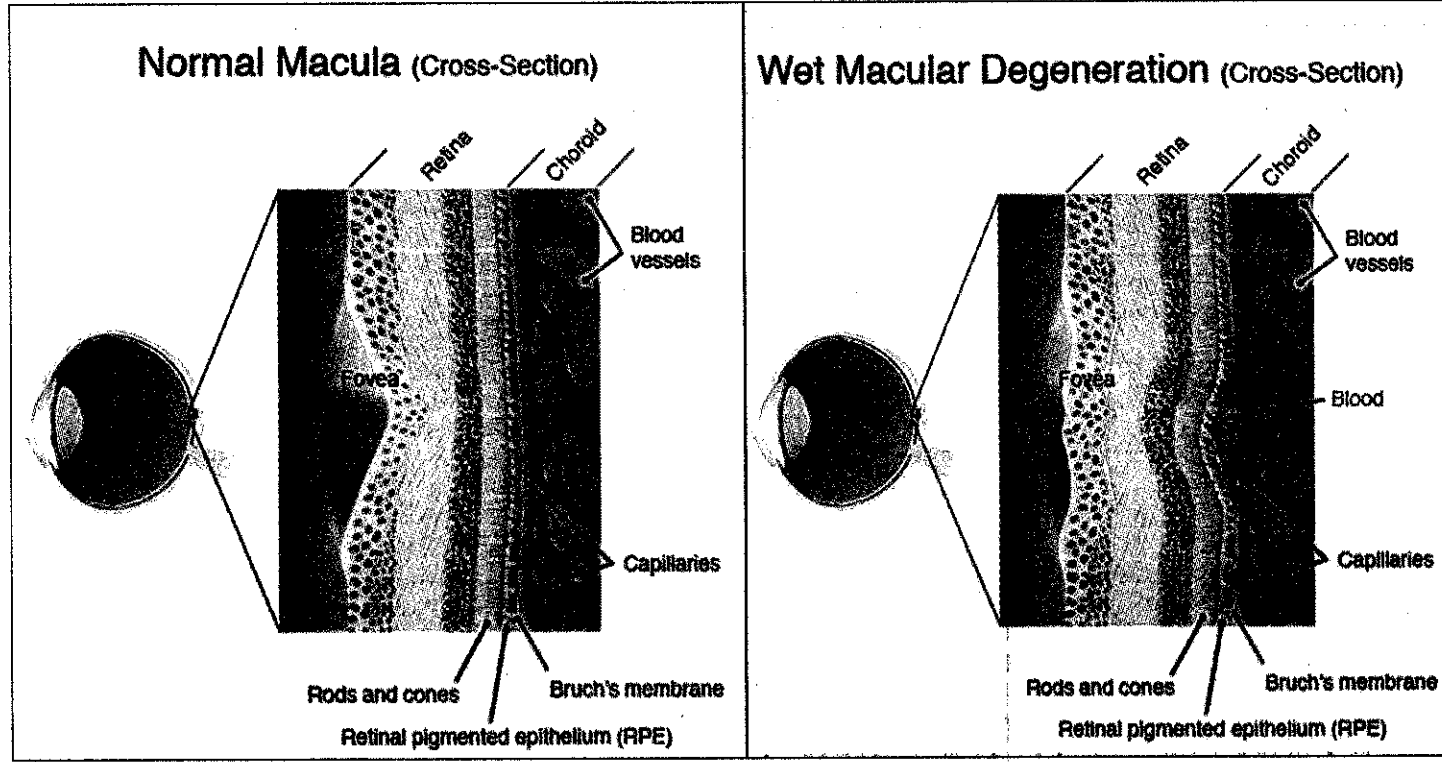
The macula is responsible for creating sharp, detailed central vision, and is found in the retina, a multi-layered sensory tissue in the back of the eye that receives light rays, transforms them into chemical signals and sends them to the brain to be converted into images.

In the dry stage — the beginning phase of macular degeneration — patients can retain normal vision, while others have progressive vision loss due to atrophy — a loss of tissue necessary for vision, said Dr. Mark Johnson, a professor and ophthalmologist at the University of Michigan's Kellogg Eye Center.

About 10 percent of patients with dry macular degeneration progress into the wet stage, in which bleeding, fluid leakages and abnormal blood vessels cause scar tissue to form in the macula underneath the retina.

"In general, the wet stage is worse because it produces a rather rapid loss of vision occurring over a period of months or maybe one or two years," Johnson said. "In general, there is a greater amount of vision loss compared to dry, where the vision, in many cases, is normal and vision loss progresses very slowly."

Wet macular degeneration affects 57,268 people in Michigan and about 1.7 million people in the United States. It does not destroy peripheral, or side vision, and complete



Cross-section of a normal macula, left, and one with wet macular degeneration, right, which is characterized by fluid leakages, bleeding and abnormal blood vessels in the macula underneath the retina. These occurrences lead to scar tissue formation and ultimately the deterioration of central vision.

blindness is not inevitable. Those with wet macular degeneration can be legally blind, yet have enough vision to take care of themselves. They cannot see well enough to read, recognize faces or drive.

Fry has wet macular degeneration, but thanks to her early diagnosis — and involvement at U of M in a nationwide study of Lucentis, a breakthrough treatment for the condition — her eyesight has improved.

"I was a little nervous (to participate)," she said. "But I talked it over with my children, and they thought I should go ahead with it because my eye would be getting worse."

"My first injection was April of 2004. I didn't know if I was getting a placebo or the good stuff, but after about nine or 10 visits, my eye was improving, so I thought I must be getting the good stuff."

Lucentis, a medicine injected into the jelly-like, vitreous part of the eye, was approved by the Food and Drug Administration June 30. Although its effectiveness is limited to wet macular degeneration, it's unlike any treatment discovered before, Johnson said.

"It inhibits one of the key growth factors that causes both growth and leakage from the abnormal blood vessels in

the wet stage," he said. "It stops leakage from the abnormal blood vessels and stops bleeding that can happen. So by doing these three things, it stabilizes vision, prevents progress because it can dry up abnormal fluid and is the first treatment where the average patient has improved during treatment."

"Often patients will notice improvement within several weeks of receiving their first injection. After the first month or two their vision continues to remain stable after initial improvement throughout the course of treatment."

Soon after her diagnosis, Fry became one of Johnson's approximately 10 patients involved in the study at U of M, one of two major clinical trials the FDA reviewed to approve Lucentis.

Before her first injection, Fry had photographs taken, a detailed eye examination and a baseline blood test. To participate, her vision and the size of her abnormal blood vessels had to be within a specific range. Finally, she was randomly assigned to the treatment or placebo group.

Every month for two years, Fry received injections, vision tests and eye examinations. Photographs were taken periodically to measure the size

and response of her abnormal blood vessels.

"I finished my two years two months ago," she said. "My eye has improved miraculously through the program at U of

M. I have every bit of confidence in (Johnson) — he's a wonderful doctor. I'm so grateful for this program because I'm able to drive and able to do everything I need to do. I can

cook, I go to church, attend baby showers — do things like I always did.

"In July of 2005, my other eye that was not in the program deteriorated. There wasn't anything they could do to improve it. The eye that was in the program had steadily improved and it was the only one that was good for me because the other one just absolutely went. To me, (Lucentis) is a miracle. I just can't praise it enough because I can see now. And I wouldn't be able to do that. I live alone, I wouldn't be able to drive — I would be very handicapped."

Currently, Fry gets a check-up every three months and receives an injection if needed.

While there is a slight risk for bleeding when injecting Lucentis, complications are extremely rare, Johnson said. There's about a 1,000th chance of developing an infection or retinal detachment, in which the retina detaches from the wall of the eye and causes blindness unless repaired.

"The other thing about the delivery of treatment is that most patients require many in-

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Lucentis is the new FDA-approved treatment for wet macular degeneration and works best in patients with early diagnoses. It can prevent the deterioration of and improve central vision.



Dr. Mark Johnson, an ophthalmologist and professor at the University of Michigan's Kellogg Eye Center, was involved in a nationwide study of Lucentis.

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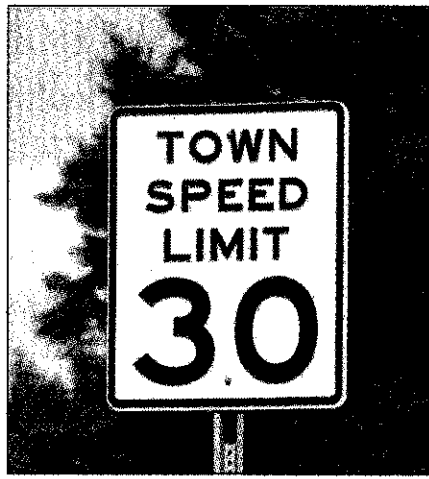
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jections over a period of several years," Johnson said. "We anticipate the average patient needs six injections over one year and fewer over other years. We certainly hope that after one or two or three years, most eyes will reach a point where no further injections are needed.

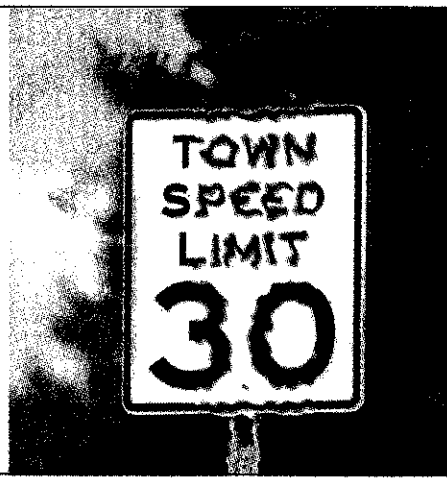
"I wouldn't classify (Lucentis) as a cure. It certainly is a better treatment than we currently have — it may be the best treatment for a number of years, but we certainly have to keep looking for treatments that can prevent the wet stage to begin with and treat the wet stage. Certainly we hope to find a treatment that will result in improved vision with a greater number of patients."

Of about 1,500 patients involved in the study nationwide, approximately one-third gained enough vision so they could read and drive with the affected eye. Two-thirds had significant vision loss despite treatment.

"I think it depends on how advanced the disease was when treatment was initiated,"



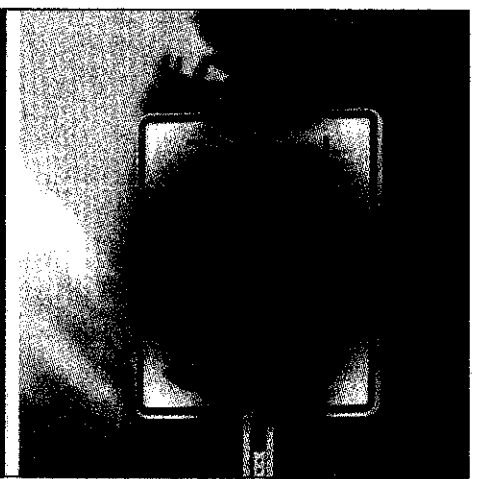
A sign as viewed by a person with normal central vision.



A sign that appears wavy, as viewed by a person with wet macular degeneration.



A sign that appears blurry, as viewed by a person with wet macular degeneration.



A sign with a dark spot, as viewed by a person with wet macular degeneration.

Johnson said. "(Lucentis) works best in patients whose wet stage is just beginning and the disease has not yet caused a significant amount of permanent vision loss. Patients with more advanced wet macular degeneration may improve somewhat, but the extent of that improvement, because they started in a worse level of vision, was slight.

"The other important thing to point out is that patients who have end stage, their disease has run its course and they lost their vision several years ago. For them, there is no value to Lucentis. It only has value for patients who have actively progressive wet macular degeneration."

Because Lucentis can more thoroughly protect vision,

Johnson said it's important to detect macular degeneration in its early stage. When the dry stage is recognized, patients are sometimes recommended vitamin supplements to reduce the progress of later stages.

Symptoms of wet macular degeneration include seeing straight lines that appear wavy or bent, or seeing blurred or dark spots that make edges appear wavy.

While the cause of macular degeneration isn't completely understood, it's thought to be provoked by a combination of genes, heredity and certain environmental factors similar to those of heart disease, like smoking and high blood pressure.

"In the same way that (heart disease) is increasing, that may

be contributing to an increase in incidents of macular degeneration," Johnson said. "But most of the increase comes from the increasing population of elderly people.

"We don't know of any major preventative measures one can take except to do all things that help protect the heart,"

Johnson said. "It seems that people who have eaten dark green leafy vegetables like spinach do have some reduced risk. So good dietary habits, exercising, avoiding smoking and controlling blood pressure are all things that may help reduce the risk of macular degeneration."

For more information, Nancy Pilorget, of the Detroit Institute of Ophthalmology, will speak at a Services for Older Citizens event titled "Do You Know About Macular Degeneration?" Monday, July 24 at 11:15 a.m. at the Neighborhood Club, 17150 Waterloo St.

Teaching responsibility the family center

By Lisa Khoury, Ed.S., L.L.P.
Special Writer

A common parental lament is that their children are not responsible. There is no hidden chromosome designated to increase the likelihood of children picking up their room, putting their belongings away, finishing homework, or helping with household chores. Responsibility, however defined, is learned and nobody teaches it but parents.

If you feel your children are not responsible, don't look at your children — look at yourself. Ask yourself three questions.

First, how often is this a problem? Second, do your children have an opportunity to be responsible? Third, and most importantly, are expectations appropriate?

It is vital our expectations for children match their capabilities. Preschoolers should be able to pick up their toys, help with some household chores and select clothes and dress themselves, all with parental direction.

Early school age children should attend to their personal belongings, do simple chores independently (clear the table, dry dishes) and care for their hygiene and dressing needs, all with minimal direction and some supervision.

Children in grades three through six should be able to complete assignments inde-

pendently, organize personal time and help daily with some household chores, all with little parental supervision.

It is responsible parental behavior to work toward having responsible children. There are four things that parents can do:

- ◆ Set an example of respect for self and others: be on time for appointments, return extra change to a cashier, finish necessary chores before relaxing, speak respectfully to children, handle anger appropriately and meet own deadlines. If we do not model responsible behavior, there is a very strong likelihood that our children will not either.

- ◆ Communicate effectively. Expectations and rules should be stated clearly and positively to children. The reason for rules should be given so children develop an awareness of their helpfulness and the respect they gain when acting responsibly. Children do not have to like the rules, but they do have to understand them.

- ◆ Allow children to set goals, make choices and solve problems. Children need experience in being responsible decision-makers. Involve them in setting household maintenance goals and chores. These can be displayed in a chart on the refrigerator. Encourage responsible

participation in decisions by presenting children with acceptable choices in food and clothing selection, time management, television viewing, room decoration and free-time activities.

- ◆ Allow for natural and logical consequences. Children who do not act responsibly should experience the effect of their actions. If homework is not done, a television show may be missed so the assignment can be completed before bed. If toys are not put away, they may be taken away until the child demonstrates better care for them. Adolescents not helping with laundry chores may find no clean clothes to wear to a social gathering. A child dawdling in the morning may miss the bus and have to walk to school, or be driven in late and expected to make up missed work.

Remember saying "No" and setting limits may be the most responsible of parental behaviors.

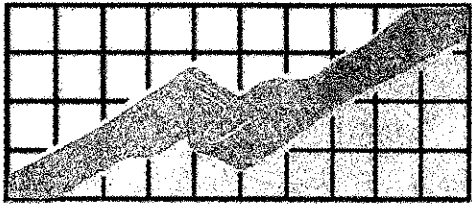
Lisa Khoury is a student assistance specialist at Parcels Middle School.

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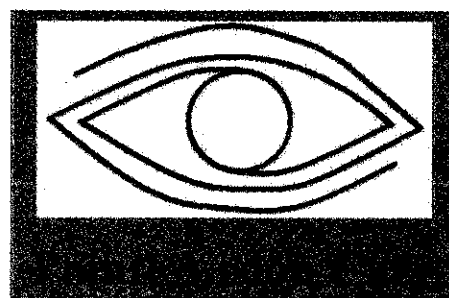


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Tea nets funds for elevator project

Grosse Pointe Theatre's second A Theatrical Affair, Afternoon Tea was a sellout and netted \$15,000 of which \$12,000 will complete the theater group's \$50,000 pledge for the Grosse Pointe War Memorial's Access for All Elevator Project.

The additional money will go toward repairing stage curtains in the auditorium.

Members of Grosse Pointe Theatre pledged to raise funds for a new elevator, a barrier-free lavatory and large hallway area to provide easy access for theater patrons and visitors at the War Memorial where the theater is located.

Nearly 200 people attended the tea, which featured a fashion show with period costumes and wedding gowns from the 1930s and '40s, musical entertainment, champagne, lunch, a raffle and more than 100 silent auction items.

Each of the 22 tables was decorated to the theme of a theatrical production. The winning tables were "Quilters" by Mary Lou Britton, "Rhapsody in Blue" by Georgeanne LeDuc, "Peter Pan" by Julie Kudzia Serilla and Sylvia Kudzia and "A Midsummer Night's Dream" by Flowers by Gabrielle.

Guests also received prizes for the best tea ensemble and hat. Winners were Princella Graham of Detroit, Lynne Marthey of Grosse Pointe Park and Kim Lynch of Leslie.

The winner of the first-place raffle prize, a David Yurman black onyx and diamond pendant donated by Edmund T. Ahee Jewelers, was former Grosse Pointer Sandra Langan and her daughter Lauren of Bloomfield Hills. The second-place raffle item, a men's Movado watch from George Koueiter & Sons Jewelers, was won by Larry Marco of Grosse Pointe Woods. The third-place prize, an 8-inch spiral Steuben vase donated by The League Shop, went to Lesley Scherback of Windsor, Ontario.

"I'm proud to be a member of Grosse Pointe Theatre, a group of talented volunteers that have the unique capability of staging such an exceptionally beautiful event," said Kathy Conlon, chair of the 2005/2006 Tea Committees.

"The tea draws on the creative skills of many, including set designers, scenic artists, costume designers, singers and dancers, children in our Youth on Stage program and participants in our Theatre Scholarship program. It's so exciting to see the results of everyone's efforts."

Event sponsors included Edmund T. Ahee Jewelers, American Speedy Printers in St. Clair Shores, Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan, Edwin Paul Salon, Estee Lauder, North American Graphics, Grosse Pointe War Memorial, Pointe Dairy Services Inc., The League Shop, Nancy Bashara and Mr. and Mrs. William C. Rands III.

The 2006 Tea Committee included Conlon of Detroit, Lindsey Briggs, Marianne Casey, Patricia Ellis, Emmajean Evans, Lynda Grippi, Ginger Hupp and Theresa Selvaggio of Grosse Pointe, Gwenn Samuel of Harper Woods, Vonnice Miller of St. Clair Shores and Suzanne Rutkowski of Warren.

FASH BASH: The fall



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Ginger Keena Hupp, left, organized the costumes for the tea's fashion show and Kathy Conlon, event chair, came up with the concept for this year's sold-out fundraiser.

women's collection and the launch of designer Elie Tahari's men's collection will be featured at this year's Fash Bash Saturday, Aug. 26, on the rooftop of General Motors' Beaubien Place parking structure in Detroit.

The Detroit Institute of Arts fundraiser is presented by the Founders Junior Council and Saks Fifth Avenue.

"The Elie Tahari fall 2006 women's collection is a mix of sleek silhouettes, soft, flowing fabrics and attention to detail," said Kim Nye, vice president and general manager of Saks Fifth Avenue. "We are also extremely excited to host the debut of his men's collection."

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The evening's events include: a 6:30 p.m. patrons private reception with auction; an 8:30 p.m. sponsors arrival; the 9 p.m. fashion show; and a 9:30 p.m. after party.

FESTIVAL OF TABLES: The fourth annual Festival of Tables, featuring creative and themed table settings, is planned for Sunday, Oct. 22, at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms.

Hosted by the Daughters of Penelope, Grosse Pointe Chapter, event proceeds support the Liggett Breast Cancer Center.

Guests can peruse 30 themed tables decorated by chapter members and local area merchants with fine china, linens and floral arrangements and include holiday, cancer awareness and Hellenic

Sherwood and Manager Mary Ruhana will assist the group chaired by Sandy Moisodes and co-chaired by Dori Daskas and Elena Kerasiotis to promote breast cancer awareness at the event.

"It's about making a difference in the community and the lives of women. We know that participating and supporting this event will help women going through cancer treatment with special needs," Moisodes said.

Viewing of the tables will take place from 2 to 4 p.m. Evening viewing begins at 4:30 p.m. with dinner at 6 p.m. when the Daughters of Penelope will host dinner guests at each table. Tickets for the viewing only are \$10 and \$50 for the dinner, a fashion show by Jane Woodbury and a silent auction featuring items such as jewelry, art and holiday gift baskets.

The Daughters of Penelope is a national Greek-American Christian service organization, whose philanthropic mission is to support community, youth and women's interests. In addition, the organization promotes Hellenism and the scholastic endeavors of Greek American youth by supporting district and national scholarship programs.

For more information, contact Moisodes at (313) 882-6332, sanmoi@comcast.net, Kerasiotis at ekeras@aol.com and Daskas at dori.daskas@coldwellbanker.com.

MEMORY WALK: The Alzheimer's Association's annual Memory Walk to raise funds and promote the progress surrounding Alzheimer's is scheduled for Saturday, Aug. 26, at the Detroit Zoo in Royal Oak.

This year marks the 15th annual Memory Walk to benefit the Metro Detroit Region of the

Greater Michigan Chapter. Nearly 4,000 people across the metro Detroit area are expected to participate.

The walk is the largest national fundraising event for Alzheimer's disease support programs and is held in more than 600 communities across the country. Individuals, families, caregivers and corporate and community leaders participate annually and have raised more than \$200 million for programs and services to support individuals with Alzheimer's disease.

To register for the walk or to make a donation, contact the Alzheimer's Association Greater Michigan Chapter at alzgm.org or (248) 351-0280.

The walk is nationally presented by Genworth Financial, Creative Memories and Kindred Healthcare Inc.

The Alzheimer's Association is the first and largest voluntary health organization dedicated to finding prevention methods, treatments and an eventual cure for Alzheimer's. For more than 25 years, the donor-supported, not-for-profit Alzheimer's Association has provided information and care consultation, offered support services to families, increased funding for dementia research, and influenced public policy changes.

SIDEWALK SALE: The Bon Secours Nursing Care Center Gift Shop is holding its annual "Christmas in July" sidewalk sale from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday and Saturday, July 21 and 22, at its facility located off Jefferson between 10 and 11 Mile in St. Clair Shores.

Gifts, items for the home, holiday decor, jewelry and other items will be 50 percent off. Inside the shop, all items will be 20 percent off, including silver, crystal and housewares.

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Georgeanne LeDuc created the "Rhapsody in Blue" table, one of 22 decorated tables at the tea.



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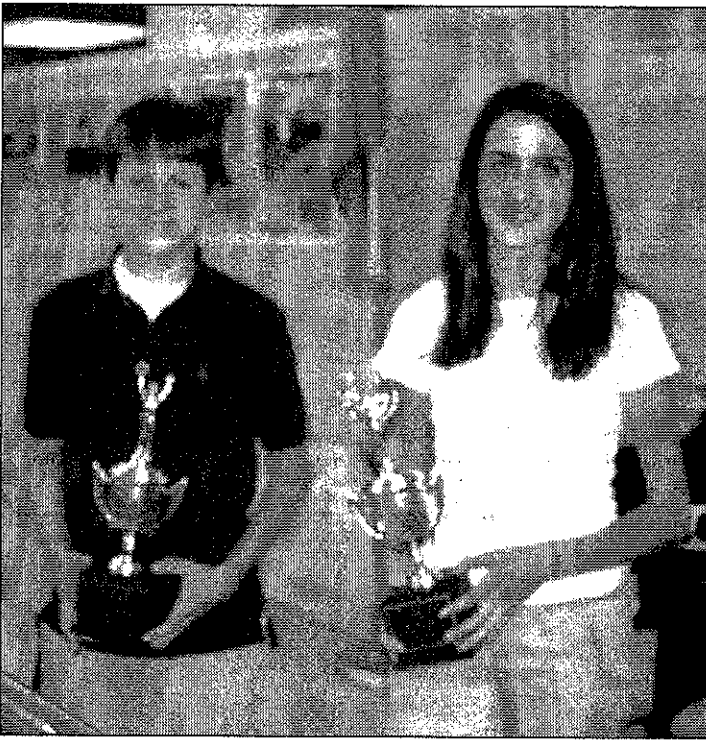
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Star Honors

Twenty-two middle school students at Our Lady Star of the Sea School in Grosse Pointe Woods were inducted into the Starlight Chapter of the National Junior Honor Society at a ceremony Wednesday, May 17. The students were selected for their scholarship, service, leadership, citizenship and character. New members are: Michael Abiragi, Joseph Aluia, Ryan Belluomo, Megan Bolton, Elias Cueter, Dante Fulgenzi, Katarina Goitz, Ellen Henrichs, Alexander Issa, Jake Kerrigan, Michaela Mazur, Zachary Popovich, Karley Rivard, Timothy Roarty, Natalia Romo-Puerta, Alicia Speak, Peter Tallerico, Dominic Tavalieri, David Tawney, John Testori, Beth Thomas and Jessica Waldenmeyer. Middle school teacher Nikki Hurd is the faculty adviser.



Ed Lauer Award

The Ed Lauer Award was presented to eighth-graders, left, Jack Bernard and Kathleen Nelson during St. Paul Catholic School's spring athletic banquet. Athletic director Troy Glassier said, "This is St. Paul's athletic program's highest honor. Students have worked hard to earn this award. The award is based on earned points per season from coaches during seventh- and eighth grades. Every sport played is given points based on athleticism, character and work ethic." The award is named in honor of Ed Lauer, a high school coaching legend who coached at St. Paul High School and is in the Michigan Hall of Fame for high school basketball coaching.

Churches invite all to summer activity

◆ The 2006 summer carillon recital series ends with Sidney Newhouse's performance at 7:15 p.m. Tuesday, July 25, at Grosse Pointe Memorial Church, 16 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms.

He has been a carillon player since 1981 and a longtime Memorial Church member.

Also included in the performance will be Phyllis May, a handbell ringer and church financial secretary, returning to carillon at the church; Barbara Duncan Glovac, who teaches music in the Roseville Public Schools and sang in the church's youth choirs; and Carol Bosche who is in her second year of playing carillon.

Bosche also plays piano, organ and sings in the choir.

Grosse Pointe North High School graduate Ben Wasmuth will join the evening's performance. He played trumpet in the jazz band and in the Detroit Symphony Orchestra Civic Philharmonia.

The recital is free and will be presented outdoors rain or shine.

A television monitor will be set up for the audience to see the recitalists.

Tours of the carillon tower will be given following the recital.

◆ Freeing Life in Me: explore inner life and its obstacles using creative expression through a Personality and Human Relationships (PRH) workshop.

Here participants will explore the essential aspects of their personality through line, color and form. Art experi-

ence is not necessary but the desire to know about yourself is.

In the process, attendees will also learn a writing skill, PRH analysis, to help discover what enhances but also what inhibits your personal growth and the capacity to be your true self.

The workshop takes place in the Youth Community room of Christ Church Grosse Pointe.

The workshop will be held Aug. 10-13 and 26-27 in one evening and five days. A \$30 nonrefundable deposit is due by Monday, Aug. 7. For details, call Canon Ron Spann at (313) 885-4841, ext. 113 or visit www.christchurchgp.org/spirituality. Online registration is also available.

◆ Grosse Pointe Woods Presbyterian Church invites the youngsters and adults to its Vacation Bible School Aug. 7-11.

With the theme Sontreasure Island, classes will be held from 6 to 8:15 p.m. at the church, located at the corner of Mack and Torrey. There is treasure to be found during this week.

Parents may register their children online at myvbs.org/WoodsChurch or stop by the church office for a registration form. The cost is \$10 per child, with \$30 maximum per family.

The Rev. Jim Rizer will teach an in-depth adult Bible class while the children attend VBS. Adult classes will center on 1 Corinthians 13, a familiar passage.

Adults will also learn the songs with the children.

Volunteers needed to read books

An educational nonprofit organization needs volunteers to record textbooks for students with visual and learning disabilities.

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ers are especially needed.

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WORSHIP SERVICE

<p>GROSSE POINTE CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH Rev. Ed Bray, Pastor www.gpcong.org 10:00 a.m. FAMILY WORSHIP (crib room available) 10:00 a.m. Church School AFFILIATED WITH THE UCC AND ABC 240 CHALFONTE AT LOTHROP 884-3075</p>	<p>First English Ev. Lutheran Church Vernier Rd. at Wedgewood Dr. Grosse Pointe Woods 884-5040 9:00 a.m. Traditional Service 10:30 a.m. Contemporary Service Thursday Evening Worship: 7:00 p.m. Dr. Walter A. Schmidt, Pastor Rev. Gerald Eisholz, Assoc. Pastor Robert Foster, Music Coordinator www.feelc.org</p>	<p>Bethel Baptist Church 24600 Little Mack Ave., St. Clair Shores (886) 772-2520 Ministering to Detroit's eastside since 1864 Sunday Worship 10:45 a.m., 6 p.m. Sunday School 9:30 a.m. Wednesday AWANA Clubs 6:30 p.m. and adult Bible Study 7 p.m. Dr. J. Robert Cosand, Pastor Scott Beaman, Youth Pastor www.bethelbaptists.org</p>	<p>Christ the King Lutheran Church Mack at Lochmoor 884-5090 8:15 & 10:45 a.m. - Worship Service 9:30 a.m. - Sunday School & Bible Classes Supervised Nursery Provided www.christthekingpp.org Randy S. Boelter, Pastor Timothy A. Holzerland, Assoc. Pastor</p>	<p>Grosse Pointe UNITED METHODIST CHURCH A Friendly Church for All Ages 211 Moross Rd. Grosse Pointe Farms 886-2363 Sunday 9:30 a.m. Worship LOGOS Congregation Rev. Robert D. Wright-Pastor Rev. Pamela Beedle-Gee-Associate Pastor</p>	<p>St. Paul Ev. Lutheran Church 375 Lothrop at Chalfonte 881-6670 10:00 a.m. Worship with Communion Nursery Available Rev. Frederick Harms, Pastor Rev. Morsal Collier, Assoc. Pastor</p>
<p>Saint Ambrose Parish Saturday Vigil Mass at 4:00 p.m. Sunday Masses at 8:30 & 11:15 a.m. St. Ambrose Roman Catholic Church 15020 Hampton, Grosse Pointe Park One block north of Jefferson, at Maryland</p>	<p>Historic Mariners' Church A House of Prayer for All People Traditional Anglican Worship Since 1842 SUNDAY 8:30 and 11:00 a.m. - Holy Communion 11:00 a.m. - Church Sunday School and Nursery THURSDAY 12:10 p.m. - Holy Communion 170 E. Jefferson Avenue On Hart Plaza at the Tunnel Free Secured Parking in Ford Garage with entrance in the median strip of Jefferson at Woodward (313)-259-2206 marinerschurchofdetroit.org</p>	<p>St. James Lutheran Church 170 McMillan Rd Grosse Pointe Farms Sundays 9:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist Nursery available Phone: 884-0511 Visit our website: www.stjamesgp.org</p>	<p>GRACE UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST 1175 Lakepointe at Kercheval Grosse Pointe Park 822-3823 Sunday - Worship 10:30 a.m. Tuesday - Thrift Shop 10:30 - 3:30 Wednesday - Amazing Grace Seniors every second Wednesday at The Tompkins Center at Windmill Pointe Park 11:00 - 3:00 COME JOIN US Pastor: Marguerite (Margo) Allen</p>	<p>THE GROSSE POINTE MEMORIAL CHURCH Established 1865 The Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) Youth Mission Trip Team Report 8:30 a.m. Lakeside Worship Service 10:00 a.m. Worship Service in the Sanctuary A STEPHEN MINISTRY and LOGOS Congregation 16 Lakeshore Drive, Grosse Pointe Farms • 882-5330 www.gpmchurch.org</p>	
<p>Jefferson Avenue Presbyterian Church Serving Christ in Detroit for over 150 years Sunday, July 23, 2006 8:30 a.m. Informal Worship Dodge Hall 10:30 a.m. Worship Service Meditation: "Mind The Gap!" Scripture: Luke 16:19-31 Peter C. Smith preaching at both services Summer Church School: Crib - Second Grade Save the Date Family Fun Carillon Concert Thursday, July 27th - 7:30 p.m. 8625 E. Jefferson at Burns, Detroit Visit our website: www.japc.org 313-822-3456</p>		<p>Grosse Pointe Baptist Church Christ Centered and Caring - Committed to Youth and Community Sunday Worship - 11:00 AM Sunday School - 9:30 AM for Age 2 - Adult Awana Clubs Wednesday @ 6:15 p.m. Middle School Youth meet Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. Senior High Youth meet Tuesdays at 7:00 p.m. 21336 Mack Avenue Grosse Pointe Woods Phone: (313) 881-3343 Web Page: www.gpbc.org</p>		<p>Grosse Pointe WOODS PRESBYTERIAN Church "The Church on The Corner" Summer Sunday Worship 10:00 a.m. Nursery Available 19950 Mack at Torrey 313-886-4301 • www.gpwpcc.org</p>	

HEALTH COLUMN *Jadranka Dragovic, M.D.*

Breast cancer a continued threat locally



Decades of cancer research has done a great deal to identify risk factors for certain cancers and has led to new and increasingly effective methods of screening for and treating cancer.

However, some forms of the disease, including cancer of the lung, colon and breast, continue to claim hundreds of thousands of lives each year in spite of these advances. In fact, breast cancer rates in the United States have continued to rise to the point that a woman's lifetime risk of breast cancer has nearly tripled in the past 40 years.

More disturbing on a local level is the fact that women in certain high-income areas of southeast Michigan, such as Bloomfield Hills and the Grosse Pointes, are diagnosed with breast cancer at a higher rate than are women in the rest of the state.

Some of this increase is because more women in these affluent communities are having regular mammograms, so more breast cancer is being found early. But after taking increased screening out of the equation, the incidence of breast cancer still is somewhat higher in the Grosse Pointes — as much as 3 to 4 percent higher than other women in the state. In Bloomfield Hills, women are 4 to 5 percent more likely to develop breast cancer.

What is causing this?

There are some well-known factors that predispose women to developing breast cancer. Most are related to increased exposure to estrogen, and some have to do with lifestyle choices.

Research indicates women who begin menstruating at an early age and experience menopause late have a high incidence of breast cancer. Similarly, women who have not had any pregnancies or have had just one or two and women who delay childbirth until after age 30, also have higher breast cancer rates. This may be because of decades of uninterrupted estrogen, which is considered to be both an initiator and a promoter of breast cancer.

Why breast cancer rates are higher in places like Grosse Pointe and Bloomfield Hills may be only partially explained by lifestyle choices and easier access to screening.

Some researchers believe in some cases environmental exposures may come into play.

In all socioeconomic groups, exposure to chemicals, pollution and pesticides can influence cancer rates. But in the more affluent ZIP codes, there is more use of fertilizers and pesticides, home cleaning products and polishes. Some of these chemicals are known to

cause cancer in animals, so why not in people?

A study on Long Island, N.Y., found that women living within one mile of hazardous waste sites containing common herbicides and pesticides had an increased risk of breast cancer. Before DDT and other harmful pesticides were banned in the 1970s, longtime Grosse Pointers and persons living in other affluent communities may remember trucks driving down neighborhood streets spraying pesticides on trees and lawns. Area children then played on these lawns.

Environmental links to certain cancers are difficult to study today because these harmful agents were used decades ago. But toxins hang around a long time in body fat. Genetic damage can occur years, or even decades, before cancer is diagnosed. All of these findings are intriguing, but there is no solid data that proves specific chemicals cause breast cancer.

Decrease risks

We cannot change our gender or the fact that we age. And we probably won't succeed in forcing our daughters to marry early and have a lot of children. We can, however, make the following healthy lifestyle choices that not only will reduce our cancer risks but also our likelihood of developing heart disease, diabetes, hypertension and other chronic conditions:

- ◆ Maintain an ideal body weight, especially after menopause.
- ◆ Exercise regularly.
- ◆ Follow a diet rich in fresh fruits and vegetables.
- ◆ Introduce soy products and omega three fatty acids into your diet.
- ◆ Limit alcohol intake (more than four drinks a day significantly increases breast cancer risk in women).
- ◆ Don't smoke.
- ◆ Have regular screening mammograms, and do self breast examinations.

Seek healthy lifestyle

It would be misleading and irresponsible to say exposure to a specific chemical causes breast cancer or other forms of cancer. But we can educate ourselves about possible risks to our health by supporting grassroots organizations such as Grosse Pointe's LocalMotion, which works hard to raise public awareness about the links between environmental toxins and negative health consequences. Contact LocalMotion at (313) 881-2263 or on the Web at localmotion.org to learn how you can reduce the chemicals in your daily life.

Dr. Dragovic, a Bon Secours Cottage radiation oncologist, is medical director of the Edith McNaughton Ford Center for Radiation Oncology at Cottage Hospital and is a medical adviser to LocalMotion. Bon Secours Cottage Health Services is a major supporter of LocalMotion. For an appointment with Dr. Dragovic, call the center at (313) 640-2400.



Bon Secours Health Services CEO Jeffrey A. Collins and Chairperson of the Bon Secours Cottage Health Services Board Hadley Mack French officially open the Garden Walkway connecting the newly renovated Bon Secours Hospital ICU/Critical Care Unit with the other wing of the building.

Bon Secours opens garden walkway

The Garden Walkway, a new rooftop corridor that connects the ICU/Critical Care Unit wings of Bon Secours Hospital, is officially open.

The window-lined walkway overlooks rooftop gardens, which, when completed, will

provide patients, family members and employees with views that change with the seasons. Doorways on both sides of the walkway allow access to the outdoor spaces.

"This completes Phase I of construction to expand and

renovate the ICU/Critical Care Unit at Bon Secours Hospital," said Bon Secours Health Services CEO Jeffrey A. Collins.

"Completion of Phase II is planned for this fall, which will provide our talented staff with

the best technology and tools to care for some of our most critically ill and injured patients. And our spacious patient rooms and waiting areas provide families and loved ones with the privacy and comfort they deserve."

SENIOR SCENE *By Ruth Cain*

Times they are a-changin'



There's no question that aging is not for sissies. New ailments strike; old ones get worse.

Eyesight and hearing diminish. Prescription drug costs are going out of sight as are all medical services.

Issues that beset seniors have been facts of life for years and years. But there is something relatively new for which we should count our blessings.

An almost unlimited number of services that increase our quality of life are now available to us.

The one I find most notable is the development of senior centers and their huge impact on our lives.

Grosse Pointe's Services for Older Citizens is one of the best centers in the area, but others also offer a variety of services.

Meals are essential in feeding the body and nurturing the soul. They're served at centers or delivered to homes of those disabled or no longer able to drive. The meals are healthy and available at a small price.

You can go to a center to pursue a craft or learn a new

one. You'll always find a card game. Exercise classes designed for older bodies are held, usually daily, and some centers offer line dancing or social dancing.

Like to read? Discussion groups select a book and meet monthly to discuss it. Movies are often shown weekly. Expert speakers come in regularly to talk about a variety of subjects.

Day trips to interesting places are offered, as well as more lengthy trips to unusual locales. Ice cream socials and teas offer delightful diversions.

Senior centers are invaluable for those who have lost a spouse or have no family nearby. All seniors need the congeniality and friendship found in a center.

But there's more. Losing the ability to drive is tough. Today there are SMART buses that take you shopping or to appointments. You don't have to rely on the kindness of neighbors or family to help you. Mass transportation would be even more wonderful if it really happens.

See SENIORS, page 7B

Activities for seniors

Services for Older Citizens has planned several events for seniors in the upcoming weeks beginning with an Afternoon Tea — Memoirs of Summer from 3 to 4:15 p.m. Tuesday, July 25, at 17150 Waterloo, Grosse Pointe.

There is no charge for any of the events, but donations are welcome. Reservations are required. Call (313) 882-9600.

Other activities include:

◆ The third annual Children's Fashion Show and Tea sponsored by The Sterling of Grosse Pointe-Sunrise Senior Living at 3 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 15.

◆ Senior Citizen's Safety Day from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 16, includes a Q&A with local safety officers, a shredding truck for seniors

60 and older and a visit by WDIV's "Ruth to the Rescue." A box lunch will be served at 11 a.m.

◆ A Mad Tea Party is planned for 3 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 29. Bring your favorite child and join Alice, the March Hare, Mad Hatter and Dormouse for an afternoon of magic and whimsy. The event is sponsored by American House East I&II. A special guest appearance by "Merry Music Maker" is planned.

Services for Older Citizens is a nonprofit organization dedicated to helping older citizens maintain their lives in independence and dignity. SOC was founded in 1978 to provide comprehensive services for seniors in the five Grosse Pointes and Harper Woods.

Heat, humidity bad mix

Humidity and how adjusted your body is to the heat can play a role in heat-related injuries.

"Physical activity in a hot environment with no wind movement and 100 percent relative humidity is very dangerous and leads to many heat-related illnesses seen in the United States every year," says Dr. Gary Reed, chief of internal medicine at UT Southwestern Medical Center at Dallas.

"However, it is well known that many persons are able to work outside in a very hostile environment with high humidity and hot temperatures with-

out suffering significant heat illness."

Reed says this is due to a process called acclimatization, whereby the body adapts to the heat. If temperatures rise slowly over a period of time, heat strokes are less common because people have adjusted.

In a sudden heat wave, heat-related injuries are more common because there is not sufficient time for the body to adjust.

During hot weather, Reed suggests people drink plenty of fluids, have fans or some other means of creating air currents available and avoid strenuous physical activity.

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PRIDE OF THE POINTES

The following Grosse Pointers graduated from Wittenberg University: Rebecca G. Jenzen earned a Bachelor of Arts degree with a major in psychology and a minor in music; Alexandra J. Pressler earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in management; Shyam M. Guthikonda graduated cum laude with a Bachelor of Arts degree with a major in computer science and minors in computational science, math and physics.

The following Grosse Pointers were named to the dean's list at Michigan State University: Rebecca Lynn Battjes, Philip James Black, Elaine Mary Brantley, Allison Lindsey Cahill, Matthew Caroselli Candela, Molly Elizabeth Carroll, Brandon Gerald Crawford, Jarred Scott Davis, Nicholas Charles Degalan, Elizabeth Theresa Galea, Sarah Elizabeth Garlough, Kristin Emily Inger, Katherine Elizabeth Johnson, Michael Patrick Kreative, Megan Marie Linne, Lauren Andrea Linsalata, Meredith Anne Mengel, Christopher Michael McBrien Miller, Stefan Dusan Progovac, Amber Leigh Rodin, Lindsay Karen Rodin, Robert Christopher Rottach, Kenneth Charles Roubal, Jessica Maralyn Ruble, Leah Marie Schilling, Mackenzie Jo Schmidt, Michelle Jennifer Schmidt, Ashley Dayle Schoenherr, Lauren Catherine Scopel, Triantafilia

Aziza Sirdenis, Carolyn O'Brien, Megan Suzanne Steele, Scott Fraser Stieber, Myles MacIntyre Talbot, Thomas Gerard Tavery, Jillian Anne Tietjen, Jaclyn Joann Till, Elizabeth Anne Trexler, Ryan John Wagner, Sean Patrick Wagner, Brett Michael Walker, Christopher Lucas Wilson, Daniel Ryan Ahee, Katelyn Danielle Aitken, Michael Cecil Bates Jr., Kathryn Elizabeth Behringer, Erin Kaye Bledsoe, Christine Marie Bourgeois, Andrew Reay Brown, Justin Mark Burrows, Eric Charles Burton, Sandy Chu, Colleen Paddon Clarkon, Lisa Marie Colosimo, Stephen Bernard Cornillie, Claire Woods Cunningham, Jacqueline Anne Dalby, John David DeFour, Christina Evelyn Desmet, Kristen Nicole Engle, Maria Anne Feldpausch, Elise Michele Fields, Mills Hall Forni, Brian David Ginnebaugh, Robert A. Ginnebaugh, Kari Lynn Griesbaum, Rachel Anna Gruner, Carly Breckenridge Hanna, Blair Kristen Hanrahan, Stephanie Lynn Harlan, Mallory Jackson Holloway, David Ray Jenlyn, Leah Rachel Karchin, Kristen Elizabeth Kiehler, Zenon Paul Kossak, Michelle Marie Koueiter, Robert Edward Lee, Rachel Anne Lombardi, Shane Thomas Mallon, Katherine Elizabeth McPharlin, Mary Clare Megargle, Karen Elaine

Michael, Allison Grace Mikula, Patricia Colleen Monahan, David Robert Murray, Natalie Jean Nichols, James Scott Nixon, Jessica Anne Ogden, Brit Cabot Otrhalek, Sarah Levan Parker, Andrea M. Przybysz, John David Purakal, Kathleen Jane Rappa, Kristen Anne Rappa, Anne Marie Reynolds, Joshua Eugenio Romero, Daniel F. Rosso, Emily Ann Schmidt, Elizabeth Ann Schrage, Christina Marie Schuster, Matthew Jon Stasiewicz, James George Tapazoglou, Alexander Mark Tassopoulos, Paul Cameron Thomas, Anne Marie Vaughn, Lindsey Elizabeth Vickers, Natalie Renee Victor, Elizabeth Donnelly Warren, John Lawrence Watson, John Richard Wenzler, George Louis Zedan and Ashley Ann Zimmerman.

Raquel Daboul, daughter of Frederick and Rita Daboul of Grosse Pointe Woods, earned a Bachelor of Science degree in chemistry and a Bachelor of Science degree in biological chemistry from the University of Michigan.

Terry Olson of Grosse Pointe was elected to a one-year term on the Western Michigan University Alumni Association's Executive Committee.

Margaret Zeller of Grosse Pointe Farms and Kathryn Veryser of Grosse Pointe

Woods were named to the dean's list for the spring semester at Valparaiso University.

Jessica M. Palfy, daughter of John and Carla Palfy of Grosse Pointe Park, was named to the dean's list for the spring semester at Colby College in Waterville, Maine.

Brendan J. Butler of Grosse Pointe was named to the dean's list for the spring semester at Boston University.



Amanda Fildes

Amanda Fildes, daughter of Christopher and Lisa Fildes of Grosse Pointe Farms and a junior at Lake Forest Academy in Illinois, has been selected to participate in the Resident Honors Program at the University of Southern California in Los Angeles.

The following Grosse Pointers were named to the winter dean's list at Grand Valley University: Ann M. Chapman, Christina E. Geltz, Marshall C. Geltz, Joseph J. Hinkins, Christopher M. Hughes, Rachel Johnson, Ashley L. Stevens, Caitlin E. Theisen, Drew A. Yavor and Joshua C. Yavor.

CORRECTION: Emily Griffin of Grosse Pointe was named to the dean's list at Hope College for the second semester of the 2005-06 school year.

Rachel Bruno of Grosse Pointe Woods is a recipient of the St. Paul's United Church of Christ Scholarship for the 2005-06 school year. Bruno is a junior majoring in Spanish and interdisciplinary communications with a minor in business at Elmhurst College.

Christina Solomon, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William B. Solomon Jr. of Grosse Pointe Shores, earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in communication studies from Saint Mary's College, Notre Dame, Ind.

Rachel Tignaneli, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gregory P. Tignaneli of Grosse Pointe Woods, earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in psychology from Saint Mary's College, Notre Dame, Ind.

Blake A. Willmarth, son of Mr. Mark D. Willmarth and Mrs. Patricia B. Willmarth of Grosse Pointe Farms, earned a Bachelor of Arts degree from

Colgate University. Emily Stella Konieczki of Grosse Pointe Park earned a degree in family and consumer science from Madonna University.

Maggie A. Durant, daughter of Susan and Clark Durant of Grosse Pointe Farms, earned a Master of Business Administration degree from Stanford University Graduate School. She will be working for McKinsey & Company in Chicago.

Gordon J. Aiello of Grosse Pointe Woods was named to the dean's list at Saginaw Valley State University for the fall 2005 semester.

Sean Patrick O'Sullivan, son of Mary O'Sullivan of Grosse Pointe Park and Michael O'Sullivan of Grosse Pointe Park, is leaving in July as a member of the Peace Corps. He will be stationed in Kyrgyzstan for 2 years teaching English to secondary students.

Susan Sunok Rhee, daughter of Kenny and Joanne Rhee of Grosse Pointe Woods, earned a bachelor's degree in biology from The Johns Hopkins University.

Ann Swickard, daughter of Joe and Susan "Kitty" Swickard of Grosse Pointe, graduated cum laude from the College of Santa Fe, Albuquerque, N.M., with a Bachelor of Arts degree in education.

NEW ARRIVALS

Ronin August Young Jones
Jeanne Young and J.R. Jones of Oakland, Calif., are the parents of a son, Ronin August Young Jones, born March 28, 2005. Maternal grandparents are Rob and Betty Young of Grosse Pointe Park. Paternal grandmother is the late Nedlene Jones.

Michael and Joan Murphy of Munising, formerly of Grosse Pointe Park. Paternal grandparents are Tom Moroney of Kentwood and Camille Moroney of Kentwood. Great-grandparents are Linda Salhaney of Kentwood and George Murphy of Troy.

Elaina 'Lainey' Isabella Morgan
Brad and Kristen Morgan of Grosse Pointe are the parents of a daughter, Elaina "Lainey" Isabella Morgan, born May 17, 2006. Maternal grandparents are April and Greg Cheeswright of Grosse Pointe Farms and Glenn Housey of Grosse Pointe Park. Paternal grandparents are Donald and Elaine Morgan of Livonia. Great-grandmother is Kathleen Morgan of Durham, N.C.

Samantha Margaret Jalics
Courtenay and Tom Jalics of Shaker Heights, Ohio, are the parents of a daughter, Samantha Margaret Jalics, born April 6, 2006. Maternal grandparents are Mary Jo and John Youngblood of Grosse Pointe Farms. Paternal grandparents are Susan and Stephen Jalics of Rocky River, Ohio. Great-grandmother is Faye Youngblood of St. Clair Shores.

Christopher Joseph Rosati
Don and Kathy Rosati of the City of Grosse Pointe are the parents of a son, Christopher Joseph Rosati, born March 29, 2006. Maternal grandparents are Roger and Betty Eger of Marco Island, Fla. Paternal grandparents are Rose Rosati of Harper Woods and the late Donald Rosati.

Rebecca Katherine Roberts
Sara and Thomas Roberts of Grosse Pointe Woods are the parents of a daughter, Rebecca Katherine Roberts, born December 28, 2005. Maternal grandparents are James and Dorothy Black of Grosse Pointe Farms. Paternal grandparents are Dave and Helen Roberts of Oscoda. Great-grandparents are Robert and Mildred Brunner and James and Barbara Black of Akron, Ohio and Melba Herzog of Lakeview.

Julia Ann Liagre
Steve and Pam Liagre of Grosse Pointe Farms are the parents of a daughter, Julia Ann Liagre, born May 15, 2006. Maternal grandparents are Dick and Bev Albrecht of St. Clair Shores. Paternal grandparents are Phil and Ruthann Liagre of Harrison Township and the late Marie Liagre. Great-grandparents are Ann Harbison of Grosse Pointe Woods, June Albrecht of Harper Woods, and Cecile and Maurice Varieur of St. Clair.

Michael George Mourad
Monica and Christopher Mourad of Grosse Pointe Farms are the parents of a son, Michael George Mourad, born June 13, 2006. Maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. George Malbouef of Grosse Pointe Woods. Paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Roger P. Mourad Sr. of Grosse Pointe Shores.

Peyton Eileen Moroney
Jon and Kyle (Murphy) Moroney are the parents of a daughter, Peyton Eileen Moroney, born June 10, 2006. Maternal grandparents are

Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Smith of Costa Mesa, Calif., are the parents of a daughter, Isabel Suzanne Smith, born June 9, 2006. Maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Jay Hackleman of Grosse Pointe Park.

Read a good book lately?

Suggested Summer Reading

Fiction
SHOWDOWN
Tilly Bagshawe
Bobby Cameron is a cowboy who has inherited his father's ranch in California. Because of a shortage of cash, he travels the world trying to raise money to support his new inheritance by taking jobs breaking horses for wealthy owners. Along the way he meets Milly Groves, the daughter of a millionaire breeder in England, who is determined to become a world-class jockey. Her family on the other hand has other plans for her, and is forcing her to take her place in British society. Her life is about to change forever when she follows Bobby to the United States to pursue her dreams. A great summer read.

COVER OF NIGHT
Linda Howard
Cate Nightingale, a young widow, runs a bed-and-breakfast in a rural town in Idaho along with her 4-year-old twin boys and handyman Calvin Harris. But Calvin is not what he seems. One morning, the only guest staying at the inn inexplicably vanishes, leaving behind his personal effects. A few days later armed men storm the house, demanding the man's belongings. Heart-racing, gripping suspense. This book has it all.

WRONG HOSTAGE
Elizabeth Lowell
Newly divorced California judge Grace Silva discovers her billionaire ex-husband, Ted Franklin, is missing, after she's summoned to an exclusive Mexican prep school where her 15-year-old computer-whiz son, Lane, is being held hostage. Ted has crossed Hector Rivas Osuna, the ruthless kingpin of the most violent crime family in Tijuana. Good description of Mexican drug trade, international politics and organized crime.

FULL OF GRACE
Dorothea Benton Frank
Big Al and Connie Russo move from New Jersey to Hilton Head, South Carolina, but this retirement heaven isn't what it seems to be. Especially for their daughter, Grace. Grace at 32 is, horror of horrors, still unmarried. Her family drives her crazy. She's living with the man she would marry if they both didn't have commitment issues. Michael is a doctor and a scientist and Grace is pretty sure he's also an atheist. Her family is old-fashioned Italian. So the stage is set for a major showdown that just might change Grace's outlook on life, family, and the New South.

TERRORIST
John Updike
Eighteen-year-old Ahmad Ashmawy Mulloy is devoted to Allah and the words of the Holy Qur'an. The son of an Irish-American mother and an Egyptian father who disappeared when Ahmad was 3, Ahmad turned to Islam at the age of 11. He feels his faith threatened by the materialistic society he sees around him. Living in New Prospect, New Jersey, he finds employment in a furniture store owned by a family of recently immigrated Lebanese, a plot gathers around him, with reverberations that alert the Department of Homeland Security, but to quote the Qur'an: "Of those who plot, God is the best."

WATER FOR ELEPHANTS
Sara Gruen
This novel is told in flashback by Jacob Jankowski, as he recounts the period in his life that he spent with the Benzini Brothers Most Spectacular Show on Earth, a traveling circus he joined during the Great Depression. This novel travels back and forth in time between Jacob's present day in a nursing home and his adventures with the circus.

JUDGE & JURY
James Patterson
FBI agent Nick Pellisante has finally done the impossible, captured Mob boss Dominic Cavello. The jury is selected and Cavello's trial progresses smoothly—it seems the conviction Pellisante is hoping for is within his reach, but Cavello has hired a methodical and calculating killer to make sure the trial never concludes. The killer carries out his plan with brutal efficiency, leaving a wake of devastation in his path. Pellisante is crushed by the abrupt end of the trial and determined to make sure that the retrial isn't similarly derailed, but Cavello has an even more diabolical plan in store this time around.

THE WHOLE WORLD OVER
Julia Glass
A novel about how the past affects the present, and how chance and fate impact the future. Greenie Duquette has a small bakery in Manhattan's West Village. As a young wife and mother, she labors over her rich pastries, which, thanks to her friend Walter, catch the notice of New Mexico governor Ray McCrae. Ray offers Greenie the chance to be his personal chef, so she and her young son, George, head to New Mexico. The characters grapple with change and uncertainty as the author builds up to the traumatic event that will affect them all.

SWAPPING LIVES
Jane Green
The lives of two women—one married with children, one single with a high-powered job, each wanting to see how the other lives. While both women leave home on a quest to find the missing piece of their lives, what they really find is the obvious: they already have everything they really want.

DEAD DAYS OF SUMMER
Carolyn Hart
On the South Carolina island of Broward's Rock, bookstore owner Annie Darling's PI husband, Max, accepts a new case and fails to come home. She's frantic and calls in all her friends, including the police. The authorities organize a search that leads to the body of a woman near Max's abandoned car; in the trunk is the murder weapon. Portrayed by the press as an unfaithful husband and killer, Max shows up and is arrested. Annie goes undercover to clear

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A Brief History of the 21st Century
Thomas L. Friedman
An account of the changes taking place in our time. Advances in technology and communications putting people all over the globe in touch as never before, challenging the rest of us to run even faster just to stay in place. This edition features reporting and commentary from Friedman's travels around the world and across America.

MOCKINGBIRD
A Portrait of Harper Lee
Charles J. Shields
Few novels are as acclaimed as "To Kill a Mockingbird" and even fewer authors have shunned the spotlight as successfully as its author. The book takes place during her banner year of 1960, when she won the Pulitzer Prize and helped Capote research "In Cold Blood". Lee accompanied Capote to Kansas and contributed considerable time assisting him. An informative biography that literary fiction lovers will flock to.

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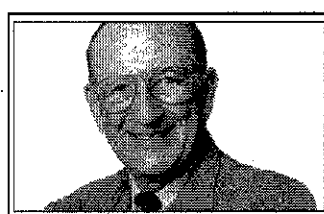
STATE OF THE ARTS By Alex Suczek

'Much Ado About Nothing' is something



PHOTO BY DAVID HOU

Lucy Peacock as Beatrice and Peter Donaldson as Benedick star in the Stratford Festival of Canada's production of Shakespeare's "Much Ado About Nothing" through Oct. 22.



Shakespeare's witty and ever popular comedy, "Much Ado About Nothing," which reappears on the Stratford program every few years, is a welcome addition again this season.

For the first-time attendee, it is a rewarding discovery of a thoroughly clever play about the battle of the sexes. It is also the opportunity to make the acquaintance of the leading characters, Beatrice and Benedick. They are a pair of confirmed bachelors whose relationship consists mainly of sparring verbally with each other until their friends and relations, with a little kindly trickery, help them discover that behind the verbal sparring they conceal a genuine affection for each other.

It is an affection, however, based on playful sarcasm between a man and a woman mature and intelligent enough to see the humor and not take offense. In those roles, Lucy Peacock and Peter Donaldson truly fill that bill.

For anyone who has already seen the play more than once, there is the added fun of discovering how many different ways it can be staged and acted, and where new and different laughs can be found. It can be an amazing experience.

This production is distinguished by an approach that emphasizes the text and mini-

mizes the distraction of an elaborate set, costumes and stage business. That probably comes closer to capturing the spirit of performances in Shakespeare's lifetime; though it calls on a modern audience to listen carefully and let the words generate imagery.

Set in the styles of Messina, Italy, barely a century ago, the costumes are Edwardian, just pre-modern enough to convey a timeless air. The development of the characters in their performances and reading of the lines is where the theatrical magic resides.

Brittle, fast-moving repartee is the most typical style of the lovers' exchanges. But Peacock and Donaldson bring a more studied feeling to the "stabbing words" that have been making audiences roar with laughter for four centuries. They glow with a personal warmth and humanity that is often not achieved by actors interpreting the roles in a more youthful and impetuous way.

They also create an interesting contrast with the second troubled love story in the plot. That is between a genuinely young pair, Beatrice's cousin Hero (Adrienne Gould) and her suitor, Claudio (Jeffrey Wetsch).

Wetsch creates the picture of the still naive, even awkward young lover who is easily misled into believing the worst about his sweetheart, and Gould in her innocence is shattered by this cruel blow to her reputation. It lends conviction to the exchange between Beatrice and Benedick as they tentatively explore their newly

discovered romance when he asks for a way to prove his love and she makes a demand that stops him in his tracks. Like much else in this play, it is shockingly funny.

Elsewhere in the production, several gem-like characterizations contribute much fun and interest in the supporting cast. Most notable are Robert Persichini as Dogberry and Bernard Hopkins as Verges, leading members of the notorious night watch whose Shakespearean malaprops amount to a comedy show all by itself in a modern style all its own. It could have been the inspiration for Mr. Bumble's famous line in Dickens' "Oliver Twist": "The Law, sir, is an ass." Or Paul Soles as Hero's uncle, Antonio, who in spite of his gray beard and semi-arthritis walk, challenges young soldier Claudio to a duel in defense of Hero's honor. Claudio's ineptitude at dealing with the old gentleman's astonishing valor is a delightful vignette of an impossible confrontation.

There is even restraint in the famous eavesdropping scenes where Beatrice and Benedick are tricked by their friends into admitting love for each other. Donaldson hides behind the few props on stage to overhear his soldier buddies report in amazement that Beatrice is madly in love with him and too proud to admit it. Then the ladies, including cousin Hero, lure Beatrice into overhearing them say the same about Benedick.

"Much Ado About Nothing" is presented in repertory at the Festival Theater through Oct. 22. Call (800) 567-1600.

Historical Society throws birthday bash

The Detroit Historical Society is throwing a 305th birthday party for Detroit from noon to 4 p.m. Sunday, July 23, at the Detroit Historical Museum.

The party focuses on the city's French heritage and early days and features a performance by the Madame Cadillac Detroit Dance Theatre.

Other activities include:
◆ 18th century dancing and

singing

◆ Making a fan and learning why it was used.

◆ Dressing in period clothing and acting out scenes with the performers.

◆ Playing instruments and participating in colonial games.

◆ Discussing the history of the three flags that flew over Detroit.

◆ Shopping at the museum stores.

Society members are admitted free with others either paying the regular museum admission or participating in a membership discount offered during the event.

The Detroit Historical Museum is located at 5401 Woodward. Admission is \$5 for adults, \$3 for seniors (60 and up), students and youth ages 5-18.

For information, call (313) 833-1805.

SENIORS: Getting older getting better

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Hospital groups also plan programs for seniors on health issues.

Libraries have CDs and DVDs that may be rented at a nominal cost, but usually are free. Books in large type can be a boon if eyesight is getting dimmer. Even better are books on tape. I have a younger friend who listens to them when she's ironing or doing household chores.

And how about all the discounts offered to seniors? Discounts to movies, restaurants and even department stores are becoming almost standard. Coming to mind is Kohls which has a senior day every Wednesday when it gives a 15 percent discount to seniors.

Residential housing for seniors has become a growing business. Remember when

oldsters had to move in with their children when they could no longer handle living alone?

The only problem is so many of the newer developments aren't affordable, even for those with middle-class incomes. There seems to be no middle ground between luxury residences and subsidized housing.

Medical technology is doing much to make getting older easier. One of the most frequently performed surgeries as you age is cataract surgery.

My father had it many years ago and had to stay in the hospital three days with a warning of dire eye damage if he lifted his head. After recovery, he had the choice of primitive contact lenses impossible for arthritic hands to handle or thick lenses that looked like the bottom of a heavy drinking glass.

Those of us who have had the surgery find it a snap, plus you no longer have to wear glasses.

Prescription drugs today make it possible to control high blood pressure, high cholesterol and diabetes.

Replacing worn out joints has been a great boon for seniors. Today different and more sophisticated techniques are coming on board that increase mobility and reduce pain but with less invasive surgery, shorter recovery time and reduced costs.

I think we can agree that getting older is much more pleasant and meaningful now than for those who preceded us.

You may reach Cain with questions or comments at ruthcain@comcast.net.

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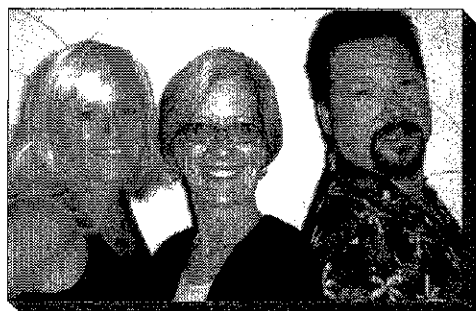
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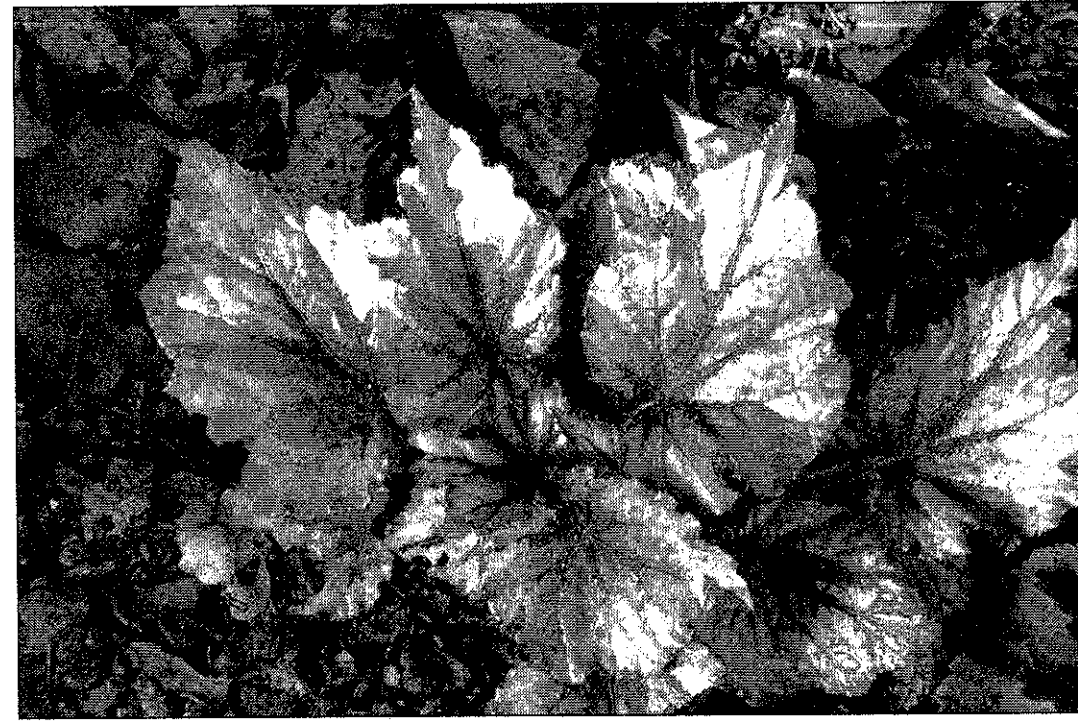
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DOWN TO EARTH By Kathleen Peabody

Silver adds another dimension to the garden



Japanese fern and heuchera combine their silvers to create a beautiful display in the garden.



The silver of a rex begonia can light up an otherwise dark area of a shade garden. Consider mixing it with other shade lovers.

Last year, I heard about a book titled "Elegant Silvers" by JoAnn Gardner and Karen Bussolini (2005). The name struck me, and when I found it in the local library, I knew it was one to review.

Couple that with the book being dedicated to Madalene Hill, a longtime member of the Herb Society of America and one who has given tenfold to the botanical world, I knew I was onto something special.

"Elegant Silvers," subtitled "Striking Plants for Every Garden," is a comprehensive guide for growing and using silver plants throughout the landscape. What makes these plants different from the others we grow? The authors say that often these plants "are designed by nature to withstand extremes of heat, cold, drought, wind, or, in the case of variegated silvers, to grow in deep, moist shade."

As gardeners, we often select plants and put them in areas not suited for them. Either the space is too sunny, shady, moist or dry. This book makes the reader remember bright, successful and experienced gardeners put the plant in the right place.

Sometimes we can alter or amend certain factors of soil, moisture or light to accommodate the plant, but ultimately it is more satisfying to find the right one. It lives a healthier,

longer life.

What's meant by a silver plant?

Silver plants come in a variety of shades and textures for alpine gardens or deserts. Think pulmonarias with their delightful spots or heucheras sending up delicate flower spikes. There's also the spikes of a yucca or silvery artemisias setting off a misty look to the otherwise green garden. Silver plants lend depth to the landscape. Think of the sheerness of a Monet painting.

There are the many downy silvers found in another book titled "Gray and Silver Plants" by Mrs. Desmond Underwood (1971) who covered plants producing tiny hairs on green surfaces as protection.

The authors of "Elegant Silvers" take those plants a step further, adding a whole other dimension. Make use of this unusual group of plants. Consider reading the book either now under a large tree or during winter beside the fire with cup of tea. Or visit your local nursery or garden catalog with "silver" in mind.

One suggestion made by the authors is "silver as a peace keeper." It may be our worldly environment, but a plant as peace keeper is inviting. "A silver passage in the garden provides respite," the authors write. "The many shades of silver, from gray-green, to gray, pewter, bright silver, or silver-blue, blend well with each other

because of their shared tonal qualities."

Often, a silver plant will be what pulls the other plants around it into a vision. Think maroon heuchera such as "Raspberry Ice" or "Palace Purple" surrounded by Japanese fern. Mulch with bark chips and the area looks like an artist's palette was consulted. Or consider Heuchera "Silver Scrolls," a variegated silver version all on its own.

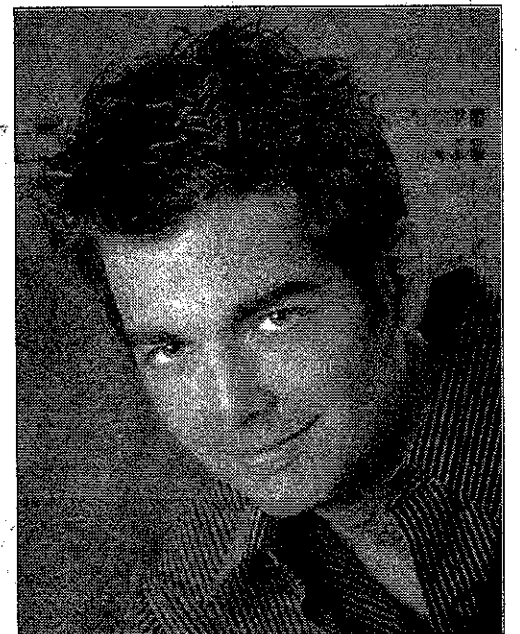
A soil formula for the sun-loving silvers offered by the authors is two parts compost-enriched soil to one part grit and one part low-nutrient soil conditioner, such as rotted sawdust. The spring bloomer, *Dianthus caryophyllus* is an example of silver foliage growing successfully in a raised bed with well-drained, gritty soil.

Shade silver, on the other hand, needs a moist, nutrient-rich growing medium. Eliminate the grit and increase the humus content. The suggested shaded silver soil content is two parts good basic soil to one part finished compost.

"Elegant Silvers" offers a wide variety of beautiful photos along with the nomenclature and plant encyclopedia to make it worth a read during winter or summer.

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Ryan DeHues sings great American standards



By request, the War Memorial music concert on Wednesday, July 26, features vocalist Ryan DeHues, a native Michigander. DeHues specializes in singing the songs made famous by such greats as Frank Sinatra, Bobby Darin and Mel Tormé. Gates open at 6 p.m. and the concert is from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. on the lakeside lawn of the War Memorial. Tickets are \$7. In the event of rain, concerts are held in the Fries Auditorium. For more information, call (313) 881-7511 or visit the Web site warmemorial.org

A LA ANNIE By Annie Rouleau-Scheriff

Cool salad for dog days



Hot temperatures call for cool meals as we make our way through the "dog days" of summer.

My gal pal Lisa passed along the secret recipe for the Columbia "1905" Salad, named for its restaurant namesake and the year the establishment was opened. The hearty salad will remind you of a Maurice or a chef salad. Make the dressing a day in advance to allow the flavors to marry.

Columbia '1905' Salad

Dressing

4 garlic cloves, minced
1 teaspoon dried oregano
1 teaspoon Worcestershire sauce
Juice of 1/2 lemon (1 1/2 tablespoons)
2 tablespoons white vinegar
1/2 cup extra-virgin olive oil
Salt and pepper to taste

Whisk together all ingredients from the minced garlic through the white vinegar in a slow stream, add the olive oil while continuing to whisk.

Season with salt and pepper to taste. Store covered in the refrigerator until ready to use.

Salad

2 to 3 hearts of romaine, chopped
1 cup cherry tomatoes, halved
2 celery stalks, thinly sliced
1/4 cup green olives, sliced
1/8 lb. sliced ham, cut into thin strips
1/2 cup shredded Swiss cheese
2 tablespoons grated Romano cheese

In a large bowl combine the

romaine, tomatoes, celery, olives, ham and Swiss. Toss well.

Drizzle with about half the dressing to start, or as much as desired. Toss well. Sprinkle with the grated Romano and toss again. Warm multi-grain bread completes this salad that eats like a meal. A delicious meal it is.

The original Columbia "1905" salad calls for iceberg lettuce and diced whole tomatoes. Mine fared well with Romaine as my lettuce choice.

Beat the heat with a different salad for a change.

Explore the universe

What are the greatest wonders of the solar system and the entire known universe?

Find out when the Dassault Systèmes Planetarium show, "The Greatest Wonders of the Universe," at The New Detroit Science Center.

With the help of modern satellites and space probes, the "world" has become much larger — expanding into the solar system and beyond. "The Greatest Wonders of the Universe" takes audiences on a journey to explore those sights.

The show will explore a total eclipse of the sun; Valles Marineris, the "Grand Canyon of Mars" the great Red Spot of

Jupiter; giant volcanoes of Io; the rings of Saturn; the giant geysers of Triton; and Earth.

In the "The Great Wonders of the Universe," star-forming nebulae (star factories), globular clusters, planetary nebulae, supernovae, black holes, gravitational lensing (mirages in space) and the grand scale of the universe from atoms to galaxies are the focus.

The New Detroit Science Center's Dassault Systèmes Planetarium projects three-dimensional images onto a 50-foot-wide, three-story-high dome. For show times, visit detroitsciencecenter.org or call (313) 577-8400, ext. 430.

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◆ For a variety of garden walks and tours, check the Calendar of Michigan Gardener available locally at Allemon's, Meldrum's, Wild Birds Unlimited, Alexander & Polen and Dried Flower.

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Canola Oil Conversion Guide

Reduce fat in your baking by replacing the solid fat with canola oil. Not only will you reduce the total fat by up to 10 percent, but also you will be using a lower saturated fat that contains no trans fat. Use this guide to convert your recipes:

Solid Fat	Canola Oil
1 cup	3/4 cup
3/4 cup	2/3 cup
1/2 cup	1/3 cup
1/4 cup	3 tablespoons

Note: This conversion makes most baked goods moist with a soft texture, so it's not recommended for a crisp cookie recipe.

Quick Sweet Potato Pie With Honey-Walnut Topping

A traditional sweet potato pie with an indulgent topping makes the ultimate cozy treat.

- 1 (15-ounce) can sweet potatoes, drained and mashed, or 1 cup cooked and mashed fresh sweet potatoes
- 1/3 cup light brown sugar
- 1/2 teaspoon ground cinnamon
- 1 tablespoon canola oil
- 2 eggs
- 1/3 cup evaporated skimmed milk
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
- Honey-Walnut Topping (see recipe)
- Cookie Crust (see recipe)

Preheat oven to 350°F. In mixing bowl, beat together sweet potatoes, brown sugar, cinnamon, canola oil

and eggs. Gradually add milk, beating until creamy. Pour into Cookie Crust. Bake 40 to 45 minutes, or until pie is set. When done, remove pie from oven and spread Honey-Walnut Topping evenly over top. Return to oven and broil until topping is bubbly and golden brown. Watch carefully.

Makes 1 pie

Honey-Walnut Topping

This broiled honey nut topping is the perfect finish to the pie.

- 1/4 cup light brown sugar
- 1 tablespoon canola oil
- 2 tablespoon honey
- 3/4 cup coarsely chopped walnuts

In medium non-stick pot, combine brown sugar, canola oil and honey. Cook over low heat until sugar dissolves, stirring constantly. Add walnuts and stir until well-coated.

Cookie Crust

No rolling required, and this recipe can be used for roll-out cookies too.

- 1 cup all-purpose flour
- 1/2 cup confectioners' sugar
- Dash salt
- 1/4 cup canola oil
- 1 egg
- 1 tablespoon milk

Sift flour, sugar and salt together into large bowl. In separate small bowl, whisk together canola oil, egg and milk. Pour liquid ingredients over dry ingredients and quickly stir together, just until combined. Spoon mixture into 9-inch pie plate and press onto bottom and up sides of plate. Add filling.

Note: Cookie crust may be baked unfilled at 350°F for 10 to 12 minutes.

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Free Outdoor Concert Series features Classic Rock Legends

The GM Renaissance Center's riverfront plaza serves as the spectacular outdoor setting for this summer's "Rockin' on the Riverfront" concert series featuring all-star lineups of classic rock headliners and regional bands. Concerts are being held from 8-10 p.m. every Friday night through August 18th.

WCSX radio personality, **Steve Kostan**, will be broadcasting live from major concerts and will interview band members and Detroit celebrities prior to each concert.

Free admission...no tickets are necessary

Convenient parking is available at the surface lot located at the intersection of St. Antoine and Atwater, directly east of the GM Renaissance Center.

Beverages and a variety of food concessions will be available at several locations on the plaza, as well as the restaurants and foodcourt located in the GM Renaissance Center. The public is encouraged to bring their own lawn chairs and blankets for seating. Boaters on the Detroit River are invited to anchor near the riverfront and enjoy the view of the stage from the water.

Proceeds from sales of beverages and food will benefit two local non-profit organizations, **The Detroit Riverfront Conservancy** and the **We Are Here Foundation**. Food, beverages or coolers brought to the concert from sources other than those listed are not permitted.

All concerts
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Four-time champs

Grosse Pointe South won its fourth straight state Division I girls lacrosse championship with a 10-8 victory against Troy Athens in the title game at Bloomfield Hills Lahser. In front, from left, are Page Louisell, Jane Singelyn, Jaclyn Sobczak, Alison Parke, Gayle Campbell, Liz McCaughey, Aimee O'Brien and Ashley Thibodeau. In the middle row, from left, are Meghan MacConnachie, Kelly Breen, Jessie Pogue, Jeanne Janutol and Annie Shepard. In back, from left, are Katie Dosch, Alissa Tassopoulos, Pearce Pavle, Katie West, Melissa Oddo, Michelle Martinelli, Ali Manion, coach Debbe Pavle, Mynda Rae Krato, assistant coach Laura Grosso and Elizabeth Schultz.

ON SAIL By Sandra Svoboda

Local sailors do well in Mackinac



the shorter "Shore Course" is real competition as compared to the "Southampton Course" which takes boats further east across Lake Huron as they head north, and whether the party will be as good as last year's. (It's usually better!)

No Tuesday night race at the Grosse Pointe Sail Club. More coverage of sailing in the local media than we see the rest of the year combined. Empty yacht clubs...

It must be that time of year: the Bacardi Bayview Mackinac race week that takes most of Detroit's sailing community up north via Lake Huron, if they're competing, or Interstate 75, if they're part of the all-so-important shore support teams of family, friends, race committee, race organizers and sponsors.

Most of my sailing friends love the race. I watched and listened to them discuss everything from weather patterns to how to pack a gear bag to the complicated arrangements of getting to Port Huron and home from "the island."

They debate the new IRC handicapping system, whether

I missed it all. Which sailing event to do is sometimes a tough choice, but last weekend I was crewing for skipper Sandy Hayes in Long Beach, Calif., competing in the second annual Mayor's Cup Regatta. We had eight teams - five American, one Brazilian, one Australian and one French - and we finished a respectable third.

Losing to the top- and ninth-ranked match racing women in the world and beating all the U.S. competitors isn't too shabby! Not to mention having a great time, making new friends, and having some incredibly close races with dramatics even better than Tuesday night starts close to the Windmill Pointe pier.

The Mac wasn't far from my mind though, in between maneuvers on the West Coast. With cell phone text messag-

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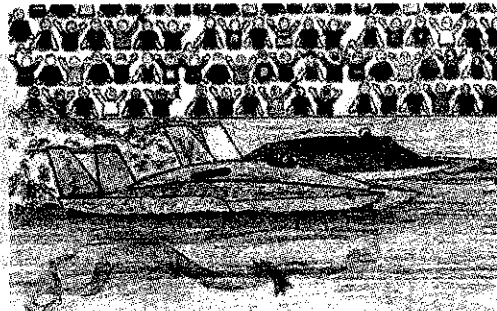
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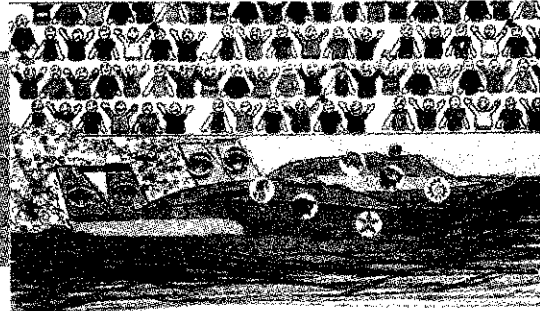


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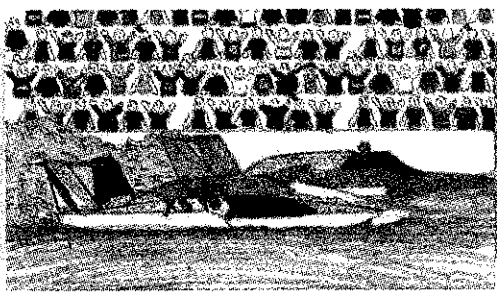


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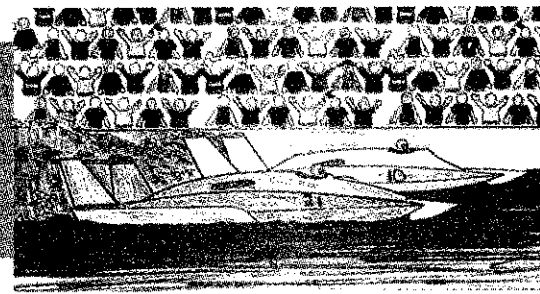


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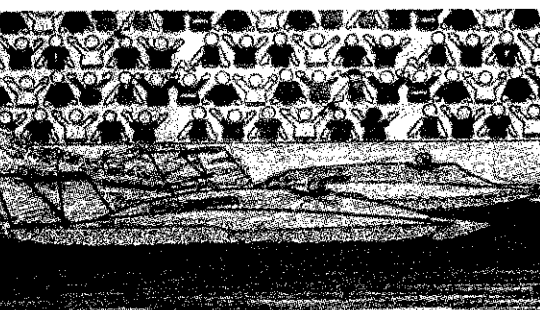


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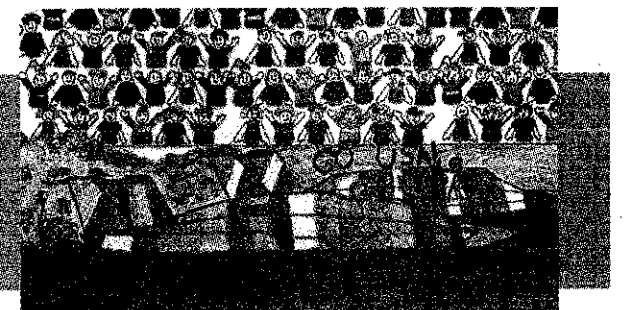
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Tourney champs

The Grosse Pointe Soccer Association Breakers '92A under-14 girls soccer team won the Queen City Memorial Tournament in Cincinnati. They beat the defending champion Westside Bombers from Cincinnati 2-0 in the championship game. In front are Allison Handlon, left, and Emily Klinefelt. In the second row are Katherine Bowman, left, and Stephanie McShane. In the third row, from left, are Nikki Capizzo, Ana Harris, Rae Sklarski and Sami FilipPELLI. In back, from left, are coach John Mellon, Kathleen Weston, Mandy Ferrick, Alyssa Bruno, Hannah Orlicki, team manager Louie Bruno and Catherine Wiczorek.



State qualifiers

Grosse Pointe South's girls track team did well at the state Division I championships. The Blue Devils qualified three of their four relay teams for the finals and all three ran to season-best times. They were the 3,200-meter relay team of Sarah Petit, Christine Nelson, Emily McLaughlin and Jill McLaughlin; the 800 relay team of Megan DeBoer, Nelson, Sam Mackenzie and Ali Morawski; and the 400 relay team of Lisa Repicky, Kim Grambo, Morawski and DeBoer. Morawski ran a season-best in the 400 dash and she advanced to the semifinals in the 200. Emily McLaughlin had a season-best time in the 3,200 run, and Julie Zaranek ran her best time in the 300 hurdles. South finished the season as champion of the Macomb Area Conference White Division and the Blue Devils were 8-0 overall in dual meets. State qualifiers, from left, are Grambo, Nelson, Mackenzie, Zaranek, Repicky, Petit, Morawski, Jill McLaughlin and DeBoer. Emily McLaughlin is not pictured.

North grad shines for Albion

Outfielder Brena Przeslawski, a former Grosse Pointe North standout, was one of three Albion College freshmen named to the all-Michigan Intercollegiate Athletic Association second team. Przeslawski hit .309 in league play, collected a league-high four triples, tied for fourth in the MIAA with 14 runs scored and ranked seventh in total bases with 30. She had five multi-hit games, including 3-for-4 performances against Adrian and Kalamazoo.

ON SAIL: Rookies take three firsts

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ing, I wished friends luck and with wireless in the hotel, I checked reports Saturday night.

While I admit to laughing at the boats when the weather showed NO wind, it was great to see such early finishes in one of the faster races on record.

In case anyone thinks boats with home harbors on Lake Huron, Lake Michigan or Lake Erie have advantages over our Lake St. Clair and Detroit River teams in the Mac, think again. Many of our Grosse Pointe neighbors are "bringing home flags" - that's code for "placed" in the race.

Of the 21 classes, or divisions, in the race, boats registered with one of the Pointes as a home "port" won seven of them. In the 233-boat fleet, 55 of them were listed as being

FARMS-CITY LITTLE LEAGUE

River Cats win AAA crown

An outstanding pitching performance by Joe Fannon and some excellent defensive play carried the River Rats to a 5-1 victory against the Bulls in the Grosse Pointe Farms-City Class AAA playoff championship game.

Fannon pitched a five-hitter, struck out six and didn't walk a batter.

Brett Bigham had a fine game as Fannon's catcher as he didn't have a passed ball

and prevented any stolen bases.

Harrison Krasner made the defensive play of the game with a diving catch in center field with two out and two Bulls in scoring position.

Mike Wronski made a fine catch in right field and Andrew Bigham and Jack Strachan turned in solid performances in the infield.

Alex Cendrowski, Strachan, Fannon, Brad Sanford and

Wronski had hits for the River Cats.

The Bulls also had strong pitching from Lilly Sterr, Wade Penman, Gordon Fisher and Jimmy Lehman as they combined on a six-hitter.

Cole Zingas, Fisher, Sterr and Henry Solem had the Bulls' hits.

Rob Bigham managed the River Cats, while the Bulls were managed by Jim Penman.



The River Cats won the Grosse Pointe Farms-City AAA playoff championship with a 5-1 victory against the Bulls. In front, from left, are Harrison Krasner, Matt Wronski, Andrew Bigham, Sam Wilkinson, Mike Wronski and Victor Aguilera. In the middle row, from left, are Joe Fannon, Mark Anthony Calcaterra, Brett Bigham, Alex Cendrowski, Brad Sanford and Jack Strachan. In back, from left, are coach Dave Fannon, manager Rob Bigham and coach George Strachan.

Spring race series champs crowned

The Grosse Pointe Farms Boat Club completed its Spring Thursday Night Race Series by crowning champions in four classes.

The five-race series provided sailors with the opportunity to have fun, enjoy Lake St. Clair and engage in some light competition with other sailors.

Brandilee, skippered by Steve Nadeau, won the PHRF class. Paul Lady's Lady Luck

was second and Cabernet, owned by Tom Van Egmond, was third.

Gypsy, sailed by Tom and Bill Strigley, won the Jam A class. Harold Kolter's Das Boot was second, and Joe Butala's Gallivant was third.

In the Jam B class, Growl Tiger, owned by Dick Thoma, was first. Jim Soltesz's Chasing Rainbows was second and Bret Zimmerman's Escape was third.

In the Novice class, Peter Toenjes skippered Spirit O' 76 to first place ahead of runner-up Mike Proffitt.

The second summer race series will begin on Thursday, Aug. 3 and continue each Thursday night in August. The races will start and finish off the seawall at the Farms Pier Park.

Race entry forms for the August series can be obtained at the Pier Park office.

SOUTH GIRLS TRACK

Beat Romeo in dual meet finale

Grosse Pointe South's girls track team wrapped up a perfect dual meet season with a 95-42 victory against Romeo in a Macomb Area Conference White Division meet.

It was the ninth league championship and undefeated season in the last 10 for the Blue Devils.

South took 12 of the 17 first places in the meet.

Contributions came from

Larissa Petrovic, Colleen Manardo, Stephanie Garbarino, Clare Conway, Tess Sheldon, Erica Menchl, Cashia Thomas, Bethany Cavanagh, Lauren Leverett and Bridget Dennehy.

from one of the Pointes.

Congratulations for top class honors to:

Siochail, owned by Brian Geraghty of Grosse Pointe Shores, racing in the C & C 35 class;

Allure, owned by Carl Bihlmeyer of Grosse Pointe Woods, racing in Cruising Class C;

Velero VI, skippered by Mike Feldman of Grosse Pointe Park, racing in the NA 40 class;

Tar Baby, owned by Don Lang of Grosse Pointe Woods, racing in IRC H;

Sea Wise, owned by Charles Weiss of Grosse Pointe, racing in IRC J;

Titan, owned by Dan Aitken of Grosse Pointe Shores, Ernie Du Mouchelle of Grosse Pointe and John Schultes of Grosse Pointe racing in IRC D; and

C-Jem, owned by C.J. Ruffing of Grosse Pointe, racing in the J-105 class.

Of the other class winners, two came from St. Clair Shores, Troy, Bay City and Clinton Township while one came from Whitmore Lake, Bloomfield Hills, Grosse Ile or Lake Orion. Out-of-state win-

ners were from Sheboygan, Wisc. and Canton, Ohio.

Our four young sailors featured last week had successful races with the three Mackinac rookies winning their classes!

Spencer Colpaert, 14, of Grosse Pointe Park, aboard Titan, was a winner as were Robert Declercq, 16, of Grosse Pointe Park, and Steve Rozelle, 17, of Grosse Pointe Woods, on Insatiable in Cruising Class B.

"Veteran" Charlie Trost, 17, of Grosse Pointe Woods, sailing his fourth Mac, was just behind Colpaert's boat, placing second in the IRC D class on Pendragon.

My advice to the three first timers is not to race again - how can they top wins and early Monday finishes?

Metro Detroit got a better look at the race this year than any time in years past. With WDIV-TV4 signing on as a sponsor, Reporter Paula Tutman covered the race.

And did she cover it! (Her reports are available on Channel Four's website, www.clickondetroit.com in case you missed the actual broadcasts.)

She interviewed junior

sailors just starting their racing careers, a long-time yachtsman who raced in the very first Mac 82 years ago, and a lot of us in between those extremes.

She worried about having the appropriate gear to wear as she followed boats up the lake. She did a tune-up race on Lake Huron. She learned the meanings of port, starboard, beating, reaching, running. And she can tie a bowline!

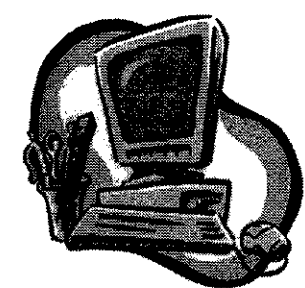
Tutman came to Bayview Yacht Club's adult sailing class, convinced me to give her a few private lessons, and crewed with me for skipper Chris Van Tol, of Grosse Pointe Park, in a Thursday night club race. (We won.)

After viewing the video, my friends have suggested I stick to print journalism. Must be my hair - perfect for proving I'm a sailor, not so good for TV screens...

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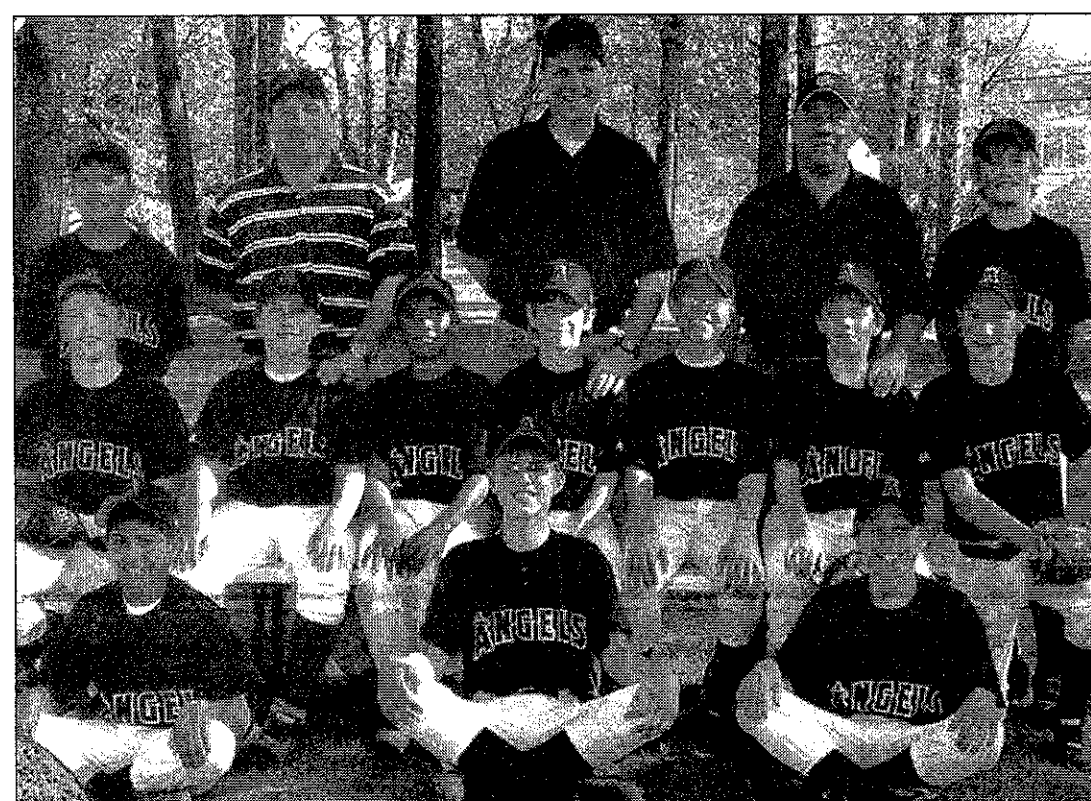
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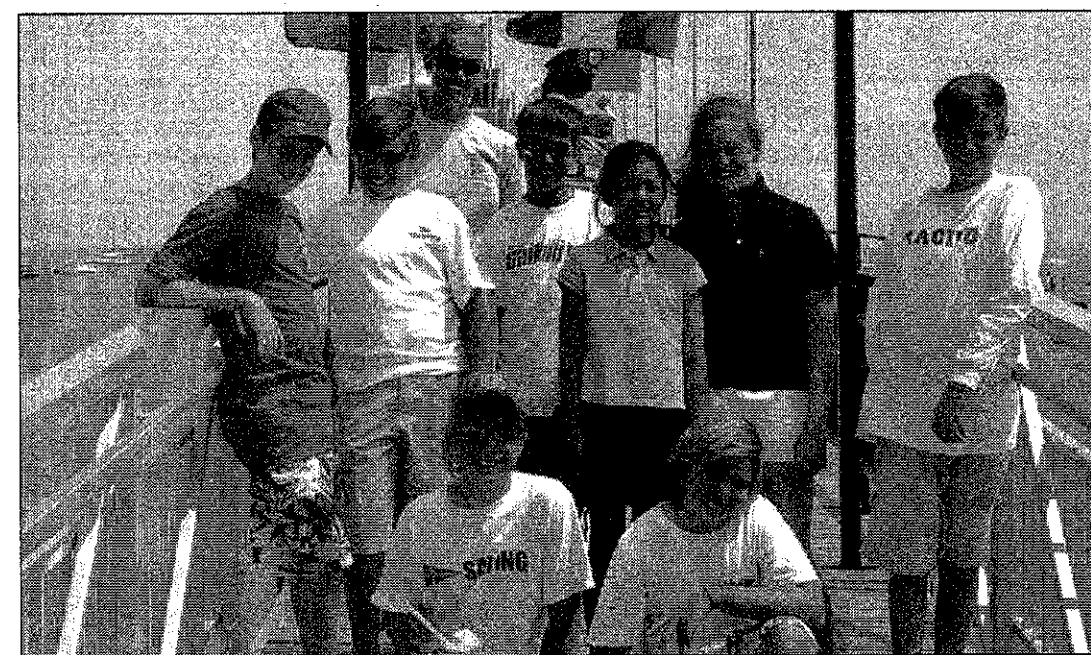
Select group

Four Grosse Pointe Lacrosse Association players were members of the Team Michigan U-13 Select Team that played in the US Lacrosse Festival at the University of Massachusetts-Amherst last month. The team won two games out of the five it played against tough East Coast rivals from Rhode Island, upstate New York, Hudson Valley, Vermont and central Pennsylvania. From left, are A.J. Walworth, Henry Nelson, Zach LaValley and Pat Sattelmeier.



AAA champs

The Angels beat the Mets 11-3 to win the AAA division playoff championship in the Grosse Pointe Woods-Shores Little League. Jory Evans led the way for the Angels with an inside-the-park home run and three shutout innings. Jacob Centala also pitched well, striking out seven in his three innings. James McNelis had two hits, including a triple. Seven different players scored runs for the Angels in a game that was closer than the final score would indicate. In front, from left, are Jess Ajlouni, Ryan Franck and Steven Mitchell. In the middle row, from left, are Centala, Stephen Cleland, Bobbi Mulpuri, Travis Nawrocki, Stephen Benard, Andrew Smith and Evans. In back, from left, are Spence Swider, coaches Mike Cleland, Greg Nawrocki and Wick Smith and McNelis.



Junior sailors

Nine junior sailors from the area competed in the USODA Midwest Championship Regatta at the Buffalo Canoe Club in Fort Erie, Ontario. Junior sailors between the ages of 8 and 15 competed in five races over two days. They sailed Optimist dinghies, which are small single-person sailboats. Allison Knoles of Bayview Yacht Club participated in the Green fleet for first-year Optimist racers. Drake Lyon, also from BYC, sailed in the White fleet for ages 9 and 10. Blue fleet (ages 11-12) racers were Matthew Declercq of Bayview and Ian Robinson of the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club. Local Red fleet participants were Connor Flaska, Blair Listwan, Michael Seago and Ryan Seago of GPYC and Brooke Lyon of BYC. Racer had to compete in rolling Lake Erie waters, which are unlike the chop of Lake St. Clair. Winds were within seven to 10 knots on the first day, but they increased to 15 to 20 knots on the second day. In front are Listwan, left, and Robinson. In back, from left, are Michael Seago, Declercq, Grosse Pointe Yacht Club junior sailing coach Maria Falcone, Flaska, Knoles, Brooke Lyon and Ryan Seago. Not pictured is Drake Lyon.

SOCCER INSTRUCTION

ULS clinics held in three sessions

University Liggett School's soccer clinics for boys and girls — a summer fixture in Grosse Pointe since 1977 — will be held in three sessions beginning July 31.

The clinic will continue through Aug. 19, and will be held on the ULS soccer fields, 1045 Cook Road near Chalfonte in Grosse Pointe Woods.

The first session, from July 31 through Aug. 4, includes special half-day programs for 5- and 6-year-olds and evening programs for teens.

The class for the younger children runs from 9 a.m. to noon and includes basic skills instruction, skill games and a scrimmage. The cost is \$95.

The 6 to 9 p.m. class for teens features speed, agility and quickness drills, training by position and ends with a one-hour scrimmage. The cost is also \$95.

The second and third sessions, which run from Aug. 7-12 and Aug. 14-19, are for soccer players between the ages of 6 and 16 and run from 9 a.m. to

3 p.m.

Tuition is \$195 per session or \$325 for both sessions and includes a soccer ball and a T-shirt.

The Aug. 7-12 session includes optional instruction in goaltending. If players provide their own soccer ball, tuition is \$180 for one session or \$310 for both.

The schedule for the second and third sessions includes individual skills instruction, small games, lunch, films and videotapes, instruction in team tactics, positional play and full-field games.

The class is followed by an optional hour of supervised swimming.

Each week ends with a Saturday morning contest and awards presentation from 9 a.m. to noon.

The clinic director is ULS soccer coach David Backhurst. He has been coaching soccer at the school since 1982. He has guided his boys teams to state championships in 1982, 1983, 1996 and 1999, and to runner-up finishes in 1986,

1987 and 1994.

His girls team won the state Division IV title in 2005.

Backhurst's clinic staff also has impressive credentials.

David Dwaihy is a ULS teacher and assistant varsity soccer coach. He was an all-state player at Grosse Pointe North and an all-conference and all-region player at Kalamazoo College.

Julie Harkins-Humphries has been a member of the ULS clinic staff for several years. She is a teacher and former coach of the Lakeview High School girls junior varsity soccer team.

Marty DeClerq is a former girls varsity coach at Birmingham Groves and coached the Michigan Olympic Development team. He is also a long-time club coach and coach of the Michigan Division I men's open team.

Several current high school and college players will also be instructors.

To register for the clinics, call (313) 884-4444 or (313) 884-6718.

Local golfer in top field

Caitlin Bennett of Grosse Pointe Woods will compete in the Optimist International Junior Golf Championships from July 27 through 30 at the PGA National Resort and Spa in Palm Beach Gardens, Fla.

Bennett is a June graduate of Grosse Pointe North and will play in the girls 16-18 age

group.

She finished her senior year with the Norsemen by taking medalist honors with a 74 at the Macomb Area Conference Red Division tournament. She was third in the Division I regional with a score of 79, four strokes behind medalist Amy Meier of Rochester, and one behind

Bryce Hetchler of Fraser.

In the Division I state tournament at Forest Akers East in East Lansing, Bennett shot a 75-76—151 to tie for seventh place, but she was only four strokes out of second place.

Bennett will continue her golf career at Grand Valley State College.

BASEBALL

South alumni to play doubleheader

Former Grosse Pointe South baseball players will get the chance to relive their glory days as Blue Devils on Saturday, July 29, at the first South alumni baseball game.

The doubleheader will start

at 11 a.m. and will be played on South's field.

The donation for players is \$50 for alumni and \$25 for students and includes hats and T-shirts.

Admission to the game is \$5.

Register on the website: www.gpsouthbaseball.org.

Registration is limited to the first 60 players.

Players must sign a liability release form before they will be allowed to participate.

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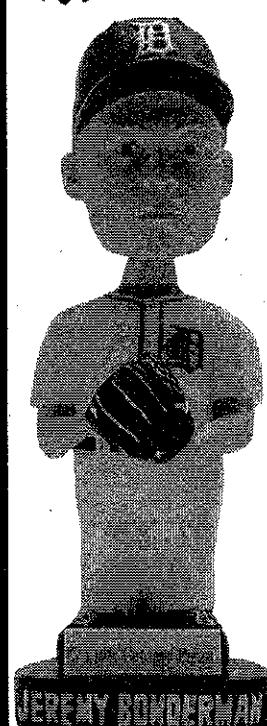
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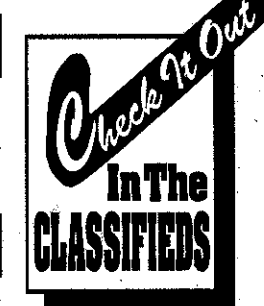
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