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FRIDAY, JULY 28

♦ John D. Lamb will perform at the GM Renaissance Center's Riverfront Plaza concert series from 8 to 10 p.m. Admission is free.

SATURDAY, JULY 29

♦ Volunteers are needed between 9 a.m. and 1 p.m. for the Mack Avenue cleaning and planting project. Meet at the Mack and Alter Square Shopping Center at 8:30 a.m. to receive assignments, tools and flowers. The event is hosted by the Detroit-Grosse Pointe Collaborative.

MONDAY, JULY 31

♦ A seizure recognition class is scheduled for 11:15 a.m. at Services for Older Citizens. Presenter Shirley Darroch of the Epilepsy Foundation of Michigan will talk about the Seizure Smart program, its uses and offer an epilepsy awareness quiz, show a video, hold a question-and-answer session on how to recognize, respond and assist in issues relating to seniors.

WEDNESDAY, AUG. 2

♦ Children's Home of Detroit will host an American Red Cross blood drive from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. in the campus' Grosse Pointe Woods Community Room location.

THURSDAY, AUG. 3

♦ Students transferring from parochial or private schools or new students to Grosse Pointe North High School can enroll from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. by making an appointment at the Student Affairs office, 389 St. Clair, call (313) 432-3048. An appointment for an enrollment session at North is also needed and may be made by calling (313) 432-3212. Bring a transcript and the most recent report card from the previous school. Enrollment will continue on Friday, Aug. 4, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

♦ The MillionAires will perform during the 7 p.m. outdoor concert series sponsored by St. John Hospital and Medical Center on the Village Festival Plaza, located at the corner of Kercheval and St. Clair in the City of Grosse Pointe. Rain location is Maire Elementary School, two blocks west of The Plaza.

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The big dogs

Former Red Wing Darren McCarty, right, now of the Calgary Flames, and club member John Matouk lost the Lochmoor Country Club Invitational recently on the last hole in match play to club member Mike McDonald and Gary Kowalski of San Francisco.

CITY OF GROSSE POINTE

Lake Court may switch to Park

By Brad Lindberg
 Staff Writer

Lake Court residents can make a run for the border anytime they wish. They now have the pick of living in the City of Grosse Pointe or Grosse Pointe

Park. Park officials are wooing them. City officials are willing to wave farewell.

Four properties on Lake Court, a private street below Jefferson across from Cadieux, lie within both communities.

"The road and front lawns are in the City," said Dale Scrace, City mayor. "The rest is in the Park."

"This has from time to time caused problems in assigning

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GROSSE POINTE PUBLIC LIBRARY

Central branch studied

Other locations ruled out in favor of current location

By Beth Quinn
 Staff Writer

Jim Mumby of Fanning Howey and Associates presented the results of a feasibility study on a new Central branch library at the June meeting of the Grosse Pointe Public Library.

The architectural firm, which designed the new Woods library, did the study pro bono. The library board asked the firm to design a conceptual plan showing the best utilization of Central's present site at Kercheval and Fisher Road.

Mumby stated this study is

not a critique of the current building.

"Our charge was to solve the problem as requested by the library board," he said.

He recognized some residents might be opposed to tearing down the current Central library.

"I know how the community feels about this building requires strong consideration," Mumby said.

The feasibility study shows a three-story, 45,000- to 50,000-square-foot building with underground parking.

The board previously con-

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GROSSE POINTE SHORES

State revising shoreline rules

Sen. Scott helpful to property owners

By Brad Lindberg
 Staff Writer

Lakeside homeowners may get more leeway to groom their shoreline.

State environmental regulators are working on new provisions governing what can and can't be done to maintain

shoreline property.

"The DEQ (Department of Environmental Quality) is currently meeting with a variety of stakeholders to create new rules for activities that require a permit," according to Sen. Martha Scott, D-Highland Park, in a letter to Grosse Pointe Shores officials. "New rules are scheduled to be presented this fall."

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POINTER OF INTEREST

'This is the most gratifying job because I get involved with the children and their families.'

Donna Carson



Home: Grosse Pointe Woods

Family: Husband, Ron; two sons; four grandchildren

Occupation: Retired after 29 years as English as a second language teacher

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Yesterday's headlines

1956

50 years ago this week

◆ **CHA-CHING:** Hopes for the near-future ground breaking of the new Chalfonte-Moran area junior high school are busted when all bids on construction exceed estimates.

The lowest bid is \$700,000 more than what school officials expected.

◆ **PLAY BALL:** More than 1,500 fans are expected to watch Grosse Pointe's Little League World Series, set to start next week.

◆ **POLIO ON THE RUN:** According to statistics released this week by the Grosse Pointe Board of Health, polio, the feared summercrippler, is almost nonexistent in the five Grosse Pointes and Harper Woods.

To date, only one case is reported compared to four last year and 10 in 1954 at this same time.

1981

25 years ago this week

◆ **NEW BANK:** Plans for a bank on Fisher Road are approved by the City of Grosse Pointe Council.

Construction means tearing down the Pointe Pedlar, among other small businesses.

◆ **MYSTERY LEAD:** Investigation continues into the death of Grosse Pointe Woods resident Todd Poole, 17.

Police receive an anonymous letter giving a hint of what might have led to the shooting of Poole, whose body showed a .25 percent blood alcohol level when tested by the county medical examiner.

◆ **NEW CAREER:** Bill Babcock, a Grosse Pointe North High School graduate and former pitching star with the Norsemen, signs a one-year contract with the Chicago White Sox organization.

Babcock heads to Florida

this week to begin a career with the outfit's Instructional League team in Sarasota.

1996

10 years ago this week

◆ **NEVER GOES HOME:** A 12-year-old French girl flying home from visiting friends in Grosse Pointe Woods is among 230 people killed when TWA flight 800 crashes into the ocean off Long Island.

The passenger jet exploded in mid-air shortly after taking off from a New York airport.

◆ **KILLED IN CRASH:** Grosse Pointe Shores residents Dr. Ghassan Haurani, 51, and his wife, Nina, 54, die in the crash of TWA flight 800.

Dr. Haurani was a vascular surgeon at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital in Clinton Township.

◆ **JOINS SEMCOG:** Members of the Grosse Pointe Woods city council vote to join the Southeast Michigan Council of Governments (SEMCOG), a regional organization dedicated to promoting the interests of southeastern Michigan communities.

2001

5 years ago this week

◆ **STANDS MUTE:** Stephen Richard Fennell stands mute as an innocent plea is entered on his behalf during his arraignment on charges of arson and 19 counts of maliciously and willfully killing an animal in connection with last week's fire at the Grosse Pointe Hunt Club.

Nineteen horses died in the fire that destroyed the club's 100-year-old barn.

◆ **HELPS HUNT CLUB:** Two 11-year-old girls who like horses donate \$10.06 to the Grosse Pointe Hunt Club to help replace its barn that burned down last week. The girls raised the money selling Kool Aid.



1956: 'Come down from that ...'

It's hardly an ivory tower, but the lifeguard stand is every bit as important to bathers at the huge children's pool at Grosse Pointe Park's beach. Despite taunts from pretty beach inhabitants, lifeguard Dick Craig is conscientious of his duties. The young ladies are, from left, Marty Newman, Carol Likert, Sally Cunningham and Pat Marshall. (Photo by Fred Runnells. From the July 26, 1956 Grosse Pointe News.)

"We don't belong to the Hunt Club, but we heard about the bad news and wanted to help," write Catherine Adama and Maria Dasaro of Grosse Pointe Farms, in a letter accompanying the donation. "It's not much but we wanted to help."

Clifford Peabody, the club's controller, can't get over the gesture.

"When I read that note and tell people about it, it chokes me up," Peabody says.

◆ **OLD BEAR:** When the sailboat Grizzly leaves the dock at the Port Huron Yacht Club to begin the Bacardi Bayview Mackinac Race, Chuck Bayer might take an extra look around to soak up the atmosphere.

Bayer has sailed in the race for 55 years.

"I think this might be my last," says the Grosse Pointe Farms resident. "I don't feel

like I quite do my share right now. Sometimes I make a tactical decision, but I don't go up on the foredeck anymore."

— Brad Lindberg

GROSSE POINTE WOODS

Power restored

By Bob St. John
Staff Writer

Can lightning strike the same place twice?

A lightning strike on Brys caused a conductor to crash to the ground and the power to go out to Grosse Pointe Woods residents and business owners in the north quadrant.

Power was lost at approximately 11:20 p.m. Monday, July 17, and restored to a majority of the area at 2:30 p.m. the following day.

"We were told everything will be back to normal and the outage was due to an act of nature with the lightning strike," Mayor Robert Novitke said. "We're all a little concerned that the power outage was due to the hot, humid weather."

Residents and business owners in the same area last summer lost power for several days

due to the hot, humid weather eroding dilapidated equipment.

Detroit Edison was supposed to install new equipment in November 2005, but the process was delayed until the first half of this year.

John Witherell, southeast regional district planning Detroit Edison company manager, sent Novitke a memo telling him the cause of the power outage was due to the lightning strike on Brys.

"I was told the crews didn't arrive in our area right away because they were in Ann Arbor handling a power outage there," Novitke said. "I'm glad everything is back to normal, but we still hold our breath during this string of hot, humid days."

G.P. SHORES
Moratorium extended

A three-month moratorium on construction of accessory buildings due to expire this month has been extended to Sept. 19 in Grosse Pointe Shores.

Village trustees said they will use the extra time to complete a comprehensive review of zoning ordinances and take any action such review suggests.

The moratorium includes modifications to existing structures.

— Brad Lindberg

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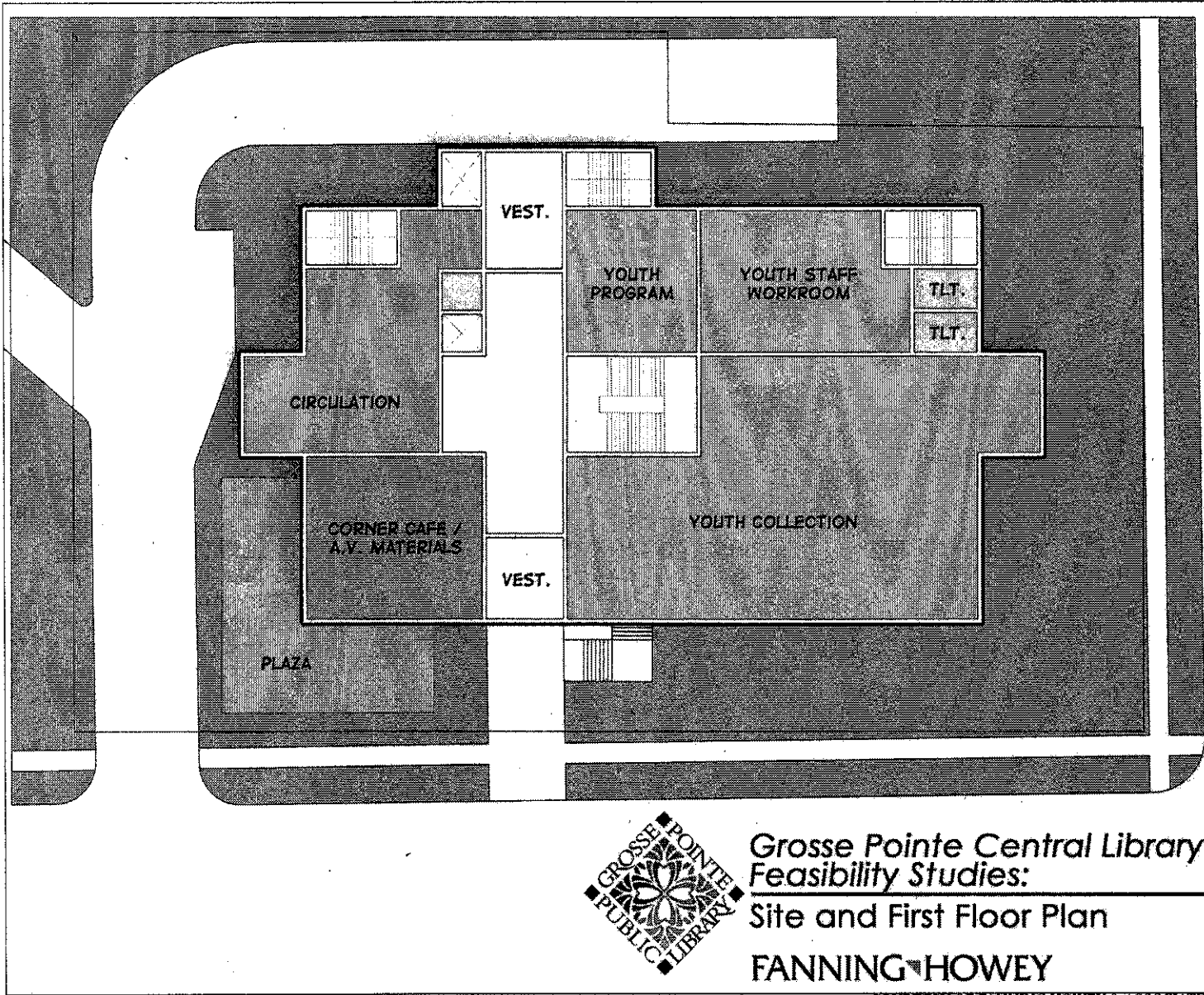
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CENTRAL: Key obstacle — funding

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sidered other Grosse Pointe locations for a new Central library. During the March board meeting, Board President Harvey Weaver explained the board met several times in executive session to consider the former Jacobson's site, the corner of Mack and Moross, property on Lakeshore and other prospects in the Farms.

Weaver said that after viewing these properties, the board decided they were not suitable for a new library.

"As a result, the board has concluded that it will focus on our existing property at Kercheval and Fisher; taking advantage of what we have," Weaver said.

Mumby stated Central's current site was well suited for the library's main branch.

"The library is in an excellent position," Mumby said. "It serves like an anchor store. It's a bridge between the neighborhood and the downtown area."

While the study did not show specifics, such as architectural style, Mumby gave a broad sketch of his vision for a new library.

He sees patrons entering the library on a "bright, colorful ground floor teeming with activity." This level would be home to circulation and audio visual materials, and the youth book collection, program room, circulation and staff work room.

The Fanning Howey study adds three new features — an outdoor seating area, a library store and a 1,300-to 1,400-square-foot coffee shop.

Mumby suggested these areas could be isolated from the rest of the building and operated independent of library hours.

The second floor could be accessed by taking an elevator or walking up a central staircase. Mumby designated this level for the young adult collection, computer lab, current periodical and reference areas in addition to the adult book collection large enough for 70,000 volumes with an adja-

cent reading area. "This plan allows for a reading area to be located in the front of the building facing Kercheval," Mumby said. "Oversized windows and comfortable chairs would make it a very nice seating area."

The plan places administrative offices, technical services, a mechanical room and a large community meeting room on the third floor.

The Fanning Howey plan has an underground parking garage with 70 parking spaces. Mumby envisions very high ceilings, an abundance of natural lighting and ventilation to avoid the space feeling cramped.

He stated 70 parking spaces isn't enough to fulfill the parking demands of a 50,000-square-foot library and suggested the library make use of on-street parking and Grosse Pointe South High School's ball field parking spaces.

Mumby said the library would need to acquire a small parcel of land from South to position the 35,000-square-foot garage below the library. To obtain 70 parking spaces, a city variance allowing the garage to extend 10 to 15 feet beyond the current 25-foot front yard set back would be needed.

"Without the extra space, the library would lose one whole row of parking," Mumby said.

He urged the board to get an updated survey and have a soil exploration done on the site before proceeding any further.

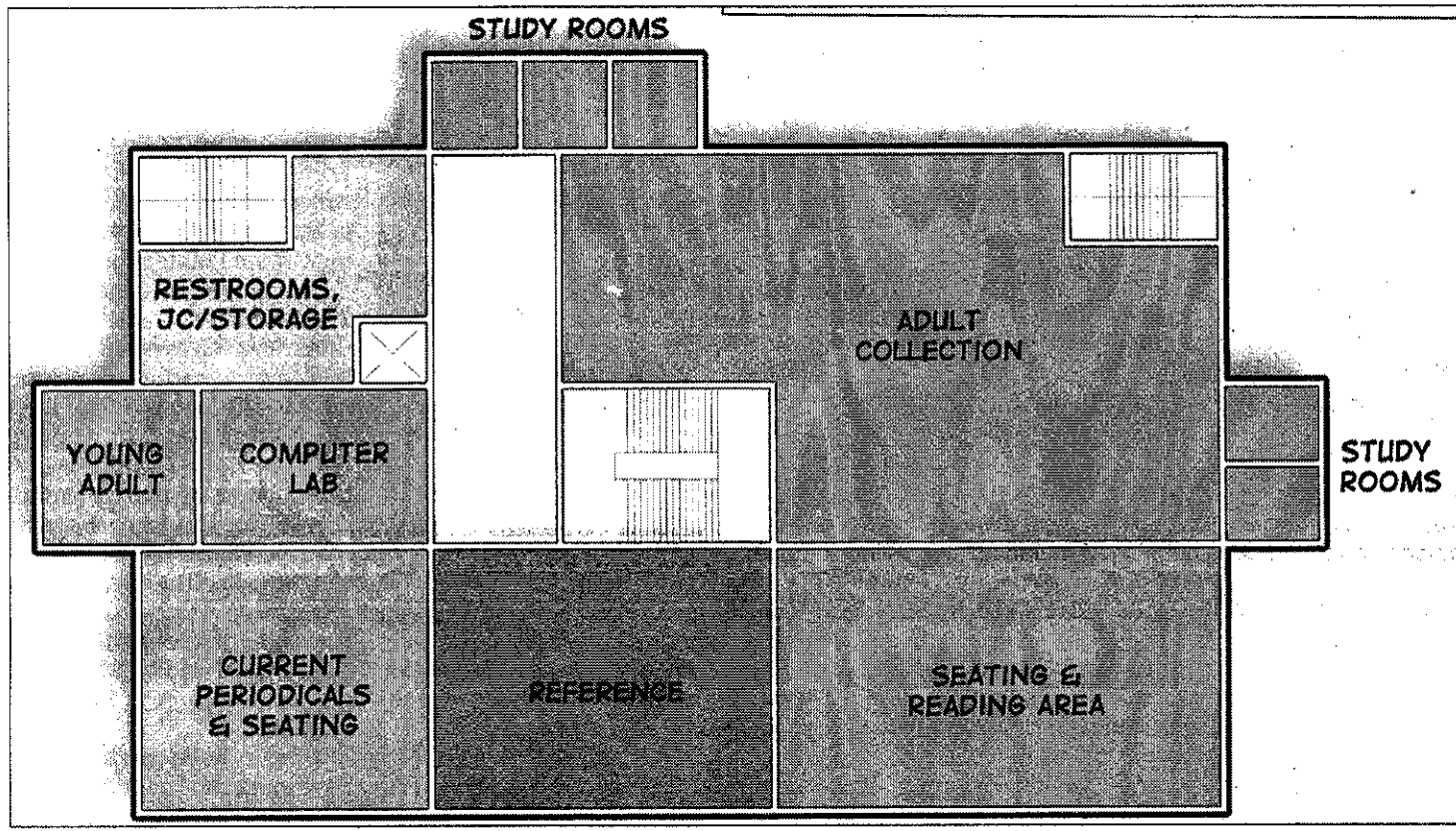
"If this is a viable option, you should go ahead with a survey and soil testing of the site," he said. "It is critical to find out what is below ground in terms of liabilities."

After Mumby's presentation, some board members pointed out another obstacle — funding for a new library — must be resolved before they can proceed.

"We do not have the funds to do anything like that," said David Bergeron, board treasurer. "We are going to have to get together as a board and look at funding options. Realistically, we have to go to the community to look for some level of support."

The board approved at its July meeting a motion allowing library director Vickey Bloom to have soil testing and a land survey performed.

The architectural firm of Fanny Howey & Associates' feasibility study proposes a three-story Central branch library with underground parking. The ground floor would feature the audio visual, reference and children's areas as well as a store, coffee shop and an outdoor patio.



SHORELINE: Mowing allowed

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Scott has been trying to determine what, if anything, can be done about acres of accretion building up north of Vernier in the Shores.

Homeowners in the area want permission to dredge the accretion and vegetation that latches onto it because it is unsightly, has a foul odor, cuts off access to the lake and lowers property values.

"The DEQ has indicated a willingness and desire to work with individual landowners regarding smaller-scale projects that may enable landowners to more fully utilize their respective waterfronts while protecting the natural resources of Lake St. Clair," Scott wrote.

The accreted area — which dwarfs accretion north of Moross in Grosse Pointe Farms — is a combination of

wetlands and submerged state-owned bottomland, both of which are protected by habitat laws.

"While many shoreline management activities are allowed, others are required to follow a permitting process through one or both of (the DEQ and U.S. Army Corps of Engineers)," Scott wrote.

Current DEQ rules governing beach maintenance allow the following:

- ◆ mowing vegetation to two inches without disturbing soil or plant roots.
- ◆ vegetation can be pulled out on a small scale, except for endangered species.
- ◆ the top 4 inches of soil can be raked to remove debris, but plant roots can't be damaged.
- ◆ a temporary pathway up to 6 feet wide may be constructed leading to open water.

Recent changes in state law designating pilot areas on Grand Traverse Bay and Saginaw Bay allow riparian landowners to remove certain vegetation from exposed bottomlands upon written approval from the DEQ.

LAKE COURT: Will still get City water

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responsibility for various issues between municipalities," according to Peter Dame, City manager. "As a result, last year the Park proposed a change in the border with the City to include the street and property west of the street into the Park's boundaries."

In return, Park officials have offered to pay to repair the street and two-thirds of the

cost of legal fees tied to the transfer.

The switch would affect four homeowners and result in an estimated \$6,000 reduction in City property tax receipts annually, Dame said.

Scrace said the figure probably amounts to less than or at most equal to the cost of providing municipal services to the street.

Park councilmembers on July 10 approved a resolution to alter municipal boundaries to encompass Lake Court.

According to the resolution, the four homeowners would pay property tax to the Park yet continue receiving water service from the City.

Pointes for Peace to show award-winning film

The Pointes for Peace public forum will present the award-winning documentary, "You Can't Be Neutral on a Moving Train," about the life and times of Howard Zinn, historian and activist, at 7 p.m. Monday, July 31, at the Grosse Pointe Unitarian Church Annex, 17150 Maumee, Grosse Pointe.

The 2004 film chronicles Zinn's life from his early childhood growing up poor in New York City, through his Air

Force service in World War II, his leadership in the Civil Rights movement, and his activities as a Boston University professor during the Vietnam War.

Rare archival materials and interviews with colleagues, including Marian Wright Edelman, Daniel Ellsberg, Alice Walker and Noam Chomsky, are featured in the film, which won the Audience Award for Best Documentary

in the 2004 Provincetown International Film Festival.

An ice cream social precedes the Zinn film at 6:30 p.m. Both events are free.

Membership is free. All are welcome at Pointes for Peace

weekly gatherings at 7 p.m. Sundays at the corner of Kercheval and St. Clair in the City of Grosse Pointe Village.

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POINTER OF INTEREST

ESL students got more than a crash course in English from one dedicated teacher, **Donna Carson**, and her hardworking, caring assistants. Many times, they became close, like family.

ESL teacher retires after 29 years

By Margie Reins Smith
Special Writer

During the last school year, Donna Carson, the Grosse Pointe School System's teacher of English as a second language (ESL), had 65 students.

They spoke 14 different languages — Albanian, Arabic, Bangla, Bulgarian, Chinese, German, Hindi, Malayalam, Polish, Russian, Serbian, Spanish, Tagalog and Telugu.

Her job was to help them speak, read and write English so that they're comfortable and confident in their regular classrooms. Most of the kids achieve this level of confidence in just two years.

How does she do it?

"My wonderful assistants," Carson said. "I had a group of 14 ESL assistants who are the greatest group of women ever."

She didn't always have help. She began teaching ESL to 14 Grosse Pointe students in 1977. She worked part-time and was Grosse Pointe's only ESL teacher.

"I had no office, no phone," she said. "I had a yellow Volkswagen, which served as my office. The students were spread out all over Grosse Pointe in different schools. I saw each student twice a week for about 25 minutes each time. It wasn't enough."

Within a year, Carson's job expanded into a full-time position, but she still couldn't do it all. Volunteers helped for a while, but when the number of foreign-speaking students in-

creased from 14 to 98 in a single year, the school system began hiring ESL assistants to work with Carson.

"We had special qualities in mind when we hired these assistants," she said. "We were looking for women who knew kids, who were familiar with the Grosse Pointe school system, who knew the community and who knew the value of education."

In fact, the only requirement for an ESL assistant, she said, was (and still is) to be warm, loving and caring. "I can teach technique, but I can't teach somebody to be warm, loving and caring," she said.

Carson recruited and trained ESL assistants, who typically become more than assistant teachers of English as a second language. They get involved with the students and the students' families and often become surrogate mothers. ESL assistants are invited to their students' homes. They're on hand to help these new families figure out the maze of new experiences in a new country — how to deal with insurance and medical issues, credit cards and banking, for example.

"I am involved with students' families," Carson said. "I have the unique job of showing these parents that education here in America really makes a difference. I can help them see that their children can be anything they want to be."

"And, if there's a need," Carson said, "chances are good that an assistant will know



PHOTO BY MARGIE REINS SMITH

Donna Carson retired in June after 29 years teaching English as a second language to newly immigrated students in the Grosse Pointe Public School System. She and her assistants found personal rewards helping these children adapt to life in Grosse Pointe and America.

how to help. If she doesn't, she knows someone who knows someone who does.

"These women give so much. They're not just employees. They're always there. I

never hesitate to call them. They're godsends. The children have been fortunate to have them. ESL assistants go above and beyond and they deserve the credit."

Carson's goal was to help her students function independently in their regular classrooms as soon as possible. Each child is unique, but Carson starts by speaking

English and pointing.

"We all, as parents, taught our kids to speak English," she said. "This is just the same. I point. I show the meaning. I speak and write at the same time."

Carson visited six buildings every day to work with elementary, middle school and high school students. An ESL assistant works with every single student, every single day.

Carson grew up in Grosse Pointe and graduated from Grosse Pointe High School (now Grosse Pointe South High School) where she took beginning Spanish. She attended Michigan State University for two years and moved to Brownsville, Texas, where she completed a degree in Spanish and English from Pan American University.

"Brownsville is right on the border of Texas and Mexico," she said. "I was a bilingual teacher in Brownsville for a year, then I was in a business that employed many Spanish-speaking people. It was the best training — valuable preparation for what I'm doing now."

She moved back to Grosse Pointe in 1976 and taught American literature in a school in St. Clair Shores before joining Grosse Pointe schools.

She retired in June after a 29-year career.

"At first, Grosse Pointe had lots of refugees from Lebanon," Carson said. "Then we had a wave of Hmong refugees from Laos. Then we had a wave of mostly professional people from Eastern Europe. About 10 years ago, we had a huge influx of Albanians. Currently, we're seeing families from Saudi Arabia and India. Many are nurses hired by St. John Hospital."

"I have been so lucky to have had this job for 29 years," she said. "Every day was a challenge. Every day was interesting. Every day I learned something new. I can count on one hand the number of 'bad' days."

"This is the most gratifying job because I get involved with the children and their families. I see them for a long time and many of the kids keep in touch afterward."

Upon retirement, Carson and her husband plan to move to northern Michigan, near Torch Lake. This summer, they'll be golfing, boating, swimming and jet skiing. In the winter, they hope to visit Australia, New Zealand, Tasmania, Bora Bora and Tahiti.

GROSSE POINTE PARK

Tree planting

By Bob St. John
Staff Writer

The City of Grosse Pointe Park has been cutting down and removing diseased elm trees, as well as ash trees infested with Emerald Ash Borer.

So far this year, 129 ash trees have been cut down due to the Emerald Ash Borer infestation. Only nine elm trees have been removed due to Dutch Elm Disease.

"We have planted around 50 trees at the moment," Grosse Pointe Park city forester Brian Colter said. "We're gearing up for major tree planting this fall because we now have the money from the city budget and a grant we received."

"We have made a conscious effort to plant more elm trees than we have cut down during the past few years," Park City Manager Dale Krajniak said.



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Six candidates run for Dist. 1 commissioner

By Bob St. John
Staff Writer

Incumbent Christopher F. Cavanagh (D) is seeking his sixth consecutive term as Wayne County 1st District Commissioner.

The commissioner of this post serves the five Grosse Pointes, Harper Woods and the northeast part of Detroit.

Below is a profile of each Democratic candidate running for the 1st District Commissioner. Republican Daniel L. Mercier is running unopposed and will face the winning Democrat in November.

Chris Cavanagh (D)

Cavanagh, 46, has helped secure funds for 2005 Wayne County Federal Aide Projects on Kercheval, including \$306,119 for the resurfacing of Kercheval between University and Fisher, \$469,000 to resurface Vernier between Harper and Mack and the \$1 million resurfacing of Kelly between Moross and 8 Mile.

He was also instrumental in attaining \$1.438 million to help rejuvenate the area of Mack between Fisher and Allard, as well as a 2007 safety project in which \$49,600 will go toward upgrading the traffic signals on Vernier at Marter.

He is vice chairman of the Committee on Ways and Means, which oversees Wayne County's \$2 billion annual budget.

As former Chairman of the Committee on Economic Developmental projects, he oversaw the construction of downtown Detroit's dual stadium complex, Comerica Park and Ford Field; the expansion of Detroit-Wayne County Metropolitan Airport with the McNamara Terminal; and the commercial-residential development occurring in Northville.

He is a member of the Government Operations and Public Services committees, chairs the Commission's Special Committee on Neighborhood Development, and is a member of three special committees: Homeland Security, Transportation and Rules.

Cavanagh resides in Grosse Pointe Woods and attended the University of Notre Dame and the University of Michigan.

"I have been effective as a county commissioner during my first four terms and I will continue to be an active participant when it comes to helping the residents of the Grosse Pointes, Harper Woods and northeast Detroit get a fair shake in Wayne County," Cavanagh said.

One major project Cavanagh is working on is getting a return on investment from the parks millage.

"The Grosse Pointes are



Christopher F. Cavanagh

putting a lot of money into the county and not getting any in return," he said. "I want to create a formula that would give the Pointes a 50 percent return; so if they give \$1 million to the county, they would get \$500,000 back to use for community projects."

He is also pushing for \$2 million to build an art center on Jefferson in Grosse Pointe Park.

"It's been a tough road, but we're making headway. This arts center would be nice on the east side," he said.

His other projects include: working to guarantee tourist tax dollars will be channeled into distressed neighborhoods for economic development; visiting local schools promoting Internet safety; and encouraging the city to tear down abandoned buildings and put families into buildings that can be rehabilitated.

Cavanagh comes from a political family. His father was Jerome P. Cavanagh, mayor of Detroit from 1962 to 1970. His uncle, Michael Cavanagh, currently serves as Justice of the Michigan Supreme Court, and his brother Mark Cavanagh serves as a judge on the Michigan Court of Appeals. Another brother, Philip Cavanagh, is serving his third term on the Wayne County Board of Commissioners District No. 9, serving Redford Township, Dearborn Heights and Garden City.

Cavanagh believes his strong family commitment to public service has afforded him a wealth of experience and insight. His experience as an appointee in both administrative and legislative branches of county government has taught him how government can work better for a common cause, he said.

"The 15 commissioners in Wayne County have to work together to continue making it one of the strongest counties in the state and in the country," Cavanagh said. "If I'm elected, I can continue to use my experience to work with the people."

He is a member of NACo (National Association of Counties), and is backed by the UAW, Greater Detroit Regional Chamber of Commerce, Government Administrators Association, Wayne County



Ken Daniels

Executive Robert A. Ficano, Community Coalition, General Government Retirees, International Union of Operating Engineers Local 324, Wayne County Register of Deeds Bernard Youngblood and Chief Assistant Wayne County Prosecutor Richard Hathaway.

Cavanagh has been going door-to-door throughout the communities he serves.

Ken Daniels (D)

Ken Daniels, a 48-year-old Detroit resident, is banking on his political experience to earn him the county commissioner 1st District seat.

"I have a lot of confidence I will be voted in as county commissioner," Daniels said. "I have a ton of experience I will use to benefit the residents of the Grosse Pointes, Harper Woods and northeast Detroit."

Daniels was a member of the Detroit Public School Board and a state representative, representing District No. 2.

He said he has worked to improve student performance, repair buildings and restructure the ninth-grade while a school board member.

"I know all of the politicians in the area and it definitely is an advantage to be friends with all of them," Daniels said. "I can make a difference here in District No. 1, if I'm elected."

Daniels said it's crucial for all 15 county commissioners to work together.

"We need to get things done here in Wayne County and the residents of northeast Detroit, Harper Woods and the Grosse Pointes can help make the county strong again," he said. "We can work together as a whole. I'm confident of that."

Daniels is supported by the DPOA, Deputy Sheriff's Union, 13th Congressional Democratic District, Fannie Lou Hamer, Council of Baptist Pastors Labor Alliance, SEIU, UAW and Carpenters Union.

"I'm proud to work closely with the people of the east end of Wayne County," he said. "We will work as one if I'm elected."

While serving in the state house, Daniels introduced a number of bills that he said improved the quality of life for Michigan residents. He authored the blight court legislation, increased jury duty fees, abandoned vehicles legislation



Timothy P. Killeen

and the anti-steering legislation, which are all public acts.

"Once on the commission, I will continue to work on issues that will improve the quality of life for the residents of Wayne County," Daniels said. "It takes teamwork to make the dream work."

Daniels is married with a son, 25, and daughter, 17. He attended WCCCD as a business major.

Tim Killeen (D)

Tim Killeen, 48, is running a second time for commissioner. He narrowly lost to Cavanagh in 2004.

"I feel I have a good chance this year to catch Cavanagh in the race because I am more recognized throughout the community and I have been hard at work going door-to-door, letting the constituents know who I am and what I stand for."

He spent 13 years teaching science at Detroit Denby High School and lives in the city of Detroit. He grew up on the eastside, including Grosse Pointe Farms, and is an usher at St. Matthew Church. He is the father of one son, Thorean.

He graduated from Michigan State University with a Bachelor of Science degree in biology and earned a teaching certificate. He attended Wayne State University, St. Joseph's College and graduated from Detroit DeLaSalle Collegiate High School.

Killeen said he will push for: modern, efficient, regional mass transit; improved recycling and no out-of-state trash; clean water and protection of Lake St. Clair; and comprehensive and cost-effective health care and mental health services.

Other areas Killeen says he will focus on are the environment (help safeguard Lake St. Clair), youth services (support programs that give young people more opportunities to participate in community programs), community-based organizations (be an advocate and help find the resources to help citizens solve their own problems) and insurance redlining (work with state representatives to find reasonable and equitable methods of setting home and auto insurance rates).

He has managed a food business, chaired Sierra Club political committees at the state and local levels, served as secretary for the Environmental Caucus of the Michigan Democratic Party and served as a board member for a state-wide food co-op federation.

He is also a member of the executive board of the Grosse Pointe Democratic Club.

"We need to get the county headed in the right direction," Killeen said. "They just wrapped up the 2004 audit and are beginning the 2005 audit. The county audit is a year behind. That has to change and I think we, as county commissioners, can get that changed."



Daniel L. Mercier

is a third generation Grosse Pointe resident.

If elected, Mercier plans to have a two-prong approach to making Wayne County government more responsive and efficient for the citizens of District One.

First, he wants to work toward forming a smaller but more efficient Wayne County government, substantially cutting government administration fees and then reallocating those tax dollars to pay those that actually provided a service.

"No more paying people to watch other people watch other people work, we the tax paying residents deserve nothing less," he said.

Secondly, he is concerned about the upside-down ratio of tax dollars being sent downtown by District One residents to the value of services they are receiving.

"The constituents in District One need a much better return on our Wayne County tax dollars," Mercier said.

As a Wayne County special assistant prosecuting attorney, Mercier disposed of more than 1,000 Wayne County Juvenile cases.

"As a consultant to the Wayne County Commission, I assisted in identifying the best proposal to provide passenger rail service between the city of Detroit and Metro Airport," Mercier said. "As a commissioner, I will work hard to make this passenger rail service a reality."

At Wayne County Children and Family Services, he worked on providing the best education to the children detained at the Wayne County Youth Home by using federal, state and private funds to minimize the use of Wayne County tax dollars.

"As such, I provided the citizens of Wayne County the highest return on tax dollar possible," he said.

At the Office of the Wayne County CEO as a constituent service representative, Mercier met and worked with the local governments and citizen groups in the Grosse Pointes and Harper Woods.

He identified how and what services they were currently receiving and how they could be better provided.

"When I am elected commissioner for District One, I already know where we need to expand and strengthen Wayne County services to be more responsive to the tax-paying residents of District One," Mercier said.

As a self employed real estate developer, he has successfully structured, closed and is currently rehabbing a nine story building located in the Central Business District of Detroit.

Mercier has never run for the county commissioner office before, but has worked on other local and county campaigns.

"I believe Wayne County has the best labor forces and industrial infrastructure in the world," Mercier said. "Additionally, the State of Michigan has an abundance of natural resources such as iron ore and copper. I will as a commissioner work closely with our private sector employers to capitalize on these strengths."

Deano Day (D)

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Pointer among Democrat state rep candidates

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

Three candidates are running in the Democratic primary election for state representative.

Profiles of two candidates, Timothy Bledsoe of the City of Grosse Pointe and Je Donna Dinges of Detroit, follow. Candidate William L. Miller of Detroit could not be contacted in time for deadline.

State representatives are limited by the state Constitution to serving three terms.

Timothy Bledsoe

Lobbyists and special interest groups needn't apply to the political campaign of Timothy Bledsoe.

"I'm running as a reform candidate," said Timothy Bledsoe, candidate in the Democrat primary for District 1 state representative.

Bledsoe, a 53-year-old political science professor from the City of Grosse Pointe, is tired of money having a vote in politics.

"When you have special interests steering political outcomes, it's time to roll up our sleeves and try to do something about it," he said.

Bledsoe is doing his part by refusing campaign contributions from special interests.

"There is a personal commitment not to take contributions from political action committees and not to receive free trips and lunches from lobbyists," he said.

A veteran of helping other candidates' campaigns — he was a precinct organizer for Sen. John Kerry's 2004 presidential effort — this is Bledsoe's first run for public office.

"Politics is a hard fight," he said. "In the end people usually get what they want." He said voters should choose him if they want a responsible voice in the state capitol, quality schools and universities, jobs, women's reproductive rights and representation for all citizens in one of the state's most diverse districts.

"The word I emphasize is accountability," Bledsoe said.

Bledsoe was born and raised in small-town Arkansas. Segregation applied to everything from public education to drinking fountains.

The experience was tough to swallow and, to conclude the metaphor, left a bad taste in his mouth.

"I'm left of center on social issues," Bledsoe said.

Kenneth Cockrel Jr., president of the Detroit city council, called Bledsoe "a strong and knowledgeable political ally at a critical time in the history of both Detroit and Michigan."

Bledsoe earned a Ph.D. in political science at the University of Nebraska and teaches at Wayne State University.

He has written and contributed to books about urban reform, race relations, careers in politics and more.

He teaches that good politics serves the interests of the people. He said he tells students, "Think of politics as a participation sport rather than a spectator sport."

Bledsoe said Michigan leaders have to prepare the state for a new economy based on a highly skilled workforce. With mid-level management jobs and high-paying assembly jobs being eliminated or sent overseas, the old way of working doesn't work anymore.

"I want to take Michigan into the 21st century," Bledsoe said. "As a college professor, I have good insight into the educational system and how we can compete with states like Massachusetts and California. So many of our college graduates are leaving Michigan to find employment elsewhere."

Bledsoe played up the education connection when writing a campaign slogan: "3Rs — reform, reproductive rights and representation for all citizens."

He said pharmacists should

be required to fill valid prescriptions to assure women timely access to birth control. Bledsoe said limiting unwanted pregnancies will reduce abortions.

"Michigan must not follow the example of South Dakota and totally eliminate women's reproductive rights," he said.

Bledsoe has a sailboat and belongs to the Sierra Club.

"We have a duty to our creator to exercise environmental stewardship," he said. "I am keenly aware of the importance of the lake to our community. Lake St. Clair makes us unique."

Bledsoe has campaigned in Detroit by giving talks and meeting with religious representatives.

If elected, he said he'll meet regularly with constituents throughout the district, including Detroit.

"We have a diverse constituency," he said. "It is the people that make the district."

Whoever wins the Democratic primary, Bledsoe said the district will benefit from the political discourse.

"In the City of Grosse Pointe we had our first contested mayoral election in 12 years," he said. "The community is better from having that process."

If victorious on Aug. 8, Bledsoe looks forward to campaigning against Republican Edward Gaffney in the general election.

"It will give us a chance to challenge his decisions and leadership," Bledsoe said. "As a result of that, our entire district will be enriched."

Je Donna Dinges

There are more Democrats in Grosse Pointe than there used to be.

"John Kerry won Grosse Pointe Park by 2,600 votes in the last presidential election," said Je Donna Dinges, candidate for state representative.

Dinges plans to tap that support and more to represent everyone in District 1.



Timothy Bledsoe

"I am a regular, everyday person who has gotten tired of not receiving representation in my part of the district," she said.

Dinges, 43, lives with her husband and 7-year-old daughter in the East English Village neighborhood of east-side Detroit.

"Our current state representative never comes to that part of the district," Dinges said. "That upset and concerned me. Something needed to be done about it so I decided to do something about it. I decided to run for office to make sure there was someone in that seat who was concerned about every part of the district."

She doesn't have a political background. She works for Colonial Supplemental Insurance Company.

"I am a life and health insurance agent," she said. "No one put me in this race. I put myself in this race."

If victorious through the November general election, Dinges would like to report from Lansing that Michigan is solving its healthcare, education and economic challenges.

"Healthcare is a huge issue in the state," Dinges said. "There are a lot of people who are uninsured and underinsured in Michigan. Frankly, a lot of them live on the east-side."

Since declaring her candi-



Je Donna Dinges

dacy in April, Dinges said she and her supporters have campaigned house-to-house knocking on more than 4,000 doors.

"People are concerned about healthcare. We aren't just talking about people who are unemployed. I'm talking about people who are employed but have no health insurance — attorneys, Realtors, people who are self-employed," Dinges said. "The state needs to move in the direction of universal health care that people can afford. That's a challenge. People can't afford to purchase Blue Cross and Blue Shield on their own."

She spoke of the importance of preventive healthcare and wellness programs letting people obtain PAP smears, mammograms and other treatments and tests to intercept illnesses and cancer.

"It's unfortunate that there's been a lot of conversation across the aisle about cutting funding for those plans," she said, referring to Republicans in the House.

Dinges, a communications graduate of the University of Detroit, wants everyone in Michigan to have the opportunity of a quality education.

"Gov. Jennifer Granholm has a great K-16 education initiative that needs to be supported," she said.

Dinges said one of her neighbors worries how to fund a daughter's schooling at Michigan State University.

"I don't think people should be concerned about that," Dinges said. "Every child in this state deserves an excel-

lent education, no matter if they live in Grosse Pointe, Harper Woods, Detroit or anywhere."

She said cuts in financial aid might hold down taxes, but at what cost?

"Everyone wants lower taxes, of course," she said. "I don't want to pay higher taxes than I have to. But taxes fund the infrastructure; they fund schools. Everyone wants great schools. We need to make sure funds are there to fund public education. Cuts in financial aid are a shame."

Dinges is concerned that Michigan's economic might is being shipped overseas.

"On the federal level, there are some bad pieces of legislation that have hurt Michigan," she said. "There's so much outsourcing it's ridiculous. NAFTA (North American Free Trade Agreement) and CAFTA (Central American Free Trade Agreement) are definitely encouraging companies to out-source."

She is encouraged by Google's announced move to Ann Arbor, and supports

Granholm's efforts to attract employers.

"The governor is on the right track to go anywhere and do anything to get jobs," Dinges said.

She doesn't claim to know all the answers, but doesn't think repealing the Single Business Tax is the best way to improve the state's business climate.

"A lot of people are trying to make it about the Single Business Tax, but that replaced about 10 other taxes," Dinges said. "When you lay it out, Michigan's single business tax is not the highest business tax in the Midwest."

Dinges said her campaign is about working hard to bring about change.

"I'm willing to work harder than anybody," she said. "I just got fed up and decided to do something about it. If people want the same thing they've gotten, vote for the same person. If you want change and something different, vote for someone new. I'm a working mom and a wife and I know how to get things done."

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EDITORIAL

Primary vote in two weeks

It is that time again — the mid-summer Primary Election, slated for Tuesday, Aug. 8. One has to wonder about the wisdom of holding an election during the dog days of summer.

The first contested race on the ballot for Grosse Pointe is that for Second District State Senator. Incumbent Democrat Sen. Martha Scott of Highland Park has three challengers.

Sen. Scott has earned the respect of many prominent Grosse Pointers for her work in abating the accretion problem along Lake St. Clair and particularly affecting the lakeside properties in Grosse Pointe Shores, north of Vernier.

In fact, Grosse Pointe supporters of Sen. Scott are urging all voters — including Republicans — to vote on the Democratic side in order to ensure Sen. Scott's victory. A word of caution: Voters must limit their selections to either the Republican or Democratic side of the ballot. If you "split your ticket," your ballot will be rejected.

We have always enjoyed our discussions with Sen. Scott, and we appreciate her efforts to help shoreline property owners. We urge Democratic primary voters to choose Sen. Scott as their candidate in November. If she wins the Primary Election, Sen. Scott will face Republican Michael Hoehn, of the City of Grosse Pointe, in the fall.

State Rep. Ed Gaffney, R-Grosse Pointe Farms, is unopposed on the primary ballot. However, there are three candidates for 1st District State Representative on the Democratic side.

Timothy Bledsoe, 53, of the City of Grosse Pointe, is a professor of political science at Wayne State University. He was very active locally on U.S. Sen. John Kerry's 2004 presidential campaign. This is Mr. Bledsoe's first run for public office.

We urge Grosse Pointe Democrats to vote for Mr. Bledsoe on the primary ballot.

For the Wayne County Commissioner, 1st District, Democratic incumbent Christopher Cavanagh faces four challengers, one of whom is Tim Killeen, 48, of Detroit.

Mr. Killeen narrowly lost to the incumbent, Mr. Cavanagh, in the Democratic primary election two years ago. A former Derby High School biology teacher, Mr. Killeen comes from a political family. His father, James Killeen, was Wayne County Clerk from 1974 to 1992, and his uncle, George Killeen, has been a Wayne and Macomb county commissioner for two decades.

We rarely hear from Mr. Cavanagh except at election time. We believe Mr. Killeen would be less of a stranger, and we urge Democrats to select Mr. Killeen to oppose Republican Daniel Mercier in November.

Above all, we urge voters to turn out for the Tuesday, Aug. 8, primary election.

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The only proposal on the Wayne County Primary Ballot is that for renewal of .59 of a mill for SMART, the suburban transportation system.

SMART's last millage renewal was four years ago. If approved, the .59 mill will expire in four years.

According to Dan Dirks, SMART general manager, ridership is up and expected to continue to increase.

In an interview with the Grosse Pointe News, Mr. Dirks pointed out that while bus service used to be mostly one way — into downtown Detroit in the morning and out of the city in the evening — he is now seeing full buses traveling in both directions.

He said all SMART buses are ramp-equipped for wheelchair users. SMART even hired an impaired bus rider to teach others with disabilities how to use the public transportation.

And even if you are not a regular bus rider, there is still good reason to vote for the SMART millage renewal.

All the funds not used for the main bus routes are returned to the local communities. In the Pointes, the money and buses for the Pointe Area Assisted Transportation Service — PAATS — comes from SMART.

PAATS is used locally to take senior citizens and the disabled to hospitals, doctor appointments and stores. The service is very popular, and as the population continues to age, it will be in greater demand.

Mr. Dirks said cooperation between SMART and DDOT is at an all-time high and a model for other metropolitan areas.

We think this is all good news, and we urge Grosse Pointe voters to approve the four-year, .59-mill renewal request for SMART.

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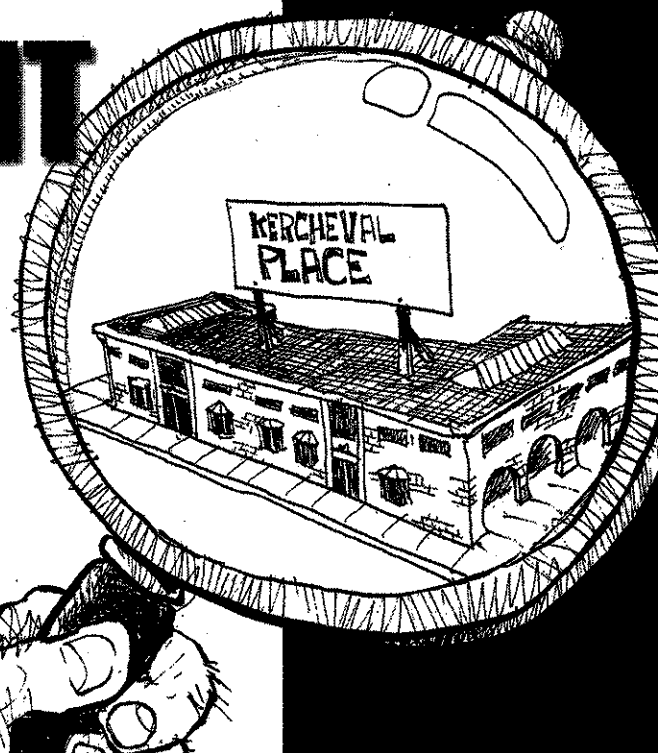
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Heartfelt thanks for swim-a-thon

To the Grosse Pointe community:

A heartfelt thank you to all members of Danny's extended family — friends and fans — who came to honor him at the Danny Pogue Memorial Swim-a-thon.

It was wonderful to see so many of you on a sunny Sunday morning.

Thank you, also, to those who made it possible: The Grosse Pointe Hunt Club board of directors and staff, those who volunteered their time, and the Grosse Pointe News.

We hope to see all of you again next year!

BOB, KRISTIN, JESSIE, JENNY AND BOBBY POGUE

Thanks members and supporters

To the Editor: It is a privilege to thank the 200-plus members who have joined the Grosse Pointe Chamber of Commerce since its inception eight months ago and those who attended our

semiannual general membership meeting at the Edsel and Eleanor Ford House in July.

We would also like to thank our sponsors for this event: Health Plan of Michigan; Allstate Insurance, J. C. Brooks Agency; ALCOS; Edmund T. Ahee Jewelers; St. John Hospital & Medical Center; Bon Secours Cottage Health Services Foundation; The Sterling of Grosse Pointe; Chase; Miller Canfield; Cathy Champion; Joseph DuMouchelle's Jewelers; Franklin Bank; Pointe Vision Care; and Alan Marschke's Oriental Rug Gallery.

We would also like to thank the Grosse Pointe News and the five Grosse Pointe cities for their continuous support.

MARY HUEBNER
Executive Director
Grosse Pointe Chamber of Commerce

Where are the all-staters?

To the Editor: Being recognized as an All-State player is the greatest individual honor a high school athlete can receive. It is there-

fore extremely disappointing that the Grosse Pointe News has not seen fit to acknowledge these achievements by our local athletes consistently throughout the year.

When I have called to ask about this curious omission (and not just on behalf of University Liggett School athletes), sports editor Chuck Klonke (who does an outstanding job in general) has explained about space limitations. Still, it is surprising then to see the photographs and articles chosen for that limited space and, seemingly, taking priority over All-State recognition.

The Grosse Pointe Times acknowledged the area's All-State baseball recipients last week. Nothing was in the Grosse Pointe News. In fact, last fall's All-State girls tennis players still have not been mentioned in the Grosse Pointe News.

Shame on you for not recognizing the importance of honoring Grosse Pointe high school All-State athletes.

CHUCK WRIGHT
Grosse Pointe Woods

PS: This is the first letter of this kind I have ever written.

Editor's note: The author is a tennis coach for University Liggett School. For the record, the Grosse Pointe News published 86 ULS sports-related stories during the 2005-06 school year, an average of two per week. A survey of 26 issues of the Grosse Pointe Times from the last school year available at the Grosse Pointe Central Library revealed, a total of 12 ULS-related sports items, including single-paragraph men-

tions in high school sports roundups, an average of two per month.

Takes umbrage with cartoonist

To the Editor:

I would like to take exception to Phil Hands' cartoon in the July 20 Grosse Pointe News that seems to criticize the selection of Brendan Walsh as president of the Grosse Pointe School Board.

I am not sure how we can expect to have Grosse Pointe residents like Mr. Walsh continue to serve the community by giving their time and effort to organizations like the school board if they are going to be subjected to such petty and small-minded negative treatment. As was reported in the same issue, four of the school board members, including Mr. Walsh, voted to forgo compensation for their work, which makes the whole basis of the cartoon even more outlandish.

As a personal acquaintance of Mr. Walsh, I feel that he is fully qualified for this position, and as a past president of the City of Grosse Pointe Foundation, I can counsel him that he should be prepared for criticism of decisions he'll make during his tenure. Subjecting him to public scorn for his decision to serve the community before he's had a chance to do anything is unconscionable.

The Grosse Pointe News owes Mr. Walsh an apology in a manner as public as that which your cartoon exhibited.

DOUG BOEHMER
City of Grosse Pointe

GUEST EDITORIAL By Michael Goodell

Floyd Landis: The heart of a lion

The only thing certain about the 2006 Tour de France was that Lance Armstrong would not win. For the first time in eight years, it was a wide-open race.

Not only was Armstrong absent, but his two chief rivals, Jan Ullrich and Ivan Basso, implicated in a Spanish doping investigation, had withdrawn the day before the tour began. The next most-likely winner, Alexandre Vinokourov, though not implicated himself, also fell victim to the probe, when his team was disqualified.

With the four best riders gone, this promised to be the most competitive tour in years. Indeed, it proved to be so. Seven different men wore the yellow jersey, designating the overall tour leader. That was one off the record. The lead changed hands a record 11 times, and the final margin of victory of just 59 seconds, was one of the narrowest ever.

American hopes for victory were dealt a blow when Bobby Julich crashed in the first time trial, and George Hincapie,

whose Discovery Channel team disappeared without Armstrong at the helm, lost 21 minutes in the second mountain stage. Though Levi Leipheimer remained within striking distance, only Floyd Landis lived up to his promise. But even his prospects were thrown into question when, a week into the tour, he announced he would undergo hip replacement surgery after the tour.

Landis finally took the lead in the Pyrenees. It was his first time in the yellow jersey, the maillot jaune, or "Mellow Johnny," as Armstrong liked to call it. Though he surrendered it to former teammate Oscar Pereiro, he reclaimed it on stage 15. At that point many were ready to concede victory to the American. The French newspaper L'Equipe was already beginning to spin the result, sniffing that though Landis wore the maillot jaune, he wore it without "panache."

That was about to change. Beginning with stage 16, the toughest of the tour, Landis cracked on the last of five brutal climbs. He hit the wall and

nearly abandoned the race, losing an incredible one minute per kilometer over the final six miles.

It was among the greatest collapses by a race leader ever. Landis finished 23rd on the stage, and dropped to 11th place over all, and, most believed, completely out of the competition.

Incredibly, Landis and his Phonak team regrouped the following day, setting a grueling pace for the first 50 kilometers. Then Landis broke away alone. The other riders let him go, confident that he couldn't stay away all day. Not by himself. Not for 150 kilometers. Not a man as broken as Landis.

They were more concerned with Pereiro. Distracted by the yellow jersey in their midst, they allowed Landis to move three, six, finally nine minutes ahead.

Though the race leaders pulled back some of his advantage, at the end of the stage Landis was in third place, just 30 seconds behind Pereiro, who had managed to retain the yellow jersey by a scant 12 sec-

onds over Carlos Sastre.

Jean-Marie LeBlanc, long-time tour director, said he had never seen such a performance. Regardless of the final result, Landis had put his imprimatur on this year's tour. They will be talking about these two days in the Alps for decades.

The penultimate stage of the tour was an individual time trial, a discipline in which Landis excelled. Though he only finished third on the day, he eclipsed Sastre and Pereiro's time, and regained the yellow jersey for the final, ceremonial stage into Paris.

At the end of the tour, at the end of three weeks and 2,100 miles, Landis had done the impossible. Just the third American to win the Tour de France, his victory marked the eighth consecutive year "The Star-Spangled Banner" has sounded over the Champs Elysees at the conclusion of France's biggest sporting event.

Including Greg LeMond's three tour victories, this was

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I SAY By Brad Lindberg

Wise guys, pizza and a new Detroit



Cadillac Ace drove a big Cadillac and spent about as much time in jail as out.

He claimed he could smell money. The talent came in handy with the company he kept.

"Some people have a lot of cash in their house for certain occasions," said the teller of the tale.

It was one of many under-world insights at first over-

heard, then told of directly, by a court watcher entranced by the Marasco murder-for-hire trial in Wayne County Circuit Court.

When the storyteller wise guy wanna-be learned I was a reporter from Grosse Pointe, he tried to sidle up to me like draftees on the Group W bench did to Arlo Guthrie in "Alice's Restaurant" when they learned he'd been arrested for something more substantial than litterin'.

Story Teller wanted to know if I personally knew mafia types from the Pointes. I don't, I said. With that, my light dimmed in his eyes. I was unconnected, they call it.

I was never treated to any more stories about Cadillac Ace, except that he might be dead. Might? I guess Story

Teller wasn't really connected, either.

You don't know how much my backside hurts from sitting on a wood bench in the seventh-floor courtroom of Judge Gregory D. Bill during eight weeks of covering proceedings against Marasco of the City of Grosse Pointe and his co-conspirator Derrick Anthony Thompson of Detroit.

There also was a five-pound weight gain, since shed, associated with sitting almost all day up to four days per week, except for quick lunches 1 1/2 blocks away at PizzaPapalis in Greektown or one block further down Beaubian at Nikki's.

Could I imagine the day I would get tired of eating pizza? Never. But here it was, at the start of the sixth week of trial.

Oh no, pizza again.

It became a meal of convenience.

Pizza was the only thing on the menu guaranteed to be served and paid-for quickly enough so I could be back in court upon resumption of trial. I had to get back in time to reclaim my favorite spot on the wood bench: at the far end of row two where I had elbow room to take notes and avoid sitting next to relatives and sympathizers of the many defendants escorted before Judge Bill for arraignments, to schedule trial dates or be sentenced.

Circuit court is a busy place.

Sometimes before the murder trial began in the morning, or during breaks in testimony, sometimes at the start of the lunch hour or right after it end-

ed, Judge Bill faced a little parade of miscreants due for their dose of justice at the Frank Murphy Hall of Justice.

It was amazing how, according to comments overheard by defendants' supporters, Judge Bill seemed to be arraigning, scheduling trials for and sentencing people who hadn't done anything wrong.

Until the trial began, I thought I knew something about downtown Detroit: a few empty buildings, dirty streets and sidewalks on which no people drove or walked.

How times have changed. And quickly, too.

In the handful of years since I worked downtown, the place has been cleaned up. Older buildings are being occupied. New structures are being built.

Restaurants have opened. So have new parking garages. There are actually people on the sidewalks during lunch hour. Campus Martius Park really is Detroit's gathering place.

A few years ago, in the type of idle thought someone usually doesn't admit (such as which type of fighter plane would get me soonest to Montana), I wondered what the New York City skyline would look like if downtown Detroit were picked up and plunked down on Manhattan.

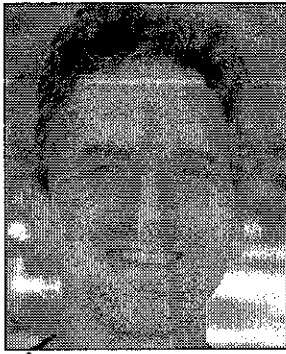
I concluded that New York is such a busy place no one would notice the arrival of additional buildings. Likewise, Detroit was so dead no one would notice it gone.

I'm happy to take that back.

STREETWISE By Renee Landuyt

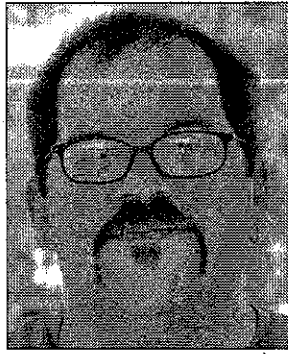
The primary election is Aug. 8. Do you think it should be held in September?

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



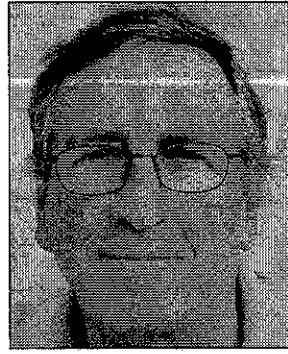
'Yes, it would enable more people to participate, and election day should be a national or a local holiday.'

JOHN CHETCUTI
Grosse Pointe Park



'Yes, so more people can participate.'

JAMES SCHULZ
Detroit



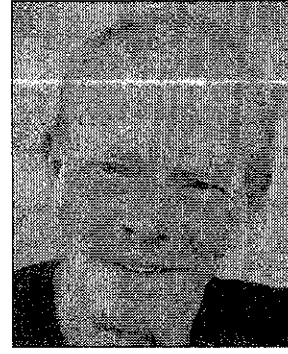
'I never thought that was a problem but the point is to get out and vote.'

TONY MORSE
Grosse Pointe Farms



'It should be held when most people are available to vote.'

JACK PURDON
City of Grosse Pointe



'Yes, elections should be held at a time when most people are back from vacation.'

ELMARK KUX
Princeton, N.J.



'Yes, they should have it moved to September because certain candidates could have their agenda easily pushed when they know people are out of town.'

JANICE ANDERSON
Grosse Pointe Woods

FYI By Ben Burns

Darwin-award crook comes to Farms



The Darwin Awards are described as tongue-in-cheek honors to folks who improve mankind by removing themselves from the species by doing something incredibly stupid. For example, the robber who when his pistol didn't fire looked down the barrel and pulled the trigger again, thus exiting this mortal coil.

Recently we had a Darwin-type award candidate in the Farms.

It seems Public Safety Officer Matt Hurner on patrol about 1 a.m. on Thursday morning spotted a car stopping in a No Parking zone on Kerby. He pulled up alongside

and advised the driver he couldn't park there. The driver thanked him and drove off.

Hurner, as a matter of habit, entered the license plate in the state computer database, but the computers were running slow so he didn't get an answer for a few minutes. When the report came back, it indicated the vehicle was stolen. The officer quietly turned around, followed the car and called for backup.

The driver, apparently noting the officer turning around, thought he would pretend he was visiting someone in the Farms. He pulled into a driveway, went up on a front porch and pretended to knock.

Officer Hurner blocked the driveway and asked the man what he was doing. The man blithely replied he was there to pick up Allison, his date. The problem was the officer knew the culprit was standing on the front porch of Farms Director of Public Safety Dan Jensen, whose daughter is named

Libby.

In a way, the culprit was lucky. Had he actually knocked on the door, he would have been greeted by the Jensen's 110-pound German shepherd, Zeus.

As the backup officers arrived, Officer Hurner invited the man off the porch to be arrested for possession of a stolen car.

Semper fidelis

Almost half a century after they met and served together at El Toro, Calif., with the Marine Air Support Squadron 3, a half dozen leathernecks got together again recently in a St. Louis suburb.

"It was great," said Doug Abood, 66, of Grosse Pointe. "Within a couple hours, we went back to being 21 again."

"I immediately knew everyone," Abood told St. Louis Suburban Journal writer Daniel Kelley. Their looks had changed, but not their personalities. "I knew we would ad-

just to everybody's new looks as soon as we sat down together," Abood said.

Other members of the group were Dan Zbinden of Cissna Park, Ill.; Pete Toul of Mexico, Mo.; Gary Hammerlund of Littleton, Colo.; Curt Thoreson of Wanamingo, Minn.; and Charles Hall of Rock Hill, S.C.

The six-pack of jarheads had various Marine Corps job assignments. Abood was in air intelligence; Hammerlund was in supplies; and Toul, Hall Zbinden and Thoreson were in communications. All six were honorably discharged as E-4s.

The Marines spent three days together in Bridgeton Mo., reminiscing, looking at old photos and playing poker as they did in the service. (Although the stakes were re-

portedly higher.)

"We were really close, Hammerlund was quoted as saying. "We would do everything together day in and day out for 2 1/2 years."

While the men never saw military action between July 1958 and July 1961, they did go on maneuvers to Hawaii and recalled renting a Hillman on Oahu and driving around the island and stopping at roadside stands for fresh pineapple.

"The six of us were, and still are, the best of friends," Abood said.

The reunion plans started with phone calls between him and Hammerlund. The pair decided to track down the other four, and were pleasantly surprised that all were still

alive and in good health and willing to travel to St. Louis, which was an easy drive for three of them.

In fact, they had such a good time renewing acquaintances they plan on getting together again next year in Chicago, and bringing along family members.

"My wife, Liz, thought it was a great idea," said Abood, who has lived in the Pointes for 29 years.

He did admit, though, that none of them could still fit in their dress blues.

Kathie found

Katherine Norman Anslow, of the Farms, laughed when she was asked if she wanted

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At a recent reunion of the Marine Air Support Squadron 3 were, back row from left, Dan Zbinden, Pete Toul, Gary Hammerlund, Curt Thoreson, front row, Charlie Hall and Doug Abood.

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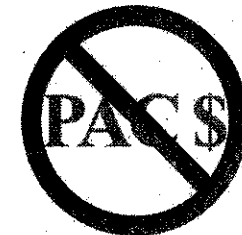
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Gaffney uncontested in primary

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

Incumbent Edward Gaffney is the only Republican candidate in the Aug. 8 primary election for state representative.

State representatives are limited by the state Constitution to serving three terms.

Edward Gaffney

He likes it, he loves it, he wants some more of it.

"The most important thing I've done is protect school funding," said Gaffney. "If Grosse Pointe is to remain a vibrant place where people want to live, we have to continue fighting for our schools. I've always run on that."

Gaffney, 62, lives in Grosse Pointe Farms, where he served as mayor and a councilman for 11 years.

Gaffney hopes to win his third consecutive term representing the Grosse Pointes, Harper Woods and a portion of eastside Detroit.

Two years ago Gaffney tangled with Gov. Jennifer

Granholm over the possible withdrawal of a school funding provision that benefited the Pointes to about \$1.1 million.

"The governor wanted to take that money away and give it to poorer districts," said Gaffney, proud the diversion never happened. "That was quite a fight. A fundamental building block of success in our community is good public schools."

Gaffney is a pro-business candidate but said he believes companies should be held accountable for their products.

He riled some conservatives by introducing legislation to amend laws shielding pharmaceutical companies from product liability. The bill is stuck in committee waiting for wider support.

"It doesn't make sense that a drug manufacturer shouldn't be responsible for the drugs they put in the stream of commerce," Gaffney said. "If it was pushed up for a vote, I think it would pass. I don't think party leadership is going to put it up."

Gaffney took a hit from the



State Rep. Ed Gaffney

Michigan Chamber of Commerce over that one. But the pro-economic growth organization came around to rate Gaffney 21 out of 21 on legislative matters deemed important to the state's economy.

Another bill Gaffney introduced requires hospitals and universities to publish the findings of clinical trials conducted with support of state funding.

"I pride myself on being independent and not going along with the party line every time," said Gaffney. "I'm trying to be reasonable. Most people in Grosse Pointe are reasonable, not at the extreme of either spectrum."

If reelected, Gaffney said he will continue trying to eliminate the pop-up property tax.

He referred to the situation where property assessments can't increase faster than the rate of inflation until the property changes ownership. Upon transfer of property, assessments increase to current market value, resulting in a corresponding pop up in property tax liability.

"It's one of the things hurting real estate sales," Gaffney said. "For some higher-end homes it means taxes can be doubled. It also works against senior citizens hoping to downsize."

He's also out to end the Single Business Tax.

"Part of the Single Business

Tax is based on payroll," Gaffney said. "It punishes people for creating jobs."

He'd make up for the tax's roughly \$2 billion revenue with a corporate tax.

"The Republican Caucus is doing what it can to make a better business climate and bring jobs to Michigan," Gaffney said. "I've always stood for this. I'm carrying out my priorities."

Another ongoing priority is the environment. Gaffney continues pushing his bill to double fines against water polluters.

"Lake St. Clair is the biggest asset we have over Birmingham and Bloomfield Hills," Gaffney said. "We have to continue to make sure that water stays pristine. No one has the right to pollute the water."

Gaffney said he has worked with the Sierra Club to support the Water Legacy Act. The act opposes siphoning Michigan water to places such as Arizona.

"Five of us Republican representatives held strong to help the Sierra Club work out a better act that everyone agreed to," Gaffney said.

In December the governor signed into law a Gaffney bill written to help the Detroit portion of his district.

The measure promotes residential development and shoring up the municipal tax base by allowing the creation of neighborhood enterprise zones in Detroit and other eligible cities. Owners of new or rehabilitated housing in such zones receive tax breaks that provide economic incentives to stabilize and improve communities.

In February, the governor signed into law Gaffney's legislation giving Grosse Pointe Woods and Harper Woods representation on the Milk River intercounty drain board.

Until the law went into effect, municipal funds had gone toward the board without weight of representation.

GOODELL: Cycling, yes, soccer, no

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the 11th time an American has won the tour in the past 21 years.

While Americans still have a ways to go to become competitive in another international sport, soccer, they have be-

come the dominant force in professional cycling.

Though Armstrong is gone, and Landis' future is questionable, the future remains bright for American prospects. Leipheimer remains strong, Christian Vandeveld and David Zabriskie are improving, and next year young Tom Danielson will make his tour debut with the Discovery Channel team.

Michael Goodell is a freelance writer from Grosse Pointe Farms.

FYI: Donor of dictionary found

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her 1947 Webster's Collegiate Dictionary with her maiden name inscribed on the cover returned by the American Association of University Women (AAUW).

The old dictionary had turned up in one of the AAUW collection bins for its annual fundraising sale.

"I grew up with a dictionary in every room in the house," Anslow said. "That might have been what got me interested in journalism. I thought they could sell it as an antique."

Anslow still has one or two other spelling bee championship dictionaries she won while attending elementary school and several much-newer dictionaries. She used to be society editor at the Free Press and still writes for the Episcopal diocese newspaper.

On the cover is the dedication: "Presented by The Detroit News to Katherine Norman, A Grade Champion in the Metropolitan Spelling Bee 1947." On the inside is a handwritten inscription: "To Mommie, From Kathie. I enjoyed winning it for you. 1947"

Asked if she remembered any words she won her championships on, Anslow said she remembered one three-letter word she faltered on. "It was

'yew,' Y-E-W. I had never heard of it.

"In a similar third-grade spelling bee, I once got frustrated by chief, C-H-I-E-F. But that embedded the rule about 'T' before 'E' except after 'C' in most words in my young mind."

(All this doesn't explain why I referred to Kathie as "Karen" in the original column item. That was a mental slip. My financial adviser is a Karen.)

The AAUW annual used book sale will take place Sept. 20-23 at the Woods Community Center on Mack between Moross and Vernier. For bibliophiles it is always an adventure.

Emily rides again

No word this week from our Habitat for Humanity Bicycle Challenge rider Emily Garlough of the Park, who is pedaling from Connecticut to Seattle to raise money to build homes. She has passed the 4,000 mile marker and was scheduled to be at North Cascades National Park on Tuesday with a day off Wednesday before doing the Washington State home stretch of Rockport on Thursday, Mukilteo on Friday and Seattle on Saturday. We'll get you a final report as soon as possible.

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CITY OF GROSSE POINTE

Gene's gets snow job

Gene's Landscaping has won another contract to remove snow from seven City of Grosse Pointe municipal parking lots.

Company representatives beat two bidders by offering to maintain 2003 prices through 2007.

Gene's will conduct 10 cleanings for \$7,960. Competitors wanted \$9,153 to \$16,000 for the same terms. Additional cleanings will cost \$760 each. City officials said Gene's has

contracted with the city for two decades.

"Over the years, Gene's Landscape has worked closely and effectively with city staff when performing snow plowing of the seven parking lots," according to Peter Dame, City manager.

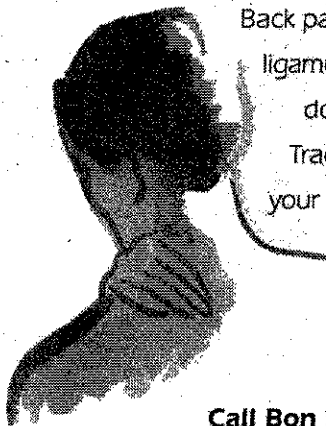
Expenditures for snow plowing are charged to the parking fund. City officials have budgeted \$10,000 for the 2006-2007 season.

—Brad Lindberg

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Good diabetes control improves quality of life



By: Suja Sukumar, M.D.

Keeping your blood glucose level as close to normal is critical for proper health. There's no doubt that closely following the course of treatment prescribed by your primary care

physician will make the difference between managing your diabetes and being managed by it. To begin, good diabetes control will make you feel good and give you more energy. It also will help to prevent serious complications like cardiovascular disease, stroke, and eye, kidney, foot and nerve damage that can develop after months or years of poor glucose control.

Good control begins with simple lifestyle changes. Eat a healthy diet low in fat and high in fiber, and keep a food diary to track your food choices. Exercise 30 minutes a day most days of the week. Take your medication as prescribed and on time. Don't smoke and, of course, remember to check your glucose level frequently throughout the day.

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PEOPLE

PIYUSH RAMAN, D.O., has joined the staff of Eastside Dermatology, which has offices in Grosse Pointe Woods and New Baltimore. He is a graduate of The University of Health Sciences-College of Osteopathy in Kansas City, MO. He completed his dermatology residency at POH Medical Center/Michigan State program in Pontiac.

emergency response funding and assisted 36,000 customers. Named in honor of the second president of DTE Energy subsidiary Detroit Edison, the Alex Dow Awards have been presented annually since 1946 to recognize DTE Energy employees' outstanding achievements related to company and industry operations and humanitarian activities.

organization which helps children around the world overcome cleft lip and palate deformities. She also works with cleft lip and palate teams at local area hospitals.



GARY R. GLENN has joined Miller Canfield's Detroit office as a principal and leader of the Federal Tax

Group. He joins the firm after 25 years with Jaffe Raitt Heuer & Weiss PC of Southfield.

Glenn has extensive experience in all areas of federal tax, particularly with tax planning for business combinations, sales, purchases and divisions. He also has experience in the formation and compliance of tax-exempt entities, as well as tax litigation and collection issues involving federal and state tax authorities.

Glenn is a member of the State Bar of Michigan, American Immigration Lawyers Association and National Association of Bond Lawyers. He was awarded his J.D., cum laude, from the University of Michigan Law School and his B.A. in economics from the University of Michigan. Glenn is a City of Grosse Pointe resident.

JENNIFER K. MERTZ, D.D.S., M.S., announced the opening of her practice, Pointe Orthodontics, in Grosse Pointe Farms.

Pointe Orthodontics specializes in all orthodontic services appliance therapy, Invisalign and accelerated orthodontics. It is located between Cadieux and Moross at 18342 Mack. Mertz was raised in Grosse Pointe Park and is a graduate of Grosse Pointe South High School. She received her bachelor's degree from the University of Michigan and is a graduate of the University of Michigan School of Dentistry. She earned her certificate in Orthodontics and a masters of science degree from the University of Detroit Mercy. She is also a member of the American Association of Orthodontics. Her interests include volunteering for Operation Smile, an

MICHAEL ARIOLI AND CAROLYN MACKOOL were presented with DTE Energy's highest employee

honor, the Alex Dow Award. Arioli, a gas operations supervisor, was recognized for his role in developing a device to create plastic molds that extend the life of natural gas pipe fittings. The company expects to use six to seven thousand of the molds every year and may market the device to other companies.

Mackool, a manager of major accounts billing, was recognized for her work in developing and implementing programs that help low-income customers maintain their home heating service. Last year, the programs collected \$12 million from Michigan's



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Packing them in

Mack Daddy's Restaurant, located at 18584 Mack in Grosse Pointe Farms, was welcomed to the community during a ribbon-cutting ceremony last week. Enjoying the festivities were from left, Shane Reeside (Grosse Pointe Farms city manager), Laura Clements (owner), Tim O'Shea (retired Grosse Pointe building inspector), Jim Fahquar (Grosse Pointe Farms mayor), Terry Brennan (Grosse Pointe Farms director of public service), James Clark (chef) and Tony Clements (owner). The Clements' first official day of business was Monday, July 17. The new restaurant serves breakfast and lunch and is open from 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday through Saturday and 7 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sunday.

Mack cleaning project on July 29

Volunteers welcome to help

In one of several efforts to break down the race and economic barrier between the Grosse Pointes and Detroit, the Detroit-Grosse Pointe Collaborative is hosting an event July 29 to clean up and plant flowers along a multi-block stretch of Mack that crosses the Grosse Pointe Park and Detroit border.

Volunteers are encouraged to help between 9 a.m. and 1 p.m. Participants should meet at the Mack and Alter Square Shopping Center at 8:30 a.m. to get their assignments, flowers and tools. The first 50 people

will receive commemorative T-shirts.

Hot dogs, drinks and music will create a festive atmosphere while volunteers work along Mack from Lakepointe in Grosse Pointe Park to Philip in Detroit.

A noon ceremony is planned for area business owners to sign a creed stating they will keep their business space clean and stay involved.

Additionally, a second cleanup event for the Ashland lot on Alter in Detroit is set for Sept. 16 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. For more information on either event, call Londell Thomas at (313) 300-8860.

The Detroit-Grosse Pointe

Collaborative is a partnership between several Detroit community organizations and the Grosse Pointes. The Detroit organizations include Creekside Community Development Center, Eagle Sports, Rebuilding Communities Inc., Morningside Neighborhood Club, Think Detroit, United Way, U-SNAP-BAC and the Warren Conner Development Coalition.

It is funded and supported by the Local Initiative Support Corp.

Detroit, with help from its Grosse Pointe neighbors, also is in the process of developing cooperative arts and recreation programs, public safety initia-

tives, and a cross-border association to build social and visible change in the community.

For more information, contact Marti Benedetti (313) 882-4179 or martibenedetti@yahoo.com.

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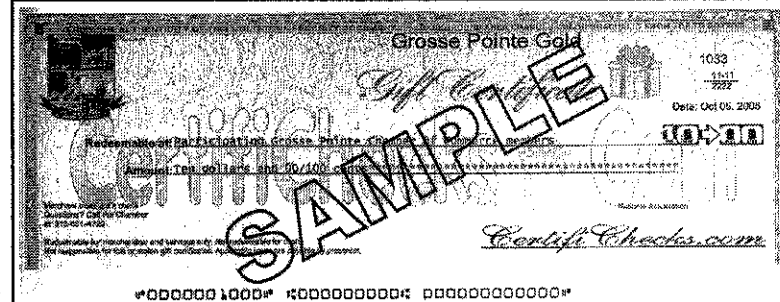
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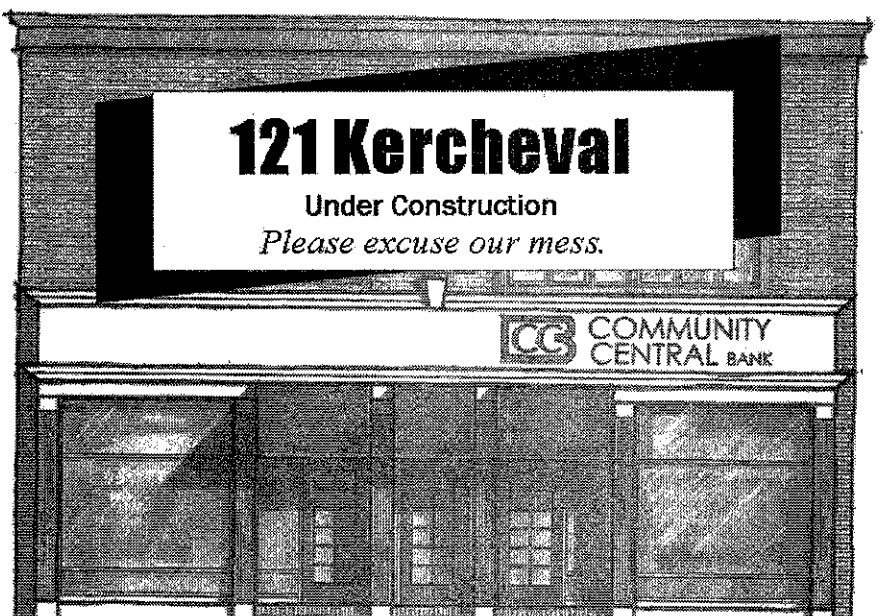


Commerce party a success

Grosse Pointe Chamber of Commerce's inaugural Semi-Annual party was held July 19 at the Edsel and Eleanor Ford House on Lakeshore. Guests enjoyed cocktails, hors d'oeuvres and camaraderie during the networking event. Some of the guests who were in attendance included those above from left, Forman Johnston, Sara and Shane Reeside, Tom Youngblood, Cathy Champion and Kevin Killebrew, and below from left, Lydia Whitehead, Jennifer Seacord, Jessica Cossette, Amy Treder-Kelliher and Chris Noechel. Others in attendance were mayors and city councilmembers from each of the five Grosse Pointes.



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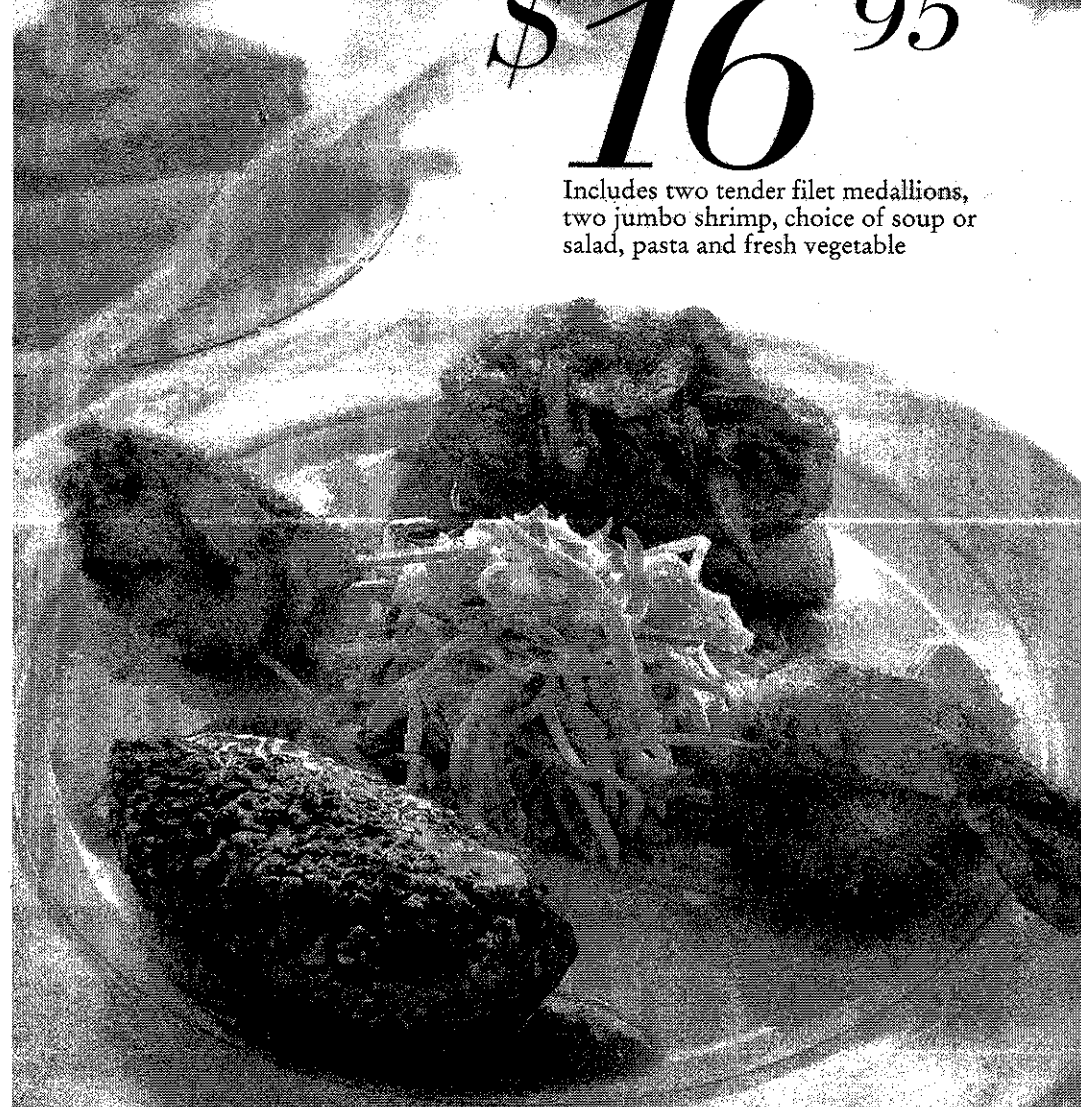
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Dressed for all occasions

The Grosse Pointe Chamber of Commerce's inaugural Semi-Annual party was a huge success. It was an opportunity for all who attended to dress up and enjoy a night away from the office. Above from left, Grosse Pointe Farms Mayor James Farquhar, former Grosse Pointe Woods Planning Commission Chair Dr. Joe Sucher, Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Mary Huebner and Grosse Pointe Woods Mayor Pro-Tem Allen Dickinson were all smiles at the event.

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Young men join elite Eagle ranks

Seven young Grosse Pointe men joined the ranks of Eagle Scout on June 5. Their projects will benefit the young and old and address the arts and the environment.

Honoring that many scouts with the rank of Eagle in a six month period is rare, said Mark Schmidt of Boy Scout Troop 96. "Usually a troop has one Eagle Scout every few years. Our troop has more than others because of the commitment of a large number of adult volunteers, and the leadership of our Scoutmaster Dan Wilk, and our committee chairs Donna Carroll and Chuck Sullivan."

Schmidt said completing the necessary Community Service Project to become an Eagle Scout involves selecting and developing the project with community leaders, raising money and coordinating and supervising the efforts of more than a dozen scouts and adult volunteers.

Andrew Cavanagh

Cavanagh, 18, of the City of Grosse Pointe is the eldest of three children of Stephen and Melinda Cavanagh. He joined scouting because his grandfather was active in scouting and his only male cousin is an Eagle Scout.

He constructed 27 life-size wooden figures.

"Each represents a person who had their life ended by someone else in an act of domestic violence," he explained. "The figures were used in an exhibit by the Silent Witness National Initiative, a group dedicated to raising awareness of domestic violence. Their goal is to have an exhibit in every state, and Michigan did not have one."

Cavanagh's scouting experiences began in England with a troop in Hednesford, which was one of the original troops began during the time of Robert Baden-Powell, founder of the world scout organization.

A Grosse Pointe South graduate, Cavanagh attends Wayne State University, majoring in biology with intentions to attend medical school.

While at South, he was a member of the orchestra, Latin club and human relations club.

Matthew Triano

Grosse Pointe Park resident Triano is 18 and is the son of Jim and Rosi Triano. He has a 15-year-old sister, Cinnamon, and a 10-year-old brother, Robbie.

His Eagle project was refurbishing art classroom stools, which were badly scratched.

"My project included sanding down the scratched surfaces and priming the stool tops for an art history project. Third grade students chose famous paintings to paint onto the stool tops. After the children were done with their part, my project members varnished the stools to protect the children's work," he said.

Triano said his best memories have always been the camping scenarios.

"On the Laurel Caverns High Adventure trip, Ben Wilk, Bobby Latham, Ryan Stepanski, and I developed some great games in the field near our campsite," he explained. "We let everyone play our games, especially the younger scouts."

Triano is a member of the National Honor Society, a robotics team leader and a student assembly member. As a member of DECA, the organization won 10 medals during his high school career.

Triano will attend the Honors Institute of Albion College and his hobbies are

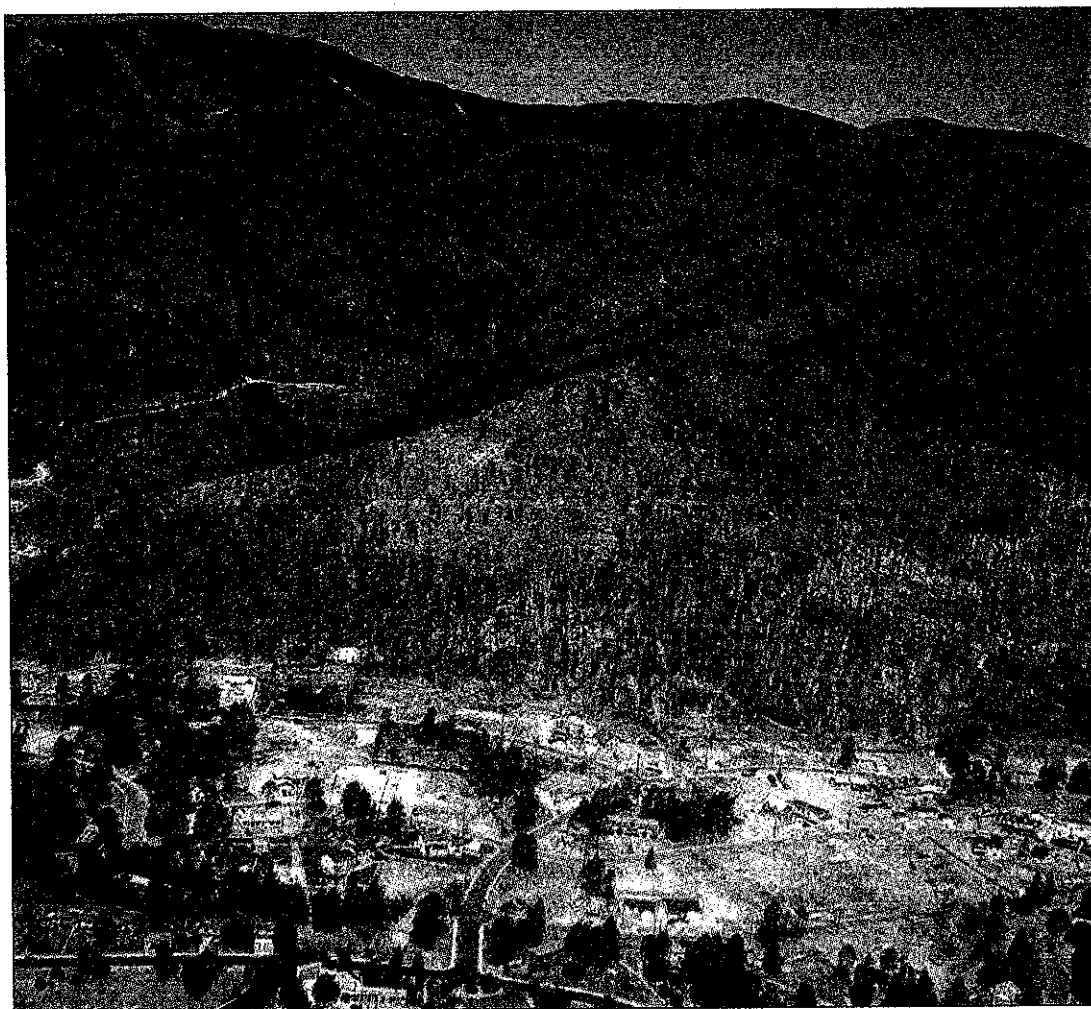


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Some of the fondest memories for several of the new Eagle Scouts was spending time at Philmont, N.M., with a similar vista as above.

fine dressing and auto mechanics.

Roger Klein

Klein, 17, of Grosse Pointe Park, is the eldest son of Martin and Alicia Klein and a brother to Charlotte.

For his Eagle project with Troop 96, Klein renovated storage space at the Crossroads East facility on Jefferson.

"This nonprofit organization serves as a social services center, allowing the unemployed to search for jobs, and providing them with food, and clothing," he said. "The shelves, coat rails, and closet I built will be used to store clothes and maintenance supplies. Generous businesses donated over \$300 in goods in order to make this possible, and over 150 hours went into the project."

"The best part of the project was returning to get the paperwork signed and seeing all the shelves, coat rails and the closet in use and thinking of the work and fun that went into building them."

"It's amazing to see what the generosity and time on the part of Crossroads, the businesses that donated and my fellow scouts and family can accomplish," he said.

The rank of Eagle the Court of Honor was held on his 17th birthday, and a highlight of his 10-year scouting career. However, his best memories come from camping, particularly at Philmont, N.M., the largest scout camp/ranch in the country.

"Philmont was probably my best scouting memory, as it served as a climax to all the skills and abilities Scouts has taught me," Klein said. "The 12-day backpacking trip wasn't easy, but it was the chance of a lifetime, and so much fun I will never forget it. Similarly, the Essex 2000 International Scout Jamboree in England was an unforgettable experience. I got to meet Scouts from all over the world."

Klein began as a Cub Scout in the Transatlantic Council of Boy Scouts of America while living in Germany. "After two years there, I moved to England, where I was a Cub in the English program for two more years and a Boy Scout for one," he said.

A senior at South, he has been president of the German Club, vice president of the National Honor Society, histo-

rian/photographer for the Pointe Players and a member of the German National Honor Society and Safe Rides. He was an honor student, received two AAA awards, was a semifinalist in the Michigan Mathematics Prize competition, ranked in the top 10th percentile on the American Association of Teachers of German test and achieved the "commended" status in the PSAT/NMSQT. Recently he received the University of Rochester's Xerox Award for Innovation and Technology.

Extracurricular activities included being a member of the track and cross country teams for three years and attaining three varsity letters.

"In my free time, I bowl, play Frisbee and work at the Grosse Pointe Library. I also enjoy getting together with my family and cousins," he said.

He plans to attend a small liberal arts college to study chemistry or biology, and go on to become a research chemist/biologist.

As a seasoned Scout, Klein has advice to give to young scouts. "You get out of something what you put in. This is absolutely true with scouting. Give scouting as much as you can and be as involved as possible. Attend as many meetings and camp-outs as possible, and get to know the people around you."

"Sure, it's possible to be a Scout without a particularly large amount of camping days or perfect attendance at meetings, but to truly acquire the knowledge needed to develop scouting skills and become the person you want to be, you have to be there. Plus, it's a lot more fun."

Ben Wilk

Dan and Marcia Wilk of the Park are the parents of 18-year-old Wilk and his brother Sam.

"I detailed, washed and painted the basement floor for Grosse Pointe Memorial Church, my Boy Scout Troop's charter organization," Wilk said of his Eagle project.

Leading up to his Eagle project, Wilk took a trip to Mount Baldy in Philmont, N.M., where he said, "I felt larger than life."

Wilk is a 2006 South grad. He had been on the rowing team for two years and is a car enthusiast.

He will attend Wayne State

University in the fall and study medicine.

Nick Schmidt

Schmidt is 16, lives in Grosse Pointe Farms with his parents Mark and Susan Schmidt and brother Matthew, who is 14



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The scouts from left are Matthew Triano, Ben Wilk, Andrew Cavanagh, Roger Klein, Jeff Gloss, Nick Meyer and Nick Schmidt. In front is Rep. Ed Gaffney (R-Grosse Pointe Farms).

and also a scout.

"I refurbished a playscape at the Children's Home of Detroit. I also added new woodchips, playground liners, and rebuilt a bench," he said.

Schmidt said he has enjoyed the years he has spent in scouting.

"I have so many positive memories of Scouts that it is difficult to select one memory as the best memory, but a few things stick in my mind."

"I can remember both of the February trips to Mr. (John) Schoenherr's (Detroit council member) property quite well as I found both of them to be quite enjoyable. I also remember the summer camp trips I went on, and it was on these trips that I truly learned a lot

about myself. Lastly, I remember Philmont, (N.M.) which was probably my most enjoyable scouting experience. The two weeks of backpacking went by so fast."

Schmidt is an honor student at Grosse Pointe South in the class of 2008. He is a Student Association Senator, active in homecoming preparations, is a member of the Spanish Honor Society and plays trumpet in symphony band, symphony orchestra and pep band.

"In addition, I volunteer for Safe Rides and help coach the Green Machine Swim Team (a Special Olympics team)."

"Lastly, I am a member of SPIRIT youth group at St. Paul

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Special-needs camp keeps skills current

Come summer, children tend to lose some of the skills and knowledge gained during the school year.

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Some eight years ago Grosse Pointe Woods resident Kristy Piana Schena decided it was time to stem the tide and she began Kids on the Go.

"Special needs children work harder through the school year, and lose ground faster during the summer months than do other children," said Schena, a St. John Oakland Hospital speech-language pathologist.

"We step in where the system would fail by providing needed services for children up to six years old.

"Most insurance companies restrict therapy services for children birth to six years of age, a crucial time in their development. We make sure they succeed."

Schena sought resources for families early in her career and launched Kids on the Go in 1999.

Using an interdisciplinary

approach, Kids on the Go provides speech, physical, and occupational therapy for children ages 3 to 6 years for six weeks during the summer months at no expense to the child's family.

Scholarships are provided by fundraising and through donations from local businesses, charitable organizations and private donations, including All Pointes AAA, the Grosse Pointe Lakeshore Chorus and the Grosse Pointe Lions Club. Since its inception, more than 200 children have benefited from scholarships.

Kids on the Go uses individualized education plans (IEP) to help children maintain their current skills throughout the summer months.

Meeting twice weekly for two hour sessions, each classroom is staffed by a certified or licensed speech-language pathologist, a physical therapist, and an occupational therapist.

This camp packs a multitude of activities in a short time, including working on fine and gross motor skills and speech and language usage for children with spina bifida, cerebral, Schena said. Additionally, one adult volun-

teer is assigned to each session, and groups are limited to nine children, providing a 1:3 therapist-to-child ratio. The children are placed into classrooms according to their IEP goals and skill level.

"We make learning fun. We work using weekly themes that incorporate vocabulary lessons, music, stories, craft activities, snack time, gross and fine motor activities, and handwriting practice," Schena said.

"Each year I wonder, and sometimes worry, if we'll have enough funds to assist the 75 children we can accommodate.

"Donations are down by \$10,000 this year, but we are determined to make this program succeed."

Schena said the only advertising for Kids on the Go is word of mouth. She now has a waiting list of 100.

"The children who need two or three therapies have the first spots," she said.

Donations of \$500 will provide a scholarship for one child; donations from \$100-\$499 would go to matching another sponsor to create a scholarship, and donations of \$5-\$99 provide equipment and supplies. All donations are tax deductible.

For more information on the annual Kids on the Go kick off celebration and donation opportunities, contact Schena at (248) 967-7917.

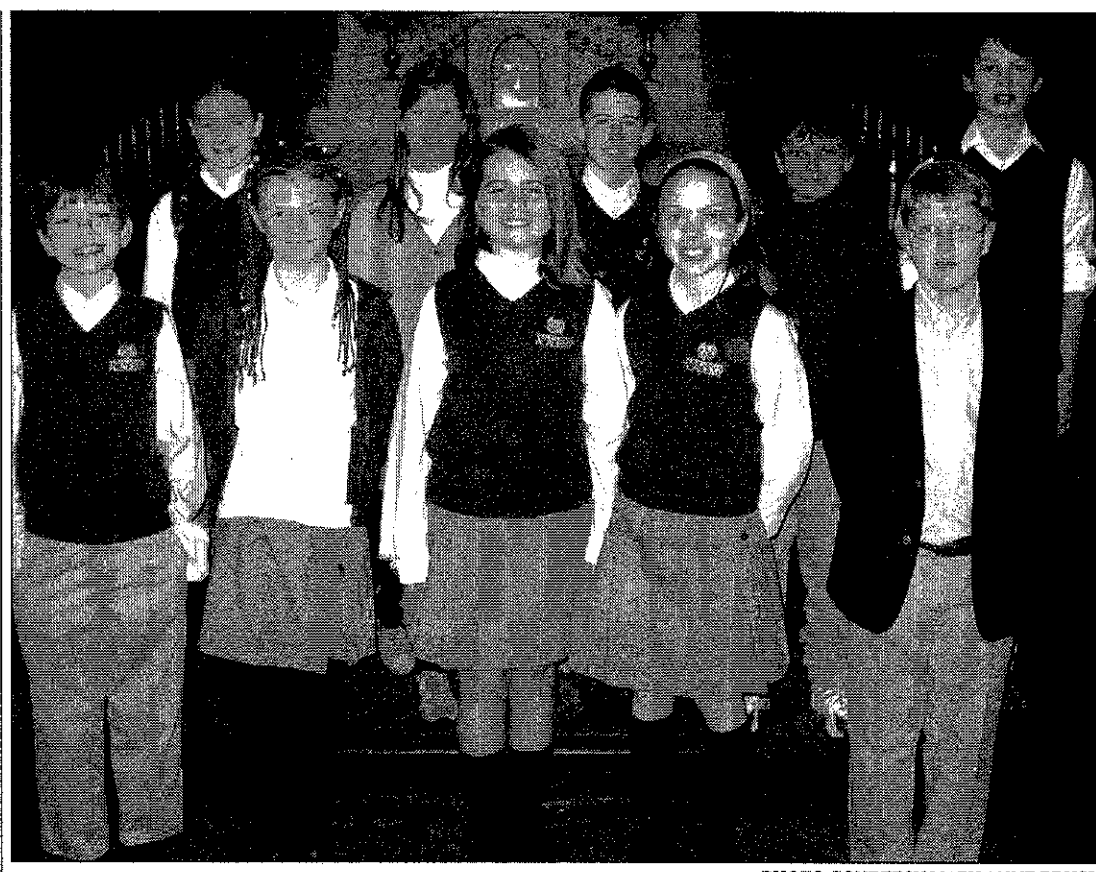


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Winners of the Grosse Pointe Academy 4/5 Science Fair are, in the front row from left, fourth-graders Robbie Triano, Samantha Perry, Kara French, Allison Mobley and Karstan Minanov. The fifth-grade winners, in back from left, Julia Kaiser, Libby Watson, Conor Tilly, Nicholas Morley and Jeffrey Woolstrum. Gerard Smith is not pictured.

Science fair winners show methods, procedure

This year marked the Grosse Pointe Academy's second annual 4/5 Science Fair, culminating with parents viewing the display boards while the young scientists were on hand to explain their methods and procedures.

Fourth- and fifth-grade teachers Wendy Demartini and Bob Lapadot led the project during science classes.

They began by teaching the scientific method — stating the problem, forming a hypothesis, listing the materials and procedures, recording observations and forming a conclusion. Work for the projects was completed both at home and at school.

Middle school science teachers Michael Fultz, Wendy Jewett and Michelle Roberts

and Director of Technology Robert Rochte judged the projects, awarding ribbons to five projects in each grade.

Said one fourth-grade parent about the science fair as a learning experience for both her and her child, "We enjoyed the process, appreciated the spirit and grew from experience. Thanks for the learning."



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on the Lake Catholic Church," he said.

When not volunteering or involved in Boy Scout activities, Schmidt is busy with the Grosse Pointe South Swim Team, the cross country team, is a member of the Grosse Pointe Farms Barracudas and is a lifeguard at Windmill Point Park during the summer.

"I also like to ride my bike, instant message friends online, go kayaking, or play computer games," he said.

His future plans are uncertain but he said he wants to follow a path to help people.

Nick Meyer

Meyer is 15 and lives in the Farms with his parents Chris and Cindy Meyer and older sister, Nina.

Meyer set up a regulation size Little League baseball field for the Children's Home of Detroit. The project was set in motion in April 2005; the physical work took place between Aug. 16 and 24.

"I learned it takes a lot of effort to lead a team of people

and keep them working diligently. Things will change and as you proceed just work through and make the best out of them," he said of pulling off the endeavor.

His mother said it was a learning experience for her as well.

"I had to take a back seat. He had to lead by himself," she said. She also said she was amazed at the amount of work that is involved from the meetings for project approval both at the council level and at the Children's Home to obtaining donations to the final work itself.

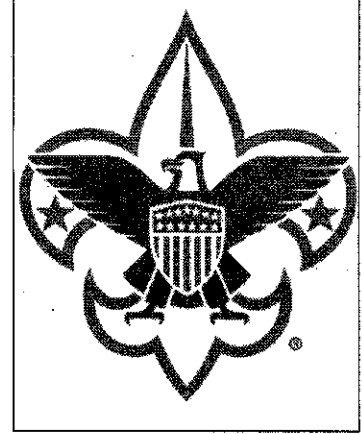
Meyer worked within a budget from the Children's Home and secured donations from local grocery stores to feed his team; ACE Hardware for paint and Harper Sports for the bases and pitcher's mound.

The week following the installation, Meyer returned and found his work was well received by the number of footprints left on the baselines.

The Eagle project left an indelible memory as did his participation in Scout camping trips.

"My favorite memory is Philmont (N.M.)," he said "specifically, spending two weeks up in the mountains away from any civilization."

A member of Grosse Pointe South High's Class of 2008,



Meyer is on South's sailing team, on the honor roll and has taken up golf.

After graduation, Meyer would like to attend the University of Michigan.

Jeff Gloss

Sixteen-year-old Gloss is a resident of Grosse Pointe Park and is the son of Eric and Sandy Gloss and a brother to Kristen.

His Eagle project involved helping feed the homeless and the poor which stemmed from his interest in gardening and the environment.

"I received the idea of these plant isolation chambers because my mother is a Master Gardener and she needs volunteer hours so she decided to help out at the Earth Works Garden. The leaders who run the program told my mother that they would like to build these chambers and she told them I was needing an Eagle Scout project," he said.

Earth Works Garden at the Capuchin Soup Kitchen does the planting and harvesting with the help of volunteers.

His project, which took 156 hours to execute, was the planning, designing and building of four portable, screened plant isolation chambers, 2 feet-by-5 feet-by-4 feet at the Capuchin Soup Kitchen's workshop in Detroit.

"The functions of these are to keep unwanted pollinators (insects) from cross pollinating different varieties of vegetables," Gloss said. "The groups that will benefit are the Capuchin Soup Kitchen's Earth Works Garden/Urban Farm, the Women Infant and Children (WIC)/Project Fresh program and Growing Healthy Kids (a Great Outdoor Grant Program).

"With these isolation cages, Earth Works will be able to save seeds from several varieties of vegetables in a small space. Seeds are more than just seeds, they are cultural diversity.



"Each ethnic group around the world has developed individual varieties of vegetables, and to preserve these varieties is to preserve culture. It also ensures genetic diversity, as having only one variety makes food sources and the societies that are built on them vulnerable to economic collapse."

"By keeping out unwanted pollinators the organization will be able to harvest seeds, which are pure-bred, for future use and they will be able to preserve the plant varieties that they grow. Additionally, Earth Works will be able to save seeds from several varieties of vegetables in a small space. One of Earthworks' goals is to become more self sufficient, and one of the ways to do that is to save their own seed."

Gloss was assisted by Robert Collinson, Bryan Cenko, Sean Carroll, Tommy Marini, Nick Meyer, Keyin Fennell, Nick Schmidt, Mark Schmidt, Chris Thomas, Dave Thomas, Andrew Cavanagh, Eric Gloss, Sandy Gloss and Patrick Crouch.

His best scouting memory involves camp-outs.

"I love going on camp-outs," Gloss said. "The ones in the summer were the best. I loved to go swimming, canoeing and I loved water sports. It was great to be earning merit badges and having an awesome time with scout friends."


Gloss is an honor student at South High, Class of 2008. He is a class senator, on the homecoming decoration committee, helped make Easter baskets for senior citizens, assisted in fundraising, plays soccer and plays the trumpet in the school band.

He would like to incorporate his love of math and science into his career, which may be medicine.

He said his life's goal is to improve the world.

"My life's purpose is to make the world a better place for everyone," he said.

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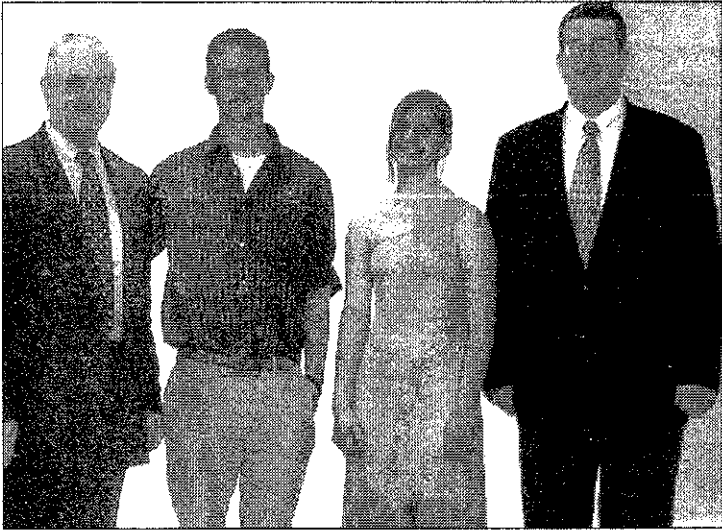
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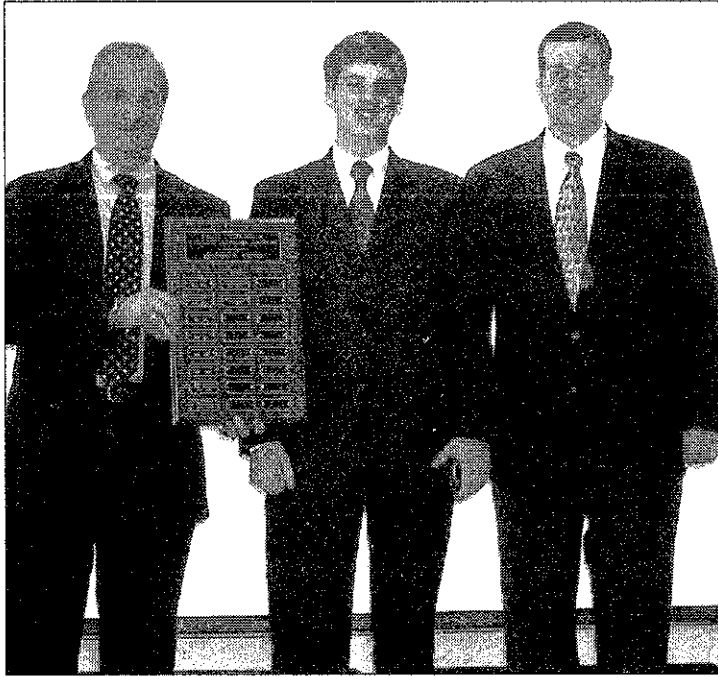
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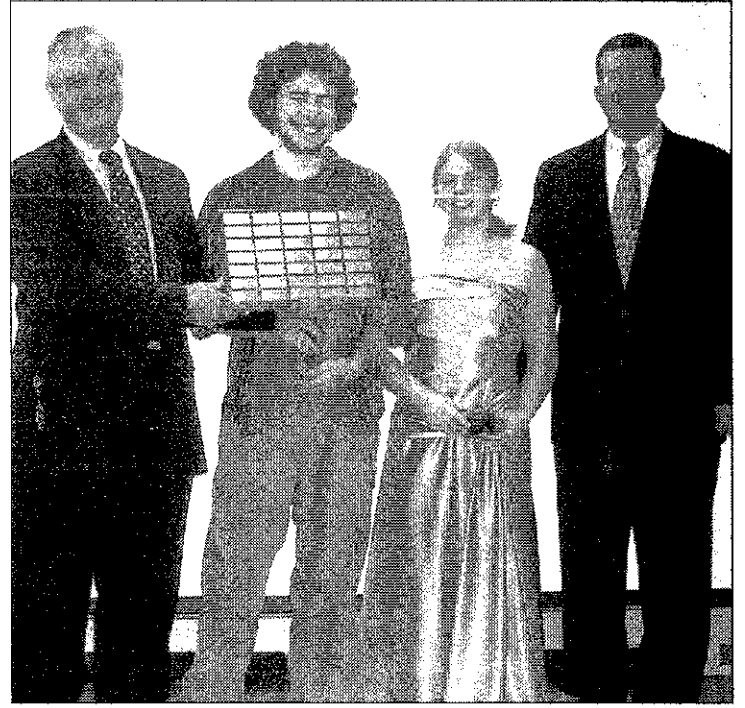
Rotary award

The Rotary Club Award was presented to Amanda Klimczuk and Jeff Kurtz in recognition of seniors who have been involved in the program. It emphasizes performance excellence and is the oldest award presented during Grosse Pointe North High's annual band and orchestra banquet. North's orchestra teacher Joseph Bauer, left, and North's band teacher, David Cleveland flank Klimczuk and Kurtz.



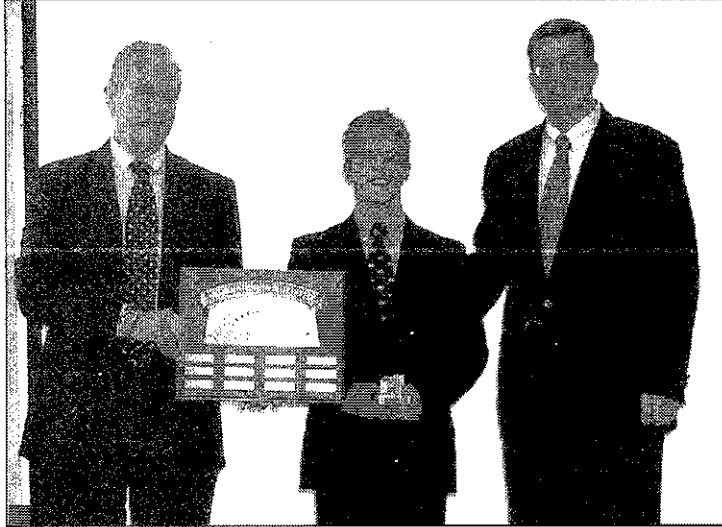
Leadership award

Jerry McConnell was presented with the Booster Leadership award, by left, Grosse Pointe North orchestra teacher Joseph Bauer and, right, North's band teacher, David Cleveland, during Grosse Pointe North High's Band and Orchestra awards banquet. This award is given to an underclassman who displays leadership and has made a significant contribution to the musical program.



Outstanding seniors

From left, Grosse Pointe North orchestra teacher Joseph Bauer, Eli Wilson, Caitlin Fuhrmann and North's band teacher David Cleveland, attended the Grosse Pointe North Orchestra and Band banquet during which Wilson and Fuhrmann were recognized with the Most Outstanding Senior Award. These two were chosen because of their "cooperative personality" and as leaders.



Orchestra award

A national award was presented to Alex Sikorski, center, to honor his performance talent in Grosse Pointe North High's orchestra. Sikorski was recognized by orchestra teacher, left, Joseph Bauer, and band teacher David Cleveland, right, for his "singular merit and outstanding contributions to the success of the school orchestra, displaying an unusual degree of loyalty and cooperation," and for "exemplifying the high standards of conduct of the school high school program."



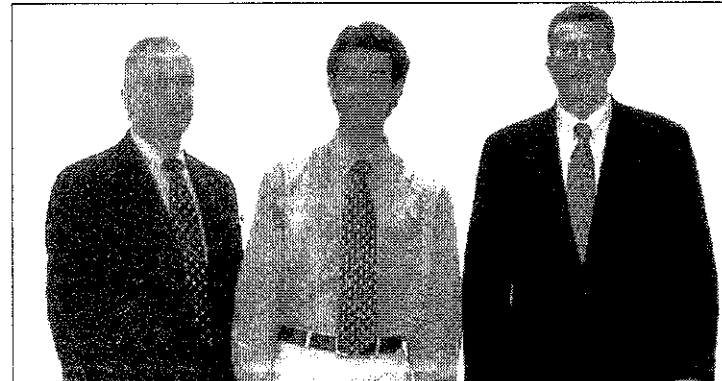
Gail McCaig Award

From left, Grosse Pointe North High orchestra teacher Joseph Bauer, senior Darius Merriweather and North's band teacher David Cleveland stand together as Merriweather was awarded the Gail McCaig Award. This award is given to "a very capable player," involved in the band and a person the director can count on. The award is named in honor of McCaig, who is a 1968 graduate.



Jessica Solomon Award

Ben Wasmuth, center, was given the Jessica Solomon Award by, left, Grosse Pointe North High orchestra teacher, Joseph Bauer, and, right, band teacher David Cleveland. The award is given to "a fine musician who reflects the generous qualities of Solomon," and who is involved in school activities, has a high grade point average, shows a strong work ethic in music and other activities.



Exemplary award

Steven LaRue, center, was given Grosse Pointe North High's Exemplary Orchestra Member Award as the string orchestra member on whom the director can count. At left is Joseph Bauer and David Cleveland is at right.

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Setting the stage

These second-graders of Linda Whelan's class at Maire Elementary School were visiting the set, so to speak. The children took a field trip to the Display Group, a party rental company, as part of their social studies business unit. The Display Group is a 160,000 square foot warehouse in Detroit full of props, scenery or party items, including the Statue of Liberty, Chewbacca from "Star Wars," presidents, sports figures and various landscape scenery. Here, from left, Emma Peters, Hannah Brauer, Alissa Martin, Kevin Deitz, Lindsey Clark, Hannah Connors, Paul Swanson and Max Miller took a trip to the Old West and posed in front of a stage coach with actors Paul Newman and John Wayne. The business is owned by Rick and Cindi Portwood, whose son, Max, is in Whelan's class.



Scouts planting

Thanks to the inspiration of Kerby Elementary School lover and avid gardener Claudine Fets, the fourth-grade Webelo Scouts of Pack 481 were up to their elbows in dirt. Daniel Harris, Ryan Wood, Connor Reinman and Harrison Krasner volunteered to plant a young Colorado Spruce in front of their school. Two trees were planted, one donated by the Fets family and the other by Kerby PTO Site Improvement.

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The City of Grosse Pointe Woods in conjunction with the Grosse Pointe Public School System, the Grosse Pointe Business and Professional Association of Mack Avenue, Lochmoor Club, and St. John Hospital & Medical Center, thank the following businesses and individuals for their contributions to the 2006 Grosse Pointe Woods Fireworks.

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CITY OF HARPER WOODS CITY CLERK'S OFFICE WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN OFFICIAL ELECTION NOTICE

TO THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF THE CITY OF HARPER WOODS, COUNTY OF WAYNE, STATE OF MICHIGAN. Notice is hereby given that a Primary Election will be held in the City of Harper Woods in the County of Wayne, State of Michigan on August 8, 2006 from 7:00 A.M. to 8 P.M. for the purpose of nominating candidates for the following offices:

Governor (1)
 United States Senator (1)
 Representative in Congress 13th District (1)
 State Senator 2nd District (1)
 Representative in State Legislature 1st District (1)
 County Executive (1)
 County Commissioner 1st District (1)
 Delegate to County Convention
 Judge of the Circuit Court 3rd Judicial Circuit (1)

COUNTY PROPOSAL PROPOSAL S WAYNE COUNTY TRANSIT AUTHORITY MILLAGE RENEWAL

Shall the tax imposed on taxable property in the Wayne County Transit Authority area which expired with the 2005 tax, be levied for four (4) years, 2006, 2007, 2008, 2009, inclusive, at 0.59 mill (59 cents per \$1,000 taxable value), for the purpose of making contributions in aid of the Suburban Mobility Authority for Regional Transportation (SMART) and its purpose of servicing the elderly, handicapped and general public in the County of Wayne? It is estimated that 0.59 mill would raise approximately \$13,241,382 when levied in 2006.

YES _____ NO _____

CITY PROPOSAL

In order to permit the levy of the authorized charter millage on the real and personal property in the City of Harper Woods without regard to the millage reduction required by Article IX, Section 31, of the Constitution of the State of Michigan, shall the City Council be authorized to levy a new additional millage in 2006 and thereafter to be used only for police and fire operations not to exceed 2.9668 mills on each dollar (\$2.9668 per thousand) of taxable value which is estimated to produce \$1,232,973 of increased tax collection in the first year of collection to be disbursed to the City of Harper Woods?

YES _____ NO _____

STATEMENT OF TREASURER

I, RAYMOND J. WOJTOWICZ, Treasurer of Wayne County, Michigan, do hereby certify that, as of June 5, 2006 the total of all voted increases in excess of the tax rate limitation established by Section 6, Article IX of the Constitution of the State of Michigan, as amended, and the years such increases are effective on property in the County of Wayne are as follows:]

Taxing Authorities	Voted Date of Election	Increases	Years Increase Effective
County of Wayne	August 8, 2000	1 mill	2005 thru 2009
Wayne County	August 6, 1974	1 mill	2005 Indefinitely
Regional Education Service Agency	November 8, 1988	1 mill	2005 Indefinitely
(All Special Education)	August 6, 2002	1.5 mills	2005 Indefinitely
Wayne County Jail	August 6, 2002	1 mill	2005 thru 2010
Wayne County Parks	August 2, 2005	0.25 mills	2005 thru 2010
Wayne County	November 3, 1998	1 mill	2002 Indefinitely
Community College	November 6, 2001	1.5 mills	2005 thru 2010
Grosse Pointe Schools	February, 2005	16.7875 mills	2009
	February, 2005	2.2125 mill	(non-homestead only) 2009
	March, 2004	1 mill	(non-homestead only) 2010
	February, 2005	8.0784 mills	2009
			(homestead only) 2014
Harper Woods School District	June, 1995	18 mills	(non-homestead only)

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ULS teacher becomes Klingenstein Summer Fellow

University Liggett School English Teacher Carla Chennault completed the Klingenstein Summer Institute for Teachers in Independent Schools.

Fully grant-supported, about 60 Klingenstein Summer Fellows are selected each year from applicants all across America. They discuss current educational policy issues; work in seminars with guest experts,

professors and master teachers; and develop projects that relate directly to their own teaching.



The Carla Chennault Summer Institute took place in mid-June at the Campus of the

Lawrenceville School in New Jersey. It is designed for teachers who have taught from 2-5 years and allows participants to lay the groundwork for becoming master teachers and to test the waters of graduate school.

Many summer fellows enroll in one of the private school leadership master's degree programs offered through the Klingenstein Center at

Columbia and many more go on to leadership positions in their schools.

"I am thrilled that Carla Chennault was selected for this very important program," said ULS Head of School Matthew

Hanly. "We are fortunate to benefit from Carla's teaching skills and look forward to her sharing her summer experience with our students and faculty."

Chennault is a resident of

Southfield, holds a B.S. degree from Northwestern University and an M.A. from Wayne State University. She has taught middle school language arts and has advised the student newspaper at ULS since 2002.

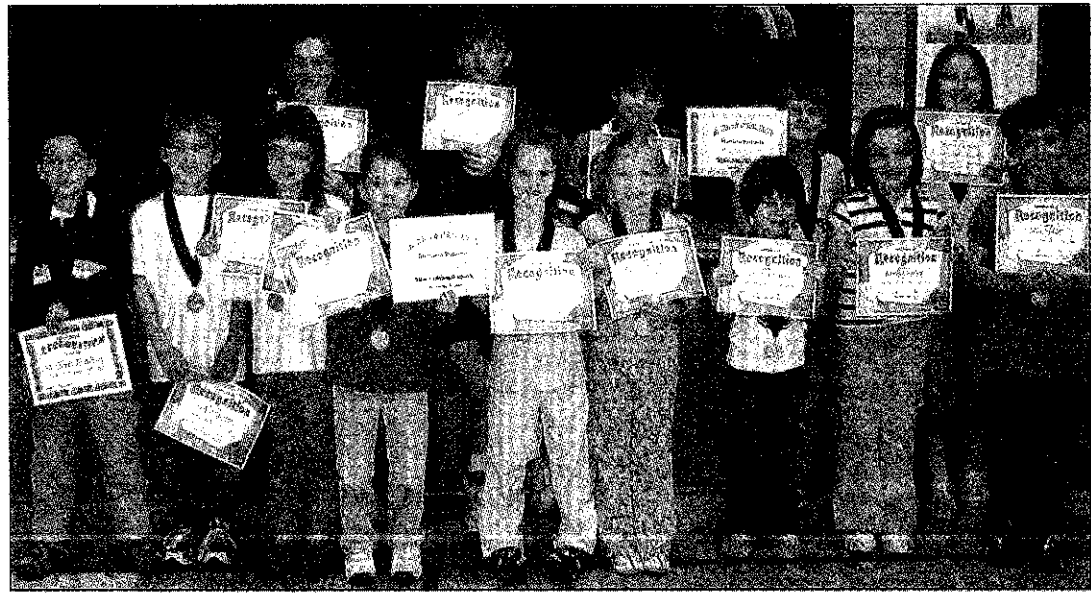


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Dime novel readers

This is the ninth consecutive year Maire Elementary School has participated in the March of Dimes Reading Champions. During the May 22 award ceremony, it was announced students had read more than 8,500 books in a single month and donated more than \$5,000 to the March of Dimes. Since 1998 Maire Elementary has raised almost \$60,000 for the organization. The mission of March of Dimes is to improve the health of babies by preventing birth defects and infant mortality. Kim Streich, from the March of Dimes, and triplets Grace, Hannah and Jacob Caton attended the assembly to help Maire students understand the mission of the March of Dimes. The Caton triplets were born prematurely on May 6, 2001, and were saved thanks to the March of Dimes. Second-grader Donovan Dunham read the most books, with 664; third-grader Matthew Kennedy raised the most money, \$851. Becky Easlick's class won both awards for reading the most books, 1,860, and raised the most money, \$1,396.30. Reading champions included, in the front row, William TomHon, Jack Burgoyne, Abbey Schuetze, Donovan Dunham, Lindsey Clark, Hannah Connors, Helena Petrouleas, Emily Fleming, Max Miller; in the back row, Neala Berkowski, Sam Metry, Michael Grams, Matthew Kennedy, Megan Fleming. Alex Morrison is not pictured.

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TEST DRIVE By Greg Zyla

The new 2006 Jeep Commander offers three-row seating and the ability to carry seven passengers. This classic is equipped with a higher level of safety and security features than any previous Jeep.

2006 Jeep Commander Limited 4x4



Move over, seven-passenger SUVs, there's some new competition on the block! Enter the all-new 2006 Jeep Commander 4x4 Limited, a vehicle built alongside Grand Cherokee yet it's bigger, taller and the first to offer third-row seating — base price: \$38,205; price as tested: \$43,525.

Noticeable immediately are the numerous Allen-head screws that dot the design both inside and out. We really like this feature, adding toughness to the motif in a more discreet manner than, say, a Hummer. Commander's base model starts at only \$27,500 with a 210-horse V6, and then works its way up to the Limited's higher pricing.

Outside, the Commander is boxy, yet very good-looking. The square, workhorse style design seems to attract buyers these days that like the basics in their vehicle more so than the ultra flashy and aerodynamic.

The interior, meanwhile, is top of the line with one exception — rear visibility. Of all the vehicles we've driven this year, none has offered worse rear visibility than the Commander with its third row seating.

Because the second and third rows are stepped theater style, the third-row sits highest. Add headrests and a relatively small

rear window, and you arrive at the end result. Drivers therefore must be proficient in utilizing the door-mounted rearview mirrors for information, as you won't get much otherwise.

The interior's "good things," however, are really good. In addition to creating a very inviting aura thanks to a big sunroof followed by second-row skylights, (remember the Olds Vista Cruiser?) driver and passengers will sit comfortably high in their seats and enjoy the drive. Front row legroom is generous, but as we move rearward, dimensions get tighter until you try to fit yourself in that third-row seat. It's cumbersome to say the least, especially if over the age of 12. Still, for those families that have kids, they'll love the third row for sure, especially when equipped with the "Infotainment" option that includes a rear passenger video movie system attached to an overhead console between the skylights. Movies anyone? "Infotainment" will cost you an additional \$1,200, but worth it for those long drives.

If you need a big order at the home improvement outlet, the second and third row seats fold flat, offering up to 68.5 cu. ft., and 36.4 with just the third seat down. There's also an L-shaped storage bin under the load floor, behind the third row, with a removable/reversible panel that comes in handy.

Our tester came with a "middle-of-the-road" 4.7-liter V8 that produces 235 horses. The engine moves the Commander fairly well, but for those seeking even more torque and acceleration, the legendary Hemi



The 2006 Jeep Commander design is inspired by classic Jeep vehicles like the Willys Station Wagons (1946 to 1962); Jeep Wagoneer (1963 to 1991); and Jeep Cherokee (1984 to 2001).

engine is available in 5.7-liter format. With nearly 100 more horses under your foot, the Hemi will also affect fuel mileage negatively, lowering it from the 4.7-liter's 15 city and 19 highway numbers to 14 and 18, respectively. Thus, unless towing is a major job for your Commander, the V6 or smaller V8 should suffice. (The V-6 will do 16 and 20 EPA, but don't expect much acceleration when fully loaded).

The only transmission available is a five-speed automatic in V-6 and V-8 styles, while three

distinct 4x4 systems are offered: the base Quadra-Trac I, the all-weather Quadra-Trac or the top-of-the-line Quadra-Drive, the latter gracing our tester for an additional \$650. Your Jeep dealer will gladly explain the differences, but suffice it to say, all offer great Jeep traction and mobility.

Other notable standard features include ABS, traction control, 4-wheel discs, and SIRIUS Satellite Radio with free one-year service. (There are so many standard features, we'd run out of space). Options in-

clude beautiful 17-inch aluminum wheels (\$820), Navigation/Stereo/CD (\$1,200) and a Trailer/Tow Hitch upgrade that allows a maximum trailer tow weight of 6,500 pounds.

Important numbers include a wheelbase of 109.5 inches, 20.5-gallon fuel tank, 7.5 cu. ft. of cargo space with seats up (not much), and hefty 5,047-lb. curb weight. All expected safety items, including side air bag systems, come standard on the Commander and result in 5-star crash test results.

Jeep fans will no doubt love the new Commander, while other SUV purists may find it a bit boxy and lacking in interior space. Still, we're bestowing a strong 8.5 on a scale of one to 10 as we're one of those Jeep fans that go way back to the days of the Willys models. Nicely done, Jeep.

Likes: Looks, interior, safety, comfort, first-ever three-seater. Dislikes: Rear visibility, limited cargo area unless seats are folded.

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OBITUARIES

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Robert Stewart Fleming

Robert Stewart Fleming, 79, died Friday, July 21, 2006, after a 10-month battle with cancer.

He was born June 4, 1927, and grew up on Detroit's near-east side in a lower flat. He attended Detroit public schools where he developed a great attraction to good literature and a constant desire to learn, which continued to his last days. While working the night shift at Mid-Atlantic Shipping, he attended and graduated from Cass Technical High School.

Mr. Fleming served in the U.S. Navy during the last months of World War II. After

an honorable discharge, he attended the University of Detroit during which time he also worked for the Chrysler Corp. Following his graduation with a degree in engineering, he worked for 19 years for the Holley Carburetor Co., eventually leading its aircraft division. He then became manager of research and development for Excello Corp. for three years. Making a huge career shift, he became a very happy and fulfilled account executive for Merrill Lynch in their downtown Renaissance Center offices, retiring in 1990.

Following his retirement, Mr. Fleming became a local expert on the cultivation and hybridizing of day lilies and Shirley

poppies. His garden was second to none.

While he was at Merrill Lynch, he led early morning and noontime Bible studies through CBMC, putting the full passion of his heart and intellect into leading those groups for many years. He led an early morning Bible study at the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club through CBMC until his death.

For 56 years, he adored his wife, Frances White, and she found her greatest joys in loving him and meeting his every need.

He and his brother, the late William Gordon Fleming, shared a deep love for each other and for tending their gardens.

His two children are indebted to the Lord for their father and for his life, love, wisdom and creativity.

He was devoted to his grandchildren in every way. He prayed daily for them and offered them guidance and wisdom, tempered with deep affection and gratitude for the gift of their lives. He adored his great-granddaughter who he considered to be a crowning jewel in a very blessed life.

Nothing, apart from his family, held his heart's sway more than Knox Presbyterian Church, formerly located in Detroit, and presently in Harrison Township. Serving as an elder for more than 40 years, he worshipped, taught, counseled, greeted, developed gardens, managed building expansions and loved the Lord and people with an all-consuming passion. He prayed as the Bible directed him "Without Ceasing" for his family and for the advancement of the Gospel of Jesus Christ locally and throughout the world.

He is survived by his wife, Frances White; his children, Ann "Grace" (Christian) Fenton and Stewart White (Susan) Fleming; his grandchildren, Hope (David) Hesano, C.J. (Johanna) Fenton, Ian and Colin Fenton, Emily (Nick) Rogers, Betsy (Scott) Serilla and Martha Fleming; and great-grandchild, Lily Grace Hesano.

He was predeceased by his brother, William Gordon Fleming.

William L. McWhirter

William L. McWhirter, 58, of St. Clair Shores, died Thursday, July 20, 2006, in Grosse Pointe.

He was born Oct. 28, 1947, in Gainesville, Texas. He earned a master's degree from Eastern Michigan

University.

Mr. McWhirter worked for the Grosse Pointe Public School System for 31 years at Pierce Middle School. He also taught for St. Clair Shores Adult Education.

He retired as a major from the Michigan Army National Guard, serving his country during the Desert Storm campaign.

Mr. McWhirter was an avid traveler and New England Patriots fan. He enjoyed visiting historical places to truly experience his passion for history. Relatives said he was a devoted husband and father.

He is survived by his wife, Kathleen (nee Deschryver) McWhirter; and his sons, Ryan and Brandon McWhirter.

A funeral service was held on Monday, July 24, at Arthur VanLerberghe Funeral Home in St. Clair Shores.

GROSSE POINTE WOODS

Rec department gives dog park do's, don'ts

The newly created Lake Front Park dog park has an established list of rules and regulations to ensure safe use by dog owners and their pets.

Grosse Pointe Woods Parks and Recreation Director Melissa Sharp developed the rules and regulations which were reviewed and tweaked by members of the Citizens' Recreation Commission.

Woods city councilmember and chair of the Citizens' Recreation Commission Vicki Granger said, "We have discussed everything about this dog park and now we will give it a one year trial basis. We will review everything in a year and go from there."

The park is open from 6 a.m. to 11 p.m. Sunday through Thursday and 6 a.m. to 1 a.m. Friday and Saturday from May 1 through Oct. 31.

From Nov. 1 through April 30, the hours of operation are 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. Monday through Friday and 8 a.m. to 11 p.m. Saturday and Sunday.

Annual dog park passes are required for entry. The cost for an annual pass is \$20 per dog. All passes will expire on Dec. 31 of the current year. Pass fees for the remainder of 2006 will be \$10.

Applications can be obtained by a dog owner who is 18 years of age or older and dropped off

at the Grosse Pointe Woods Community Center or the city Web site at gpwmi.us.

Each applicant must provide proof of a city dog license, proof of vaccination (DHPP and Bordatella), proof of homeowner's liability insurance coverage with at least \$100,000 minimum coverage that covers injury/damage caused by the animal.

Once the application is complete, a dog pass will be issued and must be presented at the gate each time the dog enters the park.

Pass holders are responsible for following all rules within the dog park. The pass holder bears all risk involved with the use of the dog park.

Only owners listed on the application may bring in the dog or dogs to which the pass was issued. Passes are revocable at the discretion of the Grosse Pointe Woods Recreation Department.

Patrons must keep dogs on a leash until they reach the gated area. This area has two gates. Owners must remain in the dog park with their dogs in full view.

Each adult is limited to bringing no more than two dogs to the park at one time. Children between the ages of 5 and 15 must be accompanied by an adult (children under the

age of 5 are not permitted in the dog park).

A list of dog park do's is as follows:

- ◆ Wear GPW tags and keep immunizations updated.
- ◆ Clean up after your dog and place waste only in designated receptacles.
- ◆ Train your dog to respond to voice commands.
- ◆ Stay with your dog and keep your dog moving.
- ◆ Keep your dog from engaging in fights.
- ◆ Remove your dog at any sign of aggressive behavior.
- ◆ Keep a collar on your dog at all times.

A list of dog park don'ts is as follows:

- ◆ Bring sick dogs with contagious diseases or parasites.
- ◆ Bring puppies under the age of four months.
- ◆ Bring female dogs while they are pregnant or in heat.
- ◆ Bring male dogs that aren't neutered if they are unable to control their natural "urges."
- ◆ Use leashes while in the dog park.
- ◆ Bring in any food or treats.
- ◆ Allow your dog to dig.
- ◆ Leave your dog unattended.

The parks and recreation department also has a list of safety tips for dog park users.

They are to keep walking (walking defuses behaviors

and helps keep the off-leash area a neutral territory); be aware that dogs have different play styles (educate yourself about dog behavior); closely supervise your dog (do not reach in to break up fighting dogs); prevent injuries (under Michigan law, a dog owner is liable for injuries and damage inflicted by their dog); and know your dog (not all dogs like meeting new dogs).

Health risks associated with bringing children to the dog park include: not all dogs are child-friendly; herding dogs may nip at children while attempting to "round them up;" a running, squealing child may become a target for many dogs because the child resembles an injured animal or prey; direct eye contact is confrontational to dogs; never let your child have toys or food in a dog park; all dogs have the potential to bite; and one adult supervising several children and a dog is not sufficient to ensure everyone's safety.

In addition, children are more susceptible to contracting intestinal worms and other infections from touching grass where feces or urine are present. Always make sure everyone wears shoes in the dog park and tennis balls may carry disease and contamination.

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fleas, lice or skin mites from infected dogs.

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Only **ULS** campers can prevent forest fires. Ninth- and 10th-graders and their two chaperones fulfilled Smokey Bear's command and helped save a small island in the Minnesota Boundary Waters Canoe Area.

Adventures abound

By Ann L. Fouty
Staff Writer

Smokey Bear is continually prowlin', growlin' and sniffin' the forest air to find a fire before it flames, according to his song.

Nine University Liggett School (ULS) campers were not seeking a forest fire in the wilds of northern Minnesota, yet when they spotted a plume of smoke rising in the late afternoon of July 4, they jumped into fire-fighting mode.

The group of ninth- and 10th-graders and their two chaperon-teachers had been lamenting, in the final hours of their 16-day adventure, (nine in Minnesota) that nothing momentous had occurred on this particular trip. They had no tall tales to regale their classmates until they curtailed a fire on an unnamed island in Minnesota's Boundary Waters Canoe Area.

"It's ironic it was on the Fourth of July," said ULS freshman Natalie Boll, 14.

While paddling back to the rendezvous spot in Ely, Minn.,



The ULS adventurers paused during their first portage for a group photo with Mary Grech, Sarah Pollick, Christian Redding, Blake Chounaird, Natalie Boll, teacher Kelly Boll, Skippy Faber and Mark Ghafari.

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Learning about
Mother Nature

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rendezvous spot in Ely, Minn., the group of Blake Chounaird, Christian Redding, Mary Grech, Sarah Pollick, Skippy Faber, Natalie Boll, Mark Ghafari and teachers Tom Novitsky and Kelly Boll, saw a smoke plume rising at 3 p.m.

Unusual, they thought, for so early in the afternoon. Perhaps it was a campfire, Kelly Boll said in her diary, "We noticed a column of billowing smoke, much more than would be normal for a campfire to emit."

They were paddling across Lake Agnes in five canoes on their way to an island not a quarter mile wide. Closer to the island they observed burning pine needle duff and several smoking cedar trees. It was a forest fire.

Without shedding their life jackets, the group formed a bucket brigade.

Grech was the anchor, scooping up water. "I was in the water. I was always in the water."

They threw water on and stamped out fires until two forest rangers appeared. The duo was on a routine eight-day patrol and explained there had been a lightning strike two days prior. It had taken that long for the lightning's energy in a 100-foot white pine, to produce enough heat to build

and explode into a fire on the ULS named "Isle of Lightning."

Kelly Boll goes on in her diary, "A cedar had been blasted from its stump and stood positioned like a leaning mast. The pine needle flora was blackened and alit in patches of flame. New areas spontaneously combusted. We dumped out the cook kit and began a bucket brigade. Soon all nine of us were working on it."

The U.S. Forest Rangers thanked the Michigan group for saving the taxpayers' money by putting out the fire which they said could have jumped to the mainland and taken off in earnest.

"It felt good to save an entire island," Grech said. "It was a great ending to the trip."

The trip

The Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness (BWCA) is located in northeastern Minnesota with a million acres of wilderness containing more than 1,000 lakes and streams and more than 1,500 miles of canoe routes.

The BWCA is a true wilderness, with no motors allowed, no electricity, no telephone lines, and no roads to the inner lakes. It borders another million acres of pristine Canadian wilderness.

Each trip tests the seven students with hours of canoeing, portaging and hiking. A portage could be as short as 24 canoe lengths to a half a mile, incorporating a variety of obstacles.

For his 15 years at ULS,

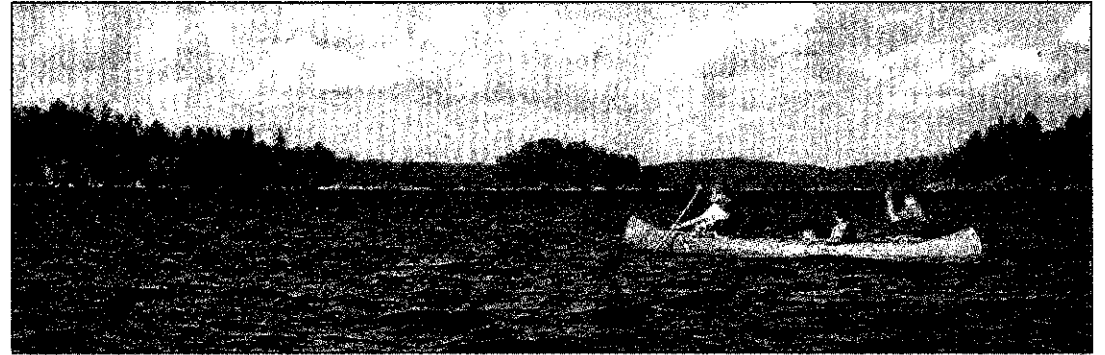


Watching a soaring bald eagle was just one of the many features the students witnessed during their 16-day trip.



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ULS 10th-grader Blake Chounaird uses a paddle to help put out a fire on the Isle of Lightning on July 4. He and six other ULS students and two teachers, Kelly Boll and Thomas Novitsky, were returning from a nine-day wilderness adventure in Minnesota when they happened upon a forest fire. The fire was contained to the small island due to their action.



Christian Redding, Mark Ghafari and Skippy Faber paddled across Lake Agnes and down Moose River during their adventure in the Minnesota.

Novitsky, teacher and originator of the ULS North Woods Wilderness Canoe-Camping Adventure, has been leading suburban students into the wild to introduce them to the beauty of the wilderness.

"They go because they want to experience wilderness on its own terms. They want to immerse themselves, to try something different, something outside their normal lives in Grosse Pointe. The woods become their classroom," he said.

Kelly Boll said, "Those that go are interested in wildlife. They journal and we prompt them. They make a soundscape after listening intently for a few minutes. They focus on one item, such as a pine cone."

"Each trip is always a bit different," Novitsky said.

"Different students, different weather, different wildlife, but one thing is constant, it's simple beauty. The north woods gently wraps itself around you, slowly, purposefully. It fills your senses. The green hues and aroma of balsam and pines; the rich blue sky punctuated by puffs of pure white clouds; the deep, dark waters lapping the granite shorelines. All work their magic."

The adventurers saw no telephone poles and wires, nor did they use cell phones or DVDs,

what they did see was unspoiled and undisturbed Mother Nature. Natalie Boll and Grech said they saw a number of eagles, does and buck white-tailed deer.

"We found wolf poop that was still warm," Grech said, proudly. It was scooped up into a small plastic bag and returned to Michigan for display at the school, along with a bleached moose skull.

Another find was a huge snapping turtle, dubbed Robert Goulet. In fact, every place and everything that wasn't named, Redding and his fellow students felt a need to name, except the mosquitoes which were in abundance. Grech fell short of the record 250 bites with a low 181 bites.

In addition to mosquitoes, they saw mink, beaver and Natalie Boll saw a ton of frogs." Dragonflies are considered good omens, because, as Grech explained, they would act like birds, lighting in trees waiting for mosquitoes.

At night, bats would come out to devour even more mosquitoes.

The journey, which earns students a half science credit, began with a short trip to Michigan's Porcupine Mountains.

With five tents to house the seven students and two teachers, they carried everything

they needed into the great out of doors — canoes, tents, sleeping bags, sleeping pads, clothing, cooking utensils and toothpaste. Everything had to be biodegradable. The team came out with a small bag of trash, with paper and leftover food being burned in the evening campfire. Only plastic was taken out.

"I expected it to be rustic. I would be pushed to the limit. It wasn't that hard," Grech said. "The food was awesome because we were so hungry we would eat anything."

"It takes about three days of being in the woods before we shed the city slicker way of life and begin to feel at home in the woods," said Novitsky, an Ohio native who first visited BWCA as a student. "Students soon learn their duties and complete their camp chores — cooking, cleaning dishes, gathering firewood, fetching water, pitching and moving camp and then, all the rest is just plain fun."

Fun centered around swimming in tannin-tainted water, fishing, playing cards and sitting around the campfire.

"It was neat to see nature without any people interfering. I would like to go back and discover new things," Natalie Boll said of her first rustic adventure which included picking blueberries and wintergreen.

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Goddesses in the Garden fundraiser

Battling cancer is both a mind and body experience. That connection and the need to rejuvenate are recognized in a fundraising event for the Valade Healing Arts Center with the Van Elslander Cancer Center at St. John Hospital and Medical Center.

Goddesses in the Garden - North, is in its third year and features a day of pampering, nurturing and workshops from 2 to 6 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 20, at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial.

The day is sponsored by the Fontbonne Auxiliary of SJH&MC.

The afternoon begins with a Welcome Circle where participants reflect on why they are participating and pay tribute to cancer survivors and cancer patients.

"It's a great day, made more special for its purpose," said general chair Marie DeLuca. "Funds raised will continue to provide supportive care for cancer patients receiving medical treatment. These services offer hope and healing for patients and their families during a most difficult time."

Guests can participate in some of the many services available to patients at the Healing Arts Center, including massage therapy, yoga, Reiki, Yogalates, reflexology, aura photography, labyrinth walk and Feng Shui. Facialists and manicurists will be on hand, in addition, to a group of physicians who will give lectures on wellness and cancer prevention.

Women in Leadership Leading Our World (WILLOW), Grosse Pointe North High School service education organization, will hostess for the event.

Guests can tie a ribbon on the Ribbon Tree in memory or honor of a loved one affected by cancer. A silent auction and raffle will also take place and an open buffet will be available all day.

Tickets are \$50 and may be purchased at the Valade Healing Arts Center, Fontbonne Auxiliary, Pointe Pedlar and Ultima Salon. For more information, call Haglund at (313) 343-3675.

Committee members include: Adel Amerman, Kathleen Cetlinski, Patricia Cosgrove, Mary Ellen Dakmak, Peggy Davis, Alexis DeLuca, Marie DeLuca, Elizabeth DeLuca, Mary Fodell, Sister Betty Granger, Raegan Haglund, Pauline Hemmingsen, Julie Henry, M.D., Linda Khoenle, Pattie Klimchuk, Gloria Kotas, Mado Lie, Natasha Lie, Linda Lloyd, Elaine Malcoun, Liz Mitchell, Mary Natschke, Angie Rooks, Sister Georgianna Simon, Elizabeth Soby, Patricia Stumb, Kathy Taranto, Carolyn Wagner and Lorna Zalenski.

GOLF FOR CRISIS: Sycamore Hills Golf Club is the site of The Grosse Pointe Crisis Club's annual "Kotcher Kapers" Golf Outing, this year celebrating its 50th year of



The Goddesses in the Garden - North is more than a fundraiser. The Welcome Circle is an opportunity to recognize cancer survivors and patients.



The Goddesses in the Garden - North committee include Pat Cosgrove, Angie Rooks, Mary Ellen Dakmak, Adel Amerman, Valade Healing Arts Center manager Mary Natschke, co-chair Peggy Davis, general chair Marie DeLuca, Fontbonne Auxiliary president Linda Lloyd, Pattie Klimchuk and Elaine Malcoun. Not pictured, Kathleen Cetlinski, Alexis DeLuca, Elizabeth DeLuca, Sister Betty Granger, Raegan Haglund, Pauline Hemmingsen, Julie Henry, M.D., Linda Khoenle, Gloria Kotas, Mado Lie, Elizabeth Mitchell, Sister Georgianna Simon, Penny Soby, Kathy Taranto and Carolyn Wagner.

helping needy people who find themselves in "true crisis" situations. Golfers and volunteers are needed for the noon-to-dinner event. Call Steve Graus at (586) 566-8331 or Jim Maniere at (586) 731-5820.

PAL BENEFIT: Members of the current Red Wings team will take on Detroit Tigers alumni, local media and other local celebrities in a "Champions Challenge" celebrity softball game at 7:05 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 9, at Comerica Park.

Proceeds from the event sponsored by Ilitch Charities for Children will help Think Detroit PAL establish a youth hockey program in Detroit and partner with the Youth Sports and Recreation Commission to re-establish the Hometown World Series, along with title

sponsor Little Caesars.

Players currently scheduled to appear include Red Wings

Chris Chelios, Kris Draper and Kirk Maltby. Tiger greats slated to participate include Gates

Brown, Willie Horton, Mickey Lolich, Bill Freehan, Frank Tanana and Dan Petry. The

Goddesses in the Garden Party beginnings

Goddesses in the Garden originated in Key Largo, Fla., to raise funds for cancer. It was brought to Michigan and St. John Hospital and Medical Center and the Fontbonne Auxiliary by board member and vice president Marie DeLuca.

The event begins with a Welcome Circle that honors cancer patients and survivors. Guests enjoy a variety of pampering sessions, lectures on health and wellness, healthy food and beverages and a silent auction.

The Fontbonne Auxiliary raises funds for the Valade Healing Arts Center by providing supportive care for cancer patients.

roster is subject to change.

The first half of the evening double-header will feature Detroit area media personalities in a 5:45 p.m. contest. Gates open at 5 p.m.

Tickets for Champions Challenge are \$10 for general admission and may be purchased at Comerica Park box offices or at ticketmaster.com.



PHOTO BY RENEE LANDUYT

Children of the Revolution

At a picnic at Patterson Park recently, the local chapter of Children of the American Revolution, the John Paul Jones Society, hosted regional officers, including Alex Lansdale, Great Lakes vice president; Kristie Savage, John Paul Jones Society director and Michigan Society of the Children of the American Revolution second vice president; Trish Savage, John Paul Jones Society senior president; Drew Savage, John Paul Jones Society president; Andrew Brim, MSCAR state president; and Suzanne Reynolds, national senior president. From left at the picnic are, back row, Robert Fritsch, Blair Norman, Lansdale, Meredith Scheiwe, Andrew Green, Melody Pike, Emily Falkenstein, Ted O'Connell, Brim, Reynolds, Brian Thorne, Greg Thorne, front row, Elizabeth Allen, Kristie Savage, Trish Savage, Barry "Bear" Marler, Drew Savage and Katie Fontichiaro. Children of the American Revolution, the nation's oldest and largest patriotic youth organization, offers membership to anyone under the age of 21 who are lineally descended from someone who served in the Continental Army or gave material aid to the cause of freedom in the American Revolution. The John Paul Jones Society is sponsored by the Louisa St. Clair Chapter National Society Daughters of the American Revolution of Grosse Pointe. To learn more about membership contact John Paul Jones Society President Drew Savage at (313) 274-4181.



PHOTO COURTESY JOSEF BOGOSIAN

MDA arrest

Josef Bogosian, center, was arrested June 14 by the Muscular Dystrophy Association (MDA) Police. He was escorted to lockup at The Hill Restaurant and released after raising more than \$1,900. The money Bogosian and his associates raised will send three MDA children to a week of camp in Lexington. Once a year, Bogosian opens his kitchen to volunteers who cook more than 1,000 pounds of ribs for a fundraising barbecue, with profits to support MDA.

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St. Paul staff greets new pastoral associate

By Ann L. Fouty
Staff Writer

Colette Dempsey joined St. Paul Catholic Church's staff as the pastoral associate last week.

With wide and varying duties, she will take on the full-time job to support the Rev. Msgr. Patrick F. Halpenny, the congregation of 2,800, the church and its missions.

Her duties include reaching out to the unchurched in a new evangelization mission, assisting in the youth programs and ministering to the homebound and hospitalized.

Dempsey said she will be participating in the parish's commission meetings and provide support during wakes and funerals.

She is taking over a spot vacated by Sister Ruthann Reed who returned to her mother house in Wisconsin.

"It's a full-time job, but I must be flexible," she said of her new responsibilities.

While becoming acquainted with her various roles, Dempsey will be taking classes at the Sacred Heart Seminary to become certified in her new position. Theology will be the first class en route to completing 18 hours of classwork.

Dempsey and her husband, Dave, and four sons, moved to Grosse Pointe Farms nine years ago from Newtown, Conn. Her husband is the vice president of sales with Pepsi-Cola Bottling. Their oldest son is a senior at Loyola University in Chicago. They also have a son who is a sophomore at Boston College and the two youngest sons attend University of Detroit Jesuit High School.

A native of New Jersey, Dempsey said she was raised a Roman Catholic, attended Catholic schools and graduated

from an all-girls Catholic college, St. Joseph College in West Hartford, Conn.

Since joining the parish, she has been volunteering with the altar society, the teacher/parent guild at the school, and bereavement counseling, led Bible study and is an extraordinary minister of Holy Communion.

"And I helped do some landscaping," she said.

"St. Paul's is a great faith-filled community. It's very active with many parishioners willing to share their time, talent and faith with each other," she said.

This is evidenced by the hosting of the homeless for one week each spring, setting up a giving tree each Christmas, supporting St. Vincent de Paul and Pregnancy Aid, she said.

St. Paul is located at 157 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms.

PASTOR'S CORNER

By Hamid Dana

Golden Rule

I have long felt that what turns many people away from religion is the actions of religious people. Gandhi reportedly had a great admiration for Christ, and said that he might have become a Christian if he hadn't met so many of them. A European convert to Islam was quoted as saying, "Thank God I found Islam before I found the Muslims."

When I speak to interfaith groups, I'm often asked about the difficulty of observing the Five Pillars of Islam, which include praying five times a day, fasting for the month of Ramadan, and making the Hajj or pilgrimage to Mecca.

Actually, those are the easy parts of the religion. The difficult part, in every faith, is truly following the example of the messenger who brought it, whether that messenger is Jesus, Muhammad, or Buddha.

In one of the Hadith, or sayings of the Prophet, we are

told, "You will not enter Paradise unless you believe, and you will not be a believer until you love one another."

All the major religions have a version of the Golden Rule: "Do to others what you would have them do to you." The problem arises in applying the rule. It's fairly easy to keep this in mind when we're with like-minded people, but the prophets of the great religions have taught that we should extend that charity beyond our own communities. Jesus used the parable of the Good Samaritan; Muhammad taught that, "All creation is the family of God, and the person most beloved by God (is the one) who is kind and caring toward His family."

So we are supposed to love even people we don't know. OK that's not too hard, but what about people we don't like, people who don't believe as we do, people who have hurt us?

Another Hadith says, "Show

mercy to those on Earth and the One in Heaven will show mercy on you."

Jesus told his disciples, "If you forgive men when they sin against you, your heavenly Father will also forgive you. But if you do not forgive men their sins, your Father will not forgive your sins."

Many people dislike the idea that there are conditions placed on the mercy of God, but all religions teach in some way that men and women have a role in creating their own destinies. It's part of the responsibility that comes with the gift of free will.

We hear these concepts preached often in the houses of worship but it's rare to see them practiced, even by those who do the preaching. And until we do practice them, we will never have peace.

Hamid Dana is Chairman of the Outreach Committee at the Albanian Islamic Center in Harper Woods.

Two summer adult Bible classes held

Christ the King Lutheran Church, 20338 Mack Ave., Grosse Pointe Woods, will wrap up its dual-track adult summer Bible study program with two new classes scheduled to run in August.

The summer program is designed to offer adults a choice in the level of difficulty they want to pursue. "Questions for God" is a less rigorous study. It will focus on questions that bewilder all of us at one time or another: "How do I know God's will for my life?" and "Is God

angry with me?"

Comparison and discussion of contemporary material from movies, TV documentaries and books will illustrate how our culture tries to answer these questions in ways that exclude God completely from the picture.

The second class is for adults interested in more of an in-depth focus on an aspect of Christian life — in this case, evangelism. Entitled "Winning Friends for Jesus," the class will present a balanced look at

drawing friends lovingly to the Good News without watering down the saving message of God's grace through faith in Christ's death on the cross.

Both classes are offered at 9:30 a.m. and will run continually from Sunday, Aug. 6, through Sunday, Aug. 27. Guests are welcome to attend either class and also to join the congregation for worship at 8:15 a.m. or 10:45 a.m.

For more information, contact the Rev. Tim Holzerland at (313) 884-5090.

Dutch carillonneur in concert

Christ Church Grosse Pointe hosts a free concert by Dutch carillonneur Roy Kroezen at noon Sunday, Aug. 13.

Concert seating will be on the front lawn of the church, 61 Grosse Pointe Blvd., Grosse Pointe Farms. Guests may bring a blanket and picnic for the concert. In case of inclement weather, seating will be moved into the Cloister. The doors and windows can be opened to hear the bells.

Born in 1967, Kroezen studied organ at the Arnhem Conservatory and studied carillon with professor Bernard Winsemius and Geert D'hollander. Presently, he is studying at the Leuven Lemmens Institute in Belgium with Carl van Eyndhoven to achieve a master's degree in carillon.

He has been a carillonneur since 2005 in Zwolle on the Taylor carillon, second carillonneur in Rhenen and organist



Roy Kroezen

in Hilversum and Beesd. He is a member of the music committee of the Dutch Carillon Society for publishing works for carillon and arrangements.

Kroezen's Christ Church concert will include a mix of classical and contemporary music, including pieces by Bach, Mozart, Gershwin and Scott Joplin.

"In these performances," said Richard Gibson, Christ Church carillonneur and direc-

tor of the children's choir, "people tell us how much they appreciate the good mix of entertainment and sounds that are spiritually uplifting and the beautiful grounds and architecture that remind them of England. It is relatively rare to be able to hear, in person, carillon performances of this high quality."

For more information, call the church at (313) 885-4841 or Gibson at (313) 822-6148.

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WEDDINGS

Minturn-Ogilvy

Kathleen Minturn, daughter of Fred and Michelle Minturn of Grosse Pointe Shores, married Steven Ogilvy, son of Bruce and Claudia Ogilvy of Grosse Pointe Woods, on June 3, 2006, at the Sweetest Heart of Mary Catholic Church. The Rev. Roger Lumbre officiated at the 2 p.m. ceremony, which was followed by a reception at the Detroit Athletic Club. The bride wore a diamond white silk satin strapless gown with silver beading and carried a bouquet of white roses and white lilies. The maid of honor was the

bride's sister, Kristine Minturn of Grosse Pointe Shores. Bridesmaids were Katherine Hicks of Grosse Pointe Woods, Elizabeth Neilson of Grosse Pointe Woods and Katherine Shuster of East Lansing. Cate and Emma Troost of Grosse Pointe Woods were flower girls. Attendants wore black chiffon tea-length dresses with spaghetti straps. The groom's brother, Joseph Ogilvy, of Grosse Pointe Woods was the best man. Ushers were Jason Giarvin of Grand Rapids, John Yoder of Philadelphia, Pa., and Dan Minturn of Grosse Pointe Shores.

The mother of the bride wore a black and white chiffon strapless gown. The groom's mother wore a beige beaded gown. Scripture readers were Jeff Neilson and Elenor Heinrick. The bride earned a Bachelor of Science degree in botany from Michigan State University and is in the research department at Henry Ford Hospital. The groom earned a Bachelor of Arts degree from the College for Creative Studies. He is an ophthalmic photographer at Henry Ford Hospital. The couple honeymooned in England, Scotland and Ireland. They live in Ferndale.

Norris-Anastasakis

Leah Marie Norris, daughter of Scot and Christine Norris of Grosse Pointe Shores, married Nicholas Emmanuel Anastasakis, son of George and Jayne Anastasakis of Seven Hills, Ohio, on May 20, 2006. The wedding and reception were held at the Maumee Bay State Park and Resort. The bride wore an ivory ballerina-length dress with a beaded bodice and carried gerbera daisies. The bride's sister, Katie Norris of Grosse Pointe, was the maid of honor. Bridesmaids were Carly McNutt of Stow, Ohio, Amy Anastasakis of Parma Heights, Ohio, and Stephanie Anastasakis of Seven Hills, Ohio. The attendants wore tangerine cocktail-length dresses



Mr. and Mrs. Steven Ogilvy



Mr. and Mrs. Nicholas Emmanuel Anastasakis

and carried gerbera daisies. Brett Kyker of Parma, Ohio, was the best man. Groomsmen were Josh Johnson of Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio, Stephen Anastasakis of Parma Heights, Ohio, and Todd Bratz of Brooklyn, N.Y. The bride is pursuing a degree in education. The groom is a financial adviser. They live in Lakewood, Ohio.

ENGAGEMENTS

Dumler-Czuczman

Francis and Deborah Dumler of Grosse Pointe Farms have announced the engagement of their daughter, Amanda Dumler, to Gregory Czuczman, son of Linda DeRoxtra of Williamstown, N.J., and the late Leo Czuczman, and stepson of Karen Murphy and Thomas Carey. A May wedding is planned. Dumler earned a Bachelor of Science degree in psychology from Duke University and is a fourth-year medical student at Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine. Czuczman earned a Bachelor of Science degree in biology from Duquesne University and is a fourth-year medical student at Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine.

Michigan University. She is a marketing associate at William Blair & Co. in Chicago. Wilson earned a bachelor's degree in finance and economics from the University of Illinois. He is a stockbroker at Perkins, Wolf, McDonnell & Co. in Chicago.

Breitenbecher-Joire

Mr. and Mrs. Ronald W. Breitenbecher of Grosse Pointe Park have announced the engagement of their daughter, Bridget Mary Breitenbecher, to John Andrew Joire, son of Virginia Inglis of Newton, Mass., and Jean Joire of Corsica, France. An October wedding is planned. Joire manages his own business specializing in real estate investment and development in California.

Supply Planning at Cisco Systems in San Jose, Calif.

Josselyn-LaDuke

Mr. and Mrs. Louis S. Josselyn III of Chapel Hill, N.C., have announced the engagement of their daughter, Kristen Josselyn, to Ryan Lis LaDuke, son of Sharon LaDuke and Richard LaDuke formerly of Grosse Pointe Farms. A September wedding is planned. Josselyn earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in biology from Appalachian State University. LaDuke earned a Bachelor of



Rachel McCloskey and Christopher Robert Sherwood

Science degree in criminal justice from Ferris State University.

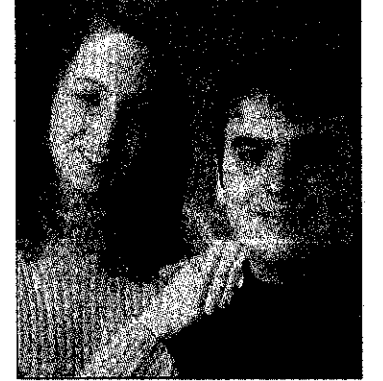
Dykstra-Davis

Mrs. Ellen Boss of Holland,



Ryan Lis LaDuke and Kristen Josselyn

Mich., has announced the engagement of her daughter, Denise Lynelle Dykstra, to Philip Edmond Davis, son of Mr. Richard Davis and Dr. Helene Tigchelaar of Grosse Pointe Park. Dykstra is also the daughter of the late Rev. John Dykstra. An August wedding is



Denise Lynelle Dykstra and Philip Edmond Davis

planned. Dykstra earned Bachelor of Science degrees in mathematics and computer science from Calvin College. Davis earned Bachelor of Science degrees in mathematics and computer science from Calvin College.

Kazerski-Jozefiak

Kenneth and Susan Kazerski of Grosse Pointe Woods have announced the engagement of their daughter, Linda Susan Kazerski, to Michael Andrew Jozefiak IV, son of Michael and Christine Jozefiak III of Algonac. A November wedding is planned.

McCloskey-Sherwood

Regina McCloskey of Tiburon, Calif., has announced the engagement of her daughter Rachel McCloskey, to Christopher Robert Sherwood, son of David and Cis Sherwood, of Ann Arbor, formerly of Grosse Pointe. McCloskey is also the daughter of the late James B. McCloskey. A spring 2007 wedding is planned. McCloskey earned a Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of Southern California and a master's degree from Stanford University. She is a senior analyst at SRI International in Menlo Park, Calif. Sherwood earned a Bachelor of Science degree from the University of Chicago, a master's degree and a PhD from the University of California at San Diego. He is manager of

Dyson-Wilson

Jean Brady Poole of Auburn Hills and George Dyson of Cold Spring, Ky., have announced the engagement of their daughter, Kate Dyson, to Benjamin Wilson, son of Sharon and Brent Wilson of Buffalo Grove, Ill. A November wedding is planned. Dyson earned a bachelor's degree in English and communications from Eastern

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CAREGIVING By Terri Murphy

Financial fountain of youth



Due to high interest in my May column in which I wrote about the financial challenges of providing for a loved one's long-term care, this article will address a viable self-pay option for seniors who are healthy enough to stay at home but are in need of occasional in-home care.

That self-pay option is called a reverse mortgage. The truth is, while reverse mortgages are costly and should be used with caution, they are gaining in popularity across the country.

In 1990, there were fewer than 200 reverse mortgages recorded. Just last year that number has grown to more than 40,000.

In addition, one of the goals of the Deficit Reduction Act of 2005 is to reduce government spending on Medicaid. It legislates that Medicaid be denied to applicants with more than \$500,000 in home equity. As a result, more seniors will

be required to pay for their own health care, and it is expected the number of reverse mortgages will increase as a result. They are clearly starting to become more acceptable for some seniors. So here's some more good information.

◆ What is a reverse mortgage? It is a special type of home loan that allows seniors the ability to convert a portion of their built-up equity into cash. The beauty is no repayment is required until the borrower/homeowner no longer uses the home as his or her personal residence.

◆ Why is this important? Seniors often won't qualify for a home equity loan because they do not have the income stream to support the monthly payment associated with it. In addition, the borrower's credit rating and health situation are irrelevant when it comes to reverse mortgages.

◆ So how does the bank get its money back? Interest and fees accumulate and are added to the loan amount. When the borrower/homeowner moves out permanently, the entire amount becomes due. At that time, either the homeowner or family can pay off the balance to keep the home in the family or the

house is sold. If the sales proceeds are insufficient to pay off the entire amount, the shortfall is covered by mortgage insurance. Any surplus goes to the homeowner/borrower and/or the estate.

◆ What are the requirements? The borrower must be the homeowner living in the home, be 62 years old or older and must own the house outright or have a low enough mortgage that can be paid off with proceeds from the reverse mortgage. In addition, all borrowers are required to receive consumer information from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development prior to obtaining the loan. HUD may be contacted at (800) 569-4287.

◆ Can the lender take my home if I outlive the loan? Never — as long as taxes and insurance are kept current.

◆ How much money can I get? It depends on age, current interest rates, the current appraised value of the home and the mortgage limits established by the Federal Housing Administration for your area.

◆ How do I receive my money? There are many options, ranging from a lump-sum payment to periodic payments to a line of credit arrangement.

◆ Are reverse mortgages ex-

pensive? For short-term borrowers, they are very expensive. As a general rule, the homeowner should plan on staying at least five years or more to make it worthwhile.

◆ Are condominiums eligible? They may. However they typically must be FHA approved.

From discussing the reality of reverse mortgages with several financial planners, here is a good rule of thumb to use when looking at your personal situation.

If you are over the age of 70, plan to stay in your house for at least five years, own your home outright or have a low loan balance remaining, have equity built up in excess of \$200,000, could use some limited in-home care services yet are already starting to have trouble meeting your monthly living expenses, you should seek professional advice.

Reverse mortgages might just be the financial fountain of youth you are looking for!

For more information on reverse mortgages go to reversemortgage.org.

Terri Murphy is a professional caregiver living in the City of Grosse Pointe. She may be reached at tmurphy572@comcast.net or by calling (313) 881-4600.

HEALTH COLUMN By Dr. James Fox

Keep cool: Tips for beating the heat and staying healthy

The dog days of summer are upon us, and as the mercury rises, so does the potential for heat-related illness. This occurs when the body does not cool properly or the body does not cool enough. But by being aware of the risk factors and exercising some caution, you can still enjoy the hot weather and, most importantly, stay healthy.

Symptoms and risks

There are four levels of heat-related illness. They are:

◆ Sunburn: Causes redness and pain to the skin. In severe cases, there may be swelling, blisters, fever and headache.

◆ Heat cramps: Characterized by heavy sweating and painful spasms usually in the legs or abdomen.

◆ Heat exhaustion: Occurs when the person becomes weak and is sweating heavily. The pulse becomes fast and weak, and fainting and/or vomiting can occur. Temperatures may be normal or elevated to 104 degrees. Level of consciousness remains normal.

◆ Heat stroke: Potentially life-threatening. A person's body temperature gets extremely high (106 degrees or higher); the skin is typically hot and dry, and there is a rapid pulse. Difficulty walking or maintaining one's balance and a change in behavior up to and including unconsciousness can result. Immediate medical attention is required.

In the summer, it's important to pay close attention to the heat index. This is a combination of the effects of heat and humidity. For example, in 80- to 90-degree weather and high humidity, a person can easily become fatigued with prolonged exposure and/or physical activity. When the temperature climbs higher, into the 90- to 105-degree range, heat cramps, heat exhaustion and heat stroke can more readily happen if you are out too long or exerting yourself too much.

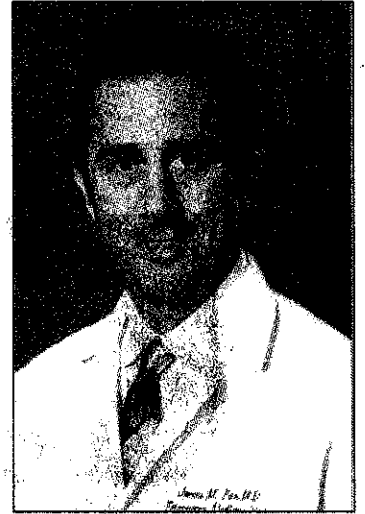
Anyone can fall victim to heat-related illness if they're not careful, but some people are at greater risk than others, including:

- ◆ the elderly;
- ◆ infants and young children;
- ◆ those who are physically ill, especially with heart disease or high blood pressure;
- ◆ people who have a mental illness, and
- ◆ people who are obese.

On those extremely hot days, it's a good idea to regularly check on the elderly, especially if they live alone. Infants and young children also require frequent monitoring.

Keeping cool

Summer is a short season, so it's understandable that most of us want to soak up as much sun as we can. You can still en-



Dr. James Fox

joy the hot weather as long as you use some caution when the mercury soars into the 90s and 100s.

First and foremost it's important to increase your intake of liquids — but avoid alcohol, caffeine and carbonated, sugary drinks such as soda pop, which all tend to dehydrate the body. Water is always the best choice, and fruit juice (in limited amounts) is good too. Don't wait until you're thirsty to have a drink.

It's better to eat small meals and to eat more often throughout the day. You should avoid foods that are high in protein, as this tends to boost the body's metabolic heat, which in turns increases the body's loss of water.

Secondly, always dress properly for the heat. It's best to wear lightweight and light-colored clothing. The light colors will deflect some of the sun's rays, whereas dark-colored clothing absorbs them. Wear a wide-brimmed hat and sunglasses. And always wear sunscreen with a SPF of 15 or higher. The most effective sunscreen products are "broad spectrum" or "UVA/UVB protection," which will be indicated on the label.

In extreme heat, keep your activity level to a minimum. If you must exercise, cut the lawn or work in the garden, try to do it in the early morning or late evening when the temperature and humidity are lower. If you have to be outside, dress properly, take frequent breaks, drink plenty of water, or better yet, a sports-type drink that replaces the electrolytes lost through sweating, and seek out the shade as much as possible.

If you are taking medications, some may put you more at risk during the hot weather. These include certain cardiac drugs as well as some psychiatric medications. Also avoid using salt tablets unless directed to do so by a physician.

And, lastly, stay in the air conditioning as much as possible. If your home lacks air conditioning, seek some relief at a local mall or public library during those peak heat hours (noon to 4 p.m.). Some communities also provide heat-relief shelters when there is a heat wave. Be sure and check with your local health department for a listing of locations.

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Teach children to prevent skin cancer

Skin cancer rates in the United States are increasing at epidemic levels. In fact, one blistering sunburn during childhood more than doubles a person's chances of developing melanoma later in life. The Skin Cancer Foundation reveals.

The majority of skin cancers are almost always preventable with good sun protection habits and children should be taught from an early age to be aware of problems associated with sun exposure and the need to use sun protection, doctors say.

"By 2010, melanoma rates are projected to rise to 1 in 50 Americans," said Perry Robins, M.D., president of The Skin Cancer Foundation. "The most important factors contributing to the rise in melanoma rates are exposure to ultraviolet rays (UVR) in early childhood, sunburns, and intermittent in-

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creased exposure to the sun." Parents can teach children early sun protection techniques that will help prevent skin cancer later in life. The foundation recommends the following methods of protection for different age groups:

Babies under six months of age should be kept out of the sun. Follow these tips for babies older than six months:

◆ Take walks early in the morning or late afternoon and use a stroller with a sun-pro-

ective cover.

◆ Dress babies in loose-fitting outfits that cover arms and legs.

◆ Clothing made with a UPF of 30 or higher offers the best protection. For a selection of sun protective children's clothing, visit cabanalife.com. A portion of the proceeds benefit The Skin Cancer Foundation.

◆ Choose a hat that protects the baby's face, neck and ears. A baby who wears a hat during the first few months will get used to having it on.

◆ Sunglasses are not very practical for a young baby. To protect your baby's eyes, seek the shade between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. Apply a broad-spectrum, SPF 15+ sunscreen to areas left uncovered such as the baby's hands.

◆ While in the car, shield the baby from direct sunlight through side windows with UV-blocking window film.

Protecting toddlers from the sun requires a little more thought and effort. It is important to not only educate your child, but the caregiver as well.

◆ Make sure your child seeks the shade between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. Check the outdoor area where your child plays to make sure there is adequate shade.

◆ A broad-spectrum, SPF 15+ sunscreen should be ap-

plied every morning, 20 minutes before leaving the house. Keep sunscreen in the bathroom where children brush their teeth and eventually it will become routine.

◆ Two tablespoons of sunscreen must be applied every two hours and more often if your child is swimming or sweating.

◆ Children should wear sun protective clothing — including shirts, hats and sunglasses — as their primary line of defense against UVR. Make sure your child wears a wide-brimmed hat, long-sleeved shirt and pants during prolonged periods in the sun.

Most of the sun protection methods used for toddlers and young children should be applied to elementary school children:

◆ Wear sun protective clothing every day, especially if you live in a warm climate.

◆ Apply broad-spectrum, SPF 15+ sunscreen to exposed skin.

◆ Reapply sunscreen after two hours of UVR exposure and continue to reapply.

◆ Be sure your child wears a hat during recess.

◆ Teach your child to look for shaded areas in which to play.

◆ Teach your child to wear sunglasses while outside.

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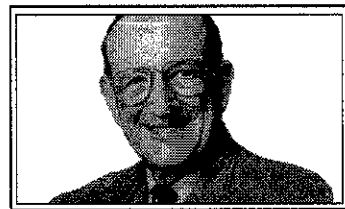
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DSO goes where no man has gone before



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unexpected bonus.

The DSO's resident conductor, Thomas Wilkins, speaking from the podium, proved to be as outstanding and entertaining a narrator as he is a conductor. The evening was a perfect combination of great music, a fascinating lesson in astronomy and a highly entertaining line of Wilkins' patter.

Music from "Star Trek" was the perfect introduction to this summer adventure in outer space. As Wilkins wryly pointed out, the music brings back

vivid memories of one of TV's most popular series and tuned our imaginations toward the evening's theme. That was highlighted even more dramatically with the sunrise segment of Richard Strauss' great opus, "Also Sprach Zarathustra." Everyone was ready to blast off.

Just to remind us that along with the roar of rocket power, space is a place of serene beauty, Wilkins' program included a sublime performance of Johann Strauss' "Blue Danube Waltz" followed by a dreamy and sensitive performance of Claude Debussy's longtime favorite, "Claire de Lune." It was established this concert was bringing something for everybody and catering generously to our fascination with the world of astronomy in both scientific fact and fiction.

Fiction was well represented with three selections from the "Star Wars" Suite that brought back vivid memories of Spielberg's exciting fantasy. Yoda's theme, like Debussy's moon music, was tender and serene, and the "Imperial March" raised the hackles with recalled images of Darth Vader and the death star. The brass section in particular contributed high impact to the stirring musical episode.

But all this was only a prelude to the main event. To start the second half, a Detroit Science Museum representative appeared on stage in Renaissance robes and introduced himself as Galileo, the father of modern astronomy.

With less flair than Wilkins, but with stunning data, he briefed the audience about Mars with its reddish hue from iron oxide on its surface and its amazing topography. There are mountains three times as high as Everest, a valley four

times the size of Grand Canyon and a craggy landscape that defies description, he said.

As Wilkins and the orchestra swung into the Holst music representing this planet, screens strategically placed in view of the sprawling audience lit up with footage of the spacecraft approaching, panning the weird landscape and hedging over the rusty hued riffs and valleys. It is impossible to decide which had the greater impact, the views or the music, but the combined effect was mind-expanding. The impression of Mars is forever changed by seeing it through NASA's lens while listening to Holst's powerful music.

The thrill only intensified as we continued the tour of seven planets and gained new insight and understanding of each. Venus was presented by Holst as the bringer of peace, but her landscape is equally forbidding. Conditions include a heat-trapping atmosphere of carbon dioxide too hot for human life and vegetation.

Tiny Mercury, close to the sun, with its slow rotation, ranges from 810 degrees Fahrenheit on the sunny side, to a negative 209 degrees in the dark. Its surface is pockmarked with asteroid and comet craters. Its coverage included spectacular views of solar flares and the fiery inferno of the hydrogen fusion that fuels our source of light and life.

From the probes of Voyager I and II there were additional scenes of the surfaces, colors, moons and other singular characteristics of Jupiter, Saturn, Uranus and Neptune. Holst's music representing each of them enlivened and dramatized our new discoveries of our planetary neighbors.

Moreover, while the music

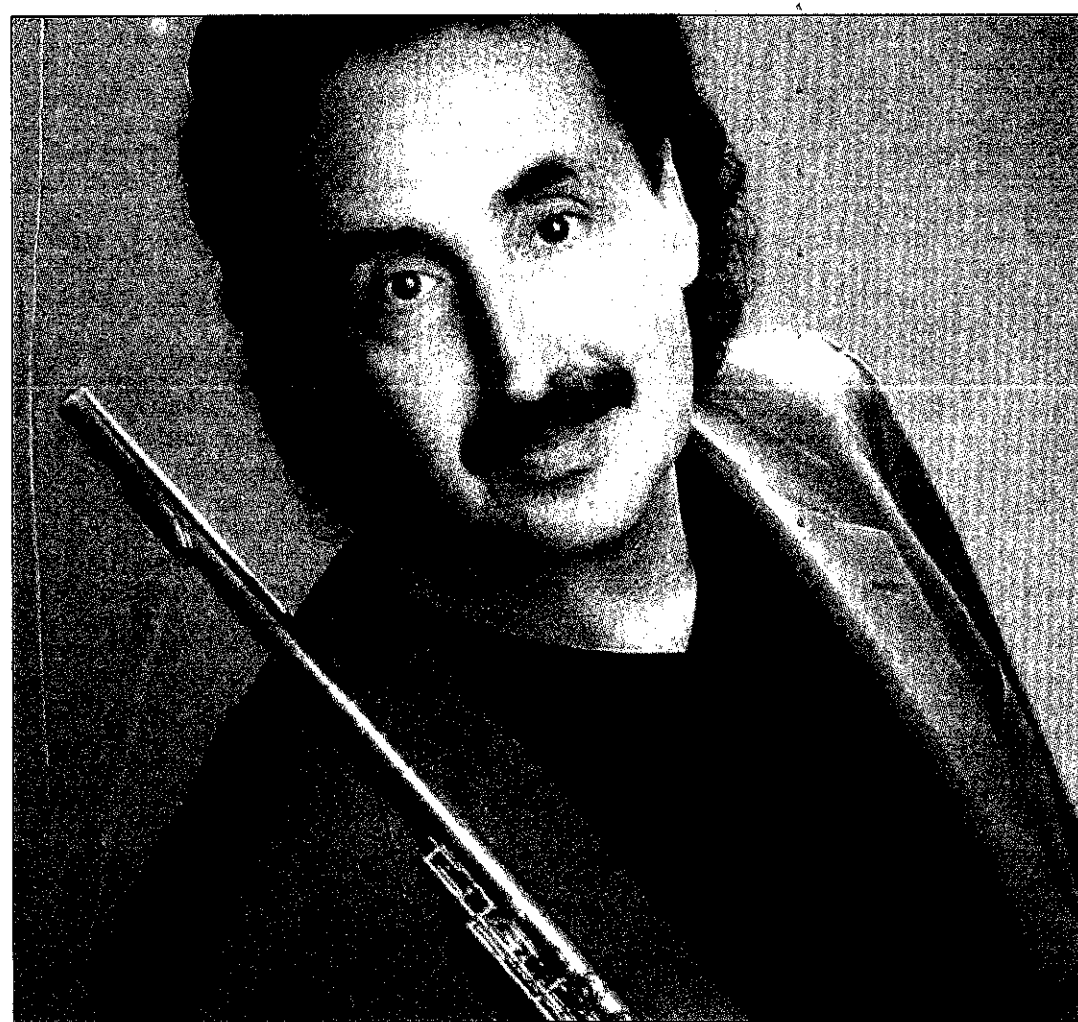
served as a film score to heighten the viewers' reaction to the images, it increased in its own drama by being accompanied by the visuals. Beautifully performed by the orchestra, it gained immeasurably in importance and impact and reminded us to gaze skyward and appreciate the real stars that were being honored so artistically down below.

More musical treats for the summer are scheduled at Meadow Brook on the next two weekends. This Saturday, July 29, Nicholas McGegan leads the DSO in a program honoring Mozart's 250th birthday. Violinist Hai-Xin Wu will be soloist for the composer's fifth violin concerto subtitled, "Turkish," and the orchestra will follow with the great Jupiter Symphony.

On Sunday, July 30, trumpeter Chris Botti will join the DSO in a program of popular melodies that show off his velvet tone. On Friday, Aug. 4, Edwin Outwater, resident conductor of the San Francisco Symphony, will lead the DSO and two solo violinists in instrumental treatments of some of the greatest tunes in classical music, from the Toreador theme from "Carmen" to "Hoedown" from Aaron Copland's Rodeo ballet.

Outwater will take the podium again on Saturday, Aug. 5, in an all-Tchaikovsky program of Symphony No. 4 and the Piano Concerto No. 1. Adam Nieman is soloist. The Summer Festival will conclude with music with a Latin flair highlighted by Bandoneon virtuoso Peter Soave performing a concerto by Astor Piazzola. Outwater will again conduct, completing the program with music of Marquez, Ginastera, Rimsky Korsakov and Ravel.

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Smooth jazz Zonjic

The fourth concert of the War Memorial concert season takes place Wednesday, Aug. 2, and features flautist Alexander Zonjic, a well-known and respected jazz musician, local radio personality and restaurateur. His easy-listening jazz sounds help create a memorable evening and attract one of the largest audiences of the series. Zonjic has been a regular performer in this series for many years and is back by popular demand. 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.

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The Stratford Festival of Canada's "The Duchess of Malfi" features Lucy Peacock as the Duchess of Malfi.

STATE OF THE ARTS By Alex Suczek

'The Duchess of Malfi' intriguing at Stratford



For the playgoer seeking an evening of intellectual stimulus, or just plain entertainment, John Webster's Jacobean play, "The Duchess of Malfi" at the Stratford Festival of Canada may be much more than one bargained for.

It brings to mind Churchill's description of the Soviet Union as "a mystery wrapped in an enigma." Grasping the personal motivations of the central characters is like figuring out the clues to a pun and anagram puzzle. It is both a mystifying and a stimulating exercise.

Moreover, the violence and corruption are extreme, representing the culture of southern Italy in the early 16th century where the story of the plot occurred.

Are Ferdinand and the Cardinal primarily concerned with restraining the feminist freedom of their widowed sister, the Duchess? Or do they have darker motives? Why is it so threatening to the temporal and religious powers of their culture? Why is her desire to marry and have a normal family life so threatening to them? Does the Cardinal have designs on taking over her dukedom? Does Ferdinand have a suppressed incestuous passion for his sensual sister? Is his vicious behavior explained by a psychopathic personality?

What about Bosola, whose life becomes fatally entwined with theirs? Is this soldier of fortune an assassin, or just a mercenary turning with every shift in the wind to save his own skin and earn his pay-off? Does his humanity truly overcome his ruthless pose as he awakens to the spirited and wholesome character of the Duchess?

Or is this melodramatic story simply Webster's fulfillment of the tastes of the Jacobean era,

the early 17th century, when women were still held almost universally in subordinate roles and the audience found amusement in cruelty, torture, and murder? Attending a public hanging was still popular entertainment in those days.

In the script, the evidence is fragmentary and inconclusive, and director Peter Hinton appears to have resisted letting the actors' performances lead us to definite conclusions. As audience members, we must play the game we play in life, of trying to interpret the answers from the fragmentary evidence that we see and hear. We look for hints, listening carefully to every line and watch every movement and expression of the players for clues. They are elusive, but intentionally so, and the gruesome outcome is inevitable.

In this story, the recently widowed Duchess, eager to pick up the threads of life, secretly marries her steward, Antonio. As in many cultures, this flies in the face of tradition and is considered a disgrace to the family. Her brothers learn of it and are determined to punish her. One goal is to break her spirit, but in their culture there seem to be no limits to what they can secretly undertake, and the down at the heel mercenary, Bosola, becomes their hired instrument of retribution.

At this point, the resemblance to some contemporary cultures is striking, where a woman's reputation is easily sullied and becomes the shame of the entire family. Her fate may be anything from isolation from real life and ineligibility for marriage to death by stoning. The origins are at least biblical.

Meanwhile, whatever their true motives, the Duchess' brothers undertake to eliminate her, her husband and their three children. It is a slow and agonizing process played out against the development of personal philosophies of all parties. The Cardinal and Prince Ferdinand rationalize and partially conceal their imprisonment of the Duchess and their attempts to drive her

mad. She displays indomitable strength, and henchman Bosola begins to display a strong respect for her. It is suspect, however, for in winning her confidence, he gains information useful in his service to her brothers. Conspiracy and betrayal infect the entire process.

In one powerful but perplexing scene, they send a group of raving madmen and women, all nude, to distress and confuse the duchess. It is a crazy scene that distresses the audience as well into wondering why the nudity. Visits by her brother Ferdinand reveal his hypocrisy in offering soothing, brotherly comfort and then strategizing his next efforts to silence her and her family.

Any fan of the theater can appreciate the virtuoso performances that enliven this difficult play.

Lucy Peacock as the Duchess glows with spiritual and emotional strength as she strives to have a fulfilling life.

Paul Essiembre as Ferdinand is eerily convincing in suggesting the troubling facets of his personality — the suspected passion for his sister; the possible psychopathy, the vicious determination to achieve vengeance for her perceived transgression.

Peter Donaldson barely reveals his treacherous personality, underneath the characteristic hauteur and political skill of a Cardinal.

And Scott Wentworth's Bosola is a fascinating rendering of conflicting and changing attitudes as he becomes more aware of the qualities of the Duchess and his growing respect for her.

Understanding and explanations of the play's whys and wherefores vary widely and can be a source of endless argument after the final curtain: One gleam of bright light, however, adds a spot of hope to the conclusion as the eldest son of the Duchess and Antonio is rescued and, amid the remains of the family who have brought about each others' deaths, is saluted as heir and successor to the rightful and brave Duchess of Malfi.

A LA ANNIE By Annie Rouleau-Scheriff

Ball park 'brats' to go



Sausage and bratwurst are summer favorites from the grill to the bun, then topped with mustard. I recently prepared the "ball park" sausages rolled in puff pastry with mustard, fresh sage and other herbs. Forget the grill, these tasty brats (or sausages) are cooked in a high oven and can double as an appetizer, if you please.

Mustard & Sage Sausage Rolls

1 package frozen puff pastry

sheets (2), thawed
1/4 cup Dijon mustard (or your mustard pick)

Handful of mixed fresh herbs such as sage, parsley and chives, roughly chopped
24 or more fresh sage leaves for garnish, or more
12 quality sausages or bratwurst (mild or spicy)
1 egg, lightly beaten
Preheat oven to 400 degrees. Spray two baking sheets with nonstick spray and set aside. Unfold the pastry sheets on a lightly floured surface. Cut each sheet in half lengthwise, then each strip into three. You'll end up with 12 pieces.

Spread the mustard over the pastry pieces and top evenly with the fresh herbs. Roll a sausage or brat into each rectangle, seal with a brush of the egg and place sealed side down on the prepared baking

sheets (six on each). Cut each roll in half and pull apart slightly (for uniform baking).

Arrange the fresh sage leaves on each roll, slightly pressing into the pastry. Brush each of the rolls with the remaining beaten egg.

Bake at 400 for 25 minutes, until the pastry becomes a deep golden brown and the sausage is cooked through. Alternate the baking sheets halfway through the cook time. Allow to cool before serving.

For appetizers, cut the flavorful rolls into one inch pieces, arrange on a serving platter and garnish with a sprig or two of fresh sage leaves.

Make the sausage pastry rolls ahead, cool and wrap in waxed paper and off to the park you go. Talk about a picnic picker-upper! Your friends will rave.

MillionAires on The Plaza

The MillionAires will wrap up the 2006 St. John Hospital and Medical Center Music on The Plaza concert series at 7 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 3. The concerts are free and take place on the Festival Plaza located at the intersection of Kercheval and St. Clair, in The Village, downtown Grosse Pointe.

The MillionAires is a swinging jump band that is all about high energy horn-driven dance music. Classics of the '30s and '40s right out of the Illinois Jacquet time machine will be

on the program. Led by Garfield Angove's distinctive vocals and tasty harp, the group has shared stages with such giants as Johnny Adams, Muddy Waters, Jerry Lee Lewis, the Four Tops and the Temptations. They last appeared at Music on The Plaza in 2003.

These free concerts are presented by the St. John Hospital and Medical Center and are produced by the Grosse Pointe Village Association. In case of inclement weather, concerts

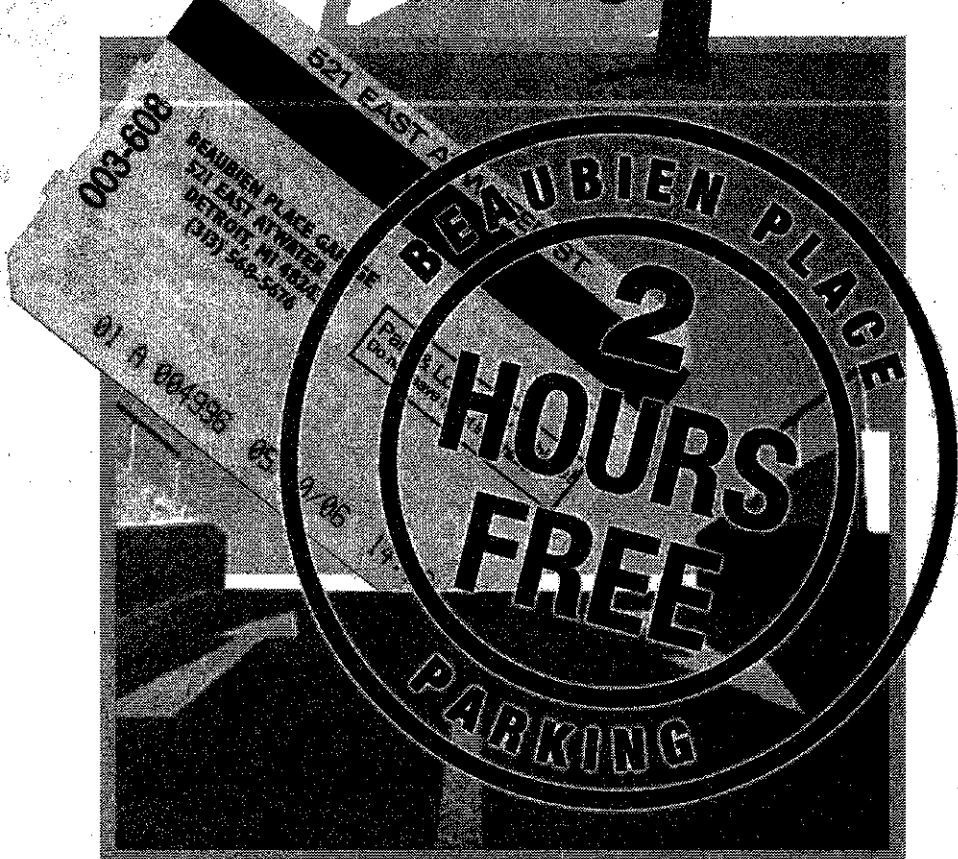
will be held in the Maire Elementary School gymnasium, located at 740 Cadieux, two blocks from The Plaza. For more information, call (313) 886-7474 or visit The Village Web site at thevillagegp.com.

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Senior Men's Club honors graduates

The Senior Men's Club of Grosse Pointe recently honored graduating students from Grosse Pointe North and South high schools who received a 4.0 or greater grade point average.

According to Dr. Suzanne Klein, superintendent of the Grosse Pointe Public School System, the graduating seniors will spread out to about 150 colleges and universities around the country.

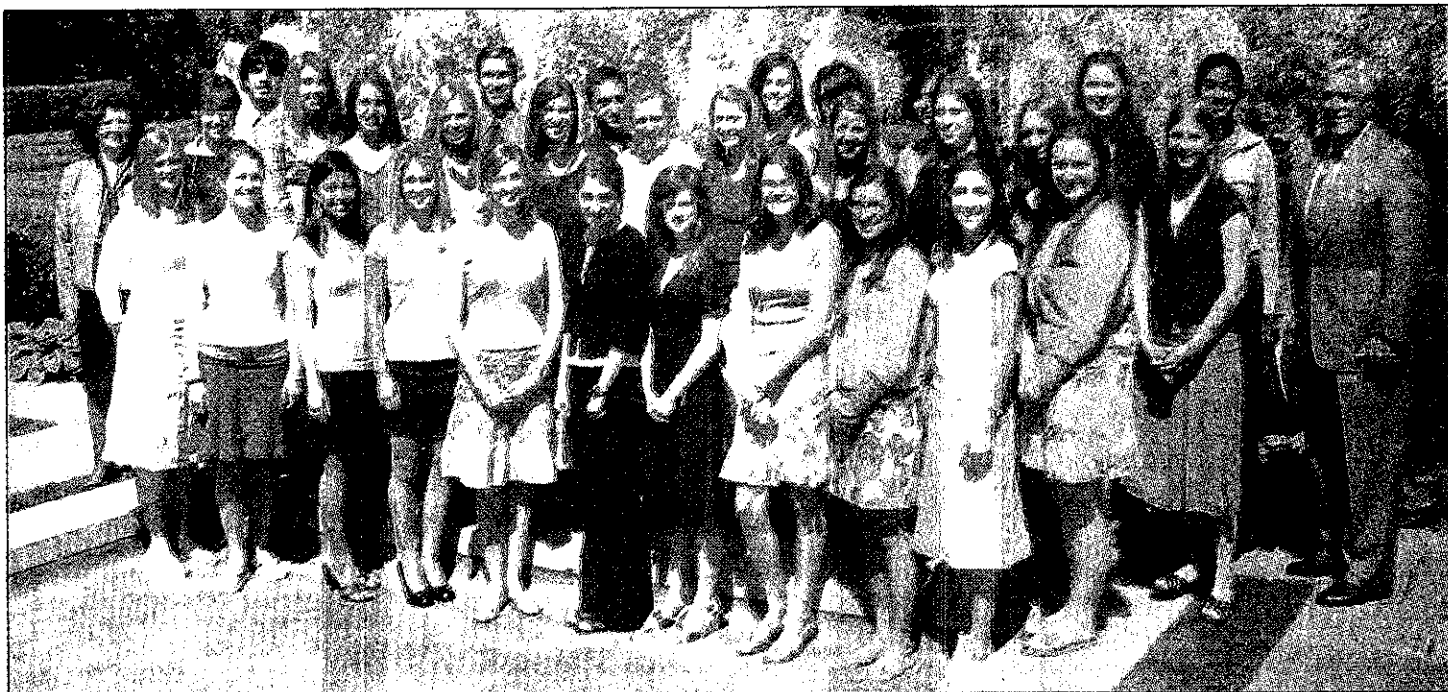
Principals from each school, J. Allen Diver from Grosse Pointe South and Jim Steeby from Grosse Pointe North, introduced the students and highlighted their accomplishments and which college each is attending.

Al Thomas, president of the Senior Men's Club, and George Arsenault, past president, presented the awards.

Grosse Pointe North graduates honored are: Caitlin Bennett, Julie Bordato, Jennifer Brescoll, Laurence Briski, Emily Carter, Elizabeth Conger, Alexandra Costakis,

Catherine Cullen, Andrew Fayad, Ruvani Fonseka, Karen Jatkowski, Rachael Kaminski, Amanda Klimczuk, Denise Koueiter, Lindsey Kurtz, Michelle Lamont, Mark Lapansie, Angela Lee, Laura Mann, Meryl Masserang, Adam Miller, Michelle Morath, Arnav Moudgil, Ashley Payton, Elizabeth Ravidoux, Lauren Remus, Ellen Rewalt, E. Elaine Romero, Rebecca Schmitt, Timothy Stokes, Marsia Thomas, Kathryn Werner, Lauren Zedan and Yvonne Zurowski.

Grosse Pointe South graduates honored are: Foster Chamberlin, William Chu, Anne DeFour, Robert Diehl, Stephen Dzul, Danielle Elskens, Christopher Fischer, Marissa Gies, Paul Glenn, Kimberley Grady, Megan Hoban, Kristen Jost, Robert Latham, Saman Mirkazemi, Jessica Pogue, J. Kyle Polack, Ana Progovac, Lisa Repicky, Margaret Scholtes, Dana Schweitzer, Blake Walker and Rachel Zurek.



Dr. Suzanne Klein, middle row left, and North Principal Jim Steeby, back row right, with the Grosse Pointe North graduates honored by Senior Men's Club of Grosse Pointe.



South Principal J. Allen Diver, front row left, and Dr. Suzanne Klein, front row right, with the Grosse Pointe South graduates honored by Senior Men's Club of Grosse Pointe.

G.P. Rose Society Rose Show results

The Grosse Pointe Rose Society held its annual Rose Show at the Neighborhood Club on June 16 and 17. There were 193 horticultural and 23 arrangement entries.

Paul Colombo and Andrea Maceri won the Best of Show with their rose "Pink Scotch." They also won Queen of Show with their rose "Louise Estes."

Tom and Eleanor Kressbach of the City of Grosse Pointe won the King of Show for the rose "Moonstone." They also won Princess of Show with their rose "Sunset Celebration."

Duane DeDene, club president, won Best Hybrid Tea Spray with "It's Showtime."

Stuart and Carol MacKenzie of Grosse Pointe Woods won Best Floribunda with their rose "Lime Subline" and Best Bloom in a Bow with "Pristine."

In the miniature rose section, Susan Surlotta won the Queen of Miniatures with her

rose "Connie." She also won Best Mini Spray with "Popcorn."

Tom and Eleanor Kressbach won the King of Miniatures with their rose "Perrine."

In the arrangement section, Muriel Hughes of Grosse Pointe Woods won the Silver Sweepstakes Bowl for her arrangements titled "Father's Day" and "Mother's Day." She also won the Oriental award for her arrangement "Thanksgiving."

Jean Strachan of Grosse Pointe Farms won the Miniature Royalty award for her arrangement "Easter Sunday."

Ann Warren of Grosse Pointe Woods won Best Novice and a free one-year membership to the club.

The next meeting of the Grosse Pointe Rose Society, "Potluck and Mini Fall Rose Show," will be held at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 13.

For more information, call (313) 881-7321.



The Grosse Pointe Rose Society Rose Show awarded outstanding roses.



Delta Kappa Gamma Society

The Beta Xi Chapter of The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International recently installed new officers for 2006-2008 at its annual salad supper. The society promotes the professional and personal growth of women educators and excellence in education.

Pictured, left to right, are Anita Fennessey, treasurer; Kay Mullaney, parliamentarian; Pandora Buterakos, corresponding secretary; Lillian Kachadourian, second vice president; Linda Khoenle, president; Tina Bertoni, first vice president.

NEW ARRIVALS

Ella Jiin Zimmermann
Kurt and Sunghie Zimmermann of Farmington Hills are the parents of a daughter, Ella Jiin Zimmermann, born June 29, 2006. Maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Yeounduk Choi of Seoul, South Korea.

Paternal grandparents are Beverly Zimmermann of Grosse Pointe Woods and the late Alan Zimmermann.

Anne Elizabeth Wayman

Marty and Erin Wayman of Grosse Pointe Farms are the parents of a daughter, Anne Elizabeth Wayman, born June 22, 2006. Maternal grandparents are Richard and Roberta Jensen of Chesterfield Township. Paternal grandmother is Judy Wayman of Novi.

Kaitlyn Kelsie Dominick and Joshua James Dominick

Brenda and James Dominick of Madison Heights are the parents of twins, Kaitlyn Kelsie Dominick and Joshua James Dominick, born June 28, 2006. Maternal grandparents are George and Anne Gray of Grosse Pointe Woods. Paternal grandparents are Gene and Janice Dominick of Bad Axe.

Holden Jason Kasprzyk

Jason Kasprzyk and Kathryn Pierce Kasprzyk are the parents of a son, Holden Jason Kasprzyk, born April 29, 2006. Maternal grandparents are Don and Sis Pierce of Grosse Pointe Woods. Paternal grandparents are Jerry and Kathy Kasprzyk of Rochester Hills.

Shores woman celebrates 100 years

Helen S. Smith of Grosse Pointe Shores celebrated her 100th birthday Sunday, July 9, at the home of her grandson, Gordon Smith, and his wife, Amy.

The backyard pool party included 100 guests, some of whom traveled great distances to attend. Guests included friends of many years as well as her family and three sons, Jerry (Gail) of Grosse Pointe Shores, Tom (Joan) of Grosse Pointe Woods and Dick (Barbara) of Grosse Pointe Park. Also in attendance were all eight of her grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren.

Smith and her identical twin sister, Ruth Knapp, who died

last October, were born in Detroit July 9 to William and Bessie Kumerow. They graduated from Eastern High School, Detroit Normal College (now Wayne State University) and the University of Michigan.

Both sisters worked for the Detroit Public Schools System teaching library science.

Smith spent many years at Guyton Elementary School.

She and her husband, F. Gerald Smith, whom she met at U-M, enjoyed many happy years of married life and traveled extensively around the world.

Walks of up to a mile a day have been part of Smith's daily routine. Her winters are spent



Helen S. Smith celebrated her 100th birthday surrounded by her family and friends.

in Naples, Fla. She enjoys camping in Michigan's Leelanau Peninsula.

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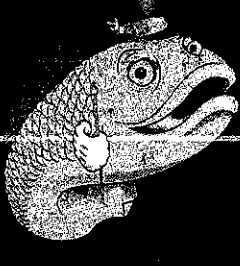
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Eighth graders John Stockmann and Lindsey Thibodeau were the Grosse Pointe Academy's Athletes of the Spring Season. Stockmann received the honor for basketball and lacrosse and Thibodeau for volleyball.

Academy honors top spring athletes

Grosse Pointe Academy eighth-graders John Stockmann and Lindsey Thibodeau were named Athletes of the Season for the spring of 2006.

Each was chosen for the honor based on athletic achievements, leadership ability, academic perfor-

mance and citizenship. Stockmann was voted most valuable player by his teammates on the lacrosse team. In the winter, he was named most improved player on the basketball team.

Thibodeau was the captain of the varsity volleyball team and received an award as

the squad's best server. She shared honors as the best setter and best passer.

Stockmann and Thibodeau are members of the National Junior Honor Society and are on the school's high honors roll, citizenship list and Head of School list.

HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL

ULS cancels 2006 season to rebuild

Only 11 students committed to playing football

University Liggett School is taking some time off to rebuild its football program.

ULS athletic director Michelle Hicks announced last week that the school would not field a football team for the 2006 season.

School officials based the decision on the low number of upper school students interested in playing. Two weeks before practice was scheduled to begin, only 11 ULS students had committed to playing football this fall.

"This is disappointing, but it is a choice we made in the best interest of our students," Hicks said. "It is simply not prudent to enter the season with such low numbers. We do not have enough players to run a football program that is safe for our students, and that is our priority."

After a run of success in the late 1990s and early 2000s with teams that produced several college players, the Knights have won only once in the last two seasons. ULS finished

both seasons with fewer than 20 players, and it was difficult to play a Metro Conference schedule that included several schools with higher enrollments and football teams with more than 40 players in uniform.

Hicks immediately informed the Metro Conference athletic directors of the decision so that they could reschedule the ULS games as soon as possible.

This fall, ULS will conduct an instructional football program three times a week for the students who indicated an interest in football this year, as well as for any other ULS students who want to learn the game for future competition.

ULS football alumni, including some from the 1997 team that was undefeated during the regular season, won the Metro championship and made the state playoffs for the first time, are planning to work with students this year and next to increase interest in football participation.

ULS will continue to have a middle school football team. Last year the middle school team had nearly 30 players, and many of them are expected to help rebuild the varsity

program.

"Our hope is to rebuild the ULS football program for the future," Hicks said. "We are not going to give up on the football tradition at ULS. We want to take time to rebuild and be strong in numbers and competitive in the future."

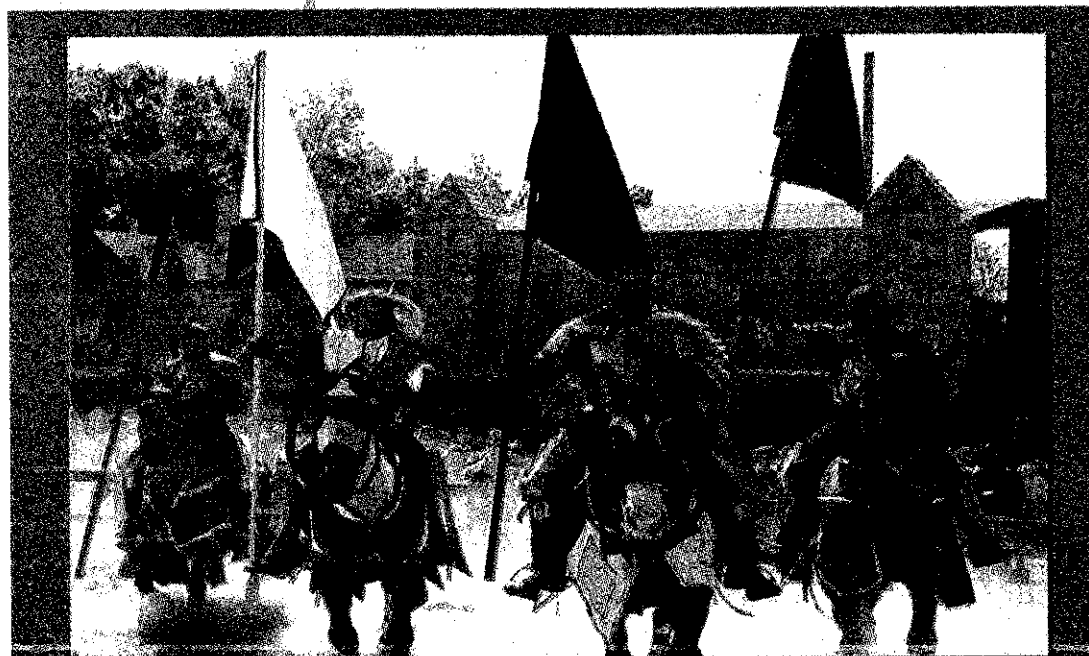
South alumni cancels game

The Grosse Pointe South alumni baseball game, which was scheduled to be played Saturday, has been cancelled because of a lack of interest.

"I don't know why we didn't have a better response," said South coach Dan Griesbaum. "Maybe people have too many other things to do in the summer."

Griesbaum said that he still hoped to involve the alumni in the South program.

"We might have an alumni day where we introduce the former players between games of one of our doubleheaders or tournaments next season," he said.



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District champions

The Harper Woods-Grosse Pointe Little League 11- and 12-year-old softball team beat L'Anse Creuse 21-2 to win the District 6 championship. The team advanced to the state tournament in Jackson. From left, are Amy Zaraneck, Bridget Blondell, Courtney Wickham, Leanne Weidner, Jasmyn Milton, Hayley Martin, Kathleen Maddigan, Alix Chrumka, Kelsey Horn, Dana Davenport, Carly Hedemark, Carin Echols and Danielle Brayton. In back are manager Hugh Martin and coaches Jeff Brayton and Phil Horn.



The Michigan Wolves won the USSSA Memorial Day Classic Baseball Tournament in Canton with a 5-4 victory against the Howell Hawks in the title game.

Wolves first in Canton tournament

The Michigan Wolves, an 11-year-old federation baseball team made up of several Grosse Pointers, won the USSSA Memorial Day Classic Baseball Tournament in Canton.

In the championship game, Carmen Benedetti pitched a five-hitter and struck out seven to lead the Wolves to a 5-4 victory against the Howell Hawks.

Benedetti helped himself

with a two-run single.

George Fishback Jr. turned in some solid work at catcher during the entire tournament and earned the team's Golden Glove award.

Batting leaders for the tournament were Avery Duncan and Connor Fannon.

The top of the order provided most of the offensive punch as the Wolves opened the tournament with a 15-3 win against the Ann Arbor Angels.

Thomas Marantette, Fannon, Duncan and Fishback combined to produce 12 runs in the game.

In the final game of pool play, Trevor Hamilton pitched a no-hitter in the Wolves' 13-2 win against the Windsor Riverside Royals.

Manager George Champane said that a good team effort and strong fielding was the key to the Wolves' winning their bracket.

Grosse Pointers on the team were Benedetti, Edward Champane, Duncan and Hamilton of Grosse Pointe Farms; and Fannon, Fishback and Marantette of Grosse Pointe Park.

Other members of the team were Nolan Brower, Nicholas Maluchnik, Mike McCarron and Andrew Morrison.

George Fishback Sr. and Chris Maluchnik were the coaches.

South trio on MIAA all-league team

Grosse Pointe South was well-represented on this year's all-Michigan Intercollegiate Athletic Association baseball team.

Albion's Ryan Gunderson, Kalamazoo's Charlie Mackinnon and Hope's

Geordie Mackenzie were each named to the all-MIAA second team.

Gunderson finished with a 6-1 overall record with a 2.09 ERA.

His ERA was second in the league and his opposing bat-

ting average of .179 in MIAA games was also second.

The Britons finished 20-8, one game behind co-champions Hope and Adrian.

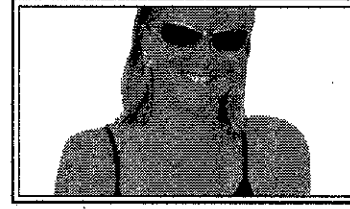
Mackenzie played third base and batted .355 in league action for Hope.

Mackinnon was 7-3 with a 3.30 ERA and his 66 strikeouts were among the league leaders.

No other school had as many as three players selected for any of the all-league baseball teams.

ON SAIL By Sandra Svoboda

Some sailors lack manners, boating ethics



I admit, I'm writing this column angry. As I've seen with many of my friends' and colleagues' emails (sailors among them), this is usually not a good idea. But I promise: no name-calling, no explicit identification of guilty parties, no profanity, and no regrets when I read it published.

Here's my issue: Sailing has an ethics problem. No, I don't want to indict the whole sport. Some sailors have ethics problems.

I realize this is not necessarily news and maybe just me venting for mid-season stress relief. But in the last couple months, I've witnessed a few examples of shameless, blatant violations of the rules and then the guilty parties either not admitting to them or lying about them when "caught."

Hmmm. Sounds like a lot of places I've worked, my high school, some families I know...

Anyway, what's so hard about playing by the rules?

In the sport of sailing, we have a rulebook. It's officially called "The Racing Rules of Sailing." Every sailor, especially racers, should read it, own it and carry it. I didn't say sailors had to "memorize" it all. But they should be at least familiar with it.

These rules are reviewed by the International Sailing Federation (ISAF) every four years. U.S. Sailing, the sport's governing body in this country, adds its own provisions as well as provides representatives to the international committee that writes the book. When you join U.S. Sailing, you get a rulebook or it can be ordered separately.

In the rules are provisions for race organization, windsurfing competitions and radio-controlled boat racing. These are fun to read during a light-air race when you're stuck down below with nothing to do.

Other provisions in the "Fundamental Rules" section address sportsmanship and fair play. Specifically, "compete in compliance with recognized principles of sportsmanship and fair play." Boat can be penalized if the skippers and/or crews don't do so.

In addition, another rule prescribes that merely by participating in a race, competitors agree to be governed by the rules.

Sounds pretty simple.

Just wait.

Other important rules are the provisions dealing with right-of-way situations and conduct during races.

I have seen some BLATANT breaking of these rules recently. In some cases, they are honest mistakes and competitors exonerate themselves by doing penalty turns or voluntarily withdrawing from a race.

In others, sailors are acting like, well, this is a family newspaper and I already promised

no profanity.

I'll give you one example of something that happened to me recently in a race.

We were sailing along with all the rights in the rulebook. We were and had been on starboard tack - meaning the wind direction was coming from over the starboard (right, looking forward) side of the boat. That generally gave us the right-of-way over a boat on a "port tack" - the wind coming from over the port (left, looking forward) side.

In addition, since we were sailing a straight course not changing direction, we had rights over boats changing direction (tacking would be the technical term that applied).

But a boat on port tack came in and tried to pass in front of us. Not being far enough in front of us to make it, they tacked and changed direction.

But they did not have room to safely do so! We would have hit them - HARD - if our skipper hadn't turned our boat to avoid them, which meant we lost speed and position relative to our competitors.

Also, we were sailing boats provided by private owners for us to borrow during this event. How disrespectful that other skipper was to the owners in treating their boats so recklessly!

It gets worse.

As is prescribed, we flew a red flag (two of them actually) indicating we were protesting and yelled at the other boat to indicate we were protesting them, again, as prescribed in the rules. They could have exonerated themselves at the time by doing penalty turns.

But they didn't.

At the dock, when they found out our skipper wasn't cleaning up the boat because she was filling out a protest form, they withdrew from the race.

What really gets me is it wasn't until they knew they were caught that they did anything to make up for their actions.

Other sailors I know have missed marks, cut it too close with another boat or otherwise didn't follow the rules. They've done penalty turns or withdrawn, acknowledging their mistakes.

But others have tried to lie about situations at hearings, cut the marks in big fleets where they didn't think they'd get caught, used their cell phones during racing to get outside weather reports and other actions that are just, well, bad.

It frustrates people who do follow the rules sometimes to the point of driving them out of the sport, creates very unfair competition and is just plain bad behavior.

I was voicing my angst to a friend and sometimes competitor, U.S. Sailing Judge Bill Zemmin, a Park resident.

He put it simply enough for me to understand.

"If you don't follow the rules, the results don't mean anything."

Hopefully some other sailors can understand that too.

Sandra Svoboda lives in Grosse Pointe Park. You can reach her at OnSail@grossepointenews.com.

Yale honors South grad

Patrick Dantzer, who was an outstanding track and cross country athlete at Grosse Pointe South, was honored for his athletic and academic achievements at Yale University.

Dantzer was named to the ESPN The Magazine Academic all-district first team. He is eligible for national CoSIDA Academic All-America honors.

A senior biology major, Dantzer holds the school

record in the 5,000-meter run with a time of 14:10.59. He was also part of Yale's all-Ivy League indoor distance medley relay team and ran a 4:04 mile to help the relay team take second at the IC4A indoor championships.

Dantzer qualified for the outdoor IC4As in the 1,500 run. He was the cross country team captain and finished 20th at the NCAA Northeast regional cross country championships last fall.



State champions

The Grosse Pointe Redbirds 15-year-old baseball team won the Baseball Players of America state championship in Milan for the second straight season. The Redbirds won all five tournament games — four of them by one run, including a 6-5 victory over the Milan Mud Dogs in the championship contest. The Redbirds began tournament play with a 5-4 victory against the Mud Dogs. In their only lopsided game of the tournament, the Redbirds beat the Flames 13-1. The next two games were close again — a 6-5 victory against the Grand Rapids 16s and a 9-8 victory against the Big Red 16s. In front, from left, are Lance Lucas, Chase Hall, Johnny Hackett, Aaron Cisco, Chris Vens and Jeff Weeks. In back, from left, are coaches Bill Hackett and John Hackett, Mike Hemovich, Tommy Carion, Clark Dirksen, Max Pearson, Jake Chrumka, Colton Slank and coach Bill Carion. Not pictured are Brian Perliski, Joe Zuccaro, Mike Romanchik, Pat Pierce and coach Mike Hackett.



The Pirates won the regular season and playoff championships in the AAA Division of the Grosse Pointe Park Little League. In front, from left, are Kris Bybee, Jacob Stone, Cole Semanison, Daner Hughes, Andrew Koehler and Zach Moyer. In the middle row, from left, are Michael Schneider, Adam Morris, Max Ratsek, Danny Dixon, Matthew Thomas and William Yates. In back, from left, are coaches Mark Schneider, Ted Morris and Tab Semanison and manager Tony Stone.

FARMS-CITY LITTLE LEAGUE

Pirates sweep AAA championships

The Pirates made a clean sweep of the top honors in the AAA Division of the Grosse Pointe Park Little League.

They won the regular season championship with a 12-3 record, then won the World Series championship with a 16-12 win against the Blue Jays in the finale of a three-game series.

The Pirates had the league's best offense, averaging more than 11 runs-per-game.

The Pirates were the top-seeded team going into the playoffs, but they faced an uphill battle when they lost a close game to the Marlins in the playoff opener.

The Pirates then won their next three games to advance to the World Series against the Blue Jays. The teams split the first two games, setting up the decisive third game, which featured plenty of offense by both clubs.

The hitting of Cole Semanison, Adam Morris, Michael Schneider, Max Ratsek and Matthew Thomas staked the Pirates to an early 9-2 lead.

The Blue Jays came back and took the lead with 10 runs in the third and fourth innings.

The Pirates cut the lead to 12-11 with a pair of runs in the fifth, and regained the lead with five runs in the sixth as nine consecutive batters

reached base safely.

The rally was fueled by the offensive production of Daner Hughes, Andrew Koehler, Kris Bybee, Semanison, William Yates, Morris, Schneider, Danny Dixon and Jacob Stone. Schneider retired the last six Blue Jays to record the victory.

Zach Moyer didn't play in the final game because of injuries, but he was a major contributor to the Pirates' successful season.

Sisters 1-2 in golf tournament

Two sisters from Grosse Pointe Shores finished 1-2 in the girls 15-and-under division of the Top 50 Junior Golf Tour stop at Twin Oaks Golf Club.

Maria Raffoul claimed her first tour victory with a 93. Her sister Melissa was second with a 102.

Mac Olson of the City of Grosse Pointe tied for fifth in the boys 15-and-under class. He was one of four golfers to shoot 84.

Christopher Zak of Grosse Pointe Woods tied for ninth with an 82 in the boys 16-and-older division.

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HIGH SCHOOL TENNIS

ULS pair is All-State

By Chuck Klonke
Sports Editor

Holly Huth was already an outstanding tennis player when she started playing for University Liggett School as a freshman four years ago.

And she left the school last month as an even better player. "Holly had an incredible career here," said coach Chuck Wright.

Last fall, Huth capped that career by being named to the All-State girls tennis team selected by the Michigan Interscholastic Tennis Coaches Association.

It was the fourth straight All-State selection for Huth, who was joined on the select group by teammate Jessica Leonard.

Huth won the Division IV championship in No. 1 singles the last two seasons, and was a finalist at first singles all four years at ULS.

"She played with an X on her back, especially this season, because everybody knew how good she was," Wright said.

"There was a lot of pressure on her in every match she played and she handled it, both winning and losing, with class and dignity. She had some tremendous wins over the last four years."

While Huth was the winner in most of her matches against some of the toughest competition in the state, Wright was even more impressed with her on the rare occasions that she lost.

"A lot of times you'll see a player as good as Holly sulk when she loses a match, but win or lose, Holly was very

supportive of her teammates," Wright said. "If somebody was still playing after her match was finished, she'd be there cheering them on."

On her way to the state championship this season, Huth won three three-set matches, including a 6-2, 5-7, 6-3 win against Rachel Denny of Bloomfield Hills Academy of the Sacred Heart in the Division IV finale.

"The guts she showed in those matches was amazing," Wright said. "Holly's a great competitor. She showed a lot of courage."

Among the parts of her game that Huth improved during her high school career was volleying.

"She had a better variety of shots each year," Wright said. "He serve improved, too. She was real good as a freshman, but now she has more power and variety."

Huth finished the season with an 18-6 record.

Leonard, a junior, played No. 2 singles in her first season on the Knights' tennis team.

"She's very athletic — a natural athlete," Wright said. "She can really focus in. She's very competitive and she doesn't get distracted."

Leonard is also an outstanding soccer player.

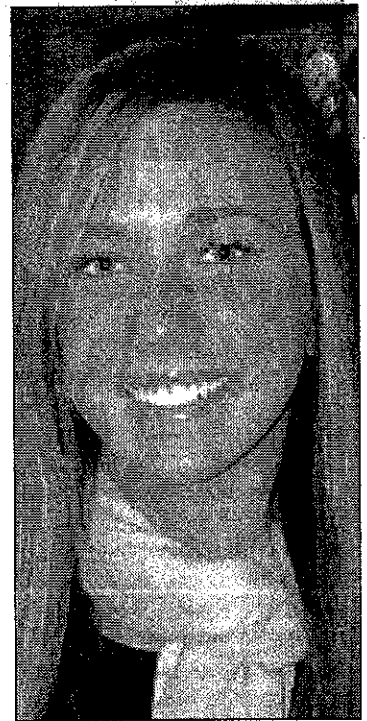
She scored the winning goal in ULS's 1-0 victory against Kalamazoo Hackett in the Division IV state championship game in 2005.

"Jessica is a very hard hitter," Wright said. "She's a tall girl so she has a lot of leverage."

Leonard compiled a 14-3 record this season.



Holly Huth



Jessica Leonard

BABE RUTH BASEBALL

Royals clinch title on 9th straight win

Varsity
Royals 19, Indians 9
The Royals clinched the regular season championship with their ninth straight victory. Alex Tomovski had four hits and two RBIs to pace the attack. John David and Jacob St. Louis each had three RBIs and Dexter Mason and Will Basse drove in two runs apiece. Stephen Walworth and Peter Francis pitched for the Royals.

Justin Martin and Alex Stanczyk each had two hits for the Indians.

Royals 16, Twins 6
The Royals came from behind with nine runs in the bottom of the fifth inning. Aaron Lechner had two triples and Max Bobinski collected two hits and three RBIs. Alex Tomovski and Peter Francis each drove in two runs for the Royals. Stephen Walworth picked up the

victory. Danny Defour and Patrick Kaiser had two hits apiece for the Twins.

Royals 14, Indians 9
Peter Francis led the Royals with four hits and Will Basse and Max Bobinski collected two apiece. Bobinski drove in three runs and Jacob St. Louis had two RBIs. John David was the winning pitcher.

Joey Abiragi hit a pair of doubles, and Matt Stevenson also had two hits for the Indians.

Royals 10, A's 2
The Royals won their 10th straight game to finish 13-3. Aaron Lechner and John David combined on a two-hitter. Will Basse, Alex Tomovski and Jacob St. Louis collected two hits apiece, and Basse drove in two runs.

Dané Diccico had a double for the A's.

South grad helps Albion track

Christina Anderson of the City of Grosse Pointe helped the Albion College women's track and field team finish 4-2 in Michigan Intercollegiate Athletic Association dual

meets and third in the league championship meet.

Anderson, a senior and a Grosse Pointe South graduate, placed eighth in the 400-meter dash in the MIAA meet.



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The Tigers won the Majors Division playoff championship in the Grosse Pointe Farms-City Little League. In front, from left, are Robert Reilly, Jeff Irving, Matt Lizza, Stevie Brengman, Josh Davey and Jon Parker. In back, from left, are Joey Aliotta, Ben Moxon, Sam Kuhna, Eddie Mollison, Anthony Saleh and Kenny Schoof.

Farms-City Tigers win Majors title

The Tigers won five straight games to win the playoff championship in the Majors Division of the Grosse Pointe Farms-City Little League.

"After dropping their first game to the Angels, the Tigers had to battle through the losers bracket, finishing with a must-win two-game series with the undefeated Angels.

The Tigers won the first game 6-3, then took the title with a 9-1 victory.

"Anytime you start a double-elimination series with a loss, odds are against you," said Moe Irving, who has been the Tigers' manager for three years.

"I'm proud of the way these boys never quit throughout the playoff run, especially with a couple of our guys out with injuries."

In the finale, Joey Aliotta pitched a three-hitter with 10 strikeouts and his Tigers teammates' bats came alive.

Aliotta helped himself with three hits, including a pair of doubles, and three RBIs. Stevie Brengman also had three hits, including a two-run double.

Jon Parker hit two run-scoring triples. Jeff Irving singled twice and drove in a run. The Tigers also got singles from Robert Reilly, Matt Lizza and Kenny Schoof. Schoof rejoined the team after three weeks on the disabled list.

In the opener of the two-game series with the Angels, Parker and Brengman combined on an eight-hitter with four strikeouts.

The Tigers trailed by two runs going into the third inning, but Irving hit an RBI single and Anthony Saleh tied the game with a run-scoring fielder's choice.

Parker led off the fourth with a double. Lizza singled and Brengman drove in Parker with a sacrifice fly to center field.

Aliotta, who had walked twice in the game, hit a 3-0 pitch off the fence in right-center to secure the win. Josh Davey added an RBI single in the fifth.

Saleh had two singles and Sam Kuhna also had a hit.

First baseman Ben Moxon recorded 11 putouts, including three unassisted, during the two games.

He filled in for Eddie Mollison, who was out with a broken hand.

In the Tigers' other playoff victories, Parker hit a two-run homer in a 5-4 win against the A's; Aliotta struck out 14 and Irving played an outstanding game at second base in a 5-1 victory against the Indians; and Aliotta and Parker combined on a two-hitter with 13 strikeouts in a 9-0 win against the Nationals.

ULS honors top athletes

University Liggett School honored its top spring sports athletes at the school's annual athletic awards night.

Following are the winners of the awards for the varsity teams:

Baseball-Joe Conway, most valuable; Michael Thomas, most improved.

Boys lacrosse-Charles Warren, most valuable; Raymond Cantrell, most improved.

Girls lacrosse-Jamie Bow, most valuable; Ebony Williams, most improved.

Softball-Alex Houghtalin and Taylor Brown, most valuable; Ke'Ana Bryant, most improved.

Girls soccer-Monique

Squiers and Jessica Leonard, most valuable; Claire Peracchio, most improved.

Boys tennis-Ankur Verma, most valuable; Joe DeLaura and Matthew Witkowski, most improved.

Following are the award winners on the junior varsity teams:

Baseball-Thomas Graves, most valuable; Johnathan Craig, most improved.

Softball-Megan Amicucci, most valuable; Megan Brandon, most improved.

Girls soccer-Stephanie Tancer, most valuable; Jessica Foster, most improved.

Boys tennis-Steven Saurbier, most valuable; Brandon Woods, most improved.

YOUTH BASEBALL

RedHawks set tryouts

The Grosse Pointe RedHawks Federation Baseball teams will hold tryouts for the 2007 spring season on Saturday, Aug. 5 and Saturday, Aug. 19 at St. Veronica field in Eastpointe.

Tryouts for the under-13 team will be held from noon to 2 p.m. both days. Registration begins at 11:30 a.m.

Players must be 13 or younger as of April 30, 2007.

The team will be managed by Mark Kaiser, who has experience managing and coaching in Little League and with Little League all-star teams.

For more information on the U13 team, call (313) 881-9649 or (586) 243-4135.

Tryouts for the under-14 team will be held from 2 to 4 p.m. both days. Registration begins at 1:30 p.m.

Players must be 14 or younger as of April 30, 2007.

The team, managed by John Hartman and coached by Rick Bedan and Paul Kappaz, finished with a 16-8 record this summer in the Macomb Amateur Baseball Federation single age division as a U13 squad.

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