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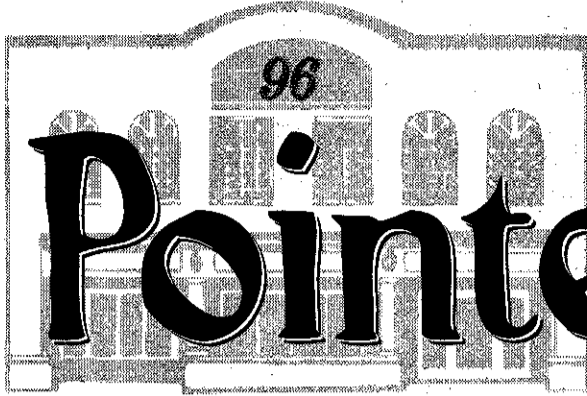
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THURSDAY, AUG. 17

◆ The Grosse Pointe Farms Boat Club sponsors Thursday Night Sail Boat Races featuring a triangular course off Pier Park. The first race begins at 7 p.m. Races are open to all sailors. Applications are available at the Parks and Recreation Office and at the park's main entrance.

FRIDAY, AUG. 18

◆ Grosse Pointe Public Schools' Music Department presents Summer Select Choirs 2006 performances at 6 and 8 p.m. in North High School auditorium, 707 Vernier. Joseph Miller will be the guest conductor.
 ◆ The second annual Let's Ride4CHD Kids benefit begins with a 7 to 9:30 p.m. champagne and chrome kickoff party at the Wolverine Harley-Davidson, 44660 N. Gratiot, Clinton Township.
 ◆ Grievous Angel plays at the GM Renaissance Center's riverfront plaza from 8 to 10 p.m. Admission is free.

SUNDAY, AUG. 20

◆ The Fontebonne Auxiliary of St. John Hospital and Medical Center is sponsoring a women's only event, "Goddesses in the Garden-North" from 2 to 6 p.m. at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial. Funds raised will benefit the Valade Healing Arts Center.

MONDAY, AUG. 21

◆ Grosse Pointe Woods City Council meets at 7:30 p.m. in council chambers.
 ◆ City of Grosse Pointe council meets at 7:30 p.m. at City Hall, 17147 Maumee.
 ◆ Nicholas Sinacori, president of Fairview Historical Society, will share the history of Grosse Pointe and its race-track that Henry Ford used. His talk will begin at 11:15 a.m. at Services for Older Citizens, 17150 Waterloo, City of Grosse Pointe. He will present the topic again on Wednesday, Aug. 23, at 11:15 a.m. during the lunch and learn series.

THURSDAY, AUG. 24

◆ This is the first day to obtain absentee voter applications for the Nov. 7 state General Election at city halls.

Cavanagh decade ends

Five-term incumbent beaten in primary by another political family name

By Bob St. John
 Staff Writer

Detroit's Tim Killeen won the Democratic ticket to run for Wayne County Commissioner 1st District, beating incumbent Chris Cavanagh of Grosse Pointe Woods in the Aug. 8 primary election.

Killeen will take on Grosse Pointe Park's Daniel Mercier, who was unchallenged on the Republican ticket. The first district encompasses the City of Grosse Pointe, Grosse Pointe Farms, Grosse Pointe Park, Grosse Pointe Shores, Grosse Pointe Woods, Harper Woods and the northeast section of Detroit.

"I think the grass roots, one person talking to another, worked in my favor in this campaign," Killeen said. "We went door-to-door and I had friends writing letters to their friends in my support. It was a good campaign, but now it's over and it's time to move on to the November election." Killeen had 2,516 votes, fol-

lowed by Cavanagh with 1,935; Ken Daniels with 1,872; Gregory Robinson with 203; and Deano Day with 131. The new Democratic nominee earned 2,205 votes throughout the Grosse Pointes and Harper Woods, while Cavanagh had nearly 1,000 less votes, netting 1,223. "I congratulate Mr. Killeen

on a hard-fought victory," Cavanagh said. "We knew it would be a difficult campaign, but we worked hard, and I am extremely proud of our effort. "I want to thank all those who stood with me through it all. It has been my honor and distinct privilege to have represented the citizens of the 1st District."



Celebrating Lake St. Clair

The Grosse Pointe Historical Society celebrated the anniversary of the naming of Lake St. Clair with a free mini-encampment on Aug. 12 at the Provencal-Weir House, circa 1823. Re-enactors from the 1750s shared life as it was in early Grosse Pointe. Storytelling, crafts and games were held with, right to left, Paul Ignagni of Grosse Pointe Woods, John Brumer of Richmond, and David Smith of St. Clair Shores.

Scott great in vote

Popular senator easily wins primary

By Rebecca Jones
 Staff Writer

Though she faced three challengers, primary election night wasn't a nail-biter for state Sen. Martha Scott. "There was no doubt that I was going to win," said the Highland Park resident and top vote-getter among Democratic candidates for the second-district seat. "I was surprised afterward that some people thought I was going to lose," she said. Scott faces Michael Hoehn of the City of Grosse Pointe in November's general election. He ran unopposed in the Republican primary and got 4,246 votes. Scott brought in 7,919 votes. Her biggest challenger, state Rep. Bill McConico, tallied 4,648 votes, followed by Sigmunt Szczepkowski Jr. with 979 votes and Ernest Madison II with 393 votes. McConico, term-limited in the fifth district House seat, was backed by Detroit Mayor

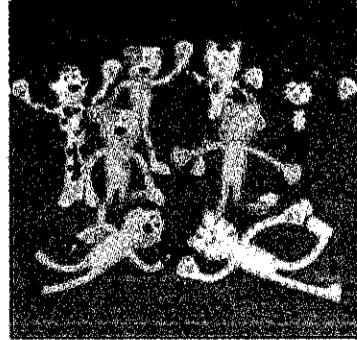
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GROSSE POINTE PUBLIC LIBRARY

Library requests return of potentially harmful toys

The Grosse Pointe Public Library has become aware of a potential hazard related to the bendable cat and dog characters that were rewarded to this year's summer reading participants. These toys may possibly contain an unsafe amount of lead in the decorative paint on the animals. The library was unaware of the potential problem when they were purchased for the statewide 2006 Collaborative Summer Library

Program. The Grosse Pointe Public Library has ceased its distribution of these items and is requesting the return of the bendable animal characters. The toys were distributed during the months of June, July and early August. The library will be issuing a replacement prize to those who return their prize. For more information, contact Carly Strachan at (313) 832-2210, ext. 35.



The Grosse Pointe Public Library is seeking the return of these toys due to lead paint.

POINTER OF INTEREST

'Bridge is the only game where you tell your opponents everything you have...'

Mary Lou Moore

Home: Grosse Pointe Park
 Age: 61
 Family: Husband, Michael; two grown children, Stephen Keating and Kate Keating; one grandson, James
 Claim to fame: Bridge teacher, director
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Yesterday's headlines

1956

50 years ago this week

◆ **POLIO VACCINE AVAILABLE TO ALL:** The supply of polio vaccine has caught up to the demand to the extent that state health officials have announced it is available for everyone.

Previously the so-called Salk shots were available for children up to age 14 and pregnant women. Many doctors are now advising that all age groups avail themselves of the vaccine.

◆ **PERFECT DIVE PUTS POINTER ON OLYMPIC TEAM:** Jeanne Stunyo is headed to the Olympics in Melbourne, Australia after executing a perfect dive at the Olympic trials held in Detroit.

Stunyo, who was featured on the cover of this month's "Sports Illustrated," had been 11 points out of fourth place before her final dive. Her flawless performance brought the crowd to its feet, and a perfect score from the judges.

◆ **OBSCENE LITERATURE LANDS SHOP KEEPER IN TROUBLE:** A 56-year-old Grosse Pointe Woods man pleaded guilty to possession of immoral and obscene literature.

Woods police observed the man for almost two months. He had been photographing girls, including some who live in the Pointes, and selling obscene pictures at his place of business.

Executing a search warrant, officers found still photos, various literature, 93 reels of 16 mm movie films and one case of firecrackers.

1981

25 years ago this week

◆ **SCHOOLS, TEACHERS NEGOTIATE:** Grosse Pointe teachers and school administrators have reached a tenta-

tive agreement about when the district's more than 8,000 students will return to the classroom this fall.

The remaining school calendar, pay raises and other contract issues are still being discussed. The teachers' current two-year contract expires at the end of the month.

◆ **SHORES COOL TO RISQUE CHANNEL:** A "hard R-rated" movie channel will be available to Grosse Pointe Shores cable subscribers soon.

The "Escapade" movie channel won't show X-rated movies, but will deliver adult programming from 7 p.m. to 5 a.m. for \$8.95 per month.

A cable provider reported receiving 150 inquiries about the new service, with only two complaints.

1996

10 years ago this week

◆ **NEIGHBORS OPPOSED TO CELL TOWER SUE CITY:** Residents living adjacent to the proposed site of a 104-foot cellular telephone tower expressed their opposition to its construction near their back yards.

Five residents also filed suit, claiming that they have been deprived of their protected property rights.

City attorneys contend that the Federal Telecommunications Act signed in February prevents municipalities from blocking a telecommunications firm from erecting an antenna in a community, if such a need is demonstrated.

◆ **RICHNER VICTORIOUS IN LANDSLIDE:** Despite the negative campaigning of two of his four challengers, Grosse Pointe Park resident and Wayne County commissioner Andrew Richner collected more votes than all other candidates combined on his way to a landslide victory.

Richner, in his first run for state representative, will face Grosse Pointe Farms' Elaine



PHOTO BY SANTEE

1956: Queen crowned for Farms' annual boat review

"Soupy" Sales, popular television star, crowns Joy Tesch Queen of the Farms annual Boat Review. Joy and her court will reign over festivities at the Farms municipal pier. Some 200 boats will parade before the docks. The court includes Joan Loveless, Barbara Beaupre, Joy Tesch, Melissa Collins and Sue Schwartz. From the Aug. 16, 1956 Grosse Pointe News.

2001

5 years ago this week

◆ **BIG PAY HIKE ACCEPTED BY WOODS COUNCIL, MAYOR:** Grosse Pointe Woods mayor and city council members unanimously voted themselves double-digit percentage pay hikes.

The mayor's salary went from \$4,000 to \$6,000. Council salaries went from \$2,500 to \$3,740, and municipal judges went from \$15,000 to \$20,000 a year.

"By the time taxes are taken out, it's little more than mini-

mum wage," said Council member Vicki Granger. "If we didn't get paid a salary, I'd still be doing it."

◆ **TEACHER WANTS TO BE A MILLIONAIRE:** Harper Woods High School teacher Monica Lenhard recently warmed up the hot seat across from Regis Philbin on the TV show "Who Wants to Be a Millionaire."

Friends and family back home await the show's airing this weekend.

Sitting across from Regis, Lenhard said, "was an unexpected pleasure. His job was to make you feel comfortable and keep the show moving along, but he was really very nice."



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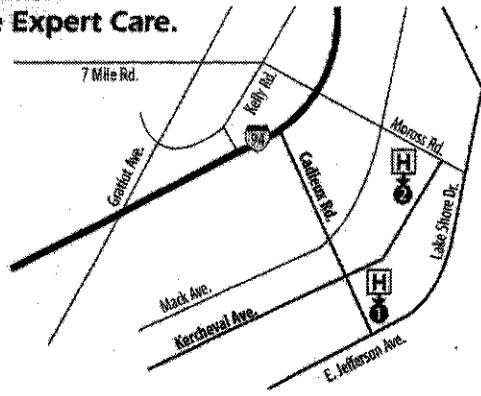
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SCOTT: Senator faces City analyst

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Kwame Kilpatrick.

But, Scott said: "He did not have the experience I did, and I didn't have the record of absenteeism that he did."

Scott, who has been involved in politics since 1972, joined the state Senate in a 2001 special election and was

re-elected the following year. The district includes Hamtramck, Highland Park, northeast Detroit and the Grosse Pointes.

Hoehn, 23, is a trade analyst for J.P. Morgan Chase in his first run for public office in what he acknowledges is "not a very Republican-friendly district."

His top three issues are: job creation, through efforts to lower corporate tax rates to attract more business to Michigan; increasing investment in the state's education system; and fostering a better relationship between the City of Detroit and its suburbs.

Hoehn said Scott is a qualified leader.

"She's done a very good job for our district and for the state," he said. "I'm not part of that political culture in Lansing. I'm young. I'm energetic. I feel a change just needs to be had in Lansing. Our economy in the state continues to lag behind the rest of the country."

As for her challenger in the November general election, Scott said: "I don't know him. I'll just campaign like I always do."

Scott is the sponsor of a package of bills to reform Michigan's insurance laws.

"I know I'll be able to get that through in the next four years," she said. "There are some things that you just have to keep fighting for."

She said rates should not be based on ZIP Code and credit score, but rather an individual's driving record, model of car and driving distance. Detroit pays the highest insurance rates in the nation, she said.

Scott has also worked to abate the accretion problem along Lake St. Clair.

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Shores, GPYC submit marina application

By Rebecca Jones
Staff Writer

A 130-foot yacht would have no trouble navigating the new entrance to the modernized marina that Grosse Pointe Shores and Grosse Pointe Yacht Club want to build.

The two entities recently submitted a joint application to the Department of Environmental Quality and U.S. Army Corps of Engineers seeking permission to renovate the harbor. The application, dated June 1, includes a proposed master plan layout and two alternatives.

Changes include a new eastern entrance serving both facilities (the existing entrance is on the south side), along with slip reconfiguration and replacement of the entire village side of the marina and the majority of the GPYC side.

Shores officials say the project is necessary to create safer boating conditions in the harbor. Instead of just rebuilding the aging docks in the current layout, the plan calls for replacing them with wider docks — fixed or floating — and calls for a reconfiguration of slips.

The Master Plan Layout would leave the yacht club

with 243 slips, down from 274, and the Shores will keep its existing number, 205. Both alternate plans allow for fewer slips at each facility.

The application addresses the issue of the accretion — sediment build-up along the shoreline — behind residential property on Lakeshore north of Vernier.

Two circulation tubes, three-foot in diameter with flush inlet and outlet, would aid in harbor flushing and in alleviating the accretion problem, according to the permit application.

In addition, using riprap along the north wall would provide protection, Kenyon said. "We've been told by our engineer (that) would assist in diffusing the sediment flow through and break up wave action."

However, John Booth, a Lakeshore homeowner, said the plan doesn't do enough.

"It's hopelessly inadequate," he said.

The plan should include wider circulation tubes, with pumps, and more of them, he said. "If the village is going to spend \$2.5 million, they ought to spend it ameliorating a problem."

Booth is a member of the

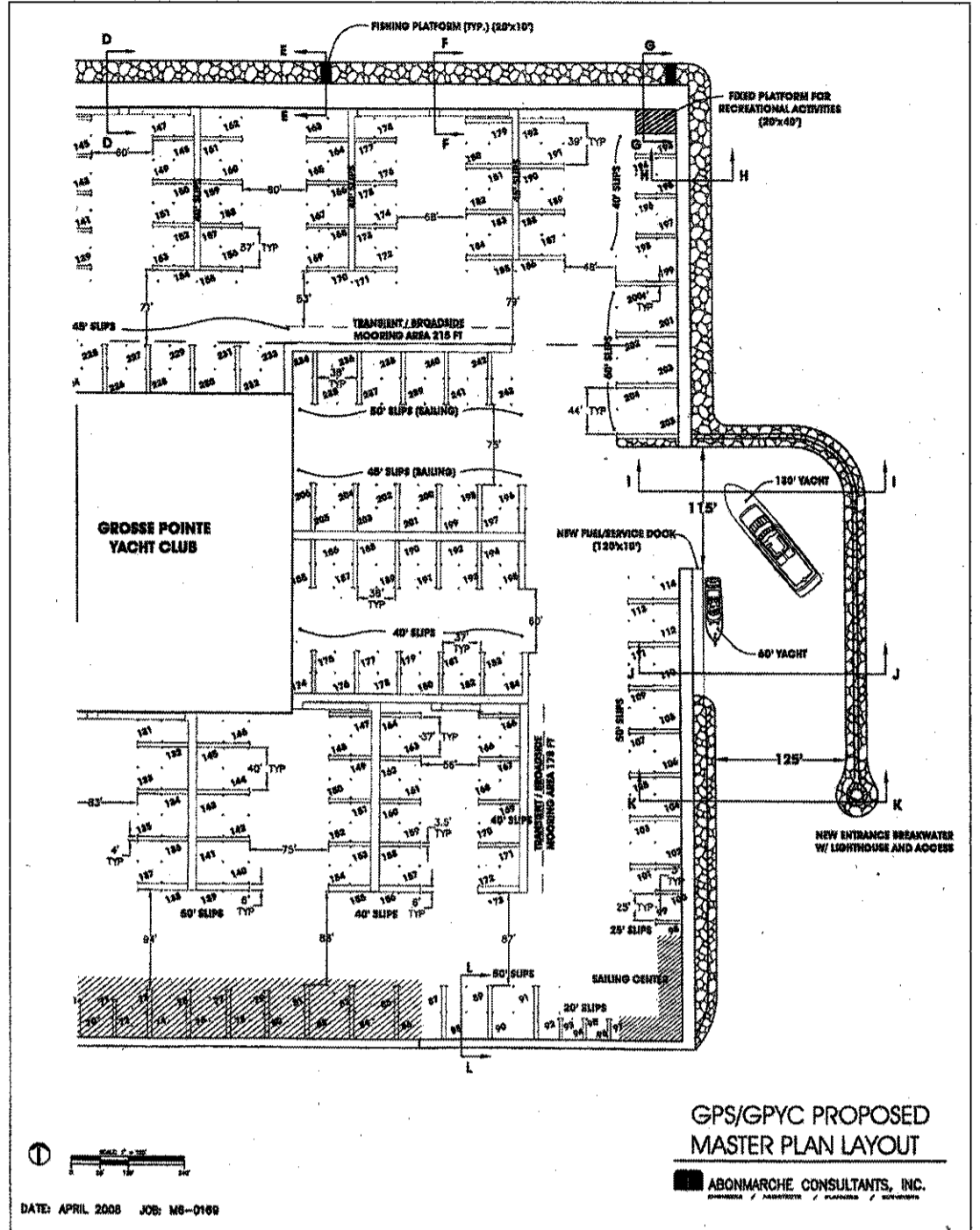
group Neighbors Concerned about the Lakefront. The organization sent copies of the permit application to coastal engineers W.F. Baird and Co. for feedback and plans to share results with the Village.

Booth sent a letter to neighbors raising concerns about the plans' financing, failure to provide remedies to address the accretion, 130 to 135 foot expansion lakeward to accommodate the new entrance, which he said would make it more difficult for shoreline currents carrying sediment to move past the harbor; increasing the width of the north wall; and "failure to address in any meaningful way the request for a sediment flow-through or any other bypass system."

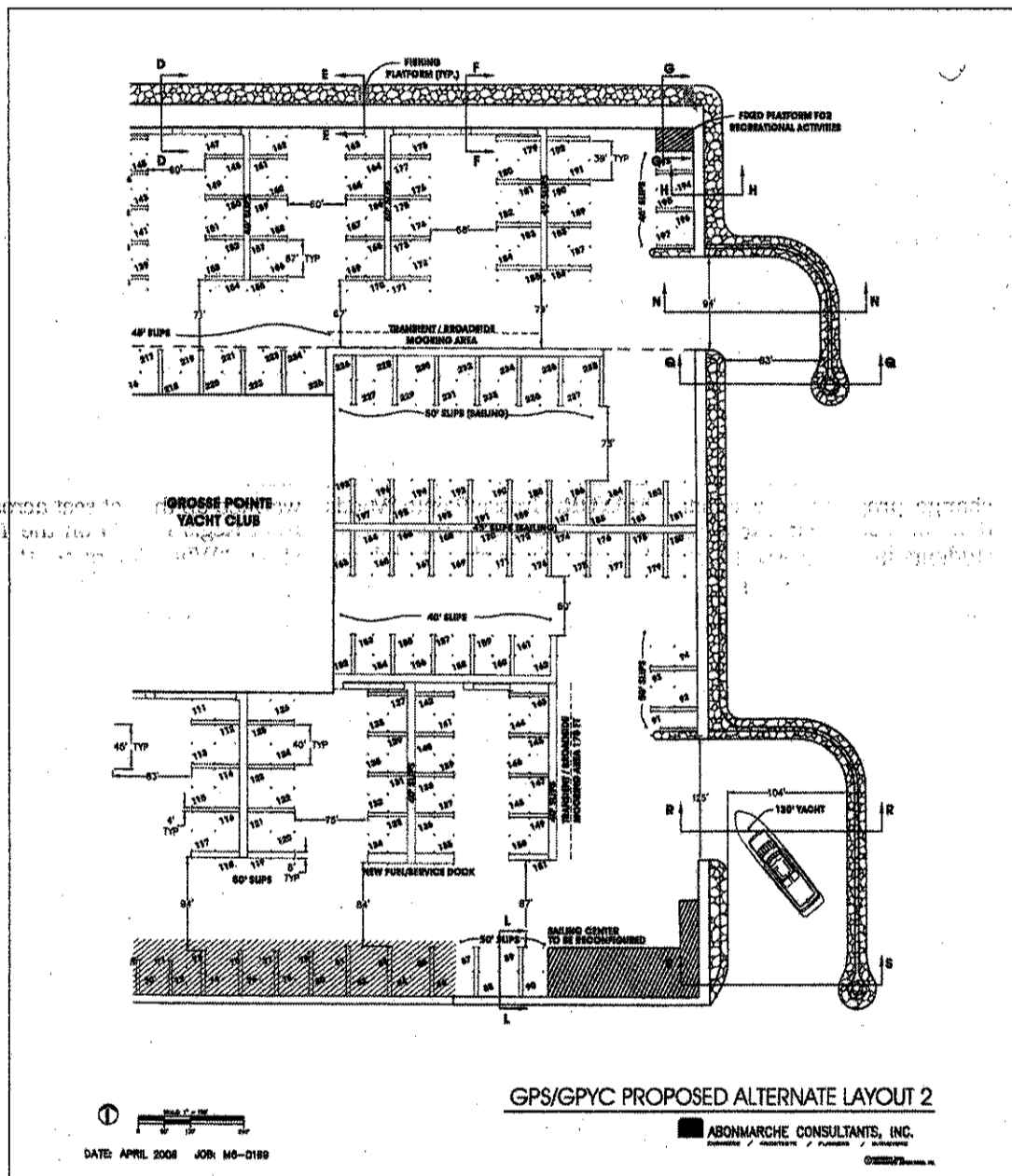
If approved, the first phase of three construction phases could begin next October, with completion in May, 2008.

The first phase of construction would cost \$2.6 million for fixed docks or \$2.3 million for floating docks. The Harbor Committee will make that decision after hearing back from the DEQ and Army Corps, Kenyon said.

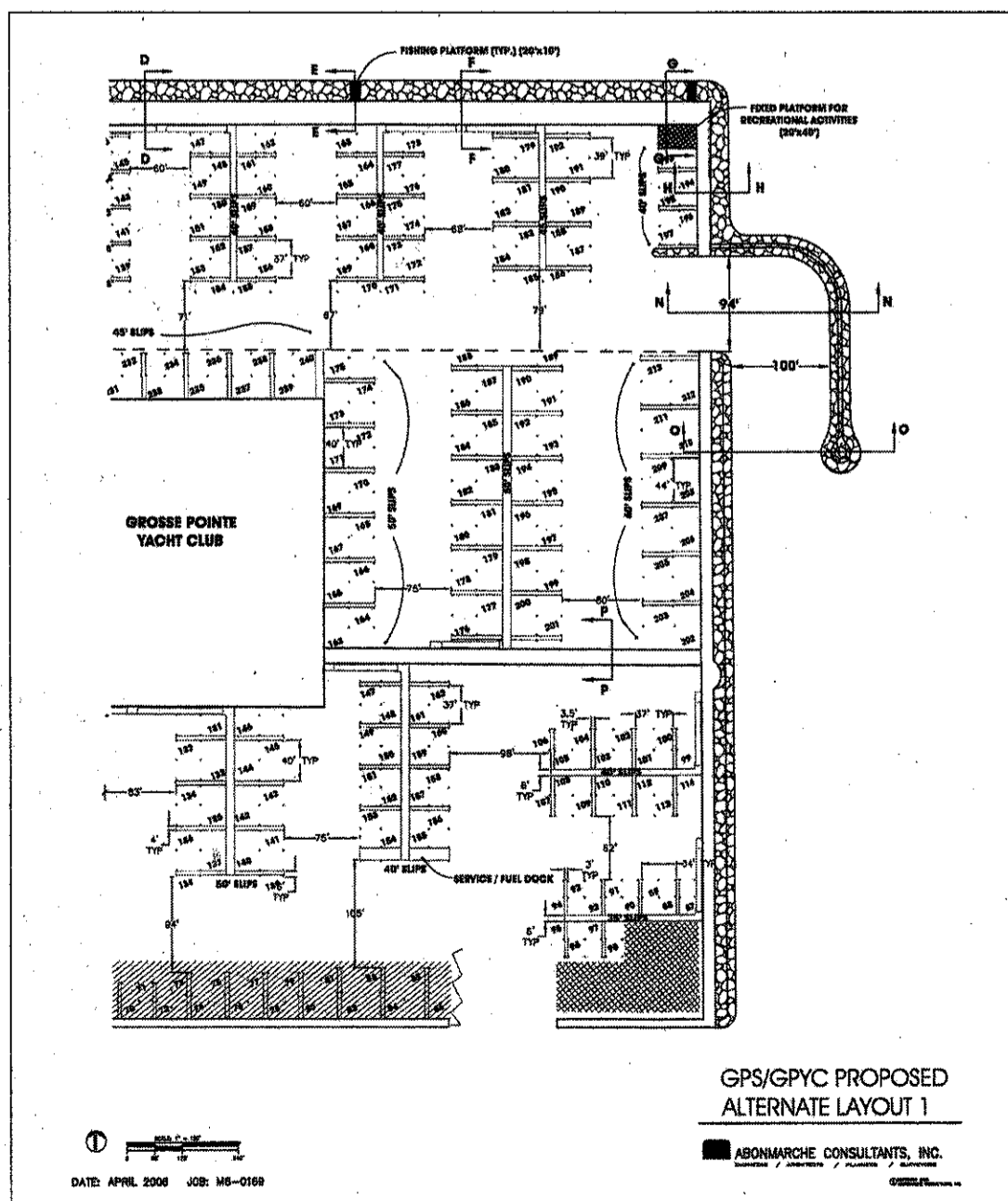
Booth doesn't think that time frame holds water. "My guess is the whole thing is going to end up stalled."



The marina master plan design calls for a new entrance with a lighthouse and fueling dock along the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club side of the project.



The marina renovation calls for a new entrance to serve both harbors more equally and improve traffic. Here are the two alternative layouts.



Bledsoe faces Gaffney in state House race

By Rebecca Jones
Staff Writer

Tim Bledsoe says he's gearing up for "a David and Goliath struggle" against Rep. Ed Gaffney for the first district state House seat.

Bledsoe beat two other Democrats to win the Tuesday, Aug. 8, primary. Next, he faces incumbent state Rep. Ed Gaffney, who ran unopposed in the Republican primary.

Bledsoe said he won by homing in on 2,500 likely voters in areas that have a more Democratic showing.

He earned 2,379 votes. Challengers Je Donna Dinges got 1,148 votes, and William Miller tallied 1,024.

Now, Bledsoe, a City of Grosse Pointe resident, must shift his focus to include all 35,000 voters in the Grosse Pointes, Harper Woods and northeast Detroit.

"It's going to be a tremendous challenge," Bledsoe said.

And he plans to do it all with less than \$25,000 — contributions from friends and neighbors — because he refuses to take funding from political action committees.

"We have to make a statement," he said. "I've got to draw a sharp contrast between myself and Mr. Gaffney."

Bledsoe is a Wayne State University political science professor running for his first public office.

It may be a campaign of Bledsoe's three R's — reform of campaign finance, reproductive rights and representation for all citizens — against Gaffney's three E's — education, the environment and the economy.

Gaffney, the former Grosse Pointe Farms mayor and 11-year city councilman, said he plans to run on his record of accomplishments, both in the House and locally.

"I expect to have a positive campaign and emphasize the laws that I've sponsored" like starting school after Labor Day, protecting children from herbicides and promoting residential development in Detroit and other eligible cities through tax breaks, Gaffney said.

If re-elected, Gaffney said he will continue trying to eliminate the "pop-up property tax," which results in property tax increases when a property changes hands.

Gaffney sees no problem with taking contributions from special interest groups.


"You can take (contributions) from nobody or you can take them from everybody, and everybody's equal," Gaffney said. "I'm not going to make any apologies for the generosity of people in Grosse Pointe and throughout the state."

Gaffney said he spent \$40,000 to \$50,000 in the 2002 campaign.


Bledsoe calls himself a moderate Democrat, while Gaffney considers himself a conservative on economic issues and moderate on social issues.

Bledsoe challenges otherwise. "Mr. Gaffney on social issues is as conservative as any Mississippi Republican," he said. "He's never cast a pro-choice vote in his entire career. It's a hard-right, far-right social agenda. I don't think that's Grosse Pointe."


Gaffney said it's no secret that he is pro-life, but he supports helping the less fortunate through programs like Medicaid and other forms of temporary public assistance.



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POINT OF INTEREST

For **Mary Lou Moore**, contract bridge is her life. She plays it; she teaches it; she dreams it. She is even planning a bridge vacation to Italy. Typically, however, she is unable to get her children to play it.

Cards are bridge to retirement

By Margie Reins Smith
Special Writer

Mary Lou Moore learned to play bridge in the 1960s when she was a student at Michigan State University. She has played the game ever since, but more seriously in 1980.

She now directs and organizes games and tournaments, and she teaches bridge to beginners and advanced players.

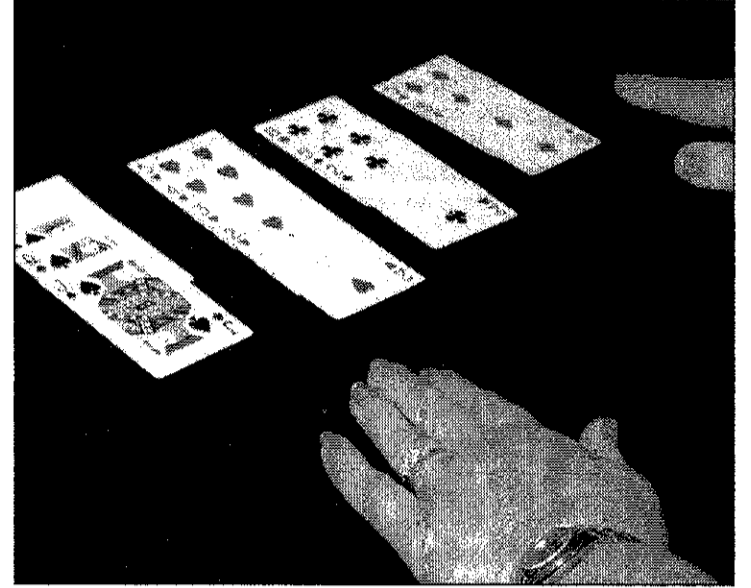
"Bridge is the only game where you tell your opponents everything you have; tell them everything you're going to do with what you have; then dare them to stop you."

Like chess, bridge is a war game. It's popular for its complexity, its problem-solving challenges and its opportunities for social interaction. It has been called "civilized war."

The principles of the game of contract bridge can be traced back to a British card game, whist, which was played as long ago as the 16th century. The American Contract Bridge League was founded in 1937 and is currently the largest nonprofit bridge organization in the world. Some 160,000 people are members.

However, bridge is mainly a game for retirees. The average age of ACBL members is 68. Devotees and the ACBL are working hard to promote the game's appeal to younger players. The ACBL has an online pitch for high school- and college-age players with hip music, colorful graphics and a "Be Cool" message. The ACBL Web site also contains information for teachers to use to introduce the game to children as young as 8.

Moore earned a Bachelor of



PHOTOS BY MARGIE SMITH

Left, Mary Lou Moore became serious about the game of bridge when she retired after working for 28 years as a welfare fraud investigator for the state of Michigan.

The game of bridge develops important life skills, such as communication, strategy, concentration, teamwork and memory.

Moore and her husband, Michael, are looking forward to a trip to Italy that includes sightseeing tours in and around the cities of Florence and Siena during the day and bridge games at the hotel each afternoon. Four members will also have a chance to play bridge with a Florentine bridge club.

Never mind the language barrier. Bridge has its own language, and players can use an international sign language that was developed to communicate bids among players who do not speak the same language.

The current version of the game became popular in the 1930s. In the 1940s, Charles H. Goren emerged as the guru of contract bridge. He eventually wrote dozens of books about rules and strategies for the game.

Duplicate bridge is a version of the game that allows players to compete with other players to earn masterpoints. The term "duplicate" is used because the same dealt hands are played by many players. Each pair of players competes with other pairs to make the best game from the same dealt hands.

Moore has earned some 1,000 masterpoints, which qualifies her as a silver life master. She has also passed a test given by the American Contract Bridge League which qualifies her to direct sanctioned games that award masterpoints. She is a two-time winner of the Mini McKenney award and a two-time winner of the Ace of Clubs award, both given annually by the ACBL for the top players and earners of masterpoints.

She currently hosts a group of 20 beginning bridge students every Monday afternoon, a game on Monday night, five tables of duplicate bridge on Tuesdays and three tables of students on Thursdays. She also gives private lessons.

"I see my job as that of an ambassador of bridge — to make people love the game. Bridge is to cards what chess is to checkers. It's a game. But it is definitely a war game."

She does not approach the teaching of the game lightly. She took classes and has at-

tended training programs about how to teach.

"Just because you're a good player doesn't automatically make you a good teacher," she said.

"Bridge is a game that lets you constantly better yourself," Moore said, "by working for the best game you can have, not just working to defeat your opponents. It's a personal challenge. It's exciting. You meet wonderful people playing bridge."

Moore noted two popular misconceptions about the game of bridge:

1) That it is for people with math ability. "Not true," she said. "I still cross out and carry when I'm balancing my check-book."

2) That it is a game only played by well-educated, lofty people. "Not true," she said. "Bridge runs the gamut from plumbers to brain surgeons. Anybody can learn to play good bridge. People don't have to be 'born to it.' It's just like learning a foreign language."

The game of bridge helps develop a variety of important skills, according to the ACBL and Moore. Bridge players develop their skills in strategy, communication, problem solving, psychology, concentration, teamwork and memory.

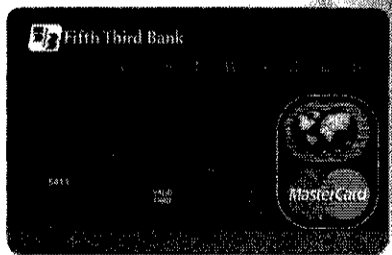
Moore would like to become involved in teaching the game to young people. A few years ago, the Grosse Pointe Public School System offered bridge as a summer enrichment program, she said. "It was an innovative and admirable move in the part of the school system, but there were not enough young people interested. The class was canceled."

"I am the product of lots of wonderful, patient people who I've learned from, taught and played with over the years. I once found myself sitting next to a psychologist at a luncheon. She asked if I was 'The Bridge Mary Lou Moore.' I said 'yes' and she said, 'I can't tell you how many times I've heard your name and the game of bridge spoken together in a positive way.'"

Neither of Moore's children play bridge. "They would rather die," she said. "But, they are really proud of me."

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Arts degree in English and a teaching certificate from Michigan State University. She taught school for one year, then worked for 28 years as a welfare fraud investigator for the State of Michigan.

After she retired, she had more time for bridge.

"Now, my job is bridge," she said. "Bridge is my life. I dream in spades, hearts, diamonds and clubs. I teach. I learn. I play. People give me gifts with bridge themes. I have bowls, pencils, napkins, dishes, clothes, jewelry, even shoes — all decorated with cards and bridge themes."

Over the years, Moore estimates she has taught more than 400 students the rules, conventions and strategies of bridge at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial, the Country Club of Detroit, the Neighborhood Club, Lochmoor Club, on cruise ships and from her home. She has played bridge in Florence, in Rome, in the chateau country of France, in Paris, London, Panama, Alaska and the Caribbean.

"When we travel," she said, "we usually ask the concierge to arrange a bridge game."

"I once had four weekly games at the Neighborhood Club," Moore said. Don Curtis is her long-time bridge partner and mentor. "He taught me how to direct (organized bridge games and tournaments) too."

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History on her side

Grosse Pointe Woods resident Juliette Zaranek, center with Mayor Robert Novitke, was honored with a proclamation by the city council during the June 19 meeting. Zaranek, 85, has seen the city transform from its grass roots of yesterday to the hustle-and-bustle of today. After all, she lives in the same house where she grew up. Zaranek was the ninth baby born at Cottage Hospital in October 1920. "It's been a pleasure having Juliette Zaranek serve on a city commission and grow up with the city of Grosse Pointe Woods," Mayor Robert Novitke said. Novitke proclaimed June 21 as Juliette Zaranek Day. She served on the city's Historical Commission from February 1992 to April 2006. She was educated in Grosse Pointe and earned a degree from Detroit Business College before working at Lochmoor Village during the Depression and as a legal secretary with Charles P. Steiner. She married Casimir Zaranek on Nov. 9, 1944, raised five sons and has 13 grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren.



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GROSSE POINTE SHORES

SOC receives donation

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

Rose Garland Thornton, president pro tem of Grosse Pointe Shores, has successfully advocated a \$3,500 municipal donation to Services for Older Citizens.

"We have approximately 800 seniors (and) for \$3,500 it's worth it," Thornton said. "This year Services for Older Citizens was able to provide more services to Grosse Pointe Shores residents than any previous year," according to Sharon Maier, SOC executive director.

SOC serves residents of the five Grosse Pointes and Harper Woods. Funding is provided from county grants, municipal outlays and private contribu-

tions. Maier said Shores residents from 209 families received 812 hours of service.

"This is nearly a 15 percent increase from last year," she said.

Services included:
 ♦ minor home repair,
 ♦ information and assistance about various issues affecting seniors (including prescription insurance coverage),
 ♦ assistance for caregivers,
 ♦ food, friendship and trips,
 ♦ escorted transportation,
 ♦ case coordination.

"SOC fills the gap between everyday needs and our seniors' lack of ability to take care of themselves," Maier said. "Whether it's a hot meal served with compassion and companionship, a leaky faucet that gets fixed or a lonely tear-

'We have approximately 800 seniors (and) for \$3,500 it's worth it.'

ROSE GARLAND THORNTON,
President pro tem, G.P. Shores

that's dried, SOC's mission is to make a difference every day, one senior at a time."

The village's \$3,500 contribution equates to \$4.31 per hour of service received.

"Although this does not cover the entire cost of services or the food and supplies that go along with our programs, it will significantly impact our ability to ensure that services are provided to those in need," Maier said.

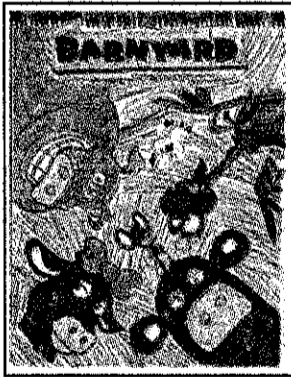
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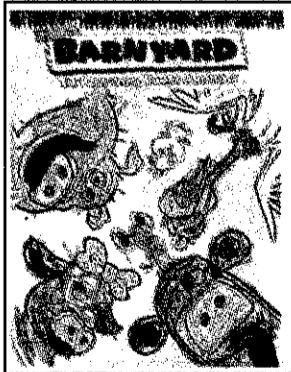
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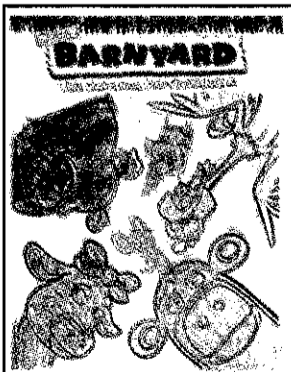
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Age 6



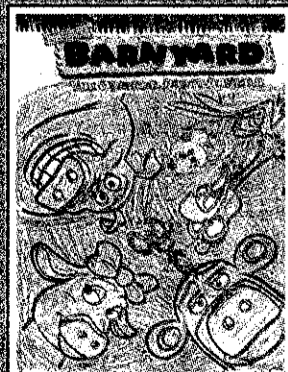
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GROSSE POINTE FARMS

Council approves 4-home plan on Moran

By Rebecca Jones
Staff Writer

Four houses will work where three or five would not.

That's the feeling of Grosse Pointe Farms City Council members who approved preliminary plans for development of the 190 Ridge site at their Monday, Aug. 14 meeting.

Designer Robert Wood presented his revised plan for four homes on the one acre site along Moran south of Ridge.

Three houses would have Moran addresses and lot sizes of 85 by 135 feet; the fourth, on Ridge, would have a 99 by 135 foot lot.

The four-bedroom homes would have side-entry

garages, a 30-foot setback from the street and price tags in the range of \$850,000 to \$900,000.

Designs call for a first-floor master bedroom and a maintenance-free exterior made of synthetic brick, stone or fiber cement. "These are landscaped, turn-key homes," Wood said. "There's not a product that exists in Grosse Pointe for this buyer."

But first, the land would have to be rezoned. Currently, it is R-1AAA, which requires a minimum lot width of 150 feet.

All of the homes as presented comply with the R-1A zoning. That requires a 60 foot minimum lot width, with a minimum area of 6,000 square feet. Three of the planned lots

are more than 11,000 square feet, and one is more than 13,000 square feet.

The city will conduct a public hearing at the council's Sept. 11 meeting to consider rezoning.

"No variances will be needed once this rezoning occurs," Wood said.

Farms planning consultant Brandon Rogers said he was "totally in support of this plan."

Previous proposals, for anywhere from three to six homes, were deemed unacceptable.

In June, the applicant was directed to meet with neighbors and explore alternatives.

Mayor James Farquhar said the four-home proposal was more attractive than an earlier

design with three homes, which would have resulted in big-foot houses, and more palatable to neighbors than squeezing five homes on the site.

"I think we struck a nice balance with the four homes," Wood said. The homes are 2,800 to 3,200 square feet.

Build-out will be market-driven, Wood said. The units will be constructed one at a time, rather than all at once. Wood expects two homes will be up a year from now.

"One of the benefits of designing spec homes rather than selling to a builder is we can control it," Wood said.

He plans to contain construction equipment and staging on site.

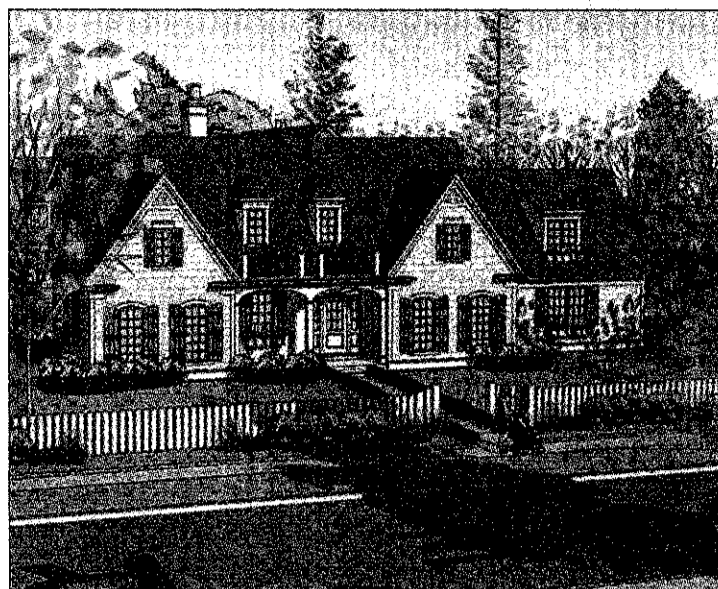


PHOTO RENDERINGS BY ROBERT WOOD AND ASSOCIATES

Three homes along Moran will have side-entry garages and first-floor master bedrooms, a popular trend, according to designer Robert Wood. One of the four homes in the development, top right, will face Ridge. It will be slightly larger than those on Moran and sit on a bigger lot.

GROSSE POINTE WOODS

Vernier project update

Anderson, Eckstein and Westrick have completed all driveway approaches and sidewalks on westbound Vernier. All concrete work on westbound Vernier is now complete with the exception of the intersection at Harper.

During the week of August 14, work will begin on the east half of the Harper/Vernier intersection. During this construction, eastbound and westbound Vernier will be closed at Harper.

Beginning Monday, August 14, Exit 225 from eastbound I-94 will also be closed while the intersection construction is completed.

It is anticipated construction of the east half of the Harper/Vernier intersection will take approximately 10 days. Once completed, the west half will be reconstructed.

During the intersection construction, no thru traffic will be allowed, but residents and businesses on westbound Vernier will have access to their driveway approaches

from one open lane on westbound Vernier.

Residents and businesses on eastbound Vernier will have access to their driveway approaches from the turnarounds in the Vernier medians. Eastbound detour routes will be reposted and westbound detour routes will re-

main in place.

Ninety-five percent of the westbound Vernier project and 85 percent of the total project is complete.

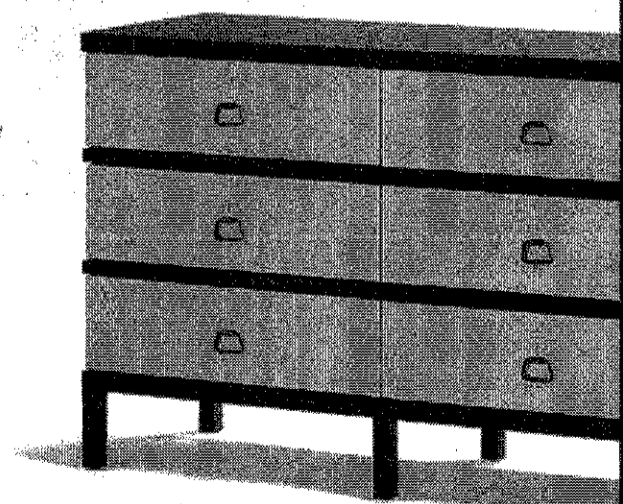
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Commission members reappointed

Grosse Pointe Park city councilmembers reappointment Frederick Olds, Jeffrey Graham and Matthew Tepper to the planning commission.

Each has been a long-time member of the planning commission.

"The three are very respected in the community," said City Manager Dale Krajniak.

—Bob St. John

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I SAY By Ann Fouty

It's hard to mess up this 'pudding' recipe



Is there any more of this pudding? This came from a man whose palate is honed and attuned to a more sophisticated and worldly menu than a burgers-and-beer-style meal. Coming from California where restaurants serve three leaves of lettuce and a half a cherry tomato and call it a filling salad, my nephew and his wife have a wide variety of foods from which to choose.

These foods aren't focused on Michigan or midwestern tastes of meat, potatoes and salads which use half a head of iceberg lettuce. West coast restaurants cater to variety.

While my nephew enjoys and looks forward to sampling many different entrees, he isn't averse to beef, venison and a tray with cheeses from around the world.

When he called out for "more pudding," my ears perked up.

I was pleasantly surprised he wanted more of my midwestern, old fashioned concoction. It was one of those recipes that is simple enough to make without hauling out the cookbook. It's made when you need a quick, no-hassle meal filler.

Little did he know that his compliment came after I had strictly adhered to the wisdom from cooks who have seen the inside of a kitchen many more years than I. Unbeknownst to him while mulling over what I could contribute to the family gathering, where food plays a center role, I was walking in tandem with secrets of good cooking written by members of the Twilight Garden Club in a 1976 cookbook said:

◆ "Be a critical judge. Know excellent cooking from poor cooking.

◆ "Find a fascination in the science and become thoroughly familiar with what and what not to do.

◆ "Find a genuine pleasure in the practice, mastering the basic recipes and the operation and control of your stove."

Obviously, my nephew knew excellent cooking from poor, otherwise he wouldn't have wanted a second helping of the "pudding."

I'll admit the science of the recipe I left up to the refrigerator. And the familiarity, well, I've made it and similar ones dozens of times.

The pleasure of creating and whipping up comes from knowing someone will be enjoying the "fruits" of your labor. Since it is a basic recipe in which the main ingredient can trace its roots to the 19th century and seemed to be a staple in our Sunday dinners at home, I knew it well.

However, the bottom line was how quickly could I make it, stick it in the refrigerator and move on to more pleasurable pursuits, such as enjoying a summer day with family I too infrequently share time?

So what is this "pudding" that not only my nephew but my cousin raved about?

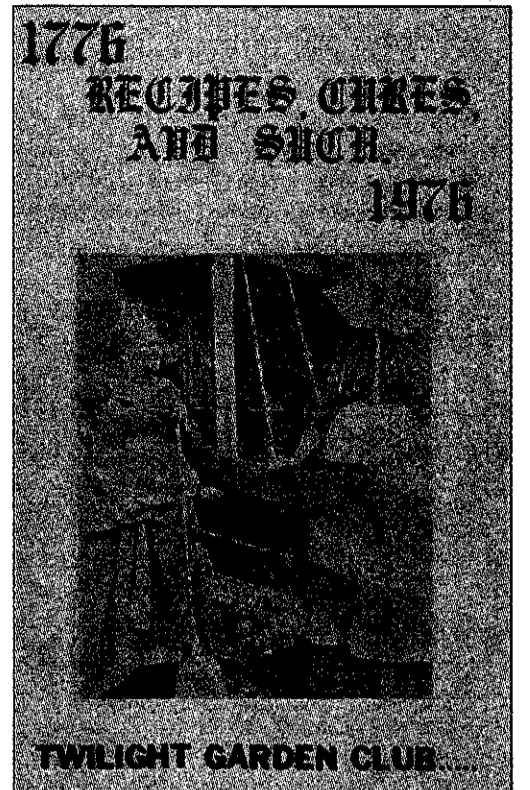
Please, you honor me with your persistence. It's a gelatin Bavarian.

Heat the water. Pour it over the gelatin. Stir. Refrigerate for an hour. Add fruit and a cup of whipped topping. Mix. Refrigerate and go have fun.

Science and familiarity: the stove and refrigeration (the science part) and a gelatin recipe is hard to screw up.

Find pleasure and master a recipe and know your stove: Heat the water and a gelatin recipe is hard to screw up.

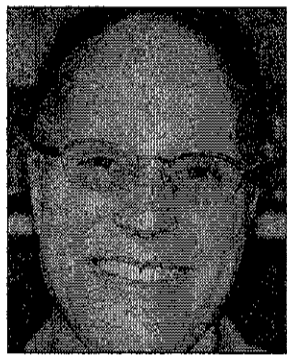
Nonetheless, it's the thought that counts. Thanks Nephew.



STREETWISE By Renee Landuyt

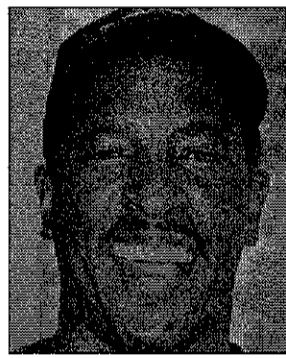
Is global warming occurring or are we experiencing cyclical weather?

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



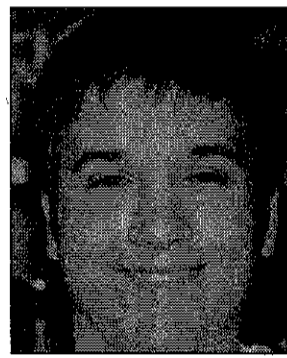
I am sure we have an effect on global warming, but this planet is ever changing. How do we know all the bombing doesn't have a climatic effect as well?

BLAKE MACONOCHE
Grosse Pointe Park



I believe global warming is occurring. Far too many experts have been telling us for far too long to look out.

SAMUEL DOYLE
Grosse Pointe Park



I think global warming is occurring because we have encountered cyclical weather before, and this is too drastic of a change.

JACOB PIZZO
Grosse Pointe Park



I believe it's global warming. All the hurricanes and tsunamis have really taken a toll more so now than in the past.

JAMES SCHULZ
Grosse Pointe Park



I am not a scientist, but I agree with the majority of the scientists who have strong evidence that global warming is occurring.

JOHN CHETCUTI
Grosse Pointe Park



Absolutely, I believe it's global warming, and many scientists have proven it.

SUE GLOVER
Grosse Pointe Park

FYI By Ben Burns

Golf outing memorializes a bonny angel



While there are many golf outings each summer honoring worthy causes, I want to bring a special one to your attention. It is called "Love Always Remember Always," and the initial letters spell Lara.

Lara Michelle Rutan, 25, the

daughter of Judy and Rick Rutan of the Farms, was a physicians' assistant with a Master's degree from Wayne State and president of her class. She was a lifelong Grosse Pointe resident, born at Cottage Hospital, and attended St. Paul and Regina Catholic schools.

What makes the LARA golf outing special is that it honors a bright and beautiful young woman whose life was snuffed out last year by a drunk driver who had never held a Michigan operator's license.

Event organizers Steve and Leslie McMullin of the Farms hope more than 300 support-

ers turn out for the Monday, Sept. 11, outing that starts with lunch at 11:30 a.m. at the Burning Tree Golf & Country Club on 21 Mile at North Avenue. They hope to raise funds to endow a scholarship at Wayne State University in the physicians' assistant program.

In addition to a Volkswagen Jetta awarded for a hole-in-one, there are great silent auction items, including a sunset tugboat cruise on the Detroit River, two round-trip air tickets to anywhere in the continental United States, a Buick Open flag autographed by Tiger Woods, a signed and framed Barry Sanders jersey and home plate Detroit Tigers tickets with Tiger Den clubhouse access. If you don't play golf, you may attend the dinner and the auction starting at 6:30 p.m.

Lunch, golf and dinner are \$150. Dinner and auction only are \$50.

You may contact the McMullins for more information on how you can support the scholarship at (313) 882-1998 or e-mail them at mcmullin232@comcast.net. Reservations should be made by Monday, Aug. 21. But you don't need to play golf or be there that day to make a contribution to the scholarship fund.

This first LARA outing comes about 30 days before Miss Rutan was to wed her fiancé, Michael Connery.

"Lara was always there for everyone with a kind word and that radiant smile," Connery reportedly told a Macomb courtroom packed with her family and friends at her killer's sentencing on second degree murder charges.

"She was a people-person who enjoyed making others feel good about themselves. She was an adviser in all her educational experiences and various employment endeavors, from her jobs at Leon's Hair Salon, The Hill Seafood and Chop House and The Pointe Pedlar to interning with

area physicians and hospitals," according to the memorial Web site: lovealwaysrememberalways.com.

"I believe she was truly an angel from God," Lara's brother Nick, told the judge, according to Macomb Daily reporter Jameson Cook, who was there.

If you can only support one golf outing this summer, and if you would like to perpetuate a good woman's legacy with a scholarship in her name, think of Lara Michelle Rutan and the life she led and the good she would have done.

Dog days

Dog parades, dog contests, pet adoptions, contests for longest dog tail and dog-own-

er-look-alike will be part of the fun at the annual Children's Home of Detroit Dog Days of Summer from 1 to 3 p.m. at the Cook Road campus in the Woods this Saturday, Aug. 19.

Hosted by the Grosse Pointe Animal Adoption Society and the Soroptimist International of Grosse Pointe, the event is free to people, but costs \$10 to enter your dog. Proceeds go to the Youth Assistance Services of the Children's Home.

Having judged the various contests and attended the event with our Berner, Mouse, I can recommend it as a fun afternoon. But the last time Mouse was there, the GPAAS folks suggested he was a distraction. Everyone wanted to

adopt him.

I would like to make the case that "Every Dog Has Its Day" is a misnomer. We might better say this is the decade of the dog. Following is a list of facts about dogs and pets in no particular order interspersed with famous quotes about "man's best friend."

◆ Did you know that folks in New York can get their pooches certified as "mental support dogs" and restaurants and airlines have to make accommodations for them?

◆ "The reason a dog has so many friends is that he wags his tail instead of his tongue."

— Anonymous

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Lara Rutan, who was killed last year by a drunken driver, will be memorialized with a scholarship in her name at Wayne State University.

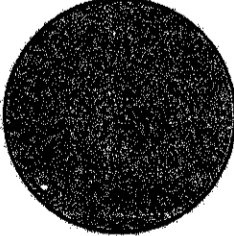
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The North-South Athletic Booster Outing...
is it a glimpse of things to come?

This past Monday, a first occurred in our community. The GP North and GP South Athletics Boosters got TOGETHER and sponsored a golf outing and auction to help fund our Athletics programs. TOGETHER, they did a great job and all involved are to be commended.

Hopefully, other booster groups will follow this example, and work together to maintain programs we all cherish that are at jeopardy due to school funding shortages. Hats off to all who made this event happen!

.....Ahmed Ismail (ahmed.ismail@comcast.net)



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FYI: It's a dog's life and don't forget it

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◆ Did you know in California you might have to meet with an adoption counselor if you want a dog and undergo background checks, supply references and allow a


home visit?
◆ "Don't accept your dog's admiration as conclusive evidence that you are wonderful."
— Ann Landers
◆ Did you know there are special catalogs of dog wear and dog supplies, including things like a "petometer" that tells you how far Fido has walked in a day?
◆ Did you know Orvis sells a suede dog's nest with a matching suede throw for your couch or your car? Or that you

can buy "muttluks" to protect Buddy's feet from heat, rain, snow and rough terrain?
◆ A dog is the only thing on Earth that loves you more than he loves himself." — Josh Billings
◆ Did you know that there are dog psychologists out there ready to charge you by the hour for looking into Bullet's big brown eyes and lending a sympathetic ear?
◆ "There is no psychiatrist in the world like a puppy licking


your face." — Ben Williams
◆ Did you know that there is an Internet radio station for pets called DogCatRadio.com? It is live 17 hours a day Pacific time, and it frequently plays the Elvis song, "You Ain't Nothing But a Hound Dog" and the Baha Men singing "Who Let the Dogs Out?" It was started last year by a fellow named Adrian Martinez in Los Angeles because "my cat, Snickers, asked me to do it."
◆ "The average dog is a nicer

person than the average person." — Andy Rooney
◆ Did you know near the Westminster Dog Show in New York the hotel Pennsylvania books 1,000 of its 1,700 rooms with dogs and a corner in a downstairs ballroom has an area covered with wood shavings divided into his and hers canine bathrooms? Nearby were Jog A Dog treadmills, a dog masseuse and a pet psychic, according to the New York Times.


◆ "If your dog is fat, you aren't getting enough exercise." — Anonymous
◆ Did you know an upscale Clinton Township pet store called Doggy Deli sells homemade cookies, muffins, brownies and biscotti for dogs and peddled 20,000 bags of such treats last year?
◆ "If you think dogs can't count, try putting three dog biscuits in your pocket and then giving Fido only two of them." — Phil Pastoret
◆ Did you know in Houston if you want to get Wolf into doggy day care you have to fill out a four-page personality profile on the critter?
◆ "A dog teaches a boy fidelity, perseverance and to turn around three times before lying down." — Robert Benchley
◆ Did you know there are about 90 million cats and 74 million dogs in the United States, and we are spending \$34 billion a year on them?
◆ "You can say any foolish thing to a dog, and the dog will give you a look that says, 'Wow, you're right! I never would have thought of that.'" — Dave Barry
◆ And finally, one of my favorites: "My goal in life is to be as good a person as my dog already thinks I am." — Anonymous
So if you get a chance swing by the Children's Home on Saturday afternoon. You will meet a bunch of nice people and perhaps even nicer dogs.
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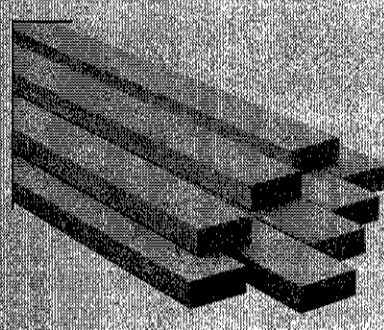
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VIEWPOINT: Public gas not natural

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to raise taxes and build pipelines that would bring cheap gas to Toledo. According to the Toledo Blade, "there are many scientists who believe that the production is continuous, and the supply will be perennial." With good transportation and with natural gas as fuel, our city should become the great manufacturing city of the West."

The private gas companies in Toledo, meanwhile, had invested hundreds of thousands of dollars in pipelines and they actively opposed public ownership. The natural gas won't last forever, they insisted, and charging a reasonable fee for it would force Ohioans to conserve this precious fuel. But they could not overcome the campaign slogan of "free gas," and the popular claim that the local natural gas wells would last thousands of years. In 1889, Toledo began the process of taxing its citizens to bring "free" gas to town.
For about five years the people and businesses of Toledo had some of the lowest fuel bills in the nation. Then, with the huge consumption and wasting of gas throughout northwest Ohio, the wells began to go dry. The city of Findlay, desperate to recoup part of its investment, had sold or leased all of its pipelines to private companies by 1899.
Shortly thereafter, Toledo did the same thing. No one connected with the public company had either the training or the desire to drill and search out new gas wells or other fuel options. They wasted money like they wasted the gas. The estimated loss to the city of Toledo was about \$2 million. Meanwhile, the privately owned Northwestern Ohio Natural Gas Company took over and supplied Toledo and northwest Ohio with gas at market prices. In 1902, the company built pipelines into West Virginia to bring new discoveries of natural gas into the now depleted state of Ohio.
Privatization finally prevailed.
Burton Folsom is professor of history at Hillsdale College and is an adjunct scholar for the Mackinac Center for Public Policy, a research and educational institute headquartered in Midland.

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JOHN PARK was appointed vice president and senior banker of JPMorgan Private Bank's Detroit office.

He will join Andrew Camden in co-leading JPMorgan's Detroit team, which delivers the firm's investment, tax and estate planning, philanthropy, credit and specialty advisory services to ultra-high-net-worth clients throughout Michigan.

Park joins JPMorgan from Morgan Stanley, where he served the firm's high-net-worth clientele in Detroit. Prior to Morgan Stanley, Park was director of the corporate finance group of Michigan National Bank.

He received his B.S. in finance from Babson College, his M.B.A. from the University of Detroit and attended the Wharton School's executive education program for advanced studies in investments. Locally, Park is currently president of the University Liggett School Alumni Board of Governors and serves on the board of trustees of the Grosse Pointe Farms Foundation. Park is a Grosse Pointe resident.



BRYAN WELSH, CPA, was named a partner in the firm of Plante & Moran, PLLC. Welsh previously served as an associate with the firm.

He specializes in providing assurance, corporate and personal tax consulting, and general business consulting to manufacturing and distribution companies, school districts and other foreign and domestic commercial enterprises.

He is a member of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants and the Michigan Association of Certified Public Accountants. He is also a member of the Detroit Athletics Club. Welsh holds a bachelor of business administration degree in accounting and finance from the University of Michigan—Dearborn.

Welsh resides in Grosse Pointe Park.

KEVIN M. O'BRIEN, MD, has been inducted as a fellow in the American College of Radiology (ACR).

The induction took place at a convocation ceremony during the 83rd ACR annual meeting and chapter leadership conference in Washington, D.C.

He is chief of nuclear medicine, a radiologist and chairman of continuing medical education at St. John Macomb Hospital. He is a member of ACR's Chapters Sponsoring MI to AMCLC and served as alternate delegate from the Michigan Radiological Society (MRS), of which he is president-elect.

He was also a faculty member for the Chapter Leadership Workshop at the ACR Annual Meeting in May. Other positions include delegate from the Wayne County Medical Society to the Michigan State Medical Society, chairman of multiple committees for the MRS and fellow of the Detroit Medical Academy.

O'Brien is a Grosse Pointe Farms resident.

MARY N. C. TAITT won first place in the June photography contest sponsored by BetterPhoto.com.

More than 25,700 entries were submitted to the online photography contest, which attracted contestants from around the world and featured 10 separate categories.

Taitt's image, "Detroit Renaissance Center Aerial," garnered top honors after being submitted in the Elements of Design category.

All of the winning images can be viewed at BetterPhoto.com's contest page at betterphoto.com/con-

test/winners/0606.asp. The contest is conducted each month. Categories include Nature and Landscapes, Animals, People, Elements of Design, Digital Darkroom, Travel and Place, Flowers, Details and Macro, Special Effects and Monthly Theme. Judging is performed by a panel of professional photographers. Taitt lives in Grosse Pointe Farms.

JAMES SPICA has been named to the Interlochen board of trustees. He is the senior trusts and estates counsel with Warner Norcross and Judd of Southfield.

Spica is an alumnus of both the Interlochen camp and academy where he studied music composition. He has five children, three of whom have attended the camp or academy and his wife is also an academy alumna. Spica serves on the boards of the Michigan Legacy Art Park, the Vestry of St. Michaels Episcopal Church of Grosse Pointe, the Roesper School and the Grosse Pointe Academy. Spica is a Grosse Pointe Farms resident.

FRANK DISTEFANO, vice president of Allstate Construction Company, was appointed to represent licensed residential builders for a term expiring March 31, 2009, by Gov. Jennifer M. Granholm.

He succeeds L. David Kellett, whose term has expired. DiStefano lives in Grosse Pointe Woods.

GROSSE POINTE PARK

Marge's Bar turns 40, hosts birthday party

By Bob St. John
Staff Writer

Marge's Bar and Grill, one of the oldest establishments in Grosse Pointe Park, will celebrate its 40th anniversary with a party Sept. 16.

Co-owners Marge DePuys and her son Jimmy DePuys have hosted some of the biggest and best sports parties, including Detroit Red Wings Stanley Cup victories in 1997, 1998 and 2002, during their tenure as one of the area's featured bars.

"We have had a lot of wonderful memories throughout the years and we plan on having many more," Marge said. "I think the bar has taken off since Jimmy brought in the sports themes in the mid-80s."

Marge laughed and talked about the days when politicians from Detroit and the local area would sit at the bar and discuss everything under the sun, including politics.

"Everyone knew everyone, which was the nice thing about tending bar," Marge said. "I would sit back and listen to everyone give their opinion and argue and laugh. This is more than just a bar. It is a place where friends come to watch any of the local sports teams, have a beer and enjoy a burger."

"We have the best bar food in the state, and that's a fact," Jimmy said. "We take a lot of pride in this place because of the regulars that come in week

in and week out."

Marge's Bar is a staple in the community. Thousands of men and women have called this establishment their "hangout" during the first four decades.

It is the Detroit-area's version of "Cheers." Everyone knows your name when you walk through the door.

The local bar has turned celebrity during the past decade. Dozens of local newspapers and even national magazines have written about it.

ESPN took Marge's Bar national when it broadcast game three of the 1997 Stanley Cup Finals between the hometown heroes, the Red Wings, and the Philadelphia Flyers.

Recently retired Steve Yzerman hosted three press conferences from Marge's. It is also a hangout for many Red Wing players who live in the area.

The birthday bash will run from 10 a.m. to 2 a.m. the following morning. Customers can mingle inside or outside under a 20-by-40 foot tent on the Beaconsfield side of the bar's parking lot.

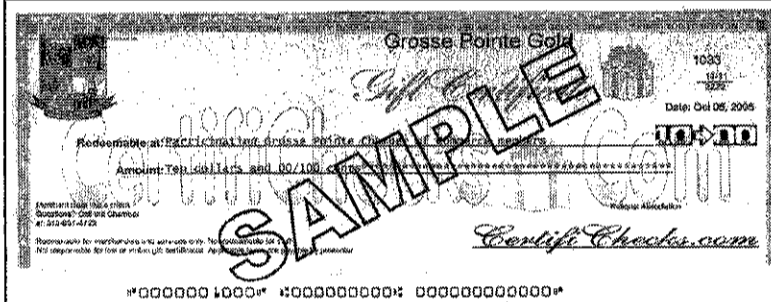


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Marge's Bar and Grill, above, turns 40 this year. Owners Marge, left, and Jimmy DePuys (Marge's son) are throwing an anniversary party Saturday, Sept. 16.

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**MARGE'S:
Park bar
celebrates**

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"We're going to bring in long-time friends who are musicians to play jazz and some rock and roll for our customers," Jimmy said.

"I would like to see some of our early customers come in and have a beer," Marge said. "I miss the older-timers and I hope they come back and visit. It would be nice to see them."

Grosse Pointe Park Public Safety Chief Dave Hiller gave his approval, telling councilmembers everything is within code. Members of the Park city council approved the tent and outdoor music will be allowed to play until 10 p.m.

Marge and Jimmy have sponsored Grosse Pointe youth sports teams for 20 years, including Neighborhood Club squads. Jimmy has also coached some of the hockey teams that have played at Grosse Pointe City Rink for many of those 20 years.

"We have done a lot to support the local kids and their sports teams," Jimmy said. "It's great to do positive things for our community."

Jimmy's sister Jan will also be lending a hand during the festivities, as will Marge's teenage grandchildren.

'We have done a lot to support the local kids and their sports teams.'

JIMMY DEPUYS,
Marge's Bar co-owner



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Marge's Bar, above, has been a successful business in Grosse Pointe Park since 1966. Marge and Jimmy DePuys will host a party Saturday, Sept. 16. Everyone is invited.

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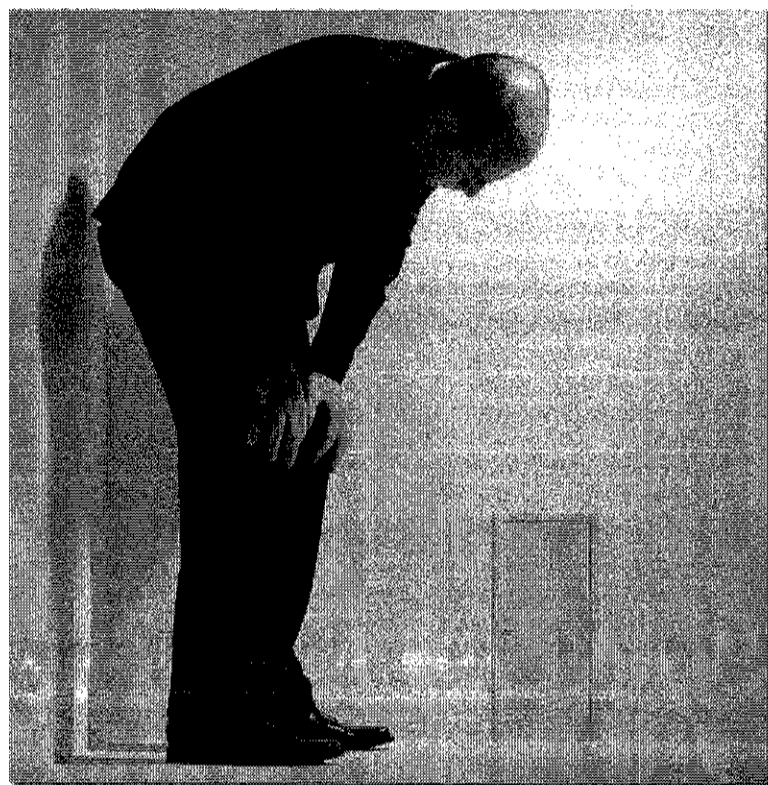
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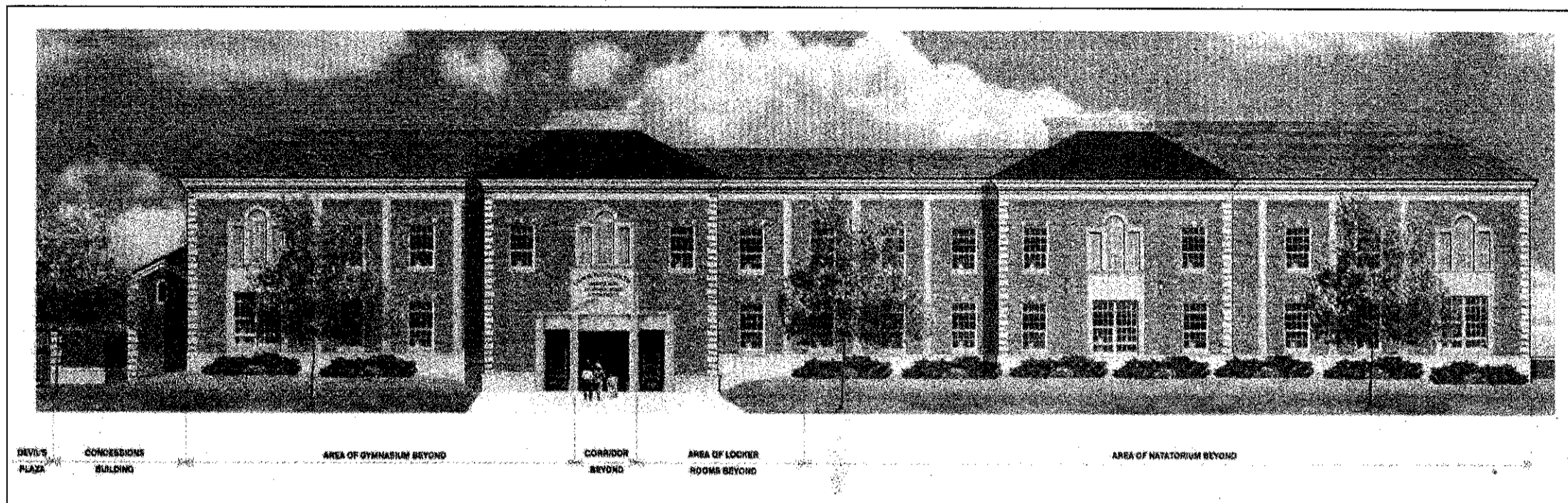
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The swimming pool and athletic complex proposed for construction along Fisher at Grosse Pointe South High School would employ design elements borrowed from the neo-Georgian main building, which opened in 1928 and is rated a registered Michigan historic site.

New pool planned for 'The High'

By Brad Lindberg
 Staff Writer

A 12-lane swimming pool and athletic complex could take Blue Devil's water sports facilities into the modern age starting in the 2008 school year.

Competitive bids on the estimated \$10.7 million project targeted for Fisher near the foot of St. Paul might be solicited in February. A minimum 15 months of construction has been scheduled tentatively to start the following spring.

Constraints of Grosse Pointe South High School's cramped 25-acre campus combined with the relatively large work site mean storage of construction supplies and heavy equipment, including earth movers and cranes,

would spill onto left field of the varsity baseball field.

As a result, the school's competitive baseball teams would have to relocate temporarily or wait out a season-long hard hat delay.

Before going off the deep end with bond financing, private fundraising and ground breaking, district administrators will float site plans to counterparts at Farms and City municipal halls, plus residents living near the work zone. Designs are expected to be fine-tuned as required by ordinance or requested of a good neighbor.

"My guess is (city managers) will want us to meet with their city councils," said Chris Fenton, district assistant superintendent of business affairs.

"This is a decision that will

affect generations to come," he said. "The community is anxious to get this pool built."

South's swimming pool is so short the swim team hosts home meets on rival territory at North High.

The proposed replacement facility, exterior renderings of which leave space over the main entrance for the top sponsor to be named, is being designed with a salute to the past.

Unlike South's tool-and-die-shop fashion Industrial Arts addition built decades ago off Fisher, or the fortress-like S Building constructed in the early 1970s on Grosse Pointe Boulevard, the two-story pool complex is being presented as having architectural kinship with the main school building, which opened in 1928 and is registered as a state historic

site.

"It's not just a big box for swimming," Fenton said of the neo-Georgian style addition.

Its brick facade, base relief stone columns, wood pane windows (most likely to be simulated), stone cornices, roofing material and similar treatments mimic the architectural integrity of what old time graduates of their 134-foot tower-topped alma mater still call The High.

Fenton said architects at Ehresman Associates, the same locally owned firm that designed Grosse Pointe Park's

activities building at Windmill Pointe Park, agreed with the South preservation committee to break up the pool building roof line, incorporate window treatments and other details to keep the new structure in line with South's "overall aesthetic."

In addition to a swimming pool with a 7-foot-deep section for water polo and a deep well for diving, the new building will contain enough bleachers and deck seating for 404 spectators to watch major meets and invitationals.

Non-swim areas include a

volleyball court, activity room, locker rooms and, if private funding comes through, a weight room to replace a comparable training facility in what amounts to a basement of the main gymnasium.

To make way for the pool, South's existing television studio will be relocated elsewhere in the complex. The Community High School will relocate to third-floor rooms at North High. The construction technology department will occupy space in the Industrial Arts building basement.

Ups 'n' downs of school enrollment

By Brad Lindberg
 Staff Writer

A projected 52-student drop in middle school enrollment is fueling an overall reduction of 127 students throughout the Grosse Pointe district for the coming school year.

Parcels Middle School leads the way among middle schools with 27 fewer students forecast to enroll this year compared with the year before.

District officials are forecasting a 20-student drop at Pierce and five fewer students at Brownell middle school.

Official projections for the district's 17 schools and special education program, however, have been creeping up as the school year nears. The trend is expected to continue.

Chris Fenton, assistant superintendent of business affairs, estimated total district enrollment at 8,699 students as of Aug. 13.

The latest overall enrollment projections represent steady growth in estimates from projections in June of 8,826 and in July of 8,846.

Administrators use projections to line up and deploy resources as needed.

Fenton, who every summer juggles enrollment forecasts with actual counts, expects the district's overall enrollment to settle into the 8,700 to 8,800 range. Last year official counts topped out at 8,976 students.

"In the next week we'll have

a better idea where the staffing level should be," Fenton said. "These numbers may go up a little or down a little."

Nevertheless, he called middle school projections "surprising."

The largest single-program decrease is forecast to occur in special education, where Fenton has projected 33 fewer students than last year. The reduction would trigger a roughly \$50,000 per-student cut in state aid totaling more than \$1.5 million.

If budget cuts are needed, Fenton said he'd make recommendations in September or October.

North and South high schools are expected to have fewer students than last year.

At North, 32 fewer students are expected to enroll than last year, where enrollment totaled 1,529.

Enrollment at South is tentatively forecast to total seven fewer students than last year, when official counts reached 1,589 students.

"Of all the (enrollment) levels, high school is the most difficult to predict," Fenton said.

Overall elementary school enrollment is projected to decline three students from earlier projections.

The largest decrease is expected at Richard, where Fenton has forecast 17 fewer students. He said the biggest increase at the elementary level will be 32 students at Maire.

District defining fake performers

By Brad Lindberg
 Staff Writer

Public school officials will hold off adding a line in the athletic code of conduct banning student use of illegal drugs that enhance performance.

Before the code is amended

to reflect the district's opposition to steroid cheats, members of the Grosse Pointe school board want legal counsel to rule on what constitutes substances subject to banishment.

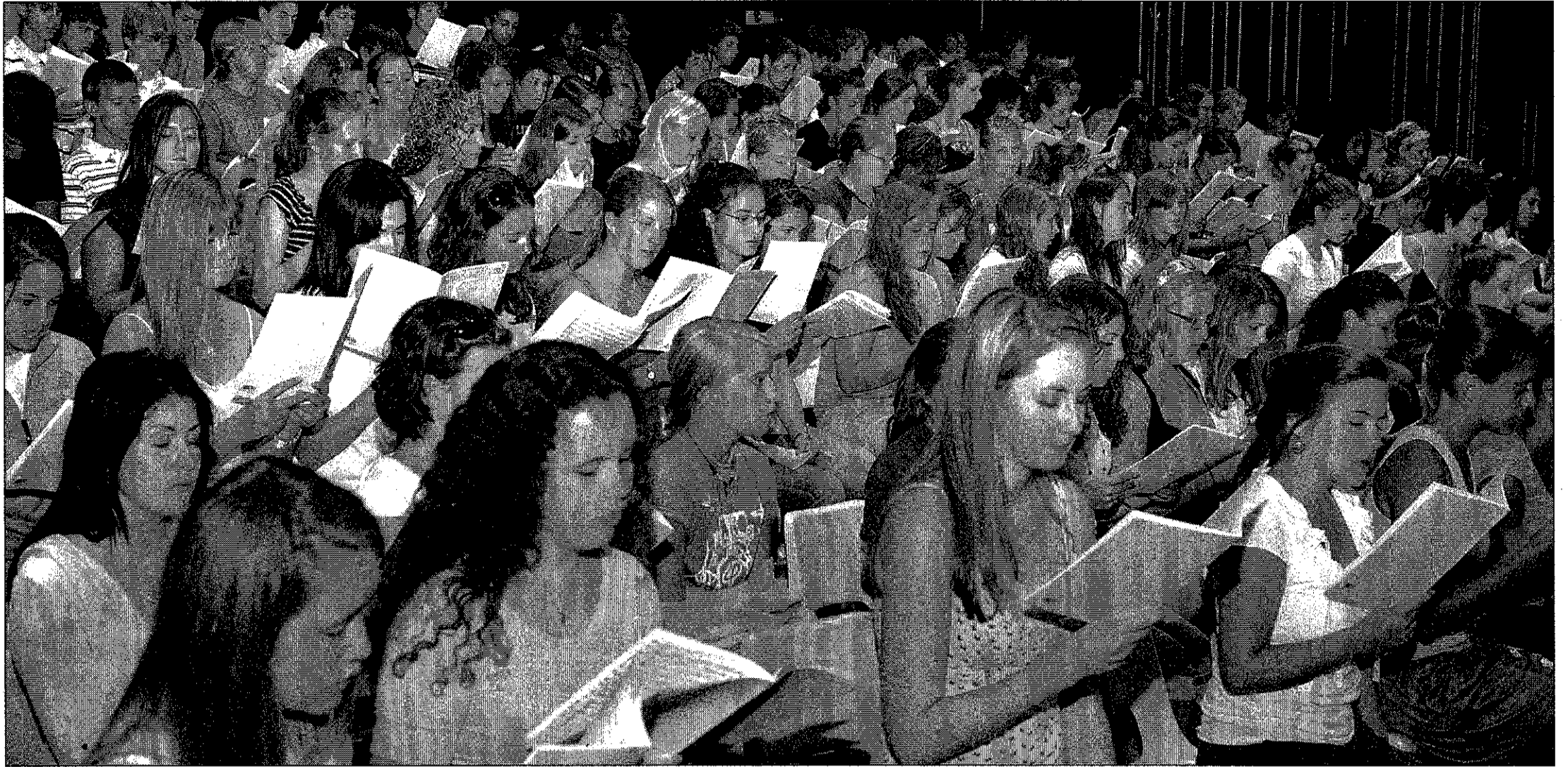
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Select Choirs concert Friday

Grosse Pointe Public Schools' Music Departments presents Summer Select Choirs 2006 at 6 and 8 p.m., Friday, Aug. 18, at the North High School auditorium, 707 Vernier in Grosse Pointe Woods. Concerts will culminate the district's 14th annual Summer Select Choir Workshop, which are taking place this week at North High School. Guest conductor for the high school choir will be Dr. Joseph Miller. Miller, former director of Western Michigan University's Collegiate Singers and University Chorale, has been appointed director of choral activities at Westminster Choir College at Rider University in Princeton, NJ. Miller earned a master's degree and DMA in choral conducting from the College-Conservatory of Music, University of Cincinnati. He holds a bachelor's degree in music education and voice from the University of Tennessee. Sought after as a guest conductor and clinician, Miller has conducted high school and collegiate all-state choruses at Carnegie Hall, Symphony Hall in Boston and in Illinois, Tennessee and Michigan. Miller succeeds Joseph Flummerfelt, who served as Westminster's director of choral activities from 1970 until his retirement in 2004.

CODE: Fighting steroids

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board to amend the high school athletic code to ban use of "illegal performance-enhancing substances."

Representatives of the two public high school athletic departments, plus members of the Athletic Steering Committee, favor the amendment.

"(District attorney Mark)

McInerney is going to do some research and come back with a recommendation," said Suzanne Klein, superintendent.

McInerney has been charged with identifying who the district can cite as an authority regarding what is and isn't an illegal substance.

Klein anticipates an answer

within a few weeks.

"We will review the issue upon receipt of more guidance," she said.

Pointe public school athletes are already prohibited from smoking tobacco products, drinking alcoholic beverages, possession or use of narcotics and taking behavior-altering substances except under doc-

tor prescription.

First-time and repeat offenders are subject to escalating levels of punishment until banned outright from joining school-sponsored sports.

School officials said codifying opposition to performance drugs will send "a clear message that use of (performance-enhancing) substances will not

be tolerated and has school disciplinary consequences."

Meanwhile, the middle school athletic code has been updated regarding student eligibility to play district sports.

Board members this week required students to earn passing grades in four of six classes to earn and maintain eligibility to participate in athletics.

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ULS students win awards

The following University Liggett School students have earned class and commencement awards.

Class Day Honors

National Merit Scholarship Finalists: Brian Boll and Aja Jovanovski.

Book Awards

◆ Libby Bicknell, Brown University Book Award for the outstanding junior who combines academic achievement with excellence in written and spoken expression;

◆ Lucy Gellman, Cornell Book Award, given to the high school junior who has demonstrated excellence in scholarship, has a keen interest in current affairs, and has contributed to his/her school and community;

◆ Elizabeth Palmer, Harvard Book Prize, awarded to the outstanding junior who displays excellence in scholarship and high character, combined with achievement in other fields;

◆ Raleigh Dettlinger, Mount Holyoke College book award for the sophomore who has achieved an outstanding academic record and who has exhibited exemplary qualities of leadership and service in the school community;

◆ Alexis Eaton, the Smith College Book Award, given to the outstanding junior who exemplifies academic achievement, leadership qualities and concern for others;

◆ Monique Squiers, the Williams College Book Award, presented in memory of ULS alumnus David Barlow, given to the ULS junior who best

combines academic and athletic excellence with respect for the individuality of others; and

◆ Caitlin Munn, the Yale Book Award, presented to the member of the junior class who shows outstanding personal character and intellectual promise.

Special School Awards

◆ David Keys, the Emily Baker Service Award, given to the member of the junior class who exhibits unselfish and consistent service to the school;

◆ Kamille LaRosa, the Raymond P. Robbins Award, named for a former ULS headmaster and presented to a 10th- or 11th-grader whose human decency and thoughtfulness are an example for others;

◆ Joseph Rippolone, the Class of 1944 Cup, presented to the sophomore who has served the school most unselfishly and consistently;

◆ Chloe Kirchner, the Betty Ellis Cup, presented to the freshman student who has served the school most unselfishly and consistently; and

◆ Janaya Gripper, the TiJuan Kidd Prize, given in memory of

TiJuan Kidd to the ninth-grader who, with positive contagious energy, exemplifies the qualities Kidd possessed: honesty, determination, confidence and dependability.

ULS Departmental Awards

◆ Athletic Class Day Awards: Given annually to a boy or girl in grades 9-12 who has demonstrated athletic achievement, sportsmanship and commitment.

In 2006, those students included: freshmen Chloe Kirchner and Jeremiah Manning; sophomores Patrick Gustine and Taylor Brown; juniors Samantha Troyanovich and Ryan Deane; and seniors Adam Rock and Alex Houghtalin.

◆ Senior Jasmine Hughley received the Tolleson Award, given annually in memory of Joyce Tolleson, ULS parent and benefactor, to the senior girl who has taken advantage of the athletic opportunities at ULS and demonstrated personal growth and confidence.

◆ Senior James Hutchinson received the D. Eugene Overton award, established in

2005 to honor Overton for his 37 years of dedicated service and awarded to the senior whose support of and participation in athletics are above what is expected.

English Awards

◆ Stephanie Tancer, the Hugh Stalker Prize, awarded to the outstanding writer in grades nine and 10;

◆ Charles Warren, the Eva McKinley West Prize, awarded to the junior or senior with the best understanding of English literature;

◆ Libby Bicknell, William C. Prescott Pen Prize, awarded to a junior or senior whose academic writing is cogent, nuanced, and compelling;

Modern and Classical Language Awards

◆ Laura Mlynarek, Fries Award, established in memory of William Fries, French teacher at Detroit University School from 1904-41, awarded to the outstanding French student in grades nine and 10;

◆ Aja Jovanovski, the Lynch Award, established in memory of Ruth Lynch, who taught French from 1954-73, awarded

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South's bell ensemble named in state's top 10

The Tower Bell Ensemble from South High School has been named to the Top Ten Best Choral Groups in the State. They will be singing at the Michigan Youth Arts Festival May 11-14 at Western Michigan University.

The group of 20 South girls meet before school once a week to practice.

Their selections will be "Lift Thine Eyes" from Elijah by

Mendelssohn, "Esto Les Digo" by Kinley Lange and "I Thank You God" by Gwyneth Walker.

The girls are members of Pointe Singers, South Singers and Advanced Women Academic choirs. Ellen Bowen is the vocal director and Christine Judson is the hand bell director.

Olivia Ferguson, South senior choir student, has been selected as a state finalist solo

singer and will compete for the best singer in the State of Michigan.

Twelve students are chosen from throughout the state and will compete April 28, in Lansing.

Ferguson will also be featured as a soloist at the May Michigan Youth Arts Festival. She sang "Habanera" from the opera "Carmen" by Bizet, and a selection by Greig.

AUTOS By Richard Wright

RM Auctions' annual Vintage Motor Cars at the Meadow Brook Classic Car Auction were a bevy of classic automobiles that evoke the elegance and excitement of pre-World War II motoring.

Meadow Brook classic cars



campus of Oakland University in Rochester in conjunction with the world-renowned Meadow Brook Concours d'Elegance.

The biggest sale of this spectacular auction was a 1929 Duesenberg Model J convertible sedan which changed hands for \$907,500.

Next biggest transaction was \$715,000 for an extremely rare, supercharged 1930 Stutz Coupe. A 1915 Stutz Bearcat was sold for \$368,500.

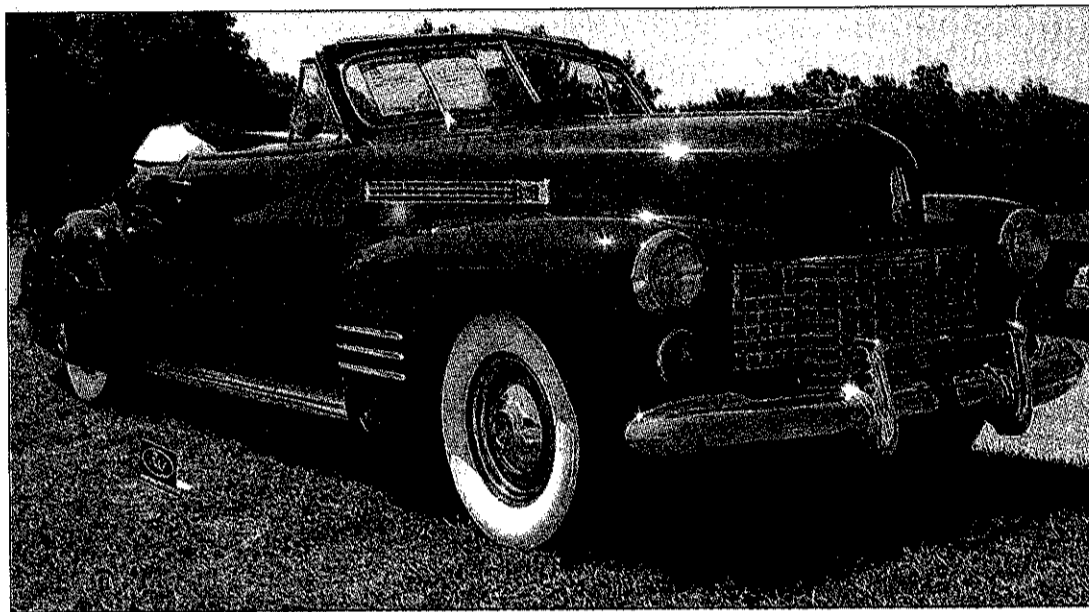
Other big sales included a 1933 Cadillac V-16 Convertible Phaeton which was sold for \$682,000; a 1931 Cadillac V-16

Sport Phaeton, one of only 18 in existence, sold for \$495,000; and a 1936 Auburn 852C Boattail Speedster which sold for \$310,000.

But the auction included many interesting and beautiful cars in a more affordable price range. For example, a rare 1937 Hudson Deluxe Eight convertible was sold for \$72,600; a 1936 Packard Eight 2/4P coupe brought \$50,600; a 1936 DeSoto Airflow Sedan, \$38,500; a 1948 DeSoto Deluxe Business Coupe, \$25,300; a 1962 Jaguar MK II

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The RM annual Vintage Cars at Meadow Brook Classic Car Auction held the day before the Concours d'Elegance has proved to be a valuable addition to the Meadow Brook event and is a spectacular show in itself. The auction was held on the



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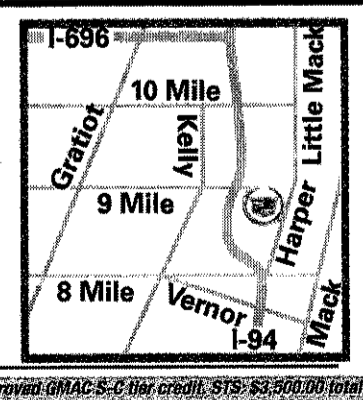
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AUCTION:
Vintage
motor cars

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3.4 Liter Saloon, \$26,400; and a 1932 American Austin Roadster, \$18,700.

Ninety-five vintage vehicles were offered in the single-day event and 84 of them were sold for a strong 88 percent sale rate.

OBITUARIES:
Loved ones
remembered

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of Michigan and was actively involved in the Louisa St. Clair chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution. She participated in the Detroit Association of University of Michigan Women, the Detroit Alumnae of Collegiate Sorosis and was the chairman of the Torch Drive for the United Foundation in Indian Village.

She was also a member of the Indian Village Garden Club, the Women's Association for the Detroit Symphony Orchestra and the Women's City Club. She was a past member of the Detroit Athletic Club, Recess Club and Detroit Boat Club.

Mrs. Wrigley and her husband had a great appreciation for fine art. In 1960, they opened the Kenilworth Art Gallery on Pierce Street in Birmingham and later moved the gallery to Grosse Pointe, where they lived.

She became a member of the Grosse Pointe Women's Republican Club, an alternate delegate of the Republican county and state conventions, a charter member of the Republican Committee, a member of the Grosse Pointe Boat Club, the Miami Circle for the University of Miami, Florida, and the Captain's Circle of Princess Cruise Lines.

Mrs. Wrigley lived independently in Grosse Pointe for nine years before moving to Georgian Bloomfield Nursing

Home in Bloomfield Hills. In 2005, she moved to St. Anne's Mead Retirement Home in Southfield.

She enjoyed having U of M tailgate parties in her room with family and friends and wore her maize and blue proudly.

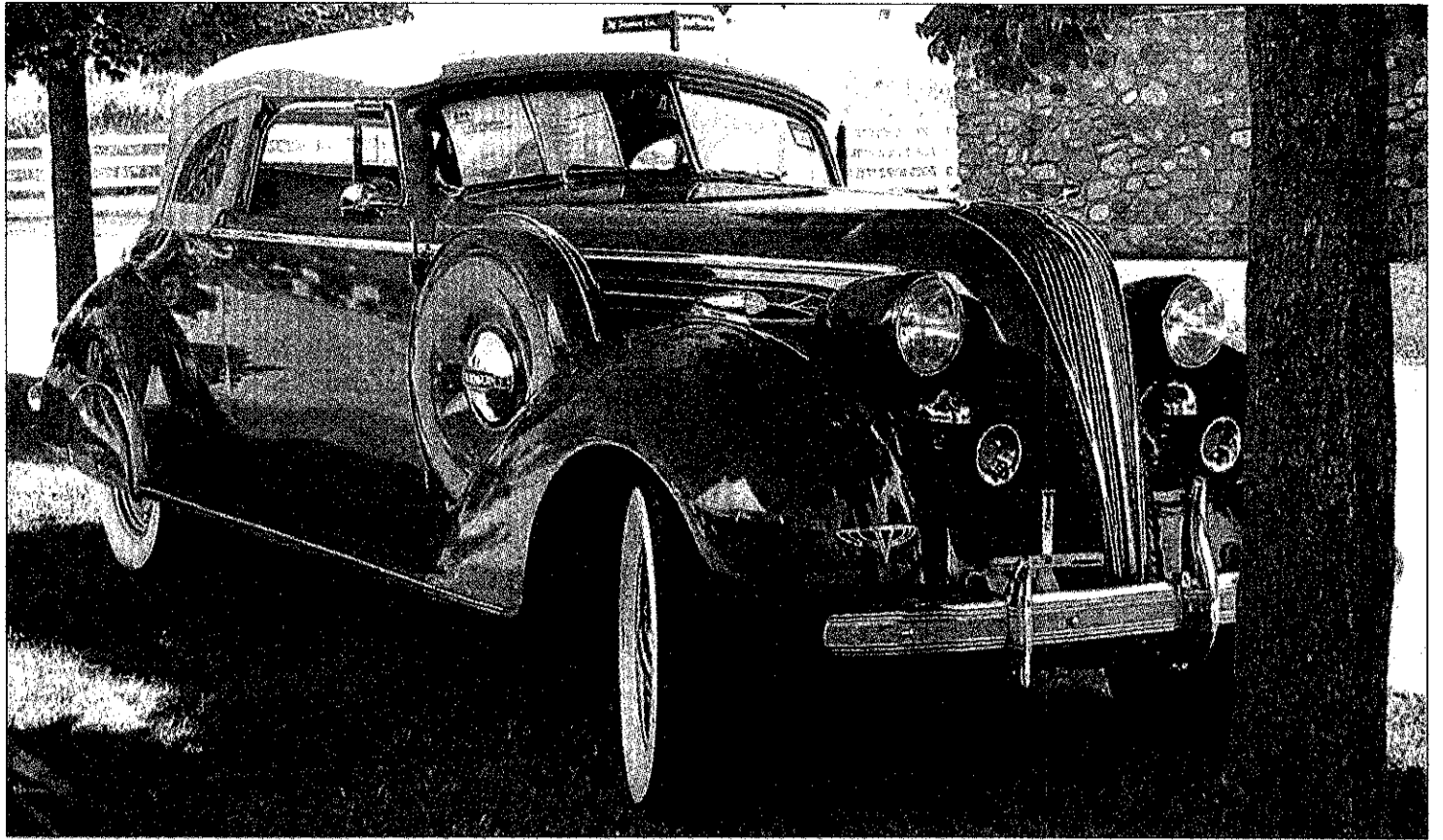
Mrs. Wrigley is survived by her daughters, Anne (Thomas) Molesky and Alice (Andrew) Baetz; son, Leslie (Robin) Wrigley Jr.; grandchildren, Cheryl Baetz (Mark) Pennings, Michelle Baetz (Michael) Kunzler and Christopher Baetz; great-grandchildren, Michael and Erickson Kunzler; niece, Rebecca Rutherford (David) Ebershoff and nephew, Charles (Ann) Rutherford.

She was predeceased by her husband, Leslie Grainge Wrigley and her sister, Rebecca Jane (Robert) Rutherford.

A private interment will be held at the Erickson family plot, Friday, Aug. 25, at Woodlawn Cemetery, with Chaplain Lauren Cousineau of St. Anne's Mead officiating.

A memorial service will be held at St. Anne's Mead Retirement Home, 16106 W. 12 Mile Rd., Southfield, in the Hollingshead Room at 1:45 p.m. The Rev. Steven Kelly, the Rev. Dr. Barton DeMerchant, the Rev. Dr. Nancy Turner Jones and the Rev. Canon William Logan will officiate.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Cathedral Church of St. Paul, Detroit, St. John's Episcopal Church, Detroit, St. David's Episcopal Church, Southfield, or St. Anne's Mead Retirement Home, Southfield.



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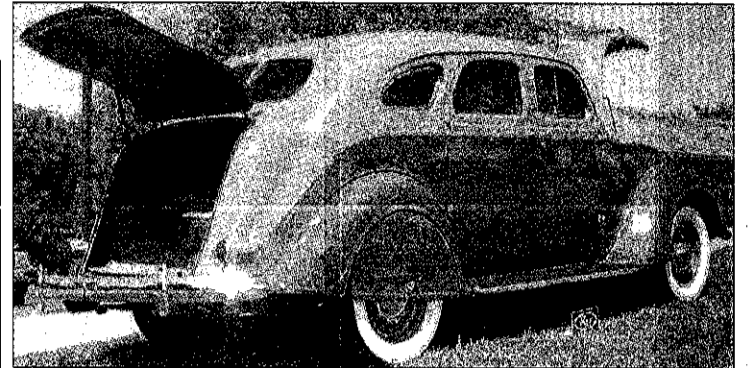
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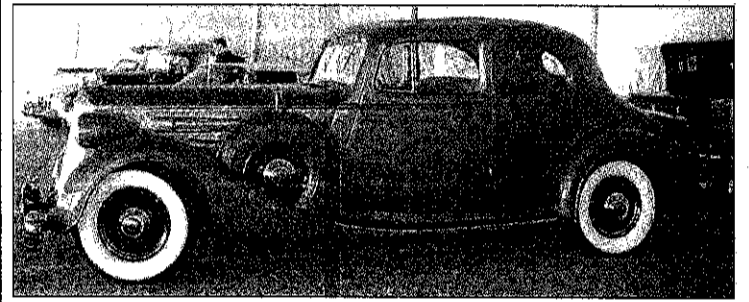
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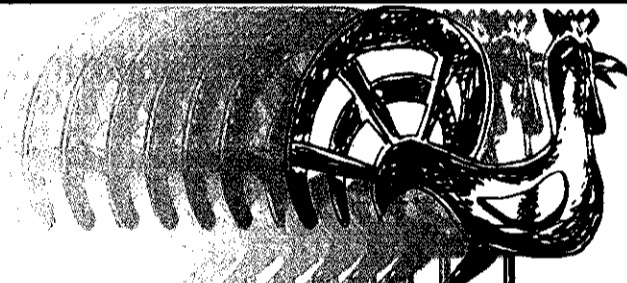
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The Airflow design by Chrysler Corp. did not go well with the buying public, but they were advanced automobiles with many design features that moved the American car to a higher level of development. This 1936 DeSoto Airflow sedan was sold for \$38,500.



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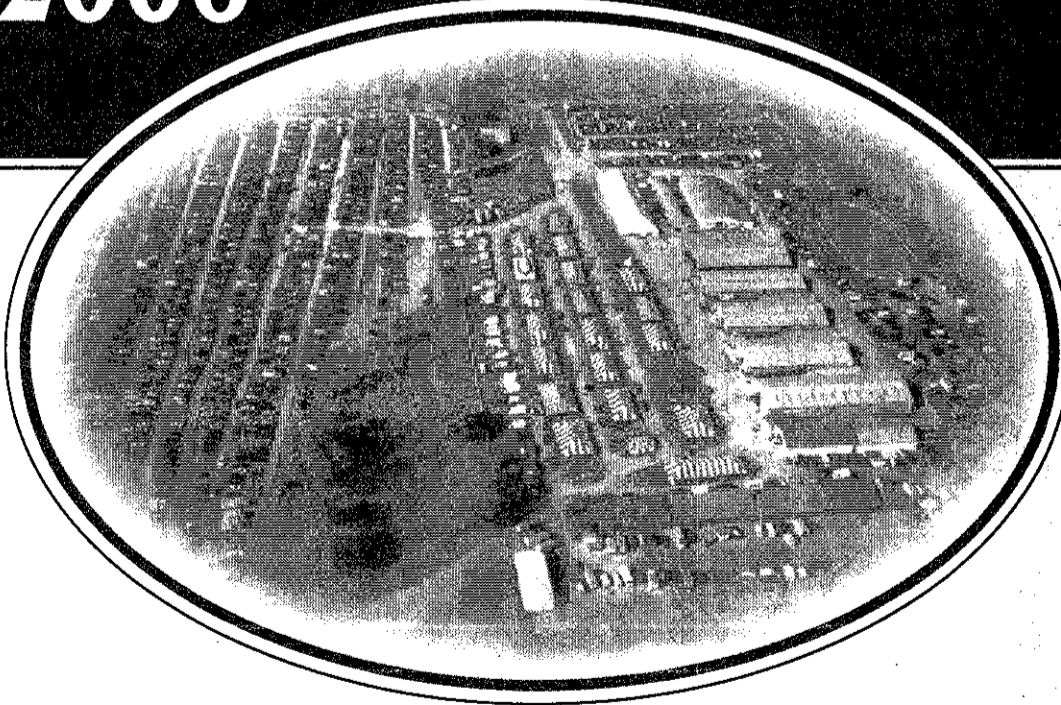
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A September golf outing will allow children to attend the **Boys and Girls Club** where they spend hours taking art classes, playing games, learning career skills and exploring technology.

Chipping in for kids

By Rebecca Jones
Staff Writer

Inside the purple and pistachio walls of the James and Lynelle Holden Club — a Boys & Girls Club on Schoenherr and 8 Mile — children spend the summer taking art classes, playing games, learning career skills and exploring technology.

The club, one of eight in Wayne County, has been an after-school and summer destination since 1970.

An upcoming golf outing will help raise money for additional programming there.

The Holden Club Golf Classic is planned for 1 p.m. Monday, Sept. 25, at the Country Club of Detroit.

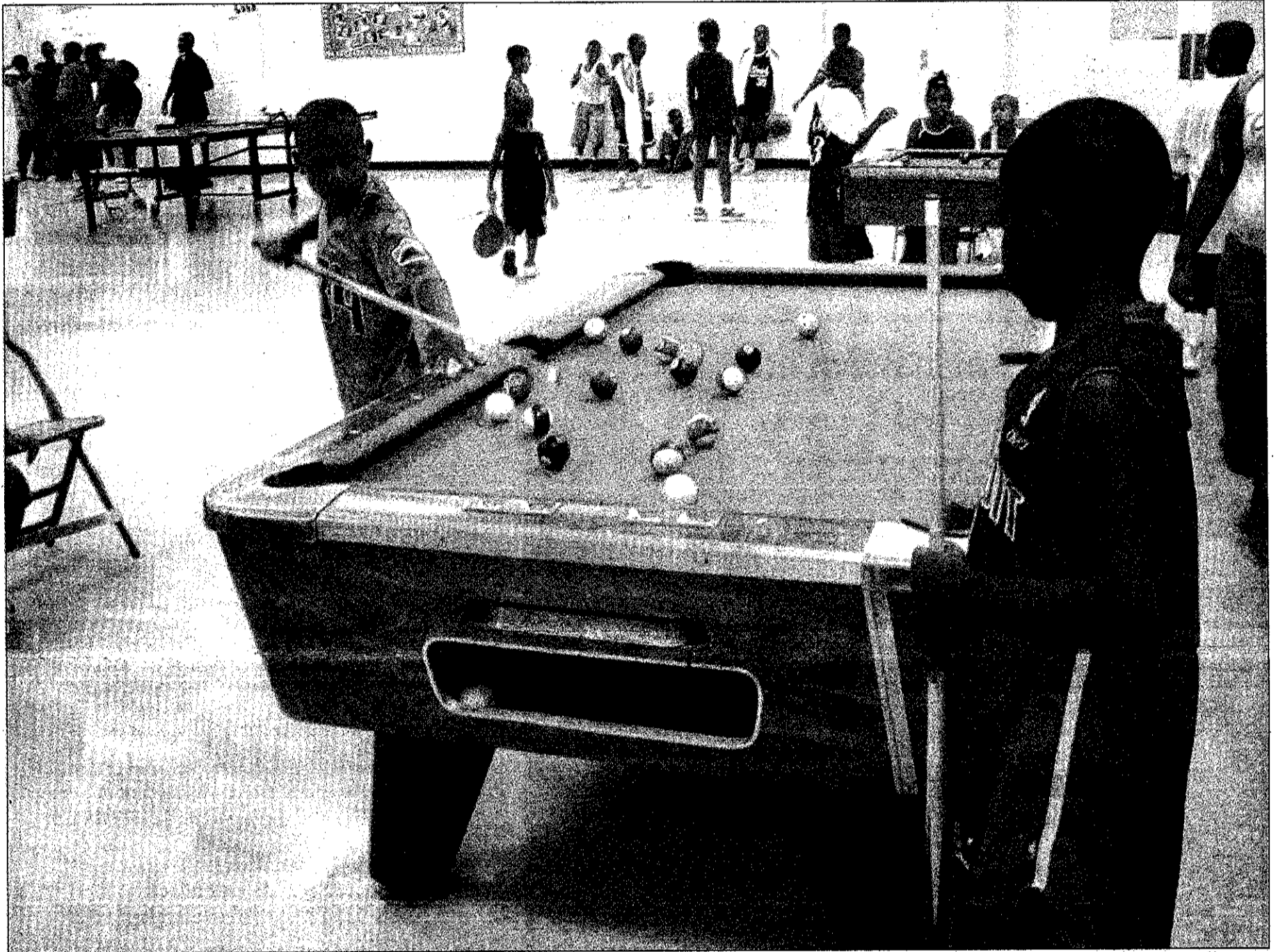
Organizers hope the inaugural event will net \$40,000, said Nick Papadas, vice president of development for Boys & Girls Clubs of Southeastern Michigan. The day's activities include an auction, raffle and strolling dinner.

The Holden Club serves up to 2,000 students per year. For \$30 annual dues, members get help with their homework, learn sportsmanship and even produce and record their own CDs and music videos using high-tech equipment.

In the computer lab, members have access to 15 computers with Photoshop, digital animation and computer-aided design software.

"It's a creative atmosphere where kids can explore technology on their own," said Ricky Alexandrou, program coordinator.

This summer, children maintained a vegetable garden, and teenagers gained work experience working at the Pizza Kids, an actual restaurant inside the club. Prospective employees



PHOTOS BY REBECCA JONES

Montel Cooper, 7, and Brian Forte, 8, play a quick game of pool at the Holden Club.

14 years and older get career development help, create resumes, interview for the few positions available, and take home a paycheck.

The club's operating budget is approximately \$400,000 annually, Papadas said.

The Holden Club Golf Classic is the first of what orga-

nizers hope will become an annual fundraiser. A similar golf classic now in its fourth year helps Highland Park Boys & Girls Club sustain itself.

"The fact that the Country Club of Detroit came on board so quickly — we're very pleased," Papadas said.

Tim Cunnane, a Grosse Pointe Woods resident and supporter of the Boys & Girls Club, toured the club two years ago and believes in the organization.

"When you see the interaction of the members and staff, it doesn't take a lot of convincing that it's time and money well spent," said Cunnane. "With the Holden Club's proximity to the east side, this would be a great event for rallying the community around."

Cunnane approached the Country Club of Detroit about hosting the golf outing. "They

were very willing to support the effort," he said.

Registration and a buffet lunch start at 11:30 a.m.

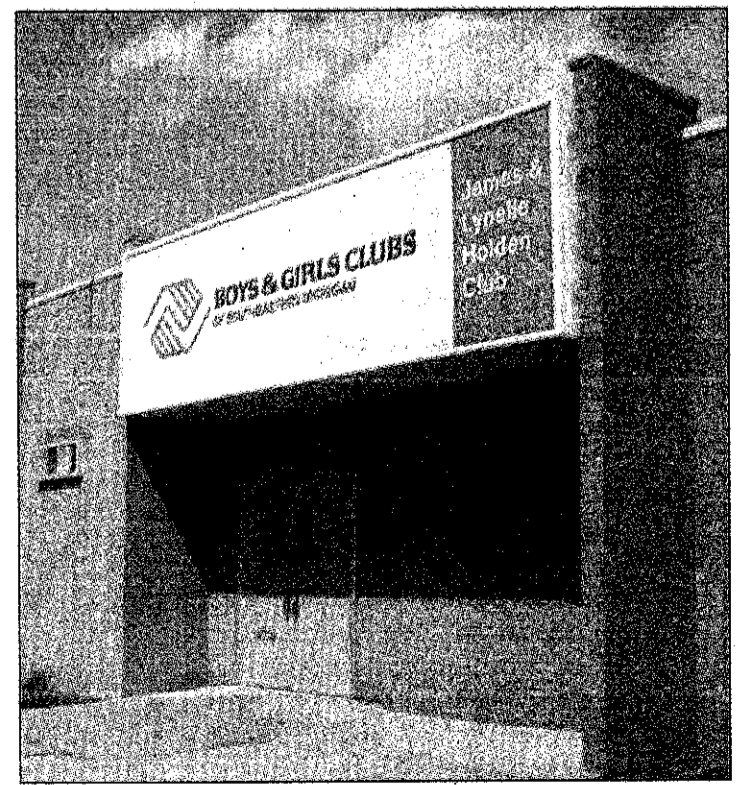
The shotgun start is at 1 p.m., and 18 holes of golf is followed by a reception and strolling dinner.

Foursomes can register for the event by contacting Meghan Hanley, development assistant for the Boys & Girls Club, at (248) 473-1400, extension 12, or mhanley@bgcsm.org. Sponsorship packages are also available.

The James and Lynelle Holden Club is at 20100 Schoenherr in Detroit. Its phone number is (313) 372-9550.



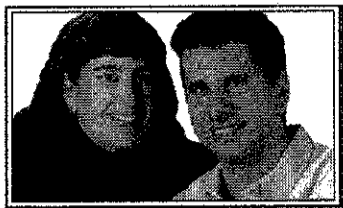
Arsenio Washington and Jessica Simon, both 17, record their own music on the keyboard and Brianna Nelson, 15, and Devin Holland, 15, listen.



The James and Lynelle Holden Club on Schoenherr opened as a Boys & Girls Club recreation center in 1970.

XTRA SPECIAL By Mary Beth Langan and Theodore G. Coutilish

SMART independence for DiVirgil



There are people who don't consult maps very often and there are those who love to gaze at them, seeing the routes they can choose to take in life.

At age 8, Jeff DiVirgil would lay right on top of unfolded maps — studying them, memorizing them.

During high school, his love of maps and routes made his first move toward independence in navigating the local area a bit easier.

Under the watchful eye of a Grosse Pointe Public Schools teacher, he and a handful of students would be given assignments that included a bus ride to somewhere local such as Pointe Plaza or The Village shopping district. The students would each have to buy a certain item, eat a meal and return to school. DiVirgil's love of maps turned this new experience into an avenue where he

could excel.

DiVirgil, of Grosse Pointe Farms, has autism. He is high functioning, yet he is still affected by a disorder that presents differently in different people, but often impairs communication and socialization and changes the way one processes information.

At age 23, DiVirgil has now mastered both the SMART (Suburban Mobility Authority for Regional Transportation) and PAATS (Pointe Area Assisted Transportation) bus systems and is navigating his way around the Grosse Pointes and metro Detroit.

He is currently a student at a post-secondary charter school. To get to Macomb Academy in Clinton Township four days a week during the school year, DiVirgil takes one bus from home to Macomb Mall and a second bus to school.

He has a weekly volunteer job at Bon Secours Hospital that usually involves a bus trip to and/or from work.

But his most independent usage of the SMART bus system is on his days off from school and work. He loves bus rides and has ventured farther and farther from home, as he's got



Jeff DiVirgil, a "map person" for years, stands by his favorite SMART stop.

ten older and more confident. His most common bus rides are now to downtown Detroit, the Detroit Zoo, Macomb Mall, Lakeside Mall and Oakland Mall.

DiVirgil recently bought a Detroit Zoo membership and intends to visit the zoo more often. That bus ride involves a trip downtown and then catching another bus taking him all the way up Woodward to the zoo grounds.

Using smartbus.org, DiVirgil often checks to make sure routes haven't changed due to construction. The Web site is one of his favorites on the family computer. The site has much information, including maps, routes, schedules, how to apply for a special fare identification card for people with disabilities, information on community transit (PAATS in the Grosse Pointes and Harper Woods) and how to buy SMART 31-day passes (your best bet for low-cost fares for those who like to ride often).

He loves using his monthly SMART pass to go off on his own. Seeing a movie when he'd like. Having a favorite meal in each of his current destinations. Taking excellent

photos wherever he goes.

DiVirgil enjoys spending time with his family - parents Steve and Patty and sister Stephanie - but he prefers going out alone.

He loves his independence. And he loves the ride.

Grosse Pointe residents Theodore G. Coutilish and Mary Beth Langan created this column to share experiences from their journey as parents of a child with Fragile X Syndrome (fragilex.org). Send your questions or comments to ag5046@wayne.edu or mblangan@hotmail.com.

Pilgrim linked

Former Grosse Pointe Farms resident Grace Elizabeth Bliss Smith has completed the necessary documentation of her ancestry to qualify for membership in the Society of Mayflower Descendants.

She was able to link her heritage to passenger John Billington, who arrived in the harbor near Plymouth, Mass., on the Mayflower ship in November 1620.

The 26 adult male passengers (including Billington) of the "Mayflower" signed the immortal Mayflower Compact on the 11th of November 1620.

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Guests of honor

Where were you on Jan. 2, 1943? Many Grosse Pointers were attending one of the biggest events of the year — the wedding of Josephine Ford, the only daughter of Edsel and Eleanor Ford. In preparation for an upcoming exhibition honoring the life and legacy of Josephine Ford, who died last year, the Edsel & Eleanor Ford House is requesting assistance in identifying some of the guests who attended the wedding. These pictures, taken at the reception held at their Grosse Pointe Shores estate, will be part of the exhibition and will be on display with Josephine's wedding dress in the home's Drawing Room. If you were among those in attendance and have a story to share, or if you recognize anyone in these pictures, call the Ford House at (313) 884-4222. "Josephine Ford: A Celebration of Her Life and Legacy" can be seen during holiday tours, beginning Nov. 24.

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County Links chapter observes 25th anniversary

The 25th anniversary celebration of the Greater Wayne County (GWCC) Links Chapter will be commemorated Saturday, Aug. 26, at The Max M. Fisher Music Center in Detroit.

The event features a concert by Nuttin' But Stringz, a new musical group.

The concert honors the GWCC Links for its 25 years of national and international service and commitment to youth and the arts. Proceeds will go toward the GWCC Links Arts in Literacy program and sponsor student participation in the

Detroit Symphony Orchestra's Young People's Concert Series. The concert is at 8 p.m.

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DOWN TO EARTH By Kathleen Peabody

Harvesting a bountiful crop to feed the hungry

It's here! Zucchini and tomato season has arrived. Are you wondering what to do with that extra squash, cabbage or cucumber? Have I got an idea for you.

Plant a Row for the Hungry is a concept offered by the Garden Writers Association of America. No bureaucracy. No red tape. Just people helping people. And, helping with a fundamental need because we all get hungry.

The United States claims more than 70 million gardeners, many of whom plant vegetables and harvest more than they can consume. If you are one of them, consider giving the extra to feed those less fortunate in our community.

Last year, more than 1.3 million pounds of produce were donated and generated meals for more than 5.5 million needy recipients. Just people helping people.

Our local food banks, soup kitchens and other service organizations are recipients of these donations.

The U.S. Department of Agriculture says one in 10 households in the United States experiences hunger or the risk of hunger. With Michigan's declining economy, many more children go to bed hungry. Not only will these local agencies have food but fresh produce available during this time of year. These hungry folks will have more and better food than is presently available.

Think one person won't make a difference? On Aug. 9,

more than 300 people rode tour buses to see what Detroit's gardeners are doing for themselves during the Detroit Agriculture Network Garden Tour. Community gardens are popping up all around the city. The Birdtown Garden on Cass or the Greenline Community Garden at Sycamore are just two examples of people coming together to take advantage of soil, rain and sunshine. Add some seeds or plants and tender care, and a garden appears, often complete with zucchini and tomatoes. These opportunities help people learn to garden, appreciate the fruits of their labor and share the wealth with others.

Some special garden care was also given a few weeks ago by two Grosse Pointe South seniors. John Elsey went online looking for a place to volunteer and came across EarthWorks Garden. He contacted Marcia Lee, CapCorps volunteer working with Brother Rick Samyn at EarthWorks.

Elsey and his friend, Matthew Lovely, picked the last of the peas, pulled the plants and helped in a variety of other ways during their three-hour stint. As a treat, they had the chance to pick some berries still on bushes.

Both of these garden volunteers come from "earthy" stock and understand the attributes of organic gardening. John's mom takes advantage of Community Supported Agriculture with a purchase of a share in a local farm and weekly bounty delivered local-



PHOTO COURTESY KATHLEEN PEABODY

Matthew Lovely and John Elsey, both seniors at Grosse Pointe South High, earn a berry dessert after a morning spent volunteering at EarthWorks Garden.

ly. Matthew's dad returned to his love of landscaping and runs his own company.

It was a pleasure working beside both of these gentlemen that cloudy Wednesday morning.

Be sure not to let your extra produce go to waste. Whether it's donating it through Plant a Row or creating something different for your family, use our wonderful summer growing season to its fullest.

The local Plant a Row for the Hungry drop off is the English Gardens in Eastpointe, on Kelly just south of Nine Mile Road. Hours are Monday through Saturday, 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. and Sunday, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Kathleen Peabody is an Advanced Master Gardener who lives (and gardens) in Grosse Pointe Woods. Reach her online at kpeabody@grossepointe-news.com.

SOC offers three seminars in August

Services for Older Citizens is offering numerous seminars geared toward seniors in the following weeks at the center, located at 17150 Waterloo, City of Grosse Pointe.

All events are free and begin at 11:15 a.m.

Monday, Aug. 21 and Wednesday, Aug. 23 — Grosse Pointe and Henry Ford Have "Racy" Past! Nicholas Sinacori, president of Fairview Historical Society, will share the history of Grosse Pointe and its racetrack that Henry

Ford used. Learn about the village of Fairview and how it existed in Grosse Pointe Township.

Monday, Aug. 28 — Have no time to think of what to make for dinner tonight? Sue Zaglaniczny, owner of Sous Chef, will offer many ways to solve culinary dilemmas and divulge her personalized cuisine tips.

Wednesday Aug. 30 — Money Market vs. Bank CDs. Dan Trender, retirement planning specialist, explains the pros and cons of investing in money market accounts vs. bank CD accounts.

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STATE OF THE ARTS By Alex Suczek

DSO final summer concert had a certain Spanish flair

For the eighth and final concert in its Meadow Brook series the Detroit Symphony Orchestra opened the gate to a new world of music created by two of the most exciting composers of modern times, Astor Piazzola and Alberto Ginastera. Both represent the blended musical traditions of Spain and Argentina.

The showcase piece on the program was Piazzola's concerto for Bandoneon. Including as it does the prominent use of an instrument that until recently was rarely heard, the concerto revealed to us the unusual expressive powers of this amazing instrument. Most simply described, it can be called a button accordion. But the range of emotional expression radiating from the voice of this powerful instrument, from plaintive and melancholy, to explosive, energetic and lustful, is highly evocative, unique and unforgettable. It far transcends our traditional impression of what an accordion can do.

To cap it all off, an energetic young conductor, for whom the music seems like second nature, led the performance and the soloist enjoys worldwide recognition for his art.

Bandoneon virtuoso, Peter Soave, not only played with technical perfection, he gave full expression to the remarkable interweaving of the different threads of musical tradition that this work combines. As everyone knows, Piazzola's basic inspiration is the Argentine tango with all its shadowy moods and Latin

rhythm. But this student of the great teacher of composers, Nadia Boulanger, learned from her to be true to his native music as he enlarged it into a bigger, more comprehensive statement. The native Argentine moods and rhythms are all there, but now disciplined (at least partly) by the classical form of the concerto. For anyone who loves both the tango tradition and the classical form, the result is irresistible, especially when performed with such expertise and abandon.

Soave had it all and it was spiced with a tangy flavor that has rarely invested classical symphonic music. His playing evoked mental images of the smoky dives of Buenos Aires while fulfilling the elegant musical standards of a symphonic performance. And his obvious rapport with guest conductor Edwin Outwater transported his listeners to the torrid world of his musical inspiration. The bandoneon and the orchestra took turns at communicating the alternatively melancholy, passionate, joyful and lustful moods of this unique music with a rare conviction.

No less dynamic and emotional, but distinctively wild and crazy, was Ginastera's dance piece, Malambo, which followed. It, too, has its roots in Argentinean music but with a character all its own that sounds like it was inspired by the gauchos on the Pampas.

Piazzola then returned to the program in a purely orchestral work called Tangazzo. It amounts almost to a symphony and once again achieves the remarkable adaptation of the passionate Latin

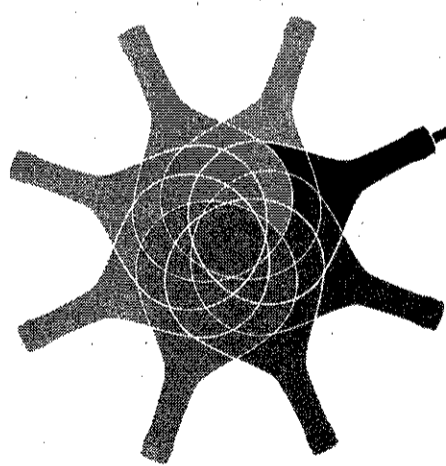
phrases to the complex and fascinating orchestral form. It was interesting, too, to hear Piazzola's creation without the distinctive tones of the bandoneon which give the music so much of its tango identity. But it was equally exciting music with dramatic rhythms and sensuous melody.

When the balance of the program reverted to familiar standards with Capriccio Espagnole by Rimsky-Korsakov and Ravel's Bolero, it was almost anti-climactic and was saved only by the expertise of the performance. And as for that, the Bolero, with its steady rhythmic flow and gradual increase in dynamics as the theme passes from instrument to instrument and section to section in the orchestra, can be played by the DSO almost without the help of a conductor. To Outwater's credit, he contributed to an exciting rendition, but he had to work hard at it.

With the Meadow Brook DSO Festival now over, we can look forward to the opening of the Symphony's regular season. That happens on the weekend of Sept. 7 to 10, and it will be a spectacular. Conductor is Peter Ondjian who has been one of the most outstanding guest conductors to lead our band in the past two years. With him will be the brilliant young Chinese pianist Lang Lang, who will play the Rachmaninoff Rhapsody on a Theme of Paganini. Bookending the program is music by Beethoven and Chopin.

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Area high school class schedule reunions for the fall

◆ Detroit Dominican High School Class of 1966 40th reunion will have a luncheon, Saturday, Oct. 14, at 11:30 a.m. The event will be held in the Troy Marriott Hotel and Conference Center.

For more information, call Gerry Conroy Fencyk at (586) 294-1237 or e-mail Peggy

Tringali Curtis at DHS66reunion@aol.com.

◆ St. Anthony High School Class of 1951 is having its 55th class reunion from 1 to 5 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 24, at the Gazebo Banquet Center, 31104 Mound, Warren.

For more information, call Joanne M. (Mobleby) Marcell at

(248) 652-1637.

◆ Detroit Osborn High School Class of January 1966, will have a reunion on Saturday, Nov. 4, at the Lochmoor Club.

For more information, visit the Web site lallmacher@peoplepc.com, or call (586) 412-3645.

Enticing chamber music

By Carrie Cunningham
Special Writer

Judith VanderWeg loves the egalitarian and democratic nature of chamber music...

Chamber music is the combination of every type of instrument imaginable...

Unlike orchestral music, the musicians have a say in how the composition is performed...

alities.

"All of us can participate equally. We can make our own suggestions. We each bring ourselves to chamber music," VanderWeg said.

Chamber music musicians play compositions from a wide variety of composers from the 1700s and 1800s...

Chamber music's origins can be dated back to the advent of instrumental music in the years before the 17th century.

in their homes, yet the music primarily flourished in the salons of noblemen.

These members of the aristocracy served as patrons to musicians, and the different salons competed against each other for the most artful creations.

While the beginnings of chamber music were mostly played and heard by the rich in Europe, today it is played and listened to all across America...

Grosse Pointe Chamber Music, which began close to 50 years ago, performs concerts at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial from September to May...

Starting in the mid-1700s, a few Europeans played the mu-

feeling which is enchanting, according to VanderWeg.

The musicians who are members of the group play as amateurs, yet VanderWeg, who is a professional cellist, maintains that the group plays high-quality music that evokes good emotions.

This closeness elicited among players and between players, and audiences, is what VanderWeg likes most about chamber music.

"Performers appreciate the intimacy of live chamber music: a nod of the head, a subtle breath, a quick glance, an encouraging smile..."

Season tickets for the Grosse Pointe Chamber Music Society cost \$22. The concert dates are Sept. 10, Oct. 29, Nov. 19, Jan. 7, Feb. 18, March 25, April 22 and May 20. Concerts begin at 2:30 p.m.

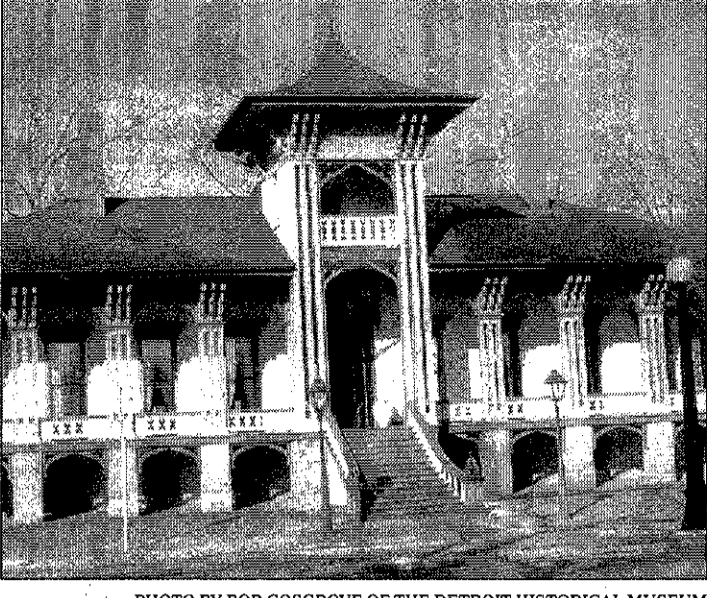


PHOTO BY BOB COSGROVE OF THE DETROIT HISTORICAL MUSEUM

The Honolulu House in Marshall was designed in 1860 for Abner Pratt, former U.S. Consul to the Sandwich Islands (Hawaii) by Detroit architect Sheldon Smith.

Historic home tour end of Amtrak line

Take a train trip into Michigan's historic past aboard The Marshall Special via Amtrak, sponsored by the Detroit Historical Society and the Royal Oak-based Bluewater Michigan Chapter National Railway Historical Society.

The Marshall Special runs on Saturday, Sept. 9, from Birmingham and Dearborn making a special stop for the 43rd annual Marshall Historic Home Tour...

A visit to Marshall is similar to a walk back in time. Between 1835 and 1847, Marshall vied to be Michigan's capital.

Lansing won and Marshall itself is a museum town with blocks and blocks of 19th century and early 20th century homes representing many architectural styles.

Detroit Historical Museum Glancy Trains curator Bob Cosgrove said, "If you haven't been to Marshall or even if you have, it's a 19th century adventure not to be missed."

"This is a cooperative effort organized by the Bluewater Chapter with support from the Detroit Historical Society and the assistance of the Michigan Department of Transportation, Amtrak and the Marshall Historic Home Tour."

Showpiece of the Marshall tour is the 1860 Italianate-style Honolulu House designed for Abner Pratt, the former U.S. Consul to the Hawaiian Islands.

Detroit architect Sheldon Smith was the designer. His legacy lives on in today's architectural and engineering firm The Smith Group...

In addition to eight private homes, things to see include the Gothic Revival-style 1860 Capitol Hill School, also by Smith, and the 1902 Grand Army of the Republic Hall.

For those desiring to do so, the Bluewater Chapter is taking reservations at Win Schuler's restaurant.

The Marshall Special departs Birmingham at 6:53 a.m. and Dearborn at 7:46 a.m. aboard Amtrak Train 351 "The Wolverine" arriving in Marshall at 10 a.m.

Return is on Amtrak afternoon Train 352, departing at 5:15 p.m. and arriving in Dearborn at 7:22 p.m. and Birmingham at 8:12 p.m.

Tickets must be placed by Tuesday, Sept. 5.

For more information and to order tickets, call (248) 541-1000 or by mail at Bluewater Michigan Chapter NRHS, P.O. Box 296, Royal Oak, MI 48068-0296.

Equality Day observed, Aug. 27

The Grosse Pointes and Harper Woods, AAUW Grosse Pointe is celebrating Women's Equality Day, in conjunction with the Grosse Pointe Historical Society (GPHS).

The public is invited from 1 to 3 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 27, at the Provençal-Weir House, 376 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe Farms.

This talk will feature both print and visual texts developed by the national Women's Party, lead by Paul.

The activism of Paul and her colleagues — which included a hunger strike in jail — in part, resulted in the passage of the 19th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution that granted American women suffrage.

were inspired by her Quaker belief in nonviolence and time spent in Europe where she learned of and observed other activists working for change.

At 2 p.m., a re-creation of the circa 1920 photo provided by the GPHS showing Grosse Pointe's own suffragists,

dressed in white, in a parade on Lakeshore Drive, in a Model T.

Participants are asked to wear white, either historic costume or comfortable modern day dress.

In 1971, at the behest of U.S. Rep. Bella Abzug (D-NY), the

U.S. Congress designated Aug. 26 as Women's Equality Day. This date was selected to commemorate the 1920 passage of the 19th Amendment. The observance of Women's Equality Day also calls attention to women's continuing efforts toward full equality.



PHOTO FROM GROSSE POINTE HISTORICAL SOCIETY ARCHIVES

Join the Women's Equality Day and the celebration of the passage of the 19th Amendment on Sunday, Aug. 27, at the Provençal-Weir House, 376 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe Farms.

A LA ANNIE By Annie Rouleau-Scheriff

Create a stir with this chicken recipe



3 tablespoons soy sauce
1 package fresh basil leaves, torn (or more to taste)
Cooked white rice, rice pasta or other cooked pasta for serving

Toss the chicken with the cornstarch in a bowl and season with salt and pepper. Heat one tablespoon of the oil in a large non-stick skillet over medium-high heat.

Add half of the chicken and cook until brown on both side but not cooked throughout. Set aside and repeat with one more tablespoon of the oil and the remaining chicken.

Add to cooked chicken and set aside. Add remaining one tablespoon of oil to the pan and cook the peppers and the onion for five minutes.

Add the mushrooms and cook another three to five minutes.

Stir in the garlic and cook for one minute. Add the water, wine, rice vinegar, soy sauce and cooked chicken. Cook and stir for a minute or two, until the chicken is heated throughout.

Remove skillet from heat and stir in fresh basil.

Arrange a bed of hot cooked rice on a serving dish and ladle the stir-fry over the top. Garnish with toasted sesame seeds and a sprig of fresh basil.

The key to this Martha Stewart recipe idea (I changed it a little) is in the prep. Get all of the slicing and mincing done first. Once you get that skillet hot, you don't want to stop the cooking process.

Your family will enjoy this light and fresh take on chicken stir-fry. The fresh basil really shines through.

Chicken & Basil Stir-fry

- 2 lbs. boneless, skinless chicken breasts, cut into 1/4 inch slices
1 1/2 tablespoons cornstarch or flour
Salt and pepper to taste
3 tablespoons vegetable oil
1 medium onion, halved and cut into 1/4 inch wedges
2 bell peppers (your choice), trimmed, seeded and cut into 1/4 inch strips
1 8-oz. package sliced fresh mushrooms
6 large garlic cloves, minced
1/4 cup water
1/4 cup white wine
3 tablespoons rice vinegar

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LITTLE LEAGUE BASEBALL

Woods-Shores wins district



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The Grosse Pointe Woods-Shores all-star team won the District 6 Little League Majors tournament. In front, from left, are Joe Aluia, Michael Andary, Mikey Abiragi, Zach Popovich, Brian Cleary, Cam Gibson and E.J. Wujek. In back, from left, are manager Gary Stark, Andrew Haubert, Chad Tech, David Cadieux, Anthony Shaheen, Nolan Rozich and coach Al Large.

Defeats Park team twice in final round to advance to state tourney in Petoskey

The Grosse Pointe Woods-Shores Little League all-star team won the District 6 championship and just missed advancing to the semifinals of the Major Baseball Division state tournament in Petoskey.

Woods-Shores won the District 6 title by defeating Grosse Pointe Park 13-5 and 10-5 in the double-elimination final round.

In the state tournament, Woods-Shores finished 2-1 with its only defeat a 6-5 loss to St. Clair in the final game of pool play.

Woods-Shores opened the district tournament with a 3-0 victory against Harper Woods behind the shutout pitching of Nolan Rozich.

After a 1-0 loss to Grosse Pointe Park, Woods-Shores beat Clinton Valley 17-2 in a five-inning game shortened by the mercy rule. The Woods-Shores offensive outburst was capped by Brian Cleary's two-run homer.

The second-place finish in pool play gave Woods-Shores a berth in the final round with Grosse Pointe Park, Grosse

Pointe Farms-City and Macomb Township.

Woods-Shores opened the final round with a 5-4 victory against Farms-City. Cleary began the scoring with a two-run home run. Reliever David Cadieux earned the save by retiring the last two batters with the bases loaded.

After a 4-2 loss to the Park, Woods-Shores avoided elimination by edging Farms-City 9-8 in a seven-inning seesaw battle.

The game featured a five-run fifth inning that erased a 7-3 deficit for Woods-Shores. Rozich, E.J. Wujek, Andrew Haubert, Cadieux and Mikey Abiragi contributed timely, run-producing hits in the comeback.

Farms-City tied the game at 8-8 in the sixth, but in the bottom of the seventh, Cam Gibson walked and eventually came home on a wild pitch to give Woods-Shores the win.

Joe Aluia hit his second homer in two games, while Cadieux turned in three strong

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Has 2-1 mark
in state play**

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innings of relief to earn the victory.

Woods-Shores needed two victories in two days against the Park to win the district tournament, and it got the first with a 13-5 win.

Aluia broke a 4-4 tie with a single that scored Anthony Shaheen, who led off the second inning with a hit.

Clearly pitched five scoreless innings of relief for the victory, and also hit his third home run of the tournament. Zach Popovich, Haubert and Cadieux added run-scoring doubles.

In the second game, Woods-Shores took a 1-0 lead in the first inning on an RBI single by Aluia.

Wujek doubled to lead off the second and he scored on Michael Andary's single. Before the inning ended, Aluia extended the lead to 4-0 with a two-out, two-run single.

Rozich singled and eventually scored on a throwing error to increase the lead to 5-0 in the third inning.

Haubert started and shut out the Park in his first two innings, striking out three of the first five batters he faced.

After giving up a two-run homer and an unearned run in the third, Haubert ended the inning with a strikeout, stranding a runner in scoring position.

Chad Tech's two-out, two-run single in the fourth boosted Woods-Shores' lead to 7-3.

Rozich relieved in the bottom of the fourth and the Park

cut the lead to 7-5 before Rozich worked out of a bases-loaded jam.

Woods-Shores answered with a two-run homer by Gibson in the top of the fifth to make it 9-5. Cleary led off the sixth with a walk and scored Woods-Shores' final run on a wild pitch.

Rozich held the Park scoreless over the last two innings.

Woods-Shores got outstanding defense throughout the tournament from catcher Wujek, shortstop Shaheen and outfielder/first baseman Popovich.

Woods-Shores began pool play in the 16-team state tournament with a 9-0 victory against North Saginaw Township. Haubert, Cleary, Cadieux and Popovich combined for the shutout.

Andary's bases-loaded triple in the second opened the scoring.

Woods-Shores' offense dominated again in the second game, an 8-4 victory against Tecumseh.

Gibson, Cleary and Popovich led the way with two hits apiece, while Rozich, Tech and Abiragi contributed run-producing extra-base hits.

Woods-Shores' tournament run ended with the 6-5 loss to St. Clair.

Trailing 5-1, Woods-Shores tied the game in the bottom of the fifth.

The comeback was fueled by consecutive hits from Cleary, Rozich, Popovich and Wujek.

St. Clair, however, won the game with a run in the sixth inning.

Union Township defeated St. Clair 7-0 for the state championship and the Mount Pleasant-area team advanced to the Great Lakes Regional Tournament in Indianapolis.

**Repeat champs**

The Grosse Pointe Bears defended their 2005 Oakland-Wayne Connie Mack League championship by winning this year's playoff title. The Bears defeated Cranbrook and Berkley. In front, from left, are Jamie Sheppard, Scott Currier, Alex Symonds, Nick Reiter, Jeff Beatges and Jake Beatges. In back, from left, are manager Bud Casazza, Mike Raymond, Alex Amicucci, Mike Thomas, Alex Barnett, Chris Reiter, Zach Chopp, Blake Smith, assistant coach John Casazza and coach Matt Wysocki. Not pictured are Mark Schott and Drew Casazza.

**Mixed doubles
tournament in Farms**

Grosse Pointe Farms and The Hill Association are sponsoring a Mixed Doubles Tennis Tournament at Pier Park on Saturday, Aug. 26.

The tournament is limited to 16 teams. Each team is guaranteed two matches.

The registration fee is \$40 per team.

Registration will be taken at

the Grosse Pointe Farms Parks and Recreation office at Pier Park. The registration deadline is Wednesday, Aug. 23 at 8 p.m. Check-in time for the tournament is 9:30 a.m. Matches will start at 10 a.m.

The top three finishers will receive trophies.

All teams will receive T-shirts and refreshments.

**Redbirds U15 team
to hold tryouts**

The Grosse Pointe Redbirds Baseball Organization will hold tryouts for its under-15 program's 2007 season on Aug. 20 and 27.

The tryouts will be at Grosse Pointe South High School on each of the Sundays from noon to 2 p.m. Registration begins at 11:30 a.m. each day.

It is recommended that players attend both tryouts if possible.

Players must be 15 or younger on April 30, 2007.

Next season will be the Redbirds' 13th.

The Redbirds currently have three alumni playing professional baseball and more than 50 others have played baseball in college.

In 2006, the Redbirds had four teams in the Macomb Amateur Baseball Federation.

**Mariners
schedule
tryout
dates**

The St. Clair Shores Mariners 16-and-under baseball team has scheduled a pair of tryout sessions at Kyte Monroe Field in St. Clair Shores.

The first tryout session will be Sunday, Aug. 27 from 10 a.m. until noon.

The second tryout will be Sunday, Sept. 10 from 5 to 7 p.m.

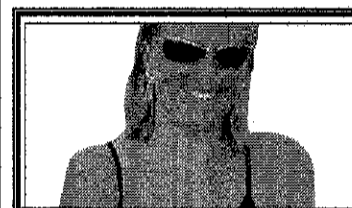
Each of the tryout sessions will be held on Diamond B.

Players eligible for the team cannot turn 17 before May 1, 2007.

Kyte Monroe Field is on Harper between Masonic and 14 Mile Road.

If there are any questions, players should call manager Dornnick Sorise at (313) 886-5712.

ON SAIL By Sandra Svoboda

**Park teens
find success**

Eleven or 12 of them will sail a Transpac 52 in next summer's race.

"They could win. The boat is competitive," Disney told On Sail. His Pacific High Productions company will produce a documentary about the team members' selection, their training and the race that will be released in theaters in 2008.

"We hope to be on board, from the audience's point of view, with enough cameras to really record not just 'whoopie, we're going down another wave' and that kind of thing but the way relationships develop," Disney said. "It's people learning to live together and work together for a common cause."

Chris said tryouts were a combination of sailing skills and team bonding exercises, mostly aboard Catalina 37s in Long Beach, Calif. and always under the watchful eye of coaches and the selection committee, including Disney. "Obviously they needed people who can sail. And then they were kind of going for if you can get along with someone on a team. You're going to be with them for eight days on a boat," Chris said. "None of us really knew each other or who could do what."

But everyone found out about each other and themselves.

"I learned a lot about my own sailing ability and my own ability to be tossed into some random sailing situation and figure it out," Chris said.

Chris was told he was named to the team during what was one of the longest afternoons of his life on Aug. 11 where all 30 applicants had private meetings with the selection committee and coaches.

"They did it alphabetically and being 'Welch,' well, it was long," he said.

Chris will be a sophomore at Michigan State University this fall, but he'll take the winter semester off to attend the team's two-week training sessions in Hawaii during the first four months of next year.

He's been sailing "big boats" around Lake St. Clair and the Great Lakes his whole life, with experience in the Caribbean and offshore deliveries from Antigua to Rhode Island. He grew up sailing with his family.

"Everyone in my family has been around sailing. They all think this is too cool," he said.

Sandra Svoboda lives in Grosse Pointe Park. You can reach her at OnSail@grossepointenews.com.

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