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THURSDAY, OCT. 19

◆ The Grosse Pointe Community Blood Council holds a blood drive from 1:30 to 7:15 p.m. at the Grosse Pointe Congregational Church, 240 Chalfonte, Grosse Pointe Farms.

FRIDAY, OCT. 20

◆ A free seminar, "Downsizing to Fit Your Lifestyle" will be presented at 1:30 p.m. by Lori Stefek, a senior moving specialist, in The Sterling sales gallery, 17027 Kercheval, City of Grosse Pointe.

SATURDAY, OCT. 21

◆ Auditions for Grosse Pointe Theatre's production of "Epic Proportions" will be held from 1 to 4 p.m. and from 7 to 9 p.m. on Sunday, Oct. 22, in the Fisher Road theater.

SUNDAY, OCT. 22

◆ Grosse Pointe Symphony Orchestra performs at 7 p.m. in Parcels Middle School auditorium. Tickets are \$15 for adults, \$12 for seniors and free for students. The evening will feature Detroit Symphony Orchestra flutists Sharon Sparrow and Jeffrey Zook with conductor Felix Resnick. For more information, call (313) 882-0077.
 ◆ "Affirmative Action: Pro and Con," a debate on affirmative action will be held from 12:30 to 2 p.m. in the Grosse Pointe Unitarian Church, 17150 Maumee.

MONDAY, OCT. 23

◆ The Board of Trustees of the Grosse Pointe Public Library meets at 7 p.m. in the Woods Branch Library, 20680 Mack.
 ◆ Grosse Pointe Park City Council meets at 7 p.m. in council chambers, 15115 E. Jefferson.

THURSDAY, OCT. 26

◆ Kenneth Knoppow, a Southfield attorney who has been actively working for Israeli-Palestinian peace for nearly 30 years, will be guest speaker at Pointes for Peace public forum at 7:30 p.m. in the Grosse Pointe Unitarian Church, 17150 Maumee Ave., City of Grosse Pointe. This is open to the public.

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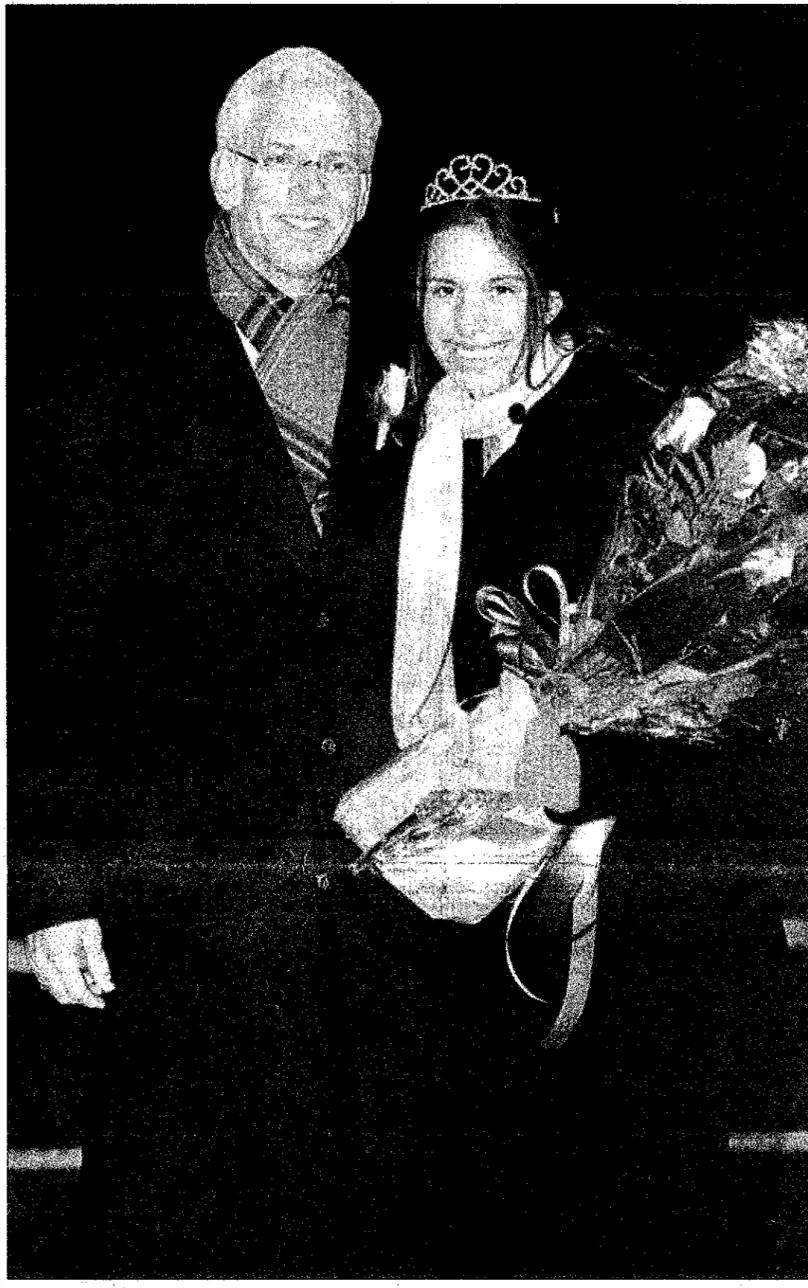


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North queen

Cara Fuller, a senior at Grosse Pointe North High School, was named this year's Homecoming Queen. Cara is shown with her father, Mike.

GROSSE POINTE WOODS

Cook gets its new, wooded home

By Bob St. John
 Staff Writer

The Cook schoolhouse finally has a place to call home — Ghesquiere Park.

However, all is not well within the Grosse Pointe Woods city council as once again a split decision (4-3) led to a lengthy discussion as to where to locate the historic building. Councilmember Dona DeSantis-Reynolds motioned to move the schoolhouse south of city hall, saying it would be more visible than in Ghesquiere Park.

The south site is where members of the Grosse Pointe Historical Society and Grosse Pointe Historical Commission want it.

Fellow councilmembers Lisa Pinkos Howie and Darryl Spicher concurred with DeSantis-Reynolds.

"We have been over this before and I believe the south site would be better because it would be more visible not just for us in the Woods, but for all Grosse Pointe residents," Pinkos Howie said.

"The acquisition of the Cook schoolhouse is the most important fact in this discussion," Woods Mayor Robert Novitke said. "It has to be moved because the developer is ready to start on a new project."

"We just don't have the space on Mack Avenue," Mayor Pro-Tem Al Dickinson said. "We would need to put in additional parking because that site does-

n't have the needed parking to support the people who will utilize the schoolhouse."

DeSantis-Reynolds' motion failed 4-3, and Novitke, Dickinson, Vicky Granger and Pete Waldmeir voted to move the schoolhouse to Ghesquiere Park.

The estimated cost to move Cook schoolhouse is \$12,203.30 which includes electricity, gas, water and sewer connections.

The use of HDPE (high density polyethylene) pipe drastically reduced the cost. The HDPE pipe costs \$625 for a 500-foot roll, while seven rolls of two-inch copper wire is \$7,350.

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CITY OF GROSSE POINTE

Out with the old, in with new

Old Jacobson's parking deck may be replaced

By Rebecca Jones
 Staff Writer

Page 15 of specialty grocery store Trader Joe's October mailer lists the Top 10 reasons to shop at Trader Joe's — right next to the ad for peppadew goat cheese from South Africa.

Reason No. 9: "Where else can you find frozen shrimp and chocolate chip cookies in the same aisle?"

10. It must be our spacious parking lots."

If by spacious parking, the specialty grocer means 220 spaces in a two-story deck,

then discussions about a Trader Joe's East at Kercheval Place in the Village might ring true.

At a special meeting Tuesday, Oct. 10, the City of Grosse Pointe council gave City Manager Pete Dame approval to begin soliciting bids for an architect to design the new parking structure.

The \$3.5 million parking garage would have flat surfaces for parking, rather than ramped floors like the existing garage. That factor makes a

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GROSSE POINTE WOODS

Boat well fees increased 5%

Rec commission recommends hike

By Bob St. John
 Staff Writer

Boaters at Grosse Pointe Woods' Lake Front Park marina will see a five percent increase in their boat well fees for the 2007 season.

City council approved the increase, which will be used to offset the cost of marina maintenance and dredging in the

spring. The increase came from a recommendation from the Citizens' Recreation Commission and the Parks and Recreation Department.

"We have a cost increase at the marina and the increased fees will go toward covering those costs," Parks and Recreation Director Melissa Sharp said. "Thankfully the increase is minimal. We need more wells to be filled, which would help the costs of main-

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POINTER OF INTEREST

'I admit I'm a nerd. There is no negative connotation to being a geek.'

Joseph Bracken



Home: City Grosse Pointe
Age: 26
Family: Father, Charles; mother, Miliama; sister, Melki
Claim to fame: Computer expert, owner of Grosse Pointe Geeks and Bracken Group
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Yesterday's headlines

1956

50 years ago this week

◆ **MUTUAL AID FIRE-FIGHTING AGREEMENT SIGNED:** The City of Grosse Pointe became the last of the Pointe municipalities to ratify a mutual aid fire fighting agreement with the other Pointe communities and Harper Woods.

The plan was first introduced more than three years ago.

Under the plan, each community would fight its own fires but could call upon neighboring departments for manpower and equipment.

◆ **PARKING LOT EXPANSION DELAYED:** Opposition to the proposed development of the parking strip at the rear of the Muir property line, to augment parking facilities in the Hill business district, appears to be as strong as ever.

Residents again packed Grosse Pointe Farms council chambers to object. Mayor William Connolly Jr. presented seven recommendations designed to reduce the impact. Councilmembers postponed action for six weeks so more study could take place.

◆ **EXCHANGE CLUB PLANS TOOTHBRUSH SALE:** Members of the Grosse Pointe Exchange Club are preparing for their annual toothbrush sale to benefit charity.

Toothbrushes will be sold in the shopping centers and on corners. The unusual fundraising campaign supports Little League Baseball and Basketball, model aviation and youth rehabilitation.

1981

25 years ago this week

◆ **LEARN THE ART OF THE RUBIK'S CUBE:** Math instructor Sharon Falk, of Grosse Pointe Park, will teach a workshop on solving the Rubik's

cube.

Falk, 30, with an undergraduate degree in math, is working toward her master's degree in educational psychology. But, she said anyone can solve the cube. It took Hungarian architect Erno Rubik a month to solve his own invention.

◆ **LANSING TRIES AGAIN TO CONVERT MUNICIPAL COURT:** After five months of work, legislation proposing a new Grosse Pointe district court is scheduled to be introduced in Lansing.

The problem seems to be in getting all five Pointes to agree on where the new court will be located, how it will be funded and whether a central dispatch and jail can be included.

◆ **TIME STORY IS HARD TO SWALLOW:** Grosse Pointe public school officials are calling a Time magazine story highlighting Grosse Pointe's cafeteria operations "erroneous, inaccurate and totally untrue."

The story focuses on the high cost of federal entitlement programs, like the school lunch program for families under a certain income level. In the story, Grosse Pointe officials are accused of allowing families to cheat on their applications.

1996

10 years ago this week

◆ **WOODS, SHORES TO SHARE MUNICIPAL JUDGE:** In response to recent changes in state law regulating Michigan courts, Grosse Pointe Woods City Council approved an arrangement to share municipal Judge Lynne Pierce with Grosse Pointe Shores.

The five Grosse Pointe communities are in a single judicial district that permits the cities to elect municipal judges. But, there is no provision in the new laws for the election of a municipal judge in a village.

◆ **G.P. SCHOOLS ADOPT POLICY ON HAZING:** The Grosse Pointe school board ap-



PHOTO BY FRED RUNNELLS.

1956: GPHS Junior Red Cross to assist blood drive

The some 60 members of the Grosse Pointe High School Junior Red Cross are busy doing advance publicity for and will assist with the upcoming blood bank drive at St. Paul Ev. Lutheran Church. The women have been making posters, distributing them, and washing car windows before applying promotional stickers to them. Shown, from left to right, are: Diane Dickey, Barb Stone, Lois Anne Rupp, Marie DiCenzo, Peggy Johnson, chairman for the Junior Red Cross, and Sue Slick. From the Oct. 18, 1956 issue of the Grosse Pointe News.

proved a regulation prohibiting the practice of "hazing" to initiate students into clubs and athletic teams.

The regulation defines haz-

ing, "any activity which endangers the physical safety, produces mental or physical discomfort, causes embarrassment, fright, humiliation, ha-

arrassment or ridicule, or degrades the student regardless of the willingness on the part of the student or the student's parents or guardians to participate in any such activities."

The policy was developed as a result of incidents that administrators encountered, said Superintendent Suzanne Klein.

◆ **DETROIT BUYS LAND AROUND AIRPORT:** Rumors that the City of Detroit is buying land around Detroit City Airport so it can go forward with expansion plans are exaggerated, said Patrick McCarroll the head of the Detroit City Airport Study Committee.

Detroit is buying homes on French Road near the runway for safety reasons, McCarroll said. As for expansion plans, he said it has been a while since he heard anything new.

struction of a new Grosse Pointe Woods library branch took a big step when the Grosse Pointe Board of Education voted unanimously to approve a development plan with the Grosse Pointe Library Board. Land outside Parcels Middle School will be sold to the library for \$1.

◆ **PARK BRANCH DEAL PENDING:** A new Grosse Pointe Park branch library could be built on municipal property on Lakepointe near Jefferson next to the Park city hall. The \$4 million library would have more technology and elbow room, but the same amount of books as the current location inside Pierce School. Park officials are negotiating the sale of city property.

◆ **PENNIES FOR PEACE:** Pierce Middle School students presented the Southeastern Michigan Chapter of the American Red Cross with a check for \$6,715. The 652-member student body raised the funds for relief efforts for those affected by the terrorist attacks in Manhattan and Washington D.C. during a week-long "Pennies for Peace" campaign.

—Rebecca Jones

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CITY OF GROSSE POINTE

Parking to pay for new deck

Meter, lease rates to go up to finance new \$3.5 garage

By Rebecca Jones
Staff Writer

Increasing parking rates from 35 to 50 cents an hour is one way the City of Grosse Pointe intends to nickel and dime its way to paying for a new parking structure.

The \$3.5 million project — replacing the existing structure behind the Kercheval Place development — would be paid completely through the parking system, requiring rate increases for shoppers, store employees and office workers in the Village.

Parking rate increases were approved at the Monday, Oct. 16, city council meeting.

"The intent is to fund the parking structure by users of the parking system without having to touch the general fund, without having to tax property owners in the city," said City Manager Peter Dame.

Starting in January, lease spaces would increase from \$30 per month to \$40 citywide. Leases are expected to increase again to \$45 in 2008 and up to \$50 for the new structure.

Parking at two-hour meters in lots will increase from 35 cents to 50 cents per hour. On-street parking in the Village will cost 75 cents per hour, up from 50 cents.

Short-term parking in the new structure would cost 50 cents per hour to a maximum of \$10 per day.

Rates are based on a comprehensive study of the Village parking situation conducted by Walker Associates of Kalamazoo.

The change in rates will generate about \$234,500 more per year in parking revenue, Dame calculated.

For frequent Village shopper Bee Davis of Detroit, the 15 cents an hour increase is acceptable.

"That's not too bad. I'm up here for an hour and I would pay the 50 cents," she said. "You're in and out pretty fast. It usually doesn't take that long."

Charlene Blondy, owner of Posterity: A Gallery, also approves of the new rates.

"If we want to consider ourselves a first-class shopping district, we have to understand that there are costs associated with that," she said. "Our parking rates will be in line with parking rates in the Farms, certainly in Royal Oak and Birmingham."

Blondy said she likes the fact that shoppers from across the Pointes and greater community will be helping to pay for the

deck.

Motorists in the new Kercheval Place structure would pay at a central automated station inside the garage and get a receipt, rather than pay an attendant. That means the structure could be open 24 hours per day.

Under the proposed system, stores could offer validation for free or discounted parking in the garage. Specialty grocer Trader Joe's has expressed interest in doing so should it open a store at Kercheval Place, Dame said.

In the future, the city may convert surface lots with metered spaces into gated parking lots similar to the one behind businesses on the Hill in Grosse Pointe Farms.

In fact, parking in the City will start to resemble parking in the Farms — right down to the charge for parking tickets. Instead of \$5, meter violators would pay \$10 next year.

For City of Grosse Pointe resident Fran Pawsat, that's bad news. She doesn't like to see anyone get a ticket. "It's a shame. Look at what that does to our business," she said.

Meter rate increases would go into effect as the city replaces mechanical meters with electronic ones in the Village — something the city council also approved at Monday's meeting.

"This goes under the category of you have to spend a little money to make money," Dame said. The city will buy and install about 400 remanufactured electronic meters, which will cost about \$51,000. That project won't start until after the holiday shopping season, he said.

It makes sense to do this now, Dame said, because when the rates change, the city has to adjust a parking mechanism inside the meter anyway.

Electric meters are also more reliable and will reduce complaints about defective meters and disputes about improper ticketing, he added.

Should the city convert to gated parking lots, the electronic meters will be moved to other parts of the city.

"It will be money well spent," Dame said.

That's how Village business owner Nancy Renick feels about building the new parking structure.

"It's going to benefit the entire community because we need the parking spaces," said Renick, owner of Village Toys. "It's really for (Kercheval Place), but it's imperative that it be done."

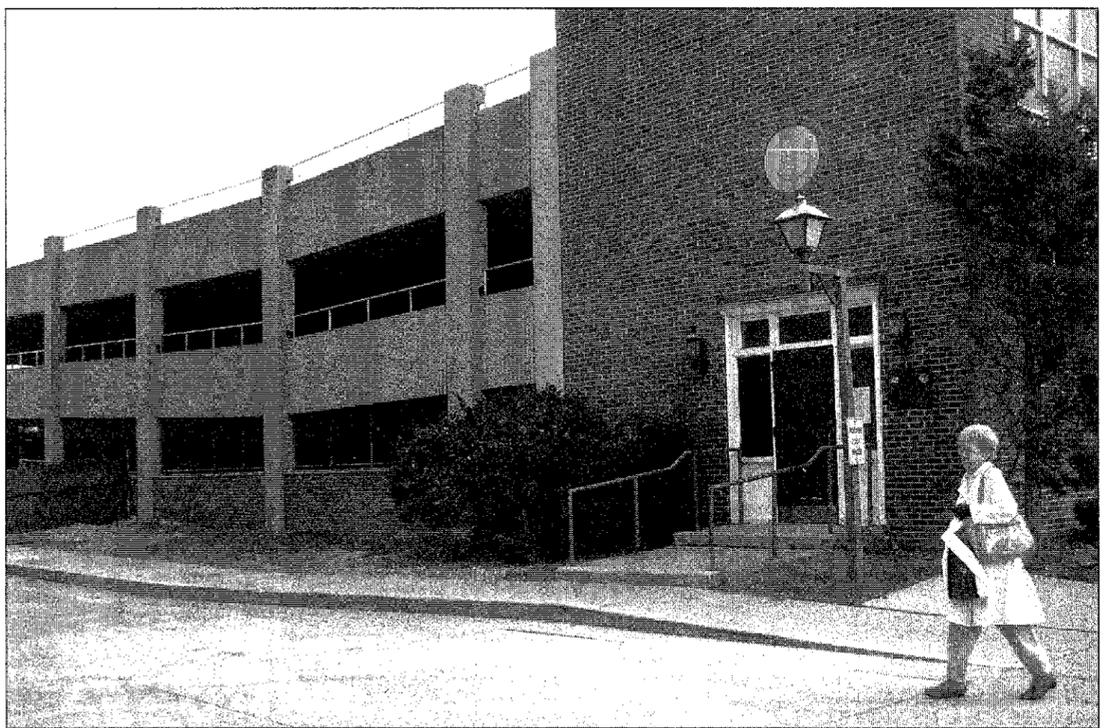


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Fran Pawsat of the City of Grosse Pointe walks to the Village. The City will replace the parking deck behind her to accommodate Kercheval Place.

DECK: Fund surplus may be backup

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big difference to Trader Joe's, Dame said.

"The developer has signed a letter of intent with Trader Joe's," he said. But, an incline in the parking structure would send shopping carts rolling into parked cars.

In order to finance the construction of a new garage, the city would need to issue bonds. Parking revenues and a surplus in the parking fund will be used to repay the debt.

Parking rate increases for metered and lease spaces were approved at the Monday, Oct. 16, city council meeting.

The change in rates will generate about \$234,500 more per year in parking revenue, Dame calculated.

"That amount of new revenue from the whole parking structure should be able to pay for a capital improvement of \$3.3 million," Dame said. "But we're not quite there."

Under the worst-case scenario, a new structure could cost up to \$4 million, which would nearly deplete the City's \$1 million parking fund surplus.

The city cannot raise taxes to repay the limited tax bonds. If revenue projections weren't met, the city would raise parking rates again, Dame said. However, he added that his calculations were conservative and he doesn't believe that will be necessary.

The developer, Grosse Pointe St. Clair Associates, will pay \$100,000 toward the cost of the structure, in exchange for an easement, or permission to use city property, between Kercheval Place and the structure.

"We asked for a lot more," Dame said. The developer has also offered to spruce up the area behind Kercheval Place with pavers, lighting and landscaped planters, he said.

Contingencies are built into the plan. For one, the city would not demolish the old structure until the developer has an executed lease with Trader Joe's, Dame said.

Parking projections show the structure would help meet

demand for the Kercheval Place development, leaving a surplus of 90 parking spaces in the Village's parking system.

Under Dame's proposed timeline, the city would hire an architect in November, invite the community for two designing sessions, demolish the old structure early next year and begin construction in April.

"The quicker we can get to designing, the better off we are," Dame said.

The city considered rehabilitating the existing garage, built in 1973. Fitting it with some flat parking and bringing it up to code would cost more than \$1.5 million.

The city consulted a real estate and development analyst, Birmingham-based Allen & Associates, to analyze the Kercheval Place redevelopment and redevelopment of the City-owned garage. Its report calls the project viable.

"The special needs of the Kercheval Place project have generated the need for a new facility; however, the Village will benefit from the overall rehabilitation of the building and the deck," the report concludes.

Some on council questioned whether the garage would be sufficient. With an anticipated peak demand at Kercheval Place of 240 employees and visitors, the 220-spot structure doesn't quite add up. Some people who have leases may not be able to find a place to park.

"The general premise is that the ground floor should be primarily retail and the upper floor primarily for leased spaces," Dame said. In fact, the developer may contribute money toward building an elevated walkway between the structure and second-floor offices.

"People would have to be parking elsewhere outside the structure," councilman Kris Phaeler said at the Tuesday, Oct. 10 meeting. "Do we want to spend money to build (another floor on the structure?) or do we accept the fact that it is going to be tight?"

In the future, it would be possible to add a third story onto the parking deck as needs dictate.

"It would be wonderful for the council to be debating that in five years," Mayor Dale Scrace said.

COOK: Breaking windows?

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The installation of water and sewer will take five days and DTE Energy and MichCon should be out soon to start their part of the project.

Residents expressed concern boys and girls hitting

home runs would break the windows of the schoolhouse if it is placed behind the ball diamonds at Ghesquiere Park.

"The schoolhouse should be far enough away for someone to not break a window, but we can always put plastic coverings on the windows just in case," Dickinson said. "This lo-

cation is closer to city hall and more accessible for seniors who want to use it."

Once the move is scheduled, the History Channel may document it for a future show.

Cook schoolhouse is the oldest building in the Grosse Pointes and one of the original schoolhouses in the area.

WELLS: Increases will raise \$19,320

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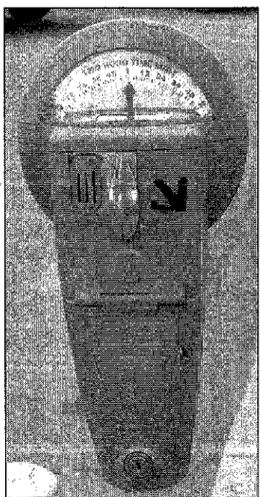
taining the marina."

The cost of a boat well under 21-feet in length rose from \$605 to \$635. Wells 21 feet to

25 feet rose from \$685 to \$700 and wells between 25 and 28 feet increased from \$750 to \$810.

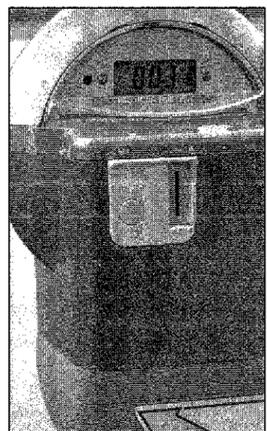
Other cost increases are for boat racks (\$130 to \$175), dry dock use (\$325 to \$500), daily boat launch (\$10 to \$12) and seasonal launch (\$70 to \$75).

The increased fees will generate an estimated \$201,690, an increase of \$19,930 from 2006.



PHOTOS BY REBECCA JONES

Parking rates will increase from 35 cents to 50 cents per hour at off-street meters next year.



The City of Grosse Pointe will replace its mechanical parking meters in the Village with electronic meters, like this one on Kercheval. Parking rates on Kercheval will increase from 50 cents to 75 cents per hour.

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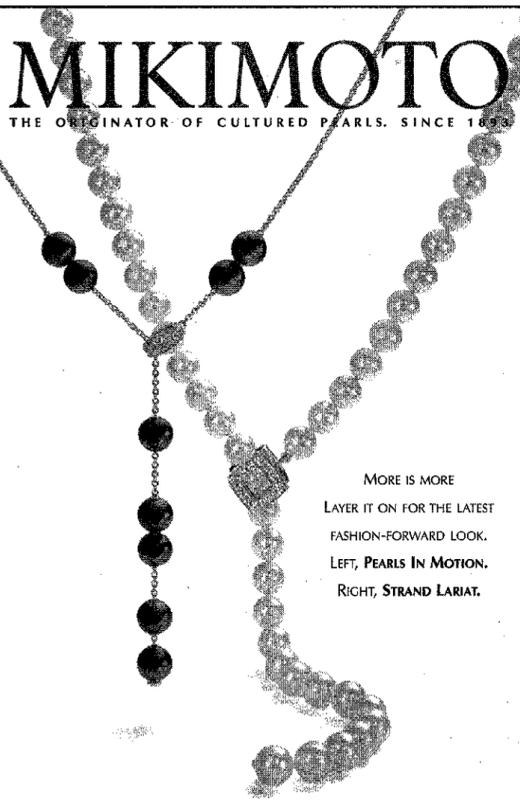
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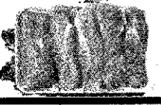
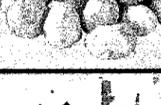
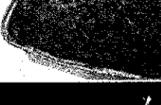
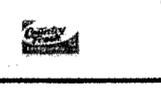
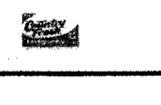
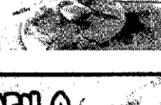
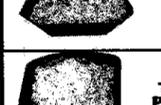
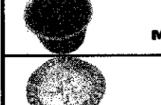
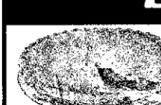
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BRACKEN: Tapping into technology

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"I was good at taking them apart but not putting them together," he said.

He has two working computers and parts to build six, plus numerous hand-held electronic devices.

He remembers his introduction into the world of computers was the 282 computer. It took up an entire table, as opposed to his laptop which is about an inch thick, takes up a small corner of a table and is carried with one hand.

His first computer, a hand-me-down, was a Mac Plus black and white with an 8 inch screen. Bracken said there was no sound and no hard drive and his experience with the new Internet was reading bulletin boards.



From left, Daniel McDuffee, Joe Bracken and Jason Trombley, all friends and staff of Grosse Pointe Geeks.

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When he wasn't on the computer, he and his sister, Meki, would play with Legos, take trips to the library or practice his violin. He took no computer classes in school and still avoids them at Wayne State University where he is studying business administration, for a change of pace.

At 16, Bracken was in Web development.

He graduated from University Liggett School in 1998 and attended Andrews University but concluded his studies to join a Web company. Bracken explained that for two years he was in business management, consulting and traveling to the West Coast on a weekly basis.

"It's long hours of consulting plus travel plus living in a hotel. I was not happy. I wanted to slow down. I didn't like the go go of the consulting world. The

hours here are still long but I control my own schedule," he said.

He turned to his life-long friend McDuffee. Together they began building a business.

In 2003, Jason Trombley stepped into the picture. Working in close quarters, each has a specific talent that is tapped into in the business.

McDuffee said, "He (Bracken) is one of my oldest friends. I've known him for 17 years and he turned out to be the boss. We are good friends, we work together all day and still hang out on the weekends. Pablo and my dog are best friends."

Future of computers

"The future of computers is there will be more and more computers in the home, in the living room," he said. "The generation coming up, it will be in their lives. Text messaging will become more main-

stream and used more. Computer skills are taken for granted. Younger kids get cell phones and it can be a danger because attention spans shorten."

He advised young people to approach the Internet with caution, but believes there is a need for computers in the classroom.

"Don't believe everything on the Internet. Be suspicious. Do you know where it's from? Who's sending it? It could contain a virus. Protect your personal information."

"I look at the way things are going on with more computers in school. Laptops are in schools but there should be a line between" computer use and book learning.

And Bracken should know, he is continuing his "book learning" at Wayne State but his hand curves naturally around his computer.

"I just love it," he said.

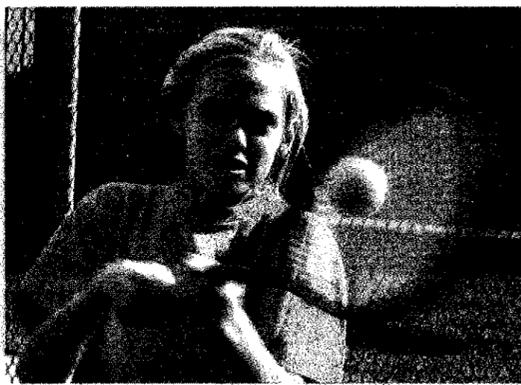


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The concert, Clay Aiken Christmas with the DSO, is part of a tour in which Aiken

will appear with symphony orchestras in several cities across the United States.

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Area seniors get the scoop at Senior Expo

By Bob St. John
Staff Writer

More than 1,000 seniors from the Grosse Pointes, Fraser, Roseville, St. Clair Shores and Harper Woods

ment options for lower back and leg pains, repair of spinal "wear and tear" and fractures related to osteoporosis.

Melanie Yanchuk of Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Michigan talked about better

ing, blood pressure screening, glaucoma and cataract screening, pulmonary and lung function testing and heart and brain attack risk assessment.

A representative of St. John

Rehabilitation Services was also replacing tips on canes and walkers at no charge. Other volunteers from Bon Secours Cottage Health Services, Cataract and Eye Consultants of Michigan,

Henry Ford Continuing Care, St. John Hospital and Medical Center and St. John Retail Pharmacies were available to add their expertise.

"We're here to offer the best advice for seniors who need our help," JoAnn Zangara of St. Mary's Nursing and Rehab Center in St. Clair Shores said.

Participants also received community education program assistance and contact information for adult day services, chore service programs, counseling services, food services (congregate meals, food distribution programs and home delivered meals), hospital and physi-

cian referral lines, housing and residential care, job training, senior discount programs and support groups.

Volunteers from the City of Grosse Pointe Woods and Heartland Health — Georgian East provided shuttle service for seniors who couldn't drive to the expo.

Senior Expo 2006 committee members were Jeff Pakulski of Metro East Chamber of Commerce, Sandy Stencil of Henry Ford Continuing Care, Jan Duster-Treuter and Pat Lecznar of Bon Secours Cottage Health Services, Suzanne

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PHOTO BY RENEE LANDUYT

A packed house of seniors participated in the 14th annual expo at the Assumption Cultural Center in St. Clair Shores.

packed the Assumption Cultural Center during last week's 14th annual Senior Expo 2006.

The cultural center and Metro East Chamber of Commerce sponsored the expo which provided seniors information and resources to make their lives easier.

Olga Cardasis of the cultural center said, "This event gets bigger each year, because more and more seniors are able to get information they need to help them make better informed decisions pertaining to their needs. We welcome them with open arms."

Joan DeRonne, cultural center administrator, said, "Seniors can get information from some of our leading experts in all medical areas."

"It really is a benefit for area seniors to attend. They learn a lot during the time they're here."

"This expo is very important for our seniors so they can get up-to-date information," Woods Mayor Robert Novitke said. "Thanks to the cultural center and all of the volunteers for making this a special day for our seniors."

Ernie Harwell was the keynote speaker. The legendary Detroit Tigers and professional baseball Hall-of-Fame broadcaster said, "I congratulate everyone attending the expo and everyone who helped bring this event together. It's very beneficial for all of us seniors to have an opportunity to gather information we need to help us get along."

Harwell opened the expo, delivering several jokes to the packed room. They cheered when he talked about the success of the hometown Tigers.

"The Tigers have brought back a lot of excitement to the Detroit area," Harwell said. "We never saw this coming when spring training began, but these youngsters Justin Verlander and Joel Zumaya have played a huge part in the team's turnaround. Let's hope they go all the way and capture the World Series."

After Harwell's speech, participants could attend workshops from 10:15 to 10:45 a.m. and 11 to 11:30 a.m.

Edward Jeffries, MD, an orthopedic surgeon from Bon Secours Cottage Health Services spoke about the latest in joint replacement.

Partial or total joint replacement surgery can help seniors return to normal, pain-free activities, said Jeffries.

Devon A. Hoover, MD, a neurosurgeon from St. John Hospital and Medical Center, spoke about lower back and leg pain. Hoover explained the common signs and treat-

ment options for lower back and leg pains, repair of spinal "wear and tear" and fractures related to osteoporosis.

She pondered the questions "who, what and where am I," which helps seniors reconnect with themselves after their children are grown and gone.

Mary Speaks of St. John Hospital and Medical Center was also giving seniors information about fast, efficient care for their neck, back and spine.

"We see seniors who experience many types of aches and pains," Speaks said. "We're here to give them information they need to help them alleviate these problems so they can lead more fruitful lives."

"Ask the computer guy" was another workshop set up to help seniors learn to write their memoirs, cruise the Internet, play games, and e-mail their friends and other computer skills.

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Szczepanski-White of Catholic Services of Macomb, DeRonne and Cardasis of Assumption Cultural Center, Lea Anne A. Ivory of St. John Health, Terri Murphy of Home Helpers/Direct Link and Karrie Eagling of Heartland Georgian East.

Lunch was provided by Assumption Cultural Center, Marchiori Catering and National Coney Island.

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PHOTO BY RENEE LANDUYT
Legendary Detroit Tigers broadcaster Ernie Harwell, above, was the Senior Expo 2006 keynote speaker.

AARP helping seniors

More and more metro Detroit seniors are becoming computer owners, accessing the Internet, and using e-mail to communicate with others.

Unfortunately, this newfound convenience can quickly become an inconvenience, and, many times, downright dangerous.

Becoming Internet savvy opens seniors up to opportunities for fraud and technical damage to their computers and personal files as well as potentially opening the door to identity theft.

According to a new survey released by AARP, most metro Detroit Internet users age 40 or older are very concerned about providing personal information over the Internet.

The report, "Caught in the Net: A Survey of Detroit Area Residents 40+ About Online Use and Safety," found that three-quarters (77 percent) of metro Detroit Web surfers are unaware that when a Web site has a privacy policy, it does not prevent them from sharing customers' personal information with others.

"The power of the Internet puts information, resources and the world just a mouse click away," said Steve Gools, state director of AARP Michigan. "However, many metro Detroit Internet users are rightly concerned about the misuse of their personal information online. AARP is proud to be part of the Get Net Safe tour to raise awareness among PC users of what threats exist, and more importantly, empower them to protect themselves."

According to computer security experts, if you are connected to the Internet, your computer is attacked approximately 300 times per hour by spyware, viruses and unwanted software. The majority of metro Detroit Internet users (85 percent) reported they

have received spam and a quarter (25 percent) have opened e-mail attachments from someone they didn't know.

In an effort to help raise awareness of computing safely and Internet security, leading technology, government and advocacy organizations have launched the Get Net Safe tour, which combines the resources of 11 organizations, including AARP, to heighten computer safety awareness in communities across the U.S.

Collectively, more than 200 metro Detroit area seniors attended cyber safety sessions at the Detroit Public Library and the Southfield Public Library.

During these sessions, seniors learned from Microsoft and Geek Squad representatives that there are four simple steps people can take to keep themselves safe from the majority of online threats.

These steps include using a firewall, running regular software updates, using anti-virus protection and anti-spyware software.

"AARP is interested in getting reliable information to our members on matters that affect them most," said Jacqueline Morrison, associate state director for Economic Security and Work. "The Internet puts the world at our fingertips and we want our members to benefit from the information and resources they can find online, but get there safely."

According to AARP's survey, metro Detroit Internet users have taken precautions to protect their personal information and computers, such as avoiding posting their e-mail on Web sites (81 percent) or giving it out (78 percent) and most computer owners have installed protective filters (77 percent) or software (88 percent).

Still, many metro Detroit residents reported experiencing

Internet and e-mail problems that threaten to steal their personal identification information, track their Web site visits and Internet purchases, and destroy or ruin their computer files or computer.

Ten million consumers are victimized each year by identity theft and Internet users put themselves at risk for this crime when they respond to suspicious e-mail messages, open files, visit certain Web sites and complete online transactions.

Among metro Detroit residents who access the Internet and have an e-mail account, just under half say they have received a phishing e-mail or had a worm or virus harm their files, programs or computer.

More than half say they downloaded a program or received an e-mail that contained spyware, and most respondents say they have received spam e-mail.

Spam and destructive or fraudulent e-mails should be reported to the Federal Trade Commission (FTC) and your Internet service provider. When asked who they would turn to or contact for help, none of the metro Detroit respondents to AARP's survey suggested the FTC and less than one-quarter (24 percent) suggested their Internet service provider.

"AARP has a collection of information at aarp.org/netsafe that connects users to other work AARP has done," Gools said. "There's useful information to help you protect yourself, your computer and your family, whether you're shopping online, job hunting or simply want to be sure that your computer is secure."

To view the complete "Caught in the Net" survey visit the following link: <http://www.aarp.org/research/technology/onlineprivacy/mi/cyber2006.html>.

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Resident pushing for bird house limit

By Rebecca Jones
 Staff Writer

Joe Girardi doesn't like how often he has to wash bird poop off his car. But what really worries him is the possibility

of contracting bird flu from any of the hundreds of birds who call his neighborhood home.

"Me and my wife are afraid," Girardi, a Crestwood resident, told the Grosse Pointe Shores

Village Council at a recent meeting.

With news that a type of avian flu — yet not the deadly strain found in Asia — has spread to Michigan, Girardi said the matter is urgent. "I wouldn't put this problem on the back burner because if it happens here, we're all in trouble."

People need not worry, said Rosann Kovalcik, owner of Wild Birds Unlimited. "There is no threat to humans," she said.

"The bird flu that was found in Monroe County is not the type of bird flu that is highly pathogenic," she said. "I can understand people's concerns because they're not familiar with flu. ... The fact remains that it is very safe to bird feed, keep bird houses and bird watch. There's nothing happening in America that should stop people from enjoying these hobbies."

Nevertheless, Girardi wanted council to investigate whether too many bird houses violated ordinances.

"What would you do if your neighbor had 10 or more bird houses and hundreds of different kinds of birds, including pigeons, flying all over your property — smashing into windows and leaving droppings?" he asked. "Me and my wife hate to even sit outside because of this."

Village attorney Mark McInerney said the complaint could fit under the umbrella of the nuisance ordinance.

"But I don't know how many (bird houses) is too many," he said.

Communities such as Roseville and Berkley have passed ordinances stating that bird feeders must be at least 48 inches off the ground, in an effort to prevent rats.

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Outsiders don't get the Pointe

By Rebecca Jones
Staff Writer

If Detroit Tigers pitcher Todd Jones walked into Lucy's Tavern to order a Hill's Smallest Sundae, that would be a first.

The 38-year-old, who splits his time between Birmingham, Mich., and Birmingham, Ala., said he's never been to Grosse Pointe.

On Sunday, Oct. 15, a day after the Tigers won the American League pennant, Jones was headed to an ice cream shop in Birmingham for some rocky road when he stopped to answer some questions about Grosse Pointe: Where is Grosse Pointe and what is there?

"Isn't it one of the richest ZIP codes in the country?" Jones asked. "That's all I know. I've never been to Grosse Pointe. I just thought that's where all the CEOs lived."

Others in Oakland County gave a similar reaction.

"I know where it is. On the east side. I wouldn't actually know how to get there," said Birmingham resident Jane Schoen, 44, who said she hasn't been to Grosse Pointe since Laura Ashley clothes were popular. She needed a dress and the only Laura Ashley store that had it was in the

Village.

"I think that's the only time I've been there," said Schoen, who has lived in Michigan her entire life. She was shopping Sunday with her daughters at Somerset Collection Troy.

"There's just no need to (visit Grosse Pointe). Everything's right here," said Laura Parker, 36, of Troy, a stay-at-home mom who was also shopping at Somerset. "I've been there once. We took out of town friends for a drive."

Grosse Pointe's newest development, Kercheval Place, under way in the Village, probably won't do much to change Parker's mind. Tenants like Coldwater Creek, Jos. A. Bank and Trader Joe's already have a presence in Rochester, Birmingham and Royal Oak.

Getting to Grosse Pointe is easy, using the Vernier, Cadieux or Moross exits from I-94. But no signs point in the Pointes direction.

"(Grosse Pointe is) along the lake on the east side," answered David Joseph, 50, of

'I know where it is. On the east side. I wouldn't actually know how to get there.'

JANE SCHOEN,
Birmingham

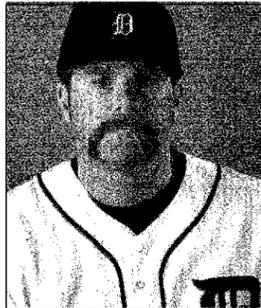
Birmingham. "The only thing I remember is Kercheval."

His companion, Maria Aguerri, 39, of Birmingham knows Grosse Pointe is the home of the Edsel & Eleanor Ford House. "To me, that's it. Big houses and mansions," she said.

"They have a yacht club," said Jim Pooler, 24, an engineer who moved to Royal Oak from Ohio six months ago.

Hamtramck resident Judy Ramos used to work at the Republic Bank at Mack and Moross.

"That's how I know where Grosse Pointe is, but if you asked me to go anywhere, I would get lost," said Ramos, 24, who now works at a salon



Todd Jones of the Detroit Tigers can find the strike zone, but not Grosse Pointe.

in Oakland Mall. "I know there's a grocery store on the corner and a music store in the plaza across the street."

Jenifer and Stephen McNulty of Birmingham have friends in Grosse Pointe.

"I don't know about the stores," said Jenifer McNulty, 37. "We have friends and we visit the parks on the water."

GROSSE POINTE FARMS

Back of scoreboard at South to get paint job

By Rebecca Jones
Staff Writer

The final score after Grosse Pointe North's Oct. 6 football victory read 20-7 on South's high school scoreboard.

But all anyone on the Hill could see under those Friday night lights was a wash of gray — the back of the scoreboard.

"It's bare metal," said Brandon Slone, assistant principal and athletic director at South.

That may change by this winter, as Grosse Pointe Public Schools officials consider painting the back of the high-tech scoreboard at the business community's request.

"Some of the businesses on the Hill are not pleased about the back of the scoreboard,"

Slone said. "We're looking at a few options. ... We could paint it all blue."

Another option is an interlocking G.P. on a blue background, which is a symbol associated with Grosse Pointe South.

However, Slone said, that has not been decided.

One thing that's not being taken into consideration is a big Pepsi logo.

"We won't have any advertising for the back of it," Slone said.

Art Van donated money for 32-by-20-foot scoreboard, and advertising for the furniture store is on the front of the board.

The scoreboard is equipped to run scrolling messages and advertisements, which is rare for a high school.

G.P. CITY

Trick or treat in Village

Village merchants will open their doors to thousands of costumed, elementary age school children for trick or treating from 3:30 p.m. to 4:45 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 31.

Kercheval Avenue will be closed to vehicular traffic from approximately 1 to 5:30 p.m.

The Friends of the Grosse Pointe Library will be on hand again this year to encourage children to read by distributing free books to trick or treaters.

From 4 to 5:15 p.m., children will have the opportunity to participate in games such as "Musical Haybales" as well as a costume contest with prizes awarded for scariest, most original and best overall costume.

This event is produced by the Grosse Pointe Village Association in cooperation with the City of Grosse Pointe.

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EDITORIALS

STATE REPRESENTATIVE

Gaffney faces WSU professor

In the third and final race for state representative, Ed Gaffney, 62, of Grosse Pointe Farms, faces perhaps his most formidable opponent.

Wayne State University political science professor Tim Bledsoe, 53, is attacking the incumbent for what he is most good at: raising money for the state GOP.

Rep. Gaffney, however, is unapologetic.

"I take great pride that I'm the No. 1 fundraiser in the House," he said. "It gives me influence in the House, like protecting (Grosse Pointe school) funding. Otherwise, I would just be another member of the House."

Mr. Bledsoe, however, takes just the opposite view. He feels special interests are the ones with the real influence, not just in the Michigan House but in all levels of government.

"The amount of special interest money permeating our political system is appalling," he said. "If you really care about democracy, it's time for you to step forward and do what's right."

He said he became concerned about special interest and PAC (political action committee) contributions to political candidates when he prepared a lecture on the topic. He was shocked at what he found.

Mr. Bledsoe said he knew nothing of Rep. Gaffney at the time. He was surprised at how much money the incumbent receives from special interests.

Rep. Gaffney said he takes contributions from all parties. He points out that often opposing groups have both contributed to his campaign. At the end of the day, he said, he has to vote his conscience.

"I have to justify my vote on a rational basis," he said.

STATE SENATOR

Experience vs. youth

In the heavily Democratic second district, incumbent Sen. Martha Scott, D-Highland Park, faced her toughest opposition in the August primary. On Tuesday, Nov. 7, her challenger is a young Republican, Michael Hoehn, 23, of the City of Grosse Pointe.

Mr. Hoehn said he chose to run as the sole Republican for the Senate seat based on the urging of a friend. The Grosse Pointe South High School and Michigan State University graduate and current financial analyst for J.P. Morgan Chase in Southfield said "it would be great" if he won, but he doubts his chances against the incumbent.

Sen. Scott, 70, is seeking her second four-year term on the Senate. She won a special election in 2001 to a second district vacancy, and then to a four-year term in 2002. She previously served three two-year terms as state representative before being term-limited. She also served on the Wayne County Commission.

She began her political career in 1972 as a precinct delegate. She eventually served on the city council in Highland Park, where she became the first black woman elected mayor in Michigan. She retired from Michigan Bell in 1986.

Sen. Scott most recently ingratiated herself with Grosse Pointe Shores lakefront homeowners who are suffering the negative impact of accretion. The modest Senator said all she did was bring the state, federal and local parties together to work out remediation.

For his part, Mr. Hoehn is running a sparse campaign. The economy and education are his key issues. He said as a young person he can bring fresh ideas to the job. Many of his college friends, he said, are leaving the state due to few opportunities for them.

He said he is surprised how involved special interests are in elections. He has refused their contributions because he feels they would expect him to do or say things to which he objects.

We admire Mr. Hoehn's character and his willingness to run. However, given Sen. Scott's experience and influence and her ongoing efforts to assist Grosse Pointe property owners, we give her the nod for re-election.

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As for the issues, the opposing candidates are not that far apart. Both favor elimination of the single business tax and replacing it with a business tax based on profits, not revenue, as the current tax is levied.

Both favor embryonic stem cell research, oppose raising taxes in the current economy and favor spending on education (though not state ballot Proposal 02).

Mr. Bledsoe believes Michigan's economic recovery lies in producing the "best skilled, best educated work force we can to lure high-tech companies to our state."

Rep. Gaffney vows to make eliminating the "pop-up tax" incurred when buying a home in Michigan his No. 1 priority in his final term.

Since Proposal A was adopted by voters 12 years ago, property taxes have been limited to the inflation rate for residential property owners remaining in their homes. When they move

to another home, they find themselves paying taxes based on the value of the new residence, often paying more taxes for moving into a smaller home. Many place some of the blame for the current homes sales slump on the pop-up tax.

Mr. Bledsoe may have a legitimate argument about the growing influence of special interests on government. We have especially seen it in Washington, D.C., but it is not so clear on the state level.

We are not aware of any decisions Rep. Gaffney has made in his prior two terms in the state House that were made due to special interest influence and contrary to the wishes of his constituents. We have been largely satisfied with his representation in Lansing.

Therefore, we endorse his candidacy for his third and final term as state representative, and we urge voters to do likewise.

COUNTY COMMISSIONER

A real choice this time around

For the first time in a decade, Grosse Pointe voters have the chance to elect a Wayne County commissioner who will remember where his district is.

With five-term commissioner Christopher Cavanaugh losing his re-election bid in the August primary to fellow Democrat Tim Killeen, representation in name only on the county level may be at an end.

However, Mr. Killeen, 49, will also be riding on name recognition. His father, James Killeen, served for years as Wayne County clerk, and his uncle, George Killeen, served on the Wayne County Commission decades ago before heading to the suburbs and becoming a Macomb County commissioner.

The younger Killeen is being faced by lifelong Grosse Pointe Dan Mercier, 37, who is a member of the Eastside Republican Club.

Mr. Mercier is a third-generation Grosse Pointer. He attended St. Paul School and graduated from Grosse Pointe South High School before completing law school. He plans to take the bar exam in February.

He has worked as a Wayne County prosecutor; in the office of the general counsel for Ford Motor Co.; for Honigman, Miller and Schwartz; for the Wayne County Commission; the Wayne County Department of Children and Family Services; and for the Wayne County CEO in Constituent Services. He now manages Mercier Development, rehabbing commercial and residential properties in Detroit.

Mr. Mercier favors state Rep. Ed Gaffney's efforts to circumvent the so-called "pop-up tax" incurred when home-

owners move into another home in Michigan.

He believes Grosse Pointe should receive more county services.

"Why are there no sheriff patrols here?" he asks. "We pay taxes just like everyone else."

While he does favor a rail link to Metropolitan Airport, Mr. Mercier does not back a regional light rail transportation authority. Mr. Killeen favors regional mass transit.

A former Denby High School biology teacher, Mr. Killeen has managed a food business, chaired Sierra Club political committees at the state and local levels, served as secretary for the Environmental Caucus of the Michigan Democratic Party and was a board member for a statewide food co-op federation. He is also a member of the executive board of the Grosse Pointe Democratic Club.

He is endorsed by labor unions and a Detroit Baptist pastors association and other organizations.

By his own admission, Mr. Killeen said he will need one or two terms to come up to speed. "I'm coming from the outside," he explained.

His opponent, Mr. Mercier, has worked for all three branches of Wayne County government.

Both candidates agree Wayne County has the highest skilled and educated work force anywhere. Both want to keep jobs in Wayne County. Further, both candidates vow to keep close to the first district and be accessible.

We agree both candidates will be more visible than their predecessor. However, based on his experience with Wayne County government and his grasp of many of the issues now facing the county, we endorse Mr. Mercier for Wayne County commissioner.

LETTERS

The Grosse Pointe News welcomes your letters to the editor. All letters should be typed, double-spaced, signed and limited to 250 words. Longer letters may be edited for length and all letters may be edited for content. We reserve the right to refuse any letter. Include a daytime phone number for verification or questions. The deadline for letters is 3 p.m. Monday.

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There are many wonderful places to live, but you can't beat the Grosse Pointes. This fact we take with us and wear it like a badge of honor.

Thank you, we will miss you.
BARBARA AND BOB
CAVANAUGH

During the last campaign when I ran for mayor, I was personally attacked by untruths and fear tactics. I was attacked through the Internet by an anonymously written, untruths before the threat of legal action shut the blog down.

Illegal, negative and untrue propaganda was dropped door-to-door in the city by people without disclosure of who paid for the political piece. This is a violation of campaign law. There are more dirty tactics.

Just prior to the fall election, and again a few weeks ago, an individual filed a Freedom of Information Act Request to retrieve personal records from my former employer. His request was denied both times under the law.

I learned of an Internet blog (regarding) Grosse Pointe Woods from a letter to the editor in the Grosse Pointe News. I openly commented in the blog believing it would benefit people's tolerance of open government. But I was wrong.

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Thanks Grosse Pointers

To the Editor:

This is a letter of appreciation to Grosse Pointers.

We're off to sunny Florida again, but not until we send our appreciation to all our many Grosse Pointe friends without whom we could never have turned our business around.

Our thank you list is long and starts with the Grosse Pointe News. Editor John Minnis, for calmly listening to a near hysterical woman give her side of the story, "Cavanaugh's vow to take back store" (April 21, 2005, Grosse

Pointe News).

We also thank Dr. Suzanne Klein who called the very first day to say, "You'll have all our business;" the Berschbacks who gave us a place to live; the Rev. Gerald Spice for his thumbs up approach, saying if we did it once, we can do it again; our beautiful landlady, Georgia Valente, who with great empathy allowed us the opportunity to bring back our business; and to the best staff anywhere for 100 percent of them came back to help.

At the very top of the list are the terrific Grosse Pointers. We will always remember their interest and loyalty and leave

Hold back negative campaigning

To the Editor:

Tip O'Neil once said, "All politics are local." He was referring to the need for political activists and elected officials to listen to voters and act on needs based on the community.

What would Rep. O'Neil add to this famous quote if he witnessed how low local politics in Grosse Pointe Woods has gone?

I am writing to ask all elected officials and their campaign supporters to stop the negative and hurtful politics in our city.

I SAY By John Minnis

Go get 'em Tigers! — I'm right behind you



If I were a betting man, I would have lost a lot of money on the Detroit Tigers. After watching the team's closing series against the Kansas City Royals — the worst team in baseball — I wasn't a believer.

I remember watching with frustration as our batters — one of the best lineups in the majors — couldn't get a base

hit to save their bonus clauses.

Even worse, our best pitchers — Kenny Rogers, Joel Zumaya, Todd Jones — couldn't seem to get the Royals up and down.

I can't remember ever being as depressed as I was following the final series of the season at Comerica Park.

Who can blame me? The Tigers, who had a better start this year than they did in their record-setting season of 1984, barely played .500 ball after the All-Star break (36-38).

But the Tigers clinched their first playoff berth in 19 years and then went on to decidedly trounce the ever-dreaded New

York Yankees 3-1 to move up to the ALCS (American League Championship Series).

Who will ever forget the Tigers taking the celebration out to the fans and spraying them with champagne?

And then the Tigers were bound for Oakland, Calif., to face the Athletics for the American League pennant.

I was pleasantly surprised when Detroit immediately went up 2-0 on the A's. To think the Tigers may sweep Oakland just as the latter had done to the Minnesota Twins just a week or so before seemed like a long shot — except to the most loyal of Tiger fans.

When the Tigers returned to Detroit, we knew they only had to win two of the three games at home. Otherwise, we would be headed back to California, where anything could happen.

We tried to get playoff tickets, but were unsuccessful. We had resigned ourselves to being living room spectators, but then City residents John and Betty Stevens invited us to go to the game with them on Friday night. What a thrill — especially since our Tigers took the opener of the three-game home stand under the again-outstanding pitching of Rogers.

Just one more game needed

for the Tigers to win the ALCS. Still, I was pessimistic.

Don't get your hopes up, I kept telling myself. We have to lose sooner or later. It is better to be prepared for a loss than to be overly disappointed, I thought.

Saturday night we had to keep up with the game around bowling. Our minds weren't in it — bowling, that is. We lost all seven points.

But no one in the alley was paying much attention to the pins. Rather, they were watching the monitors where the scores were replaced by Fox Sports.

I have to say, it did not look

good for the Tigers. They immediately went down 2-0 in the first inning. Another debit was added in the fourth.

But the Tigers rallied and tied it up at 3-3.

In the bottom of the ninth, with the game still tied, Marcus Thames pinch-hit but flied to center. Curtis Granderson lined to deep right. Two up, two down.

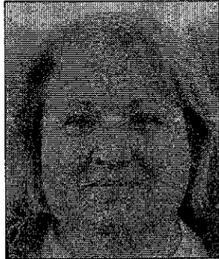
Then Craig Monroe singled to left, and Placido Polanco singled to right center. Two one, two outs. Magglio Ordoñez at the plate. All he needed was a hit.

He took the first pitch for a ball. The second is history!

STREETWISE By Renee Landuyt

What is your favorite trick-or-treat candy?

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



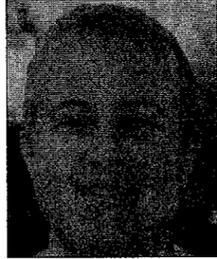
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COLETTE CARLSEN
St. Clair



'It is hard to choose my favorite but I will say Milk Duds.'

JULIANNE PRUDEN
Harper Woods

FYI By Ben Burris

A summer rite of passage on Lincoln



The thrill of victory and the agony of defeat come in all sizes. For 5-year-old Olivia Mikesell, the thrill came this past summer aboard her two-wheel bike.

Olivia, who is called "Livvy" by her family and friends, vowed at the beginning of the summer to learn to ride the prized two-wheel bike she received last Christmas.

So the training wheels came off and father, John, and mother, Laura, of Lincoln Road in the City, diligently assumed the position alongside the bike — one hand on the seat, then push, run and shout encouragement.

The training wheels went

back on and off a number of times. There was a lot of trial and error, and as the dog days of August waned, Livvy still hadn't conquered that tricky balancing act that would allow her to pedal freely on her own. By that time, pretty nearly all the neighbors in the 800 block of Lincoln knew about her vow.

Then one evening in late summer, with kindergarten at Richard Elementary fast approaching for Livvy, John pushed and Livvy "took off."

Neighbors were out mowing lawns and enjoying the twilight as Livvy pedaled down the block. And they spontaneously stopped what they were doing and started applauding.

"They cheered as she pedaled down the block with a two-foot-wide smile," mother Laura said. "I sort of cried. On the way back past her admirers, Livvy tried steering one-handed and waving to her fan club.

"She could almost do it, one-handed," Laura said. The neighbors' support for that small victory "brought back to me why I love this community and don't move," she added. "Grosse Pointe is a wonderful, safe community to raise a family. We are so fortunate," she said.

Doggy birthday

When the Grosse Pointe Animal Adoption Society (GPAAS) held its recent dog walk to raise funds for neutering pets and placing others for adoption one group of little girls were there because of Claire Elyse Muniga, of the Park.

It was Claire's idea for celebrating her 9th birthday.

"The kids had a blast. She didn't ask for a party," her mother, Karen, said.

Next year, Claire, who attends Trombley (whose team nickname is The Terriers) is thinking of challenging one of

the other elementary schools to help raise funds in the walk. Claire owns a terrier mix named Ubu, which came from GPAAS, naturally.

The event drew 70 walkers and raised \$4,600.

Love always

The friends and family of Lara Michelle Rutan, and a great number of companies and corporations combined to raise more than \$30,000 at the "Love Always Remember Always" (LARA) golf outing, dinner and auction in September. The funds will endow a scholarship in her name for the students in the WSU Physician Assistant Studies program at the College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences.

Lara Rutan had a smile that could light up a room. Everyone says so. On Sept. 16, 2005, the 25-year-old physician's assistant was driving her Volkswagen Jetta on Hayes Road when an 8,000-pound dump truck piloted by a drunk who had never had a Michigan

driver license crossed the center line and hit her head on. She was convicted of causing her death.

Lara's mother, Judy Rutan, asks the rhetorical question: "How many people would Lara have helped during her professional career had she lived?" The scholarship is the Rutans' way of continuing Lara's caring for others.

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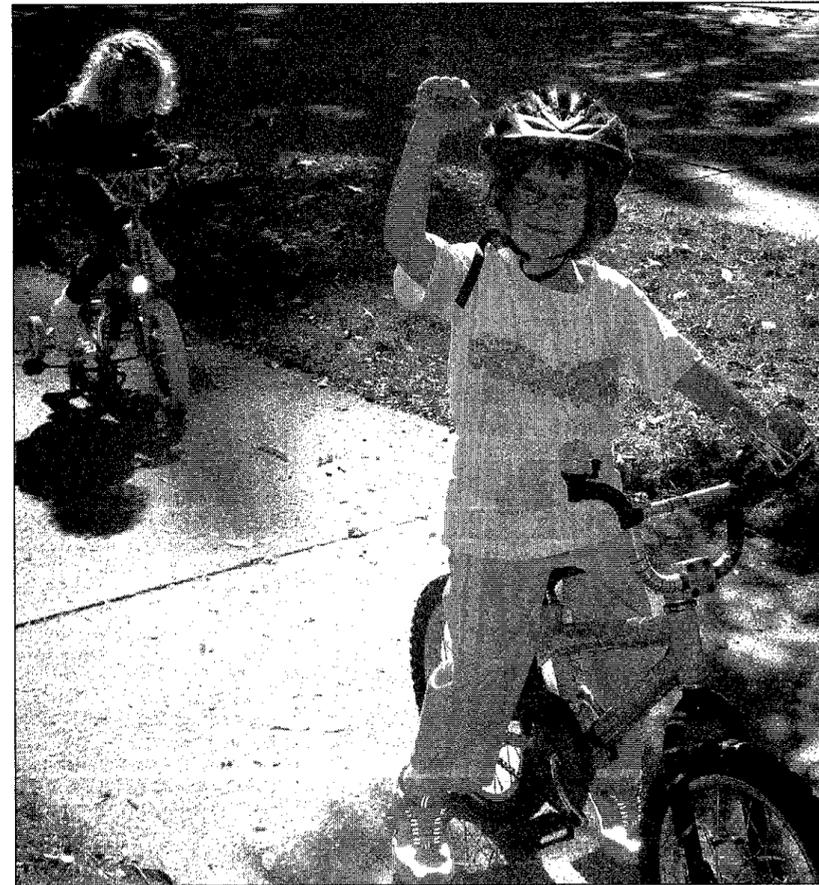
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Correction

If you are going to make a mistake in your copy, don't do it about a Marine. I have been ordered to do 10 push-ups by several offended members of the corps.

I referred to Lt. Col. Harry G. Constant, the second person to ever fly an F/A-18C Hornet jet more than 5,000 hours, as lieutenant commander (a Navy title). Every alert Marine in the Pointes let me know that was wrong, wrong, wrong. Lt. Col. Constant, who is the commanding officer of Marine Fighter Attack Squadron 134, Marine Aircraft Group 46, 4th Marine Aircraft Wing, and a native Grosse Pointer, will be the Veterans' Day speaker in November at the War Memorial. I'm glad they didn't tell me to drop and do 20. Puff, puff, puff.

Ben Burris of the City of Grosse Pointe is director of the journalism program at Wayne State University. He can be reached at burnsben@comcast.net or by phone at (313) 882-2810.



Meredith Mikesell, 4, struggles to keep up on her trike with her sister, Olivia, 5, aboard her two-wheeler.

Points about the Pointes

The International Baccalaureate Program... is it time to bring it to Grosse Pointe?



This past weekend, fellow Board members Joan Dindoffer and Charles Sabino along with GP residents Charlotte Sabino, Charles and Vivienne Collinson joined me and a few hundred parents and educators at The International Academy in Bloomfield Hills to learn about the International Baccalaureate Program.

The IBP is a holistic approach to curriculum for schools K-12. It offers the rigor of AP classes and then some. More important, everything in the classes is taught relative to real life situations and problems and not just theory.

Educators around the country are embracing the IBP as it gives them a true way to measure

their students against those all around the world, as the same tests are given at the end of each year in multiple languages and graded at a central grading center.

Local communities like Bloomfield Hills, Troy, Berkley, Walled Lake and even Saginaw have signed up to offer their students a true world class education. From the reaction at the seminar, dozens more will join these systems with IBP soon.

So where does this leave us? That depends on how important you feel it is to your property values to have relocated professionals to consider the Pointes first instead of last when house hunting.

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LETTERS:
Refrain from hurtful tactics

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Blind writing in blogs and personal hatred for people who take the effort to run for office is un-American and very destructive. I am calling upon all elected

officials and campaign supporters to refrain from negative bashing and underhanded campaigning. It is time to foster tolerance of a person's views.

The negative and hurtful undertones damage more than a person's spirit. So please in the spirit of good will, let's please refrain from personal attacks, untruthful and hurtful tactics.

PATRICIA K. CHYLINSKI
Former Candidate for Mayor
Grosse Pointe Woods

Against term limits
To the Editor:

"I can't think of a single good reason for term limits." These were the words of Marybelle Sucek, president of the League of Women Voters of Grosse Pointe, commenting on the Charter Amendment ballot proposal facing Grosse Pointe Woods voters on Tuesday, Nov. 7.

We can't think of a single good reason for them either. As the Grosse Pointe News

correctly pointed out in an editorial, "Term limits not needed" (Aug. 24), there are many strong arguments against term limits in any of the Grosse Pointe communities.

First and foremost, they remove our voters' right of selection.

As Americans, we enjoy voting rights that are unheard of in other parts of the world. Your candidate might win or your candidate might lose, but you have the right to vote for the

best woman or man; experienced or first-timer; veteran or rookie. Term limits assume you are not capable of making an intelligent decision on your own.

Open elections have served the Woods well in the past. In 2003, residents "voted out" two incumbent councilpersons and elected three newcomers. In 2005, Grosse Pointe Woods voters elected another first-time council candidate. We didn't need the city charter to arbitrarily exclude anyone.

In small communities like ours, in particular, term limits can hobble good government.

Dedicated community leaders are forced to step down at the very time that their experience and ability have become most valuable. When experienced citizen leadership is forced out, the city's bureaucratic administration can only become stronger and less accountable.

We are opposed to term limits and we urge all residents of Grosse Pointe Woods to "Vote No" on Nov. 7.

It is difficult enough to get willing and qualified individuals to run for our city offices. Elected office here is not some high-priced career, as some would have you believe. The mayor and council are part-timers with day jobs.

Why arbitrarily restrict the length of service that they, or any other talented, dedicated persons are willing to contribute?

KEVIN AND BARB HENDRICK
PHIL AND LISA GAGLIO
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Grosse Pointe Woods

Park bond proposal

To the Editor:

Grosse Pointe Park voters ought to take a cautious look at the current \$7 million bond proposal by the city.

Because they aren't linked to ability to pay, property taxes should never be raised without extremely good public purpose. In contrast to income taxes, property taxes fall heavily on people on fixed incomes and people who have suffered a temporary loss of income. And with the distortions created by Proposal A, they also hit heavily on people who have recently purchased homes, often young families.

One questionable part of this bond proposal will transfer \$1.5 million from all Grosse Pointe Park property taxpayers to a few owners of two-family flats probably between Jefferson and Mack on Wayburn, Maryland, Lakepointe and Beaconsfield. If we vote yes, a person with a \$400,000 home will pay \$195 a year more for 20 years — or \$3,900 (or \$6,700 if you put that money into a savings account at 5 percent interest).

This \$1.5 million will provide \$20,000 grants to 75 landlords to convert two-family units to single family homes.

Is this kind of free money to 75 people — some of whom could be millionaires hardly in need of a public handout — an appropriate use of tax money? Even with the best of people, this creates a slush fund, the likes of which we rarely see in the Grosse Pointes.

Another questionable use is a plan to tear down buildings to create more parking. A few years ago, the city bought two apartment buildings south of Kercheval between Lakepointe and Beaconsfield for \$500,000; tore them down, and created parking spaces that are scarcely used. Drive by and see.

Already the city can issue \$2 million in bonds for improvements in this section without voter approval and without increasing property taxes. These bonds would be paid for with the \$785,000 accumulated each year through the tax incremental financing authority which allows county and other non-school taxes on increases in incremental property values on these four streets to be retained to improve this area.

That \$2 million would allow the city to expand the interest-free loan program to 100 more families for home improvements if it so desires and would give the city another \$1 million to focus on its highest priorities for this area: tree removal, street improvement, a smaller number of conversions, or even a parking lot.

If we need to repave streets outside the Tax Increment Finance Authority (TIFA) district, the city should make a separate millage request limited to that purpose.

I know the city council and mayor would like to spend \$9 million. But I think we should first see how they spend the \$2 million they can raise without increasing property taxes in Grosse Pointe Park.

DICK OLSON
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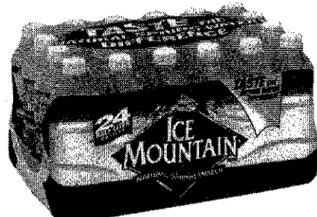
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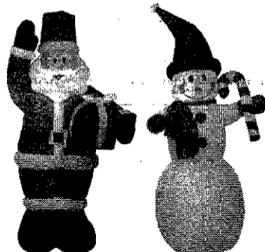
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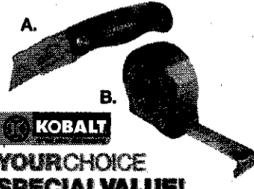
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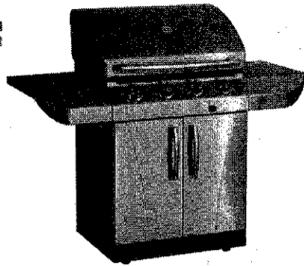
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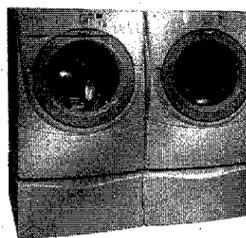
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LIBBY PACHOTA has recently been named the Community Foundation for Southeastern Michigan's program officer and director of the Foundation's Detroit Neighborhood Program. Pachota will oversee the community foundation's efforts to enhance the quality of life of residents in Detroit's near-east-side neighborhoods. She previously served as fund development director for the Jefferson East Business Association and as a consultant for numerous community organizations in Detroit, including the Greater Corktown Development Corp. and the Detroit Eastside Community Collaborative. Pachota is a Grosse Pointe resident.



MARY ANN SHORT has been named vice president, institutional relations by the Karmanos Cancer Institute. In her new role, Short will oversee the marketing and communication efforts for the institute, while providing executive leadership and strategic direction for its overall branding. She has nearly 30 years of experience in marketing, most recently as the marketing director at Crain's Detroit Business in Detroit. Prior to her position at Crain's, Short served as the marketing director at Coopers & Lybrand (currently known as PricewaterhouseCoopers). She has also held several marketing positions, including vice president of marketing at Huntington Bank in Troy. She received her Bachelor's degree in journalism from the University of Missouri School of Journalism in Columbia, Missouri. She is also a graduate of the University of Colorado School of Bank Marketing in Boulder, Col. A lifetime resident of metro Detroit, Short has been involved in a wide variety of community organizations. She is a member of the board of the Michigan Catholic and a member of the Direct Marketing Association of Detroit. She served on the planning committee for the University of Michigan/Urban Land Institute Real Estate Forum and the Marketing and Sales Executives of Detroit Annual Sales Award Banquet. She was also a member of the Alliance of Area Business Publications and the past marketing committee chair for the United Way of Southeastern Michigan. Short and her family reside in Grosse Pointe.

JAMES C. BRUNO, ROBERT G. BUYDENS, JOHN P. HANCOCK, JR., ROBERT A. HUDSON, JUSTIN G. KLIMKO, CLARA DEMATTEIS MAGER, JACK D. SHUMATE, AND JAMES E. WYNNE, attorneys at Butzel Long, have been chosen by their peers for inclusion in The Best Lawyers in America 2007 edition. Bruno is involved with corporate law and international trade and finance law; Buydens works in employee benefits law; Hancock Jr. deals with labor and employment law; Hudson is involved with corporate law and international trade and finance law; Klimko is in corporate governance and compliance law, as well as corporate law, mergers and acquisitions law; DeMatteis Mager is in immigration law; Shumate is in environmental law; and Wynne is involved with personal injury litigation. Bruno resides in the City of Grosse Pointe; Buydens resides in Grosse Pointe Shores; Hancock Jr. lives in Grosse Pointe Park; Hudson lives in

Grosse Pointe Farms; Klimko resides in Grosse Pointe Woods; DeMatteis Mager lives in Grosse Pointe Farms; Shumate lives in Grosse Pointe Park, and Wynne lives in Grosse Pointe Shores.



SERGE THOMAS, a senior automotive supply executive, has formed a new business advisory firm, Enterprise Value Solutions, LLC.

As managing director, Thomas manages and oversees financial, operational restructuring and strategic planning for underperforming businesses in the Midwest, both automotive and non-automotive. He has more than 25 years of experience as an operational and financial expert. His specialties include financial restructuring, bankruptcy negotiations, acquisitions, liquidations, multi-million dollar credit financing, corporate governance, strategic planning, and leadership through intricate due diligence processes. Thomas has held senior executive/officer positions with the following notable companies, in addition to The Piston Group: Automotive Component Systems, Inc., Collins and Aikman, MascoTech and TRW Inc. He holds a Bachelor of Accountancy and a Bachelor of Business Administration (finance) from Walsh College of Accountancy and Business Administration. He also is a registered certified public accountant and is an accredited associate of the Institute for Independent Business. Thomas has affiliations with private equity firms to assist with equitable financing solutions for all stakeholders. Thomas resides in G.P. Park.

Commerce sets date for first expo

The Grosse Pointe Chamber of Commerce will hold its first Business Expo on Wednesday, Nov. 15, at the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club.

The event will begin with commerce businesses featuring their products and services from 4 to 8 p.m. in the ballroom. Keynote speaker Matthew Cullen, co-chair of the Detroit Riverfront Conservancy, will address guests at 8 p.m.

The topic of Cullen's presentation will be The Riverfront Project and Eastside Business Development.

Beverages will be served before his presentation and there will be an opportunity for questions.

Cullen was named general manager of the Economic Development and Enterprise Services group for General Motors Aug. 1, 2002. The newly created organization focuses on aligning GM's economic development plans with the interests of the communities in which GM operates.

Cullen joined GM in 1979 as a real estate administrator and subsequently progressed through the organization into a number of senior-level assignments. In 1995, he was named director of Worldwide Real Estate. He is also spearheading the development of the Detroit riverfront as co-chairman of the Detroit Riverfront Conservancy.

Cullen serves as chairman of the Michigan Economic Development Corporation. He is also chairman of the Detroit Investment Fund and vice chair of the Downtown Detroit Partnership. He is chair-elect for the Parade Company and the Metropolitan YMCA, and serves as a board member of the Mosaic Youth Theatre, University of Detroit/Mercy, the Hudson-Webber Foundation, the Knight Foundation Community Advisory Committee and the Diversity Network.

"We encourage you to participate in the Expo," Chamber of Commerce Executive Director

Mary Huebner said. "The format will provide you with an opportunity to explain your service and expertise and also to sell products."

Acceptance will be on a first-come first-serve basis.

Each business will be provided with an eight-foot table along with table coverings. Accommodations can also be made for those wishing to share a table."

Huebner said she is, excited about the commerce's first Business Expo and working to promote businesses to the community.

Grosse Pointe Chamber of Commerce members will be available during the Business Expo to promote their company services and products.

The following exhibitors will be present:

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Inc., "the little blue book" Tower Productions, The Sterling of Grosse Pointe, Two Sisters Gourmet and Urban Daisy.

The Grosse Pointe Yacht Club is located at 788 Lakeshore in Grosse Pointe Shores.

Admission is free and there

will be prizes for everyone attending and a raffle for gifts will be held at 8 p.m. Participants do not have to be present to win.

For additional information please contact Huebner or Jenny Boettcher at the Grosse Pointe Chamber of Commerce at (313) 881-4722.

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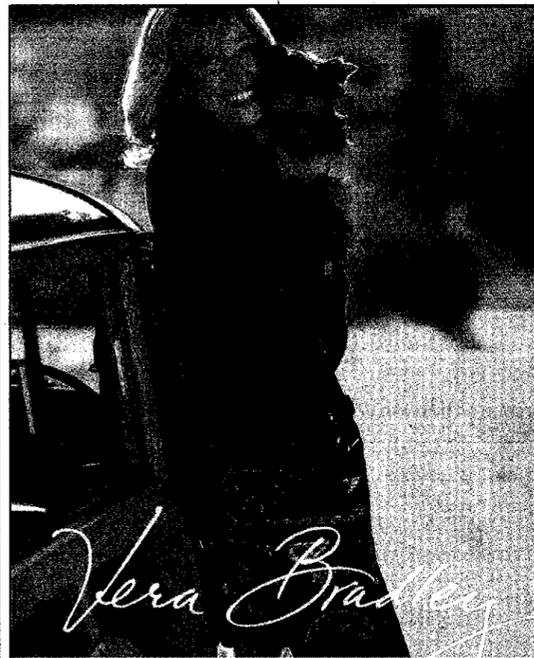
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Entering the Village

The Sterling of Grosse Pointe, a senior assisted living center, was welcomed to the Village business district in the City of Grosse Pointe during a ribbon-cutting ceremony Thursday, Oct. 5. City of Grosse Pointe Mayor Dale Scrace, with scissors, cut the ribbon as members of the city council, Sherrie Harder, Grosse Pointe Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Mary Huebner, Regional Vice President of The Sterling Kurt Conway, City of Grosse Pointe City Manager Pete Dame, and other prominent citizens, including Dr. Paul Rizzo and his wife Marilyn, and John and Nancy Renick, participated in the ceremony.

Veterans open business

Nearly four years after its relaunch by the International Franchise Association, the Veterans Transition Franchise Initiative, a voluntary discount program designed to help former military personnel be-

come small-business owners, has surpassed the 600 mark in sales of franchises to veterans.

Known as "VetFran," the program has enabled 612 veterans to acquire franchised small businesses as of Sept. 1, compared to 385 sales a year ago. More than 150 veterans are currently considering franchise purchases.

The number of participating companies offering financial incentives has steadily risen as well and currently stands at 213, up from 156 during the same period. Of those participating, 80 have sold franchises to veterans.

In recognition of franchising's wide variety of business concepts and sizes, the program allows each participating company to determine its own financial incentive.

Typically, VetFran partici-

pants offer discounts of its initial fees, which make franchises more accessible to these first-time buyers.

The only requirements established by the association are that participating companies be current members of IFA and offer the incentives to honorably-discharged veterans. The association does not receive government funding for the initiative.

A current list of participating companies and the discounts they offer is available at IFA's Web site franchise.org, under "Franchising for Veterans."

There, prospective franchisees may review a franchise's details and contact company representatives directly via e-mail.

Available franchises range

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Best on east side

Deja Vu Boutique on Mack in Grosse Pointe Woods offers merchandise for women of all ages. Owners Judith Allen, right, and Susan Ferretti are happy to be on Mack after moving their 3-year-old business from St. Clair Shores. Ferretti and Allen are preparing for their welcoming party from 4 to 8 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 19.

VETS: Opening small shops

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from home-based businesses to quick-service restaurants to technology concepts. While the program does not offer financing, many franchise systems either provide financing or assist in the process by recommending preferred lenders. The U.S. Small Business Administration and the Veterans Corp. also help inform veterans about the prospects for franchise ownership. Another benefit the association provides to veterans is free entry to its trade shows where they can view many business options, meet with company representatives and attend the "Franchising 101 for Veterans" seminar at no charge. The next show is Nov. 3-5 at the L.A. Convention Center.



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At your service

Local business Room Service offers meals prepared and delivered to a customer's doorstep. Tanya Gunn, above, delivers the fresh, made-to-order food off their vast menu, including beef and seafood. To order, contact the company at (313) 701-8813 or visit roomservicemenu.com. The menu even contains items for children.

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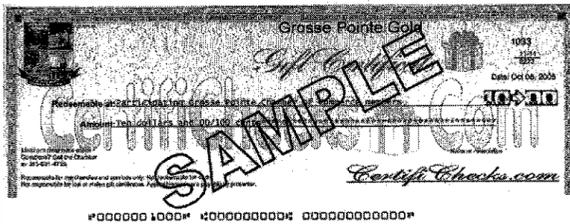


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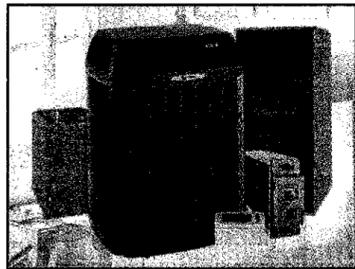
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GROSSE POINTE PUBLIC LIBRARY

One-on-one online tutoring

By Beth Quinn
 Staff Writer

In the past, students struggling in a subject could seek help from teachers, parents, fellow students and private tutors. Now, the Grosse Pointe Public Library has added Live Homework Help (LHH) from Tutor.com to the list.

LHH connects students in fourth through 12th grades to real tutors for one-on-one sessions via the Internet. Children receive help in core curriculum subjects including math, science, social studies and English.

The program is available and free to any student with a Grosse Pointe Library card.

The library pays a \$22,000 annual fee to subscribe to the service.

"It's a very good program. It's very worthwhile," Library Director Vickey Bloom said. "I'm glad we are able to offer this service to students."

Tutor.com provides after-school homework help seven days a week from 2 p.m. to 1 a.m.

Students can log onto the Grosse Pointe Library's Web site, gp.lib.mi.org, from either their home or the library's computers. Once on the library's home page, students click on the Live Homework link, enter their library card number, and select the subject they need help in and their grade level. They are automati-

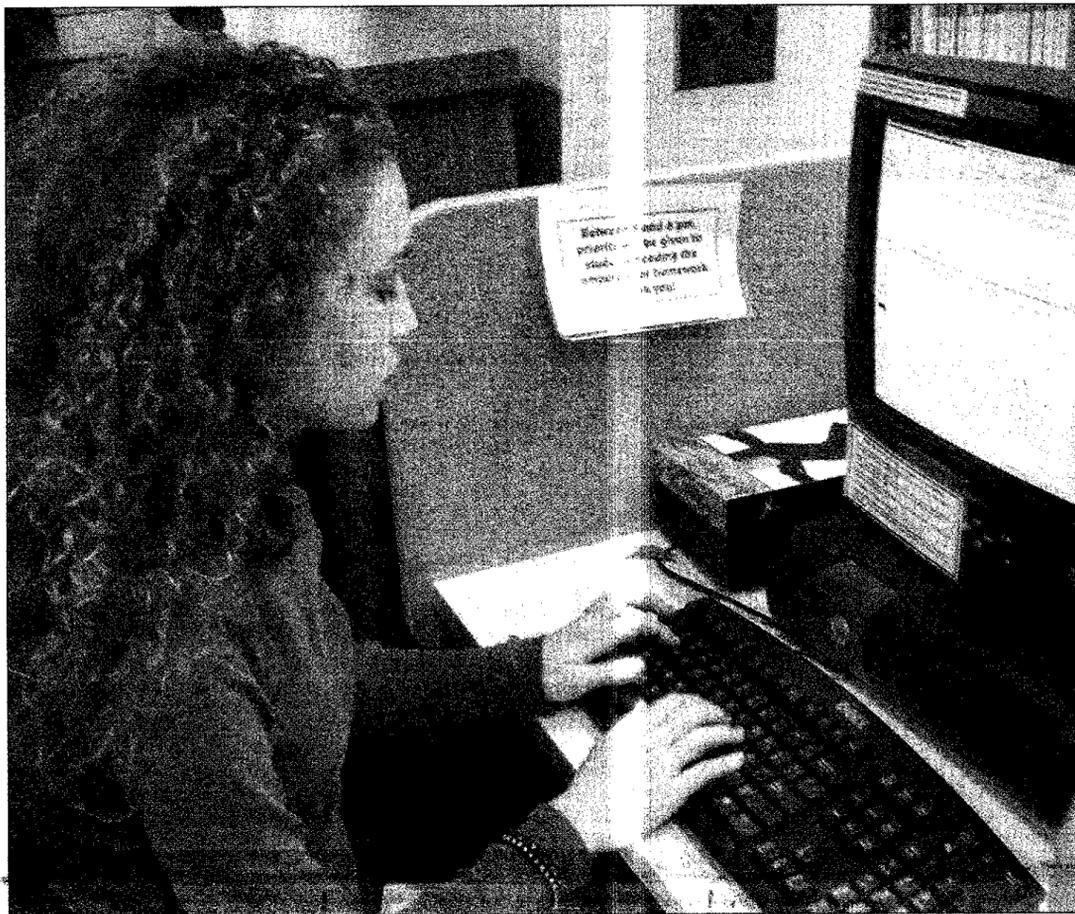


PHOTO BY BETH QUINN

During a recent visit to the Central branch library, Grosse Pointe South High School freshman Claire Demorest, 14, uses Live Homework Help to work on an earth science question.

cally connected to a tutor who is an expert in that subject.

The tutor and student interact via an online classroom. They can chat and work with the tutor using numerous tools including a virtual white board, calculator and periodic chart. The typical tutoring session lasts from 20 to 30 minutes.

Students and tutors can also co-browse the Web and share files such as word documents. These features allow the tutor to help students working on essays, reports and term papers.

Tutor.com founder and CEO George Cigale noted the tutors' involvement goes beyond solving a particular homework problem or assignment. The goal is to help the student gain a better grasp of the material.

"They diagnose where the student is getting stuck," Cigale said. "Once they figure out where the problem is, they coach and guide the student to figure out the problem."

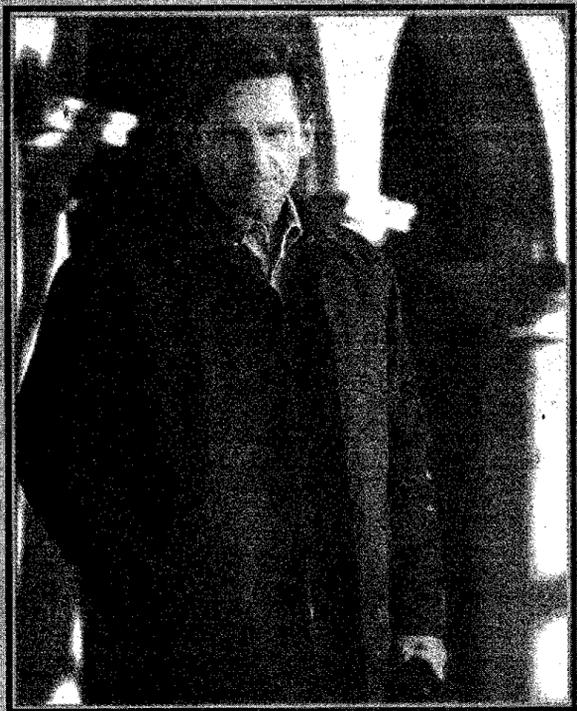
He added that students frequently print out a copy of the session to reference later on.

Live Homework Help tutors are certified teachers, college professors, professional tutors, graduate school students and undergraduates from top universities.

Prospective tutors must submit three teaching samples to Tutor.com and undergo criminal and reference background

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checks. After they are hired, they are enrolled in a training program and assigned a mentor.

"We provide a safe, secure learning environment for kids," Cigale said. "We record every session which are reviewed by the mentor." The company conducts professional development programs either through classroom sessions or conference calls for its tutors every three months. "We use these sessions to update our tutors of the latest

trends in the industry," Cigale said. Tutor.com sends to the Grosse Pointe library a monthly activity report showing the number of students served, their grade levels, subjects reviewed, the average session length and feedback from the student users and/or their parents. Past feedback has been positive.

Ninety-nine percent of students who used LHH this past September said they felt the tutoring helped to improve their grade and has made them more confident about their schoolwork.

One hundred percent said they will use it again and would recommend it to a friend.

Some of the students' comments reveal great satisfaction with the tutors' dedication.

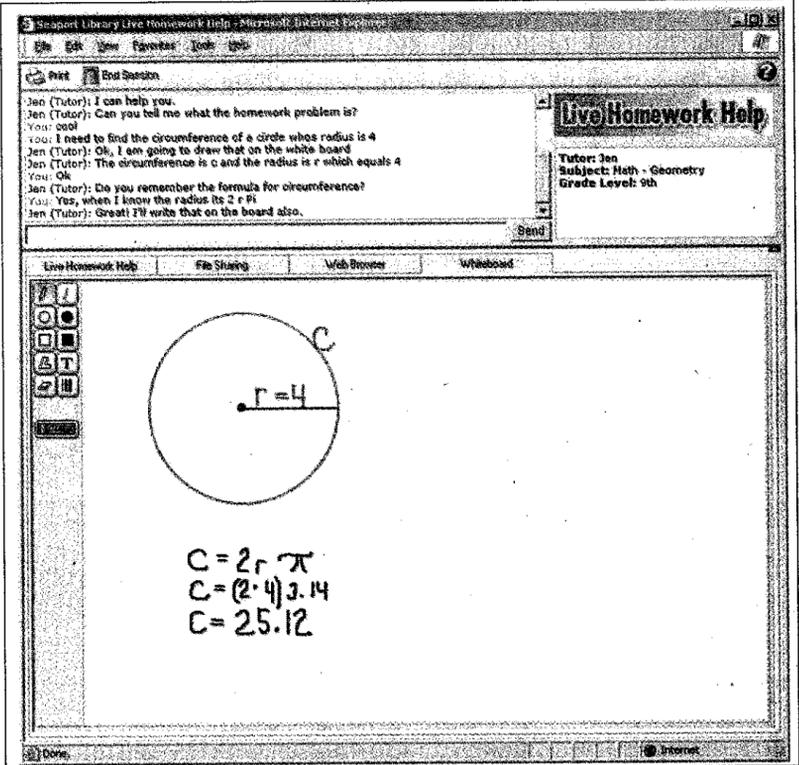
One 11th grader wrote, "My tutor was very helpful. No matter how hard the problem, he stuck with me."

"They are better than my teachers at helping me understand," commented one 9th grader.

"This is a great program," a 7th grader wrote. "The tutors are super nice and don't just give you the answer. I like that about it."

"We have a very loyal bunch of tutors," said Cigale. "They like being able to help kids and being able to make money while working at home."

During September of 2006, LHH was used 442 different



COURTESY OF TUTOR.COM

Local students can find free one-on-one tutoring at Live Homework Help available online through the Grosse Pointe Public Library's Web site, gp.lib.mi.org. Students and tutors use a variety of tools to communicate including the virtual white board.

times by students. Bloom predicts the total usage for 2006 will exceed the 2005 total of 510.

Woods Branch Youth Services Librarian Pat

McCleary is working with local public and private schools to promote the use of the tutoring service among students.

"It is safe. It does work," McCleary said. "It's great to

have an extra resource in the community to help students not only for homework, but for studying for a test or exam. It really works many different ways."

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St. Paul celebrating the blues

What's with all the blue ribbons at St. Paul Catholic School?

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The other day St. Paul students even wore blue to school instead of their uniforms.

The reason? They attended a pep assembly celebrating St. Paul being the only school in Michigan named a 2006 No Child Left Behind Blue Ribbon School.

Designation came from U.S. Secretary of Education Margaret Spellings.

"Your school was chosen because of its efforts to ensure that every child learns and that no child is left behind,"

Spellings said in a letter to St. Paul Principal Mary Miller. "You have shown that it is possible for every student to be challenged."

Miller credited the school's success to combining academics with a joy of learning and curiosity.

"When possible, we create entertaining ways for students to learn history, math and more," Miller said. "It's everyone's business, including the students, to come up with great ideas."

Three years of eighth grade standardized test scores were reviewed as part of the blue ribbon application process.

"Last year's eighth grade equivalent was 13-plus on the

average in most categories," Miller said.

The application is 254 pages long.

"(It) included curriculum, staff development, community involvement and extracurricular activities," Miller said.

Staff members met each week to write a report for the application.

The report documented academic performance plus student trips to the University of Michigan aerospace center, Selfridge Air National Guard Base and Gettysburg, Penn.

Other activities included:

- ♦ Putting math skills to work by building a small house.
- ♦ Researching other cultures and organizing festivals repre-

senting different countries.

♦ Participating with Junior Achievement, charitable organizations and helping feed the homeless.

"All of this helps achieve the quality of education we strive for," Miller said.

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Everybody's sporting blue ribbons at St. Paul school.

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BLUES: St. Paul ties one on

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She said the blue ribbon award says something about the students.

"We expect our student's behavior to reflect that we are a Blue Ribbon School, how we act at school, in the community, that students need to be respectful and welcoming," Miller said. "All of this is what makes us part of a Blue Ribbon School. It really does touch the community."

At right, St. Paul Catholic School students live it up at a pep assembly celebrating their school winning a 2006 No Child Left Behind Blue Ribbon School award. Below, strong academics are the core of any Blue Ribbon school. St. Paul students Racque Harrouk, Caroline Alam and Shakita Franklin work in robotics class at St. Paul Catholic School.



District dealt more kids

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

A gambling man would say the district has won more chips but can't cash them in until next year.

A recent follow-up tally of school enrollment has turned up more students than expected.

The 29 additional students came as a welcome blip that will translate into more state education funding as the academic calendar slides into next

year. Because the new students enrolled after state-designated count day, the fourth Wednesday of September, they are considered latecomers and can't be added to the district's revised total until another mandated count occurs in February.

The immediate financial benefit will be "nothing at this point," said Chris Fenton, assistant superintendent for busi-

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GROSSE POINTE NORTH HIGH SCHOOL

Seniors win float; juniors take Spirit Jug

Seniors led the way by winning the float competition in this year's homecoming celebration at Grosse Pointe

North High School. Juniors won the Spirit Hall Award and Spirit Jug. Frank Sumbera, football

coach, won the Norsemen Spirit Award for overall contributions to the North community.

The overall theme for this year's homecoming was "Nickelodeon."

Individual classes chose specific themes for their floats:

◆ freshmen, "Finders Keepers,"

◆ sophomores: "Double Dare,"

◆ juniors: "Legends of the Hidden Temple" and

◆ seniors: "Guts." Members of the homecoming courts were, by class:

◆ freshmen: Samantha Filipelli and Maresa Leto;

◆ sophomores: Adriana Badamenti and Allison Meier;

◆ juniors: Christina Costokis and Katelyn Vargo and

◆ senior class: Queen Cara Fuller and her court of Shatia Bernard, Carolyn Bott, Silver Bowman and Melissa Theophanous

The Norsemen won the homecoming game against Romeo 24-17.

Victory put North in a

three-way tie with Romeo and Warren Cousino for the championship of the Macomb Area Conference White Division.

Next week North plays Macomb Dakota, champs of the MAC Red Division.

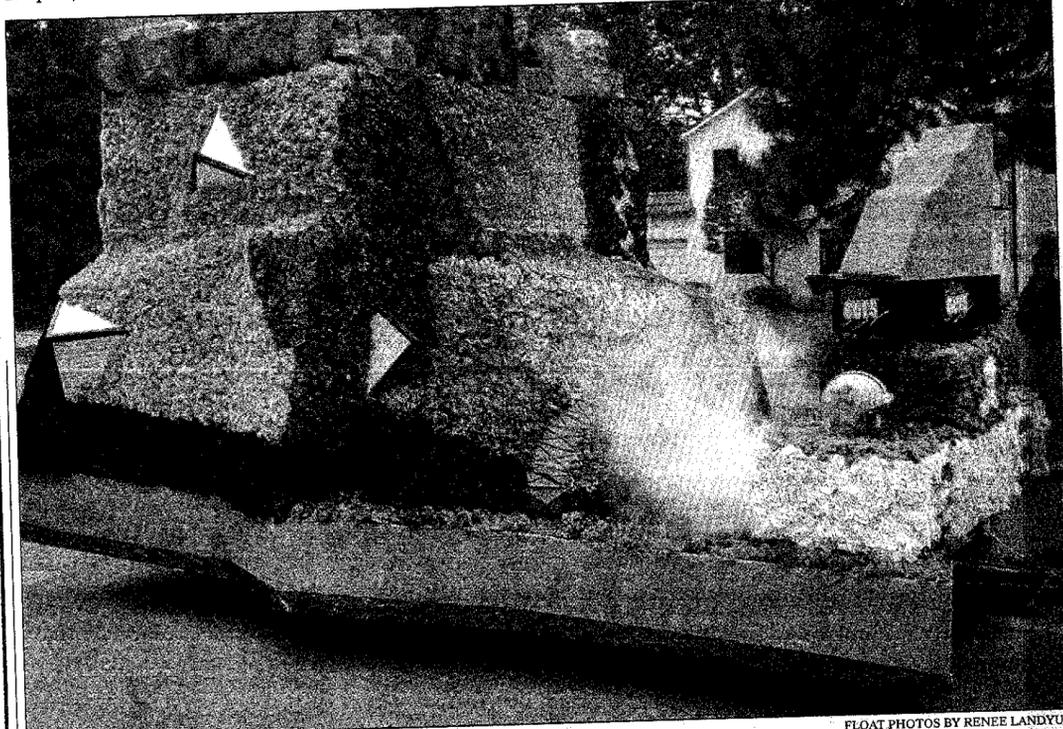
Attendance at the homecoming dance exceeded 1,500, school officials said.

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North junior Chelsea Smialek shows off the Spirit Jug won by her spirited class.



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Winning North High senior float themed "Guts."

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Evening," funds raised will support choir programs and offset costs of performing in

March at Walt Disney World Resort.

The choir will be at Disney World to host and perform in the national Showstoppers Show Choir Invitational Competition.

Donations also support Grosse Pointe South's national championship choir by paying for scholarships, costumes, voice lessons and a professional choreographer.

The gala is Saturday, Nov. 18, from 7 to 11 p.m., at the home of Christ and Helene Bertakis, 22 Webber Place, Grosse Pointe Shores.

There will be cocktails, entertainment and a catered strolling supper.

Admission requires a contribution of \$150 or more to the Grosse Pointe South Choir Boosters. Organizers request responses by Nov. 6.

Choir boosters said performing arts is an important component of a well-rounded education.

The 2006-07 boosters board officers are Presidents Donna and David Martin, Vice President Kathy Fisk, Secretary Kerry Smale and

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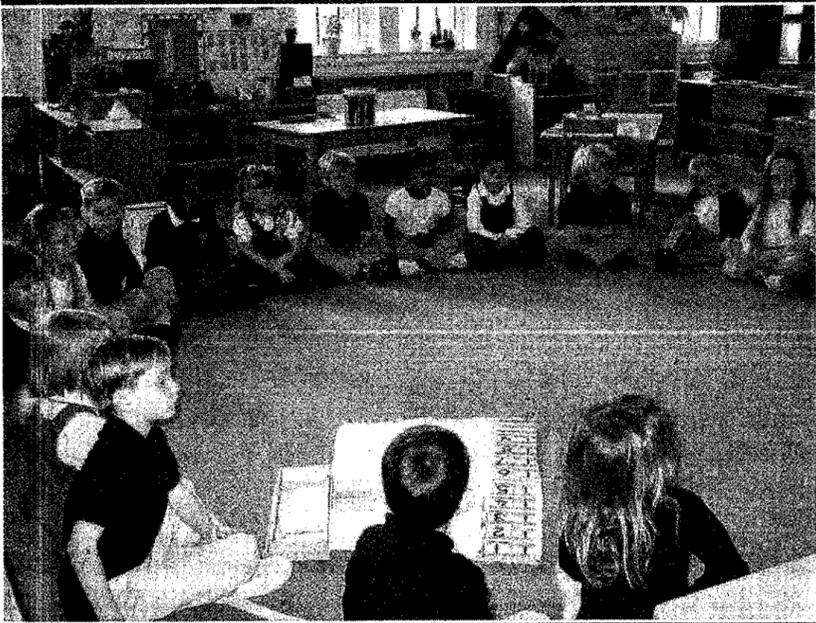
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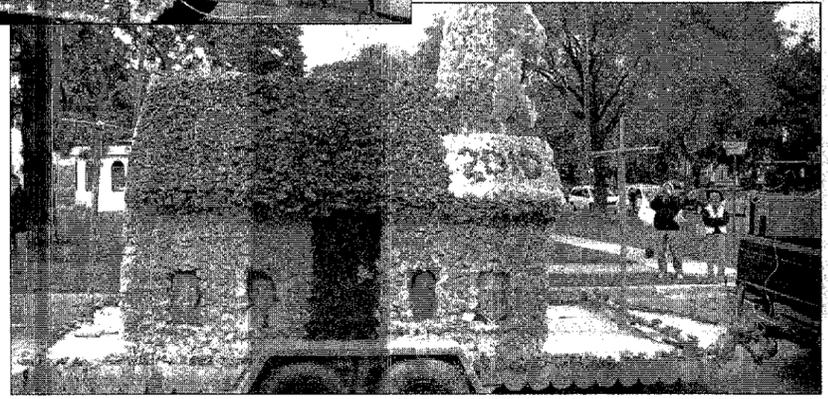
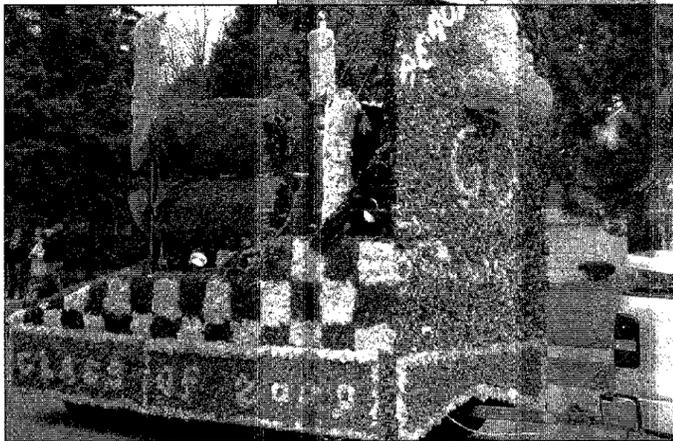
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North Homecoming parade

Norsemen cheerleaders, below left, lead class floats from Montith Elementary School to the high school campus during the 2006 Grosse Pointe North High School Homecoming Parade. The junior float, below right, themed "Legends of the Hidden Temple," is followed by the sophomore effort themed "Double Dare." Freshmen bring up the rear with their float, "Finders Keepers."



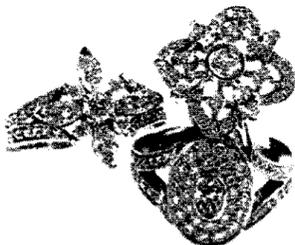
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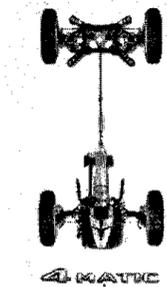
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North's fall concert 'Voice Dance' is Oct. 26

"Voice Dance," the Grosse Pointe North High School fall concert under the direction of

Mandy Mikita Scott, will be performed Oct. 26 at 7 p.m., in the Grosse Pointe North Performing Arts Center.

Ticket are \$8 for adults, \$5 for seniors and students. Tickets are being sold at Wild Birds Unlimited on Mack and also at the door. Gold cards will be honored.

Ensembles performing are:

- ◆ Choraliers — "Dance on My Heart," "Las Amarillas" and "Tatkovina" featuring George Abud on violin.

- ◆ Freshman Choir — "Jubilate," "Jonah" and "Linden Lea."

- ◆ Concert Choir — "Ave Verum Corpus" featuring George Abud on violin, "Fill A Me Up" and "Fa Una Canzona."

- ◆ Chorale — "Webster," "Der Abend" and "Go Where I Send Thee," Beethoven's "Hallelujah" from the "Mount of Olives."



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James Pecar sings with AcaFella, North's all-male acapella group. At right, Mandy Scott conducts the choirs.

- ◆ Vocal Jazz — "Java Jive."
- ◆ AcaFella — "Istanbul."
- ◆ Combined — Voice Dance II and Kaki Lambe.

Scribes are tops

Two Grosse Pointe North High School students worked their way to the head of the class during a five-day journalism workshop at Michigan State University.

Senior Robbie Fisher earned the Editor's Choice Leadership Award and senior Billy Schrage was named a top sportswriter by the Michigan Interscholastic Press Association. Fisher is the managing editor and Schrage a deputy editor for the North Pointe student newspaper.

Regina auction is Nov. 18

A singing group voted the best entertainment in Michigan will perform next month at Regina High School's second annual dinner and silent auction.

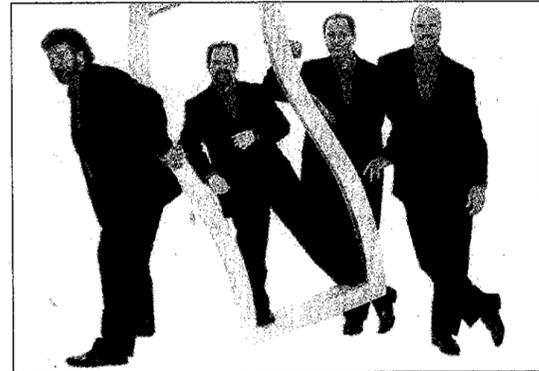
Three Men and a Tenor, rated number one by Michigan Meetings and Events magazine and featured in a national PSB-TV special produced by Detroit Public Television, will

highlight the evening.

Auction items include fine jewelry, electronics, weekend getaways, overnights, a case of wine, tickets to professional sporting events, theater tickets, autographed novels, framed artwork, dining certificates and more. The event kicks off at 5 p.m., Saturday Nov. 18, with a silent auction, cocktails and hors d'oeuvres. Dinner is from 7 to 9 p.m. Entertainment starts at 9 p.m.

Tickets cost \$55 for this 21 and over event. Tables of 10 are available for \$500.

Tickets are available on a first-come first-serve basis. Reserve seats by calling (313) 526-0220, ext. 246, or e-mail RHSauction@comcast.net.



Three Men and a Tenor perform Nov. 18 a Regina High School's silent auction.

GALA: Membership drive

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Treasurer Gary Marowski. Serving on the Membership Appreciation Gala Committee are Co-chairs Ellen Doyle and

Tina Griffin, members Donna Martin, Susan Finkenstaedt, Kathy Fisk, Jenny Train, Lisa Kelch, Linda Bachteal, Christ and Helene Bertakis and Barb Kennedy.

The Grosse Pointe Choir Boosters is a 501(c)3 tax exempt nonprofit organization.

To join the Choir Boosters and get tickets to this event contact John Long, (313) 886-5664 or visit gpsouthchoir.org.

KIDS: They keep enrolling

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ness affairs. Fall and winter figures will be blended next year to compute how much money the district is due from Lansing.

Fenton said the latest findings drove enrollment to 8,911 students compared with 8,878

found on count day. He said the increase came mainly in special education and at the elementary school level.

Figures in September revealed 52 more students than anticipated, which Fenton said may qualify the district for roughly an additional \$300,000 in state education funding than first forecast.

More changes are likely.

"People continue to enroll their children as the year goes on," said Susan Klein, superintendent. "Enrollment numbers will probably shift."

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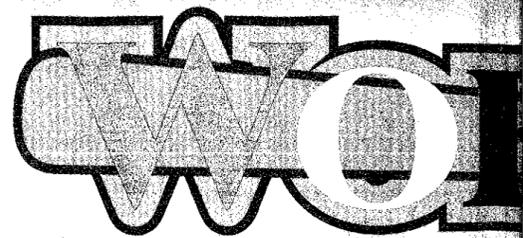
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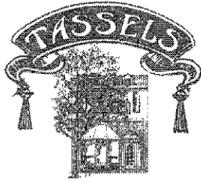
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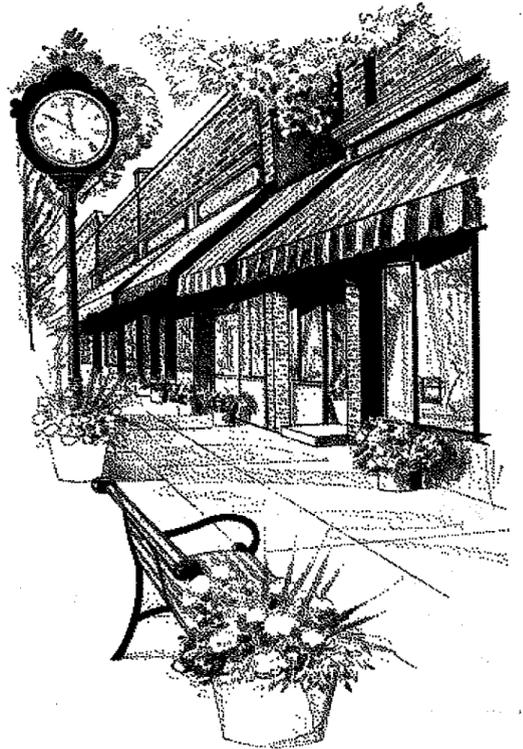


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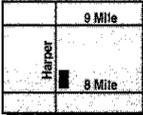
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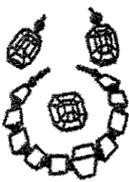
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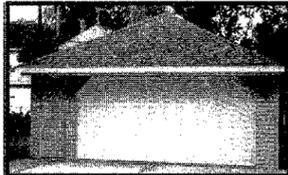


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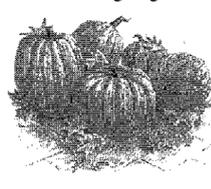
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PUBLIC SAFETY REPORTS

Grosse Pointe Shores

Man reports mirror missing

A City of Grosse Pointe man reported to Grosse Pointe Shores police that the driver's side mirror of his 2002 Chevrolet Tahoe was stolen while he was visiting a home on Woodland between 2 and 2:30 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 15. Police noted that the mirror housing was still attached, but the reflective glass was gone.

Arrested for suspension

A 50-year-old Detroit woman who was stopped for driving 47 mph in a 35 mph zone on Lakeshore was arrested Saturday, Oct. 14, after Grosse Pointe Shores police discovered she had a suspended license out of Warren. The woman was released on bond.

Two arrested when van stalls

Grosse Pointe Shores police arrested two of three people in a 1992 Ford Econoline van that ran out of gas on Lakeshore near Crestwood at 8:30 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 12.

A 47-year-old Eaton Rapids woman who was waiting with the vehicle had a bench warrant out of Harper Woods and seven other warrants for disorderly conduct, failure to appear and probation violation.

The woman told police she was driving with two men, who went to get gas for the van. When they returned, police discovered a 56-year-old man was wanted on a moving traffic violation in Detroit. Police advised him of the warrant and released the suspect. The female passenger was turned over to Harper Woods police.

The third passenger had no criminal background and was let go.

Power line burns tree

Grosse Pointe Shores fire crews were called to a home in the 80 block of Vernier at 1:23 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 10, on reports of a tree on fire in the backyard.

Tree trimmers had accidentally cut the power line behind another home. Crews from DTE Energy responded and disconnected power to the line.

Stopped on Lakeshore

A 30-year-old Spring Lake man who was pulled over at Lakeshore and Hampton at 3:40 a.m. Monday, Oct. 9, told an inquiring officer that he was lost but would be OK.

However, the officer noticed the smell of alcohol on the man's breath and saw a passenger passed out in the rear seat of the man's 2006 Jeep.

The driver failed sobriety tests. He registered a 0.18 percent on a portable breath test and was arrested.

Officers called to shoo geese

On Monday, Oct. 2, at 3:30 p.m. Grosse Pointe Shores police received several calls reporting geese blocking the roadway on Lakeshore.

An officer responded to the area, near South Deeplands, to shoo the geese.

— Rebecca Jones

Grosse Pointe Farms

Laptop never arrives

A 44-year-old Grosse Pointe Farms woman who tried to buy a Mac laptop computer on eBay was swindled out of \$2,101, she told Grosse Pointe Farms police.

The woman said she sent a certified check for the computer, but that was returned. The seller, who lives in Atlanta, instead had her wire the funds

into his account. Once she did, he disconnected the cell phone he was using and never sent the computer, according to reports.

Arrested with meat in pants

Grosse Pointe Farms police arrested a 54-year-old Detroit man for third-degree retail fraud at 3 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 14. A grocery store employee saw the man put a pot roast down the front of his pants. The roast had a \$15 price tag.

Cirrus stolen from Belanger

At 11:50 p.m. Friday, Oct. 13, someone stole a maroon 1998 Chrysler Cirrus that was parked in the 400 block of Belanger, according to reports. The vehicle's owner told Grosse Pointe Farms police that she saw a car pull in the driveway across the street minutes before her Cirrus was taken. It was last seen headed southbound on Belanger toward Chalfonte.

Temporary tag no good

A 37-year-old Detroit woman had a fake temporary license plate taped to the rear window of her 1998 Mercury. The woman's 5-year-old son handed it over to police when the woman was stopped at Warren and Anatole at 4:30 p.m. Friday, Oct. 13.

The temporary tag was not registered with the state department of motor vehicles.

The driver was cited for driving with a suspended license, an expired license plate and no proof of insurance. She was also wanted in St. Clair Shores for a similar violation.

Man steals cold medicine

A man got away after reportedly taking almost \$200 in cough and cold medicine from a drug store on Kercheval shortly before 10 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 12.

The store manager called Grosse Pointe Farms police to report that a man in his mid- to late-30s walked in the store, took six bottles of NyQuil and nine containers of Vick's VapoRub. The man, who was wearing an Army fatigues jacket, got away walking east through the Kercheval alley.

Bike, snow blower taken

A men's purple Raleigh mountain bike and an Ariens snow blower were stolen from an unlocked garage in the 200 block of Lothrop sometime between Saturday, Sept. 30, and Thursday, Oct. 12, according to Grosse Pointe Farms police reports.

Fire crews respond to Cottage Hospital

Grosse Pointe Farms fire crews responded to a possible fire in the laundry room at Cottage Hospital at 1:20 a.m. Thursday, Oct. 12.

Firefighters noticed a small amount of smoke along with the smell of burnt rubber. It was found to be coming from the duct work and may have been caused by a malfunctioning fan belt.

The rooms were ventilated.

Shoplifting suspect has warrants

A drug store manager flagged down a Grosse Pointe Farms police officer at 5 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 11, to point out an alleged shoplifter, who was getting into a waiting vehicle.

The suspect, a 25-year-old Mount Clemens man, had the driver pull over in a bank parking lot and ran but police found him waiting inside the store.

He was accused of taking a \$50 memory card for a digital camera.

The man said he did not steal anything, but that he ran

because he had three misdemeanor warrants for retail fraud from Shelby Township, Sterling Heights and Madison Heights.

Broken headlight calls attention

Grosse Pointe Farms police arrested a 37-year-old Detroit woman on an outstanding misdemeanor warrant from Livonia. Officers had pulled her over on Mack near Hillcrest at 2:35 a.m. Wednesday, Oct. 11, because she had a broken headlight on her 2002 Chevrolet Impala.

The woman also was driving with a suspended license.

— Rebecca Jones

Grosse Pointe Woods

Tools vanish

On Saturday, Oct. 14, at 9:32 a.m., a 19-year-old Grosse Pointe Woods man reported an unknown person stole a \$250 Rigid miter saw and a \$200 Dewalt hammer drill from his truck parked in an alley behind a business in the 19800 block of Mack.

The man said the tools were stolen between 2:30 and 2:50 p.m. the day before.

Home invasion

On Sunday, Oct. 15, at 12:17 a.m., a 47-year-old Grosse Pointe Woods woman living in the 2000 block of Stanhope reported someone broke into her home the day before.

She said the break-in took place between 6:30 a.m. and 11 p.m. Oct. 14. She also said her doors were locked when she left for work.

The woman told police she returned home to find her front door slightly ajar and a note was placed between the door and the frame with a name of a man written on it.

The man attempted to contact the woman, calling 72 times during a three-day period days before the home invasion. The woman knows the man from a Macomb County car dealership.

Grosse Pointe Woods detectives are on the case.

Windshield smashed

On Friday, Oct. 13, at 8:30 p.m., a 38-year-old Grosse Pointe Woods man living in the 1000 block of Canterbury reported to police the windshield on his black 2000 Chevrolet Impala was smashed.

The car was sitting in his driveway next to his wife's car, which was unharmed.

Caravan stolen

On Friday, Oct. 13, at 6:15 a.m., a 51-year-old Grosse Pointe Woods woman living in the 1800 block of Manchester told police an unknown person stole her silver 2002 Dodge Caravan that was parked in her driveway.

She said the vehicle was stolen between 10:30 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 12, and 5:30 a.m. Friday, Oct. 13. She also said the vehicle was locked.

Attempted theft

On Thursday, Oct. 12, at 2:01 a.m., a 57-year-old Grosse Pointe Woods man and his 17-year-old son living in the 1600 block of Prestwick reported an unknown person tried to steal their cars.

The father reported the steering column on his silver 2004 Chrysler Concord was broken and the son said there were pry marks on the door to his silver 2001 Chrysler Sebring.

Neither car was taken, but damage was reported to their insurance company following the attempted thefts.

Arrested

On Wednesday, Oct. 11, at 8:20 p.m., a 44-year-old Detroit man driving a red 1988 pick-up truck was pulled over

on Harper and Woodcrest for having only one working brake light.

He said he didn't have a driver license and provided the Grosse Pointe Woods police officer with a Michigan identification card, a proof of insurance and registration.

A LEIN (Law Enforcement Information Network) check revealed the man had a warrant out of Detroit for a moving traffic violation and five current license suspensions.

He was arrested.

Warrant arrest

On Wednesday, Oct. 11, at 9:38 p.m., a 20-year-old Grosse Pointe Woods man was stopped on Mack and Torrey for having only one working brake light on his vehicle.

A LEIN check revealed the man had one warrant out of Grosse Pointe Woods for failure to appear in court and a license suspension.

He was arrested.

— Bob St. John

City of Grosse Pointe

Game system taken from home

Police are investigating who took an X-Box video game console from a home on Cranford. The homeowner told police it was taken from the living room sometime between 2:30 and 5:30 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 12. The doors were left unlocked.

— Rebecca Jones

Grosse Pointe Park

Larceny

Overnight on Thursday, Oct. 12, a Motorola Razor cell

phone was stolen from an unlocked vehicle parked in the driveway of a home in the 600 block of Balfour in Grosse Pointe Park.

B&E

On Saturday, Oct. 14, at 8:58 a.m., the front door of a business in the 15000 block of Mack in Grosse Pointe Park was forced open, which triggered an alarm.

The suspect fled and nothing was reported missing.

Busted

On Thursday, Oct. 12, at 1:53 a.m., Grosse Pointe Park police officers attempted to stop a Plymouth Voyager that fled into Detroit.

The vehicle was stolen out of Southfield and the suspects, both Detroit residents in their early 20s, were caught and arrested in the 9900 block of Outer Drive.

— Bob St. John

Seat belt use up, police report

Law enforcement officers in Metro Detroit issued nearly 12,100 safety belt citations during the recent Buckle Up or Pay Up, Click It or Ticket enforcement period.

Statewide, officers cited about 27 percent fewer motorists than during the 2005 mobilization.

Safety belt citations fell by a little more than 8,600 statewide, from 31,665 in May 2005 to 22,677 in May 2006.

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OBITUARIES

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

William Southworth Carleton

William Southworth Carleton, 83, died Wednesday, Oct. 11, 2006, in his home.

He was born June 27, 1923, in Detroit and attended Southeastern High School and Michigan State University.

Mr. Carleton was active in his community as a member of many groups throughout his life. He was chairman of the Cub Scouts Detroit Area Council, member of the Grosse Pointe Sail Club, director of Dale Carnegie, president, then area director, of Toastmasters, co-president of Grosse Pointe Newcomers Alumni Club with his wife, Carol, president of Flag Point and of the Grosse Pointe Senior Men's Club.

During World War II, he volunteered to serve in the U.S. Army Air Corps and became a second lieutenant/navigator, qualified B-17 Flying Fortresses and B-29s.

After helping his father-in-law grow a metal stamping business from six to more than 200 employees in 11 years, he

left for a career in sales.

He was an award-winning salesman during the 32 years he sold aluminum to the automotive industry. For seven of those years, he also owned, as a business hobby, the Detroit Candle Co. which supplied almost all of the Greek Orthodox churches in the Detroit area and many in the Midwest. After retirement, he distributed welding supplies to various industries.

Mr. Carleton was active in Grosse Pointe Memorial Presbyterian Church as an elder, trustee, deacon and president of the Men's Association. He served on many additional different committees including chairman of the committee that built the church columbarium. As a tither, he was chairman of annual fund raising for several years, encouraging others to tithe. He taught Sunday school and a class of students to prepare them for joining the church.

Mr. Carleton especially enjoyed his family and their gathering together Up North at their Higgins Lake home. Although he was reserved in personality, he was loved by family and friends for his sincerity, honesty and loyalty.

In 1999, he became speech impaired after brain surgery. His family and friends admired him for his valiant fight against the brain tumor which sadly took his life after seven years. His main cheerleader through it all was his wife of 63 years, Carol.

He is survived by his wife, Carol; daughter, Bonnie (David) Law; son, Bruce (Julie) Carleton, five grandchildren, Kayvon (Michelle) Khalili, Brian Carleton, Shadee Mirabodi, Susanne Mirabodi and Lella Kamel; and four

great-grandchildren, Cameron Carleton Khalili, Maya Carol Khalili, Corinne Mirabodi and Ferris Kamel.

A memorial service will be held at 2 p.m., Saturday Oct. 28, at Grosse Pointe Memorial Presbyterian Church. Interment in the church's columbarium.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Grosse Pointe Memorial Presbyterian Church, the American Cancer Society, the American Humane Society, or the Salvation Army.

Eleanor Clark

Eleanor Clark, 86, of Rochester, formerly of Grosse Pointe and Phoenix, Ariz., died Thursday, Oct. 5, 2006.

Mrs. Clark, who was raised and educated in Detroit, enjoyed her career as a legal executive secretary in downtown Detroit. She had a lifelong interest in all aspects of the arts. She was an avid reader, an accomplished artist, played organ and piano, and enjoyed knitting and needlepoint. Mrs. Clark enjoyed travel, the theater and the symphony. She treasured time with her good friends and family.

She is survived by her daughter, Amy (Henry) Carels; grandchildren, Christina, Henry and Gabrielle Carels; sisters, Delphine (Don) Birberick and Barbara (Bob) Belling; and sister-in-law, Sue Jerger.

She was predeceased by her husband, Jack B. Clark; her son, Michael Clark; and brother Frank Jerger.

A private memorial service was held.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Rochester Hills Public Library, 500 OId



William Southworth Carleton



Eleanor Clark



Erwin H. Graham



Janet Lenhard



Kathleen Edith Mary Lipski



Catherine McGillen

Towne, Rochester, MI 48307.

Memories may be shared with the family at www.modet-zfuneralhome.com.

Erwin H. Graham

Erwin H. Graham, 85, of Grosse Pointe Shores, died Monday, Sept. 25, 2006.

He was born Jan. 28, 1921, in Detroit to Jacob and Marie Graham, and graduated in 1943 from the Detroit Business Institute with a degree in accounting.

During World War II, from 1943 to 1945, Mr. Graham served to a first lieutenant in the U.S. Army Air Force flying B24s over Europe.

He began his business career working for Parke Davis from 1939 to 1943 and, after the war, he worked for the accounting firm Ernst and Ernst from 1945 to 1951, earning his C.P.A. in 1949. In 1951, he joined Chrysler Corp. in finance. He was a corporate vice president from 1964 until his retirement in 1980.

Mr. Graham was a former member of the Detroit Athletic Club and Detroit Golf Club. He was on the board of directors for the YMCA Metro Detroit, and was a trustee of the Detroit Institute of Technology from 1970 to 1980 and a member of the Financial Executives Institute.

He enjoyed traveling and being at home with his family. His other interests included playing golf and bowling.

He is survived by his wife, Ellen M. Graham; daughter, Leigh Rathkamp; son, Michael (Laure); grandchildren, Ryan, Alexandre, Edouard and Charlotte; brother, Robert (Clara) Graham; and sister-in-law, Joanne Graham.

He was predeceased by his sisters, Ruth Kleinow and Marian Brandau; and brother, James Graham.

A funeral service was held on Saturday, Sept. 30, at St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church in Grosse Pointe Farms. Interment is at White Chapel Cemetery in Troy.

Memorial contributions may be made to St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church, 375 Lothrop, Grosse Pointe Farms, MI 48236.

Audrey J. Hulme

Audrey J. Hulme, 88, formerly of Grosse Pointe and Sarasota, Fla., died Thursday, Oct. 12, 2006, at Sunrise Assisted Living in Oakwood, Ohio.

Mrs. Hulme was very active in her church communities which included Grosse Pointe Woods Presbyterian Church and Pine Shores Presbyterian Church in Sarasota.

Mrs. Hulme is survived by her son, David C. (Chris) Hulme of Oakwood, Ohio; daughter-in-law, Jan Hulme; and three grandchildren, Abby, Kacy and Kelly.

She was predeceased by her husband, Lloyd S. Hulme; and son, James K. Hulme.

No services will be held at the family's request.

Memorial contributions may be made to Hospice of Dayton, 324 Wilmington Ave., Dayton, OH 45420, St. Paul's Episcopal Church

Book of Remembrances, 33 W. Dixon Ave., Oakwood, OH 45419 or the P.E.O. Sisterhood, General Foundation, 3700 Grand Ave., Des Moines, Iowa 50312.

Condolences may be sent to the family at www.routson.com.

Janet Lenhard

Janet Lenhard, 74, died Sunday, Oct. 15, 2006.

She was born on April 3, 1932, in Detroit to Otto and Corrine Lenhard. She graduated from Dominican High School and the University of Detroit. She was a teacher in Detroit and Grosse Pointe for 40 years.

Ms. Lenhard was a member of Bon Secours Assistance League, Group VII.

She was a loving sister and aunt.

She is survived by her brother, Dr. Robert (Terry) Lenhard; nephews, Craig (Monique) Lenhard and Timothy (Renee) Lenhard; niece, Kristen (Brent) DeVoght; and great-nephews and niece, Luke, Ben, Lily, Timo, Max, Sam and Charlie.

Visitation will be held from 4 to 9 p.m., with a prayer service at 7:30 p.m., on Thursday, Oct. 19, at Chas. Verheyden Funeral Home, Inc., 16300 Mack, Grosse Pointe. A funeral Mass will be celebrated at 11 a.m., instate at 10:30 a.m., on Friday, Oct. 20, at Our Lady Star of the Sea Catholic Church, 467 Fairford, Grosse Pointe Woods.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Hospice of Michigan or the University of Detroit Jesuit High School.

Light a candle and share a memory at www.verheyden.org.

Kathleen Edith Mary Lipski

Kathleen Edith Mary Lipski, 88, formerly of Grosse Pointe Woods, died Sunday, Oct. 15, 2006, in Frankfort.

She was born June 3, 1918, in Mandalay, Burma, to Dennis and Hosanna (Minus) Wilkinson and had two sisters, Honor and Mignon. During World War II, her family lived in Burma and India. She met her husband, Maj. Robert F. Lipski, while working for the U.S. Army Air Corps. They married in India on April 25, 1945, and had a daughter, Cheryl Lynn, on July 9, 1947, in Detroit. Mr. Lipski died in 1950.

Mrs. Lipski was a manager at the J.L. Hudson's Department Store at Eastland Mall. She resided with her daughter, Cheryl, son-in-law, Bob, and their three children in Grosse Pointe Woods and spent summers with them on Crystal Lake in Beulah.

The entire family moved to Northern Michigan in 2005. Mrs. Lipski enjoyed painting, drawing, cooking, participating in Bible study groups and especially helping raise and being a second mom and loving "Gran" to her three grandchildren.

With family and friends throughout the United States, Canada and England, her kind heart, loving spirit and fantastic sense of humor will always be remembered.

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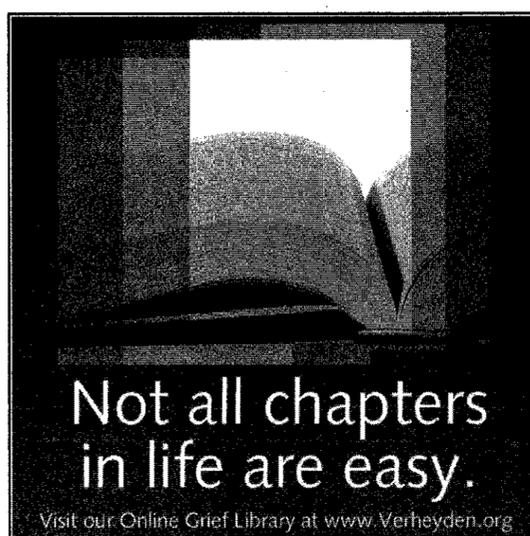


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GPAAS finds a new home

By Beth Quinn
Staff Writer

"It's so nice to have my four-bedroom home back," said Corinne Martin, founder of the Grosse Pointe Animal Adoption Society (GPAAS).

The non-profit animal rescue recently moved into an office building at 18519 Mack in the City of Grosse Pointe after operating out of Martin's Farms home since it started nearly 10 years ago.

"We had a strategic planning committee to map out our future growth," Martin said. "We determined our primary goal was to serve the public on a daily basis. We needed to move into an office space to do that."

A few weeks after that decision was made, Martin was informed that the GPAAS was the beneficiary of a very sizable donation from the estate of Bill and Bettie Goetz. The estate's executor told Martin that the Goetzes wanted the society to do something special with their contribution.

"It was divine intervention," said Martin. "Right when you need something, there comes a way for you to get it."

According to Martin, the Goetzes were animal lovers who were one of the GPAAS' first volunteers. Bettie Goetz ran the society's boutique, which was named "Bettie's boutique" by other volunteers, at the bimonthly animal adoptions at the Children's Home of Detroit.

"Bettie never missed an adoption," Martin said. "Never, ever."

The Goetzes' gift allowed the society to lease the 900-square foot building with a large basement for storage and ample parking. Martin remarked it should be named "Bill's and Bettie's building."

"I've been watching this building for 10 years," Martin said. "It's a perfect location for us. It's freestanding and has a small parking lot."

The building has office

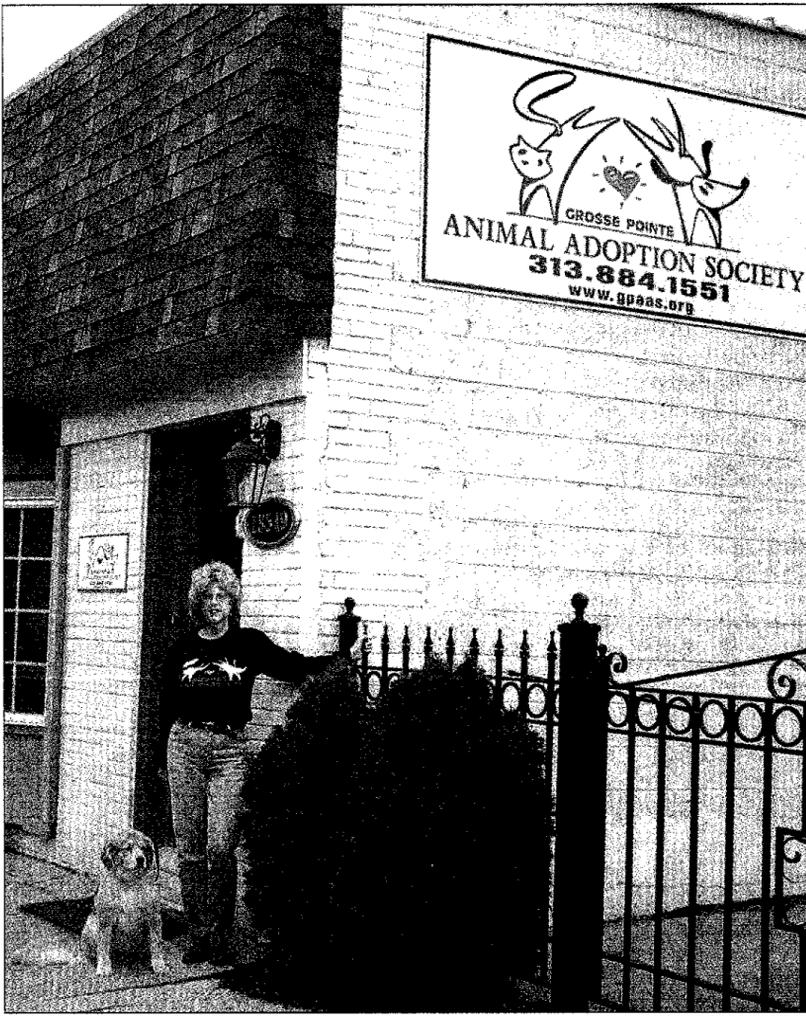


PHOTO BY BETH QUINN

Corinne Martin and 12-year-old Mavis, a golden retriever beagle mix, are ready to greet visitors to the Grosse Pointe Animal Adoption Society's new offices at 18519 Mack in the City of Grosse Pointe.

space for Martin and two part-time employees, a permanent "Bettie's boutique," and a greeting room which now lets the society have private showings between individuals and the animals they are interested in adopting.

The space is completely furnished with office equipment donated by volunteers and friends of the GPAAS. Tony-

The-Mover delivered everything free.

"I put the word out that we needed furniture and within a week the office was completely furnished with donations from the community," Martin said. "None of it matches, but I don't care."

Martin is proud that the society was able to lease and furnish the building without

dipping into its operating fund. As a result of the Goetzes' generosity, all other monetary donations go directly to paying for the veterinary bills and other expenses associated with the placement and ongoing care of the rescued dogs and cats.

The GPAAS has two upcoming fundraisers — the 2007 Best Buddies Day

'It was divine intervention. Right when you need something, there comes a way for you to get it.'

Planner and the Santa Paws photo sitting.

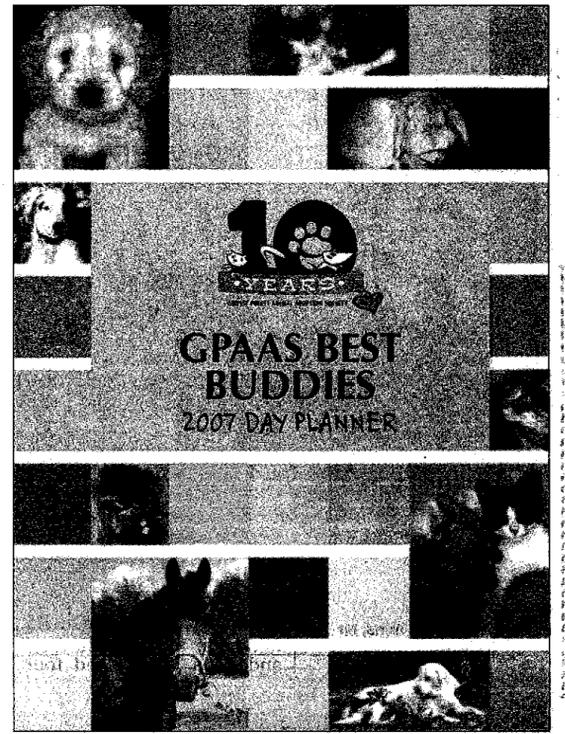
The society is trying something new with its annual calendar by making it a day planner rather than a monthly wall calendar. The planners feature photos taken by local residents of their favorite pets and are on sale for \$12 each. Last year's calendars raised more than \$11,000.

"It's really cool," said Martin. "We wanted to try something different this year."

The ever-popular Santa Paws photo shoot takes place from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 12 at the Children's Home of Detroit, 900 Cook Road, Grosse Pointe Woods. A professional photographer will take photos of pets and, if they want, their favorite humans with Santa. The package includes one 8-by-10 inch, two 5-by-7 inch and nine wallet-size photos for \$25. It is estimated this event will raise approximately \$2,000.

Martin said both the calendar and the Santa Paws fundraiser are completely underwritten by Budco, a marketing communications company based in Highland Park.

"We are so grateful to Budco for their support," she said. "Because of them, 100 percent of the proceeds goes directly to the animals."



COURTESY OF THE GPAAS

The GPAAS is trying out something new for 2007 — a day planner for its annual calendar fundraiser.

OBITUARIES: Loved ones remembered

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She is survived by her daughter, Cheryl (Bob); grandchildren, Robert Charles (Emily) Bigelow of Nashville, Tenn., Christopher Hugh Bigelow of Beulah, and Jessica Kathleen Luella Bigelow (fiancé Jeffrey Doerr) of Beulah; and great-granddaughter, Anna Wilkinson Bigelow of Nashville, Tenn.

A funeral service was held Wednesday, Oct. 18, in Beulah. Interment is at Benzonia Township Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Crystal Lake Art Center, P.O. Box 1513, Frankfort, MI 49635, or St. Philip's Episcopal Church, 785 Beulah Highway, Beulah, MI 49617.

Catherine McGillen

City of Grosse Pointe resident Catherine McGillen, 82, died of congestive heart failure on Monday, Oct. 9, 2006, at Bon Secours Hospital.

She was born in Westfield, Iowa, and attended Briar Cliff University in Sioux City, Iowa.

Prior to starting her family, she worked for the Federal Bureau of Investigation. After her family was grown, she assisted her husband, Dr. Frank McGillen, at his dental office.

Mrs. McGillen was very active with the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation and Families Experiencing Down Syndrome (FEDS).

She enjoyed spending time with her family and, especially, her grandchildren.

She is survived by her daughters, Patti (William) Sus, Colleen (Terry) Goodwin, and Peggy (Bob) Brennan; sons, Michael (Patti), Tom,

Tim (Carole), and Sean (Dana); grandchildren, Ryan, Kevin, Rob, Tim, Sarah, Michael, Patrick, Daniel, Rory, Connor and Brennan; and step-grandchildren, Meredith and Melanie.

She was predeceased by her husband, Dr. Frank McGillen, who died in 1992.

A funeral Mass was celebrated on Saturday, Oct. 14, at St. Philomena Church in Detroit.

Interment is at Resurrection Cemetery in Clinton Township.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation or to Families Experiencing Down Syndrome (FEDS).

James Edward O'Connor Jr.

James Edward O'Connor Jr., 73, of the City of Grosse Pointe, died Thursday, Oct. 12, 2006, at Bon Secours Hospital.

He was born Oct. 9, 1933, in Detroit to James Edward O'Connor Sr. and Dorothy O'Connor. He graduated from St. Paul Catholic High School in 1951 and Eastern Michigan University in 1961.

He served in the U.S. Air Force as an airman first class during the Korean War.

Mr. O'Connor was a long-time educator for the Grosse Pointe Public School System. He retired from Comerica Bank as an executive bodyguard and chauffeur.

He was active in the community as a member of the VFW, American Legion, AMVETS, Single Action Shooting Society and the B-47 Stratojet Association.

Among his interests, he enjoyed fishing, target shooting, vintage vehicles and spending time with his grandchildren.

He is survived by his wife, Mary Ellen (nee Beaupre) O'Connor; sons, James Edward III, Daniel Kelly Sr., and Hugh John; grandchil-

dren, Allison, Keely, Daniel Jr., Callaghan, Quinn, Iyla and Fynnian; sister, Linda Rathburn; and brother, Gary O'Connor.

A memorial service was held on Monday, Oct. 15, at Charles Verheyden Funeral Home Inc., Grosse Pointe. Interment is at Great Lakes Memorial Cemetery.

Nancy Rae Ousnamer

Nancy Rae Ousnamer, 58, of Dryden, passed away unexpectedly of natural causes Monday, Oct. 2, 2006, at her home.

She was born Feb. 23, 1948, in Highland Park to James and Patricia (nee Whittaker) Saunders.

She married Paul Ousnamer on Sept. 26, 1981, at St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Romeo.

She will be dearly missed by all who knew and loved her.

Mrs. Ousnamer ran an animal care/boarding facility, WarBar Farms, which boarded many Grosse Pointers' dogs. She and her son, John, were frequently seen around town in their WarBar van as they transported dogs to and from the farm to their homes. Many dogs would wag their tails as soon as they saw Mrs. Ousnamer at their door. She was proud that her facility was more like a camp than a kennel for dogs.

She dedicated her time and energy as the president and caregiver for all of the dogs in Second Chance Bouvier Rescue. Her passion and devotion for animals will be greatly missed.

She is survived by her husband, Paul; daughter, Amy (Jon) Langager of Minnesota; two sons, James and John, both living at home; brother, Mike (Susan) Wilson of Addison Township; and two grandchildren.

She was predeceased by her parents, James and Patricia

Saunders.

A memorial service will be held at noon on Saturday, Oct. 21, at St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Romeo.

Memorial contributions and condolences can be sent to Second Chance Bouvier Rescue, 32251 Bertram Dr., Westland, MI 48185. All donations and condolences will be given to Mrs. Ousnamer's family at the memorial.

Eugenie S. Peslar

Former Grosse Pointe Farms resident Eugenie S. Peslar, 90, of Naples, Fla., died Wednesday, Oct. 11, 2006.

A resident of Grosse Pointe Farms for 42 years, Mrs. Peslar had been living in Naples for the past three years.

She will be dearly missed by her loving family.

Mrs. Peslar is survived by her son, Doran (Martha) Peslar of Naples; daughter, Judy (Burt) Taylor of Santa Cruz, Calif.; grandchildren, Melissa Koos, Kristin Cowper, Eugenie Taylor and Emory S. Taylor; and great-grandchildren, Isabelle, Louise, Maxine, Catherine, Graham and Caroline.

She was predeceased by her husband, Emil F. Peslar; her brother, Chester Stuart and her sister, Jennie Florides.

Funeral services will be private.

Suzanne L. Redmond

Suzanne L. Redmond, 44, of Rockford, died on Sunday, Oct. 8, 2006.

After high school, she graduated from Northwood Institute and earned her Bachelor's of Science degree in computer science.

Mrs. Redmond worked as a sales representative for Metagenics Midwest. During her free time, she enjoyed

spending quality time with her sons, Christopher and Michael.

She was a very special and caring person who was always there for others and willing to go out of her way. She helped others by promoting health, love and attention to the needs of others.

Mrs. Redmond was a big University of Michigan fan. She attended Ada Bible Church and was active in the Lloyd Carr Cancer Fund.

She is survived by her husband, Mark Smith; sons, Christopher and Michael; siblings, Richard (Leslie) Redmond of Traverse City,

Patricia Cornell of Belmont, William (Elizabeth) Redmond of LaQuinta, Calif., Lisa Letteng of Sterling Heights, and Kim (Brad) Johnson of Canton Township; and several nieces and nephews.

She was predeceased by her parents, Richard Redmond and Louanne Redmond; and stepmother, Connie Redmond.

A funeral service will be held at 2 p.m., Sunday, Oct. 22, at Ada Bible Church, 8899 Cascade Rd., SE, Ada.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Children's Advocacy Center of Ottawa County, 12125 Union St., Holland, MI 49424.

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Michigan motorists can obtain a free Winter Car Care inspection at participating AAA Approved Auto Repair (AAR) facilities statewide. The inspections will run through the month of October and are part of the Auto Club's 2006 Winter Car Care program, now in its 27th year.

This is a free public service for all Michigan motorists; AAA membership is not required.

Components inspected by the AAR facilities include battery load and terminals, antifreeze, oil, brake fluid, power steering fluid and transmission fluids, belts, hoses, tires and wiper blades.

The most common deficiencies noted by AAR technicians include old or corroded batter-

ies, worn or damaged wiper blades, clogged air filters, low windshield washer fluid, dirty or low motor oil and low antifreeze levels.

In Michigan, faulty batteries and/or faulty terminal connections cause more car starting problems than any other factor. Cold weather is brutal on a battery's starting power. As the temperature drops, so does the battery's cranking power.

"Older batteries are especially troublesome in winter," said Marcia Wright, AAA Michigan Automotive Services director. "And a variety of high-tech devices ranging from DVD players to automatic, sliding car doors are placing even greater demands on a vehicle's electronic system."

As part of its Winter Car Care program, AAA Michigan is recommending motorists closely monitor the condition of their vehicle's battery, espe-

'Replacing a clogged air filter can improve fuel economy by as much as 10 percent (saving about 15 cents per gallon).'

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cially batteries more than two years old. Although batteries can carry warranties of up to seven years, a warranty is no guarantee an older battery will continue to perform in cold weather.

Fuel economy

The free, annual AAA Winter Car Care inspections not only help prepare vehicles for the rough winter ahead, they also can help improve fuel economy. Among the automotive components tested by techni-

cians is the air filter, tire pressure and tread depth.

According to the U.S. Department of Energy, replacing a clogged air filter can improve fuel economy by as much as 10 percent (saving about 15 cents per gallon). A new air filter also keeps impurities from damaging the inside of your engine. Properly inflated tires with good tread depth can add another 3 percent to the fuel savings tally—about 5 cents per gallon.

Michigan residents can obtain a Winter Car Care inspection at any of AAA Michigan's Approved Auto Repair (AAR) facilities statewide. All of these facilities are regularly inspected by AAA to meet its stringent standards in terms of customer satisfaction, staff qualifications, and scope of services.

For more information, call (800) AAA-MICH or visit the Web site AAA.com/autorepair.

Jewish peace activist to speak

Kenneth Knoppow, a Southfield attorney who has been actively working for Israeli-Palestinian peace for almost 30 years, will be guest speaker at a Pointes for Peace public forum Thursday, Oct. 26, at the Grosse Pointe Unitarian Church, 17150 Maumee Ave., Grosse Pointe.

The title of Knoppow's presentation is "A Jewish Perspective on the Israeli-Palestinian Conflict." All are welcome at the 7:30 p.m. event.

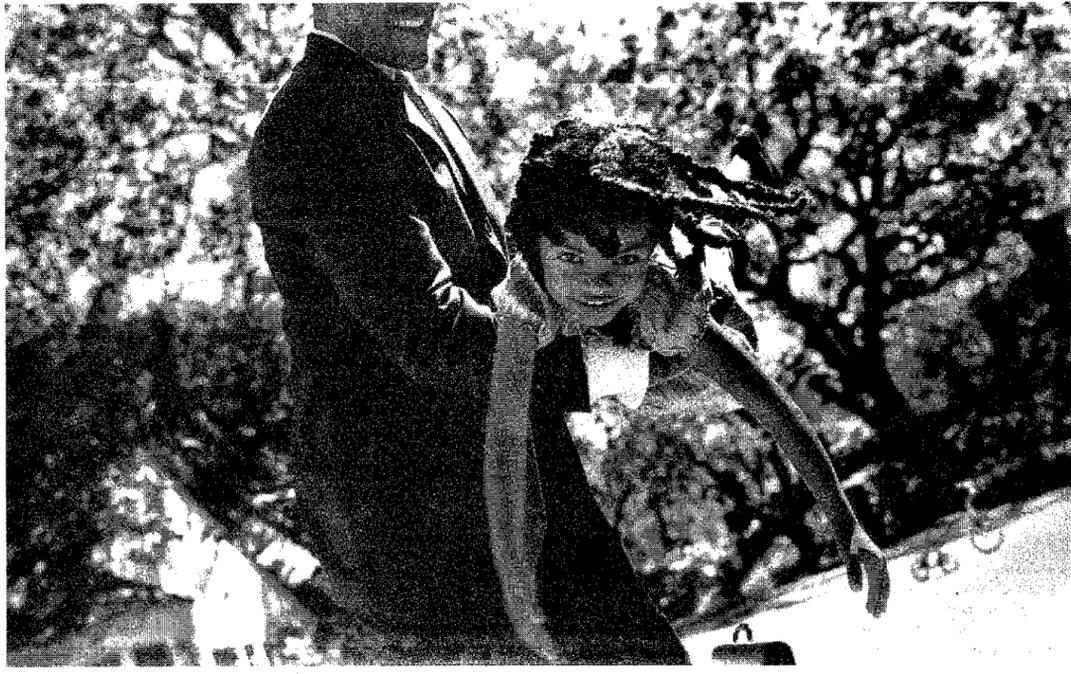
A longtime peace activist, Knoppow was on the first national board of New Jewish Agenda, a membership organization active between 1980 and 1992 on issues including Middle East peace, nuclear disarmament, economic and social justice, peace in Central America, and rights of Palestinians, women and marginalized Jews. He also coordinated the joining of several organizations into the

Greater Detroit Chapter of the Jewish Coalition for Peace.

The Pointes for Peace-sponsored forum, its 26th "Peace Talk" since 2003, is the second in a two-part series presenting various perspectives on recent events in the Middle East. An Aug. 28 presentation hosted Dr. Ali Ajami, consul general of Lebanon.

Pointes for Peace is a community-based group of east-siders and others who are committed to educating for conflict resolution and other strategies to work for peace on local, national and international levels. Membership is free. All are welcome at Pointes for Peace weekly gatherings Sundays at 7 p.m. at Panera Bread in the Grosse Pointe Village.

For more information, or to be added to the Pointes for Peace mailing list, call Carol Bendure at (313) 882-7732 or e-mail pointesforpeace@yahoo.com.



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Lake levels decline

The following lake levels as of Oct. 13 are offered by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers:

Lake Superior's water level is 11 inches lower than it was a year ago, while Lake Michigan and Lake Huron are 1 inch below last year. Lakes St. Clair, Erie and Ontario all have higher water levels than the previous year by 2, 3, and 4 inches respectively.

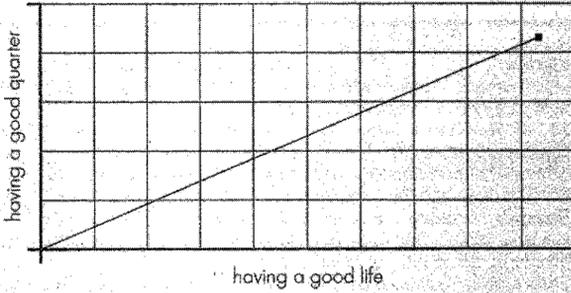
All of the lakes are in their period of seasonal decline. Over the next month, lakes Superior, Michigan and Huron are expected to fall 2 and 3 inches, respectively. During this same period, the water levels in lakes St. Clair,

Erie and Ontario are projected to decrease by 5 inches.

Over the next few months, Lake Superior is expected to remain below last year's levels, while lakes Michigan and Huron, St. Clair, Erie and Ontario are predicted to remain near or slightly above the water levels of a year ago.

The Lake Superior outflow through the St. Marys River into Lake Huron was below average in September. Flows in the St. Clair and Detroit rivers also were below average during September. Flow in the Niagara River was near average in September, while flow in the St. Lawrence River was above average.

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SAFETY: Fewer belt tickets issued

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Officers wrote 14,142 of these citations in grant-funded safety belt enforcement zones.

The number of agencies reporting statistics was down by about 10 percent from 2005. The Michigan Office of Highway Safety Planning (OHSP) administered federal traffic study funds to agencies in 55 counties for the enforcement activity.

"Anecdotal evidence from the zones suggest that safety belt citations are down because more people are buckling up, and that's the entire goal of the campaign," said Michael L. Prince, OHSP division director.

"We hope the results of the safety belt observation studies will confirm that belt use has risen again this year," he said.

The campaign also featured two new television ads, including one targeted to teenagers, and educational materials to reach the goal of 95 percent safety belt use in Michigan.

The current rate is 92.9 percent.

Ninety-four agencies in Lapeer, Lenawee, Livingston, Macomb, Monroe, Oakland, St. Clair, Sanilac, Washtenaw and Wayne counties reported their statistics to OHSP.

In addition to writing safety belt citations, law enforcement officers arrested 274 motorists for drunken driving and 221 individuals on felony charges.

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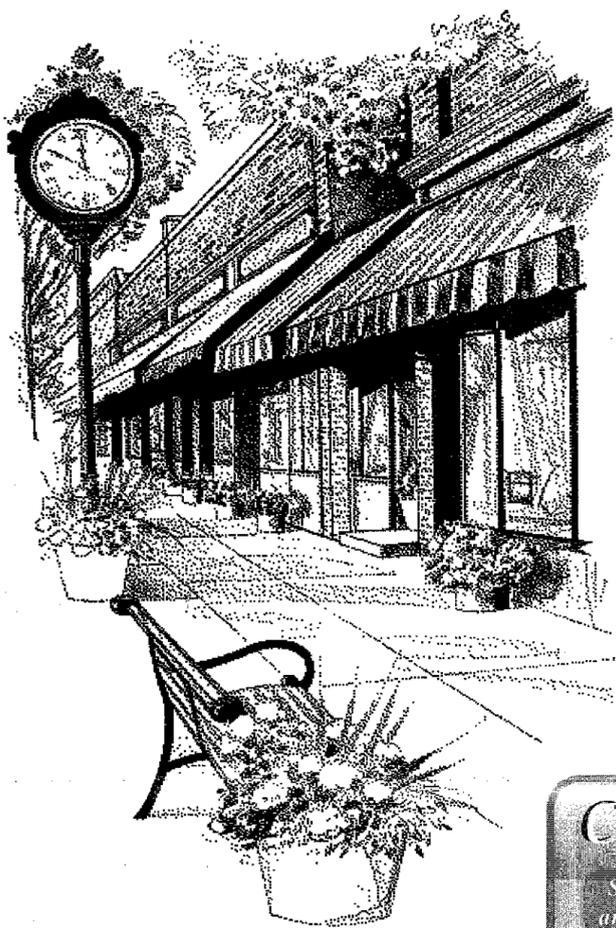
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Some say it's the devil in disguise. Some say it's heavenly. The blues. America's only original contribution to music. Photographer **Annie Leibovitz**, formerly of Rolling Stone magazine, documents a legacy.

Back to the basics.

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

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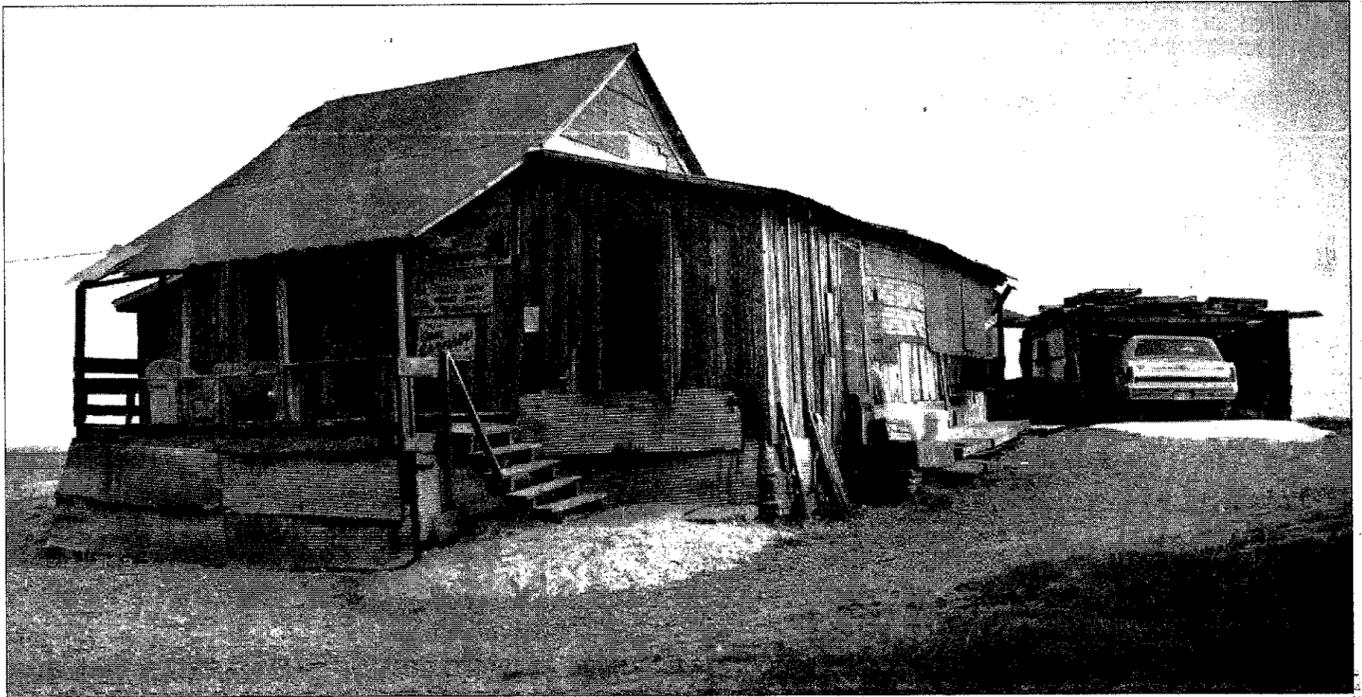
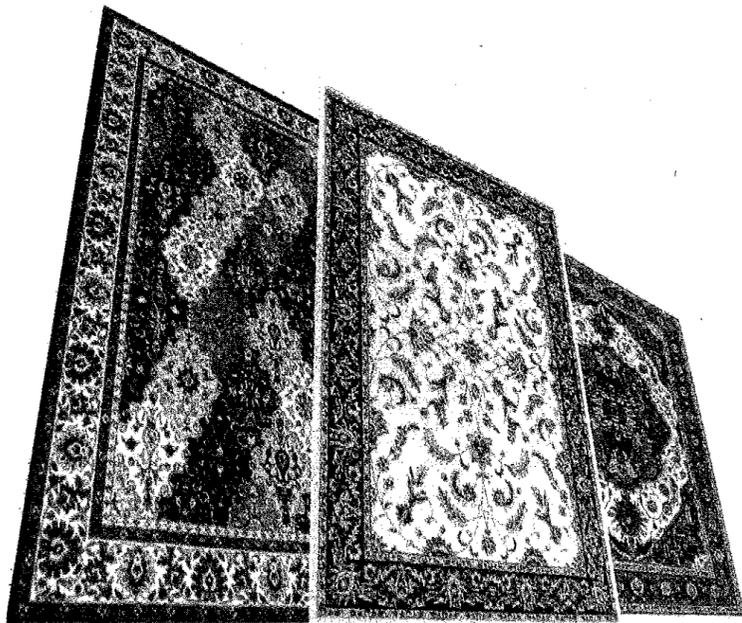


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Po' Monkey's Lounge. Christmas lights decorate the interior where signs lay down the law. Among them: "No dope smoking," "No beer brought in" and "No rap music."

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Poets Follies hosts small-press editors

An assortment of nationally known small-press writers, editors and publishers will share their work at this month's Poets Follies series at the Grosse Pointe Artists Association Art Center from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. Friday, Oct. 27.

Peter Connors is a poet, writer and fiction editor and marketing director of BOA Editions in Rochester, N.Y. His prose poetry collection, "Of Whiskey and Winter," is slated for publication by White Pine Press in fall 2007. Another

book, "Emily Ate the Wind," is scheduled for a 2007 release by Marick Press. He also edited PPIFF: An Anthology (Starcherone Books, 2006), and serves as literary critic and reviewer for ArtVoice in Buffalo, N.Y., and City Magazine in Rochester, N.Y.

Jeffrey Levine of Dorset, Vt., is the editor-in-chief and publisher of Tupelo Press. Recently, he received the North American Review's first James Hearst Poetry Prize, and his first book, "Mortal Everlasting," won the

Transcontinental Poetry Award from Pavement Saw Press.

Peter Markus of Trenton, is the nonfiction editor of Marick Press. He will be reading from his books, "The Sleeping Fish," and his cult classic "Good, Brother," which was re-released by Calamari Press in September.

Ted Pelton, who hails from Buffalo, N.Y., and is an associate professor of humanities at Medaille College, is the executive director of Starcherone Books. His poetry and novellas

have been published in several books: "Bhang," "Endorsed by Jack Chapeau 2 an Even Greater Extent" and "Malcolm & Jack (and Other Famous American Criminals)."

The visits by these writers, publishers and editors coincide with their participation in the Small Press Panel Discussion at Wayne State University earlier that afternoon.

The evening also includes Latin and standard jazz sounds of Marcopoli & Morgan featuring vocals by Kristin Coy.

Admission to the Poets Follies is \$5.

The GPAA Art Center is located at 1005 Maryland, Grosse Pointe Park.

For more information on the Poets Follies, call (313) 821-1848 or e-mail mgriffor@marickpress.com. For more information on the Small Press Panel Discussion, call (313) 407-9236 or e-mail mgriffor@marickpress.com.

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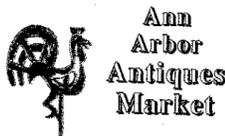
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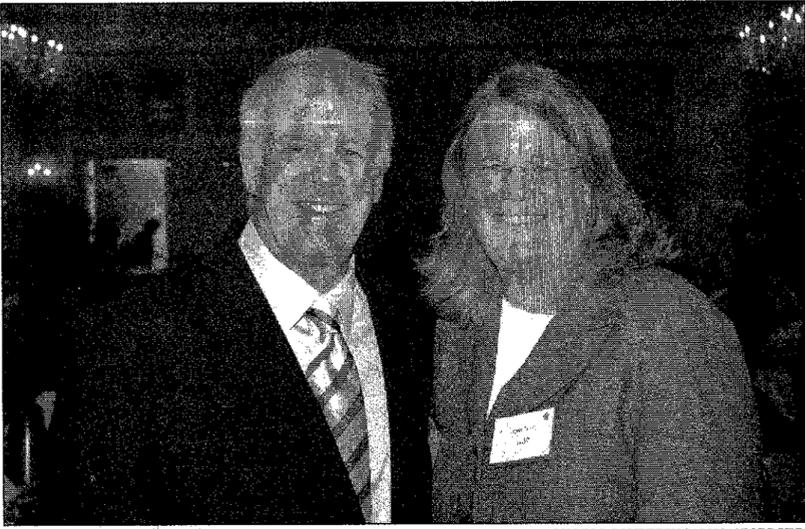
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Breast cancer survivors Bill Rands of Grosse Pointe and actress Diahann Carroll, are joined by Henry Ford Health System CEO Nancy Schlichting and David Nathanson, M.D., director of the Henry Ford Breast Care Center at the event.

Family weddings are tradition in St. Ambrose

By Rebecca Jones
Staff Writer

Some little girls' dream of wearing their mother's wedding dress. Other families pass down an heirloom for the bride's "something old."

Three generations of the Driscoll family established their tradition to get married at St. Ambrose Catholic Church.

Mary Ellon Driscoll of Grosse Pointe Park and seven

of her children and grandchildren took their vows there. Most recently, Driscoll's granddaughter Jennifer Heymes married Matthew Donney on Sept. 30.

Last August, it was Becky Klug's turn. She got married at the same church as her mother, brother and grandmother.

"It felt a little more special," Klug said. "First of all, it's gorgeous. ... There's just a certain classy elegance to it, I

would say, because of all the family history. I felt honored to carry on the family tradition."

The tradition began on Sept. 20, 1941, when Mary Ellon married Warren Driscoll, who passed away 25 years ago.

"It's the only church I can remember," Driscoll said. "Back in those days, the girls had to be married in their parish. That was the rule. Now, it's different."

The church, at 15020

Hampton, around the corner from Driscoll's home, was founded in 1916. She began attending in 1938.

She and her husband had 10 children, seven boys and three girls.

Five of them — Jim, Tom, Nancy, Mary Sue and Dan — graduated from St. Ambrose High School between 1960 and 1971. The school closed the next year.

Four of their children exchanged marriage vows there:

Tom Driscoll on July 21, 1971; Eileen Heymes on May 16, 1979; Dan Driscoll on Oct. 6, 1990 and Bill Driscoll on Jan. 18, 1992.

"I'm proud that I had this many that were married there. Baptized, confirmed, first communions, everything. They all knew that church," Driscoll said.

"I think I was lucky to have three grandchildren married where I was. People move a lot. We've lived here all these

years." Three grandchildren, Jennifer, Becky and Becky's brother David carried on the custom.

"It's kind of our first choice," said Becky Klug, who moved from Grosse Pointe Park to Warren after the wedding. She is still a member of the St. Ambrose parish.

"The way they prepare the ceremony... it's just a beautiful place to be married," Driscoll said.

BABIES

Lucy Tate Warner
Andrew and Kelly Warner of Chicago, Ill., are the parents of a daughter, Lucy Tate Warner, born July 31, 2006. Grandparents are Peter and Cynthia Warner of Grosse Pointe Park and Webb and Jan Martin of Harbor Springs.

Grosse Pointe Park. Paternal grandparents are Dr. Richard and Susan Smolen of Baden, Pa.

Great-grandparents are Sally Rudin of Green Valley, Ariz., and Helen Munz of Amityville, N.Y.

Pointe Woods and the late Marino Biordi. Paternal grandmother is Judy Pentecost of Grosse Pointe Park.

Great-grandparents are Martin and Edna McKee of Grosse Pointe Woods.

Philip Alexander Joos

Mr. and Mrs. Peter Joos of London, England, are the parents of a son, Philip Alexander Joos, born Oct. 3, 2006. Maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Vladislav Seregin of Moscow, Russia. Paternal grandparents are Dr. and Mrs. Thad Joos of Grosse Pointe Woods.

Mikayla Helen Smolen

Jeff and Kristen (Havern) Smolen of Grosse Pointe Farms are the parents of a daughter, Mikayla Helen Smolen, born Sept. 14, 2006.

Maternal grandparents are Tom and Arleen Havern of

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Introducing messages of wisdom and love

By Carrie Cunningham
Special Writer

The first introduction to the Grosse Pointe Woods Presbyterian Church comes in the form of a sign facing out to Mack Avenue proclaiming wisdom, acceptance and love for humanity.

Church pastor and head of staff Jim Rizer, 38, sometimes creates these messages and other times parishioners provide suggestions.

Rizer's position as pastor of the church came after what he called an intense journey during which he accepted God's love and decided to be a church leader.

Born in Phoenix, Ariz., Rizer first became interested in religion during high school where he said he came to understand God's affection and his forgiveness of sin.

When he went on to Rhodes College in Tennessee, Rizer's faith initially lagged due to the many other opportunities pre-

sented at his school.

However, when he was a junior in college he reconnected with Christ. This action resulted from some failed relationships. When a good friend consoled him, he said he felt like he was tapped on the shoulder by Jesus, and began attending Bible study again. He immediately felt warmth and welcome, he said.

Initially wanting to be an attorney like his father, James Sr., he woke one day and realized the law was not for him.

Subsequently, friends suggested he become a minister. At first the idea seemed hard to conceive, yet, as he mulled it over in his mind, he felt it might be the right path, he said.

After college, he went back to Phoenix to clarify what would be his life's employment. He served at his local church to decide where ministry was for him. Within three months, he was leading two groups of parishioners.

The minister of the church asked him why he was volunteering, and Rizer said he thought he was called to ministry.

The minister suggested he take some classes at Fuller Seminary, and he followed this advice. Thereafter, Rizer said he knew ministry was indeed his life's purpose.

He went to Princeton Theological Seminary, one of the largest Presbyterian seminaries in the country.

A class on the ethics and philosophy of Martin Luther

King Jr. and, immediately, King's belief in God's unconditional love for humanity and humanity's giving response drew him in.

The idea became a seminal part of his beliefs.

Following seminary, Rizer worked as an associate pastor at churches in Arizona and Iowa before coming to Michigan to lead the Grosse Pointe Woods Presbyterian Church.

He previously directed mission work in Mexicali, Mexico, and helping parish-

ioners refurbish the local church and in New Orleans where church members rebuilt houses.

While Rizer said he doesn't believe that God forces people to worship him, he does believe God waits for them to receive his love.

"I am loved not because I deserve to be loved but because he loves me knowing that he sees more in me than I'll ever see," he said. "He is inviting people to be in the Kingdom of God."

Many of those notions are

intertwined in his preaching. For instance, he asks people to consider God's creative cosmic power and the significance of trusting him. God wants people to believe in him in order to open his benign hope to help and suggest.

"I will encourage my congregation to grow more and more like God," Rizer said.

In addition to his sermons, Rizer strongly advocates prayer for his parishioners.

"Prayer is a real conversation. I think we get great insight," he said.

Former Pointer is local pastor

By Debra Pascoe
Special writer

As a youngster, the Rev. David Brecht, OSA, wallowed away the hours at Windmill Pointe Park gazing out at the water.

Now he looks forward to a few stolen moments doing the same.

"It takes me back to my youth," said Brecht, a former Grosse Pointe Farms resident, who is back in town as the new pastor of St. Clare of Montefalco Church.

Brecht arrived from Chicago Aug. 15 where he spent the last 12 years as superior of the Midwest Province of the St. Clair Augustinian Order for which he serves. He was asked to make the move by his superiors after former Bishop John C.

McNabb, who was filling the role of pastor at St. Clare of Montefalco, retired this past spring. Since his arrival, he's spent the majority of his time getting acquainted with his new duties, reacquainted with his surroundings and meetings with parish organizations and individuals that want to bend his ear.

"They all want to talk to the new pastor and tell him about their ideas," Brecht said. Brecht's Grosse Pointe roots run deep. He and his six siblings grew up on Moran and all attended St. Paul's Catholic School. He was "the very first student" to enroll in Austin Preparatory High School in 1952 where he graduated 50 years ago and went on to the seminary.

While he had to leave his sis-

ter behind in Chicago, Brecht has several brothers living in the immediate area.

"I had been used to celebrating all the holidays with her and her family and I came back to visit. It's very nice to come back home after all these years," he said.

While the lake remains the same, Brecht said few others have from when he was a child. Even the parish changed.

"It's much smaller," he said. "I used to help assist the organist and we had 13 masses every Sunday, now we have three. It's a huge change."

Brecht attributes the decline to demographics.

"Half of the parish is in Detroit. You don't have the large number of Catholics in Detroit that you once had."

There are, however, a num-

ber of enthusiastic young Catholics at the St. Clare of Montefalco School.

"I had my first Mass with the schoolchildren yesterday," Brecht said. "They are great participants and they sing very, very enthusiastically."

He hopes to see more of the children outside the church once he gets his bearings.

In the meantime, there are more meetings to attend, Masses to say and work catching up with the fundraising activities planned to finance the construction of the Augustinian-run Austin Catholic Academy in Macomb Township.

Brecht said \$30 million is needed to build the new high school on 23 Mile. Thus far, about \$9 million has been raised.



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BASICS: Photos relive early music

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A stand-alone garage with swayback roof stacked with shipping pallets shields a Lincoln Continental.

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With the collection of each \$8 cover charge, the colorful legacy of American music continues in the song and dance of folks rooted in the deep alluvial soil of the South's sweet dark land.

Inspired by that simple legacy and the brotherhood of musical branches it has spawned, New York photographer Annie Leibovitz spent a few years trekking through the Delta and musical back alleys chronicling blues and gospel musicians and the folk, jazz and rock offspring they continue to spark.

Po' Monkey's place is among 70 of Leibovitz's photographs gathered as "Annie Leibovitz: American Music" at the Detroit Institute of Arts through Jan. 7.

Images run the gamut from vanishing talents to tabloid troubadours.

There's the real deal in elderly Othar Turner. The Gravel Springs, Miss., farmer is caught wearing work-wear denim overalls and slouched on a cushioned chair in his lived-in living room. A calendar hanging on the bare wooden wall above his head marks time. According to Turner's 2003 obituary, he was revered as "perhaps" the last caretaker of African American fife and drum music, a precursor of the blues.

Flash forward to Dolly Parton. She appears either profoundly pensive or country cute, take your pick, in a rare unbust closeup lying on what we're told is a grassy hill near her cabin back home in Pigeon Forks, Tenn., about 20 miles from Dollywood.

It's like that through seven galleries of the DIA. The last one contains photos of Detroit musicians, including Aretha

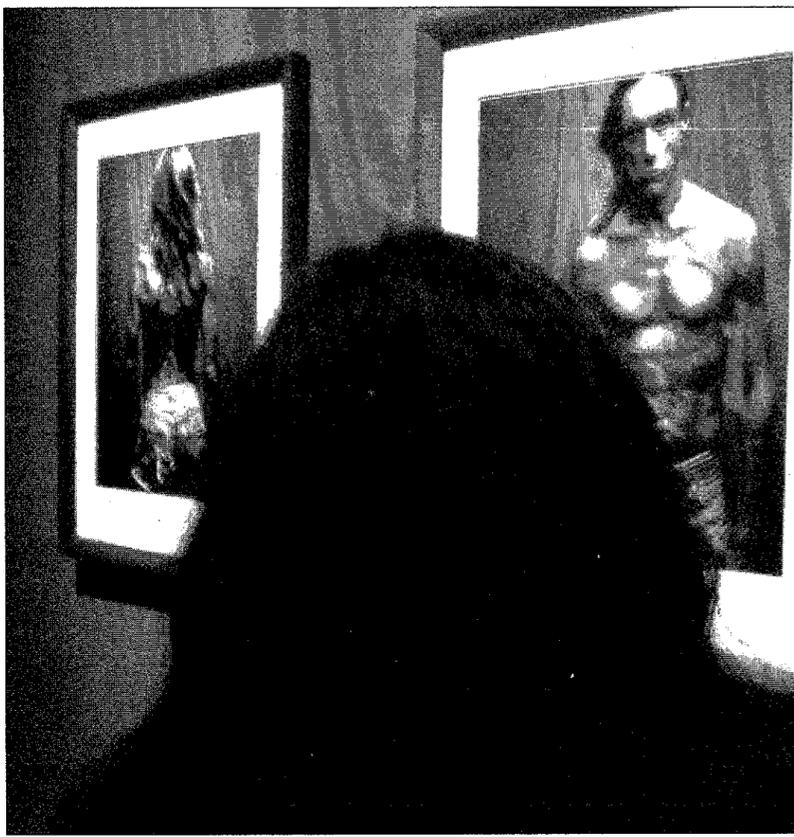


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When photographing exhibitions of contemporary art, such as these, Annie Leibovitz's gelatin silver prints of Iggy Pop which sell individually for \$5,500, it is necessary to "disrupt the image." Hence the patron's head positioned to obscure portions of both photos.

Franklin, St. Clair Shores' (by way of Chicago) Patti Smith and, the best in show, James Osterberg, otherwise known as Iggy Pop.

Leibovitz pictured Pop front and back, his scarred and skinnny body a road map of living for the moment.

Musical tapestry

Leibovitz was 20 years old in 1970 when hired by Rolling Stone magazine. Halfway through the decade she became its namesake band's official photographer.

A switch to Vanity Fair and the fashion world led to greater melding of art and commerce. Here came contrived controversy (nude, pregnant Demi Moore), image, making (Bruce Springsteen's blue-jeaned backside on "Born in the U.S.A.") and wholesome advertising gigs ("got milk?").

Such accomplishments con-

tributed to the Library of Congress naming the formerly precocious hipster a Living Legend.

With the roots music project, Leibovitz didn't just use her camera to log a family tree of authentic American musical styles. She returned to her photographic genes. She revisited the spontaneous shutter-bugging that marked her early work at Rolling Stone.

Her candid photo of Othar Turner was purposeful. She dropped in on him without notice.

"He hadn't combed his hair or shaved or anything," Leibovitz said in an audio tour accompanying the exhibition. "I love to see — especially after all these years of working for Vanity Fair and Vogue — peo-

ple be themselves. That's the way it started, you know, working for Rolling Stone. No one got dressed up. You showed up and took the pictures. There was definitely a return to that in this work."

As a photographer, Leibovitz knows texture, gray scale and tonality. So do a lot of other photographers.

Leibovitz's strength, as conveyed in her DIA show and accompanying book of the same title (\$75 hardcover), is an ability to buddy up to subjects and capture their unguarded character.

"People don't want to be photographed a lot of times," said Nancy Barr, exhibition curator and DIA associate curator of graphic arts specializing in photography. "You have to

have a certain kind of personality to get someone to relax in front of the camera and to capture the essence of the personality in front of the lens. Leibovitz is exceptional at getting celebrities to drop their canned public image and either be vulnerable or very much who they are. They open up to her. You get an honest picture."

That's easy

A bad painting is a bad painting, no matter the subject. Yet, a routine photograph can become a treasure depending on the importance or public persona of its subject.

That's the rub with "American Music."

Sure, Springsteen is the Boss. Just ask his publicist and fans. But Leibovitz's photo of him sitting backstage prior to a concert arranging a song list? Art or exposed film?

People who like this sort of thing will find this the sort of thing they like, as Abraham Lincoln said.

Photographers talk a lot about composition. So do musicians. The two groups use the word differently, but in the DIA show, both contexts are valid and mutually dependent.

Many of Leibovitz's photographs struggle for standing if the patron lacks familiarity or appreciation of their musician subjects.

Leibovitz's image of a woman in silhouette practicing electric guitar in a dressing room is composed sort of cockeyed. The viewer's eye is drawn to a sink. On second thought, that guitarist's profile looks familiar. Isn't that Bonnie Raitt? Her songs are good: "A good love is hard to find ..." Great photo. Cool sink.

Michael Stipe of R.E.M. lies on his back on a couch. One arm is flung down dramatically toward the floor. His pose seems to be a comical imitation of the distressed damsel in Henry Fuseli's "The Nightmare," displayed elsewhere in the DIA. All that's needed is a hairy incubus and bug-eyed horse. Then again, R.E.M. is a hit machine: "It's the end of the world as we know it, and I feel fine." Great photo. Artsy.

"Music is fundamental to the show and the meaning of the show," Darr said. "(Leibovitz) was interested in searching for authenticity in music history and finding real musicians who operated outside the mainstream for a long time."

Photographers are the Rodney Dangerfields of the creative class. No respect. Anyone on vacation armed with a disposable camera thinks they're a random click away from becoming the next Ansel Adams.

"There's the idea that because photography is mechanical, it somehow doesn't require physical skill or aptitude," Darr said. "But it's difficult. It's particularly difficult to photograph people like Leibovitz does."

Tickets for "Annie Leibovitz: American Music" at the Detroit Institute of Arts cost \$10 for adults, \$5 for youth ages 6-17 and \$8 per person for groups of 20 or more. Tickets are available at the DIA Box Office and on line at dia.org.

The exhibit is made possible by a grant from LaSalle Bank. Additional support was provided by the Michigan Council for Arts and Cultural Affairs and the City of Detroit.

DIA targets music fans

The Detroit Institute of Arts has tailored its Friday night concert series to complement "Annie Leibovitz: American Music."

Macy's American Music Fridays features some acts whose photos are part of the exhibition.

Among the performers are Tish Hinojosa, contemporary Latin and folk artist; five-time Grammy-winner Flaco Jimenez; folk artist Dan Zanes, formerly of the Del Fuegos; Detroit's own Dirtbombs; and El Vez — the Mexican Elvis, performing his holiday extravaganza.

Check dia.org for dates. The Detroit Film Theatre is featuring music-related films

in conjunction with the exhibition. Among them are the world premiere of "It Came from Detroit," a documentary exploring the raw energy of the modern Detroit garage band scene. Included are The White Stripes, the Dirtbombs and Brendan Benson.

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Today's world leaves us feeling that we lack time and resources for our families.

One way to keep connected, deepen relationships and strengthen the family is through the family meeting process. Family meetings can be fun, intense, quirky, formal or informal but quickly become a basic building block for the family as a whole.

Stronger relationships are forged within this respectful environment and it becomes a time to share successes and support positive problem solving skills. Children can also learn family values, strategies for brainstorming and problem

solving, anger and stress management techniques as well as leadership qualities.

Practically speaking, it is also a time where schedules, activities and vacations can be planned with everyone providing input.

The following suggestions can be used as a framework for organizing your own family meetings.

There are no hard and fast rules other than encouraging everyone to have input and the use of respectful, positive communication skills.

u Meet regularly each week and experiment with the length of time for each meeting. Many families feel that between one-half to one hour is

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appropriate, however smaller children may not be able to sit still for long periods of time. Set time limits on topics so not all the time is spent on one agenda item.

u Post an agenda on the refrigerator and ask everyone for input.

Older children or parents may need to assist younger children in reading the agenda to them.

u Rotate leadership with the leader reading the agenda and

keeping track of time. Another family member may want to keep notes.

u Make sure everyone takes an active part by asking each member their opinion. If a problem arises in the meeting, a person talks too much or complains too much, model good communication skills by asking "What do you think you can do about it?" or "How can we help the situation?"

u Insist upon respectful communication, no blaming or

name-calling. It is very powerful to be heard without judgment and family meetings are a perfect place to model this behavior for children. Remember, 70 percent of communication is listening.

If there is an impasse or someone loses their temper, take a break. In the early stages of family meetings, difficulties may crop up and this is a way for the family as a whole to learn how to problem solve in a positive and respectful manner.

u Follow through with each decision until the next family meeting. If a decision does not work out, it can be revisited and revised.

Remember, sometimes peo-

ple break agreements or forget. Good manners are a must and it is important for a member to apologize for not following through with something they had agreed to do.

u Plan for fun and put some into each meeting. They can be followed by a fun activity — walking or riding bikes or perhaps watching a video.

Individuals and families are ever-changing and meeting structures can be adjusted to change to the needs of the family.

When children are small, parents will need to take more leadership. As children mature, meetings can become more democratic and perhaps collegial.

Caregivers assistance fair on Saturday

By Debra Pascoe
Special Writer

Caregivers tend to forget they too need to be healthy, both physically and mentally.

"Statistics show caregivers aren't caring for themselves and suffer from stress and depression," said Sallie Justice, public relations coordinator for AAA 1-B. "Their health is extremely important."

To help identify available resources, the Area Agency on Aging 1-B (AAA 1-B) is hosting its free 7th annual Solutions for Family Caregivers Fair from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., Saturday, Oct. 21, at the Best Western Sterling Heights at 15 Mile and Van Dyke.

Free parking and a complimentary continental breakfast are also offered.

The event features more than 80 exhibitors who specialize in products and services that help alleviate the

burden of caring for a loved one and 12 presentations by experts addressing such topics as managing medications, understanding behavior links with dementia, senior housing options, legal tips and in-home care options.

"We see a lot of tears at this event; it is a release for caregivers when they see all the help that's available for them and they have contact with those in similar situations," Justice said.

She called attention to presenter Paul Gladstone, a 25-year human resource professional who cares for his wife who has multiple sclerosis and knows firsthand what it means to be a caregiver and have a demanding job.

He will share employer-employee perspectives and offer tips on how to communicate and get support.

"There are so many people who are caring for a loved one

who go to work everyday and still take care of a loved and need to know how to prioritize their lives," Justice said.

Local author Tim Bolus, a CEO of two businesses, will also discuss his book, "The Baby Boomers Almanac," a how-to handbook written to inspire that generation to live a healthy and more fulfilling life.

AAA 1-B will also be on hand to support its services for caregivers including a program that offers the services of a para-professional to visit the loved one's home a couple of hours a day one day a week or several days a week.

"This gives the caregiver time to have lunch with a friend, run errands or pick up medications," Justice said, adding several organizations provide adult day care from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.

The AAA 1-B program engages the older adult in activities. The biggest challenge,

she said, is getting the older adult out of the house.

"This is very important," she said. "Individuals left home alone and isolated develop depression."

For those who would like to attend but can't leave their loved one behind, a respite care room run by the Alzheimer's Association is available by reservation. Justice said the Alzheimer's Association arranges for entertainment, breakfast and lunch for participants and provides activities such as crafts, games and an opportunity for participants to socialize.

"It has been a very positive experience for both the caregiver and the loved one," Justice said, adding the service is free.

For more information or to make reservations for respite care, call (800) 852-7795. A presentation schedule can be viewed online at aaa1b.com.

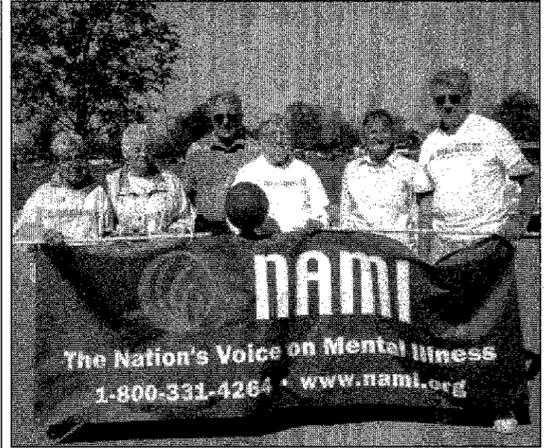


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Eastside walkers

The third annual National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) Walk held Oct. 8, on Belle Isle, included eastside members, from left, Ann Klindt, Mrs. Anton Forhans, Jim Berch, Jeannine Carlier, Carol Berch and Adrian Carlier. The walk was to promote NAMI's mission and to provide help to people with serious mental and emotional illnesses and their families. NAMI - Eastside members come from the Grosse Pointes, Harper Woods, Detroit and Macomb County.

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St. John provides breast cancer care

By Mary Ruhana,
RN, BSN, MA

October is Breast Cancer Awareness month, a good time for women to familiarize themselves with the disease.

The chance of developing breast cancer is an alarming one in eight. Here in the Grosse Pointe community, the incidence of breast cancer is even higher than the national average. St. John Hospital and Medical Center (SJH&MC) staff are seeing more women in their 40s, 50s and 60s develop breast cancer. This is not surprising, as more affluent areas in the country tend to have unusually higher rates of breast cancer. One theory is that lifestyle factors are contributing to the higher incidence.

Detection key

While the rising rate of breast cancer is alarming, the good news is that early detection of breast cancer improves the odds of surviving the disease. It is recommended that women:

- ◆ Perform monthly breast self-examinations, starting at age 20
- ◆ Have breast examination by a health care provider every three years, starting at age 20 and a yearly clinical breast exam, starting at age 40
- ◆ Receive an annual mammogram, starting at age 40
- ◆ Those at high risk for breast cancer should consider a yearly mammogram starting at age 30

Another great diagnostic tool is breast magnetic resonance imaging (MRI) used to distinguish between benign and malignant lesions. But this test is not for everyone: it's only appropriate for high-risk patients, including women who are genetically predisposed to breast cancer (about 10 percent of the U.S. population), and women with previous diagnoses of breast cancer.

Women under 50 years old with a diagnosis of breast or ovarian cancer are now candidates for genetic testing. This is a fairly new recommendation that will help diagnose women earlier and save lives. At SJH&MC we offer genetic counseling to patients to determine if a patient is a good candidate for genetic testing, and to help women through the decision process.

For women who don't have insurance, or whose health care benefits don't cover screening for breast cancer, there is help.

The Breast and Cervical Cancer Control Program (BCCCP) is a state- and county-funded program that provides screening for women (age 40 and older) who meet eligibility. Each year, the BCCCP pays for a physical examination, including a breast examination and a pelvic and PAP smear. If a patient is eligible or it's warranted, the physician will also write a prescription for a mammogram.

If a PAP test or mammogram is positive, the program also pays for additional testing. If there's a diagnosis of breast or cervical cancer, then patients typically apply for Medicaid in order to receive the necessary treatment and care.

To apply for the BCCCP, call (888) 242-2702. Applicants are asked a few questions and eligibility is determined on the spot.

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Reservations must be made by Sunday, Oct. 22, by calling (313) 881-7575.

a diagnosis of breast cancer can be scary. It's one of the biggest reasons we provide a comprehensive approach to breast cancer treatment. Every newly diagnosed breast cancer patient's case is presented to a multi-disciplinary review board or conference, where several experts review the various treatment options and makes recommendations for each patient.

If a patient wants a further explanation or a second opinion, she can meet with the team of experts at a Second Opinion Clinic. Here the patient meets with a medical oncologist, surgeon, radiation oncologist and support staff all in one morning and in one place. The Second Opinion Clinic was established

to give patients information and peace of mind after they have had a biopsy, but before treatment begins.

Integrative Care

Another plus to undergoing treatment for breast cancer (or any cancer) at SJH&MC is the availability of integrative care, which is the most comprehensive program in southeast Michigan.

All newly diagnosed cancer patients are given a free gift certificate to be used at the Valade Healing Arts Center. The gift certificates are valid for services such as massage, Reiki or reflexology. Additionally, yoga and other health-centered classes and services are provided.

In addition, our therapists regularly go to the infusion center, hospital oncology unit, and radiation department to provide these services to patients while they are waiting for or undergoing treatment. Generous donations to the St. John Foundation enable cancer patients to receive integrative care, if desired.

Remember, access to breast cancer screening, treatment and integrative care is right in your "back yard" through the Van Elslander Cancer Center in Grosse Pointe. The center is separate from the hospital and very easy to navigate. Free valet parking is also available.

Mary Ruhana is a nurse, manager/concierge of the Van Elslander Cancer Center, and a

breast cancer survivor. She is an advocate of breast cancer awareness and speaks regular-

ly on the importance of breast cancer screening and early detection.

"By Word of MOUTH"

Dr. Kevin Prush, D.D.S.



If you are an adult woman and see your physician regularly you have probably had a discussion on osteoporosis, or resorption of bone. Biphosphonates such as Fosamax, Zometa, or Actonel are being prescribed as popular treatments for osteoporosis. What you may not know is that your family dentist or oral surgeon needs to know you are taking these medications! There are guidelines for visits with your dentist or oral surgeon if you are taking these medications as it relates to possible problems with the healing of the bone in

your jaws. Patients should receive regular dental visits during biphosphonate therapy, major dental procedures or tooth extractions should be completed as soon as possible, and good oral hygiene should be practiced at home. In addition, sore spots from wearing dentures should be avoided or minimized, root canals are preferable to extractions when possible, and patients should avoid dental surgery (i.e. implant surgery) during treatment with biphosphonates. Once again, let your dentist or oral surgeon know if you are taking any of these biphosphonate medications.

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The ThinPrep Imaging System combines revolutionary imaging technology with human interpretive expertise to improve cervical cancer screening efficiency and performance.

"Bon Secours Cottage Health Services Laboratory is committed to providing our patients with the best new

technology to detect disease early and the ThinPrep System with computer imaging enables us to do that," said Dr. Suresh Gehani, chief pathologist.

"Using the ThinPrep System offers significant improvements over previous screening technologies. Making this technology the standard in our practice was simply the right thing to do."

According to the National Cancer Institute, approximately 15,000 women in the United States are diagnosed with cer-

vical cancer each year and about 5,000 die of the disease. Cervical cancer is almost 100 percent curable if detected early.

More than 30 published studies with more than 500,000 patients have demonstrated the improved performance of the ThinPrep Pap Test compared to the conventional Pap smear.

A meta-analysis published in the American Journal of Obstetrics and Gynecology concluded that the ThinPrep Pap Test improves diagnosis of

low-grade (LSIL) and high-grade squamous intraepithelial lesions (HSIL) compared to the conventional Pap smear.

The article also demonstrated improved sample adequacy with the ThinPrep method. Currently, approximately 70 percent of all Pap tests in the United States utilize the ThinPrep Pap Test.

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Christmas shopping

Preparing for Bon Secours Christmas Mart from 10 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. Friday, Nov. 3, and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 4, are small-gifts buyer Gwen Judson and her assistant, seated, Elaine Hawes. It will be held in the Connelly Auditorium of Bon Secours Hospital with items including Christmas decor, jewelry, sweaters, infant/toddler clothes, toys and accessories for the home such as the bronzed brushed angel, game hens and contemporary trees, as shown. All proceeds benefit the hospital and the community.

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Stepping out with SOC sponsored adventures

Do not let the chilling temperatures keep you in. Services for Older Citizens (SOC) is sponsoring a number of fall and winter trips.

◆ Gem Theatre "The Tribute"

Thursday, Nov. 2

Hey, you groovy cats! Come along to the Gem Theatre and see the Rat Pack. Well not exactly, but a tribute to them. A live swinging band will play as Frank Sinatra, Sammy Davis Jr., Dean Martin and Joey Bishop look-alikes sing, dance and use original patter.

The price is \$49, \$52 for non-residents. The bus departs from SOC at 1 p.m.

◆ Fisher Theater: "Movin' Out"

Thursday, Nov. 2

For more than 30 years Billy Joel has been one of music's great storytellers. Now those stories come to life in Broadway's Tony Award-winning musical "Movin' Out." Watch this performance of 24 Billy Joel songs and see a cast of dancers as they bring the stories to life. This four-hour long program begins at 1 p.m. and food will not be served.

The price is \$39 and \$42 for non-residents. The bus departs SOC at noon.

◆ White Horse Inn

Friday, Nov. 3

The White Horse Inn in Metamora has been serving Michigan for 156 years from its quaint and historic location in Metamora. The restaurant recently was awarded three stars by the Detroit Free Press for its "delightful menu and spectacular desserts."

Participants can choose from the crusted Alaskan pollock, grilled chicken with an original Parmesan cheese cream sauce, pork chop glazed with a maple mustard sauce with Traverse City cherry chutney or the fox hunt house salad, served with grilled chicken. The cost is \$34 and \$37 for non-residents. Departure time from SOC is 11:15 a.m.

◆ Saddle Shoes and Sideburns

Tuesday, Nov. 7

The Older Persons

Commission of Rochester presents "Saddle Shoes and Sideburns" Tuesday, Nov. 7 at the Ruth Cattrell Theatre. "The Six Hundred-Fifty" players will present a musical revue. Lunch is served prior to the show.

The cost is \$23 and \$26 for non-residents. Departure from SOC is 11 a.m.

◆ Windsor Casino

Thursday, Nov. 9

For \$11 participants will receive a \$15 meal voucher or a \$10 gaming voucher.

The non-resident cost is \$14. Departure from SOC is 8:30 a.m.

◆ Ringling Bros. & Barnum & Bailey Circus

Friday, Nov. 10

This American circus that formed from a merger between the Ringling Brothers Circus and the Barnum & Bailey Circus is the largest and most successful of the remaining American circuses. The cost is \$22 and \$25 for non-residents. Departure from SOC is at 9:25 a.m.

◆ DSO, Broadway Rocks

Thursday, Nov. 16

Tunes from Broadway shows including: "Smokey Joe's Café," "Rent," "Jesus Christ Superstar," "Grease," "Mama Mia!" and more are featured in this award-winning production. The cost is \$50 and \$53 for non-residents. Departure from SOC is 9:30 a.m.

◆ Heartland Georgian East

Friday, Nov. 17

This establishment offers state-of-the-art rehabilitation programs including the therapy gym used to meet a patient's particular needs. There will be a tour and lunch. The cost is \$12 and \$15 for non-residents.

Departure from SOC is at 11:15 a.m.

◆ Slows

Thursday, Nov. 30

Slows Restaurant has everything for fans of the great bar-becue. Food choices for the day are baby-back ribs, grilled salmon, beef brisket or chicken-strut. All entrees served with choice of two sides and sauce of your choosing. The

price is \$27 and \$30 for non-residents. Departure from SOC is at noon.

◆ The Joffrey Ballet Nutcracker Suite

Friday, Dec. 1

A Christmastime favorite, Tchaikovsky's "Nutcracker Suite" is one of the most popular pieces created for ballet. The cost is \$36 and \$39 for non-residents. Departure from SOC is at 9:30 a.m.

◆ Somerset Collection

Thursday, Dec. 7

With more than 180 stores from Gucci to Gap, Cartier to Crate & Barrel, and four prominent department stores — Neiman Marcus, Saks Fifth Avenue, Nordstrom, Macy's — Somerset Collection is a popular shopping destination. After a morning of shopping, relax at any of Somerset's full service restaurants (on your own) including P.F. Chang's Portabella, J. Alexander's, McCormick & Schmick's, and Capital Grille or the casual Peacock Cafe.

The cost is \$11 and \$14 for non-residents. Departure from SOC is at 9:30 a.m.

◆ "White Christmas" at the Fox Theatre

Friday, Dec. 8

This story is of two buddies who team up with sisters to hold a benefit show to honor their ex-colonel and bring attention to his Vermont Inn. "White Christmas" re-creates the movie of the same name. The cost is \$59 and \$62 for non-residents. Departure from SOC is at 1 p.m.

◆ DSO - Home for the Holidays

Thursday, Dec. 14

A blend of classic, contemporary and world holiday music make up this program. Join the DSO for carols, choral music, a traditional yuletide sing-a-long and a visit from St. Nick. Songs from "How the Grinch Stole Christmas" and "A Charlie Brown Christmas" will be highlighted.

The price is \$50 and \$53 for non-residents. Departure from SOC is 9:30 a.m.

◆ Last minute shopping at Lakeside

Tuesday, Dec. 19

Enjoy the sights and sounds of the holidays while getting last minute necessities. Lunch on your own at one of the many restaurants.

The cost is \$11 and \$14 for non-residents. The bus departs from SOC at 9:30 a.m.

◆ Meadow Brook Theatre — "A Christmas Carol"

Wednesday, Dec. 20

The day begins with lunch at Canterbury followed by a presentation of "A Christmas Carol." Charles Nolte returns to Meadow Brook to direct the Charles Dickens classic.

The cost is \$60 and \$63 for non-residents. Departure from SOC is at 9:30 a.m.

◆ Ford House: Tour and tea

Thursday, Dec. 21

Tour the Henry Ford Estate and partake of tea from a special menu in the Ford House Tea Room. Learn about the historic Christmas décor that was enjoyed by the Ford family.

The cost is \$35 and \$38 for non-residents.

Departure from SOC is at 11:45 a.m. The cost is non-refundable.

◆ Charley's Crab

Thursday, Dec. 28

The entrée is a choice of prime rib sandwich with Portabella mushrooms and onions, blackened salmon burger served Cajun style or Sicilian calamari. Meals include coffee, hot tea or soft drink.

The cost is \$39 and \$42 for non-residents. Departure from SOC is at 11:15 a.m.

◆ Arab American National Museum

Thursday, Jan. 4

Following a guided tour of the Arab American National Museum, lunch will be a traditional Arabic meal. On the menu is shawarma sandwiches, tabouli salad, hummus, baba ghanouje, pita bread, soft drinks, coffee or bottled water and Middle Eastern sweets.

The price is \$33 and \$36 for non-residents. Departure from SOC is at 9 a.m.

◆ Pine Ridge

Thursday, Jan. 11

Lunch will be served at this senior residence on Garfield. The trip and lunch are courtesy of Pine Ridge. Departure from SOC is at 10:30 a.m.

◆ DSO - Big Band hit parade, a coffee concert

Thursday, Jan. 18

Songs that defined an era: "Woodchopper's Ball," "String of Pearls," "Sing, Sing," "Caravan" and "Night and Day" are part of the list to be heard at a cost of \$50, or \$53 for non-residents. Departure from SOC is at 9:30 a.m.

◆ Meadow Brook Theatre "Same Time Next Year"

Wednesday, Jan. 24

Lunch will be served at Alfocino Restaurant, followed by the play which covers 25

years of a couple's annual meeting. The cost is \$45 and \$48 for non-residents.

◆ Henry Ford Village

Thursday, Feb. 8

Henry Ford Village features a 35-acre campus in Dearborn and a tour of the entire facility including the all-season swimming pool and spa, fitness center with personal chefs, computer lab, creative arts studio, billiards room, game room, classroom, library, music room, woodwork and hobby shop, all-faith chapel and performing arts theater and/or conference center is planned.

Lunch is included in the \$12 price; \$15 for non-residents. Departure from SOC is at 1:30 a.m.

◆ DSO - Mancini at the movies, coffee concert

Thursday, Feb. 15

"Breakfast at Tiffany's," "Days of Wine and Roses," "Pink Panther," "The Thorn Birds" defined Henry Mancini's music. Now his daughter, Monica, performs her father's greatest melodies, illustrated with clips from the movies.

The cost is \$50 and \$53 for non-residents. Departure from SOC is at 9:30 a.m. This is a non-refundable trip.

◆ Macomb Performing Arts: "Pirates of Penzance"

Thursday, Feb. 22

Macomb Culinary Arts stu-

dents will set-up a buffet prior to the Gilbert and Sullivan play in the Performing Arts Center.

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Departure from SOC is at 4 p.m.

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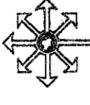
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Treatments for your aching back

By: Douglas A. Karie, D.O.

If you've ever suffered from back pain, you're not alone. The National Institute of Neurological Disorders and Stroke says that most Americans will be affected by back pain at one time or another - pain that disrupts everyday activities, and can result in missed workdays and emotional stress. But no matter whether your pain is acute (coming on suddenly and lasting a short period of time) or chronic (persistent and long-lasting) there are things you can do to manage your pain - usually without surgery.



After a physical exam by your primary care physician, you may be referred for diagnostic tests like X-rays, MRI, CT scan or ultrasound. These tests are used to pinpoint the source of your pain, which will help your physician devise a course of treatment. The first line of treatment usually is pain medication. Most back pain responds very well to nonsteroidal anti-inflammatory medications, from the lowly aspirin and ibuprofen, to prescription-strength drugs. Often, a combination of drugs is used to bring relief.

When pain medication isn't enough, your physician might recommend other therapies, including physical therapy, in which you're put through a series of gentle motions to strengthen and stretch your muscles. Back-healthy exercises like swimming and activities like yoga also can help. Finally, massage therapy can be beneficial because it improves circulation, relaxes muscles to improve range of motion, and increases "feel-good" endorphin levels to reduce pain.

If none of these techniques reduce your pain, surgery can be considered. But, surgery should always be considered the last resort when all other treatments have failed.

To learn more about treating back pain, please attend an educational session on October 24 from Noon - 1 p.m. at Henry Ford Medical Center - Pierson Clinic. Lunch will be provided.

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Make a Difference Day is the national day of helping others a celebration of neighbors helping neighbors.

According to its creators at USA Weekend Magazine, this year's annual event takes place on Saturday, Oct. 28.

Join Services for Older Citizens (SOC) for Make a Difference Day, and help make a difference in the life of a senior. The day starts at 10 a.m. with a light breakfast at SOC facilities in the Grosse Pointe Neighborhood Club. Volunteers need to register be-

tween 10 and 11 a.m. to receive the names and addresses of seniors who would benefit most from a friendly face and a helping hand. Bring a rake and broom to help with some fall cleaning.

Those who would like to participate or know someone who would appreciate a helping hand, call Services for Older Citizens at (313) 882-9600, ext. 245 and ask for Mary Rose Nelson, volunteer coordinator. E-mail your registration form or questions to maryrose@yahoo.com.



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Optimist meet on Oct. 25

Christine Gaitley, director of "My Father's Business" outreach ministry, will visit and speak at the next meeting of the Lakeshore Optimist Club from 7:30 to 8:30 a.m., Wednesday, Oct. 25, in the Reception Room of the Grosse Pointe War Memorial.

Lakeshore Optimists' annual "Coats for the Cold Community Clothing Collection" each December has forwarded the majority of donated clothing to Our Father's Business the past few years.

Optimists invite the public to attend free of charge to listen to Gaitley and have a continental breakfast.

For more information about Optimist activities may call the club president Jeff vonSchwarz at (313) 882-5200.

My Father's Business is affiliated with Grace Community Church and coordinates donations of goods and services and their distribution to help families in need throughout the greater east side. The



"Roberta's Pond" by Bette Prudden of Grosse Pointe Woods is one of the featured works of art at the Grosse Pointe Artists Association's 68th Annual Member Show at the GPAA Art Center through Oct. 27.

Artists hold annual show

The Grosse Pointe Artists Association holds its 68th annual member show at the Grosse Pointe Artists Association Art Center through Oct. 27.

This annual exhibition features 64 pieces of the best work by 38 of the association's members.

"The caliber of this show is of a very high level. There is a variety of media represented: oil, ceramics, photography,

prints, watercolor and pastel," said Roumen Boudev, show juror. The Bulgarian-born artist, now living in the Detroit area, is best known for his mural in the Townsend Lobby of the Detroit Opera House. He also teaches drawing and painting at the College for Creative Studies and the Birmingham Bloomfield Art Center.

Featured artists in the show include Lori Zurvalec of Grosse Pointe, Rosemary Bay and Shelley Schoenherr of Grosse Pointe Farms, Christiane Kemnitz of Grosse Pointe Park, Arthur Krusz and Bette Prudden of Grosse Pointe Woods, Walt Kempinski of St. Clair Shores, James Brown of Troy, and Lou Terry of Woodhaven.

Other artists include Daren Dundee of Clinton Township; George Booth of Dearborn Heights; Richie Campbell, Cheryl English and Barbara Reich of Detroit; Cherie Lucas and David Mikesell of Grosse Pointe; Hala Besmar, Katharina Goebel, Carol Hennessey, Margaret Rose,

Jacqueline Rybinski and Colton Weatherston of Grosse Pointe Farms; Effie Ambler, Erica Chappuis, Birgit Huttemann-Holz, Charmaine Kaptur and Tom Szmreczanyi of Grosse Pointe Park; Zena Carnaghi of Grosse Pointe Shores; Barbara Carr and Beverly Zimmermann of Grosse Pointe Woods; Laura Reed, Juliet Sabit and Carolyn Sieffert of Harper Woods; Howard Dombrowski of Livonia; Mike Gottschalk of Roseville; Francine Kachman and George Prentice of St. Clair Shores; and Elizabeth Langon of Warren.

The show is open Wednesdays, Fridays and Saturdays from noon to 5 p.m., and Thursdays from noon to 7 p.m.

Admission to the show and the reception are free; donations are accepted. The GPAA Art Center is located at 1005 Maryland in Grosse Pointe Park. For more information, call (313) 821-1848 or write gpaal@sbcglobal.net.

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Chamber music celebrates birthdays

Grosse Pointe Chamber Music (GPCM) presents a 2:30 p.m. concert on Sunday, Oct. 29, in the Crystal Ballroom of the Grosse Pointe War Memorial.

and Martha Windscheif, Deborah Shuster, viola, and Grace Brockett, cello.

The program will open with Trio Pathétique by Glinka performed by clarinetist Norma Keil, cellist Sylvain Bouwman, and pianist Lana Shulman. Then, celebrating the birthdays of both composers, the Clef Dwellers Quartet will perform Mozart's F Major Quartet, K. 168, and Shostakovich's Quartet No. 1 in C Major. Members of the quartet are violinists Michael McGillivray

and Martha Windscheif, Deborah Shuster, viola, and Grace Brockett, cello. The Grosse Pointe War Memorial Association sponsors the series of eight GPCM concerts throughout the year. Tickets are available at the door for \$8 and \$4 (ages 6-15). An annual membership for \$22, also available at the door, becomes an entire season's ticket.

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Docent training

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Learn all about the history of the house, the different people who lived there, and about its Grosse Pointe locations throughout the years.

The Provencal-Weir House is one of the oldest houses in Grosse Pointe and has been restored by the Grosse Pointe Historical Society. The One Room Schoolhouse program invites children in grades 2-5 to experience a school day, circa 1900.

For more information, call the society at (313) 884-7010.

Local writer crosses bridge to pen child's story

By Debra Pascoe
Special Writer

Gloria Whelan can't stay away from the water — or the Grosse Pointes.

She returned to the area two years ago an accomplished writer after spending some 30 years living on Oxbow Lake in northern Michigan.

She's now ready to keep writing and be closer to her children and grandchildren who remained in the community.

"We waited until our children were out of college and moved to Northern Michigan," she said. "It was our summer place and one Sunday we decided not to go home."

Whelan penned many a book while tucked in that cottage on Oxbow Lake, the majority of which are targeted toward teens and adults. Her latest book "Mackinac Bridge: The Story of the Five-Mile Poem" is the first she penned for the younger set.

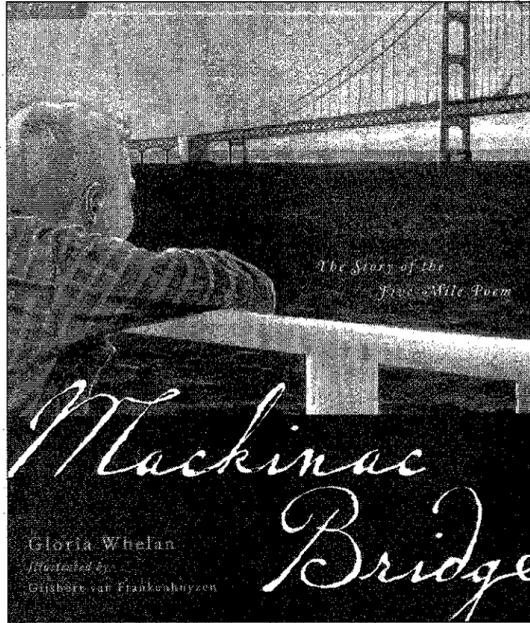
It is the tale of the 13-year-



Author Gloria Whelan

old son of a ferry captain about to lose his boat as construction of the Mackinac Bridge will end the need for ferry service to the Upper Peninsula. What makes things worse for Mark's dad is his eldest son takes a job as a bridge man.

Whelan remembers summers spent at the family cot-



"Mackinac Bridge" is Gloria Whelan's first book written for children.

tage about an hour away from the Straits of Mackinac. Her

father was one of many hunters who would wait

sometimes overnight to catch a ferry.

"People would sell sandwiches and hot coffee and they'd walk up and down chatting with each other," she said.

"That's what gave me the idea for the book."

Whelan said she spent a lot of time researching how the bridge was built and relied heavily on a book penned by David B. Steinman who helped build the bridge and authored "The Bridge at Mackinac" poem reprinted in Whelan's book.

"I found the book at the Grosse Pointe Library," she said, adding her daughter, Jennifer Nolan is a librarian and has been a huge help with her research on this and other books.

Son Joseph also lent a hand.

"He gave me my first computer," she said.

When the manuscript was finished, it was sent to the Mackinac Bridge Authority for review and confirmation of historical facts and figures.

While many of Whelan's books, based in Michigan and in foreign lands, reflect historic accuracy, she does not fancy herself a historian.

"I think of myself as writing fiction that is set in different places and in different times," she said.

Her next young adult novel awaiting the presses takes place just before World War I in Syria and required a "tremendous" amount of research.

She got the idea while perusing a guidebook for Syria written in 1901.

"As I read, I began to imagine the stories," she said.

She also gets inspiration from her travels abroad to such areas as Africa, northern Germany and Paris.

Her favorite locale — aside from Oxbow Lake and Grosse Pointe — is Paris.

"Who doesn't love Paris?" she asked with a wistful sigh.

For now Whelan is content to stay at home writing her books and strolling along Lake St. Clair thinking about her latest manuscript.

Take a self-guided history road rally

What's in the Grosse Pointes? The Grosse Pointe Historical Society has devised a road rally which will take teams to various spots which have significance to the area.

You will need

◆ At least two teams

◆ Each team will need a digital camera

◆ A designated driver for each team

◆ A judge to review the digital photos and assign points

Directions:

1) Have a group picture taken in as many of the situations listed below as you can within a limited time (suggested 1 1/2 to 2 hours).

2) The winning team will be decided on a total point system as described below.

Each situation can be used only once by each team. Image must be visible in viewfinder of camera and will be subject to printout in case of discrepancy.

All decisions by the judge will be final.

Points and timing:

1) Five points will be awarded for each group picture taken with all but one member in the picture (the photographer).

2) An additional five points will be awarded per photo if all members of the group are in the picture (someone outside the group takes the picture).

3) A perfect score is 120 including all extra points.

4) You have 1 1/2 hours. No extra points for finishing early but a point per minute will be assessed for returning late.

Find in Grosse Pointe and take a group picture with the following and stay off private property and respect privacy.

1) The sacred Indian burial ground (extra point for historical marker included)

2) A school cornerstone before 1900. (Extra point for historical marker)

3) Street sign route of Inland Indian canoe route (used to go all through Grosse Pointe)

4) A rock with a historical plaque on it (extra point for first Protestant church rock)

5) An old bell (extra point for sounds of Joy)

6) A house with a historical marker (Extra point for the oldest house)

7) A street name on a grave headstone. (Extra point for oldest grave)

8) French farm millstone at the "Mooring's" home. (Extra point for historical marker)

9) Street sign of "Rose Terrace estate"

10) Remainder of horse racing track in the Farms (extra point on the curve)

Suggestions: Start and end at same location. End with a pizza and pop celebration. Print out the photos if you can for all to see.

E-mail the historical society if answers have stumped you.

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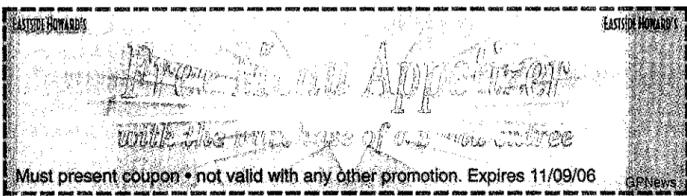
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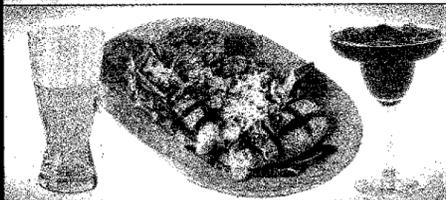
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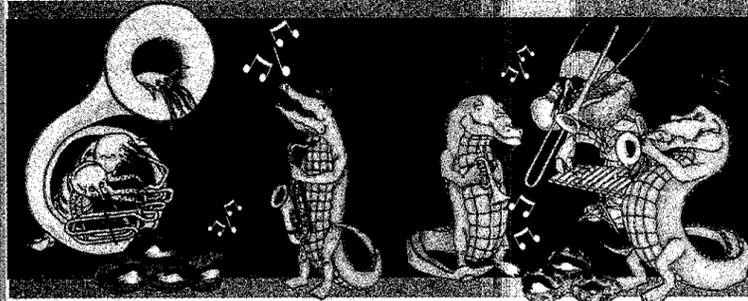
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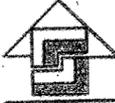
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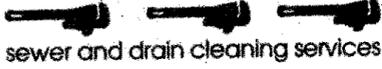

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ALA ANNIE By Annie Rouleau-Scheriff

Scones are a favorite



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Scone Wedges

- 3 cups flour
- 1 tablespoon baking powder
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1 stick cold butter
- 1 1/4 cups whole milk
- 2 eggs, slightly beaten

Preheat oven to 375 degrees. Sift all of the dry ingredients into a large mixing bowl then transfer to a food processor. Cut the cold butter into cubes and add to the flour mixture. Pulse several times until the mixture resembles bread crumbs.

Transfer mixture back to mixing bowl.

In another small bowl combine the milk and the eggs. Make a well in the center of the flour mixture and pour in the milk/egg mixture.

Use a knife or flat spoon to bring the mixture together to form a soft dough.

Turn the dough onto a lightly

floured surface and form into a large round ball, about 7 to 8 inches wide, then carefully transfer to a greased baking sheet.

Use a sharp knife to score four deep slashes across the scone, creating eight triangular wedges.

Sprinkle with a little bit of flour and bake at 375 for 25 to 30 minutes, until risen and golden brown.

Cut into eight wedges and serve warm with butter, honey, or preserves for a real sweet treat.

If sweet is not your thing, stir some chives and dill (or any herbs you enjoy) into some whipped cream cheese and smear it over a wedge of scone. A tasty side car for hot tomato soup.

Either way, you'll enjoy this delicious quick bread straight from the oven.

Scones...why buy them when baking them yourself is this easy. Yummy!

Scones have always been a favorite treat to purchase with a cup of coffee.

The Scottish quick bread is triangular in shape and was originally griddle baked. Updated scones are baked in the oven, and are usually still the shape of a triangle. I've seen several recipes for the breakfast breads over the years but never attempted to make scones until I came across the following idea for scone wedges.

Actually, one big scone that is cut into eight pieces.

It just looked doable. And it was. Not packed with fruit or nuts, this scone can swing to the sweet or savory side, depending on how you want to

Tea party hosted by historical guild

The Detroit Historical Society Guild is hosting a woman's tea party from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 28, at the Detroit Historical Museum.

The party takes place in the new Cadillac Café located in the Detroit Historical Museum's exhibit, the Streets of Old Detroit. Guests will en-

joy sandwiches, desserts, and tea, followed by a speaker who will present the history of tea, the origins of the tea party and some tea party etiquette.

The cost is \$30. Parking is available off Kirby for \$3.

For information and reservations, call (586) 777-5898 by Oct. 21. No tickets will be sold on the day of the event.

The historical museum is located at 5401 Woodward Ave., and is open Wednesday through Friday from 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m., Saturday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Sunday from noon to 5 p.m.

Adult admission is \$6. Seniors, college students with valid college ID, and youth ages 5-18 pay \$4.

Women's 1925 lives portrayed in 'Boomtown'

"Boomtown 1925," an original play about five women in Detroit's Jazz Age, will be performed at 8 p.m. Thursdays and Saturdays and 4 p.m. Sundays Oct. 19 through Nov. 12, at the YMCA Boll Family Theatre, 1401 Broadway, Detroit.

The play centers around five women from five cultures who come together at Gus' All Night Diner across the street from the Ternstedt plant in Southwest Detroit.

There, they share troubles, laughs and food as they invent

the city that created the 20th century.

"Boomtown 1925" captures the transformation that marked the 1920s in Detroit. The Great War was over, the Jazz Age had begun. Prohibition turned ordinary people into criminals.

Women were on the forefront of change: suffragettes had just secured the right to vote, and women were in the factories in record numbers, but flappers were the image of the modern woman.

Tickets are \$15 and available

at the door or in advance by calling (313) 967-0599.

Reunion

Dominican High School Class of 1981 is having its 25th class reunion on Saturday, Nov. 25, at the Club Monte Carlo, 50265 Van Dyke, Shelby Township. The cost of \$50 is due by Oct. 25.

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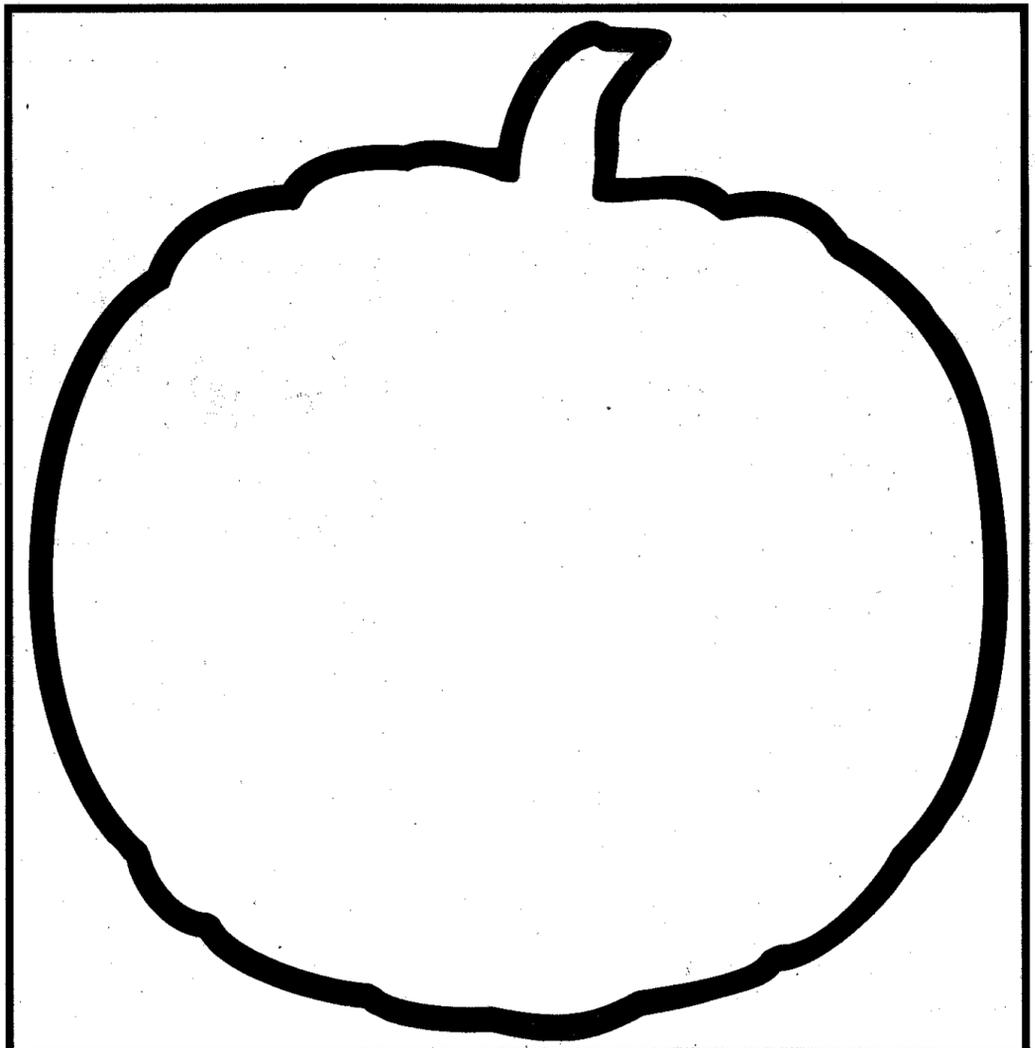
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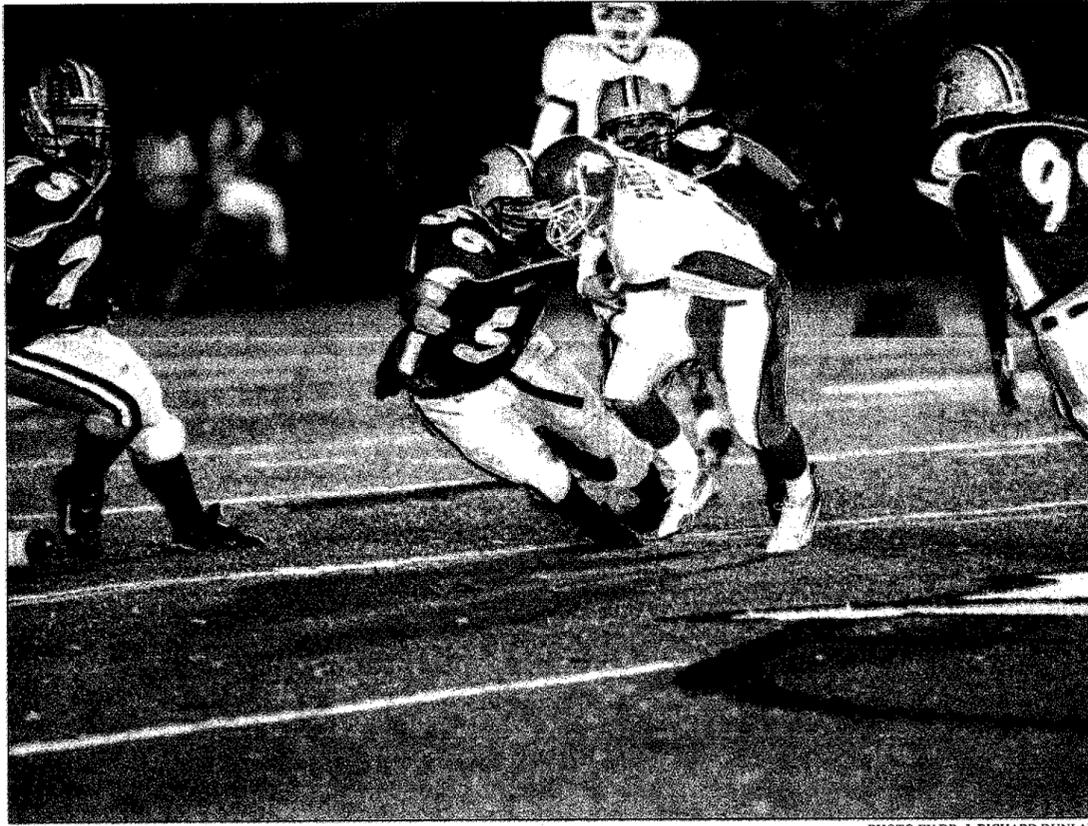
Alone in first

North basketball team beats Fraser to sit at the MAC Red race **PAGE 4C**

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NORTH FOOTBALL

Win earns a share of crown



Norsemen's 24-17 victory against Romeo forges a three-way tie in MAC White

By Chuck Klonke
Sports Editor

Ron Bedway and Alex Ahee wanted a senior season to remember.

That's why the two Grosse Pointe North linemen made sure that everybody was on the same page when preparations started for this football season.

"It all goes back to last year's playoff game (a 15-7 loss to Detroit Murray-Wright)," coach Frank Sumner said after the Norsemen got a share of the Macomb Area Conference White Division championship Friday with a 24-17 homecoming victory against Romeo.

"These kids deserve the championship. They worked hard to get here. They worked hard in the weight room, in the 7-on-7 drills, in training camp. It all paid off."

The defeat was the first in the MAC White for Romeo. North, Romeo and Cousino each finished with 5-1 records in the division.

None of the North players was more vocal than Bedway,

when it came to motivating the Norsemen to do well.

"Ronnie's the one who always kept reminding them to work hard, and Alex and Keenan (King) did, too," Sumner said. "The captains always talk to the team alone before the games. We were always ready to play."

While the seniors made key contributions in Friday's victory, a newcomer also played an important role.

Theron Carter returned the second-half kickoff 90 yards for a touchdown to break a 3-3 tie, and send the Norsemen on their way to their seventh victory in eight games.

"That ignited us," Sumner said. "We went on to play a great third quarter."

Carter had been playing tight end and defensive back on the junior varsity team until last week. He joined the varsity for the Grosse Pointe South game but couldn't play because he had played in the JV game that week.

Several Grosse Pointe North tacklers surround Romeo quarterback Aaron Ploetz. Michael Neveux is the first to Ploetz, but Steve Wiczorek (99), Ron Bedway (75) and Doug Rahaim (42) are ready to help out.

None of the North players was more vocal than Bedway,

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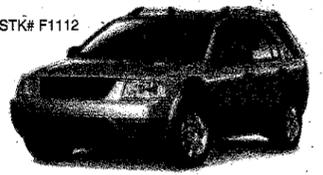


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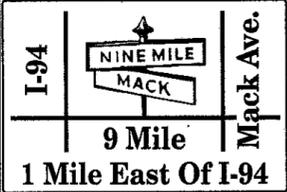
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Past merges with present

Grosse Pointe South's cross country team had a perfect blend of past and present as it finished a 13-0 dual meet season with a 15-50 shutout of Warren-Mott in a non-league meet.

The past was Pat Dantzer, a former All-State runner at South, who ran track and cross country at Yale the last four years.

"When we look back on the success we've had this season, Pat Dantzer has to get some

credit," said Blue Devils coach Tom Wise. "He brought his cross country knowledge from Yale University where he is the current five-kilometer record holder (14:10) and is in town to do some grad work.

"He runs with the kids and has taught groups to run as one."

South got its shutout against Mott when Kevin Lynch passed the top Marauders runner late in the race.

Edwin Gay (16:32), Brendan

Buckley (17:05), Joel Gilpin (17:20), Jack Davies (17:23), Nate Monahan (17:23) and Dan Holley (17:24) were the first six runners to the finish line for South.

Lars Hamre (18:37) ran to a varsity spot for the Macomb Area Conference Red Division Championships Saturday at 11:30 a.m. at Metropolitan Beach Metropark.

Wise said that Dan Firl, Trent Lattimore and Dan Dickson continued to improve.

ULS TENNIS

Knights post 8-4 record

University Liggett School's girls tennis team had a strong finish to the regular season, beating Regina and Riverview Gabriel Richard, and taking second place to Cranbrook Kingswood in the Metro Conference tournament.

"We have really become a strong and united group," said coach Cathy Hackenberger. "The support for one another has been wonderful and the leadership from captains Denine Simmons, Lauren Russell and Grace D'Arcy has been above and beyond."

"The girls are peaking and have the drive to make it to states. I feel that each of them is proud of her accomplishments."

In a 5-3 victory against Regina, ULS won despite having to default at No. 2 singles

when Carrie Taylor rolled her ankle before the match.

Despite the injury, Taylor won the first set 6-3.

The highlight of the match was a 6-4, 6-3 victory by the No. 1 doubles team of Simmons and D'Arcy. The win kept them unbeaten in dual meets.

At No. 1 singles, Catherine Vatsis posted a 6-2, 6-2 victory over Rachel Denny. The Knights also won at third and fourth singles behind Jamie Bow and Paige Counsman. Bow recorded a 6-2, 6-1 win at No. 3, and Counsman won 6-0, 6-0 at No. 4.

ULS also won at No. 3 doubles with Russell and Clare Peracchio taking a 6-1, 6-3 win.

Highlights of the Knights' 7-1 victory against Gabriel Richard was a 6-2, 6-3 win by

Vatsis against Aashima Jindal at No. 1 singles, and Taylor returning to action to beat Val Eisesser 6-1, 6-1 at No. 2.

"Carrie had a great match," Hackenberger said.

In a 7-1 loss to Division I power Grosse Pointe South, Vatsis beat Carla Schmidt 7-5, 6-4 at No. 1 singles.

In the Metro Conference tournament, ULS reached the finals in each flight and all of the Knights' players earned second-team, all-conference honors.

They were Vatsis, Taylor, Bow and Counsman in singles and the doubles teams of D'Arcy and Simmons, Julia Brennan and Sara McCuish, Russell and Peracchio and Kate Shannon and Liz Smith.

ULS finished 8-4 in dual meets.

SOUTH GIRLS CROSS COUNTRY

More season bests posted

Three days after posting a record 60 season-best times at the Wayne County Championships, Grosse Pointe South's girls cross country team added another 48 season bests in 20-43 victories against Warren-Mott and Detroit Country Day.

The two wins gave South a final dual meet record of 13-2.

Mott and Country Day each had one runner finish ahead of the South runners but the Blue Devils took the next seven places and 18 of the top 20 spots in each meet.

South was led by freshman Rae Sklarski, who covered the 3.1-mile Patterson Park course in a season-best 20:03.

Following Sklarski were Jeannie Hollerbach, Sam Mackenzie and Emily McLaughlin — all running season-best times under 20:40.

Close behind and below the 22-minute mark were Katie Lanza, Bridget Dennehy,

Rachel Cook, Katherine Corden, Anna Schulte and Hannah Reimer.

"We had outstanding back-to-back competitions with well over 100 best performances," said South coach Steve Zaranek. "The girls keep getting stronger and continue to race extremely well. The coaches are very proud of our team's attitude and effort."

South battled bitter cold wind at Oxford Hills Golf Course last week at the Oxford Invitational.

"It would have been very easy to have a down meet under the tough weather conditions, and coming off two great races," Zaranek said. "But we did not, and we, once again, looked very, very good."

South finished second to Rochester Adams in the 15-team field. Troy Athens was third.

South was led by varsity runners Sklarski, McLaughlin,

Mackenzie, Lanza, Hollerbach, Ashley Thibodeau and Cook. South's top five, led by Sklarski, finished less than a minute apart.

The junior varsity race, featuring more than 200 runners, was dominated by the Blue Devils.

South took nine of the top 10 spots and was led by overall winner Schulte.

Also in the top 10 were Bethany Cavanagh, Reimer, Torie Palffy, Erica Menchi, Nicole Stieber, Amanda Gay, Beth Ansaldi and Emily Franchett.

Others with season-best performances included Bridget Sullivan, Liz Baldwin, Colleen Manardo, Jen Barry and Abby Meert.

South hosts the Macomb Area Conference Championships at Metropolitan Beach Metropark on Saturday, Oct. 21. Races begin at 9:30 a.m.

South swim team tested

Grosse Pointe South's girls swimming team, which moved into 10th place in the state Division I rankings, survived one of its most difficult weekends of the season.

The Blue Devils made a strong showing against nationally-ranked Ann Arbor Pioneer despite losing 122-64, and South defeated Holt 147-39.

South had at least one qualifier in each event at the Michigan Interscholastic Swim Coaches Association meet at Eastern Michigan University.

The top 60 swimmers in the state in each event qualify for the MISCA meet, and for the first time South had swimmers in every event.

In the double dual meet with Pioneer and Holt, the Blue Devils were tied with the Pioneers at the diving break.

The 200-yard medley relay team of Tori Bruce, Jennifer Dunaway, Kendall Effinger and Leeann Mocerri lopped a second off their best time to win the event.

Lindsey Phillips was third in the 200 freestyle and the trio of Morgan Laney, Sarah Jenzen and Bailey Powell took 2-3-4 in the 200 individual medley.

Mocerri and Bruce closed out the first third of the meet with a second and third, respectively, in the 50 freestyle.

Divers Regan Wedenoja and Olivia Vandebussche placed second and fourth.

Bruce in the 100 backstroke and Dunaway in the 100 breaststroke each finished second to Pioneer swimmers for South's highest places in the second half of the meet.

Powell, Effinger and Zoe Berkery finished 3-4-5 in the 100 butterfly. Nora Oliver was third in the 500 freestyle. Melissa Oddo recorded a season-best time in the 100 breaststroke, as did Jenzen in the 100 backstroke.

In the MISCA meet at Eastern Michigan University, the 200 medley relay team of Bruce, Dunaway, Effinger and Mocerri brought home a second-place medal as they knocked two seconds off the season-best they posted a day earlier.

Dunaway was fifth in the 100 breaststroke and Oddo was 14th as she posted a season-best time in moving closer to a state cut in the event.

Other top 20 finishers were Laney in the 100 breaststroke and Mocerri in the 50 freestyle. Mocerri had an excellent meet, dropping time in every event and recording two season bests.

Jackie Stevens shaved nearly a second off her previous best time in the 100 butterfly, and Kathryn Carey pared more than a second and a half from her best 100 breaststroke time.

Other South participants were Phillips (200 and 100 freestyle), Effinger (100 butterfly), Powell (100 butterfly), Bruce (50 freestyle and 100 backstroke), Laney (200 individual medley), Berkery (100 breaststroke), and Oliver (500 freestyle). Also the 200 freestyle relay team of Jenzen, Kacey Murphy, Jeanne Frisby-Zedan and Killeen Lang and the 400 freestyle relay team of Katy Strek, Michelle Martinelli, Libby Roach and Angie Simon.

South will recognize its seniors when it hosts Monroe at 7 p.m. at the North community pool.

ON SAIL By Sandra Svoboda

Sailing time winds down



igh. It's October. LATE October. It's that sad time of year when the majority of boats are coming out of the water and being put away for winter. It will be MONTHS before any Tuesday night races, swimming off anchorages along Lake Shore Drive, and the Mackinac.

Sure, some of the more foolhardy among us "frostbite" and keep our favorite sport going even as the snow flies. On Sail will continue every other week through the winter. Until ice prevents it, we'll be out there in full gear with frozen fingers sailing on Lake St. Clair and the Detroit River. (I've been dumb enough to sail here the Saturday after Thanksgiving.)

But most sailors are smarter than me, especially the owners who are taking their boats out and preparing them for winter before we have arctic temperatures.

This is a subject I know virtually nothing about. My kayak is low maintenance.

I don't have to worry about its engine or its plumbing. It fits in my garage so I don't have to cover it. I can't make too many modifications to it so I don't have any winter projects in mind.

But sailboats, well, they're a little more work, and sailors ALWAYS have a project they'd like to complete on them during the off-season.

Todd Jones, a Grosse Pointe City resident, is the owner of Thomas Hardware, 18680 Mack Ave. in Grosse Pointe Farms. He has a few recommendations for winterizing boats.

First, he told me about "red pop" and "blue pop."

Huh? "It's environmentally safe anti-freeze," Jones explained.

Oh. The red goes in the water systems as well as the bilge and its pumps, the blue goes in the engine.

The blue gets diluted 50 percent with water and flushed

through the engine either through from a bucket to the intake hose or directly into the strainer.

"You just pour it into the top of the strainer, the engine sucks it through and it protects all the vital parts of the engine," Jones said.

Covering a boat "is kind of nice," Jones said, but if sailors want to redo a deck layout or paint, they can build a makeshift tent to work in.

Popular winter projects also include making the boat's bottom perfect.

Sails shouldn't be neglected either. While sailmakers would be happy to sell you an entire new inventory any time, the fact of the matter is that fall and winter are good times to get maintenance done on your "canvass" and storing your sails at a sail loft can prevent headaches.

"Mice love Dacron," said Al Declercq, owner of Doyle Sails in Detroit. Some sailors have stored sails in their garages over the winter and then found dozens of chew holes in them in the spring.

Declercq, who lives in Grosse Pointe Park, said the vast majority of area cruising sailors will drop off their sails at lofts for the winter where sailmakers look them over, repair frayed stitching and clear any mildew that might be on them.

Another common problem is the decay of stitching in cover for roller-furling sails. While the cloth used for the cover has a 20-year life, the thread only lasts eight years in the sun's ultra-violet light.

Racing sailors often don't have space in their house for big sail inventories so those go to Declercq and other lofts as well.

"We prefer they bring the sails in during the winter so we can get everything fixed so they can make it through the summer without bringing everything back," he said.

And, of course, Declercq reminds me, there are discounts for fall purchases.

"If somebody is interested in replacing a sail, now is really the best time."

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Shock treatment

Laura Ramus, trainer of the WNBA champion Detroit Shock, brought the team's 2003 and 2006 championship trophies to Pointe Fitness & Training last week. Ramus, a Pointe Fitness personal trainer, is head of the Detroit Medical Center's Rehabilitation Institute of Michigan satellite, which will open soon at Pointe Fitness. At left is Pointe Fitness owner Ken Welch.

Injuries take a toll on Knights

Last weekend was a difficult one for University Liggett School's basketball team.

Not only did the Knights lose 45-21 to Lutheran Westland in a Metro Conference game, but they lost two key players to in-

juries.

Leading scorer Taylor Brown is expected to miss several games after being injured in the third quarter.

Ke'Ana Bryant, who has also played well, was also in-

jured.

"We do a lot around Taylor so it will hurt us," said ULS coach Dan Kresbaugh. "If we do not have Taylor and Ke'Ana, will will be starting some freshmen."

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Season ends right for South

Everything that could go right did for Grosse Pointe South's soccer team last week.

And the end result was a Macomb Area Conference White Division championship for the Blue Devils.

South took care of its end of things with a 2-1 victory against a determined Dakota squad. Meanwhile, in a game played only 10 miles away, Utica and Romeo played a 2-2 tie. A victory by the Bulldogs would have given Romeo the title.

This was expected to be a rebuilding season for South coach Gene Harkins, who took over the program midway through the 2005 season and finished with a 6-14 record.

This year's team, however, returned with 12 seniors who had dedicated themselves to train during the offseason to prepare for a different outcome.

The dozen seniors have been playing soccer since they were 4 or 5, and most have played together since they were 9 or 10. That nucleus was reinforced by some talented underclassmen, and along with their coach's direction, gelled into a championship team.

After some success during the non-conference games, the Blue Devils took over the MAC White lead during the first week and held it despite Romeo and Utica nipping at their heels.

The first league showdown came on Oct. 9 against Utica. South and Utica were tied for first with Romeo a half-game behind.

The game featured two skilled and fast teams with similar aggressive ball-control styles, constantly testing each other.

Utica scored first at 32:20 on

a goal by striker Mike Atkins from a back-side feed to beat goalkeeper Greg Carmody. Ten minutes later, Spencer MacGriff countered on a cross from Jake Mandel with a shot from five yards out that banged off the crossbar.

MacGriff charged and headed in his own rebound to tie the game.

In the second half, Atkins scored again at 22 minutes to give Utica a 2-1 lead. About six minutes later, on a set play from 30 yards out, MacGriff scored again on a hard shot to the left corner.

The game escalated to a frantic pace, and both teams had quality scoring chances during the final five minutes. South's defense, anchored by seniors Grant Withers and Stefan Pfaehler, along with sophomore

Mike Cunningham, and mark-up duties from Tim Greening, kept

the Chieftains from breaking the tie.

Carmody, a co-captain with MacGriff, finished with 13 saves.

The tie, coupled with Romeo's victory against L'Anse Creuse North, moved the Bulldogs into first place with a game remaining.

South and Romeo both had to play on the road and a tie or loss by the Blue Devils would end their chances for a league title.

However, a victory at Dakota, coupled with an unlikely tie between Utica and Romeo would give South the undisputed championship.

South came out firing against Dakota in a game played in a steady, cold rain.

Senior strikers Brad Jensen and Matt Naber and junior Evan Hall pushed the offense. Hall just missed on three excellent opportunities.

Midway through the first half, on a perfect through ball from Austen Brooks, Matt Faiver beat the Dakota goalie.

South's midfield, which included Patrick Rubens, Peter Beierwaltes and Andrew Osborn, controlled the first-half play.

With 30 seconds left in the half, MacGriff moved the ball into the middle, drew several defenders to him, and delivered a perfect back pass to Faiver, who was alone for a 25-yard shot that beat the Cougars' goalie.

The Blue Devils came out a little flat in the second half, but Dakota didn't.

Goalie Cale Mannesto gave up a goal against a swarming Dakota rush and things began getting interesting.

Harkins quickly adjusted his lineup. Among the changes was inserting senior defender Matt Dziuba, who had missed

the Utica game. Slowly, the Blue Devils regained control.

Carmody finished with two saves and Mannesto had one.

As the clock ran out on South's 2-1 victory, the Blue Devils received word of the Romeo-Utica tie.

"The boys really deserve it," Harkins said of the championship.

He was referring to the long winter trips to a training facility in northern Macomb County, travels around the state to play last spring and self-motivated summer workouts that paid dividends to a group of seniors who dedicated themselves to turn things around.

South finished 7-1-2 in the MAC White and the Blue Devils wound up with a regular-season mark of 12-3-2.

South began play in the state Division I district at Berkley this week.



Grosse Pointe South's soccer team won the Macomb Area Conference White Division championship with a 7-1-2 record. In front, from left, are Matt Dziuba, Matt Naber, Spencer MacGriff, Mike Cunningham, Patrick Rubens, Austen Brooks and Jake Mandel. In back, from left, are coach Gene Harkins, Trevor Sattelmeier, Alex Marshall, Tim Greening, Stefan Pfaehler, Kyle Baird, Evan Hall, Jackson Hartman, Grant Withers, Greg Carmody, Cale Mannesto, Brad Jensen, Matt Faiver, Andrew Osborn and Peter Beierwaltes.

Blue Devils win net regional

By Chuck Klonke
Sports Editor

Grosse Pointe South's tennis team got a taste of everything Michigan weather is famous for at last week's Division I regional hosted by the Blue Devils.

However, the weather didn't seem to faze South at all as it advanced to the finals in all eight flights, winning four of them. The Blue Devils finished with 28 points, while Troy was runner-up with 25.

"It was insane," said coach Mark Sobieralski. "Thursday morning I was pushing the wa-

ter off the low spots on the courts in the middle of a snow squall. People driving by were honking at me like I was crazy."

"We finally got started at 11 a.m. and we experienced every kind of weather -- rain, snow, sleet, hail, freezing rain -- and there were even some breaks where there was blue sky."

The only thing it didn't do was warm up. That's where South might have had the home-court advantage.

"Our kids were able to go to one of the girls' house to stay warm, while the other teams had to sit in the bus," Sobieralski said. "We had an

advantage there."

Sobieralski was pleased with his team's performance, especially coming off a difficult two weeks when the Blue Devils hit a slump because of injuries and illness.

South won at third and fourth singles and second and fourth doubles.

Laura Hyde's victory at No. 3 singles featured a 6-1, 5-7, 6-4 win against Troy Athens in the semifinals. Then she beat a Troy player 6-2, 7-5 in the championship match.

"She just gutted out a win in that semifinal match," Sobieralski said.

Emily Lynch was dominant at No. 4 singles. She didn't lose a game throughout the tournament and finished up with a 6-

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GROSSE POINTE SOCCER ASSOCIATION

Grosse Pointe Soccer Association (GPSA) is currently holding open tryouts for the U15 through U18 boys Travel Soccer Leagues. GPSA has a strong history of providing children of the Grosse Pointes and surrounding communities with a positive environment in which children receive excellent training, develop outstanding soccer skills, learn life long lessons of teamwork, and make lasting friendships. The following is a schedule of the tryouts:



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U16	November 4th	1:30 - 3:00 PM	Pointe North Grosse	Glenn Nadeau 313-674-5366
U17	November 4th	3:00 - 4:30 PM	Pointe North Grosse	Brad Carron 586-871-1007
U18	November 4th	4:30 - 6:00 PM	Pointe North	Tom Corsentino 313-882-1383

Age Group Designations: The age group designations mean that the player must be under the referenced age as of August 1, 2006.

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A few plays turn game for Devils

By Chuck Klonke
Sports Editor

A couple of plays can often turn a football game around.

That was the case in Grosse Pointe South's 41-21 loss to Sterling Heights in a Macomb Area Conference White Division game last week.

The plays occurred late in the first half.

"We missed a good scoring opportunity when we had a first down at the Sterling Heights 20 and couldn't get the ball into the end zone," said Blue Devils coach Chad Hepner.

"Then we gave up a touchdown on the last play of the half to make it 21-7."

Instead of having momentum on its side at halftime,

South saw the momentum swing toward the Stallions.

"In the second half we came out flat," Hepner said. "We had a couple of penalties and some dropped passes."

South didn't score again until the fourth quarter and by that time Sterling Heights had the game well in hand.

"We didn't do a good job of stopping them," Hepner said. "It wasn't our best effort. We didn't play as well as we did against Utica or (Grosse Pointe) North. We made a lot of mistakes and we didn't tackle well."

There were some bright spots for the Blue Devils, who'll try to end the season on a winning note when they host L'Anse Creuse on Friday.

"Mark Riashi, our junior

quarterback, got some good experience that will help him next year," Hepner said. "He made some good throws."

"Jimmy Saros played well on offense. He had a couple of touchdown catches, and J.C. Cruse had a long reception."

L'Anse Creuse has also been struggling this season, but that's no guarantee for South.

"It's a chance for us to get a win but we're not the kind of team that can win without a close to perfect performance," Hepner said.

"It would be nice to finish with a win, especially for the seniors that have put in so much hard work, and for the guys who are coming back next season."

South fell to 0-5 in the MAC White and 1-7 overall.



PHOTO BY BOB BRUCE

Jimmy Saros caught two touchdown passes for Grosse Pointe South.

North alone in first place

By Chuck Klonke
Sports Editor

Gary Bennett often reminds his Grosse Pointe North basketball players of the importance of finishing strong at the end of halves and quarters.

Last week, it was obvious they were listening to their coach.

The Norsemen ended the first half of their Macomb Area Conference Red Division showdown with Fraser with an 8-0 run and went on to beat the Ramblers 52-41 to take over sole possession of first place in the division.

It was also the 400th victory that Bennett has coached at North.

"If we don't finish the first half like that, it could be a different story," Bennett said. "We talk a lot about finishing strong every quarter and half. We gave up eight straight points but we finished strong and got some extra energy."

North jumped out to an 8-0 lead and had a 20-12 advantage midway through the second quarter.

In less than a minute and a half, Fraser had scored eight straight points to tie the game at 20-20. Guard Becca

McHenry had five of the points, including a three-point shot for the tying basket.

Kayla Womack started North's closing surge with a free throw. Olivia Stander followed with a three-point basket.

Ariel Braker scored on a putback and Christine Klein hit a short jumper with 4.4 seconds left to send the Norsemen off at halftime with a 28-20 lead.

North continued to control the game in the third quarter and after a three-point play by Stander, who led all scorers with 20 points, late in the third quarter the Norsemen held a 42-25 lead.

Fraser never got closer than eight points the rest of the way.

North did a good job of shutting down the Ramblers' inside game. Post players Cassie Patrick and Tania Schatow combined for eight points with Schatow getting all of them in the first half.

One of the keys to North's inside defense was the play of Braker.

"She's so quick to the ball and she anticipates so well," Bennett said. "She reacts to things before they happen. She had a hand on a lot of balls that

Fraser tried to get inside. She had a great game. She was tipping balls and diving for loose balls."

Braker finished with 16 points, 13 rebounds and four steals.

Kelly DeFauw had eight points for North.

McHenry led Fraser with 15 points and Jozalynne Jones had 14.

North is 5-0 in the MAC Red, while Fraser slipped to 4-1. Everyone else in the division has at least three losses.

Earlier, North rolled to a 51-31 victory against Stevenson in a MAC Red game.

"We just gradually pulled away," Bennett said.

North led 12-9 after the first quarter, stretched the lead to 25-16 at halftime and the Norsemen were ahead 43-21 going into the final quarter.

Braker led a balanced scoring attack with 11 points. She also had 10 rebounds and eight steals.

Stander had nine points and five steals, while DeFauw collected seven points, four assists and six steals.

North, 12-1 overall, begins the second half of the league season on Thursday, Oct. 19, at home against Eisenhower.

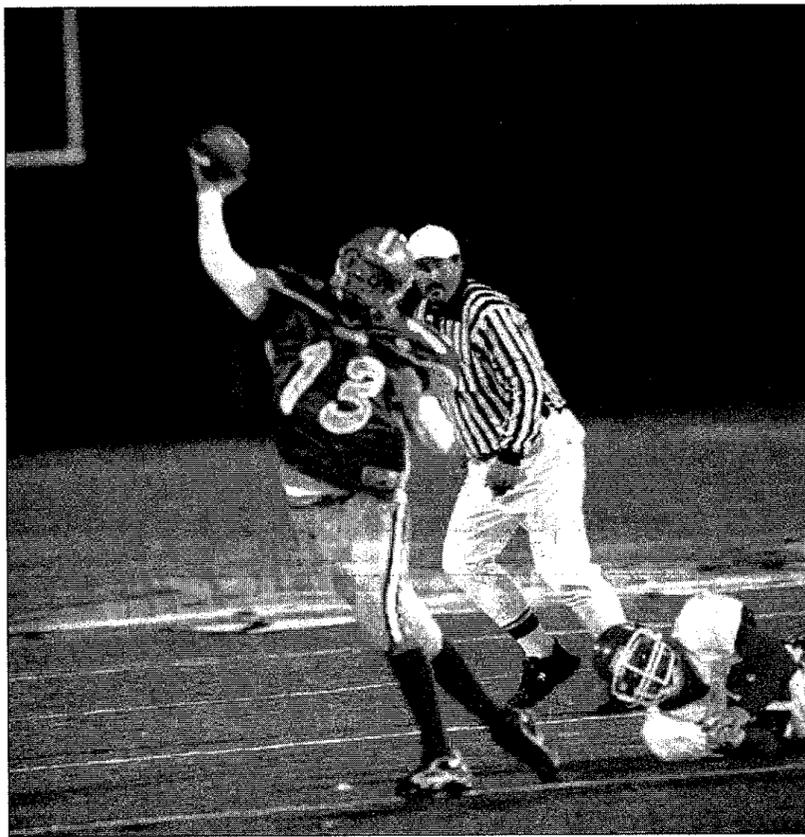


PHOTO BY DR. J. RICHARD DUNLAP

North quarterback Michael Stevenson launches a touchdown pass to Cory McCain.

NORTH: Next up is MAC Red foe

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Against Romeo he was in one of the deep spots on kick-off returns with Blest Norris, who made an outstanding block to spring Carter on his touchdown, and he was in the secondary in North's nickel package.

"I watched the JV game two weeks ago and I liked what I saw," Sumner said. "He's fast and he's physical. He gives us some more size in the secondary."

Although he played tight end on the JV team this year, Carter is expected to backup quarterback Michael Stevenson on the varsity next season.

Two turnovers, both by King, helped North open up a 24-3 lead.

"That was King's best game," defensive coordinator Nick Thomson said of the senior defensive back.

On Romeo's third offensive play of the second half, King intercepted a pass to give North the ball on its 32-yard line. That started a 14-play drive that consumed 7:02 and was capped by a one-yard run by Jerry Peoples. Sam Palazzolo, who kicked a 30-yard field goal in the first half, added the second of his three extra points.

"That was a typical Norsemen drive," Sumner said.

Key plays were a 10-yard run by Peoples, a nine-yard scramble on third down by Stevenson, and a 13-yard pass

from Stevenson to tight end Matt Koppinger.

King came up with another big play on Romeo's next possession. He made one of his typical jarring tackles to knock the ball loose and Anthony Raymond recovered on the Romeo 20.

Two plays later, Stevenson connected with Cory McCain for an 18-yard touchdown.

"I had a heart-to-heart with them at halftime," Sumner said. "We got mixed up on our formations a couple of times in the first half because the kids said that they couldn't hear the play. I told them if that was the case to ask, not guess. We straightened that out and made a couple of adjustments on defense."

North's final touchdown came on the first play of the fourth quarter so the Bulldogs had plenty of time for a comeback -- and they did.

A five-yard run by Brent Brown cut North's lead to 24-10 with 9:31 remaining. Romeo also scored on its next possession when quarterback Aaron Ploetz hit 6-foot-4 Doug Sharples with a 35-yard touchdown pass with 4:45 to go.

North ate some time off the clock on its next possession, helped by a 20-yard run by Peoples, but eventually the Norsemen were stopped on downs and Romeo got the ball on its 24 with 2:44 left.

This time the Bulldogs failed to get a first down. Brown picked up six yards on first down. A second-down pass fell incomplete. On third down, Ploetz attempted to pitch the ball to his running back but Michael Dallaire and Ahee tackled him for a one-yard loss. Another pass on fourth down was incomplete. North took

over with 2:03 to play and ran out the clock.

The only scoring of the first half was a pair of field goals. Rob Flinn kicked a 22-yarder for Romeo early in the second quarter and Palazzolo matched it from 30 yards with 5:45 left in the first half.

Peoples, who had runs of 15 and 17 yards to set up the North field goal, finished with 153 yards in 28 carries.

Michael Neveux led North with 14 tackles and Doug Rahaim had eight. Karl Tech, King, Frank Ferretti, Bedway and Dallaire had seven stops apiece. Steve Wiczorek, who has played well at defensive end since returning from an injury, had six tackles, including two sacks and another tackle behind the line.

North closes out the regular season at home on Friday against Dakota in a battle of MAC division champions. The Cougars, who have been ranked in the top 10 in the state, won the MAC Red and also bring a 7-1 record into the contest.

"They're a great team, but we'll come right after them," Sumner said.

Dakota is led by quarterback James Stallons, who is 6-foot-6 and is being recruited by several Big Ten schools. He has two solid running backs in Greg Gay and Quenton Trotter and an excellent wide receiver in David Tauck.

"They use a shotgun 85 percent of the time," Sumner said. "They also have an offensive line that averages about 245-250 pounds. They're big and strong."

The Cougars play a 4-3 defense. Their leaders on defense are Jeff Dowell at end and line-backer Bobby Husch.

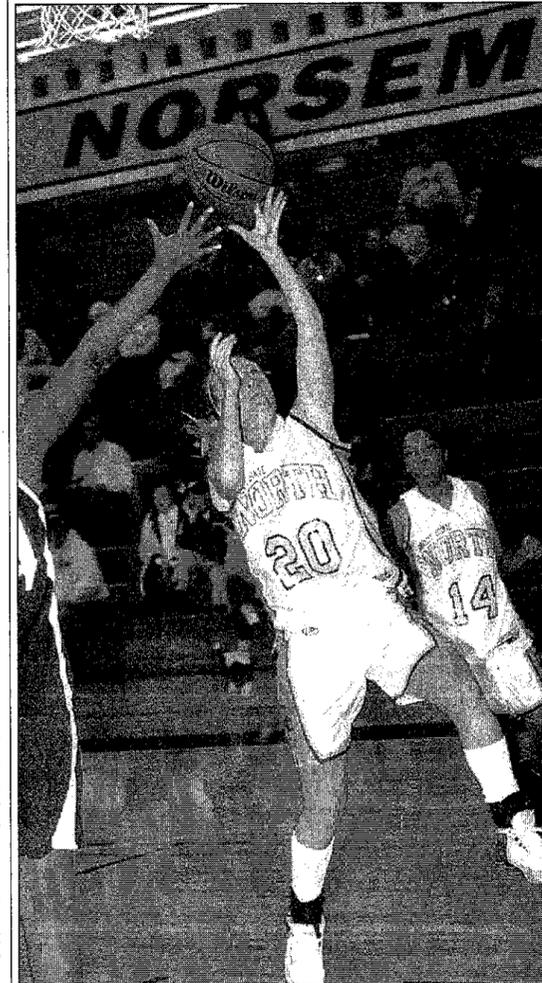


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North's Olivia Stander drives for a layup in the Norsemen's victory against Stevenson last week. The sophomore guard had nine points and five steals in the game.

North pair in top 10 at MISCA

A pair of Grosse Pointe North swimmers had top 10 finishes at the Michigan Interscholastic Swim Coaches Association meet last weekend at Eastern Michigan University.

The field included the top 60 swimmers in the state in each event.

Jenny Rusch finished third in the 50-yard freestyle and 10th in the 100 freestyle.

Juliana Schmidt was ninth in the 500 freestyle and 34th in the 200 freestyle.

Earlier, North swam to victories against Romeo and Chippewa Valley.

The 127-58 victory against Chippewa Valley featured individual wins from Jackie Shea, 200 individual medley; Rusch, 50 freestyle; Jenna Simon, diving; Lauren Hanna, 100 butterfly; Maresa Leto, 100 freestyle; Gianna Marx, 100 backstroke; and Molly DeWald, 100 breaststroke.

There were several season-best times. They came from

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Grosse Pointe South's tennis team celebrates after winning the Division I regional tournament hosted by the Blue Devils.

TENNIS: South wins four flights

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0, 6-0 win against Sterling Heights Stevenson.

South caught a break in the fourth singles flight when Troy was upset by East Detroit.

In No. 2 doubles, Molly Lynch and Victoria Grams had a tough first set in their cham-

pionship match against Troy, but came away with a 7-6, 6-1 victory.

"We had to stop play in the middle of their first-set tiebreaker, but they came back nice when we resumed on Friday," Sobieralski said.

Kate Brennan and Allison Doherty won No. 4 doubles with a 7-6, 6-4 victory against Troy in the title match.

Melanie Capuano, who had been injured, came back at No. 1 singles and advanced to the finals.

"Having Melanie back is a

huge boost for our team," Sobieralski said. "She beat a good player from Troy Athens 6-0, 6-2 in the semifinals. We didn't want to take any chances with her, so we had her default in the final."

Sarah VanWalleghem reached the finals at No. 2 singles before losing 6-2, 6-4 to a strong player from Cousino.

At No. 1 doubles, Mary Kate Hayden and Lizzy Hyde lost 6-4, 4-6, 6-2 to an excellent Troy team in the championship match.

The No. 3 doubles team of

Stephanie Skau and Lauren Doherty also lost in three sets to Troy, 3-6, 6-3, 6-2.

This weekend, the Blue Devils will play in the Division I state championships in Midland.

"We damaged ourselves quite a bit when we had those two bad weeks, but we can still do well in the state meet," Sobieralski said.

"The draw is going to mean everything. If we can win a couple of matches in flights where we're not seeded, it would be great."

ULS SOCCER

Knights bow in tournament

By Chuck Klonke
Sports Editor

University Liggett School soccer coach David Backhurst is starting to feel like a broken record when he talks about the Knights' games each week.

"It's the same story again," he said after ULS wrapped up the Metro Conference tournament with a 3-0 loss to Cranbrook Kingswood and a 1-0 setback against Lutheran Westland.

"We just can't score goals. We played pretty well in both games against quality opponents, but we can't put the ball in the net."

Unfortunately for the Knights, Cranbrook had a player who can score goals.

The Cranes' Brett Brazier, who scored four times in a 6-0 Cranbrook victory during the regular season, opened the scoring nine minutes into the tournament game.

"He did a pick-and-roll and one-timed a shot past our goalie," Backhurst said. "He's the best attacker we've seen all year."

Brazier wasn't through after that goal.

He added the Cranes' final goal on a fine individual effort with eight minutes remaining.

Cranbrook had taken a 2-0 lead with seven minutes left in the first half, but ULS kept the Cranes off the scoreboard for the first 32 minutes of the second half.

"We had some opportunities and (goalie) Greg Jones came up with some big saves, but we couldn't get the goal to make it 2-1," Backhurst said. "Then Brazier made an amazing play to get that all-important third goal."

The loss to Cranbrook put the Cranes into the championship game against Lutheran North, which Cranbrook won in a shootout.

ULS, meanwhile, played Westland for third place in the tournament.

The Warriors scored the only goal of the game after a mis-play by the Knights with 12 minutes remaining in the first half.

"Instead of heading a ball out of danger, one of our players headed it back and we weren't ready for it," Backhurst said. "Their guy swooped in and scored."

ULS had several opportunities the rest of the way but once again, couldn't get a goal.

Jones received a yellow card in the second half when he came out to make a save and accidentally hit a Westland player.

Backup Zach Keith replaced him in goal for the 10 minutes Jones had to sit out, and Keith made some fine saves to preserve the one-goal margin.

"He hasn't played a lot, but he made two or three good saves," Backhurst said.

"We played well in both games -- better than we did the first time we faced either of those teams. It was better for us to play teams like that before the state tournament than to beat somebody 8-0."

The Knights started state district play this week. ULS will host the district championship game on Friday at 4 p.m.

ULS finished 4-5-1 and in fourth place in the Metro Conference. The Knights wound up 6-9-3 overall in the regular season.

Different problems arise

By Chuck Klonke
Sports Editor

If it's not one thing, it's another that's keeping Grosse Pointe South's basketball team winless in the Macomb Area Conference White Division.

A familiar problem turned up again in the Blue Devils' 47-36 loss to Chippewa Valley last week, but it was something new that led to South's 52-37 setback against Dakota a couple of days later.

"We did certain things well in both games, and obviously, other things not as well," said coach Vito Tocco.

"Against Chippewa Valley it was once again our inability to put the ball in the basket. That becomes something of a double whammy. You need to score points to win the game, but it also leads to the frustration factor. They're saying to themselves, 'we're working hard on defense but we don't have anything to show for it.' To the girls' credit, they've never quit working hard."

South shot only 27 percent from the field against Chippewa Valley. The Blue Devils trailed 13-5 after the first quarter and 25-12 at halftime.

When it was 34-25 going into the final quarter, Tocco

knew that his team had a steep hill to climb.

"It's a hole to dig out of, but we tried to mount a comeback by forcing some turnovers," he said. "We create turnovers with our defense but don't get rewarded on the other end. That's where the frustration comes in."

One of the most encouraging aspects of the defeat was the continued strong play of Eleni Papalekas. Papalekas led the Blue Devils with 16 points.

"I told her last week that Coach (Adam) Novak and I often say, 'thank goodness that Eleni came back,'" Tocco said. "She's been very productive for us."

Papalekas played on the junior varsity as a sophomore two years ago, but didn't play basketball last season.

Tocco also praised the play of Emma Tocco, who had seven rebounds from her guard position, including four on the offensive end.

"She's the smallest player on the team," the coach said of his niece, "She's been consistent all year with her effort and tenacity. She's the best on the team in blocking out, but she's at a disadvantage there with her size."

Kara Trowell and Megan DeBoer continued to play well defensively. Each of them had

five steals and DeBoer also scored seven points.

Poor shooting was a factor in the loss to Dakota, but that wasn't all.

"Except for the third quarter when we were 1-for-16, we didn't shoot that badly, but we had 33 turnovers," Vito Tocco said. "I don't ever remember one of my teams turning the ball over that much."

The game was close most of the way. Dakota led 12-10 after one quarter and the Cougars had a 27-23 halftime advantage.

Neither team managed any offense in the third quarter, which ended with Dakota leading 31-27.

In the fourth quarter, South turned the ball over nine times.

"We just weren't mentally focused to take care of the ball," Tocco said. "But it hurt just as much to hold them to one basket in the third quarter, and then make only one ourselves."

Papalekas had another solid game for South with 10 points and 10 rebounds, while Kate Pangori collected eight points and seven rebounds.

South begins the second round of the MAC White schedule at division-leading St. Clair on Thursday, Oct. 19. The Blue Devils return home to play Romeo on Oct. 24.

Knights get a victory and a tie

Rachel Goldberg scored a first-half goal for University Liggett School's field hockey team, but Farmington Hills

Mercy scored in the second half to tie the Knights 1-1.

ULS beat Cranbrook Kingswood 1-0 on a goal by

Kate Fridholm, assisted by Liz Palmer.

Goalie Steph Watts made five saves in the shutout win.

SWIM: Posts two dual victories

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Allison Meier, 50 freestyle; Leto, Sarah Cullen and Sarah Yakamovich, 100 freestyle;

Heather Poole, 200 freestyle; Cullen, 100 breaststroke; and Shea, Caitlin Matthews and Courtney Kohler, 200 individual medley.

In the Romeo meet, Hanna won the 200 individual medley and the 100 butterfly, while Rusch had firsts in the 50 and 100 freestyle races.

Other winners for the Norsemen were Schmidt in the

200 freestyle, Leto in the 500 and DeWald in the 100 breaststroke.

Season-best times came from Meier, 50 freestyle; Schmidt, Cullen and Ellen Schaber, 100 freestyle; Erika Mammen, 200 freestyle; Meghan Tripp, 100 backstroke; Matthews, 200 individual medley.

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TEST DRIVE By Greg Zyla

The all-new 2007 Ford Explorer Sport Trac is bigger, stronger and bolder. Performance is at its peak in the 4.6L 3-valve V8 engine with 6-speed automatic transmission.

The all-new 2007 Ford Explorer Sport



With its longer wheelbase and wider track, along with class-leading interior space, we expect this vehicle to be a hit in dealer showrooms nationwide.

Available in XLT or Limited dress, both models feature a nice blend of class-exclusive amenities, furthering the company's "tough luxury" concept that came about with the evolution of the F-150 from work pickup to daily driver. Former generation Sport Tracs are based on the compact Ranger pickup platform, while the new

version relies on the Explorer mechanicals.

Sport Trac's new design starts at the front fascia where the chrome-finished, three-bar grille is now flanked by new dual-beam headlamps. The rounded areas for each beam's reflectors continue the theme of the grille, while the turn signals embed into the fascia, creating a signature look that carries over to the entire Explorer family.

Sport Trac increases its wheelbase by 4.5 inches to

130.5, and measures in at 16.8-inches longer than the '06 Explorer. Although the new Sport Trac does feature carry-over Explorer workings from the B-pillar forward, it's from the B-pillar back that this vehicle is new and unique. There, you'll find full rear doors and a 37.5-cubic-foot "non-denting" composite cargo bed that is nicely done. Thus, Sport Trac '07 doesn't look like an SUV with a roof chopped off, nor does it look like a four-door version of a cheaper compact pickup. It kind of just sits there looking good, starting back at you, in a uniqueness all its own. And, yes, that's just how Ford wants it to be.

Additional dimension increases include the front track, 2.4 inches to 60.9, and the rear track at 3.5 inches to 61.8. The result is more interior space and the most rear and combined legroom in its class.

Under Sport Trac's hood sits a Mustang inspired 4.6-liter V-8. As the first V8 to ever power a Sport Trac, you'll enjoy all of the 292-horsepower on tap and its high-revving nature. The regular grade fuel engine mates to a fully automatic 6-speed overdrive transmission, and should get 14-city and 20-highway mpg if our figures are correct. (EPA numbers have not yet been released.) For those who want V-6 power, a 210-horse engine is available.

Bigger wheel arches and standard 16x7 tires give Sport Trac a secure, muscular stance. Better yet, order one with the optional 17- or 18-inch wheels, and you'll really be making a statement. Our tester had the larger wheels and tires,



2007 Ford Explorer Sport Trac Limited 4x4

and they indeed looked great. We also like the fact that this new vehicle features a fully independent suspension, another first for Sport Trac. Also noteworthy are standard stability and rollover control, and a pretty good 4-wheel disc ABS brake system. All expected safety items are in place and similar to other Explorers. Ford fans will notice some F-150 impressions that are evident in several areas, and they fit well with the motif.

The front bucket seats are new and designed to take advantage of the aforementioned additional cabin room for even more comfort. Limited models come with exclusive leather-trimmed seats, and a more technical, carbon-matte finish on the interior trim. Overall, the cabin receives an "A+" from this scribe.

We drove Sport Trac from Baltimore's Inner Harbor to central Pennsylvania, and thoroughly enjoyed the ride. Be it the Baltimore Beltway, Rte. 83 North or city traffic in

Harrisburg, Pa., this vehicle is a real pleasure.

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Explorer's Sport Trac receives a fine rating of 8.5 on a scale of 1 to 10. This vehicle is going to be a winner.

Likes: Lots of five-passenger room, multi-faceted, great looks.

Dislikes: Inside door pull and open mechanisms need re-design.

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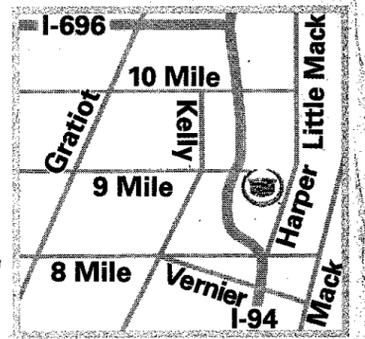
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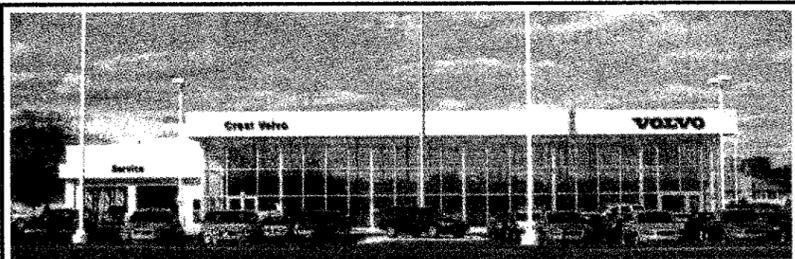
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The '06 Volvo C70 Hardtop Convertible delivers an exciting driving experience mirrored by great looks.

The four-seat '06 C70 Hardtop Convertible

If you dream of driving a convertible, but don't want the appearance, noise and security risk of a cloth top, Volvo offers the C70 hardtop convertible.

This new compact car looks like a handsome two-door coupe when it's closed. All you see are two little cut lines snaking their way around the tops of the rear panels.

With a foot on the brake and a push of a button on the console, the trunk lid tilts back and the top rises, folds into two sections, and drops down gently into the trunk. After about 30 seconds, the trunk lid settles down, and there is a perfectly clean roadster, with no boot or top even visible. There is room for adults in the back seat. On the return trip, it's another half a minute and the roof is as tight and well finished as a genuine hardtop. All that's missing is the grip handles and ceiling light.

Unlike the famous Ford Retractable of the late 1950s, this Volvo has no oversized rear compartment, and the windshield header wears no section of roof. Open the somewhat heavy trunk lid and one can see a movable cover, which defines the safe area for loading luggage. Bold signage warns you to not stack anything on top of the cover or next to it.

Volvo's new C70 is based on the recently introduced S40 sedan and V50 wagon, which are Volvo's smallest cars in the United States. But this C70 is no starter car.

Looking every bit like a Volvo should, it has the high-quality design, materials and feel you would expect. The cleanly



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The 2006 Volvo C70 Hardtop Convertible

styled body looks like its larger brethren, with a slim horizontal grille with diagonal stripe, shoulders along the sides, and pointed chunks of taillight at each rear corner. The C70's slim side windows roll along to a fine point, leaving the rear deck enough capacity to accommodate the right-sized top.

Volvo's Swedish heritage calls for interiors that epitomize Danish modern furniture. In the C70 this theme is matte black surfaces with brushed metallic accents, most noticeable on the Volvo-exclusive slim center control panel, which pours down from the dash like a glistening ribbon into an equally handsome center console.

The ergonomically designed seats wear durable black Haverdal Flextech with strategically located leather panels. It's all clean and restful on the eyes. Only one loose trim piece on the right door grip and fairly loud climate control fans marred the perfection.

The C70 moves along more quickly than you might expect. Its inline five-cylinder engine uses a light pressure turbo to deliver 218 horsepower and

236 pound-feet of torque. That torque comes on strong from 1,500 to 4,800 rpm.

The engine is nearly silent at cruise, but sings a little when you put your foot into it. I found myself flying along at 80 mph on the freeway with barely a whisper of sound from the road and engine, and no wind noise at all — with the top up. With the top dropped, the rear seat belts tended to flap noisily in the breeze at highway speeds.

Fuel mileage estimates are 20 miles per gallon city, 29 mpg highway. The built-in trip computer told me I earned 20.2 mpg during a week of mostly highway mileage. I probably had a little more fun than I should have, so your mileage may be better.

I was thrilled to get a six-speed manual transmission in my Passion Red test car. The shifts were precise and smooth, and the power delivery was very satisfying. A five-speed automatic can be ordered, but I thought the manual shifting gave the top-down car a sense of kinship with real sports cars. Driving gloves are optional.

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Gearing up for the slip

According to reports by Forbes, all-wheel-drive (AWD) and four-wheel-drive (4WD) vehicles make up about 25 percent of the car and truck market, with predictions for 50 percent of the market in years to come.

Despite the fact that the systems are typically heavier, and make a vehicle less fuel efficient, the AWD and 4WD boom continues.

In cars that drive four wheels you have the ability to double the amount of longitudinal force (what makes the car go) that the tires apply to the ground — improving traction in many conditions and reducing wheel slip.

Scenarios where AWD and 4WD have advantages include snow, where most 2WD cars lose traction quickly; off-roading, where one or more tires may lose traction when crossing a stream, etc.; or when a vehicle needs to scale slippery hills.

AWD and 4WD work by locking the front and rear axles together to work in unison, providing power in both the front and rear.

4WD

In most cases, 4WD is a part-

time system, meaning the car drives on two wheels during regular use and then the driver must manually engage all four wheels when more traction is desired. This can be by flipping a switch inside of the vehicle. 4WD may also have a special low range for difficult off-road conditions. There is also full-time 4WD, which is similar to AWD, but may still have the special low range.

AWD

This system requires minimal driver participation. Depending upon the vehicle manufacturer, AWD automatically engages when the need to deliver more traction is necessary — called on demand — or may be in play at all times. AWD will not have the special low range.

Desire for vehicles boasting more traction have fueled the AWD and 4WD market. Auto manufacturers now offer larger lines of SUVs with these drivetrains, in addition to crossover vehicles that have an SUV body type on car platforms instead of truck frames. Informal studies have shown that more people buy these vehicles for their rugged look, rather than their off-road capabilities.

Torque

This is the twisting force that the engine produces and what moves the vehicle. The gears in a vehicle's transmission and the differential multiply the torque and split it up between wheels. Lower gears provide more torque. Torque is also directly related to traction, meaning the maximum amount of torque that can be created is determined by the amount of traction, not by the engine. A car engine can be very powerful, but if the traction is not there, the car won't move very well.

Traction

A number of factors influence traction, including the weight placed on the tires. However, weight shifts as the car maneuvers. For example, when a car makes turns, weight shifts to the outside wheels. During acceleration, weight shifts to the rear wheels.

The coefficient of traction also is involved. This is the relationship between the amount of traction between the tires and the road to the weight resting on each tire. The coefficient of traction can be changed based on the tire used for a specific type of road.

Wheel slip

This occurs when the force being applied to a tire exceeds the traction available to the tire. Force can be longitudinal — that which comes from the torque applied by the engine or the break, or lateral — that which is the force it takes for a car to change directions when driving around a turn.

AWD or 4WD will not improve a vehicle's ability to stop better during slippery conditions — that is an entirely different topic in regard to braking. Improved traction alone does not give drivers of AWD or 4WD vehicles license to speed or drive recklessly in inclement conditions.

structures around it. There are lots of air bags. Especially noteworthy is the uniquely constructed side curtain air bags, which work even if the top is down. The list goes on and on, but one should feel safe driving the C70 regardless of whether the top is above or behind them.

While the S40 sedan starts at \$23,755 (not including destination charges), the C70's sticker is \$38,710. My tester had gorgeous 18-inch Mirzam alloy wheels for an additional \$995. One could think of it as \$20,000 for a stylish coupe and \$20,000 for a sporty convertible.

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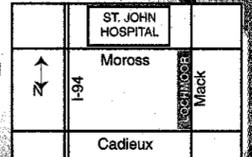
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Announcements

099 BUSINESS OPPORTUNITIES

AUTO-LAB franchise opportunities available. Diagnostic and complete automotive repair. Two great Grosse Pointe locations!
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100 ANNOUNCEMENTS

RED Wings tickets. 2-4. Lower bowl. Packages & single games available. New Breed (313)371-1999

Special Services

114 MUSIC EDUCATION

PIANO lessons in your home; over 20 years experience. Children or adults; beginning to advanced levels. Call Penny, (313)824-7182

PIANO, guitar & bass lessons.

All ages, all levels, will travel. 10+ years experience, many references. Matt, (313)371-3426

119 TRANSPORTATION/TRAVEL

TRANSPORTATION services Going to California, November 18th. Will drive your vehicle to any Western state. (586)598-8668

TRY KL Courier Service for your transportation needs & package delivery. Also available for grocery delivery. (313)903-1530

120 TUTORING EDUCATION

AN experienced, certified teacher has openings for students in need of tutoring. All subjects K-9. References. Please call Linda, (586)291-8531

U of M graduate. BS math. Will tutor math/science all ages. 10 years experience. (313)530-6386

THE AUTUMN PROFESSOR

Tutoring Middle School, High School, College & Graduate Students. Professor/Professional Writer will tutor students in: Literature, College Essay, AP courses & all forms of writing, poetry & general work, in my Grosse Pointe City home. (313)882-6322

121 GENERAL SERVICES

CHRISTMAS helper available. Shopping, wrapping, card addressing, decorating, child care while you shop. (586)774-8076

123 DECORATING SERVICES

CUSTOM sewing & hand painting. Slipcovers, window treatments, cushions and accessories. Call Krystal, (313)885-1829

HOLIDAY decorating from floral design for your special event to decorating the inside and outside of your home or business. Services include: lights, roping, wreaths, completely decorated Christmas trees, mantle pieces; centerpiece. Contact: Entertainment Designs, (313)884-4224

128 PHOTOGRAPHY

WWW.STILLWATERSTUDIO.US Events, portraiture, natural imagery, other services. Grosse Pointe home gallery. Appointment only. (248)568-4268

130 ART FRAMING & RESTORATION

WE are a full service art gallery offering hundreds of quality paintings to decorate your home or office. Our experts appraise, restore and repair artwork. We offer over a thousand framing and matting choices. We purchase paintings. Le Chateau Art Gallery (313)821-8930. 15001 Charlevoix lechateaugallery.com

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200 HELP WANTED GENERAL

Customer Service Reps (Harper Woods office) needed. 5:30pm-9:30pm Monday-Thursday/9am-3pm Saturday. Good phone skills & sales background helpful. Will train. **Work at home is option.** 32 year old family business also needs **manager/supervisor.** Excellent pay plan. Karen (313)886-1763.

200 HELP WANTED GENERAL

NAIL tech needed immediately, part time, for day spa. (586)214-2303

200 HELP WANTED GENERAL

ACCOUNTING Aid Society seeks part-time volunteer coordinator. Responsible for volunteer recruitment, trainings and assignment scheduling, volunteer recognition. Strong administrative, communication, computer skills, specifically database applications. Bachelor's degree preferred. Email resume to coordinator@accountingaid.org or mail to Accounting Aid Society, 18145 Mack Avenue, Detroit, MI 48224

201 HELP WANTED BABYSITTER

BABYSITTER needed in my home, 3 children, 10 hours per week, \$8/hour. (313)882-1174

GROSSE Pointe family seeking full time nanny/ housekeeper, 2 children, 1 dog. Live-in or out. Non smokers only. 313-418-2830

MOTHERLY help needed to drive twin girls to school in the morning, 2-3 times per week. 248-992-1778

202 HELP WANTED CLERICAL/OFFICE

MOTIVATED, self-starter needed for key office position with busy East side manufacturers representative. Various office duties including billing & receiving, some computer skills needed. Benefits. Send resume & salary requirements to P.O.Box 07006, C/O Grosse Pointe News, 96 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe, MI 48236

HAIR stylists wanted-Friendly, fun salon. 8 1/2 -Mack. Booth rental. Joseph Ryan's Hair Designs. 586-773-2620

LAWN service looking for fall clean-up help. Experience helpful with transportation. (313)526-9890

LOVE candles & decorating We are expanding in the area. Join our direct-selling company. No cash investment. Unlimited earnings. Call Darlene, (313)884-4059

MENTAL health nurse-Covenant House Michigan, serving homeless & at-risk youth in Detroit is seeking a part time nurse to handle clinical mental health services, etc. RN with mental health experience required, BSN preferred. Must be available afternoons. \$20-27/ hour. Please send resume to: Covenant House Michigan-Attention Human Resources, 2959 Martin Luther King Boulevard, Detroit, MI 48208. fax: 313-463-2222. No phone calls please. EOE

203 HELP WANTED DENTAL/MEDICAL

NURSING UNLIMITED Immediate openings for R.N.'S, L.P.N.'S & NURSES AIDES (586)285-0300

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I'M an experienced, certified nursing assistant.

Flexible, dependable, references. Brenda, (586)773-0251, (586)215-5923

A+ Live-ins Ltd.

Companion Caregivers provide Personal Care, Cleaning, Cooking & Laundry. Hourly & Daily Rates Insured & Bonded. Des Allen - Grosse Pointe Resident. **881-8073**

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- 15 Danger
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- 20 Fervor
- 21 Put in
- 23 Brewery product
- 24 Beginning of life?
- 25 Quartet halves
- 27 Command
- 29 Church custodian
- 31 Highly skilled people
- 35 "Rags to riches" author
- 37 TV chef
- 38 Get up
- 41 Archery-bow wood
- 43 Predetermine
- 44 Four Corners st.
- 45 Man's hat
- 47 Sunshade
- 49 Mature
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- 8 Apiece
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- 10 WWII vessel
- 11 Virile
- 17 Portuguese island group
- 19 In accompaniment
- 21 Billboards
- 22 Payable
- 24 Nourished
- 26 Verse
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- 30 In need of repair
- 32 Castle wall
- 33 Numerical prefix
- 34 Succumb to gravity
- 36 One may be shadowed
- 38 Flavorful
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- 40 Buenos -
- 42 In the - way (very much)
- 45 Watch pockets
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- 48 Scale member
- 50 Away from WSW
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- 1 Once around
- 2 Honest politician
- 3 Contradiction in terms
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- 5 Taco topping
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LICENSED infant/toddler day care in my home. 6am-5:30pm. 9 Mile/ Harper, St. Clair Shores. Call Melissa, (586)778-6259

304 SITUATIONS WANTED GENERAL

COMPANION/ housekeeper/cook. Lifetime Grosse Pointe resident. Non-smoking, kind hearted, with references. (313)881-6407

EBAY- Let me sell your unwanted items. I'll pickup your treasures and drop off cash upon sale. Call Kris @ (313)515-9613

HOUSE cleaning or possible child care, in your home. 15 years experience. Call Rhonda (586)246-6327

305 SITUATIONS WANTED HOUSE CLEANING

A European lady looking for work as a housekeeper, 16 years experience. Excellent references. Laundry, ironing, cooking & grocery shopping available. Call (313)303-5891

A trustworthy team (woman + man) clean and maintain your house, garage, outside. Experienced. References. Eva, (313)467-3181

AFFORDABLE house cleaning by Polish lady. Honest, dependable, detail oriented. Grosse Pointe references. (313)729-6939

AMERICAN hard working woman, available to clean your home. 11 years experience. Honest, reliable, affordable. Free estimates. (313)527-6157

AVAILABLE to clean your home, experienced, & reliable with references. (586)463-7454

CLEAN Sweep. Old fashioned cleaning just like moms. No mops, just rags. 586-493-9340

CLEANING lady is looking for a job. Honest. References. 5 years experience. Natalie (313)872-0260/ (248)854-0775

LYNN'S Housekeeping. Leave your cleaning to me! Weekly, bi-weekly, monthly. Ironing/laundry available. References. 586-817-6275

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YOU finally found her, a woman who actually likes to clean! Reliable, trustworthy. 12 years experience, references. (313)550-2890

307 SITUATIONS WANTED NURSES AIDES

HOME care nursing, willing to work 12 hour shifts. \$12/ hour. Call Dee (586)468-1480 or Faye (586)506-6195

Merchandise

400 ANTIQUES/COLLECTIBLES

ANTIQU Gallery. Large store. Something for everyone. 11564 13 mile at Hoover, Warren. Tuesday-Saturday 10:00am-5:00pm. (586)751-0062

406 ESTATE SALES

ABBEY, 21825 Maple, 10/ Harper. Friday, Saturday, 9am-5pm. Nautical, lures, books, electronics, camp gear, newer leather living room furniture, computers plus, vintage furniture, musical instruments, stove/refrigerator. House is packed!

ANOTHER Bernard Davis Estate Sale- 313-837-1993. Liquidation Sale, 19150 Livernois, Detroit. On the Avenue of Fashion, between West Seven Mile and Outer Drive. The sale will run the weekends of 10/ 20- 22 and 10/ 27- 29; so please keep this ad! Hand made rugs, art, show cases, glassware, silver, nice mahogany furniture, twin mahogany beds, French dining set, records, Queen Ann sofa, settee, dolls and accessories, lamps, mirrors, and much, much more!!! This is a sale not to miss!

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408 FURNITURE

2 wingback chairs, \$150/ each. Armoire, \$200. Burgundy, leather chair with ottoman. (586)776-8804

COUCH and oversize chair. Cream slipcover style, from Marshall Field's. Must see. \$400. (313)640-0822

FLAT cook top stove, 1 year old, barely used \$350; Pottery Barn "Mallory" bar, new \$1,200; 2 Pottery Barn mahogany high back bar stools, leather back & seat, new, \$150/ each; 3 metal cast legs, leather seats, bar stools \$100/ each; Sony wide flat screen projection 50" TV \$500. (313)882-2448

LOVESEAT, \$100; 2 matching chairs, \$75/ each. Wicker set, \$100. Crate & Barrel Corian table with wine rack \$50. Kitchen table/ chairs (2), \$50. Mint condition!! (586)805-0311

409 GARAGE/YARD/ RUMMAGE SALE

\$1 bag sale, clearance corner - Unitarian Church Annex. 17150 Maumee. Wednesday, October 25, 10am-3:30pm. Thursday, October 26, 7pm-9pm. While here, look for bargains in our resale/consignment shop. Donations & consignments taken on Wednesdays, 10am-2pm.

271 McMillan, Saturday, 10/ 21, 9am-3pm. Loveseat, kitchen, computer equipment, books, DVDs, men/women/ toddler clothes, women's bike, more!

3 families. furniture (bedroom, dining, family). French porcelain, art, Xmas decorations, household items/ appliances, toys, foosball table. Saturday only, October 21, 9am-5pm; 193 McKinley/ corner Ridge Road

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412 Lincoln. Household items, furniture, Halloween, lots of stuff!! Friday 9am-1pm.

5 Baker Lane, Grosse Pointe Farms, off Lakeshore, near Moran. Saturday, 8am- Noon. No presales. No early birds. Cash only!

74 Meadow Lane. Glorious stuff! House, garden, collectables, vintage, designer, Baker, Karges, Victorian sofa. Friday, Saturday 9-4.

81 Meadow Lane. Clothing, great condition. Gardening/ patio items, new Lionel trains, stereo, CDs, window air conditioners, golf clubs, Schwinn bicycle, Baker chair, more!!! Friday, Saturday, 9am-4pm.

BIG garage sale! 262 Moran, Grosse Pointe Farms. Home decor, holiday, books, lots of toys! Friday, 12noon to 4:00pm. Saturday, 9am to 3pm.

DETROIT, 3998 3 Mile Drive, between Mack & Warren. Saturday only, 10:00am-4:00pm
ROSEVILLE. Moving to Florida, 25564 Collingwood, 10/ Kelly. Saturday, Sunday 9:00am-4:00pm. 50 years of great stuff, plus furniture & appliances from the 40's & 50's. No early birds.

SEASON end garage sale- 4 family sale has everything, old & new. Glassware, china, copperware, Pewter, furniture, vintage ornaments, computer, lamps, toys & much more! 69 Hawthorne. Friday, Saturday, 10am-4pm.

412 MISCELLANEOUS ARTICLES

7' pool table, great condition, all accessories. Brunswick Bristol, \$600. (313)882-8363

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REMINGTON model 742 Woodmaster 308 caliber automatic rifle with Bushnell 3x 8 power scope, BDL stock, excellent condition, \$425; Frigidaire dehumidifier \$55. (313)885-7437

413 MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS

GROSSE Pointe Strings. Repair & set-up of violin, viola, cello and bass. Rehairing bows & selling reasonably priced student instruments. Call (313)882-7874 for an appointment.

WANTED- Guitars, Banjos, Mandolins and Ukles. Local collector paying top cash! 313-886-4522.

415 WANTED TO BUY

FINE china dinnerware, sterling silver flatware and antiques. Call Jan/ Herb. (586)731-8139

SHOTGUNS, rifles, old handguns: Parker, Browning, Winchester, Colt, Luger, others. Collector. (248)324-0680

Animals

500 ANIMAL ADOPT A PET

GROSSE Pointe Animal Adoption Society-Pet adoption. Saturday, October 21, 12-3pm. Children's Home of Detroit, 900 Cook Road, Grosse Pointe Woods. (313)884-1551, www.GPAAS.org

GROSSE Pointe Animal Clinic: male Shepherd/ Hound young adult. Many adult cats and younger cats. (313)822-5707

503 HOUSEHOLD PETS FOR SALE

SIAMESE and Himalayan kittens. Blue Point, Seal Point. (586)336-3841

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STATE REPRESENTATIVE

Campaign highlights special interests

By Rebecca Jones
Staff Writer

Incumbent state Rep. Ed Gaffney, R-Grosse Pointe Farms, in his last run for House due to term limits, faces a formidable opponent, Tim Bledsoe, a Wayne State University political science professor.

Tim Bledsoe

Wayne State political science professor Tim Bledsoe wants to increase citizens' interest and reduce lobbyist influence in politics.

But instead of delivering a lecture on the topic, he decided to run for office.

In August, Bledsoe was the highest vote-getter in the Democratic primary for state representative in the first district.

Education and reducing the influence of special interest groups are two of his main concerns.

"The way to return to prosperity is to produce the best-educated, best-skilled work force that we can," said Bledsoe, 53, a resident of the City of Grosse Pointe for 15 years.

In this economy, he added, "raising taxes isn't much of an option. We have to make sure state governments work more

effectively for us. More often they are driven by or being protected by special interest groups in Lansing."

Bledsoe has pledged not to take any money from political action committees (PACs).

He's calling for barriers between lobbyists and legislators and stronger laws regarding disclosure of campaign funding.

"Whether I win or lose, I'm going to be talking to people about this," he said. "If you care about democracy, do something to set things right."

For example, because of the trucking lobbyists, he said, Michigan allows trucks on its roads that are too heavy and cause damage, requiring costly repairs.

There's not much more room to add taxes, Bledsoe said, but points out that the excise tax on beer has not been raised in 40 years. Bledsoe blames the Beer and Wine Wholesalers PAC.

"I think the beer drinkers can pay an extra dime a six-pack," he said.

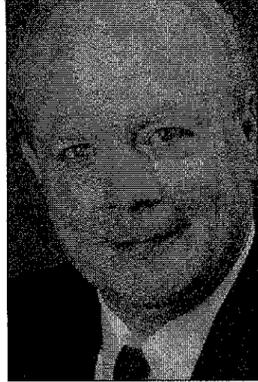
Bledsoe outlines his agenda on his Web site, tim4rep.com.

Allowing PACs to contribute up to \$5,000 toward a campaign while limiting an individual donation to \$500 causes a skewing of power in favor of the PAC, he said.

Bledsoe said PACs contributions should be limited akin to



Tim Bledsoe



Ed Gaffney

what it is allowed on a national level and said citizens should be allowed to deduct up to \$400 of a campaign contribution on their taxes. "When your votes and your money come from the same place, that's a healthy thing."

He said the single business tax was cumbersome and unfair and should be replaced with a revenue-neutral substitution along the lines of a corporate, income tax based on how much profit a business makes.

Bledsoe supports research on embryonic stem cells.

Prohibiting research would send a bad message not only to bioscience, but would potentially harm the state's reputation, he said. "We want to be

out there with California. We don't want to be there with South Dakota and Mississippi and Alabama.

"We're struggling," Bledsoe said of his campaign. "We're getting our message out to a degree that if people listen carefully, they will get the message."

Ed Gaffney

Door-to-door campaigning gives state Rep. Ed Gaffney even more insight into what's happening in his district.

Houses are vacant. Several on the same block are up for sale.

"Real estate's just not moving," he said. "There's a lot of

seniors who want to move out of their five-bedroom, three-bath homes."

But they can't because of what Gaffney has termed the "pop-up tax."

As a result of Proposal A in 1994, property taxes increase, even double, when a home is sold.

Gaffney has suggested a number of alternatives, from capping the percentage increase on property taxes to allowing special provisions for seniors or those who are looking to relocate within the same community.

"I don't think anything will happen with that this term. I'm just trying to generate a discussion," he said. "Next year, that will be my priority."

Gaffney is running for what would be his third and final term due to term limits. Term limits, he believes, should be extended to 10 or 12 years. "Most people are still pretty happy with the job I'm doing."

Gaffney, 62, and a resident of Grosse Pointe Farms for 18 years, served as its mayor before running for state representative in 2002. He formerly worked as a lobbyist for the trucking industry.

Gaffney's legislation includes a law requiring the school year to start after Labor Day and establishing neighborhood enterprise zones, which allow certain cities to

establish and lower property taxes.

Pending legislation would allow Michigan residents to sue drug manufacturers and increase the penalty for water polluters. He supports replacement of the single business tax with a tax on business profits.

Michigan should give businesses tax incentives for new job creation, Gaffney said. The state should not increase taxes, and should do away with outdated regulations that hurt the business climate, he said.

"The Michigan lifestyle is as good as any state that I know of," he said. "We have to give businesses an incentive when they're looking around."

To spur development, he said, "we have to look at the next frontier."

As chairman of the health policy committee, Gaffney held a hearing on permitting the use of embryos to create stem cells for research on disease. No vote was taken and additional hearings have not been set.

"I'm for stem cell research," he said. "It's hard for me to look at somebody in a wheelchair and tell them their situation is not going to get any better."

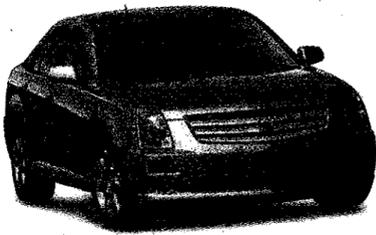
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STATE SENATOR

It's experience vs. youth in 2nd District

By Rebecca Jones
Staff Writer

Nearly five decades separate incumbent state Sen. Martha Scott, D-Highland Park, from her young Republican opponent, Michael Hoehn.

Michael Hoehn

Change is good, said Michael Hoehn, political newcomer and Republican candidate for the second district state senate seat.

"Senators and representatives who have been in Lansing lose touch with what's going on," said Hoehn, 23. "I think I'd be a fresh young face."

When the opportunity arose to run unchallenged in the primary as a Republican candidate for the second district seat, Hoehn took it.

"I'd eventually like to get more involved in politics (so I wanted) to see what running for office is all about, kind of take it all in," he said.

Hoehn works as a trade analyst at J.P. Morgan Chase in Southfield, helping to manage global trade for General Electric.

He is a lifelong resident of the City of Grosse Pointe.

Hoehn, who graduated from Grosse Pointe South and Michigan State University, brings a recent perspective on the state's education system.

"Education and the economy go hand-in-hand," he said. "Education is so important even in a strapped economy. We need to put more money into education. There's so much technology today that can improve your life but it costs money."

He would like to see a system put in place to rate teachers and supports more funding

for Detroit schools. "These kids are missing out on the power of a great education."

He also sees classmates from MSU leaving the state for better opportunities.

Hoehn supports lowering the corporate tax rate so Michigan can attract more businesses and fostering a better relationship between the city of Detroit and the suburbs.

Pouring less than \$1,000 into his campaign, Hoehn said he's running a low-key race. He has been approached by special interest groups offering funding, but declined because he found himself at odds with their ideology.

Hoehn admits his chances are slim, given the majority of Democrats in the district. "Grosse Pointe is the only Republican-friendly part of the district."

He said he'll be back, but probably not in the next election cycle. Hoehn plans to get an advanced degree.

"I'm hoping to get more education before I really start diving into it and running for office becomes more of my job," he said.

Martha Scott

For Martha Scott, serving in the state senate is a mission.

"I have a mission to help the least of thee," said Scott. "That's what I do. Wherever help is needed."

Scott, a Democrat seeking her second full term, has been Grosse Pointe's representative in the state senate since 2001. Her political career began more than 30 years ago in Hamtramck when she gathered 30 signatures in 30 minutes to run for precinct delegate. Not only did she get the highest number of votes, she also earned more support.

"It has all just happened for me. That's how I know this is my mission in life," said Scott, 70. She retired from Michigan Bell in 1986.

She later served on the Wayne County Board of Commissioners, Highland Park City Council and became the first black woman elected mayor in the state of Michigan.

She went on to serve three terms as a state representative, reaching term limits. In 2001, Scott won a special election to fill a Senate vacancy in her district.

"After three terms, I went home and retired," she said. "Three months later, the seat became vacant."

Scott said she's after what's fair, whether that be equality in auto insurance rates or in helping Grosse Pointe Shores homeowners who say their lakefront properties are negatively impacted by accretion.

"If you have some issues, I'm willing to help you," said Scott, a Highland Park resident. "My district has the very poorest and the very richest and all the ethnic groups. It's challenging and rewarding. Every citizen has different issues. I give them all equal time."

Scott has been pushing for insurance reform for three years. She introduced legislation and created a Web site, insuranceredlining.com, to let drivers learn more about the disparity of auto insurance rates across the state.

Detroit has some of the highest auto and homeowners insurance rates in the country, with residents paying up to four times more than those in other parts of the state, Scott said. She introduced a bill in January 2005 that would prohibit the charging of different insurance rates due to geographic location.

Insurance rates should be determined by an individual's type of car, driving record and distance traveled on the road — not a credit score or home ZIP code, she said.

In March, a task force investigated and found that people who live in Detroit and other urban areas do pay more for coverage.

"Nothing is going to be done in the Legislature this session, but we're going to keep working at it," Scott said.

"I believe what I do is right and it is up to the people to decide whether to continue to vote for me," she said.



Michael Hoehn



Sen. Martha Scott

STATE PROPOSAL 06-1: CONSERVATION/RECREATION FUNDS

Conservation, game funds unopposed

By Debra Pascoe
Special Writer

PROPOSAL 06-1

A PROPOSED CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT TO REQUIRE THAT MONEY HELD IN CONSERVATION AND RECREATION FUNDS CAN ONLY BE USED FOR THEIR INTENDED PURPOSES

The proposed constitutional amendment would:

- ◆ Create a Conservation and Recreation Legacy Fund within the Constitution and establish existing conservation and recreation accounts as components of the fund.
- ◆ Use current funding sources such as state park entrance and camping fees; snowmobile, ORV and boating registration fees; hunting and fishing license fees; taxes and other revenues to fund accounts.
- ◆ Establish the current Game and Fish Protection Fund and the Nongame Fish and Wildlife Fund within the Constitution.
- ◆ Provide that money held in Funds can only be used for specific purposes related to conservation and recreation and cannot be used for any purpose other than those intended.

Should this proposal be adopted?

Yes
No

Keeping the cash in the right coffers is the basis of a ballot proposal requiring money collected through user fees and other sources earmarked for conservancy and recreation accounts stay there.

Proposal 1, a state constitutional amendment, if passed by voters Tuesday, Nov. 7, will establish both a Conservation and Recreation Legacy Fund and a Game and Fish Protection Fund. Money placed in those accounts is to "be used for specific purposes related to conservation and recreation and cannot be used for any purpose other than those intended."

Those accounts will continue to hold funds collected from current funding sources, such as state park entrance and camping fees; snowmobile, ORV (off-road vehicle) and boating registration fees; hunting and fishing license fees; and taxes and other revenues.

The proposal, created by the state Legislature, was prompted by concerns from the Department of Natural Resources "that the governor and Legislature may turn to these funds as a means of resolving the state's financial troubles," according to the House Legislative Analysis

Section.

"In the past, diversions of restricted DNR funds have prompted the Legislature and the voters to place those restricted funds within the state Constitution, and strictly limit their allowable uses," the report further states.

Tony Hansen, public relations manager for MUCC (Michigan United Conservation Clubs), said his organization has the same concerns and pointed to a \$7.8 million withdrawal from the waterways fund used to support the general fund in fiscal year 2002-03 as a prime exam-

ple.

"We emphatically support Proposition 1 for the same reasons. The money in those funds has always been designated and earmarked to go back to the users that put the money there in the first place," he said. "Those monies would not be there if those users were not paying for those services. It only makes sense those monies be protected against raids."

Also in support of the proposal is the Michigan Boating Industries Council.

There has been no formal opposition to this proposal.

MICHIGAN SECRETARY OF STATE

Absentee ballots: Don't miss the vote

Secretary of State Terri Lynn Land reminds eligible residents there is still time to request an absentee voter ballot for the Nov. 7 election.

"An absentee ballot offers those who qualify the flexibility of voting at a time and place that is convenient for them," said Land. "Eligible residents should contact their local clerk at the earliest opportunity to make sure they meet applicable deadlines."

"Absentee voting is a helpful option for many voters as it ensures their participation in November's election."

Registered voters may request that an absentee ballot be mailed to their home. They have until 2 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 4, to submit a written and signed request to their city or township clerk, including the reason they qualify. Upon receiving a mailed ballot, voters must complete and return it to the clerk's office by 8 p.m. on Election Day.

Voters may call their local clerk to request an absentee ballot application or download one online at the Web site michigan.gov/vote.

Residents interested in obtaining an absentee voter ballot

may also visit their city or township clerk's office through 4 p.m. Monday, Nov. 6. Those who request a ballot in person on Nov. 6 must vote the ballot while they are in the clerk's office.

Emergency absentee ballots are available as well. Requests must be submitted after the Nov. 4 deadline but before 4 p.m. on Election Day.

Registered voters can obtain absentee ballots if they are: age 60 or older; unable to attend the polls without the assistance of another person, expecting to be out of town on Election Day, in jail awaiting arraignment or trial, unable to attend the polls due to religious reasons, or appointed to work as an election inspector in a precinct outside of their precinct of residence.

Residents who have registered to vote by mail or via a voter registration drive and have never voted in Michigan are not eligible to vote by absentee ballot in their first election. They must vote in person at their precinct. This restriction does not apply to overseas voters, voters who are handicapped or voters who are 60 or older.

The voter's signature on the

absentee ballot return envelope must match the signature on file. If a voter receives assistance in preparing the ballot, the signature of the person providing the help must also be on the return envelope.

Signed absentee ballots can only be returned to a clerk's office by the voter, a family member or person residing in the voter's household, a mail carrier or election official. Land said no one other than those specified are allowed to return ballots.

When completing an absentee ballot, it is also important to know that building managers and staff cannot take possession of a person's ballot, unless they are handling it as part of their duties to collect that building's outgoing mail.

It is also illegal to vote in a group setting. Residents should not attend any meeting at which the residents of their building or members of an organization to which they belong are being asked to vote at the same time.

Land encouraged anyone who believes these procedures are being violated to call the Michigan Bureau of Elections toll-free at (866) 766-4355.

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- Romans Market E. Warren & Lakepointe
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- BP Gas Mack at Rivard
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- Merchant's Fine Wine Mack at Roslyn, N. of Vernier
- Merit Pharmacy Mack at Bournemouth
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- Original Pancake Hs Mack S. of Vernier - Newsbox
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- CVS Kelly south of State Fair - Newsbox
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- Hunter Pharmacy Harper between 8 Mile and Allard
- Marathon Kelly & State Fair
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WAYNE COUNTY COMMISSIONER

Nonincumbents Killeen vs. Mercier

By Bob St. John
Staff Writer

Democrat Tim Killeen squares off against Republican Daniel Mercier in the race for the Wayne County Commissioner 1st District seat in the Nov. 7 election.

Mercier ran unopposed in the primary election, while Killeen upset well-known incumbent Chris Cavanagh to win the Democratic ticket.

Timothy P. Killeen

Tim Killeen, 49, is running for a second time for county commissioner. He narrowly lost to Cavanagh in 2004.

"I'm making my best case with voters, going door-to-door," Killeen said. "It was nice to beat Cavanagh, but now this is a new election, and I feel I have to continue pounding the pavement, making myself noticed in the community to spread the news that I will be an effective county commissioner."

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

"I believe we need more regional consolidation, getting more people to work together," Killeen said. "Having a mass transit system would help link residents throughout the area."

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

"Residents living on the lake need some help with the accretion problem," Killeen said. "We need to get more attention to that problem and work to help our children, who are the future."

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

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

"We need to get the county headed in the right direction," Killeen said. "We need to get everyone involved, including city managers and chambers of commerce. Getting everyone involved allows more people to feel good that we, as a government, are listening to their needs."

Killeen said the 15 county commissioners need to act as one body, not as individuals.

"The entire region has to be one," he said. "There is too much parochialism. Governing is the art of compromise, and I think we need to compromise a little to make the county stronger."

Killeen is endorsed by the UAW (United Auto Workers), Michigan AFSCME (American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees) Council 25, Council of Baptist Pastors of Detroit and Vicinity, S.E.I.U. Local 502 (Wayne County Sheriff's Sierra Club), Eastside Slate, Hon. Dave Bonior, Metro-Detroit AFL-CIO, Hon. Clyde Cleveland, Clean Water Action and Michigan Sierra Club.

Killeen said he will be a full-time commissioner, communicate with citizens and community groups on a regular basis



Timothy Killeen

and carry on his family tradition of honest, dedicated public service.

He also said he will assist citizens and community organizations to make use of county government resources, support public employees and stand strong against the privatization of public services.

His father, James Killeen, was Wayne County clerk from 1974 to 1992, and his uncle, George Killeen, has been a Wayne and Macomb county commissioner for two decades.

"I want to serve on the commission to improve our quality of life in the 1st District of Wayne County by fighting for the services we need to nurture our neighborhoods," Killeen said. "Wayne County government affects our daily lives through the delivery of mass transportation, mental and medical health care, recreational facilities and pollution control."

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

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

Daniel L. Mercier

Daniel Mercier, 37, is a lifelong Grosse Pointe resident, growing up in the Park.

Mercier has worked as a Wayne County prosecutor, a special assistant prosecutor, Office of General Counsel for Ford Motor Co., Honigman, Miller and Schwartz law firm, Wayne County Commission, Wayne County Department of Children and Family Services, department executive; Wayne County Office of the CEO, Constituent Services; and Mercier Development, real estate development of commer-



Daniel Mercier

cial and residential properties in Detroit.

"My government and political background is a huge asset I can use to be an effective county commissioner," Mercier said. "I can effectively work with the residents living in District No. 1."

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

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

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

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

"The constituents in District One need a much better return on our Wayne County tax dollars," Mercier said. "Everyone works hard for their paychecks, and it's my job to help them get the most for their tax dollars."

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

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

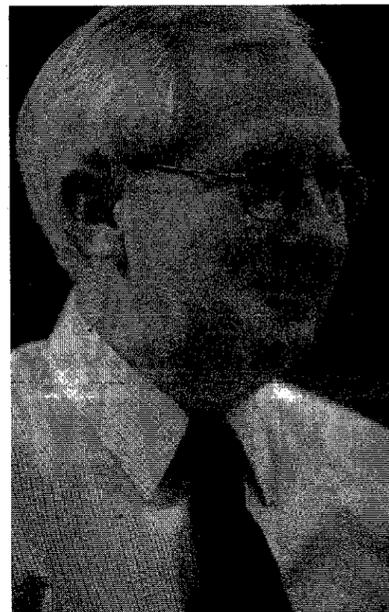
At Wayne County Children and Family Services, he worked on providing the best education to the children detained at the Wayne County Youth Home by using federal, state and private funds to minimize the use of Wayne County tax dollars.

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GROSSE POINTE WOODS TERM LIMITS

Residents to vote on term limits Nov. 7

By Bob St. John
Staff Writer

Voters in Grosse Pointe Woods have a choice to make Nov. 7 — whether or not to accept a term limit proposal.

The term limit language reads, "No person shall be elected to the office of mayor more than two times. No person shall be elected to the office of council person more than two times."

It's a yes or no vote and the outcome might affect the city's charter.

Those in favor of term limits, Citizens for GPW Term Limits, sent material to residents throughout the city, saying the president of the United States, Michigan's governor and state legislators are term-limited.

The material also states more than 24 cities in Michigan and more than 3,000 cities nationwide have term limits.

Citizens for GPW Term Limits said term limits can "end inaction, self-interests, favoritism, mean-spirited ways and just plain bad government."

"Eight years is long enough to effectively serve the people. After that, it frequently becomes self-serving."

Of the six current councilmembers, two have served more than two terms and three others would be seeking their second four-year term if they choose to run in 2007.

Robert Novitke has been the city's mayor longer than two terms. He was re-elected in 2006 by a landslide vote.

Those in opposition to term limits include Novitke, all the

CITY OF GROSSE POINTE WOODS

SHOULD THE CHARTER OF THE CITY OF GROSSE POINTE WOODS BE AMENDED BY ADDING THE FOLLOWING TERM LIMIT LANGUAGE:

NO PERSON SHALL BE ELECTED TO THE OFFICE OF MAYOR MORE THAN TWO TIMES. NO PERSON SHALL BE ELECTED TO THE OFFICE OF COUNCIL PERSON MORE THAN TWO TIMES.

YES NO

other Grosse Pointe mayors — Palmer Heenan (Grosse Pointe Park), Jim Farquhar (Grosse Pointe Farms), Dr. James Cooper (Grosse Pointe Shores) and Dale Scrace (City of Grosse Pointe).

Others who oppose it are state Rep. Ed Gaffney, R-Grosse Pointe Farms, and University of Michigan Regent Andrew Richner.

The Citizens for Responsible Government say, "Arbitrary term limits deprives voters of their precious freedom of selection."

The organization also claims no Grosse Pointe community has adopted term limits; in 2003, Woods voters tossed out two veteran councilmembers and selected three new ones; term limit pushers claim officials chosen by voters became "ineffective, embedded and dangerous" even though they make only \$3,600 (city councilmember) and \$6,000 (mayor).

The League of Women Voters says "No" to term limits, saying "Term limits are not a substitute for citizens' rights. The solution to incumbents who have stayed too long is to vote them out."

In addition, the Citizens for Responsible Government said,

"The Woods budget is balanced; the tax rate is steady; fire and police protection, schools and parks are excellent; business district is 97.3 percent occupied, which is the highest rate in southeast Michigan; why mess with a winning strategy?"

What happens if voters pass the term limit proposal? Can a candidate serve one term, take four years off, and then serve two more terms or just one more term? Is it two consecutive terms?

City officials don't know. But they do know if the proposal passes, the current mayor and city councilmembers can't run for office more than two times.

"We don't have any idea what will happen if the ballot passes," Novitke said. "I guess it would be up to our city attorney to interpret the language, but for the record we're not sure."

"Arbitrary term limits deprives voters of their precious freedom of selection."

Citizens for Responsible Government

STATE PROPOSAL 06-2: MICHIGAN CIVIL RIGHT INITIATIVE

Good public policy or discrimination?

By Debra Pascoe
Special Writer

PROPOSAL 06-2

Sparked by duplicate measures passed in California and Washington, Michigan voters are being asked to end some programs offered under affirmative action.

The Michigan Civil Rights Initiative, Proposal 2 on the upcoming Nov. 7 ballot, calls for an "ban" on affirmative action programs "that give preferential treatment to groups or individuals based on their race, gender, color, ethnicity or national origin for public employment, education or contracting purposes."

Public institutions affected include state and local governments and public colleges, community colleges and universities.

At the helm of the initiative is Jennifer Gratz who successfully sued the University of Michigan over its admission policy. Supporters say passage of the initiative would not ban affirmative action as a whole and would maintain "outreach programs to under-represented groups."

"It will make it unconstitutional for the state to give preference to someone based on race or sex while discriminating against others," Gratz said. "Whether you call it discrimination or reverse discrimination, it is what it is."

Proponents of the status quo think differently.

One United Michigan, which formed to "defend" affirmative action and outreach programs, believes passage of the measure will "roll back progress" and eliminate programs that help women achieve equal pay; scholarships and financial aid available to women and minorities; disallow the state and local governments to decide its hiring and contracting policies; and would cut housing and lending programs that ensure fairness to women and minorities when applying for loans.

Members also believe Proposal 2 will put gender-specific health programs and those supporting female vic-

A PROPOSAL TO AMEND THE STATE CONSTITUTION TO BAN AFFIRMATIVE ACTION PROGRAMS THAT GIVE PREFERENTIAL TREATMENT TO GROUPS OR INDIVIDUALS BASED ON THEIR RACE, GENDER, COLOR, ETHNICITY OR NATIONAL ORIGIN FOR PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT, EDUCATION OR CONTRACTING PURPOSES

The proposed constitutional amendment would:

◆ Ban public institutions from using affirmative action programs that give preferential treatment to groups or individuals based on their race, gender, color, ethnicity or national origin for public employment, education or contracting purposes. Public institutions affected by the proposal include state government, local governments, public colleges and universities, community colleges and school districts.

◆ Prohibit public institutions from discriminating against groups or individuals due to their gender, ethnicity, race, color or national origin. (A separate provision of the state constitution already prohibits discrimination on the basis of race, color or national origin.)

Should this proposal be adopted?

Yes
No

tims of domestic violence at risk.

"Some see it as a racial issue, but we see it as a gender issue," said Christina Schlitt, vice president of voter services for the Grosse Pointe League of Women Voters.

She, along with Barbara Stevenson, volunteer for One United Michigan, and Frank Wu, dean of the Wayne State University Law School, spoke at an event sponsored by the

American Association of University Women and the Grosse Pointe League of Women Voters.

Both Schlitt and Stevenson said while in college they didn't have any female teachers and while teaching early in her career with the Grosse Pointe Public School System, Schlitt said there were no female administrators.

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MERCIER: Experienced with county

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

"We cannot continue to watch ship after ship pass through the Great Lakes taking our natural resources and jobs half way around the world. It is only through job retention and growth our economy will prosper."

He is married with a daughter. He is a third-generation Grosse Pointe resident. He attended St. Paul Grade School and Grosse Pointe South High School before earning an undergraduate degree from Michigan State University. Mercier earned his law degree from Nova South Eastern Law School in Florida.

GAFFNEY: \$5,000 doesn't buy a vote

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House. "You have to have money for a political campaign."

He said accepting contributions from Political Action Committees does not affect his decisions.

"If someone gives you \$5,000, that doesn't buy a vote," he said. "I don't think people expect that."



On September 21, Crest Volvo of Macomb Township, donated a 2007 Volvo V-50 Wagon during a raffle and fundraiser for "The Greening of Detroit," which took place at The Whitney in Detroit. "The Greening of Detroit" was established in 1989, its' mission is to improve the quality of life in Detroit by guiding and inspiring the reforestation of Detroit's neighborhoods through tree planting projects and educational programs.

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GROSSE POINTE PARK BOND ISSUE

Voters to decide fate of council's plans

By Bob St. John
Staff Writer

In three weeks, Grosse Pointe Park residents will decide whether to accept or deny a \$7 million bond proposal.

The money is for programs and activities for housing stock revitalization and redevelopment; commercial district revitalization and redevelopment; street and parking area acquisition, repair, and improvements; tree removal and replacement; and, in connection with all of the foregoing, the acquisition and maintenance of real and personal property for such purposes.

"We feel people will jump in and do things for the benefit of this community," Mayor Palmer Heenan said. "We want living here in Grosse Pointe Park to be more attractive for people who want to move into our community, and passing this bond proposal will help us attain that goal."

"This bond issue is crucial to our ability to redevelop," councilmember Dan Clark said.

Money generated from the bond would be steered toward redeveloping neighborhoods high in rental properties and to enhance the appearance of single-family homes.

Another project is to revitalize the city's commercial districts along Mack, Jefferson and Kercheval. These areas have several vacancies and lack supporting off-street parking, limiting their viability, business owners Bob Larson and Chad Evans said.

A committee was formed to study these projects. Members also said acquiring and demolishing multi-family rental units that abut intersections can be used to provide better off-street residential parking and beautification of rental neighborhoods. They say this action

Proposal to Authorize \$7,000,000 Bond Issue

Shall the City of Grosse Pointe Park, Michigan borrow the sum of not to exceed Seven Million Dollars (\$7,000,000) and issue its general obligation unlimited tax bonds to finance all or a portion of the cost of programs and activities for housing stock revitalization and redevelopment, commercial district revitalization and redevelopment, street and parking area acquisition, repair, and improvements, tree removal and replacement, and, in connection with all of the foregoing, the acquisition and maintenance of real and personal property for such purposes? The maximum number of years the bonds may be outstanding, exclusive of any refunding, is twenty (20) years. The estimated millage that will be levied for the proposed bonds in the first year that the levy is authorized is .958 mills, which is \$0.958 for each \$1,000 of the taxable value on the taxable property in the City of Grosse Pointe Park, and which will raise an estimated \$576,074 in the first year. The estimated simple average annual millage that will be required to retire the debt is .958 mills, which is \$0.958 for each \$1,000 of the taxable value on the taxable property in the City of Grosse Pointe Park.

YES
NO

will improve both the quality and desirability of rental housing.

Several residents have spoken in favor of these projects during recent council meetings.

"It's a 20-year capital improvement bond that will be less than one mill," City Manager Dale Krajniak said. "It's a win for everyone. We have taken a lot of time to inform the residents about this bond and how it can work to better Grosse Pointe Park."

For a resident who owns a home valued at \$300,000, taxes would increase \$145 per year, which is about \$12 per month.

The city's finances have taken a hit due to less state revenue sharing. The bond money will help the city get back some of those lost funds.

"We will also be able to remove more diseased trees and plant more, as well as perform more street repaving," Krajniak said.

"It's important we rally together to support this cause," Park resident Stacey Jarvis

said.

Residents living in the rental neighborhoods of Beaconsfield, Wayburn, Maryland and Lakepointe voiced their displeasure with landlords not keeping up their properties and letting them deteriorate.

"We can get money to help our rental districts redevelop," Clark said. "The bond proposal can really help Grosse Pointe Park."

If the bond proposal does not pass, street resurfacing will slow down, as will the removal of diseased ash and elm trees and the planting of new trees.

The city can still use \$2 million it has coming from TIFA (Tax Increment Finance Authority), but that would cover only one project, not the several planned.

"We feel we have given the residents a lot of time to review the projects and ask questions during our council sessions and during the meeting with the League of Women Voters," Krajniak said. "We feel good about the bond proposal passing."

STATE PROPOSAL 03: A REFERENDUM ON DOVE HUNTING

Is it game hunting or target practice?

By Debra Pascoe
Special Writer

PROPOSAL 06-3

A REFERENDUM ON PUBLIC ACT 160 OF 2004 - AN ACT TO ALLOW THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A HUNTING SEASON FOR MOURNING DOVES

Public Act 160 of 2004 would:

◆ Authorize the Natural Resources Commission to establish a hunting season for mourning doves.

◆ Require a mourning dove hunter to have a small game license and a \$2.00 mourning dove stamp.

◆ Stipulate that revenue from the stamp must be split evenly between the Game and Fish Protection Fund and the Fish and Wildlife Trust Fund.

◆ Require the Department of Natural Resources to address responsible mourning dove hunting; management practices for the propagation of mourning doves; and participation in mourning dove hunting by youth, the elderly and the disabled in the Department's annual hunting guide.

Should this law be approved?

Yes
No

A proposal to establish a hunting season for mourning doves has activists ranging from the Humane Society of the United States to greensingles.com speaking against the proposal.

At the top of the list is Stop Shooting Doves formed in 2005 after state legislators approved a hunting season for the doves. A petition drive initiated by the group banned the hunting of mourning doves, the official state "bird of peace," until results of the Nov. 7 election.

Supporting Proposal 3 is, among others, the Michigan United Conservation Clubs.

Proposal 3, a referendum on Public Act 160 of 2004, if approved will authorize the Natural Resources Commission to establish a hunting season for the doves, require hunters to have a small game license and a \$2 mourning dove stamp with the revenues being split evenly between the Game and Fish Protection Fund and the Fish and Wildlife Trust Fund. The Department of Natural Resources will also be required to "address responsible mourning dove hunting; management practices for the propagation of mourning

"Are they huge? No, but neither is a shrimp or a clam or a mussel."

Tony Hansen, public relations manager for MUCC

decisions on wildlife management be based on science and supported by wildlife professionals. Those folks, he said, have stated shooting the doves will not negatively impact the species or harm the environment.

"This is the same issue," he said, adding allowing for mourning dove hunting in 40 other states has not negatively impacted the dove population.

"This is not really about doves, it's about the desires of the Humane Society of the U.S. to eliminate all forms of hunt-

doves; and participation in mourning dove hunting by youth, the elderly and the disabled in the department's annual hunting guide."

Tony Hansen, public relations manager for MUCC, said voters have already spoken on this issue when in 1996 they "overwhelmingly supported"

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We All Agree!

Re-Elect

Gaffney

State Representative

"We are, indeed, fortunate to have Ed Gaffney as our State Representative, and I wholehearted support his re-election."

Palmer T. Heenan, Mayor, City of Grosse Pointe Park



"Ed Gaffney has served with distinction and deserves to be re-elected."

James Farquhar, Mayor, Grosse Pointe Farms

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Palmer T. Heenan, Mayor

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Grosse Pointe Farms

James Farquhar, Mayor

Council Member:

Louis Theros, Mayor, Pro Tem
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Therese Joseph
Doug Roby
Peter W. Waldmeir

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Peter N. Waldmeir

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Michigan State Chamber of Commerce
Michigan Health and Hospital Assn.
Michigan State Medical Society
Greater Detroit Region Building and Construction Trades Council
Wayne County Chiefs of Police
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STATE PROPOSAL 06-4: EMINENT DOMAIN

Measure would curb abuses, cost taxpayers

PROPOSAL 06-4

By Debra Pascoe
Special Writer

A PROPOSED CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT TO PROHIBIT GOVERNMENT FROM TAKING PRIVATE PROPERTY BY EMINENT DOMAIN FOR CERTAIN PRIVATE PURPOSES

The proposed constitutional amendment would:

- ◆ Prohibit government from taking private property for transfer to another private individual or business for purposes of economic development or increasing tax revenue.
- ◆ Provide that if an individual's principal residence is taken by government for public use, the individual must be paid at least 125% of property's fair market value.
- ◆ Require government that takes a private property to demonstrate that the taking is for a public use; if taken to eliminate blight, require a higher standard of proof to demonstrate that the taking of that property is for a public use.
- ◆ Preserve existing rights of property owners.

Should this proposal be adopted?

Yes
No

There appears to be no formal opposition to a constitutional amendment that would make it tougher for governments to take private property for public use.

However, the Michigan Municipal League (MML) has some concerns, all of which hinge on the word "that" in the proposed language.

Proposal 4, Eminent Domain for Certain Private Purposes, centers on tougher criteria imposed on governments pursuing the taking of private property for transfer to another private individual or business for purposes of economic development or increasing tax revenue.

If approved, the amendment will require the government to pay at least 125 percent of property's fair market value if the property in question is a principal residence; requires the government to show the taking is for a public use; and if "that" property is to be taken to eliminate blight, the amendment will require the government to establish "a higher standard of proof" that the taking is for public use. The amendment will also preserve the existing rights of property owners.

Resulting from a recent U. S. Supreme Court ruling making it permissible to take a private resident's property and transfer it to an individual or business for "purposes of economic development or increasing tax base," lawmakers were influenced to make such a move tougher in Michigan by amending the state Constitution.

A "yes" vote on the proposal is being supported by many Realtor organizations statewide.

And while the MML is not taking an official position on the proposal, Arnold Weinfeld, director of Public Policy and Federal Affairs, said its membership is concerned about the impact the proposal will have if adopted on areas sought for blight eradication.

"We feel the provisions that will require a higher standard

of proof coupled with the fact that those standards have to be applied parcel by parcel will make it prohibitive for municipalities to use eminent domain as a tool to eradicate blight," he said.

Weinfeld said the use of the word "that" instead of "the" when referencing a land parcel identified to be taken to eliminate blight means each individual parcel in an area set for possible improvement will have to be judged on a case by case basis. Instead of viewing the overall picture of the area deemed blighted, Weinfeld said, the courts will only see a small segment.

With the burden of proof placed on the government on each parcel under consideration for improvement, he added, the cost to the government entity will skyrocket.

"This can prove too costly to the local municipality for them to move ahead on eminent domain," he said.

According to an analysis by the Citizens Research Council of Michigan, a privately funded, nonprofit, unbiased public affairs research organization that does not endorse issues or candidates, the initiative would go beyond codifying results of a recent Michigan Supreme Court decision in County of Wayne v. Hathcock.

In that ruling, the court established that transferring condemned property to a private

"The cost to the government entity will skyrocket. This can prove too costly to the local municipality for them to move ahead on eminent domain."

Arnold Weinfeld, director of Public Policy and Federal Affairs

entity may be appropriate where: "public necessity of the extreme sort" requires collective action; the public maintains oversight after the transfer to the private entity; and the property was chosen on "facts of independent public significance," rather than the interests of the private entity receiving the property.

Other concerns raised by the independent think tank are: the proposal would eliminate the ability of governments to utilize eminent domain in an area-wide approach to blight eradication; end the uses of eminent domain seen as abusive by advocates, but make eminent domain harder to use for even legitimate uses; and make it more expensive for the condemning governmental units, which ultimately translates to higher costs for taxpayers.

NOTICE OF GENERAL ELECTION

To be held

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 2006

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a General Election will be held in the City of Grosse Pointe Woods in Wayne County on Tuesday, November 7, 2006 at 7 o'clock in the forenoon until 8 o'clock in the afternoon, at which time qualified registered voters may vote for the following:

- Governor and Lieutenant Governor
- Secretary of State
- Attorney General
- State Senator
- United States Senator
- Representative in Congress
- State Senator
- State Representative
- State Board of Education, Vote 2
- University of Michigan Regent, Vote 2
- Michigan State University Trustee, Vote 2
- Wayne State University Governor, Vote 2
- County Executive
- County Commissioner
- Justices of Supreme Court, Vote 2
- Judge of Court of Appeals, Vote 2
- Judge of Circuit Court Non-Incumbent Position, Vote 1
- Judge of the Circuit Court Incumbent Partial Term Ending, Vote 4
- Judge of the Circuit Court Incumbent Positions, Vote 19
- Judge of Probate Court, Vote 2
- Judge of Probate Court Non-Incumbent Position, Vote 1
- Judge of Probate Court Incumbent Position Partial Term Vote 1
- Trustee, Wayne County Community College District

FIVE (5) STATE PROPOSALS

PROPOSAL 06-1

A PROPOSED CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT TO REQUIRE THAT MONEY HELD IN CONSERVATION AND RECREATION FUNDS CAN ONLY BE USED FOR THEIR INTENDED PURPOSES.

Yes
No

PROPOSAL 06-2

A PROPOSAL TO AMEND THE STATE CONSTITUTION TO BAN AFFIRMATIVE ACTION PROGRAMS THAT GIVE PREFERENTIAL TREATMENT TO GROUPS OR INDIVIDUALS BASED ON THEIR RACE, GENDER, COLOR, ETHNICITY OR NATIONAL ORIGIN FOR PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT, EDUCATION OR CONTRACTING PURPOSED.

Yes
No

PROPOSAL 06-3

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Yes
No

PROPOSAL 06-4

A PROPOSED CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT TO PROHIBIT GOVERNMENT FROM TAKING PRIVATE PROPERTY BY EMINENT DOMAIN FOR CERTAIN PRIVATE PURPOSES.

Yes
No

PROPOSAL 06-5

A LEGISLATIVE INITIATIVE TO ESTABLISH MANDATORY SCHOOL FUNDING LEVELS.

Yes
No

CITY OF GROSSE POINTE WOODS CHARTER AMENDMENT

Should the Charter of the City of Grosse Pointe Woods be amended by adding the following term limit language:

NO PERSON SHALL BE ELECTED TO THE OFFICE OF MAYOR MORE THAN TWO TIMES. NO PERSON SHALL BE ELECTED TO THE OFFICE OF COUNCIL PERSON MORE THAN TWO TIMES.

Yes
No

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the Polling Locations for said Election are as follows:

PRECINCT	LOCATION/ADDRESS
001	Ferry School, 748 Roslyn Road
002	Mason School, 1640 Vernier Road
003	First English Evangelical Lutheran Church, 800 Vernier Road
004	City Hall Community Center, 20025 Mack Plaza
005	Monteith School, 1275 Cook Road
006	Barnes School, 20090 Morningside

LISA K. HATHAWAY, CMC
City Clerk
City of Grosse Pointe Woods
20025 Mack Plaza
343-2440

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CIVIL RIGHTS: At risk?

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"We've come a long way but we still have a long way to go," she said.

Gratz, however, disagrees the measure will put women at risk.

"They are using scare tactics; they know it's not true," she said. "Look at Washington and California. Breast cancer screening still exists, programs to help kids in math and science still exist and the Society of Women Engineers

still exists on college campuses.

"This only affects contracts, public employment and college admissions."

Wu defended affirmative action and believes its abolishment is not the answer.

"It's a test for us as a society, as a democracy," he said of the ballot issue. "Diversity is like democracy; it's a process, not an outcome."

And while race and gender come into play when accepting students into a university or college program, it's not the only barometer, Wu said.

At WSU, Wu explained, the 1,600 or so applications it gets for the law school have to be dwindled down to about 500. Results of the Law School

Admissions Test and grade point averages are "just a method of predicting performance." Other factors, such as community involvement, are considered.

"Remember the purpose of education; we offer an opportunity based on who would make the best of that opportunity," he said. "It's not a free ride; it's an opportunity."

And that opportunity, he believes, should remain.

For further information on Proposal 2, visit michiganunited.org and michigan-civilrights.org. An independent study conducted by the Citizens Research Council can be found at crcmich.org/election/index/html.

CITY OF HARPER WOODS WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS 2007 BUDGET

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the City Council for the City of Harper Woods Michigan will hold a PUBLIC HEARING on

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 2006 AT 7:30 P.M.
TO BE HELD
IN THE CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS
OF CITY HALL
19617 HARPER AVENUE
HARPER WOODS, MI 48225

The purpose of the this public hearing will be to receive public input and comment on the proposed 2007 Budget for the City's General and various other operating funds. The proposed levy upon the 2006 Tax Rolls for each \$1000 of Real and Personal Property State taxable valuation is as follows:

FUND	CURRENT	PROPOSED	INC/DEC
General Operation	17.0333	17.0332	0.0000
Debt Retirement-Street Bond	2.5000	2.3500	0.1500
Debt Retirement-Library	0.5000	.5000	0.0000
Refuse Collection	2.0000	1.6500	0.3500
Library Operations	0.9169	0.9168	0.0000
TOTALS	22.9502	22.4500	0.5000

Summaries of the proposed revenues and expenditures for the 2007 budgeted funds are as follows:

General Fund	\$11,881,020
Major Street Fund	\$562,000
Local Street Fund	\$394,400
Storm Drainage Fund	\$1,702,500
Refuse Collection fund	\$1,034,500
Library Fund	\$418,700
Debt Retirement Fund	\$1,290,825
Self - Insurance Fund	\$111,500
Separation Pay Fund	\$100,000
Municipal Improvement Fund	\$55,000
Drug Law Enforcement Fund	\$3,500

THE PROPERTY TAX MILLAGE RATE PROPOSED TO BE LEVIED TO SUPPORT THE PROPOSED BUDGET WILL BE A SUBJECT OF THIS HEARING.

A copy of the proposed 2007 Budget is available for public inspection between the hours of 8:30A.M. and 5:00P.M. weekdays in the office of the City Clerk, 19617 Harper Avenue, Harper Woods, MI 48225-2095 (Telephone 313/343-2510). All interest persons are invited to attend this public hearing.

City of Harper Woods
Mickey D. Todd,
City Clerk

GPN: 10/19/06

STATE PROPOSAL 06-5: EDUCATION FUNDING

Proposal 5 faces opposition

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

Is Proposal 5 good or bad for schools? Will it help educate students?

If so, is it worth the cost? If not, who does it benefit?

Those are questions voters need to resolve before casting ballots Tuesday, Nov. 7, on the fate of Proposal 5.

Passage would amend the State School Aid Act of 1978 by increasing current public education funding by \$565 million and requiring annual funding increases equal to the rate of inflation. Increases would apply to K-12 schools, community colleges and higher education.

By next academic year, the initiative would increase the current basic foundation allowance of \$7,085 by \$51 to \$7,136.

"We must invest in public education now to secure a brighter economic future for Michigan. It's good public policy," according to proposal supporters, the K-16 Coalition for Michigan's Future. "Our state level of investment in public education — kindergarten through graduate school — is key to Michigan's future economic growth, prosperity and ultimate success."

Opponents characterize the measure as having less to do with preparing students for meaningful employment than with saddling taxpayers statewide with pension costs of local school districts. "The proposal would shift financial responsibility for the growth in education employee pension costs from school districts to state government," according to Kenneth Braun, a policy analyst at the Mackinac Center for Public Policy.

Braun's analysis appears in "Proposal 5 Could Aggravate School Finance Problems and Reduce Schools' Incentives to Improve."

An overview of the proposal by the Michigan Senate Fiscal Agency pegs nearly 70 percent of the initial increase as funding pensions.

"Combining state costs for K-12, community colleges and universities yields a total estimated retirement cost of \$386.3 million," the report reads.

Education spending comprises the largest part of Michigan's budget. In fiscal year 2005, more than 1/3 of Michigan's \$40.3 billion budget went for education from kindergarten through the university levels, according to the

Citizens Research Council of Michigan.

"Since passage of Proposal A in 1994, growth in state spending on K-12 education has consistently outpaced total state spending for all other areas of the budget combined," according to the council's report, "Statewide Issues on the November General Election Ballot."

"On the other hand," the report continued, "higher education spending has been reduced in two of the past three fiscal years as part of the overall solution to help balance the state's general fund budget."

The proposal also would change how the state foundation allowance is computed in order to assist districts with declining enrollment, such as Detroit.

"The initiative includes a 'declining enrollment' provision for all schools," according to the senate agency report. "In this guarantee, an average of the three prior years' pupil membership blends, rather than the current-year membership blend alone, would be the basis for state aid payments, if the three-year blend yielded a higher pupil number."

The real issue is pensions, according to Braun.

"Pension costs in the last three years have consumed every additional dollar provided to school districts through the state's per-pupil foundation allowance," Braun wrote. "Proposal 5 does not address this growing problem in the education employees' unusually generous public pension; the proposal simply shifts which part of the government would be making the payments. The shift could make the problem worse by providing a subsidy that would encourage school boards to increase their payroll, intensifying the retirement systems long-term liabilities."

PROPOSAL 06-5

A LEGISLATIVE INITIATIVE TO ESTABLISH MANDATORY SCHOOL FUNDING LEVELS

The proposed law would:

- ◆ Increase current funding by approximately \$565 million and require State to provide annual funding increases equal to the rate of inflation for public schools, intermediate school districts, community colleges, and higher education (includes state universities and financial aid/grant programs).
- ◆ Require State to fund any deficiencies from General Fund.
- ◆ Base funding for school districts with a declining enrollment on three-year student enrollment average.
- ◆ Reduce and cap retirement fund contribution paid by public schools, community colleges and state universities; shift remaining portion to state.
- ◆ Reduce funding gap between school districts receiving basic per-pupil foundation allowance and those receiving maximum foundation allowance.

Should this proposed law be approved?

Yes
No

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To be held

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 2006

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a General Election will be held in the Grosse Pointe, Grosse Pointe Farms in Wayne County, Township of Grosse Pointe-Wayne County and Lake Township-Macomb County on Tuesday, November 7, 2006 at 7 o'clock in the forenoon until 8 o'clock in the afternoon, at which time qualified registered voters may vote for the following:

Governor and Lieutenant Governor
Secretary of State
Attorney General
United States Senator
Representative in Congress
State Senator
State Representative
State Board of Education, Vote 2
University of Michigan Regent, Vote 2
Michigan State University Trustee, Vote 2
Wayne State University Governor, Vote 2
County Executive
County Commissioner
Justices of Supreme Court, Vote 2
Judges of Court of Appeals, Vote 2
Judges of Circuit Court Non-Incumbent Position, Vote 1
Judges of Circuit Court Incumbent Positions Partial Term, Vote 4
Judges of Circuit Court Incumbent Positions, Vote 19
Judges of Probate Court, Vote 2
Judge of Probate Court Non-Incumbent Position, Vote 1
Judges of District Court, 16th, 18th, 19th, 20th, 22nd, 23rd, 27th, 29th, 33rd, 34th, and 35th
Judges of District Court 36th Incumbent Positions, Vote 11
Judge of District Court, 36th District Incumbent Position Partial Term, Vote 1
Judge of District Court, 36th District Incumbent Position Partial Term, Vote 2

THE FOLLOWING FIVE (5) STATE PROPOSALS

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Yes

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Yes

No

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Yes

No

PROPOSAL 06-5

A LEGISLATIVE INITIATIVE TO ESTABLISH MANDATORY SCHOOL FUNDING LEVELS.

Yes

No

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the Polling Locations for said Election are as follows:

CITY OF GROSSE POINTE

PRECINCT	LOCATION
All Precincts	Maire School Gymnasium, 740 Cadieux

CITY OF GROSSE POINTE FARMS

PRECINCT	LOCATION/ADDRESS
001	Grosse Pointe South High School, 11 Grosse Pointe Boulevard
002	Richard Elementary, 176 McKinley
003	City Hall Fire Station, 90 Kerby Road
004	Kerby School, 285 Kerby Road
005	Brownell Middle School, 260 Chalfonte

TOWNSHIP OF GROSSE POINTE

PRECINCT	LOCATION
All	Municipal Building, First Floor, Council Chambers 795 Lakeshore

LAKE TOWNSHIP

PRECINCT	LOCATION
All	Edsel & Eleanor Ford Gatehouse, 1100 Lakeshore

JULIE ARTHURS
City Clerk
City of Grosse Pointe
17147 Maumee
885-5800

MATTHEW J. TEPPER
Assistant City Manager/City Clerk
City of Grosse Pointe Farms
90 Kerby Road
885-6600

ROBERT GRAZIANI
Township Clerk
Township of Grosse Pointe
795 Lakeshore
884-0234

RAYMOND SUWINSKI
Township Clerk
Lake Township (Macomb County)
795 Lakeshore
881-6565

G.P.N.: 10/19/2004 & 10/26/2004

NOTICE TO TAXPAYERS AND ELECTORS OF THE CITY OF GROSSE POINTE OF INTENT TO ISSUE BONDS AND THE RIGHT OF REFERENDUM RELATING THERETO

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the City of Grosse Pointe, County of Wayne, State of Michigan (the "City"), intends to issue and sell its general obligation limited tax bonds pursuant to Act 34, Public Acts of Michigan, 2001, as amended, in an aggregate principal amount of not to exceed Three Million Six Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$3,600,000) for the purpose of paying all or part of the costs of acquiring, constructing, furnishing and equipping a new parking structure, including demolition and all necessary site improvements and related appurtenances and attachments.

SOURCE OF PAYMENT OF BONDS

THE PRINCIPAL OF AND INTEREST ON SAID BONDS SHALL BE PAYABLE from the general funds of the City lawfully available for such purposes including property taxes levied within applicable constitutional, statutory and charter tax rate limitations. It is the present intention of the City to use revenues derived from the City's Automobile Parking System to defray all or a portion of the principal of and interest on the Bonds.

BOND DETAILS

SAID BONDS will be payable in annual installments not to exceed thirty (30) in number and will bear interest at the rate or rates to be determined at a public or private sale but in no event to exceed the maximum rate permitted by law on the balance of the bonds from time to time remaining unpaid.

RIGHT OF REFERENDUM

THE BONDS WILL BE ISSUED WITHOUT A VOTE OF THE ELECTORS UNLESS A PETITION REQUESTING SUCH A VOTE SIGNED BY NOT LESS THAN 10% OF THE REGISTERED ELECTORS RESIDING WITHIN THE BOUNDARIES OF THE CITY IS FILED WITH THE CITY CLERK WITHIN FORTY-FIVE (45) DAYS AFTER PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE. IF SUCH PETITION IS FILED, THE BONDS MAY NOT BE ISSUED WITHOUT AN APPROVING VOTE OF A MAJORITY OF THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS RESIDING WITHIN THE BOUNDARIES OF THE CITY VOTING THEREON.

THIS NOTICE is given pursuant to the requirements of Section 517, Act 34, Public Acts of Michigan, 2001, as amended.

GPN: 10/19/06

Julie E. Arthurs,
City Clerk, City of Grosse Pointe

DOVES: 'Absolutely edible'

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ing," he said. "They see Michigan as a weak link." Julie Baker, who said she left the private sector to become director of Stop Shooting Doves,

believes shooting mourning doves is nothing but "target practice" for hunters.

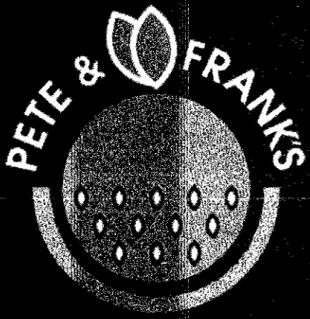
"We just want to keep things the way they have been," she said, adding the issue has come before the state Legislature numerous times since the ban was put in place in 1905.

"There's no reason to shoot mourning doves," she said. "They are not dangerous, and they are not a viable human

food source. All one has to do is look outside in the yard to see how small they are. There are a number of other birds on the (hunting) list; there's no reason to add doves."

Hansen said the definition of hunting is taking game for food. Doves, he said, are "absolutely edible" and one of the most favored game birds.

"Are they huge? No, but neither is a shrimp or a clam or a mussel."



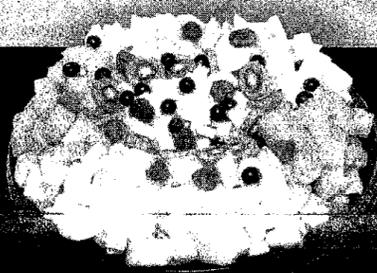
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