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THURSDAY, JUNE 14

Flag Day
 ♦ The Grosse Pointe Chamber of Commerce invites members to attend the Ford House Garden Party from 6 to 8:30 p.m. Wine and hors d'oeuvres will be served while guests listen to live jazz. Tickets are \$25 and reservations can be made by calling (313) 884-4222.

FRIDAY, JUNE 15

♦ Grosse Pointe Historical Society's annual summer fundraiser, Soiree Francaise, will be at 7 p.m. at the home of Warren and Mireille Wilkinson. Tickets may be purchased by calling, (313) 884-7010.
 ♦ Services for Older Citizens Annual Ice Cream Social is from 2 to 5 p.m. at the Neighborhood Club, 17500 Waterloo, City of Grosse Pointe.

SUNDAY, JUNE 17

Father's Day
 ♦ Detroit Institute of Ophthalmology presents EyesOn Design Automotive Design Show from 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the Edsel & Eleanor Ford House, 1100 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Shores. Tickets are \$20 at the gate. Children 12 and under are free when accompanied by an adult.
 ♦ Private EyesOn Design is from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tickets are \$100 and \$50 for children under 12. Participants will be provided a meal. For tickets call (313) 824-4710.

MONDAY, JUNE 18

♦ The City of Grosse Pointe Council meets at 7 p.m. in city hall at 17147 Maumee.
 ♦ The City of Grosse Pointe Woods Council meets at 7:30 p.m. in council chambers, 20025 Mack Plaza.

TUESDAY, JUNE 19

♦ Wild Birds Unlimited, 20485 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods, is hosting Business Before Hours at 7:30 a.m.
 ♦ The Village of Grosse Pointe Shores Council meets at 7 p.m. in village hall, 795 Lakeshore.
 ♦ Grosse Pointe Township Board meets at 8 a.m. in the township hall, 765 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Shores.



PHOTO BY RENEE LANDUYT

All that jazz

The Grosse Pointe North and South High School jazz bands joined their musical talents June 7 to open the annual St. John Hospital and Medical Center Music on the Plaza concerts. With toe-tapping tunes, the bands were definitely a hit with the hometown crowd.
 Obviously Charlotte Peabody, 3, right, of Grosse Pointe is a budding jazz enthusiast because her attention to the finer details of the June 7 concert caused David Cleveland, Grosse Pointe North High School instrumental music director, a moment of pause.
 This week, Marcus Belgrave's New Orleans Celebration plays at 7 p.m. Thursday, June 14, at the corner of St. Clair and Kercheval in the second concert of the 2007 Music on the Plaza series. The evening's music will also feature Joan Bow and Charlie Gabriel.



PHOTO BY AHMED ISMAIL

G.P. PUBLIC LIBRARY

Board over board

School board cedes selection of library trustees to cities

By Bob St. John
 Staff Writer

The city council of each of the five Grosse Pointes and Harper Woods will decide who is appointed to the Grosse Pointe library board.

The provision was passed by the slimmest of margins (4-3) with school board President Brendan Walsh and Trustees Fred Minturn, Charles Sabino and Angela Kennedy voting for it.

In addition, Mayors Dale Scrace and James Farquhar gave their support to have city representation.

"I believe each municipality should have representation to the library board because each would have a say," said Scrace of the City of Grosse Pointe.

Farquhar is mayor of Grosse Pointe Farms.

Now, the state librarian must approve this measure.

"I believe the people have a choice to freely elect a library board," said trustee Alice Kosinski, who voted "No."

Ahmed Ismail and Joan Dindoffer concurred with Kosinski, as did two Grosse Pointe residents who spoke on behalf of residents having a say instead of the municipalities, as to who is elected to the library board.

Ismail made sure that if Harper Woods' administration changes its position down the road, the school board has a say in reversing the action after inquiring with attorney Mark McInerney.

The Grosse Pointe library board members serve four-year terms and are appointed by the board of education.

Harper Woods also has a say since a small portion of the city falls under the Grosse Pointe Public School System.

'Empty Bowls'

Children from Assumption Church Camp will host an "Empty Bowls" fundraiser from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Friday, June 22, at Assumption Greek Orthodox Church, 21800 Marter, St. Clair Shores, to help stop world hunger. Donations are \$10 for adults and \$5 for children. Anna and Alexis Mellos of Grosse Pointe Park show that they will be helping to feed the hungry of the world.



POINTER OF INTEREST

'During World War II, I became completely dependent on my inner self.'

Michel Pilorget

Home: Grosse Pointe Park
 Age: 67
 Family: Wife, Nancy; children, Elise and Gavriel
 Claim to fame: Charcoal artist, member of the Grosse Pointe Artist Association
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Yesterday's headlines

1957

50 years ago this week

◆ **HOMES DAMAGED BY STORMS:** Falling trees caused by a violent storm downed power lines and caused damage to at least two homes in the Pointes.

One fallen tree blocked Cadieux for a time and flooding was reported in the City of Grosse Pointe. Extensive damage was done to a house on Lakeshore by a tree crashing through its roof.

No injuries were reported.

◆ **MORE GAS COMING TO THE POINTEES:** Installation of more than two miles of steel pipe will bring more gas to the Pointes from Michigan Consolidated Gas Co.

The \$200,000 mains will meet the growing demand for gas heat in the Park, City and Farms. The mains will tie into an existing destination point. The largest main extends from a point on Waveney and Harvard in Detroit, to Fisher and Kercheval in the City.

◆ **TWO INJURED FIGHTING FARMS FIRE:** Two Grosse Pointe Farms firemen were taken to an area hospital for treatment of injuries sustained while fighting a fire in the 100 block of Kenmore.

James McIntosh, a pipe-man, received facial burns when he pulled open the door to the burning upstairs bedroom. The rushing air caused by opening the door resulted in a small explosion which McIntosh caught full in the face.

George Green Jr., another pipeman, was led from the fire after being overcome by heat and smoke.

The cause of the fire has not yet been determined. Damage was largely confined to one bedroom, with other rooms receiving considerable smoke damage.

1982

25 years ago this week

◆ **POOL PLAN DOWN THE DRAIN:** By a margin of 15-1, Pointe voters rejected spending \$125,000 on a feasibility study for a new community pool.

Of the more than 5,000 votes cast, only 354 supported the study. Pool supporters blamed the lack of adequate information regarding the project. They claimed that voters thought they were actually voting on the construction of a new pool, not just a study.

Trustees from the Grosse Pointe Board of Education put the measure up for a vote after pool supporters presented them with a petition signed by more than 2,000 residents.

◆ **GYPSY MOTH TRAPPING BEGINS:** The Michigan Department of Agriculture commenced with a gypsy moth program to capture the insects before they can cause damage to trees and shrubs in the Pointes.

The traps contain a pheromone stick which attracts the male moths from as far away as a quarter mile. Upon entering the trap, the moths get stuck on the gummy insides.

◆ **FORDS TRY AGAIN FOR TAX BREAK:** Representatives from the Edsel & Eleanor Ford House in Grosse Pointe Shores will meet with Shores, Lake Township and South Lake School District officials to summarize their position in the upcoming Ford house appeal to the Michigan Tax Tribunal for tax exempt status.

The tribunal ruled against the estate's request for tax exempt status as a non-profit charitable institution in 1981. Attorneys are hopeful that the appeal will overturn that ruling.



PHOTO BY FRED RUNNELLS

1957: We all scream for ice cream

Children from Grosse Pointe Memorial Church in Grosse Pointe Farms enjoy a preview of some of the fun they can expect when they attend an upcoming ice cream social at the church. From left are Trudy Ann Miller, Bonnie Lee Klein, Mary Ann Klein and Gretchen Klein. "Mr. Pockets" is actually George Bashara Jr. (From the June 20, 1957, issue of the Grosse Pointe News.)

1997

10 years ago this week

◆ **POINTE MATH JUNIORS TOPS IN STATE:** Grosse Pointe South and North high school juniors earned top scores in the state on this year's High School Proficiency Test. In fact, scores improved on all four of the rigorous exams given to high school juniors in reading, writing, mathematics and science.

The 13-hour battery of exams is state mandated for public high school students. Results of the tests are used to award state endorsements on

students' diplomas and transcripts.

◆ **BRENNAN, DINDOFFER JOIN SCHOOL BOARD:** Joseph Brennan of Grosse Pointe Woods and Joan Dindoffer of Grosse Pointe Park were elected to the Grosse Pointe Board of Education to replace retiring board members Carl Anderson and Sears Taylor.

Turnout for the uncontested election was light throughout the Pointes. Brennan and Dindoffer were elected to four-year terms.

◆ **POINTE PARENTS WELCOME QUADRUPLTS:** Ed Wilberding and his wife, Elizabeth, of Grosse Pointe Farms welcomed quadruplets to their family.

The delivery of three boys and one girl garnered national attention as media con-

verged on the couple's press conference at the new state-of-the-art birthing center at St. John Hospital and Medical Center.

The babies were delivered by cesarean section.

2002

5 years ago this week

◆ **WCCCD ADVISORY VOTE SHOT DOWN:** The Wayne County Election Commission rejected requests from the five Grosse Pointes and other Wayne County municipalities to place a community college advisory question to separate from the Wayne County Community College District on the August ballot.

The chairman of the com-

mission sent a letter to the municipalities stating that it had no authority to place the advisory question on the ballot.

The move to separate from the district was prompted by a recent millage increase approved for the college by county voters.

◆ **WAVE OF BREAK-INS REPORTED IN WOODS:** Four homes within blocks of Grosse Pointe Woods city hall were either broken into or targeted by thieves recently.

Two burglaries succeeded and two failed. One was thwarted by residents who awoke late at night to disturbing noises. Police believe the criminal(s) are working on foot early in the morning.

Police do not have any suspects in custody.

— By John Lundberg

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EyesOn Design for Father's Day

The Detroit Institute of Ophthalmology presents the 20th annual EyesOn Design Automotive Exhibition Sunday, June 17, on the grounds of the Edsel and Eleanor Ford House, 1100 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Shores.

Show hours are from 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and tickets are \$20 at the gate. Children 12 and under are free when accompanied by an adult.

More than 200 vehicles will be judged in 15 categories emphasizing aerodynamics and streamlining by

design.

In addition, a private eyes brunch will be served from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tickets are \$100 per person and \$50 for children 12 and under and include admission to the car show. Participants will eat overlooking Lake St. Clair.

The Friends of Vision cash raffle is at 3:30 p.m. Call (313) 824-4710 for all ticket information.

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Learning in China

Through the special effort of Dr. Robert Thomas, the dean of College of Liberal Arts and Sciences at Wayne State University, and the advisory chair of Confucius Institute and Grosse Pointe resident Dr. Yue Ming, chair of Eastern Studies, at Wayne State University, are leading a delegation of 38 educators from southeast Michigan as part of the Chinese Bridge Delegation as guests of the Chinese Government, which is financing the June 24 through July 2 trip. The educators will view Chinese educational facilities as coordinated through Hanban (Office of Chinese Language Council International). The goal of this program is to provide educators with useful contacts and

knowledge about Chinese culture and language. Attending the event are, pictured above from left, School Board Secretary Ahmed Ismail, Language Department Chair Bob Abel, Superintendent Dr. Suzanne Klein, Curriculum Advisor Glen Croyden, School Board Trustee Charles Sabino, Mason Principal Dr. Elaine Middlekauf, Ming, Thomas, Ferry Principal Gloria Hinz, Maire Principal Kathy Satut, School Board Trustee Joan Dindoffer and Defer Principal Ron Wardie. Parcels Middle School Principal Mark Mullholland was not pictured, but will also be going to China.

CITY OF GROSSE POINTE

Police catch 2 teens in violent carjacking

Police have arrested two teenage suspects in the brutal carjacking that resulted in injuries to two elderly women in the City of Grosse Pointe on Monday, June 11.

The 14-year-old and 16-year-old male suspects were quickly tracked down by officers from numerous local agencies, including the Wayne County East Side Auto Theft Task Force, and apprehended within hours of the carjacking, Wayne County Sheriff Warren Evans said.

Following the carjacking, in which the teens are accused of knocking one woman to the ground and stealing her 1999

Ford Mustang convertible at Mack and Fisher, police from the Pointes, Harper Woods, Detroit and Wayne County Sheriff's Department coordinated efforts to capture the suspects.

One of the women was reported dragged by the vehicle in an attempt to hold onto the vehicle before she let go.

"This is a traumatic incident for these two women," Evans said. "An early tip from a neighbor made all the difference. We were able to apprehend the suspects quickly and recover the stolen car before it had been stripped or damaged."

The owner of the vehicle sus-

"This is a traumatic incident for these two women."

Wayne County Sheriff Warren Evans

tained injuries to her head and the second woman suffered cuts and abrasions. Both women are Ontario residents and were taken to an area hospital and treated for their injuries. They have been released and have returned home, City of Grosse Pointe police said.

Immediately after the incident, officers from the various police departments canvassed area neighborhoods, where the

two perpetrators were believed to have fled in the stolen vehicle.

Approximately 90 minutes after the attack, officers received a tip from neighbors that two individuals matching the suspects' description had stashed a car behind a house on Beniteau street on Detroit's east side and entered a nearby home.

"Everyone (public safety departments) were jumping in to

respond to this horrible thing," said John Roach, Wayne County Sheriffs Office spokesman.

Responding officers contacted the owners of the home who gave them permission to search it. Inside, officers found both suspects hiding and took them into custody. The car suffered no significant damage.

City of Grosse Pointe police said both suspects confessed to the carjacking while they were interviewed.

"It's this kind of collaboration and prompt action that has helped our East Side ACTION Team reduce auto theft on the county's east side by more

than 30 percent since the first of the year," said Grosse Pointe Park Public Safety Director David Hiller in a prepared statement.

The ACTION task force (Arresting Car Thieves In Our Neighborhoods) is comprised of deputies from the Wayne County Sheriff's Office along with police officers from the five Grosse Pointe communities and Harper Woods.

The two suspects were scheduled for a hearing at the Wayne County Juvenile Home on Tuesday to determine whether they will be tried as adults, Roach said.

— By John Lundberg

GROSSE POINTE SHORES

Officer assaulted following foot chase

If you punch a police officer, you're going to pay.

That's the position of the Grosse Pointe Shores Public Safety Department after an 18-year-old Grosse Pointe Shores man escaped following a foot chase through several yards at around 10 p.m. Saturday, June 9.

Police said they were breaking up an underage drinking party on Willowtree when they observed two males attempt to

flee through the back of the house.

After the suspects ignored several commands to stop, police pursued them — the 18-year-old and a 16-year-old Grosse Pointe Woods male — through several yards and over fences.

Police were able to detain the 16-year-old, but the Shores man escaped after punching the arresting officer in the face,

police said.

Police were able to identify the 18-year-old and had him come to the police station for an interview. The suspect admitted to being at the party and fleeing when officers arrived. But he denied striking the officer and being intoxicated.

During the interview, the suspect's father arrived and an attorney was called in to represent the man. He then refused

to answer more questions from police.

The officer who was hit confirmed that the suspect fit the description of the man who struck him. Police are seeking a felonious assault charge against the man.

The arresting officer was treated and released from an area hospital for injuries suffered during the scuffle.

— By John Lundberg

GROSSE POINTE SHORES

Deadline passes, village to begin marina upgrade

\$3.8 million in bonds to be sold to finance municipal harbor renovation

By John Lundberg
Staff Writer

The waiting period has passed and Shores officials are preparing a \$3.8 million bond sale to upgrade its marina at Osius Park to begin by "mid-August," said Mike Kenyon, Shores village manager.

Officials had to wait until Monday, June 11 before proceeding with bond sale plans. That was the deadline for anyone who objected to the bond issue to file a petition to put the bond sale up for a general vote.

The Shores received permission for the marina upgrades from the Department of Environmental Quality and Army Corps. of Engineers earlier this year. Regulators are charged with ensuring proposed construction won't harm the environment or contribute to problems that may already exist in the area.

The proposal to repair the dilapidated marina met with resistance from residents who wanted the Shores to address the accretion area north of the harbor by increasing the size of the flow-throughs in the existing plans.

Accretion is the buildup of sediment and other organic matter. It is also the home to an invasive species of dense bamboo-like high grass known as phragmites.

Kenyon said original plans called for reducing the number of marina wells from 205 to 177. That number has now

been fixed at 137 wells with a floating dock, or 142 with a fixed dock.

Work on the harbor is scheduled to commence at the conclusion of this year's boating season, and is expected to be completed by the start of the boating season next year.

Jim Cooke, Shores parks and recreation director, said that some well sizes will be altered to accommodate larger vessels.

He added that the entire outer harbor will be reconfigured, but the footprint will remain the same.



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POINTER OF INTEREST

Michel Pilorget has witnessed World War II up close and traveled extensively. From his accumulated encounters, Pilorget's charcoal art reflects his early life in France, his journeys and his job as a landscaper.

Canvas reflects his experience

By John Lundberg
Staff Writer

For many artists, their success depends on their wealth of life experiences.

For Michel Pilorget of Grosse Pointe Park, there is plenty to draw upon.

Born in France in 1939 on the eve of Germany's invasion and ultimate occupation in World War II, Pilorget's early years had a huge influence on his life. He didn't meet his father (who joined the military) until he was nearly 6 years old. His grandparents, who lived in a small village left nearly untouched by the war, raised him.

Though many children don't develop their consciousness until later, it is an experience that has never left him.

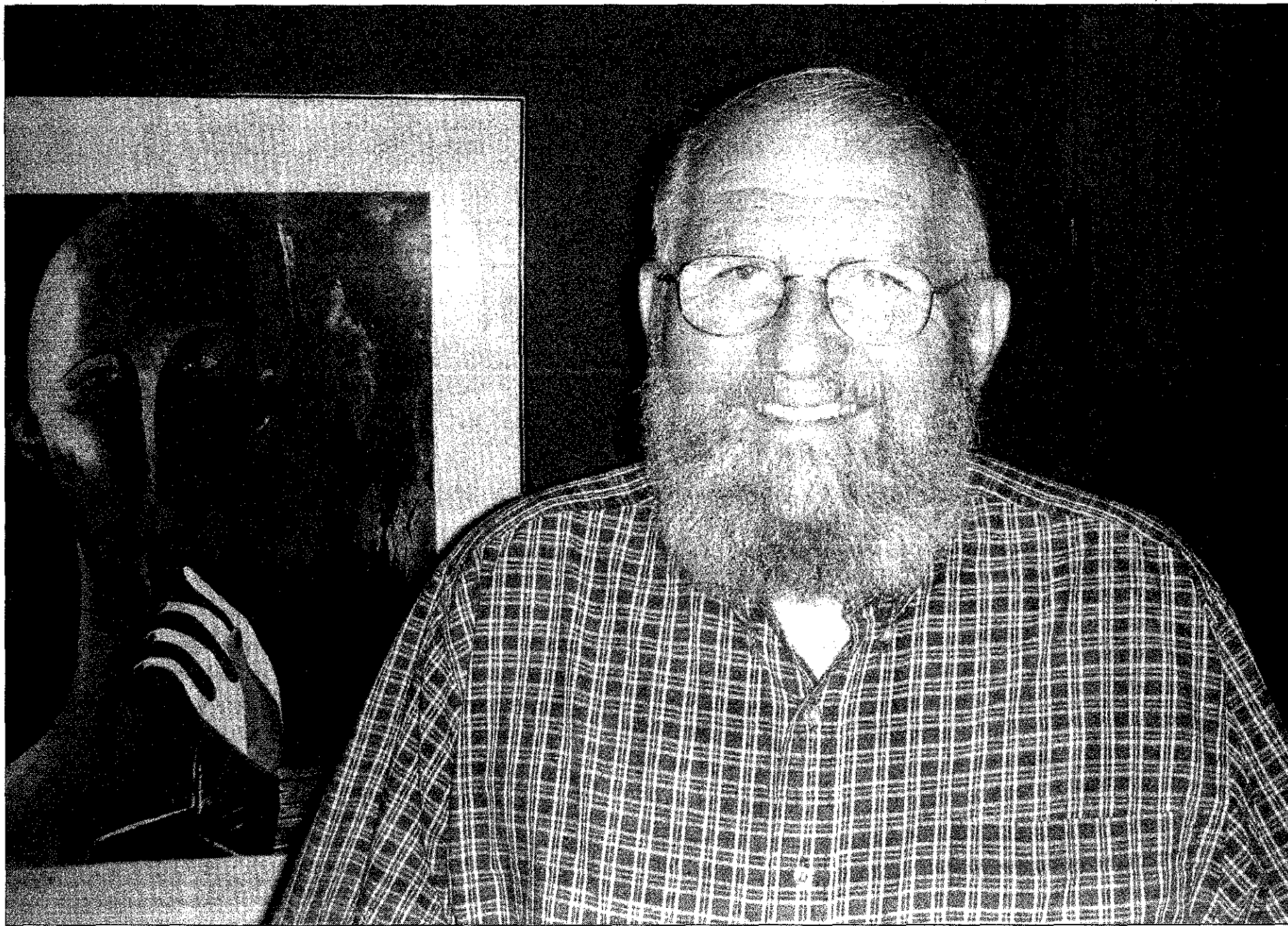
"It was a very important part of my life," Pilorget says. "I remember as a 3-year-old, I had the consciousness of a wild animal."

His life in the small village was largely untamed. There were no men because they all left to join the fighting. It was a place lost in time where "the horses, goats and sheep had the run of the place," Pilorget says.

"I had very little formal guidance," he says. "I was completely dependent on my inner self."

Though the Germans eventually occupied the village, their stay was short-lived. They left after a couple of weeks in the face of the advancing Allied troops.

"I remember their occupa-



Charcoal sketches are the forte of Michel Pilorget. He draws his inspiration from his life experiences.

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tion like it was yesterday," Pilorget says. "I was playing in a field when I saw the convoy coming up the road."

When the war ended, Pilorget was reunited with his parents. But by the age of 15 and already a self-described "hippie," Pilorget was itching to hit the road.

"I started hitchhiking like Jack Kerouac," he says. "I went all across Europe. It made me very self-dependent."

It also provided him with a lifetime of inspirational backdrops for his art.

"There were some great landscapes (that I encountered)" he says. "I still remember the skies I saw."

Paris also provided a treasure-trove of inspiration. Long considered the epicenter of the world's greatest concentration of art, Pilorget immersed himself in the culture at an early age.

"Back in Paris I was raised in isolation," he says. "It was sort of a jungle there. As for the art, I was emotionally open to places like Notre Dame and the Louvre."

It was also a stronghold for the Communist Party. Pilorget says he was exposed early to their radicalism.

"They tried to take over

France," he says. "I remember that going to and from school was a little interesting."

Art, he says, came "very naturally to me."

"I never studied per se. I got good grades in music because I could illustrate the sound."

But war was never far from his life.

Conscripted into the French Army during the Algerian War when he was 19, Pilorget escaped duty because of illness.

"I was very lucky that I got sick," he says. "They sent me home to get well."

That's when Pilorget formally began his worldly travels. He started out by "walking toward India," he says.

His travels led him through Turkey, Greece and Israel, where he spent two years on a kibbutz.

"I remember Galilee and the rainbow of colors there," he says. "It was so gorgeous, almost paradise."

He began his artwork by imitating the masters. It took only a short time before he started to get some notice.

"It was a very formal period of my life," he says. "I sold my first work there."

"Life in Israel was very simple."

Pilorget eventually made his

way to the U.S. He studied at the University of California at Berkeley, where he earned a master's degree in forestry. He also won a scholarship for an around the world trip, where he met his wife, Nancy, in India.

"She was a teacher there," he says.

In 1969, they returned to the states and settled in Detroit. According to Pilorget, jobs were scarce so he started his own landscaping and tree farming company.

"I put an ad in the Grosse Pointe News and it went from there," he says.

Pilorget now channels those experiences into his art and primarily uses charcoal. He says that black and white art is his seducer.

"Charcoal has always been my forte," he says. "It is extremely expressive and has been around for 40,000 years."

"I'm hooked on black and white."

Pilorget admits he doesn't show that much, but what he has displayed is very well received.

"Art itself is sort of a quest for me," Pilorget says. "It is just an expression that I will never throw away."

"It gives me a great peace with my life."



Music to their ears

The Grosse Pointe Chapter of the Barbershop Harmony Society donated \$4,000 to the Holley Ear Institute. The men's a cappella singing group collected donations during its annual "Pub Crawl" in December by singing for patrons at local bars and restaurants. From left are society treasurer Robert Kramb of St. Clair Shores, charity chair Nick Piccione of Grosse Pointe Park, institute president Ardis Gardella, society vice president William Rice, M.D., of Grosse Pointe Shores, and society president Al Montag of Grosse Pointe Farms.

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GROSSE POINTE PUBLIC LIBRARY

Free video download service launched

By Beth Quinn
Staff Writer

Grosse Pointe Public Library card holders should get ready to check out the latest service available on the library's Web site.

The library has launched MyLibraryDV, a new digital content service that provides card holders with free downloadable lifestyle, entertainment and informational programming directly to their personal computers.

Accessible at gp.lib.mi.us, users can download feature films and informational programs such as those about cooking, travel, home improvement, health and litera-

ture.

Shows available for download include "America's Test Kitchen," "Julia and Jacques Cooking at Home," "Antiques Road Show," "Today's Homeowner with Danny Lipford," "Globe Trekker" and "Rick Steves' Europe."

Also available are independent films from Film Movement and classic films such as "The Great Train Robbery," "Meet John Doe" and "Phantom of the Opera."

The library is one of the first libraries nationally to provide its card holders with MyLibraryDV.

"It is important that local libraries evolve with the community and provide learning

opportunities at every turn," said Vickey Bloom, director of the Grosse Pointe Public Library. "With MyLibraryDV, we now have a larger 'virtual branch' that can reach residents directly in their homes."

In addition to the feature films and lifestyle programming, MyLibraryDV provides participating libraries with original content exclusively developed by four-time Emmy Award-winning producer Gary Nenner.

Nenner creates a variety of shows including "Author Talk," a series featuring interviews with popular writers, as well as programming for children.

MyLibraryDV also allows participating libraries to upload and share locally produced content. For example, libraries can upload school-based events, local government meetings or anything of interest to the community-at-large.

Card holders may have up to 10 programs at any given time. Each program has a seven-day checkout period. When the checkout period expires, the program automatically deletes from the computer.

The service uses the latest download technology which allows people to begin viewing video almost immediately.

All card holders need to install the download manager from gp.lib.mi.us to access MyLibraryDV. Once it is installed, follow the instructions to view the variety of free content.

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Curbside recycling program expanded

By Beth Quinn
Staff Writer

Now residents of Grosse Pointe City, Farms, Park and Shores can have a greater role in helping the environment.

Those four municipalities have expanded their recycling program with sanitation partner, Tringali Inc.

Under the old agreement, only plastics with either the number one or two on the bottom of the container were acceptable for recycling. The new list includes all plastics number one through seven.

Other acceptable materials include electrical cable insulation; dry cleaning; bread and

frozen food bags; yogurt and margarine containers; medicine and vitamin bottles; compact disc jackets; egg containers; and grocery store meat trays.

The fiber program has expanded from newspapers and catalogs to include phone books, junk mail, fliers, post cards, office paper, string and rubber bands. These items should be placed in a brown paper grocery bag or tied with string.

Cardboard and paperboard which includes cereal and other food boxes should be flattened, folded and placed in the recycling bin, or in a brown paper grocery bag or tied with

string. Larger boxes which have been flattened can be placed next to the recycling bin at curbside.

The program also accepts aluminum foil, and tin, steel and aluminum cans.

Clear, green and brown glass can also be recycled.

Cans, foils, tins and glass should be rinsed and their lids discarded prior to recycling.

Tringali suggests residents place items in large clear plastic bags if their recycling bins are full.

Unacceptable materials include paper milk or juice cartons, plastic foam, garden hoses, and aerosol or paint cans.



Photos by Beth Quinn

The municipalities of Grosse Pointe City, Farms, Park and Shores have expanded their recycling programs to include a wider range of household products. The two photos above show the right and wrong way to prepare items for curbside pick up. One household, top, did not flatten its cardboard boxes and placed overflow recycling in a garbage can rather than in a large clear plastic bag. The correct way, bottom, has cardboard flattened, paper placed in brown paper bags and overflow in clear plastic bags.

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DAR gives 33 star flag to Andrus Octagon House



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From left, Nikki Krajewski of the Friends of the Loren Andrus Octagon House Board of Directors (in period costume) accepts the 33 star 1860 flag from Susie Scheiwe of Grosse Pointe Park, regent of the Louisa St. Clair Chapter Daughters of the American Revolution of Grosse Pointe.

Stars and Stripes

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| 33 STAR FLAG 1859-1861 | Oregon |
| 34 STAR FLAG 1861-1863 | Kansas |
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| 46 STAR FLAG 1908-1912 | Oklahoma |
| 48 STAR FLAG 1912-1959 | Arizona New Mexico |
| 49 STAR FLAG 1959-1960 | Alaska |
| 50 STAR FLAG 1960- | Hawaii |

In honor of Flag Day, June 14, The Louisa St. Clair Chapter Daughters of the American Revolution presented a historic 33 star United States flag to the Friends of the Octagon House.

It is to be flown on special occasions and used to teach visitors and students about the history of both the house and the flag.

The 33 star flag became official in 1859 with the admission of Oregon to the Union. It was only used until 1861 because that year Kansas was admitted to the union, bringing the number of stars to 34.

Twelve different United States flags have been used during the time the Octagon House has stood in Washington, Mich. A different flag is made official each time new states are admitted.

When Congress convened in Philadelphia, June 14, 1777, there was a short but momentous one sentence entry: RESOLVED: that the flag of the United States be made of 13 stripes, alternate red and white; that the union be 13 stars, white in blue field.

Unfortunately, the flag resolution did not spell out the specifics: the size, the arrangement, and the possibility of

stars being added for new states. So there were two subsequent acts delineating the flag design. The third adopted April 4, 1818, is still in effect today.

The first display of the Stars and Stripes by troops of the Continental Army was reportedly at Fort Stanwix (now Fort Schuyler), Rome, N.Y., in August 1777.

An attack was pending by British forces and having heard of the new flag resolution, it was determined by the troops to make a flag. A soldier's white shirt, woman's red petticoat, and a piece of blue cloth from the overcoat of a Capt. Swartwout served to make a flag. It was raised with military honors Aug. 3, and remained flying until the end of the siege, Aug. 22, 1777.

The U.S. flag, the Stars and Stripes, was first displayed by the Navy by John Paul Jones, July 2, 1777, at Portsmouth, on the "Ranger."

It was first saluted by the British at the surrender of Burgoyne's Army, Oct. 17, 1777.

The Betsy Ross story found its way into American folklore. There is no substantiation for the legend that Betsy Ross was responsible for the first stars

and stripes.

It is a fact recorded in the Pennsylvania Archives that she was paid for making colors for the Pennsylvania Navy in May 1777. It is possible that this fact led later generations of her family to claim she made the first Stars and Stripes.

The flag was first formally recognized by England, as the flag of a sister nation, Sept. 3, 1783, upon signing of the Treaty of Paris.

1795-1818

The original Star Spangled Banner which Francis Scott Key saw waving in the breeze

over Fort McKinley early in the morning of Sept. 14, 1814, was made by Mary Young Pickergill.

The Flag House Association in Baltimore holds a receipt for \$404.90 that she was paid for her services performed Aug. 19, 1813. The flag required 400 yards of hand woven wool bunting. The flag was given to the Smithsonian Institute Dec. 19, 1912, where it is on permanent exhibit.

The flag first went around the world in 1790 on an

American ship, The Columbia. In 1909, on April 6, Robert Perry first raised the flag at the North Pole. Nineteen years later, Richard E. Byrd set up a base in Antarctica. On Nov. 29, 1929, he flew over the South Pole where he dropped the Stars and Stripes as a symbol of another American first.

Today when astronauts go into space, the flag is sewn onto their suits. It is on the satellites that circle the Earth and on the space ships that land on the moon.

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GUEST EDITORIAL

2006-07 state of the schools

The following comments were prepared and delivered by Grosse Pointe Board of Education President Brendan Walsh at Monday night's meeting. We reprint them here for the benefit of our readers, parents and taxpayers.

The current board of education has now been serving the community together for one year. Being a trustee has always been difficult, but more so now at what is one of the most trying times in the history of public schools in the state of Michigan. The responsibility is immense, and I am proud of how this board has responded, both individually and collectively. Amidst a relentless stream of complex and difficult decisions, the community should have the comfort of knowing that our motivation has always been founded in what will be best for our school system, not just for today or next year, but to allow us to excel for years to come in an uncertain future.

The story of this past year is that the board of education has not allowed the financial condition of the state to serve as an excuse for letting our district slip into a state of atrophy. To avoid this, we have acted with a sense of urgency. We have challenged the status quo on many fronts. The refrain has been that we would leave no stone left unturned. We look back at this year and see many stones turned, yet still more left.

We have made many decisions this year, not all of which were popular or unanimous. Such is the case when issues are complex and options limited. We can be honest and respectful about our differences. Throughout this year, there has been disagreement between the board and the administration, the board and the public and, frankly, among board members themselves. While our conversations may be direct and uncomfortable at times, through it all we have worked together diligently to reach conclusions that are in the best interests of everyone. The marking of the end of this school year offers an opportunity to take inventory of these decisions in a time of economic and systemic adversity.

The budget consumed a great deal of time and attention. But our commitment to preserving and strengthening the cornerstone of our district — our academic programs — always served as our guidepost. Early on, recognizing the need to identify millions of dollars in cost reductions to balance the budget we will pass tonight, we made the strategic decision that we would not bridge this gap by cutting programs, laying off teachers, increasing class sizes or spending down our fund equity — all of which have been too commonly relied upon in the past. Instead, we challenged ourselves and the administration to critically analyze all areas of spending to derive greater efficiencies in everything that we do. While the process was painful and at times controversial, we will tonight pass a budget that is frankly a remarkable accomplishment for a public school district in the state of Michigan in 2007.

◆ Responding to the concerns of many, we did not raise class sizes in aggregate in any academic level for the first time in years.

◆ We maintained opportunities for students in academics, fine arts and athletics, which are important to fulfilling our commitment to developing a well rounded student.

◆ We will pass a budget tonight that for the first time in four years does not rely on spending down our fund equity, an integral component of our short- and long-term financial well-being.

◆ The total spending of next year's budget will actually be lower year over year for the first time in decades — a significant accomplishment that mirrors the reductions that we now must expect from Lansing.

◆ We identified innovative process improvements in areas such as technology spending, substitute teaching services and energy consumption that will save millions of dollars for years to come and which allow us to preserve the programs our community expects.

◆ We took action to move our elections to the traditional November dates, which will not only reduce costs but will also likely lead to greater voter turnout.

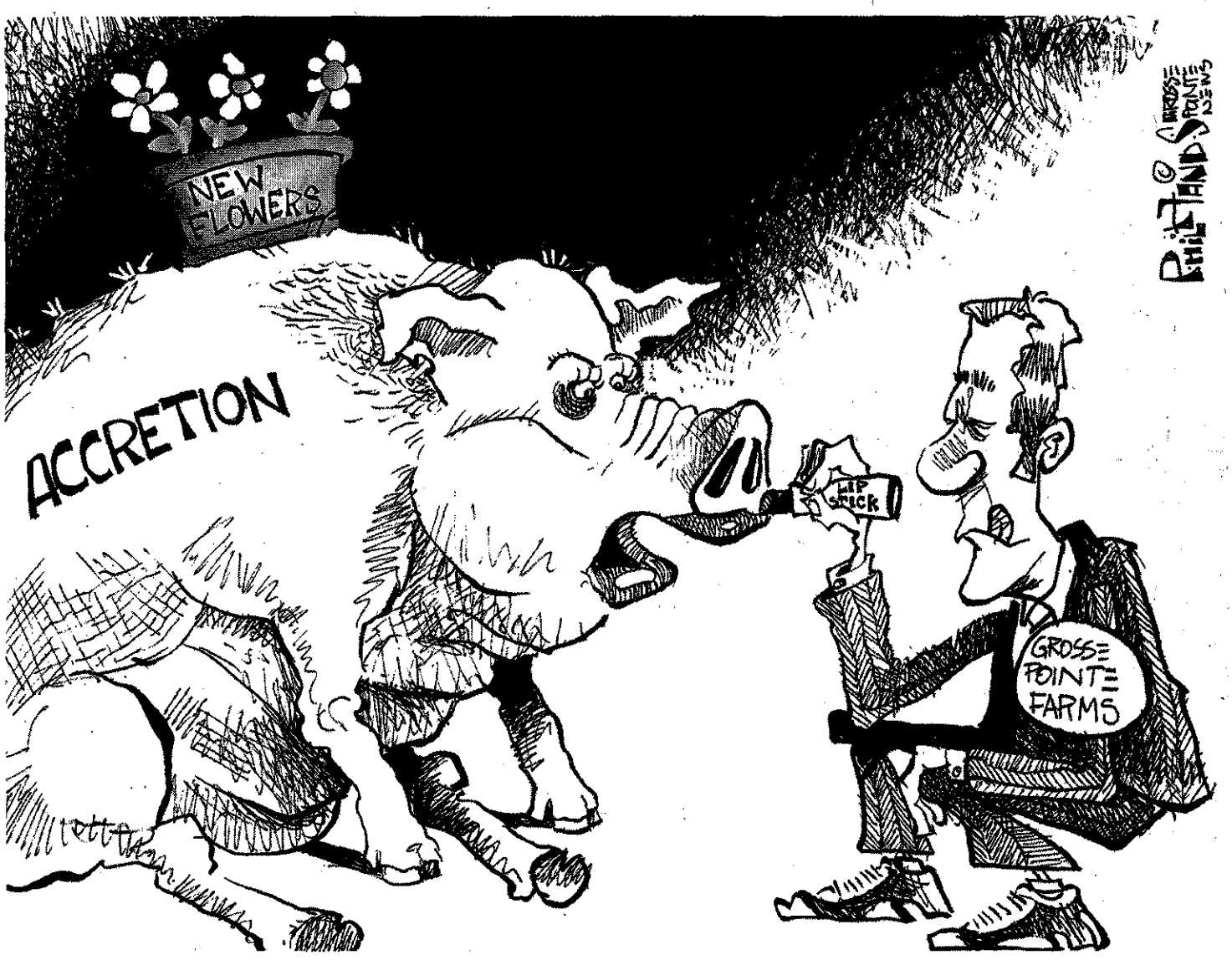
◆ After considerable study and deliberation, we chose to maintain our high schools' seven-period schedule that has helped both North and South achieve national recognition.

◆ We were able to reach a settlement with our plant workers to avoid what would have been an unpopular decision to contract with an outside firm to deliver this function.

◆ We challenged the administration to find ways to bridge the funding shortfall for our special needs student programs. They responded with resounding success, identifying more than \$600,000 for this important segment of our student population.

◆ We reduced spending in our operations and maintenance budget by a staggering \$1,000,000, which, combined with last year's reduction in the same, will have yielded more than \$1.7

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million in savings over the last two years. This exceeds the combined effect of last year's six-period day decision in middle school and the proposed savings to adopt the trimester schedule in high school.

◆ We reached settlements with employee groups that mark a first for employee medical and pension plan contributions. Equal credit and appreciation is due to those bargaining units for having the vision and courage to help address what can only be described as a statewide crisis in health care and pension costs.

We delivered equally strong results in areas outside the operating budget:

◆ We refinanced our outstanding bond debt to save taxpayers over \$2 million.

◆ We hired a professional construction management firm to oversee the complex gymnasium and pool facility project at South. We performed a great deal of due diligence to ensure we will be able to deliver on all of the projects promised to the taxpayers when they approved the bond years ago.

◆ We launched an ambitious and comprehensive review of the district's policy manual that will ultimately lead to making our policies available online and allow us to review those that have needed attention for years.

◆ In response to resident concerns about student discipline, the administration seated a task force to review our practices in this area, and we will be eager for their recommendations in the coming months.

Ultimately, our primary interest and common goal is to make sure we maintain and improve upon the academic foundation. I am proud to report that again in this area your board and administration have delivered:

◆ After years of discussion, we approved progressive new honors courses in our middle schools that will keep pace with the state's call for more rigor in our educational program and keep our district on the academic leading edge.

◆ We approved a new elementary foreign language program that will get us back to par with most other district offerings and allow us to better leverage the outstanding foreign language programs on both our middle and high school levels.

◆ We approved and began construction on additional science labs at the middle schools, furthering our commitment to offer facilities conducive to academic achievement.

◆ We challenged our high school administrators to find innovative ways to leverage the high school tutorial periods and

they have done so admirably.

◆ And we will close the year tonight by approving the formal analysis of an International Baccalaureate program for our district, further proving that we will not allow economic adversity to stifle our demand for continuous improvement.

We are proud of these accomplishments, both for what they will do for our district, but also for what they help us avoid doing. Our work, however, is not complete, and the state's financial condition remains a very real threat. Our circumstances require that we continue to turn a critical lens inward on everything we do, a particularly uncomfortable act for a district as accomplished as our own. We carry the unenviable burden of replicating everything we do year over year when we simply do not have the means to do so. The challenge is complex, but the answer is simple. We must do some things differently, which means we must change, and change can be painful. We have had our painful moments this year, but I emphatically submit that we have succeeded because we have not mortgaged our future or compromised our standards.

Our board has challenged itself and the administration. We have recounted the results borne of this challenge. I now pose a challenge to our community. I challenge you to look objectively upon the gravity of our circumstances, what they require us to do and, ultimately, how we have responded. I challenge you to recognize that the interests and motivations of the board are no different from your own. We live in the same neighborhoods. Our children attend the same schools. We are as committed to the success of this district as anyone, proven by our willingness to serve on this board in such a difficult time. We have the broad interests of the community as our guide. We seek to enhance the excellence of a proud and storied school system at a time when we are dared to compromise.

Many of our students this year undoubtedly learned about Abraham Lincoln. Among Lincoln's many famous quotes is one that best summarizes my challenge to our community. Lincoln once said, "Public sentiment is everything. With public sentiment, nothing can fail; without it, nothing can succeed." We have worked diligently to do what is best not just for next year, but for years to come. We won't agree on everything. The change we must effect will be uncomfortable. But, in the end, together, we can do what needs to be done to succeed. For our children, our community and our collective future, we must demand nothing less.

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.

Editor's note: The following two letters concerning Monday night's action on the selection of library board trustees were inadvertently not included in last week's Letters column. We apologize for the omission.

Library board decision?

To the Editor:

A major change in the appointment of the Grosse Pointe Public Library board is contemplated and may be decided by June 11 at the next meeting of the school board.

This change will not be for the better. Under the District Library Agreement, the Grosse Pointe school board now appoints the library board members. The school district and the library district are exactly the same.

The proposed change is to have appointments made by each of the six municipalities in the district, one from each

city and at-large member from one of the municipalities.

The District Library Agreement provides that there be a member from each municipality on the library board, and this is the way it has been. The school board has the authority under the agreement to appoint the library board members.

Changing this appointment procedure fractures this process. Under the present system of appointment by the school board there is:

◆ Uniformity of procedure: the same standards are applied to all library board candidates. The appointees serve the interests of the entire library district, not separate municipalities.

◆ Candidates all appear at the same meeting at which the public has an opportunity to question them. All members of the library district have an interest in each appointee whether or not that person resides in their community. After

all, the library board oversees a budget of millions of dollars; it collects millage, lets bonds, and contracts for other legal obligations that affect all residents of the library district.

◆ Each municipality has a member on the library board, which allows for diversity. But library board members are not representing their particular city, nor should they see their role as representing their city; their decisions are for the best interests of the library district as a whole.

Some members of the school board want to opt out of the appointment responsibility, perhaps because of the heavy workload they have. However, not only are library board members appointed for staggered terms only every other year, but the present selection process has a committee of the school board to recommend appointees; this eases the load for the other school board members for that round.

The movement to change this process is moving very quickly. The next library board appointments will be in 2008. There is no hurry; the public needs to determine if there is merit in the proposed change. I would hope that everyone in the library district examine whether this change is in the best interests of the public library.

ANNA KONDAK
Grosse Pointe Woods

What's the benefit?

To the Editor:

In June 2002, the headline above one of your editorials read: "G.P. Bd. of Ed. Reappoints Library Trustees despite public concern." The editorial highlighted the lack of openness and transparency in the library trustee selection process in place at that time.

The public awareness generated by that editorial and subsequent articles and letters was largely responsible for sweeping changes in the appointment process. In 2006, the League of Women Voters held public forums where school board members and members of the public quizzed 17 applicants vying for three open seats on the library board. The meetings were well attended and the resulting library board has continued serving in a very open fashion.

So, why then, are the cities seeking to change the appointment process?

On May 14, at a working session of the board of education, Don Berschback, Grosse Pointe Woods city attorney, speaking on behalf of the mayors and councils of all five Pointes and Harper Woods, offered an amendment to the District Library Agreement, which if adopted, would in effect turn over control of the process by which library trustees are appointed to each

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I SAY By Ann Fouty

Seek out the unexpected each week



peated again and again. It's a rut that is easily slipped into and maintained.

Over the past 11 months, I've been examining my life week by week and committing a few events to paper. The humorous events, the interactions and minor changes are the items that are relevant enough to be recorded. Indeed, there are weeks when few things happen. By and large each week there is some item, some event which stands out and is, at least for this week, noteworthy.

Many weeks hold nothing life-changing and are relegated to the routine column, yet there is something to look at again before stuffing it into the history book.

For example, the week of May 15, people contacted me

and asked if Army Pvt. Byron W. Fouty and I are related. They expressed concern if that was true. And I was touched that these people, a few who are acquaintances, a few whom I know mainly through e-mail, and a few at work, have taken the time out of their day to express compassion that I might be hurting and anxious.

The answer is "no." We are not related. Nonetheless, I do feel for the family.

It was also that week my daughter prepared for an AP exam. She spent hours in weeks prior studying alone and in study groups. That week, we went over the material together. She reciting answers to my questions. With my comment, "I didn't know that." Not surprising since, ac-

ording to my daughter, I attended high school just following the Dark Ages.

The skirmish of the green lawns began that week, as well.

Between the block's self-appointed mayor's lawn, the block's self-appointed mayor pro tem's lawn, and the various constituents on our short block, the annual ritual has begun. If one mows the lawn, it behooves the other lawn mowers to make a judgment call and ultimately make an appearance within 24 hours.

Flower planting soon followed, as we each decided, "Well, if she's planting, so am I." As quickly as weeds sprout in the spring, the planters set out the yellow, pink, white and red flowers, and I was included in that adult follow-the-

leader.

With ground softened from a recent rain and the need to get out into the sunshine, I opened the back door and stepped out. Dressed in gardening clothes and hands covered in green yellow gloves, it was time to attack my nemesis — misguided plants. I joyfully yanked weeds out by their white and dirt-clinging roots.

It gives me a sense of accomplishment to watch the pile of wilting weeds grow. The action also helps rid built-up aggression and somewhere in there is a component of exercise. Noting that weeds can grow wherever they so chose and at a high rate, getting rid of them is a visual treat, as well as a feeling of accomplishment. It's a feeling that is reiterated all summer and into the late fall.

Having stacked a pile of offending plants, I turned and noticed Father Rabbit out for his evening stroll. Again I asked the resident rabbit, why he and his family don't eat the weeds instead of my perennials. With a wiggle of his nose, he replied (or I replied for him), for the same reason you eat tasty lettuces instead of weeds.

Touche' rabbit. However, it wouldn't hurt for you to expand your palate.

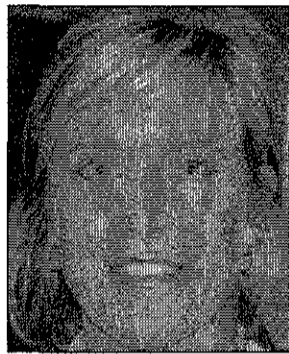
With the dimming of the natural light, I retreat to the house to answer a call from a friend whom we only see at sporting events; a call from another friend to set up a social engagement; to reread a letter from a relative catching me up on her life — these were all little highlights of the week.

STREETWISE By Renee Landuyt

Should the library board be appointed by the school board or city councils?



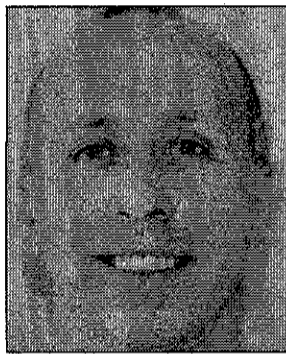
"We should do a library board 'Survivor' competition."
LON BOLLENBACHER
City of Grosse Pointe



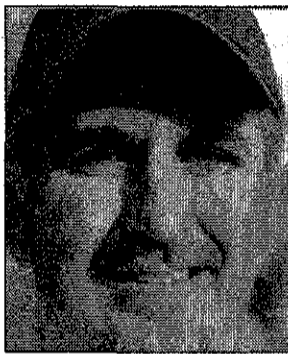
"Why can't the two join forces?"
KELLY MARTIN-RAHAIM
Grosse Pointe Woods



"I'd have to research it because I don't know the politics behind it."
TOM WILLIAMS
Grosse Pointe Park



"School board; less politics and closer to the people."
DR. KEVIN PRUSH
Grosse Pointe Woods



"City councils are in a good position to seek qualified candidates."
KEN CHADWELL
Grosse Pointe Park



"The councils because they have more members to help in the process."
STAN WILLIAMS
Grosse Pointe Park

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F.M. By Ben Burns

Kindermusik looking for a new home



degree in business. She launched Kindermusik here because she was lugging her children across town to Royal Oak so they could study music.

Some students have gone on to major in music in college because of the Kindermusik program, and others have played in the University of Michigan marching band, she said.

"Ninety-nine percent of 2-year-olds love the program," Mackool said. "Three-year-olds learn to play 'Jingle Bells' on rhythm sticks and 4- to 7-year-olds learn to play the glockenspiel, dulcimer and recorder."

Kindermusik International, which has been described by the Wall Street Journal as the General Motors of early childhood music education, supplies the books, the CDs and education class plans, and local organizers like Mackool hire faculty members with music backgrounds to teach the classes. There are 4,500 Kindermusik educators nationally who touch the lives of 1.5 million families with small children.

The music programs can also feature harps, children's choirs, symphony orchestras, great singers and bagpipes, according to the Kindermusik Web site. Other instruments include 14 different kinds of drums. Music ranges from Mozart to pop and includes traditional children's songs and verses.

Kindermusik boasts that its successful students will be four times more likely to be high academic achievers, three times more likely to be class officers, four times more likely to enter math and science fairs, three times more likely to win school attendance awards and four times more likely to enter essay or poetry contests.

Each class session is 45 minutes, and the cost per student for the materials, instruments, texts and CDs is \$220. Parents are expected to accompany their children and work with them at home.

Mackool needs a room that can accommodate a dozen children and their parents and grandparents and the teacher and that has locked storage so instruments don't go missing. It probably wouldn't hurt if there was a certain amount of soundproofing in the walls. Mackool said last week there was a good chance the War Memorial will come to her rescue and provide appropriate space and the band will play on.

"If I can find a new facility I will continue," Mackool said. "I thought music was important when my children were small, and I think it is still important."

Energized

The Energizer Keep Going Hall of Fame in St. Louis has announced that a Grosse

Pointer is one of the top 100 semi-finalists in its search for folks that symbolize determination, perseverance and never-quit spirit.

They cite **Matthew Lane** for following his dream to become a zoologist. Lane studied abroad in Australia, but when he returned to the United States, he was told the program he wanted to enroll in was full. So he lobbied them until they finally let him in, according to the Energizer Bunny folks.

They will choose 10 finalists and then, beginning today (Thursday), you can go online to energizer.com/halloffame and see if Lane is one of them and vote for him if he is. The winner gets \$10,000 plus a \$5,000 donation to his or her favorite charity. The winner will be inducted into the Keep Going Hall of Fame on Sept. 6 with inaugural inductee baseball player Cal Ripkin, Jr. watching.

Rose Hill

Former Grosse Pointer **Ben Y. Robinson**, who worked for more than a decade for Lutheran Social Services in Michigan and Ohio before moving out of state, is returning as president and executive director of the Rose Hill Psychiatric Rehab Center in Holly.

Robinson chaired the Advisory Council on Mental

Illness for the Michigan Department of Community Health from 1995 to 2006.

Rose Hill was founded in 1992 as a comprehensive psychiatric rehab center and offers residential care, a transitional living program and a community support program.

Friends

The Friends of the Grosse Pointe Library, which now numbers more than 1,000 members, held its annual meeting recently before a packed house at the Farms Pier Park community building. The crowd heard **Harlow Giles Unger** talk about and autograph his new book, "The Unexpected George Washington: His Private Life."

Unger, in an entertaining presentation, pointed out that Washington's eulogist described the father of our country as: "First in war. First in peace. First in the hearts of his countrymen. He was second to none in the humble enduring scenes of his private life."

Unger cited a number of Washington's domestic rules to live by including this one in regards to his wife, Martha: "A woman very rarely asks an opinion until she has already made up her mind."

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Finley to address Eastside Republican Club

The Eastside Republican Club will hold a public forum at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, June 19, at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms.

The guest speaker will be Nolan Finley, editorial page editor of The Detroit News. His topic will be "Closing Lansing's Leadership Gap."

Since May 1, 2000, Finley has directed the expression of the newspaper's editorial position on various national and lo-

cal issues. He also writes a column in the Sunday Free Press. Prior to that, Finley was the newspaper's deputy managing editor, directing the newsroom.

Recently Finley has been critical of state politicians in his editorials in print and on the local PBS television show, "Am I Right," where he debates issues with Rochelle Riley, Detroit Free Press columnist.

Previously, he served as business editor, and in various

editing positions on the city, state and metro desks. He was also a reporter, covering Detroit City Hall during the Coleman Young administration.

Finley has been with the newspaper since 1976, starting as a copy boy in the newsroom while a student at Wayne State University. He is a graduate of both Schoolcraft College in Livonia and Wayne State University, where he earned a bachelor's degree in journal-

ism. In 2001, Schoolcraft named him its outstanding alumni.

He is a native of Cumberland County, Ky.

The Eastside Republican Club forum is normally held on the third Tuesday of the month from September through June. Admission is free and the public is welcome.

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VIEWPOINT ON PUBLIC ISSUES By Andrew J. Coulson

What really determines school district spending?

For two years now, Gov. Jennifer Granholm has advocated economies of scale as a way of controlling spending in public schools. Last year, she asked legislators for the power to forcibly consolidate school districts. This year, she wants to pressure districts into consolidating their purchasing and support services.

Based on a newly released study I undertook for the Mackinac Center for Public Policy, she is betting on the wrong horse.

The assumptions underlying Granholm's proposals are that size matters and that bigger is better. Those aren't unreasonable assumptions. Certainly in many other fields we do see economies of scale. One striking example is Wal-Mart, which has the buying power of a medium-sized nation. As a result, it can negotiate lower prices for the products it stocks and can streamline its worldwide distribution system to economize still further. Whatever one's personal feelings about the mega-retailer, it certainly proves that size can matter.

But does size always matter

and is it always good?

Public schooling is organized very differently from the retail business. Different incentives apply. Before assuming that economies of scale exist in public schooling, it would behoove politicians to look at the evidence. For that reason, I conducted a statistical analysis of the relationship between district size and per-pupil spending in Michigan's public school system.

The results are illuminating. The relationship between district size and spending is both weaker and more complicated than many people imagine. District size explains only about 2 percent of the variation in per-pupil spending and bigger is not always better. Though per-pupil spending does fall as district size increases up to about 2,900 students, the relationship then reverses itself. Beyond 2,900 students, bigger districts generally spend more per pupil.

When I ran the numbers, I estimated that the maximum theoretical savings from breaking up excessively large districts, about \$360 million annually, is 12 times greater than the theoretical savings from consolidations. Nothing close to those numbers

is likely to be achieved in practice, though, since they would require redrawing the lines for every district in the state, replacing them all with about 570 new districts of 2,900 or so students each. Even if that were feasible, the mobility of the population would eventually throw district sizes out of whack once more.

Realistically, a policy of selective breakups and consolidations would not put much of a dent in the \$17 billion or so spent each year by Michigan public schools.

There is another factor that explains 10 times more of the variation in district spending than size does: the ease with which district officials can raise a certain amount of funds per pupil (measured as a function of aggregate income divided by enrollment). And if the ease of raising money largely determines how much money is actually spent, it means that districts

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are spending as much as they can.

Why would they do that? Professional advancement in a bureaucracy comes from increasing one's budget, not from achieving more with less as it does in the private sector. The incentives for school board members (and to a lesser extent, other elected officials) are similarly counterproductive: without union support it is hard to be elected or to stay in office, and

union support cannot be won without advocating higher spending. Most economists have understood these perverse incentives of public sector enterprises since the 1950s and have spawned an entire subfield to study them, called "public choice."

Of course, public officials might have other priorities in mind besides their own professional advancement or political success. They might want to ascertain exactly how much their local communities value education, and spend only as much as the public wishes.

I controlled for that possibility as well and found that it explains only about one-fifteenth as much of the variation in spending between districts as the self-interest explanation offered by public choice. (Note that these patterns in spending between districts can still be studied today, even after

Proposal "A" centralized budget decisions, because Proposal A locked in much of the variation in spending that predated its passage.)

So if the governor and Legislature genuinely want to control public school spending, they'll need to correct the dysfunctional incentive system that currently drives up spending and replace it with the same competitive incentives that have promoted efficiency in the private sector.

In a nutshell: the solution to the problem of public choice is an education system built on parental choice.

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LETTERS: What do mayors gain?

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municipality.

Between May 14 and May 29, the amendment was reworked slightly but questions about how some of its details would be interpreted raise many questions.

When I asked Mr. Walsh, president of the school board, how this change would benefit the "public" he responded that school board members are overwhelmed by the number of meetings they must attend. He pointed out that some have even resigned because of the burden and it is difficult to find people willing to run for school

board seats because the job demands so much in the way of a personal commitment. I don't know to whom he is referring. The last two to resign did so for family member health concerns and because of public statements that upset the community. The remaining school board members devoted long hours interviewing the numerous candidates willing to fill those vacancies. Library trustees are appointed only in the even numbered years. Surely one or two extra meetings every other year can't be that taxing.

Mr. Walsh did not address my second question: Why are the municipalities so anxious to control who sits on the library board? The District Library Agreement mandates seven trustees be appointed — one resident from each community plus one appointed "at large." They reside in each community but they serve the library district as a whole; not the interests of the community in which they reside. So what do the mayors hope to gain by taking on this extra responsibility?

It seems to me that the library, with its shared collections, shared computer system and mission to educate, has far more in common with the school board's mission statement than with building codes, street repairs, public safety and other issues the mayors/councils are charged with maintaining.

So, again, how would this change benefit the public?

The final question I raised was: Why the sudden need to change the process?

The next appointments to be made to the library board are scheduled for May 2008. Mr. Berschback's proposed amendment isn't a casual gentlemen's agreement. His proposal, if adopted, would be legally binding upon Harper Woods and the Grosse Pointe school board. Principles of political science urge that a governing body should give up control of an entity only after long and careful consideration of what it stands to lose and gain. This principle extends to the adoption of amendments, as well.

Why the sudden urgency to amend the current agreement?

The amendment is scheduled to be voted on at the next school board meeting at 8 p.m., Monday, June 11, in North High School's media center (library). Until and unless the board of education and municipalities can offer convincing arguments to the contrary, I believe we should all encourage them to stand by the open, transparent selection process currently in place.

SUE STEIGER
Grosse Pointe Park

Privatization in the schools

To the Editor:

The goal of submitting this letter is to create awareness within the community and to show the Grosse Pointe Board of Education that Grosse Pointe voters/taxpayers are strongly opposed to the privati-

zation of our facility service employees.

Already, the board has privatized the school cafeterias, and more recently our substitute teachers. Thankfully, the board reached an agreement with our janitorial/maintenance staff.

Now, the board met Thursday, May 31, at 7 a.m. with Sodexo and Aramark to discuss/negotiate the privatization of the management of our janitorial/maintenance staff. The board scheduled the meeting at a time when the majority of parents cannot attend because they are getting their families ready for school or preparing to leave for work outside the home. The following board meeting was scheduled for June 11 at 8 p.m.

Although these individuals may not be visible to our students and parents, their jobs are extremely important to the safety, security and comfort of our schools.

Recently, the Michigan School Business Office from Lansing did a review of our facility management services. They were pleased with the job they were doing even though they felt they were understaffed. The evaluation stated that Grosse Pointe schools facility managers are very organized and have excellent systems and procedures in place.

Concerned parents have already expressed to the Grosse Pointe Board of Education that we do not want our custodians and janitors privatized. With the proposed agreement, Sodexo/Aramark would be responsible for the overall operations and management of our school buildings. In addition, the school district will have to pay \$536,301 a year, or \$44,692 a month, to take over the management/control of our school buildings.

In the recent past, Clarkston, Mt. Pleasant, Bangor Township, Bridgeport-Spaulling, Fenton, Flint, Mona Shores, Albion, South Lyon, Owosso and Plainwell schools eliminated contracts with these companies for poor performances. Detroit and Pontiac are still using the services.

Is this new agreement any different from what we all tried to stop a few months ago? In the proposed agreement, Sodexo clearly indicates their intentions of replacing all workers that leave the district or retire with Sodexo employees. With our maintenance/janitorial employees reporting to Sodexo/Aramark, they will not be able to work in the same capacity. Purchase orders, cost cuts, company profits and diminished quality will be the way of our schools future.

Perhaps the board might be willing to establish a set of evaluation criteria that might include citizen input to use in considering whether to contract with private sources. There are processes the board could use provided by the National Association of School Board Members. Doing so would demonstrate that the board values community opinion.

We must maintain Grosse Pointe Schools' heritage of ex-

cellence. Please support this movement to stop privatization by attending a board meeting (gpschools.org), e-mail the board or send a letter.

The board is accountable to Grosse Pointe voters/taxpayers. Let the board hear your voices. It is up to us to stop privatization in our schools.

CATHY POMAVILLE
Grosse Pointe Park

English as official language

To the Editor:

In a recent Democratic party presidential debate, the moderator asked for a show of hands of those who favored English as the official language of the United States of America.

Only one hand went up: Mike Gravel's.

Sen. Hillary Clinton said English should be the "national" language, not the "official" language because it would cause a hardship on those who could not speak English.

Sen. Chris Dodd resented the question because it was divisive.

The remaining skulked. The message they are giving us is pretty clear. They are not interested in the "United" States of America. They are playing fast and loose for political advantage. The Republicans are no better. The only things that hold us united are the English language and our Constitution.

Our government should make no language concession no matter how large a population is dependent on another language. Those who have difficulty with English should have their sponsors — if, indeed they have them — translate and interpret for them.

Our multilingual population has enriched American English with words and phrases that reflect the "melting pot" society that, up to now, has been our goal.

The United States is a nation of laws — for some. The laws are subservient to our Constitution. It is an instrument whose language is continually scrutinized, challenged and subjected to a variety of interpretations.

Unless English is made the official language, the subtleties of English, more than likely, will be imperfectly translated into the 329 other languages currently spoken in these — up to now — United States.

There are too many Balkanizing forces tearing us apart. Instead of being a diversified melting pot we have become a pot of uncooked stew with chunks already choking out the English language — not only in our border cities, but scattered throughout our entire nation into powerful politically parochial enclaves.

We must have English as our holiday tree and decorate it brightly with expressions from the whole world — without special preference. Next, sweep out the eviscerated, self-serving elected members of both parties. They are of no use to us; and bring in a new bunch with real guts.

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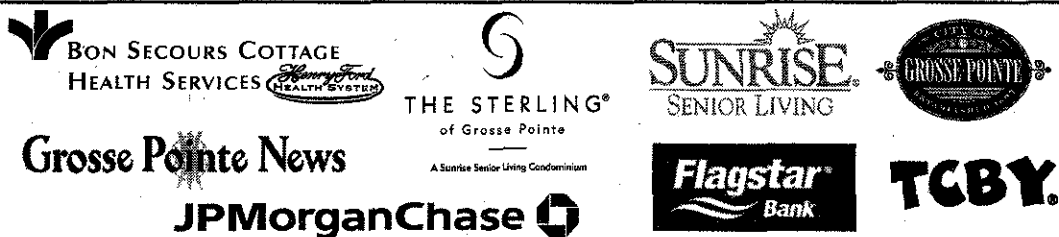
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Instant recording of deeds now in place

Wayne County residents conducting business with the Register of Deeds office used to wait several months for documents to be recorded and returned.

Bernard J. Youngblood, Wayne County Register of Deeds, has now taken Wayne County document recording from months-long backlog to same day recording.

Youngblood says the recording backlog he inherit-

ed when he assumed office in 2001 has been eliminated. Now documents are electronically recorded and returned immediately to individuals who visit the Register of Deeds downtown Detroit office.

Documents received by mail are processed and recorded the next business day, and mailed out the following day.

"This is great news for

Wayne County residents," says Youngblood. "Same-day electronic instant recording of documents means no more holdups because of lags in recording time for the people of Wayne County."

The Wayne County Register of Deeds office is responsible for recording documents relating to land transactions, such as land contracts, mortgages, liens and lease agreements. From 2001 to 2006, the

registrar's office processed a yearly average of nearly 600,000 documents, totaling a yearly average of more than 2.67 million pages.

New, cutting-edge computer technology is allowing the registrar's office to process documents electronically for instant recording. These advancements not only help the registrar's office operate more quickly, but saves taxpayer dollars and reduces the

possibility of document fraud, Youngblood said.

The new technology will also save time and money for residents, government agencies, banks, title companies, attorneys and other businesses that rely on the registrar's office to process documents, he added. It will also result in a speedier loan review process for new mortgage applications and other business activities and may spur the lo-

cal economy. Since land records began being recorded in the 1700s, all documents were handwritten and kept in massive 25 pound volumes which are still stored in the registrar's office.

"We will continue to explore new technologies for further efficiencies to save taxpayer dollars and do our part to make a more business-friendly environment in Wayne County," says Youngblood.

G.P. Democratic Club to host annual picnic June 19

The Grosse Pointe Democratic Club annual picnic will be held from 5:30 to 8 p.m. Tuesday, June 19, at the Grosse Pointe Farms Pier Park Community Building, 350 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe

Farms. The featured guest is Speaker Andy Dillon, District 17, Michigan House of Representatives.

Admission is free to paid members; \$10 for all others,

and children are free. The event will be held rain or shine.

Dillon was first elected to the Michigan House of Representatives in 2004. He serves as the 70th Speaker of the House.

The Michigan Manufacturer's Association named Dillon "Legislator of the Year" in 2006 for his efforts in strengthening the state's industrial climate.

Prior to serving as a state

representative, Dillon was president of DSC Ltd. (formerly McLouth Steel). A business executive since 1995, Dillon has earned a reputation for assisting struggling companies.

Dillon was also an aide to Sen.

Bill Bradley, D-N.J.; a Redford planning commissioner; magistrate in the 17th District Court; and ran a law practice for seven years.

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GROSSE POINTE PUBLIC SCHOOL SYSTEM

Budget OK'd

By Bob St. John
 Staff Writer

Students in the Grosse Pointe Public School System will get another year of smooth sailing after school board officials unanimously passed the 2007-08 budget.

"The budget consumed a great deal of time and attention," school board President Brendan Walsh said. "But our commitment to preserving and strengthening the cornerstone of our district, our academic programs, always served as our guidepost."

"Early on, recognizing the need to identify millions of dollars in cost reductions to balance the budget, we made the strategic decision that we would not bridge this gap by cutting programs, laying off teachers, increasing class sizes, or spending down our fund equity, all of which have been too commonly relied upon in the past."

The budget is a little more than \$104 million (gross). The school services fund is \$2.4 million, while other funds include debt (\$4.9 million), capital project (\$17 million) and sinking (\$3 million).

Of the \$104 million, more than half (\$57 million) will be spent on basic programs and another \$7.7 million is earmarked for pupil services.

Walsh pointed out the bud-

get allows the district to:

- ◆ Maintain class sizes at all levels for the first time in years.
- ◆ Maintain opportunities for students in academics, fine arts and athletics.
- ◆ Keep the fund equity balance status quo.
- ◆ Reduce spending by adopting innovative processes to save money in areas such as technology spending, substitute teaching services and energy consumption.

"We reduced spending in our operations and maintenance budget by a staggering \$1 million which, combined with last year's reduction in the same, will have yielded more than \$1.7 million in savings over the past two years," Walsh said. "This exceeds the combined affect of last year's six period day decision in middle school and the proposed savings to adopt the trimester schedule in high school."

"The budget is tight," school board trustee Fred Minturn said. "They did a great job and should continue to do a good job since we will monitor it on a monthly basis."

"Some of the changes we had to make hurt and we can't pretend everything is warm and fuzzy," Walsh said. "However, we are doing a good job of keeping our programs as is, considering many districts in the state are cutting teachers."



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Raising money

Parcells Middle School seventh-grader and student council representative Taryn Smith, above, dressed to celebrate "Spirit Clash Day." Smith helped with a school-wide charity project to help Habitat for Humanity. Each homeroom selected a theme and made a basket that was donated to the Habitat for Humanity. The students raised more than \$1,500.

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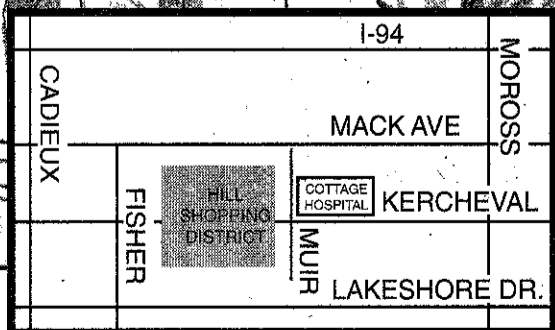
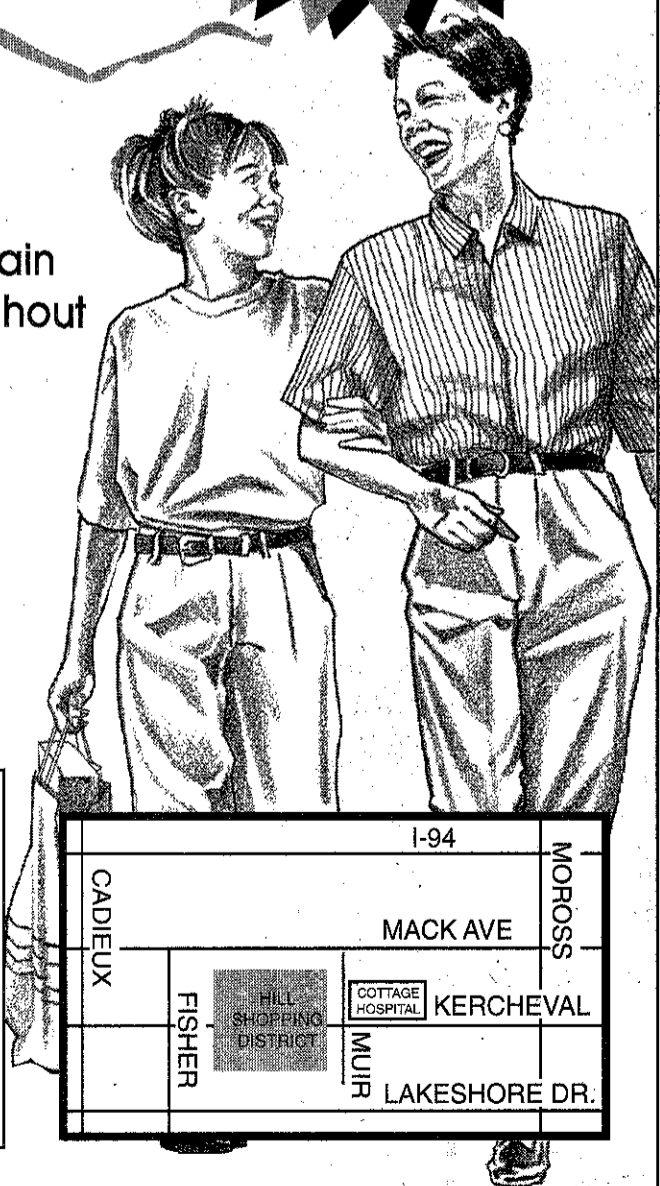
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RICHARD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Students go an extra mile in walk-a-thon

By Bob St. John
Staff Writer

Students at Richard Elementary School celebrated its annual field day with 17 events and a walk-a-thon Wednesday, June 6.

Amid blue skies and temperatures in the 70s, the student body, teachers and parents used Grosse Pointe South High's track and field for the end-of-the-year ritual.

"We couldn't ask for a better day for our field day and walk-a-thon," Principal Mary Barrett said. "The kids and faculty enjoy field day. It is the traditional end to the school year, and this year we combined it with our walk to help raise money."

Each student raised money through pledges to help pay the remaining cost of adding an air conditioning unit to the school building.

Students have raised \$106,000 since they began gathering pledges before the start of the 2005-06 school year.

During Monday night's school board meeting, the board of education accepted the donation and approved the remainder of the air conditioning work to be completed.

Former Richard parent Didi DeBoer coordinated the field day events and schedule, while PTO president Cynthia Sohn was busy directing the students through the 17 event course.

"The kids have had a great time out here in the sunshine," Sohn said. "They have also done a nice job getting the pledges to help the school raise money."

"It's been a great team effort all the way around."


Richard's four second grade classes kicked off the



PHOTO BY BOB ST. JOHN

Richard Elementary School's 76 second grade students, above, line up at South High's starting line on the track in preparation for a walk-a-thon.

afternoon of events by competing in the walk-a-thon. Teachers Anne Flanagan, Kathy Schmitz and Amy Schimmel were among the 76 second grade students who anxiously towed the South High's starting line on the track as Barrett gave them the official "start" signal. The younger students participated on the track during the morning hours, while the older children had the honors in the afternoon.



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Local grads honored by Channel 7

WXYZ-TV/Channel 7 paid tribute to four area high school seniors at the 28th annual celebration of the "Brightest & Best" last month.

Local honorees are Grosse Pointe Woods' Martha Everett (Grosse Pointe North), Grosse Pointe Park's Shami Entenman (Grosse Pointe South), City of Grosse Pointe's Erin McNeill (Harper Woods Regina) and Grosse Pointe Farms' Elizabeth Palmer (University Liggett School).

Since 1980, the station has honored graduating seniors from public and private schools who have demonstrated excellence in academic, extracurricular and community pursuits.

The program has recognized more than 7,000 high school seniors in its 28-year history, making it the longest-running program of its kind in the Detroit market.

"As the years pass, the significance of this event grows as I watch so many promising young adults go on to pursue their dreams with strong determination," said Channel 7 Vice President & General Manager Grace Gilchrist. "This is not only a salute to the students, but to the many devoted teachers, administrators, counselors, parents and others who have helped these young men and young women excel."



WXYZ-TV Chief Meteorologist Jerry Hodak, second from right, with, from left, Grosse Pointe South graduate Shami Entenman, Regina graduate Erin McNeill and University Liggett School graduate Elizabeth Palmer during the "Brightest & Best" celebration.



PHOTOS COURTESY OF CHRISTINA HARDY
Grosse Pointe North graduate Martha Everett, right, stands with Robbie Timmons, news anchor, during the "Brightest & Best" celebration.

City of Grosse Pointe Woods, Michigan

NOTICE TO BIDDERS - FIRE FILE CABINETS. Sealed bids will be received by the City at the office of the City Clerk, 20025 Mack Plaza, Grosse Pointe Woods, Michigan, until 10:15 a.m., Tuesday, July 10, 2007, at which time and place the proposals will be publicly opened and read aloud for furnishing the following items: Six (6) Fire File Cabinets. Copies of specifications and bid sheets may be obtained from the City Clerk. The City reserves the right to reject any or all proposals, to waive any irregularities in the bidding and to accept any proposals it deems to be in the best interest of the City.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING GROSSE POINTE PUBLIC LIBRARY COUNTY OF WAYNE, MICHIGAN

ON THE ADOPTION OF THE BUDGET FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2007-2008

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS IN THE LIBRARY DISTRICT OF THE GROSSE POINTE PUBLIC LIBRARY:

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Board of Trustees of the Grosse Pointe Public Library, County of Wayne, Michigan, will hold a public hearing on Monday, the 25th day of June, 2007 at 6:30 p.m., at the Woods Branch Library, 20680 Mack Avenue, Grosse Pointe Woods, Michigan, to consider the approval and adoption of the operating budget of the Grosse Pointe Public Library for the fiscal year 2007-2008.

Copies of the recommended budget are on file with the Library Director at the Grosse Pointe Public Library, 10 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe, Michigan for inspection during regular library hours, as well as the two branches. At the public hearing, all citizens, taxpayers, and property owners in the library district of the Grosse Pointe Public Library shall be afforded an opportunity to be heard. **THE PROPERTY TAX MILLAGE RATE PROPOSED TO BE LEVIED TO SUPPORT THE PROPOSED BUDGET WILL BE A SUBJECT OF THIS HEARING.**

This notice is pursuant to a resolution by the Board of Trustees of the Grosse Pointe Public Library, County of Wayne, Michigan.

Edwin Frederickson
Secretary, Board of Trustees
Grosse Pointe Public Library

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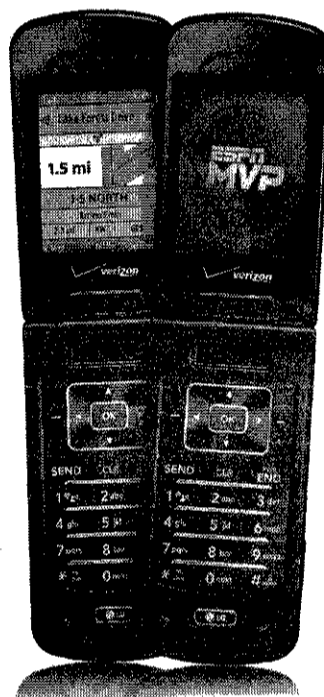
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PUBLIC SAFETY REPORTS

City of Grosse Pointe

Safe cracking

Police are investigating a safe cracking at a business in the 17000 block of Kercheval reported at 3 p.m. Friday, June 8.

Police said the business owner, who does not use the safe on a regular basis, reported that the key bolt on the safe had been drilled out.

The owner said that nothing of value was in the safe, but reported that a few days earlier \$600 was missing from a drawer in the office.

There were no signs of forced entry to the building's exterior. Police said the business alarm was not set the night before.

No license

A 16-year-old Detroit male was detained by police following a traffic stop on St. Clair at 9:55 p.m. Saturday, June 2.

Police stopped the vehicle after receiving a report that it had been following another vehicle too closely earlier that evening.

The driver confessed to not having a driver's license.

He was taken into custody and held for pick up by his father.

The vehicle was impounded.

—By John Lundberg

Those with information on these or any crimes should call the City of Grosse Pointe police department at (313) 886-3200.

Grosse Pointe Farms

Two for the price of one

Police arrested a 46-year-old Lexington man and a 48-year-old Detroit man following a traffic stop on Mack at 7:04 p.m. Saturday, June 9.

Police stopped the vehicle for having a defective taillight. When questioning the driver, police detected a strong odor of intoxicants coming from his facial area. He then failed field sobriety tests.

A LEIN (Law Enforcement Information Network) check on the 48-year-old passenger revealed he was wanted on a warrant in St. Clair Shores.

Both men were taken into custody.

Wallet taken

Police are investigating the theft of a wallet left in an unlocked locker in a building at Pier Park reported at 8:54 p.m. Friday, June 8.

Police said the wallet contained credit cards, some cash and a park pass.

Driving stolen goods

A 35-year-old Detroit man was arrested for driving a stolen car following a traffic stop at Mack and Moross at 10:10 p.m. Thursday, June 7.

Police stopped the vehicle after a LEIN check of its license plate came back without a listing. A check of the vehicle identification number confirmed the vehicle was stolen out of Detroit. Police also found a bag of suspected marijuana when searching the vehicle. A LEIN check of the driver revealed he was wanted on various warrants and had a suspended driver's license.

The man was arrested and the vehicle impounded.

Bad vision

Police arrested a 32-year-old Clinton Township woman following a traffic stop on Mack at 9:53 p.m. Thursday, June 7.

Police stopped the vehicle for having a broken windshield and air fresheners hanging from the rear view mirror. A LEIN check of the driver revealed she was wanted on two Macomb County warrants.

She was taken into custody and held for pick up. She was also cited for driving with obstructed vision and having no proof of insurance. Her vehicle was impounded.

—By John Lundberg

Those with information on these or any crimes should call the Grosse Pointe Farms police department at (313) 885-2100.

Grosse Pointe Park

Purse stolen

On Thursday, June 7, at 7:08 p.m., a black leather Coach purse was taken from an unlocked vehicle parked at a service station located in the 15000 block of Jefferson.

Unguarded bike taken

On Thursday, June 7, be-

tween 7 and 11 p.m., a Specialized Fuse 3 BMX bike was taken from behind the guard shack at Windmill Pointe Park. The bike was unlocked.

No more games

On Sunday, June 10, between 5:30 and 7 p.m., a Game Boy was taken from an unlocked locker in the ladies locker room at Windmill Pointe Park.

Three against one

On Saturday, June 9 at 2:11 p.m., two 13-year-old males and one 12-year-old male approached another youth at the corner of Korte and Pemberton and took \$17 from the victim. The victim supplied police with descriptions of the suspects and the three were located.

The suspects were taken to the station and to the TOT Youth Supervision Unit officer.

Sebring gone

Between 2:30 and 7 p.m. on Monday, June 4, a 2003 Chrysler Sebring was stolen while parked in the 700 block of Pemberton.

Truck and tire theft

On Monday, June 4, at 4 p.m., the residents in the 1300 block of Whittier reported four suspects in a white pickup truck took tires off of a parked vehicle.

A citizen followed the truck and provided information to responding police who located the vehicle at Outer Drive and Warren. Suspects fled and a chase ensued.

It ended at Gratiot and McClellan with arrests and recovery of a stolen 2005 Dodge Ram taken that day from Sterling Heights.

A 16-year-old male was found to be the driver and was arrested on numerous charges. He was transported to Wayne County Youth Home.

—By Beth Quinn

Those with information on these or any crimes should call the Grosse Pointe Park police department at (313) 822-7400.

Grosse Pointe Shores

Under suspension

Police cited a 22-year-old

Detroit woman for driving without a license following a traffic stop on Lakeshore at 9:30 p.m. Saturday, June 9.

Police stopped the vehicle for having a defective brake light. A LEIN (Law Enforcement Information Network) check revealed the driver's license suspension. The driver was cited and released at the scene. The vehicle was turned over to a licensed passenger.

Taking a stroll

A 30-year-old Monroe man was arrested for drunken driving after police saw him walk away from his vehicle parked on South Deeplands at 8:45 a.m. Saturday, June 9.

Police saw the man standing next to his vehicle which was parked in a no parking area on the street.

When they approached, the man walked off. Police confirmed that the vehicle had been operated recently because the engine was still warm. Police also observed the vehicle had two flat tires.

When police caught up with the man, they detected a strong odor of intoxicants coming from his facial area. He also slurred his speech.

The man registered a .15 on a breath test and was arrested for drunken driving. His vehicle was impounded.

Fugitive arrest

Police arrested a 31-year-old Eastpointe man following a traffic stop on Oxford near Lakeshore at 3:34 a.m. Friday, June 8.

Police stopped the vehicle after a LEIN check of the license plate revealed the owner was wanted on an arrest warrant. The man was taken into custody and his vehicle was impounded.

Statues stolen

Police are investigating the theft of two metal statues taken from a yard on Webber Place reported at 11:38 p.m. Monday, June 4.

Police said the statues, one a bird, the other a frog, were taken sometime during the day when the homeowner was away. The value of the statues is \$1,000.

—By John Lundberg

Those with information on these or any crimes should call the Grosse Pointe Shores police department at (313) 881-5500.

Grosse Pointe Woods

Back with dad

On Tuesday, June 5, at 5:30 p.m. a Grosse Pointe Park man informed police that he thought his 14-year-old daughter was at her mother's residence in Grosse Pointe Woods.

The father and mother both concurred that the father has sole custody of the daughter. Police escorted the youth out of the residence and reunited her with her father.

Has warrant but no license

On Wednesday, June 6 at 12:41 a.m., police stopped a 34-year-old Detroit male at Harper and Allard for driving a vehicle with a suspended license plate. The driver said he did not have a license and he was suspended from driving.

A LEIN check revealed the driver had three warrants. He was arrested for driving with a suspended/revoked license.

Police wannabe

On Wednesday, June 6 at 4:45 p.m., while stopped on a traffic violation, a 57-year-old Harper Woods male identified himself as a law enforcement officer for the Village of Franklin and produced a badge. He did not have an identification card.

Police confirmed that the driver was once an employee of Franklin but he left the department in March of 2002. They confiscated the badge.

The man is facing a possible charge of false impersonation of a police officer.

More holes in one

Sometime during the evening of Wednesday, June 6, unknown person(s) damaged the putting green on the second hole of a local golf club near Marter and Vernier.

The vandals took the flag from the hole and gouged five 4-by-4 inch marks in the green. This is the third such incident in recent weeks.

The flag is believed to be at the bottom of the pond.

Damage to Dodge Intrepid's door

During the evening of Thursday, June 7, a Dodge Intrepid parked in a driveway in the 2000 block of Hollywood sustained damage to its driver's door handle.

The vehicle was locked during the occurrence and access was not gained.

Out too late

On Saturday, June 9, at 1:30 a.m., police received a complaint of two youths loitering in the area of Allard and Bramcastle. The police located and spoke with the two youths, a 16-year-old Detroit male and a 14-year-old Eastpointe male.

Both were taken to the Woods police station for juvenile curfew violations and released to the mother of one of the boys.

Wrong turn

On Saturday, June 9, at 2:15 a.m., police stopped a 29-year-old Detroit male after observing his vehicle with its left turn signal on while turning right from the middle of the Harper and Allard intersection.

A LEIN check indicated the driver had a suspended license and four warrants secured for his arrest. He was arrested for driving with a suspended/revoked license and taken into custody without incident.

Chase ends in crash

On Sunday, June 9, at 9:38 p.m., police attempted to stop a 35-year-old New Baltimore male for driving recklessly at Wedgewood and Maple.

The suspect failed to stop. After a brief low speed pursuit with the assistance of Grosse Pointe Shores police, the driver was forced into a colliding stop. Police searched the car and found containers of suspected prescription drugs, cocaine and marijuana.

The suspect was transported to St. John Hospital for evaluation and treatment for both possible injuries sustained during the crash and suspected excessive ingestion of drugs. He is in police custody for fleeing and eluding, and possession of marijuana and cocaine.

Crimes and misdemeanors

On Monday, June 11 at 8:05 p.m., police stopped a 52-year-old Roseville male for speeding. A routine LEIN check revealed a warrant was out for his arrest on misdemeanor charges.

Police found and confiscated a silver metal crack pipe containing suspected crack residue in the car. The driver was charged with possession of narcotics equipment and was turned over to the Eastpointe Police Department without incident.

—By Beth Quinn

Those with information on these or any crimes should call the Grosse Pointe Woods police department at (313) 343-2400.

CITY OF HARPER WOODS
WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM
19617 HARPER AVENUE
WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN

A public hearing is scheduled before the Mayor and City Council on Monday, July 9, 2007 at 7:30 p.m. in the City Council chambers off the Municipal Building, 19617 Harper Avenue for the purpose of

Receiving comments or suggestions regarding an amendment to the 2007 Community Development Block Grant (CDGB) Program. These suggestions must identify and benefit community development or housing needs of low and moderate residents.

The City of Harper Woods expects to receive \$94,000.

The primary objectives of the Community Development Program are to assist low to moderate income families, preserve neighborhoods, assist in replacing the urban infrastructure and to assist in meeting special needs of seniors and physically disable wherever possible.

POTENTIAL PROJECTS

| LOCATION | ACTIVITIES | AMOUNT |
|---|--|-----------------|
| Kelly Road Census tract 5516 Blocks | Street Improvement Concrete, landscape, electrical and water construction Sidewalk and alley improvements, streetscapes code enforcement and other related work and activities | \$50,740 |
| City wide | SOC minor home repairs Assistance to elderly and handicapped based on income SOC Chore Program | 16,000 8,930 |
| City wide | Pointe Area Assisted Transit handicapped transportation based on income | 8,930 |
| City wide | Administration program management | 9,400 |
| TOTAL | | \$94,000 |

In addition, the City of Harper Woods may reprogram a portion of out 2005 CDGB funds originally designated for Kelly Road to the SOC Minor Home Repair Program.

The City of Harper Woods will apply for housing rehabilitation funds in the amount of \$30,000, which will be administered by Services for Older Citizens.

Please write or call the Office of Community Development, 19617 Harper Avenue, Harper Woods, Michigan 48225 313-343-2527

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Mickey D. Todd,
City Clerk

ELECTION COORDINATING COMMITTEE
OF
THE GROSSE POINTE PUBLIC SCHOOL SYSTEM

NOTICE
FOR FILING
NOMINATING PETITIONS FOR
GROSSE POINTE BOARD OF EDUCATION

Notice is hereby given by the Election Coordinating Committee, comprised of the municipalities of Grosse Pointe, Grosse Pointe Park, Grosse Pointe Farms, Grosse Pointe Shores/Grosse Pointe Township, Grosse Pointe Woods and Harper Woods, to the electors of the above-stated municipalities, that Nominating Petitions for candidates seeking election to the following offices; i.e.,

Two (2) members for a four-year term of the School Board of Trustees for the Grosse Pointe Board of Education at a regular election (to be held Tuesday, November 6, 2007).

will be available from the City Clerk's office of the above-stated municipalities. **Qualifications:** Any registered voter who resides in the Grosse Pointe Public School System district is eligible to be nominated for School Board Trustee.

Filing deadline: No later than Tuesday, August 14, 2007, on or before 4:00 p.m. For an individual's name to appear on the official ballot as a candidate for school board members, the candidate shall file a Nominating Petition (signed by a minimum of 40 and a maximum of 100 electors of the school district) and an Affidavit of Identity. In lieu of a petition, a candidate for school board member may pay a non-refundable fee of \$100.00 to the **School District Filing Official**. If paid by the due date for a Nominating Petition, it has the same effect as the filing of a Nominating Petition.

Where to file: Nominating Petitions, Affidavit of Identity and/or Fee of \$100.00 must be filed with the School District Filing Official who is City Clerk, City of Grosse Pointe Park, 15115 East Jefferson Avenue, Grosse Pointe Park, MI 48230, during normal business hours weekdays 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Jane Blahut
City Clerk of Grosse Pointe Park
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GPN: 07/12/2007

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.

Pauline I. Anderson

Grosse Pointe Woods resident Pauline I. Anderson, 80, died Monday, May 28, 2007, at Bon Secours Hospital.

She was born to Axel and Elizabeth Nielsen. She earned her nursing degree from the University of Michigan in 1948 and worked as a nurse at St. John Hospital prior to having children.

Mrs. Anderson was a member of Christ the King Church and the Grosse Pointe Women's Guild. She was an avid bridge player who enjoyed going to the theater, gardening and bird watching. She was also a bowler and tennis player.

She is survived by her daughter, Linda Kinder; sons, Daniel (Dianne), Mark (Sandra) and Michael; grandchildren, Ian (Paula) Kinder, Melissa, Brian, and Daniel; great-grandchild, Dakota Kinder; siblings, Dorothy Knudsen, Will (Maxine) Nielson and Mary (William) Babcock; and sister-in-law, Joan Barnett.

She was predeceased by her husband, Wayne S. Anderson.

Mrs. Anderson will be interred at West Point next to her husband.

Memorial contributions may be made to the American Lung Association, 25900 Greenfield, Suite 401, Oak Park, MI 48237.

Lois E. Fletcher

Former Grosse Pointe resident, Lois E. Fletcher, 75, died Wednesday, May 30, 2007 in Squaw Valley, Calif.

She was born on Jan. 21, 1932, to Eugene Richard and Lillian E. Holtz.

Her father was the first son of German immigrants to Maybee and attended the University of Michigan. He was an active member of the alumni association and served as president. He also owned a chain of theaters during the Great Depression, including the Riviera.

Her mother was a child of first generation German immigrants to Detroit who owned Paul Taube and Sons meat

market.

Ms. Fletcher graduated from Grosse Pointe High School in 1949 and later, the University of Michigan where she was a third generation graduate. She was also a member of Delta, Delta, Delta sorority.

She married Calvert Hugh Fletcher on June 18, 1953, and lived in Hawaii for three years while he served in the United States Navy.

They returned to Michigan, living first in Ann Arbor where Ms. Fletcher was a charter member of St. Luke's Church. Later, they moved to Grosse Pointe where she was an active member of the Junior Symphony.

While raising her family in Bowling Green, Ky., she founded and managed a Girl Scout day troop and Girl Scout day camp.

She also lived in Rochester, Rolling Meadows, Ill. and Guilford, Conn.

When her youngest son, Peter, attended the University of Michigan she returned to Ann Arbor.

For the last eight years she was a resident of California and Nevada, where she co-owned the Double Diamond Jewelry Store with her daughter, Janet, at the Resort at Squaw Creek.

For more than 40 years she was a vibrant member, and past president, of the Philanthropic Educational Organization for Women.

In 2000, Ms. Fletcher climbed Mount Fuji in Japan as a breast cancer fundraiser. She was a breast cancer survivor and the oldest member of the team at age 68. Her daughter Janet Fletcher, and grandchildren, Maclane and Calvin climbed with her.

Ms. Fletcher is survived by her daughters, Elaine R. Fletcher of Geneva and Jerusalem, and Janet L. Fletcher of Truckee, Calif.; sons, Richard H. Fletcher, and Peter J. Fletcher of Reno, Nev.; grandchildren Gabriella and Marom Ginsberg-Fletcher of Jerusalem, Maclane and Calvin Brady of Truckee, and Lillian and Ruby Fletcher of Reno.

Interment is at Forest Lawn Cemetery in Detroit.

Memorial donations may be made in her name to PEO

Chapter AC, care of Janet Fletcher Brady, 13820 Donner Pass Road, Truckee, CA, 96161.

Edith Mitchell

Grosse Pointe resident, Edith "Peppy" Mitchell, 74, died Tuesday, June 5, 2007.

Mrs. Mitchell was born on Dec. 15, 1932, and grew up in Durham, N.C.

She graduated from Duke University and was a member of Pi Beta Phi. While in school, she met her husband, David Mitchell, who was a Duke medical student. They married after graduation.

They spent two years in Ann Arbor before leaving for Germany where her husband served in the Army Medical Corps for three years.

Before moving to Grosse Pointe, they spent four years in Boston.

In Grosse Pointe, Mrs. Mitchell raised three children, was a member of the Junior League, the Grosse Pointe Garden Club, the Country Club of Detroit, and worked as a docent at the Detroit Institute of Arts.

She was an avid reader and worked at "Book Shelf" on Kercheval.

Mrs. Mitchell enjoyed traveling, volunteering, gardening, and sports. She was an active and competitive tennis player.

She is survived by her husband, David; children, Peyton, David, and Timothy; and grandchildren, Tristan and Garreth.

A private family service will be held in North Carolina.

Memorial donations may be made to the Lewy Body Dementia Association at www.lewybodydementia.org

People may also sign the on-line guest book at www.cremationmichigan.com.

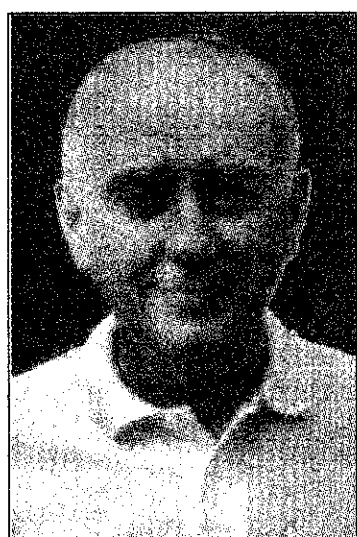
Tricia H. Myers

Harper Woods resident, Tricia H. Myers, 19, died on Monday, June 11, 2007.

She was born on April 30, 1988 in Warren. She is the daughter of Timothy and Marianne Hayes.



Kathrynne Sowinski



John H. Sarvis



Tricia H. Myers

Ms. Myers was scheduled to graduate from Grosse Pointe North High School on Thursday, June 14, 2007.

She enjoyed dance and choir.

Her favorite class in high school was choir and she was won the Biggest Heart Award for choir. She attended Blue Lake.

She danced at Harper Woods Recreation Center and later became an assistant. She danced modern, jazz, ballet, Hawaiian, and Tahitian.

At Grosse Pointe North High School she was a member of Willow, Safe Rides, and the National Honor Society.

Her family will always remember her wonderful smile.

Ms. Myers is survived by her parents, Timothy and Marianne Hayes; brother, Tim; grandparents, Grandma Hayes, and Barbara and Richard Simonds, and many aunts, uncles, and cousins.

Visitation will be held at 9 a.m., followed by a funeral Mass at 10 a.m. on Thursday, June 14, 2007, at Our Lady Queen of Peace, 20955 Bourmemouth, Harper Woods.

Interment will be at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery in Southfield.

Memorial contributions can be made to the Children's Hospital of Michigan, Development Office, 3901 Beaubien, Detroit, MI 48201.

John H. Sarvis

Longtime Grosse Pointe resident, John H. Sarvis, 78, died Saturday, June 9, 2007.

He was born on March 27, 1929, to Conover and Lillian Sarvis.

He graduated from Grosse Pointe High School and served in the United States Air Force for four years. Later in life, Mr. Sarvis would entertain friends and family with stories from his many adventures.

He received his business degree from Wayne State



Lois E. Fletcher



Pauline Anderson

University.

While in school, he began his 43-year career in the automotive after-market. Early in his career, he became involved in corporate credit. He was well-respected by his colleagues and business associates.

Mr. Sarvis was skilled in the art of negotiation and enjoyed his work.

He was active in the community.

He was a long-time member of the Grosse Pointe Hunt Club and Indian Village Tennis Club. He started the annual Jingle Bell Fun Run for the Grosse Pointe Lions Club. He was also known for his recruitment of new members for the Senior Men's Club.

He was an energetic, positive man who was devoted to his family. His loved ones describe him as a gentleman and a prankster.

Mr. Sarvis is survived by his wife and companion of 23 years, Judy; children, Judy Still and Steven Sarvis, and their mother, Carolyn House; Bill Tyree, Kathy (Michael) Adamski, and Paula Susan Rausch, and their mother, Paula Sarvis; and his nine grandchildren.

He was predeceased by his five siblings Conover Jr., Virginia, Ruth, June, and Donald.

Friends of Mr. Sarvis will gather at 10 a.m. with a memorial service following at 11 a.m., Saturday, June 16, at Chas Verheyden Funeral Home, 16300 Mack, Grosse Pointe Park.

Memorial contributions can be sent to the Mother's Club of Grosse Pointe South High School, c/o GPHS, 11 Grosse Pointe Blvd., Grosse Pointe Farms, MI 48236.

Kathrynne Dougherty Sowinski

Former Grosse Pointe resident for 30 years, Kathrynne Dougherty Sowinski, 84, died Saturday, June 9, 2007, in Ann Arbor.

She was born on Feb. 6, 1923, in St. Louis, Mo. to William and Agnes Russell.

She attended Harris State in St. Louis and received her master's degree in education from Wayne College.

For 26 years, she was the principal of Elizabeth Little School and later she was an administrator in the Van Dyke School System. She worked until she was age 79.

While working for the United States Army as an instructor, she lived all around the world including Hawaii, Tokyo, and Paris.

In 2005 she moved to Ann Arbor to be closer to her daughter.

She is survived by her daughter, Lisa (Robert) Kennedy, and grandson Walker Kennedy.

A funeral Mass was celebrated on Wednesday, June 13 at St. Clare of Montefalco Catholic Church in Grosse Pointe Park.

Interment is at Resurrection Cemetery in Clinton Township.

Road study

Without critical funding reforms, the condition of state, county and local roads in Michigan will deteriorate significantly over the next decade, while congestion will reach levels that will harm economic development prospects, according to a new road study released by the Mackinac Center for Public Policy.

"Mobility is critical to our economic prosperity and quality of life," said John C. Taylor, Ph.D., author of "Road Funding: Time for a Change." "But under the current system, the state cannot maintain a network of efficient and reliable roads."

Taylor, a senior policy analyst with the Mackinac Center and an associate professor of marketing and logistics at Grand Valley State University, estimated that Michigan's transportation infrastructure will require at least an additional \$1 billion annually, funded by state and local government road taxes, automated toll lanes and cost saving reforms.

In order to cover part of the funding, Taylor recommended increasing the gas tax from 19 cents per gallon to 25 cents per gallon and the diesel tax from 15 cents per gallon to 25 cents per gallon, but only if the increases were tie-barred to re-

forms and offset elsewhere in the state budget. The increases would be phased in over three years and would sunset after six years.

While extra revenues are needed, according to Taylor, "new state funding should be steered to a 'high priority economic development network' of selected state, county and city roads to be identified by road officials. In addition, savings can be achieved by consolidating the number of road agencies involved in Michigan road building and maintenance, eliminating prevailing wage laws, closing loopholes in registration fee collections and adopting other common sense measures."

Pavement with remaining service life in good condition is expected to drop from 92 percent this year to 68 percent in 2014. Annual revenue dedicated to roads is projected to decline from \$1.6 billion in 2007 to \$1.2 billion in 2011. To overcome these challenges, the study recommends three major categories of reforms.

"The state needs to spend more on its roads, but one thing Michigan does not need is an overall tax increase," said Taylor. "These increases will allow Michigan to provide a road system necessary for commerce and will bring us to parity with neighboring states, but without accompanying offsets which would merely exacerbate Michigan's economic woes."

The 92-page Mackinac Center report is available at the Web site mackinac.org/8374.

GROSSE POINTE WOODS

Variance would undermine city ordinances

By Bob St. John
Staff Writer

Despite having two property owners agreeing to a six-foot privacy fence that would about a chain link fence, Grosse Pointe Woods' City Council voted 4-2 to deny the request.

Petitioners Richard and Sandra Loch, who reside in the 2100 block of Hampton, asked for a building variance to put a privacy fence on their property next to the chain link fence that exists on their neighbor's property.

The neighbor, Ms. B.J. Decker, said in the letter she did not want to remove her fence stating, "It is on my property."

She had given her permission for the Lochs to erect a privacy fence as long as it was on their property.

"We have a privacy fence on two sides of our property and we requested this privacy fence to amend any problems we had with our neighbor," Sandra Loch said.

Building Inspector Gene Tutag recommended the approval of the variance to resolve the ongoing tension between the neighbors.

However, Mayor Robert Novitke voiced his concerns saying,

"I'm not in favor of a fence on fence due to the potential weed growth, maintenance issues of the area between

fences and the property owner should be in compliance with our ordinances; so it isn't necessary to construct a fence to hide the petitioner's view of the adjacent property owner's yard."

"I can understand how the woman feels about keeping her chain link fence since it has been on her property for years and years," councilmember Lisa Pinkos Howle said. "If it is an ongoing problem, the city should address it and I'm in favor of the variance."

Mayor Pro-Tem Al Dickinson concurred with Pinkos Howle, but councilmembers Dona DeSantis-Reynolds, Darryl Spicher and Pete Waldmeir voted to nix the

variance request.

"By putting up the fence, we are only blocking out the problem of a homeowner not fol-

lowing our city ordinances," Spicher said.

He said further action will be taken.

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Cave Creek is site of desert jewels



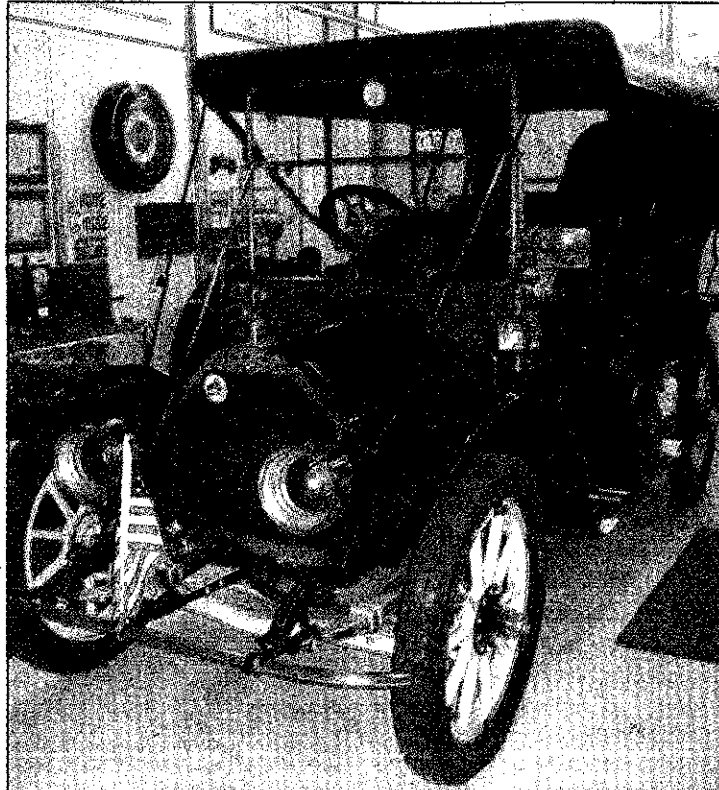
Cave Creek, Ariz. and next-door neighbor Carefree, Ariz. are more than artist's colonies and rapidly developing communities north of Phoenix.

They also are home to some cars that can truly be described as jewels of the desert.

Take the small collection of one-time Michiganander Pat Slevin. This retired General Motors engineer retired to Arizona to build his dream home. Or, as he and envious friends better describe it, Slevin has a garage with an attached house.

The garage houses two Ford hot rods and a rare British two-seater: A 1951 Allard tourer/racer.

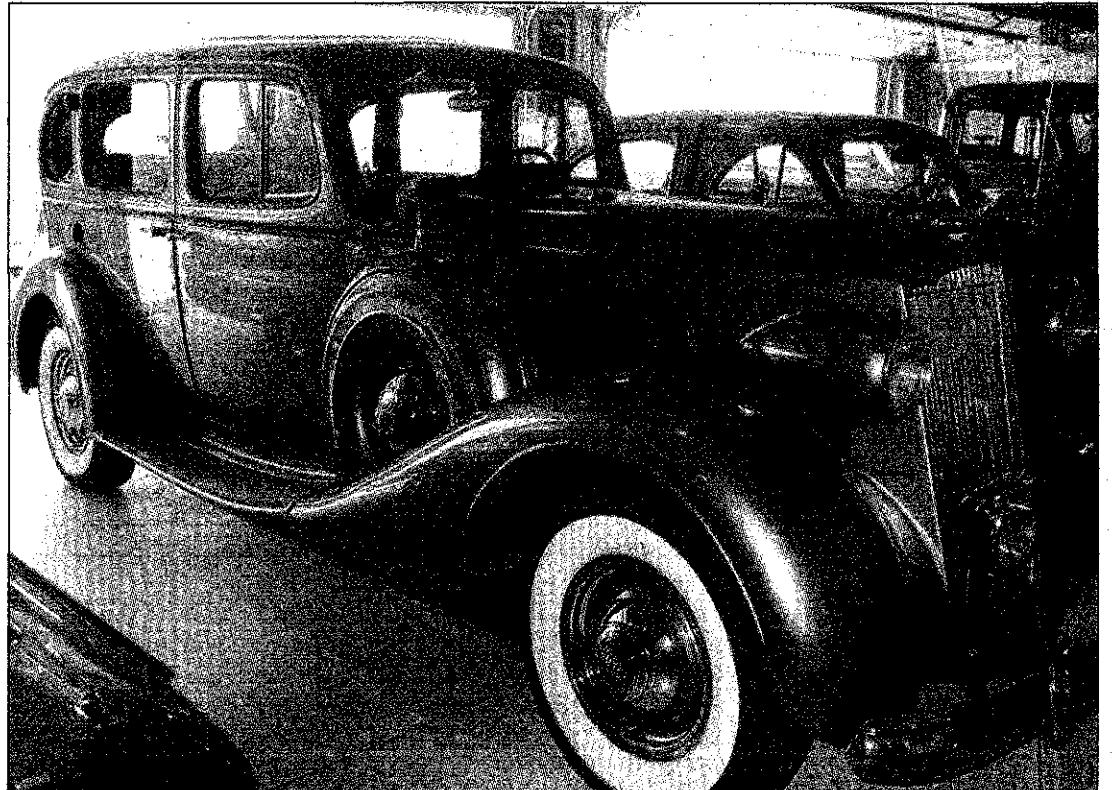
Its garage mates include



This 1910 Chalmers "brassy" toured Ireland with owners Don and Joan Curtis a couple of years ago.

Slevin's 1932 Ford low-boy hot rod and a 1932 Ford high-boy he built "from scratch" over a

period of seven or eight years. "The high-boy body sits high off the ground," he said. "It has



Curtis' 1937 Packard 1500 touring sedan is in better-than-showroom condition and moves in the best concours circles.

an original 1932 frame and a 1953 flathead Mercury 150 horsepower, 260-inch "three-quarters" race engine."

Slevin said he used a steel 1932 Ford reproduction body from supplier, Brookville. The exact copy of the original body cost several thousand dollars, he added.

About five miles from Slevin's cactus-filled acre, former Grosse Pointer, turned "Creeker," Don Curtis cares for his collection of Packards, post-war GM trucks, a hot 1959 Chevrolet 348 tri-power convertible and an elegant 1910 Chandler touring sedan.

Curtis sold Eldon Industries, his automotive trim business in St. Clair, some 10 years ago and planted himself and his family here on the rolling desert.

His 1937 Packard 1500 Super Eight touring sedan is in 100-percent condition and has been among the creme de la-creme invited to the Concours d'Elegance at Meadow Brook.

Curtis has a huge air-conditioned garage/workshop which is not attached to his sprawling home. Between Slevin, Curtis and other local specialists, it appears almost

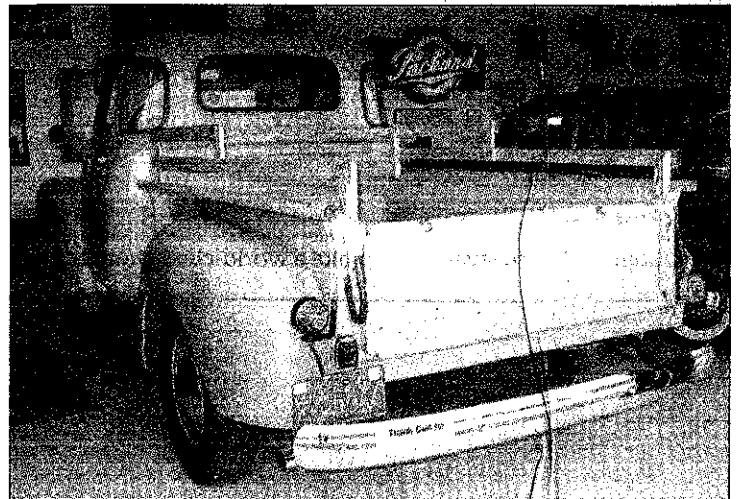
anything can be accomplished here with vehicle restorations. Slevin only works on his own projects. Curtis is often game for an outside challenge.

Curtis recently told a friend he would do "a little work" on the friend's 1947 Super Custom Packard with its ultra-modern electronic clutch and overdrive. Once on the hoist, the burgundy-colored sedan's rust and decay convinced him it will require many more hours of attention.

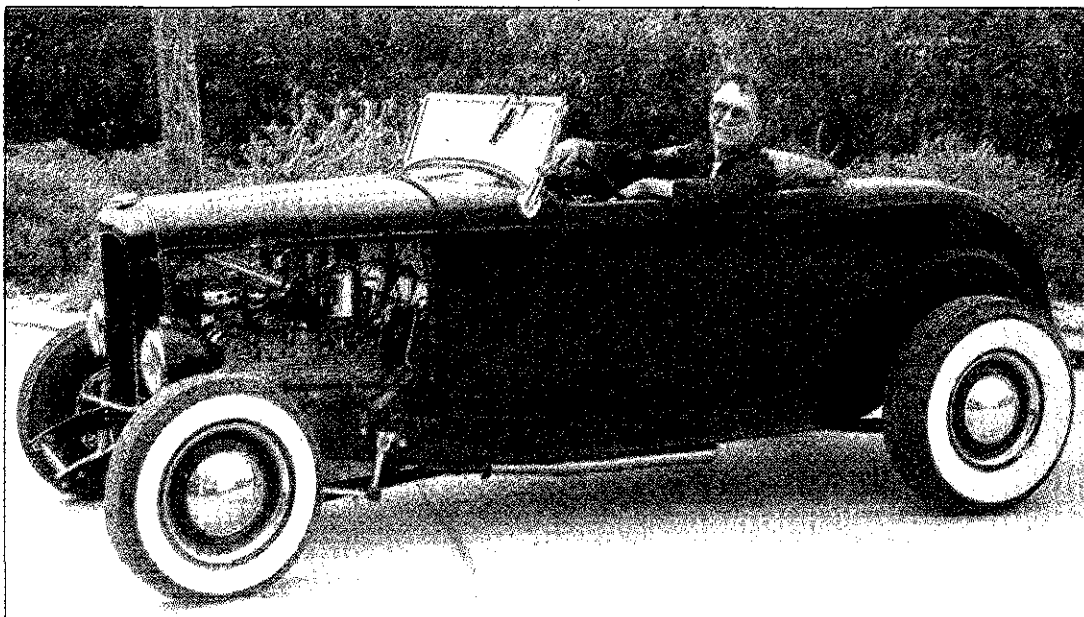
The Grosse Pointe South High School graduate has sev-

eral other projects in various stages of repair. He said he's intent on refurbishing a 1942 Chevy pickup and will use it instead of the bright blue five-window 1949 Chevy 3100 truck he uses for daily errands.

Curtis has owned the 1910 Chalmers for two decades. A few years ago, he and his wife, Joan, shipped it to Ireland where they and three other couples with antique cars drove much of the perimeter of the Emerald Isle over a 30-day period.



About 10 years ago, Don Curtis spotted this 1949 five-window Chevy pickup truck in San Diego, bought it and drove it home.



General Motors retiree Pat Slevin built his 1932 Ford high-boy roadster from the ground up. It is powered by a 150-horsepower Mercury engine.

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The School District Of The City Of Harper Woods Notice to Bidders

The School District Of The City Of Harper Woods will receive sealed bid proposals for construction trade work as listed below from qualified Subcontractors for the **New High School/Middle School Phase II - Building Construction, 20225 Beaconsfield, Harper Woods, MI.**

Proposals Due Proposals may be mailed or delivered in person to Ms. Sue Hedemark, Secretary Of The Board Of Education for the School District Of The City Of Harper Woods, 20225 Beaconsfield, Harper Woods, MI. 48225.

Proposals must be received prior to **2:00 p.m. (local time) on Wednesday, June 27, 2007.**

Proposals will be publicly opened at 2:15 p.m. in the Board Of Education conference room. All bids will be evaluated after the bid opening. Bids received after 2:00p.m. on the bid date will be disqualified.

The project will utilize separate prime contractors. All contracts for construction will be direct contracts with the Owner. Overall administration of the Project will be the responsibility of the **Construction management Firm, E. Gilbert & Sons, Inc., 45887 Mound Rd., Utica, Michigan 48317, Phone: 586-731-7450, Fax 586-731-9289.** The Owner will award contracts on or about **July 17, 2007** to separate contractors for separate bid divisions or combinations of bid divisions. A Bidder may submit a proposal on more than one Bid Division; however, a separate bid must be submitted for each Bid Division of a combined bid. All bids shall be submitted on the bid forms provided in the project specifications, completely filled in, and executed (copies of the bid forms are acceptable). Facsimile bids will not be accepted.

The Bidders shall read and review the Bidding Documents carefully, and familiarize themselves thoroughly with all requirements.

A Pre-bid meeting (non-mandatory) will be conducted by the Construction Manager, E. Gilbert & Sons, Inc. on June 19, 2007 at 11:00 PM at the on site field office.

Plans Available One (1) set of Bidding Documents will be provided to each contractor furnishing a plan deposit fee of **\$50.00** per set through E. Gilbert & Sons, Inc.. All checks and/or money orders are to be made payable to the **School District Of The City Of Harper Woods.** Plans may be obtained from E. Gilbert & Sons, Inc., attention Nancy Schroeder (586-731-7450). Plan deposits are refundable, provided plans and specifications are returned in good condition to the **Construction Manager** following contract awards. All questions regarding the bidding procedures, design, and drawing/specification intent are to be directed to the Construction Manager on a Clarification Request Form (See Section 00310), attention Michael Beaugrand or Robert Koepsell.

A Bid Security in the amount of five percent (5%) of Base Bid shall accompany **ALL** proposals or proposal combinations. The Bid Security may be in the form of a Bid Bond, Cashier's Check, or Money Order. Personal checks are NOT acceptable. Bids may not be withdrawn for a period of **sixty (60) days** after the bid date. Successful Bidders may be required to furnish Surety Bonds as stated in the Project Specifications (Section 00600).

All Bids shall be accompanied by a sworn statement disclosing any familial relationship that exists between the owner (s) or any employee of the bidder and any member of the Board Of Education of the School District. The Board Of Education **will not** accept a bid that does not include a sworn and notarized familial relationship disclosure statement. The Owner reserves the right to reject any or all proposals, accept a bid other than the low bid, and to waive informalities, irregularities, and/or errors in the bid proposals, which they feel to be in their own best interest.

Separate proposals will be received for the following Bid Categories:

- 290 Building Landscaping
- 335 Pre-cast Concrete Storage Building
- 1106 Stage Rigging & Curtains

Ms. Sue Hedemark,
Secretary of the Board of Education
City of Harper Woods

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TEST DRIVE By Greg Zyla

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Cadillac still represents the best of American-bred innovation, performance and luxury while personally, I did own two Cadillacs in my days, a '73 Sedan Deville and a '75 Coupe Deville.

This week, we test drive Cadillac's 2007 STS Luxury Sedan, a performance-bred five-passenger that replaced the aging Seville line in 2005 — base price: \$42,250; price as tested: \$52,120.

There's still no mistaking STS as anything but a modern-day Cadillac. With impressive vertical headlamps, signature grille, horizontal lines and uniquely shaped hood, you'll appreciate Cadillac's "look" wherever you see it. While the overall shape delivers a fast contour and more rake than its siblings, the final STS presentation is indeed sporty yet still "Cadillac refined."

We've always had a soft place in our heart for Cadillac, still the only autonomous GM division. As a youngster, I dreamed of the day when I, too, would own a Cadillac. From the first car to sprout fins in 1949 (Harley Earl's design) to those spectacular fins of 1959, Cadillac sat atop my luxury car list just as it did for millions of others, regardless of age.

As the decades ticked by, not every year found Cadillac with sales success. Even a few duds called Cimarron and "V-8-6-4" appeared, although the latter is now perfected and used by manufacturers throughout the world.

Through it all, however,

Back to the STS. Based on GM's rear wheel drive Sigma platform architecture, STS comes standard with a 3.6 liter V6 rated at 255 horsepower and 252 pound-feet of torque. A five-speed automatic transfers power from the V6, while a six-speed automatic helps 320-horse Northstar V8-equipped STS's achieve forward movement. Our tester came with the V-6 that delivers solid 17 city and 25 highway EPA numbers.

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A fully independent suspension provides excellent handling, thanks to Magnetic Ride Control and StabiliTrak suspension appointments coupled with things like all speed traction control, 4-wheel anti-lock discs and beautiful S-Rated 17-inch Michelin tires on aluminum polished wheels.

We drove many miles on back roads and freeways, and STS is at home regardless of road surface. It hugs the turns like a world-class sportster, yet

allows relaxation on the freeway in that special Cadillac aura. Acceleration is acceptable with the V6, although the Northstar V8 intrigues me more with the added horsepower.

STS's upscale interior features Tuscan leather seats and aluminum trim. We like the Keyless Access with push button start, Adaptive Remote Start, and Adaptive Cruise Control. The seats are firm, another thing we like in a performance car. Overall, the interior is top class.

Our tester came with a \$3,690 Luxury Package that adds driver memory seat settings, power lumbar, heated/ventilated front seats, heated rear seats, Bose six-disc, eight-speaker stereo with XM, rain sense wipers, tire pressure monitor and eucalyptus wood trim. Other options include a \$2,145 Navigation System that again upgrades the stereo to 5.1 surround, a \$995 premium paint charge and \$395 for an upgraded high performance brake system. We tested the brakes in simulated emergency stops three times and they work great.

With \$795 destination, the fi-



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2007 Cadillac STS

nal STS tally comes in at \$52,120, where stiff competition from foreign brands such as Lexus, Infiniti, BMW and Mercedes sits waiting. Still, STS may well be up to the task, and is worthy of a test drive if shopping in this personal luxury performance segment.

Important numbers include a wheelbase of 116.4-inches, 4,096-pound curb weight, 13.8 cubic-feet of trunk space, and a 17 gallon fuel tank. All expect-

ed safety items are in place including air bags ranging from head curtain side to front.

We rate Cadillac's STS AWD a strong 8.5 on a scale of one to 10, and would love to drive the Northstar before the year is out.

Likes: Looks, comfort, handling, build quality, AWD.

Dislikes: V6 AWD lags a bit when loaded with passengers, small glove box, somewhat pricey.

Greg Zyla is a syndicated automotive columnist.



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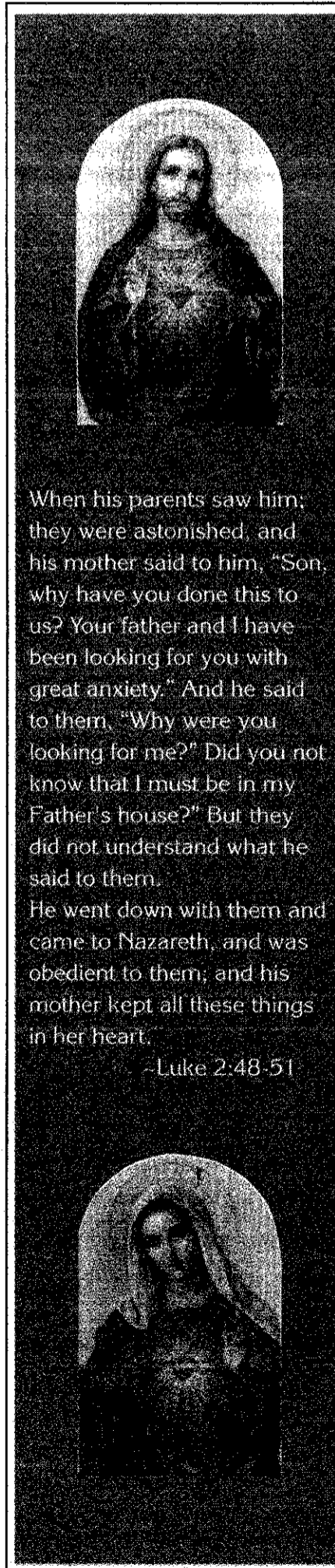
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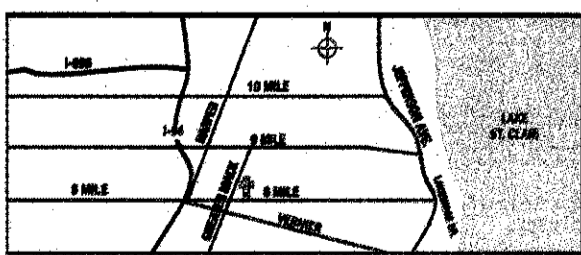
Time: 7:30 p.m.

**Place: St. Joan of Arc Parish
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 St. Clair Shores, MI 48080
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Pastor: Msgr. Rev. G. Michael Bugarin



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Helpful tips to save gas

Record breaking gas prices hit well before the traditional Memorial Day kickoff of escalating summer prices.

Although hybrid cars and car pools are becoming more popular, say experts, extra miles can be squeezed out of every fill-up if drivers followed a few simple rules.

"Everything comes down to two basic categories of advice," said Ray Palermo, director of public relations for national car insurer, Response Insurance, "car care and driving habits."

"Getting a tune-up will help with gas mileage, extend the life of your car and ensure a safer ride. But there are many cost-free ways to save money, as well."

Suggested tips are as follows:

◆ Smooth out your driving style by avoiding "jack rabbit"

starts and sharp braking. Both waste gas and can present a hazard for others on the road.

◆ It is estimated that every mile per hour driving above 55 mph costs 1 percent in fuel economy. Slowing down can be both safe and fuel-efficient. Maintaining a constant speed also maximizes your car's performance. If road conditions permit, use the cruise control.

◆ Air conditioners can account for a 10 to 15 percent impact on mileage. If you can avoid it, do not turn on the air conditioner as a first response to the heat. Start your drive with the windows open to exhaust the hot air out of the rear windows and then put on the air conditioning if needed.

◆ Accelerate as you approach a hill, rather than hitting the gas and switching gears once on the incline.

◆ Lighten the car's load by removing all unnecessary items from the trunk, such as the bag of sand and shovel from the winter. Every 200 pounds of weight reduces gas efficiency by one mile per gallon.

◆ If you have to carry a lot of baggage, avoid using a roof-top container, which will increase the air drag. If you drive a pick-up truck, the open bed will have the same impact; so put a cover on it.

◆ Keep your tires inflated to the level recommended by the manufacturer. Incorrectly inflated tires impact fuel efficiency.

◆ Plan your trip routes and combine trips to minimize travel.

Additional information on this is available at response.com/safety.

PEOPLE



CARL RASHID, JR., a Butzel Long attorney and shareholder, was one of four individuals honored recently by the American Arab Professional Network (AAPN), receiving the "Arab American Professional of the Year" Award.

The network is a group of Arab professionals who exchange a knowledge bank, develop professional skills and share ideas on promoting professionals in the Arab American community. Rashid is a vice president of Butzel Long and also serves on the firm's board of directors. He joined Butzel Long in 1980.

Previously, he served as an assistant corporation counsel of the city of Detroit from 1974 to 1980, representing the finance department, the board of assessors and the city treasurer. His areas of practice include real estate, state and local taxes, investment related tax incentives, condemnation law and government affairs matters.

Rashid's investment-related tax incentives practice includes implementing the first Act 198 Industrial Development District in Michigan.

More recently, he represented Global Engine Alliance in obtaining one of the largest investment-related tax incentives in the state for its engine manufacturing facility in Dundee. He has authored property tax legislation including the Commercial Redevelopment District Act (Act 255 of 1978), and Public Act 317 of 2000, involving personal property inventory.

He has had extensive experience representing clients in federal and state courts, including the United States Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit, the Michigan Supreme Court, the Michigan Court of Appeals, the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Michigan, the Wayne, Oakland and Macomb County Circuit Courts, the Michigan Tax Tribunal and the Michigan State Tax Commission.

Rashid is a member of the State Bar of Michigan, American Bar Association and Metropolitan Detroit Bar Association's committees on real property and taxation. He is a co-author of "Michigan Tax Practice and Procedure" and co-editor of Michigan Real Estate Law. He has also served as co-chair and lecturer for the Institute of Continuing Legal Education seminars on property tax and is a frequent lecturer

for the Michigan Municipal League. He is a past commodore of the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club, past co-chair of the American Arab and Jewish Friends and former city councilman of the City of Grosse Pointe. Rashid lives in Grosse Pointe Woods.

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MARK E. ALLEN has joined The PrivateBank - Michigan, a unit of PrivateBancorp, Inc., as a private banking officer. The announcement was made by David T. Provost, chairman, CEO and managing director of The PrivateBank-Michigan. Allen brings nearly 30 years of commercial bank senior management experience in business development, credit administration, and collections to the position. He most recently held the position of first vice president, personal purpose loan manager at Comerica Bank. He has a B.A. in finance from Michigan State University. Allen resides with his wife in Grosse Pointe Shores.

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JOHN PAUL HESSBURG has been elected to the Kitch firm's executive committee, which oversees the firm's operations, announced Ron Wagner, chairman and managing principal for the Kitch firm. He joins current committee members Richard Kitch, Ron Wagner and Sue Zitterman, and newly-appointed member, Mark Wisniewski. Hessburg serves as leader of the firm's long term care practice. He began his career with the Kitch firm as a law clerk in 1984, and also has experience with national coordination of medical product liability cases and business legal strategies, as well as medical malpractice defense litigation. Hessburg lives in the City of Grosse Pointe.

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City of **Grosse Pointe Farms, Michigan**

SUMMARY OF THE MINUTES
JUNE 4, 2007

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

Present on Roll Call: Mayor James C. Farquhar, Jr., Councilmembers Douglas F. Roby, Jr., Joseph T. Leonard and Louis Therios.

Those Absent Were: Councilmembers Joseph & Waldmeir (Councilman Waldmeir later arrived at the Meeting).

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

Mayor Farquhar presided at the Meeting.

Councilwoman Joseph was excused from attending the Meeting.

The Council approved the following Minutes, as submitted:
a) Regular Meeting of May 7, 2007.

The Council approved the site plan for 112 Kercheval, subject to certain conditions.

The Council, acting as a Zoning Board of Appeals approved the Minutes of the Public Hearing held on May 7, 2007; granted the request for variance from Christopher Blake, 112 Kercheval Avenue.

The Council granted the parking exception for 112 Kercheval Avenue.

The Council confirmed the appointment of John Modzinski as City Treasurer, effective July 1, 2007.

The Council approved the Budget Amendments both General and Special Revenue Funds, for Fiscal Year ending June 30, 2007, as submitted.

The Council approved payment of the Statement of Attorney's Fees from the law firm of Dickinson, Wright.

The Council approved the following items from the consent agenda:

- Amendment to Parades, Events Policy.
- Approved the Historical Commission appointments, as submitted.

The Council accepted the following Report, and ordered them placed on file:

- Public Safety for April 2007

The Council scheduled a Public Hearing for Monday, July 9, 2007 at 7:00 p.m. to consider the formal adoption of proposed amendment to the Zoning Ordinance regarding demolitions.

Upon proper motion made, supported and carried, the Meeting adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

THE NEXT REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL WILL BE HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 90 KERBY ROAD, GROSSE POINTE FARMS, MICHIGAN 48236, ON MONDAY, JULY 9, 2007 AT 7:00 P.M. THE MEETING IS PUBLIC. INTERESTED PROPERTY OWNERS AND RESIDENTS ARE INVITED TO ATTEND. RESIDENTS MAY ALSO VIEW THE AGENDA AND MINUTES ON THE CITY'S WEBSITE: WWW.CI.GROSSE-POINTE-FARMS.MI.US/

James C. Farquhar Jr.
Mayor

Matthew J. Tepper
City Clerk

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Levin leads charge

Sen. Carl Levin, D-Mich., and Sen. Claire McCaskill, D-Mo., recently introduced legislation to stop some credit card practices that unfairly deepen or prolong credit card debt.

The Stop Unfair Practices in Credit Cards Act follows an investigation and hearing by the Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations, which Levin chairs and on which McCaskill serves.

"Credit card issuers too often sock consumers with sky-high interest rates and excessive fees, making it harder and harder for families to climb out of debt," Levin said. "The goal of this legislation is to put an end to this."

"I'm afraid these practices have become too entrenched and too profitable to the credit card companies for the companies to change them on their own. Congress needs to enact pro-consumer legislation to put an end to these unfair practices."

"Credit card companies must be stopped from preying on the most vulnerable Americans with unfair and confusing practices," McCaskill said.

In October 2006, Levin released a Government Accountability Office report analyzing credit card fees, interest rates and disclosure practices by major credit card issuers.

Following the release of the

report, Levin directed the subcommittee to investigate unfair credit card practices.

"Credit card companies are so profitable that they can afford to give up unfair practices like charging interest on debt that is paid on time, charging consumers a fee to pay their bills, doubling or tripling interest rates to penalize late payments or over-the-limit charges, imposing repeated over-the-limit fees for a single over-the-limit purchase; and applying consumers' payments to the parts of their accounts with the lowest interest rates first," Levin said.

The Stop Unfair Practices in Credit Cards Act has been endorsed by Consumer Action, Consumer Federation of America, Consumers Union, National Consumer Law Center, U.S. PIRG, and the Center for Responsible Lending.

A summary of key provisions in the act are as follows:

Interest rates

- ◆ Prohibit interest charges on any portion of a credit card debt which the card holder paid on time during a recent grace period.

- ◆ Prohibit added interest charges on credit card debt which the card holder paid on time and in full.

- ◆ Prohibit interest rate hikes unless the card holder agrees

to them at the time, and in any event, limit penalty interest rate hikes to no more than 7 percent.

- ◆ Apply interest rate increases only to future debt.

Credit card fees

- ◆ Prohibit the charging of interest on credit card transaction fees, such as late fees and over-the-limit fees.

- ◆ Prohibit the charging of repeated over-limit fees for a single instance of exceeding a credit card limit, and allow such fees to be charged only when a card holder's action, rather than a penalty, causes the limit to be exceeded.

- ◆ Prohibit charging a fee to make a payment on a credit card debt, whether payment is by mail, telephone, electronic transfer, or otherwise.

- ◆ Require currency exchange fees to reasonably reflect the credit card issuer's actual costs.

Other protections

- ◆ Require consumer payments to be applied first to the credit card balance with the highest rate of interest, and to minimize finance charges. Prohibit late fees if the issuer's action caused the delay in crediting a payment.

- ◆ Require that card issuers must offer consumers the option of having a fixed credit limit that cannot be exceeded.



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Patience

Village Toy Company owner Ellen Durand, standing, had the job of getting the large group of children into a quiet, patient mass as they waited to hear who won the Paint the Windows contest in the Village shopping district in the City of Grosse Pointe.

Business forum slated

East Side Business and Financial Forum meets at 7:30 a.m., Thursday, June 21, at the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club.

The forum, led by attorney Michael R. Alberty, will focus on capital gain.

"One of the classic laments one hears in casual conversations about finances has to do with capital gains," director Tom Keating said. "Clients are generally aware of the capital gains tax and frequently fear it."

"I've often heard clients speculate that their only real option for avoidance or deferral of capital gains involves the technique of dying with property and thereby accomplishing a step up in cost basis. Of course, there are a lot of other options."

One of the most effective

techniques for capital gains tax deferral or avoidance in investment or income producing property involves the 1031 Exchange, Keating continued.

It is often described as a "like kind" exchange. The techniques can be used to substantially enhance the benefits to a client of the sale of real estate and personal property.

However, it is essential to understand the technique before exploring its usefulness with the client, and the technique absolutely requires professional assistance and guidance, Keating said.

Basic issues involve the following:

- ◆ What is a "qualified intermediary?"
- ◆ What is "boot?"
- ◆ What are the time limits for a like kind exchange?

- ◆ What sort of property can qualify for like kind treatment?

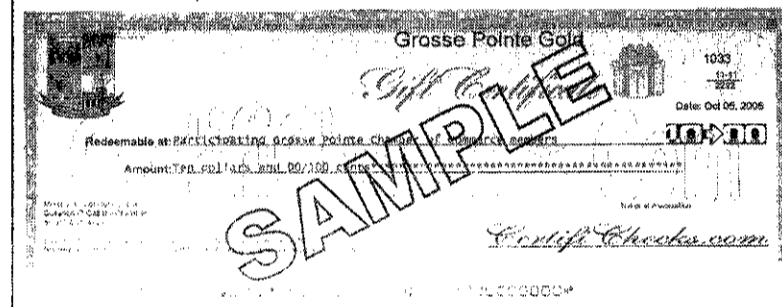
- ◆ What is a "related party" and why does it matter?

- ◆ Can condos, vacation homes and other personal residences qualify?

A continental breakfast will be served.

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City of Grosse Pointe Woods, Michigan

NOTICE TO BIDDERS - COPY MACHINE: Sealed bids will be received by the City at the office of the City Clerk, 20025 Mack Plaza, Grosse Pointe Woods, Michigan, until 10:00 a.m., Tuesday, July 10, 2007, at which time and place the proposals will be publicly opened and read aloud for furnishing the following items: "60ppm COPY MACHINE W/SCANNER". Copies of specifications and bid sheets may be obtained from the City Clerk. The City reserves the right to reject any or all proposals, to waive any irregularities in the bidding and to accept any proposals it deems to be in the best interest of the City.

Lisa Kay Hathaway, CMC
City Clerk

G.P.N.: 06/14/07

City of Grosse Pointe Woods, Michigan

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the City Council, meeting as Board of Appeals under the provisions of Chapter 98, Zoning, Article XIV, Board of Appeals, Section 98-401 of the 1997 City Code, will meet in the Council-Court Room of the Municipal Building, 20025 Mack Plaza, on Monday, July 2, 2007, at 7:30 p.m. to hear the appeal of petitioners, Sunrise Development, Inc., 3334 Sandy Creek Drive, Shelby Twp., MI 48316, which is appealing the denial of the Building Inspector to issue a permit for permission to construct a multi-story 68 unit senior assisted living and a 74 unit senior independent living building at a location commonly known as Vernier Terraces, 891-1001 Vernier, Grosse Pointe Woods, MI. The property is zoned R-4 District. The building permit was denied because assisted living is not a permitted use as described in Section 98-202, Permitted Uses, of the 1997 City Code.

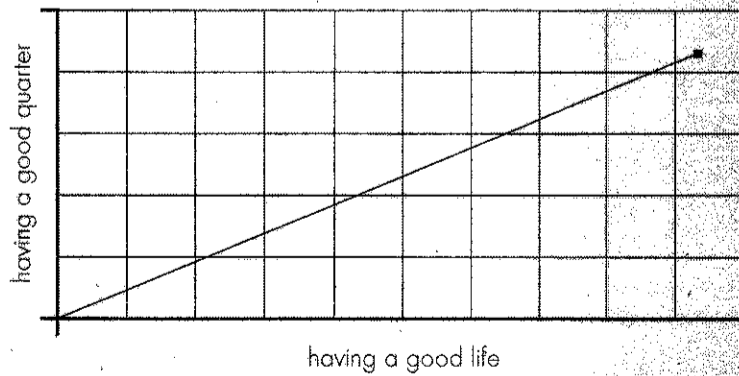
The public hearing materials are available for public inspection at the Municipal Building, 20025 Mack Plaza, between 8:30 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. All interested persons are invited to attend and will be given opportunity for public comment. The public may appear in person or be represented by counsel. Written comments will be received in the City Clerk's office, up to the close of business preceding the hearing. A group spokesperson is encouraged on agenda items concerning organized groups. Individuals with disabilities requiring auxiliary aids or services at the meeting should contact the Grosse Pointe Woods Clerk's Office at 313 343-2440 seven days prior to the meeting.

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National Safe Boating Week raises awareness

By Lt. Cmdr. Bill Stano
Special Writer

On a warm summer day, you decide to go boating and pack the sun screen, goodies and the family and head for the marina.

Everything is placed into the boat and off you go to enjoy Lake St. Clair or one of the

many lakes or rivers in the area. Would you know what to do if one of your passengers fell overboard and was injured?

Many emergencies arise aboard any size boat. What would you do?

Each year, by joint resolution of Congress, the week before the Memorial Day Weekend is

designated as "National Safe Boating Week." This time is set aside to raise awareness of boating safety and to reduce accidents on the water.

The Secretary of State reports Michigan has more than 990,000 registered boats. Recreational boating is important to Michigan's economy and recreational industry.

However, every year Michigan boaters experience accidents and fatalities which are usually preventable.

The Grosse Pointe Power Squadron, along with other community and law enforcement organizations, instructs boaters how to make their boating experience safer and enjoyable.

The Grosse Pointe Power Squadron was established in 1939 and is part of the U.S. Power Squadrons, a non-profit all volunteer teaching organization. The mission of the Power Squadron is to promote boating safety through education and civic activities while providing fellowship to its members.

The Grosse Pointe Power Squadron teaches a variety of boating classes and seminars to its members and the general public, performs vessel safety examinations to ensure boats meet all state and federal requirements, makes boaters aware of homeland security issues, stresses the importance of wearing a life jacket and not operating a boat under the influence of drugs and alcohol.

Beginning in June, The Grosse Pointe Power Squadron will be offering seminars at the Grosse Pointe Farms Pier Park also open to non-residents of Grosse Pointe Farms.

The first seminar, "Global Positioning System or GPS" explains the principles of how to use the system to stay on course.

The second seminar, "On Board Weather Forecasting," explains weather systems, understanding clouds and their changes, using changing wind direction, temperature, and pressure to hone in on emerging weather fronts.

The third seminar, "How To Use A Nautical Chart," provides a brief introduction to latitude and longitude, explains the symbols on the chart and the meaning of navigation aids.

To register, call the Grosse Pointe Farms Parks and Recreation Department at (313) 343-2405.

Boating is a great recreational activity for all family members.

By taking a boating class, wearing a life jacket and acting responsibly on the water, the number of boating accidents can be reduced.

For more information about the Grosse Pointe Power Squadron, classes and seminars or to schedule an inspection, visit gpps-d9.org or call (313) 418-5911.

Lt. Cmdr. Bill Stano, AP is executive officer of the Grosse Pointe Power Squadron.

June lake levels steady

The following lake levels as of June 8 are offered by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers:

Lake Superior is presently 15 inches below its level of a year ago, while Lake Michigan and Lake Huron are 2 inches lower than they were at this time last year. Lakes St. Clair, Erie and Ontario are 1 to 5 inches above their levels of a year ago.

Lakes Superior, Michigan and Huron are expected to rise 3 inches and 1 inch, respectively, over the next 30 days. Lakes St. Clair, Erie and Ontario are predicted to drop 2 inches over the next month.

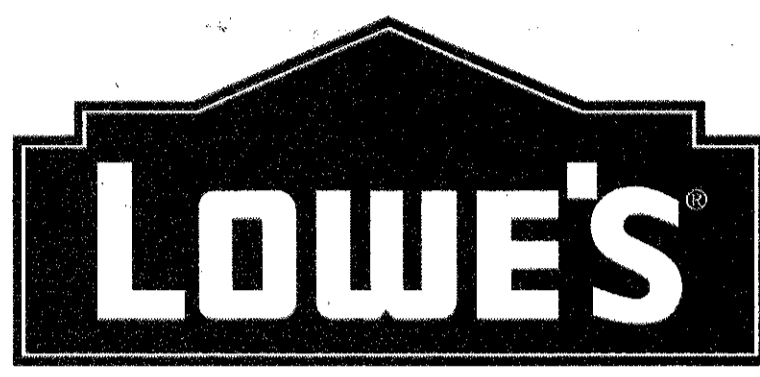
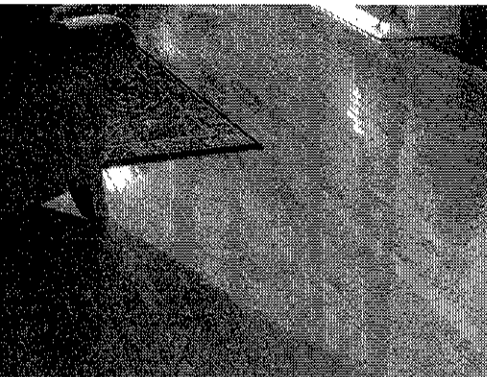
During the next few months, Lake Superior is predicted to remain well below its water level of a year ago, while water levels of the remaining lakes are expected to be similar or slightly below last year's levels. Outflow from the St. Marys River is predicted to be well below average for June. Flows through the St. Clair and Detroit rivers are also predicted to be lower than average this month.

Flow in the Niagara River is expected to be above average, while flow in the St. Lawrence River is forecasted to be below average.

Alerts: Due to abnormally dry conditions on the Lake Superior basin over the last several months, Lake Superior's water level is currently below chart datum and is expected to remain below datum over the next six months.

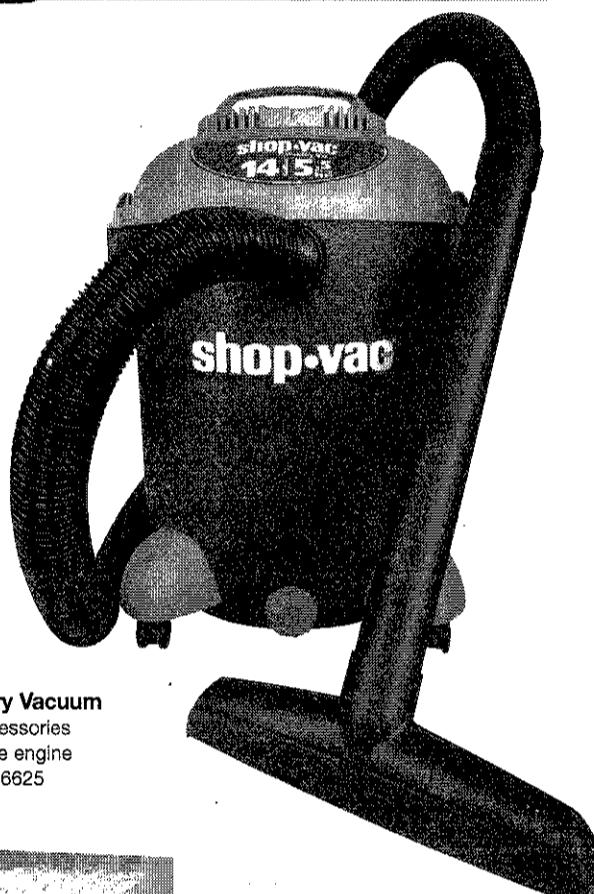
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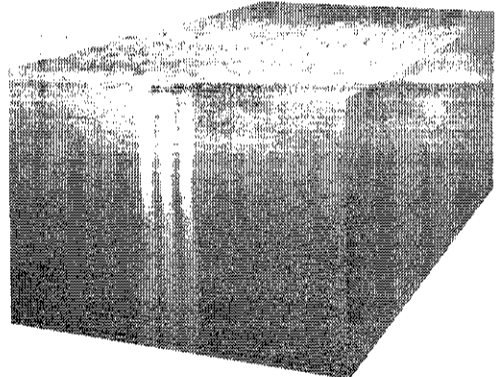
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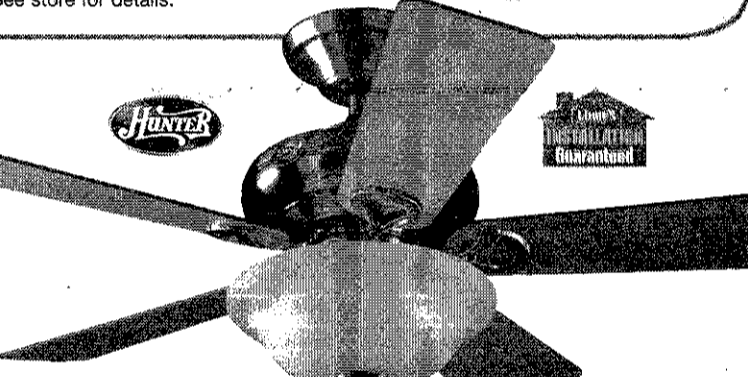
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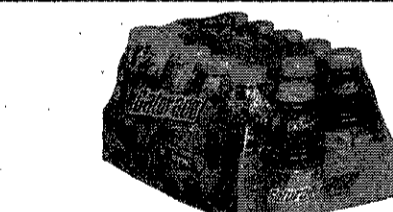
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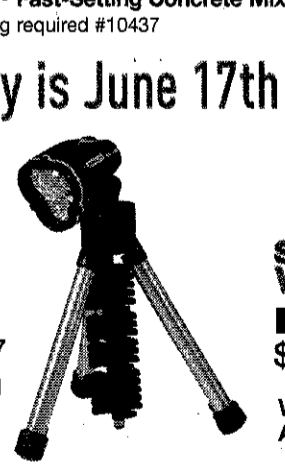
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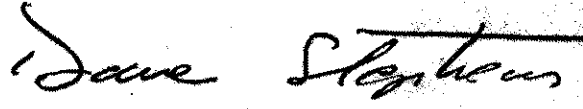
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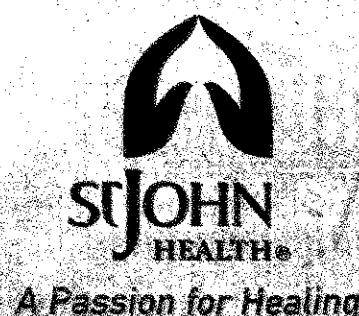
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Today's generation of brides and grooms have taken **weddings** to a whole new level. Not only do they want their special day to be perfect, but they want it to express their individuality and to make a statement.

Weddings of today

By Beth Quinn
 Staff Writer

"Martha Stewart has completely changed the complexion of weddings," said Cheryl Armijo, event and wedding coordinator at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial.

Stewart opened up a world of creative ideas for brides, Armijo said.

Individuality is the operative word when it comes to wedding receptions.

According to Armijo, couples want their wedding to stand out from the crowd.

Even though most couples want to keep their decorations simple and elegant so as not to distract from the War Memorial's beautiful settings, most couples add extra details to make a statement.

Armijo said that the Internet and user-friendly technologies have made it easy for couples to put their personal touch on the reception. Many have their own Web site giving the details of their wedding.

"The Web has influenced weddings big time," Armijo said.

She noted some couples replace the traditional place cards with a big poster showing the guests in a diagram

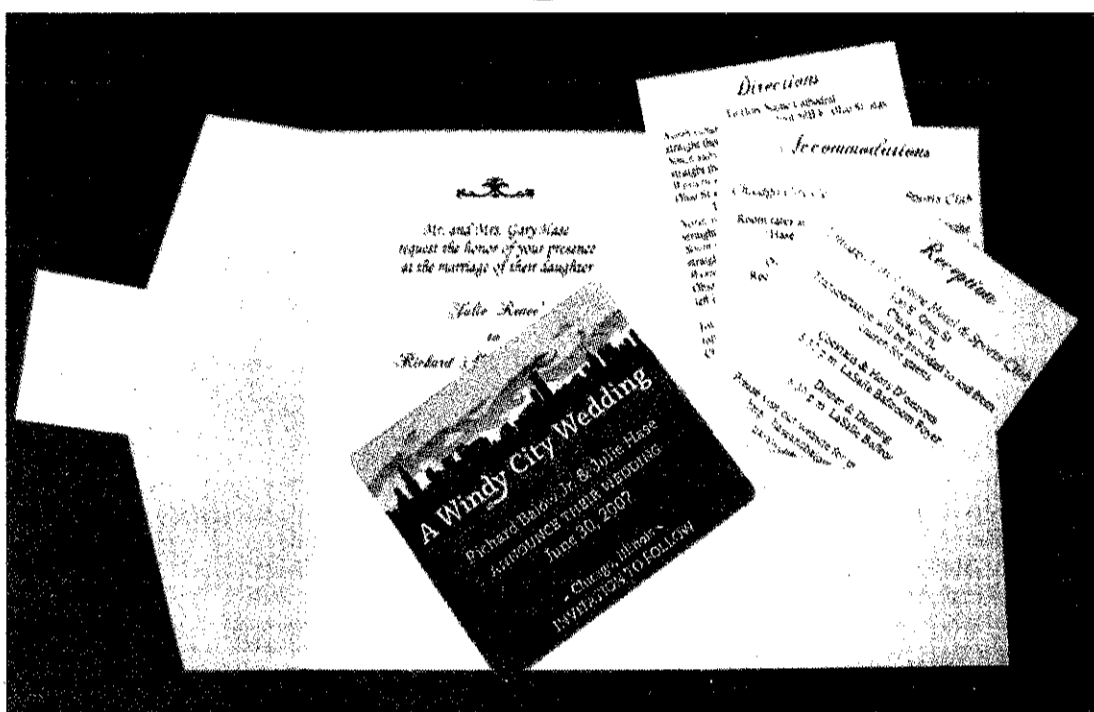


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Above, couples are sending out elaborate, colorful and detailed invitations. Many feature pockets for the invitation, directions and response cards. Right, Tippy Niyomchai of New York City, was in town recently to prepare for her August wedding at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial to former Grosse Pointe Woods resident Jim Ulichny, currently of New York City. Heather Shaw of Salon Seventy-Six on the Hill is testing out different updos as a trial run for Niyomchai's wedding day.

where they are seated.

Instead of the traditional guest books, some receptions have a photo table where a photo of the guest is immediately printed and signed by the guest.

"Two weeks ago a bride and groom rented a photo booth for guests to have their pictures taken at the beginning of the reception," Armijo said.

This year, couples are hiring

lighting specialists to add a touch of drama to the event.

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Many brides and grooms nowadays have a theme coordinating all aspects of their weddings. This cake showcases the brides love of butterflies and dragonflies.

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she noted. They are using gel lights to line the windows. Or lights are being used to carry the color theme one step further.

"I've seen a few weddings where the color of the bridesmaids' dresses were in the lights," Armijo said.

Couples who really want to be different and memorable are having theme weddings. Over the past few years, Armijo has planned island theme receptions, garden parties and masquerade balls.

"It used to be the wedding was the theme," Armijo said. "Now many are looking for theme weddings."

She told about a couple who had a Renaissance theme. The bride and groom both wore period gowns of velvet. Their cake was a castle with spires and towers made from separate cakes.

Other couples are turning their cake into an "interactive centerpiece" by allowing guest to cut their own pieces, as a way of getting their guests involved, Armijo said.

Another trend is having intricately decorated cupcakes on a tiered stand instead of the traditional cake.

"All the cupcakes are different and wonderfully decorated," Armijo said. "The guests get to pick out their own one."

Many receptions are ending with guests being treated to chocolate fountains, cappuccino carts or candy tables, she said.



Engagement rings and wedding bands are showing a lot more bling. Diamonds are larger and high quality. The bands are covered with micropave diamonds.

"The bride wants to make a statement, to be different," said Connie Bukowski, owner of Cavanaugh's in the Village.

Bukowski noted that brides and their parents spare no expense to have a complete ensemble of invitations.

"Color is a big deal. Pinks and brown; blue and brown is still very popular. It not just white or ecru anymore," Bukowski said. "Brides want flair, not their mother's invitation."

The colors coordinate throughout the wedding. The invitations, bridesmaids' dresses and centerpieces will have a matching color scheme, said Bukowski.

Despite the cost of paper, printing and postage, brides are opting for oversized invita-

tions with pockets holding the announcements, directions and response cards, according to Wendy Jennings of Cavanaugh's.

Jennings added that couples are purchasing save-the-date cards to give family and friends advance notice of the wedding.

"With our busy lives, we need to know about events way in advance so we can block out that date," Bukowski said. "Also, young people today have so many friends who are from out-of-town. People are coming from far away. They need to know far in advance so they can make airplane and hotel reservations."

Many brides, especially professionals living far away have given their mothers the author-



Guests are seated at color coordinated tables, enhanced with candlelight and designer floral arrangements. Rose petals sprinkled add a romantic detail.

ity to find the invitations, said Pat Brinker, owner of the League Shop on the Hill in Grosse Pointe Farms.

Brinker said the League Shop often e-mails samples to the bride for final approval.

"A lot of brides are too busy to go through all the books," Brinker said. "She says 'you know what I like.' Mom is doing a lot of the leg work."

While the weddings are getting more and more elaborate, bride's and groom's choice in china, crystal, and silver is getting more practical and less formal, Brinker said. They want pieces that they can use more than just on special occasions.

"Their lifestyle is much more casual than their parents," she said. "When they entertain, it is very relaxed."

She sees more couples choosing high quality stoneware over fine china. They want pieces that can be used in different ways.

One of the hottest dinnerware lines, Juliska, offers one pattern with mix and match pieces.

"The versatility is what makes it fun," Brinker said. "Couples want creative alternatives."

She added couples are considering the upkeep of their bridal registry selections. Pieces that go from the oven to the table to the dishwasher are very popular.

Couples are foregoing silver hollowware — candlesticks and serving pieces — for items made of china, crystal and polished or hammered stainless

metal.

"They don't have the time or the desire to polish silver," Brinker said.

Like wedding invitations that are no longer ecru, wedding gowns are no longer stark white.

Brides are selecting a softer tone of white. The gowns have a "darker, antique color" such as cream, eggshell or silk white, according to Janice Ventimiglia, owner of Arena Bridal and Formal.

She noted today's wedding gowns have more embellishments, making them more elaborate. Puffy tulle is being replaced by lots of lace.

"I am looking right now at five dresses pressed and ready to go that are silk white — ivory — with gold detail," Ventimiglia said.

Every style of wedding dress has a 20 to 30-year cycle, she explained.

"I am not seeing the real full ball gown these days," Ventimiglia said. "Brides are choosing 'fit and flair' and mermaid style gowns which are closely fitted to the hip and then flair out right below the hip."

She added that strapless gowns which have been popular the last six or seven years are being replaced by v-neck tank bodices.

Brides are also foregoing the long formal cathedral veil with multiple layers for a shorter fingertip length with just one layer. Tiaras are still a popular headpiece, Ventimiglia said.

"Some brides are not wear-

ing veils, but they always have something in their hair," she said.

Individuality is key when it comes to selecting engagement and wedding bands, according to John Ahee of Edmund t. AHEE jewelers.

"Years ago, there were about 40 to 50 different designs to choose from," Ahee said. "Today, there are several hundred."

He added there's many choices in the cut of the diamond. While the traditional round cut stone is still popular, many engagement rings feature more exotic shapes such as emerald, marquise, trapezoid and princess cuts.

Over the last decade, couples are choosing engagement rings with larger stones and higher quality diamonds, Ahee said.

A big trend is covering the entire surface of both the engagement and wedding bands with micropave diamonds.

"There's a lot less metal. A lot more stone," Ahee said.

The groom's wedding band has also evolved from the simple gold ring more older men don, he said.

Grooms are selecting bands that have a little bit of individuality. While their bands are simpler than the brides, some will have a geometric design. Some have a combination of metals, perhaps a brushed metal and white gold or platinum.

"This generation really wants to get what they want," Ahee said.

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Charity walk

Step Up for Hope 5K walk/run is registering people for the Saturday, June 23, event. For more information, call (586) 777-0142.

Garden tour offer guests choices aplenty

By Kathleen Peabody
Columnist

Thinking trendy about extending your living space outdoors? Considering creating of a more naturalistic garden? Or are you searching for a tree for that empty spot in your yard?

Answers to these questions and more await you during the 16th Annual Summer Garden Tour from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Friday and Saturday, June 22 and 23, rain or shine. Sponsored by the Grosse Pointe Garden Center, this is a chance to get ideas and visit gardens in your neighborhood that might not otherwise be available to you. What could be better?

Tickets are available by calling the center at (313) 881-7511, ext. 206. They are \$12 pre-tour or \$15 on tour days and can be purchased at the Children's Home of Detroit the day of the event. Tickets are good for both days so take advantage. If the weather is threatening, do part of the tour one day and part the next.

Along with a change in days of the week from past years (Friday and Saturday this year), other additions include artists from the Grosse Pointe Artists Association at each location. A new offering is an expanded market area at the Children's Home of Detroit stop. Here more than 20 area vendors and non-profits will make available garden-related products. Proceeds benefit the Children's Home. Vendors include Taylored Iron Works, Fertco Landscaping, Souilliere Garden Center and a variety of artisans, each with their special handmade products to entice you.

Six private and two public gardens await your visit. If extending your living space is in your future, the ponds, hot tub and outdoor kitchen-family living area at the Bill and Mary Jo Rennolds garden in Grosse Pointe Woods is your place to be. Along with the garden, the Rennolds' have created an area to inhabit during much of the year.

The pond is in a natural setting and surrounded by hostas and day lilies. "Everything is easy maintenance," said Mrs. Rennolds. "Although we do grow roses, all we do is feed and prune them."

This yard looks like a scene from HGTV. You'll get loads of ideas to begin planning your own outdoor room.

Two gardens with plants as

well as dogs to consider are the Dempsey garden in Grosse Pointe Woods and the Yoo garden in Grosse Pointe Park.

In Nancy Dempsey's garden, the variety of plants, shrubs and trees are sure to spark the "I need this in my garden" thought. Watch for a yellow magnolia, weeping spruce and Blue Atlas Cedar. Dempsey's use of variegated plants, which she says "make the darker plants pop," along with the beautiful blooms of a wide variety of perennials and annuals, make this a great garden for getting green ideas to take home.

Dempsey also has a dog for whom she has created a special area. Be sure to see what she's done to keep her pet out of the flowers.

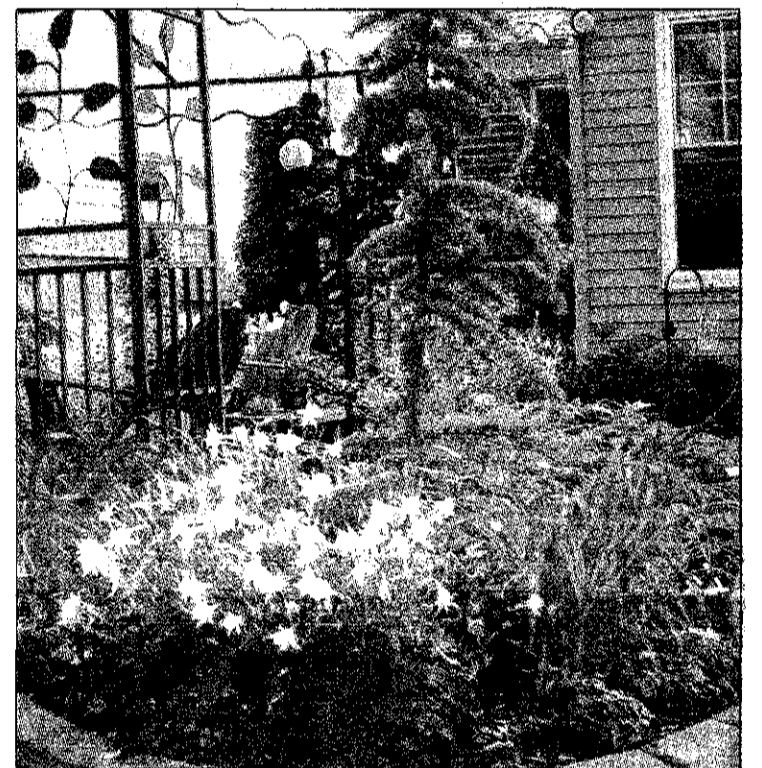
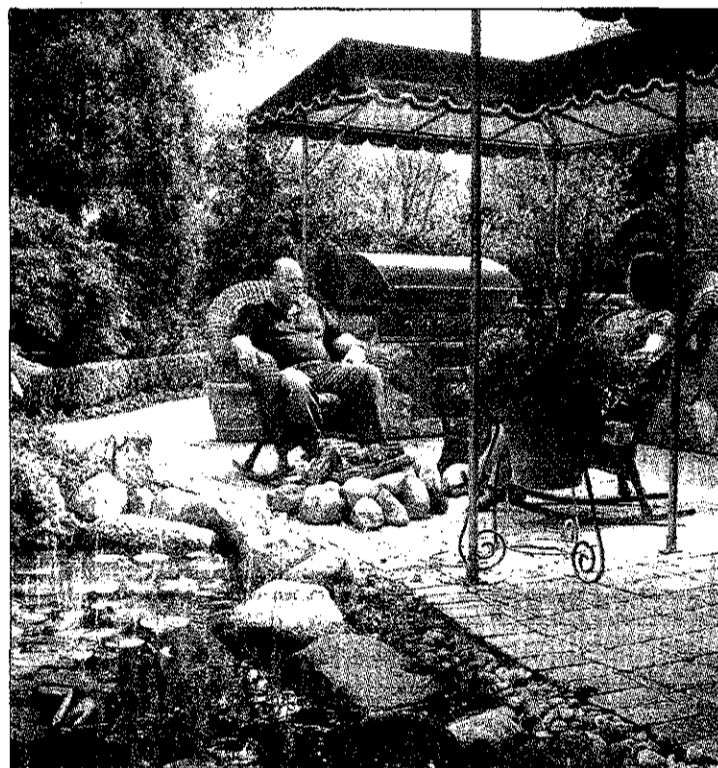
Dogs Winston and Daisy share the Karen and George Yoo garden space with daughter Olivia. Mom and Dad keep the garden lush with culinary herbs for cooking, peonies, both old and new climbing roses and clematis, while Olivia takes notice of the brightly colored blooms. Lemon and mandarin orange trees find their way outdoors after spending the cooler seasons inside. Karen Yoo had previously cared for the gardens alone, but when pregnant with Olivia, her husband "became a convert," she said. He's now beside her helping to weed.

Among the plethora of plants in a naturalistic-cottage setting, the Northcutt-Goodell garden in Grosse Pointe Farms, is a restful place to view flora and foliage for both sun and shade. Woodland plants include tiarella, pulmonaria, mertensia, astilbes, May apples, American ginger, Jack-in-the-pulpit and hepatica. In the sunnier areas you'll find David Austin and old roses, monarda, plume poppies, herbs and annuals. A small fishpond and larger pools play to the sense of sound and lend the relaxed atmosphere of water falls.

Mary Northcutt is also a whiz with containers, pulling together color and texture in ways you may like to copy.

The gardens surround the exterior of the house and there is much to see. The Herb Society of America, Grosse Pointe Unit will be available here as will Master Gardeners to answer questions.

Watch for the witch hazel, the wallflower, Euphorbia, celandine and hollyhock where hummingbirds might pay a visit. Northcutt knows her plants



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Top, this beautiful collection of annuals and perennials actually drew a hummingbird as the photo was taken. Watch for the hidden pond in the background of the Northcutt-Goodell Garden. Bottom left, the Rennolds garden shows how to extend your indoor living space to an outdoor room. Bottom right, Combining perennial yellow columbine and poppies, annual impatiens, and the comfort of a covered outside seating area with the whimsy of garden art is the enjoyment of the Dempsey garden.

and can share stories about each one. Ask about her newly planted Mediterranean herb garden. Husband, Michael Goodell, has found himself in

the garden a little more often these days as well. His sense of smell is what's drawn him to enjoy the garden more than in the past.

The McKean garden in Grosse Pointe Farms shows off a more formal flair. The front yard has a French courtyard with a fountain, a pond containing water lilies and koi and a flower cart filled with colorful annuals. Nary a tree in sight, the backyard shows off the perennial-filled cutting garden as well as a state-of-the-art greenhouse filled with orchids.

A pair of 19th century hand carved stone urns, originally from the Dodge estate, are filled with colorful annuals.

Watch for tropical plants on the patio, a collection of lady slipper orchids and beautiful old peonies.

The Duhaime garden of Grosse Pointe Park was renovated in 2006 to create a true English garden. Subdivided into several smaller specialized gardens, the Maumee side features a hosta garden, fountain garden, hydrangea garden and butterfly garden.

Wrought iron arches support fragrant climbing vines at the front entrance.

And, remember to visit the Trial Gardens at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial tended by the Grosse Pointe Garden Center. Pay special attention to

the newly designed Grace Harrison Children's Garden on the far side of the property. The Trial Gardens have a theme as well.

The Children's Home of Detroit also has gardens tended by area garden club members. Don't miss the Faerie Garden in the courtyard of the administration building. If you're quick, a faerie may just pop out to show you something special.

While wandering through the garden tour, be sure to ask the homeowners about various plants. In many cases, they have done the work and know each plant lovingly. Take a notepad and a camera!

A theatrical afternoon tea

This is not your grandmother's tea. It's a musical review, a costume show, theatrically themed tablescapes, a silent auction and champagne lunch from 2 to 5 p.m., Sunday, June 24, in the Crystal Ballroom of the Grosse Pointe War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms.

The third "A Theatrical Affair, Afternoon Tea."

At tables individually decorated to represent a theatrical theme, guests will drink champagne, have a tea lunch of scones and sweets, view a show of period costumes and a musical revue. There will be a silent auction with more than 100 items, prizes for the best era ensemble and hat will be awarded.

"Grosse Pointe Theatre, with

its many talented and creative volunteers, is uniquely suited to host an event of this creative magnitude," said Kathy Conlon, the tea's chair. "We approach it with the same enthusiasm and penchant for detail that we devote to producing our stage shows. It represents the art and skill of our set and costume designers, scenic artists, singers, dancers, musicians, children from our Youth on Stage program and participants in our theater scholarship program. We are immensely proud of this event."

In addition to theatrical performances, and sponsoring theater arts classes, Grosse Pointe Theatre continues to support the community by raising funds and gifts in kind for charitable organizations as

well as providing scholarship opportunities for local high school students to further their studies in the performing arts.

Pre-table viewing is from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. and costs \$10, paid at the door.

Funds raised will be used to refurbish Fries Auditorium stage.

Tickets are \$55 person and \$40 is tax deductible. For more information, call (313) 881-4004.

The 2007 tea committee members include chair Conlon of Detroit; Lindsey Riggs, Marianne Casey, Lynda Grippi, Ginger Hupp, Ruth Ellen Mayhall, Theresa Selvaggio and Gwenn of Grosse Pointe; Suzanne Rutkowski of Warren and Debbie Martell of Livonia.

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HEALTH COLUMN By Jeff and Debra Jay

Web sites cover alcohol and drug issues



Dear Jeff and Debra:

Q. In the past, you've listed the best Web sites covering alcohol and drug issues. I was wondering if you could print an updated list for 2007. I am involved in an Al-Anon group here in Grosse Pointe.

Some of us in Al-Anon still live with active alcoholics and addicts, and some of us are fortunate enough to have family members who have found recovery. But, I will say, all of us are always interested in learning more about this disease and ways to help our families cope. I have found your Internet lists helpful in the past.

—A FAMILY MEMBER OF A RECOVERING ALCOHOLIC

A. Dear Family Member:

The Internet provides us with so much information, wading through it can be overwhelming sometimes. We've put together a list of some of the best Web sites covering alcohol and drug topics that focus on finding solutions.

Thanks for asking.

◆ Alcoholism.about.com. There are a lot of advertisements on this Web site, but the range of information is impressive. You can find articles covering just about any topic: college drinking, binge drinking, facts for teens, alcohol and the elderly, diagnosing alcoholism, the family disease, how to quit, finding a meeting, addiction and the brain, recovery books top picks, and more.

Look for columns by Buddy T.

◆ Al-Anon Family Groups in Michigan,

afgmichigan.addr.com. This site provides lists of meetings in Michigan for friends and family of alcoholics.

◆ Christians in Recovery, christiansinrecovery.org. The oldest Christian recovery group on the Internet, this group uses the 12-steps in conjunction with the Christian faith to address multiple issues.

◆ Faces & Voices of Recovery, facesandvoicesofrecovery.org. People with long-term sobriety, their families and friends share their stories to demonstrate the power and reality of recovery.

◆ Health Professional Recovery Program, hprp.org. Health professionals help residents in Michigan enter into treatment and recovery by minimizing negative impacts on licensees/registrants, patients and their families. This is a confidential program by law and offers recovery with-

out threat of punishment.

◆ Jewish Alcoholics, Chemically Dependent Persons & Significant Others, Jacsweb.org. This site explores recovery in a nurturing Jewish environment by offering retreats and other events that provide support to Jews in recovery.

◆ Lawyers and Judges Assistance Program, michbar.org/generalinfo/ljap.

This site provides free, confidential telephone and/or personal consultations for lawyers and judges and their families, as well as employees of the State Bar, for substance abuse, gambling, divorce, stress, or life stage adjustments. Research quoted on the site reports that 18 percent of attorneys have a drug or alcohol problem.

◆ Love First, lovefirst.net. Newly updated, this site has become the most popular Web site, nationwide, on interven-

tion. It provides articles, tools, treatment information, resources, intervention checklists and more.

◆ National Association for Children of Alcoholics, na-coa.org. Advocates for children and families affected by alcoholism and other drug dependencies operate this site.

◆ National Clearinghouse for Alcohol and Drug Information, samhsa.gov.

Quality publications and posters covering a wide range of substance abuse topics are offered at no cost. Videos are available at low cost and on-line Web casts are free.

◆ National Inhalant Prevention Coalition, inhalants.org.

Inhalant abuse can be the most perplexing problem for parents. This site offers education and an opportunity to become involved in prevention.

◆ Online Intergroup of

Alcoholics Anonymous, aa-intergroup.org. This site serves all AA online groups in 31 countries and includes bulletin boards, real time meetings, e-mail meetings, and audio meetings.

◆ Recovery is Everywhere, recoveryeverywhere.com. This advocacy group is dedicated to bring visibility to successful recovering alcoholics and addicts. It also provides resources to help others get involved in advocacy.

◆ The Anti-Meth Site, kci.org/meth_info/links. This group provides a wealth of information: physical and medical signs, dental problems, mental issues, effects on family, treatment options, effects on children, weight, tools, labs, and more.

Jeff and Debra Jay are professional interventionists who live in Grosse Pointe Farms. They may be contacted at (313) 882-6921 or lovefirst.net.

June 18 seminar explores community trauma response

Traumatic incidents, whether violent or non-violent, natural or manmade, affect the community. However, reactions may vary and may be delayed for years after the incident.

"Responding to Community Trauma," planned from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Monday, June 18, at the Assumption Cultural Center, 21800 Marter, St. Clair Shores, features area speakers who will address this topic. The event is sponsored by Grosse Pointe Woods.

This presentation will assist participants in identifying how traumatic events impact their lives and strategies that can be utilized to regain a sense of control and well-being over

the situation. The presenters are nationally and internationally recognized experts in the field of traumatic stress management.

Registration and a continental breakfast begin at 8 a.m. with the first seminar slated from 8:45 to 10 a.m. featuring Bill Steele, Ph.D. who will address "Helping Children Cope in the Aftermath of Traumatic Events." Judy Jacobs, Ph.D. leads a discussion on "The Psychology of Trauma: Resiliency and the Prevention of PTSD" from 10:15 to 11 a.m. followed by "Critical Incident Stress Management and the Community's Response to Trauma" led by Gary Burnett and LaNeice Jones.

The event will conclude with a wrap-up and closure beginning at 12:15 p.m.

Admission is free and reservations can be made by calling the Assumption Cultural Center at (586) 779-6111 ext. 4.

The program was developed by Bob Rabe, a retired Grosse Pointe Woods police officer and a certified trauma responder. As a member of Macomb Emergency Response Group, Oakland County's Crisis Team and Neighborhood Service Organization, he was involved in numerous critical incident debriefings. He is also a member of the International Critical Incident Stress Foundation, National Organization of

Victims Assistance and the Association of Trauma Stress Specialists.

About the presenters:

Jacobs is a healthcare executive and college professor with more than 25 years experience in nursing, quality control, and risk management, in addition to critical incident stress management, and workplace violence prevention. She developed the first crisis response team in Michigan used in conjunction with law enforcement agencies and serves on the board of the National Victim Advocacy Center as a national trainer and the National Organization for Victim Assistance.

Steele is founder and director of The National Institute for Trauma and Loss in Children which helps children and their families put their lives back together after a significant loss or traumatic event.

He was one of the first Americans selected by the Kuwait government after the war to train their newly formed mental health staff.

Burnett has been the agency supervisor of the Macomb County Crisis Center for the past 21 years. He also serves as program coordinator for the Macomb Emergency Response Group which provides critical incident stress management services follow-

ing a traumatic event. With a bachelor's degree in psychology and a master's degree in counseling, Burnett has 30 years of experience in the mental health field, including 25 years focusing on crisis intervention.

Jones is currently the vice president of programs for Neighborhood Service Organization and is responsible for the oversight of program operations in four units of the organization.

She was the unit director of Emergency Telephone Service/Suicide Prevention Center for 10 years where she was responsible for the overall operation and management of a 24-hour crisis call center.

Case manager award winner

Elaine Stefanski, a case manager at Bon Secours Hospital received the first Case Manager of the Year award.

Sponsored by Continuum Home Care Services, LLC, the award was presented by Beth Johnson, director of Clinical Services for Continuum and the company's CEO, Philip B. Simpson, at the hospital, June 5, with Stefanski's family in attendance.

Stefanski was selected by a multi-disciplinary panel of judges who reviewed nominations from across southeast Michigan. Clinical documentation specialist, care coordinator and care management staff addressed five specified qualities observed, writing why Stefanski should receive this recognition.

The judges determined, "Elaine represents the model of these qualities and has the respect of her peers, her department, nurses and physicians of Bon Secours."

Nomination comments included: "She sets a high standard of expectation for herself in her work ethic, patient care, and treatment of others," and "her experience in care management is vast...she always acts with the utmost integrity."

Stellar case manager, gold standard, great sense of compassion, very knowledgeable, very reliable and helpful" are comments made about her work.

A private duty company specializing in trauma and post-op rehab, and skilled and custodial geriatric care, Continuum

relies on the experience and knowledge of case managers for most of its business.

Through this award program, the work of case managers can be acknowledged.



PHOTO BY RENE LANDUYT
Case manager award winner Elaine Stefanski.

ASK THE EXPERTS By Diane Strickler

The games children play



Q. What is the choking game?

A. The choking game, known by many names including Fainting Game, Space Cowboy and Rising Sun, has been around a long time and is known internationally. It has gained recent attention as public safety officers are re-assessing some suicides as being unintended deaths due to asphyxiation, the result of this "game."

The choking game is a thrill seeking activity pursued by younger adolescents, both boys and girls. Kids play it on a dare, out of curiosity, to bring a sense of euphoria (a rush) to experience a "brown-out," to enhance erotic feelings or to

amuse themselves watching a peer hallucinate and pass out. It can be played alone or with others. Some one-third of choking games occur in bedrooms.

The choking game is the inducement of unconsciousness or near unconsciousness by restricting the supply of oxygen to the brain. The use of thumbs to compress the carotid artery in the neck can be self induced and usually stops automatically when the youth blacks out. However, when another applies the pressure or a ligature (scarves, ties, belts, or bungee cords), stopping before permanent damage — occurs is a judgment call or just good luck. Coma, brain damage, which may not be immediately recognized — and death can result.

What should parents be looking for?

- ◆ Marks on the neck
- ◆ Clothes that try to hide the marks

- ◆ Headaches
- ◆ Raspy breath
- ◆ Bloodshot eyes
- ◆ Ropes/scarves tied together

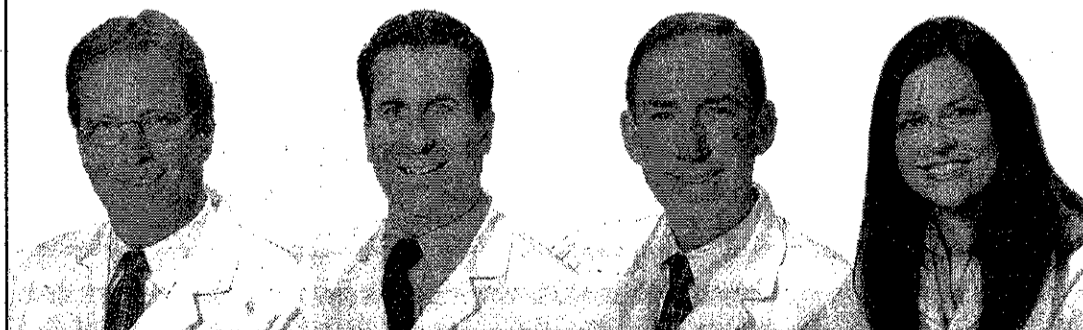
It is imperative that parents initiate a serious discussion with their adolescent about this latest activity to achieve a high. Ask if they know what the choking game is. Share the dangerous nature of choking behavior. Just talking with your teen will remove the allure of a secretive game.

Always suggest that your teen ask further questions at any time.

For further information, visit teenchokinggame.com

Written by: Diane Strickler, Executive Director.

Send your questions to: Mary Ellen Brayton, program director, The Family Center, 20090 Morningside Dr., Grosse Pointe Woods, MI, 48236; or call (313) 432-3832; or e-mail to Info@familycenterweb.org.

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Myths and facts of shots

By Laura Phelps
Special Writer

If only an apple a day could really keep the doctor away.

On Wednesday, June 20, a representative of the Michigan Department of Community Health will speak during a Focus Parenthood meeting about immunizations and vaccines at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial.

The program will be held from 9 to 11 a.m. and again at 7 p.m. The cost is \$10 and childcare is free. Preregistration is required as space is limited.

Patricia Vranesich, manager of outreach and communications in the immunizations division of the Michigan Department of Community Health, will be the presenter.

Some of the vaccines to be discussed are influenza, hepati-

tis A, rotavirus, diphtheria, tetanus, pertussis, haemophilus influenza type b, chicken pox, hepatitis B, measles, mumps, rubella, pneumococcal conjugate, and polio.

The presentation will be devoted to understanding the myths and facts of immunizations.

"This is an opportunity for parents to get updated," said Vranesich. "There are many diseases we can prevent and there are several myths about vaccines. People always question, 'do shots work? Are they necessary? Are they dangerous? Is it safe to get many at one time?'"

According to the Michigan Department of Community Health, a baby needs vaccines at birth, two months, four months, six months, 12 to 15 months, and 18 to 24 months.

All children ages 6 months to 4 years should get a flu vaccine each year.

Vranesich will also discuss new adult immunizations for cervical cancer and meningitis.

"I think it is important for families to attend in order to talk about not only infants and toddlers, but adult vaccines for the whooping cough for parents, and shingles vaccines for grandparents," said Vranesich.

In an era of globalization where diseases travel faster than ever, immunizations have a profound impact, Vranesich said. Information provided will help parents make their decisions about vaccines and prepare them for a doctor's visit, she said. The Family Center, Bon Secours Cottage Health Services, and the Grosse Pointe War Memorial are sponsoring the event.

Summer classes, programs offered at St. John

St. John Hospital and Medical Center is offering a number of community programs, support groups and classes throughout June.

Community health programs:

◆ **Bariatric Surgery for Weight Loss: Is It Right for You?** from 6 to 8 p.m. Monday, June 25 at St. John Hospital and Medical Center, 22101 Moross, Detroit. Physicians from the St. John Weight Loss Center team will present information about the benefits and risks of bariatric surgery and answer questions about diet and lifestyle changes during this free program.

Call (866) 823-4458 to register or visit stjohn.org/weightloss/seminars for more information.

Seniors:

◆ **Managing Knee and Hip Pain** from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. Thursday, June 14, in the St. John Hospital and Medical Center Auditorium, 22101 Moross, Detroit. Learn about advanced treatment options that may offer dramatic relief of knee and hip pain, including medication, nutrition, exercise

and minimally invasive surgery options. This lecture is designed for those aged "55 or better." Parking passes and refreshments will be provided. Presenter: Christopher L. Lee, orthopedic surgeon on staff at St. John Hospital and Medical Center. Registration is recommended for this free program. Call (888) 751-5465.

Support Groups

◆ **Wellness Support Group** meets from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. every Monday and Wednesday at the Van Elslander Cancer Center Infusion Center, 19229 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods. This free program offers general support for patients and family members and is facilitated by a Van Elslander Cancer Center chaplain. Call (313) 647-3004.

◆ **Oncology Bereavement Group** meets from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. every Monday in the Van Elslander Cancer Center Main Lobby, 19229 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods.

This free support group, sponsored by the Candlelighters Foundation, is for anyone grieving an oncology related loss. Call (313) 647-3004 for information and to register.

◆ **Non-Oncology Bereavement Group** meets from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. every Tuesday in the Van Elslander Cancer Center Main Lobby, 19229 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods.

This free group, sponsored by the Candlelighters Foundation, offers support for anyone grieving a non-oncology related loss. Call (313) 647-3004 for information and to register.

◆ **Breast Cancer Support Group** meets from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. the first Wednesday of the month in the Van Elslander Cancer Center Main Lobby, 19229 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods. This free group, sponsored by Candlelighters Foundation, is for any woman currently diagnosed with breast cancer. The focus is on issues related to treatment and recovery, both physical and emotional. Call (313) 647-3004.

◆ **Wellness Support Group** meets from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. the second, third and fourth Wednesday of every month in the Van Elslander Cancer Center Main Lobby, 19229 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods. This patient and issue focused

support group is for anyone diagnosed with cancer. Family members and friends are welcome to attend with the person diagnosed. This free group is sponsored by the Candlelighters Foundation. Call (313) 647-3004.

Classes

◆ **Parkinson's Exercise Class** is offered from 3 to 4 p.m. every Tuesday in the St. John Hospital and Medical Center Ground L Conference Room, 22101 Moross, Detroit. This is a chair-based and standing exercise program that includes range of motion, balance, strengthening, and coordination exercises focused on improving function and quality of life for people with Parkinson's disease. It incorporates varying levels of activity for patients at any level and written physician consent is required. There is a \$2 voluntary donation to cover supplies. For more information and to register, call (313) 343-3744.

◆ **Look Good...Feel Better - 1** to 3 p.m. Monday, July 9, at the Van Elslander Cancer Center, 19229 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods. This free program is dedicated to helping women

manage the appearance-related side effects of chemotherapy and radiation. Women are taught how to camouflage the side effects with cosmetics, wigs and scarves through a partnership between the Cosmetic, Toiletry and Fragrance Association, National Cosmetology Association and American Cancer Society. Call (866) 246-4673.

◆ **Bariatric Surgery for Weight Loss: Is It Right for You?** - 6 to 8 p.m. Monday, July 16 and July 23, at St. John Hospital and Medical Center, 22101 Moross, Detroit. Physicians from the St. John Weight Loss Center team will present information about the benefits and risks of bariatric surgery and answer questions about diet and lifestyle changes during this free program. Presenters are Abdelkader Hawasli, M.D. and Ahmed Meguid. Call (866) 823-4458 to register or visit stjohn.org/weightloss/seminars for more information.

◆ **Massage for Relaxation and Therapy, CareLink Lecture Series** - 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. Thursday, July 12, at St. John Hospital and Medical Center

Ground L Conference Room, 22101 Moross, Detroit. Learn more about the variety of massages available in a therapeutic environment, what to expect and the benefits for health and well-being at this free seminar. A few randomly selected attendees will receive a free 10-minute chair massage following the lecture. This lecture is designed for those age "55 or better."

Parking pass and refreshments provided. The program presenters are Claudis Methner and Catherine Greene, certified massage therapists at the Valade Healing Arts Center. Call (888) 751-5465. Registration is recommended.

◆ **Hip and Knee Pain Seminar** from 10 to 11 a.m. Thursday, July 19 at the Van Elslander Cancer Center, 19229 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods. Learn the causes of arthritis hip and knee pain and morning stiffness. Information about the latest non-surgical treatments, new arthritis medicines, and advance physical therapy will be provided at this free seminar.

Call (888) 751-5465 for information and to register.



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Senator honors Sister

Senator Martha Scott, D-Highland Park, left, and St. John Hospital and Medical Center president and CEO David Stephens, right, honored St. John Hospital and Medical Center's Sister Verence McQuade, center, who retired in late December after 35 years of service to the medical facility.

Sister Verence has been a Sister of St. Joseph, the congregation of women that started St. John Hospital in 1952 for nearly 70 years. Scott presented her with a Legislative Tribute, recognizing her years of service and dedication to the hospital and medical center. Tributes are a legislator's way of honoring a person's accomplishments or years of service after retirement.

Spend time with your grandchildren

How much time have you spent with your grandchildren during the year?

Of course, you see them at Christmas and possibly your birthday, too. School is out, and they are going on vacation, playing with friends or off to camp. No time like the present for you to get together and share a happy memory.

Services for Older Citizens is making it easy to enjoy an afternoon out with your favorite grandchild doing things both of you will enjoy. All the planning and driving will be done for you.

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For reservations, call Gia Franciosi at the SOC office (313) 882-9600.

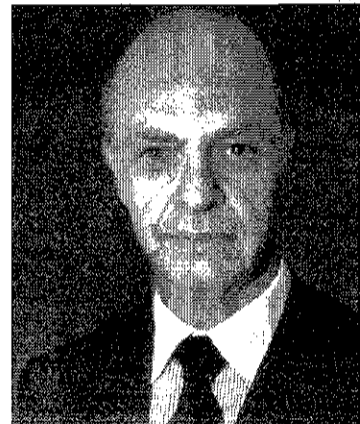
Proceeds to benefit research

A doctor's compilation of stories shared by breast cancer survivors will benefit those fighting the disease now and in the future.

Inspired by one of his patients, Dr. S. David Nathanson, director of Breast Care Services in the Department of Surgery at Henry Ford Health System, is sharing the emotional and physical experiences of his breast cancer survivors in his book, "Ordinary Miracles: Learning from Breast Cancer Survivors" released this month.

The personal stories of 71 survivors, including one man, recount the stages of recovery, starting with the despair and fear felt at diagnosis, to the faith and inner-strength each patient draws upon as they receive treatment.

A portion of the proceeds of the book, retailing for \$49.95, will benefit breast cancer re-



Dr. S. David Nathanson

search at the Josephine Ford Cancer Center.

Though he said science cannot explain it, Nathanson, believes intangible traits like courage, persistence, faith and hope have proven essential prescriptions in the treatment process.

While extraordinary survival stories like Lance Armstrong's

receive much media attention, Nathanson said it's equally important for the everyday cancer survivor to share their story. He calls each breast cancer survivor an "ordinary miracle" and hopes the survival stories told in the book offer inspiration to other everyday, regular people facing cancer.

"One of the most important keys to survival is hope which can be found in the stories shared by survivors," Nathanson said.

He also believes his book is a portrait of the major breakthroughs in the way doctors interact with their patients.

While years ago, medical students were instructed to be silent doctors, relying on patients' trust, he said today's interactive patient-doctor relationships allow patients to make significant decisions and offer input in the treatment process.

You can make a difference as an AARP volunteer

The American Association of Retired Persons offers a range of opportunities to people in the Detroit area.

◆ **Economic security and work volunteer.** This volunteer will present and speak to community groups, civic organizations, community colleges, business groups and AARP members about saving, man-

aging and protecting financial assets; or about work opportunities for individuals 50 years of age and older. This volunteer will also assist AARP's associate state director for economic work and security with special events which surround the above-mentioned topics and assist with state-wide planning strategies with AARP.

◆ **District advocacy liaison.** This volunteer serves as a grassroots volunteer who develops relationships with his or her local office holders and state legislators to enhance AARP's presence and influence locally in the state Legislature.

For more information, call (517) 267-8900.

Doctor returns

Dr. Carol Wood-Zanchetta is performing her chiropractic duties at Total Health Systems Multi-disciplinary healthcare facility, after being away for nine years.

Wood-Zanchetta worked at the system's Clinton Township office until 1998 and rejoined to continue to specialize in family health care. She is proficient in many modern, gentle-adjusting techniques and has treated patients as young as a few hours and as old as 99 years of age.

She is a graduate of Palmer College of Chiropractic in Davenport, Iowa, which is the original and oldest College of Chiropractic. Besides her stay in Iowa, Wood-Zanchetta has lived in Michigan, growing up in Warren, and living in St. Clair Shores, Clinton Township, Shelby Township, and now in Rochester.

She has offices in Clinton Township.

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Fayza Husseini earned a degree in French with a minor in psychology from Albion College. Husseini is the daughter of Falen Husseini and Alya Abdulrazak of Grosse Pointe Shores and is a Grosse Pointe North High School graduate.

Hunter Huth earned a degree in economics and management with a concentration in the Gerstacker Liberal Arts Program in professional management from Albion College. He is the son of Paul and Catherine Huth of Grosse Pointe Farms and is a University of Liggett School graduate.

Alexandra McLellan earned a speech communication degree from Albion College. She is the daughter of John and Melinda McLellan of Grosse Pointe Park and a graduate of Grosse Pointe South High School.

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Alexandra Miller earned a degree in art history with a minor in art from Albion College. She is the daughter of Mary Ann Miller of Grosse Pointe Farms and a graduate of Grosse Pointe South High School.

Jeffrey Moore earned a degree in economics and management from Albion College.

Moore received the degree with departmental honors. He is the son of Donald and Sandra Moore of Grosse Pointe and graduated from Grosse Pointe North High School.

Meredith Rock earned a degree in economics and management, with a concentration in the Gerstacker Liberal Arts Program in professional management from Albion College. Rock is the daughter of Jerome and Ann Rock of Grosse Pointe and a graduate of Grosse Pointe South High School.

Vanessa Vitale earned a speech communication degree from Albion College. She is the daughter of Peter and AnnMarie Vitale of Grosse Pointe Woods and a Regina High School graduate.

Patrick Marshall Cisco of Grosse Pointe Shores earned a Bachelor of Business Administration degree from the University of Mississippi.

Lauren Elizabeth Harrington, daughter of William B. and Joanne F. Harrington, Grosse Pointe Park, graduated from Aquinas College with a Bachelor of Arts degree.

Vicki Weiss of Grosse Pointe was named to the DePaul University dean's list for the 2007 spring term. She is pursuing a sociology major.

Michael Wemhoff of Grosse Pointe Farms was named to the DePaul University dean's list for the 2007 spring term. He is pursuing a biological sciences

major.

David A. Roden of Grosse Pointe Farms was named to the DePaul University dean's list for the 2007 spring term.

Callie A. Blatt of Grosse Pointe Farms was named to the

DePaul University dean's list for the 2007 spring term. She is majoring in communications.

Robert Vorhees of Grosse Pointe Farms was named to the DePaul University dean's list for the 2007 spring term.

Whitney Elizabeth Smith of Grosse Pointe Park was named to the DePaul University dean's list for the 2007 spring term. She is a communications major.

Heidi Bush, a Welch Colleague Scholar, graduated Cum Laude from the University of Charleston, in Charleston, W.V., with a degree in business administration. Bush was a member of Students in Free Enterprise (SIFE), a sister of the Delta Phi Delta sorority and an inductee into the Sigma Beta Delta

National Business Honor Society. She is the daughter of Samuel and Elaine Bush of Grosse Pointe Farms.

Zachary Wilkins, an eighth-grader at Howe Military School, and son of Ann and Paul Wilkins of Grosse Pointe Farms, was named to the principal's list for the fifth six week grading period.

EVENTS

Hymn sing

Do you have a favorite hymn? One that you remember from your childhood? A tune that your grandmother used to hum? Then join Grosse Pointe Congregational Church for its annual Favorite Hymn Sunday at 10 a.m. Sunday, June 17.

In lieu of a traditional sermon, the congregation and choir will join together in singing hymns, both old and new, requested by church members and visitors.

Hymn suggestions are being accepted at the church office and prior to Sunday and the choir will select those that will be sung during the service.

A coffee hour in celebration of Father's Day will follow the service at 11 a.m.

For more information, call the church at (313) 884-3075 or visit gpcong.org.

Crafters needed

Crafters are invited to participate in the 15th annual

Holiday Mart, Crafts and Bake Sale, in The Luther Center at First English Ev. Lutheran Church, 800 Vernier, Grosse Pointe Woods.

The event will be from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 13. Admission is \$1.50, and children 12 and under are free. Strollers are welcome, and a light luncheon will be available from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Proceeds will support church projects; Thrivent Financial will provide matching funds.

All show items must be handcrafted. Costs of participation, details on rental and table size and other questions pertaining to the juried aspect of the show may be addressed to Holiday Mart chairman, Beverly Jackson of St. Clair Shores, at (586) 771-9049.

Father's Day service

St. Albertus Historic Church, 4231 St. Albin at Canfield, Detroit, will have an 11 a.m. Mass for fathers. Doors open at 10 a.m. Sunday, June 17.

For more information, call (313) 527-9321.

PASTOR'S CORNER By Rev. John Corrado

Jerry and us

I have to admit it. I yielded to temptation. On the night of his death, when thunder rumbled, I said, "That's Jerry Falwell meeting his Maker."

My tongue may have been loose, but my mind was working.

The Rev. Mr. Jerry Falwell, the famous — or, depending on your point of view, notorious — preacher had been found dead earlier that day. Trying to put his life within the theology he claimed to subscribe to, I wondered how he would be greeted at the Gates of Paradise.

Falwell claimed to be a Christian, yet did not let his agape, his brotherly love, extend to his gay and lesbian brothers and sisters whom he often vilified. He even found venom in his soul for a children's TV cartoon character, a Teletubby, because he thought the character might be gay.

The character was clad in purple. Clichéd thinking, anyone? And how much of the love of Jesus was present in his comments about 9/11?

He said, "I really believe that the pagans and the abortionists and the feminists and the gays and the lesbians...all of them

who have tried to secularize America, I point the finger in their face and say, 'You helped this happen.'"

Did the God that Jesus spoke of have his finger in Falwell's face that night?

But before I — or we — presume too much about Rev. Falwell, or a branch of Christianity that millions cling to, let's remember this: Counterfeits come in all denominations. Right, left, mainstream — all have their share of preachers and pontificators who claim to be more-moral-than-thou.

Puffed up and unctuous, they seem to believe their incense doesn't stink. Were I to create a heaven, as Dante did, I would put these self-assured, earnest moralizers in a small room, strap a microphone to each one, and turn the volume all the way up.

I hope Jerry Falwell's soul finds rest. I know that another, then another, then another of his ilk will appear, on the right and on the left and in the mainstream. May we all be watchful — and careful.

The Rev. John Corrado is the pastor at the Grosse Pointe Unitarian Church.

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STATE OF THE ARTS By Alex Suczek

Stratford's 'King Lear' is stunning



Anyone asserting that "King Lear" is Shakespeare's greatest play need only cite the production at Stratford this summer as glowing proof.

Here is a stunning performance that does full justice to the story of an aging leader seeking to share his wealth and authority in what amounts to a semi-retirement. However, by bestowing his estate on his heirs prematurely he opens a Pandora's box of human frailties.

Two daughters who are his beneficiaries heave their hearts into their mouths to flatter their father when he announces his plan.

Then they turn on him viciously.

Meanwhile, he impetuously disinherits a third daughter who loves him most but refuses to flatter and praise him excessively to win her share. The rest of the action illustrates Lear's famous line: "How sharper than a serpent's tooth it is to have a thankless child?"

As both director and star, Brian Bedford leads a performance that etches the conflicting emotions of love, ambition, hate and greed portrayed in Shakespeare's rich text with powerful and moving clarity.

While the play was written in a timeless era of ancient history, the reactions of the members of Lear's family and court, performed with brilliance and insight, are distressingly familiar to a modern audience.

It is a gripping evening of theater.

No less important than the eloquence of Shakespeare's script and the cast's superb acting is the unmistakable genius of Bedford's direction and blocking of the scenes. Making creative use of the Festival Theatre's inner stage, balcony and multiple levels, he achieves seamless moves from scene to scene.

The pace of the story has an amazing flow with a resulting heightened impact of the unfolding plot.

A major benefit is the enhanced recognition of the parallel plots in which Lear misjudges the sincerity of his daughters, and the Duke of Gloucester (Scott Wentworth), of his sons.

It brings out the intertwining of the two plots in a way that maximizes the story's impact.

The costumes and props, even the restoration of the central pillar supporting the balcony over the inner stage, are also key factors.

Desmond Healy, brought out of retirement to consult on the design of this show, has restored the original stage layout while Ann Curtis conceived elegant Jacobean style costumes totally consistent with and supportive of the way the play is done.

Lighting designer Michael Whitfield has created effects with exceptional subtlety and drama.

The brightness of the opening courtroom scene dims effectively to harmonize with the increasing grimness of two of Lear's three daughters as they exercise their newly acquired power over their father. Use of strobes and incredibly realistic sound effects, already familiar techniques, provide ultra-realistic impressions of thunder and lightning in Lear's famous storm scene.

Used with discreet timing, they support and strengthen the impact of the storm without covering the famous speech that represents the thunderous exclamations of Lear's frustration and the violence of his feelings.

While Bedford's voice may not quite match the volume of other famous Lears, his deliv-



PHOTO BY DAVID HOU

Brian Bedford as King Lear

ery conveys his role's frustration and fury with ample passion.

An especially impressive moment is the intense brightening of a spotlight on Lear conveying the illusion of his transfiguration at death. It is a stunning effect.

Even the small amount of background music is exceptionally well chosen.

A brief passage of brass choir, resembling Gabrielli professional music from Renaissance Venice, lends grace and dignity to King Lear's first entrance in the

courtroom before his world falls apart.

True to Stratford's admirable tradition of maintaining a strong company of actors, the rest of the cast gives Bedford a level of support that most directors and stars would die for.

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Sara Topham as Cordelia, Lear's youngest daughter, displays a strength and stubbornness, that mirrors the personality of her father and brings conviction to her unwillingness to flatter and praise him as he demands it to justify the gift of a share of his kingdom.

Wenna Shaw and Wendy Robie, on the other hand, as sisters Goneril and Reagan convert from fawning sycophants to ferocious harpies lusting always for more power until, after destroying Lear and Cordelia, they consume each other and deserve the dubious distinction of the dissembling sisters you love to hate.

Peter Donaldson as loyal courtier, Kent, is an endearing hero as he stands ready to make any sacrifice to help his king through his travails. His insults against Goneril's rude and ruthless servant are moments of genuine swashbuckling fun, not to mention the many moments of ironic humor that give rise to the relief of laughter in an audience held in suspense by the tragic progress of the play.

In their parallel plot, Dion Johnstone as Edmund and Gareth Potter as Edgar, the sons of Gloucester, offer similarly contrasting figures as Edgar, though mistrusted by their father, remains loyal and true while Edmund uses every trick of guile and intrigue to take over his father's dukedom.

Edgar is especially effective as he changes personalities to play the demented beggar,

Poor Tom, and then resumes his true self as he brings his father back from death.

A special figure in the play is Lear's Fool, played by Bernard Hopkins. His role is to remind Lear of reality and make fun by speaking the truth. It is not an easy role and Hopkins fulfills it with touching persistence as the old king keeps drifting into insanity.

But the overwhelming impact is that of Bedford's acting and directing which gives this challenging and intriguing drama an impact that is rare among its many ambitious productions.

Speeches are articulated with a clarity that results in few words or phrases being lost, even when actors have their backs to a portion of the audience on this challenging arena stage.

Characters are developed with a consistency in accord with the possibilities of Shakespeare's script. And the story is brought to life on stage with a conviction and passion that carries the audience on a wave of emotion.

For the experienced theatergoer, it engenders a new appreciation of a great drama. For the first time viewer, it is a top quality introduction to one of the theater's greatest creations.

"King Lear" is presented in repertory at the Festival Theatre through Oct. 28.

For a visitors guide or to arrange tickets and accommodations and take advantage of special offers, call (800) 567-1600 or visit stratfordfestival.ca.

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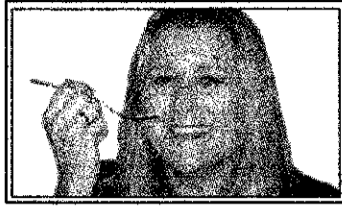
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A LA ANNIE By Annie Rouleau-Scheriff

Kabobs are cool



A summer favorite from the grill is kabobs of meat and vegetables. This week I'm presenting a chilled kabob that you can prepare in advance and will never see the grill. Antipasto kabobs are a combination of what I like to serve on an antipasto platter, alongside with Italian dressing for dipping. You can choose your favorite meats and cheeses, add some olives, cherry tomatoes and what ever else your family might enjoy.

Chilled Antipasto Kabobs

1 package Good Season's

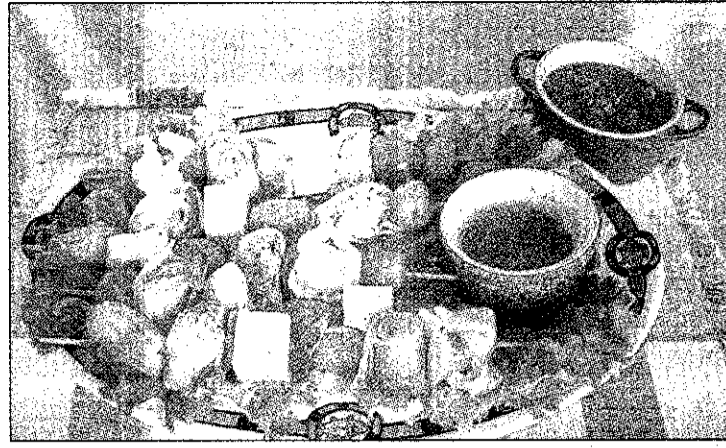
- Italian dressing**
 1 package large fresh tortellini (portobello)
 1/2 lb. block asiago cheese cut into 1 inch chunks
 1/2 lb. sliced salami
 1/2 lb. sliced provolone cheese
 10 jumbo pimento stuffed green olives
 10 pepperoncini
 10 cherry tomatoes
 10 to 20 fresh basil leaves
 green leaf lettuce for serving
- Prepare the Good Season's according to package directions and set aside.
- Bring a pot of water to a gentle boil and cook the tortellini for just 6 minutes. Carefully drain and chill with cold water. Drain again and transfer to a bowl. Add the asiago chunks and gently toss with 1 tablespoon of the prepared dressing. Lay out five slices of the salami (overlapping) and top with a slice of provolone. Roll the meat and cheese up tightly, trim the edges and cut into 1

inch thick pinwheels. There should be enough meat and cheese to make four or five of the rolls, each cut into 4 pinwheels.

To assemble the kabobs, take a long wooden skewer and spear an olive, followed by a meat and cheese pinwheel, a fresh basil leaf, a chunk of asiago, a tomato, a tortellini, another fresh basil leaf, and finish with a pepperoncini. There is no special order in which to build your kabobs. You can add more meat, cheese or tortellini to suit your taste. I had fun building each kabob a little different from the next.

Line a serving platter with fresh leaf lettuce and arrange the kabobs over the lettuce. Serve with the Italian dressing on the side. Turn the kabobs into a bonafide meal with some crusty bread and a bowl of Antoinette's amoglio sauce (last week's recipe).

The heat wave season is here. Cool down with chilled antipasto kabobs.



Fundraiser

The National Alliance for the Mentally Ill is selling the 2008 Entertainment book. If paid for now (\$20), for delivery in August, a free 2007 Entertainment book good to Nov. 1, will be given to you. A quarter of the price will be going for brain disorder research. For information, call Tom Coles, M.D. at (313) 885-0632, or Jeannine at (313) 881-3906.

Jazz quintet to perform

The Robert Pipho Jazz Quintet will perform at the St. John Hospital and Medical Center Music on The Plaza concert series at 7 p.m., Thursday, June 21.

The concerts are free and take place on The Festival Plaza located at the corner of Kercheval and St. Clair in The Village.

A vibraphonist and pianist, Pipho will perform jazz standards, be-bop and original compositions. He will be joined by Alex Rogowski on guitar, Keith Kaminski on sax, Kurt Krahnke on bass and Billy Higgins on drums.

Pipho has performed with jazz heavyweights such as Kirk



Robert Pipho

Lightsey, Regina Carter, Freddie Hubbard and David

"Fathead" Newman. He is an adjunct professor at Wayne State University teaching jazz theory, function and harmony. In addition, he composes music for a variety of clients in the radio and automotive industries. Though Pipho has performed on The Plaza in previous years, this is his first appearance locally as a bandleader. The concerts are free and in case of rain will be held at Maire Elementary School, 740 Cadieux. For more information, call (313) 886-7474 or visit thevil.lagegp.com for a complete schedule and location information.

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Norsemen take regional title



PHOTO BY DR. J. RICHARD DUNLAP

Grosse Pointe North's Nikki Capizzo scores on a header in the Norsemen's regional championship victory against Stevenson.

Strong second half carries North past Stevenson, 5-1

Stevenson's soccer team probably didn't know what hit it during the second half of its Division I regional championship game with Grosse Pointe North at Fraser last Saturday.

The Norsemen scored at a frantic pace as they pulled away from a 1-1 halftime tie and won 5-1 to move into the state semifinals against Rochester.

Whatever coaches Chip Stencil and Francesco Cilano told the North players at the break must have been the right thing.

The Norsemen came out of halftime with a tremendous amount of energy and they beat the Titans to every loose ball.

Only seconds into the second half, Olivia Stander drilled a shot past the Stevenson goalie after an outstanding assist from Nikki Capizzo.

Moments later, Stander nearly had another goal but the Titans' goalie came up with a fine save to keep the score 2-1.

Within another minute, Capizzo received a perfect long pass from Paula Kennedy, drove through the defense and scored. Kennedy had an outstanding second half for North.

With 27:40 remaining in the game, Stander got another long pass from Kennedy and scored her second goal despite

having several Stevenson defenders grabbing at her jersey.

All the momentum belonged to North at that point.

Capizzo got tied up in the penalty box area with 12:40 left, which resulted in a penalty shot for Stander, but the Stevenson netminder made a brilliant athletic save.

That seemed to give the Titans some renewed energy, but North sapped that surge when Sami Filippelli's corner kick was mishandled by the goalkeeper, giving the Norsemen their final goal of the game.

North's defenders, especially Allison Everitt, Elizabeth Steinkampf, Christina Schucker, Allyssa Bruno and Megan Herbst, kept the pressure on and shut down the Stevenson forwards. Several of the Norsemen's defenders were playing through injuries.

North goalie Holly Spencer shook off an injury she suffered earlier in the game and made many key saves.

In the first half, play went back and forth with each team concentrating on keeping the other one off the scoreboard.

It was the third time the Norsemen and Titans have met. During the Macomb Area Conference Red Division season, Stevenson won once and

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North also advances in baseball

By Chuck Klonke
Sports Editor

There's a reason Nick Cullen is playing right field for Grosse Pointe North's baseball team.

And that reason was never more apparent than in last Saturday's Division I regional championship game against Detroit King.

"He has our best outfield arm," said North coach Frank Sumbera. "That's why we have him in right field, so he can make the strong throw."

Teams traditionally put the outfielder with the best arm in right field because he has the longest throws to third base and to home plate.

In North's 6-3 victory against King, Cullen twice threw out Crusaders runners at the plate to complete double plays.

The one that everyone will remember most came in the bottom of the seventh inning with the bases loaded and no

outs.

Matt Koppinger, who relieved Mike Doak after King loaded the bases, got the first batter to hit a fly ball to right. Cullen caught the ball and made a strong throw to catcher Robert Briski to nail the runner at the plate for the second out. Koppinger then got the next batter to hit an easy grounder to second baseman Marc Reno for the final out.

The victory sent the Norsemen to the state quarterfinals for the second year in a row. North, which won the state Division I championship last season, played Farmington in the quarterfinals.

After an easy 17-2 thumping of Mumford in the regional semifinal, the Norsemen had a few uneasy moments before they escaped with the win against King in the championship game.

"We hit (against King) but we couldn't score," said

Sumbera, who also guided North to a state Class A title in 1980.

North had 10 hits against Crusaders pitcher Jamell Terry, and went out in order in only the first inning, but the Norsemen couldn't get the hit to break the game open.

King managed only four hits against North starter Tim Tibaldo and Doak, but the Crusaders walked seven times.

North jumped ahead with three runs in the third inning. Jon Chapel walked and Cullen singled. After a fielder's choice, Briski drove in the game's first run with a single. Phil Dilone followed with a single and Tibaldo drove in a run with a double. Reno capped the inning with an RBI single.

Chapel's RBI single made it 4-0 in the top of the fourth, but King scored a run in the bottom of the fourth on an RBI

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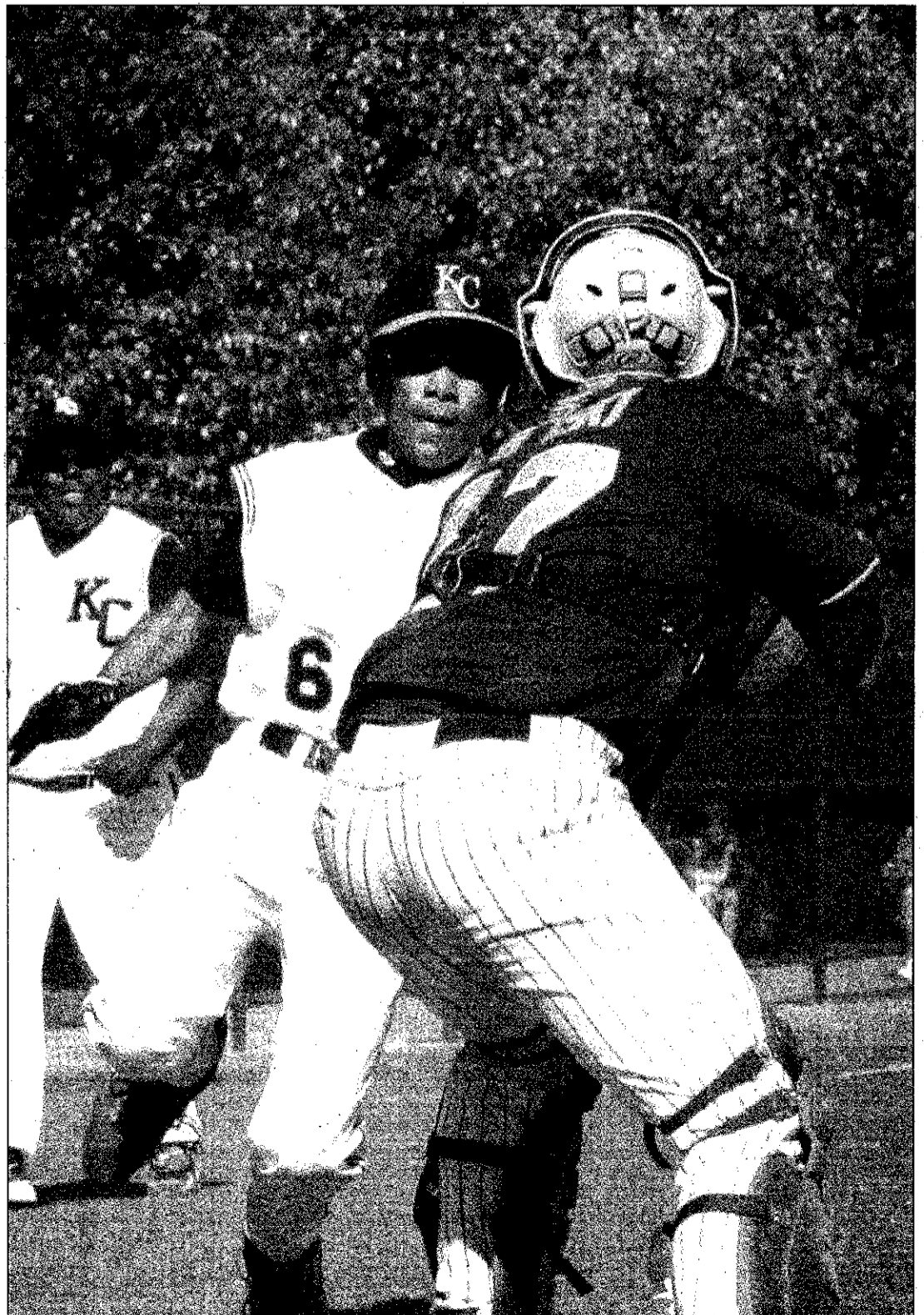


PHOTO BY JOHN SCHRAGE

North catcher Robert Briski gets ready to tag out King's Christopher Thomas after a perfect throw from right fielder Nick Cullen in the bottom of the seventh inning.

ULS dominates regional

By Chuck Klonke
Sports Editor

Before the season started, University Liggett School baseball coach Dan Cimini felt that the Knights were capable of accomplishing some impressive feats.

So far, the team hasn't let him down.

"I've felt all along that this team was destined to do some great things," Cimini said after ULS overwhelmed a pair of Detroit Catholic League teams on the way to winning the Division IV regional hosted by Parkway Christian.

"I talked to some people after our games (Saturday) and

they said it was like men against boys. And both (Waterford) Our Lady of Lakes and (Royal Oak) Shrine are good teams."

ULS beat Shrine 10-0 in the championship game as Curtis Fisher pitched his third no-hitter of the season. Fisher recorded five strikeouts in the five-inning game.

ULS manufactured a run in the first inning when Fisher walked, stole second and third and scored on a throwing error.

The Knights added four runs in the third. A walk to Jeremiah Manning and singles by Patrick Gustine and Fisher loaded the bases. Michael

Thomas walked to force in a run, Joe Conway hit a two-run single and the final run scored on a sacrifice fly by Andrew Malaski.

ULS added five more runs in the fifth to end the game on a mercy rule. Thomas put down a perfect suicide squeeze to bring in a run, and when the Shrine second baseman fell while covering first, the throw went down the right field line and three runs scored. Conway capped the inning with his second two-run single and third hit of the game.

"Joe was fantastic in both games," Cimini said. "He

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showed the senior leadership that you need in games like these."

ULS also struck early in the regional semifinal when it beat Lakes 9-1.

Fisher led off the first inning with a double — the first of his three hits — moved to third on a wild pitch and scored on a single by D.J. Henderson.

The Knights loaded the bases in the second on a single by Tommy Graves, Clarke Dirksen was hit by a pitch, and Manning walked. Gustine knocked in two runs with a double, and Fisher followed with an RBI single.

ULS added two more runs in the third. Singles by Henderson, Conway and Graves produced one run, and the second scored on Manning's groundout.

The Knights' pitching depth was needed in the third inning when Henderson, who started on the mound, had to leave the game because of cramps. The Lakers had scored their only run on two walks, a hit batter and a wild pitch. Gustine relieved and shut down Lakes the rest of the way.

"Patrick came in and pitched great," Cimini said. "We played outstanding in both games. We hit the ball well, we ran the bases well and the pitching and defense was excellent."

ULS played Allen Park Inter-City Christian in the state quarterfinal game on Tuesday.

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single by Devin Butts.

The Norsemen increased their lead to 6-1 in the fifth. With two out, Tibaudo singled and Reno reached on an error. Mike D'Agne followed with a two-run single.

King cut the lead to 6-3 in the bottom of the fifth on a run-scoring single by Mark Brown and an RBI double by Alan Wilson.

Doak relieved Tibaudo and got the final out of the inning. He retired the Crusaders in order in the sixth, but ran into some trouble in the seventh.

That's when Koppinger, who got credit for the victory in the first game, made his first relief appearance of the season.

The first game ended after four innings because of a mercy rule. North collected 12 hits, including three-run homers by Chapen and Reno, and took advantage of six Mumford errors.

The Norsemen erupted for five runs in the first inning. Cullen and Tibaudo each hit two-run singles and another run scored on Briski's double.

Mike Stevenson's second double of the game drove in one of North's two second-inning runs, and the other one scored on an error.

Chapel's home run was the big hit of the four-run third inning. Koppinger drove in the first run of the inning with a single.

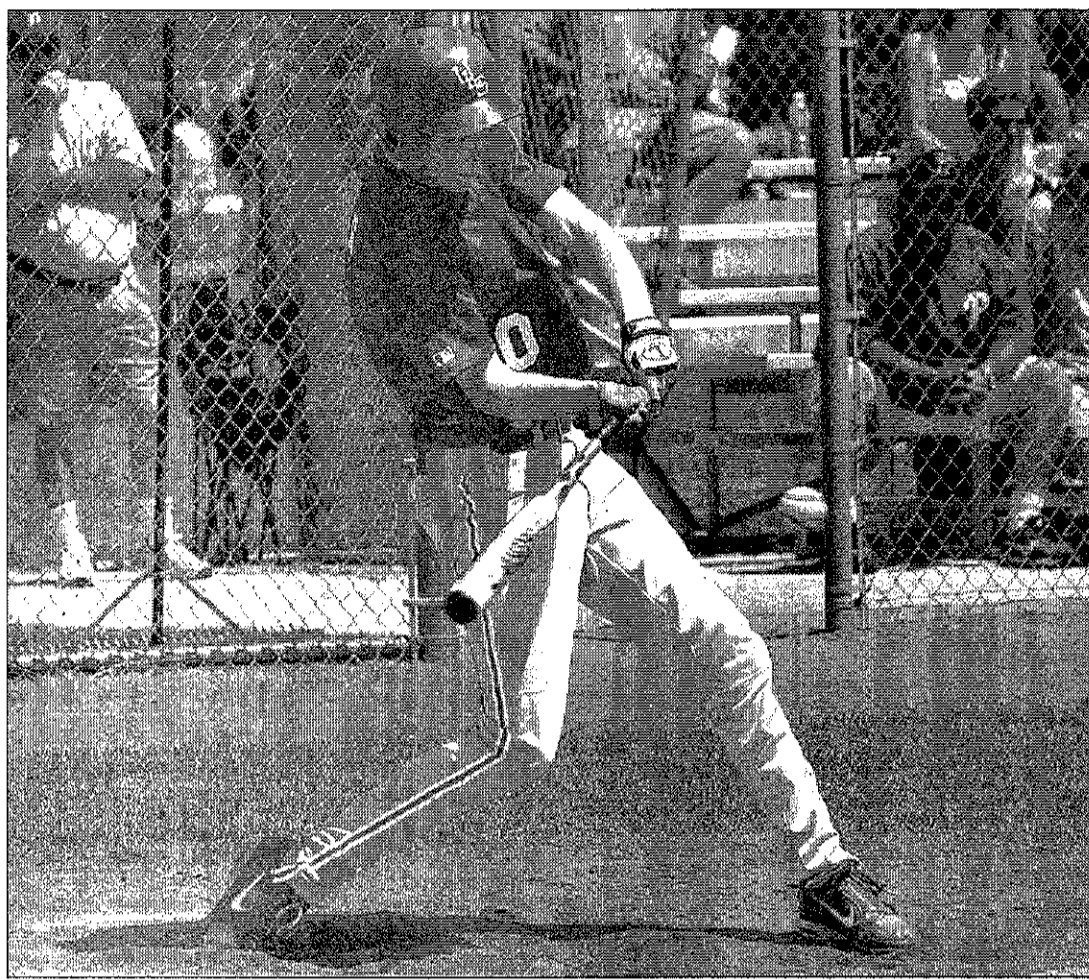
North wrapped up the game with a six-run outburst in the fourth. Marshall Ochylski drove in the first run of the inning with a single, and Reno followed with his home run over the right field fence.

"That's his third home run of the year," Sumner said. "He has some power. He's had a great year."

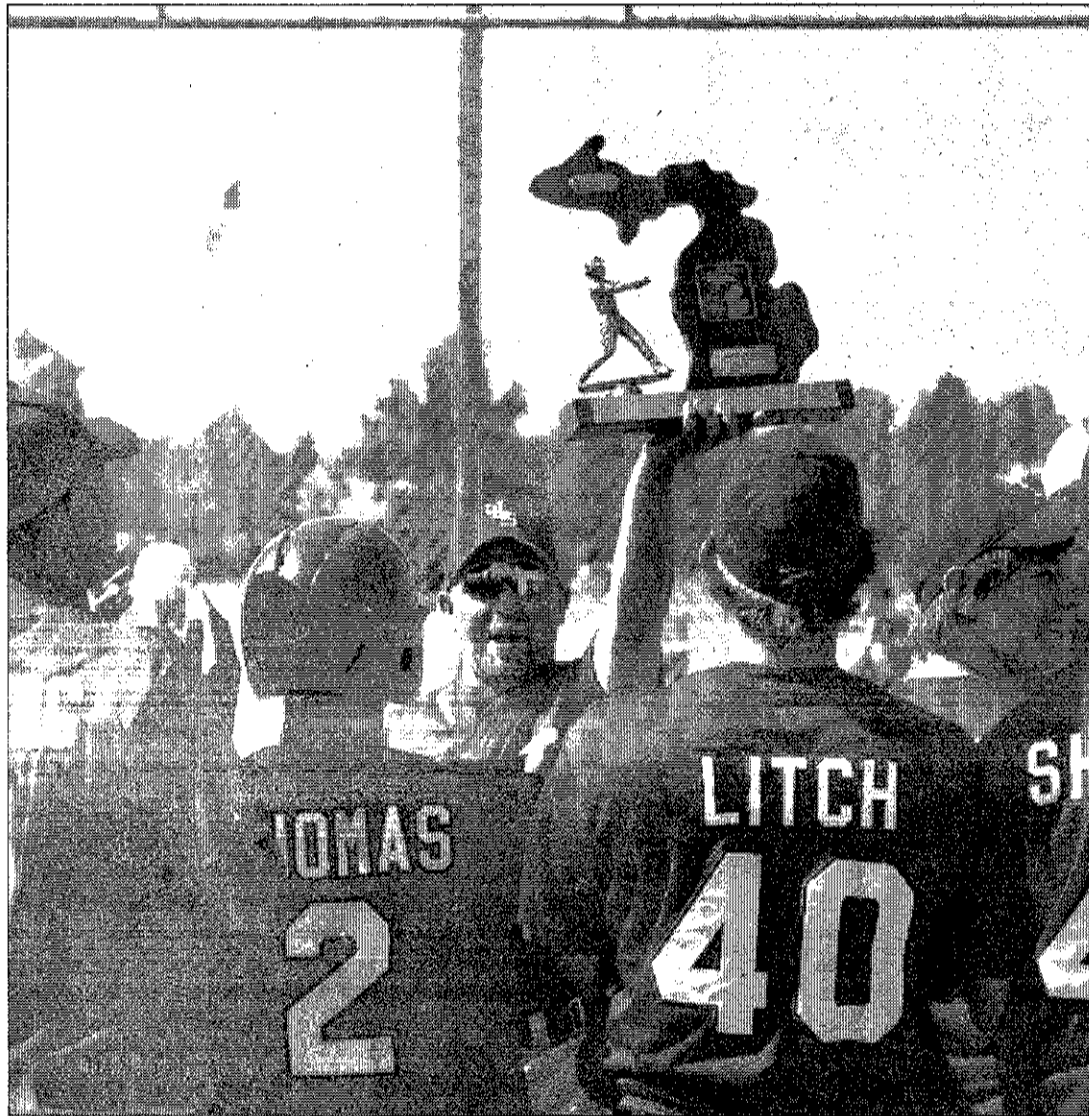
Chapel, who drove in four runs in the game, had an RBI single, and Cullen capped the inning with a sacrifice fly.

Koppinger started and blanked the Mustangs on one hit in his two innings. Ochylski finished and allowed singles runs — both unearned — in the third and fourth innings.

Stevenson, Chapel, Cullen and Tibaudo each collected a pair of hits for North.



A University Liggett School batter makes contact during the Knights' regional victory against Waterford Our Lady of Lakes.



University Liggett School coach Dan Cimini shows his baseball team the regional championship trophy it won last weekend.

History repeats as ULS loses shootout in tourney

By Chuck Klonke
Sports Editor

Last week's Division IV regional championship soccer game must have seemed like the repeat performance of a bad movie to University Liggett School coach David Backhurst.

"That's two years in a row we've lost the regional final in a shootout and to the same team both years," Backhurst said after the Knights' bid for a second state championship in three years ended Saturday night at Riverview Gabriel Richard with a 3-2 loss to Ann Arbor Greenhills.

"It was a very frustrating and crushing defeat. And I really felt good about our chances going into the game."

ULS didn't get off to a very good start.

Greenhills got the first goal of the game midway through the first half off a corner kick.

"They controlled the midfield and seemed to have our defenders on their heels most of the first half," Backhurst said.

"We outshot them 12-9 in the half but it seemed like they had the ball in our end more than we did in theirs."

At halftime, Backhurst talked to his team about what it had to do to get back into the game and the Knights responded.

However, three minutes into the second half, the Gryphons took advantage of a rare defen-

sive breakdown by ULS and scored to take a 2-0 lead.

After that it was all ULS.

"We fought hard to get back into the game," Backhurst said. "That was the encouraging thing that came out of this. We carried the play the whole second half."

The Knights finally scored with five minutes remaining in regulation. Kate Fridholm crossed a ball to the onrushing Jessica Leonard, who scored on one of her patented drives to the goal.

There was only 2:11 left in regulation when Fridholm scored the tying goal, assisted by Jillian Twardoski.

The first 15-minute overtime period was all ULS as the Knights did everything but score a goal.

"We just couldn't quite set up the right shot," Backhurst said.

Greenhills, which looked weary late in regulation and during the first overtime, seemed to get a second wind in the second overtime, which was evenly played.

Neither team scored, so the game went to a shootout.

"That's something we've practiced almost every day this year after losing last year in a shootout," Backhurst said.

In the first round of the shootout, ULS goalie Grace D'Arcy made an outstanding save on the Greenhills shooter, while the Knights' Monique Squiers answered with a goal.

In the second round, the Greenhills player fired a shot

off the crossbar, but it was ruled that D'Arcy moved too soon and the Gryphons got to shoot a second time. This time, the shot found its mark, and ULS missed its attempt.

D'Arcy made another fine save in the third round, and Leonard scored to give ULS a 2-1 advantage.

In the last two rounds, Greenhills scored in each, while ULS failed to score.

ULS reached the regional championship game with a 6-2 victory against Monroe St. Mary Catholic Central.

Leonard opened the scoring 20 minutes into the match after taking a cross from Fridholm. Before the first half ended, Elizabeth Palmer and Rachel Goldberg scored to give ULS a 4-1 lead.

At that point, Backhurst replaced many of his starters and St. Mary scored again to close the margin to two goals.

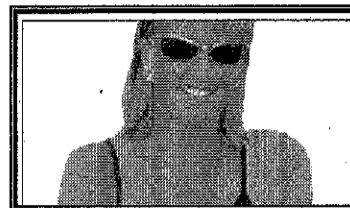
That got a little too close for comfort, and back into the game went Leonard and Company.

Leonard then scored her third goal of the game, assisted by Goldberg, and Chloe Kirchner wrapped up the scoring with the assist going to Meredith Quinlan.

ULS outshot St. Mary 18-8. The Knights ended the season with a 17-3 record.

ON SAIL By Sandra Svoboda

Sailors cherish Dad memories



Chris Van Tol, of Grosse Pointe Park, grew up sailing with his family on Lake St. Clair and elsewhere. He sums it up by saying: "A dull moment never seems to have existed."

And, to be specific: "At the age of 10, I managed to suction a can of cranberry juice (trying to pull back the tin foil tab with my teeth) to my lip while delivering the family boat back from Mackinac Island. My dad immediately was under the impression that I had frozen the can to my lip from the dry ice in the cooler."

"With a crying and bleeding 10-year-old who had a can dangling from his lip, my dad jumped into action by dunking my head on multiple attempts into a bucket of cold Lake Huron water."

"After half a dozen dunks with no success and an increasing amount of blood loss...the needle nose pliers finally did the trick!"

For Geoff Kimmel, of Grosse Pointe Woods, this summer is an especially difficult one as he lost his father, Andy, last fall. Still, the memories are vivid.

"Without a doubt winning the 2004 Mackinac with him was the most memorable achievement. That was the last time we sailed together before he got really sick — winning his last Mackinac and having his two boys (those that sail: Geoff and brother, Brad) on board with him was one of the highlights of his life, I think, as many people never win the race to begin with let alone a father and his two sons."

"This year will be the last time as we sail together (brother Tim, Brad and I on Margaret Rintoul IV) and plan to sprinkle his remains in the Straits of Mackinac before arriving. For the remainder of my life I'll get to look forward to this race in excitement of being with him again. He loved this pastime and I loved being able to join him at it."

Kevin Schrage, of Grosse Pointe Park, remembers his last sail with his recently deceased father too.

"The best and last time I sailed with my dad was bringing a friend's boat back from Mackinac in 2003. I was so lucky to have spent that time with him. We sailed 90 percent of the trip between the island and Port Huron. We had a solid 15 to 20 knots of breeze coming from the northwest so it was a perfect ride back. He and I always had one big thing in common: our love for the water."

"I can remember passing through Saginaw Bay with lots of fog and breeze. Freighter horns were alerting boaters they were in the area. We could barely see the bow of our own boat. I have never seen fog so dense."

"But it was quite a thrill, not a scare for both of us. I remember sitting on the bow of the boat with it heeled over quite a bit, watching Dad drive. I could hardly see his face because of the dense fog, but the smile on his face was something I had never seen before."

"We both had smiles that only sailing could bring. Every time I think of my dad and my best memory of him, I think it of that trip."

"We didn't even do much talking during those four days. We didn't need to. We both were just happy to do something we both loved to do — together."

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Two Pointers on All-Star squad

Ryan Abraham of Grosse Pointe South and Matt Koppinger of Grosse Pointe North will play for the East squad in the annual Michigan High School Baseball Coaches Association East-West All-Star Baseball Classic at Comerica Park on Monday, June 18. Abraham played shortstop

and pitched for the Blue Devils. Koppinger is a third baseman and pitcher for the Norsemen.

The game features the best senior players in the state. The first pitch is scheduled for 7 p.m. Tickets may be purchased at Comerica the day of the game for \$5.

Norsemen bow in semifinals

By Bob St. John
Staff Writer

It wasn't meant to be. It's one thing to hold one of the state's highest scoring teams to one of its season lows in goals scored, but you won't win many games when your offense scores only four.

That's the situation Grosse Pointe North's girls lacrosse team faced in last week's 9-4 loss to Birmingham United in a Division 1 state semifinal at South Lyon.

"On one hand, we held

Birmingham's offense in check," North head coach Bill Seaman said. "However, on the other hand, our offense scored only four times.

"We will not win many games scoring only four goals, especially against a very good team such as Birmingham."

The Norsemen, ranked No. 6 in the state, trailed 3-2 in the first half against the No. 1 ranked squad.

It was a 4-3 halftime game until Birmingham scored twice early in the second half to stretch the margin to three

goals, 6-3.

"We were good, but Birmingham was a little better," Seaman said. "We didn't maximize our scoring chances, which we had to do to beat them."

The Norsemen fired 19 shots on net with Alexa Quinlan (two goals), Kate Zemenick (one) and Natalie Tocco (one) beating the goalkeeper.

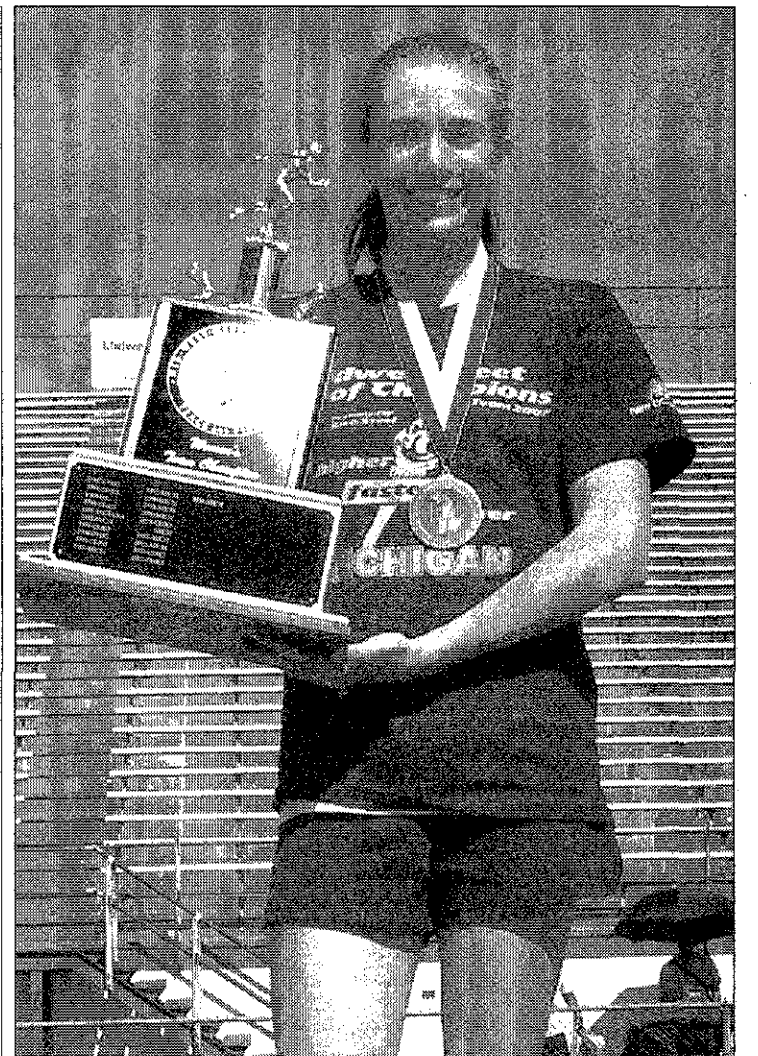
Christine Rabaut had three good scoring chances and Lindsey Rader had a point-blank shot that failed to find the back of the net.

Other notables Seaman applauded were Emily Nelson and Lauren Nixon.

Once the Norsemen fell behind, they had to take some chances to try and make up the difference.

"Birmingham tacked on a couple of insurance goals," Seaman said. "It's a tough loss, but despite that, we still had a great season, setting a mark for best-ever record in our history."

Grosse Pointe North ended its record-setting season 14-4 (.778 winning percentage).



North's Betsy Graney shows off the trophy she helped Team Michigan win at last weekend's Midwest Meet of Champions. Graney finished third in the 1,600-meter run.

Windsurfing regatta is Saturday

The eighth annual Grosse Pointe Windsurfing Regatta will be held on Saturday at Patterson Park in Grosse Pointe Park.

Participant registration begins at 9 a.m. and races are scheduled to be held from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., weather permitting.

Patterson Park will be open

to non-resident spectators from 9 a.m. until the closing ceremonies.

There is no charge for spectators.

Participants will pay a \$35 registration fee on site. This entitles them to enter all races, refreshments, lunch courtesy of Buscemi's, and a chance to win raffle prizes and championship

trophies.

The regatta will feature between three and five individual races for novices, short, long and funboards, depending on weather conditions and racer demand.

The Windsurfing Club has been sailing out of the park since 1995, and it invites novices and veterans to join its

weekly informal races on Wednesdays at 6 p.m.

In case of inclement weather, the regatta will be held on Sunday, June 17.

For more information, contact Frank Murray at (313) 331-2125 or

murwind@aol.com. Patterson Park is located at the foot of Three Mile Drive.



PHOTO BY DR. J. RICHARD DUNLAP

North's Sami Filippelli (6) and Hannah Clor (10) trap Stevenson's Kelly Collins.

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the other match ended in a tie.

The Titans opened the scoring at 16:31 on a solid shot by Amy Trandell, that eluded North goalie Ariana Conti, who had replaced the injured Spencer.

Stevenson's lead lasted only 10 seconds before Stander made a long pass from the left side of the field to Hannah Clor, who made an outstanding shot over the goalie head to tie the match at 1-1.

North's regional semifinal victory against L'Anse Creuse North was a thriller that wasn't decided until Stander scored with 1:01 remaining in the second overtime period, giving the Norsemen a 2-1 victory.

Capizzo set up the goal with a perfectly placed, long, accurate ball to Stander, who took off with one defender on her back.

The Crusaders' goalie came out to stop the ball, but Stander faked her with her left foot, and rolled the ball into the net, sending the North fans into a frenzy.

It was the second double overtime victory in less than a week for the Norsemen, who beat Grosse Pointe South in double overtime in the district semifinal.

LCN controlled the game through most of the first half and the Crusaders might have built a comfortable lead if it hadn't been for several outstanding saves by Spencer.

North had some good scoring opportunities in the first half on crosses in front of the net by Stander, but the Norsemen weren't able to convert them into goals.

Everitt and Herbst, both playing through injuries, did an outstanding job on defense against LCN's aggressive forwards.

The Crusaders finally broke the scoreless tie with 30:41 left in the second half when Jaclyn Schultz set up Stephanie Alexander's goal off a corner kick.

North got the tying goal with 8:17 left in regulation. Kennedy took a throw-in and passed to Stander, who turned and left-footed the ball into the net.

That brought the North crowd at Fraser to its feet, and it remained standing for the rest of the match.

The Norsemen had some good scoring opportunities during the final eight minutes of regulation, but LCN continued the defensive pressure, placing two, sometimes three defenders on the North forwards.

Momentum seemed to shift to North in the first overtime period.

Stander had an excellent chance to end the game, but the Crusaders' goalie made a brilliant diving save to knock the ball to the left side of the net.

Freshman midfielders Filippelli and Capizzo were instrumental in keeping North in the game as they played with enthusiasm and confidence. Senior Danielle Przepiorka also played with a lot of energy during the two overtime periods.

Knights get third in Metro tourney

University Liggett School's softball team nearly beat top seeded Lutheran Northwest 5-3 in the Metro Conference tournament, and the Knights followed that effort with a 7-3 victory against Lutheran North, the team that had finished second during the regular season.

In the North game, ULS opened the scoring with two runs in the top of the second inning. Ke'Ana Bryant led off with a walk and Kate Shannon followed with a single. Both runners moved up on a passed ball, Megan Amicucci walked and Bryant scored on another passed ball. After a walk to Kristen Smitherman, Catherine Vatsis brought in the second run of the inning with a sacrifice.

North scored a run without a hit in the bottom of the second, but a five-run fourth inning won the game for the Knights. Shannon doubled but was erased on a fielder's choice. Walks to Smitherman, Janaya Gripper and Vatsis forced in one run, and Taylor Brown followed with a two-run single. With Danielle Vespa coming to the plate with first base open, the Mustangs attempted to walk her intentionally but she reached out and cleared the bases with a triple.

The rest of the game was a defensive show for ULS as the outfield made some fine plays and Brown recorded five more strikeouts and finished with a six-hitter.

In the fifth inning, a perfect relay from left fielder Smitherman to Vatsis at shortstop to Vespa at the plate cut down a North runner. In the

sixth, Smitherman and Kristen Peterson each made outstanding catches on long fly balls.

ULS finished third in the tournament for the second year in a row and became the first Metro Conference team to defeat Lutheran North twice in the same season in more than 20 years.

The Northwest game was a far cry from the 18-5 setback the Crusaders handed the Knights during the regular season.

ULS scored in the first inning on a walk to Vatsis, a sacrifice by Brown and an RBI single by Bryant. Northwest tied the game in the bottom of the first on Becca Heinrich's double, and took the lead with a run in the second.

The Knights tied the game at 2-2 in the third on singles by Brown, Vespa and Peterson.

Northwest's short left field fence came into play when the Crusaders scored three runs in the bottom of the third, breaking the tie on Sara Sidick's home run that would have likely been a fly ball out on the ULS field.

The Knights threatened in each of the last three innings, and once again the left field fence had an impact on the game.

ULS started the fifth with singles by Gripper and Brown. Vespa hit a drive off the fence that caromed to the left fielder, and she was held to a single on a ball that would have probably been a triple on the Knights' home field.

The same thing happened in the seventh on another drive by Vespa that hit the fence, holding her to a long single.

Aerobics classes start June 18

The Fitness Firm will begin a six-week series of low-impact aerobics on Monday, June 18 at First English Lutheran Church in Grosse Pointe Woods.

Classes are from 9:30 to

10:30 a.m. on Mondays and Wednesdays and from 6:45 to 7:45 on Tuesday and Thursdays. Participants can attend any or all classes.

For more information call (313)886-7534.

Graney saves her best for last

Grosse Pointe North senior Betsy Graney wanted one more race before her high school career ended, she got it and wrapped up an outstanding career in fine fashion.

Competing in the Midwest Meet of Champions at Jackson High School last weekend, Graney took third in the 1,600-meter run with a personal-best time of 5:00.54.

The Michigan team swept the event with Division IV state champion Marissa Treece finishing first and Carlie Green of Milford second.

The race was anything but routine for Graney, however, as a pole vault pole fell across the first lane of the track just in front of Graney and Green on their third lap.

"We had a split second to react," Graney said. "Carlie went around it into lane two and I just decided to hurdle it."

That cost Graney the chance to break five minutes for the first time.

"That certainly made a half-second difference since she broke stride to get over the pole," said North coach Charles Buhagiar. "Graney was unflappable, though, and kept her head in the race even after that unfortunate incident. Perhaps she should try the steeplechase in college."

Graney is headed to William and Mary on a scholarship to run track and cross country.

All three North coaches

were there to watch Graney's final high school race.

"We wouldn't have missed it for the world," said assistant coach Bruce Bentley.

"Betsy is the type of athlete that comes around once in a coaching career, unless you coach for more than 30 years like Buhagiar," said assistant coach Diane Montgomery. "We simply wanted to savor every last moment with her. She's a tremendous young lady. Not only is she talented, she's incredibly hard working and a genuinely nice person on top of it all. She has been a joy to coach."

Graney left a lot of reminders of her outstanding career at North.

She set school records in cross country and the 1,600 run, erasing old marks that had stood for 25 years. She is also part of two record relay teams, the 3,200 relay set at the state meet in 2004 and the 1,600 relay which set the record a week ago at the Division I championships.

The Midwest Meet of Champions features top senior athletes in all divisions from Michigan, Indiana and Ohio. The Michigan girls team ran away with the championship, setting a meet record with 232 points. Ohio was second with 138. The girls performance gave Michigan, whose boys team finished third, the overall team trophy.

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