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**G. P. WOODS**

## Mack powerless after storm

There were businesses without power, high winds, lots of rain and tree branches blown down, but the hardest thing Grosse Pointe Woods Public Safety had to deal with were the false burglar alarms that went off during storms on Thursday and Friday of last week.

According to Michael Makowski, director of public safety, his department received about a dozen reports of fallen wires during Thursday night's storm, and another half dozen during the storm that rolled

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**Week ahead**

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**MONDAY, SEPT. 3**

Labor Day. Drive sober.

**WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 5**

School starts. Drive carefully.

◆ The Windmill Pointe Garden Club meets at 11:30 a.m. at the home of Margaret Borden with Patti Bekowies as co-hostess. The program is "show and tell."

◆ Services for Older Citizens, 17150 Waterloo, City of Grosse Pointe, hosts a Labor Day picnic at 11 a.m. It features a Coney Island lunch and music by John Needham.

**THURSDAY, SEPT. 6**

◆ The American Association of University Women, Grosse Pointe Branch, invites community women to meet members at its annual fall kickoff meeting at 7 p.m., Thursday, Sept. 6, in the lower level of the Grosse Pointe Collection, 20155 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods.

◆ An open house at the Bon Brae Center is planned from 4 to 7 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 6, at 22300 Bon Brae, between 10 and 11 Mile roads off Jefferson in St. Clair Shores.

Participation is free. For more information, call Community Health Promotion at (586) 779-7900.

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## Lightning strikes

St. Clair Shores photographer Michael Hacala, who grew up in Grosse Pointe Woods, was near his boyhood neighborhood during the severe storm that went through the area last Thursday night. His venture led him to get this spectacular shot of lightning dancing around the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club. Below, the home of Jerry and Linda Pearsall, in the 500 block of Hawthorne in Grosse Pointe Woods, was smothered when the huge tree in their backyard succumbed to the high winds that also knocked out power at 2 a.m. last Thursday. There's among many trees reported down last week, along with power outages along Mack in the Woods.



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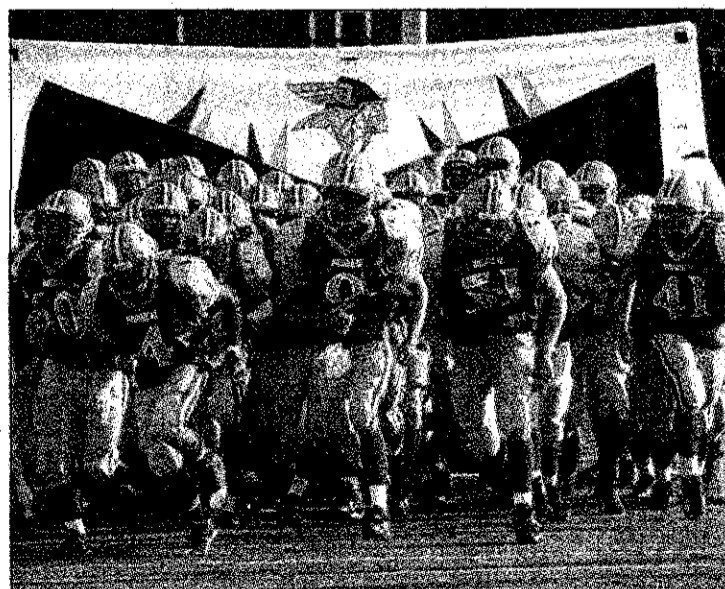


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## Charge!

Grosse Pointe North's football team charges on to the field for its season opener against Roseville last Thursday. North and Grosse Pointe South each opened the 2007 season with victories, although storms that passed through the Grosse Pointes forced both games to be suspended and completed the following day. Complete coverage of both contests is in Section C.

**GROSSE POINTE WOODS**

## Comptroller faces 2 felonies

### Charges stem from alleged fuel theft

Former Grosse Pointe Woods Comptroller Clifford Maison has been formally charged with two counts of embezzlement by a public official greater than \$50, the Wayne County Prosecutors' Office announced last week.

Maison, 54, is charged with using gasoline from city pumps for his personal vehicle and filing false mileage reimbursement requests. Both charges are felonies and each carries a sentence of up to 10 years in prison if convicted.

The charges stem from an investigation by city and state officials following reports that Maison was seen using the city gas pumps at the Department of Public Works yard after his city car and gas privileges were terminated in a cost cutting move by the city last November. In March, city offi-

cial was told that Maison had been using city-owned pumps to fill up his personal vehicle.

A review of videotapes revealed Maison had used the pumps several times, including on a Saturday and other times when the yard was officially closed. On one occasion, after filling up his own car, Maison returned 10 minutes later with another vehicle.

On March 15, Maison was placed on administrative leave and he tendered his resignation the following day. The city then authorized a forensic audit of Maison's financial dealings with the city and on March 20, files were turned over to the Michigan State Police.

Wayne County Prosecutor Kym Worthy announced the charges on Wednesday, Aug. 23, alleging that, "Mr. Maison used his position and authority to steal gasoline from the City of Grosse Pointe Woods."

See **MAISON**, page 2A

**POINTER OF INTEREST**

'I love nature.'

## Nell Susalla



**Home:** Grosse Pointe Farms  
**Age:** 67  
**Family:** Sons Scott and David; daughters-in-law, Molly and Harmony; grandsons Harry and Stewart  
**Claim to fame:** Avid gardener  
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Yesterday's headlines

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50 years ago this week

1982  
25 years ago this week

1997  
10 years ago this week

◆ **COMMUNITY MOURNS DEATH OF HIGH SCHOOL PRINCIPAL:** Grosse Pointe residents were stunned and saddened by the untimely death of Grosse Pointe South High School Principal Walter Cleminson. He died of a heart attack while driving his wife and one daughter to Toronto.

Cleminson, who was principal of South for 17 years, was beloved and respected in the community for his stewardship of the high school and his warmth and compassion for his students. One of his greatest triumphs was guiding the school through the expansion it experienced following World War II.

He was survived by his wife, Pauline, and two daughters, Sue and Nancy.

◆ **CAR ROBBERIES INVESTIGATED IN PARK:** A series of larcenies and attempted larcenies from cars in Grosse Pointe Park have Grosse Pointe Park police warning residents to better secure their vehicles.

All of the larcenies occurred on Whittier, with varying success. Several cars were found ransacked and others with items left untouched. All of the vehicles were reported to have been parked in garages.

◆ **RETURN OF THE CAT BURGLAR:** Ernest Morris of Detroit, who terrorized the Grosse Pointes several years ago by committing a string of burglaries, was arrested in Birmingham recently, just over a year after being paroled from prison for good behavior.

Morris was first arrested in the Pointes in 1944. He continued to plague the area until he was shot during a robbery attempt in Grosse Pointe Farms in 1951, which resulted in his prison sentence.

◆ **CLYNE MURDER CASE CLOSED:** Grosse Pointe Farms police concluded that Jeanne Clyne, who was murdered in the Farms three years ago, was the victim of bad timing.

Farms police said murder suspect Coral Eugene Watts, who is in prison in Texas for burglary with intent to commit murder, was "just driving around" when he decided to kill Clyne.

Clyne, a former reporter for the Detroit News, was killed early in the evening Oct. 31, 1979 on Kercheval. Her body was discovered north of the street.

Watts confessed to murdering Clyne only after being granted immunity from the Wayne County Prosecutor's Office.

◆ **CLUSTER HOMES SLATED FOR LAKESHORE:** The Grosse Pointe Farms city council voted to allow the development of 18 cluster type homes on the 7.85 acre Lakeshore property owned by Henry Ford II.

Ford said he has been unable to sell his 76-room mansion that now sits on the site. He proposed dividing up the property so that multiple homes could be built on the parcel.

Prices for the homes would start at \$300,000.

◆ **BABY BOOM AT BON SECOURS:** Bon Secours hospital reported the largest increase in births in southeast Michigan between 1977 and 1981.

The hospital believes its birthing room, infant car seat rental program, prenatal classes and a gourmet dinner served to new parents are what brings obstetric patients to the facility.

◆ **SCHOOL TRUANCY POLICY GOOD FOR SECOND YEAR:** The Grosse Pointe school system will enforce a truancy policy enacted a year ago because it has resulted in better attendance.

By year's end, data analysis showed a 20 percent improvement.

The policy limits student absences to 10 a semester, or 20 per class for the school year at Grosse Pointe South and North high schools.

◆ **PARK HOME BURNS:** Three Grosse Pointe fire departments were called to extinguish a fire at a home in the 1100 block of Maryland. The home was severely damaged when flames shot through the roof of the dwelling.

A Park police officer suffered minor injuries to his shoulder during the blaze. Investigators are focusing on a barbecue located near the home as the cause of the fire.

◆ **WOODS RETURNS TO MML INSURANCE PROGRAM:** The Grosse Pointe Woods city council renewed its property and liability insurance programs with the Michigan Municipal League.

The league is made up of Michigan municipalities. It keeps member communities informed of what is going on in Lansing, and lobbies legislators on behalf of members.

2002  
5 years ago this week

◆ **MIXED-USE DEVELOPMENT FAVORED FOR JAKE'S:** Filling the former Jacobson's department store building has developers looking at a mixed-use environment.

Ideas include reserving the

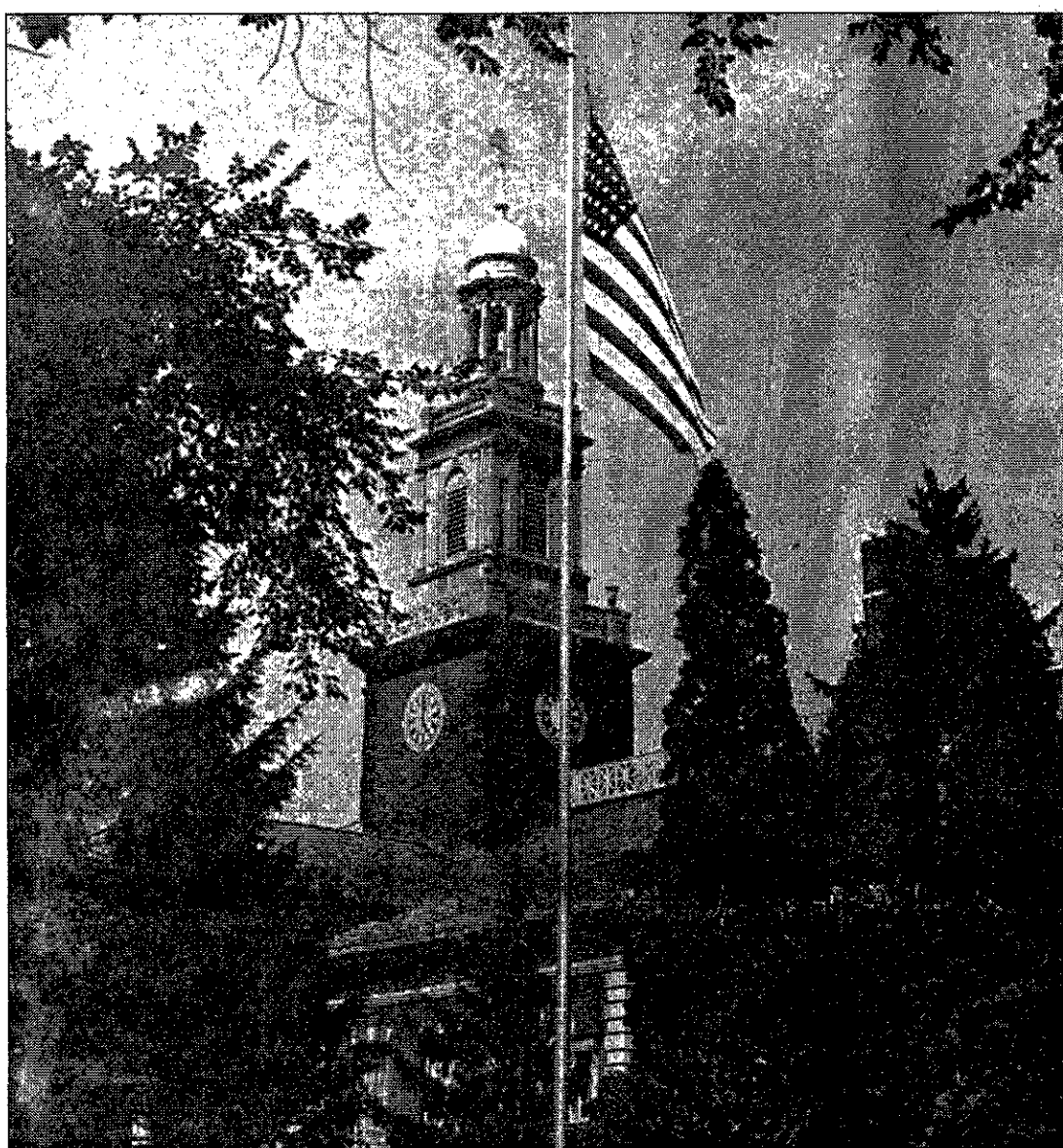


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1957: Mourning a loss

Flags on all Grosse Pointe Public School System facilities were lowered when news came of the sudden death of Grosse Pointe South High School Principal Walter Cleminson. Cleminson's passing came as a shock to the community. (From the Aug. 29, 1957 issue of the Grosse Pointe News.)

first floor for retail and having condominiums on the second and possibly adding a third floor.

Bids on the building, one of 11 owned by the Jackson-based retailer, are due in September. A U.S. Bankruptcy Court auction is also slated for that month.

◆ **WCCCD PETITION DRIVE SHELVED:** A citizen-initiated petition drive stalled its attempt to rescind most of Wayne County Community College District's 1.5 mill increase.

District Trustee Mary Ellen Stempfle said the group, Fair Community College Taxation, will not have a proposal or signatures to present to the Wayne County Clerk in time to have the issue placed on the November

ballot. She said the group was aiming to collect more than 42,000 signatures to back the proposal. They decided to shelve the drive because they didn't have enough time.

—By John Lundberg

MAISON: Up to \$800 in gas taken

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It is alleged Maison stole at least \$300 worth of gas, but it could be as high as \$800.

In addition to the gas theft charge, Maison is also charged with filing false mileage reimbursement requests for his privately owned car when he actually was using a city owned vehicle.

"I'm disappointed, as is everyone in the city," said Mayor Robert Novitke. "But the city acted in a very respon-

sible way once his actions were brought to our attention. We turned over all the information we had to the Michigan State Police, and we double checked and evaluated our procedures, which I believe has resulted in better internal control."

Arraignment was scheduled for Wednesday, Aug. 29, in Grosse Pointe Park Municipal Court. Grosse Pointe Woods Municipal Judge Lynne Pierce has recused herself from the case. A preliminary hearing on the charges must be held within 14 days following arraignment.

Maison was employed by Grosse Pointe Woods for 19 years, and was earning \$93,000 a year at the time of his resignation.

STORM: 30 false alarms

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through on Friday evening. "There were sporadic reports of power outages," he reported, "but nothing widespread. We had 30 false alarms between the two days that we had to deal with."

A power line came down on

a garage on Anita, causing minor damage during Thursday's storm, and a tree that was blown down on Cook Road caused damage to pasture fencing at The Grosse Pointe Hunt Club, but there was no additional property damage.

There were traffic lights out on Mack following Friday's storm, with some brown outs in the area around Morningside and Cook Road.

"As far as I know, most parts of the city are back to normal," Makowski reported on Tuesday afternoon.

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## POINTER OF INTEREST

**Nell Susalla** is a teacher at heart. She has devoted her life to instilling students with life lessons. Today her educational lessons tie in with nature.

# A place for peace and tranquility

By Ann L. Fouty  
Acting Features Editor

Tranquility flows over visitors entering the property of Nell Susalla, whether the site is here or up there.

The calming effect is due to the striking view of Lake Huron, the Mackinac Bridge and Mackinac Island. In her Grosse Pointe Farms backyard, the feeling comes from being separated from the hustle and bustle of today.

In both homes, Susalla has created a "Sonas," (loosely translated from Gaelic to mean peaceful and tranquil, in tune with nature) with her surroundings emphasizing native plants.

"I love nature," she explained.

From the hollyhocks in her Farms garden to the pines on the lake side Cheboygan home, nature surrounds her.

She pointed out that each summer month, something is in bloom. In May and June roses open. They are followed by berries, black-eyed Susans, Queen Anne's lace, wild iris, white wind flowers, buttercups, cone flowers, white yarrow, clover and thistle. Purple peas and phlox round out the season.

The hollyhocks, both in the Farms and Cheboygan, were given to her from a friend with whom the Susallas bonded with during their 35 years of vacations on Mullett Lake.

While many flowers in her meadow garden by Lake Huron are self-seeded, she also added others, such as the turban lilies from her Aunt Ethel's in Missouri and the balloon flower from a student's parent.

Susalla taught in the Utica Community Schools district for 36 1/2 years.

"Teaching is a wonderful job," she said.

A 1958 Grosse Pointe High School graduate, Susalla earned a bachelor's degree from Western Michigan University and a master's degree from Cambridge College outside Boston. She took five

years off to raise her sons before hitting the books and Heritage Junior High School. It was so named because the earliest Michigan man was found there, she said.

While there, one of her proudest moments was when she was named WDIV Teacher of the Year in 1989. But it was the subjects she taught — life skills and home economics — instilling the importance of family that resonates through her lessons both then and now.

"Family is valuable. It's totally important," she said.

This fall, she will be working with a Mackinaw City elementary teacher who will bring her classroom of children to experience a meadow garden. She said she wants them to experience the nature that surrounds them in their northern home.

Her teaching talents are extending to her two grandsons, Harry and Stewart, by helping them learn about the past.

"We live on property where Native Americans live. This area is so rich in history," she said of the tip of Michigan.

She feels such a connection with Native Americans that she volunteers at the St. Ignace Museum of Ojibwa Culture which focuses on Ojibwa Indian culture and traditions, the French contact period and the site's rich archeology.

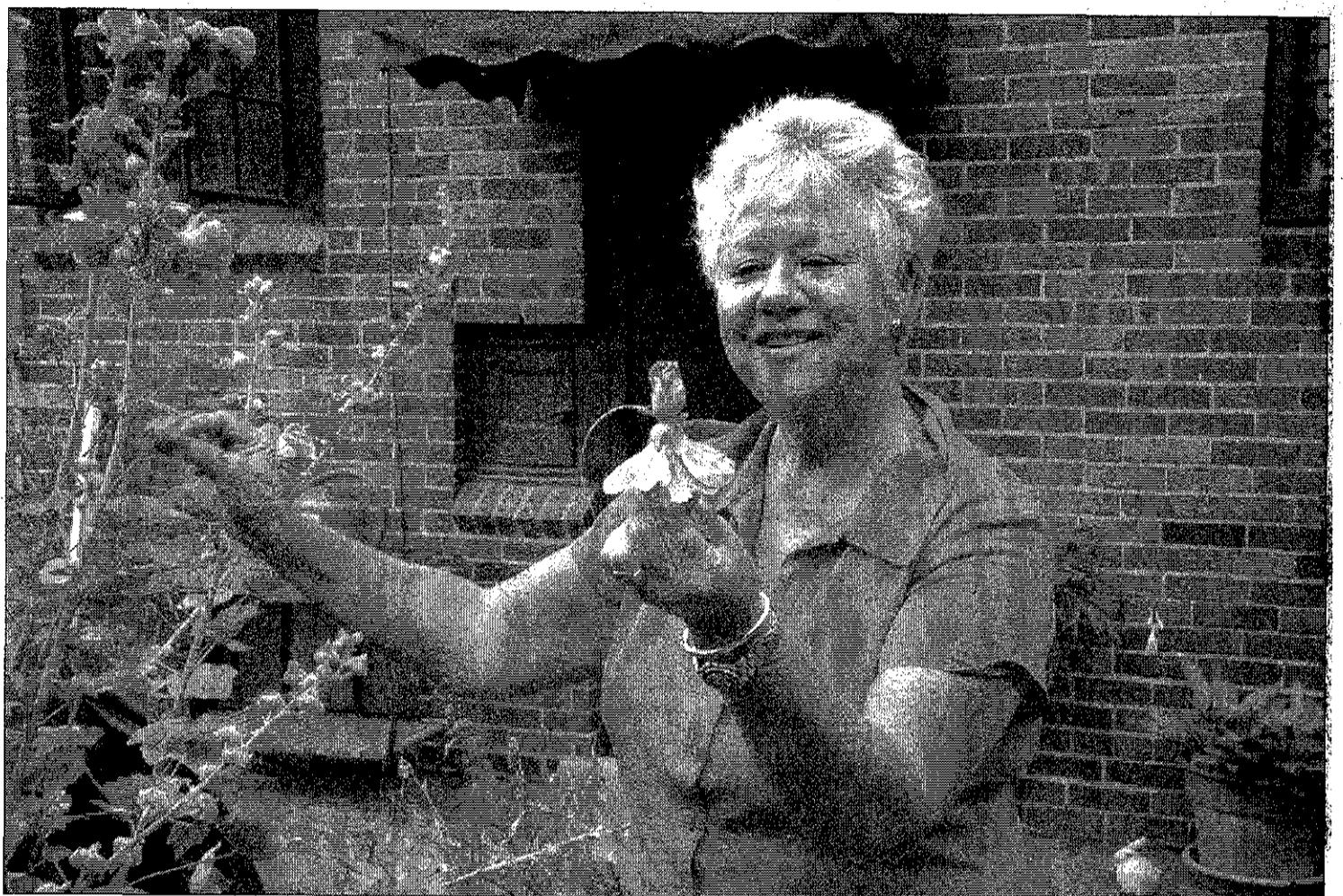
"The Native Americans have such respect of Mother Nature. They were in tune and they still are," she added.

Susalla said she has introduced their love and connection with nature into her life at "Spirit of the Trees," the name of her Lake Huron home.

"The man we purchased the home from mowed 2 1/2 acres. Paul (her late husband) said he didn't come up here to mow a lawn," she said.

It was then Susalla brought her green thumb to the tip of the mitten. The "Spirit of the Trees" began with the planting of 200 trees.

Scott, their oldest son, dug and planted 50 trees in the meadow between the house and the lake. They stand beside pine, cedars and tama-



Nell Susalla holds a hollyhock dancer. Since childhood, she's made the blossoms into many characters to take part in the stories she would imagine.

rack. Paul and a friend from work "planted bushes and shrubs for the birds. They planted raspberry bushes and we grow strawberries," she said. Bat houses and bluebirds dot the trees.

During the two years prior to Paul's death, they made it a summer home. "He loved it here," Susalla said of her husband.

In memory of her husband, she began a memory garden.

"I have a lot of memorials — things that will live on. I love things with memory," she said wistfully.

Most visitors contribute something either to Paul's memory garden or to her meadow garden.

There is an unpolished Petoskey stone from a young friend; from her sister there is a Florida-shaped stone and sea glass; a grandson left his hand

print. She has also established a white garden in memory of Paul that features roses that smell like grapefruit. His favorite drink was a Salty Dog, a concoction of grapefruit juice and vodka.

When Susalla is not in her

teaching mode or tending to her zinnia garden creating bouquets to take to hospice patients, she spends Saturdays at the Cheboygan Farmer's Market exchanging plants and seeds; or canning dilled green beans or making rosehip jelly.

Here her schedule is fluid,

with the only scheduled event being church.

"I love not being on a schedule, I love the peacefulness," she said. "I've seen a great horned owl, deer and bobcat. I love to connect with Mother Nature. This is paradise." This is Sonas.



Queen Anne's lace grows tall and healthy in Nell Susalla's garden, above. Below is a close up on the hollyhock blossom dancer.

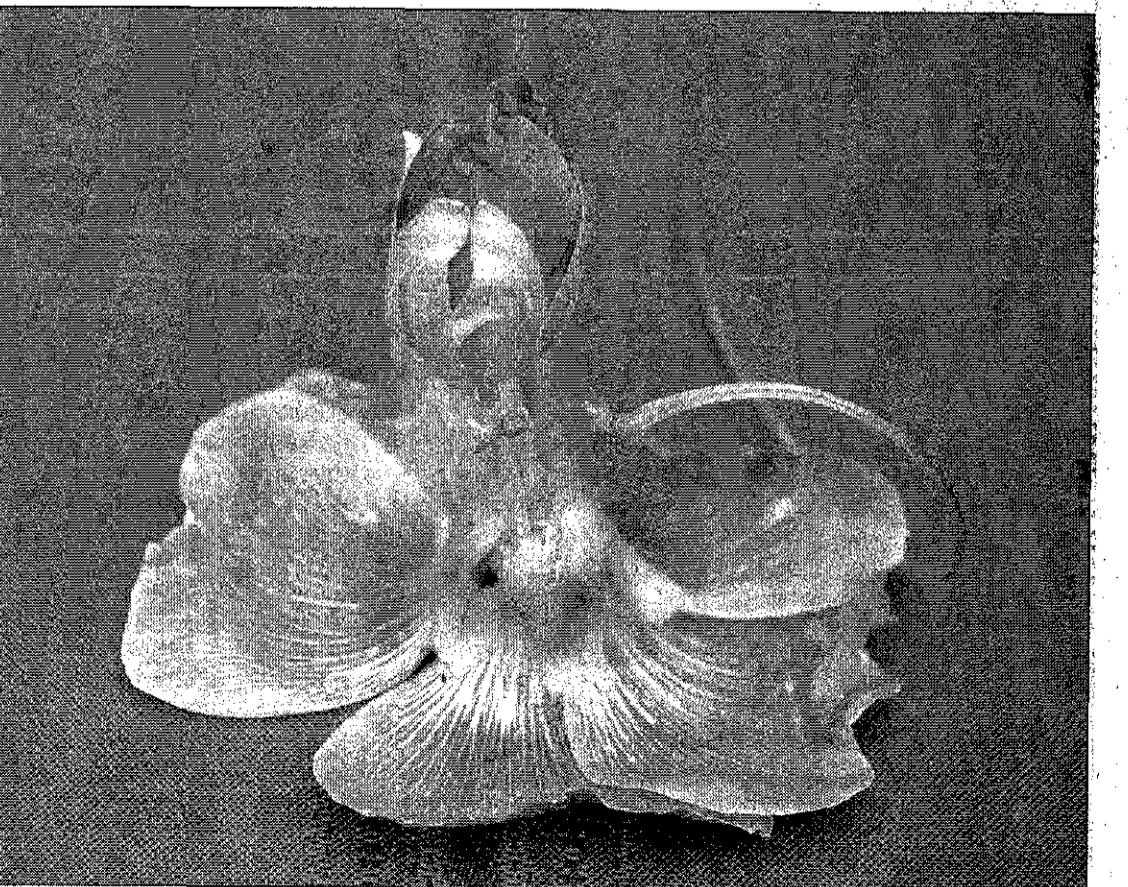


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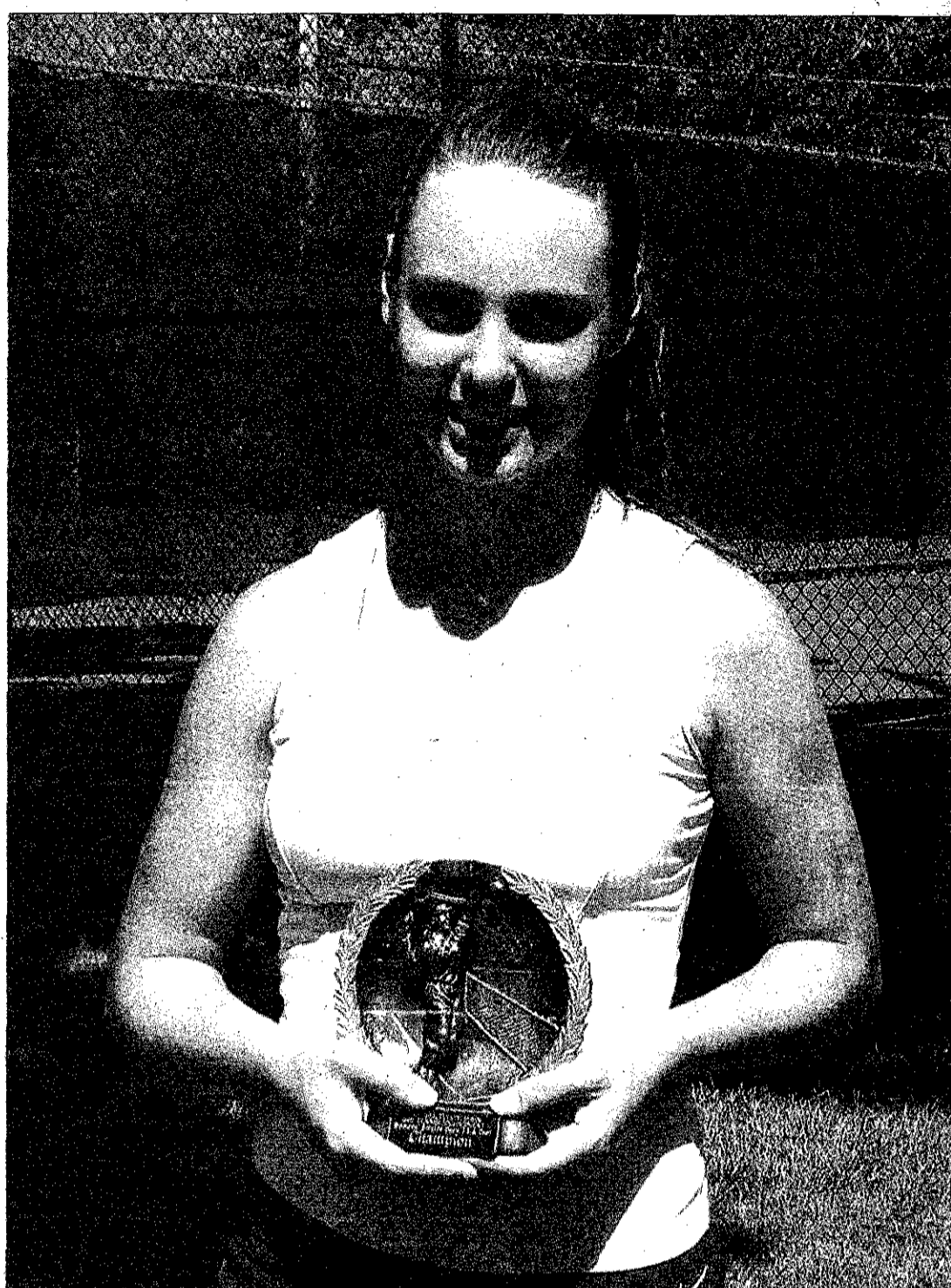
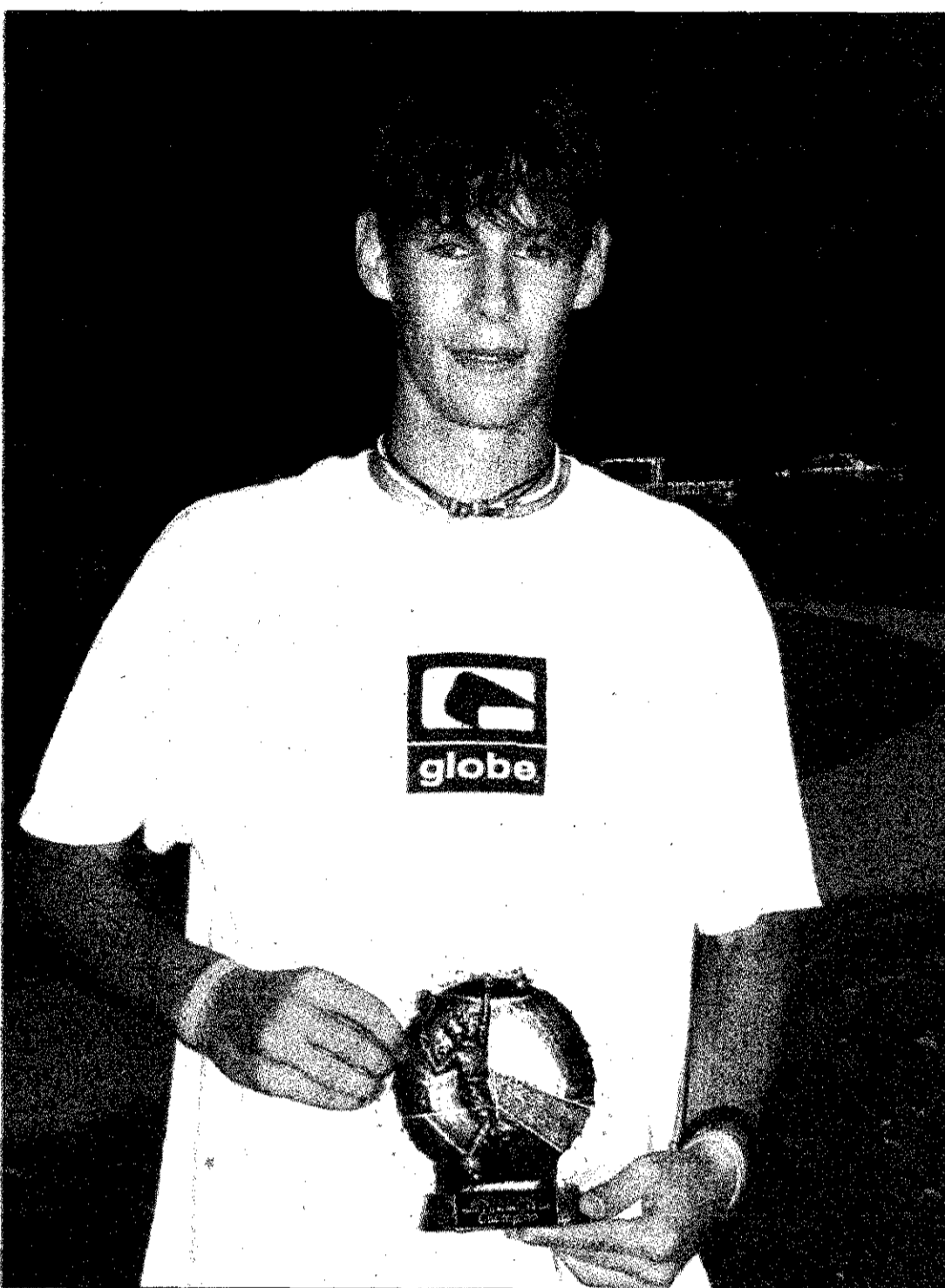
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GROSSE POINTE PARK



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# Winning the battle

Winning is never easy. Participants in Grosse Pointe Park's tennis tournament finals, which were originally scheduled for Sunday, Aug. 19, had to battle the weather in addition to opponents to make it to the championship. After more than a week delay, Alex Parker, left, and Victoria Grams, right, both of the Park, persevered to become the men's and women's singles champions.



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## GROSSE POINTE PARK

# Senator addresses hot topics

By Beth Quinn  
Staff Writer

State Sen. Martha Scott recently met with Grosse Pointe Park city council members to talk about the state's fiscal crisis and other major legislative issues facing state lawmakers this upcoming year.

Scott said the state's 2007-08 budget's \$803 million shortfall is the most pressing issue.

"There is no good news to report at this time," Scott said of the attempt to balance the budget. "Hopefully, leadership will be meeting over the next several weeks to agree to a plan."

"We've never had this much trouble resolving the budget."

Scott said Gov. Jennifer Granholm signed a major component of the fiscal year 2007 budget that attempts to lessen the budget shortfall with spending cuts, budgetary realignments and a multi-million dollar tobacco securitization.

The securitization allows the Michigan Tobacco Settlement Finance Authority Act to authorize an additional \$410,000,000 loan against future tobacco settlement rev-



State Senator Martha Scott

enues due the state. Approximately half of the borrowed money would be deposited in the School Aid Fund and the balance would go into the general fund.

Park Mayor Palmer Heenan said he was concerned about

taking money from the settlement to balance one year's budget.

"I don't like borrowing against future income to pay for today's expenditures," Heenan said.

The Michigan Business Tax is another major budget issue, Scott said. State legislators need to agree on a replacement for an anticipated \$2 billion in lost revenue which will occur when the single business tax is dissolved at year's end.

"It's a lot easier to eliminate a tax than to agree on a replacement," Scott said. "But I'm happy to report that we have come together on a compromise in the Michigan Business Tax."

"And the really good news is that it should bring in the same amount of revenue as the SBT which it is replacing."

to advocate protecting children from lead poisoning by making it a civil infraction if landlords knowingly rent properties on contaminated soil.

"I have introduced this legislation," Scott said. "And I'm hopeful that it will be received as positively as my lead paint ban and lead testing provisions which the governor has signed into law."

Scott is also working on passage of the Worker's First bill which would prohibit employers from inquiring about or making employment decisions based upon an individual's credit history.

She additionally wants the Legislature to pass State Bill 381 which would restrict certain governmental entities from requiring individuals to reside within certain geographical areas or live within a specific distance or travel time from the workplace as a condition of employment or promotion.

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— Beth Quinn

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According to Scott, the new tax will provide tax cuts for seven out of 10 businesses. It benefits both small business and large manufacturers and will make the state more competitive, thus creating more jobs, she said.

"As with any new tax, some will pay less and some will pay more," Scott said. "Overall, it's a fair plan and a good compromise."

Scott addressed the ticket tax on events such as concerts and professional sports games.

"I do believe that we will have to increase taxes in order to maintain essentials in Michigan," she said. "What form those increases will take remains to be seen."

Scott said the following legislative issues will most likely be on the agenda during the upcoming year.

- ◆ Mandating Human Papillomavirus vaccinations for middle school girls.

- ◆ Mandating coverage for mental health services comparable to physical health insurance.

- ◆ Expanding prescription drug coverage to include certain contraceptives.

- ◆ Addressing the Federal Drug Administration drug immunity bill which gave drug companies immunity from lawsuits for drugs approved by the federal government.

- ◆ Whether to undo the Kreiner bill which limits an injured person's ability to sue for damages.

- ◆ Approval of the MI-HEART wellness package.

- ◆ Whether to ban smoking from all workplaces and restaurants.

Scott also outlined her priorities for the next year.

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to advocate protecting children from lead poisoning by making it a civil infraction if landlords knowingly rent properties on contaminated soil.

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## EDITORIAL

# Grosse Pointe News Online 2.0 released

**T**he many readers — or do you call them viewers or surfers? — of our popular Grosse Pointe News online edition probably have already noticed the improvements to the site over the past month. If you haven't been there lately, be sure to visit [grossepointenews.com](http://grossepointenews.com).

Gone is the pink background, replaced with a clean white, and the fonts were changed to make the type more pleasing and easy-to-read. The "look and feel" of the Web site was made to better reflect the recently redesigned newspaper, which received rave reviews last year and was recently "freshened up" coinciding with the purchase of the newspaper by Chairman and Publisher Robert G. Liggett Jr., of Grosse Pointe Shores.

Instead of having a wide, single column of news, features and other story items running down the page, we now have two narrower columns that are easier to scan and present far more items on the screen at one time. Web site viewers are presented with twice the information in the same amount of space.

The menu items have been reworked and relisted — alphabetically. What a concept! There is also a Calendar link, as well as a new local links section, where we are beginning to amass links to the list. Feel free to go there and add yours. (We screen the submissions, so it won't be instantaneous.)

You may also submit your own calendar items or search for events by keyword, date or date range. Event organizers can also add their events to the Web site, and we will post them by the next day (barring weekends).

Brides, new parents and family members will appreciate our new Announcement & Submissions area for births, engagements, weddings and obituaries. There is a PDF link for those who want to download a form as well as a new link to attach a photo to accompany the submission.

Those placing a classified ad can also do so electronically under Announcements and Submissions. Just click on Place a Classified, select a category and then Proceed. You can also enter your payment method securely online.

New to the Web site is a Press Releases submission link that allows you to type or paste your important information online and to upload a photo.

Under Extras, the Local History menu item links to the Grosse Pointe Public Library's electronic collection of past Grosse Pointe News editions all the way back to Volume 1, No. 1 of the inaugural Nov. 8, 1940, issue. The library has generously made PDFs of all their archived newspapers.

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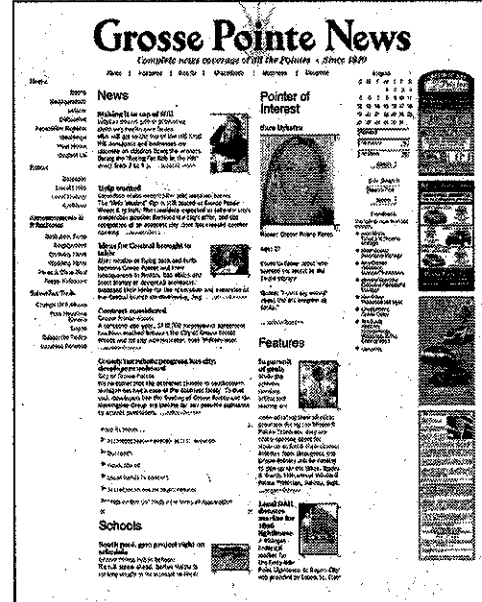
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Many of the changes to our Web site, and the newspaper, have been developed with the assistance of Martin Petz and his team at Communications Creative in Grosse Pointe Park.

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If you have any comments, questions or suggestions, send an e-mail to [editor@grossepointenews.com](mailto:editor@grossepointenews.com). Or do it the old-fashioned way — call (313) 343-5590.



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# LETTERS

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## Bicycling and stop signs

**To the Editor:**  
In response to the writer of the letter "Bicyclists and stop sign awareness," Aug. 16 Grosse Pointe News, I would like to first express my sincerest sentiments for the suffering and pain you have experienced. It is extremely unfortunate and the driver should have been much more aware of the surroundings and traffic laws.

However, all bicyclists should be aware that it is in fact a violation of traffic law to bicycle on the sidewalk. Bicyclists are supposed to use the streets just like any motorist and obey all of the same traffic laws. All too many people on bikes don't follow traffic laws or are unaware they have to.

While motorists shouldn't illegally roll through the stop signs, on the same note many

of these accidents could have been prevented if the bicyclists were riding in the street rather than the sidewalk.

Again, I'm sorry for all the pain and suffering you have gone through but all bicyclists should be aware that they should be following the same traffic laws as motorists including using the street and observing all posted signs and street lights.

MIKE ELLIS  
Grosse Pointe Farms

## Bicycle and vehicle rules

**To the Editor:**  
Having recently read the letter "Bicyclists and stop sign awareness," Aug. 16 Grosse Pointe News; and the letters "Duly and safely obey driving laws," "Lakeshore Renaud intersection bad," Aug. 23 Grosse Pointe News, I felt compelled to respond to the au-

thors. The incidents they describe are the most frequent causes of bicycle versus vehicle accidents.

I am a bicyclist and regional director for the League of Michigan Bicyclists. We distribute a free guide for bicyclists, "What Every Michigan Bicyclist Must Know." The booklet is designed to educate bicyclists so that they can safely and enjoyably share the public roads and trails of Michigan with other users.

The booklet goes into detail explaining the dangers of sidewalk bicycling.

Cycling on the sidewalk is very dangerous because motorists are not expecting you and often can't or don't see you at driveways and intersections. Also, you should never ride your bicycle against the direction of traffic — on the left side of the road — even on a sidewalk. Always be on the watch for inattentive motorists, never assume that they see you.

Most motorists are looking in the roadway. They are not looking for objects moving at near vehicle speed on the sidewalk.

The guide is available for free at our Web site [lmb.org](http://lmb.org) or at local member bicycle retailers such as American Cycle and Fitness in Grosse Pointe Woods.

In closing I leave this thought: Bicycles and vehicles:

same roads, same rules, same rights and same responsibilities.

MICHAEL F. SPROUL  
League of Michigan Bicyclists  
St. Clair Shores

## Cornerstone Schools and Durant

**To the Editor:**  
I want to comment on the recent Tigers' baseball game for the benefit of Cornerstone Schools by saying that Cornerstone Schools and Clark Durant are tremendous assets to Detroit and its suburbs.

Clark is so committed to the future of this area and so enthusiastic about providing first-rate education for young Detroiters that he is able to enlist literally thousands of people here who want to share his vision and contribute in some way — including cheering on the Tigers.

LEWIS I. DALE  
Grosse Pointe Farms

## IB program on the agenda

**To the Editor:**  
My strongest support to the Grosse Pointe board of education members that voted to start down the road to adopt an International Baccalaureate education program. My advice:

See LETTERS, page 10A

## GUEST EDITORIAL By Michael Goodell

# Bike lanes on Lakeshore

**T**here has been a good deal of discussion lately on these pages about cycling safety in the

Pointes, especially on Lakeshore. This is obviously an issue that resonates with many people in our community.

To many people, cyclists pose a hazard, both to themselves and to others as many different means of transportation and recreation struggle to share the same space.

Cyclists who ride along Lakeshore's sidewalks can endanger recreational runners, walkers and stroller-pushers because bicyclists travel at a much higher speed.

Bikers also run serious risks themselves, especially when they are traveling north. Motorists approaching Lakeshore from the east tend to look exclusively to the north, since the traffic is coming from that direction. The tendency to stop beyond the stop sign, though technically illegal, is ingrained through habit. Police rarely cite motorists for such infractions, and the consequences are generally slight.

Though such behavior poses

risks to pedestrians and runners, they have the chance to stop short of the intersection if they see an approaching car. All too often, cyclists are unable to do this.

The solution, of course, is for cyclists to ride in the street. Northbound cyclists should be riding on the right side of the northbound lanes, and those southbound should do the same in the corresponding lane. However, for a great many recreational riders, Lakeshore is too daunting a challenge, especially for those riding by themselves. While most drivers are courteous to cyclists in the street, tending to pull into the other lane when passing, at certain times, they are unable to do so. Most cyclists who travel Lakeshore have more than one story of the sudden whoosh of an SUV's mirror passing mere inches from their head or shoulder.

Though some might view banning bicycle traffic from Lakeshore as a preferable solution, most cyclists would object strongly to such a decision. They would argue that they should have the right to enjoy the spectacular views of Lake St. Clair while taking

their exercise. They might argue further that they have the same legal right to the road as any car or SUV.

The best solution to this issue would be the construction of a 10 to 12 foot wide recreational path along the lake. Such a path would be sufficiently wide to allow walkers, runners, cyclists and even Rollerbladers to pursue their hobbies in relative safety. They would be able to move around and past each other with relative ease, all the while insulated from the nearby motorized vehicles. While it is the ideal solution, the mixed-use path is problematic. It would be expensive to build, which, in Michigan's strained economy, makes such a solution unlikely. Beyond mere financial costs, however, is the controversy a path would engender. Many Grosse Pointers would be opposed, for esthetic, financial or even personal reasons.

Given this, the best solution to the safety issue posed by cyclists on Lakeshore is the development of bike lanes. While those portions of Jefferson are too narrow to make bike lanes practical, the 3.2 miles of Lakeshore are plenty wide to accommodate two traffic lanes

and a 4 foot wide bike lane.

This could be accomplished by repainting the lines, making the inside lane one foot narrower, and taking three feet from the outside lane. A solid line could be painted four feet from the curb, with periodic bicycle symbols included. Providing cyclists with their own dedicated lane would enhance their sense of security, leading more of them to ride in the street. This would reduce the congestion on the sidewalks and improve everyone's chances of safely negotiating Lakeshore Drive.

By installing bike lane signs, and the occasional appeal to "Share the Road," the municipalities and Wayne County (it is a county road) would help increase motorists' awareness of the presence of cyclists, thereby further improving safety, which should be everybody's highest priority.

Thanks to its low cost, the immediate improvement in safety for bicyclists, pedestrians, runners, and even automobile drivers, painting bike lanes along Lakeshore is a solution in which everyone wins.

Michael Goodell is a freelance writer and lives in Grosse Pointe Farms.



I SAY By Beth Quinn

# Search for story idea finds a blessing



Here at the Grosse Pointe News, we staff writers take turns penning three regular articles — the Pointer of Interest, the front page of the features section and this I Say.

The large, white dry erase board, which lists our weekly assignment in this rotation, showed I was scheduled for the Aug. 30 I Say.

Thanks to my brilliant numerical mind, I immediately calculated I would be writing it two days after my husband and I dropped our oldest son, Tommy, off for his freshman year at Elon University in North Carolina.

Thanks to my keen deductive reasoning, I immediately knew my article was going to center around my first child leaving home.

That's when the black hole in my mind took over. I had no

idea what I was actually going to say.

I have learned from experience that eventually the light bulb turns on and I have something to write about. And I knew, I just knew, that moving Tommy in would create some sort of story. No sweat.

So I went about my business helping him get ready to downsize his life to fit into a 20 by 12 foot dorm room. Since I love organizational gadgets, I was like a kid in a candy store at Bed, Bath and Beyond. Maybe that would make a great story. Nah, too one dimensional. I'm still cool.

We managed to pack up the car and drive down to North Carolina without incident. Well, that's boring. I'm starting to sweat a little wondering what I was going to write about.

Move in day for freshman was last Friday when the temperature hit 98 degrees in Elon, N.C. I could write about lugging rugs, suitcases and plastic storage units into his "air conditioned" dorm room. I nixed the idea. I am starting to sweat literally and figura-

tively.

I worry that I have hit writer's block. Perhaps I'm too emotionally wound to come up with any ideas.

The next morning I attended Elon's convocation welcoming new students to their community. It's like a graduation, only in reverse.

It's a lovely ceremony taking place under a canopy of tall oak trees. Parents and students are seated on uniformly spaced folding chairs. There's orchestral music, a procession of the faculty and speeches.

That's when Elon's president, Leo Lambert, gave one of the best speeches I have ever heard. While his delivery was poignant and thoughtful, I was more impressed by his ability to keep the attention of the his squirming students, most of whom have learned that speeches are a good time to daydream.

I was so impressed with his message and how he delivered it that I asked for the school's permission to print the following excerpt:

"I ask you to reflect for a few moments on your good fortune. Would the members

of the Class of 2011 please stand? Let's imagine that you represent the approximately 6.6 billion people in the world. Each of you students, therefore, represents about 5 million people. What are the chances you would be so privileged to have the opportunity for an Elon education? Let's compare you to the rest of the world's population.

"Would those of you in the back 11 rows on my left please be seated? You represent the 1.2 billion people of the world who live in poverty and will go to bed hungry tonight. Three hundred million of you are children and suffer from chronic undernourishment. Twenty-four to 31,000 people die every day from hunger.

"How about your neighbors on the aisle on my right? Would the eight of you who have green tape on the backs of your chairs, please be seated? You represent the world's estimated 39.5 million people afflicted with HIV/AIDS.

"Now, let's graphically illustrate the proportion of U.S. citizens in the world population. We are about five per-

cent of the world's population but use 30 percent of the planet's resources. If you have blue tape on the back of your chair, please remain standing while your neighbors representing the rest of the world's population are seated.

"Would the back row of U.S. citizens who also have yellow tape on the backs of their chairs please be seated? You, too, live in poverty, but by the U.S. definition of poverty. Some live here in Elon and Burlington. But your chances of having access to an education here are unfortunately very slim.

"Now, I ask that all U.S. citizens be seated except for those in the front row who also have a piece of white tape on their chairs. You represent Americans with four-year college degrees.

"Now, would you all be seated except for the four of you with red tape on your chairs? You represent Americans who have degrees from private colleges or universities. Please remain standing for a moment.

"Sandra, John, Taylor, and Lauren and the Elon Class of

2011, consider your fortunate circumstances. By God's grace, or your parents' hard work, or your hard work, or good luck, or some combination of the four, here you are. You live in the world's wealthiest democracy and enjoy freedoms and liberties that are the envy of billions of others.

"Your presence here places you among the most privileged people on the Earth. Today might be a good day to whisper a prayer of thanksgiving for all the blessings in your life that have brought you to this grove of oaks.

"It's also a day to contemplate the big question, 'What am I going to do with the gift of an Elon education?' Please be seated."

As I was applauding President Lambert after his speech, the light bulb finally went off in my head. This was it. He so eloquently expressed some feelings and ideas buried in the deep recesses of my brain.

I felt calm knowing what I was going to write about and that Tommy is attending this wonderful college.

STREETWISE By Renee Landuyt

## Are you excited for school to start?

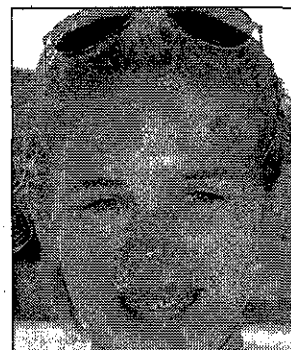
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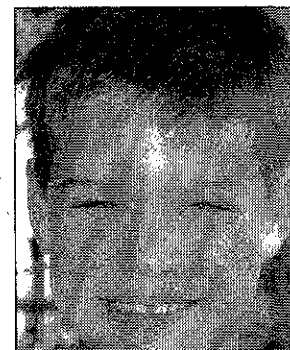
'No, because I love sleeping in late.'  
DANA HANRAHAN  
Grosse Pointe Farms



'No, because my friends go to different schools so it is harder to spend time with them with our different schedules.'  
FAITH OSOSKI  
Grosse Pointe Farms



'Yes and no. I look forward to seeing my friends but all the schoolwork gets in the way of fun.'  
ELIZABETH PENMAN  
Grosse Pointe Farms



'Yes, because I get to know who my teachers are and I get to go school shopping.'  
DANIEL KUHNLEIN  
Grosse Pointe Park



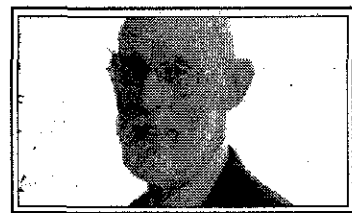
'Yes, because then I don't have to baby-sit my little sister anymore.'  
KATHARINE KUHNLEIN  
Grosse Pointe Park



'Yes, because there is nothing left to do and I'm excited to see who my teacher is and to see my friends.'  
MARTINE MAES  
Grosse Pointe Park

FYI By Ben Burns

# Swimming lessons lasted a lifetime



Harry Huffaker almost drowned at the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club when he was 8. They gave him mouth-to-mouth resuscitation and told his parents the obvious — Harry needed swimming lessons.

After the lessons, he became a state champion swimmer at Grosse Pointe High School and a member of four national championship swim teams at the University of Michigan.

He has continued the sport of swimming and returned to Grosse Pointe last week for his 50th high school reunion.

As part of that trip, he participated in the annual Grosse Pointe Yacht Club to Farms Pier Park swim last Wednesday, a competition he won in 1959. At 5-foot-10 and 160 pounds, he weighs five pounds less than he did in high school.

In the intervening years between those two Yacht Club-to-Farms Pier swims, Huffaker twice tried to swim the English Channel. To train for the 22- to 24-mile crossing, he swam the length of Crystal Lake and Torch Lake and back and forth across the Straits of Mackinac.

In 1964, he was 200 yards off the entrance to Dover Harbor

on his way to a record under-10-hour crossing when he passed out in the 50-some degree water from hypothermia. He was taken to a hospital and revived.

Later he moved to Hawaii, where the water was more conducive to long swims and where he practiced dentistry for 30 years. There he swam every one of the eight major channels in the Hawaiian Islands. He was the only person to swim the 31-mile Aleuihaha Channel and one of two to swim the Molokai Channel and the only person to swim it both ways. He has been inducted into the Hawaii Swimming Hall of Fame.

More recently, he sold his dental practice and moved to Sun Valley, Idaho "to experi-

ence the seasons."

When he decided to come back to the Pointes after half a century, he wrote to the folks at his childhood home on Middlesex in the Park, asking if he could stop by to see the place.

Ken and Roxanne Flaska welcomed him and a friend who had spent sleep-overs at the home, and it turned into a 2 1/2-hour visit.

In a telephone interview, Huffaker said his return to the Pointes "was a nice trip down

memory lane," visiting his childhood home, the War Memorial, the Park pool where he was a lifeguard and the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club where his swimming career began.

There were 180 people signed up for the three-day class reunion.

"Of course, 65 of them were spouses and didn't have much choice," Huffaker said.

Before he left town, Huffaker made the Yacht Club to the Pier Park swim one

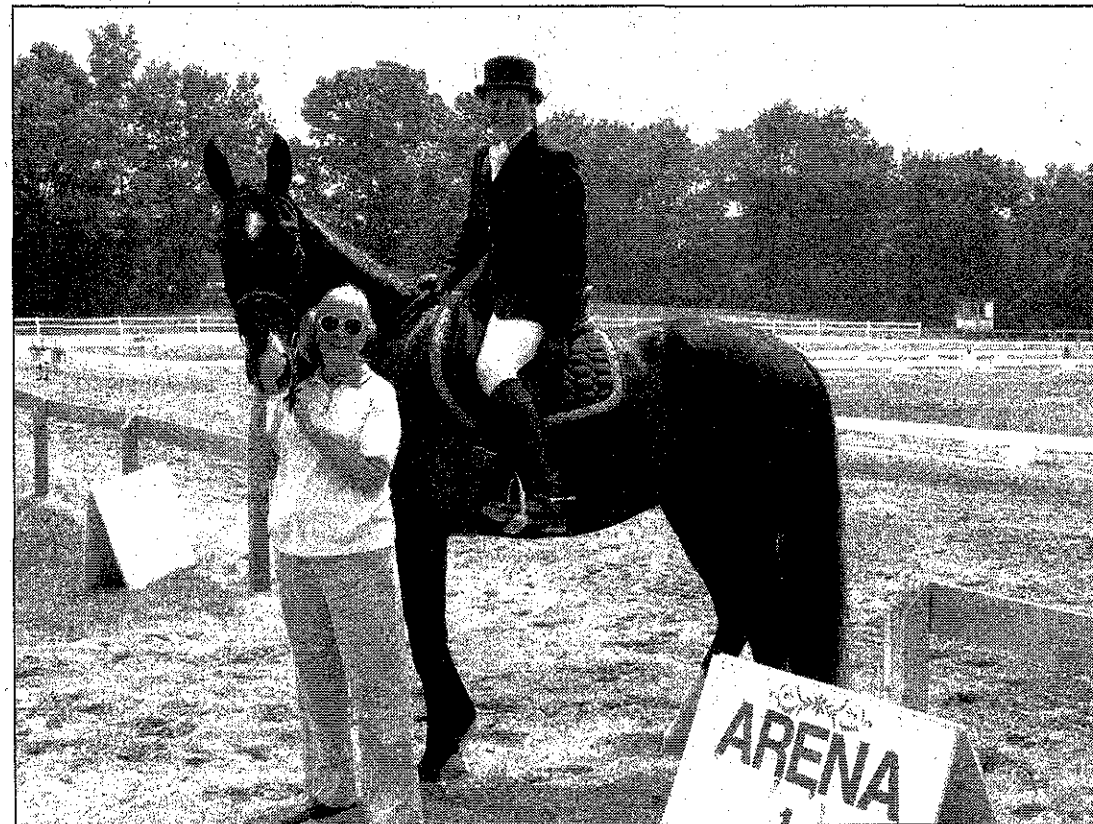
more time. He rested a few minutes and swam back.

## Star horse

Patsy Denton, of the Shores, loves horses. She developed her life-long interest in horses after watching her dad play polo.

Last year, she and horse rider/trainer Laurie Lavins, a teacher in Oxford who grew up in the Pointes, flew to Germany in April to search for an un-

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Patsy Denton with her top-ranked horse, Maximillian, with trainer Laurie Lavins on horseback.

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VIEWPOINT ON PUBLIC ISSUES By Marc Holley

# Time to reform teacher compensation in Michigan

Not a single school in Michigan was awarded any of the \$94 million available through federal Teacher Incentive Fund grants when the final winners were announced in July. Of course, that's not surprising since you cannot win a federal grant competition when you barely even apply.

Of the 143 applications submitted, only four came from Michigan, a state with 552 school districts and more than 200 charter public schools. If the federal government and private foundations nationwide are funding merit pay programs with millions of dollars, why don't the unions in Michigan want their teachers to get a piece of the action?

The intent of the Teacher Incentive Fund program is to encourage school districts to adopt alternative teacher com-

pensation plans that base teacher pay, in part, on student achievement. This federal program, which will result in thousands of teachers earning significant performance-pay bonuses, is just one such initiative being undertaken across the country.

However, in Michigan only three districts have begun to adopt any form of merit pay. Nonetheless, perhaps the system in Michigan is fine just the way it is — students are learning and teachers are getting paid in the manner they deserve. Then again, maybe not.

Michigan teacher salaries are among the highest in the nation. Unfortunately, union policies have not produced commensurate levels of student achievement. According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, the average teacher in Michigan earned approximately \$57,000 during 2006,

*Under the system defended by unions, an excellent teacher, whose students demonstrate significant learning gains, earns the same amount as the teacher who clocks in and then checks out.*

compared to the national average teacher salary of approximately \$50,000. The average wage of Michigan teachers also dramatically outpaces the average per capita income of \$34,000 in the state.

On the other hand, on comparative measures of student achievement, Michigan students routinely rank in the

middle of the pack. Certainly, it would seem that taxpayers and legislators would want a greater bang for their educational buck.

One major problem is that the current teacher compensation system has the wrong incentives. In Michigan, nearly all teachers are paid according to the single salary schedule. This compensation method rewards teachers for experience and level of degree. If a teacher earns a masters degree, he gets a significant pay bump. If he stays in the job for another year, he gets yet another raise. Despite the research that shows that teacher seniority after the first five years does little to impact student achievement, individual teachers still get their raises year after year. As for extra degrees, no research definitively links increased credentials to higher student performance either.

Teacher unions have designed a system to protect the weakest teachers, not to pro-

mote student achievement. As  
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move quickly with focus.

To the dissenting members of the board, please read the last several years of annual reports from GM, Ford and Chrysler — our industrial titans have fallen wounded by not moving quickly enough to change in response to globalization — the same is true for education.

Also, read one of Gov. Granholm's favorite books "The World is Flat" — it is a wake up call.

Lastly, call several top-tier university admission officers and ask about the strong, rising application rates from international students competing with our Grosse Pointe kids.

Globalization has changed the auto industry and it is changing who gets into the best colleges. Our kids need a board that can see ahead and prepare our kids to compete in the global community.

If Grosse Pointe cannot offer this, then citizens will pick other communities to live in that do — and the "for sale" signs will stay up longer here as we become less desirable to that demographic.

We need to thank the administration's commitment to serving all the needs of our children by putting the International Baccalaureate program on the agenda.

JAYSON PANKIN  
Grosse Pointe Park

private voice lessons, clinicians, choreography, workshops or competitions — including solo and ensemble adjudications.

Additionally, the boosters offer scholarships for students who need financial assistance in those areas. When the Grosse Pointe South Tower Belles were state finalists, the boosters, not the school system, paid for all travel and expenses involved in the competition.

The school system does not pay for the choir's trips to Europe or Showstoppers competitions.

The school musical budget has also been reduced. This past year the school system paid for less than 15 percent of the cost of the production. The balance was made up by parents, door receipts, donations, program ads and the Grosse Pointe South Mother's Club.

Moreover, items purchased for South choir and musical productions, such as costumes, sets, sound equipment and props are often used by our middle and elementary schools within Grosse Pointe.

This year's "extravagant" musical was not a product of "expanded" or increased spending by the school system. It was the product of a lot of hard working students, professionals, parents, donors and a supportive community who believe in the added value such productions provide to our students and the community at large.

ANDREA SULLIVAN  
Grosse Pointe Farms

## Thanks for great park tour

To the Editor:

We would like to thank the managers of Grosse Pointe Woods, City and Park for assisting the Grosse Pointe Chamber of Commerce in organizing the Aug. 22 Grosse Pointe parks tour.

Melissa Sharp, Chris Hardenbrook and Terry Solomon did a wonderful job of welcoming our families and senior residents.

We received a thank you letter from Cindy Hicks advising that her "family enjoyed seeing the other city's facilities that we have not visited."

We do indeed have many treasures in our community and we were pleased to work with the park managers to showcase them to our residents.

MARY HUEBNER  
President  
Grosse Pointe Chamber of Commerce

## South choir program spending

To the Editor:

Once again I feel compelled to make some clarifications regarding a letter to the editor, "All exceptional school programs," Aug. 16 Grosse Pointe News. The writer refers to budget cuts in academic programs, while music programs have become more extravagant at Grosse Pointe South.

The vocal music department at Grosse Pointe South High School has also suffered budget cuts in successive years. The difference is made up by parents, private donations and major fundraising efforts by the Grosse Pointe South choir boosters.

For example, parents and boosters pay for all choir costumes. The school system does not contribute for costumes,

## FYI: National competition in Kentucky

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trained horse that would have the potential to compete at the international level in dressage. (Dressage refers to training or schooling a horse to show its obedience and deportment.) They had already looked in the United States for the perfect horse.

The pair found Maximilian of Wurttemberg, a beautiful black horse with white markings that stands 16.4 hands high and is still growing. (A hand is four inches in equine talk.)

They brought Max back to the United States to Bob Marshall's Diamond M Stables in Brandon Township for Lavins to train.

"We have a great training program here that incorporates classical dressage with good old cowboy common sense," Marshall explained in a news release. "Our methods are gentle and understanding of the individual horse."

Whatever Lavins and

Marshall did, it worked. Of the 59 horses that competed nationally to qualify for the National Young Horse Dressage Championships in Lexington, Ky., in mid-September, the 4-year-old Max was the only horse to qualify in Michigan. He was ranked in eighth place when the trials were over.


The top 20 horses from across the nation travel to Lexington for the Sept. 14 to 16 event.

Lavins, who has also had a life-long love of horses inspired by her father, has shown at the international level in English, western and driving competitions with her specialty being dressage.

She is a special education teacher in the Oxford school district and teaches therapeutic horseback riding to children on an individual basis as a certified instructor.

"I'm very excited for my trainer and me," Denton said. "We're hoping for a really good performance at the trials."

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## Revved up

George, Robert and Paul Koueiter stand in front of an IndyCar outside the Koueiter Jewelry store Aug. 25. More than 600 people showed up to get a look at the car worth millions of dollars that weighs 1,500 pounds, runs on clean diesel fuel and can reach 230 mph. T-shirts and Grand Prix tickets and more than 840 coney dogs were given away. This particular reserve car is part of the Penske corral and raced two years ago. Koueiter Jewelers and Raymond Weil are official time keepers of the 2007 Grand Prix. "The Penske Corp. is phenomenal and I would work with them again on anything. I just can't say enough about Mr. Penske. We're just happy to be involved and to have the opportunity to give back to the city," Robert Koueiter said.

## Contest in Farms, but not in Shores

Incumbents are the only candidates who have filed for re-election in the City of Grosse Pointe and Grosse Pointe Shores as of Monday. In the City of Grosse Pointe, the filing deadline is 4 p.m. Sept. 24. So far, incumbents Mayor Dale Scrace, Councilman John Stempfle and Municipal Court Judge Russell Ethridge have filed for election, said City Clerk Julie Arthurs. The terms of Councilmen Richard Clarke and John Stevens also expire, but they have not yet filed. The Farms is currently the

only one of the three communities to have a contested election. Greg J. Bourgoïn has filed to run for city council against council members Therese Joseph, Joe Leonard and Doug Roby, said City Manager Shane Reeside. Mayor James Farquhar is running unopposed. Incumbents in the Shores are trustees Brian Hunt, Fred Minturn and Glenn Peters, who are running unopposed. Village President James Cooper and Clerk Victoria Boyce are also not facing opposition.

— By John Lundberg

### GROSSE POINTE PUBLIC SCHOOL SYSTEM

## Three run for 2 seats

By Bob St. John  
Staff Writer

Fred Minturn and Charles Sabino announced their intentions to remain as trustees on the Grosse Pointe board of education during a recent board meeting.

Joining the race is John Steininger.

Voters will decide who wins

the two four-year terms at the Nov. 6 election.

Minturn is a 50-year-old Grosse Pointe Shores resident and Sabino is a 58-year-old Grosse Pointe Park resident. Steininger resides in Grosse Pointe Farms and is 57 years old.

The deadline to file was Aug. 14 and the last day for write-in candidates is Friday, Nov. 2.

### GROSSE POINTE WOODS

## Election filing deadline Sept. 10

The filing deadline for Grosse Pointe Woods residents wishing to run in the November municipal election for one of three open seats on the city council is 5 p.m.

Monday, Sept. 10.

Seats up for grabs this year are currently held by Dona DeSantis-Reynolds, Lisa Pinkos Howle and Darryl Spicher.

## HOLLEY: Merit pay, students win

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long as a teacher doesn't do anything egregious, the checks keep coming and the teacher unions get their cut. The only real accountability measure in the state is the competition that school choice provides, and, wouldn't you guess, the unions want to do away with that too. Research suggests that of all the factors that can impact student achievement in schools, teacher quality matters most. Although it is true that teachers do more than merely teach students how to read, write and do arithmetic, students should be able to demonstrate the academic progress they make during the 180-day school year on standardized tests.

Measuring a teacher by his students' academic performance is an accurate way to determine, to some degree, the quality of his work. Under the system defended by unions, an excellent teacher, whose students demonstrate significant learning gains, earns the same amount as the teacher who clocks in and

then checks out. Therefore, there is little incentive for teachers to go that extra mile.

If Michigan would like to see teacher quality improve, policymakers need to take a long, hard look at the way teachers are compensated. Local school districts should do everything within their legal powers to link teacher pay to performance. They can begin by following and expanding upon the examples of Michigan districts that have already instituted this policy.

Across the nation, progressive districts are undertaking merit pay plans to motivate their teachers to innovate and work harder. Even though teachers do not choose the education profession for the money, they, like most people, respond to incentives. When a portion of their wages is attached to student performance, the incentives change. Although teachers can earn higher salaries for performing better under a merit pay system, students will be the ones who truly win.

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**GROSSE POINTE PUBLIC SCHOOL SYSTEM**

## Middle school construction running smooth

By Bob St. John  
Staff Writer

Progress is being made on new science labs at the three district middle schools.

Brownell is undergoing significant changes and its students will be disrupted the most.

However, principal Mike Dib has a game plan and is ready to roll when school starts Sept. 5.

"We're absolutely three or four days ahead of schedule," Dib said. "Activities will continue and we're ready for classes to begin in our portable classrooms."

Six rooms are out of commission and construction is about halfway completed. The transformation into full science laboratories has added approximately 6,000 square feet.

Three learning environments will be housed in the portable classrooms, similar to those used last year by the Grosse Pointe Academy.

The other three classrooms are inside the school and had been previously used for programs that have moved out of Brownell, leaving them unoccupied.

"Everything has come together nicely with the three classrooms opening up," Dib said. "We're going to try to make things as normal as possible."

"I feel it is important for me to be confident and calm during this transition because the students will feel good about

what is going on. I don't think they would get that feel if I was in a frenzy all of the time waiting for the construction to finish."

Dib said the new science rooms, housed in one wing of Brownell, will be fully operational and ready for students when the second semester begins. If construction continues to be ahead of schedule, students could be in their new rooms as soon as November.

"I'm glad the board of education approved this bond because we're getting state-of-the-art science rooms which will help our students learn as much as they can in this field," Dib said.

The board of education approved the \$62.9 million bond in September 2002.

"This bond money has helped our district begin several large renovation and construction projects," Superintendent Suzanne Klein said. "We're keeping our district up to date when it comes to academics and athletics."

Parcells' project is in phase two of three. The initial phase was completed in April.

"Phase two will be finished before the beginning of school and the final phase will be done shortly," said principal Mark Mulholland.

This project turned three classrooms into two larger ones making way for new science labs.

The PTO donated some money for the completion of

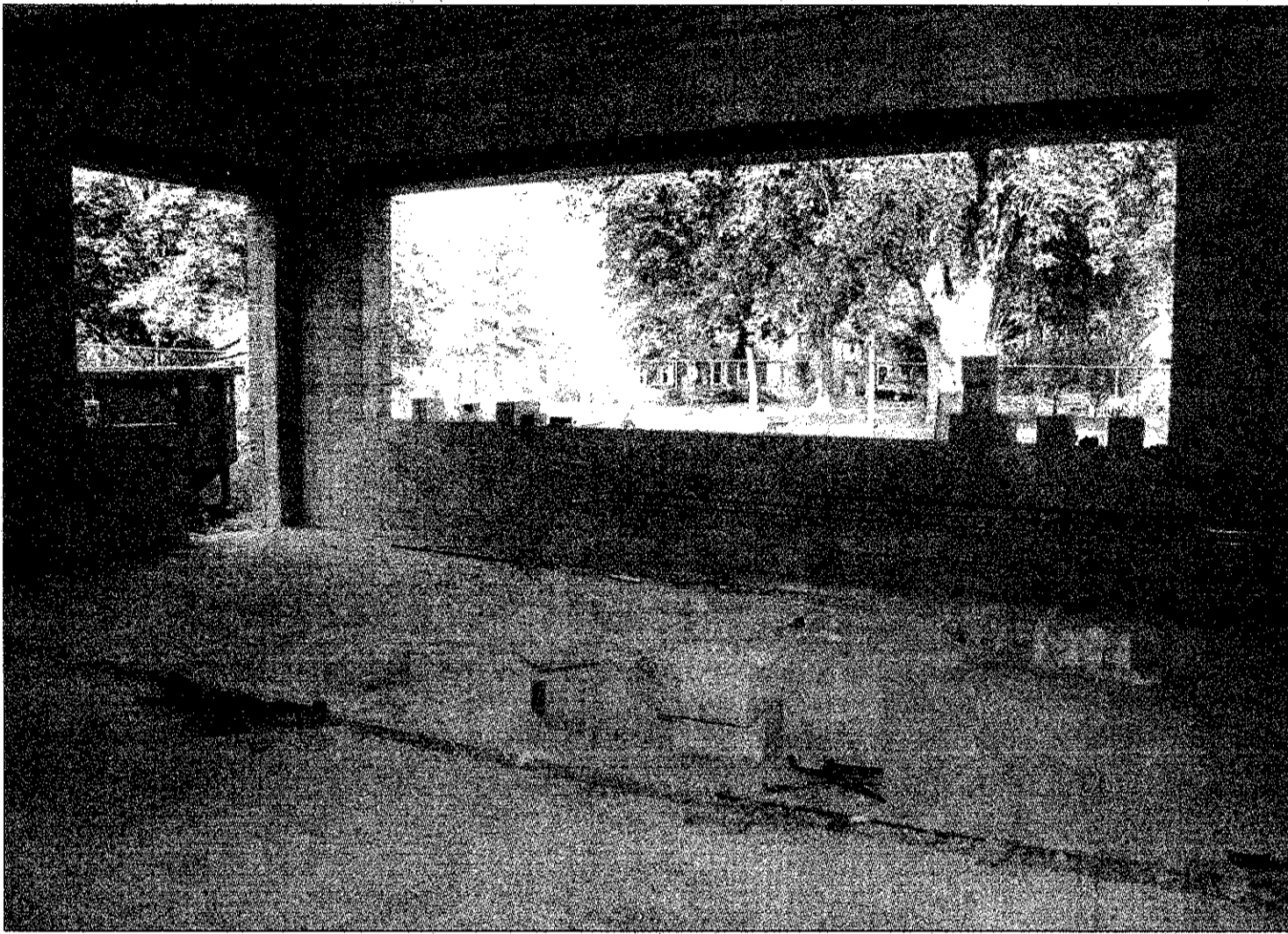


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Work on the science labs at Brownell Middle School is in full swing. Construction will be ongoing throughout the first semester.

Parcells' library and computer lab. In addition, more money was saved by having district maintenance crews clear the space.


"We have been able to save money in several avenues

through different means," said Chris Fenton, assistant superintendent of business and support services. "Once every pro-

ject is finished, the middle schools will have a new feel. The new rooms will be improved to help our students get

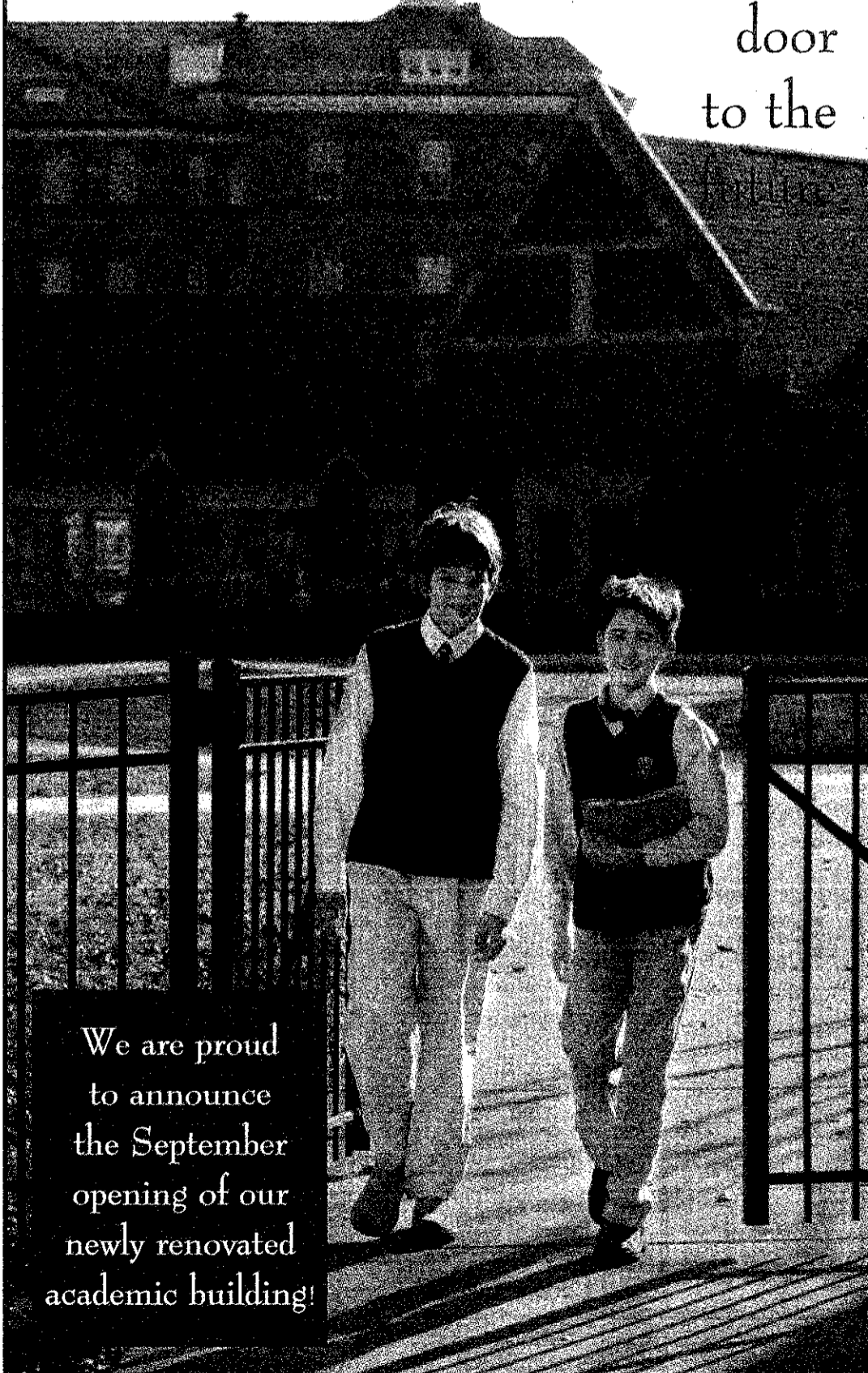
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## LABS: Projects nearly done

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includes turning the old library into an updated social studies classroom and the inclusion of new and improved science labs in the same wing of the school.

"It is a three phase project that should be ready by the start of the school year," principal Gary Buslepp said. "There is still a lot of work to do in the next couple of weeks, but it will get done."

The science labs throughout the three middle schools will take on similar traits, yet each project was a little different due to the uniqueness of each school.

"Each building was built in a different year; so they have different exteriors," Fenton said. "Some changes were significant, but through it all, the rooms were given major uplifts and are similar because of the subject matter."

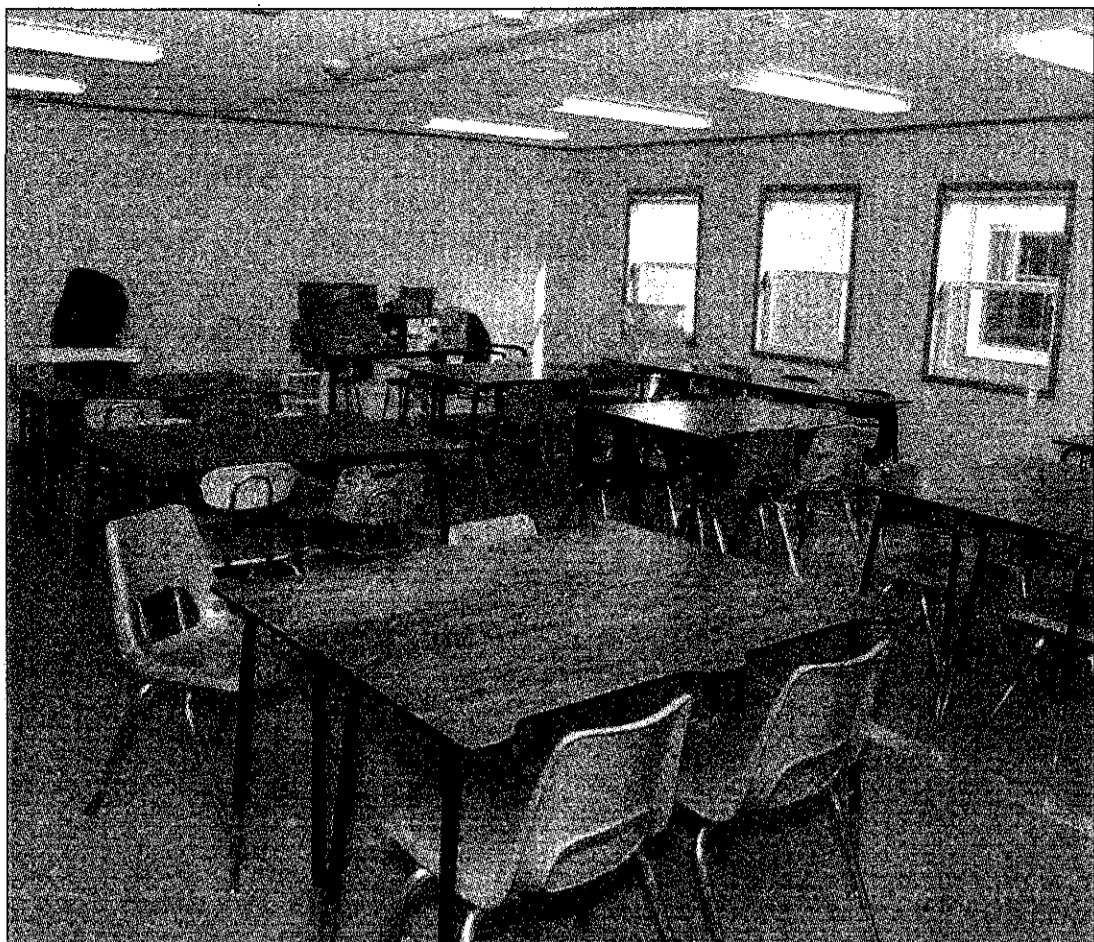
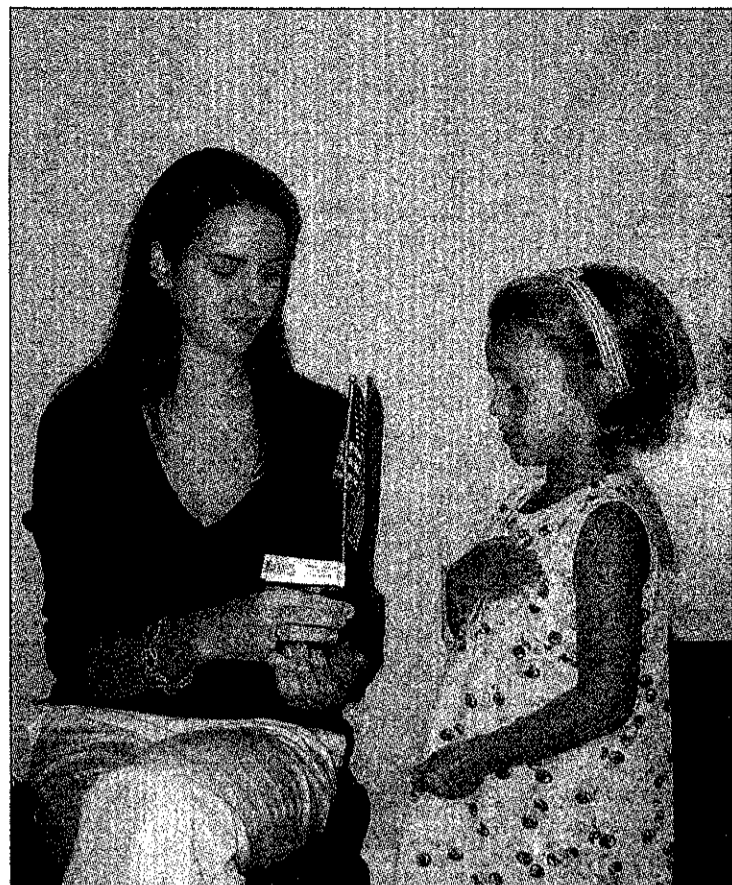


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A temporary classroom, above, is set up in a portable trailer. Students should be in this setting for only the first semester of the 2007-08 school year.



## Honor thy flag

The Louisa St. Clair Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) of Grosse Pointe, is promoting patriotism by providing kindergartners in all Grosse Pointe schools with flags. When they have memorized the Pledge of Allegiance, every kindergartner will receive his or her own flag on a stand to take home. The flags, assembled in a cardboard tray, are being delivered to the school to be placed in the kindergarten classrooms. Each flag pole has a label with room for the child's name. Older students, acting as classroom aides, will hear the recitations and distribute the flags. Pictured above is Elizabeth West of Louisa St. Clair Chapter Daughters of the American Revolution, left, listening to Maire Elementary School kindergartner Brooke Lady recite the Pledge of Allegiance. Organized in 1893, the Louisa St. Clair Chapter is the oldest Michigan Chapter of the National Society Daughters of the American Revolution. The work of this service organization is to provide projects relating to historic preservation, patriotism and education. The Louisa St. Clair Chapter Web site is LSCDAR.com.

### GROSSE POINTE SOUTH



## South gets jazzy

The Grosse Pointe South High School Jazz Band, under the direction of Dan White, will perform at 1:45 p.m., Sunday, Sept. 2, at the Detroit International Jazz Festival's Motor City Casino Hotel Stage at Campus Martius in downtown Detroit. The band was one of the 10 school ensembles selected from throughout the state to perform. Their selection was based on the superior rating they received at Michigan School Band and Orchestra Association Jazz Festival earlier this year. The band's festival performance will include music by John Coltrane, Duke Ellington, Lester Young, and George Gershwin. Students will also participate in a jazz clinic session with the Julliard Jazz Quintet. The South Jazz Band also appeared at the Detroit Festival in 2005. The four-day event features Herbie Hancock, Stanley Jordan, Kurt Elling, and Regina Carter, along with dozens of other local, national, and international artists. The Detroit International Jazz Festival is the world's largest free jazz festival. Originally located within Hart Plaza along the downtown riverfront, the festival has expanded up Woodward Avenue into the Campus Martius area.



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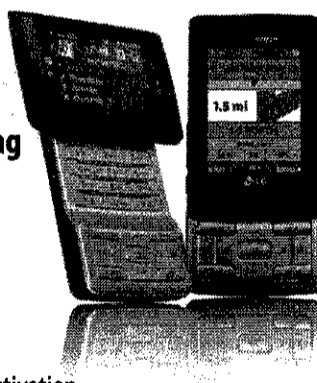


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**JACK D. SHUMATE**, a senior attorney at Butzel Long, is one of 23 attorneys from across the United States and the only

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Based in Butzel Long's Bloomfield Hills office, Shumate specializes in environmental, natural resources, insurance coverage matters and appellate law.

He is the firm's senior environmental attorney.

He has been engaged in all aspects of environmental law since 1975.

Currently, his environmental practice is focused on investigation and cleanup of superfund sites throughout the country, pre-acquisition property investigations, environmental aspects of major real estate and corporate transactions, Brownfield redevelopment and environmental litigation.

Shumate has a broad background in real estate and corporate transactions and related litigation and legislative relations.

Prior to joining Butzel Long, he worked in the corporate legal department of Consumers Power Company.

His duties included licensing, investigation, and closure and re-use of the company's coal ash landfills, including resolving heavy metals issues.

He has represented subsidiaries engaged in exploration and development of oil, natural gas, and uranium. He also has served as a legal and legislative advisor to the governor of Ohio.

He is an active member, and past chairperson, of the Real Property Law Section of the State Bar of Michigan.

He is a frequent author and lecturer on real estate and environmental topics and has served as an expert witness concerning environmental and attorney malpractice issues.

He has a Bachelor of Science degree in chemical engineering from Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology and obtained his Juris Doctor in 1962 from the Salmon P. Chase College of Law of Northern Kentucky University. Shumate is a resident of Grosse Pointe Park.

**JAMIE LEACH**, an attorney and shareholder at the law firm of Garan Lucow Miller, P.C., has been appointed to a three-year term as barrister of the University of Detroit Mercy School of Law's chapter of

American Inns of Court effective this month.

Leach graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree (summa cum laude) in 1991 and a Juris Doctor (cum laude) in 1995 from the University of Detroit.

She became a member of the Michigan Bar in 1995 and the U.S. District Court, Eastern District, in 1995 and the Western District in 1997.

She is a member of the State Bar of Michigan, the Detroit Metropolitan Bar Association, the Federal Bar Association, the Association of Defense Trial Lawyers and the Michigan Association of Municipal Attorneys.

Leach is the co-editor of "GovLaw," the firm's monthly publication that provides legal information and analysis to Michigan cities, townships, villages, and schools, and their officials, carriers and counsel. Her practice areas include municipal liability defense, casino litigation, premises liability and automobile negligence. She practices in the firm's Detroit office.

Leach is a Grosse Pointe resident.



**TINA KOZAK** has joined Franco Public Relations Group as an account manager.

She will be responsible for managing the automotive and technology accounts, which include EaglePicher Corporation, Yazaki North America, RIT USA Inc., and ITC Holdings Corp.

Prior to joining Franco, Kozak was director of marketing and corporate communications at Microheat where she was responsible for developing and implementing all of the organization's marketing strategies, marketing communications, and public relations activities. She has more than seven years of corporate communications experience including six years at Metaldyne Corp.

In her role as manager of corporate communications and public relations at Metaldyne, Kozak worked on global communications programs that included public relations, marketing, government relations, internal communications and community relations.

She also worked closely with senior executives to develop and execute a comprehensive strategic communications plan for a multi-national acquisition.

Prior to joining Metaldyne, she was an intern at Bianchi Public Relations.

Kozak graduated from Wayne State University in 2002, earning a bachelor's degree with a dual major in public relations and Spanish.

She is an active member of the Public Relations Society of America, Automotive Public Relations Council and Detroit Economic Club.

## CITY OF GROSSE POINTE

# Local market has a 'fresh' feeling

By John Lundberg  
Staff Writer

The City of Grosse Pointe has but a short list of business staples in the city. There's Kroger and Notre Dame Pharmacy in the Village.

The Alger's and Coins & Stamps on Mack.

And there's Farms Market (now Fresh Farms Market) on Fisher.

Established in 1939, it was purchased by Larry and Steve Najjar in October 1997. It was always a plan of theirs to renovate the market, but economic restraints and a desire to do it all at once held them back.

Until June of last year.

"We always knew when we bought the market that we would (eventually) remodel," Steve said. "We were just not in the position (financially) right away."

"The plans just took a little longer than expected."

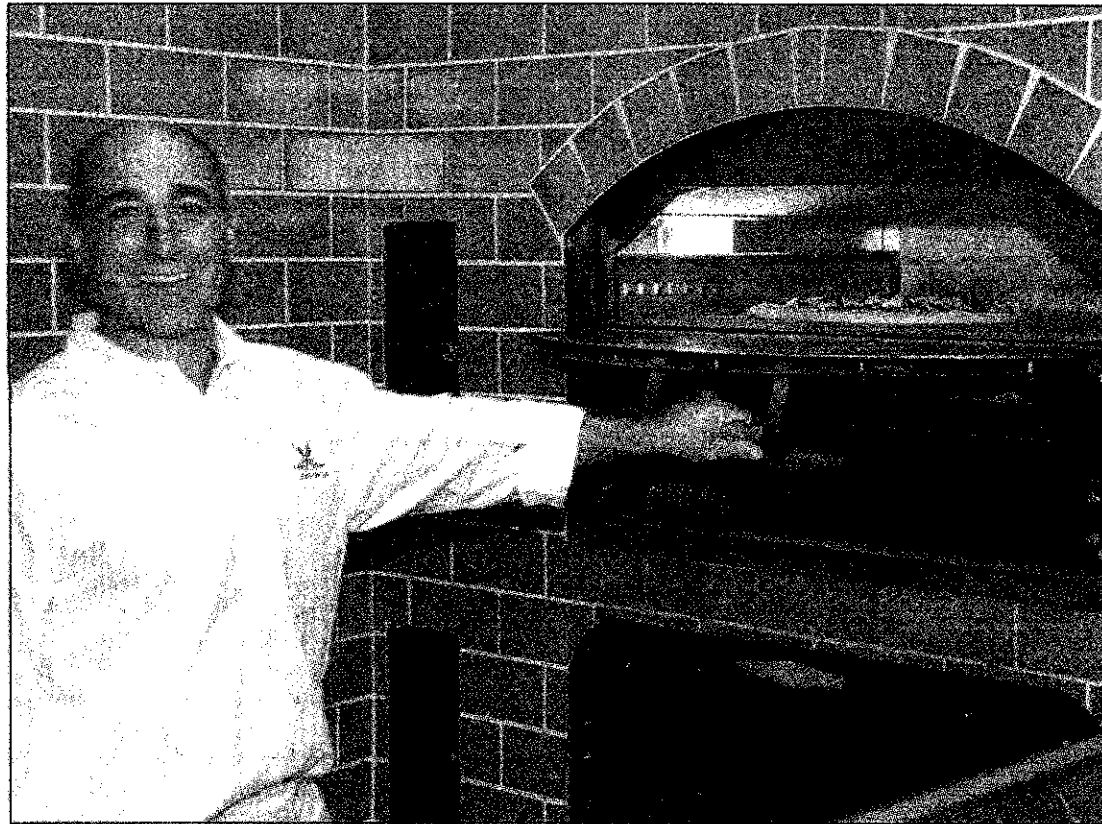
Fresh Farms Market has always been a popular grocer for residents and Grosse Pointe South High School students alike.

Located right across the street from the high school, it always offered a selection of deli items and sweets to its shoppers.

But following the yearlong renovation, there's plenty more.

"The back room has been brought out on the floor that has increased our floor space by 1,000 feet," Steve says. "We have more room for (freezer products) and a meat counter."

"Most of what we gained in (floor space) was made for



Above, Larry Najjar, one of the owners, displays the new pizza oven.

fresh (food). It was our goal to provide a fresh product that was also of high quality."

In addition, the market now boasts a kitchen and a hand-tossed pizza station.

The kitchen prepares high-end selections like chicken marsala, crab cakes, grilled salmon and shrimp scampi and at the same time leaving room for chicken wings and macaroni and cheese.

"We wanted to also offer a healthy side to our menu so that our customers could have something more upper scale to choose from," Steve says.

Additions like these do not

come without their share of obstacles. Licensing issues had to be settled with agencies like the health department, but Steve said the market passed without a problem.

Perhaps the most successful addition is the hand-tossed pizza station.

When Larry and Steve were contemplating the renovation, they visited markets throughout the U.S. taking pictures and notes about what they saw and liked.

And that didn't change for the pizza station.

"We flew in a pizza chef from New York to teach us how to make New York style pizza," Steve says. "This is authentic brick-style New York pizza. It's hand tossed and baked in a brick (pizza oven) that makes a crispier pie."

But what do the customers

think? Well, if you're Alex Draper of Harper Woods, the renovation is very welcomed.

"The upgrades are terrific," Draper said. "I've always been a supporter of smaller customer-oriented markets."

"The new (offerings) are great."

"The response so far has been excellent," Steve says. "Business has gone up, especially at night when the pizza orders come in."

"We had customers come up to us during the renovation saying 'we loved the store the way it was.' After seeing the result, they admitted they were wrong," he says with a laugh. "We are just happy to bring a market like this to the community," Steve said. "You see stores like this on the west side of Detroit. We wanted to bring that here."



Above is a view of the front of Fresh Farms Market with cashiers to the left and fresh produce to the right.

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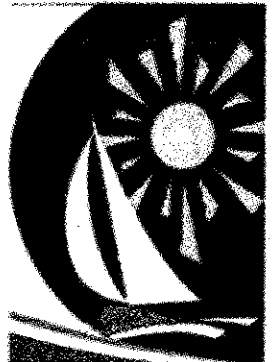
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## TEST DRIVE By Greg Zyla

The revolution just kicked into high gear with the 2007 Chevy Corvette. This world-class, high performance sports car does 0-60 in 4.2 seconds in coupe and convertible.

# Vette has precision-built quality, luxury



This week, we're driving Chevy's 2007 Corvette Coupe, America's ultimate sports car — base price: \$44,170; price as tested: \$55,235.

Now in its sixth generation, Corvette is still, dollar for dollar, the world's best performance buy. It leaves little doubt to on-lookers as to what lurks beneath the hood.

It's not just all go. The new Corvette produces 27 miles per gallon highway and 17 city — even with a 6.0-liter, 400-horse, 364-inch LS2 small block V8 nestled tightly in the engine bay. To produce an engine of this significance under today's strict emission mandates is nothing less than spectacular.

Want more? How about the 427-inch 7.0-liter small block that comes in the Z06 and produces 505 horses? It's available, but you'll need a minimum \$70,000 to start the buy procedure.

One of modern-day Corvette's best features is its ability to turn from comfortable cruiser into a world-class race car when throttle meets the carpet. We especially like this factor because comfort is major demand from today's baby-boomer consumers, who happen to make up a large percentage of Corvette buyers.

Notable, too, is how the extra room inside is made possible.

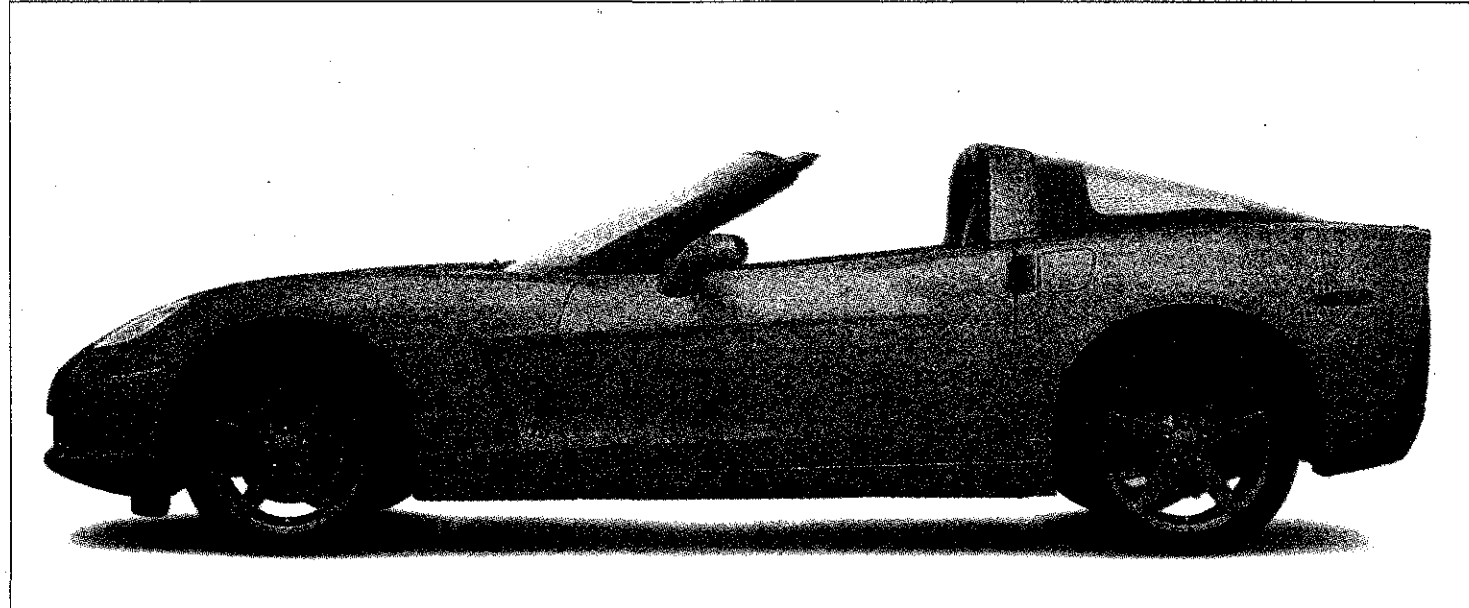
Beginning with the fifth generation in 1997, the transmission sits between the rear wheels instead of right behind the engine. This arrangement eliminates the bulge between driver and passenger prevalent on previous generation Vettes.

However, Corvette designers didn't locate the transmission at the rear solely for cockpit room. The main reason is to attain near perfect front to rear weight ratio, and subsequent better handling characteristics of the 3,250-pound car. This is a far cry from, say, a '67 Vette 427 roadster of the rough riding '84 model.

Although we love 6-speed manuals, our tester came with a 6-speed automatic. Nonetheless, even with the automatic, every trip turned out to be a fun drive. We took the Corvette to business meetings, food shopping, the home improvement store — no 4- by 8-inch plywood here, my friends — and then, our best trip of all, to Numidia Dragway in Numidia, Penn., where Friday night test and tune sessions are featured.

There, the Corvette clocked an impressive 13.02 at 109-mph in the quarter-mile on a very humid evening, accomplished with the traction control on and allowing the car to shift itself by leaving the shifter in drive position. Yes, very impressive indeed.

Of course, straight-line speed isn't the only thing Corvette is noted for. The 105.7-inch wheelbase two-seater offers up a tremendous fully independent suspension, huge 4-wheel disc anti-lock brakes, lightweight composite body and



2007 Chevy Corvette

looks that will draw glances wherever it is driven.

Standard features include the aforementioned traction control, stability control, extended mobility tires with monitor system and a removable roof panel.

An LT3 preferred equipment group added another \$4,945 to the price. It includes side air bags and a "Head Up Display." We never liked the head up option, which reflects engine RPM and other mechanical functions onto the windshield just in line with the driver's view of the road. We feel it takes your mind and eyes off the road, and we turned it off.

Many other ancillary items are in this package, but for the money, I'll take the LT2 optioned Vette that carries a base price of \$45,745, side air bags and the manual 6-speed. The automatic costs \$1,250 extra and comes with an additional

paddle shift setup on the steering wheel.

Another option we'd pass on is the \$1,875 chrome aluminum wheel package, as the 5-spoke aluminum alloys are just fine and standard on the 18-inch (front) and 19-inch (rear) tires. I'd trade this option for the Z51 handling/performance option that goes for \$1,695 and pocket the difference.

Bottom line? If you are truly serious about spending some money for a great, rear-drive sports car, you'll have lot of money left over if you choose a Corvette over a Porsche. Don't be misled by its American heritage, either. For the most part, "foreign" equates to more expensive, something you'll find when you price a Porsche Carrera Turbo at \$122,900.

With a heritage dating back to 1953, the 2007 Chevrolet Corvette Coupe is a "Test Drive" best buy, overall, in the

sports car class. Its great design, ultra-fast acceleration, road-hugging performance and, best of all, comparable affordability allow us to rate it a well-deserved 10 on a scale of one to 10. Yes, it's perfect.

Likes: Power, looks, handling, fuel economy, price.

Dislikes: What's not to like? It's a 10, but I prefer the 6-speed manual.

Greg Zyla is a syndicated auto columnist.

## Five steps to a 'greener' car

By Rich White

There are preventive maintenance steps every vehicle owner can take to make sure their car is as "green" or environmentally friendly as possible.

By following five simple preventive maintenance steps, you can help protect the environment by improving gas mileage, which in turn saves money at the pump.

1) Keep your car properly tuned for optimum performance. A well-tuned engine delivers the best balance of power and fuel economy and produces the lowest level of emissions. A 21st century tune-up for modern vehicles includes the following system checks: battery, charging and starting; engine mechanical; powertrain control (including onboard diagnostic checks); fuel; ignition; and emissions.

A modern tune-up can improve gas mileage by an average of 4 percent. Fixing a serious maintenance problem, such as a faulty oxygen sensor,

can improve gas mileage by as much as 40 percent.

2) Regularly check and replace dirty air filters. An air filter that is clogged with dirt, dust and bugs chokes off the air and creates a "rich" mixture — too much gas being burned for the amount of air — that wastes gas and causes the engine to lose power. Replacing a clogged air filter can improve gas mileage by as much as 10 percent, saving about 15 cents a gallon.

3) Have the spark plugs checked and replaced if necessary. A vehicle can have four, six or eight spark plugs, which fire as many as 3 million times every 1,000 miles. This results in a lot of heat, electrical and chemical erosion. A dirty spark plug also causes misfiring, which wastes fuel.

4) Maintain the cooling system. A cooling system thermostat that causes the engine to run too cold will lower the fuel

efficiency of a car by as much as one or two miles per gallon. There also are improved radiator caps on the market that allow the cooling system to operate at a higher temperature before boiling over, increasing the system's efficiency and reducing emissions.

5) Properly maintain and repair your car as outlined in the council's "Car Care Guide." The guide helps drivers understand their car, the care it needs, and when it needs it and why. A copy of the free guide can be ordered on the Car Care Council Web site, [carcare.org](http://carcare.org).

Vehicles can be more fuel-efficient if tires are properly inflated and if drivers observe the speed limit, avoid aggressive driving and excessive idling, and adhere to an errand list to eliminate extra trips to the store for forgotten items.

Rich White is the executive director of the Car Care Council.

## Free evaluations

The Department of State and AAA Michigan are offering a free CarFit evaluation for licensed drivers age 65 or older who own a registered vehicle.

CarFit educates mature drivers on how to properly adjust their vehicle's controls, mirrors, seats and other components for their height and size.

About 110 people went through a CarFit evaluation during the first part of the campaign in May and June. Participants reported the service was beneficial, provided good information and helped them learn to better monitor their driving habits. The program's second segment will begin in August and end in September.

Evaluations will be offered Monday, Sept. 24, at AAA Michigan, 25195 Kelly, Roseville.

For more information, visit [Michigan.gov/sos](http://Michigan.gov/sos).

City of Grosse Pointe Farms, Michigan

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City of Grosse Pointe Woods, Michigan

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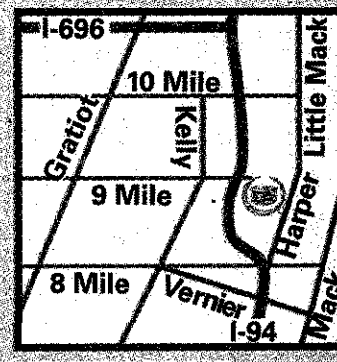
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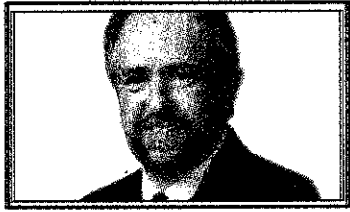
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TEST DRIVE By Greg Zyla

# Rondo EX has the 'power to surprise'



This week we test drive the brand new 2007 Rondo, a vehicle we found clearly fitting to Kia's "power to surprise" motto — base price: \$20,195; price as tested: \$23,495.

We'll admit to being bitten by "Rondoism," a new language Kia has applied to this front-wheel drive crossover. Although not yet in Webster's Dictionary, Rondoism promises bold styling, comfort, flexibility and the spaciousness of an SUV along with the precise handling and fuel efficiency of a sedan. Of course, all this comes at an affordable price.

Affordable? Yes, especially for the base LX model at \$16,995. Ultimately, however, we landed in the higher-priced ballpark of its competitors when dressed as our test model with \$3,000-plus in options on top of the EX's \$20,195 base.

First impressions are important, and that's when we first felt a tinge of Rondoism. A beautiful Volcanic Red exterior (remember cherry red? it's similar) elicits a double take, while roof rails, chrome door handles, chrome front grille crossbars, fog lights and body-color mirrors add to the look.

Inside, you'll find "huge cabinicity" (still with us?). The V6 EX we drove seats seven, although other models don't have the third row seating.

The 2.7-liter, 24-valve, double-overhead cam powerplant produces 182 horsepower, something Kia calls "giddyup-ness;" in more common lan-

guage, it's a moderate rating for a vehicle this size. Still, it helps even the heavier seven-seat Rondo produces a respectable 20 miles per gallon city and 27 highway fuel mileage, called "mpg happiness" and "environmental protectionness" in Rondoism.

Notable is the fact that the 4-cylinder Rondo delivers more standard horsepower than Mazda5, Chevy HHR and Toyota Matrix, yet the 6-cylinder pales in comparison to many competitors. Plus, it's only 20 more horsepower than the I-4; the minimal difference is curious, and could be an area Kia engineers address in the future.

The Rondo's "high command seating position" offers a clear view of the highway, an appreciated lift after some of the other crossovers we've driven. The third-row seating is tight — have you seen any that aren't, especially for a midsize crossover? — yet the interior is otherwise spacious and accommodating.

Standard features beyond the expected include heated outside mirrors, leather-wrapped steering wheel and shift knob, dual covered and illuminated vanity mirrors, six-way adjustable driver's seat; folding, reclining 60-40 split second row seat (can you say "seat-folding effortlessness?"); metallic-look door handles, keyless entry with alarm, steering wheel audio and cruise switches and rear wiper.

The "safety overallness" (we promise, that's the last Rondoism, lest we spur reader craziness) of the Rondo includes six air bags, ABS and electronic stability control, all of which helps it earn a five-star crash safety rating in frontal driver and passenger crash tests from the National Highway Safety



2007 Kia Rondo EX

Administration. It also has a tire-pressure monitoring system and front-active headrests.

The extra \$3,300 on our EX paid for the leather package (\$1,000), which includes leather seat trim and heated front seats; the premium package (\$1,200), featuring power sunroof and Infinity AM/FM/CDC Audio System; third-row seat (\$500); and inland freight and handling (\$600).

Sticking to our promise, we'll resist the temptation to add to the Rondo dictionary in celebrating Kia's noted 10 year, 100,000 mile warranty, but will admit it adds tremendous value.

Other important numbers include 6.1-inch ground clearance, 3,511-pound curb weight, 15.8-gallon fuel tank and 106.3-inch wheelbase.

Rondo's good looks, combined with the industry's most comprehensive warranty, certainly give Kia a strong start in the crossover market, and we offer up a pleasing 8.5 on a

scale of 1 to 10.

We're not sure, however, that the language will catch on.

Likes: Sharp vehicle, reasonable price, good crossover

effort.

Dislikes: V6 a bit shy on power, especially if loaded with passengers or cargo.

Greg Zyla is a syndicated automotive columnist.

## Labor Day road trip tips

Take the time to make sure your car is in its best shape before setting out on a Labor Day road trip.

The experts at AAA offer the following tips:

- Check all belts, hoses and fluids. With the engine off, look for worn or cracked belts and damaged or soft hoses. Inspect the antifreeze/coolant level and condition, making certain the proper 50/50 mixture of water and coolant is present. If you're not comfortable making the checks on your own, bring your car to a mechanic for a

seasonal check-up.

- Check motor oil level and condition. If driving under extreme conditions, such as very hot temperatures or while towing a heavy trailer, switch to a motor oil with higher viscosity. Check the car's owner's manual for specific oil recommendations.

- Equip the vehicle with an emergency kit containing at least the following items: A flashlight with extra batteries, warning devices such as flares or reflective triangles, jumper cables, a first-aid kit, and a cel-

lular phone to summon emergency assistance if needed.

To make the car more fuel efficient, make sure the tires are properly inflated. Improperly inflated tires can affect gas mileage. Inspect tires, including the spare for signs of uneven or excessive tread wear.

Put a fuel additive such as Marvel Mystery Oil into the gas tank every time it is filled up. The additive helps increase a vehicle's gas mileage by reducing internal friction in the engine.

### THE GROSSE POINTE PUBLIC SCHOOL SYSTEM

#### NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON INCREASING PROPERTY TAXES

The Board of Education of The Grosse Pointe Public School System will hold a Public Hearing on the proposed operating tax millage rate to be levied in 2007-2008.

The hearing will be held on Monday, September 10, 2007 at 8:00 p.m. at the Wicking Library, Grosse Pointe South High School, 11 Grosse Pointe Boulevard, Grosse Pointe Farms, MI 48236.

The date and location of the meeting to take action on the proposed additional millage will be announced at this public meeting.

A summary of the Homestead Hold-Harmless millage tax rate is as follows:

	Base Millage Rate	Decrease Millage Rate	Total Rate
Operating	5.8830	(0.0078)	5.8752

The proposed Homestead Hold-Harmless millage rate for 2007 will be 5.8752 mills, a decrease of 0.1057 mills from the 5.9809 mills levied in 2006. If adopted, the proposed Homestead Hold-Harmless millage will decrease operating revenues from ad valorem property taxes over such revenues generated last year by approximately \$21,813 (0.13% revenue decrease).

A summary of the Non-Homestead millage tax rate is as follows:

	Base Millage Rate	Increase Millage Rate	Total Rate
Renewal	15.7426	0.8938	16.6364
Restoration	1.2903	0.0733	1.3636
Total Operating	17.0329	0.9671	18.0000

The total proposed Non-Homestead millage rates for 2007 will be 18.0000 mills, which is the same mills levied in 2006. If adopted, the proposed Homestead and Non-Homestead millage will increase operating revenues from ad valorem property taxes over such revenues generated last year by approximately \$413,521 (5.68% revenue increase).

A summary of the Sinking Fund millage tax rate is as follows:

	Base Millage Rate	Increase Millage Rate	Total Rate
Sinking Fund	0.944	0.0297	0.9738

The proposed Sinking Fund millage rate for 2007 is 0.9738 mills which is the same as the 0.9738 mills levied in 2006. If adopted the proposed Homestead and Non-Homestead Sinking Fund millage will increase Sinking Fund revenues from ad valorem property taxes by over such revenues generated last year by approximately \$95,481 (3.16% revenue increase).

The proposed Debt Fund millage rate for 2007 is 1.2478 which is a decrease of .0716 mills from the 1.3194 mills levied in 2006. If adopted the proposed Homestead and Non-Homestead Debt millage will decrease Debt Fund revenues from ad valorem property taxes by over such revenues generated last year by approximately \$100,150 (2.44% revenue decrease).

A summary of the tax revenue changes is as follows:

	Increase	Percentage
General Homestead	(21,813)	(0.13)
Non-Homestead	\$413,521	5.68%
Sinking Fund	95,481	3.16
Debt Fund	(100,150)	(2.44)
Total	\$387,039	1.26%

The Grosse Pointe Public School System has complete authority to establish the number of mills to be levied from within its authorized millage rates.

Ahmed Ismail, Secretary

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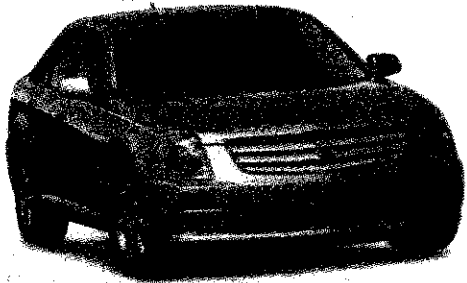
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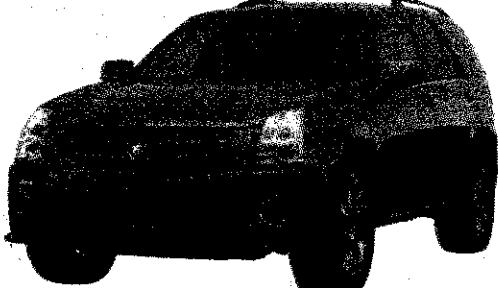
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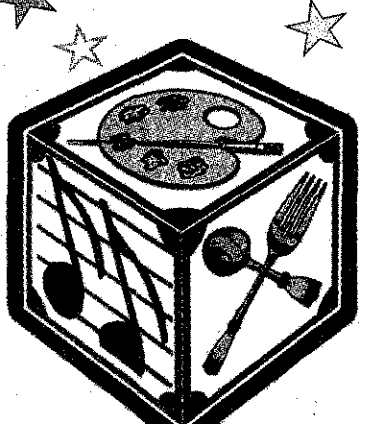
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## CRIMES: Keeping the police busy

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and released into the custody of his mother.

### Stop

On Saturday, Aug. 25 at 1:40 a.m. police were called to the intersection of Kenmore and Jackson where they found the stop sign had been bent and damaged.

Witnesses told police that three youths in a white Chevrolet Cavalier had damaged the sign. A search for the vehicle at that time was unsuccessful.

At 3:15 a.m., police were called to a home on Kenmore where a woman reported her car, a silver Jeep, was missing. Police noticed a white Chevrolet Cavalier parked in her driveway and learned the woman's 16-year-old son and his two friends, aged 16 and 17, had taken the Cavalier earlier. The son and one friend later took the Jeep.

Police questioned the youth

who remained at the home and he said he was responsible for damaging the stop sign because he was angry over his parents' divorce.

The two other youths returned home in the Jeep. No charges have yet been filed.

### Bike theft at knife point

On Sunday, Aug. 26 at 4:07 p.m. a 14-year-old Grosse Pointe Woods resident reported to police that his bike was stolen at knife point in front of a store on Mack.

The teen said he and two friends had ridden their bikes to the store. The two friends went inside and he stayed outside to watch the bikes.

He was approached by three youths, two believed to be 16 and the other, 10. One of the youths had a knife and demanded a bike.

The teen and his friends all said they had noticed the boys earlier, and believed they had been followed to the store.

### Bike found

On Sunday, Aug. 26 at 10:35 p.m. police were called to a business on Mack to pick up a bicycle that had been left un-

locked there for the better part of the day. Police took the bike to the station and tagged it.

There was no license or registration on file. It is being held in the property section.

### Attempted car theft

On Sunday, Aug. 26 at 7:45 a.m. a 47-year-old Bournemouthe resident reported someone had attempted to steal his 2005 Dodge Durango by removing the ignition cylinder, which he found on his driveway.

He said he parked the car in his driveway around 11:30 p.m. the night before.

### Successful car theft

On Sunday, Aug. 26 at 10:30 a.m. a Bournemouthe resident notified police that his 1999 Dodge Intrepid was missing from his driveway.

The resident had parked his car around 11:30 p.m. the night before. Police continue to investigate.

— By Kathy Ryan

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

## Trash or treasure?

By Beth Quin  
Staff Writer

Dust off those books in the attic.

The Grosse Pointe Public Library and the American Association of University Women Grosse Pointe Branch will host a book appraisal program at 7:30 p.m., Thursday, Sept. 13, at the Ewald branch, 15175 E. Jefferson.

During the program, John King of John K. King Used and Rare Books will briefly discuss how old books are appraised.

Afterwards, each attendee will have the opportunity to have up to five books evaluated by King.

While the admittance to the program is free, a fee of \$2 per each book appraised will be charged.

All proceeds raised from the program will be donated to the

American Association of University Women scholarship fund.

King began selling books in high school in the mid-60s and in the early 1970s. He opened his first bookstore in downtown Detroit and now has three locations in the metropolitan area.

To register, call (313) 343-2074 ext. 220 or visit the library's online calendar at [gp.lib.mi.us](http://gp.lib.mi.us).

## GROSSE POINTE WOODS

### Pool open after Labor Day

Who says summer fun has to end with Labor Day?

Certainly not the Grosse Pointe Woods Parks and Recreation Department.

The pool at Lake Front Park will remain open until Sept. 16, with "back to school" hours from 4 to 8 p.m. Monday through Friday and from noon to 8 p.m. on the weekends.

Lap swimmers are welcome from 6:30 to 9 a.m. Monday

through Saturday.

"Every year residents ask us to extend the pool hours after Labor Day, especially if we're having a warm September," explained Melissa Sharp, recreation supervisor.

"But we were not able to do it in previous years because so many of our lifeguards returned to college and we couldn't get enough staff together. This year, we are fortunate that

many of our guards are going to school locally, so we were able to work out a schedule."

But, Sharp warns, that schedule is a bit tight, so not all areas will be open at the same time.

"We probably won't be able to have the slide open, and we might have to trade off on the diving well and the baby pool. But the main pool will definitely be open."

## Forum on Michigan's future

Political strategist Donna Brazile will deliver the keynote address at the Michigan Policy Summit to be held from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m., Saturday, Sept. 8, at the Lansing Center.

The event is organized by Michigan's progressive community.

"Michigan's progressive community is honored to have Donna Brazile at our inaugural summit," said Lynn Jondahl, executive director of Michigan Prospect and former gubernatorial candidate.

"We look forward to gaining insight from this extremely talented education and protecting the Great Lakes from diversion and pollution," said Brazile. "This progressive summit is cutting edge, creative and crucial. It shows exactly the type of collaboration

of the state's progressive community to examine ways labor, environment and social justice groups can come together to move Michigan forward.

There will be forums on key issues facing the state as well as opportunities for leaders to network and share ideas and best practices.

"Michigan's progressive community is showing once again that it is at the forefront nationally when it comes to organizing public support behind causes that make a real difference in the lives of people — expanding access to affordable health care, strengthening education and protecting the Great Lakes from diversion and pollution," said Brazile. "This progressive summit is cutting edge, creative and crucial. It shows exactly the type of collaboration

that is needed between labor, environmental groups and the social justice community to move our country in the right direction."

Brazile has 30 years of experience running political campaigns, including Vice-President Al Gore's presidential run in 2000. She is a weekly contributor and political commentator on CNN's "Inside Politics" and "American Morning" as well as being a columnist for Roll Call Newspaper in Washington D.C.

The forum is open to the public.

To register, call Pete Woiwode at (517) 381-3433 or visit [info@michiganpolicy-summit.org](http://info@michiganpolicy-summit.org). More information can be found at [michigan-prospect.org/michigan\\_policy-summit](http://michigan-prospect.org/michigan_policy-summit).

## Offices closed on Labor Day

All Secretary of State branch offices will be closed on Monday, Sept. 3, in observance of Labor Day.

The Department of State mails notices to motorists 45 days before their driver's license or license plates expire to give them ample time to renew. Licenses and plates that expire on a day when state offices are closed, such as a hol-

iday or weekend, can be renewed the following day without penalty.

Motorists can also renew license plates by mail, or if eligible, by Internet or touch-tone telephone. Easy to follow instructions can be found to give them the renewal notice. License plate tabs will arrive by mail within seven business days.

With the exception of holidays, branch offices are open Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Smaller branch offices may close for the lunch hour.

On Wednesdays, most offices are open 11 a.m. to 7 p.m., with those in city centers open 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

For more information, visit [Michigan.gov/sos](http://Michigan.gov/sos).

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A lunch aboard a World War I cruiser inspired **Robert J. Tobin** to build, with accuracy over a 40 year time span, World War II ships, harbors and towns to fit into his basement.

# Mini war games

By Laura Phelps  
Special Writer

Some repair cars or play golf, but Grosse Pointe City resident Robert J. Tobin has a far more unique hobby.

He builds accurate replicas of World War II battles in his basement.

Tobin's interest in ship building began during his childhood in Germantown, Pa. where on a rowing trip with the Vesper Rowing Club he toured the Philadelphia Navy yard.

While there, he was invited to lunch aboard a World War I cruiser by his second cousin, U.S. Navy Captain Clarence Gulibransen, who was commandant of the Navy yard at the time.

"It was a wonderful experience and started me making ship models as a hobby," he said. "I found pine wood models of battleships with 'cage mast' and started my first fleet."

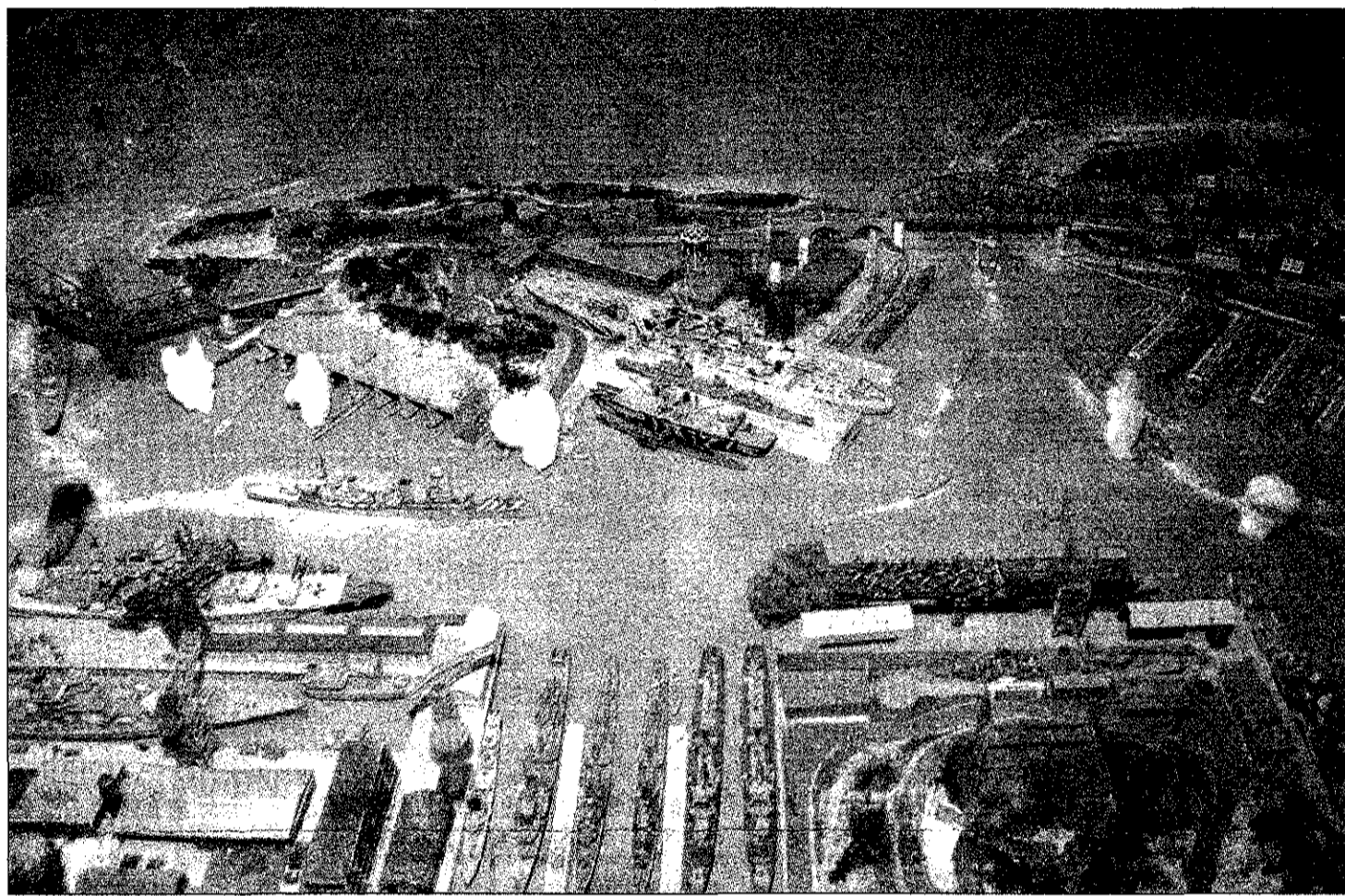
Tobin still has his original models today, packed away in his attic.

At the start of World War II, his family moved to Grosse Pointe where his father worked for Chrysler building tanks and trucks for the military. Tobin attended Grosse Pointe High School and continued rowing with the high school crew at the Detroit Boat Club. With his new friends, he expanded his ship model fleet and the group met every Saturday in his basement to conduct "war games" until they were separated by a call of duty to the U.S. Navy and the V-5 Naval Air Corp. program.

Tobin was enlisted with the U.S. Navy, but was part of the defense force protecting American soil. He never saw most of the battles he would later reenact in his basement.

After the war, Tobin changed his old wood kits into plastic models and modified them to a scale of one inch equaling 50 feet. This scale helped maintain his accuracy, he said. He removed two support columns in his basement and installed a 12 foot steel beam to accommodate his new models and new "war games."

"All the elements of the harbor are this scale and all the homes of the town as well as the docks, submarine pens, and air fields," Tobin explained. "The purpose of the game is an invasion of the beaches by allies and the even-



One of the harbors where ships are in port, planes fly low, explosions occur and to the right, the castle that represents axis headquarters.



PHOTOS BY RENEE LANDUYT

Robert Tobin holds his first model.

tual overcome of the entire harbor until the "Gestapo" castle was conquered and the game would end."

It took him 40 years to build more than 400 ship models, 15 submarines, 500 tanks and 500 planes, he said.

His models include

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An overhead view of a small-scale D-Day at Normandy Beach.



The Japanese fleet, in miniature.

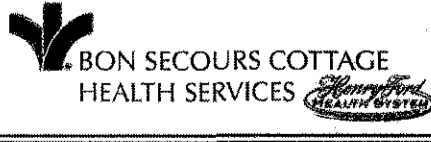
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## MEETINGS

## Questers

Questers Pettipointe Chapter No. 243 meets at 11 a.m. Thursday, Sept. 6, with hostess Mary Lou Lefevre, who asks members to bring a summer find to the first program of the season.

Lunch will be served after the program. Bring a salad for the buffet.

R.S.V.P. to Lefevre by Sunday, Sept. 2.

## Herb society

The Herb Society of America/Grosse Pointe unit meets from 7 to 9 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 12, at the Children's Home of Detroit, 900 Cook, Grosse Pointe Woods.

The owners of Chartreuse Tea will present "the evolution of tea" and bring their organic

herbal blends, explain the health benefits of each and provide samples.

Visitors are welcome. For more information, call Kathleen Peabody at (313) 886-2797 or Barbara Hayes at (313) 881-1237.

## Reunion

Grosse Pointe North Class of 1997 will have a reunion from 7 p.m. to midnight, Saturday, Nov. 24, in the Grosse Pointe War Memorial. For more information, e-mail gpn1997@gmail.com.

## Family Center

"Remarried Families: Making the Most of the Holidays," will be discussed at 7 p.m. Oct. 17 at The Family

Center.

This program is for parents in remarried/blended families and will be led by Sean Hogan Downey. Topics include:

- ◆ Reducing family stress during the holidays
- ◆ Establishing realistic expectations

- ◆ How to decide whose house to go to when creating new holiday traditions while integrating the old

- ◆ How to help kids to be part of the decision making process

Time will be allotted for questions. There is no charge but registration is requested.

## Mum sale

The Grosse Pointe League of Women Voters' annual fundraising sale of 10-inch pots of chrysanthemums in white, yellow, salmon, rust or lavender is being held from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 8, at West Park Market in Grosse Pointe Park.

Each pot sells for \$7 and proceeds support league activities

such as the candidate forums and town hall meetings.

## Explore history

Learn all the local lore of St. Paul's Cemetery and who is buried there while enjoying black tea and spooky treats on Saturday, Sept. 8, at the Provençal-Weir House, 376 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe Farms with Grosse Pointe Historical Society board member Amy VanHecke.

The cemetery moved to the corner of Country Club Lane and Moross in the late 1800s from the church property on the lake. It is the final resting place for many prominent Grosse Pointers including members of the Moross, Allard, Cadieux, Beaufait, Moran, Trombley, Van Antwerp, Champine and Neff families.

The oldest grave, which was removed from the original cemetery behind the church, is that of Catherine Vernier who died in 1831.

This event is part of the society's Second Saturday Pastimes series, which invites community members to take a hands-on trip back in time. Reservations are encouraged, but not required. Children are welcome to come with an adult.

The Provençal-Weir House is one of the oldest houses in Grosse Pointe and has been carefully restored by the Grosse Pointe Historical Society.

The house will be open for free guided tours Saturday from 1:00-4:00 p.m.

For information, call (313) 884-7010, or visit the Web site at gphistorical.org.

## NAAMA walk

The National Arab American Medical Association (NAAMA) is partnering with the Barbara Ann Karmanos Cancer Institute for the Fourth Annual NAAMA Walk for Women's Cancer on Saturday, Sept. 29, at the Detroit Zoo. Gates open

at 8 a.m. and the walk begins at 9 a.m.

This is a one mile non-competitive walk to increase public awareness, support surviving patients, honor memories of those lost and create a community of individuals and businesses dedicated to eradicating the concerns of a future generation.

To register, call (800) KAR-MANOS and ask for patient and family support services.

## Ducks Unlimited

The Grosse Pointe chapter of Ducks Unlimited is hosting its 29th annual dinner on Wednesday, Sept. 12, at Gino's Surf Restaurant, 34700 Jefferson, Harrison Township. Cocktails are served at 6 p.m. and dinner at 7 p.m.

For ticket information, call Dave Litchfield at (313) 886-9679 or Terry Laymon at (313) 506-2100.

Proceeds will be used to help restore wetlands and support wild fowl habitat.

## Nursing scholars

Six Bon Secours Cottage nurses were awarded the Francys D. Marco Nursing Scholarship Endowment recently during a luncheon at the Country Club of Detroit. The six nurses received cash awards to pay tuition and expenses as they continue their nursing education. The endowment was established in memory of Francys Marco who, according to her family, received excellent, compassionate care while a patient at Bon Secours Hospital. Her husband, Paul, established the endowment in 1991 to honor and encourage members of the nursing profession. Recipients were, from left, Karen Smith, of Warren, who is enrolled in the nursing program at Macomb Community College; Judith Eppens, of East China Township, who is enrolled in the R.N. to MSN program at Wayne State University; Barbara Voorheis, daughter of Francys D. Marco; Phyllis Reynolds, Bon Secours Cottage Vice President, patient care/chief nursing officer; Debra Briske, of St. Clair Shores, who is enrolled in a master's of science program at Oakland University; Laurie Correa, of Warren, who is enrolled in the nursing program at Macomb Community College. Not available for the photo were Vivian Brzezicki, of St. Clair Shores, who is enrolled in the Master of Science in nursing education program at Oakland University, and Janette Martin, of Harrison Township, who is enrolled in the nursing program at Baker College.

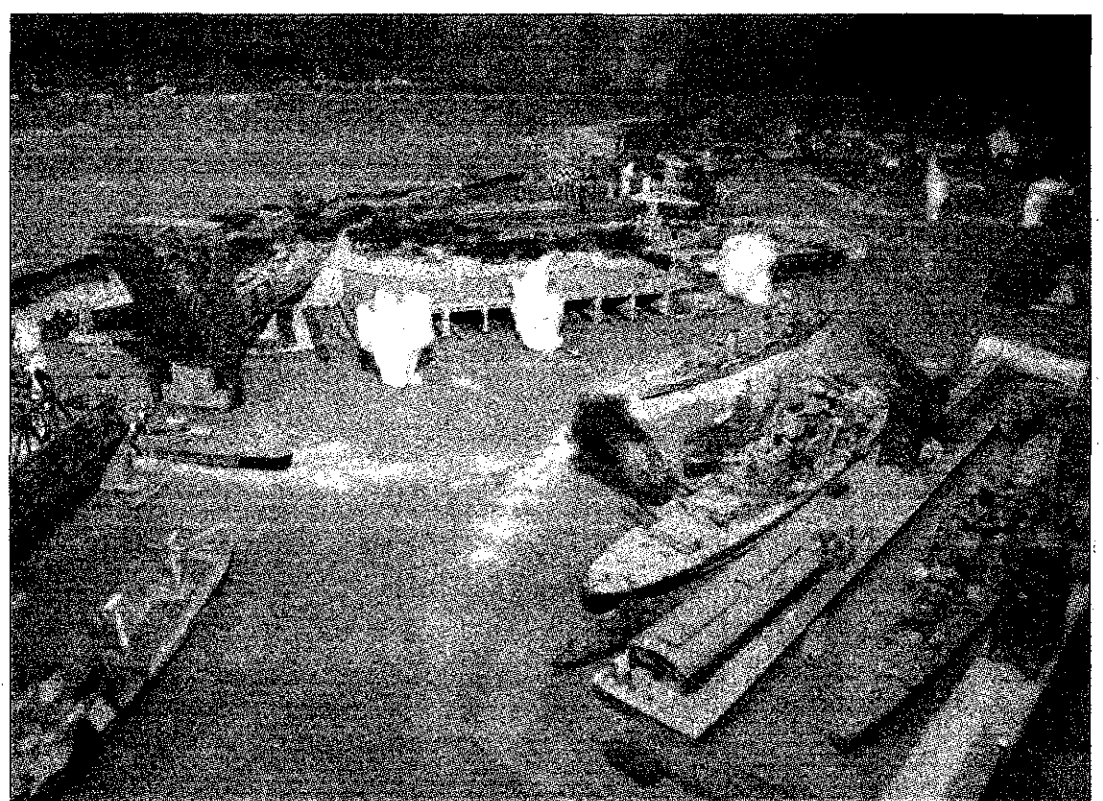


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This view includes the holding chambers for submarines that have been attacked.

SHIPS:  
Reliving Navy  
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American, British, German, Italian, and Japanese ships limited to the World War II era.

With the help of "Jane's Fighting Ships," a book series that identifies every ship in the world, Tobin said he was able to identify and label his collection. A rare 1941 edition of the book has helped him tremendously, he said, adding each ship in his fleet is historically accurate right down to the paint colors.

"Every one of these 336 ship models has a name on the bottom which I was able to identify from 'Jane's Books,'" said Tobin. "I research and modify kits for different ships and architects become perfectionists so it was synonymous with what I did."

His experience as a prominent architect has given him

the skill to make his underground war seem realistic, he said. He joked that when he shows photos of his hobby, he tells people they are aerial photos he took during World War II.

His collection includes 16 carrier ships, nine American and British carriers with 312 planes, and seven Japanese carriers with 236 planes represented at the battle of Midway. Also included are 41 American, British, French, and Polish destroyers, 42 German and Japanese destroyers, and 43 American, British, French, and German submarines.

To support these fleets, Tobin has built 141 miscellaneous ships including eight transports, eight supply ships, three oilers, three mine layers, seven minesweepers, seven corvettes, three sea plane tenders, 22 LST and LSM, and 44 Higgins boats. The harbor contains multiple docks and dry docks, concrete submarine pens, two airfields and a small town of 20 houses, he said.

Looking over the harbor is a castle of the main axis' head-

quarters. The two air fields contain an additional 65 German and Italian planes including ME 109s, ME 110s, Stukas, Folke Wulfs, Arados, Condor, Savoy, Marchettes, Kawanashis, Nells, and Hitler's private three motored Junker plane.

"I came up with a very complicated 'war game' that allocated distinct points to each ship as they would engage each other in combat," said Tobin. "The more points a ship would have, the more firepower was available and more difficult to sink."

For example, he said a destroyer model is worth 1,000 points and a battleship model is worth 50,000 points as the battleship is much more difficult to sink or damage.

As his friends move away, he is left with a perfectly intact replica of World War II battles in his basement. He said visitors occasionally stop by to see the 20-by-30 foot room and ask him why he put so much effort in the hobby.

"It keeps me out of the bars," he said with a laugh.

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Dog owners tried valiantly to get their winners lined up for a victory group photo following the Soroptimist International of Grosse Pointe's annual dog judging contest.

## Soroptimists anniversary gave stage to dogs

Soroptimist International of Grosse Pointe celebrated its 50th anniversary Saturday, July 21, with games, food and inflatable children's attractions.

Also part of the fun was the Soroptimists' annual dog judging contest. Celebrity judges were John Minnis, editor of the Grosse Pointe News; Julie Stevens of the Shores Sentinel; Michelle Asantais and Stacie Hillar of the Children's Home

of Detroit and Michigan Human Society representatives.

Emceeding the event was Teresa Tomeo, broadcast journalist and consultant.

Winners were:

### Look Alike

◆ First place, Reno, a golden retriever mix owned by Marianne and Tim Myers of Harper Woods;

◆ Second place, Wolverine, a

poodle/carrier terrier owned by Amanda Genord of Roseville;

◆ Third place, Whiskey, a St. Bernard owned by Tim and Marianne Myers of Harper Woods.

### Friendliest

◆ First place, Sandy, a golden retriever owned by Mary Parisgian of Grosse Pointe Farms;

◆ Second place, Molly, a wheaten terrier owned by

Nancy Steel of Harrison Township;

◆ Third place, K.C., a Shih Tzu owned by Kay Pinkins of Detroit.

### Best Costume

◆ First place, Dante, an Italian greyhound owned by Christine Hogan of Grosse Pointe Woods;

◆ Second place, Babe, a golden retriever owned by Russ Rivard of Grosse Pointe;

◆ Third place, Rella, a yellow lab owned by Cindy and Kyle Holmber of St. Clair Shores.

Soroptimist International is a worldwide volunteer service organization for women. Clubs in 120 countries give Soroptimists a global voice for women through awareness, advocacy and action. It is the only women's service organization with honorary status at the United Nations.

Soroptimist International of

Grosse Pointe provides financial and hands-on service. Yearly it gives \$10,000 to five deserving women in the community who are pursuing higher education. This was Soroptimist's fifth year of co-sponsoring a family event with the Grosse Pointe Animal Adoption Society. All of the proceeds from the dog judging contest go to the Children's Home of Detroit's small animal project.



## Emeritus members named

Four Grosse Pointers have been appointed to emeritus status by the Bon Secours Nursing Care Center Auxiliary. Betsy Martin and Jean Doyle of Grosse Pointe Woods and Laura Bommarito and Sandra Vandenberghe of Grosse Pointe Shores have been given the honorary title in recognition of their years of service. Pictured are, seated from left, auxiliary emeritus members Lorraine Thielemans of Clinton Township, Beverly Belding of Warren, Doyle and Vandenberghe. Standing from left are Martin and Bommarito. Not pictured is JoAnn Allen of Mount Clemens.



## Honors

Michael Kassab of Grosse Pointe Woods took third place honors in the Street SUV category at the DUB Magazine Custom Auto Show, held Aug. 5, at Cobo Hall. The 15-year-old won the award for the vehicle customization work he performed on his father's 2004 Range Rover Westminster. "It was a real thrill to win this award," Kassab said. The black Range Rover features a chrome mesh STRUT grill, side vents and hood vent, limo-tinted windows, smoked tail lights, customized interior, underbody and grill lighting, a DVD/TV entertainment system with a 10-inch flipdown screen; chrome door handles and two 15-inch subwoofers with a 2,000 watt amplifier. Kassab said he ordered most of the accessories online and installed them himself during a two year period. "I spent almost all of my spare time working on this vehicle," he said. Kassab is a sophomore at Grosse Pointe North High School.

## Two join College for Creative Studies board

Metro Detroit businessmen E. Mark Gregory, III and James M. Nicholson, have joined the College for Creative Studies board of trustees.

"We are pleased to welcome to these two talented men to the CCS board, each with a passion for helping in the community and an appreciation for art and design," said Keith Crain, chairman, CCS board of trustees.

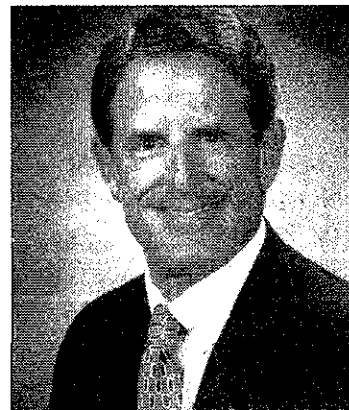
E. Mark Gregory, a resident of Grosse Pointe Shores, is executive vice president, middle market banking, Comerica, Detroit. Throughout his career, Gregory has been involved in numerous professional and community organizations. Currently Gregory serves on the board of directors for Wilson, Kemp & Associates, Artisan, Crime Stoppers of Michigan and CATCH Sparky Anderson's Charity for Children.

James M. Nicholson, a resi-

dent of Grosse Pointe Woods, is vice president of PVS Chemicals in Detroit, a chemical manufacturing and distribution firm. Prior to joining PVS, Nicholson served as vice president — underwriting and regulatory affairs for Electric Insurance Co. Nicholson is very involved in community activities serving on the board of directors for the YMCA of Metro Detroit, Junior Achievement of Southeastern Michigan, the Metro Detroit Chapter of the Young President's Organization and the Michigan Manufacturers Association.

Located in Detroit's Cultural Center, the College for Creative Studies is a recognized leader in art and design education and prepares students to enter the new, global economy where creativity shapes better communities and societies. A private, fully accredited, four-year college, CCS offers

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4B | CHURCHES

# Associate pastor at Star of the Sea

By Ann L. Fouty  
Acting Features Editor

Jeeva Amalanathan is experiencing American cultural through Our Lady Star of the Sea parishioners as one of two associate pastors.

Arriving on June 29, the native of India will remain through April, except for an October trip to Rome. There he will defend his dissertation on Ecclesial Co-responsibility and the Expressions of Synodality in the Diocese of Kumbakonam. Kumbakonam is the diocese where he was ordained a priest on May 6, 1990.

When the 44-year-old priest has completed his post here, he will return to his native India where he will be a professor at the seminary.

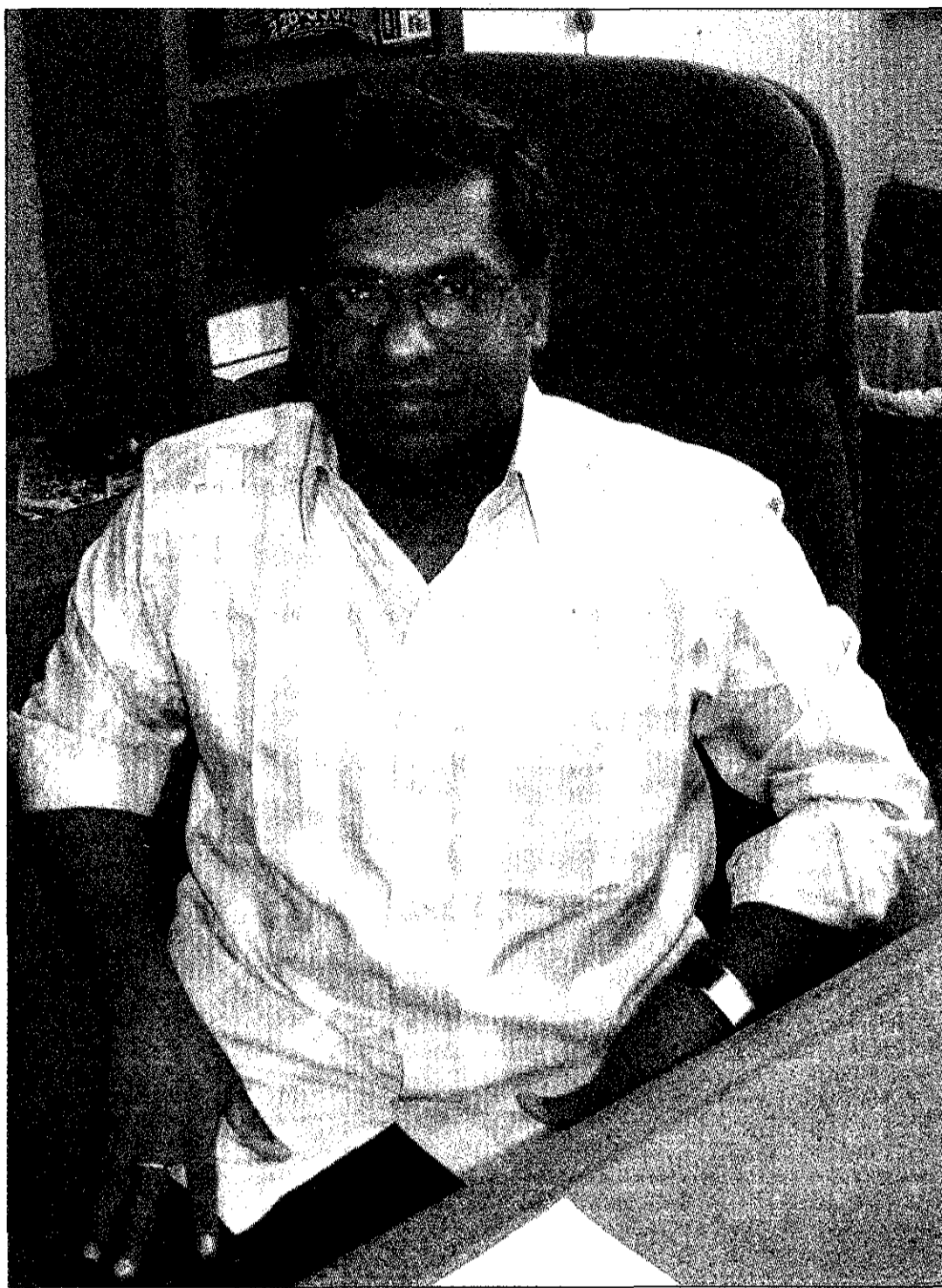
It's interesting, Amalanathan said of how he came to the church. His late father had a position with the government. The family, comprised of his mother, three sisters and two brothers, moved from post to post every five years. When he had completed his 10th year in school, the family moved close to his grandparents, who were second generation Catholics. There he was introduced into the faith and served as an altar boy.

"I was inspired by the parish priest. The next year I joined the seminary," he said.

Amalanathan chose the seminary in Kumbakonam to train for the priesthood.

Amalanathan was born in the small village of Michael Patty (City of St. Michael the Archangel) in southern India. He studied philosophy and theology at Sacred Heart Seminary in Chennai, in southern India, from 1982 to 1990 and became a teacher there. A year later, he was sent to Rome to do his licentiate and doctoral studies in pastoral theology at the Lateran University.

Having been exposed to the culture of Rome, Amalanathan came to America to experience another culture.



Our Lady Star of the Sea Associate Pastor Jeeva Amalanathan.

PHOTO BY ANN L. FOUTY

He said he is amazed at the organization at Star of the Sea but understands the necessity because the congregation, numbers 2,000 families. He was astonished that appointments must be made to talk to the priest.

"It's quite different in India,"

he said. "If you want to meet the pastor, he is available 24 hours. He can be met any time people want. Here it is organized."

Hinduism is the main religion in his country, followed by Protestant and finally Catholicism. He noted

Catholicism is growing in his country, introduced through medical and educational services to the poor.

"This is a wonderful parish," Amalanathan said of Star of the Sea. "People are very kind. It's a good place. I feel at home here."

PASTOR'S CORNER By Hamid Dana

## What do you say in crisis?

What do you say to someone who's going through a crisis in life — a loss of a loved one, a serious health problem, a prognosis of death?

Those of us who have reached a certain age are likely to face this problem more often, simply because our contemporaries are at an age when they are susceptible to age-related diseases or death from natural causes; but this situation can confront anyone regardless of age.

Someone steps off a curb at the wrong time; a child is diagnosed with a disease usually only found in older people, the list could be endless. When tragedy happens in a family we know, we feel called upon to offer support, to somehow lighten the burden.

But until you have been in the shoes of the sufferer it's hard to imagine the effect of your words.

I remember overhearing a woman who had been widowed telling my wife that when her husband died she avoided the people in her religious congregation because the only thing she got from them was religious platitudes.

I knew well what she meant I have heard some well-meaning people recite scripture with an attitude that implies that if you just remembered those words you would have no pain.

Now, certainly scriptural passages contain valuable truths; but if one hasn't lived a truth for oneself, his recitation of it will clang like a mechanical triviality.

Also, even if the consoler has experienced that truth the listener may not be ready to hear it.

What can we do? I expect this column will raise more questions than it will provide answers, but sometimes just being physically present says a great deal; or letting people know you are available to help, or to listen, or to provide support in any way that's needed.

Sometimes we do need the words, and I didn't mean to imply that we should not quote scripture. As a believer, I value the truths contained there, and I believe in the power of prayer.

But we can't expect them to act as magical panaceas, although there are some times when they do seem that spectacular.

Only God knows why He heals some folks quickly while He tests others with grueling conditions. It often takes even devout believers time to reconcile agonizing circumstances with the teachings of their faith.

In many cases we can only try to imagine the pain, the anxiety, the sufferer is going through, but we can acknowledge the pain and allow that it may take time to heal.

And even if we ourselves have been down the same road and have come out healed at the other end, we cannot ease the pain of our friends.

Only God can do that, and each individual makes that connection in his own way and in his own time.

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

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## 6B | HEALTH/SENIOR

CAREGIVING By Terri Murphy

## The unthinkable happens – elder abuse



The July-August 2007 edition of the AARP Bulletin ran a story about a woman who was careful to save her money so she would have sufficient funds for her retirement.

Apparently, her great-niece, who has power of attorney over her assets took the \$650,000 she had saved. So while the great-niece

and her husband were driving his-and-hers Mercedes and living a lavish lifestyle, the woman, who had carefully planned and saved for her retirement, was devastated.

The unfortunate reality is that elder abuse occurs in the more affluent and less affluent communities, and everywhere in between.

While the specific definition of elder abuse varies from state to state, common elements include abuse (both physical and psychological), exploitation, and neglect.

◆ Abuse refers to the infliction upon an adult by him or herself or others of injury, un-

reasonable confinement, intimidation, or cruel punishment resulting in physical harm, pain or anguish.

◆ Exploitation refers to the unlawful or improper act of a caregiver (can be family or a hired caregiver) using an adult or his/her resources for monetary or personal benefit, profit or gain.

◆ Neglect means the failure of an adult to provide for him or herself the goods and services necessary to avoid physical harm, mental anguish, or mental illness or the failure of a caregiver (family or hired) to provide such goods and services.

While many organizations attempt to estimate the number of elder abuse cases, the tracking requirements vary and it is believed that only about 20 percent of the cases are reported. Compounding the problem is that there is a general lack of clarity in regards to what constitutes abuse and neglect. Frankly, it is subjective.

While the case referenced in the AARP article is clear and justice was served, there are many gray areas.

It is believed that many potential cases of elder abuse are not reported for reasons including:

◆ Lack of knowledge regarding what to do and whom to call.

◆ Unwillingness to report a situation (e.g. People often minimize or rationalize the situation. There may also be a fear of retaliation.)

◆ Ability of people to express themselves (e.g. People with dementia or who have had a stroke.

◆ Concern about falsely accusing someone.

Trust your intuition. If something does not seem right, chances are it's not.

In each county, there is an Adult Protective Services whose responsibility it is to

investigate allegations of elder abuse, neglect, or exploitation. Adult Protective Services Department is often a division of the county's Job and Family Services Department.

If you suspect any form of elder abuse, discuss your concerns with a trained professional.

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HEALTH COLUMN By Dr. Thomas Davis

## Doctors use innovative treatment to save legs

It's a shocking statistic — each year in the United States, surgeons perform 150,000 amputations. And in more than half of those cases (80,000) are performed on diabetic patients. Diabetics, as well as patients with high blood pressure, high cholesterol, those who smoke, and the elderly, are more at risk of developing Peripheral Vascular Disease.

PVD causes pain — often severe — because plaque buildup causes arteries to become narrowed or blocked. People with PVD often notice pain in their legs after walking a block or more. The pain subsides with rest, but will recur after walking the same distance again because exercising increases the amount of blood muscles need to work. When narrowed arteries restrict the flow of blood to the muscles, the result is claudication — or leg pain.

## PVD treatment leaders

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This procedure is innovative because the plaque is actually removed from the arteries.

Previously, we treated PVD with angioplasty or stents, both of which stretch arteries and push plaque up against artery walls to improve blood flow through the arteries. The SilverHawk procedure allows us to address the buildup of plaque even more aggressively.

Opening up the arteries this way allows blood to flow freely and provides more oxygen to the extremities. The procedure can provide great relief to patients and improve the quality of their lives significantly. The success has been remarkable. We are saving patients legs with this procedure on a weekly basis.

And yet another innovative tool for treating PVD is on the horizon. In about a month, the FDA is expected to approve the Diamond Back, a similar tool to the SilverHawk, but more effective in removing calcification from the arteries. The Diamond Back has small diamond tip burrs on the end of the tool that sand off the calcium in the arteries. The tool enables cardiologists to open up the blood vessels more thoroughly.

I recently traveled to Germany for training on the Diamond Back and St. John Hospital and Medical Center is poised to be the first hospital in the country to begin treating PVD patients with this most advanced surgical tool, post FDA-approval.

## Prevention, diagnosis

If you are diabetic, have high blood pressure and/or high cholesterol, there are several things you need to do to pre-

vent getting PVD. First and foremost, if you smoke, quit. Second, follow a heart-friendly diet and increase your physical activity.

A recent study of thousands of physician's offices throughout the country revealed that PVD is grossly under-diagnosed. So if you are in this high-risk category, it's even more crucial that you live healthier and have a conversation about PVD with your physician.

## Advanced heart care

St. John Hospital and Medical Center is on the forefront of treating PVD and other vascular and heart diseases. The new Van Elslander Pavilion opens Sept. 24 and within the new 250,000 square-foot facility is the W. Warren Shelden Heart and Circulatory Center, and convenient Imaging and Ancillary Services.

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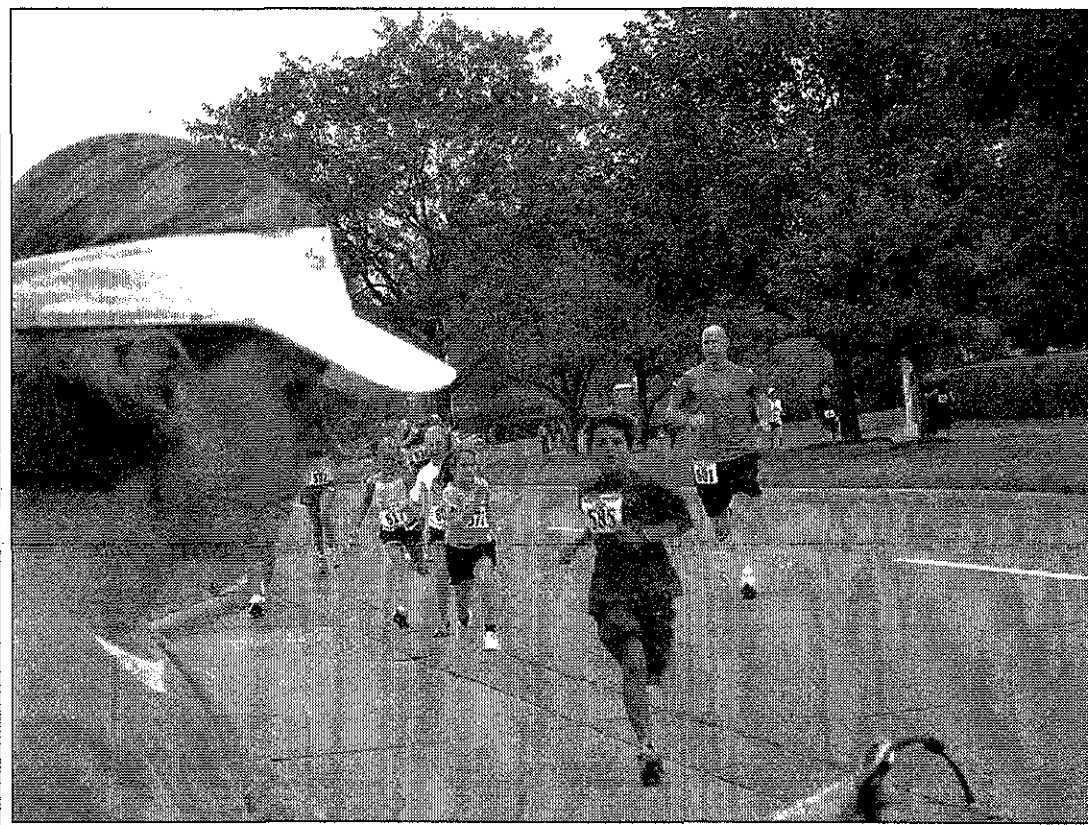
Hundreds of outpatients come to us each day for routine X-rays or lab tests. These services have been consolidated and located next to the new entrance off the atrium lobby. The new location is more patient-friendly and accessible, since patients no longer need

to walk long hallways to go for tests. Parking is conveniently located nearby, as well.

The Diagnostic Imaging area includes two 64-slice CT scanners and one 4-slice scanner. There is a dedicated area to install two fixed MRI scanners to be funded in the future. The new area houses five digital ra-

diography rooms and three digital fluoroscopy rooms. In addition, departments such as Ultrasound, Vascular Lab and Nuclear Medicine have been consolidated in the new area.

Thomas Davis, M.D., is an interventional cardiologist on staff at St. John Hospital and Medical Center.



Torrey Stackpole, Family Center volunteer times racers as they cross the finish line during the 2006 Family Fitness Fun event.

## Sign up for family fun run

The Family Center with Grosse Pointe Sunrise Rotary presents Family Fitness Fun on Saturday, Sept. 15, at Grosse Pointe Farms Pier Park. This one mile stroll, walk, or timed race is open to all Grosse Pointe and Harper Woods residents. There will also be a moonwalk and children's

racers.

Registration at The Family Center table begins at 9 a.m. with the One Mile event beginning at 9:40 a.m. Children's races will start at 10:15 a.m. The cost is \$10 before Sept. 11 and \$15 after that date.

Parking is available in Pier Park before 8:15 a.m. After

that time parking should be done on Grosse Pointe Boulevard and Kercheval.

To preregister, pick up forms at branch libraries, parks or at the Web site [familycenterweb.org](http://familycenterweb.org).

Make checks payable and return registrations to The Family Center, 20090 Morningside, Grosse Pointe Woods, MI 48236. For more information call (313) 432-3832.



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## Cancer survivor poses fundraising challenge

A challenge gift of \$1 million has been made by cancer survivor Wade F.B. Thompson to the National Prostate Cancer Coalition for 2007.

Thompson, chairman, president and chief executive officer of Thor Industries and a survivor of prostate, melanoma and colon cancer has dedicated his life to defeating cancer.

The "Wade Thompson \$1 Million Prostate Cancer Challenge" aims to persuade individuals, corporations and foundations to donate to the NPCC and Thompson will match each donation dollar for dollar.

"Early detection is the key," Thompson said.

Individuals, companies and organizations can make contributions by visiting [fightprostatecancer.org](http://fightprostatecancer.org); by calling (888) 245-9455 or writing to NPCC at 1154 15th Street NW, Washington D.C., 20005.

DOWN TO EARTH By Kathleen Peabody

# Gardeners take a green approach

Many Grosse Pointers are involved in helping nonprofit organizations. That's pretty evident. But there's a variety of gardeners who are taking the green approach to making a better world.

From 5 to 7 p.m., Tuesday, Sept. 11, the Junior League Gardeners will celebrate its 75th anniversary.

Instead of having a party amongst themselves, they decided to invite 17 other local garden clubs to join them. Together, these groups will host "Reflections on the Pond" to raise money and awareness for the Belle Isle Conservatory and its lily pond.

"We have a long history of supporting the Belle Isle Conservatory through the years as have many of the east side garden clubs. We wanted to do something meaningful to celebrate," said Carol Gove, Junior League Gardeners President.

To introduce people who aren't aware of this gem and bring folks back who haven't visited recently, the event will be held under a tent at the Belle Isle Conservatory. Attendees will have the opportunity to see the lily pond as it is today.

Not only are the groups sponsoring the event, but the Junior League Gardeners is matching donations of up to \$5,000 to restore the lily pond. More than \$8,000 has already been raised.

"We are really happy the Junior League Gardeners approached us about the project," said Jan Ellison, president of the Belle Isle Botanical Society. "And the response from the other garden clubs has been wonderful."

Built in the 1930s by the Work Project Administration, the lily pond is a hidden jewel of the conservatory. City layoffs during the 1980s left the pond overgrown. The botanical society was founded in 1988 to restore the garden. It has since put in more than 50 varieties of hostas and helps maintain the pond.

Boulders along the pond have fallen in due to visitors using the boulders to see inside. The money raised will raise those boulders as well as cre-

ate a viewing platform for on-lookers to see the fish, turtles and plants that make the lily pond so special.

"It's like the last vestiges of the fish from the Belle Isle Aquarium," said Ellison.

The community is invited to participate in this event. Tickets are \$35 with checks made payable to Junior League Gardeners and sent to 259 Ridgemont, Grosse Pointe 48236. Can't attend? Send donation checks payable to Belle Isle Botanical Society to the same address.

Yet another group located on the far side of town is also making their corner of Detroit a little greener.

After more than a year in the making, the Greater Detroit Agency for the Blind and Visually Impaired and The Greening of Detroit unveiled a unique new garden that piques the senses of smell, taste and touch.

"This is an excellent example of how nonprofits can collaborate in innovative ways," said Grosse Pointe Woods resident Gail McEntee, who is president and CEO of the group.

Made possible with the support of the Carls Foundation, the garden is used to teach blind and visually impaired children to develop sensory skills they can use in their daily lives. It is one of many ways the group provides services and programming to increase the self-reliance of those who are blind and visually impaired.

McEntee, a gardening enthusiast herself, has led the group for five years. She believes the garden benefits more than just her clients because it also beautifies the surrounding community on Detroit's west side.

"Our organization, in partnership with The Greening of

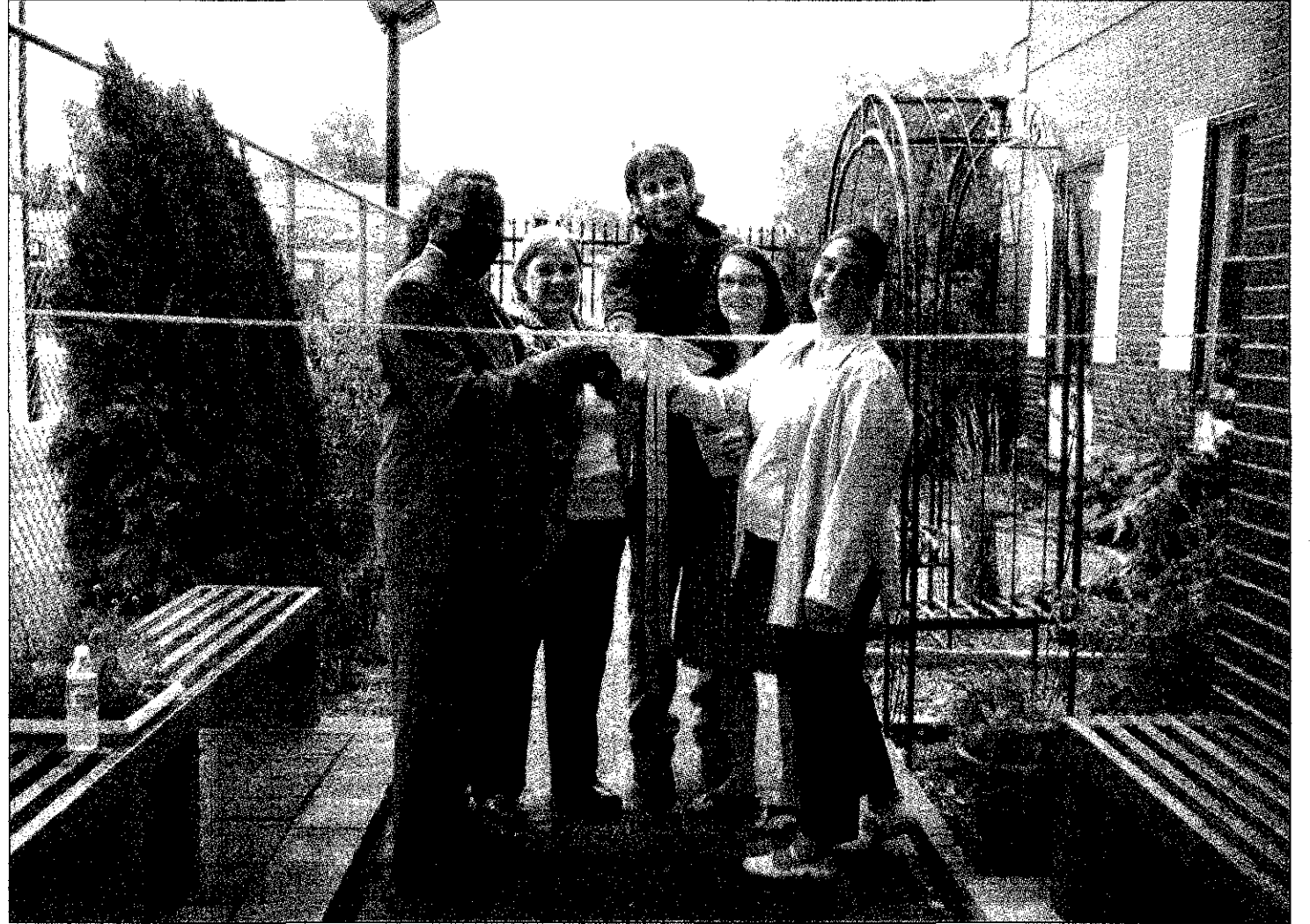


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Helping to keep our community green are Greater Detroit Agency for the Blind & Visually Impaired chair Fred Simpson, its president and CEO, Gail McEntee, Jeff Klein of Classic Landscape, the Greening of Detroit project coordinator Ashley Atkinson and its president Rebecca Salminen Witt.

Detroit, want to make our region a better place for everyone, be they sighted or visually impaired," she said.

If you have a green project going on within your organization, feel good about helping the community and your world.

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

## What's going on?

Reflections on the Pond, from 5 to 7 p.m., Tuesday, Sept. 11, to benefit the Belle Isle Conservatory in honor of the Junior League Gardeners 75th anniversary. Cost is \$35. Call Carol Gove at (313) 343-0909.

The Revolution of Tea, 7 p.m., Wednesday, Sept. 12. Hear how a small local organic tea company created an herbal blend for the Greenfield Village herb group. Sponsored by Herb Society of America, Grosse Pointe Unit. No charge. Public welcome. Call (313) 886-2797 for details.

Fall Mushrooms of Michigan, 7:30 p.m., Wednesday, Sept. 5, Royal Oak Nature Society at Royal Oak Senior/Community Center, 3500 Marais. No charge. Call (248) 246-3380 to reserve a spot.

A LA ANNIE By Annie Rouleau-Scheriff

## Spice up your weekend



Heat up your Labor Day party this weekend with this extra special recipe for "Tony's" spicy peanuts.

My husband not only brews his own beer but also cooks up tasty peanuts to throw down with his homemade suds.

He recommends that you follow the cooking times closely to ensure the raw peanuts are cooked throughout.

### Tony's Spicy Peanuts

2 tablespoons peanut oil  
2 cups shelled raw peanuts, skinned  
10 garlic cloves  
2 to 3 teaspoons cayenne pepper  
2 teaspoons salt

Heat the peanut oil in a large skillet over medium heat. Add the peanuts and the garlic and cook for 5 minutes, stirring



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Add Tony's spicy peanuts to the Labor Day fare.

constantly.

Lower the heat to medium-low and add the cayenne and the salt. Continue to cook for 2 more minutes, stirring occasionally. Transfer the peanuts to a flat tray to allow to cool completely.

Tony usually keeps the garlic with the peanuts for serving however you can remove the cloves if you wish.

Makes 2 cups.  
Store the cooled peanuts in an airtight container until ready to serve.

Sometimes Tony adds 1/2

cup finely chopped onion along with the garlic for a change of pace.

These spicy, most flavorful peanuts will leave you grabbing for your favorite beer. You can also throw some on a grilled chicken salad for a real lettuce pick me up.

You'll find raw peanuts at the Bulk Food Marketplace on Harper at 8 1/2 or at Rocky's Peanut Company at the Eastern Market in Detroit.

My Tony — home brewed beer, spicy homemade peanuts — sorry ladies, he's taken!

## Sept. 13 Treasure Island auction benefits SOC

Services for Older Citizens hosts a Treasure Island auction on Thursday, Sept. 13, at the Edsel & Eleanor Ford House Activities Center.

The honorary preview begins at 5:30 p.m. followed by cocktails, hors d'oeuvres and a

silent auction at 6 p.m.

The Hot Club of Detroit will provide the evening's entertainment.

For more information or a reservation, call (313) 882-9600.

Gretchen Valade is the hon-

orary chair of the event. The auction chairs are Rich Solak and Lori Stefek. The auction committee include Cathy Champion, Shirley J. Kennedy, Lance Olson, Debbie Pommerville, Shane Reeside and Mary Boyle Reinman.

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10:30 am Things to do at the War Memorial  
11:00 am Out of the Ordinary  
11:30 am Tech Pointes

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1:00 pm Senior Men's Club  
1:30 pm Great Lakes Log  
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2:30 pm The Legal Insider  
3:00 pm Things to do at the War Memorial  
3:30 pm Affordable Style  
4:00 pm Vitality Plus (Tone)  
4:30 pm Musical Storytime  
5:00 pm Positively Positive  
5:30 pm Senior Men's Club  
6:00 pm The Legal Insider  
6:30 pm Who's in the Kitchen  
7:00 pm Vitality Plus (Step/Kick Boxing)  
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8:00 pm Positively Positive  
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10:30 pm Great Lakes Log  
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# Artists market hosts 75 years of Detroit art

For 75 years the Detroit Artists Market has exhibited the work of emerging and established artists in the Metropolitan Detroit region.

To open its 75th fall season, the artists market presents two concurrent exhibitions.

The first, 3Quarters-3Artists-3Views, is an exhibition featuring the work of three artists who represent three generations of exhibitors: Marie Woo, Kurt Novak, and Joe Bérubé.

It runs from Friday, Sept. 14 through Saturday, Oct. 20, at the Detroit Artists Market's

Woodward Avenue gallery, 4719 Woodward.

The second, 3X3, on view at Community Arts at Paramount Gallery in Ferndale (also on Woodward) presents a group show of artists drawn from the market's history. The nine artists shown in 3X3 are Diane Carr, Jerome Ferretti, John Glick, Tom Humes, Lester Johnson, Charles McGee, Jim Pallas, Mark Sengbusch and Lois Teicher.

Doors open on Sept. 7 and it runs through Oct. 20.

Woo, a ceramist, leads off the show in the main gallery.

Her selection of vessels and sculptures represents the art of a mature artist that continues to unfold in provocative ways.

Novak designed the painting of the head and shoulders of an eager art lover in 1983 that is still faintly visible on the side of the market's former Harmonie Park location. Novak will show a group of his recent "scanner portraits" of Detroiters and New Yorkers produced when his subjects are "photographed" by a digital scanner.

Bérubé, the show's youngest

exhibitor, carries on the market tradition of introducing new art and artists to the community. This Canadian creates colorful, semi-abstract paintings whose subjects are aerial views of various geographical locales, including Detroit and Windsor.

The market's satellite show at Paramount Gallery features a diverse range of artists and media. This show features the sculptural forms of Diane Carr, the watercolors of Jerome Ferretti, the sculptural ceramics landscapes of John Glick, macabre portraiture by Tom

Humes, rhythmic totems of Lester Johnson, the animated abstractions of Charles McGee, kinetic objects of desire from Jim Pallas, the natural vs. unnatural paintings of Mark Sengbusch and sculpture by Lois Teicher.

This month in the Elements Gallery, the market hosts Jewellery Journey: a conversation on the topic of air, an international exhibition of jewelry designed around the concept of air.

Among the world-class artists included in this traveling exhibition, features jewel-

ry artists from New Zealand, Germany, Australia, the United States, Canada, South Africa, Japan, Argentina, Hungary, and Singapore.

The anniversary celebration will kick off with a members-only party and exhibition preview from 6 to 8:30 p.m., Friday, Sept. 14. The event will include hors d'oeuvres, live entertainment, cocktails and more. Memberships will be available at the door. Later that evening, the exhibition opens to the public with a wine and cheese reception from 8:30 to 10 p.m.

STATE OF THE ARTS By Alex Sucek

## Brilliant, 'balanced' performance



With this summer's revival of Edward Albee's prize-winning "A Delicate Balance," some of Stratford's finest actors give brilliant performances in a play about a dysfunctional, extended family unable to resolve its conflicts.

It is a scene of not so quiet desperation. And while the behavior often seems extreme, the awkward suppression of resentment beneath conventional banalities, captured artfully by Albee in his script.

The characters are drawn with harsh realism and their struggles with their differences range from sarcastic to agonizingly hilarious. As Agnes the mother, Martha Henry is a steely figure who insists that her husband make the crucial decisions even though she really runs the show. David Fox, as husband Tobias, projects a

superbly controlled figure seeking desperately to have her share the crucial decisions she insists he make.

Sister-in-law Claire, played by Fiona Reed, explains away her alcoholism with the rationale that she just likes to drink and provides generous portions of biting humor and moments of comic relief that sometimes make her appear to be the most stable and objective family member.

Michelle Giroux as daughter Julia, lurching toward her fourth divorce, rejoins the family seeking comfort and solace. But she proves to be the most disruptive of all as she reacts hysterically to having her old room usurped by seemingly permanent house guests.

Those guests are longtime friends and are almost identical to Agnes and Tobias.

Edna (Patricia Collins) and Harry (James Blendick) are escaping some unnamed, existential terror that possessed them in their own home.

Their air of entitlement to the security of their friends' home seems totally natural to them, and unquestionable even though unsettling to

Tobias as the rest of his family rebels. It becomes the issue that threatens to rip apart the fabric of this carefully structured and fragile group.

To make this wrenching story work, the entire cast delivers virtuoso performances. Breaking through Agnes' protective veneer in the play's crisis, Henry reaches out with touching sensitivity to Tobias. Collins and Blendick awkwardly overcome embarrassment to help Tobias make his decision as he breaks through his own reserve to come to terms with the issue. His breakthrough is all the more an acting tour de force in contrast with the remarkable reserve and control he exerts as Tobias up to that point. With passing of the crisis, the hope arises that they all may not just resume their long established facades. Meantime, they have given a superb treatment of a provocative human situation.

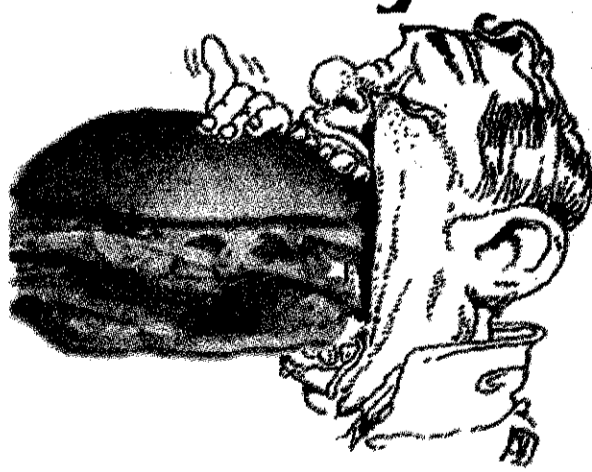
"A Delicate Balance" is presented in repertory at the Tom Patterson Theatre through Sept. 23. For accommodations, tickets and further information, call (800) 567-1600 or visit stratfordfestival.ca.



A sample of the work by Joe Berube.

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HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL

# Openers are delayed success

## North sets school mark for rushing

By Chuck Klonke  
Sports Editor

One of the questions surrounding Grosse Pointe North's football team this year was how quickly a revamped offensive line would start performing like a finely-tuned unit.

It was answered last week with an emphatic NOW.

The line paved the way for a school-record 450 yards rushing in last week's season-opening 33-12 victory against Roseville in a Macomb Area Conference crossover game.

North came into the season with only one returning starter in the offensive line, guard Josh Franklin, but he wasn't able to play against Roseville because of an injury he suffered in the preseason scrimmage.

Michael Neveux, who set the school record for tackles last season, moved into Franklin's spot and teamed with Paul Brucker, Mack Topper, Michael Tolliver and Fred

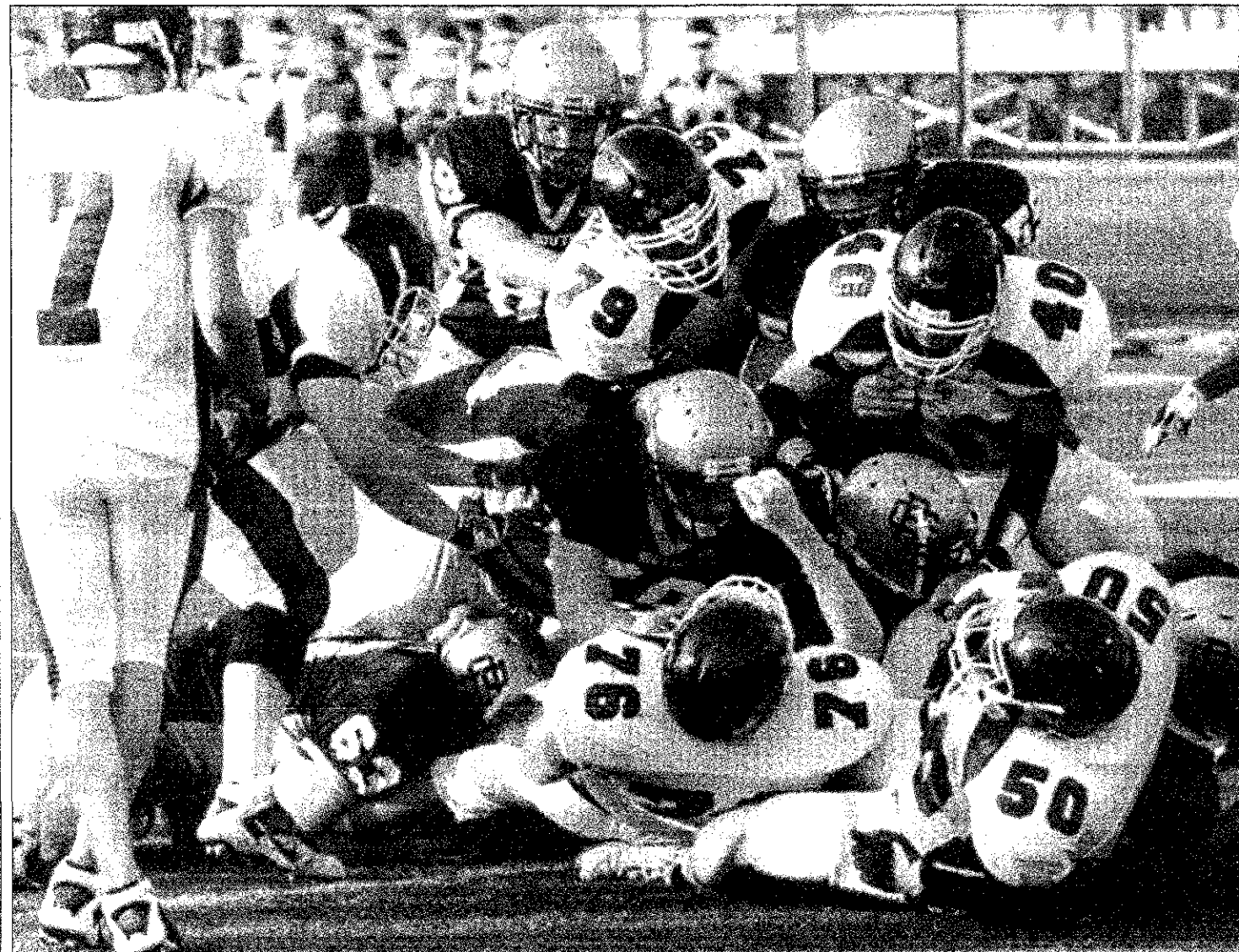


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Grosse Pointe South quarterback Mark Riashi is lost in this mass of humanity after sneaking across the goal line for the Blue Devils' touchdown in their season-opening victory against East Detroit.

## South gives new coach his first win

By Chuck Klonke  
Sports Editor

It took two days, but Grosse Pointe South's football team has its first victory under new coach Tim Brandon.

The game was delayed with 1:02 remaining in the first half on Thursday, then finished on Friday.

"I told the team how proud I was of them, because I can remember from my days of playing football how hard it is to come back the next day," Brandon said after the Blue Devils had completed the 41-8 victory against East Detroit. "You're stiff and sore, even if you've only played a half at game speed. It's hard to bounce back, but they did."

The game had a little bit of everything to excite the South fans.

Wide receiver Jimmy Saros showed why he is one of the top senior football players in the state as he caught a 38-yard touchdown pass from quarterback Mark Riashi, returned a

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# Both 2006 finalists in this year's field

Checker Sedan will again sponsor the 11th annual Pro Tennis Challenge which will be held at the Lochmoor Club in Grosse Pointe Woods from Sept. 21 through 23, and the champion and runner-up in last year's tournament are in the field.

The men's professional singles tournament offers prize money and merchandise totaling \$10,000 and provides the best tennis competition in the metropolitan Detroit area.

Last year, Zach Fleishman of Playa Del Rey, Calif., took home the top prize of \$4,000. Fleishman, ranked 125th in the world, defeated No. 2 seed Todd Widom of Coral Springs, Fla., 6-1, 6-4 in the championship match.

Fleishman and Widom are ranked among the top 20 United States professionals and each have beaten some of the world's best players.

They will return to compete in this year's event, along with 2005 champion Michael Ciszek of Montreal and semifinalist Joel Kielbowicz of Las Vegas.

Robert Steckley, the 2004 champion and a member of the Canadian Davis Cup team, and Michael Rubin, a former No. 1 singles player at the University of Michigan, are also scheduled to play at Lochmoor.

The remainder of the draw will be filled with touring pros, college All-Americans, and future stars.

The tournament is an excellent opportunity to see world-class tennis up close. It is an indoor event with box seats and bleacher seating and it is open to the public.

Qualifying for the main draw for top junior players and others will be held the weekend of Sept. 15.

There will be evening ses-

sions on Friday, Sept. 21 and Saturday, Sept. 22. The main draw will begin Friday at 5 p.m. There will be drawings throughout the evening for prizes including racquets, bags, hats, sports bottles and T-shirts. Feature matches on Friday will continue through 10 p.m.

Semifinal matches begin Saturday at 5 p.m.

The finals will be held on Sunday, Sept. 23 at 1 p.m. The Mark Schmidt Memorial doubles exhibition will be held at noon on Sunday.

This year the tournament will again donate to Children with Special Needs. The tournament director is Joe Shaheen, the head tennis professional at the Lochmoor Club.

For more information on the tournament visit its Web site at [checkersedanprotennis.com](http://checkersedanprotennis.com) or call (313) 886-0777.



PHOTO BY BOB BRUCE

Running back Jerry Claxton-Peoples had 192 of Grosse Pointe North's school record 450 rushing yards.

## NORTH: New line does a fine job

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Griswold to give the Norsemen a strong performance up front. Tight end Steve Wieczorak also had a solid game blocking.

"They did a good job," said North coach Frank Sumner. "Our goal is to get over 300 yards a game, so I was real pleased."

The 450 yards broke the old rushing mark of 437 yards set against Grosse Pointe South in 1993.

Jerry Peoples led the way with 192 yards in 25 carries and is well on his way to a second straight 1,000-yard season. Theron Carter ran for 109 yards, Darrin Willis had 46, fullback Frank Ferretti 41 and quarterback Anthony Raymond 48.

"We did a good job pass protecting, too," Sumner said. "We only broke down once in pass protection."

North opened the scoring with a 31-yard field goal by Andrew Doetsch on its first possession of the game. It was set up by a 25-yard interception return by Blest Norris.

Roseville took its only lead of the game moments later when Derek Johnson scored on a 65-yard run. North's Wieczorak and David Court blocked the extra-point attempt.

North regained the lead on an eight-play, 55-yard drive that was capped by Peoples's four-yard run. He had all but eight yards in the drive. Doetsch added the first of his four extra points.

The Norsemen increased their lead to 17-6 after a 22-yard interception return by John-Michael Guest set up a five-play, 55-yard drive that ended with Carter's four-yard touchdown run.

Electrical storms in the area forced the game to be postponed with 6:06 left in the first half, and it was resumed the following afternoon.

North seemed a bit sluggish at first, but Sumner used the eight-minute halftime break to get his team back on the right page.

"There was only one guy talking at halftime — me," Sumner said.

(Roseville) had just scored in three plays and we didn't look good at all. We picked it up in the second half. We had a good second half. Roseville had only one first down in the half."

Johnson scored his second

touchdown of the game for the Panthers on a 26-yard run, but the pass for the extra-point try failed and North had a 17-12 lead.

Roseville got the ball back deep in its own territory and Wieczorak got the Norsemen a safety when he tackled the Panthers' quarterback in the end zone.

After the free kick, North drove to the Roseville six-yard line but failed to score.

North got its final touchdowns on a 15-yard run by Peoples on the first play after a 25-yard punt return by Norris, and a 26-yard run by Willis.

Guest led the Norsemen with eight tackles from his secondary position. Ferretti, who played a strong second half after being injured in the first half, had six tackles, along with the Neveux brothers, Michael and John.

Michael Rahaim had five tackles and a blocked punt and Wieczorak made four stops.

North opens the MAC White Division season at Sterling Heights on Thursday, Aug. 30.

The Stallions lost their opener to Utica Ford II but Sumner thinks they're still a formidable opponent.

"They moved up and down the field all night but couldn't score — and Ford could," Sumner said.



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South's Jimmy Saros eludes several East Detroit tacklers on his spectacular punt return for a touchdown.

## SOUTH: Saros scores pair of TDs

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punt 49 yards for a touchdown, had a 57-yard kickoff return and intercepted a pass. He also had a second touchdown reception nullified by a penalty.

The punt return was a thing of beauty.

Saros gathered in the ball near midfield and headed toward the left sideline. Finding his path blocked by Shamrocks tacklers, he reversed direction and sped toward the right side of the field and raced into the end zone.

As well as Saros played, he wasn't the only South standout.

The Blue Devils not only passed well, but they ran the ball efficiently.

"We did a nice job of spreading the ball around," Brandon said. "All of our skill people got

to handle the football."

The defense, led by nose tackle Phil Lewis and linebacker James Ruble, was also outstanding.

"Our defense shut them out," Brandon said. "Their only touchdown came on special teams."

It was an 80-yard punt return by Derrick Newsom that came with a little more than two minutes remaining in the first half and cut South's lead to 20-8.

South scored on its first two possessions of the game. Saros returned the opening kickoff 57 yards to the East Detroit 28-yard line. After a penalty moved the ball back to the 38, Riashi hit Saros with the touchdown pass.

A short punt with a face-mask penalty tagged on, gave South the ball at the Shamrocks' 18. An intentional grounding penalty moved the ball back to the 26, but on fourth down, Riashi found Saros on the right sideline for a 24-yard gain and a first down. Three plays later, Riashi scored on a quarterback sneak.

Saros's punt return and the second of Sean McLoughlin's five extra points gave South a 20-0 lead with 9:31 left in the first half.

When the game resumed, the Blue Devils started in right where they had left off when the storm rolled in.

On its first possession of the second half, South marched 41 yards in four plays with James Costa scoring on a seven-yard run.

South built its lead to 34-8 with 2:19 left in the third quarter on an 11-yard scoring strike from Riashi to Ben Muer, and the Blue Devils completed the scoring with 3:46 to play on a 10-yard run by Louis Galmore.

"I was glad that we were able to get everybody into the game," Brandon said. "A lot of our backup people played significant minutes. When we look at the films we might see somebody who can help us down the road."

"It was a good opener. We got a win and we played well. That's what you're looking for."

## SOUTH BOYS CROSS COUNTRY

### South varsity edges alumni team

Grosse Pointe South's alumni won the battle but the Blue Devils varsity won the war in the cross country team's annual varsity-alumni meet.

Alumnus Pat Dantzer won the five-kilometer race in 16:03 but the varsity won the meet 26-31.

Leading the way for the varsity was Dan Holley with a 16:21 clocking. Varsity runners Edwin Gay and Joel Gilpin each ran 16:44.

Kevin Lynch (17:08) and Jack Davies (17:33) completed the varsity scoring.

Scoring points for the alum-

ni were Brendan Buckley, Nate Monahan, Adam Dziuba and John Wilkins.

South opens the regular season on Saturday, Sept. 8 at the Dexter Invitational at Hudson Mills Metro Park.

The meet is scheduled to begin at 9:45 a.m.



## Scholarship winner

Tim Deters, center, is the recipient of the 2007 Robert N. Wagner Scholarship. The scholarship is a merit-based \$2,500 grant that is awarded to a male or female who lives in the Grosse Pointes, attends either Grosse Pointe North, Grosse Pointe South, University Liggett School or University of Detroit Jesuit, played at least three years of Little League Baseball in the Grosse Pointe Farms-City or Grosse Pointe Park leagues and demonstrates athletic ability and community service. From left, are Trip Wagner, foundation chairman George Mackenzie, Deters, Barb Wagner and J.P. Wagner. Deters is a June graduate of U-D Jesuit and will attend St. Louis University in the fall.













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